



ST JOHN'S
CHAPELTOWN

Family Resources -

Some links and resources that you might find helpful in the coming days.

Talking about Coronavirus with your children -

We can be tempted to hide the truth and challenges of Coronavirus from our children and young people. But they will have heard about it from a number of sources (school, the playground, online). If you're unsure how to talk to your children and young people about Coronavirus, here are 3 really helpful links -

7 tips when talking to children about coronavirus

<https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/7-tips-when-talking-to-kids-about-coronavirus/>

How to talk to your children about the coronavirus

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/children-coronavirus/>

How to care for children and young people in the midst of a global pandemic

<https://www.growingyoungdisciples.co.uk/for-such-a-time-as-this/>

Teaching our children about Jesus when at home -

There are a number of different resources being made available for free online to help us continue teaching our children and young people about the love of Christ. Below are a couple of links for you to follow.

The Good Book Company have put together a suggestion of resources that you could use together at home.

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/kids-at-home/>

The wonder of Easter (available as an ebook) is a brilliant family devotional

<https://www.thegoodbook.co.uk/the-wonder-of-easter>

Faith in Kids offer some fantastic online resources - from blogs to podcasts for parents and whole families.

<https://faithinkids.org/>

If you're crafty, then take a look at these biblical crafts

https://static.crossway.org/excerpt/big-picture-bible-crafts-pdf.pdf?fbclid=IwAR18Eq71S3igUdKjdm85oenhbY1_c9-QX4-IljatHWUkLTaSoIB9Nc43Y7g

And we can always sing! -

There are some great Christian bands that make songs for Children and Young People to learn biblical truths.

A great one to sing together would be - DumbRocks "Don't it blow your mind". We have been learning this song in Sunday Club.

You can access a playlist of these songs via the St John's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7IODKsKbdqUCWnn-lpEQqhzG-aFQHuoOO>

Read and pray –

One of the incredible things about the Bible, is that it has something to teach us about every situation that we find ourselves in.

Let me encourage you to read the Bible with your children daily, especially at this time. And to pray through and for some of the things that you're reading and learning about.

If you would like some help and guidance on where to begin, then get in touch with Carl. But why not go over Mark's gospel together and remind one another of all the amazing and unexpected truths that we have learnt about Jesus this past term.

Give Thanks –

- That God is our refuge, our strength and our help.
- For technology that means we can keep meeting together.
- For our Church family and the chance to meet online.
- For St John's and all the other churches in the country that are offering online church resources.

Things to pray for –

Our elderly friends and neighbours, our grandparents and all those in vulnerable groups.	Our own worries and concerns about getting sick. For those we know who are worried too.	Those who are facing uncertainty in their jobs at the moment. (like hospitality and performing arts).	For all those worried about GCSE's or A Levels and for wisdom for all those making decisions about grades.
The Government as they make difficult decisions. For all those helping those decisions to be made.	For vulnerable children and young people who live in difficult homes. For their safety and protection.	For love, joy peace, patience, kindness and gentleness for all families as they spend lots of time together.	For people who live on their own, who will find a time of isolation difficult.
For Scientists and researchers as they try to find a vaccine for the coronavirus.	All of our healthcare and medical professionals who are serving sacrificially. For their health and protection.	For peoples mental health. Especially as we have to have less contact with people than usual.	That we would prioritise sharing time together, and for creative news ways to do that.

Pray for our continued witness to Chapeltown, pray that we would each have opportunities to show the love of Christ to those around us.