

## **FAITH IN THE VILLAGE GUIDELINES FOR SESSION LEADERS**

We meet at 11am and have coffee and biscuits  
The session starts between 11.15am – 11.20am

We usually include:

- 3 hymns
- Prayers (the closing prayer includes any prayers added to the prayer tree)
- Bible reading
- Reflections/Thoughts

We sometimes include:

- Role play/drama
- Quizzes
- Discussions
- Show & tell (items that illustrate the talk)
- Listening to a cd track
- Poetry

The session lasts until 11.50am, i.e. 30 minutes in length  
(We definitely make sure we don't go past 12 noon)

The hymns need to be well known by people aged over 60 and across the denominations

Themes: Each session is based on a life-theme, e.g. holidays, celebration, relationships and this is then related to the life of Christian faith  
I.e. What does the Bible have to say about the issue, how can our faith help to guide us, etc.

Personal stories are good relating to the theme

The sessions are informal and relaxed and the people gathered are happy to join in with comments when asked, and sometimes when not!

It is good to involve other people in the readings and prayers etc.

Please make sure any reading material (Bible reading etc.) is not printed in small type if you are asking others to participate

Hymn words are printed onto a sheet so please could you let us know your choice of hymns by the Tuesday before the session.