

11th February 09 - URC

- Theme: Valentines Party
- Message: God thinks I'm special
- Story: Look into a mirror – look at your face, look at how we are different. God made us all different and all special. God loves us all.
- Craft / Activity: Decorating our own mirror, decorating a love heart biscuit
- Song:

25th February 09 – Methodist

- Theme: Stars!
- Verse / message: God made the stars or Do everything without complaining so that you shine like a star
- Story: Either a story about people complaining or part of creation story, using black paper to show the universe as a void and white chalk or paint to paint the stars on
- Craft / Activity: Star headbands or star mobiles / decorating stars
- Further info: Glitter & Glue, pg 24 & 44
- Song: Twinkle twinkle

11th March 09 – URC

- Theme: Mothering Sunday
- Message: God loves us to give gifts / Our mums are special
- Story: widow's might, using sweets to show giving everything you have as opposed to giving just a small amount or story of Magi bringing gifts to Jesus
- Craft / activity: make little gift bags for mums / granmas (biscuits, bags, ribbon, maybe make a nice gift tag?) or mother's day card
- Song: Thank you Lord for this fine day - ?

25th March 09 – Methodist

- Theme: Our bodies
- Message: God made our bodies and they are amazing!
- Story: God making Adam - use playdough to show how God would have made us, then breathed on us, putting his life and love in us
- Craft / activity: making bodies that move
- Further info: Glitter & Glue, pg. 26
- Song: Heads, shoulders, knees and toes

22nd April 09 – URC

- Theme: I can sleep soundly
- Message: God looks after us, so we don't need to worry and can sleep well
- Story: "I can't stand this", but God looks after us when we are asleep
- Craft / activity: decorating pillowcases (if numbers are small enough!) Fabric paints etc
- Further info: Glitter & Glue, pg 30
- Song: Sleeping bunnies

6th May 09 – Methodist

- Theme: Lost sheep
- Message: God looks for us until we are safe with him
- Story: The lost sheep – use stuffed sheep (Pre-school have a few!) to demonstrate the idea of a few being safe, but God looks for the lost one
- Craft / activity – work together to create a display of sheep in a pen and one wandering off – cotton wool, sheep heads, sticks for the pen, green paper for grass, blue for sky etc
- Song: Baa baa black sheep

20th May 09 – URC

- Theme: Cocoons
- Message: God makes things new and can change us
- Story: Zacchaeus (if children are old enough) or The Hungry Caterpillar or just talk about caterpillars becoming butterflies
- Craft / activity – making butterflies that hide in their cocoons
- Further info: Glitter & Glue, pg 70
- Song: ? Possibly just do a dramatised version of wriggling caterpillars then crawling into a cocoon and then growing wings and flying away or use following rhyme with some finger puppets if you can find them:

2 little caterpillars munching on a leaf
One named Penelope, one named Keith
Wriggle away Penelope, wriggle away Keith
(put finger puppets of butterflies on behind your back)
Fly back Penelope, fly back Keith

10th June 09 – Methodist

- Theme: The sea
- Message: God made the sea and all the creatures that live in it
- Story: story about how God created the sea and them made lots of different-looking creatures to go in it (talk about how different dolphins are from an octopus, fish, star fish....) Use the paddling pool and a set of sea creatures (pre-school should have some, or buy from Early Learning Centre) Let the children play and explore the water. Add blue food colouring if you're feeling adventurous!
- Craft / activity – create a sea scene each
- Further info: Glitter & Glue, pg 73
- Song: 1,2,3,4,5, once I caught a fish alive or just pretend to go swimming in the sea and ask the children which creatures they can see!

24th June 09 – URC

- Theme: Clap hands!
- Message: We can use our hands for God
- Story: look at all the different ways to use your hands (maybe have some pictures ready of people who work with their hands). God gave me hands to use for him, and the simplest way is to clap and praise his name
- Craft / activity: Paint handprints – either one to take home or a large one for a display or Hand prints in clay (use air-drying clay and give each child a small ball to roll out and push their hand into). If you make a hole in with a pencil, it can be threaded and hung on the wall at home when dry
- Song: sing something lively that praises God and the children can clap their hands to

8th July 09 – Methodist

- Theme: Summer Beach Party
- Be as extravagant as you want with this – maybe get the sand pit out with buckets and spades, get the children to come in their beach clothes, have a stash of sunglasses to play with / wear, take a picnic and enjoy!