

# Intergenerational Worship

## Resources



Thankyou for choosing to hold a Christian Care Sunday celebration!

We are so excited about how this Sunday will provide an opportunity for you to celebrate the Christian care that goes on in our communities every day of the year. This is an opportunity for your community to reflect on God's invitation for us to pass on love through our ministries of care, and give thanks for the people and organisations who are doing this work through formal and informal roles.

Engaging all our congregational members across the spectrum of age and ability, using all our senses and creativity in worship, is important to the team at Grow Ministries, and a goal of the LCANZ. In fact, the LCANZ strategic plan, under 'Grow as God's People', makes a distinct goal about engaging worship practices. We want to:

**Encourage worship that recognises people receive and respond to God's grace in different ways.**

With this goal in mind, the following collection of Christian Care Sunday intergenerational worship resources have been pulled together from the Grow Ministries GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) 'Serving Together' package, and their vast array of children's addresses. A special Christian Care Sunday 'Growing Faith At Home' bulletin insert has been developed for your use on this Sunday, to keep the faith conversations going in our homes, all week long.

We hope that you will find some easy ideas here to involve people of all ages in interactive worship experiences – be they dramatic, reflective, or action oriented. You will find included:

- Song suggestions for intergenerational worship
- 2 dramas
- Children's addresses for 3 core Christian Care Sunday texts
- Ideas for guest speakers and
- All-age appropriate Christian Care actions to take in your community as an expression of God's love for your neighbours, and the world.

Be blessed in your planning and celebrations of Christian Care Sunday!

May we all, regardless of age or ability, be found as an expression of God's love coming to life in our communities.

For more intergenerational support and resources, please contact the Grow Ministries team by visiting [www.growministries.org.au](http://www.growministries.org.au).

You are welcome to provide feedback on these resources by completing the feedback form at <https://forms.office.com/r/vTQGknzPbM>.



# CHRISTIAN CARE SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP IDEAS

## PRAYER IDEAS

Hand out small slips of paper and pencils for people to write down names of people needing prayer or the actual prayer request on their behalf. Collect them in a bowl and offer them up on the altar as a visual sign of praying for others.

We can serve one another by praying for them. This is called intercessory prayer. You can use **Ephesians 6:18** or **1 Timothy 2:1-3** as you explain to the congregation how you are going to pray today.

## BIBLE VERSE OPTIONS

Jesus serving: **Matthew 20: 28, Luke 22: 27**

Our attitude should be the same as Christ: **Ephesians 6: 7, Galations 5: 13, 1 Peter 4: 10**

Household serving: **Joshua 24: 15**

## TAKE HOMES

Encourage families to continue their Serving Together journey at home over the weeks to follow.

We have also included a **Family Serving Together Booklet** for you to give to families.

## SONG IDEAS

Here I am Lord - AT #296

Brother, let me be your servant – LH #855/TIS # 650/AT #191

Make me a channel of your peace – LH #858/ TIS #607/AT #95

One family, we're together – LH #802/AT #62

Take my life and let it be – LH #377

Servant King – AT #261

God of Justice – Tim Hughes (need CCLI license)



## BLESSING

May we be Jesus' hands and feet in our world, serving one another in love. Amen.

## GUEST SPEAKER OPTION

Invite a guest to share about how they serve in their occupation. For example – police officer, firefighter, nurse, doctor, ambulance officer, EMT etc.

Invite a guest missionary to speak about how, where and why they serve.

Invite someone who works or volunteers at one of our Lutheran aged care or community services. Ask them to share about the work they do and the blessings they receive from their involvement.

## FOOD PANTRY DONATION AND BLESSING

Have the congregation bring non-perishables to donate to your local food pantry. Display them up the front and either during prayers or a special blessing time pray this blessing over the items and for the people who will receive them.

*Bless these gifts and the people who gave them. May they be a blessing to the people who will receive them. Amen.*



# Growing FAITH at home

## Christian Care Sunday



### Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when someone else was kind to you.

2

In Jesus' parable, the good Samaritan went out of his way to help the man who had been robbed. What would you have done if you had seen the hurt man on the road? How is God like the good Samaritan in the way he treats us?

3

Do you know someone who needs help? What could you do to be a "good neighbour" to them?

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

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W	James 2:14-26	Faith produces good works
T	Mark 12:28-34	Two great commandments
F	Colossians 1: 1-14	Paul's Thanksgiving and Prayer
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**Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

**Lord God, help us to see the needs of others and to be loving neighbours to them. Amen.**

### BLESSING

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.**

verse for the week

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LUKE 10:27

Cut out the verse for the week and place on your fridge!

## Creative Response

Speaking through Moses, God told the people of Israel that his word was in their mouths and in their hearts so that they would obey it (Deuteronomy 30:14).

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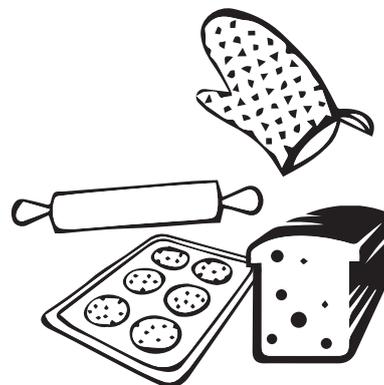
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## Service



Plan a surprise act of service for a neighbour, eg. bake them some treats; weed their garden; mow their lawn; wash their car.



## mealtime prayer

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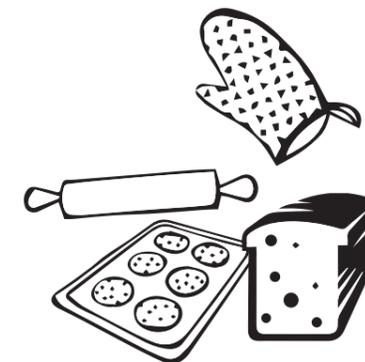
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## MAIN POINT

**When we help others in need, we are helping Jesus**

## SCRIPTURE FOCUS

*The king will answer, 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.'* Matthew 25:40

## ADDRESS

**Jesus came to be our helper and hero. He came to serve us and save us. He came as Lord to show us God's love. He came to feed the hungry, help the poor and heal the sick.**

**Many people saw the wonderful things Jesus did and heard the amazing things Jesus said. Through Jesus, people discovered God's love.**

**After Jesus went up into heaven, those people who had discovered God's love received the power to do the same things Jesus had done. They served others, they loved others. They fed the hungry. They helped the poor and even healed the sick. They knew by trusting in Jesus, they could help people in need.**

**Jesus teaches us a very important truth about following him and helping others. When we help people in need, we are helping Jesus, even though we cannot see Jesus. Helping others is a great way of saying thanks to God for his love for us.**

**We can spend our time helping others because we know that Jesus cares for us forever. We can follow Jesus' example and serve others. Jesus loves us, serves us, and we belong to him. As we help others, we can remember we are helping Jesus!**

## PRAYER

**Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us first and coming to help us. Help us to show love for others by helping them too. Thank you for showing us that when we help others, we are helping you. Amen.**

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## AIDS

1. Sing a song about loving the Lord our God.
2. Come up with actions to memorise the verse.
3. Create the coupons for the children to take home (see message below)

## ADDRESS

**The story today is about a Samaritan man who looked after someone who was very hurt. He gave up his time and money to help them even though he didn't know them.**

**Today I am going to give you a coupon. You can take this to your mum or dad (or you can ask them to come up here) and get them to help you write down something that your family is going to do to help a neighbour this week.**

*e.g. come up with ideas that will work within your context and area - bake some treats, make a meal, weed a garden, wash a car, etc.*

**Now as you sit with your family and hold your coupon, let's pray this prayer together.**

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### The greatest commandment

## SCRIPTURE FOCUS

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.* Mark 12:30-31

## APPLICATION

Commandments

## AIDS

Older children or parents to help children who cannot write. Pre-cut paper heart shapes for each child to fold in half – then write on one side "Love God" and the other "Love one another."

## ADDRESS

**In our Bible reading today a teacher of the law asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Which one do you think Jesus said was the most important?**

*Hold up the half of the heart that says, "Love God."*

**Jesus answered him, "The most important is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,' this is the greatest commandment."**

**How do you think we might show our love to God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength?**

*e.g. worship, prayer, Bible study, singing praises, bringing our offerings, giving thanks for all his blessings.*

**Do you know what Jesus said next?**

*Hold up the other half of the heart that says, "Love One Another".*

**He said, "The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" How do you think we could love our neighbour?**

*e.g. treat them like we want to be treated, be kind to them, forgive them when they hurt our feelings, be helpful in times of trouble, be their friends.*

**These are the commandments that Jesus' thought were the most important. It isn't easy to keep those commandments, is it? We need God's help each and every day. Let's pray and ask him to help us to love as he has commanded us.**

## PRAYER

**Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart, soul mind and strength. Help us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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# CCS INTERGENERATIONAL DRAMA

## JESUS IS COMING

### CHARACTERS

**Leanne** - mother

**Phillip** - father

**Andrew** - child character around age 10 or so

**Greta** - teenager

**Jesus voice over** (*stand at the back of the church and use a microphone – character is not seen only heard*)

**Matthew** - collecting donations for the local food pantry (insert the name of your local food pantry)

**Felicity** - collecting money for Salvation Army (or insert your local charity)

**Russell** - who just had a minor car accident on their street

*(child, teenager and the three characters coming to the door can all be changed to suit the gender of your actors and change names accordingly)*



### PROPS

Dinner table

Plates, knives and forks, serviettes, cups etc – in a pile on the table

5 or 6 chairs

Bible

Large cross to hang on a wall or a large free standing cross to have on the dinner table.

Picture to hang on the wall or a vase of flowers on the table.

Coffee table and sitting chairs off to one side of the table (if you have room)

Door (that could allow someone to knock and the family to answer)

**A family is sitting together at a dinner table. Busy with reading or on their phones. One or two could be sitting at the chairs off to the side area with the coffee table.**

**Mother:** *(your mobile phone rings and you answer)* I wonder who this is? I don't recognise the number. Hello, this is Leanne.

**Jesus voice:** Hello, this is Jesus. I just wanted to let you know that I will be able to come over tonight for dinner.

**Mother:** Oh, goodness me, hello Jesus, and thank you for letting me know you'll be coming to dinner tonight. *(use hand motions directing the rest of the family to start getting ready – but family doesn't move yet)* We'll see you soon. *(hangs up)* Well, get moving, you heard it, Jesus is coming to dinner. We need to get ready. *(busy yourself with setting the table)*

**Father:** Ok, ok, what do we need? *(react like you just had a great idea)* Ah. *(run off to find the cross)*

**Andrew:** What do you need me to do?

**Mother:** Go find our Bible and put it on the coffee table.

**Andrew:** *(runs off to find the bible saying the line as you run off)* OK. Do you know where it is?

**Mother:** *(calling after)* Check the bookshelf.

**Andrew:** OK *(runs off stage)*

### **Doorbell rings.**

**Mother:** *(startled)* Ok, everyone. Hurry. Go answer that, Greta, but go slowly. I am SO not ready yet!!!

**Greta:** *(Open door expecting Jesus)* Hello, welcome, oh, hello.... ah, who are you?

**Matthew:** Hi, my name is Matthew and I work at the local food pantry and we're doing a door to door drive for non-perishable goods...

**Mother:** Who is it? Is it Jesus?

**Greta:** *(behind your hand whisper loudly to your Mum)* No....

**Mother:** *(loud whispering with gesturing)* Ok then, hurry them along. *(say loudly)* Greta, I need your help.

**Greta:** Ah, sorry my Mum needs me, so I need to go. Thanks. Sorry. Ah...good luck. Bye.

**Father:** This will work. *(Either replace picture on wall with the wall hanging cross or remove the vase and put the free standing cross in the middle of the table)*

**Greta:** Nice one Dad. *(leave the stage)*

**Father:** Thanks. Now what else?

### **Doorbell rings.**

**Mother:** Seriously! Really! Not ready yet.....Honey, can you answer it?

**Father:** *(opens door and grandly say)* Hello and welcome, come on in Jesus..... *(cut off mid- sentence when you realise it is not Jesus)*

**Felicity:** Hi, I'm Felicity and I am collecting money for the Red Cross Appeal and I wondered if you would be interested in making a donation?

**Father:** Well, we give money already to another charity and I'm sorry but it's a little crazy here at the moment as we have a very special guest coming to dinner tonight and we are just not ready. So, I have to go. Good luck.

**Andrew:** *(coming back with the Bible)* Ok, Mum, where would you like it?

**Mother:** On the coffee table. Just move all those other things.

**Andrew:** *(put the bible on the coffee table and then run off)*

**Father:** Where's Greta? *(call out to her)* Greta? What are you doing?

**Greta:** *(come back in)* I was looking for my cross necklace.

**Mother:** Oh, great idea. Can you get mine too? Ok, everyone come and sit down so we're ready.

**Doorbell rings.**

**Mother:** I'll get it this time. *(open door)* Hello....

**Russell:** *(out of breath and stressed)* Hi, can I use your phone. I just ran in the back of someone's car and I need to call the police. My phone is dead.

**Mother:** Look, I'd really like to help you but I am expecting a very important visitor and because they are CLEARLY running late they will probably be trying to call any minute now. You can try next door, OK. Hope it'll all be ok. Bye.

**Father:** Wow, talk about a busy night. Come on everyone sit up.

**Everyone sits at the table waiting. Twiddle thumbs, fidget....**

**Greta:** Oh, I have an idea. *(run and grab the bible)* We could be reading the Bible when Jesus gets here.

**Father:** Yep, good one. *(take the Bible from Greta and open it to Matthew 25: 41-45)* Let's read from Matthew 25. "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' They also will answer 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help?' He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'"

**Andrew:** *(yawn loudly)* I guess Jesus isn't coming after all.

**Mother:** *(despondently)* I think he already has.

**Everyone freezes.**

**Jesus voice:** For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? It is not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.



# CCS INTERGENERATIONAL DRAMA

## GETTING IN THE GAME

WRITTEN BY REID MATTHIAS

### CHARACTERS

#### A coach

Player one (tall) – **Peterson**

Player two (smaller than player one) – **Bagley** (no speaking lines)



**A coach and 2 members of a basketball team are sitting on the bench. A very tall player (Peterson) and a small player (Bagley).**

**This is written for male players. You could easily change the names to be female players.**

**Coach:** *(Directing the question to the bench but watching the 'game' in progress)* Peterson, how are you feeling?

**Peterson:** All right, coach. I'm relaxed, rested, stretched – you know, I'm a basketball player.

**Coach:** Foul! Foul! Ref, are you blind? He was nowhere near the ball. The other player...  
*(stop mid-sentence and then direct line to Peterson)* Peterson – you go in. We need you.

**Peterson:** You know, Coach, I'm all right sitting here. Why don't you send in Bagley? It looks like he is ready to play.

**Coach:** Peterson, you're not listening. Get in there. I need you to play centre. Bagley is a point guard. We need height, not speed right now.

**Peterson:** Look, Coach, if I get on that court all sorts of bad things could happen. I could miss a shot, miss a rebound; I could hurt myself or another player. I'd never forgive myself if that happened. I might poke someone in the eye.

**Coach:** *(Exasperated – refer to the referees and stand up)* Time out! Time out! Peterson – get over here.

**Peterson:** Honestly, coach, I'm much more comfortable just sitting here. I've got this nice little spot right here.

**Coach:** Get over here!

***(Peterson shuffles over to where the coach is now standing.)***

**Coach:** Now, let me get this straight, Peterson. You joined the basketball team, you practice every day and you work on your skills honing your ability. You've got a gift with your height and yet you're telling me that you'd rather ride the bench than help bring victory to the team?

**Peterson:** Actually, when you put it that way, well, I've always thought that I...uh...yes. Coach, I'd rather sit on the bench. I enjoy trying to converse with the scorekeeper, even though she isn't too keen on talking back to me just yet.

**Coach:** Why do you think that is, Peterson?

**Peterson:** Maybe she doesn't like the uniform, or maybe she doesn't like the way I look.

**Coach:** You know what it is Peterson? She's not uninterested in the uniform. She's using her gift to multitask the scoreboard. She is focused on her goal. Wouldn't you like to do the same?

**Peterson:** I don't know Coach, all the other guys on the team are so good at playing basketball. They shoot well – I am not that good at shooting. Phil can dribble circles around me. The only thing I am good at is blocking shots and a rebound here or there.

**Coach:** Peterson, listen, that's all I'm asking you to do. I'm not asking you to be someone else or play someone else's position. I'm not asking you to do something that will make you uncomfortable. All I'm asking is for you to do what you're good at. You block shots, you rebound. That's all I need. We can practice the other things later. We are a team. We need all sorts. We can't just have five dribblers and no shooters. We can't have 5 shooters and no passers. We need all kinds of skills – we need you.

**Peterson:** I never thought of it that way.

**Coach:** Say goodbye to your friend and get in the game!

**Peterson:** All right coach. Bagley, keep my seat safe. When I need a breather, I'll switch with you. Thanks coach.

**Coach:** Have fun, Peterson. Break a leg.

**Peterson:** Please don't say that coach.

**Coach:** Get in the game!

# WAYS WE CAN SERVE OUR WORLD

- Make a donation to Australian Lutheran World Service for their ongoing aid work overseas.
- Encourage and support those who travel to carry out mission work overseas.
- Write a letter to your sponsor child or consider getting a sponsor child as a family and as a church community.
- Pack a birthing kit for Papua New Guinea mothers through LCA NZ International Mission.
- Collect stamps from letters you receive to support LCA NZ International Mission



## OUR FAMILY SERVING TOGETHER

"As for me and my household  
we will serve the Lord!"

JOSHUA 24:15





## WAYS WE CAN SERVE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Serve as a worship host.
- Volunteer to help lead worship, read the Bible, lead prayers or be in the church band.
- Volunteer for a church spring clean or Working Bee.
- Donate food items or a casserole to a local food bank.
- Give an offering.
- Make get well or encouragement cards for those who are sick or sad.
- Help an older member of the congregation with gardening.
- Bake some biscuits for a homebound member.
- Volunteer for serving morning tea together as a family.
- Volunteer to bake something for morning tea.

## WAYS WE CAN SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

- Donate unused clothes and/or toys to a community op shop.
- Make biscuits for a sick family member, friend or neighbour.
- Invite a friend and their family over for a meal.
- Visit residents in your local retirement home to sing or play games.
- Pick up litter from your local park.
- Organise a fundraising event with the help of others.
- Support special projects and teachers at your school.
- Donate food or toys to a local care organisation who provide Christmas Hampers for people in need at Christmas time.

