

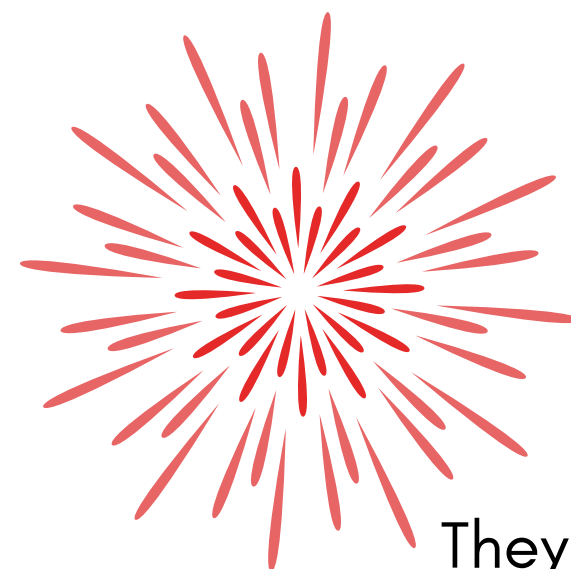
## THEMES

- New beginnings
- Having the courage to try new things

**Bible reference:** - Mark 1: 1-13

- Revelation ch21 v5

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## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

### New years resolutions

Students can do this as a class or in groups.

They could discuss what new years resolutions they or their family have made or if they have not made any they could talk about possible ideas for resolutions.

It may be a good idea to come together as a class afterwards to discuss what some popular new years resolutions are.

How serious are you about your resolution? - Students may like to create an action plan for the year...

### Story chat:

How do you start something new?

What is it like to be told "I am well pleased with you?"

Do you know what Jesus did with his life?

and do you think he could have done it without this baptism?

### Firework art

You could use black paper or Brown Cardboard, and either chalk or crayons- chalk would be ideal for smudging and getting the firework effect.

Alternatively you could use coloured pencils on white paper, or go 3D and use left over bits of wrapping paper!

## RUNNING ORDER

### ON VIDEO

- Intro and Traditions
- New Years Dip
- True/False Game
- Resolutions Chat
- Resolutions Research
  
- Bible Story
  
- Reflection on 'freshening up'
  
- Imaginative Prayer
- Goodbye

### YOU LEAD

- Optional: New years resolutions
- Optional: Story Chat
- **Discussion questions**
  
- Optional: Fireworks Art