

## A few ideas for a Pilgrim's Progress Sunday School Programme or Summer Activity Week

**Disclaimer:** These pages contain a few ideas that you might want to use for using "Pilgrim's Progress" as a teaching resource for your Sunday School or Summer Activity Week. We're very much indebted to Barbara Clayton who has come up with the ideas when organising and planning a Summer Activity programme in Lancashire, UK.

"As promised enclosed are the ideas + plans for our summer session. We started it when the school broke up for the summer and went into September by 3 weeks!

The children really enjoyed it, especially the older groups (6 yrs - 12 yrs). I have also enclosed some photos of the things the children made.

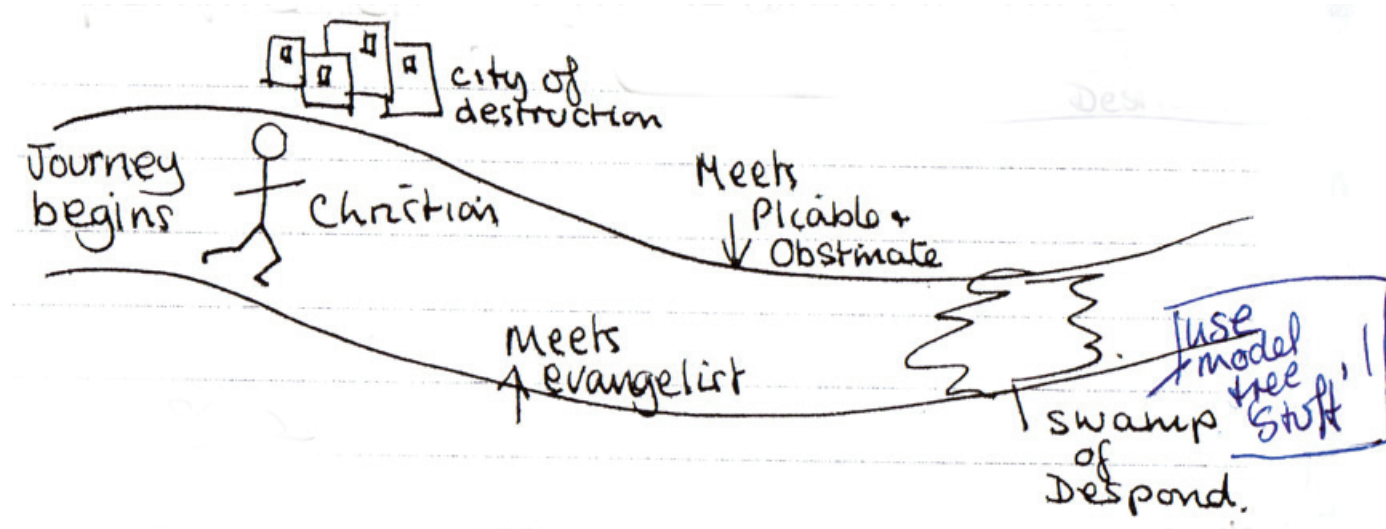
The last week as I have already mentioned we went into "big" church and showed the work the children had done and talked them through it with questions and answer. (I asked questions and the children would answer!)

The older group did a little drama from Vanity fair with the script from the DVD. Altogether we had a great time. The children learnt some biblical truths and enjoyed the craft work.

The teachers, me especially, got a lot from the experience and the fellowship were very surprised at how much their children had taken in!

I do hope you can understand the ideas pages! I have sent them with the little notes on which I think helps you realise what was involved."

Each week make a map plan or a craft item based on book (see below). A road, buildings and names of people, etc. -> To reinforce DVD.



### 1st Week:

Christian leaves city of destruction and meets Evangelist (on plan as above)

### 2nd Week:

Meets Help & travels with Christian.

Meets Worldly Wise Man who says "Obey the law and become a good person"!

Meets Evangelist again. Bondage, slaves, wrong path.

Gets to gate. "Knock and it shall be opened to you".

Meets Goodwill at gate.

Beelzebub fires fiery arrows.

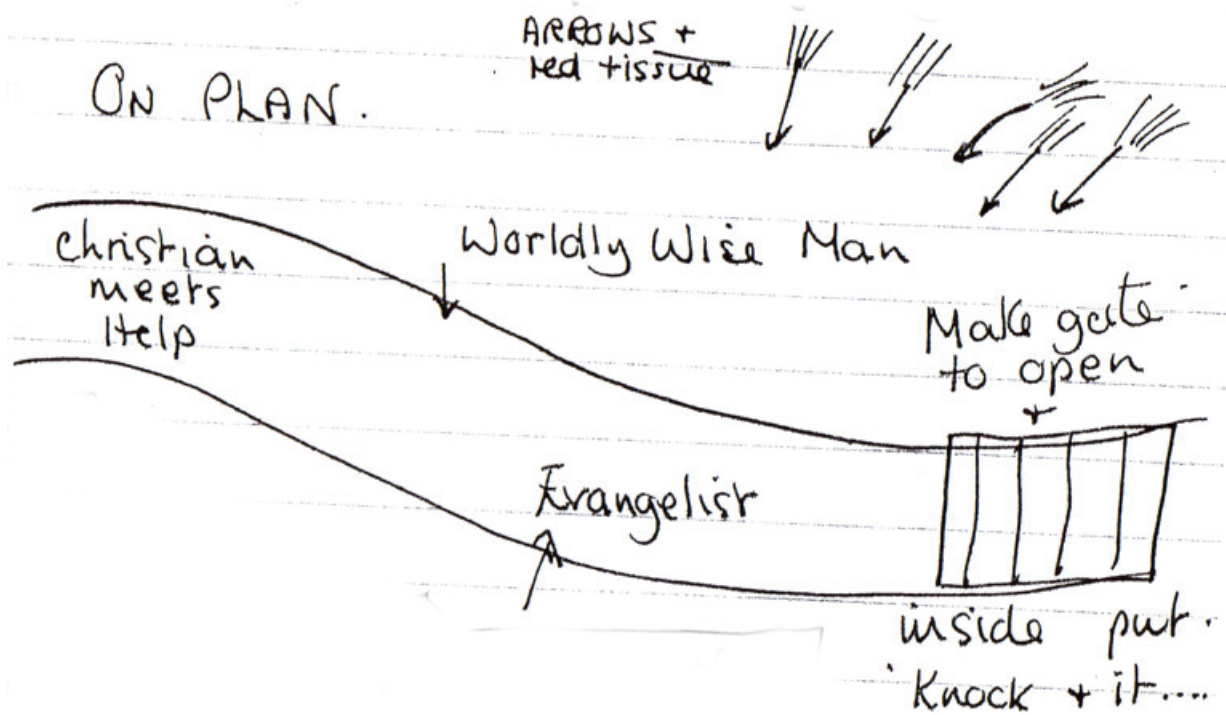


Example Craftwork from Week 1



Example Craftwork from Week 2





## Map / rough layout for Week 2

### 3rd Week:

Interpreter  
Patience & Greed  
SALVATION at the cross  
Jesus Son of God

#### Celebration:

Angels rejoice in heaven over New Creation;  
Mark of Christ cannot be removed

Popcorn to watch DVD today, then make a large cross and write above words (Celebration box) and any other words & prayers that the children can come up with. Use bold coloured paper and nail them to the cross.

Then have a PARTY! (eg. Crisps, Pop, Streamers, balloons, Juice, Squash, etc.)



## 4th Week:

Simple, sloth (lazy), presumption, hypocrisy, formality  
(explain names in simpler way if possible)

Town of boasting

Hill of Difficulty - only one way

Two other roads: Danger

Destruction

Christian follows road up Hill

Meets Discretion - Gets to Delightful Mountains

## ARMOUR OF GOD

Helmet of Salvation

Sword of the Spirit

Belt of Truth

Breastplate of Righteousness

Christian meets Apollo who tempts him to fight. He uses armour and weapons and is delivered (wins!)

Each child to make a piece of armour to "put" it on a picture of Christian.



## 5th Week:

Valley of Shadow of Death.

Evil one tries to tempt Christian not to travel on the right road.

Meets Faithful and Talkative.

Meets Evangelist.

Keeps on path -> Vanity Fair

Tempted but didn't buy.

Arrested and put in dungeon with Faithful. She is killed.

Meets Hopeful -> Castle of Doubt, Giant Despair.



Make a "Chest" together to put promises of God (treasure). Write promises on coloured paper. They can be taken out and read)



## 6th Week:

Delightful Mountains -> River of Death.

Faith in Christ will get you across.

### PLAY GAME

Build a Celestial City.

## CHURCH PRESENTATION:

Make invitations

Practise presentation

Bring a friend

Party Food, etc.

Re-enact a scene from Pilgrim's Progress.

Talk about themes of story and ask children questions to keep presentation interactive.

**Please note that these are just a few ideas that you can use. You will still need to flesh these out yourself and adapt / change depending on your group size and age range.**



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