

Messy Church: Joshua

Stones

Collect stones and paint/decorate them.

Musical Instrument Shakers

Decorated tubes/bottles of rice/pasta.

Worship ribbons

Provide sticks (e.g. of garden cane) or hoops (e.g. plastic plant rings or large curtain rings) and different coloured fabrics/ribbons for the children to attach as they wish, to create something they can wave during worship.

If you use sticks: be careful to supervise and warn children to mind each other's faces when waving the worship ribbons.

City Wall

Make and graffiti a wall of boxes, to form a rectangle or square, which can be Jericho's walls to be knocked down during the story.

Rock buns

Make rock buns and bake for pudding.

It always helps to put a sheet of baking parchment on the baking tray, and draw a pencil circle around each child's baking, and write his/her name in the circle.

Then move the baking onto a named paper plate (or a plate with a named piece of paper) afterwards.

"Trust God" Cards

Make cards to send via Open Doors to children of persecuted Christians. You will need to provide card/paper and felt-tips.

It can also be helpful to provide suggestions/guidance for messages and perhaps even stickers that the children can include.

You will also need a current list of the names and ages of children to whom Open Doors are sending letters of encouragement, which you can access via their website: http://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/letter/letter_recipients.php