



If you are planning some get togethers or picnics here is a Muddy Pack to help with ideas!

With changing regulations and restrictions people may be looking for different ways to run activities over the summer. The Muddy Church Picnic pack takes four food stories from the bible and links them to wondering and wandering. Ideal for a gathering together or as themes for people at home.

For the first time EVER we have included ACTIVITES for games or crafts. These are designed for mixed ages or children's groups. All carry the essential idea of linking into the story and nature. These have been added to complement the wondering and wandering and not in place of them. People have asked for something for the summer that is easy to use, free (or VERY low cost) but offers fun in the gathering together.

Each story comes with:

- A copy of the passage
- A wandering page
- 4 wondering stops
- Activity page

We hope these will be useful and you have a wonder filled summer!





Matthew 14 : 13-21



¹⁴ Jesus... saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late."



Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.



¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.



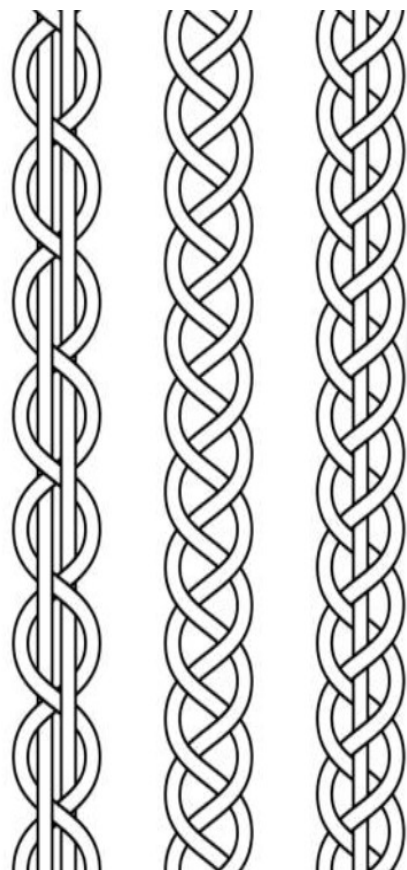
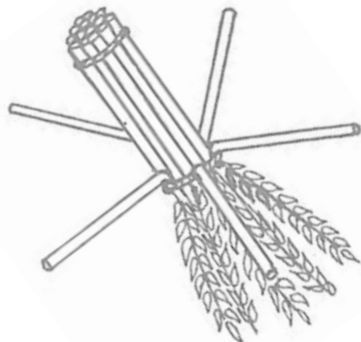
²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.



²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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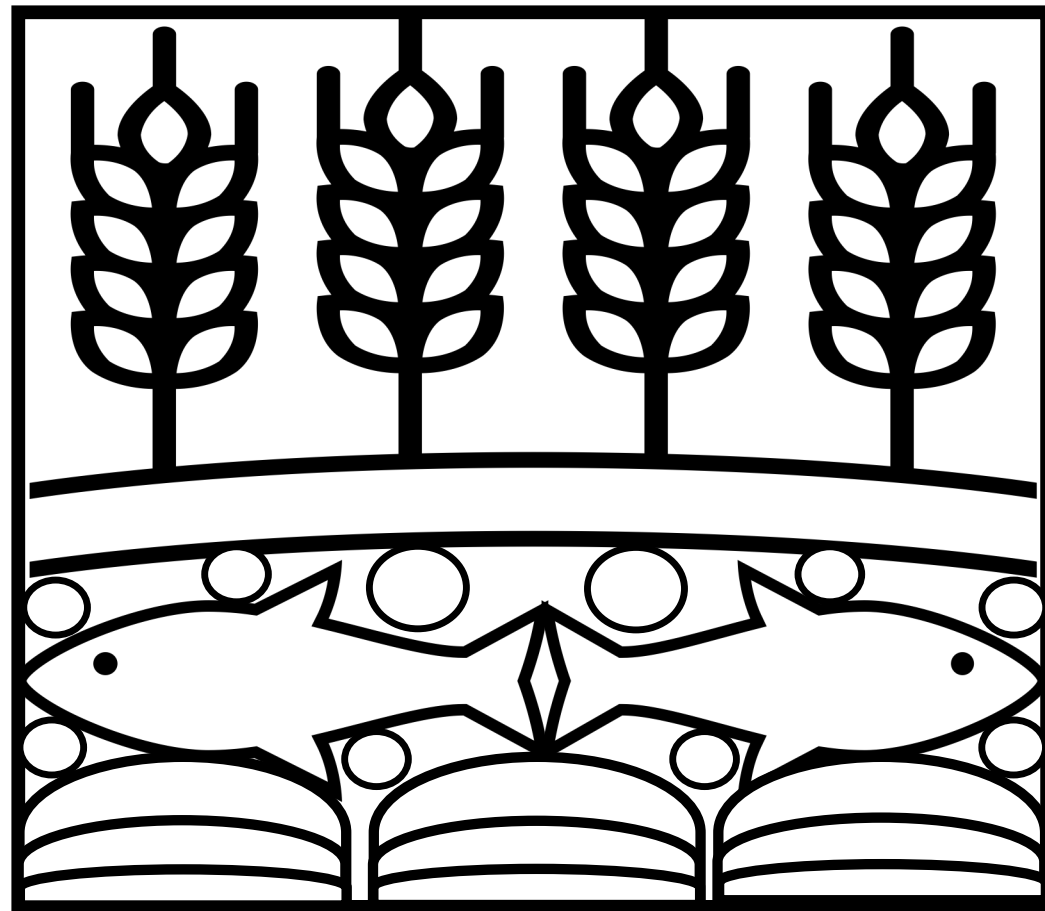


Can you find some long grass?

Take some pieces and plait it together or try weaving it.

What could you make?

How does it change the grass to be fastened together?



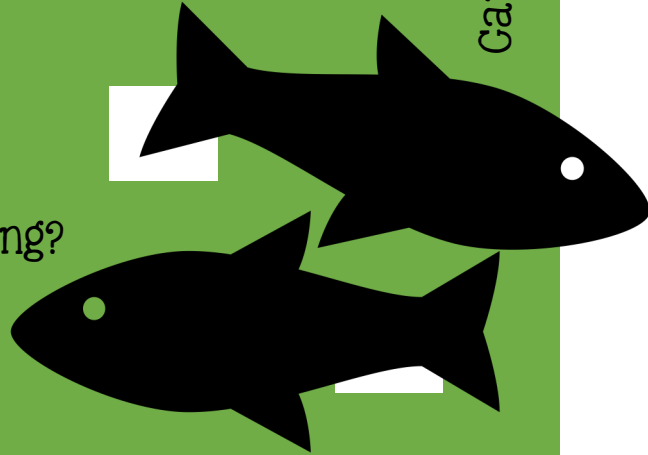
Here is an image that you might like to colour and to think about the story.

Sometimes it is helpful to stop and slow down.
I wonder what colours you will choose?

Matthew 14: 13-21



Can you see food for animals anywhere?



Can you see a lot of anything?

What could you offer God?



Can you see anything that might be hungry?

Can you find 12 different grasses?
1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12
Can you weave these to make something?

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"...This is a remote place..."

What other creatures can you see in this place?



Have you been here before?

What does this place feel like?

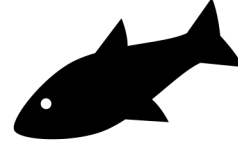


I wonder what you notice about this place?



I wonder if you have enough of what you need?

Can you find 5 fish shapes?



Can you see any food that animals or insects could eat?

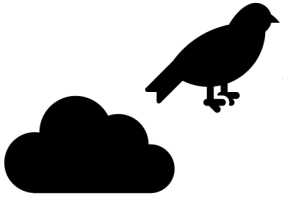


"We have only five loaves of bread and two fish,"



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I wonder what you are thankful for?



Are there any funny shaped clouds?



What can you see in the air?



"he gave thanks and broke the loaves"

I wonder what you have enjoyed most on the wander?

Are there things that have been worrying you?
Could you leave them here?



Can you see groups of things?



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"and there were 12 basketfuls left over..."

THE Great
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Breakfast

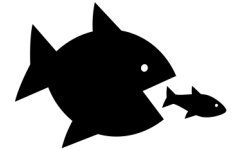
John 21:4-13



Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.



⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.



⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.



⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

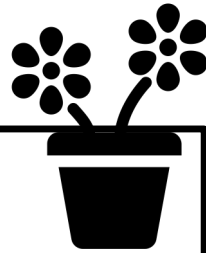


¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.



Counting Petals



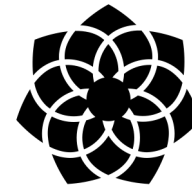
If you can find a flower with lots of petals (like a daisy or dandelion) get people to look at the flower and guess how many petals.

Be open to asking if they noticed anything else as they were looking at the flower.

If you are near some trees you could do it to guess how many leaves.... It doesn't matter that no-one knows!

Make some flat bread to cook over a campfire (taking care!)

Flour, oil, water... mix together, make into a ball and squash it!



Make a Nature Mandala

Find 4 large sticks or mark out a frame.

Invite people to gather items and together to make a picture or pattern within the frame.

JUMP IN, JUMP OUT

Have an invisible line or something to represent a river (or the lake!)

On command you have to

- jump into the river (or on it)
- Jump out
- Jump over



Or if you are wanting really muddy you could do it with a puddle!

I wonder if anything is ready for something new?



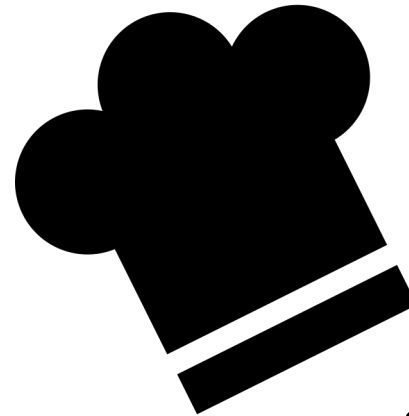
I wonder what is surprising?

I wonder if you can see something being kind to something else?

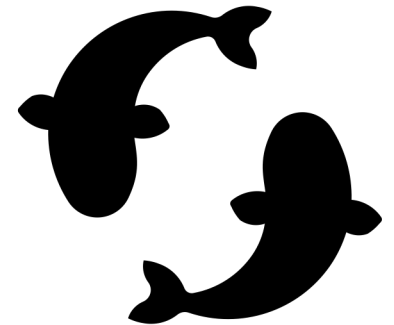


Can you spot 12 different bugs?
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Can you see any friends - maybe pairs of things together?



I wonder what you can see that is unexpected?



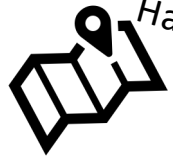
Where might you see God?



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"...have you any fish? ..."

What are you hoping to do on your wander?



Have you been here before?



What does this place feel like?



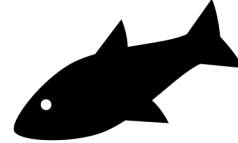
I wonder what animals or insects you can see?



I wonder if you have enough of what you need?



Can you find 5 leaves?



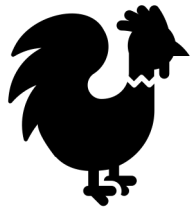
"Bring some of the fish you have caught..."

Can you see any spider's webs?



I wonder who you like to spend time with?

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Can you hear any birds singing?



Can you see anything waking up?

"come and have breakfast"



I wonder what you think God is like?



Have you ever seen something amazing?



Can you see friends together?



4

"who are you?"

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Exodus 16: 11-15



¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread.



Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"



¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp,

and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.



¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.



Sleeping or Sitting Lions

Find a space and close your eyes or try to be still.



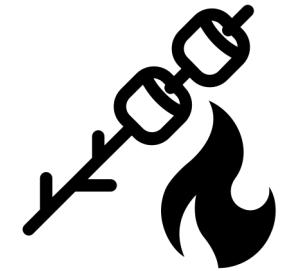
Make some chocolate cornflake treats to share.

Mix some cornflakes, melted marshmallows and melted chocolate together.

Put in little cupcake cases and enjoy. I wonder if this is as sweet as manna?



Make a handprint or footprint banner



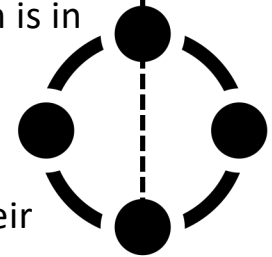
Cook some dough on a stick over a fire (with normal precautions). Think about what it would be like to eat this everyday for 40 years!

GRUMBLING

Sit or stand in a circle and one person is in the middle.

One person (chosen) says "Grumble, grumble, grumble", trying to keep their identity secret.

The person in the middle has to guess who is grumbling!



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I wonder if there is not enough of anything?

Exodus 16: 11-15



Do you ever grumble about anything?

I wonder if you can see a gift from God?



Can you find 12 birds?
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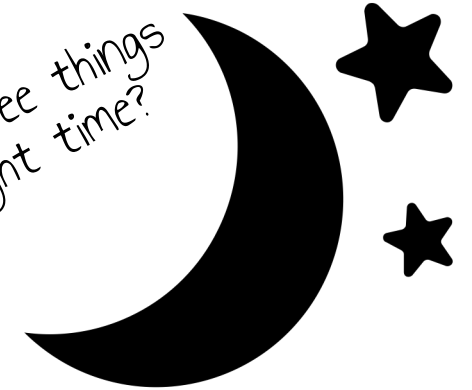


Can you see anything sweet?



Can you hear anything that sounds unhappy?

I wonder if you can see things that change at night?



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"...I heard the grumbling..."



Can you see anything that looks grumpy?



What can you hear?



What does this place feel like?



I wonder if you are happy to be here?

I wonder what you see in a morning?

What can you see on the ground?



Is anything sleeping?



Can you see any dew?



"...in the morning...."

3

I wonder what you are grateful for being given?



Can you see types of food anywhere?



What have you been given?



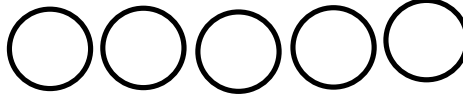
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"the Lord has given you to eat...."



I wonder what helps you to know who a person is?

Can you find 5 signs that someone has been here before?



Can you see anything that looks like it is good at knowing?



"Then you will know I am the Lord your God."

2



Matthew 2: 1-10



Jesus told a story about the kingdom of heaven:



“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

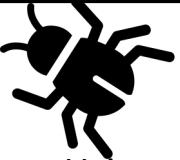
⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner... everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.... The king was enraged.



“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’



So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.



Bug Feast

Using a box gather some items that might attract and feed some bugs. A bit like a bug hotel but inviting them for a feast!

Quiet Circle

Everyone sits in a circle, one person is selected who walks around the circle twice.



They choose the quietest person, tap them on the shoulder and have to swap places.

Can you hear me?

People sit in a space with one person at a distance. That person very quietly whispers someone's name.



When the name is called the person then goes over to sit quietly with the name whisperer.

(Please be considerate of anyone with hearing issues who may find this game impossible).



TAG -A-Long

One person is the leader and when they 'tag' someone else they have to join together to make a chain until everyone is included!

Create a leaf garland - everyone can join in adding their leaves!

(A hole punch, string and leaves is all you need)



I wonder if anything is not welcome here?

Matthew 2: 1-10



Have you ever been to a special party?



Can you find 12 different plants?

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12



Can you see anything moving slowly?



Can you see anything that does not move??



Can you see anything that looks angry?

Can you smell anything nice?



I wonder if God invites people?

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"...invited to the banquet..."



Can you see or hear other people or things?



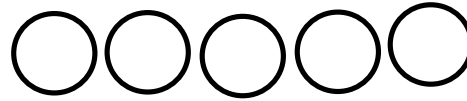
I wonder what belongs here?

I wonder who invited you today?



I wonder if you are waiting for anything?

Can you find 5 orange things?



Can you see things changing?



I wonder if there is anything that looks busy?
"everything is ready,"



I wonder who you are thankful for?



Can you see things that might be friends?



I wonder how many different things you can see?



I wonder if anything shouldn't be here?



"bring everyone..."

I wonder what you have enjoyed most on the wander?



What is special about you?



What has made you glad you were here?



Can you see things that are valuable?



4

"...full of guests..."