



Our November Woodland Worship explored the case of Two Doors...



Our Bible story was Jesus' parable about a friend knocking on his friend's door at midnight to ask for three loaves to serve his surprise guests. At first the man in bed refuses to get up and help, but because the man keeps knocking and keeps asking, he gets up and gives him what he needs.

In this story, the man in bed represents God and the repeatedly knocking friend is us. Jesus is teaching us to pray *urgently*, like it really matters, believing only God can answer our prayers and make everything alright.

We wondered if we ever pray that urgently believing that God can and will give us what we need? Sometimes it might seem like God answers other people's prayers, but not ours.

Is that because we're knocking at God's door but we're walking away before God answers?

Then we looked at the famous painting, The Light of the World, and noticed that Jesus is knocking at a door with no handle.

This door represents the door to our heart. Jesus is knocking but he can't open it without a handle, so he is asking us if we will open the door so he can come into our lives and share his love.

Our activity was to create our own pictures of doors using the environment around us. Would it be God's door that we knock on when we pray, or the door to our hearts, one without a handle?



Lord Jesus, in this Advent season we look forward to you coming at Christmas.

Help us to think about opening the door of our hearts to you

We ask you to fill us with your hope, your peace, your love, and your joy.

The world isn't like you want it to be.

We don't love each other as you love us.

So come and help us change.

Amen.

