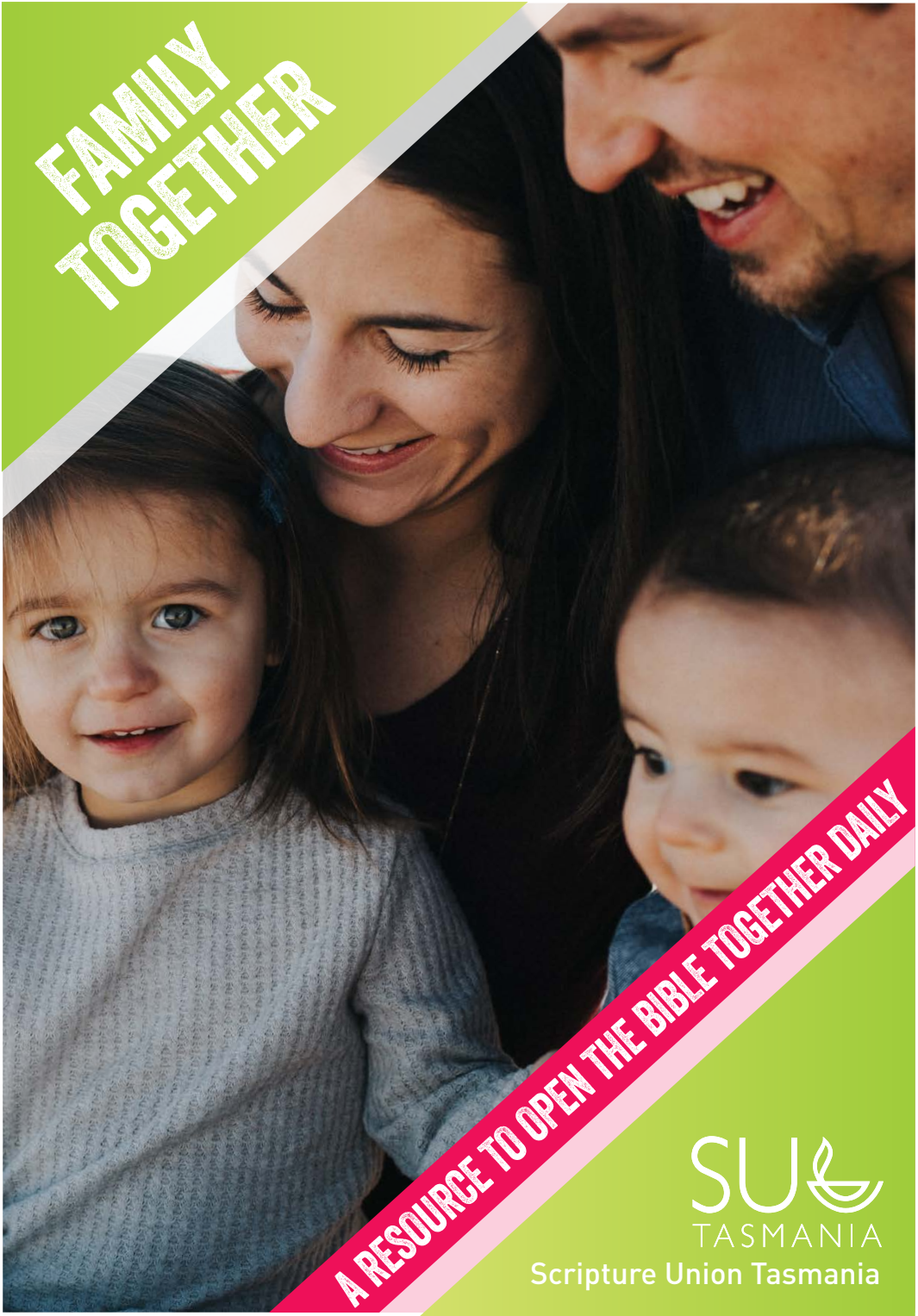


**FAMILY
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A RESOURCE TO OPEN THE BIBLE TOGETHER DAILY

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1

PLAN TOGETHER

Talk together as a family about a suitable time of day to use Family Together. Respect each person's point of view and try to agree on a regular time. Don't worry if you miss a day or if not everyone can join in every day.

2

SHARE TOGETHER

Adapt the questions and topics and share the reading and puzzles to suit the ages and stages of your family members.

3

EXPLORE TOGETHER

If a topic of interest arises, spend more time in discussion or agree to find out more about it for everyone.

4

READ TOGETHER

Use the Contemporary English Version (CEV) of the Bible if possible as it is suitable for all ages to read together.

5

PRAY TOGETHER

Have younger members of your family read the simple prayer each day or use the topic to guide your own prayer.

DAY 1

JESUS STARTS HIS MINISTRY

Talk about the town/suburb or region where you grew up or where you live now. What do you like most about it?

Where did Jesus grow up? He was very well known all over Galilee and people wanted to hear him speak. He said that he had come to do several things. How many can you remember?



Read Luke 4:14-22

Unscramble the letters:

- Tell *dogo* _____ *swen* _____ to the proo _____
- Announce *merdofe* _____ to prisoners
- Give *gisht* _____ to the *dibln* _____
- Free everyone who *fusresf* _____
- Say 'This is the *raye* _____ the Lord has nocesh _____.'

I wonder what you would have thought if you had been there when Jesus read from the Scriptures and claimed it was about him.



Pray: Thank you Jesus that you came to tell the good news. Help us to continue to be amazed by the wonderful things that you said and did. Amen.

DAY 2

Talk about how your body feels when you are angry. What are some appropriate ways to deal with angry feelings?



Read Luke 4:23-30

The people did not like to be told that Jesus would not be doing any special miracles in his home town.

He reminded them of stories about great heroes from their past, E _ _ _ _ and E _ _ _ _ .

The people became very angry, so they tried to kill him. What did he do? I wonder how he did that.

I wonder what you would have thought if you had been there when Jesus read from the Scriptures and claimed it was about him.



Pray: When we get angry Lord, help us to turn to you for help because we know that you can do amazing things. Amen.

DAY 3

Talk about a favourite place that you like to go, to be alone for a while.



Read Luke 4:38-44

Jesus was kept very busy helping people. In what ways did he heal different people? Read verses 40 and 42 again. What do these verses tell us about Jesus? Use the code to reveal what God wanted him to do.

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I wonder why people came to Jesus at night.



Pray: Thank you Jesus that you know what it's like to be very busy and in need of some time alone. Help us to remember that you are with us at those times. Amen

DAY 4

Talk about what you know or like about fish and fishing. Have you been fishing or seen fish? Where?



Read Luke 5:1-11

Jesus found a new use for a fishing boat. What was it? Then he said to Simon (tick the right answer):

- Let's go home.
- Let's have a rest.
- Let's go fishing.

Read verse 8 again. What did Simon learn about Jesus? What did Jesus mean when he said, 'From now on you will bring in people instead of fish.'?

I wonder how Simon thought his life would change when he chose to leave everything and follow Jesus.



Pray: Jesus, help us to understand what it means to follow you as Simon did. Amen.

DAY 5

Who are the people in our community who help to make people well? Talk about the different people who work in our medical centres and hospitals.



Read Luke 5:12-16

The man with leprosy did not go to a hospital. What did he do? He recognised that Jesus was someone very special. Unscramble the letters:

'Dlor _____, you have the wepor _____ to make me lewl _____.'

Jesus put his hand on him, which was a very unusual thing to do. Why? Read verses 15-16 again. What does Jesus do when he has been very busy? Talk about a place we can go to do the same.

I wonder why Jesus told the man to follow the religious laws after he was healed.



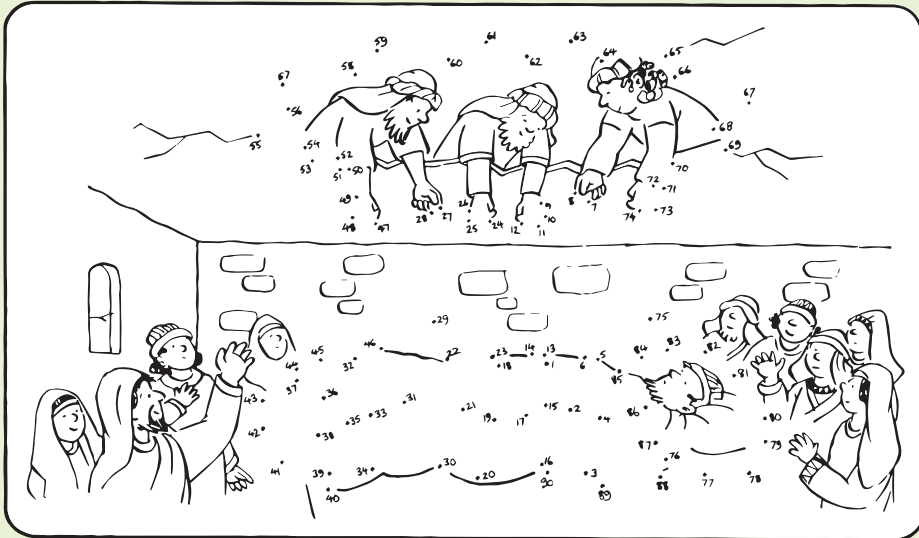
Pray: Jesus, we give you praise because we know that you have the power to help us. Help us to trust you. Amen.

Talk about your close friends and what you like most about them.



Read Luke 5:17-26

It must have been strange to see a man being lowered through a hole in the roof by his friends. What was it about these friends that Jesus liked? Find all of the sentences in this passage that include the word 'God'. What do these verses tell us about Jesus?



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I wonder why Jesus chose to forgive the man before he chose to heal him.



Pray: Thank you Lord for friends who trust you. Help us to share your love by being good friends to others. Amen.

Talk about the people in our community who do difficult or unpopular jobs. What makes these jobs difficult or unpopular?



Read Luke 5:27-32

Levi had a very unpopular job. He was a tax collector. Most tax collectors not only took more money from people than they should have, but they also worked for the Romans who were the enemy of the Jewish people. Why did the Pharisees grumble to Jesus?

Jesus replied, 'H_____ people don't need a d_____, but s____ people do. I didn't come to invite g____ people to turn to G____. I came to invite s_____.'

Look at the words that you have filled in. What do you think Jesus meant when he said this?

Levi left everything and went with Jesus. I wonder what Simon and the other fishermen who followed Jesus thought of this new 'follower'.



Pray: Read Luke 4:18, 19. Thank you Jesus that your words are true. Thank you that they are still coming true today. Amen.



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