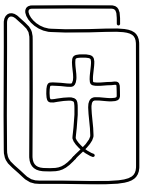
# He’s got the whole world in His hands

**Opening hymn:** Quietly play He's got the whole world in HIs hands to introduce the prayer time.

**Sign of the cross:** If needed, support children in making the sign of the cross.

**Introduction for children:** Did you know that everything in our world was created by God. From the tiniest bugs living underground to the tallest mountains that reach to the skies. God made everything, including you and me - and everyone in the world! We are all God’s children; that’s why Jesus taught us to call God ‘our Father’. God loves all His children and wants us to live as one big family, a global family, loving and caring for each other, just as we love and care for our families at home.

**Bible reading:** In the Bible, which is our special book about God, it says:



‘God the Father has loved us so much! He loved us so much that we are called children of God. We really are His children!’ The First letter of St John 3:1

**Bible reflection:** The Bible tells us that, as well as being part of our family at home, we’re also part of God’s big family, because we are all God’s children. This means that everyone around the whole world is our brother or our sister! Just like our family at home, God’s family has rules that we need to follow, like sharing and being kind. And remember, God is a loving Father who listens to us when we pray and looks after us when we need help.

Let’s say a prayer together about being loved by God as one of His children. Mission Together prayer (to the right)

**Mission Together Prayer**

**M**ay all children
**I**n the world
**S**hare love
**S**hare friendship and live
**I**n the peace
**O**f God’s love
**N**ow and forever.
**Amen.**

**Sign of the cross:** Where appropriate, children are supported to make the sign of the cross.

**Symbolic action:** Pass around an inflatable globe or a sturdy image of the world during the closing hymn.

**Closing hymn:** Sing He's got the whole world in His hands. This time, children can join in with percussion instruments if appropriate for the group.