

Encounter Stations

General

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| <p>Heart Art <i>After being lead in an activation (the gift with Jesus works well for this) kids and teens will draw what Jesus showed them. When done, they will stick it on the wall to make a path.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - oil pastels - plastic table clothes - art paper - fairy lights - blu tac |
| <p>Soaking tent <i>An area for kids to just sit reflect with Jesus. The walls will be covered in paper with questions to ponder and respond with, 'How do you follow Jesus?'</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circus tent sent up - Wall posters - Pillows and blankets - Bibles |
| <p>Art room <i>The kids are to go into the room covered in artworks and write a letter to their friend Jesus based on the artwork/s.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts works - Paper/pens - Lamps and fairy lights |
| <p>My Word Treasure <i>A table set up for kids to find treasures in His word. They will be given a 'map' to find a verse, and write that down on a card.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Map graphic - Bibles - Bible verse cards - Fairy lights for table - Fabric - Pillows to sit on |
| <p>Dixit Wall <i>Dixit image cards are stuck on the wall. Kids are asked to stand at the masking tape line and ask Jesus for a friend they have that doesn't know him. They then are to take a dixit card for a friend and write a letter to them. Kids are to keep their letter for POD</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dixit cards - Postcards for letters - Textas and pens |
| <p>Puzzle Piece Section <i>Kids are given a puzzle piece that they are to write their name on and fill in: I can share God with... I can share Jesus at.... I can share Jesus by...)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Puzzle pieces precut out - Puzzle piece posters - Textas - Lamps |
| <p>Cross Reflection <i>A chance for the kids to reflect on Jesus death and why its 'worth' following him.</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large wooden cross - Cards for journaling - Bowl to put cards |
| <p>Promise Chair <i>Kids are to sit in the promise chairs and hold out their hands to receive a box with God's promise in it</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre made boxes with bible verses and lollies |
| <p>Prayer Bowl <i>Kids write prayers of help to Jesus and place in the bowl, giving it to him</i></p> | |
| <p>Bible Sweet Word <i>A 'feast' table set up for kids to find treasures in His word. Little sticker gems are prestuck on bible verses that they flick through and find in the bibles (be warned these stickers don't really come off those bible with the thin pages!)</i></p> | |
| <p>Thanksgiving gate and art room <i>A gate to 'mark' an area of praise. The kids are to go into the room covered in artworks and write praise and thanksgiving poems to Jesus</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A 'gate', could be real or made by places chairs/boxes - Art |

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| | - Paper |
| Healing Chairs <i>Kids sit on the chair if they or someone they know needs healing. Best when a leader is there to pray over them out loud</i> | - Fabric draped over chairs |
| Throne Chair <i>Kids sit on the chair and ask God to reveal to them a new revelation of their identity in Jesus.</i> | - Chair covered in fabric to look royal - Crowns |
| A Word for Me <i>Kids use a quiz put on the wall to find a verse to meditate on. It's a classic 'tree' quiz where you follow the branches down to other questions based on your answer</i> | - Questions stuck on wall - Bowls with memory verse cards at the end of each answer - Ribbon to branch the questions together |
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Easter

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| Plasticine Psalm Lectio Psalm 16 will be written out along a very large roll of butchers paper covering 2 to 3 tables across the wall under the windows. Kids will be invited to read the psalm and using plasticine, work to create a figure/image for the line from the Psalm that stands out to them. They will place it on the Psalm paper near that line and slowly we will have a bit of an art display as well that could help people respond to the Psalm | Tiled area | Plasticine Butchers papers 5 tables Paper plates |
| Why is His death and resurrection so important? Wall Quiz A classic slightly changed. Using a series of questions based off how they feel, what they want to learn / are curious about, kids will be guided to meditate on a particular EASTER gift for them, ie what Jesus achieved when He conquered death. He freed us (don't need to feel guilty), gave us hope, brought us back into relationship, gave us identity and sons an daughters, new family established etc <i>Ideally these gift verses/meditations are in eggs!</i> | Front wall, between door and stage area. | Printed questions Ribbons Egg gifts with meditations |

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| <p>Labyrinth Kids will be invited to walk through a masking tape labyrinth that invites them to speak to Jesus in prayer and receive from him afresh. There is a 'Good Friday' journey inwards, and a Easter Sunday journey coming out.</p> | <p>Centre of room <i>This is a portable</i></p> | <p>Labyrinth canvas Art Easel with where to start and how it works</p> |
| <p>Art Video Reflection On the screen will be a series of artworks depicting the easter story and some personal reflection questions. Kids are to sit in the provided chairs and couches and just let the video prompt them.</p> | <p>Screen, and chairs on left side of room towards back where they usually are</p> | <p>Art Video Paper Couches/sitting</p> |
| <p>Empty Tomb Prayer Requests If Jesus is powerful enough to conquer death, isn't he also powerful enough to hear our worries and cares? Yes! It says so in 1 Peter 5. Kids will be invited to right their prayer requests and throw them into the empty tomb.</p> | <p>Back wall / middle</p> | <p>Empty tomb! Rocks and plants Paper for prayers.</p> |
| <p>Thank you throne room The small room off the auditorium will be redesigned to be a throne, with the cross in the background and the names of Jesus sticky out from it. Kids can spend time writing their own thank you prayers OR use the names of Jesus to write prayers OR use the names of Jesus to do a thankyou acrostic poem.</p> | <p>Side room</p> | <p>Clear out couches Throne Wooden cross (needs to be painted) Crowns Paper Textas Diffuser Red/warm lights Glow boxes!</p> |

Jonah

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| <p>BELLY OF THE FISH - Praising Jesus in hard (JONAH 2)</p> <p>The side room decorated to be as if you are going into the mouth of the fish. Kids will be invited to write a letter to Jesus about their big feelings AND/OR do the lectio of Jonah's prayer and mark the part that is significant for them.</p> | <p>Small room</p> | <p>Fish mouth cut out Fish tail Streamers Fish pillows (John) Driftwood (John) Normal pillows Couches removed? Lectio Posters Stickers Writing pages</p> |
| <p>FORGIVING OTHERS (JONAH 4)</p> <p>Our kids will be invited to write on a chux heart a person or situation they would like to bring to Jesus and forgive. They then dip it into the bowls of water and the texta comes away. They are then invited to place their heart into the letter of LOVE on the wall as a sign they are choosing to love these people instead</p> | <p>Front wall</p> | <p>Chux hearts Black and dark blue textas Three bowls of water LOVE letters with paddlepop sticks</p> |
| <p>FISHING FOR TRUST BIBLE VERSES (JONAH 1)</p> <p>Kids get cards to take home that are ultimately BUT prayers. They are invited to share how they are feeling share how they are feeling BUT declare the truth they can trust Jesus. They will use magnetic rods to get fish that have 10 different verses that show why we can trust God (he cares for us, he loves us, he gives us peace etc) and they look that up and write it on their take home fish.</p> | <p>Tiled area</p> | <p>Blue fabric to make it look like water Bluetooth speaker Fishing rods Laminated fish x 2 sets Stones/logs and other decorative stuff Cards Pens Bibles</p> |
| <p>PRAYING FOR THE WORLD / CITIES (JONAH 3)</p> <p>Kids pick out a letter from the letterbox to reveal to them the country God is asking them to pray for (we will write the letter similar to the one in the Lost Sheep Jonah story). Kids write or draw out a prayer for that country. If they need help working out what to pray for they can pick a whale to flip over that has an idea for example, under the pink whale is 'peace' and blue has 'pray for the Christians there'. They stick up their prayers around the world map</p> | <p>Back wall where couches usually are</p> | <p>Letterbox Big world map poster printed at officeworks Little whales on the poster Prayer cards Textas/pens Letters with five varieties</p> |

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| <p>CARD PRAYER EXCHANGE (GENERAL) Kids are invited to pick a post card with one of the words to describe our God in the memory verse: compassion, mercy, patient, faithful, loving. On the back, they write or draw a prayer for another River Kid and put it on the wall</p> | Stairs wall or back wall near bottom of stairs depending on labyrinth | Post cards Textas Blu tac |
| <p>LABYRINTH (GENERAL) Kids will be invited to walk through a masking tape labyrinth that invites them to speak to Jesus in prayer and receive from him afresh.</p> | Centre | Masking tape Something to pick up in the middle |
| FLOATERS / WITH YOUNG ONES | | |

John

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| <p>Bread of Life - Bible verse look up Kids will be given a warm dinner roll to munch on with a serviette that has a bible verse about God's provision. They are to sit at one of the 'dinner tables' to eat their roll, look up the verse and write it on a coaster they can take home.</p> | Tiled area | Hot dinner rolls Big bread basket Big 'dining' table and chairs Coasters Pens/felt tips Bibles |
| <p>Light of the World - Prayer Bowls The small room will be vibey with lights! Kids are to use the prayer cards of power to help, power to heal, power to save and place them in 'glowing' bowls in exchange for a different colour glowstick that can be turned into a bracelet/anklet to remind them that Jesus has the power to 'crack' our hopelessness and this power is with us always</p> | Small room | Lights Glowing bowls Stools Prayer cards Textas Glowsticks |
| <p>Good Shepherd - Psalm 23 Walkthrough Starting in the office foyer, moving outside to the front patch and then finishing by walking through the corridor, kids will 'walk' our Psalm 23. They will reflect on Jesus as shepherd in the foyer, follow the verses to make a path onto the grass, be lead in a thank you prayer, and then ask Jesus for courage for valley</p> | Stairs/ office foyer/ outside and office corridor. | |

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| <p>moments by walking through a curtain and lighting a candle.</p> | | |
| <p>Vine - Soaking tent Kids will enter a canopy style set up decorated with green fabric, fake vines, their prayer chains they made in PODS and a big cardboard vine running along the wall. Kids will be given a fruit lolly to suck for as long as they can, asked to line down under the canopy and take this time to use their imagination being with Jesus. When they are finished, they will write their name on a leaf, and pick a fruit and write on it what it feels like to be in Jesus' presence (joy, hope, peace etc) and stick it to the big vine.</p> | <p>Front white wall</p> | <p>Green fabric Dowels and hooks Borrow the poles from Laura? Plants Fake vines Pillows Vine cardboard branch Leave cut outs Leave colour in option cut outs Fruit cut outs Pens Fruit lollies</p> |
| <p>Come and See General - Wall Quiz + Breathe prayer Kids will use the yes/no/maybe quiz on the wall to find their breathe prayer for this season! For eg, if they are feeling lonely or lost in might be Good shepherd, you are a close and you guide me! They will be a space for them to sit and do their breathe prayers</p> | <p>Back corner near cupboards and couches</p> | <p>Quiz and ribbons Breathe prayer cards to take away (nice looking and perhaps even attached to bubbles?!) Nice containers for each end</p> |
| <p>Peer connection - Dixit Card Exchange Kids will be invited to pick dixit cards (shaped as leaves and stuff on the wall with a cardboard tree) for a friend at River Kids. They use the back to write why they picked that image to encourage their friend and place it in an envelope and deliver it to the right post box</p> | <p>White wall under stairs</p> | <p>Dixit cards Tree outline Pens Tables flat Postboxes Envelopes</p> |
| <p>FLOATERS / WITH YOUNG ONES</p> | | |