



n:vestigation: a look at belonging

Explore It!

Share this story as an introduction. Gabby was sad! She'd been looking for a teddy that belonged to her all morning and couldn't find it anywhere. Barney came running inside shouting, 'Gabby, look what I found in the garden!' It was Gabby's teddy. Gabby was so relieved. 'Are you coming out to play now?' asked Barney. 'Sorry,' said Gabby, 'I'm going to my gymnastics group now, maybe tomorrow?' What can we belong to? Let's n:vestigate!

Jump Up!

Spread the letters from the word 'belong' randomly around the room on the floor or on the wall. Play music and, when the music stops, call out a word beginning with one of the letters e.g. banana, elephant, ladybird. Your child must run to stand by the letter that's at the beginning of the word called out. Decide whether you'll award points for prizes, lose lives or how long you'll play for.

Zoom In!

Lay out the letters from 'belong' and ask your child 'What do you belong to?' Their answers may include dance clubs, GB, family or God. Ask your child what they like best about belonging to the group they answered with earlier.



Get Mucky!

Have fun creating something that your child can personalise to belong to them e.g. design a badge, keyring, bracelet or scratch art door hanger. You could make your own badge from card and a safety pin, or order online kits from companies such as www.bakerross.co.uk.



Dig Deep!

Share from a children's Bible at www.biblegateway.com or from Luke Ch.5:27-31 about when Levi decided to leave his job as a tax collector, where he treated people unfairly, and belong to Jesus by becoming one of Jesus's 12 disciples. Levi got up, left everything and followed Jesus.

Some people grumbled about who Jesus was friends with but He wants people of all ages and backgrounds to belong to Him.

Connect

Help your child contact the group they selected in Zoom In, in a safe way during this lockdown. Could they have a video call with their friends?