



n:vestigation: Technology

Curiosity, communication and creativity have always been essential to children's development. What's continually changing though is the way in which they engage with these. Today children are growing up in a dynamic digital environment, one which is very different to that of children 20, 10, even five years ago. Many children are not afraid to use innovative technological tools for learning, leisure and life activities; they're integral not only to the world that they inhabit but to their development and understanding of the Christian faith too.

Get Mucky!

You'll need: A digital camera/device with camera function.

Take a photo of something you can see in your garden or outside e.g. a flower, tree, or bird.

While you look at the photo you've taken (you could print it if you're able to), ask your child to draw/paint what they see. Isn't it amazing that by using technology we're capturing God's beautiful world.

Explore It!

Tell this story to set the scene. Gabby was really excited. 'Hey Barney! Guess what? Today I went to the car boot sale and bought this elephant toy.' 'Wow!' replied Barney. 'That's great but is it just a teddy?' 'No,' replied Gabby, 'It's real!' 'A real elephant?' questioned Barney. 'It doesn't look real, it can't be.' 'Mum says it's just like a real elephant, watch'. Gabby holds up a peanut and Barney watches as the elephant gets it and starts to do tricks and make funny sounds. **Do you have any interactive toy pets?** 'That's clever,' says Barney. 'But I still don't understand how it works.' 'It's because of technology,' replies Gabby. Let's n:vestigate what other types of technology there are.

Dig Deep!

Many Bible stories have been made into films and cartoons – what a great use of technology.

Veggie Tales can be found on YouTube and covers many different Bible stories. Why not choose your child's favourite Bible story and see if there is a cartoon version?

You can watch the Veggie Tales version of the Good Samaritan here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFj6JYiG0-k>
Or a cartoon version of Noah's Ark here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjjhMWJ2wE>

Jump Up!

For this week's game visit the CBeebies website, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>, or download one of the free CBeebies apps – Playtime Island, Go Explore, Get Creative or Storytime.

The interactive website and apps are designed to both entertain and educate. Your child can interact with them in a range of ways.

Explore the website or apps for yourself and get an idea of the different things they include. Choose a game, story or activity and let your child have a go. Which was their favourite?



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