



A resource to help you enjoy church at home as a household

This page is designed to help you enjoy family-church time together before or after the online church service at 10am. Of course, what you choose to use is totally up to you. That might just be watching the video. That's fine. You can choose just to do the prayer bit. Great! It might be giving your kids some worksheets while you watch the service together. That's fine! Whatever works. Life is full of things that worry and stress us right now; this resource is here to bless you, not stress you!

We've adapted today's content from [a Mustardseeds lesson](#) (if you would like access to the full lesson, please email office@stbedes.com.au). Below, you will find content and links to help you explore a Bible story, sing & pray as a household, and some craft activities that you will hopefully have received in your letterbox!

If you'd like to print them, find the PDF of these items [here](#).

We'd love to see how you're going. If you're comfortable, post news videos and greetings, or pics of craft on our [private Facebook group](#)!



1. Singing Together

Right at the end of our Beedles video is a clip from Colin Buchanan with something to learn, pray and sing. If you missed it, [here's the link](#). Enjoy!



2. Listening to God Together

- Have a watch of the Beedles @ Home Video on our website.
- Find the words for our passage today (CEV) here:

1 Samuel 16

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." 2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." 4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" 5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

- Learning as a household (from Mustardseeds lesson). You can use '[David - Week 1 Worksheet C](#)' as an easy way of discussing the passage together.

Today's big idea: God sees the heart, and chose a King for Israel who had a good heart to lead his people. The even better news is that God sent an even better King - Jesus - with a perfect heart, to save the world!

Last week, we saw that Saul got impatient, and couldn't wait for God to work. He chose to just do it all himself without trusting God and waiting for him to work. That was because his heart was hard! It wasn't a heart that loved God.

God decided to choose another king, and instead of letting Israel choose a king who looked amazing, God decided to do something different - look at the things that people can't see - the heart! He chose David, a shepherd who would listen to him and be a good leader of Israel. That doesn't mean David was perfect, by the way! But God saw that his heart was a heart that would trust God, make good decisions and care for people - just like he cared for his sheep!!

God sees the heart. That's a great thing! Because he chose a king who would be good for Israel!!! But it's also an awkward thing. Because he sees everything that goes on in my heart! My selfishness. My meanness. My impatience!

But here's the great news. Just like God chose a king with the right heart to lead Israel, God gave us a king with a heart that was good enough - perfect enough - to save us and forgive us! Jesus had a perfect heart. He trusted God perfectly and loved people perfectly no matter who they were or what they did to him! And that means, when God sees our heart, he sees Jesus' heart! His perfect heart has become ours, in God's sight. How good!



3. Praying Together

- Dear God, thank you that you give us what we need the most. You gave Israel a King with a good heart like David. But even better than that, you have given us a King with a perfect heart - Jesus! Thanks that he loves us more than we can ever imagine. Help us to trust him. We are sorry that our hearts are far from perfect, but we thank you all the more that when you look at us, you see Jesus' heart! Thank you that you forgive us, and love us. Thank you for King Jesus, the king with the perfect heart. Amen.

- Activity: Draw 8 hearts on a piece of paper. In 4 hearts, write something that you notice in your heart that you'd like to ask God to forgive. In the other 4, write something that you've noticed about Jesus' heart. Remember - because we trust Jesus as our king with a perfect heart, God has ALREADY forgiven us for all the bits of our hearts that we're sorry about!

- Add some more people to your prayer chain! Remember: hang it somewhere where you can see it is a family. Pray through that list together, taking turns.

OR,

- Pray the Lord's Prayer together, alongside Christians across the world:

*Our father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
forgive our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Don't let us fall into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours.
Now and forever,
Amen.*



4. Getting Creative Together

Here's the link to this week's printed stuff if you misplaced it:

- You will have received some A3 'social distancing' colouring in pages. We want to help distancing be as a pleasant community experience as possible, and need your help!! Could you colour them in and drop them into the church some time? You can just slide them under the blue door at the front of the church.

OR

- Amelia Rand has made some amazing colouring in drawings for you to get stuck into! We've put them and some other great drawings from the internet in your letterbox to enjoy.

OR

- Amelia Pearse has made a craft video of a Heart-box to cut out, colour in and glue together. Have a look in your letterbox.

OR

- Have a go at the worksheet for this week (in your packs, or link above)

Thanks for doing church at home with us! We hope this was helpful and fun - remember to post some pics and vids on our facebook group to show us what you got up to, or pass on some encouraging words to your friends. We'd love to know how we can help make this experience better, so if you have any thoughts please email office@stbedes.com.au

Feel free to visit www.stbedes.com.au for the rest of our Sunday service!