Textures of God's love

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Engaging with Faith for life

Faith for life is a collection of interactive, tailored products that help people engage with the Bible in ways that are appropriate and meaningful to them.

The books can be used independently or with another person. Whether your relationship is as family member, friend, pastoral carer, staff member, or volunteer—your company and the shared experience of being together is invaluable. When together, take your time as you go through the devotions. Leave pauses to allow for responses and for silence. It might also be helpful to repeat a phrase or thought.

When engaging with the resources it's important to think about the environment around you. Consider the background noise, temperature, lighting and location so that the surroundings are comfortable.

The activities in the resources may prompt a variety of feelings or emotions. Connecting to the Bible can trigger memories of significant events or people from the past. It's important to take the opportunity to talk about or reflect on these spiritual experiences.

The person you are with may need your sympathy, your listening ear and the assurance that you have heard and understood them. If the person you are with does not want to participate in the activity, leave it until another time.

We are motivated by the belief that people living with dementia may not only have a history of faith, but a vibrant faith today and a living hope for the future. This means that by the grace of God they are continuing to grow and be shaped as Christians, regardless of the changes dementia brings.

For more information on engaging with the Faith for life resources at www.hammond.com.au/shop/faith-for-life

Sample extract (© HammondCare) Full text for sale at: Hammondcare.com.au/Shop This booklet offers devotions based on a biblical theme or story. For each page you can choose from one or all of these devotional activities, or add your own:



Read aloud from the Bible.



Choose an object to hold or an activity to do.

Take time to reflect on a question or thought.





In pastures green

The world around us is full of beauty and wonder. From the smallest flower to the highest mountain, everything has its place in God's creation.

In the Bible, Genesis 1:31 tells us:

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Choose an object:

Suggested items include grass, leaves, flowers, floral fabric, a photo or picture of nature. Or you may choose to go outside to experience nature.



What is this object like? How does it feel? Take a moment to enjoy it. If you are outside, what do you see, hear or smell? Take a moment to enjoy God's creation.



Creator God, thank you for your amazing world.



Robes of royalty

God is king of all. He is a wise and just ruler. God sent his son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace. He came to tell us that we can all belong to God's great kingdom.

In the Bible, Psalm 47:2 says:

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

Choose an object:

Suggested items include purple velvet fabric, robe, picture of a purple robe, nativity item of wise man/king and the baby Jesus.

Reflection:

What is this object like? How does it feel? As you reflect, may you know that you have a special place in God's kingdom.



Heavenly King, we are blessed to be called your sons and daughters.