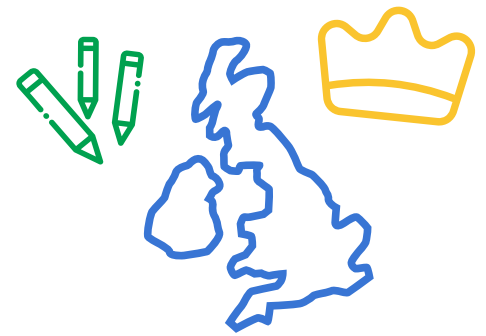




All age worship

Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory



You will need **paper crowns** for everyone, along with **pencils**, and an **outline of a country** for each small group to write on.

Welcome

As per local context

Gathering Song

e.g. King Of Kings Majesty, Crown Him With Many Crowns, Lord Reign In Me.

Gathering prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and for this time together. We give you thanks for sending Jesus to show us the way to your Kingdom. Help us now to praise you as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen

Praise songs suggested:

- Who's The King Of The Jungle?
- He Is The King of Kings
- Majesty

Confession

Leader: We have just sung Jesus is King of kings, but sometimes we do not respect him as the King of our lives. So, holding our crown before us, let us say sorry for the times we have not followed the ways of God's Kingdom.

Leader: For the times we have hurt other people.

All: We are sorry, King Jesus.

Leader: For the times when we do not even think about doing things your way, Jesus.

All: We are sorry, King Jesus.

Leader: For the times when we have decided we know better than you what is the right thing to do, and ignore your command to love one another.



All: We are sorry, King Jesus.

Leader: For the times we have ignored those who are lonely or not like us.

All: We are sorry, King Jesus.

All: Help us to start again with you, Jesus, as we learn to treat you as our King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.

Talk

Depending on numbers, either split the congregation into two sections or just gather people in small groups of three or four. Try to have mixed ages in each group; either one group works on the **Crowns** and another group works on the **outline of a country** or: the two activities are done by every group, one after the other. This works best.

Leader: We are thinking about a section of the prayer that Jesus taught us called The Lord's Prayer. Today we are thinking about the bit in it that says Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory.

We are thinking about what kind of King Jesus is and what kind of Kingdom he rules on earth, as in heaven.

Leader: First activity: in your small groups, take the crowns and write or draw on them what kind of King was Jesus.

Give the people some examples of what he was not. Allow a few moments for this activity and then gather some answers on a board.

Leader: Second Activity: using the map outline, think about what kind of kingdom Jesus was always talking about or what actions he took while on earth. For example: he healed, he included everyone, and so on.

Collate these ideas.

Short leader-led reflection, possibly using some of the answers given by the congregation. This is extended using snap shots of some of the activities of Jesus we read about in the bible.

King

He ate with ordinary people, He celebrated at a wedding; He went where poor and sick people were; He didn't have a powerful army; He liked children; He wanted people to be well; He challenged those who misused their power; He knows us by name, so everyone matters to him; Even the storms obey him; He was obedient even on the cross, and so on.

Kingdom

It has no borders that are closed; He didn't get the kingdom by violence or might; It is covered in love for everyone; Each person has their special place in it, both rich and poor together; it is responsible to God, and so on.

Leader: We have an idea what type of King Jesus is and a little about his kingdom, but what about us? We are the subjects of this King. What kind of people belong to King Jesus?

Get people to look around at each other.



Leader: Yes, people like us. We are joyful, jubilant people... well, perhaps not all of the time. We want others to belong to this kingdom, so we pray for them, especially our families. We are people who try and do what Jesus did in our ordinary, everyday lives. We are honest people who sometimes get things wrong and need to start again. We are people growing a little more like Jesus every day. We are people who have a King in Jesus that we can talk to whenever we want. We are people who can be surprised by Jesus when prayers are answered, or we find we have more courage than we thought to do what Jesus asks us to do. So, this kind of King, this kind of Kingdom, this kind of people.

Let's sing together **The Lord's prayer song** (Worship for everyone)

Creed

We remain standing and declare what we believe:

Leader: We believe in God the Father.

All: We believe in God the Father.

Enquirer: What kind of God is he?

Leader: A creative God who made the stars, the sky, and the earth below. A generous God who gives us light and life. A loving God who knows us by name and is our friend.

All: Yes. This is God our Father.

Leader: We believe in Jesus.

All: We believe in Jesus.

Enquirer: Who is Jesus?

Leader: He is God's Son, who came to show us what God is like. He brought us healing and forgiveness. He died for us, and God brought him back to life. He shows us what God's Kingdom is like.

All: Yes, we believe in Jesus, the Son of God.

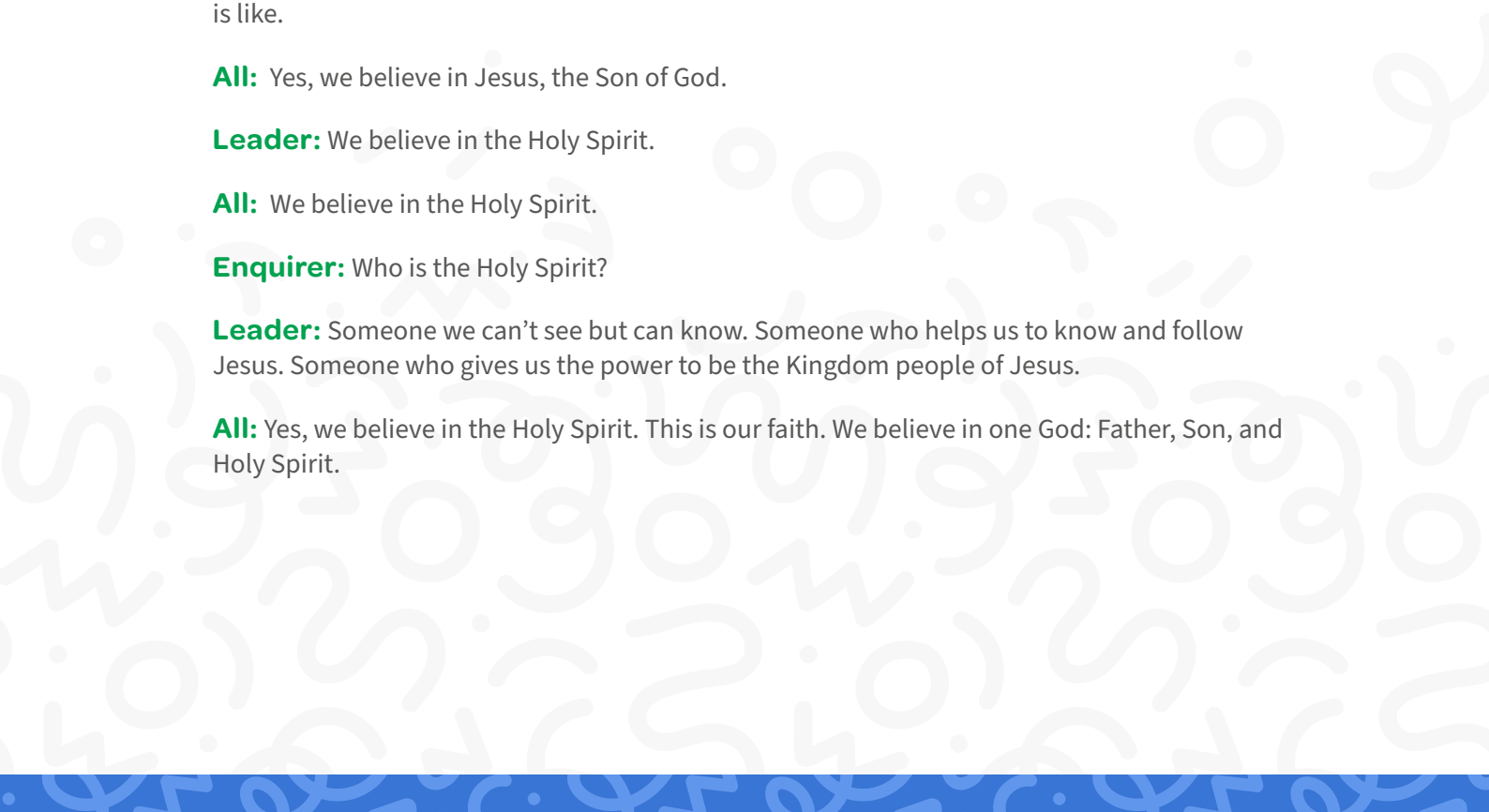
Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

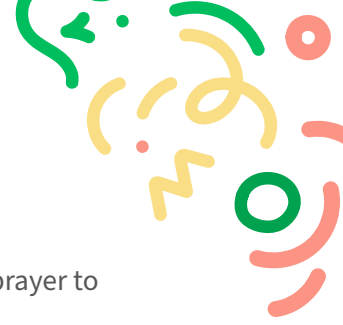
All: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Enquirer: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Leader: Someone we can't see but can know. Someone who helps us to know and follow Jesus. Someone who gives us the power to be the Kingdom people of Jesus.

All: Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit. This is our faith. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.





Prayers of intercession

Leader: Today, we will use our hands. Our right hand we will hold out as we offer prayer to God. At the response 'receive our prayer'; we transfer it into our left hand.

Leader: *Right hand open:* King Jesus, we bring to you the places in the world where people are at war; where innocent people are being hurt.

Left hand open

All: Receive our prayer.

Figuratively hand the prayer to God. The actions are repeated with each prayer request.

Leader: King Jesus, we bring to you those places that are wealthy. Help us, with them, to share what we have with the poor.

All: Receive our prayer.

Leader: King Jesus, we bring to you those who are sick and ask that you make them well again.

All: Receive our prayer.

Leader: King Jesus, we bring to you all in our schools, colleges, places of work, and our homes. Make them places of safety, joy, and hope.

All: Receive our prayer.

Leader: King Jesus, we bring to you ourselves Thank you that you know us by name and love us. Keep us safe, keep us close to you now, and always.

All: Receive our prayer, Amen.

Leader: We then shake our hands so we do not carry our worries home with us. **Amen.**

End song

Suggested *You Are The King of Glory* or *To God Be The Glory*.

Blessing

as per local context.

