

Junior Church

When I started my role with St Andrews Junior Church in early September, we spent the first few weeks getting to know each other through fun activities, games, and relaxed conversations. It was important to create a warm and welcoming space where the children felt comfortable and included. We shared stories, learned each other's names, and began building a sense of community and trust that has continued to grow each week. These early weeks laid a lovely foundation for the exciting journey we've been on together since.

The children have been joyfully engaging in creative activities that bring the stories of the Bible to life. Last term one of our projects was a beautiful Christmas scene collage, where the children worked together to depict the nativity story. This hands-on activity not only helped them understand the significance of Jesus' birth but also encouraged teamwork, imagination, and storytelling through art.

This activity was enjoyed so much that with Sue Mulligan's help we are working on our Easter collage, which is just as exciting! The children are exploring the themes of new life, hope, and resurrection as they create a vibrant display to celebrate Easter. From drawing to cutting and glueing everyone is involved and contributing their own special touches. I pray that this project will inspire their faith and help them connect more deeply with the message of the season in a fun and meaningful way.

Looking ahead, we're really looking forward to exploring the stories of Jesus after Easter Sunday. We'll be learning about his appearances to the disciples, including the walk to Emmaus, and how he continued to show his love and power after the resurrection. We'll also discover the story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, helping them to spread the good news. These stories are full of wonder and meaning, and we're excited to journey through them together in the weeks to come.

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