

Sunday 8 November
2020

Read: 1 Peter 3:8-22 or the letter on
page 2 based on 1 Peter 3:13-22

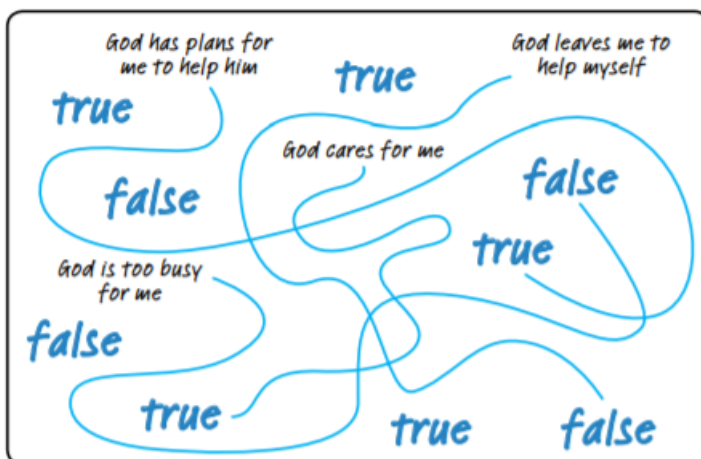
Just because we follow Jesus, doesn't mean that we will always be happy and that things will always go well for us. But through good times and bad, Jesus is always with us.

Peter knew this and wrote his letter to his friends, knowing that they were going through a tough time and wanting to encourage them.

Prayer:

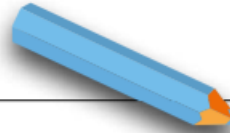
Loving God,
We can see you all around us.
Remind us to see you with us always,
making every place a sacred space.
Amen.

Follow the paths to match the statements.



This week,.....

Look out for reminders that God is always with you.



Other things to do:

- Design your own sacred space (page 3)
- For older children, write your own psalm (page 3)
- Colouring (page 4)



A letter to friends (based on 1 Peter 3:13-22)

It's been a rough day today, I've been doing the right things, just as God has asked, but things don't always turn out as you might expect. It's OK though, because I know God will keep me safe, I'm built on Jesus — a strong foundation.

Some people don't understand why I can keep calm and keep going, even when things get a bit tough. I must be ready to tell them why I live the way I do, it's because of Jesus.

It's more than just saying, 'It's because of Jesus', I need to remember that when I explain things, I have to do it with respect and with kindness, just as Jesus would.

Anyway, I'd much rather do right and make God happy than do wrong and make God sad, even if it means things don't always turn out as I might like.

What's important is that I keep my attention fixed on Jesus, I speak up for him and I do the right thing. I don't have to worry because he looks after me, I'm one of God's own, chosen by God. He wants to use me to show how good he is and how great he is, even when it's tough.

He's with me every step of my life. He goes where I go, he sees what I see and he hears what I hear. He's always there and I can rely on him.

So, friends, if we suffer for Jesus, at least we are suffering for doing right not doing wrong. Christ died for us to lead us to God. He washes away our suffering and pain and helps us to see right from wrong. Our God is awesome!



These pictures may be sacred spaces for different people. **Sacred means a connection with God.** Every space becomes sacred when we remember Jesus is with us wherever we go.

Design your own special place - include anything you wish that will make it a special place for you.



For older children

Psalms of praise.

Choose an image that you like and which makes you think 'sacred place' (or find your own image). Think about why you have chosen this.

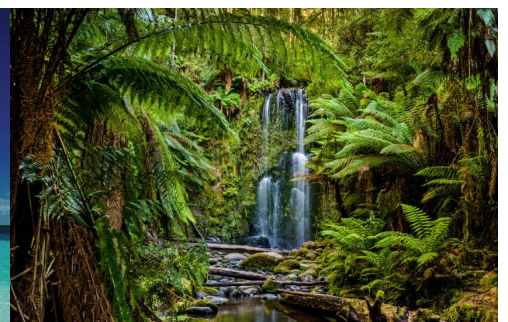
Create a psalm about feeling close to God. A good structure for writing psalms (and one that can be seen in the Psalms in the Bible) is:

Lord I feel...(write about your current feelings, situations).

But I know...(write about what you know about God's character and will.)

So I will...(write about what you plan to do now).

If you like email me your psalm at leonie@allsouls.org.au



BUT, even if you should
suffer
for doing what is
RIGHT
YOU ARE...

... "DO NOT
fear THEIR
THREATS **DO NOT**
BE frightened"

1 Peter 3:14