

IGNITE@HOME

It's not much fun being stuck inside. You might even be missing school! (or not). **But just because there's no church or IGNITE am that doesn't mean that we can't continue on our journey with God.** Just as I hope you are still messaging your friends even though you can't meet them in person, you can still keep your relationship with God going from the comfort of your own home.

I have put together a few ideas for you - this isn't homework(!) but here are a few things you could try if you want to. You don't have to do all of them (or any of them, to be honest). But let's face it, it looks as though you may have some time on your hands...

READ THE BIBLE

At IGNITE am earlier in the year, I was encouraging you to read the gospel of Mark - it's the easiest one to read, and the shortest. Just read a bit at a time to let it sink in and think about what it means. Maybe now is the time! (You could try the YouVersion Bible app where you can choose the version you want and it will also read it to you).

LISTEN TO MUSIC

Find some Christian music on YouTube. See if you can find some Christian bands/artists you like. Here are a few suggestions to search for depending on what music you like: Skillet (loud/heavy), Kari Jobe (singer/songwriter), Guvna B (rap), LZ7 (electronic dance), Rend Collective (acoustic/celtic), Hillsong Young & Free (pop/worship). Or if you remember a song/hymn you like, see if there's a video for it. There probably is. Music can calm you or energise you, and it can help you connect with God.

PRAY

Bet you knew I would say that... I think you, your families and the world could do with a lot of prayer right now so you can play your part. Just tell God what's on your mind (and don't forget to listen). He can take it, even if you are confused or angry! It may help to light a candle or tea light to help you concentrate. There are some prayer apps with written prayers and/or readings e.g. TimeToPray (C of E prayers as read in church), or InnerRoom which helps you get your thoughts in order and list what you want to pray for. And I will be praying for you too...

FOLLOW THE EASTER STORY

You could follow the events of this important week in the Bible - on 5th April (Palm Sunday) read Mark 11:1-11; 9th April (Maundy Thursday - Last Supper/Garden of Gethsemane etc.) Mark 14:12-72; 10th April (Good Friday) Mark 15:1-41; 11th April (Easter Eve) Mark 15:42-47; 12th April (Easter Day) Mark 16:1-8. Then play this video: <https://youtu.be/BOiIW8nrw5g>.

LOVE YOUR FAMILY

You're all stuck together in the house. All day. Everyone else is probably a bit stressed too, so we all have to try to get along. There needs to be a bit of give and take so maybe cut each other some slack! You know it makes sense...

TAKE THE SHUFFLE CHALLENGE

At IGNITE am on Sundays we use the Shuffle cards to set us a challenge for the coming week. Each Sunday I will be tweeting a new Shuffle card. Do you accept the challenge? <https://twitter.com/SYouthworker>

SUBSCRIBE TO A YOUTUBE CHANNEL

"The Way" is a Youtube channel where Mark and Kaeli sit on the sofa and talk through a topic for about 3 minutes and look at what the Bible says. At the moment they are putting up a "check in" video each Thursday to encourage us in these weird times. Give it a try!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3hhd27F5hnRLeoyujML5WQ>.

OPEN THE BOX!

If you were at IGNITE am when we made the origami promise boxes, you could open yours and have a look at the 3 prayers, 3 Christian aims, 3 resolutions and Bible verse you put inside.

STAY IN TOUCH

I hope you are still staying in touch with your friends, talking, sharing videos, playing (virtual) games etc. Apart from that my contact details are below. I will post things on social media (I do also have Instagram but mainly post on Twitter and Facebook). If you need anything, want to ask anything (or just want to say hello) please get in touch. Also if you or your families want any more ideas, or can think of anything else you'd like me to do, just contact me.

Take care everyone! God bless!

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