



# Journeys in the Spirit

Children's work

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## A simple plan for an all-age Meeting for Worship

**Preparation:** have paper of different colours and sizes; pens, pencils, crayons, scraps of tissue paper, glue sticks; other scraps of wool or material. Book: *Wilfred Gordon, McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox ISBN 0-14-050586-5

### During the meeting

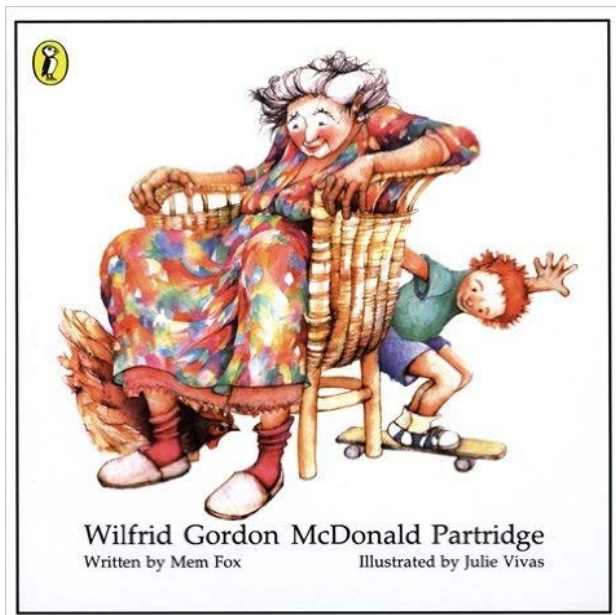
Begin by welcoming everyone to this all age meeting for worship. Start with a few moments of quiet.

Read the following quotes

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." Mother Teresa

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" Edmund Burke

Today we are thinking about taking action. This will often conjure up ideas of demonstrations, non-violent direct action, signing petitions and lobbying politicians. All of which is very commendable and much needed – people who are committed and put much energy into their actions. However, sometimes, quiet actions can have remarkable results.



Here is a story about a small boy who thought very hard about how he could help an old lady who had lost her memory. His actions had remarkable results. The story is called "Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge".

### Read the story

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge thought up some very good ideas to help Miss Nancy didn't he? And that made quite a difference to how she felt – it made her smile and feel happy.

I wonder just how much the other elderly people in the home appreciated his visits.

We all live in communities where there are people who need help – someone to talk with, or who might need help with small tasks. One of these communities is our Quaker community. We all lead busy lives and maybe don't always take time to look around to see who

needs our help. What small actions can you think of that you could do that might help someone you know?

Using the materials provided you could write something that you can do to help another person. Perhaps you might want to make something to give to someone you know – like a card or a picture. Think about when you might do this or give the person your gift.

Allow time for people to do this then encourage them to share their thoughts/ideas.

Finish meeting with some quiet before elders end meeting by shaking hands.