

**St. Mary's Wollaton Park**  
**Online kids' church, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Waiting for Jesus**

Kate planted a seed in the ground. Now she has to wait for days until it sprouts, and months until it is ready to eat.

We remembered that waiting can be difficult! Sometimes we have to wait for our turn to play with something, for a long journey to end, for our birthday to come, for lockdown to end and life to get back to normal... can you think of other things you wait for?

The Bible says that we are waiting for Jesus to come back one day. When he comes, he will take away everything sad and bad, and make a new world where everything is right. Jesus will take everyone who kept believing in him to live with him forever in his new world.

We read from the Bible:

*Brothers and sisters, be patient until the Lord comes again. A farmer patiently waits for his valuable crop to grow from the earth and for it to receive the autumn and spring rains. You, too, must be patient. Do not give up hope, because the Lord is coming soon.*

*(James 5:7-8 from the Bible, New Century Version)*

The Bible told us to keep waiting and not give up – Jesus will come!

**Something to make**

You could make a card for someone to remind them to keep waiting for Jesus. On it you could draw a picture of a plant growing.

If you want to try something different, you could make pressed flowers to stick onto a card. It involves a lot of waiting! (Instructions below.)



**A prayer**

We asked Jesus to help us remember he is coming back, and help us wait patiently for him.

**Songs to listen to**

Find this week's kids' playlist on our YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmJ\\_DGlnmSz-SZneXLIQ34A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmJ_DGlnmSz-SZneXLIQ34A)

## Making pressed flowers

You will need:

- ◆ Freshly picked flowers
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Kitchen roll
- ◆ Lots of heavy books or other stackable objects
- ◆ A flat surface where you can leave these for a week or two.

Here's what to do:

1. Pick some fresh flowers outside – make sure the owner of the flowers doesn't mind!
2. Indoors, cut off all the leaves and most of the stalk for each flower. If the flowers are fat, you may need to slice the back off as they have to dry flat.
3. If the flowers are damp, dry them with kitchen paper.
4. Lay the flowers flat on two fresh sheets of kitchen paper.
5. Cover with two more sheets of kitchen paper.
6. Put the flowers and paper on a flat surface where they can stay for a week or two.
7. Stack the heaviest books or objects you can find on top of the flowers to squash them flat.
8. Leave for a week, have a look and see if the flowers are dry and flat. If not ready yet, leave for another week and check again.
9. To stick the flowers to a card, carefully paint the backs of them with PVA glue.

