

# Pew Sacks



Pew sacks are ideal for those parishes that do not have regular children's groups or a crèche area for visiting children who attend baptisms, weddings, funerals, occasional Sundays (while on holiday or local children). Think about what they may be saying about your church as a welcoming Christian family....

## Ideas for pew sacks:

- Aimed at 18 months – three years of age
- Store in a fabric hanging bag (similar to school PE bag style). Bright nursery fabrics are great fun but plain fabrics with an appliquéd picture of the story contained inside are also a useful idea.

Contents may include a selection of items:

- Board picture book of a Bible Story ie Noah's Ark, Creation, Moses in the Bulrushes, Daniel in the Lion's Den, Jonah and the Whale, The Good Shepherd etc
- Board picture Bible book eg Jesus Bible Storybook pub. Scripture Union



- Toy related to the story Eg. Wooden Noah's ark and animals, animals for creation, small soft doll and basket for Moses, Stuffed lion, whale, sheep etc Duplo bricks and animals are also useful. Simple jigsaws. (Rattles are too noisy!)



- Stencil – available in a variety of Bible stories, or draw around lion, sheep, whale in wood or plastic.

- Colour in sheet – either large simple picture or photocopyable pew sheet from published schemes such as Step by step by Katie Thompson related to Lectionary readings. Lectionary sheets need keeping up to date.



- Chubby crayons and/or pencils and paper



These are just some of the ideas but when you shop you will probably find many more!

The items should be well maintained and of the best quality you can afford. Nearly new/second hand is fine but should be replaced as soon as the item is showing signs of being tatty, shabby or out of date.

Welcomers at the door should be trained to automatically offer families the use of the pew sack(s).

Safety points: Ensure toys are suitable for the age group, bigger the better, if homemade ensure that buttons etc are not used for eyes. Toys should be washable, washed regularly and checked for damage.

