

Messy Church for Pentecost - Fruits of the Spirit

There are nine activities here - one for each fruit - but only the first five require supervision by a team member. The final four can just be set out on table-tops for families to enjoy between the other crafts, with perhaps one team member overseeing and encouraging.

Joy: 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.

Peace: doves

Paper plate doves:

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/Craft-activities+1/Paper-plate-dove+13143.htm>

Kindness: furry creatures (*because the creatures like to be stroked*)

Provide strips of fur (needs to be fairly long haired), approx. 8x24cm, felt/wobbly eyes, felt tongues and glue.

Stick the eyes and tongues on the fur. When you lay the 'creature' along your arm (wearing a long sleeve) or the carpet and stroke it in the direction of the fur, it should creep along.

Goodness: make-your-own dessert (*because the food God gives us is good*)

Provide bowls, spoons and a selection of ingredients from which desserts can be constructed, such as meringues, fruits, Angel Delight or cold custard, squirty cream, sprinkles, glaze cherries, etc.

Faithfulness: sunflower seed planting (*requires faithfulness to tend them*)

Provide sunflower seeds, pots, compost/soil, little watering cans and name labels for the pots.

Love: write/draw prayers to be lifted up during the worship slot

Provide paper hearts, pens and a prayer tree or board.

Patience: games

A selection of games that demand patience, such as pick-up sticks, chess, etc. and of course packs of cards for playing Patience.

Gentleness: bubble blowing (*because it works best if you blow gently*)

Provide pots of bubbles, a plastic sheet to go under the table of bubbles and plenty of kitchen roll/cloths.

Self-control

A game like Buzz Wire or Operation, which requires self-control.