

**Messy Church Planning Meeting
Tuesday 20th May 2014**

Theme: Water

Present: Margaret Burgess, Jo Fletcher, Mary Langton, Bernie McGregor, Lynne Ormiston

Apologies: Eleanor Benvie, Jill Totten

Planning action points for Sunday 8th June 2014:

Theme: Water

Worship:

Ian to lead the time of celebration in church – the focus will be on looking at different stories and ways in which water is used in the Bible. This will include creation, miracles, forgiveness and cleansing.

Action:

- Jo to liaise with Ian and Matt.

Activities for 8th June:

Craft activities – supply enough material for approximately 25-30 children.

Craft activity 1: – Soap making - Lynne

The children will make soap, linked to the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, using soap flakes and water. The table talk will include a simple explanation of the story.

Action:

- Lynne to organise and run.
- Jo to send Lynne a soap recipe from Danielle's place website.
- Everyone to collect small Philadelphia tubs, petits filous pots, stock pot tubs.

Craft activity 2: Fruit/sparkling water drink: Eleanor Benvie

The children will make a fruit punch type drink, to possibly include sparkling water and chopped up fruit, which they'll be able to drink at teatime.

Action:

- Eleanor to source and run.

Craft 3: Encaustic art picture of Creation – Margaret Burgess

Margaret to do some encaustic art pictures which will be suitable for the older children. These will relate to the separation of water in Creation.

Action:

- Margaret to organise and run.

Craft 4: Creation pictures for younger children – Bernie McGregor

At this table the younger children will be able to make Creation (land and water pictures) using wax crayons and watered down paints for the sea.

Action:

- Bernie to look after this craft.
- Lynne to supply green wax crayons.

Craft 5: Woman at the well pencil pots – Mary Langton

This craft activity will tie in with the woman at the well story and "living water". The children will make pencil pots out of recycled tin cans, which will look like a well, with a ladle at the side.

Action:

- Mary to source and run.
- Lynne to collect and supply tin cans.

Craft 6: Water drops – Hannah Simpson

The children can draw or write about something that has upset or made them sad during the week onto the water drop shapes. They will then spray water on these to wash away/let go of whatever has upset them.

Action:

- Jo to ask Hannah if she's happy to source and run.

Activity 1: Bubble prayers – Rachel Renshaw

Children to blow bubbles, saying sorry for anything they wished they hadn't done or said in the past week or so.

Action:

- Rachel to run.
- Jo to buy bubble mixture.
- Maybe use plastic rings from beer cans to make larger bubbles?

Activity 2: Washing feet – Jill Totten

- Jill to help the children to wash their feet and to talk about how Jesus washed the disciples' feet.
- Before their feet have been dried, they could maybe walk on a long sheet of sugar paper and look at the different sizes, shapes and patterns.

Action:

- Jo to ask Jill if she's happy to look after this activity.
- Mary to provide towels.

Activity 3: Sink or float – Denise Morton

- The children have a variety of objects to test whether they sink or float in a bowl of water.
- This will link to the story of Jesus walking on the water.
- With all the objects, it won't be immediately obvious whether they will sink or float.

Other action points:

- Jo to put a reminder in the notices about Messy Church for Thursday 29th May.
- Publicity to uniformed groups, pre-school etc.
- Anyone who gets a Sunday newspaper to bring it in, please!
- Jo to liaise with Si Partington about info for take-home sheets.
- Jo to check that Keith is happy to put the banner up.