**Some activities for Sunday 10th January 2021**

Please use the recipe below to make play dough for the following activity.

Give the children some play dough to play with freely. Let them make what they want to make. After a while, ask them how the wise men found Jesus. They followed a star. Can the children make a star using the play dough? You could use cutters, or they could try and make their own. Give them some play dough tools to help with the cutting of the play dough. Whilst the children are making their stars, remind them that

God sent his son, Jesus, for all of us. He sent Jesus because he loves us so much. Can the children make a heart to remind them how much God loves them. Cook the dough shapes on a greased baking tray for 30 mins. Allow them to cool. Afterwards, the children could paint them.

**Play dough recipe**

*You will need,*

* 1kg plain flour
* 500g salt
* 50g cream of tartar
* 75ml cooking oil
* 1.5l water
* Food colouring
* A large, string saucepan (an old one!! 😃)

1 Put the dry ingredients and oil in the saucepan

2 Add a few drops of food colouring to the water

3 Pour the coloured water slowly into the saucepan, stirring all the time. Mix well to try and get rid of lumps.

4 Put the pan on a medium/low heat and cook. Keep stirring all the time, until the mixture starts to pull away from the sides of the saucepan.

5 Remove the pan from the heat and tip the dough out onto a heat-resistant surface. Use a wooden spoon if it is clinging to the saucepan. (Soak the pan immediately at this point)

6 Knead the dough until it is smooth and elastic.

**Star prayers**

Give your child some thick paper or card to make stars. Paint them, colour them, stick sparkly shapes on them and add loads of glitter! Make them as bright and sparkly as you can!

Remind your child/ren that the wise men came to Bethlehem to find Jesus. Tell them that Jesus did not just come for the wise men: he came for everyone.

Write the words Jesus came for … on the star and ask them to add their names. Sit together with the stars. Ask your child/ren to put their star on the floor in front of them as you say, Thank you Jesus that you came for… Go through each person in turn.