

# TO MESSY AND BEYOND

## Activity and Craft Ideas

### **Make a big thing together**

Provide a single large outline and people fill it in  
For example - a Dove at Pentecost, Hosanna before Easter  
Then display

### **Materials to create scenes on a tray**

Dirt, little twigs, branches, stones, flowers, blocks, people, toys

### **Decorate a Christmas tree**

Have several and various decorations

### **Make a maze**

Use Lego, have base boards, lots of Lego and marbles  
Various cardboard containers and associated 'bits and pieces'

### **Make and taste**

Pancakes, popcorn, iced biscuits, butter (Thermomix)

### **Make a tower**

How tall can you make a tower with spaghetti and marshmallows?

### **Make a manager**

Have timber already prepared  
People can then assemble using hammers, nails, etc.

### **Prayer station**

Use sand, leaves, opening paper flowers, water, stones

### **Manipulation things**

Tangrams, puzzles, knot tying, measuring cups/jugs, etc.

### **What's in the box?**

### **Boxes or covered containers**

People put their hands into a box to feel what's inside  
Encourage them to try and explain connection to a theme  
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### Story match/concentration

Use pictures of the Bible story (Easter, Christmas or theme or words)  
For example - pancake pan and spatula with pancake shapes with words( love, give, trust, pray, prepare, share)

### Thinking station

For example - faces of Jesus (different interpretations of Jesus)  
How do they make you feel?  
How do you picture Jesus?

### Fire pit and damper

### Tasting Station

Have lots of different ingredients to taste

### Take apart an old electrical appliance

### Cloud dough, Play dough

**Cloud Dough** can sometimes be called Moon Sand.  
It is a home made mixture used for sensory play experiences.  
The consistency of Cloud Dough can be powdery like flour and also mouldable, a bit like damp sand.  
It is perfect for moulding, shaping, squeezing, pressing and sculpting into different shapes  
<https://www.learning4kids.net/2014/08/13/make-cloud-dough-recipe/>

### Sensory Objects

Provide objects with different textures  
Fluffy, spiky, leathery, squishy, etc.

### Minute it to win it style challenges

For example - how many hearts can you make out of the cup up pieces in 1 minute (have a sand or egg timer available)

### Bounce the ball into containers

This works really well when using table tennis balls (God's generosity)

### Different boxes with a theme item in each

People have to shake and guess what is inside  
Think why it's related to the theme

### Games

Connect 4, jenga, jigsaw puzzle, paper puzzles, hook and ring toss



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