I am the Bread of Life

**Items needed**

Hessian cloth

Laminated Bread of Life pictures

Basket of stones (symbolising the desert)

Tin of bread / crackers

Cards with quotes on them.

Jug water

**Instructions**

Jesus satisfied the physical hunger of the 5000 with 5 loaves and fishes. Jesus said, “*I am the bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty”* (John 6:35)

Jesus alone offers us deep and real satisfaction.

* Think about our life, and what your priorities are (school work, football, family time, Xbox time etc.),
* Think about what are the things most important to you? (Health, family, God, friends etc.?)
* Think about where do you spend most of your time? (School, in your bedroom, with your friends, on the football pitch etc.)

What do these priorities show you about how you are looking to satisfy you’re deepest needs? Are you priorities helping you be kind, loving and caring?

* Say a Quiet prayer, to ask Jesus to increase your hunger and thirst for him, so that you too can pray like the Psalmist “As the deep pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God” (Psalm 42:1)
* Now take a piece of bread or cracker and as you eat it, Thank Jesus that He alone can satisfy the deepest longing in your heart for life in all its full ness.

**I am the Light of the World**

**Items needed**

Shiny light coloured fabric

Laminated I am the Light pictures

Cards with quotes on them

Battery powered candles

Black paper and white crayons.

Pinboard and pins

**Instructions**

Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”.* (John 8:12)

In the ‘light of Jesus’ we see reality.

* Spend a few moments thanking the Lord for the light that he has brought into your life.
* Look at the chain of sin then pick up a candle. As you hold it, ask the Lord to ‘shine his light’ into your soul and reveal any ‘chains of sin’ that are binding you and stopping you from living a Godly life. You might like to say the following prayer – *Search me God and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*
* Say sorry for any sins, that you have thought about and ask for Gods forgiveness.
* If there is any area in your life that needs the Lords guidance, where you feel ‘in the dark’ and need the Lords light to show you the way, then you can write a prayer on the black paper using a white crayon, asking for his help and guidance. Then place prayer on the pinboard

I am the Gate

**Items needed**

Green fabric

Wooden cross

I am the Gate poster

Laminated Quotes

Cream hearts and pencils and pins

**Instructions**

Jesus said, “*I am the Gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find* ***pasture”* (John 10:9)**

Jesus is the only way we can access the Kingdom of Heaven, and where we can have life to the full.

* Spend a few moments looking at the cross and thinking about what it cost Jesus to give you free access to into God’s kingdom.
* Have you put your total trust in Jesus’ death and resurrection? As a sign of your total trust in Jesus, pick up a cream heart and write on it - “Jesus my Saviour, I choose to trust you alone to bring me into Gods kingdom”, then sign your name and pin it to the cross.
* Jesus has promised to give those who trust Him life to the full. That doesn’t mean that our lives will be easy, comfortable or problem free, but it does mean that we know real blessings such as peace, joy and hope.
* Look at the blessing words on the wall. Which ones of the Lords blessings do you need to receive by faith today? Say this prayer – *Lord you are the gate to everything good in my life. Thank you for all the wonderful blessings* ***you make available to me. Thank you Jesus, Amen.***

**I am the Good Shepherd**

**Items needed**

Green fabric

I am good shepherd poster

Laminated quotes

Godly play Good Shepherd table story figures.

Bowl with oil and cotton wool.

Little card sheep and pencils.

Psalm 23

**Instructions**

Jesus said, “*I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me”* (John 10:14)

Jesus loves each one of us, knowing and calling us by name.

* Pick up one of the card sheep and write your name on it.
* Thank Jesus that He knows you by name and that He loves you. Hear His voice saying to you “*Don’t be afraid, I have redeemed you. I have called your name. You are mine*” (Isaiah 43:1)
* When you are ready put your sheep in the sheepfold basket.

A shepherd will rub oil into the wounds of his sheep to bring healing.

* Bring to the Lord any ‘wounds’ you have of mind, body or spirit and ask Him to give you healing.
* Run a little of the cotton wool oil on the back of your hands as you pray.
* Read the words of Psalm 23, thank and praise Jesus that as your shepherd he – Feeds you, Restores you, Guides you, Reassures you, Protects you, Heals you and Blesses you.

I am the Resurrection and the Life

**Items needed**

Dark fabric

I am resurrection poster

Laminated quotes

Model of the tomb / stone

Bowl of myrrh nuggets

**Instructions**

When Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, Jesus said to Martha, “*I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die*” (John 11:25-26)

Jesus alone has the power over life and death

The bowl contains myrrh. In biblical times one of the uses of myrrh was for embalming dead bodies.

* Carefully smell the bowl of myrrh to smell the ‘aroma of death’, as you do – Praise the Lord for his victory over death at the cross, and for the hope of resurrection life that He offers you, rather than the fear of death.

**I am the Way and the Truth and the Life**

**Items needed**

Blue cloth

Netting

Basket with twine pieces

I am poster

Laminated quotes

Covenant prayer

**Instructions**

Jesus, who has lived, died and been raised to new life, says to us “*I am the way and the truth and the life”* (John 14:6)

Jesus called Galilean fishermen to follow Him, to leave their old life behind, and to follow him and the new life he offered. The fishermen left their nets immediately and followed Him.

* Take a moment of silence, to be still and listen to the Lord. Hear Him say to you “*Follow me…….I am the way*”
* Take a piece of twine, and as you hold it, ask the Lord to show you areas in your life which are holding you back from completely following Him. (I.e. the use of your time, problems with your friends, or parents or siblings etc.)
* Ask the Lord to help you turn away from your old way of doing things so that you can follow His way.
* When you have done that, tie your twine into the fishing net as a sign you are leaving your old ways behind.

Jesus said to His disciples and He says to us “*Whoever wants to be my disciple, must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me*.” (Matthew 16:24)

* Read a little of John Wesley’s Covenant prayer.

**I am the Vine**

**Items needed**

Laminated quotes

I am poster

Pile of dead twigs and leaves

Bunch of grapes in basket

Fruit bearing prayer cards

Shot glasses and bottle of water

I**nstructions**

Jesus says to us, “*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing*.” (John 15:5)

As you look at the vine, ask yourself

* In which parts of my life am I living totally dependently on Jesus?
* In which parts of my life and am I living apart from Jesus?

Jesus says that if we are to be fruitful; we need to stay with him, be completely dependant on him.

* Pour a cup of water and as you drink it, invite Jesus to fill you with his life giving and powerful Holy Spirit.
* Hold the bunch of grapes and thank Jesus that He has called you to bear fruit.
* Pray the fruit bearing prayer.