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**Carpenter’s Church**

**Children and the Online Service:  
Tips for Engaging Children in the Online Service:**

* -  Model sincere worship, mature engagement, and excitement to hear the Word.
* -  During any discussion time, ask for their input using simple language. Value their ideas and use it as a teaching opportunity.
* -  During any prayer time, ask them to pray for something specific and for any prayer requests of their own.
* -  Engage in any songs that involve actions. If you are doing it, they will do it too! And don’t worry about looking silly; you are worshipping Jesus!☺
* -  Encourage engagement but do not force it.
* -  Have them follow along with one of the sermon notes pages below.
* -  Give them a coloring page for something to do with their hands.

**Suggested Questions to Ask Children to Get Them Thinking/Engaged:**

* -  What did you learn about today?
* -  What do think about what John said about \_\_\_\_\_ ?
* -  Do you think Jesus could really \_\_\_\_\_\_? Why?
* -  What could it look like to \_\_\_\_\_ (love your neighbour, forgive, be generous, etc.) this week?
* -  Do you have anything you want to share with the group?
* -  What stood out to you this morning?
* -  Can you tell us about a time when you \_\_\_\_\_\_?
* -  What do you think God wants you to do this week?

**What to Do When Your Child(ren) are Not Engaging at All:**

* -  This is a very likely scenario, and it does not reflect a failure on your part. We can and should hold high expectations for our children and seek to engage them, but we also must remember that they are children and sometimes children cannot focus or sit still.
* -  If this is the case for you child, give them a quiet toy, device, or coloring sheet/activity page.
* -  You can try to involve them in the prayer time by asking them to pray for something specific and asking if they know anyone/anything you could pray for.

























