



## Messy Vintage

### Session 8

# Messy jobs

## Bible reference

Matthew 10:1–10

## How does this session help people grow in Christ?

When we look at the vast array of jobs that are mentioned in the Bible, we can find ourselves drawn more fully into the story, imagining or maybe identifying with the characters. For some people, work will have played a huge part in their lives, while for others it may be something yet to be attained. The good news is that Jesus calls ordinary people to do his work!

## Messy team theme

- Talk about jobs that you have done or dream jobs that you would like to do.
- While being sensitive to possible issues, talk about retirement, unemployment and redundancy.



## Activity

**You will need: wooden spoons; funky foam; googly eyes; scraps of material; wool; bits of lace; ribbon; buttons; sequins; all-purpose glue or glue sticks; double-sided tape; felt-tip pens; scissors**

Make a 'selfie'. Using funky foam, cut out two identical sets of clothes; place the wooden spoon in the middle of one set and put the other set on top of the spoon to form the back and front of the outfit. Secure with double-sided tape. Adorn as required and add woollen hair and googly eyes.

## Celebration

You might choose one of the following:

Think about jobs mentioned in the Bible – how many can people come up with? Here are some examples to get you started: baker (Genesis 40:1); brickmaker (Genesis 11:3); farmer (2 Timothy 2:6); fisherman (Matthew 4:18); gardener (John 20:15); jailer (Acts 16:23); tax collector (Luke 19:2); woodcutter (Joshua 9:21). Encourage interactive conversation about past or present employment and think about discipleship within those roles. Conclude with a discussion on the Matthew passage.

Take in some Happy Families playing cards. Share memories of playing the game and have fun looking at some of the jobs the families did. Could God use ordinary people like these? Read the Matthew passage and talk about the twelve disciples and all at the Messy gathering.

## Song suggestions

Take my life, and let it be  
I want to walk with Jesus Christ  
Lord, you call us to your service  
May we be a shining light to the nations  
From heaven you came  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
Go forth and tell!  
Lord, thy church on earth is seeking  
Jesus, take me as I am  
Make me a channel of your peace  
When we walk with the Lord  
Lord of all hopefulness  
For I'm building a people of power



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