

WELCOME TO YOUR **RIVER KIDS** HOLIDAY PACK

Dearest River Kids Families,

We can't believe we are here again facing lockdown. We are praying for you all and already miss hanging out. We just think you are the best and hope this brings some joy for you this school holidays.

- Sophie, Taryn and Ellen

THIS PACK IS THEMED: **SEEING GOD IN THE EVERYDAY**

Our prayer for you:

Dear Jesus,
We thank you for our River Kids and how you have made them so special.

Even as they read this can you please give the River Kids lots of peace and hope this school holidays.

Will you help them see you in the everyday. In the little moments, and the 'normal' times because we know you are always there and always with us.

Amen

CHECK OUT ALL THE FUN AHEAD:



Skittle Prayer Activity



What can you see prayer activity



Seeing God in the Everyday Devotion



Nature Hunt Guide



River Kids Amazing Cache Challenge



Colouring in Competition



Wind Chime Craft



Binoculars Craft

SKITTLE PRAYERS!

In this envelope you should have skittles!
Have each family member choose a skittle from the packet and pray according to the colour chart below.

OUR SUGGESTIONS



Who do you know that is sick and needs healing? Pray, asking Jesus to heal that person.



Who is your favourite teacher? Pray, thanking God for them and ask God to bless and help them.



Who is your best friend? Pray, thanking God for that friend. Ask God to help you be a good friend to them.



Who do you know that isn't Jesus' forever friend? Pray, asking Jesus how you can help show His love to that person. What did Jesus say?



What is one thing that happened today that you are thankful for? Pray, thanking Jesus for that thing.

OR MAKE UP YOUR OWN PRAYERS:



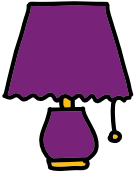
WHAT CAN YOU SEE PRAYERS?

This prayer is a fun way to pray as a family, and a reminder that we can 'see' God in everything. He is always with us!



How many cushions / pillows can you see?

List that many things to God that you are thankful for. For example, three cushions would mean three things you are thankful for!



How many purple things can you see?

List that many things to describe God.



How many 'alive' things in this room?

Think of that number of people from our church and pray for them. They could be River Kids, leaders, friends etc



How many things (not alive things!) that move in this room?

Think of that number of things you might want God's help with.

I CAN SEE GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

DEVOTION GUIDE

Why not set aside some time on a Sunday when we would have been at church together to do this? You can do just one bit or it all, all in one go, or spread out – whatever works for you as a family!

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

1. Play a game of 'Keeper of the Keys'

This is where someone sits on a chair blindfolded with the bunch of keys under their chair. The other family members try steal the keys and the keeper has three guesses to try point at where they think the thief is.

This is just a little way to introduce today's topic of 'seeing' God and pointing it out to others. You can ask them – why do you think we played this game? How does it relate to seeing God in the everyday? The kids are great at making their own connections!

2. Read together Psalm 139:1–6

Ask them – what verse stands out to you and why? What do you think this passage is telling us about God and us? Explain that God knows us so well and is ALWAYS with us. If God is always with us, then we can always see and be with him in the everyday moments of life.

3. **Every family member has 1 minute to go and find an everyday object that reminds them about God.** They can be creative! Eg a flower because God is beautiful and made it, or a blanket because God is our comfort. Share with one another and pray to finish.

A LITTLE BIT MORE:

Check out our River Kids instagram where we put up a family prayer experience for Psalm 139

Just a reminder:

Soft copies of this pack can be found at:

<https://grlc.org.au/kids-youth-families-hub/>