

Creative Ideas and Suggestions

Choose from the activities below and do any or all of them in any order you wish. Some are designed for younger children and some for young people. However we hope using a mix will work for any ages in your household.

Play

Glory to you, no, to you!

Explore how the Trinity glorify each other

Ask everyone if they know what the three persons of God are called. Do they know the proper name for God being three in one? It's a hard concept to understand, but we can think of each member of the Trinity like a note in a musical chord.

You could use a keyboard to demonstrate this or work with the group to sing in parts.

- Ask everyone to imagine that God the Father is a C (play or sing it). It's a good note and it's a C on its own, it doesn't need anything extra.
- Now ask them to imagine that Jesus is an E (play or sing) – again, the sound is complete in itself.
- Finally, invite the group to imagine the Holy Spirit is a G (play or sing) – again, all there.

However, when you put the notes together (play or divide into groups and sing), they make a chord and that's something else! Each note makes the others sound more amazing. You can experiment further with this if you have time.

Create

Name in lights

Create a glorifying piece of art

You will need: pictures of 'names' in lights (see examples below), card, coloured pens or pencils, stick-on decorations.

Examples: Billy Elliot; War Horse; Strictly Come Dancing; Lenny Henry

- Have a look at some pictures of people's names in lights – theatre boards or posters. Talk about how there are some describing words or ways of 'lifting up' the person or advertisement being promoted.

- Explain to everyone that they are each going to create a 'name in lights' poster for Jesus. Ask them to make some suggestions for describing words about Jesus.
- Let the children create posters that look like Jesus' name in lights outside a theatre.

Think/reflect

Spend some quiet time reflecting on the passage, as well as what you have been doing in the activities you chose.

Definition

Agree together a definition for the word 'glorify', providing dictionaries and thesauruses as well as everyone's own knowledge. Generate a list of as many synonyms for glorify as you can.

In our words...

Ask everyone to create an acrostic poem for the word 'glorify' with each sentence an expression of praise to Jesus, lifting him up.

Invite everyone to work in pairs, as a whole group, or individually. Share your completed poems, perhaps with the wider church.

Pray

Finish your time of worship by praying together in any way you choose

Praise words

Distribute brightly coloured card stars or sticky notes and pens and ask everyone to write a single word of praise on each one (they can write on multiple stars).

Gather the word stars together to create a shared prayer and invite everyone to call out words that stand out to them as you pray together.