



## Messy Church at Home

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020



**Our message:** The Good News of Jesus as told by Matthew

**Who is Matthew?** He was born in Capernaum (Galilee) and died near the Caspian Sea, north of Iran. He was a Jew whose original name was Levi and was a tax collector on behalf of the Romans. This made him unpopular amongst his countrymen. He was called to be a disciple by Jesus and after Jesus' death and resurrection it is thought he preached to the Jewish community in Judea before taking the Gospel to other countries. You can see that Matthew was an eye witness and well placed to write down the Good News of Jesus. His symbol is a winged man.

**Our story:** So, this can be found in St Matthew's Gospel which is the first book in the New Testament. The word 'gospel' means 'good news'. The gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all wrote the story of Jesus according to how they saw it and who they were writing for. It seems that Mark's gospel was probably the first to be written and much of it can also be found in Matthew and Luke. Matthew's skill was in putting words on paper. He knew Aramaic and Greek and was the first person to compile an account of Jesus' teaching. It was written in Hebrew. The Gospel was written from that account for the Jews. In it he emphasises the teachings that Jesus fulfils the prophecies from the Old Testament and encourages the Jews to keep the Old Testament laws as well as giving details about the life and other teachings of Jesus.



**Watch :** Saddleback Kids – Jesus calls Matthew [here](#)  
Beeches Baptist Church The Lord's Prayer [here](#)  
Rain for Roots – Do not Worry [here](#)  
Saddleback Kids – Lost Sheep [here](#)

**Activities** See following pages for instructions. Hopefully you will have most of the materials needed. You just need to decide which activities are suitable for the age group of your family. How about taking some photos of your Messy session and sending them to [Max@bedhampton.church](mailto:Max@bedhampton.church)

1. Make a family tree (Matt 1:1-17)
2. Make a happiness poster (Matt 5:1-11)
3. Make some happy cakes!
4. Learn the Lord's Prayer with actions (Matt 6:1-15)
5. Make some flowers (Matt 6:25-34)
6. An experiment - Build a house that stands up (Matth 7:24-25)
7. Make a centurion's helmet (Matt 8:5-13)
8. Make an edible sheep (Matt 18:10-14)
9. Prayer Shack – Make a garden (Matt 26:36-46)
10. Solve a problem (Matt 28:16-20)
11. Have fun colouring and puzzling

