



Support material for *Get Messy!*

January–April 2023

January: Are you willing?

Mealtime card

- Have you ever been excluded? What did that feel like?
- How do we meet people and help them in their times of need? What can we do?
- How do we include people and show them God's love?

Question to start and end the session

So... how do we show Jesus' radically inclusive love to people today?

Social action idea

Look into the work of The Leprosy Mission, finding out more about what leprosy means for people today, or find information leaflets about it. Consider fundraising activities.

Try and think about the groups of people who are excluded today: refugees, people who are bullied, people in poverty/on the margins of society. What can we do as a church to help? What can we do as individuals?

January: Are you willing?

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Activity 10 Collage prayers



February: Everyone is welcome at this party!

Mealtime card

- Play 'Top Five': Ask each person, 'what's your top five: famous people you'd invite to dinner? Dinner party meal? Dessert? Food you refuse to eat?'
- Do you say grace at home? Here is cube you can take home and make up to practise saying grace at the dinner table in your own family, as a way of reminding you to give thanks to God (messychurchaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Grace-Cube.pdf).

Question to start and end the session:

So... how can we make sure that our community is one that welcomes EVERYBODY?

Social action idea

Who are the people in your community who are hungry, or lonely and not often invited into the social activities of your community? Think of some ways that you can include those people. Could you have a Messy Church picnic or BBQ in your local park and invite the whole community?

February: Everyone is welcome at this party!

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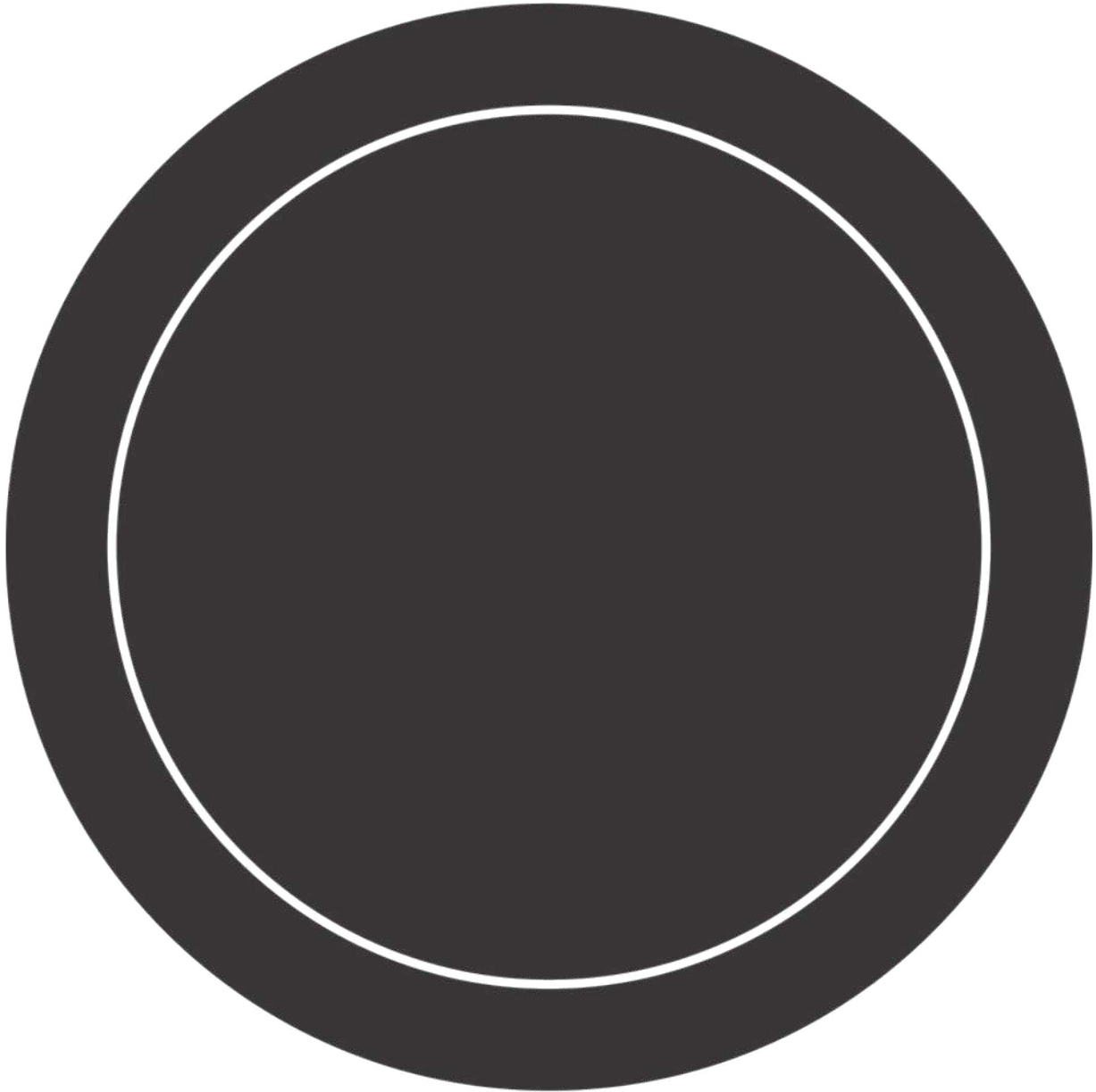
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Activity 10 Sensory play



March: Heavenly Hope

Mealtime card

- Have you ever climbed a mountain and sat and looked all around you?
- Which is your favourite beatitude or activity from today?
- How can we try and follow Jesus' teaching from this story?

Question to start and end the session

So... How can we make sure we are living life God's way?
Which of the beatitudes do you find most helpful?

Social action idea

Take an idea from activity six and complete it with your family.

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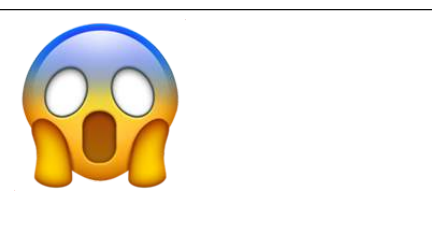
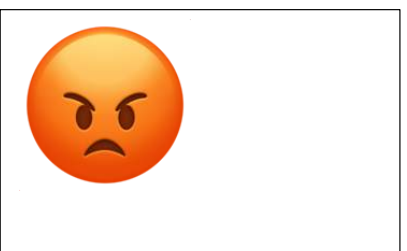
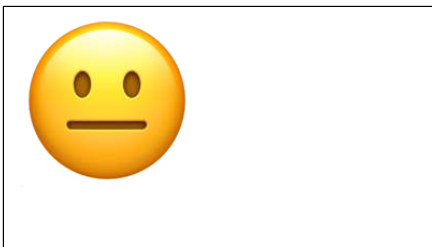
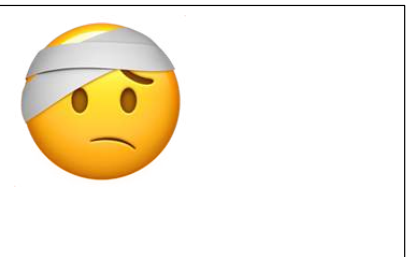
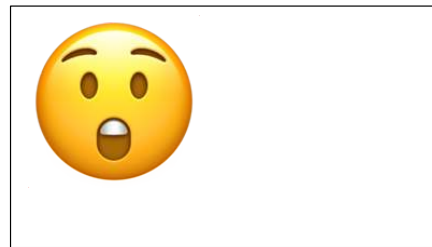
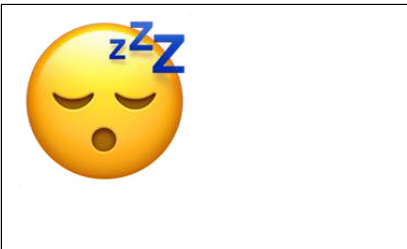
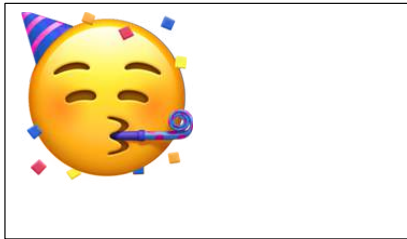
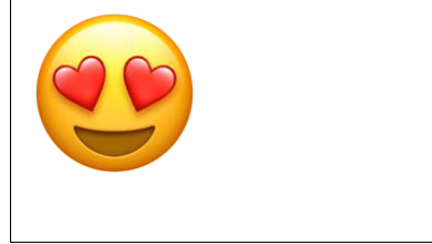
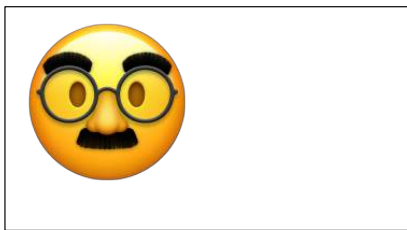


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Activity 1 Facing feelings

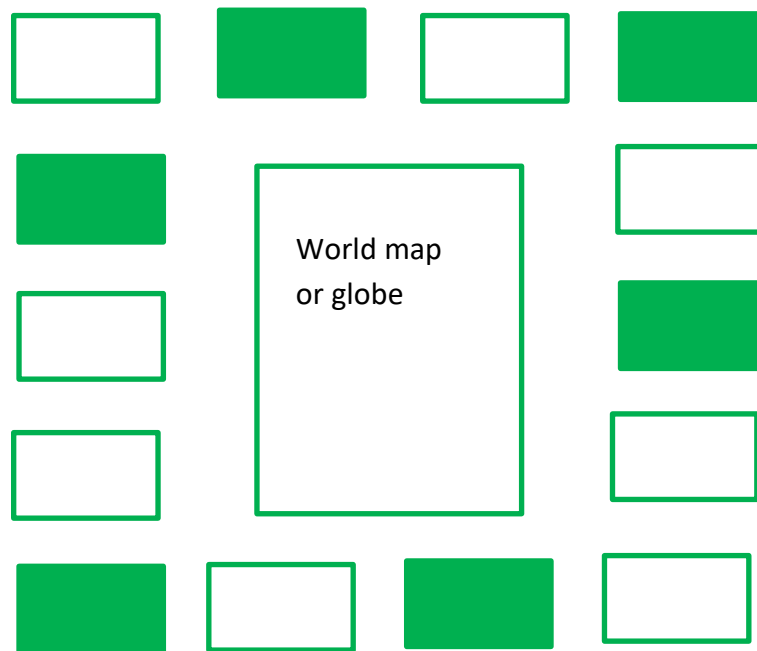
Look for the emojis! When you find one tick your sheet with the correct coloured tick.



Activity 6 Peacemakers game

Peacemaker Game Instructions

Floorplan:



Using a large space, set out a world map or globe in the centre and rectangles of card or paper around it like a giant board game. Every so often, place an activity card down as shown in green above. Throw a dice and move forward through the game, reading out any activity cards as and when landed on.

Activity cards should read:

- Recycle! Find ways to reduce your use of single use plastic
- Take something to a foodbank each week for a month
- Walk to school or the shops or church
- Organise a litter pick in your community
- Adopt an animal (online) or donate to an animal charity

April: Redeemed

Mealtime card

- What does this story mean to you?
- Why do you think Jesus went to the cross?
- What questions do you have about the Easter story?

Question to start and end the session

So... why did Jesus die on the cross?

Social action idea:

In his death and resurrection, Jesus redeemed and restored the world. Is there an area locally that you can 'redeem' or 'restore,' perhaps organising a litter pick or even creating a community garden?

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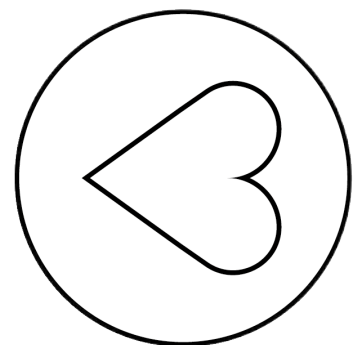
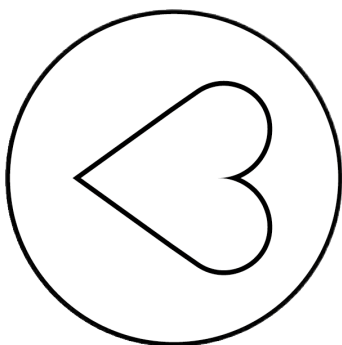
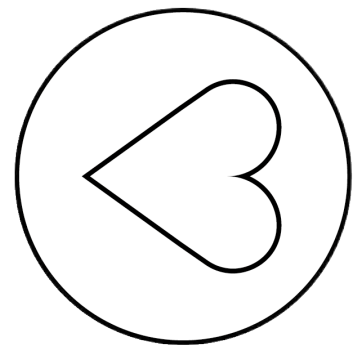
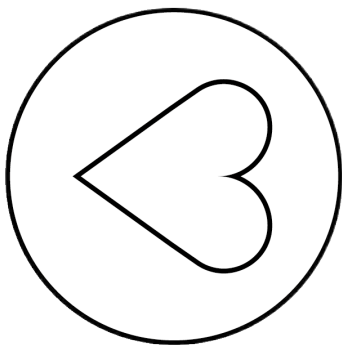
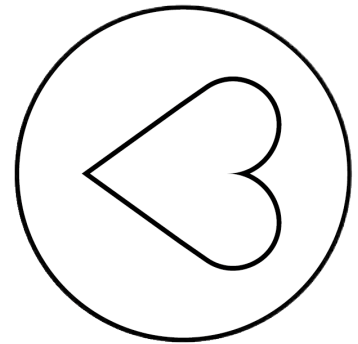
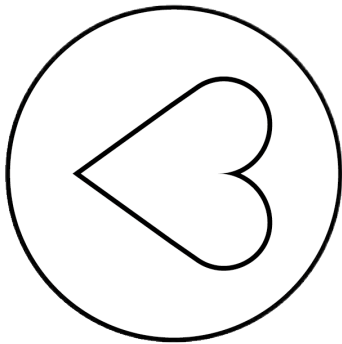
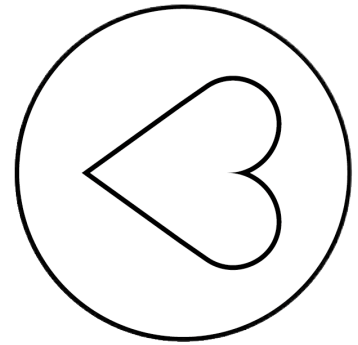
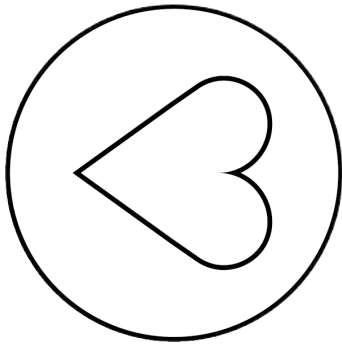
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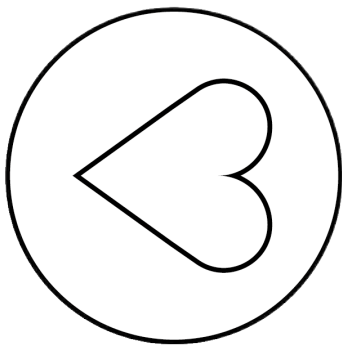
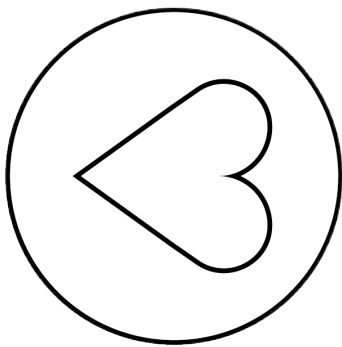
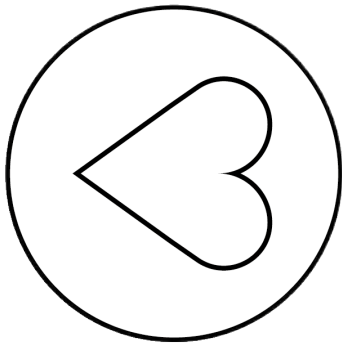
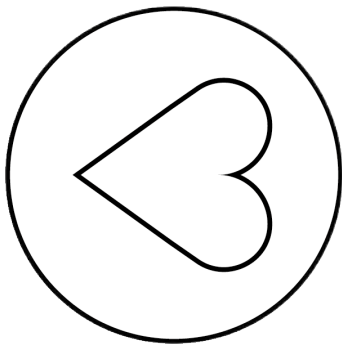


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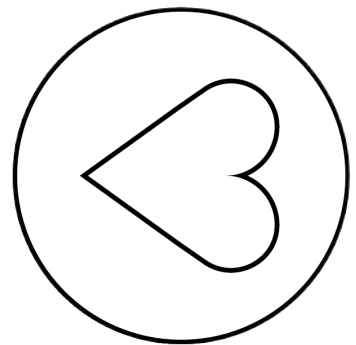
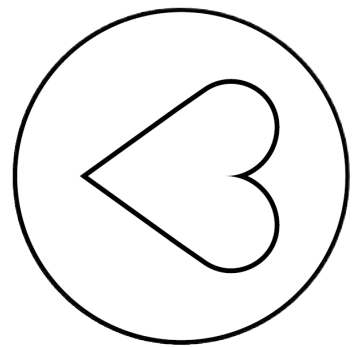
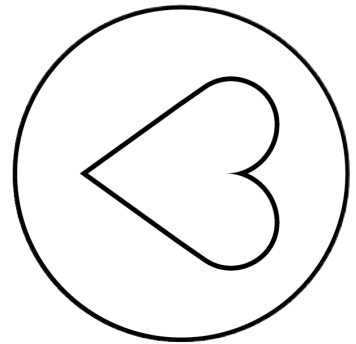
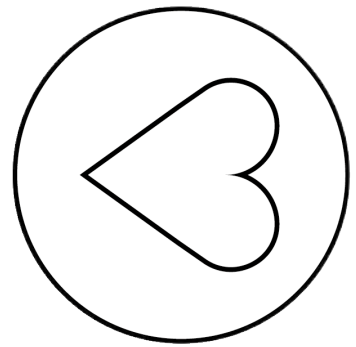
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