

Growing Together

Inspired by the Christian Faith

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Growing Together provides an opportunity for households (people of all ages) to explore or nurture Christian Faith in their own time and at their own pace. No planning or preparation is involved and there are no tasks or deadlines.

There are eleven attractive double-sided sheets of engaging ideas which follow the Christian year. Each edition has an overarching question, a story and a choice of activities to enable adults and children to consider the question together.

Worshipping communities and schools can offer Growing Together to households as a photocopied sheet or as an electronic download. It has the potential to be used in multiple ways. Copies could be given to school Worship Teams or used as a Messy Church 'Take Away'. The prayer space ideas might be developed for class reflection spaces or interactive prayer spaces in churches. The questions and activities could be used for planning Messy Church, collective worship or all age services.

Each month Growing Together poses a question

There are regular features and ideas to help explore the question:

Read Together – A fresh telling of a Bible story or a traditional story, to read and think about.

Did you know? – Interesting facts or details to excite or surprise.

Family Fun – Possibilities for experiencing God in a whole new way.

Create and Make – Colour, imagination and inspiration to open the theme or story.

Courageous Advocacy – Bravely making the world better. Suggestions for how we can live out our Christian faith through active response.

Prayer Space – Creating an opportunity to talk to and wonder with God.

Under 5s – Ways to play the Bible and share faith with our youngest children.



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January – Who is Jesus? *When Jesus was a child what did it mean for him to be God's son?*

February – Who loved first? *Did people love God first or did God love people first?*

March – What does Lent mean to Christians? *Time to make room for God.*

April – What difference does Easter make? *God's love is stronger than human hatred.*

May – What is the Holy Spirit? *Finding God within us.*

June – How do we grow in God? *Being with God can change our experiences, making them differently beautiful.*

July and August – Did Jesus have fun? *Let's find out!*

September – Why did God make the world as it is? *'And God saw that it was good' (Genesis 1 NRSV). How do you see it?*

October – Is there room for God in Halloween? *Explore mystery but real, scary but safe, fun and fabulous.*

November – What is church for? *Explore remembering and celebrating.*

December – What is Christmas about? *Think about God with us.*



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