



## Godsend App G. Repeat

### 17 Do it again

It's well worth working through the valuable advice in this unit for your Messy Church and dreaming dreams about reproducing. Perhaps a Messy interpretation of this call to reproduce might include something like the following:

- encouraging families who move away from your Messy Church to start or join one in their new town
- working with other local Messy Church teams to either start one in a new place or to develop a Messy offshoot or 'extra' together
- intentionally breaking two or three of your regular families away to form the team for a new Messy Church initiative locally
- starting a young leaders' group for the 8–16-year-olds
- developing a digital Messy Church to provide even wider access.

But it can't be emphasised enough that as (probably!) volunteer lay leaders, running a Messy Church in your free time as well as many other church, work and home responsibilities, God may well be rejoicing in the fact that you have simply started a great Messy Church. That may be enough and could in itself create the reproductive effect you long for. One family in Hampshire moved away from their Messy Church, but had enjoyed it so much that they badgered the church in their new community to start one there! One of the findings of the *Playfully Serious* research of 2019 was that it's better to work on quality rather than quantity, so invest in the present, rejoice in what God's doing and only press on into new territory when it's a joy and not a burden.