



# Online session

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

## Let's Talk...

What do the following things have in common?

- A Newspaper
- A telephone
- A letter
- An email
- A text message

That's right! They are all ways of communicating with each other!

Today we are thinking about how we communicate with God. We do that through prayer.

We can't send God an email or a text message, but we can talk to him and he always listens to us and he speaks back to us in lots of different ways - through others and when we read the bible are just 2 ways that God speaks to us.

Nehemiah was a man who was devoted to prayer. That meant prayer was one of the most important things to him, he knew that making time for God in prayer was what was needed to have a good friendship with God.

Do you make time for God like Nehemiah did?

When do you pray to God?

What do you talk to him about?

God cares about every detail of our lives and we can talk to him about anything!

Remember... he is ALWAYS listening!

## Memory Verse

LORD, God of heaven, you are the great and powerful God. You are the God who keeps his agreement of love with people who love you and obey your commands.

**Nehemiah 1:5 (ERV)**



## Nehemiah

We start a brand new series today and it is all based around the life of Nehemiah, check out his story here;

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



## Prayer Time...

Nehemiah was devoted to prayer, read Nehemiah's prayer in Nehemiah 1:5-11

His prayer included these things;

- Telling God how great and wonderful he is.
- Telling God, he is sorry for anything he has done wrong.
  - Thanks for all God has done.
  - Asking God for what he needs.

Why not use this structure to write your own prayer to God here;

Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks \_\_\_\_\_

Ask \_\_\_\_\_

## Wall of Prayer

Throughout this series, we want to 'build a wall' of our prayers. Just send your prayer in to me [jennie.jarvis@kingsgate.church](mailto:jennie.jarvis@kingsgate.church) and we will create an online wall in the kids area with all of your prayers. You can each look at them and pray for each other. All prayers will be kept anonymous. Remember – God always sees us and hears our prayers!

## Cups...

Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king.

There are so many fun things you can do with cups... why not grab some paper cups and try some of these fun games; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9tzeo7rrHI>

For more of a challenge, why not try to learn this cup clapping and tapping sequence using a plastic cup; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5kYLOb6i5I>

See if you can do it with other members of your family without making any mistakes!

## Family Prayers - Pass the Parcel...



You will need;  
Newspaper or scrap paper  
Small pieces of paper or post it notes  
A small packet of sweets

Wrap the sweets  
Add several layers just like you do for pass the parcel  
When you add each layer, put in a post it note with a prayer point (it could be praise to God or a request or even a sorry prayer)  
When you have finished, play the game with your family, when you open a layer, you get to pray that prayer! When you get to the sweets at the end, you could all share them!

## Response Time...

Let's worship together;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wyotu9Twwk> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

Let's pray;

*Thank you God that you are a great God, thank you that you keep your promises and you take care of those that love you. Please help me to show you my love by speaking with you daily and being devoted to prayer like Nehemiah was. Amen*



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