

BiG KIDS

Newsletter

December 2024



WELCOME!

So, 2024 is almost over - and what a year it has been!

We hope you have enjoyed this year's collection of monthly snapshots of what BiG KIDS get up to.

Currently, we're slap BANG in the middle of Christmas - but more about that to come soon!

For now, we reflect on November - a month of festivals and falling leaves...



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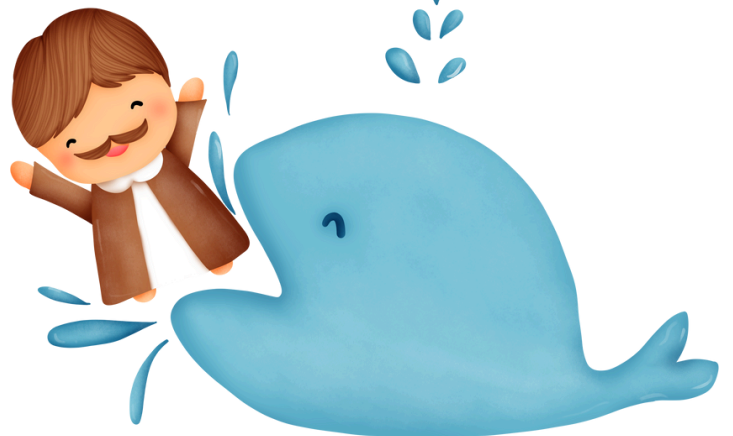


School

Green Lane with Debs and Margaret has sustained a high number of attendees since September, with over 20 children regularly attending.

Newham Bridge with Ste and Debs has 20 members with lots of those being from the younger end of KS2; which is great! This means that we may see them in Thursday Club for 2-3 years!

At both clubs over November, through our Crumbs curriculum, we've looked at Elijah and the Prophets of Baal, Daniel in the Lions Den and Jonah and the Whale.



As the month progressed, our lessons became increasingly festive - and we once again returned to Park End Primary with Chris Tingle, our Christmassy puppet!



And you can watch the video to learn all about the story of Christingle by clicking the button below.



Church

We continue to support various churches, not just on Sundays but throughout the week.

Ste spends his Sunday afternoons at St Chad's Church helping lead their 'Families' service. In November, the teaching and Bible stories all linked to festivals and events going on in the world around us.

The Bonfire Night special was particularly memorable as the children brought sleeping bags and blankets with them as we sat around our indoor 'campfire'. We sang songs, shared prayers and stories together. This will need to become an annual tradition of our own now!



This month in EXPLORE at St Barnabas, we've also started a new time travelling theme to consider the advent prophecies of Jesus. Check out our spectacular cardboard DeLorean! It has been brilliant to see the children being excited to delve into our Time Traveller's guide (The Bible) and fighting over volunteering to read Old Testament passages!



At St John's we looked at Moses parting the Red Sea - who doesn't love a good food craft? Blue icing, digestive biscuits and a jelly baby!





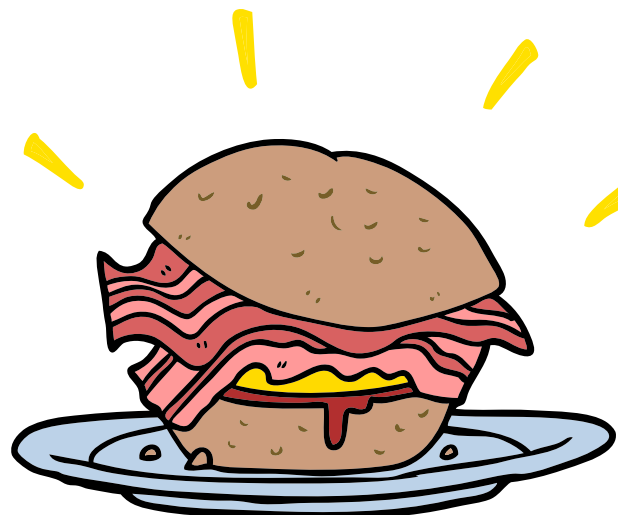
Community

For many years, there was a successful toddler group at St Oswald's Church. Since Covid, the Genesis Project has expanded with a Gardening Project, Clothes Bank, Gym and Eco shop all active most days...it is so hard to find space to run a toddler group as well!

Now, each Monday morning in the "warm room", cafe style tables are set up, the kettle and oven goes on and parents and carers visit with their little ones to start the new week together.

The idea is to MEET, EAT, CHAT & PRAY.

We are helping to create space for babies and children to play, with a chance for parents to talk and learn together. Bacon butties, coffee & pastries are enjoyed - we stop for a few minutes to pray and sing together too!





Walk

As we reflect on another bumper year, we're amazed at how God has used BiG KIDS in his big plan!

2024 has included:

- Boro Cereal; our pioneering social action project which was devised, led and presented by the children of four local Primary schools
- delivering the message of Jesus' death and resurrection to approximately 1600 children during 30 school sessions in 10 days over the Easter period
- coordinating the Kids work as part of Festival Teesside, which saw 27,000 people interact with the local church network
- founding Barney's Baby Bank for the families of Linthorpe and Ayresome to further build and strengthen connections in our local community
- supporting other churches, such as; St John's, Middlesbrough Community Church, Christ Church and St Martin's in their delivery of regular faith based teaching for children
- continuing to make videos and songs for our online resources

What will God have instore for BiG KIDS in 2025?



Prayer requests

We kindly ask that over the month of December you keep BiG KIDS in your prayers in the following ways.



Thanks to God for the regular school groups. We pray for continued engagement and enthusiasm from those who attend.



For the family service at St Chad's - the kids and carers that attend. That all will have a blessed Christmas and come to know His love in their lives.



That Baby Brunch will become a great space to meet new families, link with other activities and show simple ways to pray together with children.



Thanks to God for His amazing provision and the opportunities given to us in the past 12 months. We pray for more of the same going forward!