



## Messy Church at Home: October

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#### Activities

##### Rain stick



**You will need: From your craft bag – Cardboard tube, polystyrene packing pieces and seeds, coloured paper and stickers. Also, glue stick, felt tip pens, sticky tape.**

In today's Bible story, a brave man called Elijah was sent to the King Ahab to tell him that God had decided not to send any rain to the country for three years.

Put the packing pieces and the seeds into the tube and tape the lid on firmly.

Decorate your tube with the colourful paper and stickers. Now tip your tube upside down and hear the rain sound then stop it by holding it horizontally.

##### Fill with life



**You will need: From your craft bag – The balloons, string. Also felt tip pens, scissors. (Possibly an old pair of child's shorts)**

In our story God first looked after Elijah, then he looked after the widow who helped him and then he looked after her son when he was seriously ill.

Blow up the two round balloons and tie them together with a short piece of string to make a body with a head. Then blow up the four long balloons and attach them to the neck of the balloon child with string. Draw a face on the head. Dress your

balloon child in the shorts if you have some.

##### High-level prayers



**You will need: From your craft bag – The thick cardboard. Also, scissors, a felt tip pen.**

In the story, Elijah took the sick boy up into his room to pray for him. We can pray for people who need God's help in lots of different ways.

Cut the card into small rectangles. Draw a stick person on each of the cardboard rectangles to represent someone you know who is not feeling well. Write their name on the other side of the card. Now pray for that person while lifting their

card up in your hands or put the card up on a high shelf to represent lifting them up in prayer to God

## The guest room



**You will need: From your craft bag – The sheet of card with the box template. Also, scissors, glue stick.**

Elijah stayed in a widow's house where he had a place to sleep on the flat roof. Make a model of a bible house.

Cut out the outline of the house from the card sheet. Cut along the solid black lines in the model. Fold along the dotted lines to form an open rectangular box. On one side cut out a square for the window and rectangular hole for the door. Glue the ends to

complete the house

## Fire Picture



**You will need: From your craft bag – The sheet with the flame picture, the coloured tissue paper. Also, glue stick, scissors, colouring pencils or felt tips.**

Elijah had to live out in the open air while he was hiding from the king. He would have needed to make a fire to keep warm. Have you ever camped out in the open air? Would you like to do it for a long time?

Cut out flame shapes from the tissue paper and glue them onto the picture arranging them to overlap like the flames of a fire. Use your colouring pencils or felt tips to

complete the picture.

## Celebration Time

**Sing:** Worship of worth life we do in Messy Church

**Watch:** this version of the story of Elijah and the drought

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNTIqy2YBo8>

**Read:** The Bible story from 1 Kings 17

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Kings+17&version=CEV>

**Talk:**

- Can you remember a time when you were scared and how you got through it?
- Have you ever had to receive help from someone you didn't know?
- Have you ever experienced God's special help when you were in need?

**Pray:** Father God, thank you that when we are scared and alone, we know you are with us. Thank you for the people who go to help people who are in danger or unwell. We pray for our police, ambulance, and fire brigade staff and those who work with the RNLI rescuing people at sea. Please keep them safe as they go into dangerous situations. Amen.