



Hi Everyone!

What a strange month it has been! First, people started talking about a new kind of illness and suddenly there are a whole lot of changes to our lives. We aren't allowed to go out and a lot of things have been cancelled. In some ways it is special to spend more time at home with our families. In other ways, it might all feel a bit sad, strange or scary.

When I feel worried about things that are happening, I like to sing one of my favourite songs – I think most of you know it!

**In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

**In the silence you won't let go
In the questions, your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

It is normal to have a lot of questions and it is okay to talk about them with a trusted adult. We don't have answers for everything yet, but one thing we do know for certain is that God is with us all the time and in every place.

It will be sad to miss church and Sunday School for a few weeks, but we can still pray and worship God wherever we are. You might even get to join me for an online session of Godly Play or "school" assembly!

God calls his children to shine a light for others too. We can be the lighthouse that helps someone else to shore! Here are some ideas to do just that:

- Draw a picture or write a letter to someone you love. Take a picture and ask an adult to email it to them.
- Keep others safe by washing your hands and staying home
- Set some time aside every day to pray for everyone who has new challenges to face because of Covid-19
- Find new ways to love the people in your household and to have fun with them e.g. bring out an old board game, make up a song, have a movie marathon, enjoy the new experience of "home schooling," have fun!

I look forward to seeing you again soon.
In the meantime, a blessing for you:

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Yours in Christ,
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