



Messy Family Fun Club: Team recruitment

Date: _____

Place: _____

The plan: We are going to hold an exciting and groundbreaking event: a **Messy Church Family Fun Club!** Think Holiday Club but for the whole family, where families can come and enjoy exploring faith and fun together for a whole week of the holiday.

The vision: To run a holiday club-type programme of crafts, activities, a meal, story, games and skills for whole families for five days. It will be **worship, mission, outreach, social action, community**, the church doing what it does best—throwing its doors open to everyone who wants to meet God, meeting them with fun, laughter and learning through enjoyment, and helping each other encounter the living Lord Jesus. It will be one part of the wider picture of our strategy for families. All children (under 18) need to be accompanied by an adult (18+).

How will it work?

The Messy Family Fun Club will run from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm each day. The programme will be along these lines:

- 10.00 start
- Welcome
- Short gathering celebration
- Ten fun activities to explore the biblical theme (40 minutes)
- Coffee break
- Extreme family skills (30 minutes)
- Short closing celebration
- 12.00 lunch

We need you!

Can you bring your gifts and skills to serve others in this exciting venture? We need people to pray for us... team members to lead craft activities and explain the gospel through them... team members to share a life skill (as exciting as possible, from cooking, sport, wiring a plug, taking apart an engine, drama, dance and technology to tying knots, sawing wood and bike maintenance). We need a cooks' team, a clear-up team to come in afterwards, and others.

If you're interested in helping with any aspect of this project (ideally for the whole week but it's OK if you can only offer one day) please contact or sign up on the sheet in the church.



Messy Family Fun Club: Helpers under 18

Activity: helping on the team at the Messy Family Fun Club

Leader of holiday club: _____

Contact number: _____

Young person's details

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile: _____

Any medical, dietary or special needs: _____

Family doctor's name, address and phone number: _____

- I give consent for my child to take part in this event.
- I consent to my child being transported in a team member's car if required.
- I agree to photographs/film of activities including my child to be used within the church community and for possible publication, including in newspapers and books and on the internet. I understand that this promotion might be made online, printed, as in newsletters or brochures, or extended to any other type of media, as in reports and articles, videos and DVDs and so on about Messy Church. I also understand that neither further notice on the part of the church nor any further permission is required to use such pictures/film for the above promotional purposes.
- I am aware that the church will always ensure:
 - that the pictures and video used are respectful in their nature and appropriate/relevant to the activity promoted.
 - that no link can be made between the image of my child and his/her full name (only first name will be used), address, email and so on, in order to avoid personal information being displayed or accessed publicly.
- I agree to any emergency medical treatment to be given as considered necessary by the medical authorities if I cannot be contacted.

Signed (parent/carer): _____ Date _____

Parent's/carer's name: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Emergency phone number: _____ Alternative emergency number: _____

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Messy Family Fun Club: Information for families

[Dates]

Join us at _____ for

Messy Family Fun Club!

10.00 am–1.00 pm including lunch

A holiday club for the whole family

Activities for everyone—adults, teenagers and children. Do some art and craft, music and sport; learn new skills together, meet some fantastic visitors from the city with unexpected treats, get in touch with God, make new friends and enjoy a hot meal.

This is a family event: children (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult (18+) and adults remain responsible for their children throughout. Maximum **four** children per adult.

Cost: £ _____ per family per day including meal, drinks and all materials and activities

- 10.00: Welcome chill time
- 10.10: Short get-together
- 10.20: Fun activities with a Bible theme—craft, games, space, prayer, mess—do as many as you like
- 11.00: Coffee break
- 11.10: Extreme family skills—choose whichever you like
- 11.45: Short celebration
- 12.00: Hot lunch

Places are limited, so it's advisable to book in good time.

Please fill in the booking form and send with the full payment to: _____



Messy Family Fun Club: Booking form

Please complete one form per family

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

I would like to book places for the following adult(s) and children/teenagers.

Names of adults

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Full names and ages of children/teenagers

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

Please list any dietary requirements or food allergies you would like us to be aware of:

Are there any medical conditions or special needs we should be aware of?

The cost per family per day is £ _____ Please make cheques payable to _____

I enclose the full cost for the week of £ _____



Messy Family Fun Club: Photography and film consent

I, _____ (full name of parent /carer)

grant permission to take pictures of/film my child/children:

_____ (child's full name)
_____ (child's full name)
_____ (child's full name)
_____ (child's full name)

for the purpose of publications and promotions.

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Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Messy Family Fun Club: Risk assessment

Hazard	Risk	Risk to whom	Likelihood (low/medium/high)	Severity (1 to 6)	Existing control measures	Residual risk (1 to 6)	Risk acceptable? (Yes or state action when and by whom)
Child protection	Abuse by team members	Children	L	6	Team members to have DBS checks. All team members to have basic safeguarding good practice outlined verbally.	1	Yes
Child protection	Abuse by visiting helpers who only attend for occasional sessions	Children	L	6	Team members and adults in attendance to supervise children and ensure only very limited exposure of children to the visitors.	1	Yes
Losing children	Children leaving the building on their own	Children	M	5	Team alert to dangers. All possible doors locked (fire escapes needed). Members reminded daily that children are parents' responsibility. All made aware daily of rules about staying in the building.	2	Yes
Fire	Fire	All	L	6	Fire procedures outlined to all on a daily basis	1	Yes

Hazard	Risk	Risk to whom	Likelihood (low/medium/high)	Severity (1 to 6)	Existing control measures	Residual risk (1 to 6)	Risk acceptable? (Yes or state action when and by whom)
Injury	From running, from activities (cuts, swallowing, choking, allergies)	All	M	3	Each team member to be aware of risks involved in individual activities. All families to be made aware verbally at a 'risky' activity. Rule of no running except if permission given for sport activity. First aider and kit appointed. Accidents recorded.	1	Yes



Messy Family Fun Club: Safeguarding Policy Statement

- 1 The only unaccompanied children at the Messy Family Fun Club will be team members under the age of 18 who will complete permission forms beforehand.
- 2 All other children will be accompanied by an adult or adults and will remain the responsibility of these adults for the duration of the Messy Family Fun Club.
- 3 All team members will be briefed beforehand on appropriate behaviour with the adults and children attending and on safety issues.
- 4 All helpers above the age of 16 who are helping for the majority of the week will have appropriate DBS clearance as recommended by the denomination. The risks pertaining to the visiting activity leaders who only attend occasional sessions have been weighed and the core team has decided that it is not necessary for them to have DBS checks carried out.
- 5 Open doors: the team will be alert to the dangers of children going outside. Parents are responsible for their own children and will be reminded of this every day. The whole Messy Family Fun Club will be reminded daily of the basic rules: stay where your parent can see you; stay in the building unless you have told your parent; don't go anywhere without a grown-up.
- 6 Fire: a fire safety officer will be appointed and all members will be made aware of the procedure for safe evacuation if there should be a fire.
- 7 Injury: a first aider will be appointed and a full first aid kit will be to hand. Activity helpers will make families aware of any risks involved—for example, small items to swallow, allergies, sharp blades. Running will be prohibited except for the sport activity. Accidents will be recorded.

Do

- Sign in at start of session and out at the end. Let _____ know if you need to leave before the end.
- Take the initiative.
- If you have any concerns of any sort, report in confidence to _____. If you have concerns about _____, report to _____.
- If children are behaving inappropriately, speak to their parent in the first instance unless the behaviour is immediately dangerous.
- Work in an open environment with no secrets.
- Treat all with respect.
- Put others' welfare first.
- Be positive, encouraging and enthusiastic.
- Be a great role model.

Don't

- Take photos with people in them.
- Spend any time alone with anyone away from others.
- Use mobile phones.
- Engage in rough/inappropriate horseplay.
- Mutter / grumble / complain / gossip about any concerns, and don't listen to grumbles, mutters or gossip; build each other up instead.
- Touch inappropriately.
- Share details of your phone number, personal Facebook page or similar or invite anyone to your home without checking with the leader.
- Allow anyone to use inappropriate language unchallenged.
- Share the toilet with anyone.
- Do anything for anyone that they can do for themselves.

Timings

- 8.30–9.15: Team arrive and prepare
- 9.15: Team prayer
- 10.00: Welcome chill time with filler activity
- 10.10: Short get-together
- 10.20: Fun activities with Bible theme
- 11.00: Coffee break
- 11.10: Extreme family skills
- 11.45: Short celebration
- 12.00: Lunch

Information for team members

Leader's mobile number: _____

Fire safety officer: _____

First aider: _____



Daily planning sheet

Day _____

Job	Name(s)
Prayer meeting leader	
Welcome team	
Leader of welcome activity	
Opening gathering leaders	

Activity	Led by
1	
2	
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Coffee team

Extreme family skills	Led by
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Celebration team

Lunch team

Clear-up team

Daily activity planner



Day 1 Activity	Notes	Who	Preparation	Health and Safety
Donkey balloon racing				Tripping hazard
Pig biscuits/Pigs' dinner				Hygiene; allergies
Sheep badges				Sharp pins
Coin purse				
Mini mosaics				Swallowing hazard
Story bags				
Banqueting table mats				Laminator: heat/tripping
Giant tree				
Building on jelly				Hygiene; don't eat jelly
Shaving foam marbling				
Prayer station				

Day 2 Activity	Notes	Who	Preparation	Health and Safety
Fishing crew				
Money box				
'Give her something to eat' butty				Hygiene; allergies
Secret messages				
Volcano				Use goggles
Loo-roll wrapping				
River Jordan				
Soap making				Trip/scalding hazards
T-shirt decorating				Trip/dry heat hazards
No easy ride				
Prayer station				

Day 3 Activity	Notes	Who	Preparation	Health and Safety
Walk on the waves challenge				
Blindfold painting				
Five thousand people				
Wine-glass painting				
Spaghetti nets/Bottle fish				Water hazard
Storms in bottles				Drinking hazard
Family scrapbooking				
Party cocktails				
House model				Falling boxes
Pustulous boils				Allergies
Prayer station				



Day 4 Activity	Notes	Who	Preparation	Health and Safety
String telephones				
Prayer cube				
Early in the morning clockwork				
Prayer cupboards				
Prayer treasure hunt				
Teaspoons				
Prayer ice game				
Doodle prayers				
Hat for a Pharisee				
Bubble snakes				Inhalation hazard
Prayer station				

Day 5 Activity	Notes	Who	Preparation	Health and Safety
Story egg box				
Dramatic cross				
Phone photos of crosses				
Adventure challenge				
Shadow puppets				
Exploding tomb sculpture				
Cross section				
Marshmallow crosses				
String eggs				
Clean up pennies				
Prayer station				

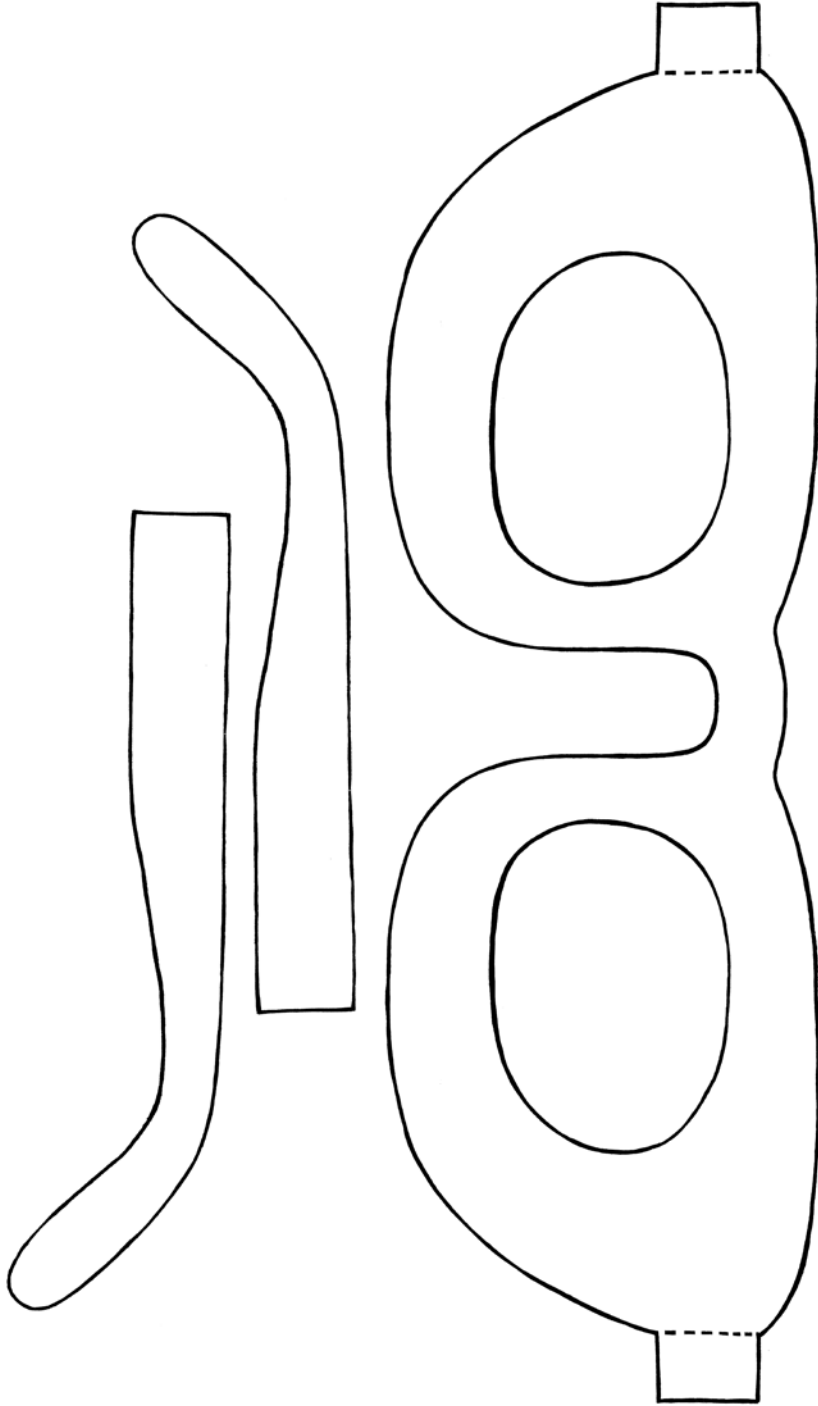
There is also a PowerPoint slideshow master for use with your team:
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Thank you, God,
For feeding me!

Spectacles template



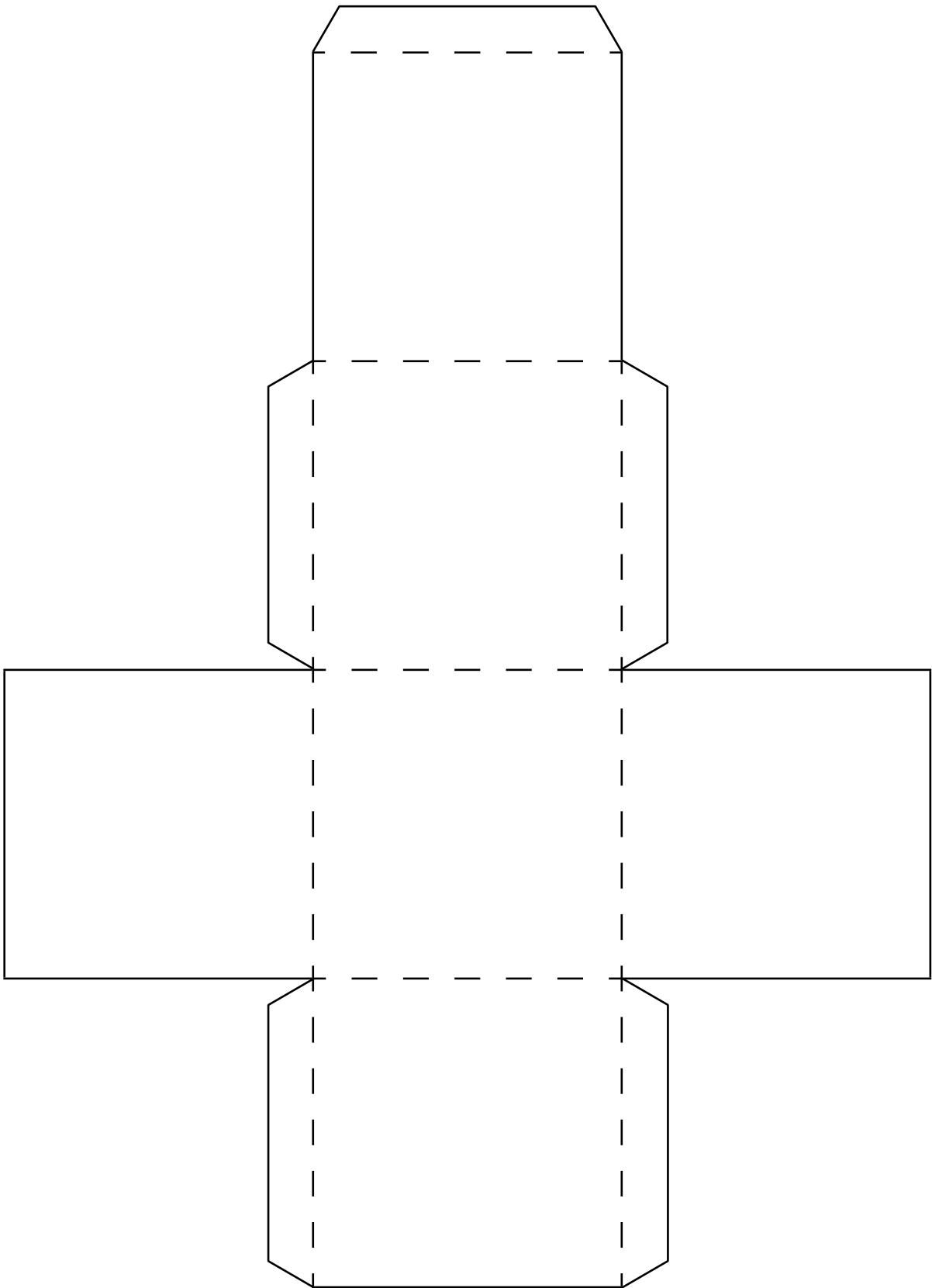




Table instruction sheets (Day 1)

Donkey balloon racing

Make a donkey from a balloon and race it.

Jesus told a story about a man who helped a stranger on to his own donkey when nobody else would help him.

Does anything stop you helping other people?

Pig biscuits

Put a pig in a pen on your biscuit.

Jesus told a story about a boy who made such bad choices that he ended up in the worst place ever, mucking out pigs! But his father loved him so much that he welcomed him back.

How many times do you think God welcomes us back when we make bad choices?

Coin purse

Make a coin purse from recycled materials.

Jesus told a story about a woman who lost one coin.

Was she bothered? Why do you think Jesus told this story?

Sheep badges

Choose from two different designs to make a sheep badge.

Jesus told a story about a man who cared about his sheep so much that he went to look for it when it got lost.

Have you ever felt lost? Did anyone come looking for you? How did that feel?

Mini mosaics

Make a treasure-filled mosaic of your own on the tile. You can take it home or leave it here to make a display and take it home at the end of the week.

Listen to Jesus' story of the man who found buried treasure.

What do you think the story means?

Story bags

Decorate a bag to fill with things you want to take home.

What will you take home that's invisible and can't be put in the bag?

Banqueting table mats

Decorate your own table mat to take home. You can use it to help you say 'thank you' to God for your meals.

Listen to Jesus' story about a great feast.

What do you like best in the story?

Giant tree

Make the biggest tree of all and make a bird to take home.

Jesus told a funny story about a man who planted a seed that grew and grew and grew until it was the biggest tree of all and the birds came and nested in its branches.

What on earth did he mean?

Building on jelly

How high can you build on jelly?

Does your building stay up when you wobble the jelly?

Jesus told a story about two builders who chose to build on different bases (but not jelly).

Shaving foam marbling

Make a mess, then make something beautiful out of it.

In Jesus' story, one man was in a mess and forgiveness helped him out of the mess. But then what did he do to his friend...?

Prayer stations

Use the items below to say some quiet prayers to God, then find out from the other activities which stories today are about sheep, coins and seeds.

Sheep: Put the sheep back in the pen with the others. Thank God for loving you as much as a shepherd loves his sheep.

Chocolate coins: Take one chocolate coin and ask God to help you to find real treasure in your life.

Seeds: Feel how tiny the mustard seeds are and think what they might turn into. Ask God to take your life and turn it into something unimaginably wonderful for him.

Fishing crew

Make a member of the crew to go in the fishing boat with Jesus!

Jesus calls all sorts of messy people to be his friends: he loves you just as you are.

Some of the first people he called were fishermen, and he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of people!'

Money box

Make a money box by glueing on collage scraps to decorate a tin.

Zacchaeus was in love with money until Jesus called him and he saw what was even more important. What did he do with his money then?

What will you spend your money on? How happy are you to share with others who need it even more?

'Give her something to eat' butty

Make the perfect sandwich with a variety of breads and fillings to choose from.

Jesus brought a girl back from the dead and told her parents to give her something to eat.

Secret messages

Write a secret message for someone to discover.

Nicodemus wanted to follow Jesus, but started by doing it secretly.

Why do you think he did this?



Table instruction sheets (Day 2)

Volcano

Make a volcano erupt!

Martha wanted to follow Jesus but she exploded with anger at her sister for not helping with the work. She had to learn to stop and sit and listen to Jesus.

When do you make time to stop and sit and listen to Jesus?

Loo roll wrapping

Mummify someone from your family! You could compete with another family for the best-wrapped mummy.

Jesus was deeply sad when his friend Lazarus died, and he cares when we are sad.

What makes you sad?

River Jordan

Lie down in the river and get someone from your family to draw round you. Then colour in the 'you' in the River Jordan.

John the Baptist told everyone that they needed to get ready for Jesus by being baptised in the river.

Have you seen where people are still baptised, perhaps in this building?

Soap making

Make some soap to take home.

Lots of people felt clean again after Jesus had helped them to get rid of their past lives and start again—people with diseases that he healed, or people who had done terrible things and needed forgiveness.

What would you like Jesus to wash away for you so that you can start again?

T-shirt decorating

Decorate a T-shirt so that it shows something about what you're enjoying this week.

Some people who lived before Jesus looked forward to his coming and wrote about him before he was even on earth. They were called prophets. They acted like signposts, pointing people to Jesus.

When people see your T-shirt, they might ask you where you made it, and you can point them to Jesus and the Messy Family Fun Club.

No easy ride

Make a model jeep to ride on tough adventures.

Jesus never promised anyone it would be easy to follow him. In fact, he said it would be a rough ride!

Why do you think people still follow Jesus, even when it's hard?

Prayer stations

- 1) Place a paper person on the road, close to or far from the cross, to show how near you feel to Jesus at the moment. Ask Jesus to help you take a step nearer to him this week.
- 2) Write or draw a friend's name or picture on a tiny sticky note. Do this for as many friends as you like. Write one for yourself too. Pin the notes to the board. Pray for your friends by tying one end of the thread to the cross, and winding it slowly round each friend's pin in turn, asking Jesus to bless that friend as you do so.
- 3) 'The sweet smell of incense can make you feel good, but true friendship is better still' (Proverbs 27:9).
Come and smell the perfumes. Talk about how it makes you feel and which smells make you feel relaxed and refreshed. Talk about the words from Proverbs and which of your friends make you happy.
Take away a swab doused in the perfume you prefer. When you sniff it, thank God for those friends, and thank God for Jesus, who wants to be our friend.

Walk on the waves challenge

Can you walk on our 'waves?'

Jesus was so powerful that he could even walk across a stormy sea to his friends.

Is there anything he can't do?

Blindfold painting

Can you paint a picture while blindfolded?

Jesus had so much power that he even made people whose eyes didn't work see again.

What is the most beautiful thing you can see around you at this moment?

Five thousand people

We need 5000 men (plus women and children) who all had enough to eat when Jesus fed them with just five rolls and two fish!

Help to print them and keep a tally.

What seems impossible to us is possible for God. He can do *anything!*

Wine-glass painting

Paint a beautiful wine glass that Jesus might have used at a wedding when the wine ran out.

He turned water into the best wine ever!

What parts of your life would you like Jesus to transform, just as he changed the water into wine?

Spaghetti nets

Drag spaghetti through paint and over the fish to 'catch' them in the net you've painted.

Peter couldn't catch any fish, but Jesus showed him where to catch hundreds. Peter was scared out of his socks, as he'd never seen anything like that before.

What do you find most amazing about Jesus?

Storms in bottles

Make a storm in a bottle.

Tell someone else the story of when Jesus told the storm to be still.

What storms are raging in your life at the moment? Try calling to Jesus, like the disciples did.

Family scrapbooking

Make a beautiful scrapbook page about the people who care for you.

When a widow's son died, Jesus brought him back to life. He cared deeply about people looking after each other.

Say a quiet 'thank you' for the people who look after you.

Party cocktails

Make a fruity cocktail, fit for a party.

Jesus healed people so that they could rejoin society. They must have had great parties to celebrate being back together with their families and friends.

Is there anyone you know who feels 'outside the party'? Could you invite them in?

House model

Make a house, with a man being let down on a mat.

Jesus healed the man from what stopped him walking and from what stopped him living life to the full on the inside.

He said, 'I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness' (John 10:10, GNB)

Pustulous boils

Make a horrible wound for your arm or hand.

Jesus made people better from things much worse than this, so that they could be who they were meant to be.

What sort of person do you think you are meant to be?

Prayer stations

1) Jesus gently asks us about our deepest needs. He asked a blind man, 'What do you really want me to do for you?'

The blind man said he wanted to see, and Jesus made him see again.

Write on a speech bubble what you would really like Jesus to do for you and add it to this picture.

2) Write or draw a prayer response.

3) Add a brick on to the model and think about the way that it can grow and grow if everybody just adds one piece at a time.

How can we work miracles together to make great things grow in the world?

String telephones

Make a non-mobile phone.

What makes it easier or harder to hear the other person?

Prayer cube

Make a cube to remind you of six things to pray for: people, places, situations, friends, family...

Change the world, one prayer at a time!

When in the day could you pray with your cube?

Prayer treasure hunt

Search for the hidden letters on this treasure hunt.

Jesus told his friends that, if they looked, they would find.

Early in the morning clockwork

Make time for God.

What beautiful sculpture can you make with these materials?

Are you a morning person or a night-time person? At which time of the day do you feel closest to Jesus?

Prayer cupboards

Make a safe place to pray in.

Jesus reminded his friends not to show off by praying in front of other people to impress them, but to go into a secret place and talk to God in private.

Teaspoons

Write 't', 's' and 'p' on each of your three teaspoons.

This is a reminder of three sorts of prayers to say: Thank you, Sorry and Please.

Do you think there's anything you can't say to Jesus?

Prayer ice game

Send a coloured ice cube down the slope and over the prayer pictures.

There is so much in our world that needs transforming through our prayers!

What do you think is the best way to learn how to pray?

Doodle prayers

Bless each other with a doodle drawing!

Some people love to pray using colours and shapes rather than words.

What sort of prayers do you prefer?

Hat for a Pharisee

Make a hat for a proud, important man.

Jesus told a story about two men who prayed in different ways.

One probably wore a better hat than the other, but God was more interested in their hearts.

Bubble snakes

Make a bubble snake by blowing bubbles through a sock.

Jesus said that it would be daft if a child asked for a fish and their dad gave them a snake. Of course a dad wouldn't do that!

In the same way, God loves to give us good things, not bad things.

Prayer station

Write or draw your prayer in the sand.

Story egg box

What can you put in each eggbox hole to show the different parts of the Easter story?

Which part of it puzzles you most?

Dramatic cross

Help to make the scene dramatic.

Some very dramatic things happened while Jesus was on the cross.

Our world is in a mess. What was God's way of making it right again?

Phone photos of crosses

How many crosses can you photograph?

Jesus couldn't bring new life to us without letting go of life, dying and being buried. It was the only way.

Which cross holds most meaning for you? Why do you think the cross is such an important symbol for Christians?

Adventure challenge

**Create a journey that takes people from darkness to light.
Go as big as you want!**

How dark did it feel for Jesus' friends on Good Friday and Saturday?
But how bright it suddenly became on Sunday!

Does life feel dark or light for you at the moment? This story gives us hope, however bad things seem.

Exploding tomb sculpture

What if there was more power in Jesus' resurrection than in the explosions at the heart of the sun... or the Big Bang?

What difference does Jesus' resurrection make?

Cross section

Cross sections show you what's under the surface of something.

The cross is a mystery even to the wisest Christian.

What's under the surface of Jesus' cross? Would you add more layers of meaning?

Marshmallow crosses

Make a cross and cover it in chocolate.

Is there more to Easter than chocolate?

String eggs

Make a string egg to remind you of the wrapped-up body and the new life that came at Easter.

Clean up pennies

On the cross, Jesus was making the whole world new again.

Jesus' death on the cross performed another 'miracle' to start to clean up the bad things across the whole world.

Prayer station

Here's an icon (a picture to help you pray) of Jesus rising from the dead. Have a good look.

Write on an arrow a prayer about death. Write on another arrow a prayer about life. Stick them next to the parts of the picture that mean the most to you.

Shadow puppets

Make silhouette puppets and use them to tell the Easter story.

Which bits of the story will you choose to tell?