



Support material for *Get Messy!*

January–April 2022

January: The parable of the lost coin

Mealtime card

- Have you ever lost something important? Did you find it?
- Whether you eventually found it or not, how did you feel?
- God celebrates when you rejoice with him.

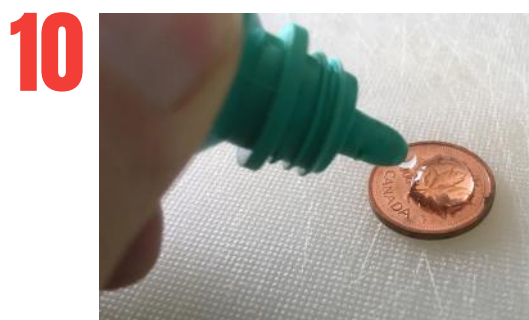
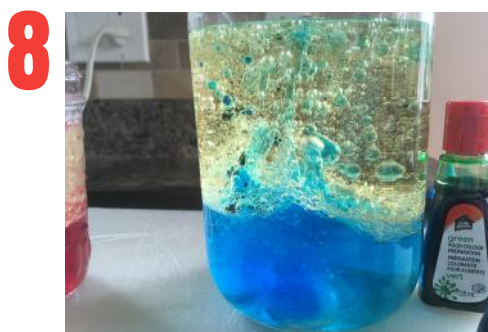
Take-home idea

Give a chocolate coin to someone and invite them to come to Messy Church with you.

Question to start and end the session

So... how do you think God feels when one of us turns away from him?

January: The parable of the lost coin



February: Justice for all

Mealtime card

- Ahab and Jezebel were bullies to Naboth. How do you stand up to bullies in your school or workplace?
- Can you think of examples in your community where power has been abused at the expense of others?
- How hard is it to do what God wants you to do when you feel pressured by your friends and peers to do something else?

Take-home idea

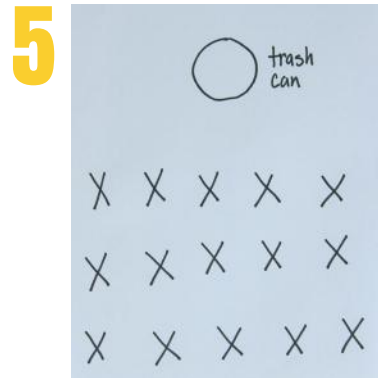
With your family or friends, come up with a different ending to Naboth's story, where Ahab and Jezebel treat Naboth fairly.

Dear God, help us to keep our eyes open so that we can see when people in our community and world are being treated unfairly. Give us the courage to speak up to those that are hurting others. Help us to be moved to action to help change the story. Amen

Question to start and end the session

So... how does God want us to stand up against the injustices we hear about?

February: Justice for all



March: Celebrating small

Mealtime card

- What's the smallest thing you've ever seen?
- Can you think of anything very small that is vitally important?
- Why do we often think that bigger is better?
- What little things have happened at today's Messy Church that you felt were very special?

Take-home idea

Seeds are amazing! Choose a range of different seeds from a garden shop and set up a little household indoor garden, planting the seeds in small pots. Include a mustard seed. As you monitor their growth, talk about all the things that seeds need to flourish. How can the good seeds of faith that you have received at your Messy Church grow in your lives at home?

Question to start and end the session

So... can you name the tiny seed that started you on your journey of faith?

March: Celebrating small

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April: The greatest love story ever told

Mealtime card

- What do you think happens when you die?
- What does justice mean?
- If you could ask Jesus one thing, what would it be?

Take-home idea

Take the crown from activity 2 home and place it on a cross at home, replacing it with flowers on Easter morning.

Question to start and end the session

So... what would you be willing to do for your best friend?

April: The greatest love story ever told



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9. Easter quiz

Description: Stick these questions all around the room. People can look at the question on the top, then lift it up to see the answer underneath. Or you could run it as a team game as there are easy and hard questions.

- 1 What animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on?
A donkey B hippo C bear
- 2 What festival was being celebrated in Jerusalem?
A Christmas B Yom Kippur C Passover
- 3 How many pieces of silver was Judas paid to betray Jesus?
A 20 B 30 C 40
- 4 How did Judas identify Jesus?
A pat on his shoulder B pinched his nose C kiss
- 5 When Jesus was arrested, what did Peter do to the High Priest's servant?
- 6 Who was released instead of Christ?
- 7 How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?
A 2 B 3 C 4
- 8 Who was made to carry Jesus' cross?
A James B Peter C Simon
- 9 What did the soldiers do to Jesus?
A spat at him B hit him with a stick C slapped him
- 10 What did the soldiers place on Christ's head?
A hat B crown of thorns C blanket
- 11 What was written above the cross?
- 12 What seven things did Jesus say on the cross?
- 13 Who else was crucified with Jesus?
A 2 brothers B 2 murders C 2 thieves
- 14 How long was Jesus on the cross?
A 30 minutes B 3 hours C 3 days
- 15 How did the soldiers make sure Jesus was dead?
A broke his legs B took his pulse C pierced his side
- 16 When Jesus died, what four unusual events took place?
- 17 When Jesus died, what did one soldier say?
A What was his name again?
B Good riddance!
C Truly this was the son of God
- 18 How long was Jesus' body in the tomb?
A 3 hours B 1.5 days C 3 days
- 19 Which two men prepared the body for burial?
- 20 Who was first to see the risen Christ?
A his mother B Mary Magdalene C his sister

Answers on next page...

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9. Easter quiz

Answers:

- 1 **A** donkey
- 2 **C** Passover
- 3 **B** 30
- 4 **C** kiss
- 5 Cut off his ear
- 6 Jesus Barabbas
- 7 **B** 3
- 8 **C** Simon
- 9 **A** spat at him **B** hit him with a stick **C** slapped him
- 10 **B** crown of thorns
- 11 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews', in three languages
- 12 Look it up!
- 13 **C** 2 thieves
- 14 **B** 3 hours
- 15 **C** pierced his side
- 16 three-hour darkness, earthquake, temple curtain torn, dead rose to life
- 17 **C** Truly this was the son of God
- 18 **B** 1.5 days. Note the Bible says 'on the third day' which was from Friday evening to Sunday morning.
- 19 Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
- 20 **B** Mary Magdalene