

Wadsley Family Values



What are our values?



Family

Discipleship

Mission

Worship

Power

We believe that God has got a good plan for each of us, and we want to encourage each other to discover what it is and step into it. We do this at our Sunday services, but also through our small groups.

We believe that God speaks, moves and heals today. God's power is accessible to everybody, not just special people, so we will always give the Holy Spirit space to do whatever He wants.

We believe that the church exists to tell people about a God who loves them, and to introduce them to Him. God has called us to focus on being a great local church, so while people are welcome from anywhere, our main calling is to love and serve our surrounding area.

Worshipping God is really important to us, and so we make lots of space for it. We believe that God is AMAZING and worthy of our time and admiration. We love spending time in His presence and meeting with Him.

We are a church where everyone is welcome! Regardless of age, gender or background, Wadsley Church is a place where you can belong and feel at home. We try to worship God in a manner that everybody can connect with.

Can you draw lines to match the image, value and description?

Notes for grown ups:

- We know that over the summer lots of people are away – as we explore our Church values this is a way for us to all explore them together, even if we aren't there every Sunday.
- I haven't included the text on each page on purpose so that you can pull out your Bibles together and use the version that feels best for your family. The Rockets and Space Cadets should all have an Adventure Bible (please talk to Emily if they don't) which you could use. If you don't have a children's Bible at home please chat to Emily.
- Don't feel like you need to use all the questions or ideas, pick the ones that are a good fit – some may not work for younger children.
- Some video options are:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rms6KePjIZ8>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQhkWmFJKnA>
- Emily will pop these links in the family facebook page too!

Tips

- Start with prayer, it can be something simple like "God please be with us as we think about you together" or "Thank you for the Bible, help us to know you better as we read it"
- Read over the page and the passage before you sit down with your family
- Children are full of wriggles and might not sit still for that long, they might still be listening if they are moving around!
- It's ok if you don't get to the end!
- Children have a lot of questions – and that's a good thing. For some great tips on answering questions head to:

<https://www.parentingforfaith.brf.org.uk/post/questions/>

Acts 2: 42 - 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Can you learn the whole thing by the end of the summer? There will be prizes!

Week One - Family



Stuff to chat about...

- What does it mean to be a family - can you write your own definition?
- How does it make you feel to know you are part of a bigger family than the people you live with?
- Are there people at Church that you think of as family? Do you have any other friends you think of as family?
- In families we all have a part to play - what is your role in our Church?
- Can you think of any stories or passages from the Bible that help us understand what it means to be family? Or any examples in the Bible of how not to be family!

More to explore...

- Can you draw a big "Family Photo" of as many people you can think of who are part of your Church Family? You could use it to help you pray for them over the summer
- Could you spend time with someone from our Church family this week?
- Is there something practical you can do to support someone in need in our Church? In need doesn't necessarily mean financially, someone may need company, prayer, a meal, help tidying up or a babysitter, I'm sure you can think of more ideas!

Prayer ideas

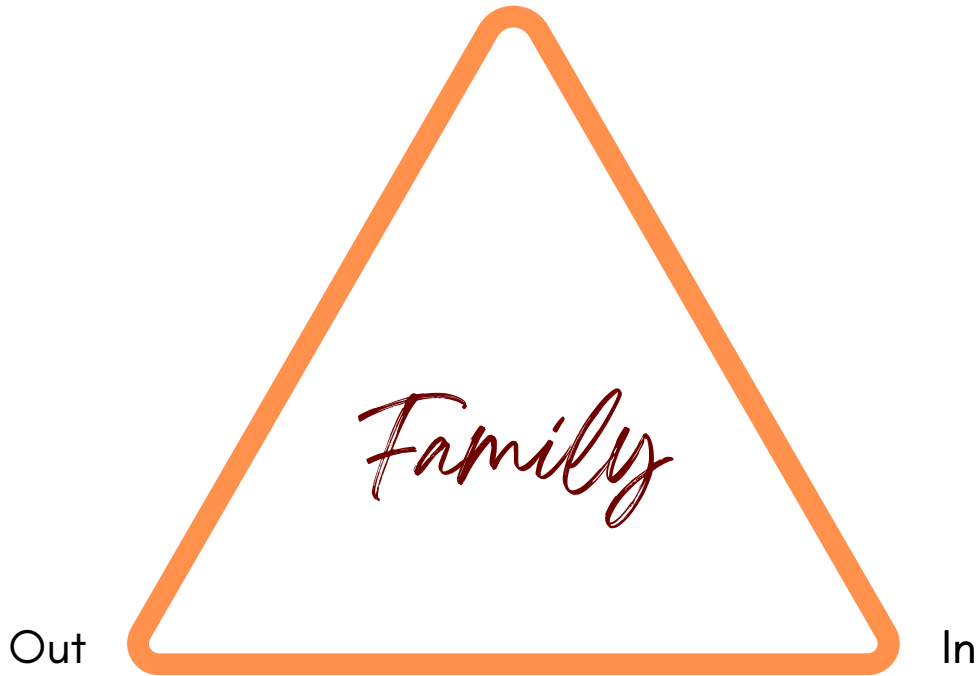
- For someone the same age as you, someone older than you and someone younger than you at church
- Is there someone in Church you know has a need? Pray for them this week

**Someone in my Church
Family I will pray for this
summer**

**Someone who doesn't
know Jesus that I will pray
for this summer**

God is our Father

Up



Who is missing
from our family?

We are family together



Week Two - Discipleship



Stuff to chat about...

- How do you already connect with God? If you are doing this booklet with other people do you connect in the same ways or are there differences?
- How can we get to know Jesus better, do you have any ideas?
- Are there any parts of your life where you don't really ask Jesus to be with you, or you don't really think about him much when you are there?
- How would your life look different if you brought Jesus with you into everything you do? Do you think it *would* be different?

More to explore...

- Can you write a letter/send a text/phone someone who has really encouraged you in your faith?
- Is there anyone you could help to grow in their faith - this isn't just for grownups! What could you do?
- Can you try connecting with God in a new way - maybe ask someone else how they connect with God and try that?
- We need to know Jesus to follow him - can you write a big list of words to describe who he is and put it somewhere you will see it lots?

Prayer ideas

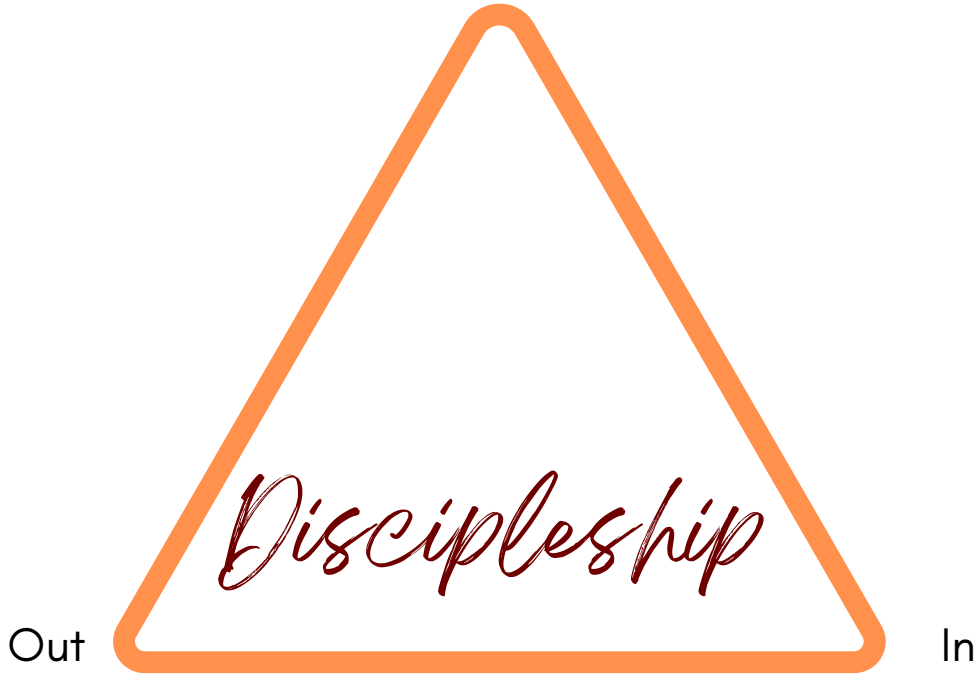
- For our small group leaders, youth and children's teams
- For someone who encourages you in your faith
- For someone who looks to you for encouragement

Someone in my Church Family I will pray for this summer

Someone who doesn't know Jesus that I will pray for this summer

We follow Jesus

Up



We invite others to follow Jesus with us

We follow Jesus together and support each other



Week Three - Worship

Stuff to chat about...

- What do you think it means to worship?
- WHY do we worship?
- If, for some reason, we couldn't sing for our worship time in Church how else might we be able to worship together?
- Do you think you ever put anything in front of God? How can we make sure we remember who we are worshiping and make sure we worship the right thing?
- Can you share a time when it was hard to worship? What did you do?

More to explore...

- With whoever you live with create a playlist of worship songs you love and play it on any car rides or listen to it as you play or eat together, or your own playlist and send it to someone else to encourage them too!
- Try spending time worshiping in a different way this week - you could read a psalm aloud, draw or make art, shout praise really loud or think of something else!
- Do you normally spend more time worshiping God by yourself or with others? Can you try the other way this week?
- Can you make an instrument/something to dance with to help you worship?

Prayer ideas

- Give thanks for who God is - spend time talking to him and telling him what you love about him
- Pray for those who lead worship at Wadsley

**Someone in my Church
Family I will pray for this
summer**

**Someone who doesn't
know Jesus that I will pray
for this summer**

We worship God

Up



The world sees our
worship and joins in

We point each other to
God and worship
together



Week Four - Power



Stuff to chat about...

- What does it mean for God to be powerful? Is there anything God can't do?
- When have you seen God's power at work? Can you share some stories from your own lives or from the Bible?
- Have you ever felt God communicate with you? What did that feel like? What happened? If you haven't try asking him to speak to you this week! Spend some time listening for God's voice - ask "what do you want to say to me today God?".

More to explore...

- We sometimes think of God's power as being like wind or fire - can you watch a candle, have a (safe!) bonfire or fly a kite this week and talk about the power of the wind and fire. What does that tell us about God's power?
- When God speaks to us or we see Him act it is amazing! Why not make a notebook to record what he says to you or where you see him working?
- Could you share a story of what God has done with one of the people you are praying for this summer?

Prayer ideas

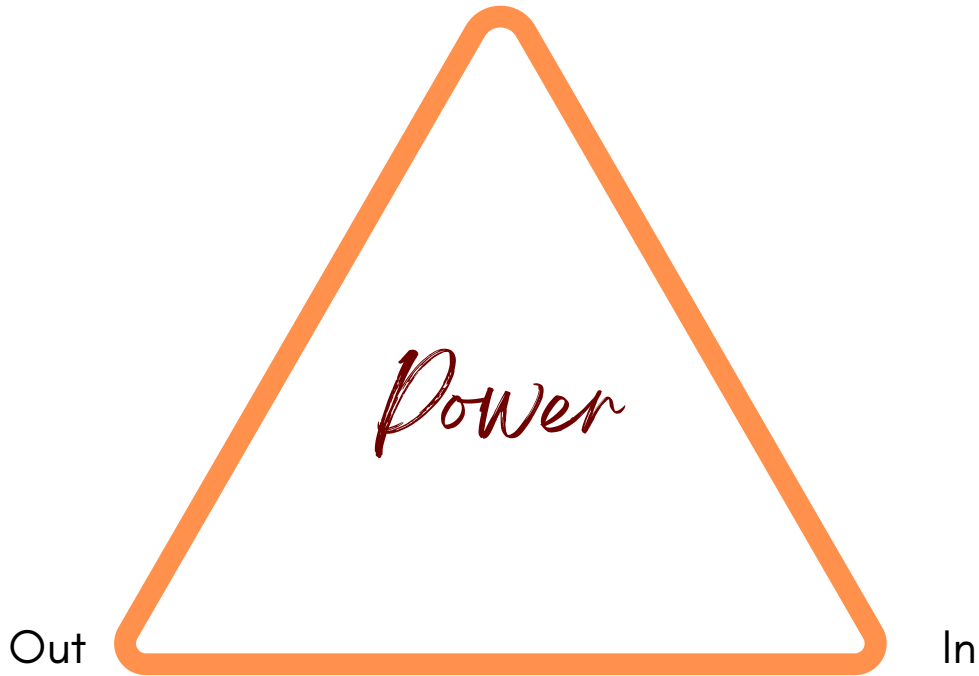
- Where do you need to see God's power at work this week? Pray for that situation
- One way we see God's power is through healing, who can you pray for this week who is ill?

**Someone in my Church
Family I will pray for this
summer**

**Someone who doesn't
know Jesus that I will pray
for this summer**

God is all powerful

Up



God uses us, in power,
for the world

We are empowered
by God



Week Five - Mission



Stuff to chat about...

- What do you think our mission is? Is it for everyone or just a few people?
- Why do you think God involves us in his work?
- If you wanted to tell someone why you love Jesus what would you say?
- What would it look like if God was adding new Christians to our church every day? How could that happen?
- Is there something our Church could be doing to reach people that we don't do at the moment? What could you do to make that happen?

More to explore...

- Can you go for a prayer walk around Church or where you live and pray for the people and houses/businesses you pass?
- Do you have a Whats on at Wadsley flyer? Look at what is happening and pray for those things!
- Can you pick someone that you will invite to something at Church before Christmas? That could be the person you are praying for!
- Ask God if there is anything you could do to help others know him this week.

Prayer ideas

For the different ministries that reach out to the community - lunch club, men's fellowship, toddler praise, our board game cafe, Wednesday night youth, Holiday club...

For someone you know who doesn't know Jesus yet

Give thanks for people who have helped you know more about Jesus

What are my next steps with the person I have been praying for?

God sends us

Up



Our mission is to tell the world
about Jesus

We are a team with a
mission



With little ones

Family

- Could you have a playdate with another Church family, or spend some time with someone else from Church who doesn't have little ones.
- Could you start to talk to your child about "Daddy God" if you don't already and start helping them to understand that they are his child and very loved by him.

Discipleship

- If you have babies or toddlers at home you are the best person to help them to discover God for themselves! Discipleship happens at home as well as in Church and small groups. Sharing Bible stories, helping them feel loved, praying together and singing with your children is all part of discipleship.

Worship

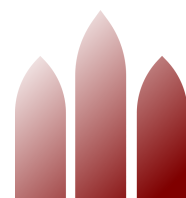
- You could make your own shaker to praise God with, have a dance party (the Toddler Praise 22 Playlist on Spotify is great)

Power

- Read some Bible stories together that show God's power - Creation, The walls of Jericho, Jesus calming the storm and stories of healing are all great examples, as well as the Easter story, but there are so many more!
- Children are never too little to hear from God!

Mission

- Could you bake/draw a picture/make a card for someone in your local community who needs some support this week? Or go and visit them?



Simple ways to connect with God this Summer

Whether or not you have Children the summer is often a time where life looks different - especially if you go away. Here are some ideas to connect with God during a holiday:

- Listen to worship music as you travel - either away or to work/family/normal life
- Choose a new Christian book to read or take away with you - or ask a friend if they have one they can lend you.
- Give thanks to God for the things you see around you or the things you do - it might be something you do often or something brand new.
- What bits can stay the same? If you always say grace, pray at a certain time of day etc. you might want to keep those parts of your routine even if the rest changes - and you might do things differently too!
- Apps like Lectio 365 and Lectio for families can be used anywhere!
- Choose a memory verse for the summer (Like the one we are learning together!) or choose a different verse each week for a challenge!
- Remember prayer is chatting to God and can be as simple as "wow" "help" or "thank you!"

