

Children and family's news and chat: 2nd May 2021

Hello! Here we are at the start of a brand-new month – May. Monday 3rd May is May day, and on this day, there was always music and dancing to celebrate the coming of Spring in many countries such as the United Kingdom, India, Romania, Sweden, and Norway. In England children would dance around a may pole with colourful ribbons. They would decorate their hair with leaves and flowers, and a May queen was crowned on this day. It sounds like a lot of fun! Maybe you could make your own May day celebrations at home!

In our Sundayclub this week we made woolly sheep and talked about Jesus, the good shepherd. Here are our sheep:



“Take care to live in me, and let me live in you” John 15 verse 4

Our Lord Jesus wants us to be close to him. A part of him. Jesus said he was like a vine and we are the branches. If the branches stay firmly attached to the root of the plant, they can draw on the goodness in the soil and produce sweet, juicy grapes. If we abide in Jesus and stay as close to him as the branches of the vine, we will grow well. Jesus will give us all the nourishment we need and we will produce wonderful fruit, like love, kindness and helpfulness. Jesus says that if we abide in him, we can ask for whatever we want, and it will be done for us.

All age Activity: fruit salad!

You will need:

- A variety of different fruits, you don't need much of each one, so 1 banana, 1 apple and then
- choose some soft fruits like grapes, blueberries or strawberries. The more colourful the better!
- Some fruit juice, apple or orange works well.
- A little runny honey, if you have a sweet tooth.



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Instructions:

- Carefully cut up the fruits into bite sized chunks and place them in a large bowl.
- Add fruit juice, you only need enough to cover the bottom of the bowl.
- Sprinkle a little honey over all the fruits and then chill in the fridge until you are ready to eat!

If you do any of our activities, I'd love to see your pictures and include them in this newsletter!

Watch and Listen:

https://youtu.be/pqyCnk_r-AM Story of Gideon

Dance and Sing: *Looking at my heart*

<https://youtu.be/AS0Dgv-iJPo>

Families on Faith adventures: [Families on Faith Adventures \(urc.org.uk\)](#)

A man walks into the doctor's office. A banana stuck in one of his ears, a cucumber in the other ear, and a grape stuck in his nose. The man says, "Doc, this is terrible. What's wrong with me?" The doctor says, "Well, first of all, you need to eat more sensibly."

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Diary:

Sunday 10am	All-age service uploaded.
11.00am	Sundayclub zoom, our chance to keep in touch and continue our Sundayclub virtually! Contact Sandy for the link.
Mondays 11am	No story and song time this week as its bank holiday
Wednesday -1.45pm	Singing on zoom, for all ages! Contact me for the link.
Coming up: Thursdays	<p><u>Triologue – online YouTube broadcasts for 16 to 25 year olds</u></p> <p>URC Youth invite you to join their regular online live YouTube broadcast called ‘Triologue’ which will also be broadcast simultaneously on the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page and the URC Children's and Youth Work Facebook page.</p> <p>Aimed at 16 to 25 year olds, each session explores a theme alongside a Bible passage, providing a springboard for further discussion and reflection. A member of the CYDO+ team hosts a conversation with three guest panellists, representing some of the breadth of the URC and beyond.</p> <p>TRialogue takes place every other Thursday at 7pm - see the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page for what is coming next.</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE! 🗨️ bit.ly/trialogueURC</p>
Saturday 22nd May	<p><u>Wilderness 2021</u> is a virtual retreat day for young people aged 12+.</p> <p>Saturday 22nd May will feature a day of digital content to help explore faith by looking at the account of Jesus in the wilderness. Content will be delivered online including guided prayer, meditation, craft and worship.</p> <p>Book online before the 12th May to receive your box of resources (£3.95 P&P).</p>
Summer 2021	Watch this space for exciting news about the summer holiday club and a new children’s club coming your way soon.

with Love, Sandy, Children and Family worker. Xxx

P.S. here's a picture to colour:

