



Youth & Children's Church Newsletter

Welcome to our January / February edition

Our Yr 5 & under's Children's Church on Sundays during the 9.15 service, meet in the hall. We start with worship action songs, followed by adding our TSP prayers (Thank you, Sorry & Please) onto the board, the Bible reading & watch an animated story video of the reading. We will then do a craft/ build/ play games linked to the reading. We then discuss some questions linked to the reading & close in prayer.

There is always a breakout space for under 3's in our group and parents are encouraged to stay in & join us for the session and mix with other parents.

This month we will be exploring the following:

Sunday 5th January: We learnt about Epiphany

Sunday 12th January: We learnt about Jesus being baptised

Sunday 19th January: Water into wine John 2 v 1-11

Sunday 26th January: Jesus rejected in Nazareth Luke 4 v 14-21

Sunday 2nd February: Jesus presented in the temple Luke 2 v 22-40

Sunday 9th February: Superheros of the bible party session

Sunday 16th & 23rd February: No Groups/ Half term



Nikki, our Children's & Families' Worker

You can contact me on email: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk
My main working days are Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday

HI EVERYONE,
HOPEFULLY YOU WILL OF HEARD MY NEWS THAT I AM GOING ON PARENTAL LEAVE AND MY LAST SUNDAY WILL BE SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AND THAT WE ARE HOSTING A PARTY DURING YACC SESSION WHICH EVERYONE IS INVITED TO!

WE WILL CONTINUE TO RUN YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH SESSIONS ON A SUNDAY MORNING DURING THE TERM TIMES, BUT WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP. I HAVE DONE ALL THE PLANNING BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD THE SESSIONS AND ALSO FAMILIES TO COMMIT TO ATTENDING AND SUPPORTING THE SESSIONS SO VOLUNTEERS ARE ABLE TO DELIVER THE SESSION THAT HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER.

TEAMWORK WILL HELP US TO NURTURE AND GROW OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

WE ALSO NEED A FEW MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER TEAM SO THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE ABLE TO SPREAD THE WORK BETWEEN THEM. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU SO WE KNOW WHAT YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS ARE, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP VOLUNTEER AND IF YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE LIKELY TO JOIN US ON A SUNDAY MORNING REGULARLY SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF NUMBERS WE WOULD BE DELIVERING THE SESSIONS TO.
IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PLEASE DO EMAIL ME AND LET ME KNOW YOUR FAMILIES' NEEDS AND POTENTIAL ATTENDANCE.

WITH OUR CHILDREN'S WORK IN MIND LET'S PRAY:

"LORD GOD, I GIVE YOU ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND ALL THOSE FAMILIES IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY. YOU KNOW THEM ALL SO WELL AND LOVE THEM ALL. I ASK THAT YOU WOULD COVER THEM ALL WITH A RAINBOW OF HOPE"

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD TIMES WE ENJOY WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILIES; FOR THE FUN AND THE FRIENDSHIP; FOR THE MOMENTS WE FEEL DEEPLY KNOWN AND LOVED BY EACH OTHER. HELP US CHERISH EACH MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY. THAT WE WILL ALL COME TOGETHER, UNITED AS A TEAM, TO SERVE EACH OTHER AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU, WORSHIP WITH YOU, PRAISE YOU AND JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY WITH YOU AT THE FOCUS OF ALL WE DO.
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

Together



Follow that trail!

Have you tried out our monthly trails?

Every month we will put up a new trail around the Church grounds, there are 10 frames to find!



Peace, Love,
Fresh Start.

January's trail is:

New Year / New beginnings

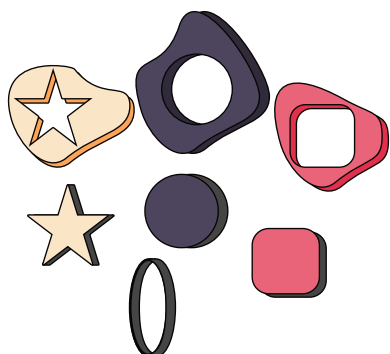
February's trail is:



Love



Activities to try at home



WHY NOT PRINT OFF AND LAMINATE SOME BIBLE STORY PLAYDOUGH MATS AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN CREATE AND THEN YOU CAN USE THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

[HTTPS://FLAMECREATIVEKIDS.BLOGSPOT.COM/P/PLAY-OUGH.HTML](https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/p/play-ough.html)

Recreate when Jesus was baptised using play people in the bath



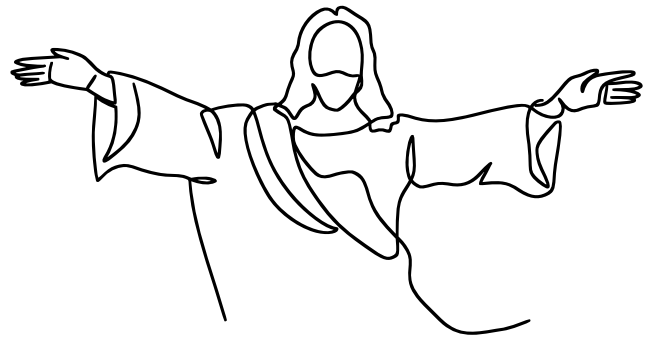
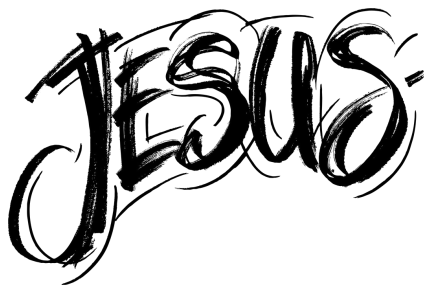
Why not have a go at one of the activities focusing on when Jesus performed his water into wine miracle

<https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/water%20into%20wine>

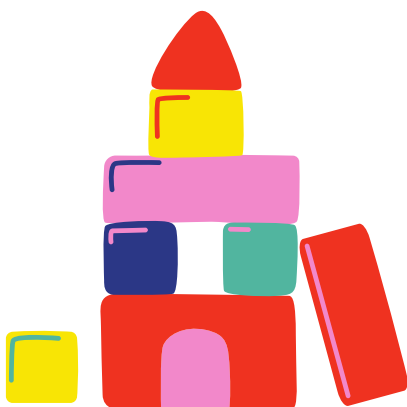
More activities to try at home



Relax and unwind with these fab colouring in prayer sheets
<https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Colour%20in%20prayers>



Why not try this activity about Jesus in the temple:
<https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Jesus%20in%20the%20temple>



Why not try and build a temple or a church using lots of different construction materials.
Maybe try using recycled art or lego/duple



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FRANKIE'S AT 5

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR INFORMAL SERVICE.
IT'LL BE DIFFERENT EACH TIME, COULD BE INSIDE,
COULD BE OUTSIDE... COME AND SEE...!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

AT 5PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

SUNDAY 4TH MAY

SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

**ST FRANCIS
CHURCH**

**COME DRESSED AS
YOUR FAVOURITE
SUPERHERO.**

**YACC
SUPERHEROS
OF THE BIBLE
PARTY!**

**GAMES
WORSHIP
CRAFT**

**PARTY'S
CALLING!**

SAVE THE DATE
**SUNDAY 9TH
FEBRUARY**
9.15-10.45

CAKE



**Join us
at our
weekly
groups..**

Join us for toddletime

WEDNESDAYS 10-11.30 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Wed 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Jan & 5th Feb

*No sessions running on: 12th & 19th Feb

Wed 26th Feb & 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March & 2nd April

*No sessions running on: 9th & 16th April

Wed 23rd, 30th April & 7th, 14th, 21st May

*No sessions running on: 28th May

Wed 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June & 2nd, 9th, 16th July

Join us for fun, exploring through play,
friendship, stories & songtime.

Suitable for confident walkers up to 4 years old.



Suggested donation: £2 for 1 adult & child 50p extra child. Card payment only please

Please walk where possible as parking is very limited

St Francis Church, Church Road WGC



St Francis Church, Church Road, AL8 6QJ

Thursday Lunches

Everyone is welcome!

Join us every Thursday 12-1pm

For a homemade soup, bread & cheese,
with a hot cup of tea.

A great space to chat & meet new people



A spiritual hub for the community, making God's love known to all.

Wednesday coffee for all



St Francis Church, Church Road, AL8 6QJ

Everyone is
welcomed.
Wednesdays
10.30-12

Join us for a hot drink, biscuits and great conversation in the Parish room, back right handside of Church through the double doors.

Churches In Welwyn Garden City

WARM HUBS IN WGC

Looking for warmth and company this winter?
Why not join us? It's free and you are welcome.

The Lounge - Tuesdays 1.30-3pm.
Christchurch Peartree, Tewin Road

Mary and Isabel's Compassionate Cafe, Tuesdays,
11-1pm, St Mary Magdalene's Parish Centre, Hall Grove

Teapot Tuesdays, 2-4pm, United Reformed Church
Parkway

Coffee For All, Every Wednesday 10.30am- 12 noon
St Francis Church, Parkway

Body and Soul Cafe - Weds & Thurs anytime
11-2pm Christchurch Parkway, 110 Parkway

Thursday Lunches, 12 noon-1pm, St Francis Church
Parkway

Coffee Pot at St John the Evangelist Digswell
every Friday morning 9:00am - 12 noon

The Hub Cafe at St John's, Monks Rise
every Saturday morning 9:00am - 12 noon

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Check out our
YACC webpage
& keep up to
date with all the
Sunday Church
materials to do
at home :

<https://stfranciswgc.org.uk/youth-and-children/>

Join our Zoom Prayers
on Wednesdays at 8pm
Email vicar@stfranciswgc.org.uk
to receive the details



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