

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new-look youth and children's work at St Nic's!!

Our hope is that over the coming weeks and months, we can encourage and equip you and your families to worship together and do church together with the help of our resources and ideas. You'll find this week's below.

Bible Passage:

In light of the fact that schools are now closed, and that this Sunday is Mother's Day, we thought we'd start with Ephesians 6: 1-3:

Children, obey your parents the way the Lord wants. This is the right thing to do. The command says, 'Honour your father and mother.' This is the first command that has a promise with it. The promise is: 'Then everything will be well with you, and you will have a long life on the Earth.' (International Children's Bible)

Of course the Bible goes on to say:

Fathers, do not make your children angry, but raise them with the teaching and training of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

As a family you will be looking to do new ways of being. Thinking, praying and meditating on these verses will hopefully give you all a framework within which to plan and be. Either use a screen or print off the sheets that follow for your whole family to see. Paper plates will be available during the week from the church building for those making the craft/game later in the week.

Before the time as a family, as parents think about:

- What should our relationship with our own parents look like? What attitude are we to have? (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- Why are we to obey/honour our parents? (Ephesians 6:1-2)

Think back over the last week. If your parents are still around: are you thankful for them? Do you pray for them? If they are no longer with you are you still thankful for them?

Blessings from us as we move forward together as church family,

Edward, Caroline and Hattie.

Hello from Edward, Caroline and Hattie!

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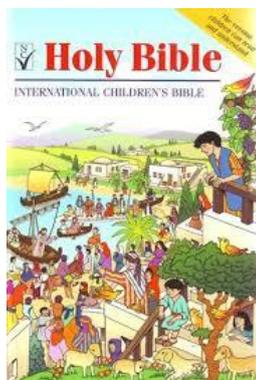
Pathfinders



Now is the time to be a Pathfinder, All Star, Comet and Sparkler at home.

We don't want you to be driving your parents mad, so we have put together a pack for you to enjoy at home for this week.

Try to get your Mums and Dads and brothers and sisters and any other family members - even the dog or cat - to join in.

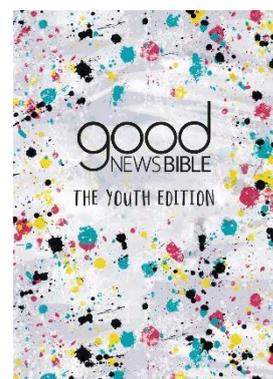


BIBLE VERSES for the week:

Ephesians 6: 1-3

Who in your family knows where that is in the Bible?

Is it old or new testament?



(Your parents will already have it written down on their parent page!! - no cheating!)

Look it up and read it together.

THINK, TALK AND PRAY ABOUT



Think about what you think honouring your father and mother means. What does the word honour mean?

When we listen, obey, love, appreciate and forgive our mums and dads we are honouring them - and it doesn't cost anything - not even 1 penny!



Talk about how you can appreciate your mums and dads while you are all at home.

Tell them you love them, do what they ask without moaning about it, tidy your room, wash the dishes etc.



Pray together that God will give you all the love and patience you will need while you're at home together.

Ask Him to show you how to appreciate each other.

Thank Him that He loves you more than you could ever imagine wherever you are - home, school, the park, the supermarket.

Family Quiz Time (answers at the end of this document)

How well do you know the mothers in the Bible?

(All Stars should be good at this as we learned the true stories about a few of them in the Autumn.)

WHO'S WHO? Points for correct answers

100 points: She had an angel appear to her.

200 points: She was probably the oldest mum to ever have a baby.

300 points: She was the mother of John the Baptist and Mary's cousin.

400 points: She was Samuel's mum.

500 points: She was first noticed because she was giving camels drinks!

OH NO MUM! - some mums in the Bible made mistakes...(God forgave them)

100 points: She was tempted into sin by a snake and fell for it.

200 points: Her husband died and then both her sons died. Life was bitter for her!

300 points: She had a favourite son named Jacob and she helped him steal the blessing.

400 points: She didn't think she would have a son at her old age, so she came up with another way.

500 points: She followed God instead of Pharaoh, even though it could have cost her her life!

FAMOUS MUM WORDS

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200 points: Don't pick your _____

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400 points: Please clean your _____

500 points: You will always be my _____

1 million points: Wash your _____

UP TO US!

100 points: Ephesians 6:1-3 says to honour your father and your _____ .

200 points: The "best gift ever" for Mother's Day is to give your mum _____ .

300 points: Honour is showing _____ to your mum and dad/step-mum or step-dad inside and outside your home .

400 points: Our mums aren't perfect. We're not either because of _____

500 points: Thankfully, _____ came to save us from our sin and create in us a clean heart.

Read the following statements. Do your family agree or disagree that these are ways to honour your mother and father?

- ❖ If the statement is something that honours your mother and father, stand up and smile. 😊
- ❖ If the statement is not honouring, sit with your arms crossed looking grumpy! 😡

1. Doing what mum says right away
2. Throwing a fit if you don't get what you want
3. Eating your dinner with thankfulness
4. Complaining about what mum cooked for dinner
5. Telling your mum that you love her
6. Praying for your mum
7. Telling other people your mum is not nice

CREATIVE TIME

Create a game together:

Obey Your Parents Paper Plate Toss Game



What you will need:

- Paper Plates (any cardboard can be used and cut into discs)
- Scissors
- Card
- Tape
- Colouring Pens/pencils
- Bibles for the verses:
- Ephesians 6:1-3, Deuteronomy 11:1, Philippians 4:13 John 15:9 Revelation 14:12 and any other verses your family would like to use.

What to do:

1. Cut the centre out of a paper plate, colour it with crayons or markers, and write "obey" around the edge.
2. Make the Bible verse stands with paper stakes.
3. To make the stands fold a piece of card in half and then fold the edge back about one inch from the ends.
4. To make the paper stakes cut a piece of card in half lengthways and fold it in thirds. Tape it together along the sides. Cut 1" slits at the bottom sides of each stake and fold up the edges. Cut slits at the tops of the Bible verse stands on the fold lines just long enough to insert the paper stakes. Write the Bible verses about obeying on the stands. Give each stand a point value.
5. Tape the stands and the stakes to the floor in your room. Place the higher numbered point stands in the back and the lower point stakes in the front.
6. Take turns tossing the paper plate ring to try and get it on one of the stakes. If a child is successful, read the verse and discuss what it means.

MESSY TIME

A messy play activity to enjoy together:



What you will need:

Tupper ware or ice cube tray to use as mould

Water

Solid plastic toys

Cutlery or kids DIY/gardening tools

Tray

Optional extras: hair dryer, salt, extra water

What to do:

1. Freeze some toys in water over night either one large block or lots of smaller ice cube size.

2. For the messy play time, place the ice onto a tray or on the grass in the garden.
AIM: try to get the toys out and see what helps/slow the ice melting.

HATTIE'S RECIPE TIME

A recipe you can bake together:

For this week here's a trusted Mary Berry recipe, but next week I'll develop something better for you.



https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/easter_biscuits_37686

Hattie's top tips for baking with children:

- You can never have too many spoons stirring
- Have a separate bowl that they can weigh ingredients into (one ingredient at a time)
- If they can sit up, they can join in
- It doesn't matter if you only end up with enough mixture for 6 biscuits
- A great song to help the team clear up: <https://youtu.be/XUsnOfVaCEU>

SUNG WORSHIP TOGETHER

Here are the links to some of the songs we sing in All Stars and All-Age Celebrations:

My God is so big:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUageJdwyPY>

God can do anything:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nuzbWEiaeY&list=PLGOIQuX191CahA0rWCCy2VUzKV_rrFG_w&index=7&t=0s

Good News:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWFBpS-pT6M>

For a daily family worship time and if your parents have Facebook try this:

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=nick%20and%20becky%20drake%20worship%20for%20everyone%20live&epa=SEARCH_BOX

ART TIME

Make a picture for your mum:

What you will need:

A printout of the colour-in flower or dot-to-dot from the last pages of this pack

Art supplies of your choice- pens/pencils/crayons/paint/tissue paper +glue

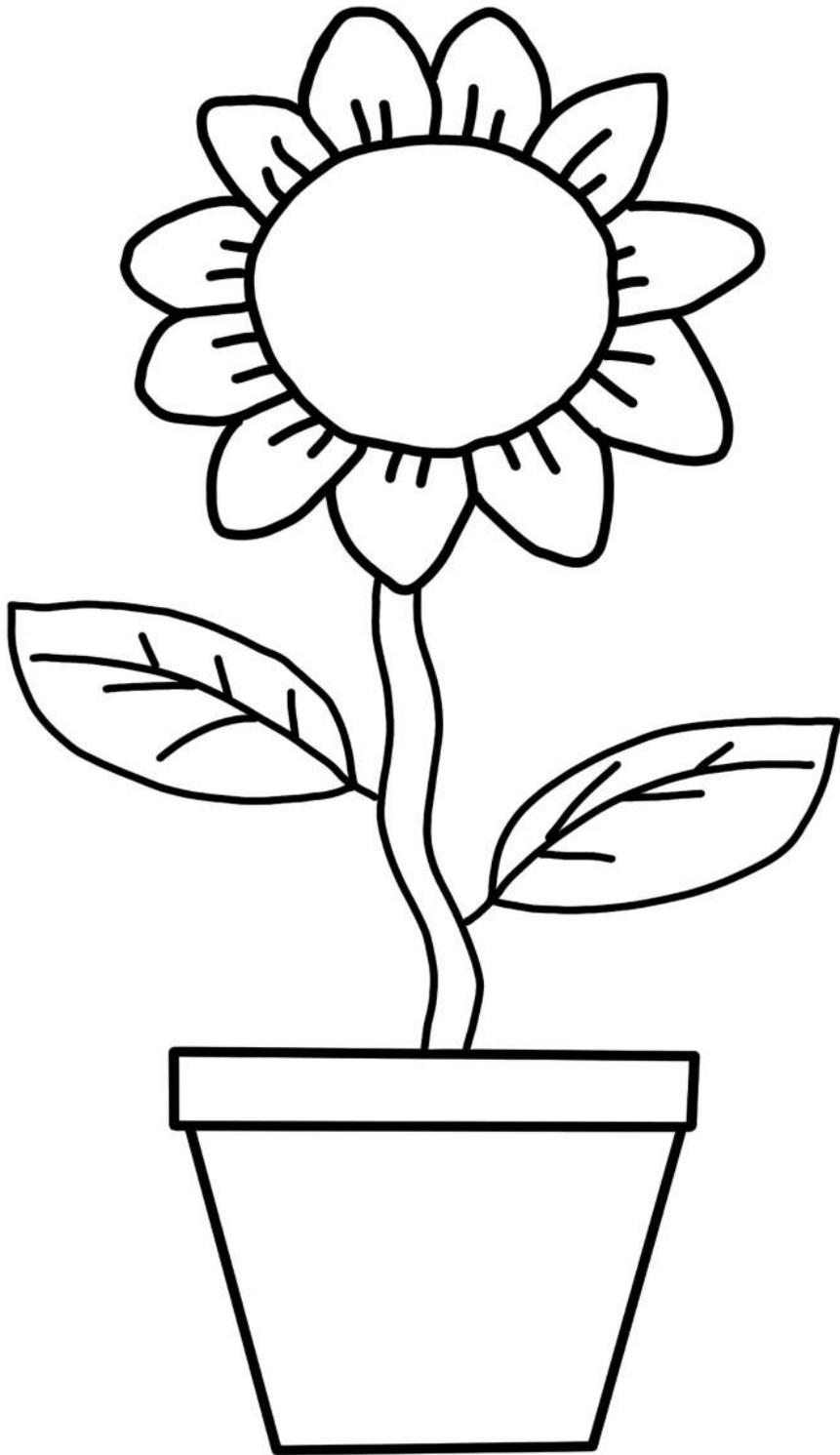
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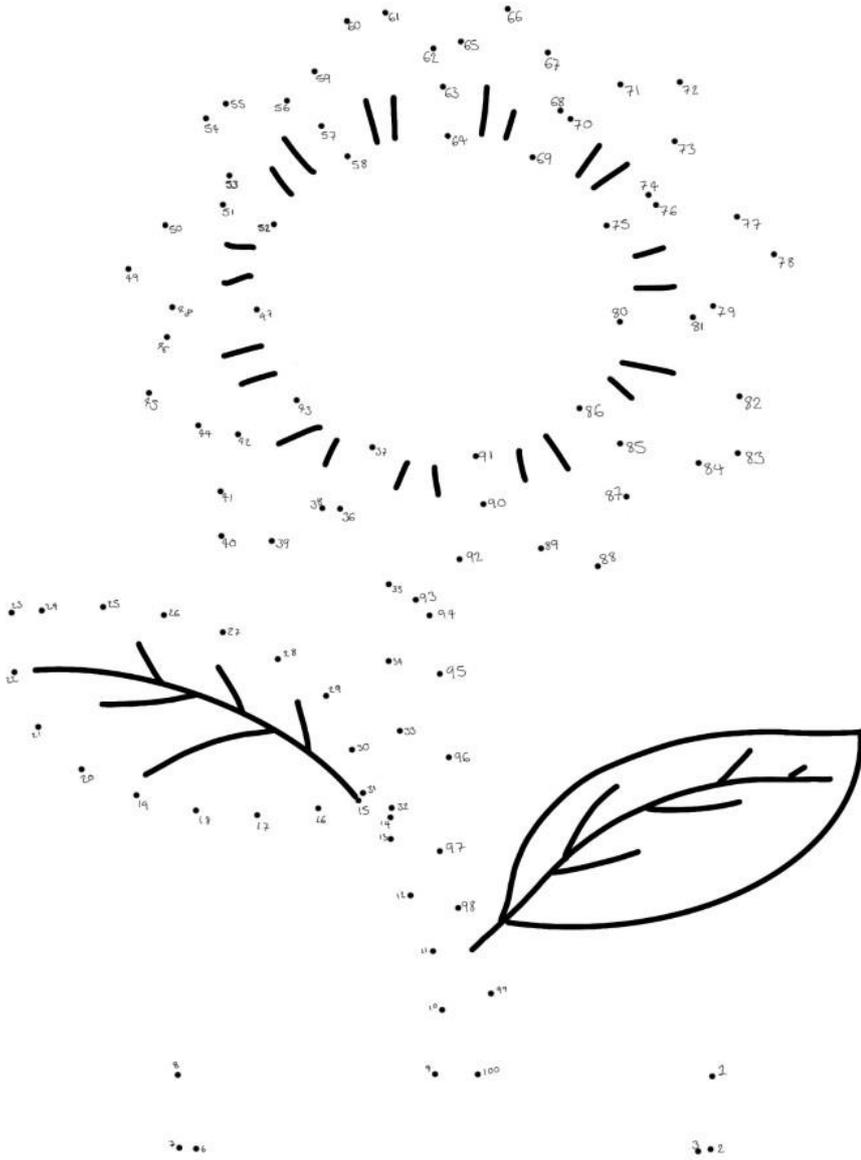
1. Colour in the picture.
2. Write a letter to your mum for Mother's Day.

We'd love to hear from you!! 😊

Email us your thoughts and prayers and even photos of your family playing the Paper Plate Toss Game! Tell us what you have done to honour your parents this week, along with photos of your cards and biscuits!

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QUIZ ANSWERS

WHO'S WHO?

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200 points: She was probably the oldest mum to ever have a baby. (Sarah)

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OH NO MUM! - like all of us, mums in the Bible made mistakes....

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500 points: She followed God instead of Pharaoh, even though it could have cost her her life! (Jochebed - mother of Moses)

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400 points: Please clean your _____ (room).

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1 million points: Wash your _____ (hands)

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