

## **Resources to use with children during school closures**

Please find some suggestions of Christian focused sites to look at for resources and ideas that families can use whilst in home isolation. **There is a Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook page** which was originally designed to share Youth Events but in the current climate we can use it to share ideas of activities families are doing or have done. This can be either be a short video clip showing off the activity or a film of the end product, pictures, a written piece or simply a link of something you found useful.

Please remember that if you are sharing video clips of family members and or friends that anyone across the Diocese of Plymouth will be able to view them. It is important that you seek permission of non-family members before posting pictures of them. The Youth Events Worker reserves the right to remove any inappropriate material from the site.

### **CAFOD**

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Education-resources>

CAFOD have some excellent resources for both schools and children's liturgy. In addition, it has a page with resources to use at home during school closure:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Resources-for-school-closures>. The primary activities are probably more aimed at KS1, they include a colouring sheet and a short power point about the Romero cross. It's a good starting point to use to expand into creative activities, such as designing and making a cross of your own or one for the family. For KS2 and above, it's worth looking at the secondary school section. There are some great resources including a video clip on Saint Oscar Romero. There are a few video clips that you could use to discuss things or as a starting point for a project.

### **Amnesty International**

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/fiction-primary-school-teaching-human-rights-literature>

They don't have many resources but there is a section called teaching human rights through literature that caught my eye. Something I am yet to explore.

### **Messy Church**

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

The messy church website has a wide range of activities, that are used at messy church events, but you could use them in the home. It is particularly worth exploring the resources section. There is a subsection in the resources called 'ideas and advice'

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/resources/ideas-and-advice> What is nice is that you can focus on areas such as scientific although most activities have a creative focus. It gives some ideas of things to do and links to other resources.

## **40 Acts**

<https://40acts.org.uk/>

This site is design for lent activities but given that we are still in Lent I thought there might be some suggestions and activities that people could use.

## **Christian Education**

<https://www.christian.education/teach#Reasons>

This is a more formal site that offer home education materials. I have not explored it but have seen that they charge for their resources.

## **Tear fund**

[https://www.tearfund.org/about\\_you/resources/for\\_churches/pack\\_library/](https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/resources/for_churches/pack_library/)

There are a few projects that you can access parish information. They give you information about how some people live and the challenges they face. One Big Mountain has all the resources online, so you can easily access them. The video gives some good background information.

## **Bible Reading Fellowship**

<https://mailchi.mp/brf/staying-connected?e=b84b786706>

Keep a look at on the BRF site as they have some links to support families and young peoples learning. There is a link to scripture and prayer.

If you are unable to access the Diocese of Plymouth Youth Events Facebook page, contact the Youth Events Worker directly at: [youth@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:youth@prcdtr.org.uk) I look forward to seeing your posts on Facebook.

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