

Messy Church: Harvest - Consider the Lilies

Grass Seed Heads

Create heads from pop socks or cut-off tights stuffed with grass seeds and soil or sawdust. Instructions are readily available online. See e.g.

<http://www.redtedart.com/2012/04/04/kids-crafts-grass-heads/>

Flowers

Make tissue paper flowers. Again, methods are readily available online. See e.g.

http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Nature/mexicantissuepaperflowers/mexicantissuepaperflowers.html

Nail-art Stars

Hammer nails into cork tiles or blocks of wood (hold small-headed nails with pointed-nose pliers rather than with your fingers!) in the shape of a star, and then tie coloured thread/wool or (for the youngest) coloured elastic bands around the nails to create a star picture. You can make other shapes too: it helps to draw the shape on paper and hammer through the paper: gently remove the paper before wrapping the thread around the nails.

Pizzas

Create pizzas on either ready-made bases or dough, using passata, grated mozzarella and a selection of toppings. Cook and enjoy for tea.

Fruit Kebabs

You will need to provide kebab sticks, blunt knives, chopping boards and a selection of soft fruits. Enjoy for tea.

Free Art

Provide paper and felt-tips or pencil crayons or paint, for children to create their own Harvest pictures.

Bird Feeders

(Messy but fun!) Mix softened lard with a variety of seeds. Roll into balls and either wrap in plastic mesh or push into half an orange, which has been threaded with string so that it can be hung outside.