

# Messy Church at Home no 5



The theme for the next two “Messy Church at Home” is *He is alive*

In Ashburton

“Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive”? *Luke 24 (CEV)*

Jesus showed himself to the disciples in different ways after he had risen from the cave.

He showed them that he was really alive and with them. He wanted them to believe what they could see.

Jesus’ friends needed to use all of their senses to feel and see his presence.

- ❖ Mary Magdalene who mistook Him for a gardener..... **Smelling** or sensed someone behind her she turned and realised he was not the gardener. He was Jesus.
- ❖ He entered a locked room to join them for a meal. The **tasting** of food with our Lord brought him to life for the disciples.
- ❖ He asked Thomas the doubter to touch his wounds to prove he was really alive. After **touching** Jesus’ wounds, he shouted out his belief **“My Lord and my God!” in John 20.**
- ❖ On the road to a town called Emmaus he walked with two disciples and talked. **Listening** to the stranger meant that the disciples woke up to Jesus when he broke the bread with them in the evening.
- ❖ When Peter and his friends were fishing Jesus was on the beach and He was **seen** from the boat on the beach.

***And we need to use all our senses to feel Jesus is Alive today.***

## ***1. Now sing along to this song on You Tube “He’s Alive”***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0f0axB4GCC8>

2. **Use your senses to Pray.** Find a dice, throw the dice and see what the number is and make a prayer around the different senses numbered below. *(If you haven’t got a dice write the numbers 1 to 6 on pieces of paper and put in a bag and pull out a number.)*

**1.** is for **smelling** something that remind you of how wonderful God is.... like a roast meal for me or the scent of a flower. **2.** is for **tasting** something that reminds you of God; for me it could be bread. **3.** Is for **touching** something that reminds us of the story of Jesus, for example touching a piece of wood reminds me of the cross. **4.** Is for **listening**...just be quiet for a little while and listen. **5.** is for **seeing** God; look around and see God in your friends or the way your family care for each other. **6.** Is for **sharing your feelings** with Jesus, he will understand, remember he was fully human when he was with us here on earth.

## • **Activity 1 Butterflies**



We are starting with the Resurrection which is represented by the butterfly or butterflies to hang in our window to remind neighbours that Jesus is alive and helping us all the time. We have faith and believe in him. We turn to him and think about him, especially in these difficult times.

**How to.** Take a piece of coloured magazine or wrapping paper and cut in a square and on the diagonal fold in a zigzag - see first picture. Then take a piece of string and tie it in the middle.

**Please also see two butterfly crafts for different ages at the end of this pdf.**

**Why.** Butterflies are great symbols of new life when you are talking about the Resurrection. These are really easy and effective to make - but are probably best made by older children as the folding can be a bit fiddly!

## • Activity 2 Flowers

We will make a flower to remind us that Mary Magdalene confused Jesus with a gardener.

**How to.** You will need 3 empty toilet-paper tubes, 3 bamboo skewers, paint, paintbrush, green card or paper and tissue paper.



Draw a ring 2 inches from edge / end of the tube. Repeat from the other end. Then, from each 2-inch ring, draw lines every 1/2 inch from the line to the outside. Now snip along each line, from the outside inwards (these will make the petals.)

Fold petals back to create flower. Paint flower and bamboo skewers; let dry. Cut out green leaves and glue to skewers.

Push the skewer through one end of the flower's centre until it just touches the other end. Crumple an 8-inch square of tissue paper and place in the centre.

**Why.** Jesus showed himself to Mary Magdalene in a garden. Every time we smell fresh flowers, we can remember this wonderful moment when it was shown to us that Jesus was alive then and also alive here today.

## • Activity 3 Food table

**We are making little nests with baby birds reminding us that Jesus rose again in new Life and entered the locked room where His friends were and shared some food.**

**How to.** I have just been informed that you can just melt chocolate and stir in the cereal. So, keep it simple!!!

Or

2 level tablespoons of cocoa powder; 1 level tablespoon of golden syrup; 150 g, of dark chocolate, broken into pieces; 40g of soft margarine; Shredded Wheat 4 biscuits crushed or the equivalent in Rice Krispies; fondant icing.

Put 12 paper bun cases into a 12-hole bun tin. Put the cocoa powder, syrup, chocolate and margarine into a medium saucepan. Heat gently, stirring, until melted and smooth.

Add the Shredded Wheat biscuits and stir until coated.

Share the mixture between the bun cases, making a depression in the middle with the back of a teaspoon to form a nest shape. Chill until set.

Finish off each chocolate nest with tiny birds made from Fondant icing.

**Why.** Jesus is alive and he loves sharing meals with us. Every time we have a meal with friends, and we remember to pray to Jesus and thank him, our food tastes better and He blesses the conversations we have during the meal.

### 3 Sing along to the song “Love one another.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYlkcoAfLU4>

This song is all about us loving each other just like Jesus loves us. The most loving thing that Jesus did for us was to die so that he can be alive with us today.

***Health warning*** due to Covid-19 please remind children not to hold hands with anyone that is not in their family.

### 4. Prayer for all of the family to say together.

But first read this bible verse out.

**“The apostles thought it was all nonsense, and they would not believe.” Luke 24 verse 11.**

Please help us to understand that you showed yourself to a number of people after you had risen.

Give us faith to believe in you and all the love you show for each and every one of us every day.

You are alive and we can sense you in the smells, tastes, sounds, silences, light, and sights of this wonderful world.

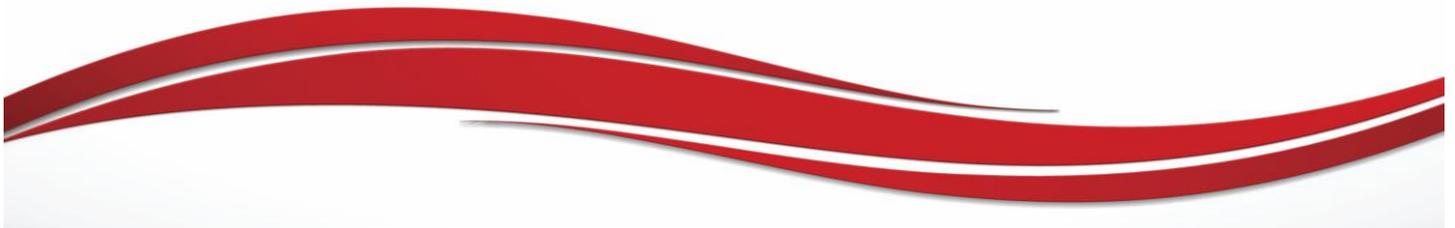
Help us to feel, listen and talk with you. **Amen**

I hope you will have time to have a meal together after this Messy Church at home session

**Messy Grace** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if expecting a present) And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands) be with us evermore. (Hands up in the air) Amen.

***For older children who want to construct something else here is a website for making an aeroplane which looks great fun.***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3OopZKvBnc>



Paint this butterfly carefully and hang it up on your wall and when you look at it remember that Jesus died for us and is with you today.



Cut out this butterfly and then use it on a template of coloured card. Cut out the white holes.

Then take some cellophane or coloured tissue paper and stick across the butterfly. Cut off excess paper around the edge. Make a hole in the top of the butterfly. Put a string through it and hang it in the window and let the light shine through it. See the butterfly come to life.

