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Worship Workshop 08: Messy Church:

Title of Workshop: What, Why and How to add a Messy Church Worship Experience in your ministry setting

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Description: Messy Church is an all age worship experience that explores and invites people into a loving relationship with God and others in an accessible way. At Messy Church today's busy families of all shapes and sizes are invited into a welcoming space to experience faith. This workshop will be interactive and may get a little messy!

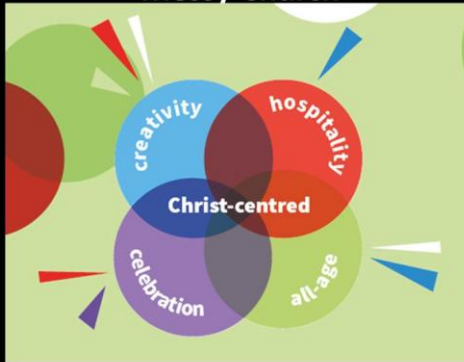
Workshop Content Outline:

A graphic with a black background. On the left, there is a photo of a young boy in a blue shirt and a girl in a yellow shirt looking at something in a bowl. Text overlaying the photo reads "Messy Church A New Place for New People". On the right, there is a list of times and activities, and a collage of photos showing people at a Messy Church event.

What does Messy Church look like?
The Shape of a Messy Church
Once a month on a day to suit families

4:00 welcome
4:20 activities
5:10 celebration
5:30 meal

Five Foundational Values of Messy Church



All Ages Together



"An all age church reflects the very nature of a diverse yet unified God. It demonstrates the integration of generations to which society as a whole can aspire, thus challenging the worldview that splits off the generations from each other in fear and hostility. It is the way that Christians have celebrated their faith for centuries. It is the best way of growing disciples"

~ Lucy Moore,
Founder of Messy Church

Hospitality



"Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."

Henri Nouwen,
Reaching Out

Messy Church...

is the child in the midst of inherited church...

playing, wondering, disturbing and questioning everything.

~ Martin Payne

Creativity



Celebration



"...the Christian doctrine of creation implies that we are fundamentally non-serious, yet meaningfully loved.... Seriousness might be the tragic sin that undermines a gospel-shaped creation... We need to be light-hearted for God..."

'And might it be that a playful and celebratory Church is in fact the best thing for a culture that takes itself too seriously because it does not know God?'

~Lincoln Harvey: *Fresh Expressions and the Kingdom of God*

Christ Centered



Encountering Christ

Meeting Christ in each other

Hearing / talking about Christ

Doing everything in the name of Christ

Being a taste of the Kingdom of Christ

Next Steps

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- Gather a team to attend a Messy Church worship in your location
- Go to website to schedule or register for a One-Day "Getting Started In Messy Church" Training
- Join the Messy Church USA Network
- Contact your Regional Coordinator



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