

Walton-on-Thames  
**St Mary's and St John's**

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learning and growing as  
a Christian family

# ***Summer Holiday Family Planner***

This summer why not try out our family organiser? It has a week to view, with spaces for 4 family members to keep track of what you are all up to. There is a story to explore each week: look it up in your bible, discuss the questions, try out a prayer activity and other creative ideas together. There is also a puzzle each week and sometimes a challenge. You will need a few items some weeks so check out the 'shopping list' on some of the pages in advance, however most things you will probably already have e.g. paper. Do as many or as few as you like. I hope you have fun exploring these stories and trying out some bible related activities.

*Taking our next steps towards:*  
DEEPER FAITH IN CHRIST

*Stories of Faith*

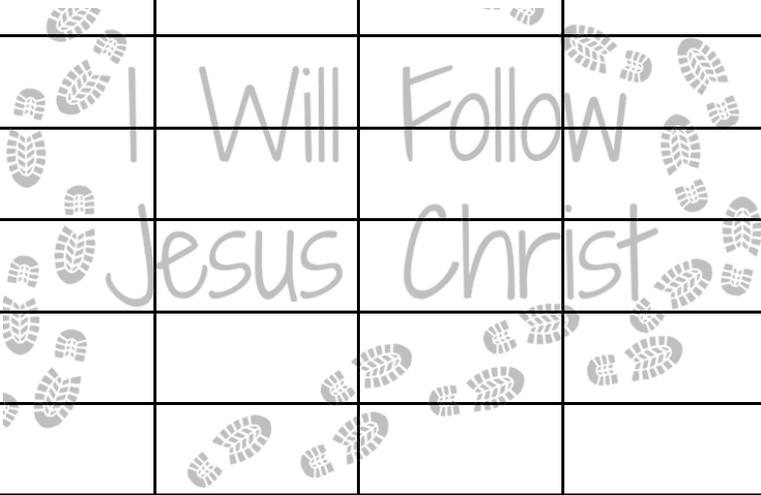


It would be great if you could take some photos and send them in to [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk) or to the Parish Facebook page.

***Have a wonderful summer!***

Family planner—What are you doing this week?

Name				
Sunday July 21st				
Monday July 22nd				
Tuesday July 23rd				
Wednesday July 24th				
Thursday July 25th				
Friday July 26th				
Saturday July 27th				



**Activity:**

Play a follow the leader game with your friends or family. Take it in turns to be the leader. Will everyone follow you everywhere? Upstairs? Into a cupboard? Under a table? Take some photos of your game and share them with Mandy.

**Read the story:**

Call of the fishermen  
Matthew 4:18-22

Retell the story: Try retelling the story using lego?

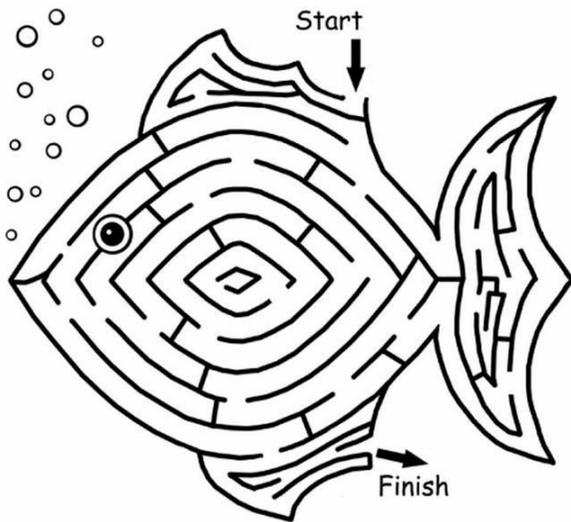


**Craft:**

Make your own following Jesus flip-flop? Maybe using card or foam, with a pipe-cleaner? Send us a photo of your creation.

**Shopping list:** Card / foam, Pipe cleaner

**I like to follow Jesus!**



**From now on, you will fish for people.**

**Prayer activity:**

Go for a prayer walk. As you walk down your road pray for the people who live there. As you go shopping, pray for the people who work there.

How many different places could you pray in this week?

Make a list and bring it to Sunday School in September to show us.



**Questions:**

What was it about Jesus that the fisherman wanted to follow? Do you want to follow Jesus? You do not have to leave your boat but what might need to change so you can follow Jesus.



Watch a video of the story. It is by Saddleback kids, on YouTube, Jesus calls Peter. There is a link on the Parish Website.

**To chat about....**

**Would you rather?**  
**Be in the boat with Jesus**  
**or**  
**Listening on the shore with the crowd**

Name				
Sunday July 28th	LITTLE MISS BUSY			
Monday July 29th				
Tuesday July 30th	LITTLE MISS WISE			
Wednesday July 31st				
Thursday August 1st				
Friday August 2nd				
Saturday August 3rd				

**Science activity:**

Make your own sundial. You'll need a stick and some stones or a pencil and paper plate. Find a spot in your garden that is in full sun at all times of the day. Make the stick or pencil stand upright. Look at your watch or clock. When it is exactly on the hour, place a stone / mark right at the end of the stick's / pencils shadow. Place your other stones at equal intervals. Now you have the hours marked from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Now you can use your sundial to tell the time when you are outside! Each stone is an hour, and as the shadow moves between the stones, you can tell the time more exactly (e.g. if the shadow is halfway between two stones it is half past the hour).

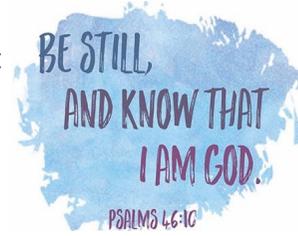


Watch a video of the story. It is by Crossroads Kids Club, on YouTube called; God's Story: Mary and Martha There is a link on the Parish Website.

**Questions:**

How will you use your time this week?  
 Time sitting and thinking.  
 Time being busy.  
 Time playing / reading / watching tv.

Time with God?  
 How can you fit in some time with God this week?



**Prayer activity:**

How long can you sit still and pray? Can you challenge each other to do different times? 1min, 5mins...

It might help to have a picture to look at or something to hold.

Maybe you could hold a toy and thank God for all the good things you have.



**Read the story:**

Mary and Martha  
 Luke 10:38-42

**To chat about...**

**Would you rather?**

**Sit completely still for an hour**

**Or run around tidying up for an hour.**

**At the Home of Mary and Martha**

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV).



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Family planner—What are you doing this week?

Name				
Sunday August 4th				
Monday August 5th				
Tuesday August 6th				
Wednesday August 7th				
Thursday August 8th				
Friday August 9th				
Saturday August 10th				



**Questions:**

Bartimaeus was not able to see. What would you miss if you could never see it again? Talk about how it feels not to see. Close your eyes. Maybe you could talk about the story with your eyes closed. Does it feel different? Is it easier or harder? Jesus healed the man. How do you think the man felt when he could see again?

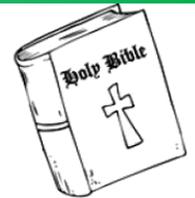
**Prayer activity:**

Often we close our eyes to pray but Bartimaeus opens his eyes to meet Jesus. Trying praying with your eyes open. Maybe use what you can see to give you ideas.

***To chat about....***  
***Would you rather?***  
***See Jesus walk on water or***  
***See Jesus heal Bartimaeus.***



# Blind Bartimaeus



**Activity:**

Put some items in a bag. E.g. toy, pen, cloth, glue stick.

Find a friend or family member. Can you identify what is in the bag without seeing it?

What tasks could you try to do with your eyes closed? Can you tie your shoelaces? Get dressed? Clean your teeth? What other tasks could you try?

Email Mandy and tell her what you tried to do.

**Craft:** Can you make a blindfold?

There are lots of ideas online. You could use card or foam. These can help you experience what it might be like not to see and then to see again.



**Read the story:**

Bartimaeus  
Mark 10:46-52



Watch a video of the story. It is by Saddleback kids, on YouTube, Jesus heals a man born blind. There is a link on the Parish Website.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

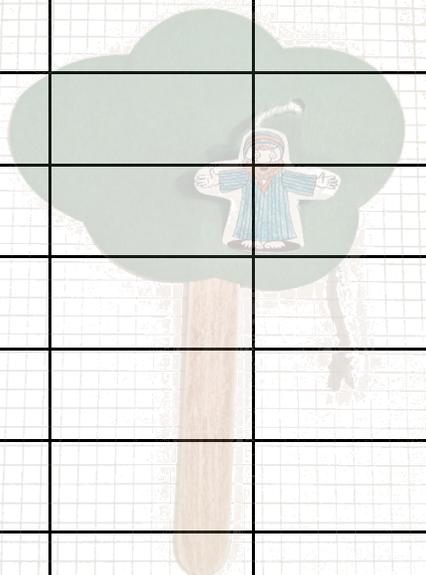
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Jericho	city	begging	cheer	faith
Jesus	blind	shout	jumped	healed
disciples	Bartimaeus	mercy	feet	sight
crowd	roadside	quiet	Rabbi	followed

Family planner—What are you doing this week?

Name				
Sunday August 11th				
Monday August 12th				
Tuesday August 13th				
Wednesday August 14th				
Thursday August 15th				
Friday August 16th				
Saturday August 17th				



**Questions:**

Jesus saw Zacchaeus up the tree. Do you think Jesus sees you? Would you have wanted Jesus to come to your house for tea? What do you think you would have talked about or eaten?

Retell the story:  
Try retelling the story using lego?  
Or get creative and make a puppet?

**Activity:**

Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house for tea. Could you invite someone from church round for tea this week? Or, could you donate some items to the foodbank to help feed people in need. Jesus changed Zacchaeus' life. Who's' life could you change this week?



**ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS**

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



**Prayer activity:**

Zacchaeus met with Jesus and knew that he had made mistakes.

Take time this week to say sorry to God.

Maybe each time you wash your hands you could say a sorry prayer in your head. It could be sorry for something you did wrong, something you said or thought that was unkind or something you should have done but didn't want to do it.



**Shopping list:**

Foodbank items



Watch a video of the story. It is by Crossroads Kids Club, on YouTube called; God's Story: Zacchaeus. There is a link on the Parish Website.

**Read the story:**

Zacchaeus  
Luke 19:1-10

**To chat about....**

**Would you rather?**  
**Eat with Jesus at Zacchaeus house**  
**Or be at the feeding of the 5,000**

Family planner—What are you doing this week?

Name				
Sunday August 18th				
Monday August 19th				
Tuesday August 20th				
Wednesday August 21st				
Thursday August 22nd				
Friday August 23rd				
Saturday August 24th				



**Read the story:**  
Peter walks on water  
Matthew 14:22-33

***To chat about...***  
***Would you rather?***  
***Walk on water***  
***Or***  
***Stay in the boat***

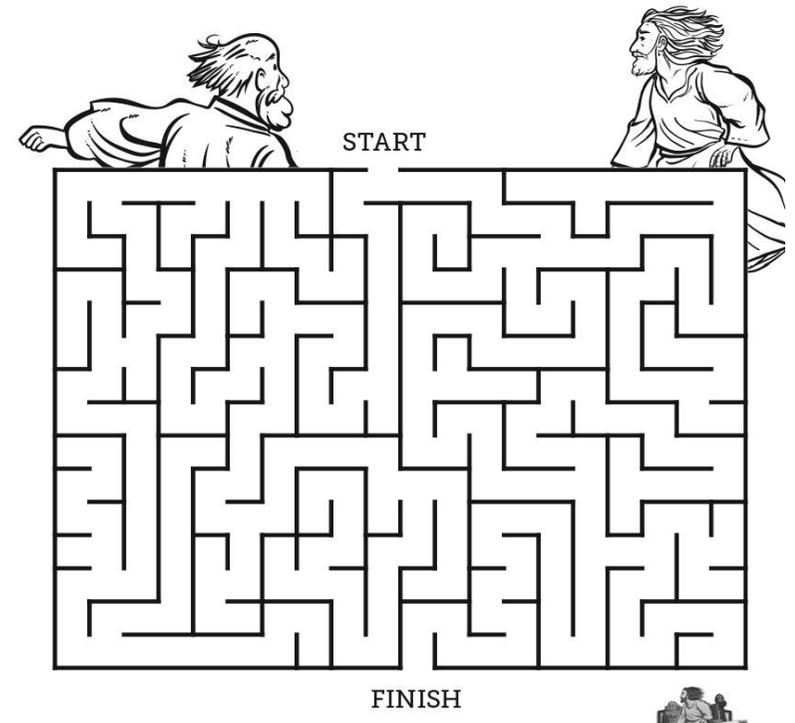
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Who do  
you trust?

Talk about  
the people  
you trust.  
Why do  
you trust  
them?  
What  
would you  
trust them  
to do?

## JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Lead Peter across the water to Jesus.



### Activity:

Have some fun with water....  
What can you find that will float?  
What can you find that will sink?  
Have fun experimenting.  
Can you guess what will happen  
before you put it into the water?

There are lots and lots of great  
science experiments  
online with water.  
Why not see if your  
family could look  
some up and have a  
go? Let Mandy  
know if you do.



### Prayer activity:

Peter was distracted by the wind and waves.  
Can you stay focussed to pray with the  
television on? Or if other people are talking?  
Or do you need to go somewhere quiet  
where you can concentrate. Try praying in  
both places and see which you like best.

### Questions:

Peter trusted Jesus when he got out of the  
boat. What do you think makes Jesus  
trustworthy? Peter began to sink when he  
took his eyes off of Jesus. What takes our  
attention away from Jesus?

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Name				
Sunday August 25th				
Monday August 26th				
Tuesday August 27th				
Wednesday August 28th				
Thursday August 29th				
Friday August 30th				
Saturday August 31st				

**Read the story:**

Samaritan woman  
John 4:3-42

**Questions:**

Jesus knew all about the woman, the good and the not so good, and still loved her. Do you know that God knows you and loves you as well? What difference will it make to your week to know that love each day?

**Prayer activity:**

Jesus offers us living water.

Get a glass of cold water. As you drink it ask God to refresh you and fill you with His Holy Spirit.



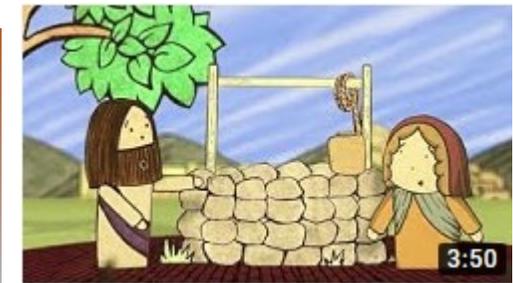
**Craft:**

There is a printable 3D well to make on <http://mychildrenscurriculum.blogspot.com> Go to the index tab and then right at the bottom is a page of ideas for the Samaritan women at the well.



**Activity:**

Jesus asked the woman for a drink. Who could you help this week by giving them a drink? Remember to ask an adult for help. How many different people could you get a drink for? How many different types of drinks?



Watch a video of the story. You can find it on YouTube, Angela Conrad, Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman. Or check the Parish Website.

***To chat about....***

***Would you rather?***

***Give Jesus a drink or receive a drink from Jesus.***