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# **FAMILY NEWSLETTER**

## **LAST TIME**

### **Messy Church in January**

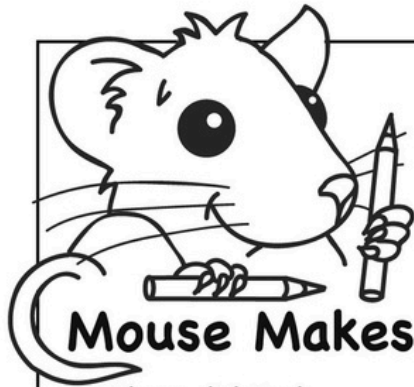
**Our theme in January was Saul's conversion to Christianity and methods of communication.**

**We learnt how Jesus spoke to Saul and also do Ananias, because he wanted Saul to lead the Christian message.**

**We learnt how Paul (Saul) travelled to teach the message of God through Jesus.**

- We made Sunglasses – to protect us from bright lights'
- We put a message in a bottle.
- We made paper planes, to see how far our 'air mail' could fly.
- We made passports – to gain entry when we arrive at our destination.
- We made Scrolls – an old fashioned way to write messages.
- We did a blindfold challenge, to see if we could guess what was inside the bag.
- We made Angry/happy faces to show how an angry Saul turns into a happy Paul.
- We wrote our initials on a cracker with cream spread.
- We did a Lego challenge to build a boat as early missionary would have travelled by boat to other countries.





Where did God ask Jonah to go?

Read Jonah 1-4



What did Jesus tell his disciples *not* to take with them on their journey?

Read Matthew 10:9-10



Who spoke to Saul on his journey to Damascus?

Read Acts 9:3-8



What animal took Balaam to Moab?

Read Numbers 22:22



How did God guide the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness?

Read Exodus 13:21



Who did Abram take with him on his journey to Canaan?

and

Read Genesis 12:4-5



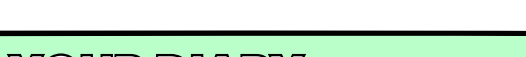
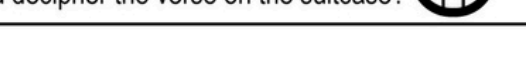
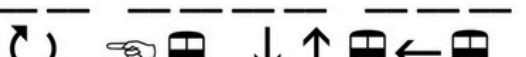
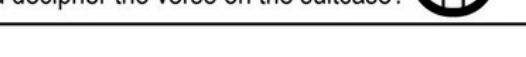
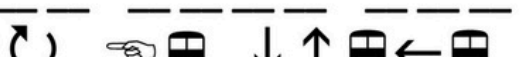
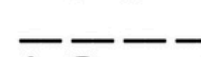
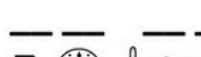
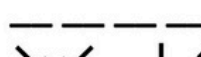
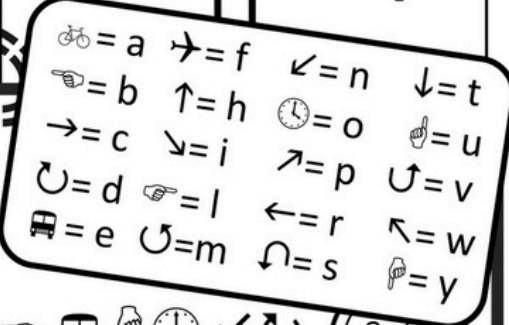
Have you ever been on a long journey?

Where did you go?

How long did it take you to get there?



The Bible reminds us that wherever we travel and wherever we go, God is with us!



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Messy Church - 21<sup>st</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> March

Worship4Everyone - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

## Meet the Team



**Linda**

"With my background in teaching in a church primary school for over 40 years, I have always been looking out for ways to share the Christian message with young children in as many ways as possible.

When I retired I found that I could enjoy carrying on this work through our Messy Church gatherings.

I really love the idea that we engage so many (both young and older!) through much 'messiness' and encourage everyone to see our church as a place of creativity and fun.

Meanwhile we are all learning so much about belonging to, and sharing, our faith.



## The Conversion of Saul

Saul was an angry man, and he hated Christians and their message.

One day he was on the road to Damascus, with the intent of finding Christians to punish for their beliefs.

Suddenly a bright light shone around him and he heard a voice say, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?"

Saul asked "Who are you, Lord" and received the reply that it was Jesus, whom he was persecuting.

Jesus told Saul to go into Damascus and that he would be told what to do.

Saul was blinded, so he was led into Damascus by hand.

Jesus spoke to his follower Ananias, and asked him to approach Saul. Ananias was reluctant as he had heard of this unpleasant man.

But, Jesus told Ananias that he had big plans for Saul. So Ananias put his trust in Jesus, and did as he had requested

Ananias approached Saul and touched him, and scales fell of Saul's eyes as Jesus healed him through Ananias.

Saul was a changed man, he became a believer, and he spent many years travelling preaching about Jesus.



## Our Messy Church Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
you are awesome.  
Show us who you are,  
and who you want us to be.  
Make earth more like heaven.  
Please give us what we need to keep  
going each day.  
Help us when we are wrong,  
and clean us up on the inside.  
Help us to forgive others and to move  
on.  
Keep us from bad stuff.  
You're in charge!  
You're strong and powerful and  
always there. Forever!  
YES!**