

Ideas for family worship

Don't forget that you can also use the Home Group Bible study notes for ideas for conversations and explorations in each week's passage.

One of MIE's Global Mission Partners is Leprosy Mission. Why not head over to their website and see what they get up to. There are plenty of stories, insights about their work, things to do, situations to pray for, and ways to get involved, including using Lego™ and help raise awareness about Muzaffarpur Hospital!



You can find their Website at: <https://www.leprosymission.org.uk/>

A lot of this passage is built around the idea of 'cleansing'. You'll notice the man asks to be made clean, not healed. And Jesus says: 'Be Clean'. the idea is stronger than 'sin makes us dirty', but that's pushing in the right direction. There are no end of ways to engage with this in interactive and fun ways. From using a basketful of dirty laundry, a pile of dishes, or deliberately making something dirty and then washing it... to something a bit more labour intensive (or you could just watch the video, which can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhrIfi5QMao>

Or you could do some craft work around Psalm 51:1, or perhaps Ps.51: 10

The idea of cleansing from our sin is a powerful one that helps us to think not just about being forgiven, but of our being 'de-contaminated' – having sin 'washed out' of us so that it doesn't shape us anymore. A river polluted at source carries that pollution down stream with it. Jesus speaks of our heart a bit like this: out of the overflow of our heart, we act and speak and think (see e.g. Matt.15:18. Once our heart is cleansed, then what flows out of it is clean too!

