

Together

time with God and each other well

If used in a mixed-age group, then young people can support younger ones in using the gathering prayer in Faith Adventures: Children Together. If used in a youth group, you could use this opening prayer or encourage young people to open the session with a prayer of their own.

All mighty God,

Be with us as we learn more about you through stories and people in the Bible.

Help us to walk in your way and follow your path.

Be with us as we make decisions that affect our lives, and the lives of those around us.

Amen

In-person and alternative game

See Faith Adventures : Children Together for suitable games for this theme.

Experience

Research different versions of this reading on <https://www.biblegateway.com/>
Recommended versions to try are NRSV, Easy-to-read, The Message, NIRV

Watch: House of the Lord Phil Wickham
<https://youtu.be/lqfV0zeEvT8?si=eSAh->



You are going to spend time listening deeply and intently to what God might have to say to you through the passage almost like having a deep conversation with a friend. You begin by reading the passage from John 14:1-2 several times slowly, leaving room for the Holy Spirit to call your attention to a word, phrase, or line that God wants you to hear. Individuals can each do this quietly for themselves or one person could read it and the others could listen, preferably having a different person read it each time. Then you take time to think about the word or words that your attention is drawn to, holding them in your mind and considering what God is saying to you.

You can respond to those words, by drawing or writing as a prayer. Then sit and reflect on your response and what God is saying to you, stilling yourself and response. (You probably will not actually hear a voice but an image or words may pop into your minds which could be a response).

Although Lectio Divina always begins with reading, often progressing naturally through the



Build a house together

See FACT for an activity which involves designing your own place in heaven and making a model of it in a small box, then the members of the group all putting their boxes into one big box.