



Happy Harvest

By Sharon Sampson

These resources are part of a 'Happy Harvest' Messy Church in a bag created by Sharon Sampson for her Messy Church. She says: 'I have given out dozens of brown paper bags for toddlers to decorate for me, I've had donations of conkers, pine cones and lavender. Ann Persson wrote me a poem about blackberries and another lady is going to give me an apple recipe to include. I've been making up scarecrow crafts, joy jars, word searches, colouring pages, and more. Hopefully it will be a real team effort and a way for everyone to "bless" each other this harvest.'





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- Decorate the jam jar
- Think of things that make you happy.
- Write them on the pieces of paper and pop them in the jar.
- When you are feeling sad, read them back to yourself.



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Blackberries

Blackberries -
dark jewels of the hedgerow,
plumped by rain,
ripened by sun,
winking in the light of day.
Weaving,
draping,
outstretched
to possess more ground
for their luxuriant sprawl.

Fortress home of spiders,
who hang their webs
on thorny branches,
till clothed with dew
they perfectly reflect
the Master of design.

Arched stems of brambles cluster
in black and red and green.
Too tempting to pass by,
hands reach out to pick and taste;
stained hands reach out again.

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for winter fare and
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