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Below you will find some activities designed by Sue Avery of Cholsey Messy Church, Oxfordshire. These work well at Cholsey's Messy Church, which has a very young average age.

Creation

Day 1 Light and Darkness	Tea lights in a painted / decorated glass
Day 2 Water and Sky	Ocean in a jar [oil mixed with water (coloured with blue food colouring) in a small glass jar)
Day 3 Land and Plants	Fruit kebabs - pieces of fruit on wooden skewers
Day 4 Stars, Sun and Moon	Potato print stars & moon pictures on black paper
Day 5 Fish, Birds and Animals	Animals made from recyclable junk etc and or fish made from coloured paper and tissue paper
Day 6 Man	Grass seed man- foot of a pair of tights, with grass seed at the toe, then stuffed with cotton wool to form a head shape, put in a plastic cup and watch it grow

The Good Samaritan

Decorating Charity boxes	Decorate your box, with tissue paper / glitter / paint etc as a present or gift for someone, or collect coins in the box and give to a charity of your choice
Friendship bracelets	Thread the beads onto the elastic. Tie elastic in a knot to secure.
Rocky Road Cakes	Put melted chocolate and rice crispies in a bowl and mix together with a spoon.
The good Samaritan Collage	Huge copy of Van Gogh's The Good Samaritan, cut into shapes and each shape to be decorated appropriately, collage, painty rollers, fabric, sponge painting, foil etc (see right).



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Palm Sunday

Easter Cards	Decorate your card, with magazine cut outs / tissue paper / glitter / paint etc and give to a loved one.
Toilet roll Donkeys	Toilet roll body and legs. Cut out head shape. Wool for mane and tail. Paint. Googly eyes
Biscuits with 100s and 1000s (symbolizing the crowd)	Ice the biscuit and decorate
Palm fronds	Place your hands in the green paint pads and place on the paper to make the fronds (leaves). Cut out and glue or sellotape to the stick
Musical instruments Tambourines / shakers / clackers /drums or cymbals	Paper plates stapled together with pulses / grains inside, then decorated. Jam jar lids with holes – thread string through lids and thin card tube and knot together for a great jangly sound
Crowns	Decorate your paper crown with jewels or cotton wool or paper shapes