**Activities for…  
The Sleeping Army by Francesca Simon**

**Activity 1**

Freya put on the falcon skin and could fly. What do you think that would be like? Then she was chased by the eagle Thjazi. How would that feel?

Write a story about this imaginary flight and chase. Tell what you think that would feel like and what you would see in your flight?

**Activity 2**

Write your name using the Runic alphabet then have a go at writing a short review of the book in Runic.



**Activity 3**

Make your own Sleeping Army

The Lewis Chessmen may look familiar to you - copies of them were used in the Harry Potter films. They were made in Norway in the 11th century, but found hidden on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. Nobody knows why, or how, they got there.

* 1 cup salt
* 2 cups plain flour
* 1 cup of boiling water
* A few drops of red food colouring

1. Put all the dry ingredients into a bowl.

2. Add the food colouring if you want to make red chessmen.

3. Add the boiling water and mix with a wooden spoon.

4. Choose which chessman you want to copy. Once the dough has cooled down you can get started. Leave it at least overnight to harden - or you can bake it in a low oven for a few hours.

Optional: Before you add the boiling water add 1 tbsp vegetable oil to make dough easier to shape or add 1 tbsp lemon juice to make finished chessmen harder or add 1 tbsp wallpaper paste to make dough more pliable.

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