**Messy Church Activities Sheet February 21 2021**

**1. Cupcake angels**

You will need:

* Circles of paper or empty cupcake cases
* Plain paper for the face
* Scissors
* Sticky tape
* Glue stick
* A pen
* Something for the halo, e.g. pipe cleaner, paper clip or paper

**Method**

* Fold a circle or cupcake case in half and then half again, and secure with sticky tape.
* Fold another circle or cupcake case in half, then half again, then half again and cut two sections out along the fold lines for the wings.
* Tape two sections on the back of the first folded circle.
* Draw a small circle on the plain paper (you could draw round a penny), cut out, draw on a face and then use the glue stick to attach to the angel.
* Make a halo from a piece of pipe cleaner, a paper clip or a piece of paper and attach.



**2. Wilderness garden with wild beasts**



**You will need:** a shallow, long tray or bowl; soil or sand; stones, a branch, 6 candles, pine cones, plastic or wooden toy animals (the wild beasts!)

**Method:**

* Fill your tray or bowl with soil or sand.
* Add the stones and pine cones.
* Add the candles.
* Add a large branch. You could hang your cupcake angels to it once you have made it!
* Add the wild beasts and think about how, when Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tended to by wild beasts and angels.
* Light one candle – as a reminder it’s the first Sunday in Lent. Then light a candle for each following Sunday in Lent to show that as we progress through this season, the light of Easter is coming.

**3. Holy spirit flame**



**You will need:** a glass jar; a tealight candle; red, yellow and orange tissue paper; sticky tape or glue

**Method:**

* Take a clean jar and decorate it with the tissue paper
* Add the candle and with the help of an adult light it
* As you watch the flame, remember that the Holy Spirit guided Jesus in the wilderness, and is with us too, everyday

**PRAYERS A washing Prayer**

**You will need:** two bowls, one filled with soil, the other with water; play figures

**Method:**

* Bury the play figures in the soil. Make sure the dirt sticks to them
* Then wash each one in the bowl of water
* Prayer focus: think about being made ready by God for the day ahead, week ahead, Lent etc finishing with *We know you love us God and that we are your children. Make us ready for the things you want us to do. Amen*
* Other prayers
* Finish with the Lord’s prayer