



## St Peter's Messy Church

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Theme: **God's Creation - Love your world!**



Welcome back to Messy Church at Home – we kept hoping we could meet again in person but sadly that's not yet possible. We have really missed our monthly gatherings and pray that you are all keeping well.

This month we are exploring God's Creation, the healing beauty it has to offer and the many lessons we have to learn from it. We need to love our world and look after it for God.....but what a mess we are making of it!

One of the best things that came out of lockdown was many of us started to notice again how beautiful the world is with a clearer

atmosphere and less noise. So many children and adults commented on the intensity of the blue skies and the clarity of the bird song.

Children are amazing ambassadors for environmental issues. Our activities focus on creation and ideas for improving our world.

We hope you and your family have fun sharing God's word together. Let us know how you get on by dropping an email to the church office ([stpeterspedmore@hotmail.com](mailto:stpeterspedmore@hotmail.com))

Why not send us a picture of the things you make that we could put on our website (please ensure there are no children in the pictures). We would welcome your feedback!

***From the Messy Church Team***

**Bible reference: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4**

### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### **1. Marzipan/icing fruits of the earth**

**You will need: Ready-made marzipan or icing (if there is a nut allergy), food colourings, modelling tools, small pastry brushes, petit four cases, pictures of fruits**

Make model fruit from the marzipan/icing

**Talk about:** all the food we get from the natural world.

#### **2. Creation noticeboard**



**You will need: a picture of a large planet being held in 2 large hands (either from the internet or draw and paint your own), card, coloured papers, fabrics, scissors, glue**

Make a display using the planet as the centre – draw and cut out some of the wonderful animals, plants, birds, fish that live there and stick them around it. – Not into drawing? Try looking for pictures on the internet or in magazines to cut out and stick instead.

**Talk about:** the wonders of the world and organizations that care for them.

### 3. Pavement artists

**You will need: big sticks of chalk, a paved outside area (children – please check with your parents/carers first!!)**

Decorate an outside area of tarmac/concrete with beautiful drawings from the creation story.

**Talk about:** what do you think are the most exciting/beautiful things in the natural world? What can we do to protect them?

### 4. Junk animals

**You will need: Art materials, junk craft materials**

Use the junk to make a weird and wonderful tree, animal, fish or bird – don't forget to give your creation a name!

**Talk about:** The way God made everything out of nothing.

### 5. Autumn leaves

**You will need: a collection of leaves, glue, paper**

Use the leaves to create a picture or pattern of your choice

**Talk about:** the detail and the amazing colours in the world, starting with these autumn leaves.

## 6. Paper people

**You will need:** a long strip of paper e.g. lining paper, drawing and colouring equipment, scissors, books on different cultures or access to the internet

Fold the paper concertina-wise. Draw a human figure on the top piece, making sure hands and feet touch the edges – don't cut through these but cut out the rest of the outline through the thicknesses of the paper. Open out the chain of people and draw different faces on each, colour them in, putting different clothes from around the world on each.

**Talk about:** how God made us 'fearfully and wonderfully', all with individual design features!

## 7. Save the hedgehog!

**You will need:** A small pile of sticks and leaves



Did you know hedgehogs numbers have dropped so low that they are on the **RED 'in danger of extinction'** list?

Talk to your parent/carer about taking action and encouraging others to do likewise.

- Make a pop hole in your garden fence
- Leave a pile of sticks and leaves in your garden
- If you have a bonfire, check for hedgehogs first
- Check out other ideas at

<https://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/hedgehogs>

**Talk about:** our responsibility towards caring for all creatures and to help prevent them from becoming extinct.

## 8. Looking after creatures who visit our gardens

Just a few ideas for you to explore on the internet:

- Make your own bug hotel – refer to the RSPB website
- Make your own birdfeeder (a good way to re-use plastic bottles!)
- Look out for some wildflower seeds to scatter on any bare areas of your garden in the early spring

**Talk about:** all the different birds, insects and flowers in the world and how we can help preserve them.

## 9. Hallowe'en lights – Jesus the light of the World!



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Pumpkin lights have become a tradition on 31<sup>st</sup> October but are often rather spooky.

What about this year recognising God in darkness by lighting up your home with a light of hope. You could carve a cross, a heart, even a stable or a star (we know Christmas is coming!).

## Celebration

### **SONGS:**

**We are allowed to sing at home. Here are a few suggestions to find on Utube or ask Alexa!**

Our God is great big God – Vineyard Worship

God is good, God is great – Captain Alan Price

Nothing's too big, big, big for his power – Doug Horley

He's got the whole world in his hands – Sing Hosanna

**Join Tony in singing some of these during his Creation Celebration - see the tab below.**

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**FOOD suggestion for lunch or tea: ploughman's tea**

### **Messy Grace**

**Three, two, one**

**One, two, three**

**Thank you God**

**For our tea!**

**Aaaaamen!**

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