

# ERIC SERIES

## INTRODUCTION

This series of three sessions is based on the books about a boy called Eric, written by Dai Hankey and illustrated by Xavier Bonet (published by the Good Book Company). They cover the themes of thank you, sorry and please.

The idea of these sessions is that they take concepts that children learn in the world they live in and then link them back to God. They make no assumptions about what the children know about God; in fact, they assume that the children know nothing or very little. They then introduce them to who God is and offer opportunities to encounter him through activities and stories.

## OVERVIEW OF SESSIONS

**SESSION 1** is called *Eric Says Thanks*. In this session, we see how Eric begins to have an increased awareness of who God is and a little of what He does, in this case gives us what we need to eat.

**SESSION 2** is called *Eric Says Sorry*. In this session, we see how Eric begins to understand how he is being given what he does not deserve, both in terms of his neighbour but ultimately from God.

**SESSION 3** is called *Eric Says Please*. In this final session, we are reminded that we can communicate with God through prayer, not simply in formal settings but as a natural rhythm of our day.

## HOW THE RESOURCE WORKS

There are several parts to the resource that make up the session.

### KICK-STARTER

This activity will get the children talking and begin to introduce the theme of the session to them through a game or activity.

### ERIC STORY

The story will ideally be told via the video, but if this is not possible use the books to tell the story 'live'.

### BIBLE VERSE ACTIVITY

This activity will introduce them to a verse from the Bible which is connected to the theme of the Eric book. These activities are active and allow the children to begin to engage with God's Word.

### CREATIVE PRAYER ACTIVITY

Each session then invites the children to encounter God through some creative prayer stations. How long this lasts will depend on your group and if it is only a few minutes, that is ok! It is vital to give them this space, though, so that they know that God is interested in them and that you are helping them to get to know him.

### PULL IT TOGETHER

This gives you a couple of minutes at the end of the session to ask a few questions, to ensure that the children have grasped something of the theme and to reinforce what they have been experiencing.

### TAKE IT HOME

There are some choices of things that you might like to give the children to take home to remind them of what they have learnt. They are just ideas though, you may have a better one!

### ACTIVITY MENU

At the back of the session is the activity menu which explains what you need and how to set up each of the activities throughout the session.



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Pray that as you use this programme you will see God work in the lives of children who do not know God and may know nothing of the Christian faith. Encourage the children to engage with how Eric learns about God and allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.