



# Creative Extra

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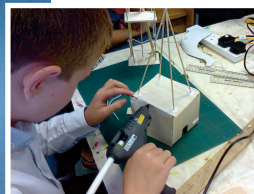
*Do your children like arts and crafts and games? Do you want to join in the fun with them, or would you prefer to attend informal worship whilst they are busy? Creative Church gives you the option to join in as a family or as individuals as much or as little as you like. Arrive any time after 10.30am and either go to the Rainbow room for our crafts or leave your children making crafts with us and join the worship in church. At the end of the worship we all come together for our celebration where we show what we have made, hear the bible story and sing lively songs with our band.*

*Creative Church usually takes place on the third Sunday in the month and we offer a large variety of crafts that all link in some way to the bible story we are learning about that month*

Jesus turning water into wine for a wedding party featured a 'junk model wedding car'. The story of the Good Samaritan meant we could practise our bandage tying skills and make some felt purses. Advent, when Jesus came to be both king and shepherd, meant we could make sheep, crowns and catapults!

Cooking is an activity we feature every month so icing various shapes of biscuits, mixing a Rocky Road, making cake pops or kneading bread dough have all been on offer.

We sometimes run a drama workshop so we can re-tell the story at our celebration with some budding actors!



Some bible stories are less well known e.g. when King Josiah found the bible. We got very adventurous sawing and glueing balsa





wood to make 3D models of a temple perhaps like the one where King Josiah found the ancient scroll of the scriptures. Our own 'scholars' practised writing on parchment scrolls with real feather quills and ink and then burnt the edges of the parchment with a candle flame to make them look more realistic. The clay came out for people to inscribe bible verses into clay tablets and also bookmarks to decorate.

Jesus fed 5000 people with the loaves and fishes a boy shared from his packed lunch. There were some fishy crafts, and cross shaped biscuits to ice as we looked forward to

Jesus' sacrifice at Easter. We planted seeds in the plant pots we had painted, something which will grow and multiply, like the food and love Jesus shared, and games included catching fish with paperclip hooks in the aquarium made from old shoe box lids.

The Easter story meant we could get messy again and use modelling plaster to make a hill, with an empty wooden cross and moss-covering for the grass, and hanging mobiles featured a

tomb stone, a crown, cross and Jesus figure. Easter gardens reminded us of new life, along with the decorations for money boxes,

and some people renovated old jars with glass paint.

During the story, youngsters enjoyed wrapping (and unwrapping) a willing volunteer up in white

linen, from head to toe, and we all used strips of cloth to help us make prayers for God to breathe new life into difficult situations. As usual, our singing was accompanied by the worship band and the youngest children get to play along with drums and shakers.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

