

CHEEKY PANDAS

Family Service

Offer

The following are suggestions of what you might wish to include in an All Age/Family Service, whether on line or in church. Please adapt and change to ensure all essential elements for your denomination/church are included.

It incorporates the *Cheeky Panda videos* for you to use in the teaching slot.

There are 11 in all so you have the possibility of using them in 11 family services. Please use as much or as little of these outlines as you wish.

There is also an *activity pack* available for each service outline. Each one has a Biblical text, an application, a craft activity, a game, a food challenge and a prayer. You may wish to enable families to have them prior to services. Please feel free to adapt to your local situation.

Inclusion of sung worship is still a matter of local guidance, so we have not included anything specifically here. There are, however, songs included in the Cheeky Pandas videos.

What you will need

- **The Family Activity Sheet to send to families prior to the service if you wish to use them**
- If you want to provide resources for families you would need to provide paint pads, paper, old magazines, glue sticks and scissors.
- You may wish to use a craft activity within the service in which case you will need enough heart outlines for everyone participating, old magazines, scissors and glue sticks. It is probably best to leave the painting activity to be done at home!

For this Family Service you will need:

- Either a small white board and non-permanent markers or a strip of white cloth, a bowl of hot soapy water and a non-permanent marker.
- A basket to put some small gift into or you might use the offering plate.



CHEEKY PANDAS Family Service OFFER - Sheet 2

Theme: Offer – Bible Texts: Galatians 5:22-24 and 2 Cor 4:7

Background reflection

We all acknowledge that we are only human and are ever prone to being more concerned about ourselves than about other people. The fruit of the spirit, the evidence of the life lived empowered by the spirit produces key attributes. Those, in turn, enable us to better offer ourselves to help others, to offer our lives to God and to be able to listen physically and spiritually to the needs of others. Such listening helps us to offer help within God's timing. We too are recipients of the offers of help that others make to us. There is an old saying that it is better to give than to receive. Many of us find it hard to receive, forgetting that in doing so we deny the offer of the others help and in some way deny them. Perhaps behind it all is our need to be in control even in the offering. We do indeed have treasure in jars of clay.

Welcome

Our theme today is Offer.

So, let's start by offering a sign of peace to each other in our usual COVID safe way.
(This might be by using Makaton signing or a simple wave or even a nod)

Gathering Prayer

Leader: We are not once a week friends.

All: We are the family of God.

Leader: We are here to receive God's love.

All: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: We are here together to share in worship.

All: Our Father God has called us to worship Him together.

Leader: So let us draw near to God.



Prayer for the day

Father God we have come together to offer you our praise, our prayers, and who we are in your service. Help us to share together in worshipping you. Amen

Sung worship

A suitable action/signed song could be inserted here

Saying sorry

Leader: Very often when we are in church we use words to say sorry to God for the things we have done wrong. Sometimes, even as we say the words, we need to see what happens when we say sorry to God. What does he do with the things we say sorry for? How does God respond?

Leader: So let's think of the things that we might do that are wrong. Things that we want to say sorry for. *(words or ideas are offered)*

As each word comes up write it on the board or on the cloth. At the end clean the board or the cloth.

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Leader: Well there was such a lot that we wanted to say sorry to God for. Dear Lord, we are really sorry for all these things. Please forgive us. Amen

Then wipe the board clean or wash the cloth to reinforce God's desire to wipe the slate clean.

Activity

This could simply be the Offering if in Church *Or this game:*

Leader: I want to make a gift for a friend of mine but I need some help.

So who can offer me a clean Hanky or some tissues for them? *(place in a gift basket)*

Who can offer me some sweets they have with them?

Who can offer a pencil or a pen?

Who can offer two pence?

Who can offer a piece of fruit?

Who can offer Ten pounds?

Leader: Together we can all offer something

The optional craft activity could be used here.

Watch the Cheeky Pandas video here.

VIDEO: The Broken Song Machine

Prayers

Leader: Using the gift basket, use the items for prayer.

Hanky - Lord Jesus, we pray for all who are sad or upset. Help us to offer to help them.

Sweets - We pray for all who need a little treat today, because life is tough.

Pencil/Pen - We pray for all who are lonely who would love to have a card from us. Help us to give time to make that contact with them.

Two Pence - We pray for all who end up living on the streets. May we as a church be able to offer them more than our spare change.

Fruit - Lord Jesus, some people have not been to the shops for ages. Show us how a simple gift of fresh fruit shows your love to our neighbours.

Ten pounds - Dear Lord, some people need the offer of a home. Help us to think together as a church how we might offer that .

We pray for all our family and friends who do not yet know the love of God for themselves. May they receive the offer of love that you want to give them.

Amen.

Remind them of the activity packs and the food challenge

The Blessing/Grace *We say the grace together or a similar blessing.*