



The Diocese of
Southwark

Season of Lay Ministries

CYP Season of Lay Ministry activities 2024

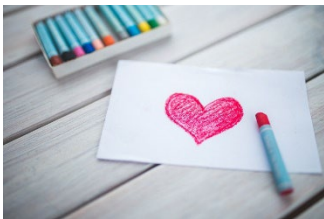
Sharing God's love and Good News with those around us in our communities, at home, at church and at school is at the heart of the Season of Lay Ministry. Here are some ideas for lay leaders to try something new with children and young people in their church.

If you would like more information about leading a children's or youth group, the Children and Young People team, Jo Gavin and Imani McEwen are here to support you. Please do share what you have done so that we can include it across our Diocesan communications platforms.

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Junk modelling

Being baptised (Mark 1: 4-11) means having a new start with God. At home, church or school try giving things another chance and a new purpose. Use recycled items to make new junk models.

Try something new

As a church, family or school class listen to [Worship for Everyone's Kindness Song](#) and decide on 1 thing to do, over the next four weeks, to be kind and share God's love and hope with those around us. For example, could you speak to someone new at school?

How did you find out about God's love? How could you tell or show someone else?

When you wash your face, you can speak God's words as a reminder to yourself: "This is my child who I love; with you I am well pleased..." What are you pleased about this week and why?

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael (John 1: 43-51) to be people who follow him and make God's love known to others. How can you shine your light brightly so the those around you will know Jesus' love?



Stained glass Shine God's light into the world

Choose a stained glass window in your church and take the best picture you can.

Write a short caption telling people a bit about the window and why you chose it. Invite people to come and see the window, and let them know when your building is open.

Could you ask an adult to post it on [Twitter](#) and tag @ImaniandJoCYF with the hashtag #StainedGlass #SouthwarkCYP.

Create your own

Use tissue paper, glue and black card to make a stained glass picture. Write a short caption telling people about what you have made. Stick your stained glass picture to the window and remember to let God's light shine in you.

To see [great examples of stained glass projects, look at the link from Gloucester Diocese](#)



Make your own Christingle

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple (Luke 2:22-40) people saw him and knew straight away that Jesus was born to do great things and be a light in the world. What gifts and strengths has God given you to shine bright and make a difference in the world? [Make a Christingle](#) to represent Jesus bringing hope to the world.

Use a [CYP grant](#) of up to £900 per calendar year to [subscribe to Hymnpack!](#) Schools and churches use the hymns and songs for both children and adults of all ages.