



## September 2021

Welcome to this month's Messy Church. It's the start of a new term, we are beginning something new! A fresh start can be great, but is often a bit nerve wracking too :) we want to explore a story of Jesus giving someone a brand new start in life, completely changing them for the better. Jesus heals a man who had been born blind, changing that man's whole understanding of the world and who he is in it too! As you learn more about God, through the stories of the Bible, a most precious and miraculous book, 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 whose life giving hope 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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# What's on this month?

You can now join us on Sundays at church again! Each week from 10:15am our Sunday service is in person again. Though if you're not quite ready to come back you can still find us on ...



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You can find our channel by searching for 'Horley Baptist Church'.

HB-K is our video series specifically for children! @ 10 am every Sunday on YouTube.

Parents: If you're on Facebook you can also keep up to date with HB-K by joining the private Facebook Group: "**HB-K Info**" or by following us on Instagram **@hbk\_info**

We really hope to back in 'real life' properly soon !! Watch our Facebook page for updates on this, October is the month we've been waiting for!



Next Messy Church: October

## This month's craft activities

Jesus power can transform peoples lives and give them a fresh start. Make a caterpillar to remind you of transformation ...

1. Tie a good sized knot in one end of your strawberry lace
2. Slide the loops onto the lace.
3. Poke the other end into the marshmallow head.
4. Add the antennae
5. Enjoy! (maybe take a photo first? ... )

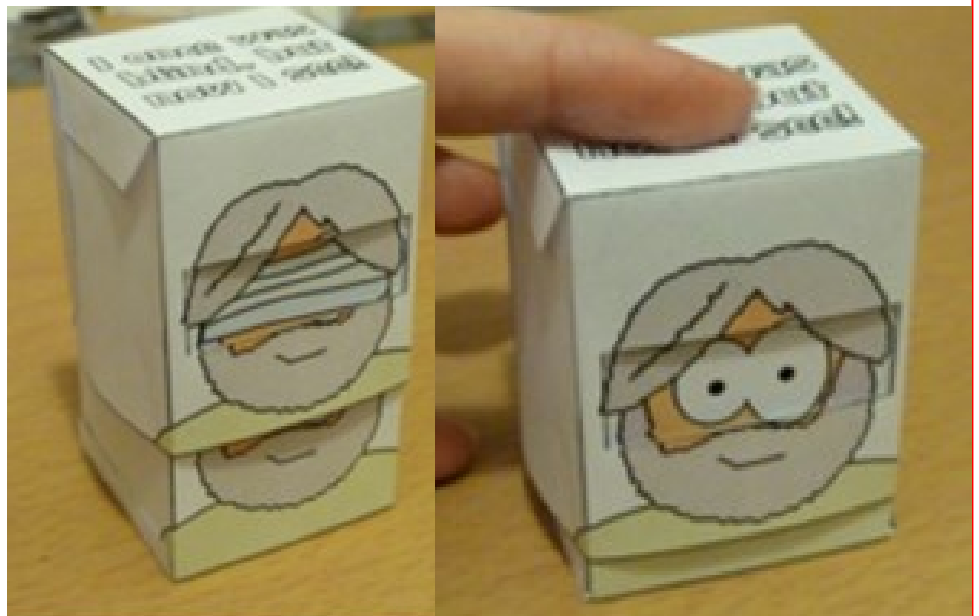


# This month's craft activities

## **Push pop spring box—Blind/Healed man!**

Make yourself a changing puppet to remind you of the way Jesus transformed this man's life!

- Colour all the three parts of the craft first.
- Cut out all the pieces, you might need some help from an adult especially with the window over his eyes.
- Fold along all the solid straight lines including the tabs. On the strip with no pictures on only lines you need to fold the two end tabs the opposite way to the lines in the middle (it should look like legs with feet).
- Start with the man with the eyes on. Glue the tab on the inside and fold into a square.
- Take the piece with the man which has no eyes, turn it over so the writing is facing down. Glue the middle of the leg shaped piece to the back of the writing.
- Then glue all the tabs and stick so the tabs are on the outside of the box.
- Slide the piece with the man with the eyes inside the piece with the man with the no eyes ensuring that the faces line up. The feet shape piece should be in the middle.
- Slide the man with the eyes down so that the bottom edge lines up with the black line on the feet.
- Glue the tabs and stick it to the outside of the box.
- Then the man should pop up and down.





# This month's craft activities

## Felt Butterfly

The butterfly is a great reminder that transformation and change can be beautiful and life changing! Make a reminder that Jesus can change our lives forever and hang it up somewhere you'll see it often.



### Instructions:

- Take the two circles of felt.
- Pinch them in the middle and hold the two circles together.
- Wrap the pipe cleaner around them to hold them together.
- Make antennas from the ends of the pipe cleaners.

# This month's craft activities

## From John 9

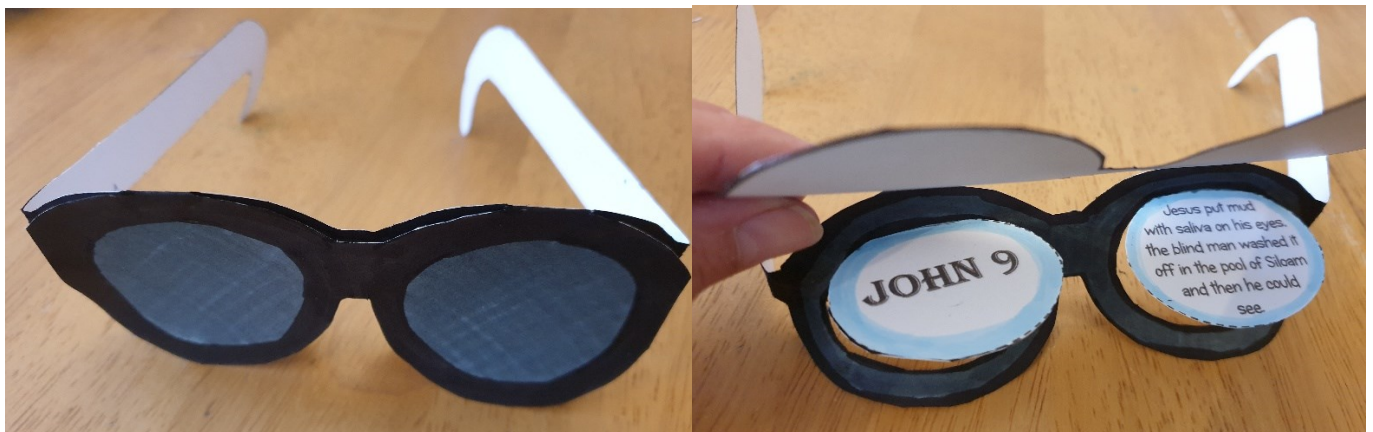
As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing

## How to make your glasses

1. Colour in your glasses.
2. Carefully cut around the edge of your glasses, including the top part.
3. Now fold the top part over your glasses.



# This month's craft activities

## 'Thinking of you' card

In this month's story, we heard about a man born blind who was healed by Jesus.

One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see! John 9 v 25

We may not be physically blind but meeting Jesus will help us to see things in a new way and help us to try to care for people as he did.

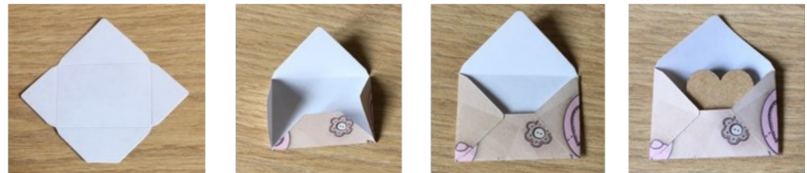
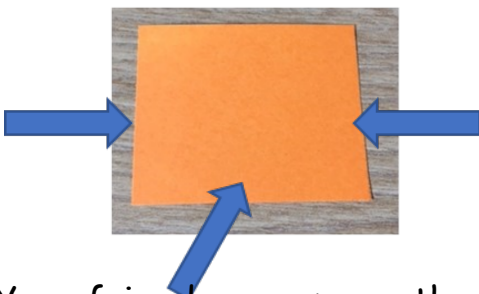
Although we celebrate 'New Year' on 1<sup>st</sup> January, September is the start of a new year for many of us. We may be starting a new school year, maybe a new school or maybe going to school for the first time. This results in new experiences for mums and dads too!

There is probably someone you know about to embark on a new adventure.

Make a 'Thinking of you' card for them. You will find most of what you need for this craft in coloured envelope with the paper clip.

Put a little pocket on the front of the card which contains a wooden heart.

You can do this by making up the small envelope using sellotape.



Alternatively, you can glue around just three edges of the small piece of paper (shown by the arrows) leaving the top open.

Your friend can remove the heart and carry it with them to remind them they are not alone.

You can use the stickers to decorate your card or anything else you have at home. Write a message inside the card. This will vary depending on when their new start is or was. Write your friend's name on the envelope card, put the card in and deliver some encouragement!

Keep the other heart and use it as a reminder to pray for that person and check in with them about how they are getting on.



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## New creation Butterfly Verse

The butterfly is a great reminder that transformation and change can be beautiful and life changing! Make a reminder that Jesus can change our lives forever and hang it up somewhere you'll see it often.

### Instructions

- Decorate your butterfly with colours and embellishments
- Cut your butterfly out
- Stick it up somewhere to be admired!





## Extra Ideas for at home ...

### **What's in the pillowcase**

Find a selection of safe objects your child will be familiar with.

When they are not looking, place one inside a pillowcase.

Allow your child to feel around inside the case and try to guess what the object is without seeing it.

Remind your child that the blind man could not see. Speak about how this made many things more difficult for him.

Then speak about how it would be different when he could see!

Chat about the change Jesus made and whether we think Jesus could make changes like this in our lives or the lives of those we know.



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# THE MAN BORN BLIND

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



## Some things the Bible says about... Transformation

And we all, who with uncovered faces think about the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Romans 12:2**

