



Week 2 - Finger Painting

Creating with God

Big Idea: God can help us out of messy situations.

Key Verse: “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you! - Daniel 6:16b

Summary: Finger painting can get really messy, but that’s half the fun in creating wonderful artwork. Families will learn that as we trust God in our “messy” situations, He will turn them into something wonderful. (Daniel 6:10-23)

Materials Needed: A Bible, Finger Paints, Paper, Cleaning Products

Application : Is there a messy situation in your life right now? Give that mess to God. Ask your family to pray together. Expect God to move, and look for God to step in and help you with that mess!

Craft & Learn

Craft: Do some finger painting! First encourage family members to make a painting that is a complete mess. Then have family members create a painting that is a more accurate representation of something (as best as can be done with finger painting).

Wait till after the lesson, then challenge your family to work together to clean up after the finger painting is done. Be sure to get everyone involved in the clean-up.

Lesson: Look at your hands right now. Would you like to shake hands with someone if they came up to you with their hands looking like that? It’s a little messy isn’t it? But that is half the fun of finger paints. Finger paints are hands-on art. They get all over our fingers and sometimes, on our clothes and in our hair. But with a bath and a little laundry detergent, we can clean up our messes and start over.

Sometimes life is like painting with finger paints. It can get pretty messy - we get in fights, we treat one another poorly, or we have other problems in life - and those messes can seem impossible to clean up. But God promises he will step in and get us all cleaned up.

God wants to help us with our messes, no matter how messy they seem to be. We can pray to ask God for help for all of the problems we face in our lives and trust that he will help us do the clean up!

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for being there when we get into messy situations. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

Explore the Bible

Introduction: Art can get messy. Whenever you're painting, it's always wise to put on old clothes or a smock to keep your good clothes from getting paint on them. That's true whether you're painting a room or painting on a canvas. Paint looks beautiful when it's all done, but no matter how careful you are, there are going to be drips and spills and messes.

When was the last time you painted? How much mess did you make?

Finger painting is fun because you get messy, and when it's all said and done - you wash your hands, wash your clothes, and the mess is all gone. Then you're ready to sit down and make another mess on another day!

Sometimes it's fun to be messy, and whether it's finger paint or regular paint, art messes are the best. But when life gets messy, it's not always fun and games. Life can be a struggle. Sometimes things can happen and we get into messes. Some messes happen because of the choices we make, like when we sin. But other times, messes just happen. It's not something we deserve, and it's not our fault, but we find ourselves in messes that we have no idea how to fix!

The Story: Read the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den - Daniel 6:10-23

Main Point: Today we see Daniel was in a mess he didn't create on his own. He was a faithful follower of God, who loved God and obeyed His commandments. When he got into a mess, he needed help - and he got it in the most amazing way!

In the face of certain death, Daniel refused to deny his faith. Daniel was in a mess that he did not make. It was a mess his friend the king never intended to happen. Both men were sad, but one of them knew a way out. Daniel trusted God in spite of his mess, and God rescued him. God used Daniel's mess to prove to King Darius that he was the one true God - and the only one who can help with our messes. Daniel's story reminds us that when we have a problem in life, we can trust God to help us!

God knows all about our messes. God knew that we would be unable to take care of all the problems we face in life on our own. So He sent His Son Jesus into this messy world to live a perfect life and take care of the mess of sin and death. We can be confident that God loves us and wants to help us all no matter how messy our lives can get.

Prayer: Dear God, Thank you for being there when we get into messy situations in life. Thank you for sending your Son into our messy world to save us. And thank you for sticking with us no matter how messy things get, to help and rescue us. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Family Game Time

Covered Up:

Materials Needed: Two Pieces of Paper, Some Newspaper (or other scrap paper), Finger Paints

How To Play: Choose two family members to play this game at a time. Give each one a blank sheet of paper and some paint.

Cover your surface with newspaper or other scrap paper to protect the area where you are playing.

On “go” each person will race to see who can completely cover their paper in finger paint first. The artist who covers their paper, leaving no white spots at all, the fastest wins.

Continue head to head competition till everyone has had a chance to get messy.

Clean it Up:

Materials Needed: A Messy Surface, Cleaning Products

How To Play: Have family members work together to clean up a messy area of the house.

Assign half of your family to one part of the mess, and the other half to another. You could be washing a car and each team takes half, or washing windows around the house and assign the same number of windows per team.

Compete to see who will clean it the most completely and the fastest. The winning team gets to pick a dessert to have after dinner.

Family Discussion Starters

Kindergarten - 2nd Graders:

Read: Daniel in the Lions' Den - Daniel 6:10-23

Questions:

1. Who was Daniel?
2. What law did Daniel Break?
3. What mess did Daniel get in?
4. How did God save Daniel from his mess?
5. Is there a mess God can help you with today?

3rd Graders - 5th Graders:

Read: Daniel in the Lions' Den - Daniel 6:10-23

Questions:

1. Why did Daniel get into a mess?
2. How did God save Daniel from his mess?
3. How did Daniel's night in the lion's den change King Darius?
4. Do you think God can help with our messes?
5. Is there a mess God can help you with today?

Prayer: Dear God, Take our messes, and make something beautiful out of them. In Jesus' name, Amen!



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