



SENSORY CHURCH

RESOURCE GUIDE



Volume 1

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About Sensory Church



Sensory Church is a 'Fresh Expression' of church. We meet monthly at Christ Church CE Primary School: Shine Centre: Diocese of Birmingham.

The school has a focus provision for children with autism ADHD and other additional needs.

Our vision is for Sensory Church to develop into a fully inclusive worship and learning experience for all God's children. We are excited about what God is doing in our midst and we join Him in His work.

This 'Sensory Church Resource Guide' is offered in the hope that it will inspire and enable other churches to host more Sensory Churches in parishes and deaneries across the Birmingham Diocese and beyond.

In this guide you will find a list of useful resources and planning for 12 Sensory Church sessions. We are, and will continue to be, in the experimental and discovery process of learning. Therefore, please use or adapt anything that may work for you in your own context.

Enjoy the journey

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Reader Birmingham Diocese
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RESOURCE LIST

Here are some essential pieces of equipment that we have identified. Feel free to adjust them to suit your specific needs. Consider dedicating a separate room for a sensory or chill-out space. "**Big Macs**" serve as communication tools, especially beneficial for individuals without speech abilities, both children and adults.

Explore Fishy.com, the hub of **Fishy Music**. By paying a modest annual fee of £33.00 (for small congregations of less than 50 people), you can access worship songs using sign language (BSL). Take a look at their website for more details.
www.fishymusic.com

RESOURCE LIST 1.

Pop-up Sensory Den

www.amazon.co.uk £ 47.99



Bubble Tube: colour changing

www.amazon.co.uk £ 75.17



Bean Bag

www.amazon.co.uk £ 21.99



Parachute

www.amazon.co.uk from £14.99



RESOURCE LIST 2.

Fidget & Sensory Toys

www.amazon.co.uk £ 13.99



Tuff Trays

www.amazon.co.uk £ 14.99



Bubble Gun & Bubbles

www.amazon.co.uk £ 17.50



Magic Sand

www.amazon.co.uk £ 8.49



RESOURCE LIST 3.

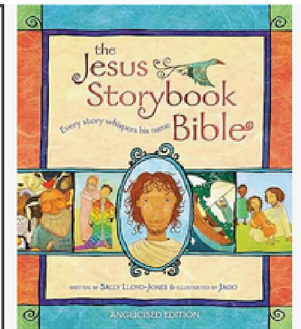
Big Mac Communication Aid
Records audio for up to 2 mins. Record prayer or reading and press big red switch to play back.

[Www. liberator.co.uk](http://www.liberator.co.uk) £115.00



The Jesus Storybook Bible

www.amazon.co.uk £13.40



The Creation Story Plaques- finished £ 114.90
Cheaper DIY Kit. Unfinished to painting £57.40

www.stmichaelsworkshop.org



Noah's Ark

www.amazon.co.uk £25.99



Our Worship Gatherings

We organise our sessions in five distinct areas. This meets the needs of our setting. Please ignore, amend or adapt to your own context.

Before families arrive we set up our 'areas', which consists of:

1. Welcome Area: Near the entrance door we have a table where families can collect **Sensory bags** filled with fidget objects and an assortment of small activities. Or choose large items from a 'sensory-box'. They can also use '**noise cancelling headphones**' if needed. These are sanitised for the next session.

2. Chill-Out-Area: Here we set up a **Sensory Dark Den** with associated light-up objects, **bubble tube** and **bean bag** .

3. Table -Top Crafts: This area is where the wonderful craft work goes on. Families will gather here first. Sensory Church Volunteers explain the theme and families make crafts associated with the theme for the day. These Crafts will be used in the worship time in different ways. Sometimes as part of 'show and tell' other times as a thanksgiving offering and other times becoming part of the biblical story.

4. Floor Activities: One or two sensory trays (tuff trays or builders trays) will be filled with sensory materials to feel and explore connected with the theme.

5. Worship Area: This is a low-table where the sensory biblical story takes place And prayers on the prayer tree are included. We end the session or service by gathering around a Parachute with a hand-held bubble machine. As the Parachute ascend we share the blessing or Grace together.



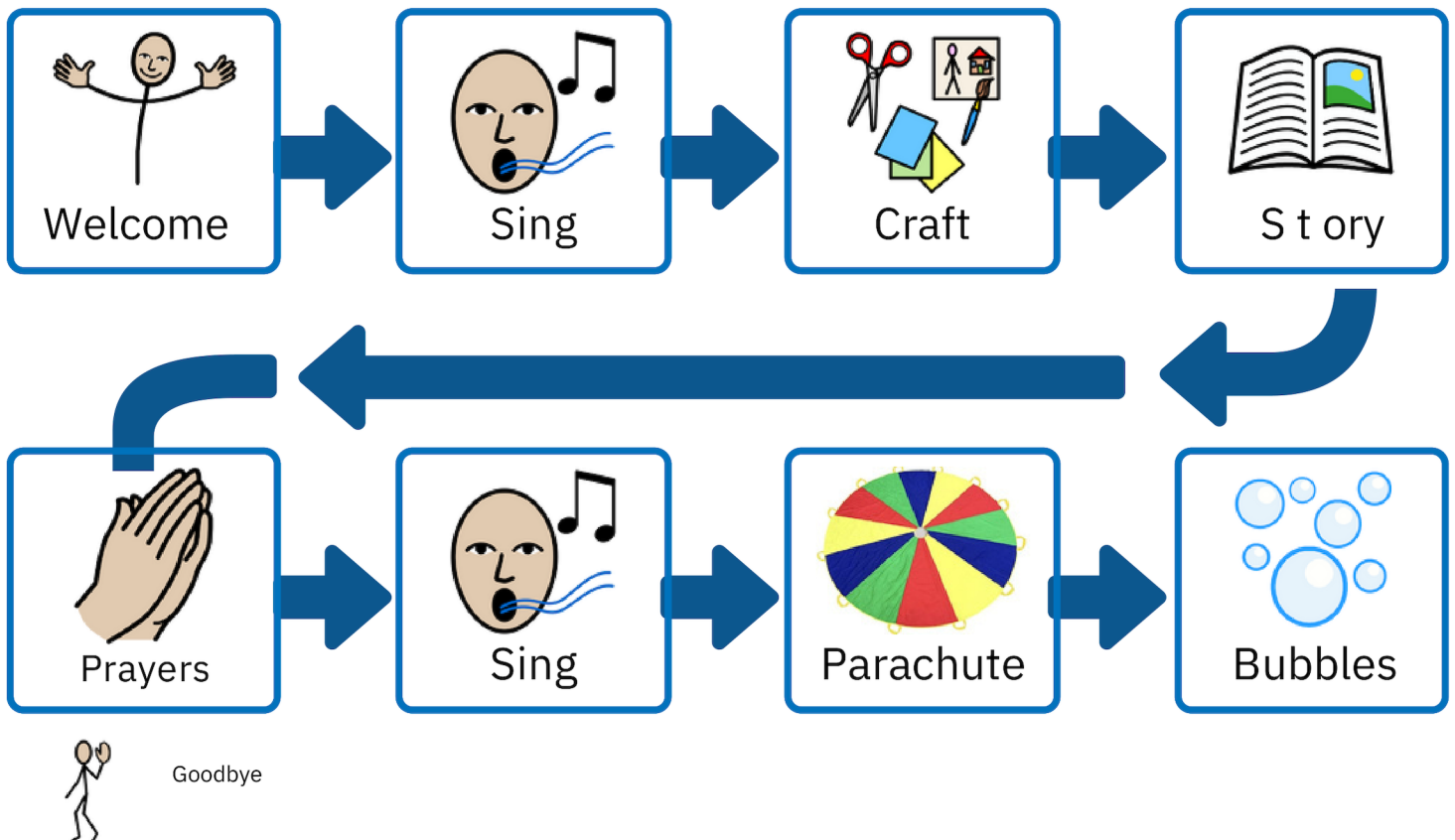
Visual T metables

At Sensory Church we use picture symbols that some children with Special Educational Needs will be familiar with. Picture symbol, also known as 'widgit Symbol's are also communication aids for children, young people and adults who are non-verbal.

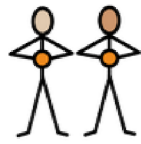
Visual Timetables and symbols can be created and downloaded from: www.widgitonline.com



Sensory Church Visual Timetable



The following pages shows how widgit symbols (picture symbols) can be used above the words of 'Our Father' and other prayers and responses to make the liturgy more inclusive.



Our



Father



in



heaven

hallowed be



your



name



your



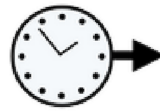
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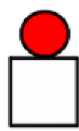


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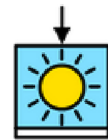
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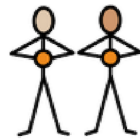
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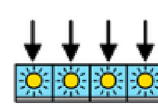
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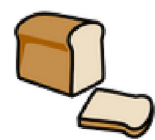
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our



daily



bread.



Forgive



us



our



sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

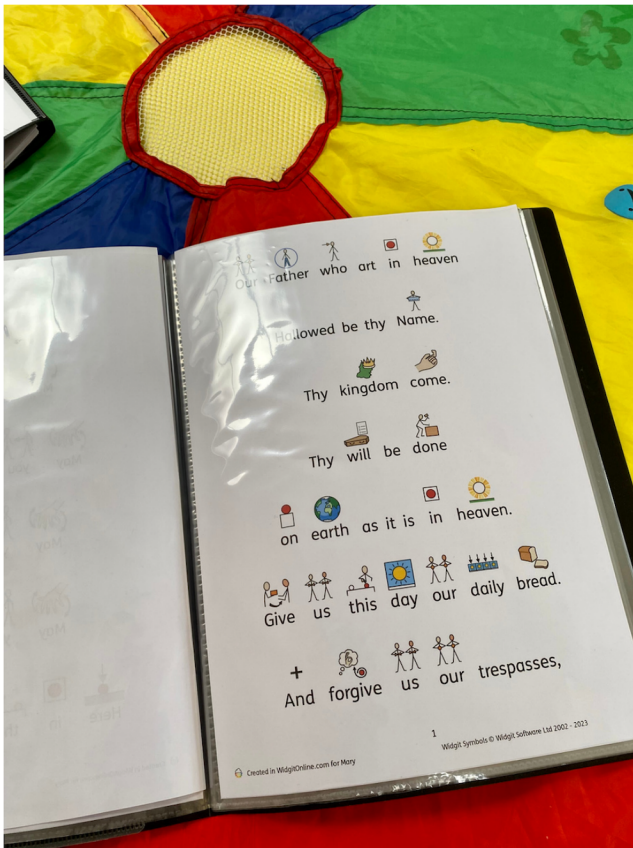
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.



Folders contain visual timetable of what is happening next.

visit:
www.widgitonline.com

Words of prayers, hymns or worship songs with symbols (Widgit Symbols) over each word or phrase.





Sensory Church

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

CREATION	ABRAHAM AND SARAH	NOAH AND THE ARK
SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID	THE NATIVITY STORY	THE GOOD. SHEPHERD
THE. GOOD. SAMARITAN	MULTI-SENSORY CAROL SERVICE	CHRISTINGLE
EASTER	BAPTISM	MOTHER'S DAY - JESUS' MUM

Creation

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities - Table-Top

- Make animals, birds; fish, people
- Themed colouring sheets
- felts and crayons / glue-sticks
- Prayer Tree - write prayers to use in worship time

Activities - Floor- Tuff Trays

- Sensory tray Lego + Animals
- Dye rice blue for sea, green for land, sand, shells , small sea animals
- Kinetic sand & tools

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show their creations
- Tell story of Creation - Godly play style (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together



Godley Play 'Creation Plaques.
from 'St Michaels Workshop.'
<https://shop.stmichaelsworkshop.com/search?q=Creation>

Can be purchased in DIY for cheaper option

For Sensory element add:

Day 1: Light – light stick / source or glow-stick

Day 2: Water – feel . pour water

Day 3: – feel leaves and twigs

Day 4: 3D stars – light-up Christmas stars

Day 5: birds – eel feathers

Day 6: 3D wooden peg-dolls / smakk world animals and play people



Craft:

assortment of nature, animals and sea creatures and sea creatures to colour

Godley_play_script can be downloaded from:
<https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au>

Godly Play by Jerome Berryman V2.

Alternatively : Use a simplified version on Genesis 1: Beginners Bible or The Jesus Storybook Bible

Abraham and Sarah

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Make a star dream-catcher
- Abraham & Sarah Colouring sheets
- felts and crayons / glue-sticks
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- Lego – build a block to represent city of Ur
- Dye rice blue for river – include scoops and small bowls for play
- Kinetic sand & tools – make a tower of sand

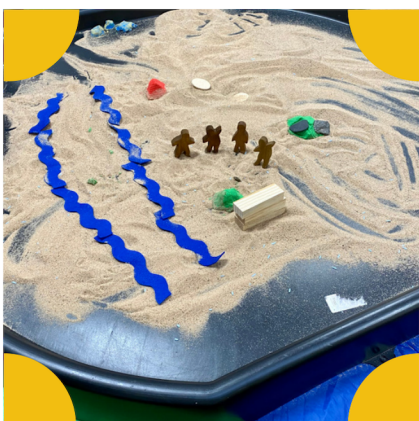
Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show their dream-catchers, colouring & buildings
- Tell story of Creation – Godly play style (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Story



We used a sand-filled 'tuff Tray' with resources - strips of blue felt and wooden people - from 'Out of the Box' (see useful websites)

Story Script: Godly Play by Jerome Berryman V 2

Sensory & Craft



Noah's Ark

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Make Rainbow Kit ([www,bakerross.co.uk](http://www.bakerross.co.uk))
- Themed Colouring Sheets
- felts and crayons / glue-sticks
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- Lego – make animals & ark / boat
- blue coloured rice / water include scoops and small bowls for sorting and poring
- Kinetic sand & tools – make a island and fill with water

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of Noah using toy ark & animals (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

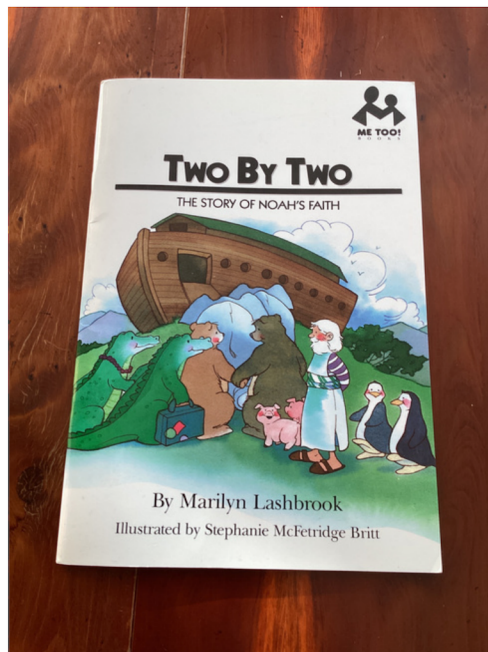
- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together



Noah's Ark from Amazon used to tell story of Noah.

use the script from Godly Play vol. 2 or download for free from:

dobcel.catholic.edu.au = Downloadable play script and 2D images for storytelling



Alternatively :

Two By Two
by
Marilyn Lashbrook

This is an easy version which lends itself well to sensory storytelling.

Samuel Anoints David

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Make decorative crowns
- Themed Colouring Sheets
- felts and crayons / glue-sticks /
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- Lego – build castle or tower
- woden play-people for David's brothers
- Kinetic sand & tools – scoops & bowls

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of Samuel & David using stick-puppets (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Samuel Anoints David

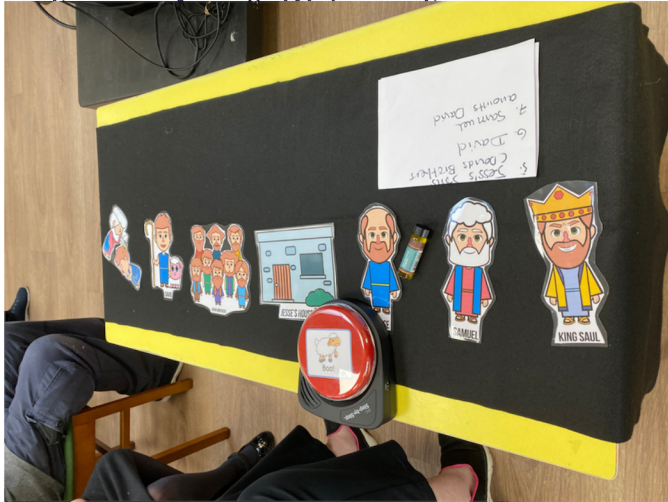


storytelling characters
from
etsy.com

Download and print from
Etsy website. Laminate or
glue to card. Use as is or
cellotape to lollipop sticks.



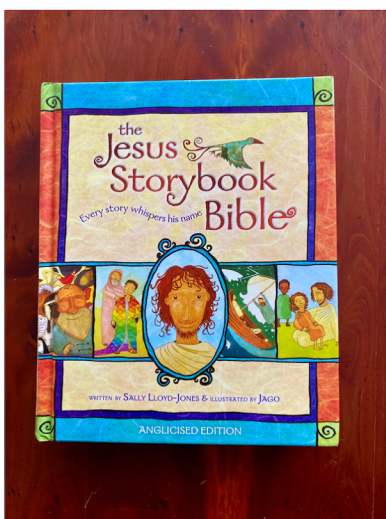
Samuel Anoints David



storytelling characters from
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Bible story of Saul
anointing David as King of
Israel.

1 Samuel: 16:1-13



Another excellent version is the the '
Jesus Storybook Bible.'

The Nativity Story

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Make small foam Christmas Trees (www.bakerross.com) or other alternative decorations
- Themed Christmas Colouring Sheets
- felts and crayons
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- Xmas Sensory Bins – fake snow, white rice, small trees, stars, candy-cane
- Hide nativity characters in basket of brown shredded paper. Find them and make-up nativity scene.

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of Nativity using stick-puppets, pictures or knitted characters (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Sensory Nativity Story

The Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby. She was to call him Jesus.

(Feel angels wings or feathers will use an Angel from a Christmas tree and stick-puppets of Mary, Joseph and donkey - cheap download from etsy.com)

Mary. Joseph travelled to Bethlehem. Mary wore a blue dress and she rode a donkey.

(Explore something blue, hit together two plastic beakers, for the sound of donkey clip clipping along the road.

All the rooms were full. A kind inn keeper let Mary and Joseph use the stable at the back.

Feel hay (be mindful of allergies) and toy animals.

High on a hill outside Bethlehem, an angel appeared to some shepherds. The angel told them to go and visit a baby in a stable Bethlehem. He was the Son of God. The shepherds took a sheep with them.

Feel and explore woolly sheep, cotton wool, shepherd, sheep stick-puppets.

Wise men came from the East. They followed a bright star in the sky. They knew it meant that a new king had been born. It took them a long time to get to Jesus.

King Stick-puppets , star from Christmas Tree, or torch, glowsticks, crowns, play regal music.

The wise men gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Smell spices from kitchen, or air freshers, hold gold chocolate coins (eat one as appropriate) frankincense can be purchased from amazon.co.uk. Place a few drops onto a napkin to smell.



What follows is a another script for ‘The Nativity Story’ . There is a lot of descriptive language because It was developed for those with visual impairments and sight loss. It was delivered online during the Pandemic. I’ve inserted it here because it can be easily adapted for different settings and contexts.

The Nativity Story: Script On-line during Pandemic

CAROL : O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

WELCOME

Welcome to this Sensory Carol service.

If you can't see very well, the words to the Songs and carols are in bold print on a on a blue or contrasting background.

If you don't hear very well most of the carols are signed using BSL or Makkaton.

If you learn best through your sense of touch, then I'll give you some examples of what to explore as the carol is sung.

I hope you have the materials and resources ready to explore before we began. If not, you can always gather them together afterwards and replay the video.

PRAYER

Heavenly father.

Thank you for drawing us together this evening. Thank you for the technology that makes all this possible. And as we use our senses to listen, see, touch and smell, fill our hearts with your wonderful message of faith, hope, love, Joy, hope and peace.

Amen

Our first song takes us all the way back to a long, long time ago....when God made a promise. This Christmas song is a very joyful and upbeat and it reminds us that God always keeps his promises. So, if you've got something to jingle, shake or bang....join in!

CAROL: A LONG, LONG TIME AGO (www.gochattervideo.com)

The Nativity Story: Script

MARY & JOSEPH GO TO BETHLEHEM

Here again is Mary dressed in blue with a white veil and Joseph dressed in his brown robe and coat with his brown beard. And we have a grey donkey.

LET'S STEP INTO THE STORY

Mary and Joseph went to visit Bethlehem, because the emperor wanted everyone to return to the town that their family came from, because he wanted to count everyone.

It was a very difficult journey and Mary went on a donkey.

EXPLORE

As our next carol is sung, have you got somethings grey to explore for the donkey, or maybe you have 2 plastic beakers or wooden spoons that you can hit together to remind you of the sound donkey's hooves as he carried Mary to the little town of Bethlehem.

CAROL: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



The Nativity Story: Script

THE SHEPHERDS

Our next part of the story is about the shepherds and the angels

So here is our shepherd. He's got a light brown robe on and he's wearing a speckled dark brown coat.

He has a brown beard and a white headdress on his head.

We also have a white Sheep -

And here is the group of white felt angles that are also in this part of the story.

And as we move into the carol have you got something woolly jumper to explore, or a toy sheep.

LET'S STEP INTO THE STORY

Out in the fields, above Bethlehem, the shepherds were looking after their sheep.

When, all of a sudden, an angel came, and lots of angels came.

And the angel said to the shepherds:

Go to Bethlehem quickly, there you will find in a stable, a new born baby, lying in a manger. He is the saviour of the world. saviour. And the angels said Glory to God in the highest. And peace to God's people on earth.

Now, as we enjoy the next Carol, have you got something woolly to feel and explore.

CAROL: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

The Nativity Story: Script

THE STABLE

In this part of the story,
we have Joseph.

Here he is in his brown robe and coat and here is Mary dressed in blue with a white veil. And the baby Jesus in a brown manger and the animals: a white cow with black spots and a brown cow, oh and the grey donkey has sneak-in too.

LETS STEP INTO THE STORY

Well, Mary and Joseph went from house to house in Bethlehem, looking for a room that night. But they were out of luck! There was none left. Then a kind innkeeper said:

"You can stay in my stable.

And in that place among the animals, Mary gave birth to baby Jesus. He was God's own Son, and the King of all the nations.

It must have been very cold in that stable that night.

Have your got some fake snow to feel, or something cold from the fridge. Maybe you've got a baby doll wrapped up tight in Blanket Or some Christmas tree light. But careful with those ask an adult to help you look and explore some twinkling lights during our next carol.

CAROL: IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

The Nativity Story: Script

READING FROM JOHN 1:

RESOURCES: 3 CANDLES

The Gold candle is for God

The White candle is for Light

The Red candle is for Jesus

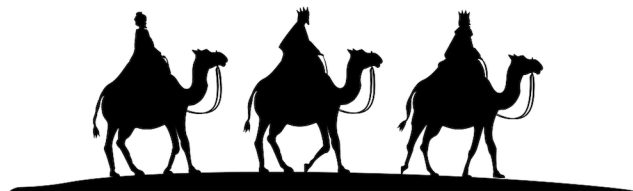


In the beginning, when it was very quiet the Word was with God
AND THE WORD WAS GOD- Light gold candle

In the beginning when it was very dark
God said 'let there be light'
AND THERE WAS LIGHT. Light White candle

When the time was right
God sent the son
He came among us - **Light Red Candle**

The wise men follow the Christmas star



The Nativity Story: Script

PRAYER

Thank you God for Jesusyour very best gift to us. Thank you for coming among us, to save and to redeem us.

BLESSING

This Christmas, may we have the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds and the giving hearts of the wise men; and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest on each one of us.Amen.

CAROL: HE WAS ONE OF US – EMMANUEL GOD WITH US
(www.gochattervideo.com)

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The Good Shepherd

Sensory Area & Welcome Song

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Sheep template, white cotton balls, PVA glue
- Themed Colouring Sheets
- felts and crayons / glue-sticks /
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- guide sheep into pen – tray on floor, lay green material, rolled-up newspaper for shepherd's staff, guide sheep (white balloon into pen (green covered tray.)
- Jesus doll and toy sheep or 2D Pictures.

Worship/Story : Transition

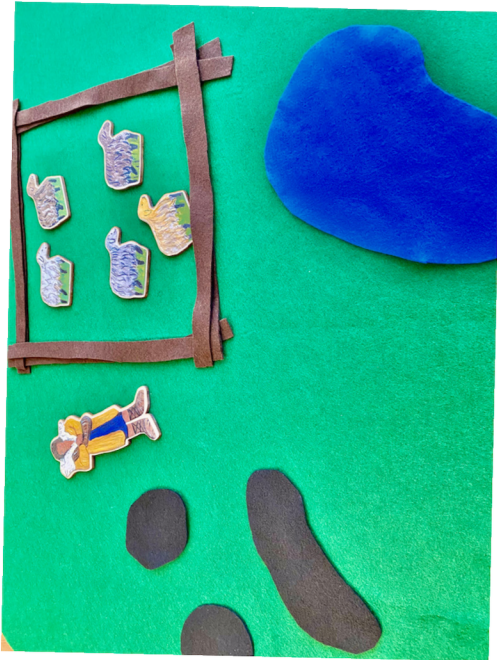
Music

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of The Good Shepherd –(See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

The Good Shepherd



Godly Play Resources for 'The Good Shepherd'

from:

stmichaelsworkshop.com.

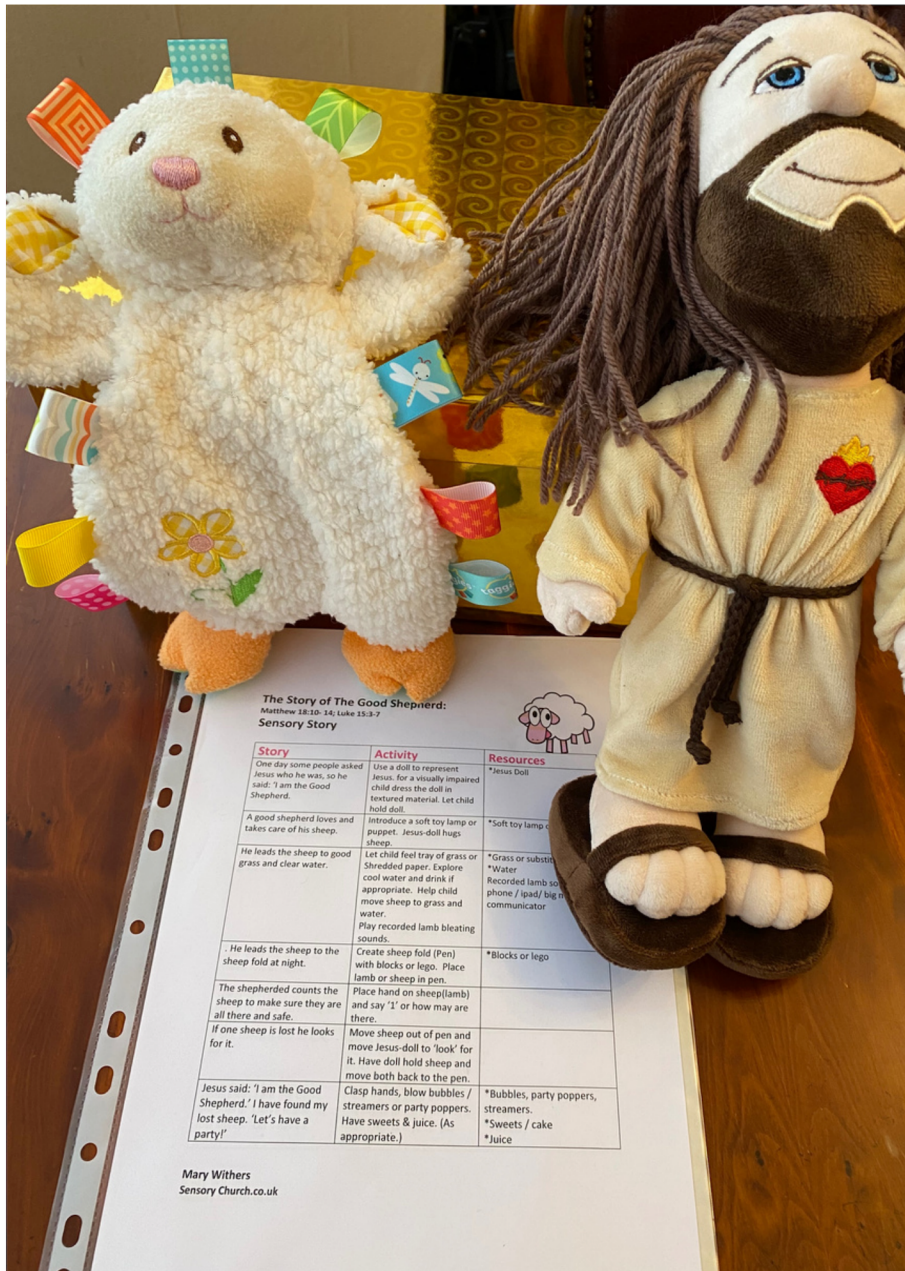
cheaper optionn: DIY kit from same source.

free option: download 2D images and story script from:

www.dobcel.catholic.edu.au/services-to-school-religious-education/godly-play-resources/

Story Script: Godly Play by Jerome Berryman V 2





Jesus Doll and Lamb purchased from amazon.co.uk

The following Sensory Story: "The Good Shepherd was developed for a blind baby.

The Story of The Good Shepherd:

Matthew 18:10- 14; Luke 15:3-7

Sensory Story



One day some people asked Jesus who he was, so he said: 'I am the Good Shepherd.'

(Use a doll to represent Jesus. for a visually impaired child dress the doll in textured material. Let child hold doll)

He leads the sheep to good grass and clear water.

(Let child feel tray of grass or Shredded paper. Explore cool water and drink if appropriate. Help child move sheep to grass and water. Play recorded lamb bleating sounds.)

He leads the sheep to the sheep fold at night.

(Create sheep fold (Pen) with blocks or lego. Place lamb or sheep in pen.)

The shepherd counts the sheep to make sure they are all there and safe.

(Place hand on sheep(lamb) and say '1' or how many are there.)

If one sheep is lost he looks for it.

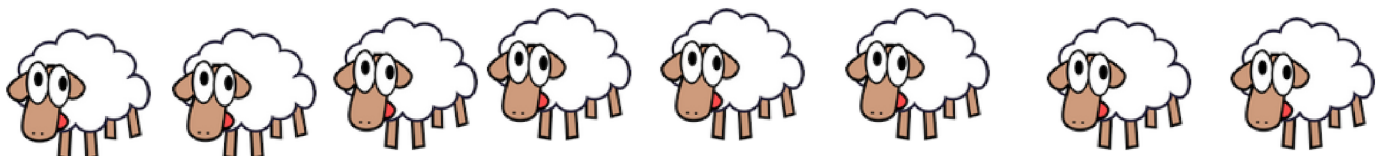
(Move sheep out of pen and move Jesus-doll to 'look' for it. Have doll hold sheep and move both back to the pen.)

Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd.' I have found my lost sheep.

'Let's have a party!'

(Clasp hands, blow bubbles / streamers or party poppers. Have sweets & juice.

(As appropriate.)



The Good Samaritan

Sensory Area & Welcome Song

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Themed Colouring Sheets
- table-top sand tray with stick puppets / felt road and pebbles (see picture)
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- Lego – build a road and add play-people
- Kinesetic sand and tools
- brown dyed/ beans or seeds in tuff trays with parental supervision

Worship/Story : Transition

Music

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of The Good Samaritan –(See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

The Good Samaritan



Godly Play Resources for 'The Good Samaritan
from: stmichaelsworkshop.com.
cheaper option: DIY kit from same source.

free option: download 2D images and story script from:
www.dobcel.catholic.edu.au/services-to-school-religious-education/godly-play-resources/

Story Script: Godly Play by Jerome Berryman V 2

Multi-Sensory Carol Service Resources

Christmas 'Goody Bags containing
sensory objects to explore for each carol.
Nativity Colouring book from amazon.co.uk



Stick puppets - one in each bag - to create
nativity characters. Springboard 50010 Christmas
Nativity Stick Puppets Craft Activity (Pack of 30)
£15.99 from amazon.co.uk

Battery operated night-lights to bring up during service.



Christmas paper bags

Pack of 24. £14.99 www.amazon.co.uk



Large Print 20 pt Embrace Christmas Carols
and 1 Braille copy 0.54p each from:
www.torch.org



Multi-Sensory Carol Service Resources



Multi-Sensory Carol Service Script

Welcome

Welcome to our carol service. (Inform what's in sensory bags and how /when to use the resourves.)

Opening Prayer

We gather to hear with joy the message brought to the world through the birth of a child over 2000 years ago. A message to peace and love to everyone.

Leader: we will begin our retelling of the Christmas story by singing:

SING: pg. 20 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (BSL Video carol)

Leader: in the beginning God made light and sea creatures, trees and flowers and animals and birds. And it was all very good.

Look in your Bag. If you've got something to wave that's a sea creature trees or flowers or animals please wave them now.

(Looking: Wave trees, flowers, animas etc)

Leader: But then people forgot about God. They began to be unkind to each other as well. God sent prophets, special people to tell the people to remember God again and to be kind to each other. But they took no notice. And then God came in Jesus. And this is what Christmas story is all about.

SING: pg. 8. IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (BSL Video Carol)

(Touch: Pinecone)

Leader: Joseph, Jesus' adopted dad, took Mary, Jesus' mum, to Bethlehem so that Jesus could be born there. Mary rode all the way on a donkey

SENSORY- Carol: LITTLE DONKEY

Hear: make hoof sounds (with 2 plastic cups) - touch donkey material

- Bring Joseph, Mary & Donkey stick-puppets up to crib. Jesus doll carried up.

Leader: Mary gave birth to baby Jesus and placed him in the manger. That same night there were Shepherds in the fields looking after their sheep. Suddenly angels appeared to them and told them to go to Bethlehem to see the new born King.

(BSL Video carol)

SING: pg.14 WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCH

SENSORY- Carol: Calypso Carol

Sound: Give out bells / shakers join in with gentle percussion.

- Bring shepherds / sheep / Angel(s) to place around crib /

Journey of the kings

Leader:

in a country very far away, wise men called magi, saw a very bright star. They knew something very important was about to happen. A very special person was going to be born. So, they set off on a very long journey on their camels. When they arrived at Bethlehem, they knew the baby was someone very, very special that God had come in baby Jesus. They knelt and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

SENSORY- Carol: We 3 Kings (music only)

Touch & Smell: While playing carol, smell fragrant scents and feel gold coins

- Bring 3 king puppets and place around crib

SING: pg.21 Silent Night (BSL Video Carol)

PRAYER

Loving Jesus,
you were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels.
Be with all who are lonely, and with all who feel distant from celebrations.
Be for us a living hope that lightens our hearts.
Amen.

SING: LOVE SHONE DODWN Wave stars, glow-sticks,

THE BLESSING

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please stay and join us for refreshments .



See-through umbrella
with fairy lights taped on.
Battery pack taped to handle.

This was the 'Star' carried by
one person who led the three
'Wise Men.' in procession.

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Christngle

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities - Table-Top

- Make a Christngle - oranges, cocktail sticks, sweets, red ribbon.
- Christngle Colouring Sheets - provided by the Children's Society
- Prayer Tree - write prayers to use in worship time

Activities - Floor- Tuff Trays

- Lego - orange, yellow, white, red -build a Christngle candle
- Kinesetic sand and tools
- sensory bin - oranges, tangerines and yellow /orange goop.- with parental supervision

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of The Good Samaritan -(See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Christingle

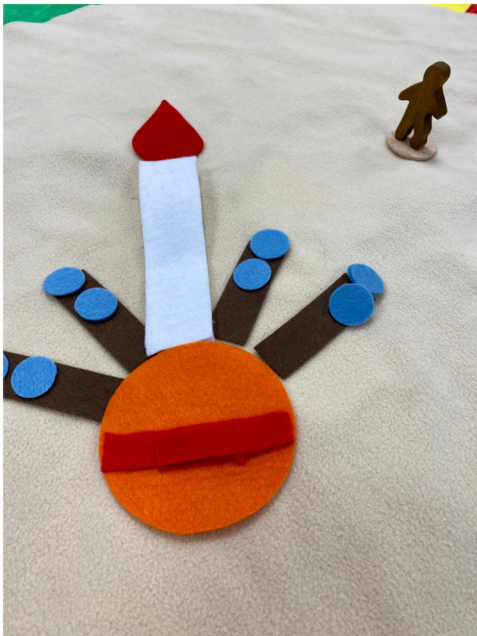


Tell the story of 'The Christingle' (found in the Christingle Resource Pack from the Children's Society). Using the resources from 'Out of the Box'. (See useful websites). Out of the box provides a box of loose felt parts which can be combined to many stories. used here is an orange circle, red strip, brown strips, longer white strip, a red flame strip and blue circles. Also added is a wooden figure standing on a disk from the same resource.

As we cannot use a naked flame in our context we gave everyone a battery operated tea-light on a CD disk and at the appropriate time turned them on as we sang the Christingle Song.



Sensory Tray with an assortment of light-up objects to explore.



Loss parts from ,
Out of the Box Resource Basket
used to make up the Christingle.

Easter: God's Big Rescue Plan

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Make Easter Baskets – egg boxes, scissors, glue, shredded tissue paper, glue-stick, crayons, decorations, decorate plastic easter eggs, Easter assortment –chicks & lambs etc.
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities – Floor- Tuff Trays

- Easter Sensory Bin: Kinesetic sand and tools
- sensory bin – green dyed-rice, or green gloop, plastic eggs, Easter chicks, lambs, sorting tools and bowls. With parental supervision
- themed soft toys

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of 'God;
- 's Big Rescue Plan. (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Easter: God's Big Rescue Plan



I bought two copies of 'The Jesus Storybook Bible.' one to read and one to cut up. I laminate the pictures. I have use these in a variety of ways and computations to tell the story of Jesus.

For the Crucifixion –the picture being a bid too harrowing for our kids, I used a lego–built cross. I used these to tell the whole story of Jesus, laying out each pictures as we went through the story. We also used a small bun roll and a small chalice placed on the picture of the 'Last Supper. The story script can be adapted and taken, (learned by heart is better) from the relevant pages in the Jesus Storybook Bible and told as you lay down the pictures and objects. Some questions to wonder about:

What part of the story did you like best?

Is there any part of the story you didn't like and why?

Baptism

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Cut out a dove. Write your name in the blank space.
- Our Father Prayer wheel
- Themed colouring sheets, felts and crayons
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Resources for Baptism Role-Play

- Baby doll –dressed in white
- 3 felt white circles
- water jug and bowl
- large Christ-Candle
- paper / oil; dove
- oil

Worship/Story : Transition Music Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of 'God's Big Rescue Plan.' (See next page)
- place dove with your name on with candles around the Christ-Candle.
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music /Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Baptism



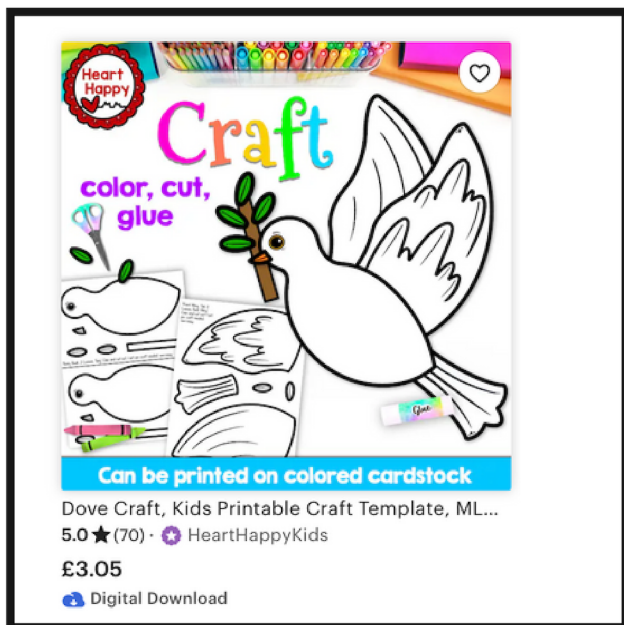
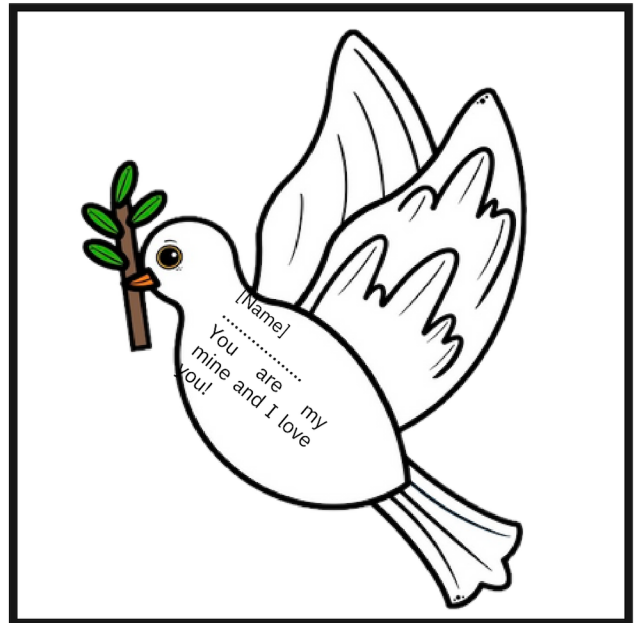
Godly Play Script for 'Holy Baptism'
downloaded free from:
www.dobcel.catholic.edu.au/services-to-school-religious-education/godly-play-resources/

It can also be found in:
Godly Play by Jerome Berryman Volume 3

"Our Father Prayer Wheel download from
Etsy.com £3.50

Baptism

Children made their own doves.
I scaled it down and incorporated
'message' on the body of the doves
to use in worship.



Dove Craft download from:
https://www.etsy.com/uk/search?q=Dove%20craft&ref=search_bar

Mother's Day: Jesus' Mum

Sensory Area & Welcome Song / Hymn

- Dark Den
- Bubble Tube
- Bean Bag
- Sensory Bags & fidgets

Activities – Table-Top

- Make Mother's Day Pop-Up Cards
- Hearts & Themed colouring sheets, felts and crayons
- Prayer Tree – write prayers to use in worship time

Activities: Floor: Tuff trays

- Kinetic Sand and tools
- Lego Brick – build simple temple
- Road map /rug and vehicles

Worship/Story : Transition Music / Hymn

- Invite all to show what they have made / built or colouring
- Tell story of Mary, mother of Jesus, (See next page)
- Read out prayers from prayer tree
- Say the Lord's Prayer together

Good Bye! : Transition Music / Hymn

- Parachute & Bubbles
- Blessing or share the Grace together

Jesus' Mother's Story



Resources

- Stick -puppets or dolls of :
 - Mary
 - Angel Gabriel
 - Joseph
- 2D or 3D Temple scenes
- Scene or pictures of Nazareth & Jerusalem
- wine glass (for wedding at Cana scene)
- cross
- stone
- picture of tomb or large stone
- picture of garden
- Real flower



Mother's Day: Jesus Mother, Mary

Before the beginning of anything, there was God. (Show and place infinity mirror)

2. God decided to make the sun and the moon, the earth, and all the animals and people. (Place down plaque or pictures and sun and moon.)

3. Then God decided to come himself because all the people were not behaving as God thought they should.

4. Mary lived in a place called Nazareth. (Place down the 'Nazareth plaque' - a Godly Play resource - or a clip art picture of Nazareth.

5. God the creator of everything wanted to come as a human being. He wanted to visit the world and see if he could make it better. (Place down Mary. This can be a doll, puppet or wooden figures.

6. So, God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary. (Place down 'Angel Gabriel' next to Mary.)

7. The Angel Gabriel said to Mary: 'God wants you to become His mum. And you will call him Jesus. Because the name 'Jesus' means: 'One who saves.' Because he's going to come and save the people from all the bad things they do to each other. How about it?' Said the angle to Mary. And Mary said: 'Yes!'

8. Now Mary was going to be married to a man called Joseph. (Place down Joseph.)

9. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem and Jesus was born there. (Place down picture, plaque or wooden block top represent 'Bethlehem.')

10. When Jesus was 8 days old Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. Because it was the right things to do. And a man called Simeon and a lady called Hannah said wonderful things about him. (Place down picture or plaque of Jerusalem. Use three wooden planks to make doorway / to make entrance. (see picture). Move Mary (with baby Jesus) Joseph to the temple and place wooden figures to represent Simeon' and Anna.)

11. Jesus grew up and did many great things. The first great thing he did was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana. (Move 'Mary' along. Place wooden figures to represent Jesus and some of his disciples.)

His mum Mary was there too. Jesus' mum ,Mary, encouraged him to do a miracle and make more wine so the wedding couple wouldn't be embarrassed. Because they had ran out wine.

12. So, Mary was always looking out for Jesus. (Place down a 'wine Goblet' to represent Jesus miracle of turning water into wine.) Jesus continued to do many great things.

13. One day Jesus went back to the temple in Jerusalem.

But the people didn't like what he said. And they didn't like what he did.

14. So, they killed Jesus and put him on a cross. Which was the normal way to get rid of troublemakers at that time. (Place down a cross.)

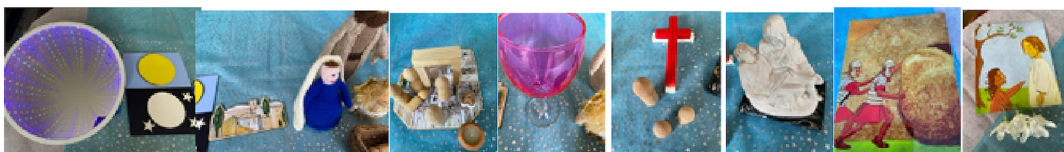
15. But Mary was there with Jesus. She stood the foot of the cross. With two other women and a friend of Jesus' called John. (Place wooden figures around the Cross to represent: Mary, John and the two other women.)

16. Jesus said to Mary: 'I want you to be John's mum now.'

17. When Jesus was taken down from the cross, he was placed in mum's (Mary's) arms. (Place down picture or statute of the 'Pieta' (Jesus in Mary's arms as he is taken down from the cross).

18. Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and a huge stone was rolled across the entrance. (Place down a picture of the 'Garden Tomb' or Roman Guard rolling stone across tomb entrance. Place a real stone on the pictu)

19. But that wasn't the end of the story. Three days later, Jesus came alive again and appeared to another Mary. But that's another story! (Place down picture of Jesus appearing to Mary Madeline in the garden. Place a small real flower on the picture.)



USEFUL WEBSITES 1

1 <https://www.godlyplay.uk>

Provides training and information about the 'Godly Play method of teaching young children about God and the bible stories. Although aimed at children adults love the method too. Also suitable for children and adults with special needs.

2 [Fischymusic.com](https://www.fischymusic.com)

Online access to great Christian songs for children with British Sign Language. Subscription based.

3 [widgitonline.com](https://www.widgitonline.com)

Colourful and simple line-drawings to symbolise words and concepts. Used to support communication.

4 [shop.stmichaelsworkshop.com](https://www.shop.stmichaelsworkshop.com)

Produces and sells Godly Play resources and books.

5 [dobcel.catholic.edu.au](https://www.dobcel.catholic.edu.au)

Download free Godly Play story scrips and images.

6 [Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)

Has good selection of cheap clip art for biblical storytelling and craft activities.

USEFUL WEBSITES 2

7 www.gochattervideos.com

Lyric videos of seasonal hymns, carols and worship songs. Has BSL and Makaton.

8 <https://outoftheboxstories.org>

Provides training on how to use out of the box stories for schools and churches. You can purchase a box /basket of wonderful loose parts resources for storytelling.

9 eshop.torchtrust.org.uk

Torch Trust is a good organisation that provides (for a low fee) accessible Christian material for the visually impaired and sight loss.

10 <https://throughtheroof.org>

'A wealth of ideas to: 'equip churches and the Christian community to fully involve disabled people.' (copied from Through the Roof website.

11 <https://www.urbamsaints.org>

Training on disability inclusion and a host of other resources. Additional Needs Director: Mark Arnold.

Useful Books

Godly Play by Jerome W. Berryman V. 2 and 3

The Jesus Storybook by Sally Lloyd-Jones

The Begginers Bible

The Barnabas Family Bible: 110 stories for families to share by Martyn Payne and Jane Butcher

Following Jesus: More about Young Children and Worship by Sonja M. Stewart

Play Through The Bible: A Toddler's Introduction to God's Word Vol. 2 The New Testament by Liz Malloy (There is also Vol. 1 The Old Testament.)

Creative Ideas for Worship will All Abilities by Hazel Bradley & Jim Cargin: in association with L'Arche