***A time for everything***

**Welcome (Parents and Carers asked to stay until after the opening Prayer)**

Welcome back to Friends on Faith Adventures. We are looking forward to going on a journey and nobody knows where we will end up. All we know is we have got our crate filled with adventure and an open path ahead. So, hold on tight and enjoy the ride!!

Let’s hear about FOFA bear and FOFA cam’s adventures this week and how everyone got on with the Walking the Way challenge. (Encourage everyone, including parents and carers, to join in.)

**The Opening Prayer**

We are friends together *(shake hands with both palms facing towards body)*

On a faith adventure (*point to forehead with thumb. Hold other hand with palm facing up and bring the side of your first hand down so that it goes across the palm of the second hand just below the fingers)*

With the Bible as our mapbook *(draw cross with thumbnail on back of hand then put hands together and open like a book)*

And Jesus as our guide *(use index fingers to point into palm of each hand in turn).*

God, be with us in all that we do *(point up, then make index finger into a hook shape and move down as though pulling down towards you)*

And go with us wherever we go *(point outwards).*

Amen *(two thumbs up with hands apart, bring hands together)*.

**The alternative Prayer**

Lord help us to be:

**P**repared for adventure

**I**n all we do.

**L**oving and caring,

**O**pen to others

**T**ogether as one community

**S**haring the love of Jesus on our way.

Amen

**Fun together**

Matching

What you need:

* Set of cards for each pair (cards attached to this session)
* timer

Divide everyone into pairs. Give out the sets of cards and set a 5- or 10-minute timer. The aim is for the pairs to arrange the cards to formulate the correct Bible verses within the allotted time. To help with younger children consider photocopying the same parts of the verses onto the same-coloured card. Different colours for each sentence.

Charades

What you need:

* Cards with different jobs written on them (suggestions – doctor/ nurse/ hairdresser/ chef/ fire man-woman/ policeman-woman/ rubbish collector/ cleaner)
* timer

This is a game of charades, the group needs to be split into two, the groups take it in turns. A team member comes forward, reads the card and acts out the job to their team, the team has 2 minutes to guess correctly. Each correct guess scores a point. Once everyone has had a turn count up the points and see which team is the winner. Explain that today is about there being a purpose to all we do.

**Today’s theme is about how there is a purpose to everything and a time for everything too.**

**The Big Story – A time for everything – Ecclesiastes ch3 v1-8**

What you need:

* doll/ heart/ cushion/ dove/ bin/ plant/ first aid/ building blocks/ music cd/ stones/ microphone/ magnify glass/ binoculars/ material and needle/ tissue and 2 items for the hands of the clock such as hockey sticks or brooms

Reader 1: Hi, does anyone know what time it?

*[pulls sleeve back to show no watch]*

Reader 2: oh um [say the time]

Reader 1: Thank you………………. actually, could you also tell me what the date is?

Reader 2: okkkkay it’s [say the date] [Goes to walk away]

Reader 1: Great…………before you go

Reader 2: yes?

Reader 1: What season is it?

Reader 2: [sighs] it’s [say the season] why are you asking me all this?

Reader 1: I heard a Bible passage that said ‘There is a time for everything and a season for all things – I don’t want to forget what day it is, and what season it is.

Reader 2: Ahh I know the Bible passage you mean; it doesn’t literally mean the time and the season, it means that there is a time for all things to happen, every feeling, every purpose, etc

Reader 1: I’m not sure I understand?

Reader 2: Let’s read the passage again and make a picture of it together…………..

Reader 1: oh ok, sounds good.

[as each line is read someone in the group takes out the corresponding item/picture and lays it on the floor at the top of the wooden poles and then each subsequent item/picture is placed so as to create a circle like a clock face around the poles.]

Reader 2:

There is a time to be born
    and a time to die. [doll]
There is a time to plant
    and a time to pull up plants. [plant]
There is a time to kill
    and a time to heal. [first aid box]
There is a time to destroy
    and a time to build. [building blocks]
There is a time to cry
    and a time to laugh. [tissue]
There is a time to be sad
    and a time to dance. [music cd]
There is a time to throw away stones
    and a time to gather them. [stones]
There is a time to hug
    and a time not to hug. [cushion]
There is a time to look for something
    and a time to stop looking for it. [magnify glass/ binoculars]
There is a time to keep things
    and a time to throw things away. [bin]
There is a time to tear apart
    and a time to sew together. [ material and needle]
There is a time to be silent
    and a time to speak. [microphone]
There is a time to love
    and a time to hate. [heart]
There is a time for war
    and a time for peace. [dove]

Reader 1: That has really helped me understand it better – thank you

Reader 2: I wonder if you agree with everything on the list?

**Creative adventure**

*What you need:*

* white t-shirts (you could ask the families to provide one by letting them know in advance) [Fruit of the Loom Boy's T-Shirt (Pack of 10) : Amazon.co.uk: Clothing](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Fruit-Loom-T-Shirt-White-Years/dp/B079VSRMWN/ref%3Dsr_1_9?crid=1MSANI2XGG7Y0&keywords=childrens+white+t+shirts&qid=1641980375&sprefix=childrens+white+tshirts%2Caps%2C103&sr=8-9)
* fabric pens [2X textile fabric markers - set of 8 assorted colours : Amazon.co.uk: Home & Kitchen](https://www.amazon.co.uk/2X-textile-fabric-markers-assorted/dp/B078X8TS76/ref%3Dasc_df_B078X8TS76?tag=bingshoppinga-21&linkCode=df0&hvadid=80745469309071&hvnetw=o&hvqmt=e&hvbmt=be&hvdev=c&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-4584345020175633&psc=1)
* card – enough for each person big enough to fit inside their t-shirt
* paper
* pencils

Give everyone a few minutes and a piece of paper to think about/ draft a design to include the words ‘A time for everything’.

Helpful suggestions could be to draw their favourite things/ flowers/ animals. Ensure everyone is aware that once they start drawing, it cannot be rubbed out and unless you have spares, they cannot start again.

Complete this activity on a flat surface, place a piece of card inside the t-shirt before beginning to draw. (This is to ensure the design doesn’t seep through to the other side of the fabric)

Once ready use the felt tips or fabric pens on the t-shirts.

Send home instructions: to seal the picture onto the fabric it must be ironed for 5 minutes. It can then be washed.

Wondering questions to use during creative time:

I wonder …how you would finish this sentence, A time for……………………….

I wonder …why there are sad things listed?

I wonder …which one of ‘A time for’ you are feeling right now?

**The Adventure Map**

Explain the Adventure Map and how a lot of the books were written hundreds and thousands of years before Jesus came to Earth. However, a lot of the stories in the Bible before the birth of Jesus, talk of his coming and set out how God wants us to live our lives.

Take the young people to the Adventure Map that you have created on the wall. Get the children to find where on the Map today’s story came from. Choose one or some of the things created by the children to be photographed and attach this to the wall to create a visual reminder of where the story came from and your adventure together. The aim is that in a year you will have lots of reminders of the stories and where in the Bible they come from. Use a piece of string or ribbon to connect the photo of the craft work to the book of the Bible.

**Walking the Way**

**This is a time to invite the parents and carers back in to share what the children have been up to during the session. They will also be here to hear about the Walking the Way challenge and the tasks (should they choose to accept them) that the children (and parents) are about to undertake.**

For the Younger: FOFA the bear

This is FOFA. FOFA likes nothing more than to go on an adventure; FOFA is a little more adventurous than me. FOFA believes that faith is a journey and that’s why FOFA would love to take you on a journey with him and walk the way of God in our everyday lives. Each session FOFA would like to go home with one of you and add to FOFA’s scrapbook of things you do together. FOFA doesn’t mind if you draw a picture of what you have done, take a photograph or just write a story about it. FOFA also doesn’t mind if you just come and tell the rest of us what you got up to together. But because FOFA’s memory isn’t very good as FOFA’s brains are made of stuffing, it would be better to save the memories in the book if you can. At the end of our time together we can always remember the great adventures we have been on together with FOFA and hopefully you will walk a little closer with God.

For the Older: FOFA cam

This camera is your window on the world. You have one shot at this, so choose carefully. You will be given a very precious piece of equipment – a FOFA cam. You have one photo to take with the camera, that records one thing – a way you have met the challenge. If there are other people in the photo, please ask their permission first and explain this photo will be put on display here. Bring back the camera and your photo next time to share your moment - and remember you only have ONE shot at this!

Every time we will choose someone to take FOFA bear and someone to take FOFA cam to help them with the challenge – but we can all have a go at the challenge!

Our Walking the Way Challenge this time is: to visit someone who you haven’t seen recently or you know is not well and make time to see them.

**Adventurers Go!**

So, today we have heard how there is a time for everything and a purpose for all of us. In life sometimes things go well and sometimes they don’t go well and their different seasons/ stages of our life, but God has a plan for all of us and we can trust that God is with us.

**Prayers (choose one/both)**

*God of different seasons,*

*we ask you are with us when things are going well,*

*and when things are not going well,*

*and when we are journeying through different things in our life.*

*Amen*

**Active Prayer**

What you need:

* playdough
* copy of the bible verse

Ensure each person has some playdough, ask them to close their eyes and to hold the playdough in their hand while the Bible verse is read out loud to them (Ecclesiastes ch3 v 1-8) Ask them to mould whatever comes to mind when those verses are read. This is their prayer.

**End Prayer Every Session: All together**

**We are Friends on Faith Adventures, travelling together with God.**

**Adventurers go! Amen**

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| **Location** | **Possible hazard** | **Action required** | **Action taken** | **Signature** |
| **During session** | Use of fabric pens and possible damage to clothes | Consider offering protective clothing  |  |  |

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| A TIME TO BE BORN | A TIME TO DIE |
| A TIME TO PLANT | A TIME TO PULL UP PLANTS |
| A TIME TO KILL | A TIME TO HEAL |
| A TIME TO DESTROY | A TIME TO BUILD |
| A TIME TO CRY | A TIME TO LAUGH |
| A TIME TO BE SAD | A TIME TO DANCE |
| A TIME TO THROW AWAY STONES | A TIME TO GATHER |
| A TIME TO HUG | A TIME NOT TO HUG |
| A TIME TO LOOK FOR SOMETHING | A TIME TO STOP LOOKING |
| A TIME TO KEEP THINGS | A TIME TO THROW THINGS AWAY |
| A TIME TO TEAR APART | A TIME TO SEW TOGETHER |
| A TIME TO BE SILENT | A TIME TO SPEAK |
| A TIME TO LOVE | A TIME TO HATE |
| A TIME FOR WAR | A TIME FOR PEACE |