

## Workshop 2 – Faith with Under Fives in church – creche and pew

### Suggested kit list to build up over time

- ▶ Some basic equipment will be helpful and a person or a group of people will be needed to look after it and set up the space each week.
- ▶ Use good quality, clean items in good repair.
- ▶ Don't accept what should really be thrown away.
- ▶ Ask for a budget, or at least an initial injection of capital!
- ▶ Clear up the material each week and put it away so that it is kept clean and in good repair.
- ▶ You might ask for a small cupboard or use a large box with a lid.

### Scene-setting

- A carpet or blankets to sit on and some cushions to make a safe, comfortable space
- Artificial grass square
- Large plastic sheet or tarpaulin
- Long rolls of paper (lining paper, wallpaper)
- Selection of coloured fabrics
- Play parachute or large piece of material
- Selection of baskets, cardboard boxes and drawstring bags

### Sensory play

- Large shallow tray and sieves, funnels, sponges, cups etc.
- Sand
- Shiny crafts items (shiny paper, sequins, shiny stickers, tinsel, ecofriendly glitter etc.)
- Balloons
- A bag or box that looks special (could easily be handmade) to use as a storybox, or to hide things in for a game
- Percussion instruments
- Child-safe mirrors
- Battery-operated tea lights and other light sources, including torches
- Ribbon, wool or string
- Play dough and tools (inc. shape cutters)
- Pots of bubbles

### A general kit list might include: Fine motor skills

- Wooden building blocks
- Stacking cups
- Shape sorter
- Selection of puzzles – jigsaw, lift and reveal, interlocking toys

### Gross motor skills

- A play tunnel
- Hula hoop
- Soft balls and/or bean bags

### Small world play

- A model church
- A Noah's ark
- A nativity set
- Dolls' house
- Toy cars and car mat
- Train set
- Toy farm set and extra toy sheep of different shapes and sizes
- Toy boats, fish and nets
- Small world people (dolls house, Playmobil, Happyland etc.)

### Creative play

- Play food, cups, plates, pans
- Plastic plant pots and toy gardening equipment
- Dolls and teddies
- Toy doctor's kit
- Dressing up items – particularly nativity costumes, crowns, etc.
- Toy treasure, coins, jewels
- Hand and finger puppets