



Narnia Sleepover

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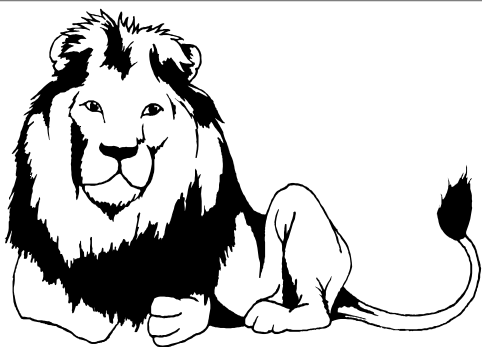
At the commencement of our Sunday School year, we held a 'Narnia sleepover' on the first Saturday in February. Each child was posted a colourful Narnia invitation to this first event of 2006.

Children arrived at 7pm, having already eaten. We set up the data projector and watched the BBCTV series *The Lion Witch & the Wardrobe*, intermingled with party games and food. We played a **Mr Tumnus Parcel Relay** game, and made Susan's horn out of a sheet of paper.

Following a night of little sleep, we shared breakfast together and had our Sunday class time during Church. This was based on the theme of 'Once a King or Queen in Narnia always a King or Queen'. The children made golden crowns or tiaras and reflected on how we are sons and daughters of God our King.

The twenty five children came back into the church during the service wearing their crowns and we prayed for them out the front.

Important connections were made with families and their children, and the impact of all these children with their crowns during the church service was memorable.



There are lots of great ideas for things to do with children on the Narnia website.

There are also a few good resource books from Koorong and other Christian bookstores.

As the main elements of the Narnia characters are Christian, it is quite easy to adapt other Sunday School material to fit in with the Narnia theme.

Narnia Easter Event

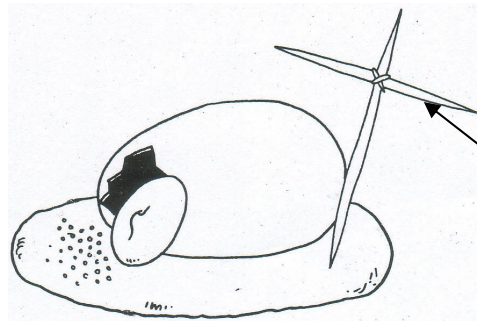
Narnia School Easter Event

Henley-Fulham Uniting Church invited local school children to come and hear the **real** Easter story (following a successful invitation in December to hear the **real** Christmas story). We based our decoration of the storytelling area on Narnia.

Children entered the room through a wooden wardrobe, pushing past coats until they came to a 'snowy' forest where they sat and listened to the legend of the three trees. This story connects Christmas with Easter and linked with the forest scene we were sitting in. After an opportunity to ask questions, take a class photo and play with the 'snow', they filed into another room where there were biscuits to decorate and an Easter booklet to take home with them.



We created the booklet using some Easter puzzles and colouring-in patterns to create a 5 page booklet. The biscuits were Arrowroot biscuits decorated with green icing. A small Easter egg was broken at one end to create an empty 'tomb' and we used rainbow choc-chip to decorate around it.



[You can add a cross made from toothpicks.]

The forest scene was made of artificial Christmas trees covered in shredded paper, white pompoms and placed on a white sheet. Other snow was made from foam pellets and craft shop 'snow'.



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