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AIMS

To explore our memories of Bible stories and they way they link with our lives through scrapbooking

INTRODUCTION

Scrapbooking is a popular hobby and craft technique that can be used by all ages and abilities. In this activity you are invited to explore the Bible stories people remember using scrapbooking.

YOU WILL NEED

A copy of the powerpoint presentation from the website. This tells you

- What scrapbooking is
- How to do it
- What you need for successful scrapbooking: the tools and equipment
- How to encourage participants to make links between the Bible and their life story or journey through a number of illustrated examples

When to do Scrapbooking

This Desert could be done in one longer session or it could be a series of shorter sessions spread over several weeks. There are many times and places when scrapbooking could be used. Scrapbooking could be part of a holiday club for children and young people, an weekday activity for a meeting of women and/or men, an alternative to or extension of Sunday worship or an alternative to a series of local meetings. What about suggesting your Mission and Care group meet for an activity like this?

Approach to the Bible

You can use any approach to the Bible you prefer. This activity has been written as a way of using the Remembering the Bible technique (see website for more information about Remembering the Bible) in which participants are encouraged to use remembered versions of the Bible stories that speak to them. However, you could use written Bibles in any format if you prefer, either a particular translation or children's Bible or picture Bible.

STRUCTURE

Using the powerpoint presentation you will see how to structure your scrapbooking session/s. Both the slides themselves and the notes under the slides will guide you through the scrapbooking process and provide some examples.

You need to include:

- Time to think about the Bible stories you will use
- Time to think about how to put this story onto a scrapbook page
- Time to make the scrapbook page

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- Time to share the stories and pages with each other.

Have a number of smaller tables for people to work at and some tables on which the resources are displayed. Participants might want to work individually or together depending on age and ability. Remember to have some facilitators available to answer questions and help with technical difficulties if these arise.

Participants might begin by

- Remembering a significant life event: birth, baptism, etc.
- Remembering a particular Bible story they feel speaks to them
- Seeing the range of scrapbooking material available and being nudged into using those to express themselves.

Give participants plenty of time. Encourage them to share ideas. Invite them to complete their pages at another session or at home if necessary.

Worship or Prayer

You can close the session by sharing the scrapbook pages you have created, listening to the stories of the participants and with prayer.

Loving God, you make meaning from the scraps of our lives.

Help us to listen to and affirm each other as you listen to and affirm us.

May the stories shared here inspire us to live our lives in the way of Jesus.

EVALUATION

Please try to answer these questions for yourself and for others who will use this material:

1. What was the most helpful thing?
2. What was the least helpful thing?
3. What would you like to try now?

THE NEXT STEP

Maybe you would like to share some of your scrapbooking examples with other people. Arrange an exhibition or if you can photograph them why not send them in or put them on your church website or blog.

There are other Desserts on the menu. These are Bible based activities for people of all ages and abilities. Why not try Kennings and Cookies (also in the booklet) or Making a Bible Quilt. Alternatively, if you do not have a video camera, why not try making a scrapbook to reflect your understanding of the Holy Week story (see making a Holy week video diary)?

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