

Here are some ideas for you to continue learning, reinforcing and growing together from Sunday's sermon. It's a bit like what we might do in C3 kids but for families. Praying you have a great time together as you finish 1 John together!



Big idea:

You can be sure when you believe in the true Jesus...



What you'll need: A laptop & sound, Bible, coloured pens, paper, a ball/something to pass, envelope labelled 1 John with letter & you can be sure sheet inside (print outs available at end of doc), toy story trailer ready (see link with 2nd video time).

Optional depending on what you decide: have you got an egg for the challenge, and anything you might need to protect it,

**Get
Going
GO!**

Play pass the Story

Someone starts a story... e.g. *One day a...*

And then passes a ball to someone else in the family and they have to continue the story... e.g. *flamingo had a bath...* keep going until the story ends!

Pray

Pray for your time together.

**Teach
time**

Did your story have an unexpected or surprise ending!?

Well 1 John is not a shock ending.

Show envelope

This is what John wants them to know: *read letter.*

Who have they been wobbled by?

Antichrists. And their false Jesus!



Video time



Activity Idea



After the video you could **Play I spy...or dive straight into 1 John**

Link: Watch out for people who don't speak the whole truth about Jesus!

John's letter is all about how we can be sure.

Take out 2nd sheet (you can be sure) from the envelope.

You could add: what you can be sure of from v13 (we have eternal life!)

Read



What else can we be sure of...let's find out...

You can be sure...God answers prayer:

Read v14

Add what you can be sure of to your sheet! (God answers prayer!)

Chat time

Have a **chat** about how you view/think about prayer:

Do you love to talk to your Heavenly Father? Do you want to? Are you excited to?
Like a child talking to their father (parent)...do you 'walk in with confidence'?

It's really sad when we see prayer as dull or a chore.

Our parents don't always hear us but what about God?

God always hears us and loves to hear our prayers! Just like a child speaking to their father (parent)!

But we're not praying for a private jet or a fancy car...we're praying for...?

God's will! We ask prayers he wants us to ask for!

When we pray what God wants us to pray for - it will happen!

Why not pray now!? Or come back to this point at the end of the session when praying.



Video time



Here's the link you need to watch during this video time:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JcpWXaA2qeg>

You can be sure...God forgives

Read v16

What is the sin that leads to death?

The sin of the antichrists...they reject Jesus and his death for sins!

You cannot be forgiven if you reject Jesus the forgiver!

When we trust Jesus what can we be sure of?

Add what you can be sure of to your sheet: God forgives!

Our sin is sad (*someone could draw a sad face...*) and serious but when we confess our sins, thanks to Jesus, our relationship with God is restored!

(someone could draw a happy face)

Teach Idea



What should we do for our brothers and sisters when see them sin? Do you?

Pray for them! Pray they will confess their sin and be forgiven, and given life. Back to enjoying relationship with God! Isn't that great!? God gives us each other to pray.

Activity Idea



Before we read the last thing John tells us we can be sure of...here's a challenge.

Challenge idea: Have you got an egg...can you protect it when it's dropped from a height so that it doesn't break? Can you keep it safe?

Why not listen to the [C3 kids at home playlist](#) as you make...

You can be sure...God protects

Read v18 - what does that mean? To not continue in sin!?

We do not sin as we did before we were Christians - we hate it, we fight it, we repent when we do, and ask for God's help.

How are we kept safe?

Jesus! It's not because we're amazing it's because Jesus is amazing!

The evil one cannot get at us! He has no power over us - sometimes we listen to him again but he doesn't have the final say! He won't let us go back to the life of sinning! The children of God are on the winning side!

Add what you can be sure of to your sheet: God protects / we are safe

So John tells us that: Jesus is the true God and eternal life - its not heaven we're after it's him!

Activity Idea



What do you love doing? *You could do it now if it fits with the session...? Or everyone has to go and get something related to what they love doing.*

Talk about how this is meant to point you to the giver! It's a taste of the thrill of knowing God! Jesus is the true God and eternal life - he is the one in whom all our longings are satisfied.



Video time



What's the final command?

Keep yourself from idols - there are no substitutes / swaps for the true Jesus!

Through the apostles teaching we meet the true Jesus - why would we want to go anywhere else!?! There's nothing better!

You can be sure - believing in the true Jesus means you are: *go over all the things you've written on your sheet:*

Safe, you truly have eternal life. Life with Jesus. Forgiven. Prayers are heard...

Why not stop and **pray now!** Pray prayers shaped by 1 John...

Here's some ideas:

believe in the true Jesus, for our brothers and sisters, fighting sin, forgiveness, how great the love the Father has lavished on us, Jesus laying down his life for us, us laying down our lives for one another, Jesus is the best treasure, keep ourselves from idols...

Pray

Dear Christians...

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that **YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE**

(1 John 5v13)

YOU CAN BE SURE!

YOU ARE SAFE!

Love John

STICK TO THE APOSTLES TEACHING

believe in the TRUE JESUS

you can be SURE...