

Messy Church: Love Your Neighbour - The Good Samaritan

Mobile

Provide templates on card of people (or let older children draw their own), to be coloured to represent people the children love.

Hang the people from a coat hanger or crossed canes.

Weaving

Weave Mexican crosses using different coloured wools on a cross made from two lolly sticks glued together (n.b. glue them together in advance).

See http://www.dltk-kids.com/world/mexico/ojo_de_dios.htm

Friendship Bracelet

Using 'scooby' strings or thin ribbon, plait three threads and add beads as you thread.

Sandwiches for the Journey

Make sandwiches and cut them into shapes using biscuit cutters. Provide a variety of fillings such as cheese, ham, jam, etc.

Bandit Mask

Provide bandit mask templates cut out from card (e.g.

<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/makingmasks/ss/EyeMaskTemplate.htm>) for the children to decorate with stickers, feathers, etc. and attach with elastic.

Cheer-up 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