

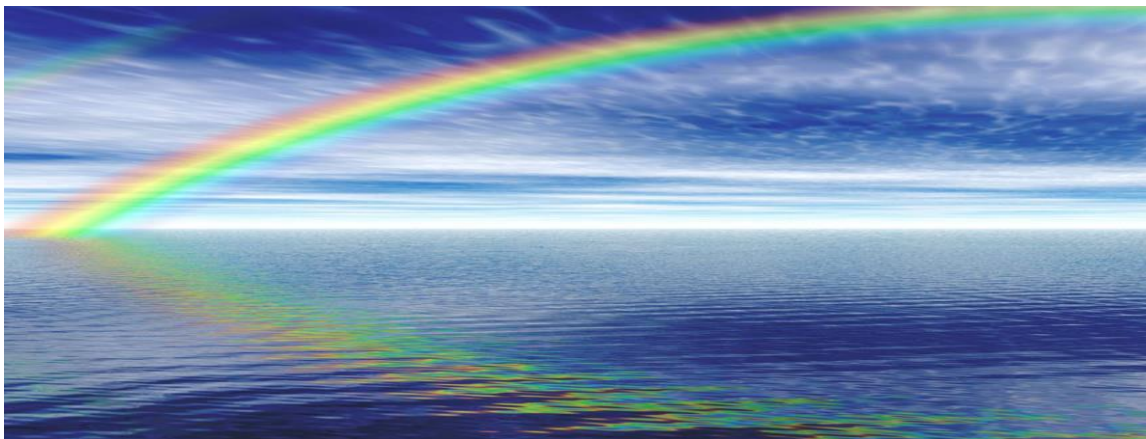


St Peter's Messy Church

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Theme: The Rainbow - God's Symbol of Hope



If you haven't drawn a picture of a rainbow yet, you might like to make one for your wall or window.

Message to parents:

The rainbow symbol is all around us at the moment, so it seems an ideal time to explore with our children the story of Noah and God's promise.

We have included a variety of activities for you to choose from, depending on the age of your children and the resources you have at home. We hope you all find things to share and enjoy. Unlike the usual format, you could choose to spread the activities over a number of days and join in the celebration at a time that's convenient to you.

We have even included a meal suggestion at the end – just like Messy Church!

We hope you and your family have fun sharing God's word together.

From the Messy Church Team

Activities:

1. Animal Masks

You will need: card to cut out animal mask shapes, colouring pencils / crayons / felt-tipped pens, thin card tubes or small garden canes, masking tape

Decorate the animal masks and tape the finished mask to a tube or cane so that the mask can be held in front of the face.

Talk about: the wonderful variety of animals in our world and how much God loves them and why we should care for them.

2. Giant Ark Puzzle

You will need: Large sheet of medium weight card, colouring pencils or felt-tipped pens, scissors, references for pictures of Noah's Ark - perhaps from the internet, or you may have a children's Bible or story book with the story of Noah

Draw and colour a simple picture of Noah's Ark on the card and then cut into 16 pieces to make your own jigsaw puzzle. Have fun piecing the jigsaw together!

Talk about: the way the ark kept Noah and his family safe during the flood.

3. Animal Pairs

You will need: pictures of animal pairs (look on the internet), medium weight card, colouring materials, scissors, glue

Stick the individual pictures on equal-sized pieces of card, colour if you wish to make your own animal snap cards! Enjoy a family game of matching pairs (place all cards face down and take turns to turn and match them).

Talk about: our pets and how much we love them.

4. Edible Arks

You will need: cocktail sausages (meat or vegetarian) cooked and cooled, cheese slices, cucumber, cocktail sausages, plates (paper if possible)

Make a boat on the plate – the boat's body is the cold sausage with a cocktail stick mast supporting a cheese sail. Cut a small triangular flag out of a cucumber slice to fly from the top of the mast.

Talk about: what food might have been eaten on the ark.

5. Origami boats

You will need: sheets of A4 paper, scissors, pens, old baby bath or small bowl – can use the kitchen sink!

Make a boat out of folded paper (plenty of ideas on the internet)

Talk about: how small the ark was compared with the great flood

6. Doves

You will need: medium weight card, scissors, dove template off the internet, small piece of white paper folded into a concertina for wings (white feathers to decorate if available)

Make a dove on the card using the template, cut it out and put a small slit through its tummy and feed through the concertina white paper. Write a prayer on the dove about something you hope for.

Talk about: the dove's role in the story and the way it has become a symbol of peace



7. Rainsticks

You will need: a strong cardboard tube, polystyrene packaging (if possible the sort that looks like cheesy wotsits), beads/dried peas or rice, masking tape, colouring pencils or paint brushes

Loosely fill the cardboard tube with the polystyrene and spoon in 2 tablespoons of beads, dried peas or rice. Seal firmly and decorate the outside. When the rainstick is tipped it will make the noise of gentle rain.

Talk about: what the rain must have sounded like in the ark.

8. Aquaplay

You will need: an old baby bath, water and water toys

Play with the toys together.

Talk about: how wonderful water is when it is in the right place and how dangerous it can be when there's too much of it in the wrong place.

Optional activity: make some boats out of balsa wood – good luck!!

Talk about: how Noah had to be a carpenter to make an ark and how Joseph and Jesus were carpenters too.

If you have toy animals at home: the children could put them in a queue (we all understand those at the moment!) standing two by two, waiting to get into whatever you have representing the Ark

Talk about: how busy the Ark must have been and how every type of animal was equally important to God.

Celebration

Part 1: Jane

Welcome

Song: Nothings too big, big, big for his power!

Doug Horley@Thankyou music (adm by integritymusic.com,songs@integritymusic.com)

You can find the words and actions to this song on UTube

The story of Noah

Song: Who built the Ark

Lyrics by Ian Dunollie & Andrea Michelle

Part 2 Tony

Noah's story bag

Prayers

Song : **Jesus, Jesus, here I am.**
 Jesus, Jesus, take my hand.
 You give to everyone, a love that won't end.
 Thank you, Jesus, you're my friend.

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FOOD for lunch or tea : Fishfingers, potato wedges & peas

One thing we have all realised during the past few weeks is how fortunate we are to have food on our table to keep us well. As a family you might like to use the Messy Grace before your evening meal each day.

Three, two, one

One, two, three

Thank you God

For our tea! Aaaaamen!