



# Messy Young Leaders' Badges

## Young leaders' development

**Aim: to make an opportunity for the discipleship of under-18s to develop through taking part in the leadership of a Messy Church.**

The Messy Young Leaders' Badge encourages young people to take part in a structured scheme for helping with different elements of Messy Church, with a checklist to work through before gaining accreditation as a young leader at each level. Have an adult Messy Mate to reflect with them on how each item went and what it meant, not just in terms of skills but in terms of their own faith journey (e.g. What went well? What would you do differently next time? What do you feel you learned? Where did you sense God at work?). Use the Islands Map. Have a celebration and present a certificate and a prize for each level.

## Messy Young Leaders' Badges requirements

All these can be done on your own or with a friend or two.

### One Splat Award

- Help at the welcome table
- Help another leader with an activity table for the whole of the session
- Help lead part of the celebration (song, prayer or story)
- Help the kitchen team prepare the meal
- Help wash-up

### Two Splat Award

- Join the planning team for one meeting and share one idea
- Lead an activity table (with adult helping if required)
- Lead a different part of the celebration
- Help with setting up the whole Messy Church
- Help with clearing up the whole Messy Church

### Three Splat Award

- Join the planning team for the meetings before and after the Messy Church itself
- Suggest and – if the team agrees – try out a better way of running the welcome table
- Lead the team's preparation and prayer meeting just before Messy Church starts (with someone else if you prefer)
- Plan and lead an activity for that Messy Church (with someone to help if you prefer)
- Demonstrate that you can talk about God appropriately during the activity
- Plan a celebration and delegate the separate parts to team members to lead
- Suggest a menu
- Take responsibility for one part of the kitchen side of Messy Church
- Thank everybody who took part in the Messy Church

### You have now gained your Messy Leaders' Badge!

Encourage young people to reflect and doodle in their Travel Journal at home and bring it to show the group if they want to next time.

## The Big Splat Challenge

The Big Splat Challenge is for those who want an even bigger challenge. Please let the BRF Messy Church team know of anyone who does this level – we'd like to meet them.

### Big Splat Award

- Lead a team planning meeting
- Organise a Messy Church-related event somewhere outside your own church – at a different church, outdoors or at a village fair or similar
- Create, deliver and share the findings of a survey of the families at Messy Church to discover useful feedback
- Do a basic food hygiene course
- Do a safeguarding course
- Give a report on Messy Church to your church
- Take part in a Messy Meet-up or training day with other local Messy Churches