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Is it only February!? This year has felt long so far, but welcome to this month's Messy Church. Coming up this month is Valentines day (don't forget!) we thought we would explore the moment a young woman did something very extravagant (which means very special) for Jesus to show how much she cared about Him.

As you learn more about God, through the stories of the Bible, especially in this very different type of story, we really pray that you are encouraged, and uplifted. Our hope is that you realise there is nothing greater than being part of God's family, a God who can save us from anything.

On this leaflet you will find information about this month's theme. If you want to talk further about how you can get to know Jesus better please do chat to one of our team. You can reach us via our Facebook page or on email, see the bottom of this page.

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is our video series specifically for children! It's like a 'virtual Sunday school' @ 10 am every Sunday on YouTube. It's loads of fun and we know a few adults who enjoy it too ...

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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES currently premiere on YouTube every Sunday at 10:30am



Next Messy Church: March

This month's craft activities

Stained Glass Window

1. Rip up the tissue paper into smaller pieces.
2. Stick the tissue paper onto the acetate.
3. Fold your black piece of card in half, draw two half heart shapes, One smaller than the other. To make the heart outline.
4. Cut the shapes out.
5. Cut the acetate to fit the middle of your black heart shape and glue on.



This month's craft activities

Hug bookmark

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me."

Matthew 20 verses 6 - 7, 10

When someone is kind to us it can make us feel loved and valued. It can also be like that when we get a hug! At the moment, some people are missing being able to hug each other. Make yourself a hug bookmark to remind yourself that you are loved by God.

The pack for this craft looks something like :



Stretch out your ribbon between your two card circles. Peel off the back of each hand sticker and stick the ribbon to the card using this.

Every time you use this bookmark, remember that God loves you!
Imagine that the ribbon is like a pair of long arms. Even when



everything is uncertain, God is there with you giving you a virtual hug. Pray for someone you think could do with a hug even though you can't actually give it to them in person!

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33 v 27

This month's craft activities

Jar of kindness

In this month's story, we heard about how a woman demonstrated her love for Jesus through a jar of perfume:

"While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table."

Matthew 20 verses 6 -

7

The pack for this craft looks like this



and you will also need a clean empty jar and lid.



Decorate your jar with the star stickers in your pack. You can add on any other little bits and pieces you may have at home.

Think of someone you could share a jar of kindness with. Draw pictures, write jokes, quotes, write things that you appreciate about this person on your coloured pieces of paper - whatever you think your chosen person would like. You can add in extra pieces of paper if you want to. Fold them up and put them in your jar. Put on the lid. Deliver to your chosen person and leave in a bag on their doorstep. You can let the person know that you have left them a surprise!



This month's craft activities

Woollen Heart Craft

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Matthew 26:6-13

How to make your Woollen Heart Craft

1. Tape or tie your wool onto the cardboard heart.
2. Start wrapping the wool around the cardboard until it becomes a thick woolly heart, just wrap it in all directions to try and cover all the cardboard, when you have nearly finished tie a piece of wool or ribbon to the top of your heart so you can hang it somewhere.
3. Finally insert/twist the end of your yarn under the previous layers of wool to finish.



This month's craft activities

"Biscuit Lady"

In this month's story, we heard about how a woman demonstrated her love for Jesus through a jar of perfume:

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Matthew 20 verses 6 - 7

The pack for this craft looks like this



Use the sweets to decorate your biscuit as if it was the woman's face.



What do you think she looked like as she was pouring the perfume on Jesus?

How about when people started to complain about what she had done, how do you think she felt then?

This month's craft activities

Animal Feeder Heart Craft

You will need; A pipe cleaner, a handful of hoop shaped cereal and a piece of string. All of these have been provided for you in a pink striped paper bag.



Instructions;

Uncurl the pipe cleaner.

Thread the cereal on to the pipe cleaner so its approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ full.

Twist the 2 ends of the pipe cleaner together so it forms a circle.

Shape the cereal-filled pipe cleaner into a heart shape.

Tie on the piece of string so you can hang up the birdfeeder. It would be nice to hang this outside so the birds/animals can enjoy in this cold weather.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS I NOT MEANT TO BE EATEN BY PEOPLE AS A LARGER PACKET HAS BEEN OPENED AND DISTRIBUTED OUT. WE TRY TO PROVIDING YOU WITH AN INDIVIDUIAL SEALED PACKET TO MINIMISE HANDLING BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO HERE.

This month's craft activities

Scented Oil/Perfume Craft

You will need; A little glass jar, ribbon & a label (these have all been provided).

And then to make you scented oil/perfume use whatever you can find in your home (water, oil, herbs, spices, glitter, sequins, food colouring, anything that smells nice!).

A cup/mug and a spoon for mixing.



Instructions;

Mix together your ingredients in a cup/mug using a spoon. You can experiment with different smells and colours.

Pour your scented oil/perfume into the little bottle provided and replace the lid.

Choose a name for your creation and write it onto the label provided.

Thread the ribbon through the little hole on the label and tie it around you bottle.

PLEASE NOTE, we recommend this for older children. Please don't leave your bottle with under 3s who may try to drink it or accidentally break the glass.

Some thoughts

We have realized more than ever during this pandemic, that its so important to feel connected to other people. We can know others and even like others, but unless we're able to be with them and 'show them' that we care about them its really hard to have a meaningful relationship with them. The moment we are all looking forward to, im sure, sometime soonish (we hope) I giving someone in our lives a great big hug! We might even have some gifts we've been holding on to that we can give them when we finally get to see them.

So we can all understand that this lady in the story today, who cared so deeply about Jesus because she understood who he was and what he was going to do, would pour her most expensive possession all over Him! Because she'd been waiting her whole life for the moment God's saviour would appear and here he was, in her own town!

When we carea bout someone, we are happy to share what we have with them. If we really care about someone we might even be willing to give up some of the things we have or do for that person. Maybe our parents ask us not to do things, or our siblings really need something from us. Or perhaps even our wider family or some of our friends are in need and we want to give up some time and effort to do something to cheer them up? All of these things are part of showing Love to people and this month is St Valentines Day so we thought we'd look at this story of the woman and her perfume to explore how Jesus feels about us showing Him love. He thinks it's the best thing ever! It also shows us that its just as important to show God some love as it is to do good and help others ... There will always be someone to help or show love to, its important we don't forget about God and Jesus in our lives too!

Some questions

- ◆ Do you spend time in your life showing God that youre grateful or that you care about Him?
- ◆ What are some of the ways you could show God you care?
- ◆ How do you show some people in your life that you care about them too ?



At Home