



Welcome Time

Welcome to the at Home Messy Church session for March. Last month we started looking at the theme of “love’ and ‘What is love?’. Love is a key aspect of the Christian faith as we learn to love God and each other..



This Sunday, the 14th, of March, is Mothering Sunday when we think about our mothers and special people in our lives who love us. This Messy Church looks at a Mother’s Love.

During this session we will look at the story of Jochebed, who was Moses’ mother and who kept him safe, along with the Egyptian princess who loved him too.

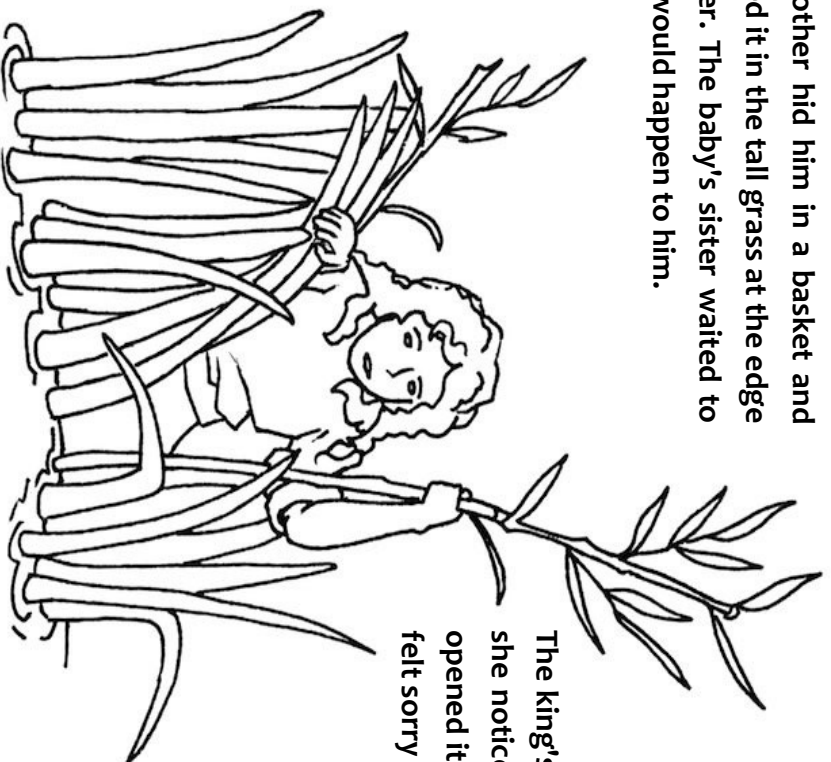
Why not start this Messy Church session with one of the worksheets that are about Moses and love.

Sheet 1 - Choose a mother’s day colouring picture to download from this site;

[Free, Printable Mother's Day Coloring Pages \(thesprucecrafts.com\)](http://thesprucecrafts.com)

Sheet 2 - Moses colouring sheet on page 2.

Moses' mother hid him in a basket and then placed it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's sister waited to see what would happen to him.



The king's daughter came down to the river. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass. The princess opened it and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.



The princess adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses."





Celebration Time

The Bible is full of stories about amazing women who listened to God and looked after his children. Sometimes the women did not have their own children, but instead looked after other people's children. In our story today, the baby Moses had not one but two mothers to love him.

Why not read the story of the birth of Moses, how he was hidden by his mother and then saved by a Princess who chose him to be her son. This can be found in Exodus 2:1-10.

'During this time a man from the tribe of Levi married a woman of his own tribe, and she bore him a son. When she saw what a fine baby he was, she hid him for three months. But when she could not hide him any longer, she took a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar to make it watertight. She put the baby in it and then placed it in the tall grass at the edge of the river. The baby's sister stood some distance away to see what would happen to him.'

The king's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her servants walked along the bank. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass and sent a slave woman to get it. The princess opened it and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.

"This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

Then his sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

"Please do," she answered. So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother. The princess told the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So she took the baby and nursed him. Later, when the child was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses."

Jochebed was Moses' mother and she lived in a very dangerous time when it was not safe to be pregnant or give birth. Jochebed knew that her child was special and that God had given her baby a special job to do, she had to come up with a daring plan to save her baby. When Moses was born, Jochebed hid him and God saved Moses. I wonder what it would be like to be hidden. Would you feel scared, worried, safe, warm or cold? Jochebed hid Moses when he was first born. Do you think it would be easy to hide a baby? This special baby was found by a Princess and she became a second mother to Moses. Many of us have people in our lives who act like Mothers and are important to us as they guide us and keep us safe.

Watch Steve, our minister, on our Facebook page as he talks about the story of Moses and the love of both his Mothers.

Here are a few songs to join in with -

L O V E - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOsnEkckWKM>

You Love is bigger than this - [\(5\) Tavistock Methodist Church - TMC – Posts | Facebook](#)



Craft Time

1. Growing in love.

Talk about - We all need love to grow. Love can come from our family, friends and all the people around us. God loves us too, with a love that will never end!

You will need: card (brown/green), scissors, glue, coloured paper, pencil.

- Draw around both of your hands onto the card, adding a strip on each side of the wrist to form the base.
- Cut this out and glue together at the fingers.
- Curve the strips at the wrist around to form a base.
- Using the coloured paper, cut out heart shapes and glue to your hand.



2. A Heart full of love.

Talk about - God created us to be part of a family. He thinks your family is special, whether that is a family that we are born into or a family that we are part of, like our messy church family. God loves us and wants to be part of your family too.

You will need: card, coloured paper, scissors, glue, glitter.

- Write down the names of the people you love onto coloured paper.
- Cut out the names.
- Draw and cut around a heart shape from card.
- Stick the names onto the heart.

As you make this craft, pray for every one of those people in your life.



3. A necklace of love.

Talk about - Sometimes we can show how much we love someone by giving them a gift. Why not make this for a special person in your life.

You will need; coloured card, wool, straws, hole punch, glitter.

- Cut out hearts from card and decorate with glitter.
- Punch a hole in the middle of the heart.
- Cut a length of wool that will form the necklace, plus a straw into 3cm lengths.





Craft Time

4. Safely Hidden.

Talk about - In our story today, Moses was hidden in a basket. I wonder what it would be like to be hidden? Would you feel scared, worried, safe, warm or cold? Animals often liked to be hidden. Why not make a place for some bugs to hide and make a home?

You will need: a empty plastic bottle, sticks/twigs, string.

- Find an empty plastic bottle and remove the ends.
- Gather some sticks and twigs.
- Pop the twigs into your bottle.
- Leave the ends of the sticks hanging over the sides.
- Tie a piece of string around the outside of the bottle.
- Attach your bug hotel to a tree.
- Return in a week's time and see if any bugs have made a home!



5. Food craft - Moses in the basket.

Talk about - Moses being hidden in a basket. Why not make these chocolate nests with a jelly baby Moses inside.

You will need: cereal, chocolate, butter, syrup, jelly babies.

- Melt the chocolate, butter and syrup together.
- Stir in the cereal of your choice (rice krispies or cornflakes are best to make a basket shape).
- Spoon into cake cases or use a muffin tin to create the basket shapes.
- Cool in the fridge.
- Add the jelly baby Moses to his basket.





Meal Time

As it is Mother's Day this month, why not make a special meal? In normal times, mums might go out for dinner to a special restaurant on Mothering Sunday and eat a roast dinner. Why not try making a special meal at home? You could even make a menu like they have in cafes and restaurants and serve your mum!

Meal suggestion - a roast dinner.

Beef.

Roasted vegetables.

Roast Potatoes.

Cauliflower cheese

Yorkshire puddings.

Let us pray before eating together;

We thank you Lord for the food before us

The shelter around us

The family beside us

And the love between us.

Amen.

If you would like to share your Messy Church activities please send any photos to #tmcfamily.

God bless you all and we pray that you keep safe and well over the coming weeks -

From the TMC Messy Church Team.