

Messy Church: Bible Seasides

There are fewer crafts for this session, as the story is longer and involves parachute games.

Fishing Game

Cut A4 sheets of card in half lengthways, and stick together to create a longer strip. You could print a fish-themed colouring scene on the paper first, or let the children create one for themselves, using felt-tips.

Staple/sellotape the strips together to create a tube.

Cut out foam fish shapes. The children can put a staple in the nose of each of their fishes, or attach a paper clip.

Provide little canes, and a length of wool with a little magnet attached. The children attach the wool to the cane to create a fishing line for their game.

Sand Pictures

Provide simple colouring pages of seaside scenes.

Using glue and coloured sand, 'colour' the pages.

It helps to have a tray (e.g. large seed tray or roasting tin) to tip off the excess sand - and some children like to use this multicoloured mixture on their pictures.

Seaside Pudding

Decorate seaside-shaped biscuits.

Boat Race

Make origami boats.

Across a roll of lining paper, draw wavy lines at even intervals to make spaces large enough for the boats to 'land' on.

Players roll dice at the same time as each other, and move their boats along the 'board' to see who gets to the end first.