



# Journeys in the Spirit

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An easy-to-use plan



Make sure you have a little time of worship for yourself and other volunteers before the session – even a few minutes is good. The outline is based on a 45 minute children's meeting.

## Gather

Welcome everyone in your usual way and ensure that everyone knows each other's names.

You might like to sit in a circle and say, "My name is Mel and I welcome my friend - Sam" introducing the person to your side and then continue around the circle until all are welcome.

If you need to be more active play a game of 'The sun shines on' or another game suitable for your group (see *Journeys in the Spirit games resource* - <http://www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people/work-quaker-setting/resources-children/journeys-child> )

Explain that today you are going to be looking at Hospitality and how we welcome people into our homes and Meetings and other groups.

10 min

## Engage

Read *One Snowy Night* (available from the Quaker Bookshop. Tel: 020 7663 1030 <http://bookshop.quaker.org.uk> making sure that all have an opportunity to look at the pictures and to make suggestions of other things that could have been shared in that stories setting.

Talk with the children about:

What was in the story that made feel the animals feel welcomed?

What was shared in the stories?

Is there anything in the story that is in your life?

Is there anything in the story that could be changed or left out and it still be the same story?

The responses might be that they all needed somewhere to stay or that they needed some company. It might be the children add some more animals to the story, they might want to talk about someone who helped them when they were afraid: listen carefully to their ministry.

10 min

## Respond

See page 3 of the main issue 'making signs' and 'making food'. Some children will make signs while others make fruit salad - give choice and or take turns.

Making signs: Use writing and drawing materials to make some new signs for the Meeting to make sure all people feel welcome and know where things are: toilets; juice cups; books. Perhaps these could be put up- perhaps temporarily or perhaps to draw attention to others in the Meeting that signs are needed.

Making food: make a fruit salad for a shared lunch.

20 min

## Reflect

- Encourage the children to reflect together on:
- How do you now want to welcome new people to your Children's Meeting or your home?
- Ask the children what, if any of this they might share with others either in Meeting or at home.

5 min