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Lesson 1: Prayer
Daniel in the Lions' Den

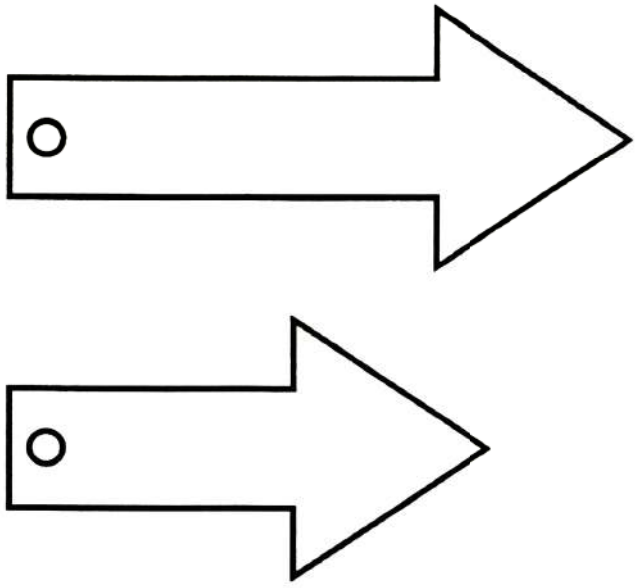
Long ago, there was a man named Daniel. He prayed to God three times a day. Daniel worked for a king named Darius. Darius liked Daniel very much. But, there were other men in the kingdom who did not like Daniel. These men went to King Darius and asked him to make a law that anyone who prayed to God should be thrown into a den of lions. King Darius made the law.

The men watched Daniel very closely. Daniel prayed to God as always, because he knew that God was not pleased with the new law. The men saw Daniel pray. They ran to the king and told him that Daniel had prayed to God. According to the law, he had to be thrown into the lions' den.

The king was sad. He did not want to throw Daniel into the lions' den, but he had no choice. His own law said that he had to. So, Daniel was put in the den with the lions.

The next morning, the king ran to the den. He called out to Daniel to see if he was alive. Sure enough, Daniel was alive. God had sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions so they could not eat Daniel. God had answered Daniel's prayers.

Memory Verse: Psalms 55:17 – Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.



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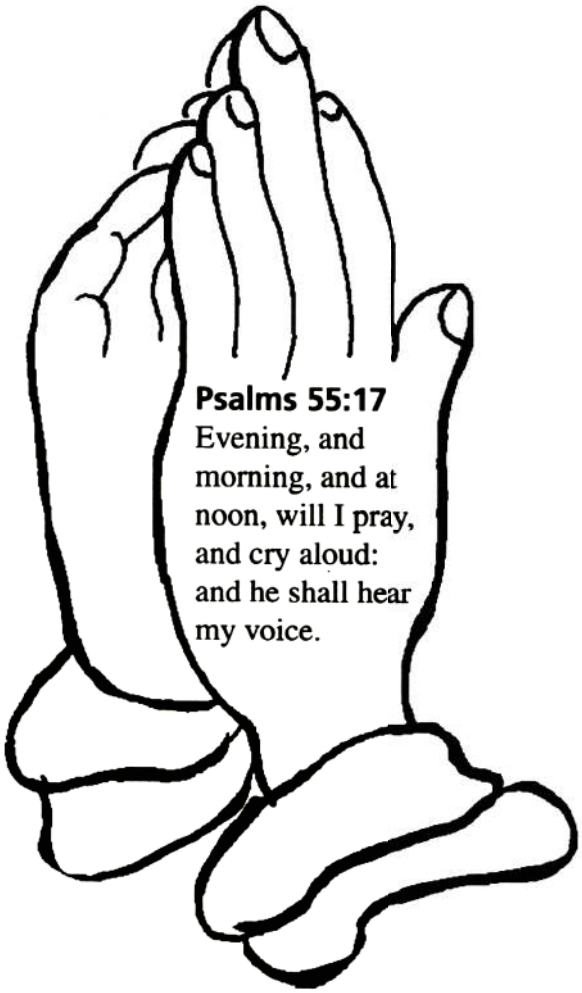


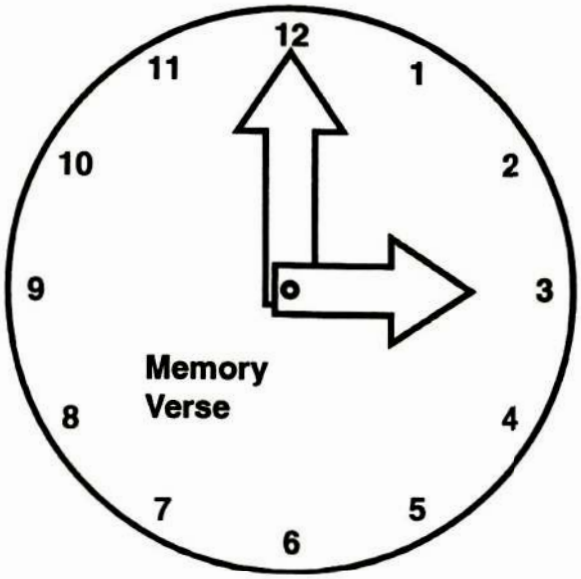
Prayer Clock

Materials Needed for Each Child:

- One Styrofoam plate
- Brass paper fastener
- Magic marker

To Make Prayer Clock

1. Using magic marker, write the memory verse and clock numbers on the Styrofoam plate.
2. Cut out clock hands from previous page.
3. Secure clock hands onto plate using a brass paper fastener.



Example of Prayer Clock

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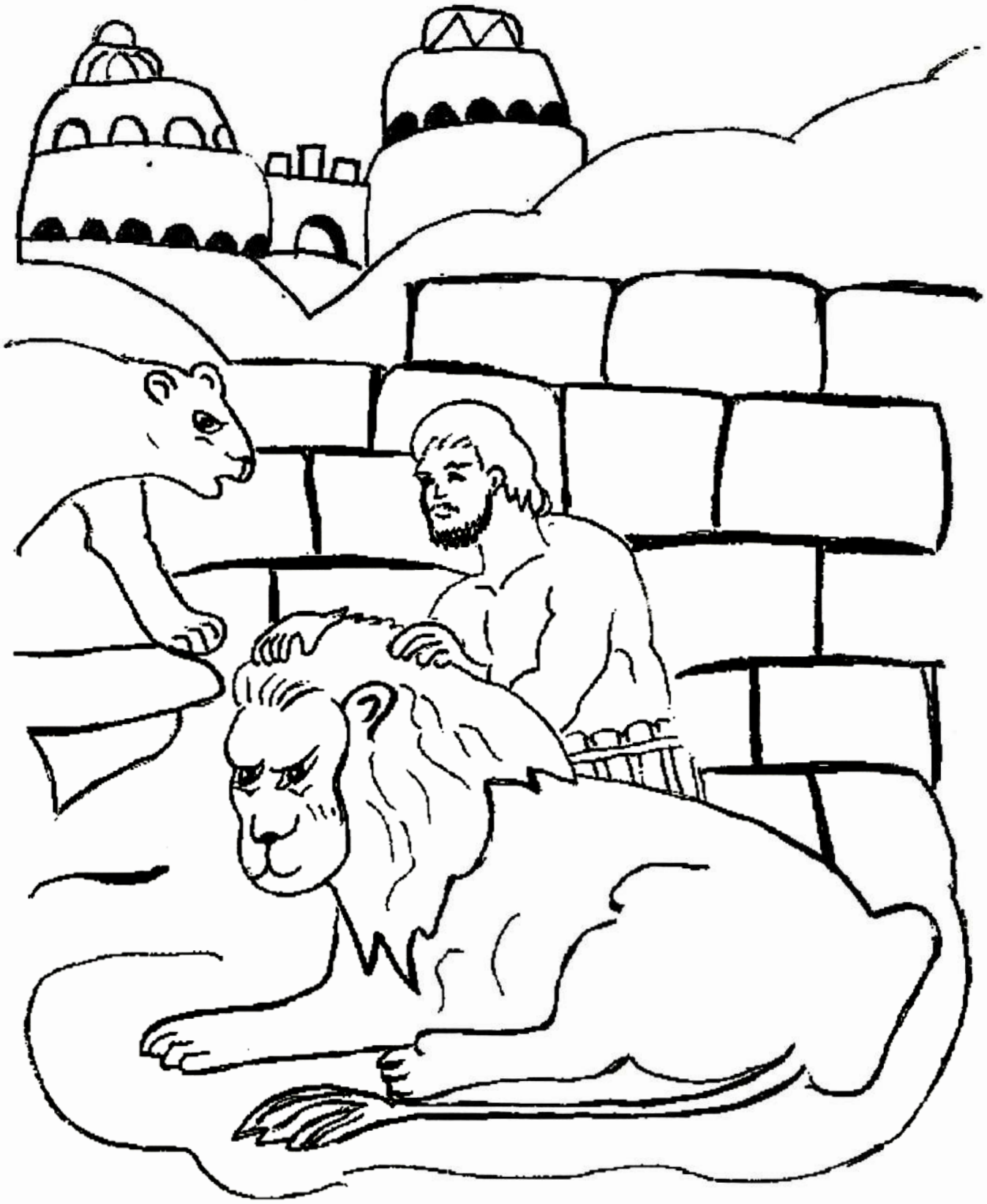

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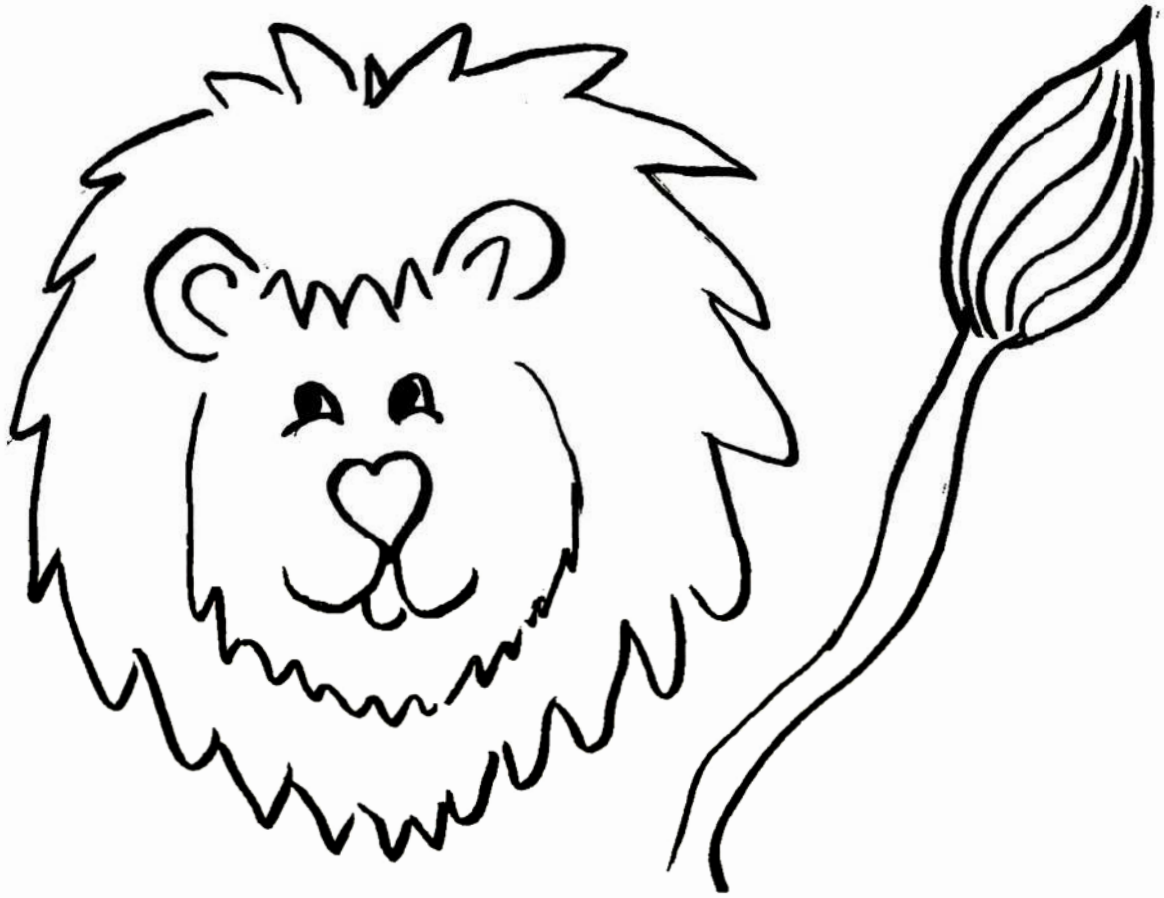

Example of Finished Hand Puppet

Create a Lion Hand Puppet

1. For lion's body, draw around child's closed hand onto poster board. Color lion's body and cut out.
2. Color and cut out lion's head and tail and glue to body.
3. Tape or glue lion to craft stick for hand puppet.

NOTE: You may wish to copy this page so you don't cut up the color page on opposite side.

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Lesson 2: Obedience
Jonah's Call

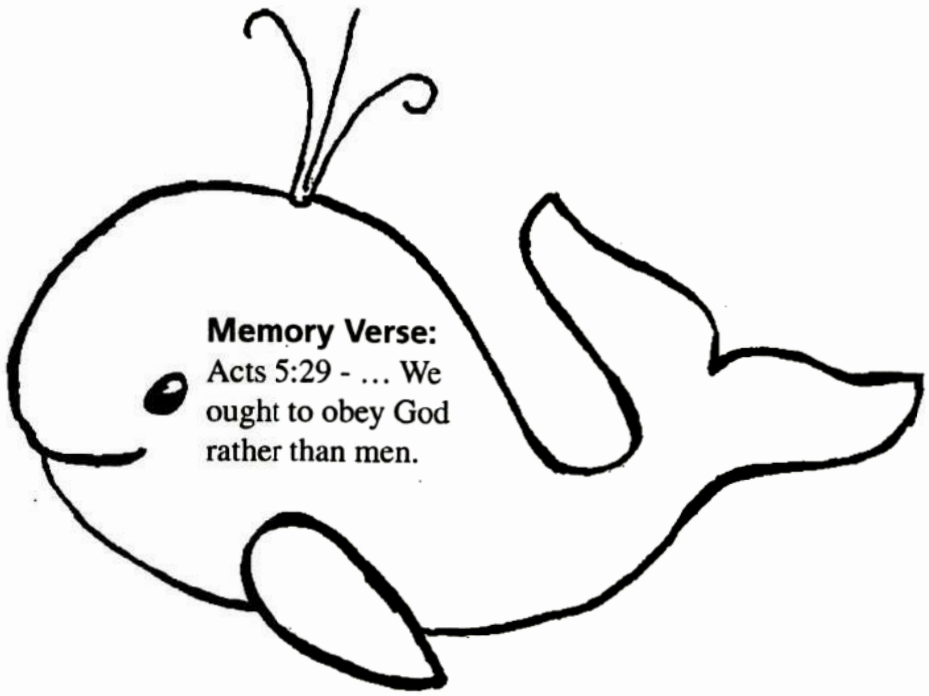
There once was a man named Jonah, who was a preacher. God told Jonah to go to a city called Nineveh to preach to the people who lived there. Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh, so he tried to run away. He got on a ship that was going to a city called Tarshish, instead of Nineveh.

God was very angry with Jonah for not going to Nineveh, so he sent a big storm to the part of the ocean where the ship was. All of the sailors were very afraid, but Jonah knew that the storm was a message from God. Jonah told the frightened sailors that if they threw him overboard, the storm would stop. So, the sailors threw Jonah out into the sea. God sent a big fish to the place where Jonah had been thrown, and the fish swallowed Jonah.

Jonah was in the fish's belly for three days and nights. During this time, he prayed to God and told God that he was very sorry for running away. He knew that he had not done what God wanted him to do, but now he was ready to go to Nineveh. The big fish then spit Jonah right out on dry land.

Jonah traveled for three days and arrived in Nineveh ready to preach the word of God to the people. The people listened to the words of Jonah and did the things that he instructed them to do according to what God told him.

Memory Verse: Acts 5:29 - … We ought to obey God rather than men.

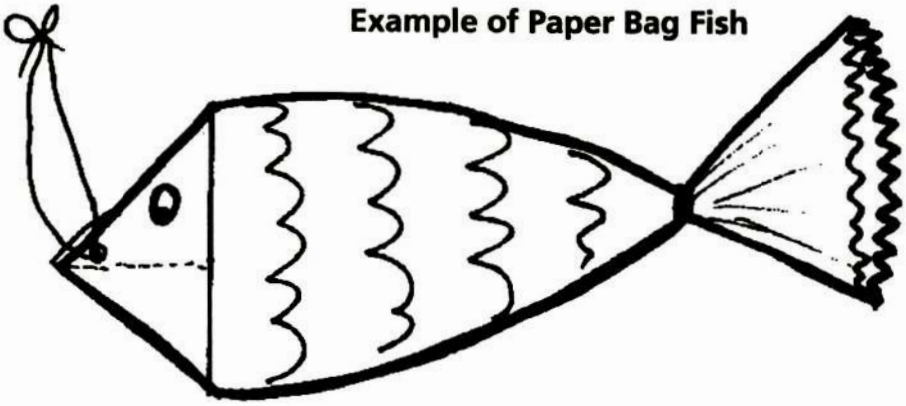


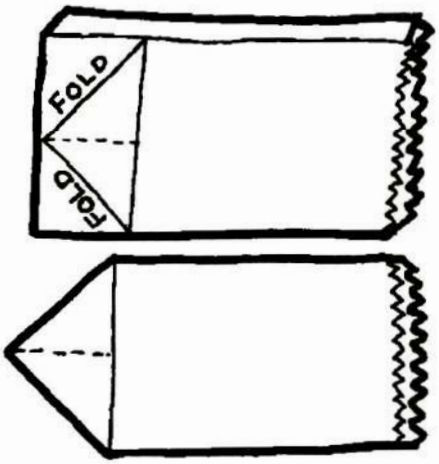
Paper Bag Fish

Materials Needed for Each Child:

- White lunch-sized paper bags
- Watercolor paints and brushes
- Marking pens
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Newspapers
- Rubber bands
- Hole punch
- Yarn or ribbon

Example of Paper Bag Fish





To Make Paper Bag Fish

1. Use paint, marking pens, or construction paper to decorate both sides of the bag to look like a fish.
2. To make the head of the fish, fold in both corners as shown.
3. Crumple newspapers and stuff the bag about half full. Close bag with rubber band and fluff out the tail.
4. Punch a hole in the top. Thread ribbon or yarn through hole to make a hanger.

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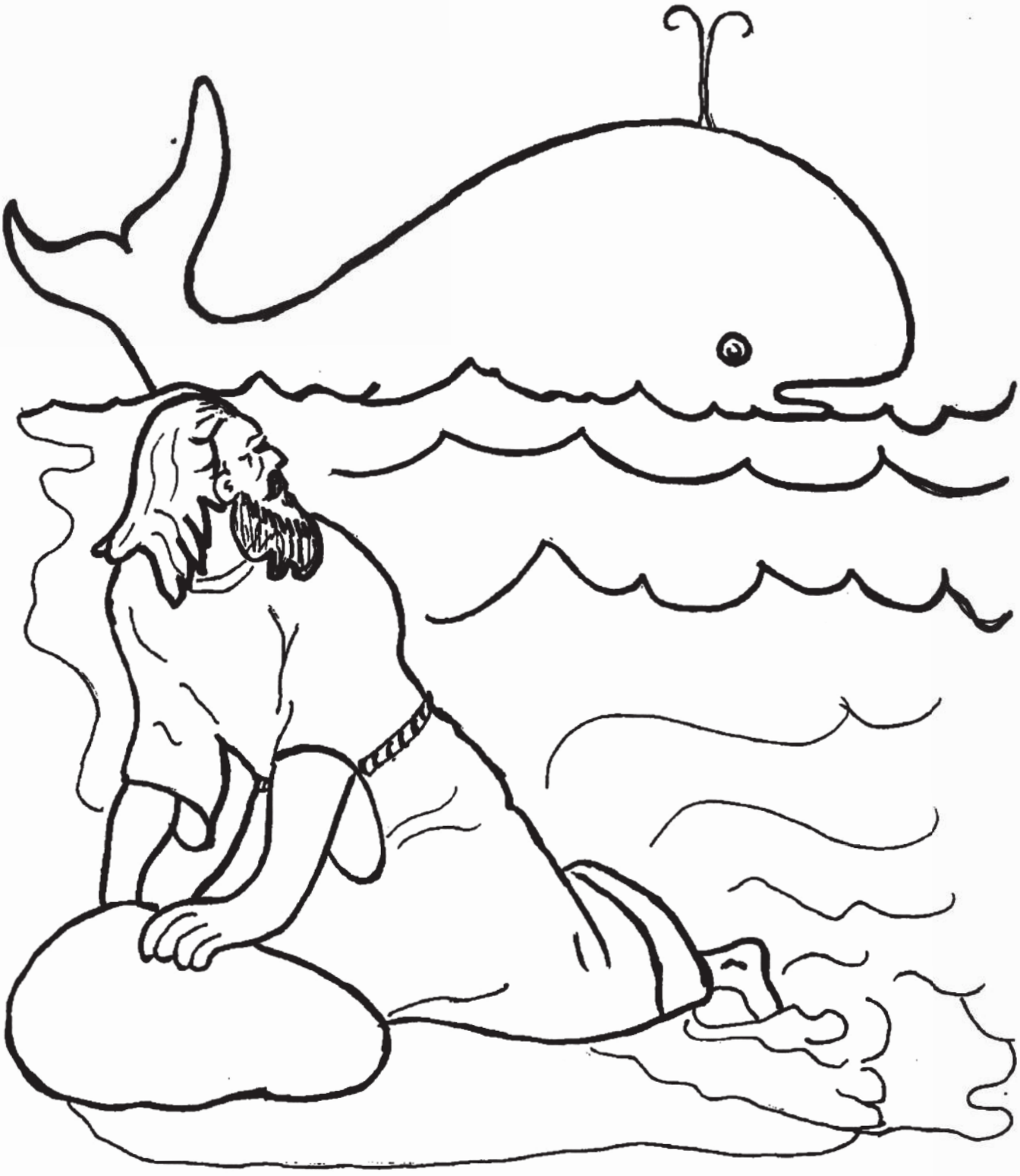

Jonah and the Great Fish

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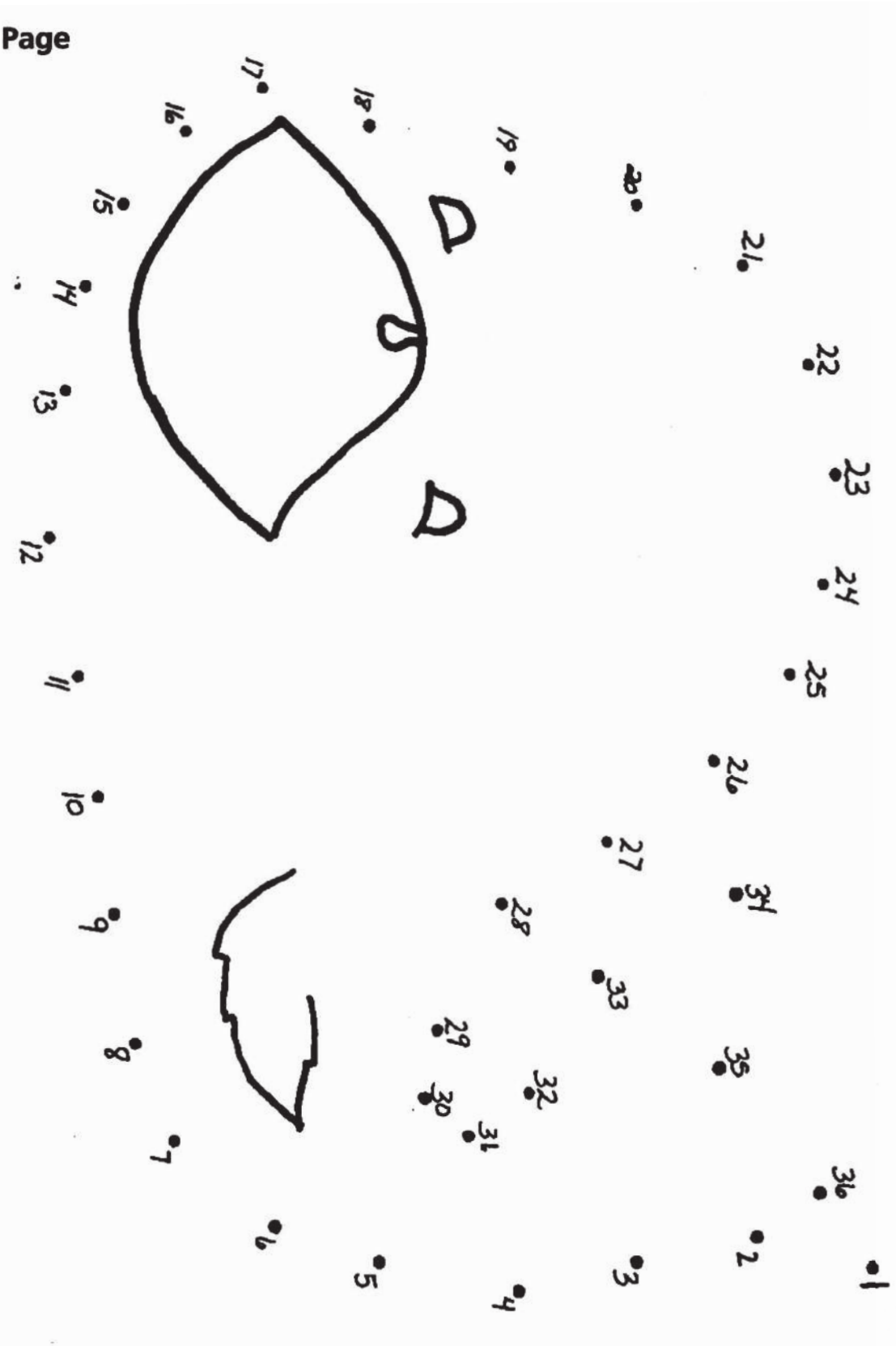

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Lesson 3: Faith
David and Goliath

After the death of Moses, the Israelites had many good years. Later, they began doing sinful things as they had done in Egypt. They became slaves of people called Philistines, and this continued for many years. The Philistines and Israelites hated each other. In the Philistine army, there was a giant named Goliath. The Israelites wanted to fight him, but they were afraid of him.

One day David, the youngest son of Jesse, was watching his father's sheep. His father told him to take food to the battlefield. As David was standing there, Goliath came up to David and asked, "Is there still no one to fight me?" Most of the men ran because they were so afraid. There was only one boy left who was brave enough to fight Goliath. Can you guess who that was? It was David. David was brave enough. He knew the Lord had helped him many times. David would fight Goliath.

King Saul gave David a helmet and a sword, but David said, "No," and took them off. He took his staff in his hand and chose five small stones from a brook and put them in his shepherd's bag. He went near Goliath with his slingshot in his hand.

Goliath said, "Come fight me!"

David replied, "You come to me with a shield, sword and spear, but I come in the name of the Lord our God. This day will I deliver thee into mine hand that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Everyone will know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear. The battle is the Lord's, and he will deliver thee into our hands."

Memory Verse: Romans 1:17 - ... the just shall live by faith.

David ran toward Goliath. He put his hand in his bag and took a stone. He then placed it in his slingshot and hurled it at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead, and Goliath fell to the ground.

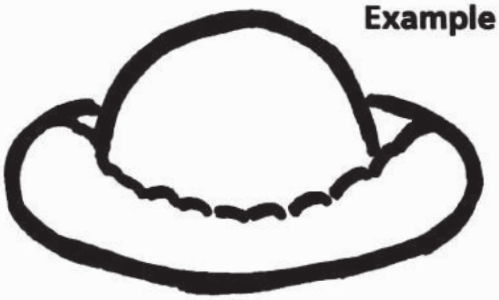
David did kill the giant without fighting with a sword. He had faith that the Lord would stand with him and help him. We should always have faith that the Lord is with us in everything we do. We should remember to pray and ask the Lord to help us with everything we need.

Paper Hat

Materials Needed for Each Child:

- 1 full sheet of newspaper
- Masking tape
- Paints and paint brushes

Example of Paper Hat



To Make Paper Hat

1. Take one full sheet of newspaper (approx. 15" x 22") and mold it over the child's head.
2. Put masking tape around the circumference of the child's head at brim level.
3. Begin to roll the edges of the paper upward toward the tape to make a brim.
4. Put tape around the brim to tighten.
5. Allow child to paint the hat.

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David and Goliath

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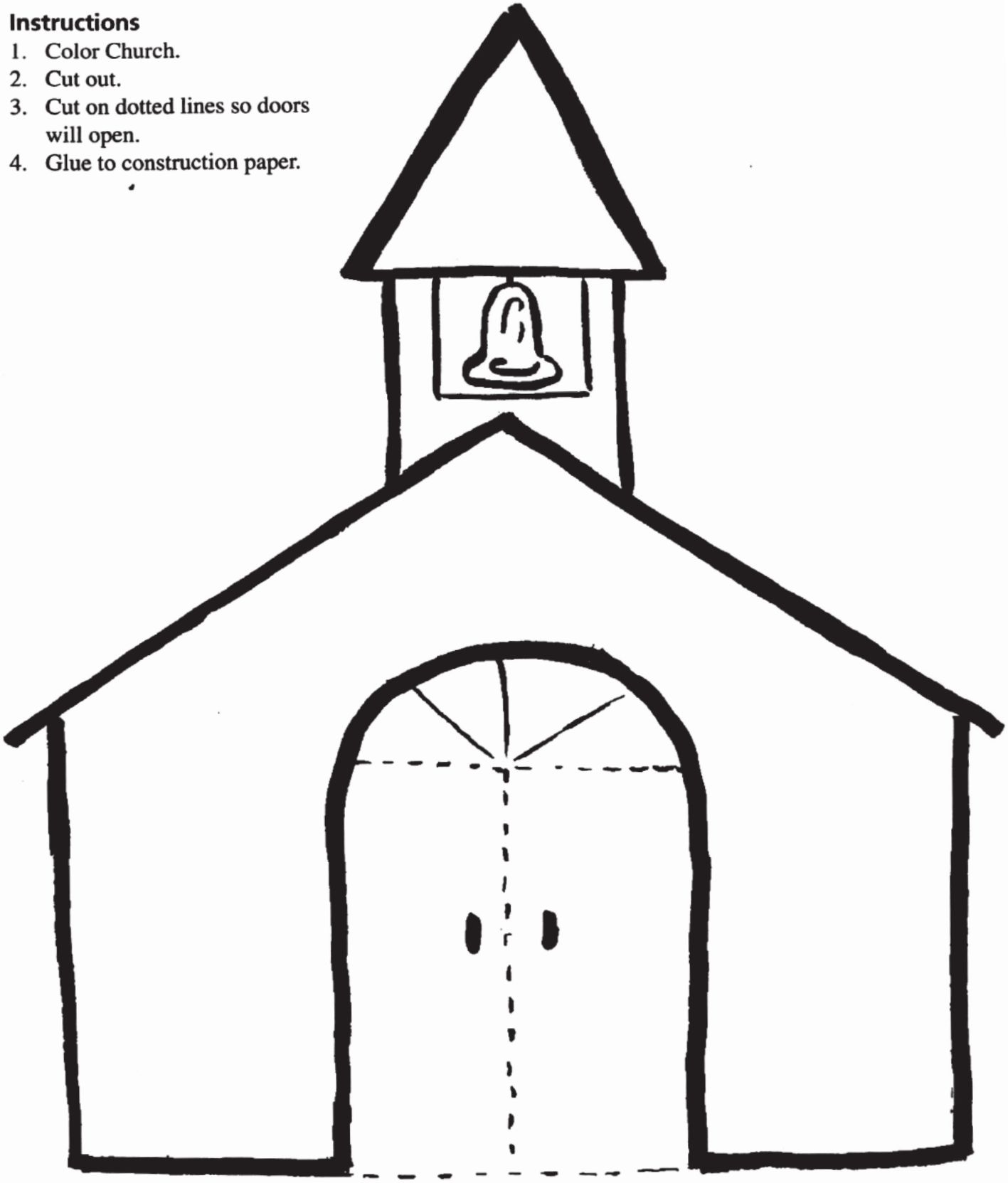
Instructions

1. Color Church.
2. Cut out.
3. Cut on dotted lines so doors will open.
4. Glue to construction paper.



Lesson 4: Sacrifice
Jesus is the Love of God

Jesus is God's son who was sent into the world as a little baby many years ago. The baby's mother was a virgin named Mary who lived in Nazareth of Galilee.

An angel from heaven came to tell Mary she was chosen from among all women to be the mother of Jesus. Mary must have pleased God through her love and devotion to have found such grace with God.

The angel also told Mary what to name this special baby and how he would be the most important person to ever live in the whole world.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah just as the prophets of the Old Testament had said. This holy birth was announced by angels to shepherds on the nearby hillsides and was celebrated by all people who had been looking forward to a savior.

Jesus loved everybody and did many wonderful things for people during his lifetime. He fed people who were hungry, healed people who were sick, and even made blind people to see. Jesus was kind to poor people and was a friend to all, even those who did wrong and unkind things.

Jesus showed his love for everyone (which includes each of us) when he died on the cross. Jesus loves us every day of our life and is our best friend. He is understanding and forgives us when we do wrong things, if we will tell Him we are sorry and ask for forgiveness.

Jesus wants us to be a good friend to others by forgiving them when they may hurt our feelings or make us angry. We cannot be happy if we do not forgive others.

We can be a real friend to Jesus by loving him and always trying to do the right thing. We can learn of God's love for us by going to church and listening to our teachers and the preacher. We will later learn and understand God's plan of salvation. LOVE IS THE REASON JESUS CAME TO EARTH AND HE LOVES EACH ONE OF US!

Memory Verse: Matthew 22:37 - ... thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart..

Paper Heart

Materials Needed for Each Child:

- Construction paper
- Hole punch
- Hole reinforcements
- Tape
- Yarn
- Newspapers
- Photograph of child (optional)

Example of Paper Heart

To Make Paper Heart

1. Cut two 8 x 10 hearts out of construction paper.
2. Print "Jesus Loves (child's name)" on one of the hearts. This will be used as the front of the heart.
3. Align both hearts together and using hole punch, punch holes along edge as shown in illustration above.
4. Place hole reinforcements on each hole of both hearts. Make sure you put the reinforcements on the side of each heart that will face inward so they will not be visible when heart is completed.
5. Cut a piece of yarn long enough to sew the entire heart together. Place a piece of tape around the end of the yarn, tapering the tape to create a pointed end. This will help the child to insert the yarn into the punched holes.
6. Starting at the top, let each child sew 3/4 of the way around their heart.
7. Using crumpled newspaper, stuff the heart. Do not over stuff.
8. Let each child finish sewing their heart.
9. Using yarn, add a bow at the top of heart.
10. You can add a photograph of the child to their heart if desired.

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Jesus with Little Children

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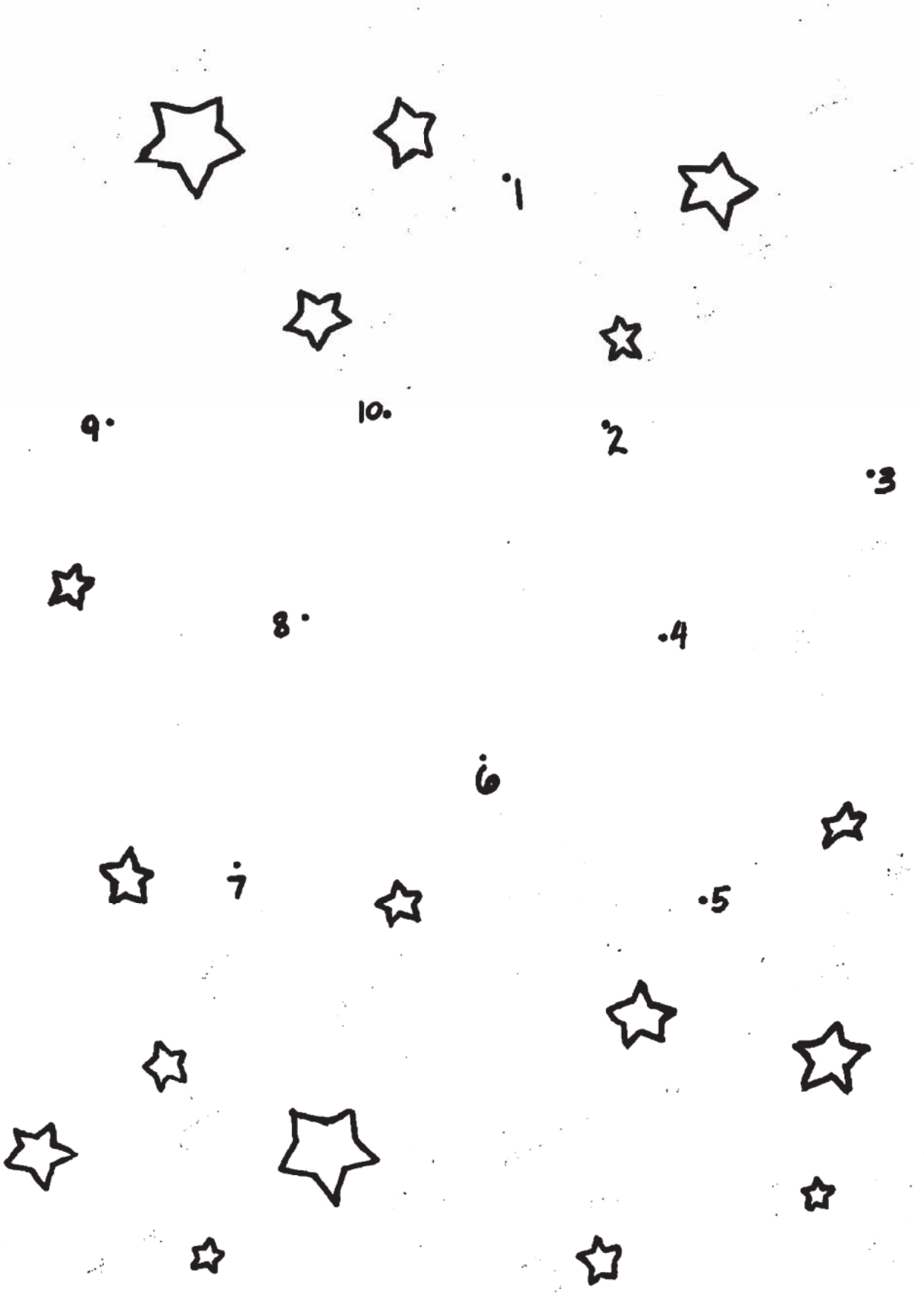

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Lesson 5: Commitment
Noah: The Servant of God

The book of Genesis in the Bible tells us of a man named Noah who was a good and God-fearing man. Noah walked with God and tried to do all the things that God wanted him to do.

At the time when Noah lived there were many people who were evil. They did not love God or try to be kind or considerate of others. These people had evil in their hearts and did all kinds of mean and wrong things. These evil deeds made God very sad. God was so saddened that he decided to stop all wrongdoing and violence by sending a great rain to flood all the earth.

God knew Noah loved Him and tried to do good deeds. God wanted Noah and his family to be safe from the great flood which would cover the earth. So God told Noah to build a very large boat called an ark. This boat would be big enough to hold Noah's family and two of every animal and fowl of the earth.

God's plans for building such a large boat were followed carefully by Noah. Noah made sure he did everything just as God wanted. He believed God would send the great flood. He also believed that God would keep him and his family safe.

At last, the ark was completed. Noah, his wife, and family went inside along with all the animals. There they were safe from the flood. God shut the door of the ark when all were inside. Then God caused the rain to begin. The rain continued for forty days and forty nights. The rising waters soon covered all the earth.

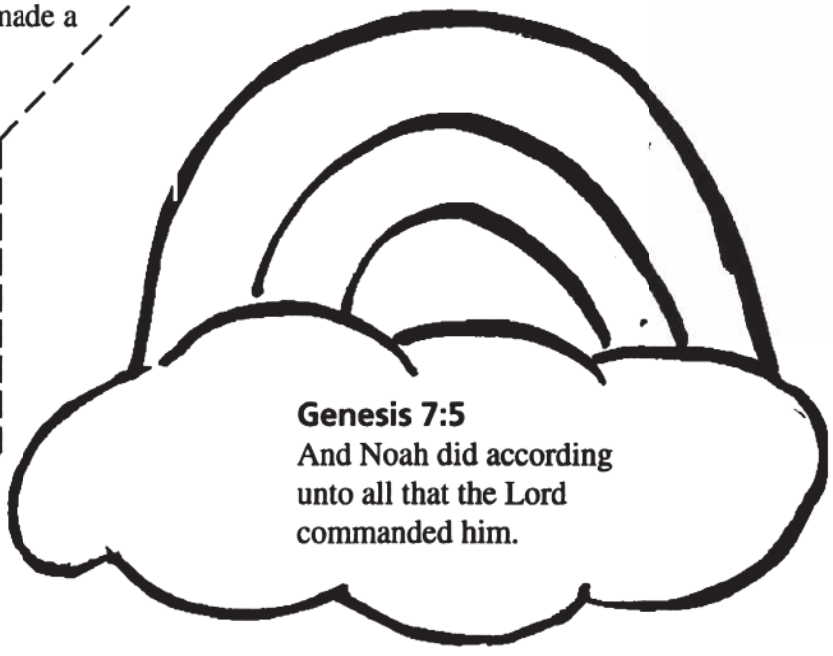
Noah and all that were in the ark were safe and dry just as God had said. Noah and his family stayed inside the ark for almost a year. When God was ready for Noah and all who were in the ark to leave their safe place, he caused the water to go away. Dry land again appeared upon the earth.

Noah was thankful to God for keeping him and his family safe in the ark. He built an altar for praise and worship on the dry land.

Memory Verse: Genesis 7:5 - And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.

God was pleased with Noah and made a promise called a covenant with Noah. God promised that He would never again cause such a flood to cover all the earth.

As a reminder of that promise to Noah, God set a rainbow in the sky. God wants each of us to remember His covenant with Noah when we see a beautiful rainbow.



Decorated Pillowcase

Materials Needed for Each Child:

- Paper and pencil
- Crayons
- A white or light-colored pillowcase
- Newspapers
- Paper towels
- Fabric marking pens or fabric paint (optional)

Example of Decorated Pillowcase

To Make Decorated Pillowcase

1. Draw your design on paper, then color in the design. This will be a pattern for you to go by. You can enlarge the coloring page "Noah and the Ark" and use this as your pattern.
2. Place several layers of newspaper inside the pillowcase.
3. Color your design on the pillowcase using crayons.
4. Put a single layer of paper towels over the design and iron until all the wax melts out into the paper towel.

The decorated pillowcase should be washed gently in warm water.

Note: Another option is to use fabric marking pens or fabric paint instead of crayons.

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Noah and the Ark

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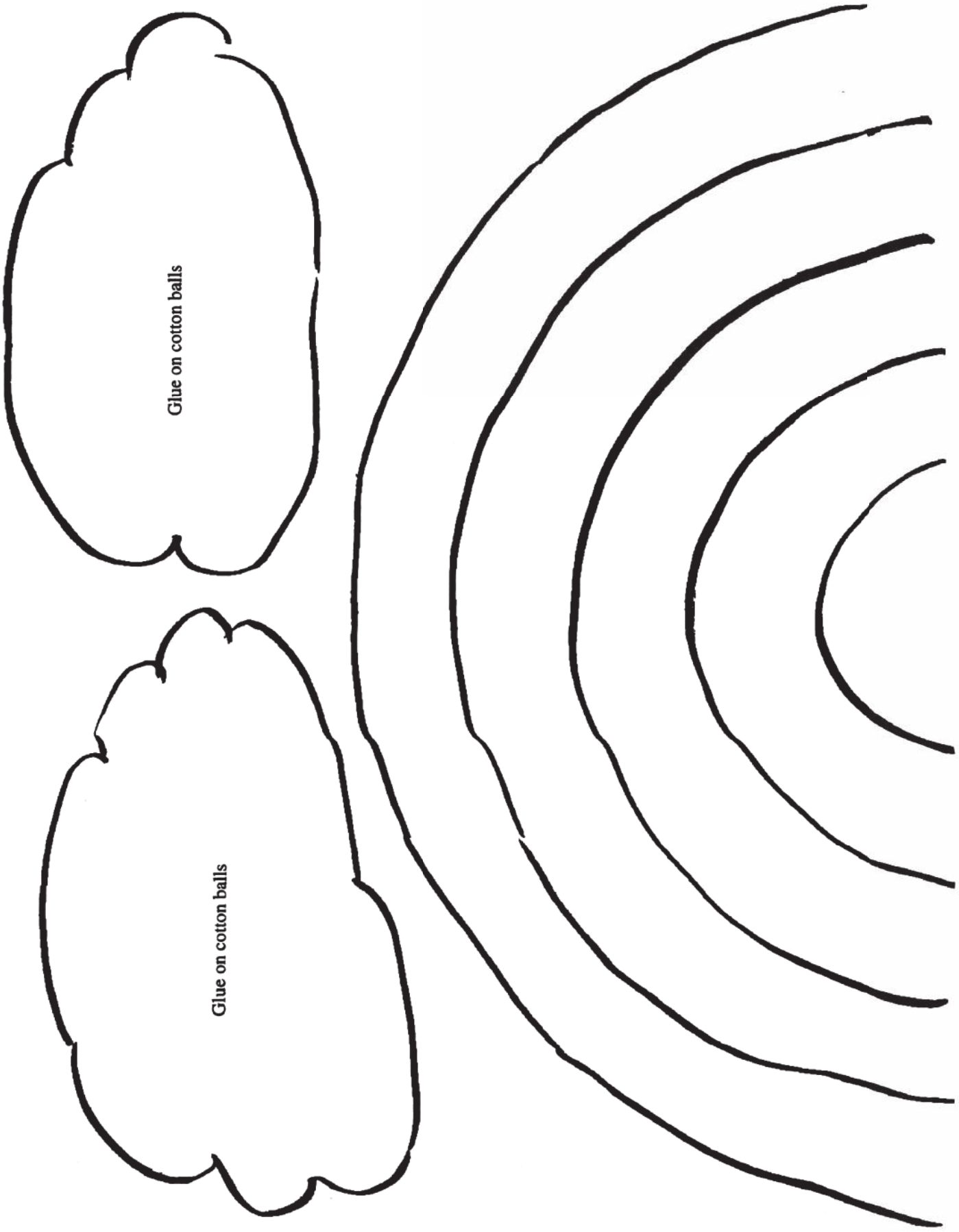

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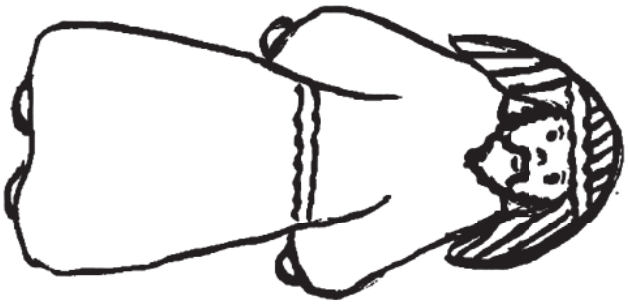
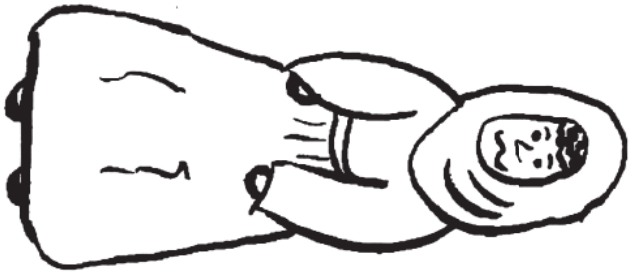
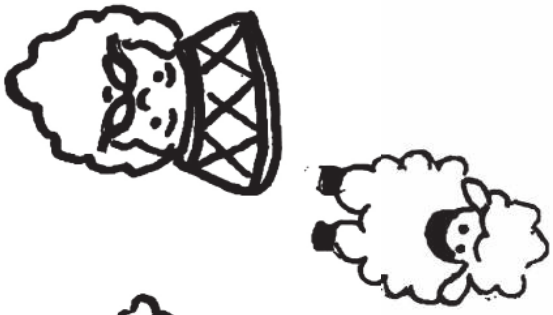
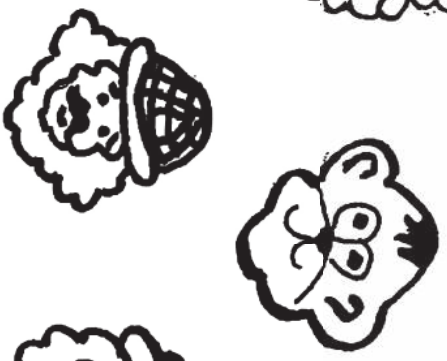
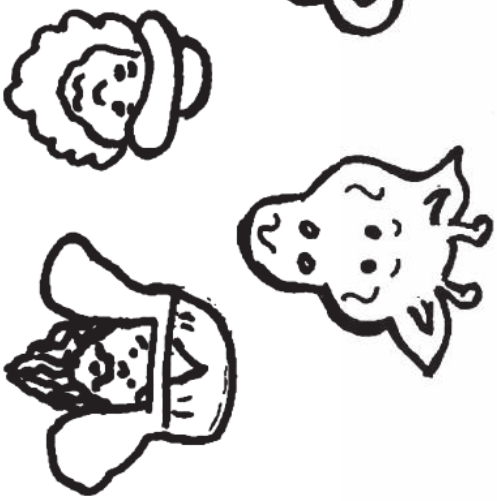










Extra figures to be used for finger puppets, felt boards, figures on pillow case, etc.

Special Teacher's Section

Daily Supplies Needed

Day 1

- Scissors
- Brass Paper Fasteners
- Styrofoam Plates
- Magic Markers
- Crayons
- Craft Sticks
- Glue

Day 2

- Scissors
- White Lunch-Sized Paper Bags
- Watercolor Paints and Brushes
- Marking Pens
- Construction Paper
- Glue
- Crayons
- Newspapers
- Rubber Bands
- Hole Punch
- Yarn or Ribbon

Day 3

- Scissors
- Newspapers
- Masking tape
- Paints and paint brushes
- Crayons
- Construction Paper
- Glue

Day 4

- Scissors
- Construction Paper
- Hole Punch
- Hole Reinforcements
- Tape
- Yarn
- Newspapers
- Magic Markers
- Photograph of Child (optional)
- Crayons
- Metallic Stars for Star Picture

Day 5

- Scissors
- Paper and Pencil
- Crayons
- A White or Light-Colored Pillowcase
- Newspapers
- Paper Towels
- Fabric Marking Pens or Fabric Paint (optional)

Additional Needs

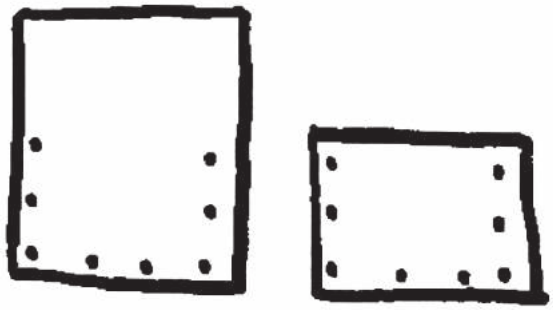
- Paste
- Glue Sticks
- Small Bowls
- Rubber Stamps
- Wipes
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Bubbles
- Play Dough
- Cookie Cutters

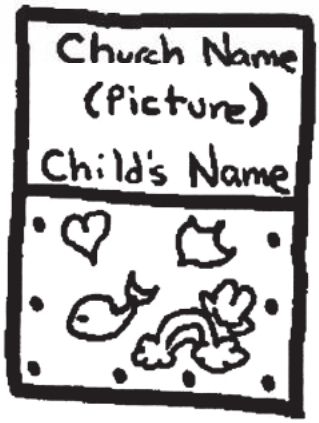
Wall Pockets

Make a wall pocket to hold each child's color sheet and projects for the week.

Materials Needed:

- Posterboard
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Magic Marke
- Photo of each child (optional)





Example of Wall Pocket

To Make Wall Pocket

1. Cut two pieces of poster board. One piece should be 12" x 15", the other piece should be 9" x 12".
2. Align two pieces of poster board together. Make sure bottom edges of both pieces are even.
3. Punch holes along left and right sides and bottom of pocket section of both pieces of poster board (see illustration above).
4. Lace both sections together with yarn.
5. Using magic marker, print the church name and child's name. Glue a photo of the child to the top of folder if desired.
6. Let each child paste memory verse shapes (from first page of each lesson) to bottom part of pocket as they learn the verse each day.

Additional Activities

(Child's Name) Loves the Lord

Materials Needed:

- Different colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Magic Marker or Pen

1. Fold a piece of construction paper in half to form a card.
2. Place your hand, with finger slightly opened, onto the card. Make sure your little finger is next to the fold.
3. Draw the outline of your hand.
4. Cut out the hand shape.
5. Draw heart patterns on two separate pieces of construction paper. Make sure and use different colored construction paper. Also make sure one heart is a little larger than the other.
6. On smaller heart, write child's name at top and under name print "Loves the Lord" (see illustration below).
7. Place smaller heart on top of larger heart. Fold hearts in half vertically.
8. Glue smaller heart onto larger heart.
9. Glue combined hearts to the inside fold line of hands.

Soap Dish Keep Sake

Materials Needed:

- Acrylic paint
- 1" paint brush
- Knife
- Rolling pin
- Small objects to press into palm
- Clay (that will air dry – can be purchased at an art or hobby shop)

1. Roll out clay 1/4" thick.
2. Trace the child's hand on the clay. Remove child's hand and cut out hand shape with a knife.
3. Draw a design or press an object into the palm area. If pressing an object, remove the object after pressed.
4. Bend and shape the clay, curving the edges up to make a dish-like effect. You can prop the sides and ends of the dish so the edges that are curved up stay so until dried.
5. Allow to dry completely.
6. Paint the dish with two or more coats of acrylic paint to water-proof it. You can paint the palm design a different color if desired. Add the child's name and date.