

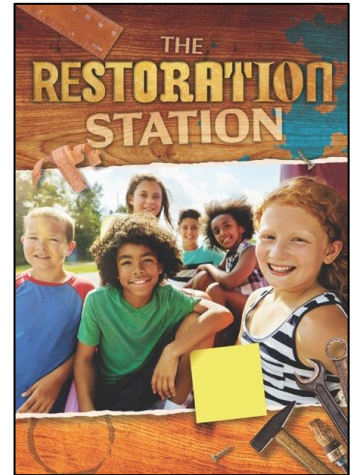
## 2025 HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB - "THE RESTORATION STATION"

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A couple of weeks ago we hosted our third Holiday Bible Club under the theme of "The Restoration Station." The Restoration Station is a place where anything that is spoiled or broken can be repaired and restored. The Restoration Station emphasises Jesus' power to heal and restore.

We had an amazing week. We welcomed around 20 children each day aged 4-9 and had 9 junior helpers aged 10-13.

The church was kitted out to represent a workshop with a wooden workbench, broken chairs, clocks, wood shavings and many tools!



*The wonderful world-famous walk-in workshop!*



*Sophie leads our workshop recruits in a warm up*

### Workbench Welcome

The children were split into age-related "Workbenches" with two leaders and two junior helpers. The youngest group were the "Potters", the middle group were the "Woodturners" and the eldest group were the "Sculptors".



Each day we started off with our workbench welcome where the children were able to chat with their leaders about the previous day and create something that would be used later on in the teaching session. For example, we made jointed figures, we repaired broken pots and painted on rocks.

## Listen Up!

The Presenter (Sophie) would introduce The Restoration Station and sing the theme song, "Restoration! Can Jesus fix it? Restoration! Yes, he can!". The children would show off their workbench chants:

Potters: Moulding clay, using glue. Mending pots, so they're like new!

Woodturners: A saw, some nails and lots of wood. We get to work, just as we should.

Sculptors: With hammer and chisel, sculptors cut stone. Here is a statue for someone to own.

## The Restoration Station Workout

This was a chance for the children to do some exercise, let out some energy, and warm up for the day. Each day we did exercises to a different Awesome Cutlery song. We warmed up to "Move Your Body", "Your Joy is our Strength", "Lift Up Your Voices", "It's a Light and a Hammer", and "In Christ".

## Explore!

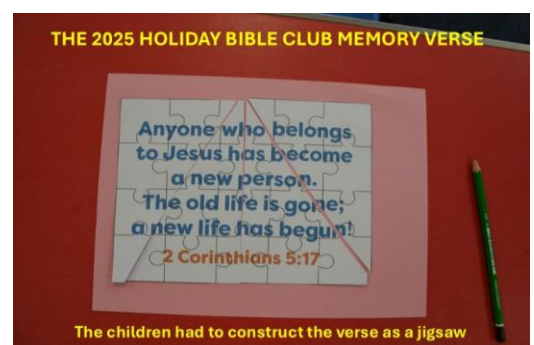
During this time, we would hear a bible passage from our leader, we would watch a drama with Chris the carpenter and some bible characters and we would also watch an animation from Daisy and Dan who apply what we have learnt about Jesus to our lives. We looked at instances where Jesus restored people from the Gospel of John.

Over the week, the children learnt a memory verse "Anyone who belongs to Jesus has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Picture right:- On day one the children each completed a jigsaw to start remembering the memory verse for the week.



*Chris the carpenter leads the drama*



*The children had to construct the verse as a jigsaw*

## Restoration Information

The children would return to their workbench teams and fill out their "toolboxes" (their workbooks). This was an opportunity to delve deeper into what they had learnt and to ask their workbench leaders any questions. During this time, they also had some lovely refreshments, including homemade cake, yum!

## Explore Deeper!

Then we had a time of craft where we made things such as model airplanes, airdry clay and memory verse jigsaws. On the final day, the children were given the opportunity to create whatever they wanted based on what they had learnt during the week, and we were blown away by their creativity! After this, the children were able to come into the main hall to ask any questions they had or go upstairs to the chill out zone to play with Lego and reflect on what they had learnt.

## Go For It!

Every day the Workbench teams came together to play a big game. This was a chance for the children to run around and work together as a team. The games included an obstacle course, toilet paper mummies, and memory verse hangman



## Finish Up

We rounded everything up with prayer. At the start of the week Sophie led the prayer but as we went on throughout the week, the children prayed in their heads and eventually prayed out loud. This was a really encouraging time, hearing the children pray about what they had learnt during the week but also about things that were going on in their lives.

Overall, we had an incredible week. Thank you to everyone who was involved, we couldn't have done it without you



