

CHEEKY PANDAS

Family Service

Pray

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 Pandas 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 wish them to do an activity in the church we suggest the *Bible chat mat* which is in the activity pack. You will need one per person and some crayons. The guidelines for the best use are also in the activity pack.

For this Family Service you will need:

- Pieces of coloured card or cloth in rainbow colours or a picture of a rainbow.
- Any words that you wish people to have in a format that is suitable for your local situation.



CHEEKY PANDAS Family Service PRAY - Sheet 2

Theme: Pray – Bible Texts: Luke 18 :1-14

Background reflection

Endurance in prayer is something that people often struggle with. It perhaps comes back to the nature of the relationship and the length of that relationship with God as our Father. Have we sometimes reduced Father God to something akin to a Holy Father Christmas? That is where we simply give him our wish list and expect it all to be delivered on our timing? The relationship with God as Father of all, including time being in his hands, takes us into a deeper trusting relationship with him. The one who provides all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19) takes us right back to the very beginning in the Garden of Eden. There God provided all that humanity needed. Would God let us down now?

Welcome

Our theme today is *Pray*.

Gathering Prayer

Leader: We have come together as God's family in this place.

All: We have come together to offer God our worship.

Leader: We have come to hear of God's love.

All: We have come to learn how to share it with others.

Leader: So together let us draw near to the presence of God.



Sung worship *A suitable action/signed song could be inserted here*

Prayer for the day

Leader: Thank you gracious God for the gift of this day and the gift of our time together. Help us to learn more about you and help us to grow into your love. Amen.

Saying sorry

Leader: Today we are going to use the colours of the rainbow to say sorry to God.

Red: I wonder what this means to you? Times when you got angry or times when you did not care for someone maybe?

Orange: I wonder what this means to you? An orange maybe for you to eat and maybe the times when we forgot to share God's gift with others.

Yellow: I wonder what this remind you of? The sun and times of play. Or times when you saw that others were sad and you did not help them?

Green: I wonder what this reminds you of? All the things that grow and how sometimes when we are careless we break branches from the trees or trample on flowers?

Blue: I wonder what is reminds you of? The sea perhaps or even just water. What about the times we have left the tap running and wasted God's precious gift to us?

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Indigo: I wonder what this reminds you of? That deep blue of the sky just before bedtime and perhaps the times we did not go to bed when we should.

Violet: A kind of purple which is used for Royalty. What about the times when we did not let Jesus be in charge of our lives?

As we pause and say sorry to God let us remember that when these colours are together they form a rainbow and that remind us that the rainbow is a sign of a promise from God. As we say sorry he will forgive our sins.

Together: Father God we are sorry and with your help we will try again to be the people you want us to be. Thank you. Amen.

Leader: Today we are looking at prayer. That is something everyone can do.

Watch the Cheeky Pandas video here.
VIDEO: The After Show Party

Activity

The Bible chat mat activity could be included here - See *Activity Sheet PRAY - Sheet 5*

Prayers

We will join in our prayers together today.

Leader: Our first prayer is for those who are tired today.

All: Lord give them rest.

Leader: We pray for all who are sick today.

All: Lord bring them healing.

Leader: We pray for all who are lonely.

All: Lord bring them friends.

Leader: We pray for those who are hungry.

All: Lord bring them food.

Leader: We pray for our family.

All: Lord help us be a loving part of it.

Leader: We pray for our five-special people who we want to come to know the love of God for themselves. Amen

Leader: Of course sometimes we are called to be the answer to our own prayers



Remind them of the activity packs and the food challenge

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