



Messy Church at Home: May

Down by the River

Join us on Saturday 30th May via ZOOM at 4.00pm. Email: secretary@wmbc.org.uk for the link.

How do people get to hear about Jesus?

Sometimes the story of Jesus is shared in surprising ways!

Activities

Try these activities and think about our story we shared at messy Church. If you can't get exactly these materials, just see what you can find around the house instead!

1. Chariot races!



You will need: large, medium and small boxes; glue sticks; masking tape; rope; coloured pens; crayons; PVA glue; paper plates; crepe paper or coloured paper. You can also use duplo or lego.

Use the box to design and build a chariot. It needs to have wheels and a place to sit or stand, as well as a rope to pull the chariot. Decorate with various craft items.

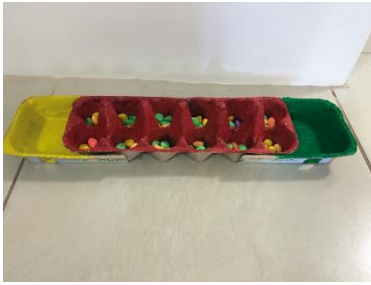
2. Make a scroll



You will need: large lolly sticks or straws; paper; coloured pens

Make a scroll out paper and large lolly sticks. Glue the sticks on to the top and bottom of the paper. Write on to the scroll the words of 1 Peter 3:15–16 (NLT): 'If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.'

3. Tegre board game



You will need: cardboard egg cartons; yellow, red and green paint; paint brushes; scissors; glue or sticky tape; small seeds

To make the game board, you need to paint the cardboard egg carton in the colours of the Ethiopian flag. Cut off the top of the carton and then cut the top in half. Fasten each half with glue or tape to the bottom of the egg carton so

that you have a section on either side of the game board to collect the seeds from your opponent.

This is an Ethiopian game. Players sit facing each other in front of the egg carton (two rows of six holes).

Start with four seeds in each hole. You each have six pits that are 'yours' and the hole to your right is where you'll put the captured seeds (the hole to your partner's right is theirs). The goal is to get as many seeds in your pit as possible. Each player starts by choosing a hole on his or her side and picking up all the seeds in that hole. Then moving in a counter clockwise direction, they deposit them one by one in the following holes (as if taking a lap around the holes). This player continues to pick up seeds and place them in holes until the last seed goes into the empty hole. When the last seed of the turn is placed in an empty hole there are three possibilities:

1. If the hole is on your opponent's side, the turn is over
2. If the empty hole is on your side, and the opposite side empty, the turn is over
3. If the empty hole is on your side but the opposite cup has some seeds in it, you get to capture the seeds and place them to your pit (to the right). The whole game ends when one row is empty.

You can find the story in Acts 8:26–40

Send us a photo of you all doing your Messy Church at home!

We miss you; we hope you're well and safe and we look forward to seeing you again.