

8 A Sample Session to Start

A very wide range of Messy Church session outlines and plans are available, both to purchase and to download for free from the Messy Church website.

The first *Messy Church* book contains thematic programmes in four areas:

- (1) **God's family, our family** – 4 sessions
- (2) **Jesus' 'I am' sayings** – 4 sessions (including Christmas)
- (3) **New life** – 4 sessions (including Easter & Pentecost)
- (4) **Bible landscapes** – 3 sessions

Messy Church 2 contains 15 sessions overall, with themes including:

- (1) **Fundamental discipleship issues** (e.g. love your neighbour)
- (2) **More Christian seasons** (e.g. Lent)
- (3) **Biblical role models** (e.g. Ruth)
- (4) **Basic theological foundations** (e.g. Who is Jesus?)
- (5) **Means of grace** (e.g. Messy Communion)

On the website all the resources of *Authorised Mess!* are gradually being built up. Partly in celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James translation of the Bible, Messy Church contributors from around the world are producing sessions on each of the Bible's 66 books. These will all be downloadable for free, and the first few are already available. You can find them at: www.messychurch.org.uk/5654

In addition, other Messy Church resources are being published all the time. Some of these contain additional material to assist with an ongoing programme (e.g. *Messy Crafts*), while others will provide more session plans (e.g. *Messy Nativity*).

The sample session included here is the *Authorised Mess!* resource based on **Genesis**.