



Theme: Jesus came to help

Book: **Stickman** by Julia Donaldson

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Dear God,
thank you for wanting to help
each one of us here today.
That makes us happy. Amen

Inspiration ...

Biblical References:

Luke 19:10

'For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.'

Luke 15:6

'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

• SNACK TIME

Twiglets
Bread sticks

• SONGS

Use musical instruments
If your happy and you know it clap your hands

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube
<https://youtu.be/OFhJrLVu3T0>

Theme Introduction:

Christians believe Jesus came to earth because we weren't listening and talking to God anymore. God felt that we, the human race, were lost, to him. Jesus came to earth, to remind us who God is and to help us, back into the family of God.

Many of our families may not even know why Jesus came. That's why it is so important that we share the message of Jesus every time we get the opportunity.

Theme exploration:

Just like Father Christmas came to help Stickman find his way home, Jesus came to help us find our way home to God.

Free play suggestion:

Link with book:

- Set up 4 sensory play areas, one to represent each season.
Spring – Green play dough with farm animals, flowers and trees.
Summer – A washing up bowl of water, sand with buckets and spades.
Autumn – Leaves, sticks, wheat, acorns, pine cones and conkers.
Winter – White packing material, snowman toy.

I wonder which is your favourite season.



Craft ideas:

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- Print an age-appropriate maze for the children to colour/trace with their finger



I wonder if you have ever lost your way. How did you find it again?

- Collect some sticks. Tie them together with a brown pipe cleaner. Stick some eyes on to create your own stick man.

I wonder if you are going to give your stickman a name.



- **Faith in action:** Use the internet to help you create your own nativity scene this week. Think and talk about why Jesus might have come as a baby? How many people went to look for Jesus as a baby? Did they all find him?