



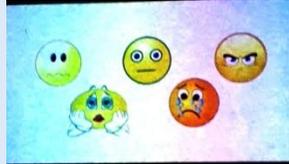
January 2019
Follow-up letter

This year in Messy Church we have learned about how . .

- God created water
- God kept Noah and the animals safe when it rained so much
- God made the water of the Red Sea open up so the people could cross through.
- We celebrated Jesus Birthday
- AND . . .

What Moses did when the people complained!

In the January story we heard about the people who were very happy when the Red Sea opened up for them so that they could escape from the cruel Egyptians. But soon they were not at all happy and they grumbled and complained at Moses that they didn't have any water.



Moses had no idea how to get any water, but he knew that God would help. So he prayed very hard, and God told him what to do. God told him to take his staff – a big stick – to a huge rock and hit it! Moses obeyed God. He hit the rock with his stick, water gushed out and the people were very, very happy again.



Maybe the people were very worried about what would happen to them if they didn't have any water to drink and that is why they grumbled and complained.

We read in the Bible that Jesus told his friends what to do if they are worried about something. He said *"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body and what you will put on. Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap but your heavenly father feeds them"*.

So if you are worried about something, maybe about a friend or school work, you can talk to God about it and see what happens. It may not be what you expect but you will be able to stop looking like this



and look like this instead!



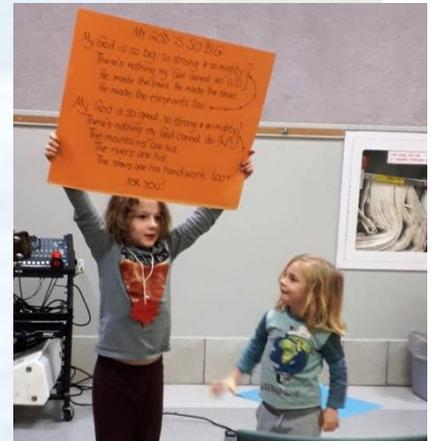
You can read the story of Moses in the Bible in [Exodus 17, 1 - 7](#) and Jesus words in [Matthew 6, 25 - 34](#).

Making a picture of Moses striking the rock



A "rock" is being built with great care – and hilarity – ready for the story.

Two really good helpers let us read the words while we sang "My god is so BIG so STRONG and so MIGHTY, there's nothing that he cannot do . . . FOR YOU!"



Next Time - Thursday February 21, 5 – 7 pm.

Doors open 4:45pm.

Come and find out about the wonderful thing that happened when Jesus visited his cousin John to the River Jordan!

Check out www.rockonlocke.ca/what-we-do/messy-church and www.facebook.com/sjemessychurch

Here is a picture of Moses hitting the rock, with lots of water, for you to colour

