

Xplorers Report for June 2nd

The theme of buildings in the bible reached its conclusion on the last Sunday before the summer break and focused on the Synagogue. Ken congratulated the group leaders for their use of recycled materials in the craft activities. At the previous Xplorers the oldest group had made a temple from an old cardboard box and now it was turned upside down and became a synagogue complete with chest, [Ark], scrolls seven candles and covered seats for the 2 leading figures. The children in all groups made scrolls and read out some of the "Laws" they had written on them. The oldest group also made mosaic cards they could take home.

The intermediate group listened to the story of the woman Jesus healed on the Sabbath when he visited the Synagogue and then created one large scroll, complete with cover and "mantle. Also individual small scrolls were constructed to take home plus two prayer shawls, complete with the knotted tassels; and finally a prayer hat.

After listening to the story the youngest group also made mosaic cards, because some synagogues had mosaic floors, and then had great fun using building bricks to make walls and even more fun knocking them down, very noisily.

The children were asked by Ken to show and describe what they had made and they willingly joined in the closing grace.

The Xplorers are very grateful to Peter Salmond the Ukulele Players for accompanying the songs during Prayz Time and everyone's singing seems to be improving!!

Xplorers leaders will meet on 19th. August to plan and discuss the theme and the necessary materials for the next session; meetings to be held on the first Sunday of every month when we look forward to welcoming friends, old and new on 1st. September.

The picnic at Barnacarry held on June 16th was earlier than usual to accommodate a school function the following week and the departure of many families on holiday the first weekend of July. As you will see from the following report the change of date proved to be very advantageous.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Xplorers; our very best wishes for happy holidays.

