



Authorised Mess — 2 CORINTHIANS

Your details

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Bible book	2 Corinthians
Theme of session	Treasure from heaven
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Session details

Categories of activities to get a mix	Activity name	Instructions	Resources needed	Reason for doing this activity
Younger participants	Treasure hunt	Set up a treasure hunt by hiding chocolate coins around your worship space.	Chocolate coins, Blu-Tack.	'We have this treasure from God...' (2 Corinthians 4:7, NCV).
Older participants	Playdough	Make playdough and then use it to create something else.	Flour, salt, oil, water, food colouring (optional), bowls, spoons. See this website for recipe: http://allrecipes.co.uk/recipe/50/play-dough.aspx .	'If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation' (2 Corinthians 5:17).
Girls	Old clothes into new	Make some new clothes by revamping some old ones into new styles.	Old clothes, buttons, belts, ribbon, stapler, safety pins, glue, sequins, scissors, fabric pens.	'If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation' (2 Corinthians 5:17).



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Boys	Junk modelling	Set the challenge to build a treasure chest from all the 'junk'.	Lots of different recycled material (boxes, paper, containers and so on), glue, sticky tape.	'If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation' (2 Corinthians 5:17). 'We have this treasure from God...' (2 Corinthians 4:7).
Food-based	Treasure box treats	Pop the corn, cover with the sauce and then top with sprinkles/sweets. Place some of these treats into the cartons/boxes and then put the lid on. Give your treasure box of treats to someone special.	Popping corn, runny honey or other sticky sauce, sprinkles/sweets, bowls, utensils, empty cartons/boxes with lids, paper towels to line the containers.	'We have this treasure from God...' (2 Corinthians 4:7).
Explores global aspect of faith	Balloon messages	Write a greeting message/church invitation on a postcard and attach it to a balloon with string.	Balloons, string, postcards, pen, hole punch.	'Greet each other with a holy kiss. All of God's holy people send greetings to you' (2 Corinthians 13:12–13).
Opens up great art	Heart magnets	Cut out a heart from the red card and glue it to the magnet. Decide who you want to give your heart magnet to and write a message to explain why.	Magnets, heart template, red card, glue, felt tip pens.	'Greet each other with a holy kiss. All of God's holy people send greetings to you' (2 Corinthians 13:12–13).



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Quiet	Chill-out tent	Set up a tent, creating a peaceful atmosphere. Include 'posters' with questions to prompt people to think about what the 'treasure' is that is being referred to in the verse.	Gazebo/tent, fairy lights, cushions, bean bags, quiet music, posters.	'We know that our body—the tent we live in here on earth—will be destroyed...' (2 Corinthians 5:1). 'We have this treasure from God...' (2 Corinthians 4:7).
Really messy	Clay pot	Using clay and tools to make a pot.	Air drying clay, clay mats, clay tools, water, soapy water, paper towels.	'We have this treasure from God...' (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Celebration suggestion

Song: 'I am a new creation'

Share ideas about what people think is being referred to in the verses by 'treasure' or 'new creation'

Have a fashion show to parade the newly created clothes made in the activity.

Release the balloons with their messages—discuss what people wrote and why.

Meal suggestion

- ✿ Plain mini pizzas and lots of different toppings so people (or groups) can create their own pizza, with chips, salad, coleslaw.
- ✿ Ice cream with lots of different toppings and sauces so they can create their own dessert.



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Faith in Homes suggestion

- ✿ Think about items you might transform into 'new creations' within the home—pictures, clothes, rooms and so on.
- ✿ Talk about what you treasure and why.