



Making it Happen !

Getting Started

Look for a time in the week when you can all be together. We would suggest over a meal may be a good time as you can chat & eat, and hopefully not be rushed. For others in a mid week or Sunday morning group, you may have a limited time so make it part of your weekly programme.

It's important you find the time that works best for your family or group, and make sure everyone's voice is heard each time you meet. Possibly have a different person guiding you each time? It may well be that some of the children in the group will learn from you, and be more than capable of leading your Round & About time on a regular basis too?

Take the Round & About sheet you have chosen, and use it as your guide for your time together. Have a way ready for attaching the sheet to your fridge, or pin board, or a place where it can be seen in the week.

All Together

Have some coloured felts / pencils or have or got some different coloured fridge magnets for each person, (if you intend to attach the sheet to a fridge / metal board) .As you discuss the 'steps' you want to take in developing your ways of Living, Loving & Serving - then add that step on to your name at the bottom of the sheet. Please do not feel you need to fill all the slots, it may be you have one step for that week -that's okay!

After you have chatted about what everyone has written put down, take a time to pray for each other. Be sensitive as to how long that prayer time should be, but make it be related to what has been written down by your group. Allow others to pray, or be silent in this time. Some might find drawing / doodling their prayers is best for them.

Loving

Taking time to love God more, when we take time to know Him more we shall feel more like one of God's children. We are also called to love those around us at home, school and work as well as our church family . When we show love to others and ourselves we and others feel valued, whatever age we are we need and look for that in life – and God offers that!

Step—How can I do that in a way that helps me & others?

Living

Whatever age we are , living out our faith as Jesus did lived out his calling is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus. However, it's not always the easiest of things to do – whatever age we are. Whether at school with our friends of work colleagues or in ways we try and share our life of faith with others we need to love and pray for those around us.

Step—How can I do that in a way that helps me & others?

Serving

Children can be so challenging to us as adults in the ways they want to get their 'hands dirty' in helping us do things, or they see us doing something and go off to copy it. Well, how can we all encourage and learn from one another in the ways we seek to serve those around us and by that show Gods justice and truth in action?

Step—How can I do that in a way that helps me & others?

When You Next Meet

Over the next few days allow the sheet to be a prompt to ask how things are going, and for you all in your group to colour / add magnets as you see things going well.., or not so well in your step(s) for that week. Whatever experiences you have, remember that the disciples kept on learning and growing in their faith too.

For others you may only meet once a week in your children's group, so adapt the resource to make it work best for your children, and you as a leader.

Celebrate !

Whatever time period you chose to cover Living, Loving & Serving make the fourth time a celebration time, and then go round again Living , Loving & Serving for as long as you like

