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8 Ideas

If you're on a Messy Church path already, you might be tempted to skip over this unit. But instead, why not pause and use the invitation to be as creative as you can be within the values of Messy Church (Christ-centred, hospitality, celebration, being all-age and – yes – creativity)?

During the pandemic, Messy Churches weren't allowed to meet as normal, but the creativity of teams sprang up to reimagine this loving missional community in all sorts of forms: Messy Church online, in a bag, at home, outside, leaders in one place connected to other Messy leaders through Facebook or Zoom – one Canadian/Australian friendship blossomed into a weekly wine-and-chat session on Zoom!

Creativity enriches the life of a Messy Church, from binning the colouring sheets and diving into massive Messy art projects, to meals that echo the Bible theme of the session (fishfingers for the calling of the fishermen; shepherd's pie for the lost sheep – though this always throws up some interesting questions around the fate of the sheep in the parable); from noticing that a particular 9-year-old has a gift for making things from clay and inviting them to lead an activity, to bringing in a team member just to listen to the needy members of the congregation and have time and space to pray with them. It could take you onto weekend camps... into Messy Basics (an all-age course exploring Christian basics)... into introducing a Messy Church element to a local event like a school fete or county show... into 'Messy Church Goes Wild' with its focus on ecology and outdoors. Take some time to ask, 'What if...?'