

Dear Friends,

We hope that you are all keeping well. This month the subject of our messy Church packs is "***Our Worldwide Family***". We have included 3 activities and an activity to use fruits and vegetables from around the world instead of a recipe.

We hope that you will enjoy these activities and please send in any photos that you have of finished activities.

With the current easing of Lockdown we hope and pray that we will be able to all meet again soon.

With Love from

Jill and the Messy Church team



At Home

Our Worldwide Family May 2021

This month we are thinking about our "Worldwide Family". We are all part of a family at home and at Messy Church. We are also part of the whole world family of God as he cares for us all wherever we may live. Many families are learning about Jesus and God through Messy Church which is happening in 29 countries in the world.

Sadly, in many places, people are suffering badly with the pandemic. At the same time, some are also experiencing the dreadful affects of war. We are very fortunate that here in our country, life is gradually moving towards some sort of new normal. It would be good to pray for all the people who are suffering so badly at the moment. God loves us all and will be with them in their sadness. We are thinking especially of places like India, Syria and Brazil at the present time. When we pray, we would also like to thank Him for all the things that are going well for us.

Colossians 1 v.13 He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Link to the hymn - "He's got the Whole World in His Hands"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXrqncW_Y8

May Activities

String of Doves and Rainbows

You will need: Doves and rainbows to cut out (see template on page 5 of this document), scissors, colouring pencils or pens and very narrow ribbon.



Colour the 3 other rainbow shapes to match the one already coloured in. Cut out the doves and the rainbows. If you would like more shapes you can draw round them on paper or card. Ask an adult to help you make a small hole in each piece and then thread the ribbon through them and hang it up.

The Dove is a symbol of Peace and the rainbow is a symbol of Hope for all our Worldwide family especially at this time of the pandemic.

Our Global family

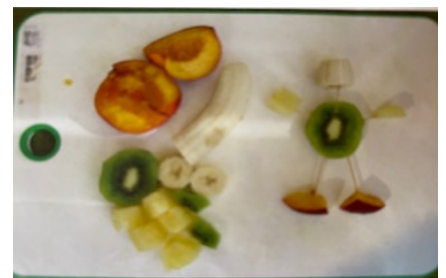


Using the printed sheet of the map and flags, (see page 6 of this document) in the 2 blank spaces draw and colour the flags of these 2 countries.

What can you find out about countries that have these flags?

Fruity and Veggie Folk (instead of a recipe this month)

You will need: a small plate; cocktail sticks; pieces of fruit and vegetables from around the world, such as carrot, banana, apple, orange, pineapple, melon etc
Working on a plate, make a person by using cocktail sticks to join various bits of fruit and vegetable together.



Talk about the countries that the fruit and vegetables have come from. What can we find out about these places?

Make a Scroll

You will need: The letter printed on yellow paper (see template on page 7 of this document), 2 green sticks, 2 pieces of double-sided sticky tape and a piece of coloured ribbon.

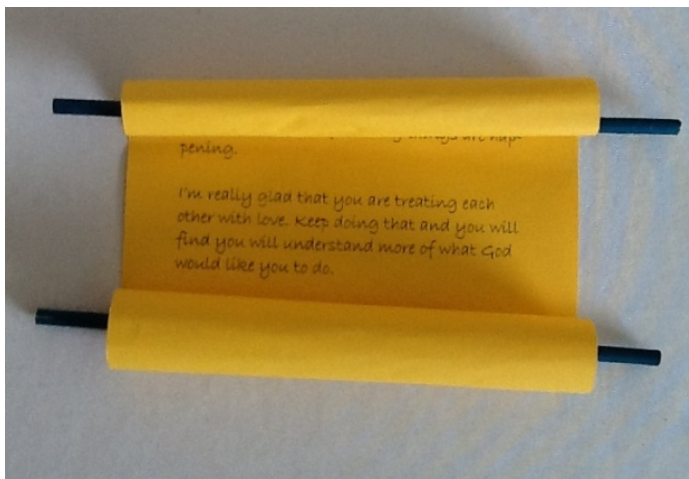
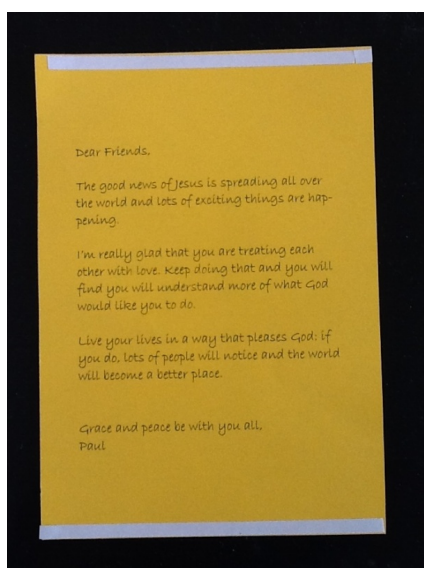
Paul wrote to the Colossians encouraging them to keep living their lives in God's way. Some of his letter is printed on the sheet for you to make into a scroll.

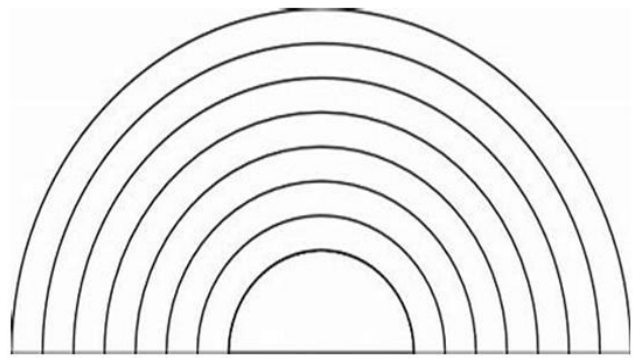
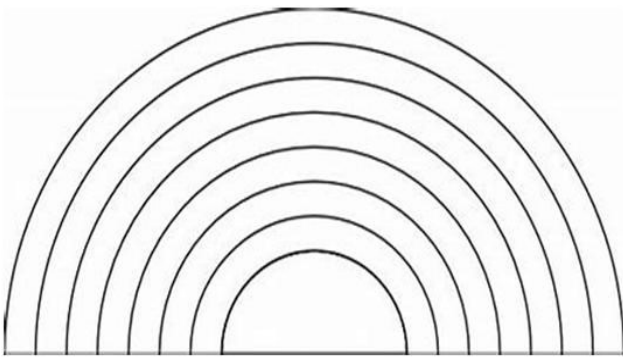
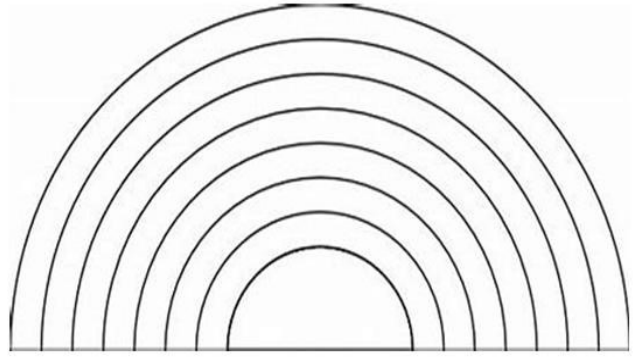
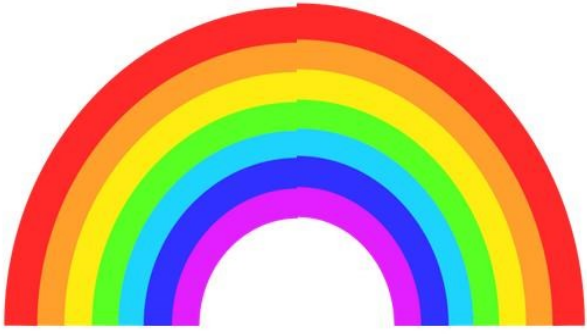
Stick double-sided sticky tape along the top and bottom edges on the **front** of the sheet.

Attach the sticks to the double- sided tape; make sure they are stuck on.

Roll the top and bottom **inwards** till they meet in the middle.

Tie your scroll with the ribbon.



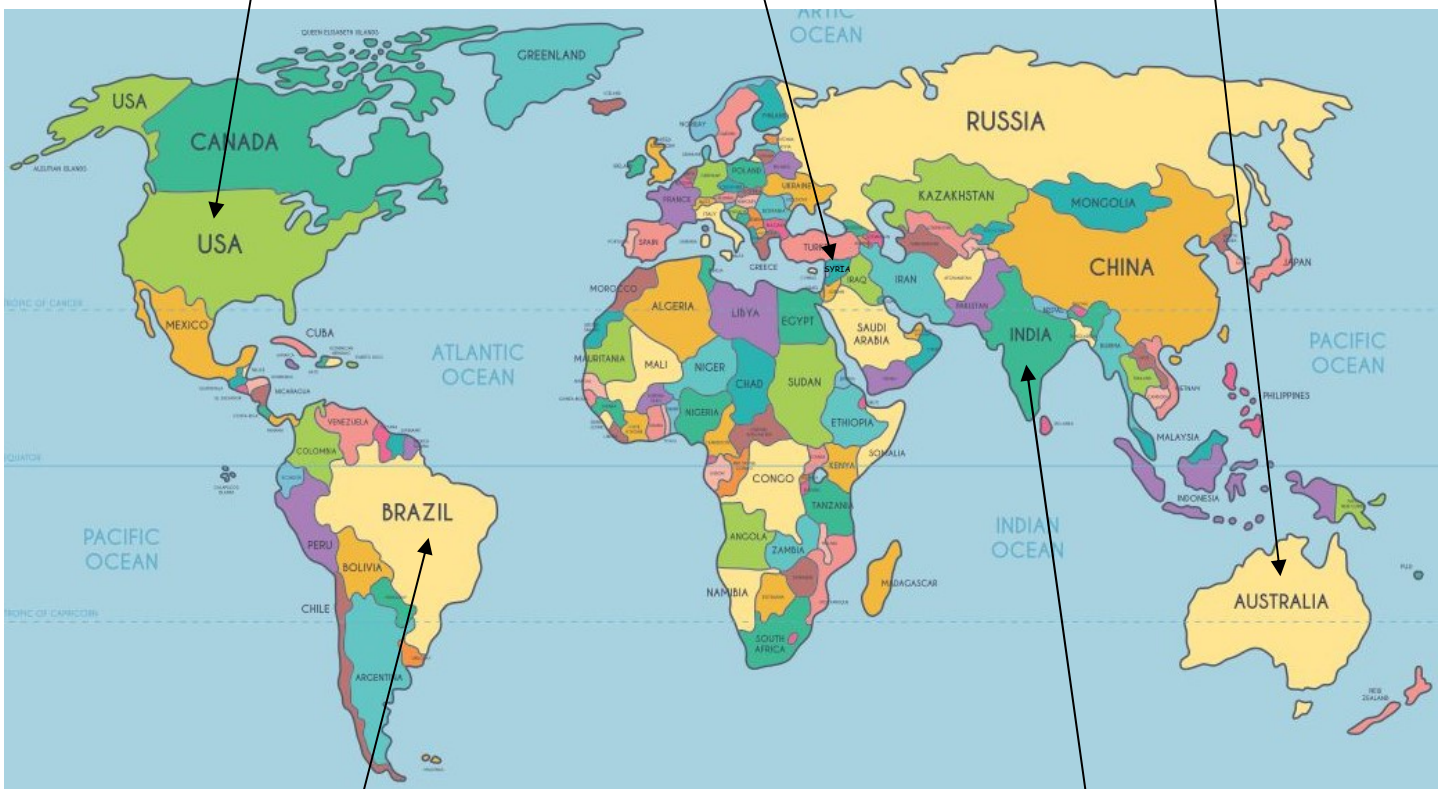
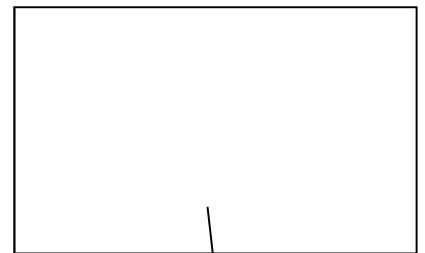
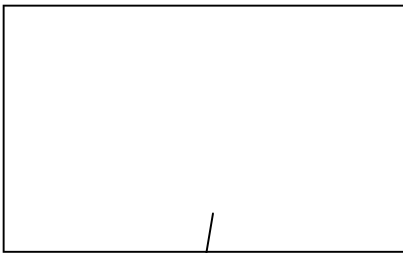


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The words written by the flags mean "Peace be with you" in that country's language.

In the two blank spaces colour in the flags for **USA** and **Australia** and write "Peace be with You" above each.

Shalom aleichem



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Dear Friends,

The good news of Jesus is spreading all over the world and lots of exciting things are happening.

I'm really glad that you are treating each other with love. Keep doing that and you will find you will understand more of what God would like you to do.

Live your lives in a way that pleases God: if you do, lots of people will notice and the world will become a better place.

Grace and peace be with you all,

Paul