

## Rain

Welcome to our reflection for Church without Walls

Here are some ideas of how to use these reflections:

Pray that God will lead your thoughts.

Sit comfortably, take a few deep breaths and relax.

Let your mind wander as you read the reflection. Write down your thoughts in a notebook. If you are busy, try and pick out something to take with you in odd moments during the day.

You may wish to memorise the Bible verse. Write it out and stick it up somewhere.

## Bible Verse

*Jesus said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.'*

(Matthew 18:3-5)

## Reflection



Dark, dreary, damp days. Is that how you feel at the moment? Rain and more rain. Everywhere is muddy. Is it getting you down?

Young children do not see rain as depressing, but as exciting. It is an opportunity to splash in puddles and to use their umbrella. We find it a nuisance to use an umbrella and we do not want to get wet.

Children see life from a different perspective. They see life as an adventure, as fun, as full of opportunities. Do we? What could you do that is fun?

These thoughts brought to mind the verse above. “... *unless you change and become like little children ...*”. ( J.B. Phillips’ translation says “... *change your whole outlook ...*”.) What does this verse mean to us in this pandemic? Do we need to see this as a time of opportunities rather than what we cannot do?

Jesus talks about becoming humble like a child. What does “humble” mean here? What makes a child humble? We have learnt in this epidemic to value people with the “ordinary” jobs. How much more do we need to change our way of thinking? How can we see life from a child’s perspective? What do children say and do that we should learn from? What would you need to change in your life to become more like a little child?

If you have ever lived in a country with a marked rainy season it is easy to understand that the people there see rain as a blessing because it will enable the crops to grow. Shall we try to view rain differently? The rain falling now is being stored ready for the drier weather in the summer.

Let us make an effort to view rainy days as positive days.

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