

Craft Activities with the Under Fives

(in Parent Toddler Group Settings)

What is it?

- Directed Craft? or creative experience/journey?

Why do it?

- Keeping children occupied?
- Creative expression
- Fun!
- Variety of session activities
- Breaking up the session
- Social opportunities?
- Opportunities for listening?
- Expression through art
- manual activity - doing, exploring, creating, relaxing,

Who is it for?

- Children? Adults?

What is it for?

- Bible stories
- Message reminders
- Aids to worship
- Crafts as gifts
- Seasonal items
- Opportunities for social and creative expression

What do we need?

1. Prayer
2. Preparation, Planning, People, Purchases
3. Practicalities, safety, spillages, supervision, setting up and clearing away

- Shopping list essentials
- Cherishing creativity - important for adults to cherish the journey and the process with the child. Some children will just be enjoying the materials. See it as a process to enjoy rather than always focusing on the end product.

A Social and Spiritual experience!! Go for it!