

# BiG KIDS

# Newsletter May 2024



# WELCOME!

Mayday, mayday - another month, another newsletter!

We've been acting like cowboys, drinking coffee and eating lots of Jammie Dodgers...

Read on to find out more of what we've been up to after our little Easter break.



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# School

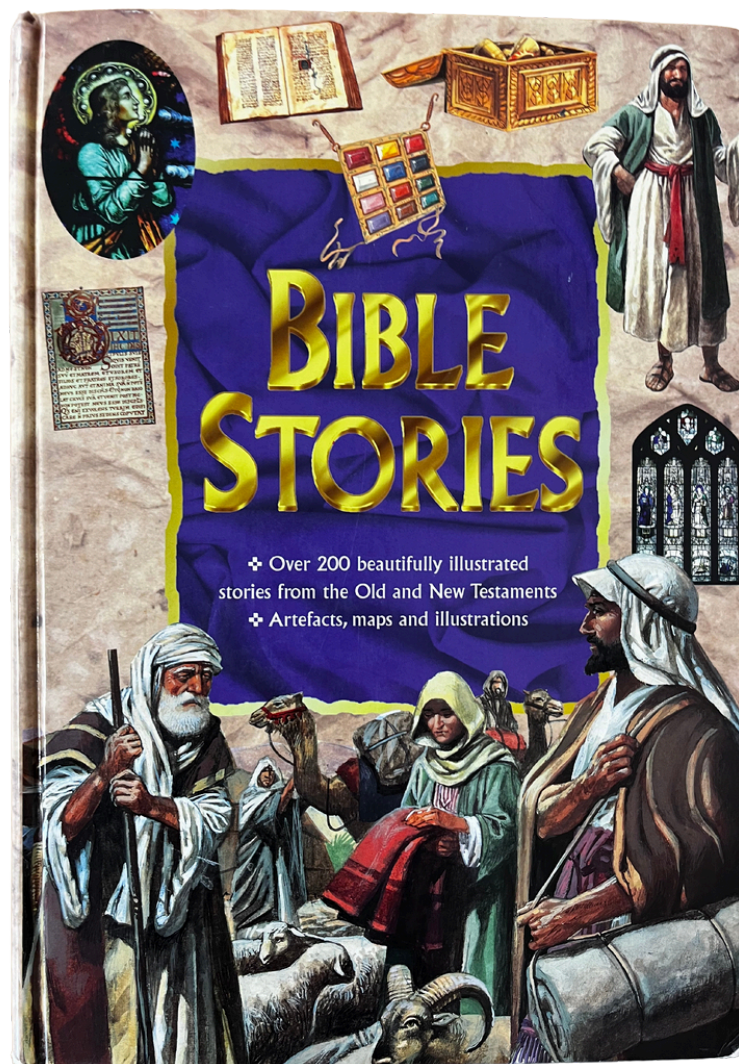
In school clubs this month, we've been looking at the re-appearances of Jesus after His resurrection. It's always great to explore what the disciples must have felt when they shared breakfast on the beach, or what was going through the minds of the two on the road to Emmaus.



Debs & Ste took Rev. Mark into Newham Bridge to do an assembly. We had great fun playing blankety blank and looking at the Parable of the Lost Sheep! We also led a Festival Teesside assembly in Whinney Banks - considering how God can make a little into a lot! What's Festival Teesside you ask? Keep on reading...!

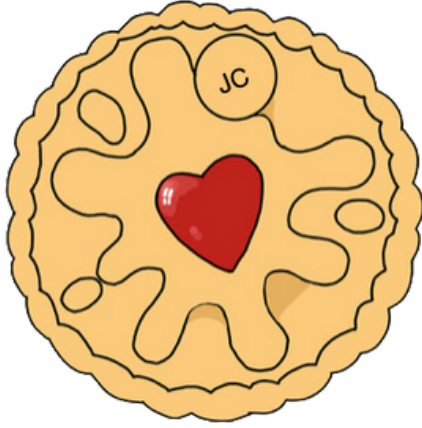
From time to time, we are given resources in the way of crafting materials or something we can use as a prop. However, this Tuesday, BiG KIDS Scripture Club at Green Lane received a very special gift, from one of its own members!

Malika has been a regular attender at the lunch club since September and although she is shy, once she gets to know you, she is chatty and funny and asks lots of questions! This Tuesday she announced that she has a gift for us - she very kindly donated us a beautiful Bible Story book. It was such a generous and kind thing for a 9 year old to do! We used the book to tell the story of Doubting Thomas - and we'll revisit it together soon!





# Church



As part of our role with St Barnabas, we often find ourselves leading parts of their all age services. This usually includes the prayers or intercessions, where we seek to creatively engage with God through teaspoons, stickers or, this month...

Jammie Dodgers!

We considered how the world is in a bit of a mess (**the splat!**) and yet God sent His son (**JC**), right into the middle of it all (**the heart**) to shed His blood (**the jam**) for each of us. Through a Jammie Dodger, we can taste and see that the Lord is good!



Our EXPLORE group this half term has taken us to the wild, wild west - learning how we are a part of a big family tree, called to praise at all times and be a part of God's plan... or you could say, learning to become a Rootin', Tootin', Fruitin' cowboy!



In Mini Praise, we have been using the same teaching framework as we do in our schools work. Debs looks for educational and sensory activities to allow the children to learn and develop with the support of their caregiver (parent/grandparent) and its all linked into our craft, story and song time. Take a look at what we got upto at the beginning of April when we looked at the story of Breakfast on the Beach!



We used magnetic fishing rods to catch fish in the Orbeez.

The kids loved putting their hands in the little jelly beads and letting them fall through their fingers ...(so did Debs!)

We used sensory fish to do some fishy maths sums - all of them adding upto a maximum of 10. One side of the fish had dots to count, the other side had numbers making it accessible to most age ranges.





# Community

Last Saturday our fabulous Ambassadors, held a coffee morning for us. What a turn out it was! We had some of our BiG props out on display so that you could see the scale of the work we do up close and personal!



Lots of cake was consumed, as well as litres of tea and coffee. Dave sold a “forest’s worth” of plants and we had beautiful jams for sale thanks to Hazel.



When everything was counted, funds totalled a whopping **£565.07!**

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and gave so generously to our work in schools and churches.





# Walk

Have you heard the news?  
Festival Teesside is happening, this summer!

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June

The Luis Pulau Association and the Churches of Teesside are taking over Stewart Park to put on a fantastic festival. Family fun, live music and a Christian message of hope.

**BiG KIDS** as you would expect are heading up the Kids Zone we hope to see you there, Kids under 12 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult (18+)





# Prayer requests

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



It's SATs test season! We pray for each of our local Primary Schools and their staff. That your peace will be evident during this stressful time and that each of the children will reach their God given potential.



Please pray for the children in our groups, who are reaching the end of their time with us. For peaceful transitions into Secondary School and continued knowledge of God's love.



We give thanks for seven years of BiG KIDS and the community of generous supporters that give so much to this ministry.



For the approaching Festival Teesside. That everything will run smoothly and safely, and many people will come to know Jesus through this mission.