



Summer 2021

Heroes in a pickle!

Children's Activity Booklet



Christ Church
Northcourt Road & Long Furlong



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Kids

Welcome to our Summer 2021 materials!

We are continuing to look at Heroes in the Bible but this term we're looking at Old Testament Heroes who were in a bit of a pickle! What trouble were they in? How did they get out of trouble?!

Each week there's a page of activities you might want to do at home. Then there's a colouring page and some puzzles as well as some crafts.

If it's the week that you are at church in a group session then we might do the craft then, but the 'at home' things you can still do when you get home.

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Dates		Teaching/Theme		Northcourt Road	
Date	Service Type	Video: Heroes in a pickle	Bible Ref.	Barn 10:25	Main Hall 10:25
04-Apr	Easter Hols - AAW NCR				
11-Apr	Easter Hols - CCT AAW	Doubting Thomas			
18-Apr	Easter Hols - None				
25-Apr	(APCM/Vision Sunday)	Elijah and the still small voice	1 Kings 19 v 11-18		
02-May	CCT AAW				
09-May		Moses - Red Sea	Exodus 14	Green	Red
16-May		Water, Manna & Quail	Exodus 16-17	Blue	Yellow
23-May	(Pentecost)	Elisha & the Widow	2 Kings 4:1-7	Green	Red
30-May	Half Term - CCT AAW				
06-Jun	Half Term - None				
13-Jun		Joshua & the wall	Joshua 6	Blue	Yellow
20-Jun	(Father's Day)	David & Goliath	1 Samuel 17	Green	Red
27-Jun		David & Saul/Jonathan	1 Samuel 20	Blue	Yellow
04-Jul	???				
11-Jul		Daniel & the Lions	Daniel 6	Green	Red
18-Jul		Deborah	Judges 4	Blue	Yellow

Northcourt Road

Green	Rush Common, Harwell, Chilton, Europa Schools
Red	Dunmore, Northbourne, Thameside & Drayton Schools
Blue	Appleton, Carswell, Dry Sandford, New College & Thomas Reade Schools
Yellow	Long Furlong, St Michael's, St Nicolas & The Manor Schools plus those who don't attend school (home-schoole

25th April - Elijah Hears God's Voice

I Kings 19 v 11-18

Activities to do at home

Do

Go for a walk or a bike ride.

What nature noises can you hear?
See who can hear the most.

Can you imagine how Elijah felt on that mountain with all that noise around him?



Pray

As a family sit somewhere comfortable.

Work out how to make the noise of a strong gust of wind, then the noise of an earthquake, then the noise of fire.

Practice a few times.

Then do them in that order and end with 1 minutes silence. In the silence see if you can hear God speaking. Remember the different ways that God can speak.



Share

We're going to try listening to God for other people. That means not listening for what he wants to say to you about yourself but what he wants you to pass on for someone else.

Remember that God will only ever say stuff that fits with who he is (his character) and only stuff that is encouraging.

If you get something (word, picture, Bible verse) you might want to share it out loud or you might want to write it down.

It takes practice to hear God's voice for other people so don't worry if you don't hear anything, keep trying.

Create

Elijah was running away, that's why he was in the cave. He had to face many obstacles, like enemies and a mountain! Can you make an obstacle course in your sitting room or garden?

Challenge each person to go through it and time them. Who is the fastest?



Colouring

Elijah listens to God.

1 Kings 19:1-18



Elijah's Sanctuary

Read **1 Kings 17:2-4** to find out how God protected and provided for the prophet, Elijah.

Bible

blanket

candy

raven

birdhouse

bread

Elijah hiding

steak

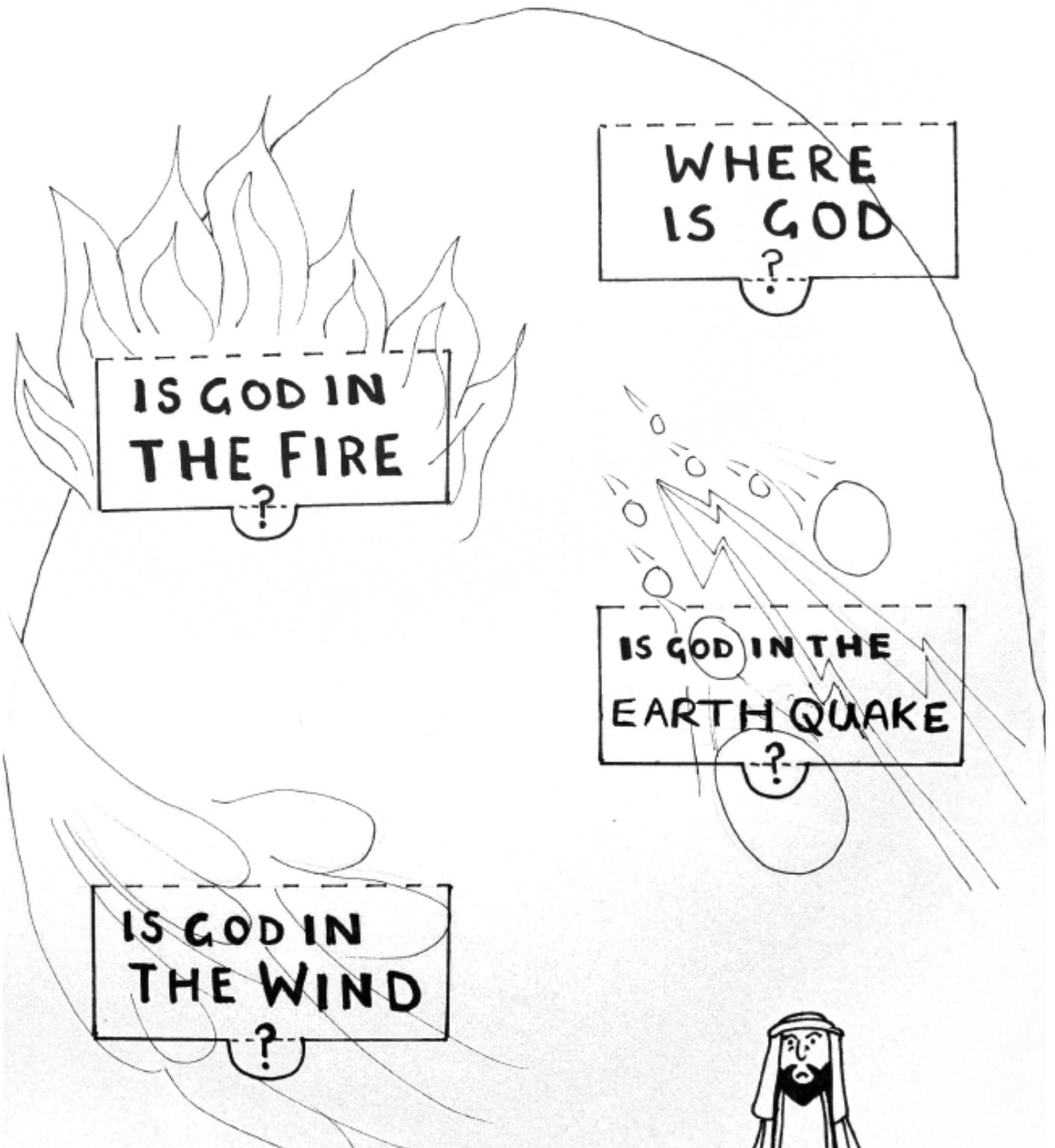
birdseed bag

campfire

glass of ice water

wineskin





ELIJAH IS IN THE MOUNTAIN... BUT WHERE IS GOD ?



1. Print out the worksheets onto thin card
2. Colour the worksheets
3. Use scissors to score around the edge of each flap, resting on a piece of card
4. Cut out each flap and fold back on the dotted line



NO

5. Glue this worksheet underneath the other one
6. Lift the flaps to answer the questions!

NO

NO

You will need:

Thin card

Colouring pens / pencils

Scissors

Glue

Questions...

- What kind of pickle was Elijah in?
- Elijah was a prophet. That means he delivered God's messages to people. He had worked hard for God but now people were chasing after him and trying to kill him. Why do you think that was?
- How did God rescue Elijah?
- Can you remember what noises Elijah heard?
- What was the final one? The way God spoke to Elijah?
- Elijah had to be really quiet to hear God's voice. Do you find it easy to be quiet?
- In today's activities there's a chance to be quiet and ask God to speak to you. See if you can have a try.

9th May - Moses and the Red Sea

Exodus 14

Activities to do at home

Do

When the people crossed the sea they celebrated. Miriam (Moses' sister) lead them in a worship song and she played the tambourine.

Have a go at making your own musical instruments using whatever you can find in the house.

Choose your favourite praise song and sing it together.



Pray

Find a clean empty jar or a jug that you aren't using.

Cut up lots of pieces of coloured paper.

Encourage everyone to write down one thing they want to say thank you for. Share that thing and then put it in the jar.

Decide together how often you are going to do it. Perhaps you could do it at mealtimes together.



Share

We're part of a big church that's full of people of all ages.

Some of our older people have been stuck at home for a long time. They love our families and children and are really missing seeing you.

Draw a cheery picture of your favourite Bible story or a summer scene. Take a photo or scan it and send it to an older person you know. Or email it to Heather and she can send it on.

You might have someone in your family who you can't visit too. Why not email them a copy of the picture?

Create

Find a straw or make one by tightly curling up a piece of paper. You'll need 1 per person.

Find a tray or a bowl and put a small amount of water in it.

Have a go at blowing and see if you can make a path all the way across the tray/bowl.

Could you do it if it was a bathtub full of water?

Discuss how you think God parted the sea...



Colouring



God makes a path through the Red Sea. Exodus 14:1-31



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

RED SEA CROSSING

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PASSOVER
RED SEA
CLOUD
EGYPT
PILLAR
PHARAOH

FIRE
CHARIOTS
JOSEPH
HEBREWS
SINAI
STAFF

UNLEAVENED BREAD
EGYPTIANS
YAHWEH
MOSES
ANGEL
ANIMALS

Can you spot 5 difference in these pictures?



Moses led his people out of Egypt. God caused the water to part so they could cross the Red Sea and escape from the Egyptians.

(Exodus 13:17 - 14:31)

Craft

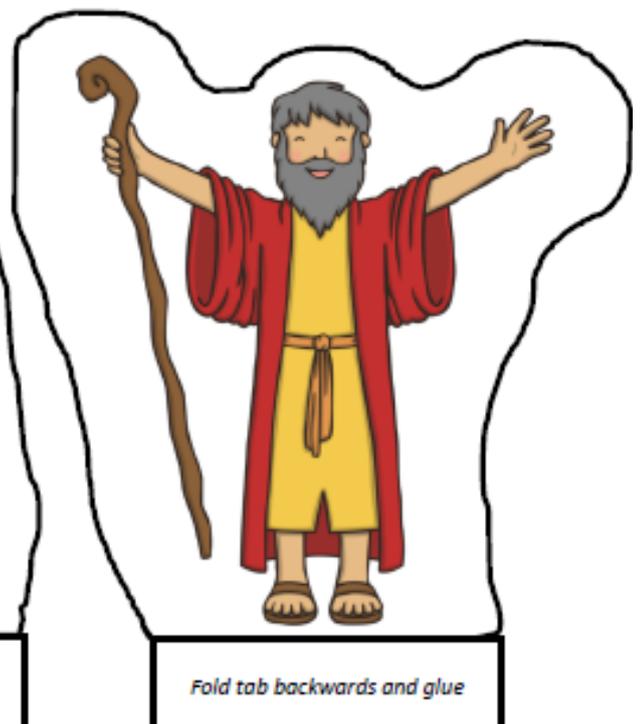
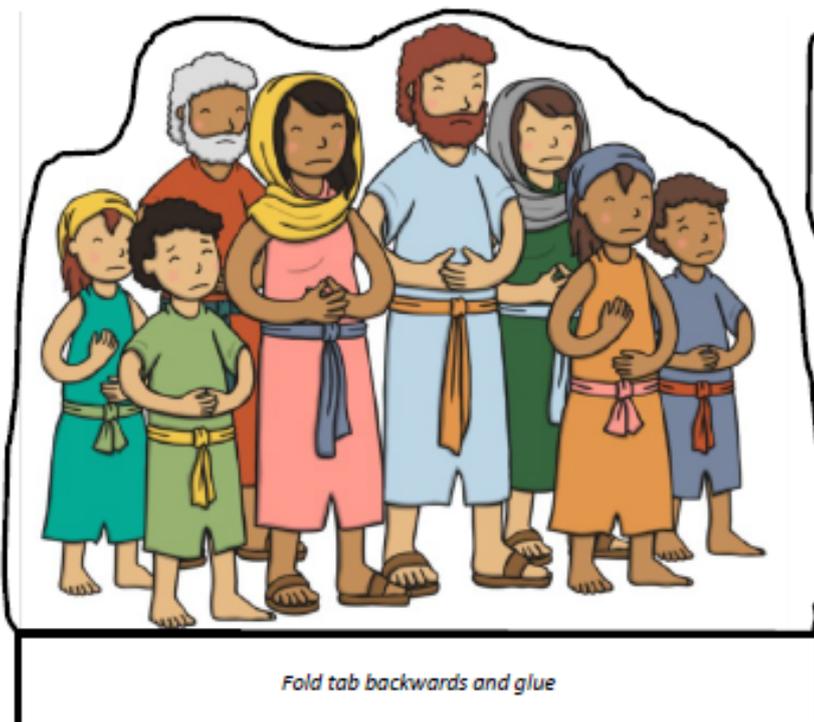
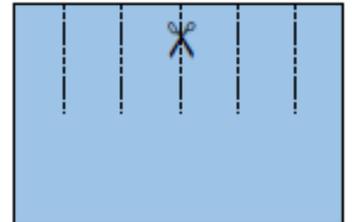
You will need:

- 1 piece of A4 card (yellow/orange/white)
- 1 piece of A4 blue paper (or white paper coloured blue)
- Print out in card of characters below
- Scissors
- Glue
- Felt pens or crayons



Instructions

1. Cut A4 blue paper in half
2. Take one half and cut slits into the paper, about half way.
3. Curl each of the sections you have cut by wrapping them round a pencil or pen
4. Repeat with the second piece of blue paper
5. Take the piece of A4 card and put it on the table.
6. Glue the uncut bit of the 2 blue pieces to each side of the card creating an opening in the water.
7. Cut each of the people out. Either use them to re-tell the story or glue them to the sea bed.
8. You might want to draw and cut out some fish to stick on the waves.
9. Read through the passage and see if there is a Bible verse you would like to write on the sea bed or on the waves.



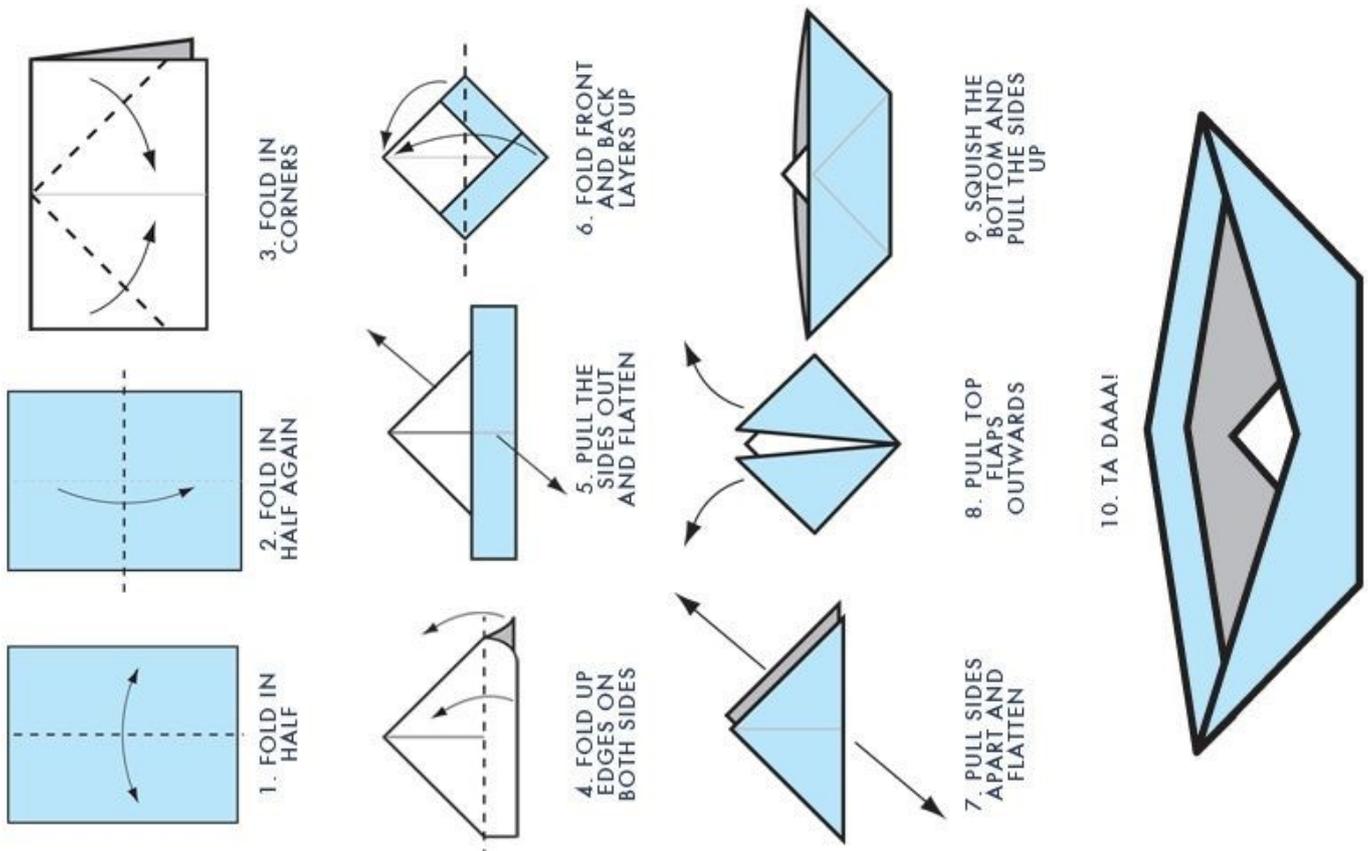
Questions...

- Have a chat together about the beginning part of Moses' story. What happened to him? Why was he far away from Egypt?
- Why do you think God called Moses to be the leader when he'd messed up so much?
- The Israelites were slaves in Egypt. How do you think they were feeling?
- What pickle was Moses in?
- Finally Pharaoh let them go! But as they were leaving Egypt the Egyptians chased after them. Suddenly they were trapped between the Egyptian army and the sea. How do you think they are feeling now? How is Moses feeling?
- How did God rescue Moses?
- The Bible verse for this week is the words God speaks to Moses:

'The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.' (Exodus 14:14)

- What do you think God meant?
- God parted the sea and made a way through, even though it looked impossible! Their response at the other end was to worship and thank God. See if you can think of things to be thankful for this week.
- Spend time praying that God would be with you in this time of change, just like he was with the Israelites.

Extra challenge: Make an origami boat each then float together in a boat or bowl and see who can blow it across the water fastest!



16th May - Moses in the Wilderness

Exodus 16 - 17

Activities to do at home

Do

"Manna from heaven game" - Each person has a cup/container. Pour a bag of pompoms/cotton balls/scrunched up balls of paper on the floor and use spoons/chopsticks/pegs to pick them up from the floor.

When they have all been picked up, the person with the most in their cup/container is the winner. This reminds us that God sent the bread from heaven and the Israelites had to collect it.



Pray

"Give us each day our daily bread". Reflect on this part of the Lord's prayer by making a collage of everything God provides for you. Spend some time thanking him for all of these things.



Share

Some people living near us don't have enough food to feed their families. Maybe this week, you and your family could fill a box with food and give it to the food bank.

You may have some spare food in your kitchen, which you could share, or you could help your parents/carers to add some items to the food shop. Have a look at the food bank webpage to see which items they need at the moment.



Create

Make some flatbreads together and eat it as a snack or as part of your meal. Remember how God provided for the Israelites in the desert and thank him that he still provides for us today.

You could try this recipe:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/toasted-cumin-flatbreads>.



Colouring



Manna from Heaven

When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Exodus 16:15a (NIV)

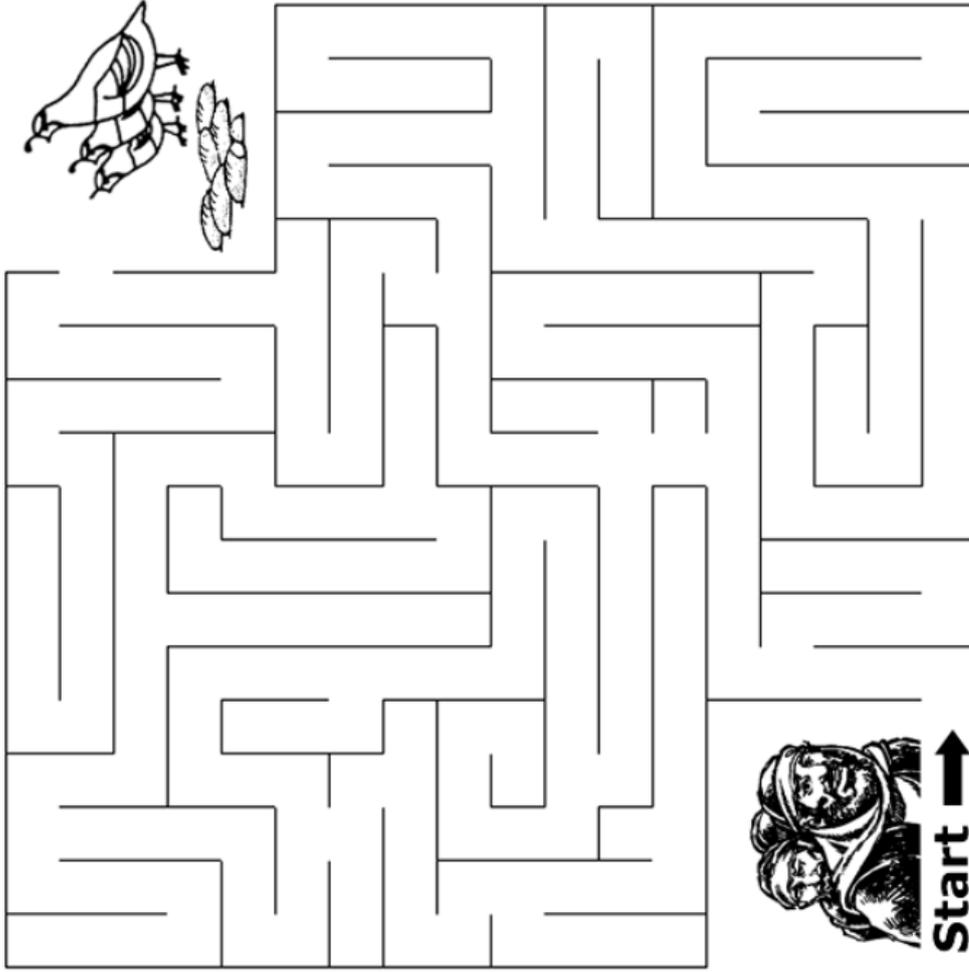
Based on Exodus 16:2-15 (NIV)



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GOD	FOOD	AARON	ISRAELITES
STARVE	EAT	ENOUGH	HEAVEN
DEATH	DAY	GATHER	MOSES
CAMP	LORD	EGYPT	BREAD
GATHER	GRUMBLED	DESERT	MORNING

Puzzle



Help the Israelites find the bread and quail!

Craft



Water from the rock craft



Quail from heaven craft

You will need:

- coloured papers
- pen/markers
- glue
- scissors

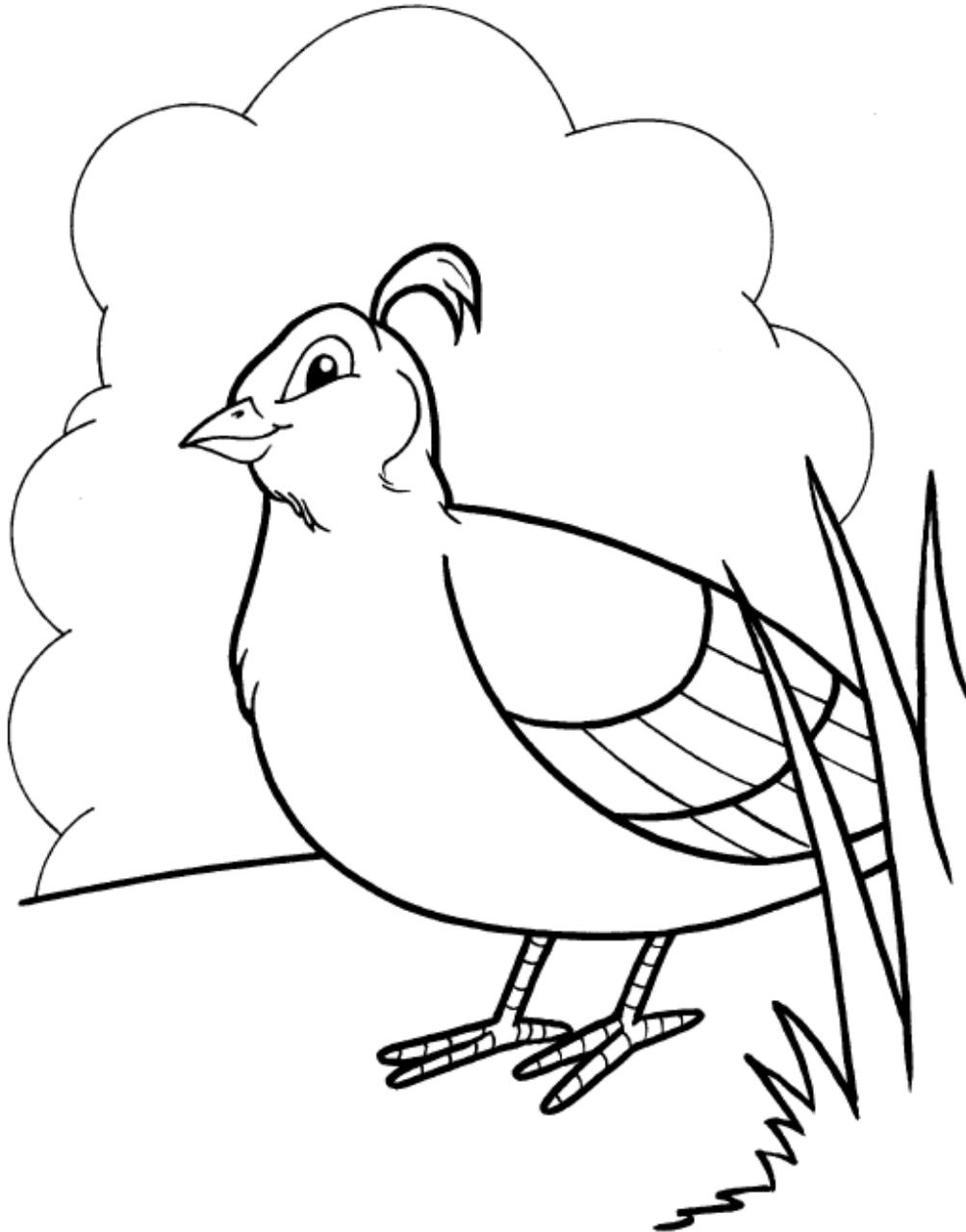
Steps:

- Cut out two big circles around 9cm and at least one smaller circle, around 4cm out of the paper
- Put the two big circles together and fold them in half
- Cut slits into one half of both the circles to create the feathers
- Pull the two circles apart and flip the strips of one circle to the other side. Then curl the strips of both circles with scissors.
- Draw some eyes in a white paper, cut them out. Also cut 2 small triangles of orange paper for the beak, and 2 small oval shapes for the feet.
- Assemble the head using the smaller circles.
- Take a 3 inch rectangular piece of paper and cut slits into it from one of the short ends.
- Now, let's assemble the whole thing. Take the head and glue it on the edge of the circle.
- Then glue the rectangle paper for the tail on the opposite edge.
- Cover with the other circle.
- Attach the feet on the bottom of each side of the circle. Then open the bottom of the circles so it can stand.
- You could write a Bible verse on it if you wanted, to remind you of the story
- For full description and more photos see:
<https://www.thriftyfun.com/Rocking-Paper-Bird.html>



Questions...

- What pickle was Moses in?
- What were the people moaning about to Moses?
- How did God help them? Can you name all 3 things that God provided?
- Over this last year we've been in a bit of a desert place like Moses. A lot of the things we would normally do have been taken away. How has God provided for you during this difficult time?
- The Israelites were looking forward to entering the 'Promised Land'. What is your 'promised land'? What are the things you are hoping to happen when the pandemic ends? What things about life before would you like to see back and what new things would you like to add? Why not brainstorm with your family and make a poster as a way of sharing with each other and with God.



23rd May - Elisha and the Widow

2 Kings 4 v 1-7

Activities to do at home

Do

Ask your grown up if they'd like some help with any jobs or housework this week, just like the widow's sons helped her collect the jars they needed to fill.



Pray

The widow's neighbours helped her by lending jars for her oil. Talk with your family about times when other people from church have helped you and your family.

Spend some time praying for those people and thanking God for the church community.



Share

Before God provided her with oil, the widow was going to have to send her sons away to pay the debt. There are still people who don't have enough food to feed their families, and sometimes have to send their children away to work and earn money.

Perhaps you and your friends or family could come up with some fund-raising ideas to raise some money for Tearfund or another charity who helps people in need.



Create

Get creative and have a go at up-cycling some jam jars. You could turn them into candle holders/sweetie jars/vases ... or something else.

Perhaps you could sell them to raise some money for the "Share" activity. Or you could give them away as gifts and spread some cheer 😊.



Colouring



Craft

<http://handsonbibleteacher.blogspot.com/2012/10/elisha-and-widow.html?m=1>

First off...for this process to work you need to use paper NOT CARDSTOCK! After you have copied your project onto cheap copy paper., you will need to use PVA Glue and "trace" the black outline on the front of the page. Let it dry for at least 24 hours. It will dry clear. This is an IMPORTANT step!

Then colour the back of the page with felt pens. (The back is the page with the design and Bible Verse (PRINTED BACKWARDS) on it.) Vibrant colour Markers seem to work the best! Then glue on gems to the front of the jar.

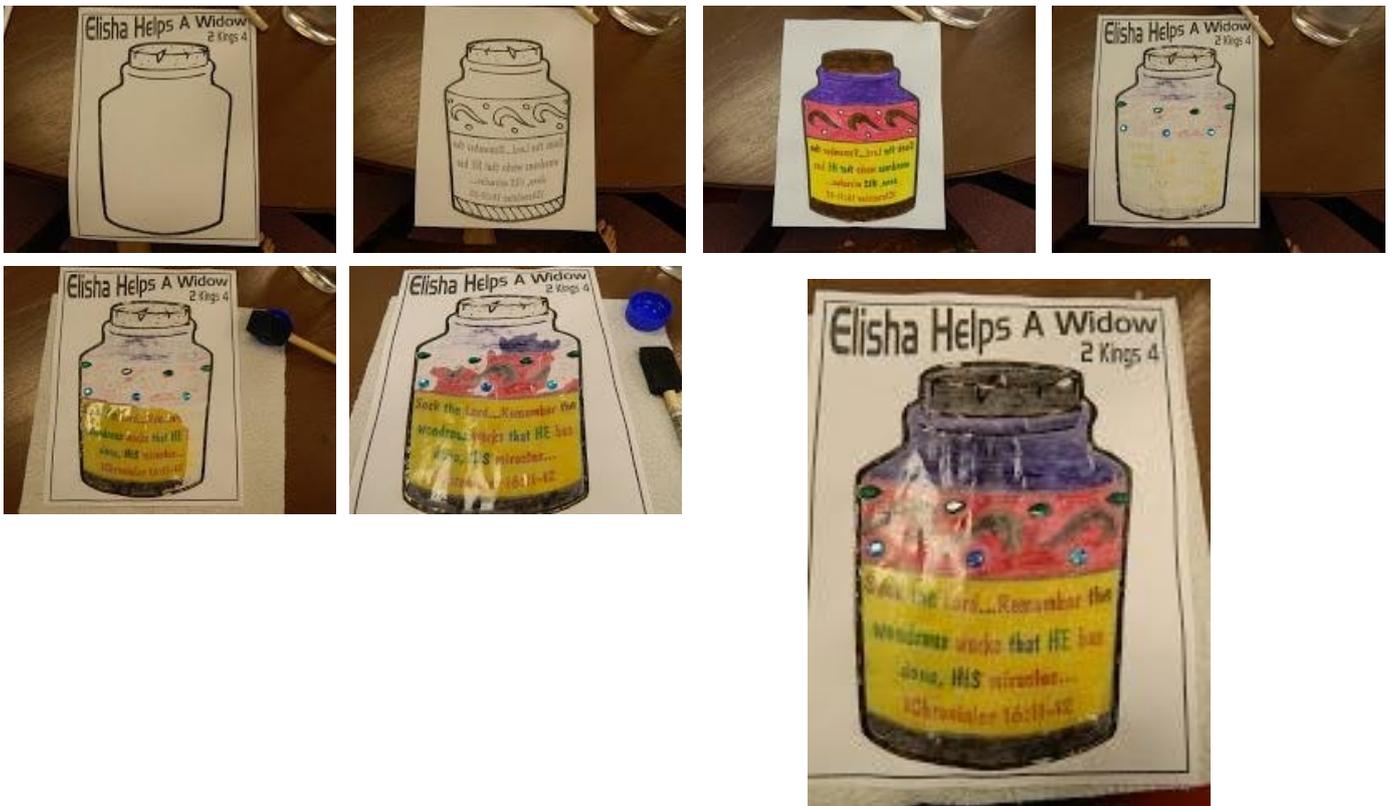
Now for the fun and amazing part!

Pour a very small amount of baby oil on a sponge paint brush and paint the FRONT of their jar with oil! (After all, that was part of Elisha's Miracle!)

The colourful image on the back will appear through the jar! (Just a little oil is needed for this to work....and I mean JUST A LITTLE!)

This is the finished product! It is almost like stained glass...and is transparent when you hold it up to the light! Plus if you use baby oil...it is non-toxic and makes the room smell nice!

I would keep some paper towels handy...that way if the oil puddles in one place you will be able to dab it up with the towels.



Questions...

- The widow was in such a pickle! What was her problem?
- How do you think she felt? How do you think her sons felt?
- Can you remember what Elisha told her to do?
- What do you think the neighbours thought was going on? They willingly gave their spare jars to the widow but it must have seemed a strange request
- God performed a great miracle making that oil fill all those jars. Can you think of other times in the Bible when God has taken something small and made it go very far?
- Often God takes the little things we offer too and uses them to bless others. Think, for example, of the Christingle service. Some of you played a little part in the drama, which was brilliant. That service has now been watched by hundreds of families all across the country. God has taken your small offering and used it to share his message with hundreds of people. Can you think of any more examples?
- Colour the jars below or write on them the gifts and skills you bring to God and pray that he would use them to bless others.

Colour all the jars full of oil



When all the jars were full, she spoke to one of her sons. She said, "Bring me another jar." But he replied, "There aren't any more left." Then the oil stopped flowing.
2 Kings 4:6

13th June - Joshua & the Wall

Joshua 6

Activities to do at home

Do

Go for a prayer walk!

If you're allowed then prayer walk around your street. Either praying as you walk, or pausing to pray in the different areas.

If you're not allowed out then either walk around your garden stopping at different parts and praying in that direction, or go to different windows in your house, look out and pray for the people living in the houses that you can see.

Pray that those people would not be afraid and that they would know God's comfort. Plus whatever else you want to pray over them!

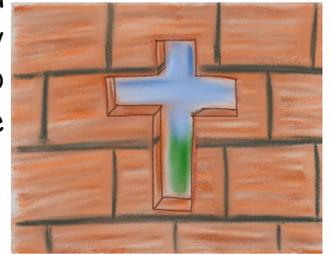
Pray

All through the book of Joshua are the words 'Do not be afraid'.

What are you afraid of? What makes you anxious?

Bring those things to God in prayer.

Draw a brick wall together as a family. On different bricks write the things that you are afraid of or anxious about. When you're finished take a bigger, wider pen and write the memory verse over the top of the bricks, like graffiti on the wall.



Share

'Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1 v 9

Make a post of the memory verse to put up in your house and remind everyone that God is with you.

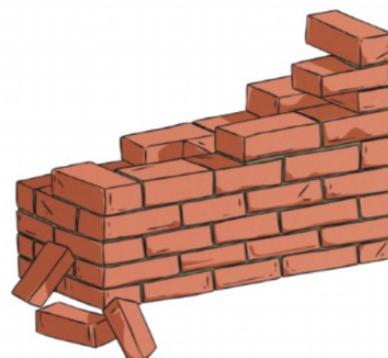
Then share it with others. Maybe you could take a photo of your poster and share it online or email it to someone.



Create

Joshua faced a HUGE obstacle: the walls of Jericho. He didn't run away crying and he didn't knock it down with big weapons. He just marched around it.

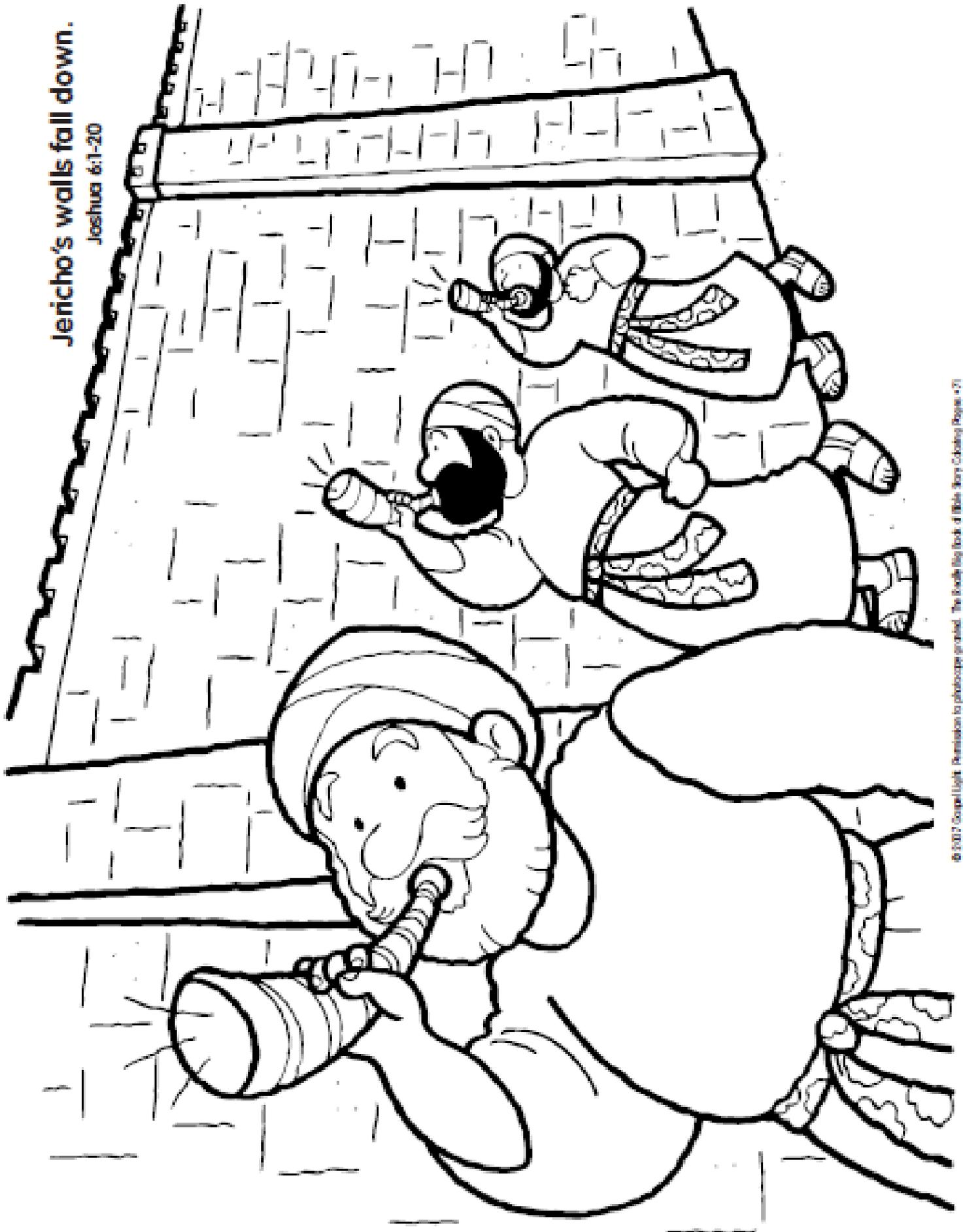
Build a giant obstacle using building blocks, jenga, books, boxes, pillows or other things that you can find.



Colouring

Jericho's walls fall down.

Joshua 6:1-20



WALLS OF JERICO

Help Joshua and his people enter into the city of Jericho.



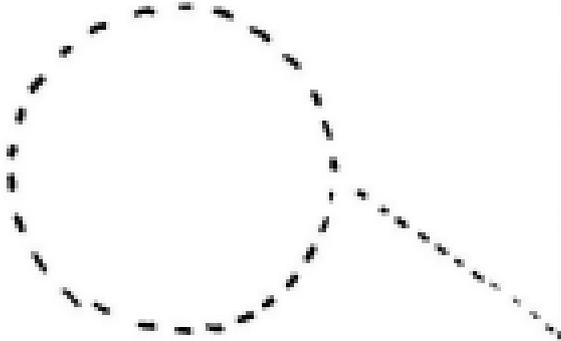
"March around Jericho," God said to Joshua, a new leader. Joshua obeyed God, and entered into Jericho. (Joshua 6:1 - 20)



Crafts

Door Hanger

Make a door hanger using this template. You might want to draw your own house instead of using the picture.



As for me and my
house we will serve
the Lord.

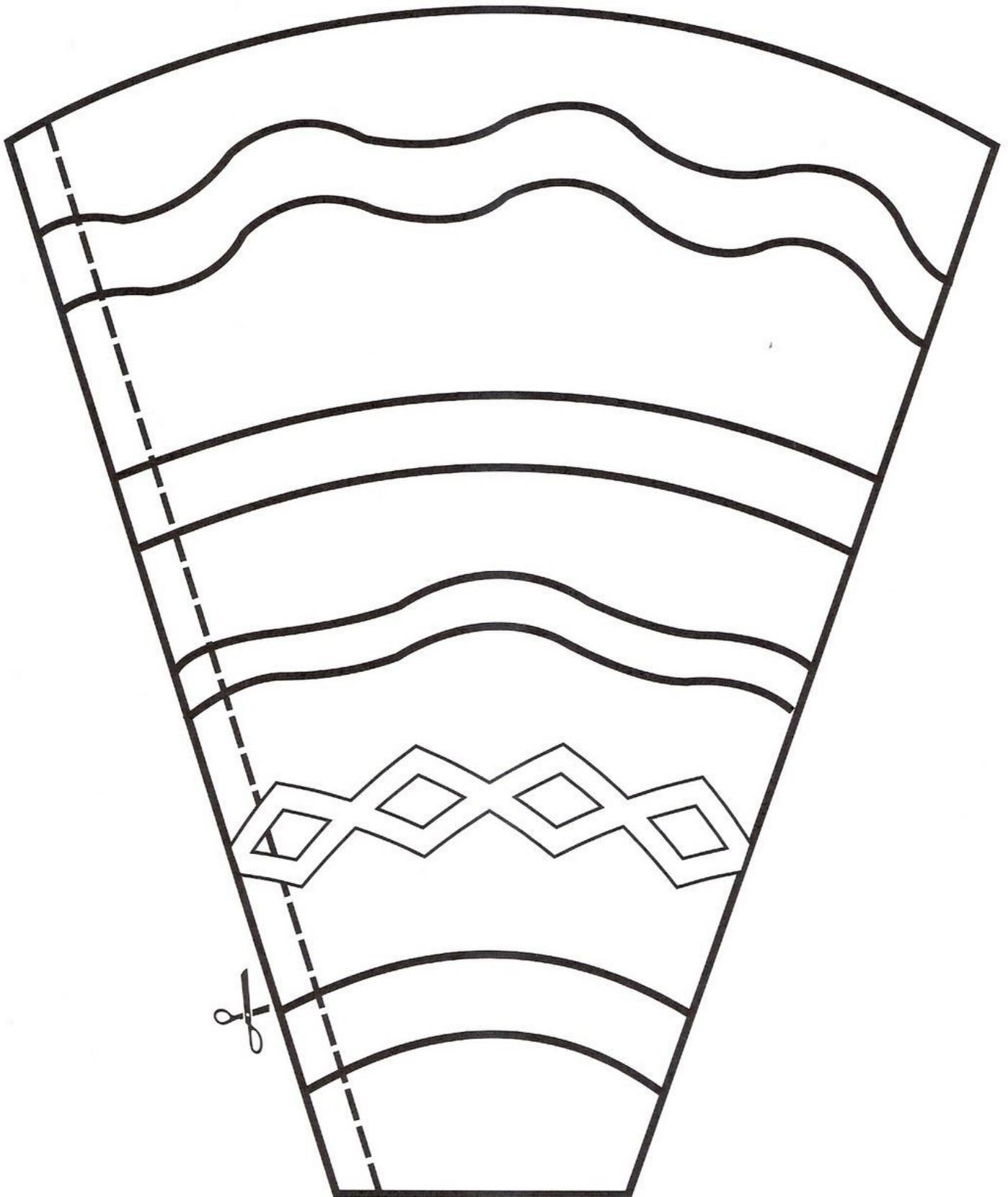
Joshua 24 v 15



Make a trumpet!

Cut it out, roll it round and glue or sellotape together.

I'd recommend colouring before you stick it together.



Questions...

- What pickle was Joshua in?
- Joshua was Moses' apprentice. He followed Moses and he learnt how to be a leader and how to love and serve God well.
- God gave Joshua some very strange instructions. He simply told them to walk around the walls. Why do you think the people did what Joshua told them to do?
- All the way through the book of Joshua you can see the words 'Do not be afraid'. Lots and lots of times! Can you think of a time when you felt afraid? What did you do? Who helped you? Make sure the grownups share too!
- This is this week's Memory Verse (one of my favourite verses in the Bible):

'Do not be afraid, or discouraged, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1:9)
- Try to come up for actions for each part of the Bible verse so you can remember it. Keep reminding yourself this week that God is with you.
- How did God rescue Joshua?

BibleWise

**Joshua Obeys
God at Jericho**
—Joshua 5

Seven Times Around

God told Joshua to march his army around the city of Jericho once each day for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march around the city seven times. The seventh time around, the priests blew their trumpets and the people shouted. To find out what happened then, circle every other letter beginning at the letter beginning at start. Copy the letters onto the spaces below. The first circled letter is done for you.

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20th June - David & Goliath

I Samuel 17



Activities to do at home

Do

Make a meal together

David was at the battlefield because he was delivering food to his brothers who were in the army.

Cook a meal together and chat about the story.

Why do you think David wasn't there with them? How do you think he felt about that? Talk about what it's like being in your family. Are there things you enjoy doing together? Are there things you find difficult?

Share

David was small and no-one thought he could win the fight against Goliath, but God had given him skills.

Find a small box for each person in the house. Everyone should go around the house and find small objects to fit in their box that describe who they are, their personality what they are good at, their likes/dislikes etc. Set a time limit!

At the end of the time limit come back together. Allow each person to share what's in their box and what it means. Allow each person to speak without interruptions. It's up to them what the item represents.

Say a thank you prayer for each person in your house, how God made us all unique and gives us different gifts and skills.

Pray

Make a target for the wall. About A2 size. Maybe use some cardboard.

On each of the rings, as a family, write things that you want God to deal with, things that aren't right in the world. We might call these 'Giants' in our lives. Avoiding putting people's names, rather situations.

Just like David faced his giant we are facing these things and asking God to help us.

You might want to use the rings in different ways. You could make the outer rings something that's physically far away from us and the centre rings something that's close to us. Or you might want to use the rings to represent how 'big' these giants are. The centre (which is the hardest spot to hit) could be the biggest giant..

Create

In the 'pray' section this week you made a target with 'giants' on.

Find a way of fixing the target up somewhere.

Get some rolled up socks and mark a throwing line.

See if you can hit the target with the socks.

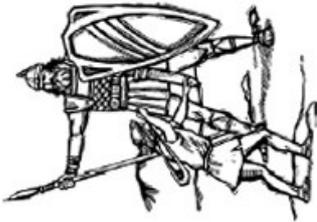
You might want to make it into a prayer: 'God I pray for you to defeat...' then shout out one of the things and throw your socks!

David fights Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:1-58



Puzzles



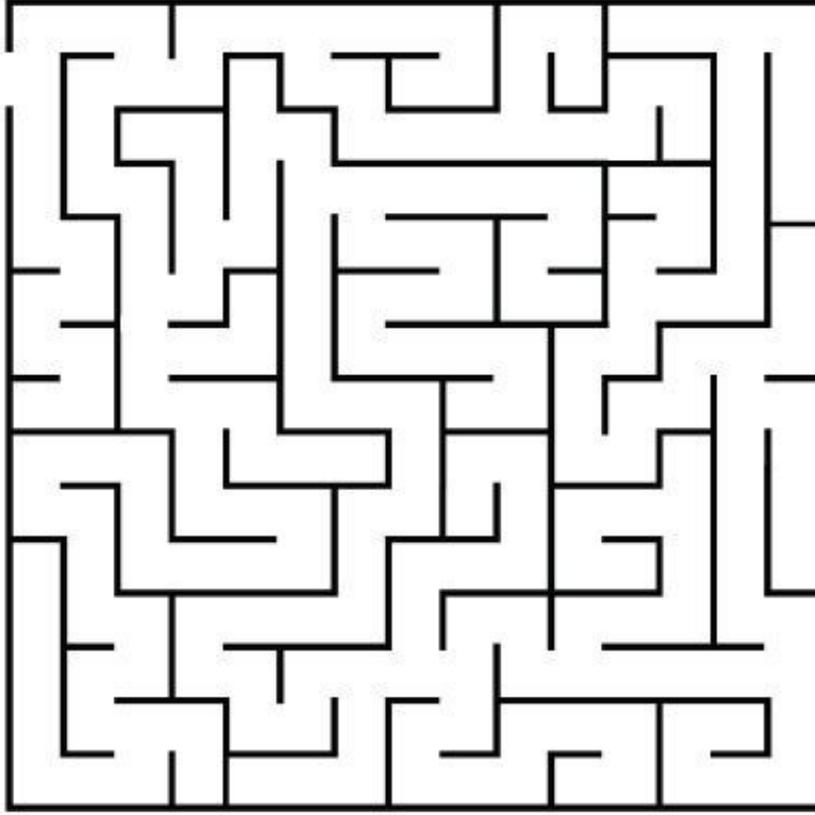
David & Goliath

Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. 1 Samuel 17:49 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on 1 Samuel 17:32-49



Start



Finish

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Craft

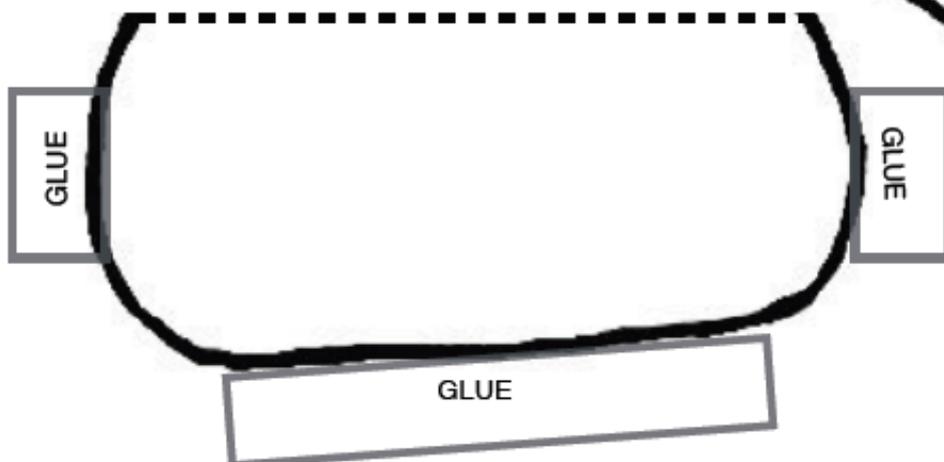
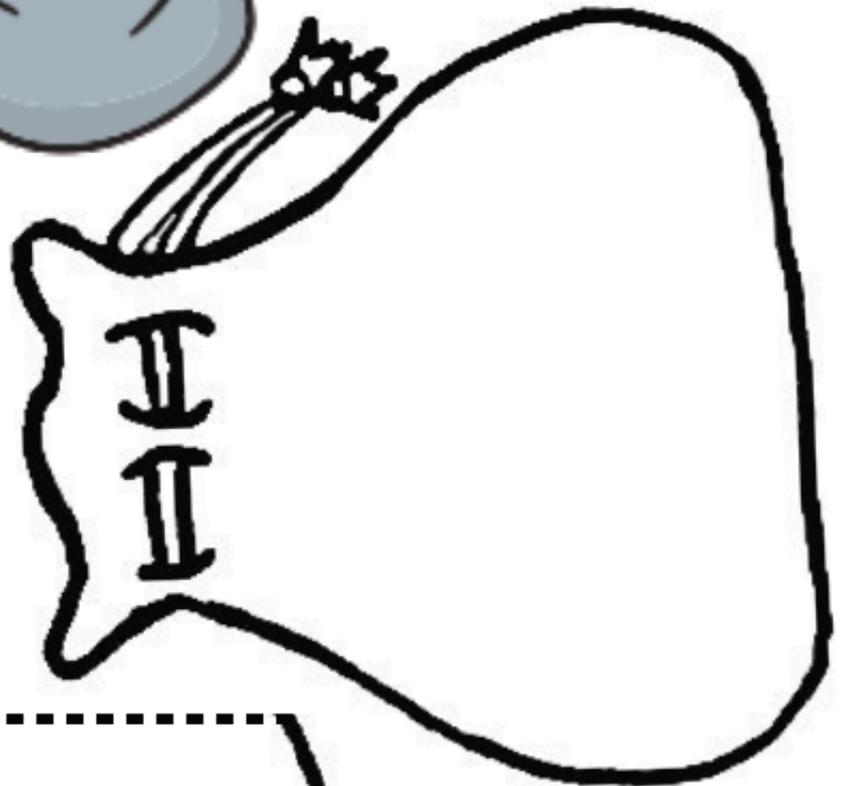


Cut out the 2 pieces above and stick to a paper plate or circle of card. Add on the nose and eyes and colour it in! Add a stick or a wooden spoon if you have one.



Cut out all the pieces. Glue the bottom piece of the sack on top of the full sack to create a pocket for the stones by folding and gluing the taps.

Optional: Cut stones out of felt or foam instead of paper.



Questions...

- Who was David? Do you know what he did for a job?
- What pickle was David in?
- Can you remember who the two groups were out on the battlefield?
- Why do you think the Israelites weren't fighting and were hiding away scared?
- Why did David have to go to the battlefield?
- What did Goliath say that made David angry?
- David knew it wasn't right to speak about God like that so he was determined to fight this giant.
- How did David defeat Goliath?
- God rescued him by giving him courage and skills. What skills did he have already that helped him?
- Have you ever had to speak out when someone was being mean to someone else, or was saying hurtful things about God?
- Did you find it easy?
- How did you manage it if you did speak up? Or what would have helped you if you didn't speak up?
- Pray that God would help you to speak up for others.

27th June - David & Jonathan

I Samuel 20

Activities to do at home

Do

Have a video call with another family and talk about the story.

Think of times when they've been a really good friend to you and thank them for it.

Saul tried to kill David by throwing a spear. Why not have a competition across the two families to see who can throw a rolled up piece of A4 paper the furthest? Or a straw or a kitchen roll tube. Who do you think is going to win?



Pray

Make some paperchain people. Decorate each one to represent a friend you are missing at the moment.

Add your paperchains together and hang them up as a prayer. There's a template in on the back page if you need it.



Share

Make a **huge** picture for a friend you are missing.

Send it to them or take a picture of it and email it.



Create

Find some Duplo, Lego or other connectable building blocks. Take 1 for every person you know in our church community.

Build something that represents our church. It doesn't have to be a building...

As you connect them together pray that each person would know they are connected and loved.

When you've finished take it in turns to describe what your model means.

Send us a photo of what you have made (kids@cca.uk.net)

David and
Jonathan
are friends.

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:1-42



David and Jonathan Are Friends

—1 Samuel 18-20



Friends Forever

When David was serving King Saul, he became good friends with Saul's son, Jonathan. David and Jonathan were such good friends that when Saul decided to try to kill David, Jonathan warned David so he could get away.

To find out what Jonathan said to David, go around the path twice. First, put every letter in a circle on the lines below. Then go back and use every letter in a box.

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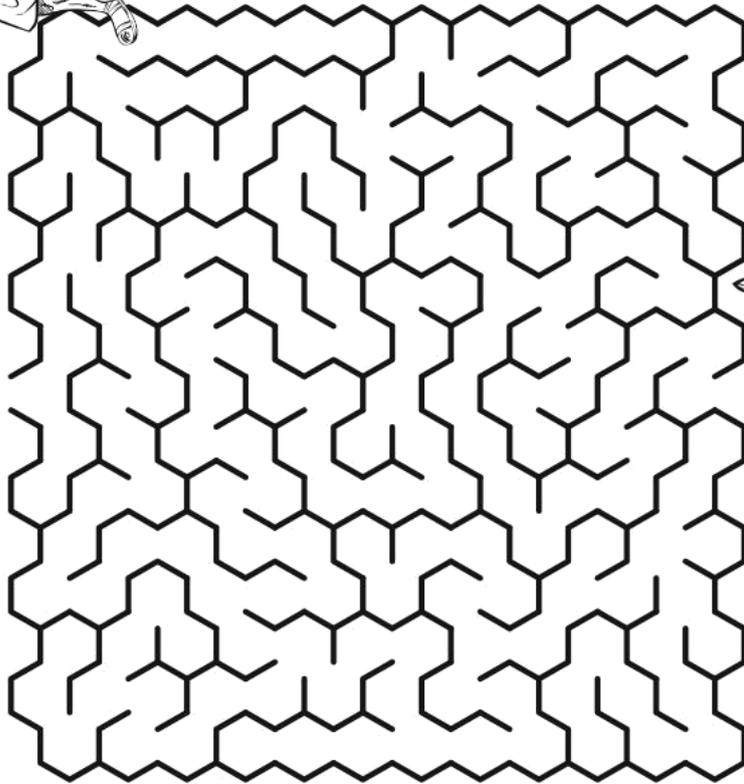
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JONATHAN WARNS DAVID

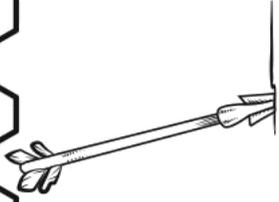
Help the boy find Jonathan's arrow



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Crafts

David & Jonathan Friendship Bracelet

Think of some people who are really good friends to you.

Cut out the friendship strips and colour them in. Decorate them with shapes, flowers, hearts, stripes. Things that person likes.

If you're able to then send them to your friend. It would be easier if you posted it flat and told them to use sellotape to turn it into a bracelet. Otherwise they could use it as a bookmark!

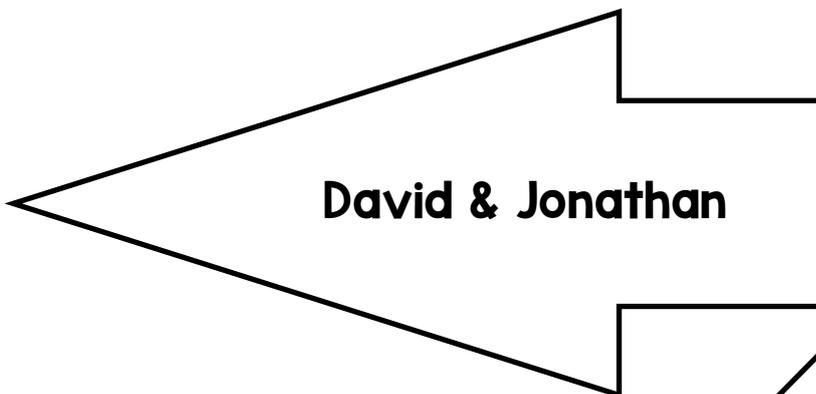
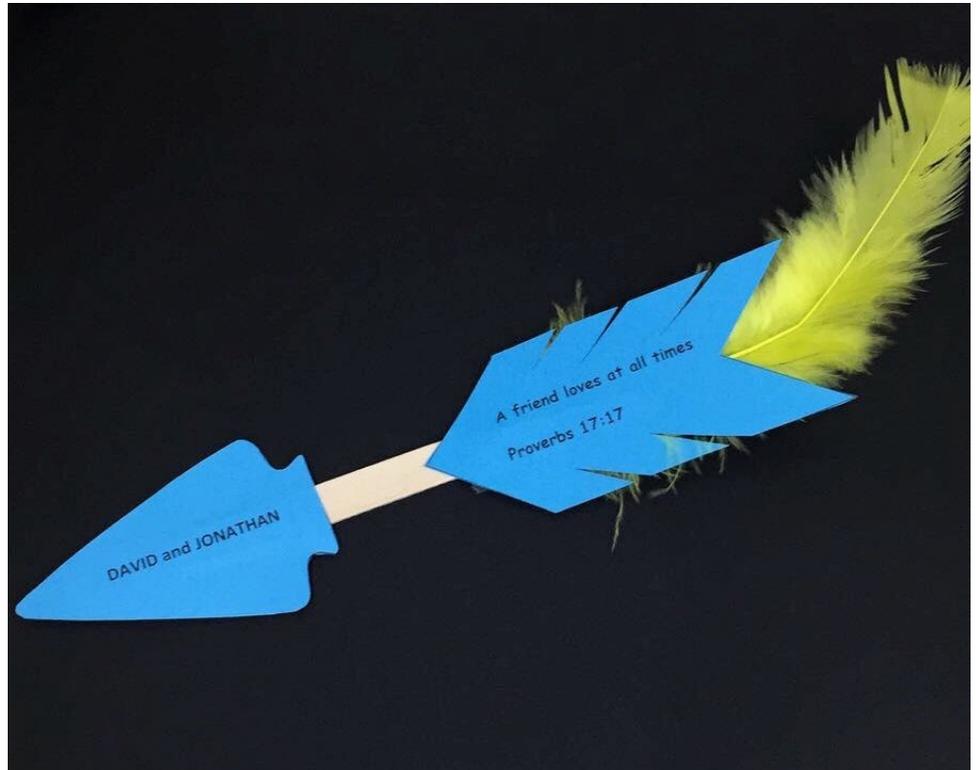
Thank you for being my friend

THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FRIEND

David & Jonathan Arrow

Colour and cut out the 2 arrow shapes. Cut the strip out.

If you can find a feather, you might want to add it!



Questions...

- David and Jonathan were really good friends. Do you have a really good friend? What do you like doing together?
- Why was David in the palace in the first place?
- What pickle was David in?
- Who did God send to rescue him?
- How did Jonathan rescue David?
- Do you think it was difficult for him to do that?
- Have you ever needed to help a friend who was in difficulty?
- Who would you turn to if you needed help?
- Proverbs 17 verse 17 says 'A friend loves at all times...' This week think about how you can show your friends how much you appreciate them.
- Thank Jesus for being such a good friend to you.

11th July - Daniel & the Lions

Daniel 6

Activities to do at home

Do

Make a den using cushions. If you've got a soft toy lion or tiger put it in your den. Or you could use the cardboard tube lions (see craft).

See if you can get everyone in to the den. Sing a song together. This week's recommended song is 'Brave' or 'Never be Shaken', you might not have room to do the actions though!!!



Pray

Draw around your hands and add your prayers for these people/situations: (Little finger through to thumb)

1. Those who are weak/ill/homeless
2. Those you love the most
3. Those in leadership
4. Those who teach us
5. Your worries, hopes & fears



Create

Daniel kept on praying because he knew God wanted him to and he knew it was important to him. What is important to you and your family? What would you say were the values that hold you together?

In the past important families used to have a 'Family Crest' or 'Coat of Arms'. It had symbols on it that represented that family. From looking at the crest you could learn a lot about that family.

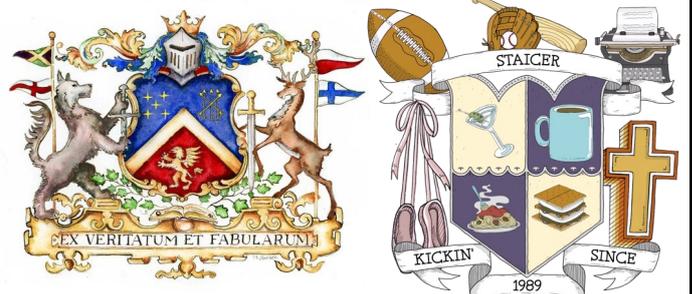
Gather together as a family and together make a family crest. What is important to you even when times are tough like they are at the moment?

Share

Daniel was a long, long way away from home. He must have missed his homeland and family.

Think of the person you know who lives the furthest away from you.

Write them an email, message or video call them. Help them to know that you are thinking about them and care about them even though they are far away.



Colouring

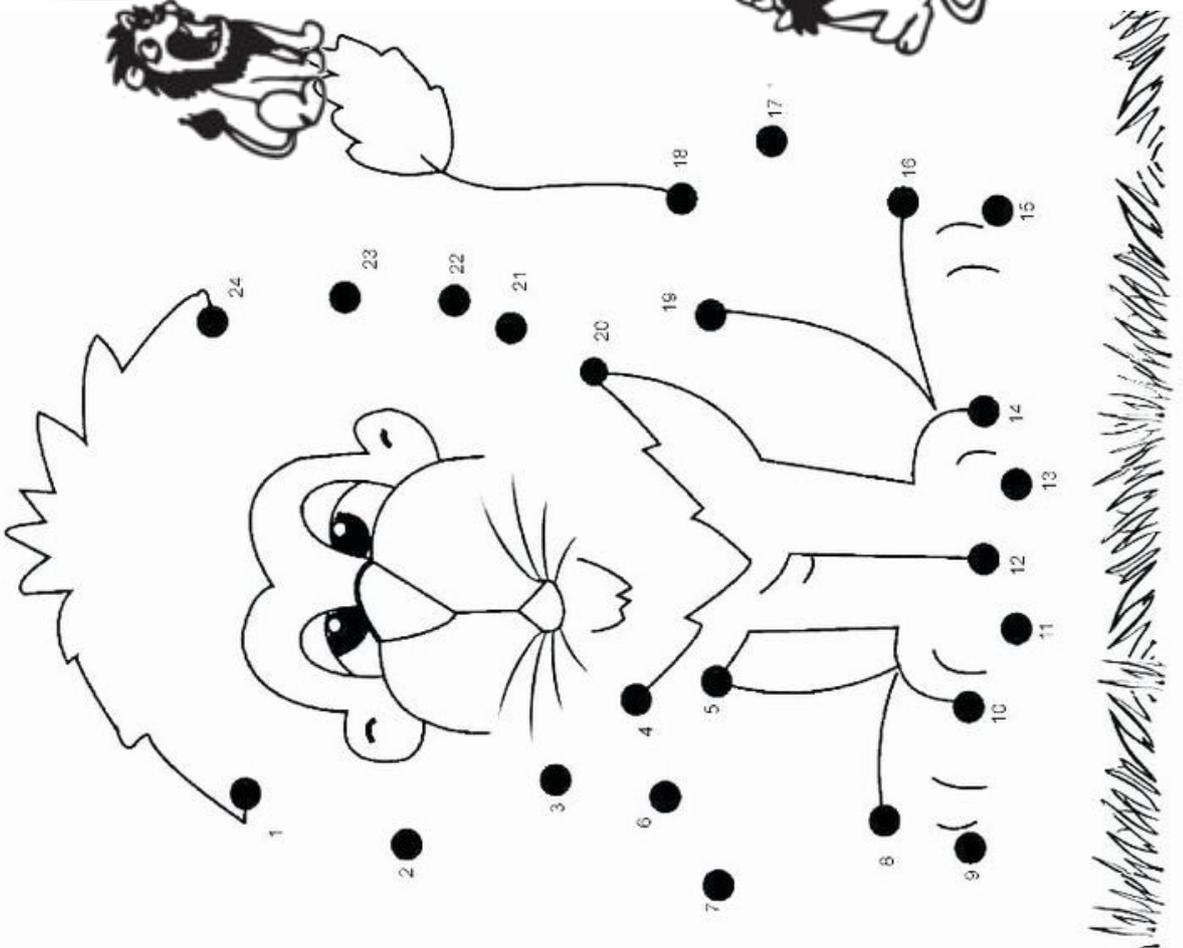
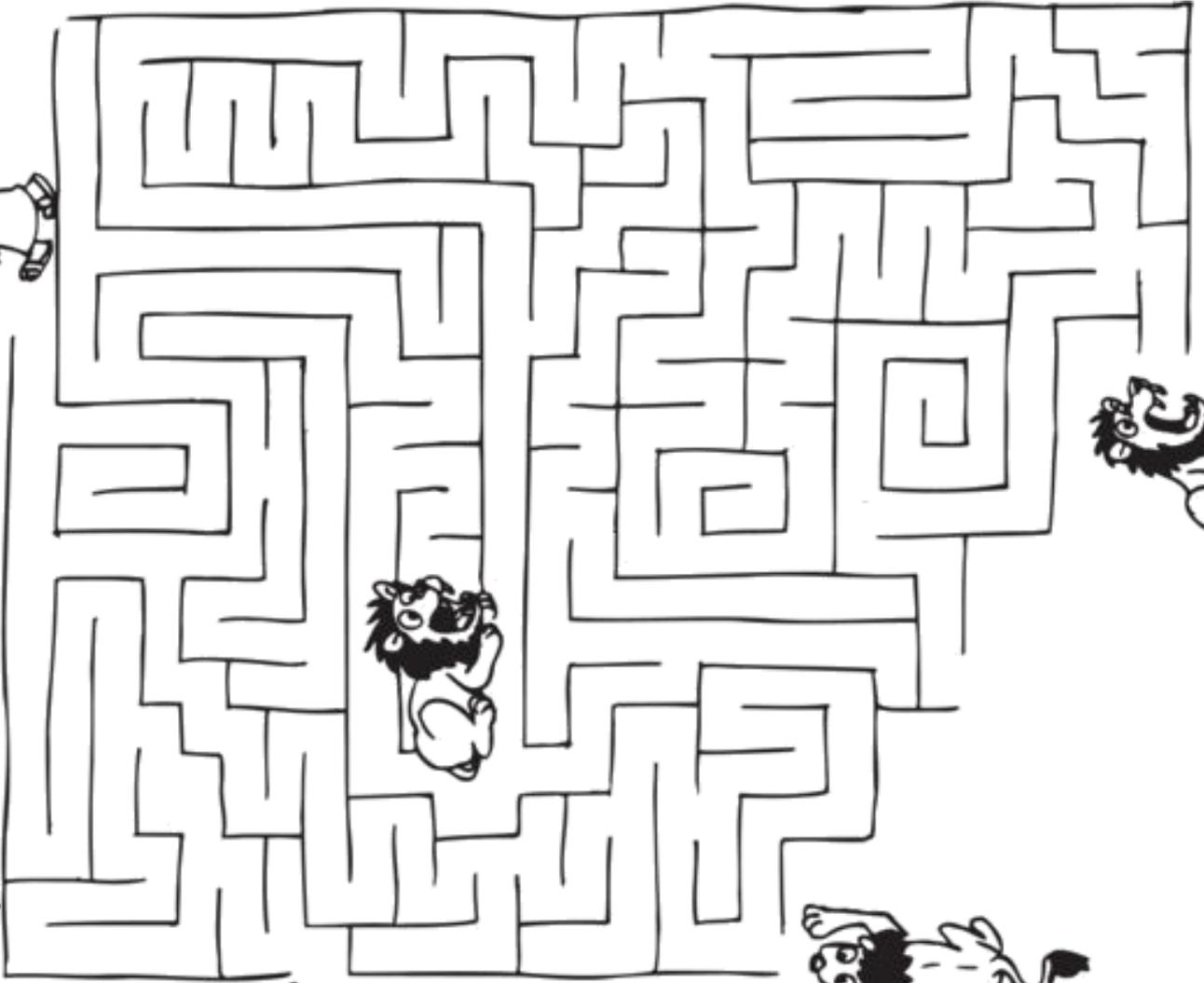


God protects Daniel in a den of lions.

Daniel 6:1-28

Puzzles

Help Daniel to get through the maze without being eaten by a lion! He can sneak past them but mustn't go near their teeth!



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Craft

Create a prayer journal.

Fold a piece of card in half. Draw around your hand, with your thumb really close to the fold.

Cut out the card outside.

Fold white or coloured paper in half. Draw around the card hand you've already cut out.

Cut the paper out and put it inside the card hand.

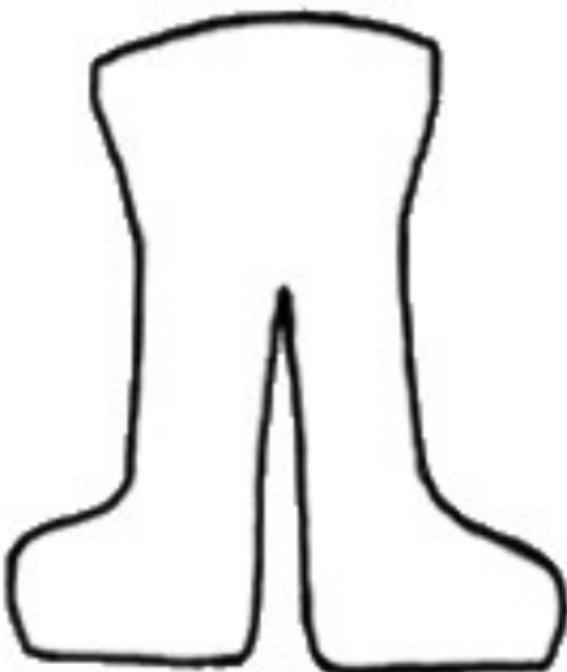
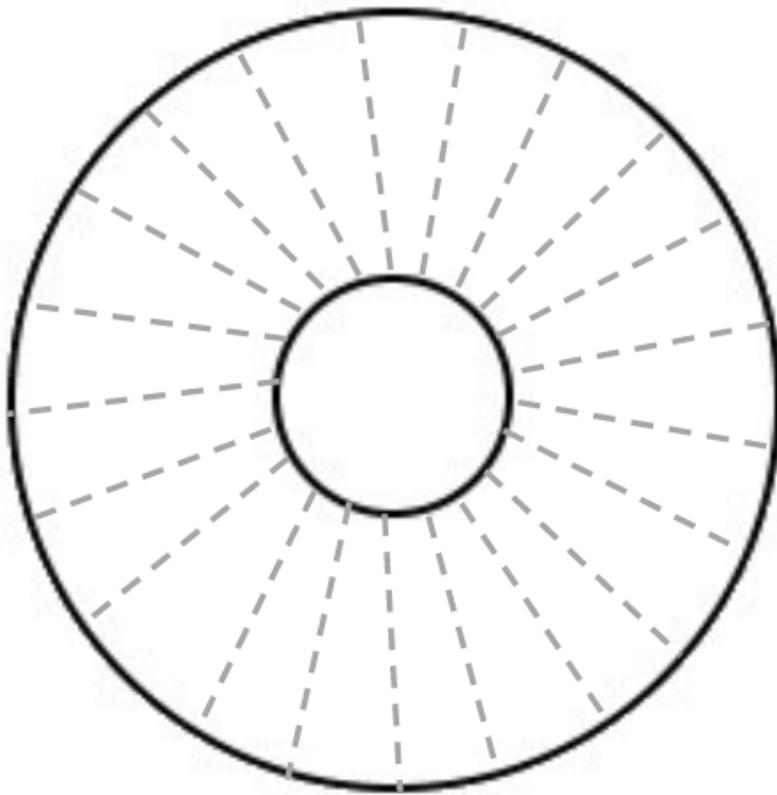
If you've got a stapler then staple it together on the hinge.

Fill it with prayers.



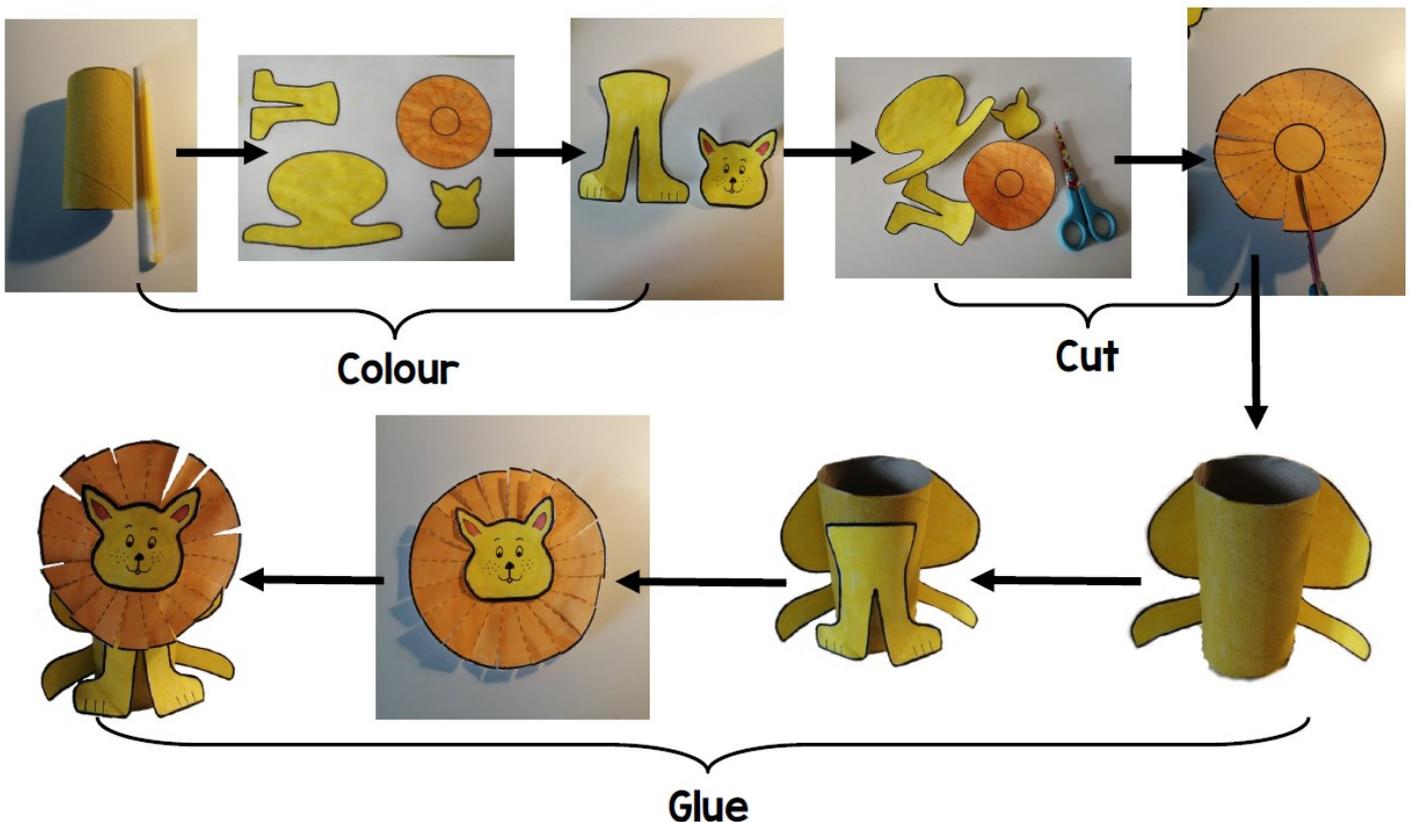
Make a toilet roll lion!

Instructions are on the next page...



Questions...

- What kind of pickle was Daniel in?
- What do you find surprising in this story?
- Why do you think Daniel kept on praying even though it was illegal?
(Families with older children might like to chat about the persecuted church)
- Daniel was a slave in a foreign land, but he worked very hard. He obeyed the King in everything that wasn't against God's law. He knew that God wanted him to keep talking to him and he knew that it was important.
- What do you think you would have done if you were Daniel?
- Do you find it easy to pray or difficult? Why do you think that is?
- Do you think Daniel prayed in the lion's den?
- Read the Bible passage and find out what the King was doing all night...
- How did God rescue Daniel?
- What happened to the King after Daniel was released unharmed?
- Sometimes God can use our difficult situations to show himself or his love to other people.
- We aren't in an actual Lion's den, but we can be dealing with tricky things. Daniel's response was to pray and that should be our response too. As a family chat about what 'Lions' (difficult situations) you are facing and pray together.



18th July - Deborah

Judges 4

Activities to do at home

Do

Pitch a tent! Maybe a real one in your garden or a makeshift one using tarpaulin or blankets in your house or garden.

Sit in the tent and re-tell the story. Read the Bible to find out what really happened to Sisera in that tent (probably only suitable for older children).

Chat about who you help like Deborah helped Barak.



Pray

Make a paperchain.

Take some strips of paper and on half of them write the names of people who help you. On the other half write the names of people you help. Write your name on a strip of paper too. Join them all together and then join them up with other peoples. What a huge support network you have!

If you're feeling creative you could make them heart shapes instead of circles!



Share

This one's a mission for the children: Prepare a special meal for the grown ups in your house one night, or maybe next weekend. Lay the table nicely and maybe pick some flowers to go in a vase on the table.

You'll need their help with buying food and touching anything hot. If you are very small you can still lay the table and decorate it, even if you can't cook the food.

Try to choose a meal that they would like, not just your favourite meal! Do it as a 'thank you' for all the times they have supported you and helped you.

Create

When we help other people we sometimes call it 'walking alongside' someone. That means we're helping them along the way. How good are your feet at doing things?

Can you draw a picture with your feet?

Can you write your name with your feet?

Can you tie a knot in some string/rope with your feet?

Try to create all these things. Who has the best feet?!

Colouring

Deborah helps people obey God.

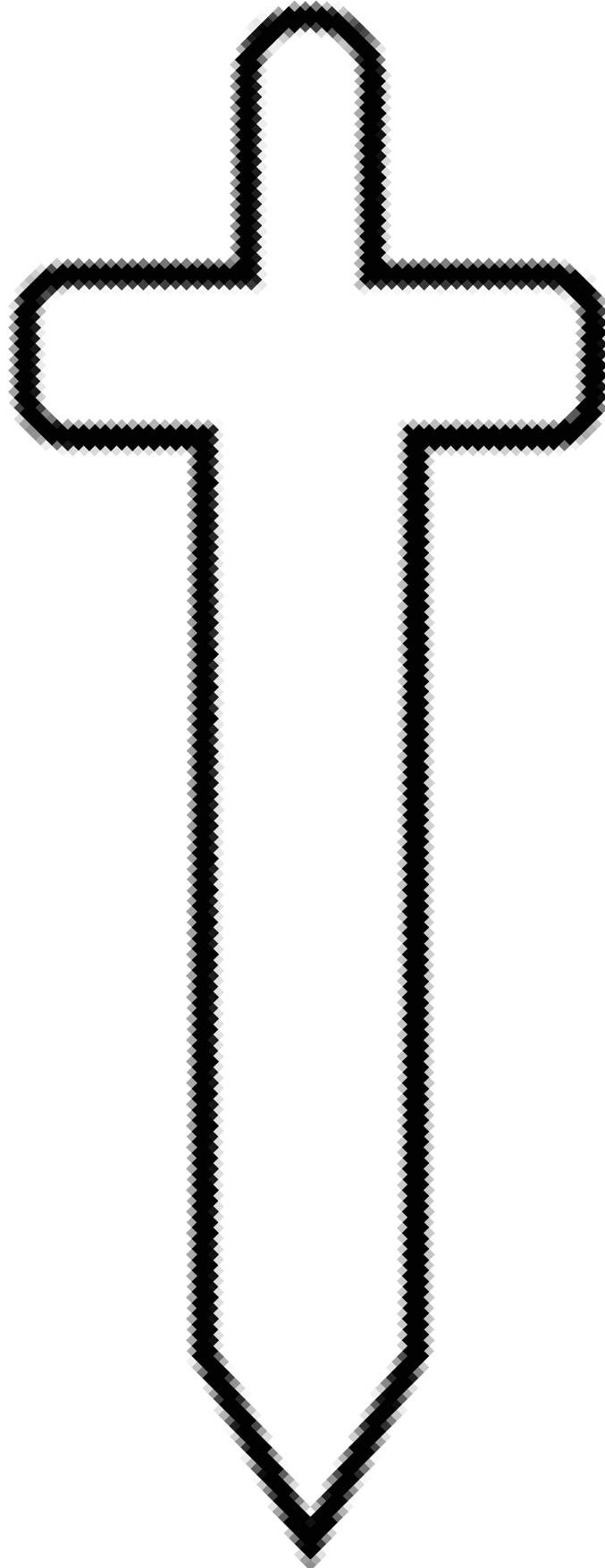
Judges 4:1-16



Craft

Deborah Sword

Print the sword on card and cut it out. Decorate it with kitchen foil, felt pens, stickers...whatever you can find.



Deborah Palm Tree

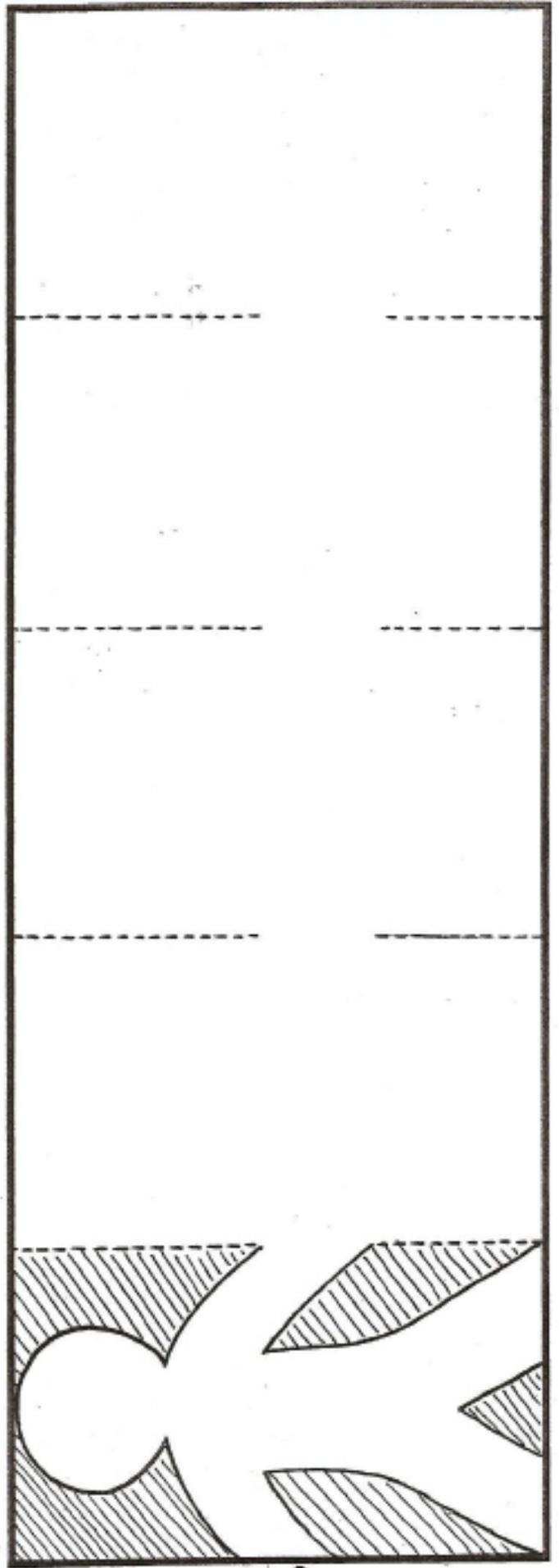
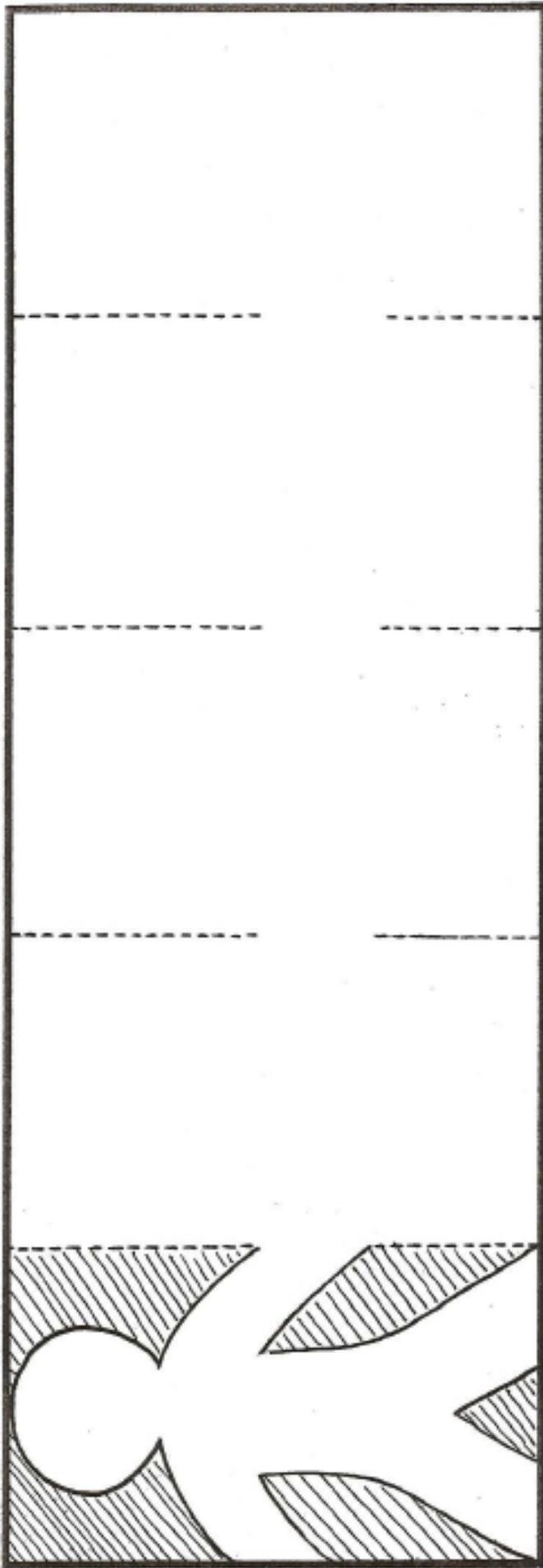
Find a kitchen roll tube (or toilet roll tube, or disposable cup). Draw lines around the palm tree like they are in the example.

Find some green paper, or colour white paper green. Cut out some leaf shapes and write the Bible verse on them. Attach them to the top of the tree but using sellotape or cutting slits in the tube as per the picture below. Colour and cut out Deborah and put her under the tree.



Questions

- Deborah was a judge. In Bible times a judge was a leader of the people who helped them when they had to make important decisions and settle arguments.
- What pickle was Deborah in?
- Can you remember what Barak asked Deborah to do?
- How did God rescue Deborah and/or Barak?
- Have you ever had to do something brave and you just needed someone to come with you and help you?
- If so, who went with you?
- We sometimes call that 'walking alongside' someone. They are going through a tough time and we're just being there for them when they need us. It's a really important thing to do.
- Pray for all the people you are supporting at the moment and that God would help you to do it.



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