Learning about God and growing together as a family

Passage: Matthew 26:31—35. Read it as a family before the service to get used to the passage.

Talk it through:

Choose the questions that are appropriate for the ages in your family (or change them to make them appropriate):

- When was this passage happening?
- Why is what Jesus says in v.31 a surprise?
- What will happen to the disciples?
- Peter is confident he will stick with Jesus. What does Jesus say Peter will do?
- What does Jesus promise after his death?
- How does this make you feel about following Jesus?
- Parents, share with your children a time when you realised that you couldn't by yourselves but with Jesus you can.
- How did that time make you feel?
- How might we respond this week to situations where we find that we can't (but may have tried to anyway)?

Things to do this week:

- Set each other challenges to see who can do them.
- Act out the story again either with dressing up or using toy figures.
- Draw a series of pictures to retell the story.
- Write down a time each day when each person tried to do something by themselves. Say sorry to God, then thank him that with his help we can.
- Make a shaker bag for next Sunday to use during songs - empty jars/plastic bottles, pasta, rice, shells, beads go well.
- Before Easter Sunday, make an Easter garden. Send photos of them to youth@holytrinity.org.uk and we can get them on the website (please say whether you want your name included or not)

Pray in response:

- Adoration (praise). God you are amazing because...
- Confession (sorry). God, I am sorry for...
- ♦ Thanksgiving (thanks). God, thank you for...
- Supplication (asking). God, please...

Songs to sing or listen to this week:

- Won my heart: youtube.com/watch?v=QSsQYyi3w_c
- Mighty, mighty Saviour: youtube.com/watch?v=W3SjL-8Ccwc
- Jesus, Strong and Kind: youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac&list=RDMMT5Y8s-Sz_ac&start_radio=1