



Children's Work Resources

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St Albans Diocese



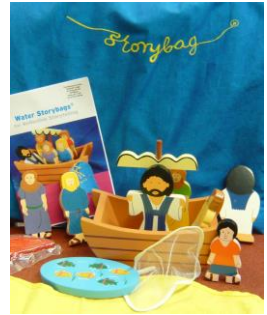
Soft Church and Book Set



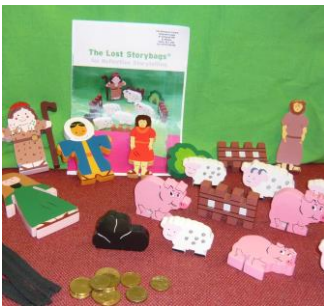
Have fun playing with our soft toy church, complete with altar, font and lectern. We have included a priest and two members of the congregation, plus baby. Our Church includes the book 'Visiting a Church'.

Storybag® – 'Stories about Water'

This Storybag® can be used to tell stories which take place in water, including the Call of the Disciples, the Calming of the Storm, Jesus Walking on Water, the Resurrection Appearance at Galilee and the Feeding of the 5,000. Set includes: 5 characters, a boat, fish, fire and net, yellow material and a blue bag.



Storybag® – 'Stories of The Lost'



The props included in this Storybag® can be used to tell the stories of The Lost Coin, The Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. Set includes: 5 characters, farm animals, shrubs, rocks, fold, material for use as a bed and room divisions and a bag which is green on one side and grey on the other.

Storystick - Badger's Parting Gifts

When old Badger dies, his friends think they will be sad forever. But gradually they are able to remember Badger with joy and to treasure the gifts he left behind for every one of his friends. This sensitively told story provides an excellent introduction to the difficult subject of death and the gifts and memories we leave behind.



In this sack: Cloth sack, Fiction storybook, Non-fiction book, Scenery, Parent guide and prompt, 5 glove puppets (badger, rabbit, frog, fox, mole), Props (rabbit pastry cutter, safety scissors, school tie), Activity game card.

Links to November when the Church remembers those who have died and HolyWeek/Easter.

Storystick - If Only?

As the little black caterpillar explored the garden, he met many friends. If only he had their beauty and talent, but then...



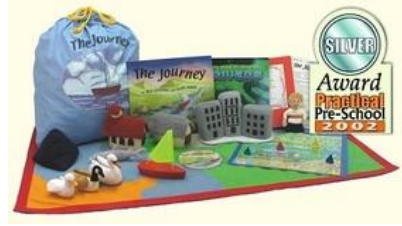
Excellent for an exploration of self esteem and outward appearance, as well as life cycles and mini beasts.

In this sack: Cloth sack, Fiction storybook, Non-fiction book, Parent guide and prompt, CD, Fabric Playmat and accessories, Picture card game.

Links to Easter, to Healing Miracles (Jesus restores), to God's creation of us as individuals.

Storysack - The Journey

As the boat slipped from his grasp, the boy watched sadly as it disappeared from view. Follow the boat on its exciting voyage into the unknown and marvel at what lies at its journey's end. This story is a must for geography and exploring the journey of life.



In this sack: Cloth sack, Fiction storybook, Non-fiction book, Parent guide and prompt, CD, Fabric Playmat and accessories including: Boy, Town, Church, Barn, Mountain, Boat, Shark, Swan, Goose and Duck, Journey game.

Links to spiritual journeys, bereavement, the Exodus and exile.

Storysack - The Very Hungry Caterpillar

One of the best selling picture books ever, deserves this wonderful storysack. Also available: Very Hungry Caterpillar book Very Hungry Caterpillar big book Very Hungry Caterpillar storytelling kit Very Hungry Caterpillar activity kit with glove puppet. Enjoy using the soft props to introduce numeracy and discussions on healthy eating and life cycles.



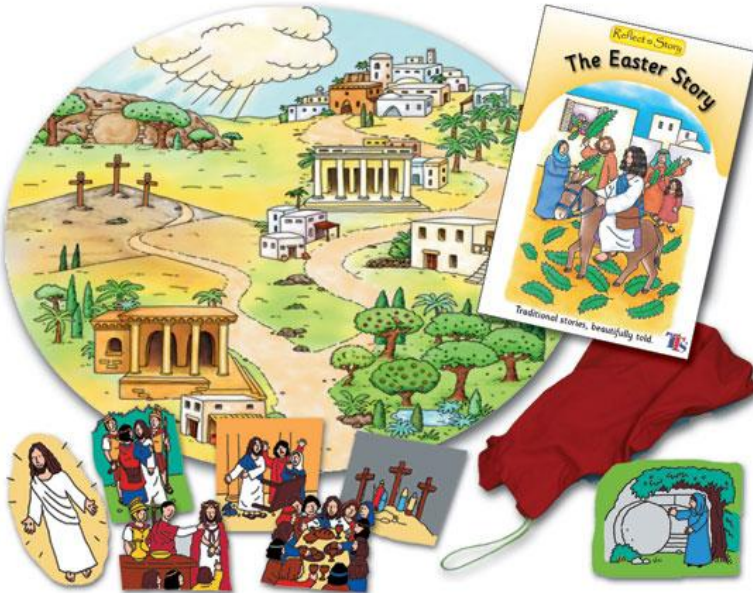
In this sack: cloth sack, fiction storybook and audio CD, non-fiction book, parent guide and prompt, plush: big and small caterpillars, leaf and egg, butterfly, food items and cocoon, 2 in 1 puzzles.

Links to Easter and Ascension through the transformation of the caterpillar to the butterfly.

Reflect a story: Easter

Re-tell the story of Easter with this set of beautifully illustrated, double sided wooden pieces and 70cm colourful landscape mat.

The 7 pieces represent the main themes from Easter week, including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. The accompanying book details the events of the week and a bag for storage is also included.



Storybags

Fabric Storybags provide an easy way into storytelling! They enable anyone to communicate a story for a range of audiences. these bags can be used with a projector to reach larger audiences in assemblies or churches or close - up with smaller groups.



Stories that are familiar are given a magical new approach which is fascinating for younger children and memorable for any age. Using them is simple - turn them inside out over and over again and they change colour and design each time while you tell the story. StoryBags create an experience which is tactile, auditory and visual they reach a range of learning styles and across language barriers. StoryBags are a fantastic means of telling a Bible story.

Old Testament

Creation
Noah
The Story of Moses
Psalm 23
Joseph.

New Testament

Why Jesus Came (Christmas)
The Parable of the Prodigal
The Parable of the Sower
Wise Man Built House on Rock
The Miraculous Catch
Easter
Gospel.

Bible Bags

Tell the stories from the Bible using bags which include books and soft figures:



Moses

Bag includes: 'What did the Princess find' book, 'The Moses Basket' book, a soft Princess figure, Moses in his basket soft figure.

David & Goliath

Bag includes: 'Bible Facts' book, 'The Lord is my Shepherd' book, 'David & Goliath' book, soft David figure, soft Goliath figure.



Jonah & the Whale

Bag includes: 'Jonah and the Whale' book, 'Whale' book, soft toy whale, black and white whale, soft Jonah figure, plastic green boat, whale wooden puzzle, stencils.



These Bible bags have been made and assembled by the Children's Work Adviser and are being constantly updated, as resources to borrow and examples to copy. Parishes are encouraged to create their own versions.

My Mass Kit



Award winning My Mass Kit™ offers 12 child friendly, soft sculpture replicas of items used by the priest during Holy Communion.

The kit includes 12 cleanable pieces: Crucifix, Chalice, Thurible, Finger Bowl, 2 Cruets, 2 Candles, Paten (cotton/polyester blend), Corporal & Purificator (cotton cloth), and play Hosts (foam). A colorful 24-page spiral booklet makes this an excellent teaching tool for a religious education class or at home. Designed to be taken everywhere, My Mass Kit™ comes in an attractive briefcase with luggage tag for personalization, and both a shoulder strap and a handle.

Resource boxes



We have numerous boxes of resources, such as nativity sets, crucifix etc. These include:

Nativity Sets



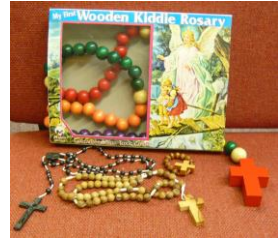
Advent Wall Hanging – Soft Crib
Nativity House
Salvadorian
Olive Wood
Finger Puppets
Philippines Crib Set
Clay Tactos Retablo and Box Retablo
Knitted
Holy Family
Jigsaw
Triptych
Matrushka 5 Nesting Dolls.

Crucifix

Nativity Icon Cross
Small Standing
Risen Christ
Orthodox Hand-held and Cross
6 small Crosses: Cosmic, Latin, Greek, Iona, Tau and Eucharistic Minister's
Necklace Crosses: St Cuthbert, Pilgrim, Holy Spirit, Pendant, Coptic, Jesus Carries his Cross
Holding Cross



Wooden Prospora Bread Stamp
 Assorted Rosaries: Child's, Olive Wood,
 Finger, Plastic
 Cross with Crown of Thorns
 Crucifix with painted figure
 San Damiano Cross
 Standing Cross
 Jerusalem Cross and Mother of Pearl Jerusalem Cross
 Philippino Bamboo Cross
 Crucifix with Rood Figures
 Vine Cross
 Large Celtic Cross
 Holy Family and Salvadorian Olive
 Wood Cross
 Bottony, Hanging Crucifix, Palm
 Crosses.



Percussion Sets

Boxes of miscellaneous percussion sets, suitable for use with children under 5 years.

Box 1: Rhythm Set, wooden wrist bell,
 bear tambourine, green frog maracas,
 double agogo with beater, 4 maracas,
 multi-coloured clear plastic shaker.



Box 2: Hand-held castanets, wooden
 claves, bendy bells, animal hand bells,
 mini shakers, green and yellow
 clatterpillars, triple wooden block set,
 eight-note chime bar set with beaters.



Books

The Diocesan Resources Centre stocks a range of books available for loan.

Titles are referenced the following headings:

- All-Age Learning
- All-Age Worship
- Baptism
- Bibles
- Bible Stories
- Child Protection
- Children and Communion
- Children's Ministry
- Faith at Home
- Games
- Godly Play
- Holiday Clubs
- Mid-Week Clubs
- Parenting
- Prayer
- Saints
- Seasonal
- Storytelling
- Sundays in Church: Bible Themed Schemes
- Sundays in Church: Lectionary Schemes
- Toddler Worship.



Giant Games / Activities

Giant Jenga



2 Large Parachutes
2 Small Parachutes



We also have a number of Godly Play resources to borrow – see supplementary resource insert for details.

These resources are available to borrow from the Diocesan Office in St Albans. If coming to St Albans is difficult please get in touch to see whether alternative arrangements might be possible.

To borrow any of the resources contact the Diocesan Resources Centre
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