



Messy Church at Home: March 2021

Easter – A New Start

Email: secretary@wmbc.org.uk for the link.

Next Messy Church at Home: March 27th @ 4.00pm and then April 24th over zoom

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:6

Video story: 3 Friends and The Miracle Man

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/easter/easter-all-age-resources/

Easter is God's gift of a brand-new start for everyone who believes in Jesus.

Messy Activities:

A brand-new start



You will need: some dirty copper coins; white vinegar; table salt; shallow bowls; water; gloves; cloths/kitchen roll

Put your dirty pennies in the bowl and cover them with salt. Pour over a little white vinegar and watch it fizz! Wearing gloves, rub the salt and vinegar mix over both sides of the pennies. Take the pennies out and wash off the mixture in clean water. Rub the pennies so they shine. Alternatively, you might like to search for some objects in the home that are tarnished and dirty and challenge the family to clean them up to become bright and sparkling new again.

Easter new life butterflies

You will need: paper; paint; brushes; water

Fold the paper in half and open it up again. On one half of the paper, put blobs of colour, roughly in the shape of half a butterfly, but you don't need to be too exact. While the paint is still wet, fold the paper again and press the two halves together firmly, then open up and see if it looks anything like a butterfly!

No doubt it will be beautiful anyway.

Chocolate egg nests – an old favourite!



Ingredients

- 200g [milk chocolate](#) , broken into pieces
- 85g shredded wheat , crushed or shreddiees
- [2 x 100g bags mini chocolate](#) eggs

You'll also need cupcake cases

Method

- **STEP 1** Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.
- **STEP 2** Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.

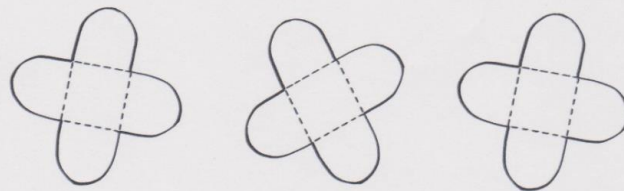
Prayer crosses

You will need: a bowl of water; paper; a pen; scissors

Cut a small (roughly 10cm tall) cross shape out of the piece of paper (keep all the arms of the cross an equal length and short enough to fold over the centre easily). Draw or write a sorry prayer on the cross shape. Fold the 'arms' over the centre with a nice sharp crease so you end up with a square-ish shape.

Drop it on to the surface of the water and watch the arms open up.

Floating Flower Prayers



Colour the petals with colouring pencils.

Write a prayer in the centre.

Fold the petals over the middle, one at a time, to hide the prayer. Crease well. Float carefully on top of the water in a bowl or paddling pool.

Watch the petals slowly open, lifting the prayer up to God.

Science: When you fold and crease the petals you break the paper fibres. The water seeps into the broken fibres first, forcing the petals open.

Tips: Use colouring pencils instead of felt-tipped pens or the ink seeps into the water too!
Lay the folded flower on top of the water carefully and watch. Don't sink it into the water!
Experiment with different sized flower shapes.