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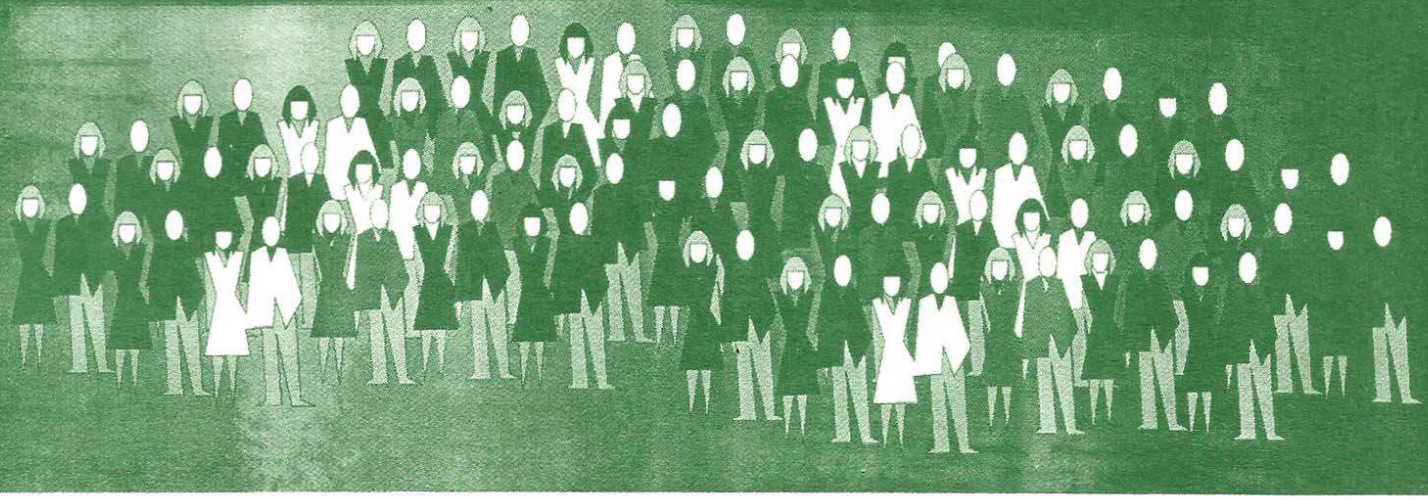

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TEACHER'S IDEAS

Note To Teachers

This book was designed for the 0 to 6 age group. We have included activities that can be modified for the diverse levels of skill in this age grouping.

There are several pages in the book that will need to be copied before use. The following is a list of these pages:

Page 12 - robe and coins

Page 14 - doorknob hanger

Page 15 - puppet faces

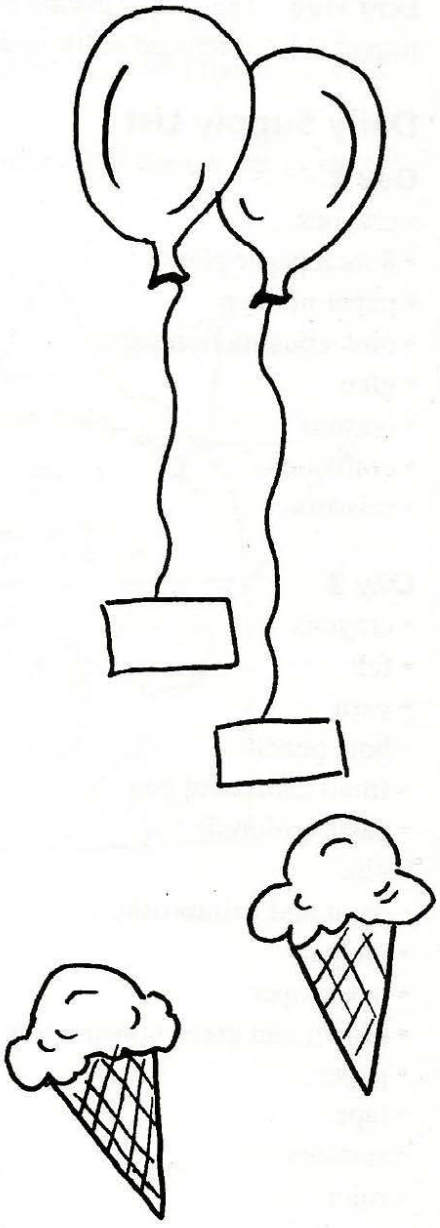
Page 20 - aquarium shapes

Page 25 - mobile shapes

Page 26 - mobile shapes continued

Page 27 - diorama shapes

The following are suggestions for the opening and closing of your Vacation Bible School. These are some things that we and others have done successfully in the past. We just wanted to pass the ideas on to you.



VBS Kick Off

Helium balloon launch - Have each child attach a piece of paper to a string and tie it to the balloon. Included on the paper can be the name of the child, the name of the church, the child's address or the address of the church, and a memory verse. The paper can be a shape such as the memory verse shapes in this book.

VBS Closing

Displays - Have the children help to create a display of their crafts and wall pockets in the classroom. Invite the families to come and view the classroom displays.

Ice Cream Supper

Finger Food Meal

Skits - Each class can put on a short play or skit about one or more of their lessons.

Questions and songs - Each class can get up in front of the other classes and parents and answer questions about the lessons from the teacher or sing songs related to VBS or the lessons.

Daily Supplies

We have listed the supplies that we feel you will need for each lesson. Also, we felt that we needed to give a few options or suggestions for each day.

Day One - With this being the first day, there is more to do than just the lesson. The wall pocket is an extra activity that will take some time. Plus, you may even wish to make a picture of each child to personalize his/her wall pocket.

Day Two - You may wish to make coins or purchase plastic or candy coins to go in the purse/ treasure chest. The chest idea was included for the smaller children.

Day Three - We included the happy/sad puppets with this lesson, but you may wish to use them to ask questions for any lesson.

Day Four - We included the pattern for the mobile to be done on a plastic plate sun, but a coat hanger can also be used. Also, we suggested using neon colors for the aquarium shapes because we felt that the items would show through the blue cellophane better.

Day Five - The prayer pocket can be used as a holder for reminders of people or things that need prayer. Also, included at the end of lesson five are some of the pattern pages for other lessons.

Daily Supply List

Day 1

- crayons
- 8 inch paper plate
- paper nut cup
- pink construction paper
- glue
- buttons
- craft sticks
- scissors

Day 2

- crayons
- felt
- yarn
- hole punch
- small cardboard box
- pasta (colored)
- glue
- paint and paintbrushes
- pie pan
- newspaper
- brown and green construction
- paper
- tape
- scissors
- ruler

Day 3

- fun foam
- pom-poms
- wiggly eyes
- crayons
- craft sticks

Day 4

- crayons
- scissors
- fun foam
- yarn
- glue
- paper plates
- blue cellophane
- tape
- markers (neon)
- neon paper
- string

Day 5

- construction paper
- stapler
- scissors
- ruler
- fast food sandwich box
- glue
- tape
- marker
- file folder

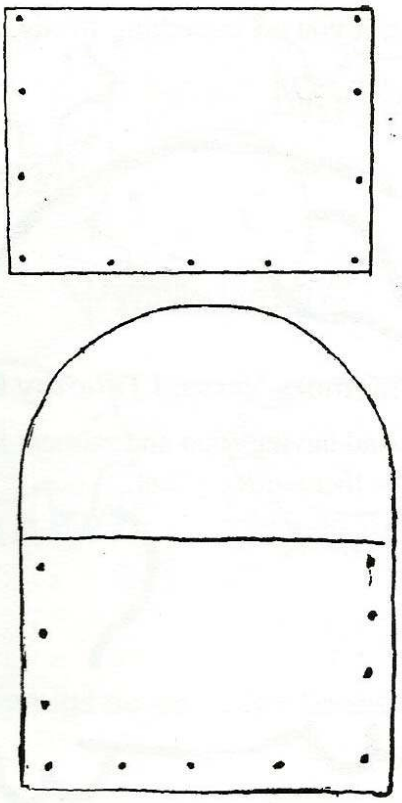
Sun Wall Pocket

Make a wall pocket for each child to hold color sheets and other projects. As the children learn the memory verse for each day, let them glue the memory verse shape on the bottom of the pocket.

Materials needed:

- Poster board (yellow if available)
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Marker
- Glue

1. Cut poster board 9 x 12 inch and 12 x 15 inch. Round the top of the larger piece. Use scrap pieces to cut points for sun and glue to the back of the rounded portion.
2. Align the two pieces making sure bottom edges are even.
3. Punch evenly spaced holes down sides and across bottom. Lace together with yarn.
4. Print name of child and church on top. Glue photo of child if desired. Also, the theme of VBS may be printed here.
5. Each day cut out the memory verse shape and glue it to the bottom half of the pocket as shown



LESSON 1 – SEARCHING FOR SATISFACTION

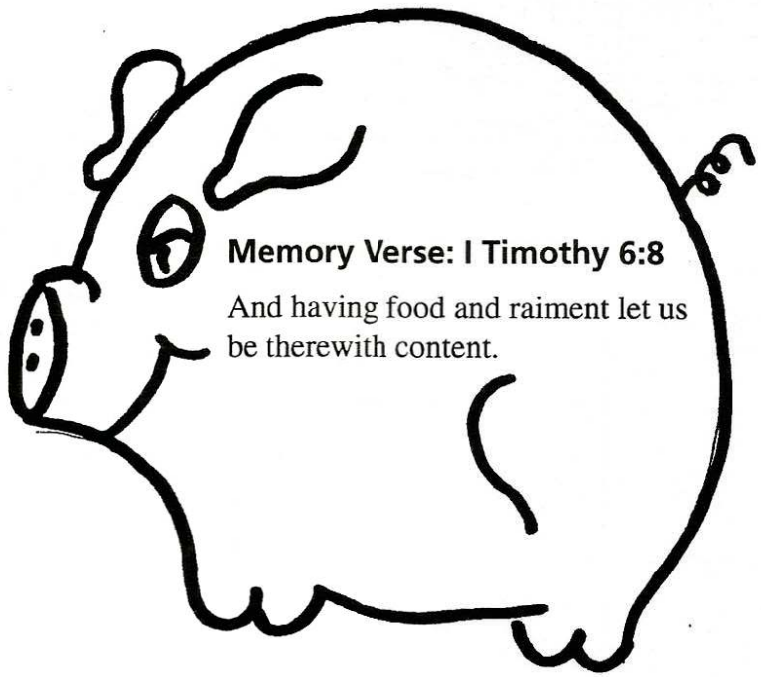
Do you know your Father in heaven loves you? He loves you all the time. He loves you when you are good or when you are bad. He loves you when you are rich or when you are poor.

In the Bible, Jesus uses an example to explain this to us. These examples are called parables. Many times in the Bible, Jesus uses parables to help us better understand his word. Jesus used the story of the Prodigal Son, in the Bible to teach us.

There was a man who had two sons. The youngest son said to his father, "Give me my share of your money." His father divided the money between his two sons. The youngest son took all his money and went to a far away country. He thought he was rich. He wasted every penny he had. He became very hungry, but had no money to buy a single crumb of bread.

He met a man from another country and that man hired him to work. He sent this boy to the field to feed the pigs. Even though there was plenty for the pigs to eat, no one would give him anything to eat. He began thinking of what an awful life he was living. All he ever did was work with the pigs. He fed the pigs and lived with the pigs. All he ever did was with the pigs. He remembered how good his life was with his father. He always had a nice home with plenty of food and warm clothes. He was so sorry he had left his father's home. He missed his father very much. He decided he would go home. He said to his father, "I have sinned before God and before you. You shouldn't even call me your son. Can I come home and work as a servant?" His father had great love for him. His father hugged him. He told him he forgave him for living sinfully and wasting all his money.

Do you know that your Father in heaven will always forgive you just as this father forgave his son who went astray? Always try to do what is right. Remember, if you do something wrong, ask God to forgive you.



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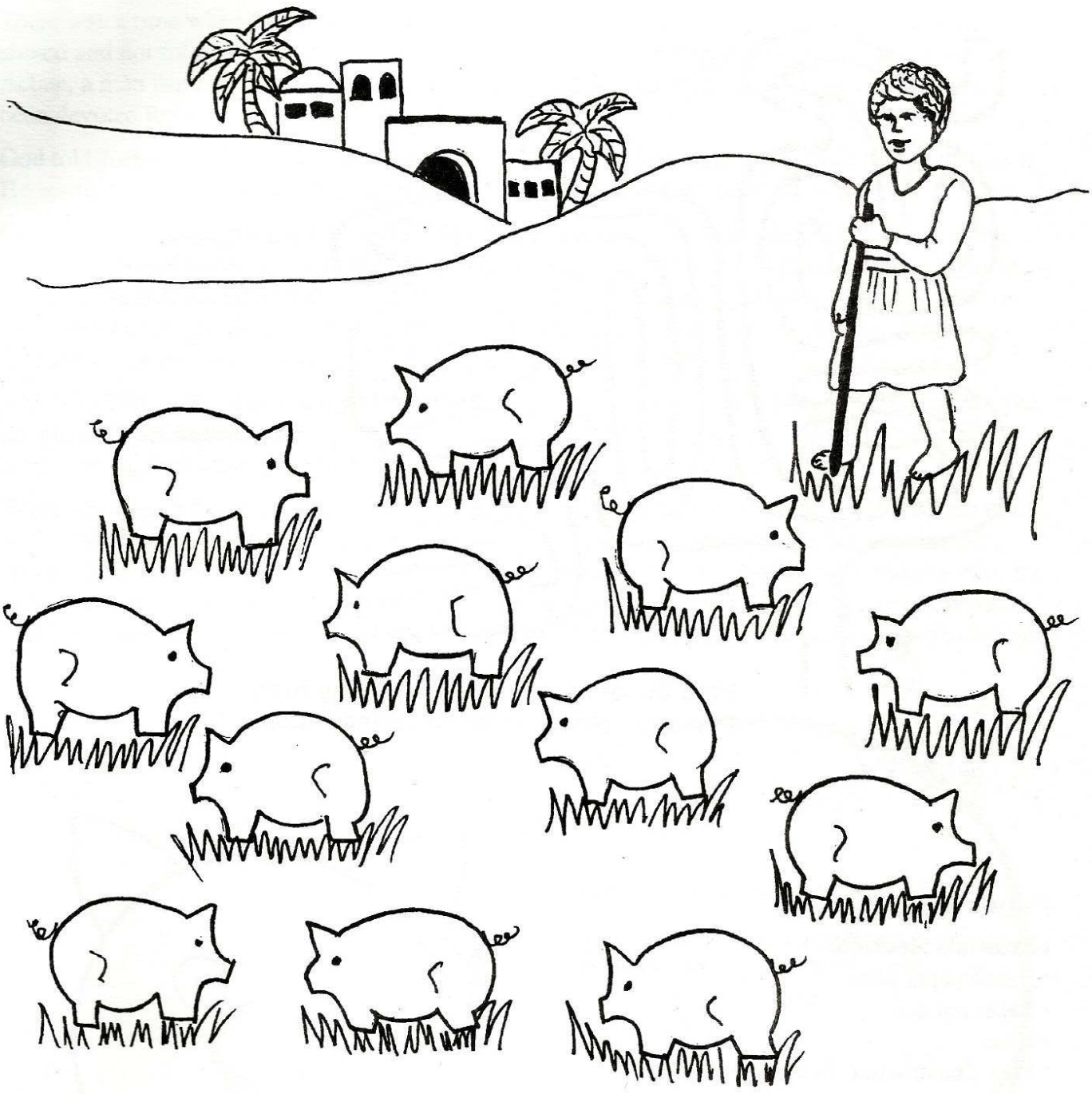
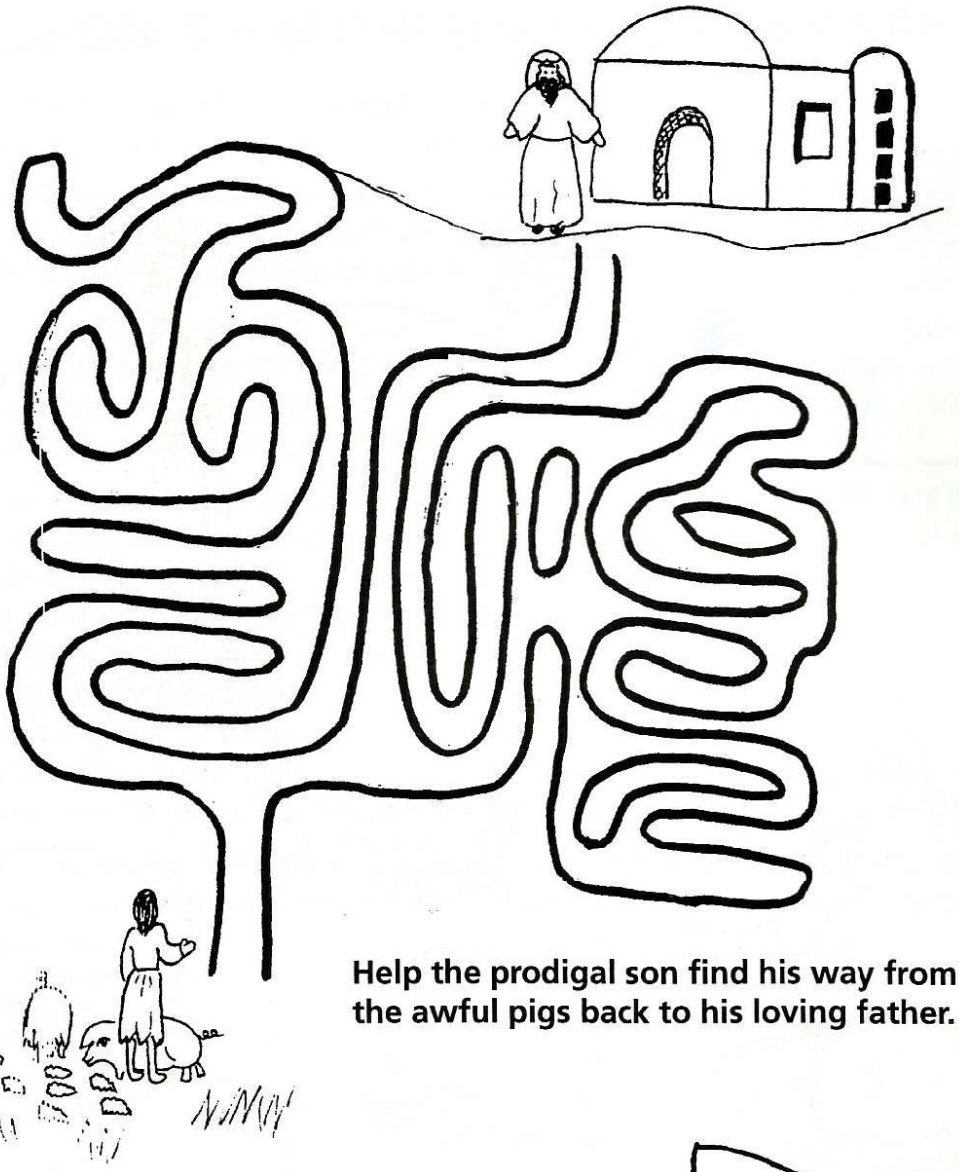


How many pigs do you see? Count them; count them; one, two, three.



Help the prodigal son find his way from the awful pigs back to his loving father.

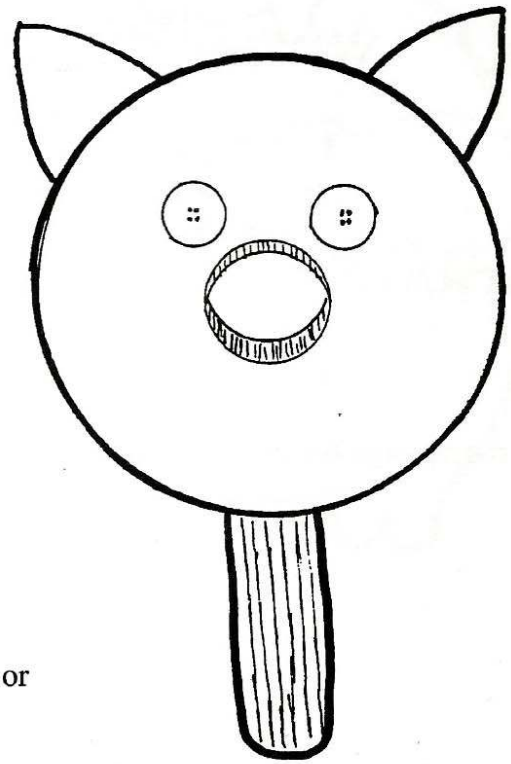
Paper Plate Pig

Materials Needed:

- 8 inch paper plate
- Paper nut cup
- Glue
- Pink Construction Paper
- Buttons
- Craft stick

1. Cut out pink ears and glue onto plate.
2. Glue on nut cup nose and button eyes.
3. Clue the craft stick on the back.
4. Use this as you tell the story of the Prodigal Son.

*Optional: Onto plate, glue pieces of pink tissue paper or color the plate.



LESSON 2 – TEMPTATIONS AND CHOICES

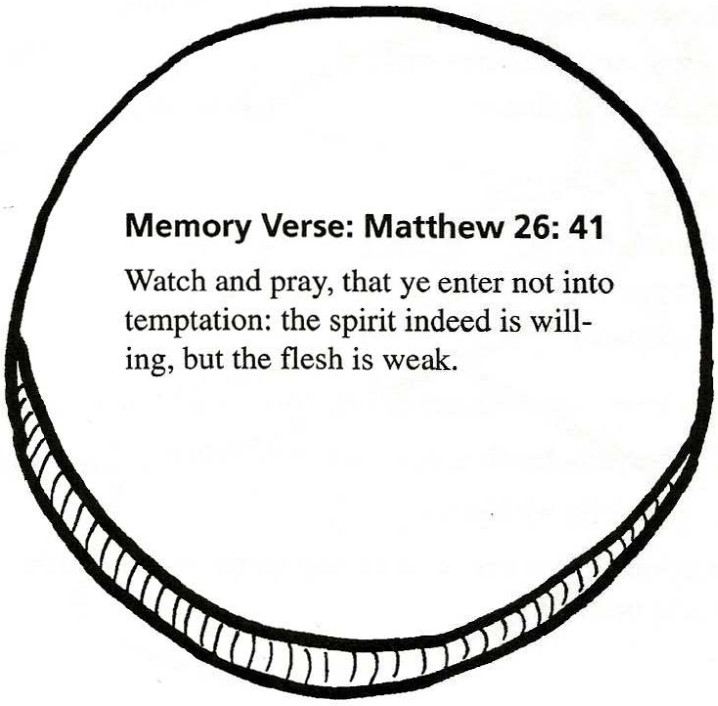
There was a time when God was very angry with some of the people of Israel because they had sinned and not followed His commandments. One of the men that God was not pleased with was Achan, a man from the tribe of Judah. He had stolen a robe, some silver, and some gold that had been devoted to God.

God told Joshua that Israel would be weakened if those who had done wrong were not dealt with as He instructed. Joshua went to the Israelites and told them what God had said.

One morning Joshua gathered all of the tribes of Israel together and the tribe of Judah was taken. They were found to be the wrongdoers. Joshua confronted Achan and told him to confess what he had done. Achan admitted that he had sinned against God by wanting the robe, silver and gold so much that he took them. He told Joshua that they were hidden under his tent. Joshua sent men to look for the stolen possessions, and the men returned with the items.

Achan and all of his family and all of their belongings were taken to the valley of Achor. There, the people of Israel stoned Achan, the members of his family, and his animals. Then they were all burned along with all of their possessions. This was what God said had to be done.

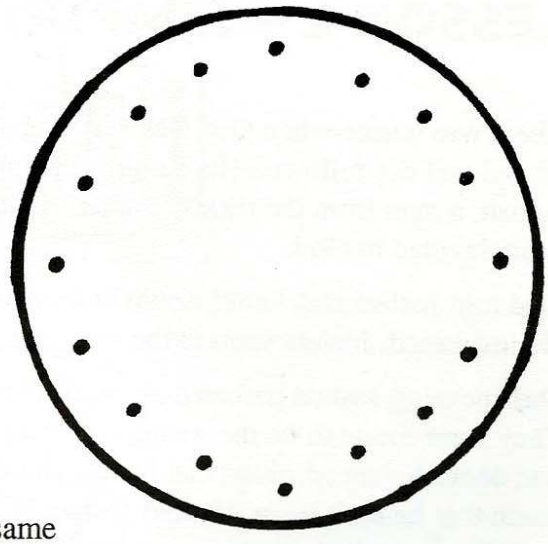
There are times when each of us is tempted as Achan was. We must choose the action that we think will please God. Achan was tempted and made a bad choice. He had to pay for his mistake with death. There is a price to pay for every wrong that you do, but there is a blessing to receive in every right that you choose. We should always try to do the right thing, but we all will make some bad choices. When this happens, we should ask God to forgive us and help us to make the right choices.



Achan's Purse

Materials needed:

- 12 inch felt
- Yarn or string
- Hole punch



1. Cut a 12 inch circle of felt.
2. Punch 16 holes around the circle about one inch from the edge.
3. Weave yarn/string through each hole clockwise.
4. Repeat step 2 counter clockwise.
5. Tie ends together. (Be sure that both knots are on the same side of the felt.)
6. Pull strings to gather felt.
7. You may wish to cut off excess string and tie new knots.

Achan's Treasure Chest

Materials needed:

- Small cardboard box with lid
- Small pasta shapes
- Glue
- Paint
- Paint brushes
- Pie pan
- Newspaper

1. Cover table with newspaper and put glue in pie pan.
2. Use paint brush to cover lid with glue.
3. Cover lid with pasta.

*Optional - You may wish to buy the pre-colored pasta. The children may paint the boxes before gluing pasta on.

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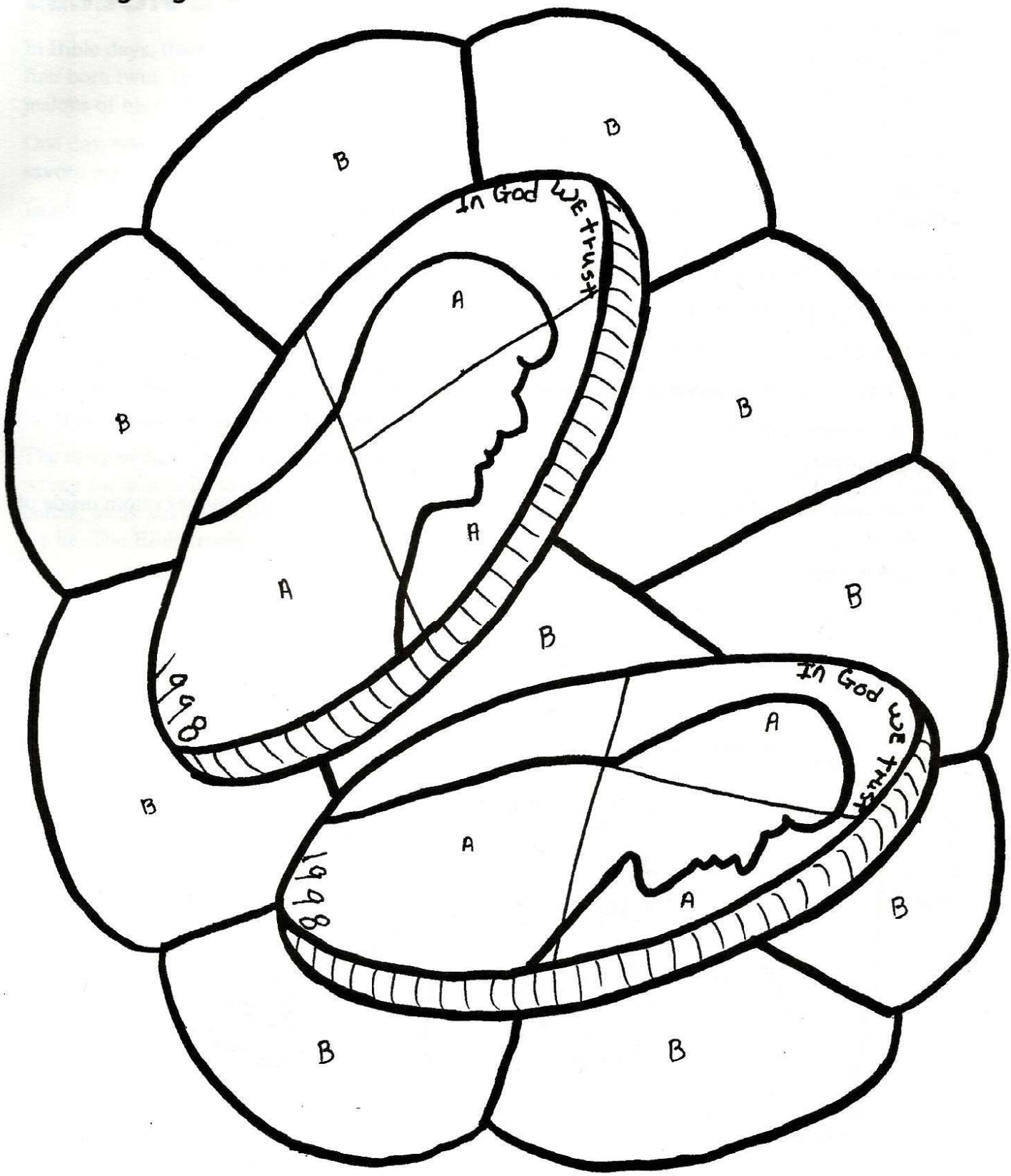


Achan's coins were old, but these are new.
Color the coins gray and the background blue.

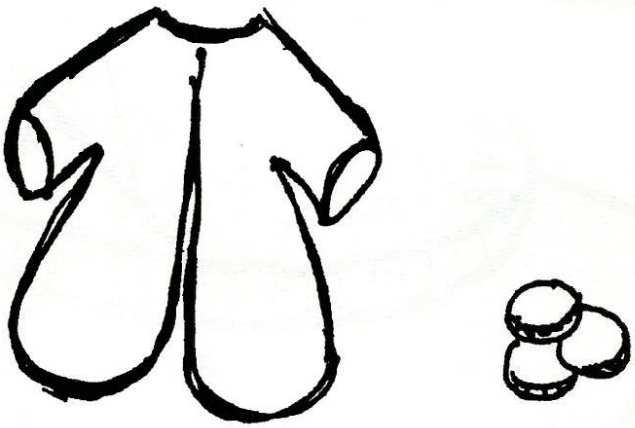
A = Gray
B = Blue

Achan's Tent

Materials needed:

- Brown construction paper
- Green construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- Ruler

1. Copy robe and coins.
2. Color and cut out robe and coins.
3. Cut a 6 x 9 inch rectangle from brown paper.
4. Fold brown paper into three 3-inch sections.
5. Fold to make a triangular tent.
6. Cut green paper in half.
7. Glue robe and coins on the bottom of section 1 of brown paper. (This will be the bottom inside of the tent.)
8. Tape the free sides of brown paper together.
9. Glue the tent onto the green construction paper.



LESSON 3 – DECEIT

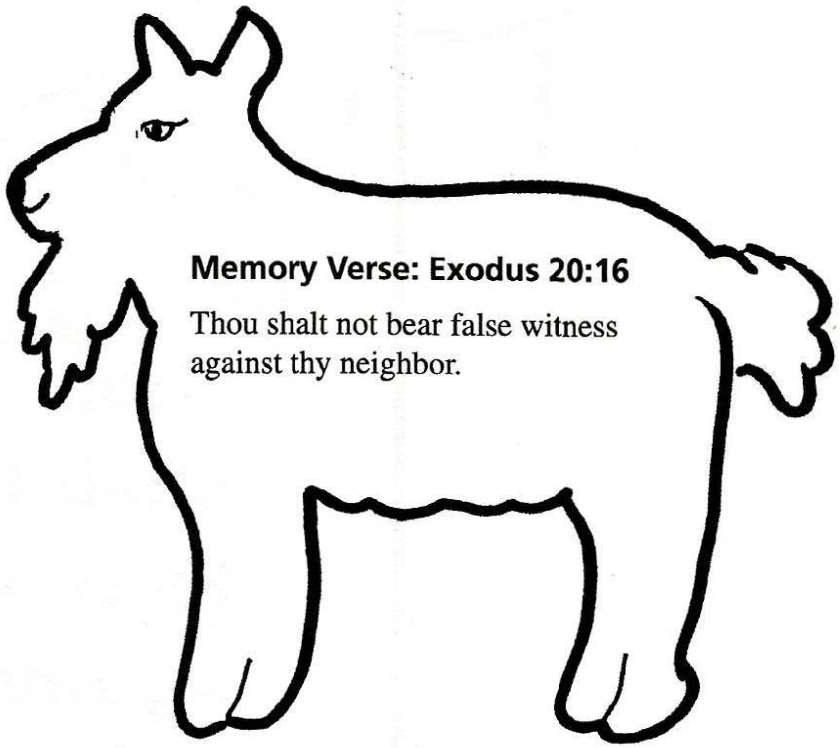
In Bible days, there lived a man named Isaac. He had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Since Esau was the first born twin, he would get all of his father's possessions when his father died. Jacob was very jealous of his brother.

One day, when Isaac was a very old man, he sent Esau out to hunt for venison. He wanted to eat the savory meat and bless his oldest son before he died.

Jacob, the younger twin, found out about his father's plans for his brother and came up with his own plan. He went out and brought back a goat for his mother, Rebekah, to prepare for his father to eat. The next part of Jacob's plan was to trick his father into believing that he was Esau. Esau was very hairy and Jacob was smooth skinned, so Jacob placed the skin from the goat over his hands and upon his neck. He also put on some of his brother's clothes. He was ready to deceive his father.

Jacob presented his blind father with the meat. When his father asked who he was, he told his father that he was Esau. His father said that his voice sounded like Jacob's, but since his hands were hairy, he must be Esau. Isaac gave his blessing to Jacob believing Esau was being blessed.

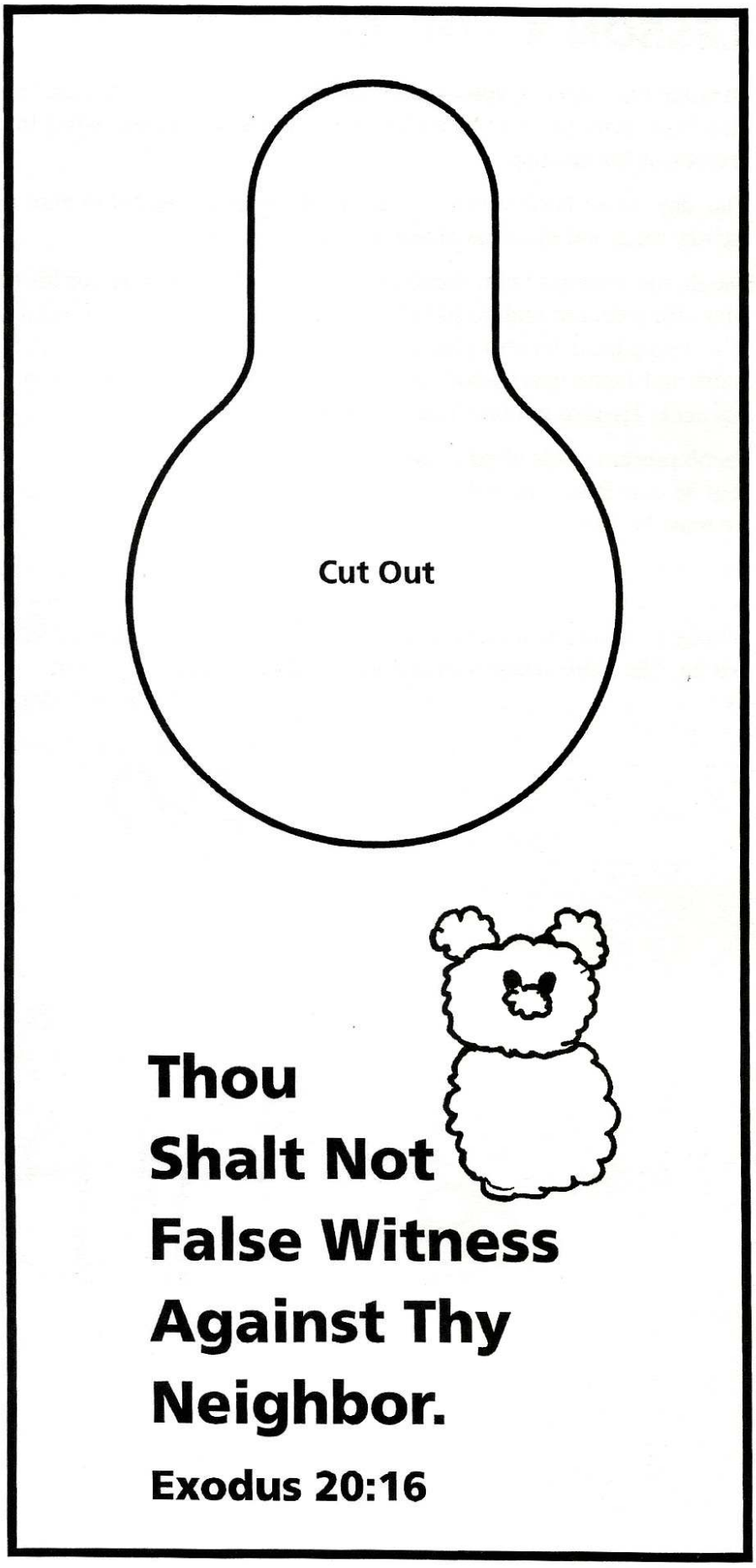
The story of Jacob and Esau helps to teach us about deceit. Even though Jacob got a blessing, it was wrong for him to lie to his father. Many times, we think that lying will get us something that does not belong to us and will make us happy. However, lying is always wrong. God will not bless us when we lie. The Bible teaches us that we should always tell the truth.



Doorknob Hanger

Materials needed:

- Fun foam (one sheet will make 3 hangers)
- Pom-poms - for each bear
  - 2 - 1 inch for body
  - 2 - 1/2 inch for ears
  - 1 - 1/4 inch for nose
- 2 wiggly eyes

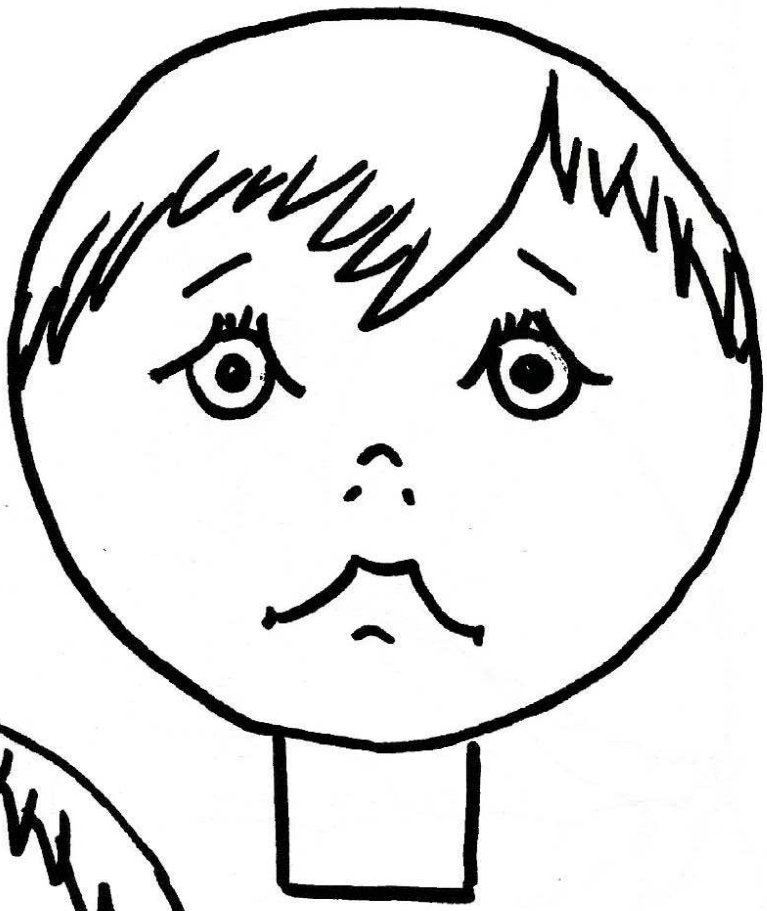


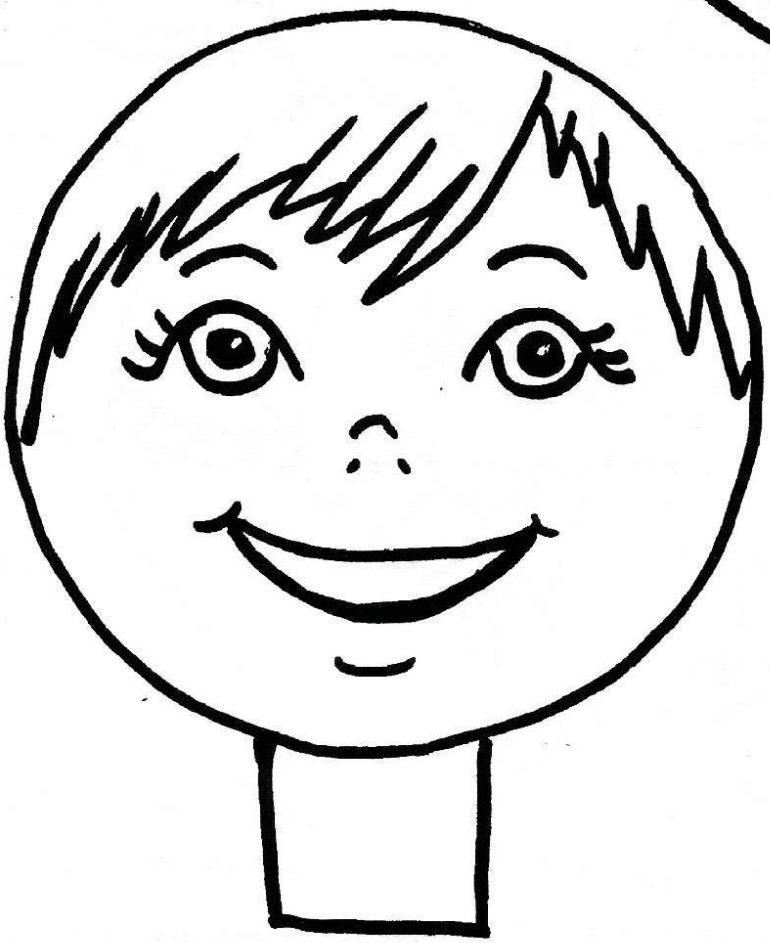
Puppet Faces

1. Copy the faces.
2. Color and cut out faces.
3. Glue onto a craft stick.

*Optional - For added strength you may wish to glue the faces onto a piece of construction paper before cutting them out.

You may wish to ask the children questions about the characters in the story and how they would react if they were in similar situations. Here are a couple of suggestions: "Was Esau happy or sad when Jacob got his blessing?" or "Are you happy or sad when someone takes something that belongs to you?"





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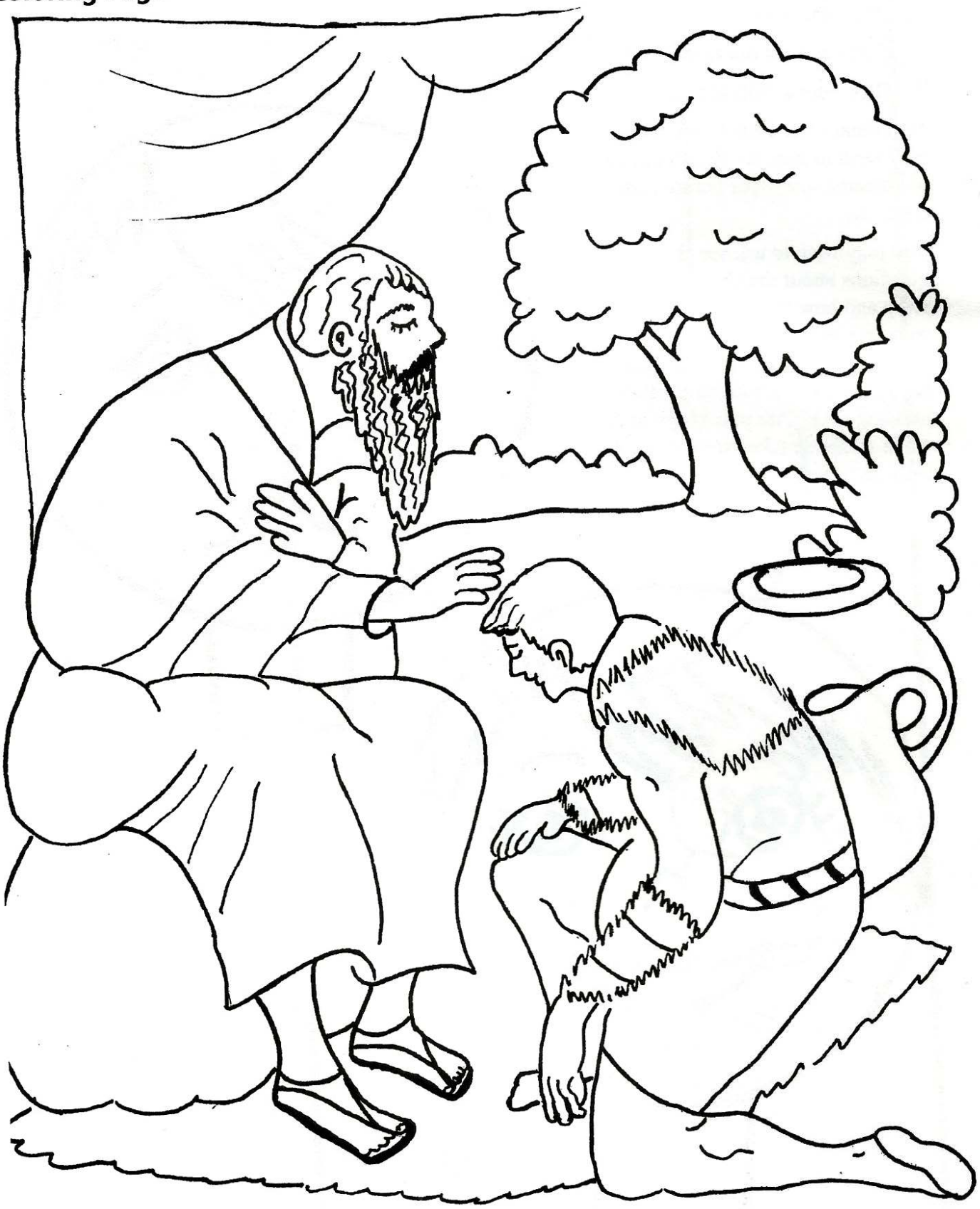


Jacob tricked his father into blessing him and not his brother. Is this any way to treat one another?

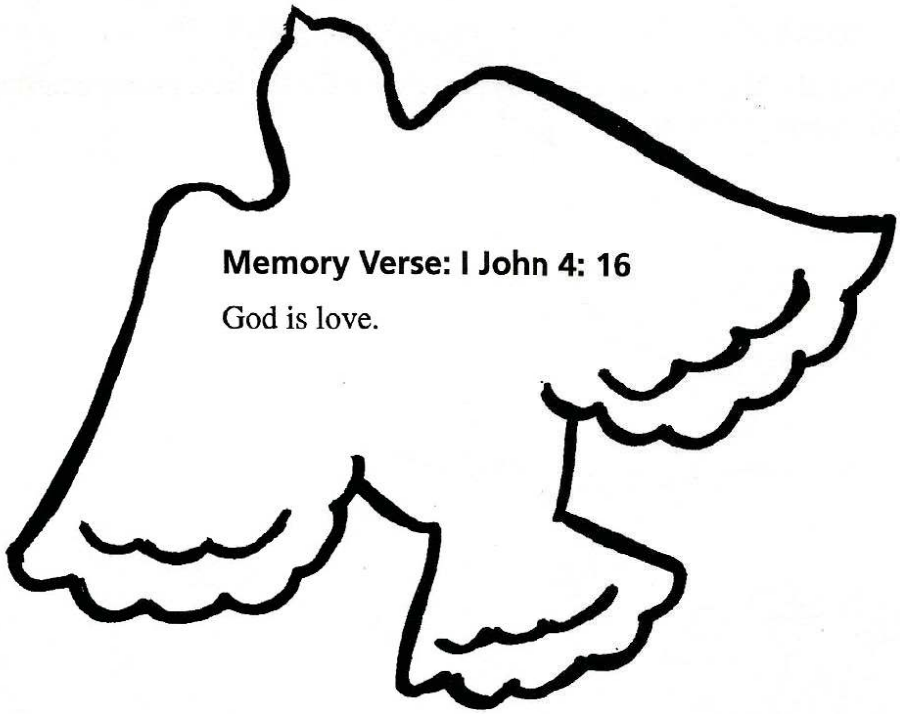
LESSON 4 – GOD IS LOVE

Sometimes it is hard for us to understand just how much God loves us. Let's start with the very first people on Earth, Adam and Eve. God loved them so much that He made this beautiful place, called the Garden of Eden, for them to live. He filled this garden with everything they needed.

There was warm sunshine, flowing streams of water, trees with all kinds of good fruit, vegetable plants, and pretty flowers. There were also all kinds of animals. There were big ones and small ones and even pretty birds and fish.

Now think about everything around you that makes you happy. You have all the same wonderful things Adam and Eve had, the sunshine, trees, flowers, birds and animals. You have your family; Mom, Dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and all the others that love you. You have your home, your church and your friends. Maybe you have a kitten or puppy or some other pet. Try to think of other things that make you happy.

Did you know that God provides all these things? That is how much God loves you. You should show God how much you love him by thanking him each day for all of these things.



Sun Mobile

(patterns and illustrations shown on pages 25 and 26)

Materials needed:

- Fun foam
- Yarn
- Marker
- Craft glue
- Hole punch

1. Cut a sun from yellow fun foam
2. Draw around the child's hand 3 times on yellow fun foam and cut out.
3. Glue the hands around the sun as shown.
4. Punch hole in top of sun for hanging and eight holes evenly spaced around the bottom.
5. Draw sun's face with a marker.
6. Cut the house, tree, family, flower, and bird from various colors of fun foam.
7. Punch holes in the top of each item and hang with different lengths of yarn from sun.

*Optional - You can use a yellow paper plate for the sun. Poster board and construction paper can be used instead of fun foam.

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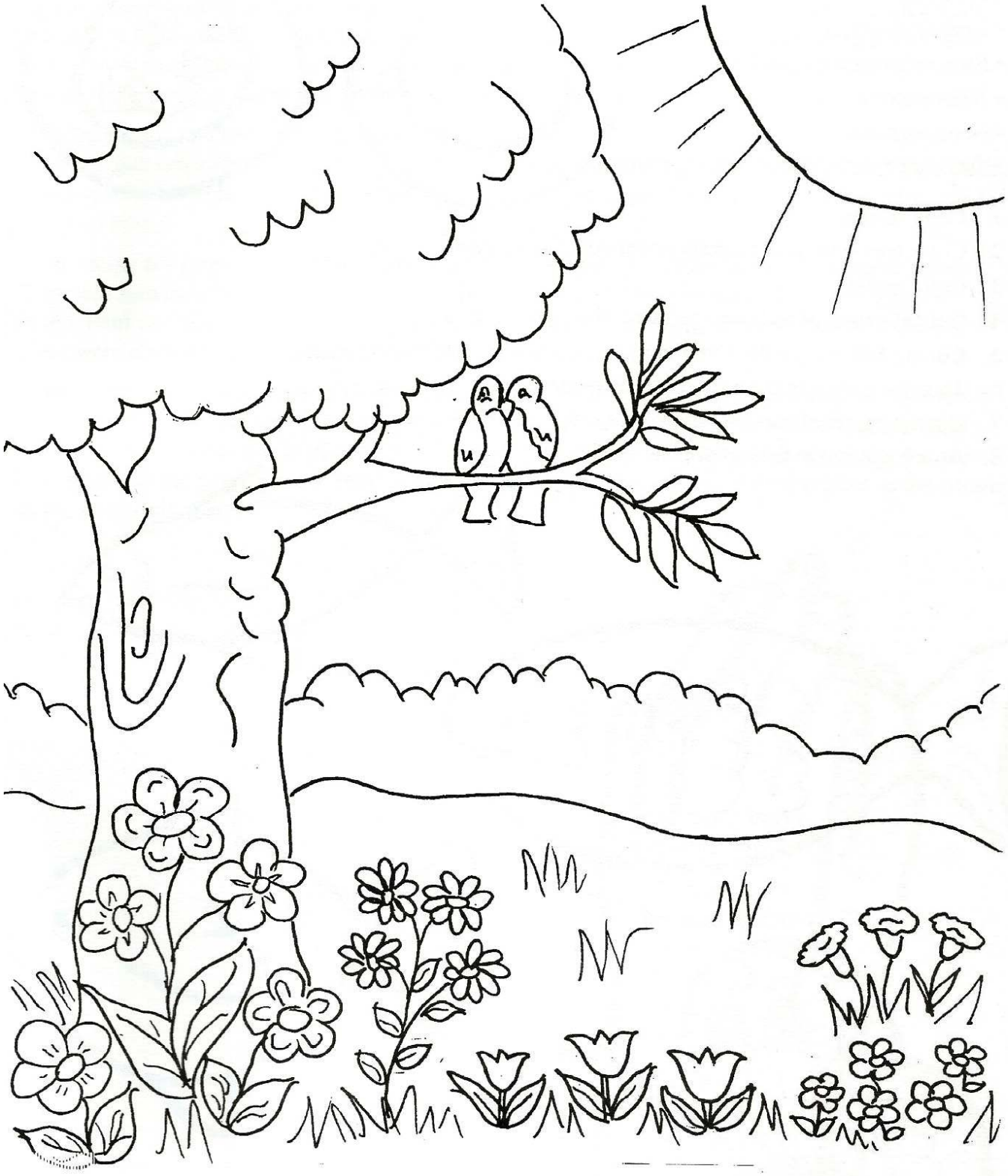
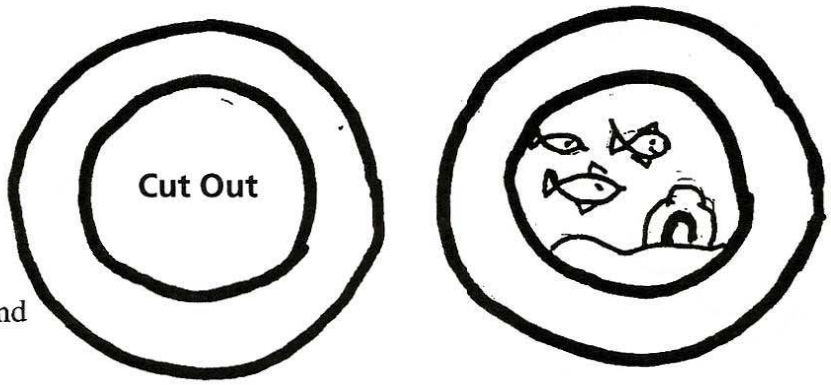


Look what God made for me: Sunshine, flowers, and birds in a tree.

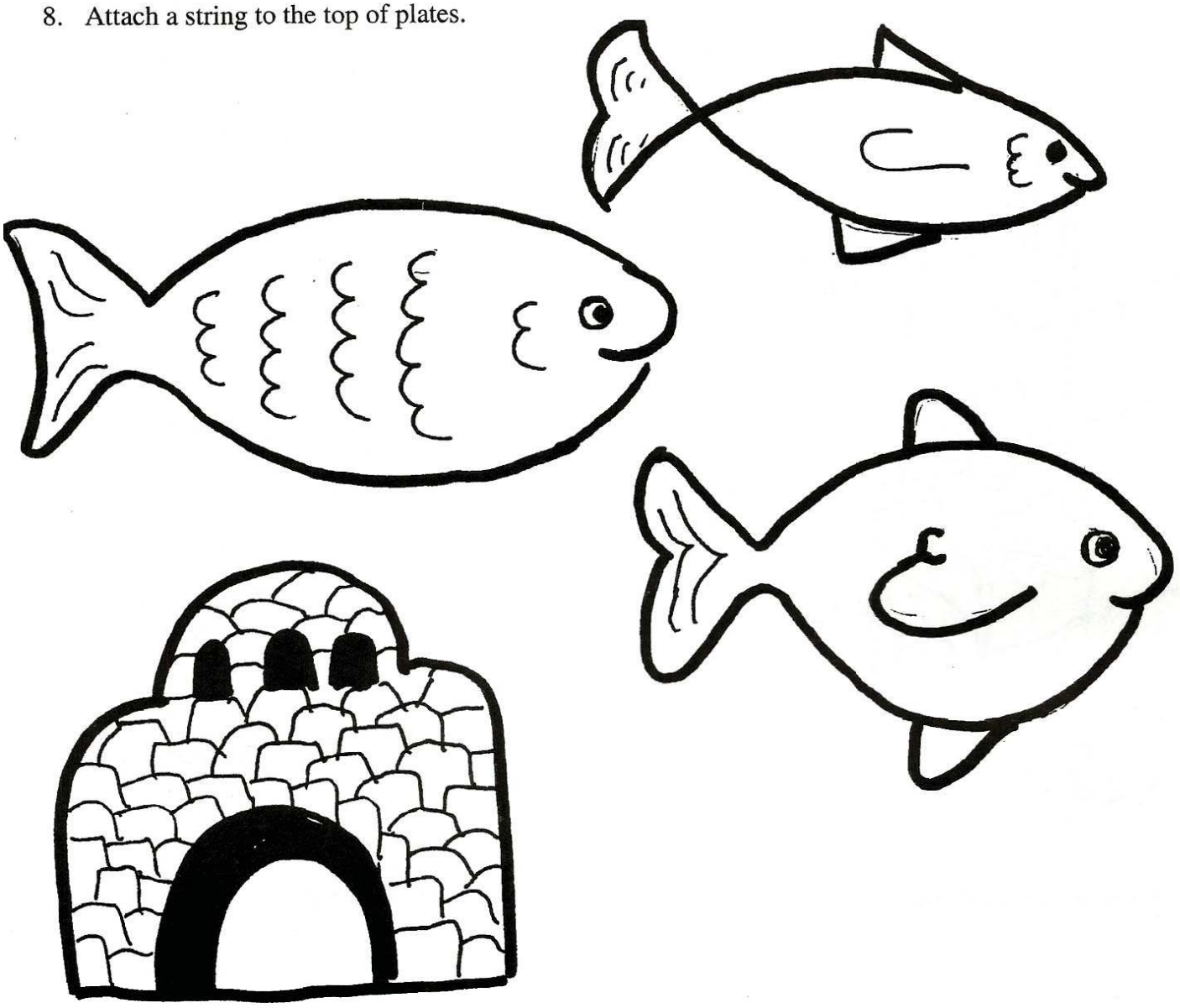
Paper Plate Aquarium

Materials needed:

- 2 paper plates
- Blue cellophane or plastic wrap
- Neon paper
- Neon markers
- Tan/brown construction paper for sand



1. Copy shapes.
2. Color fish with neon markers or cut out of neon paper.
3. Color castle
4. Cut out center of one plate and tape blue cellophane to back.
5. Cut out fish and castle. Cut a sand design from the tan/brown construction paper.
6. Tape the shapes to the back of the cellophane.
7. Cut out center of second plate and tape to back of first plate.
8. Attach a string to the top of plates.



LESSON 5 – THE POWER OF PRAYER

Paul and Silas were doing God's work in Philippi. Some of the people there did not like what Paul and Silas were teaching, so they threw them into prison. One night in prison at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed to God. All of the other prisoners and the guard heard them praying. Suddenly, there was an earthquake. It caused the prison doors to come open and the prisoner's chains to come off.

The guard, who had been sleeping, woke up and saw what had happened. He was afraid that the prisoners had run away and that he would be in trouble, so he tried to kill himself. Paul stopped him. The guard took a light into the prison to see if all of the prisoners were still there. They were, just as Paul had said.

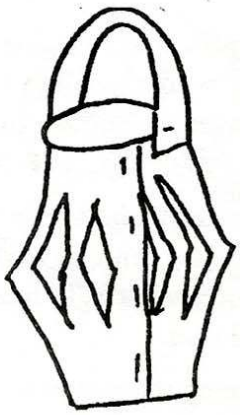
After seeing the power of Paul and Silas' God, the guard asked what he needed to do to be saved. They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. The guard did what they told him to and was saved. Paul and Silas went to the guard's house and preached to his family, and they were saved. They were all baptized and rejoiced with Paul and Silas afterward.

In this story, we see examples of God hearing prayers. He heard the prayers of Paul and Silas while they were in prison. He heard the prayers for salvation of the guard and the members of his family. God gave us prayer as a way of thanking him for what we have and asking him for things we need. God will hear our prayers when they come from our hearts. Then we are able to rejoice as the people in the story did!

Lantern

Materials needed:

- Construction paper
  - Black/brown for outside/handle
  - Yellow for flame
- Stapler

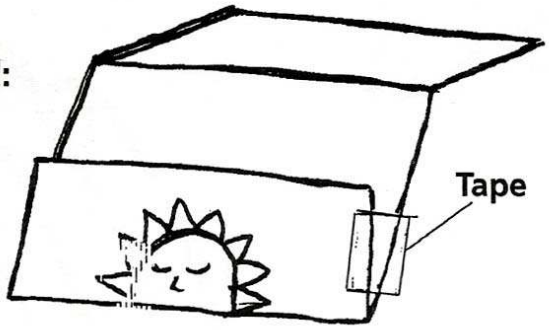


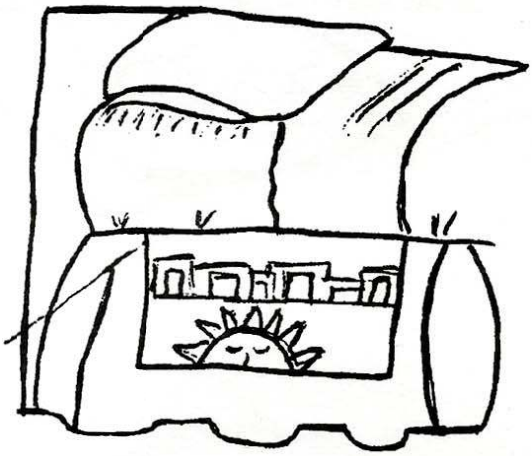
1. Fold black/brown construction paper in half lengthwise. Cut slits 1 inch apart along fold. Leave approximately 1 inch below edge of paper.
2. Fold yellow paper in half lengthwise. DO NOT CUT.
3. Unfold both pieces. Lay the yellow paper on top of black/brown paper and staple together top and bottom.
4. Bring edges of lantern together and staple.
5. Staple a strip of construction paper across top for handle.

Bedtime Prayer Pocket

Materials needed:

- File folder
- Tape
- Glue
- Marker





1. Fold and tape folder as shown.
2. Decorate the front as you choose.
3. Reminders for prayers can be tucked in the folder.
4. Slip under the mattress.

Diorama

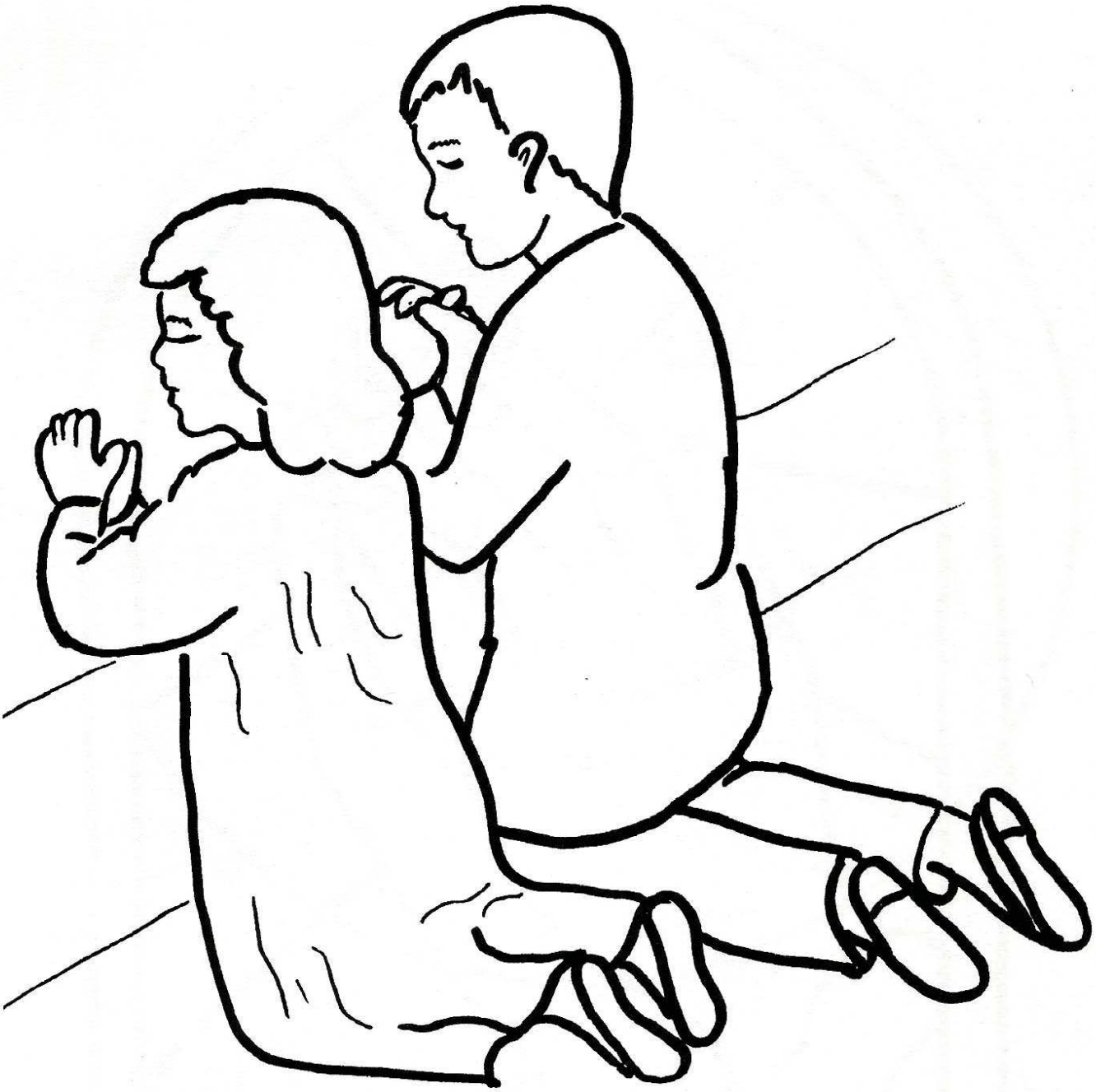
(Patterns on page 27)

Materials needed:

- Fast food sandwich box
- Glue
- Scissors

1. Color patterns.
2. Cut out and glue tabs onto inside bottom of box.
3. You may leave the box open or close and cut a hole in the top for viewing.

Coloring Page



We say our prayers to God at night, and then we are able to sleep so tight.

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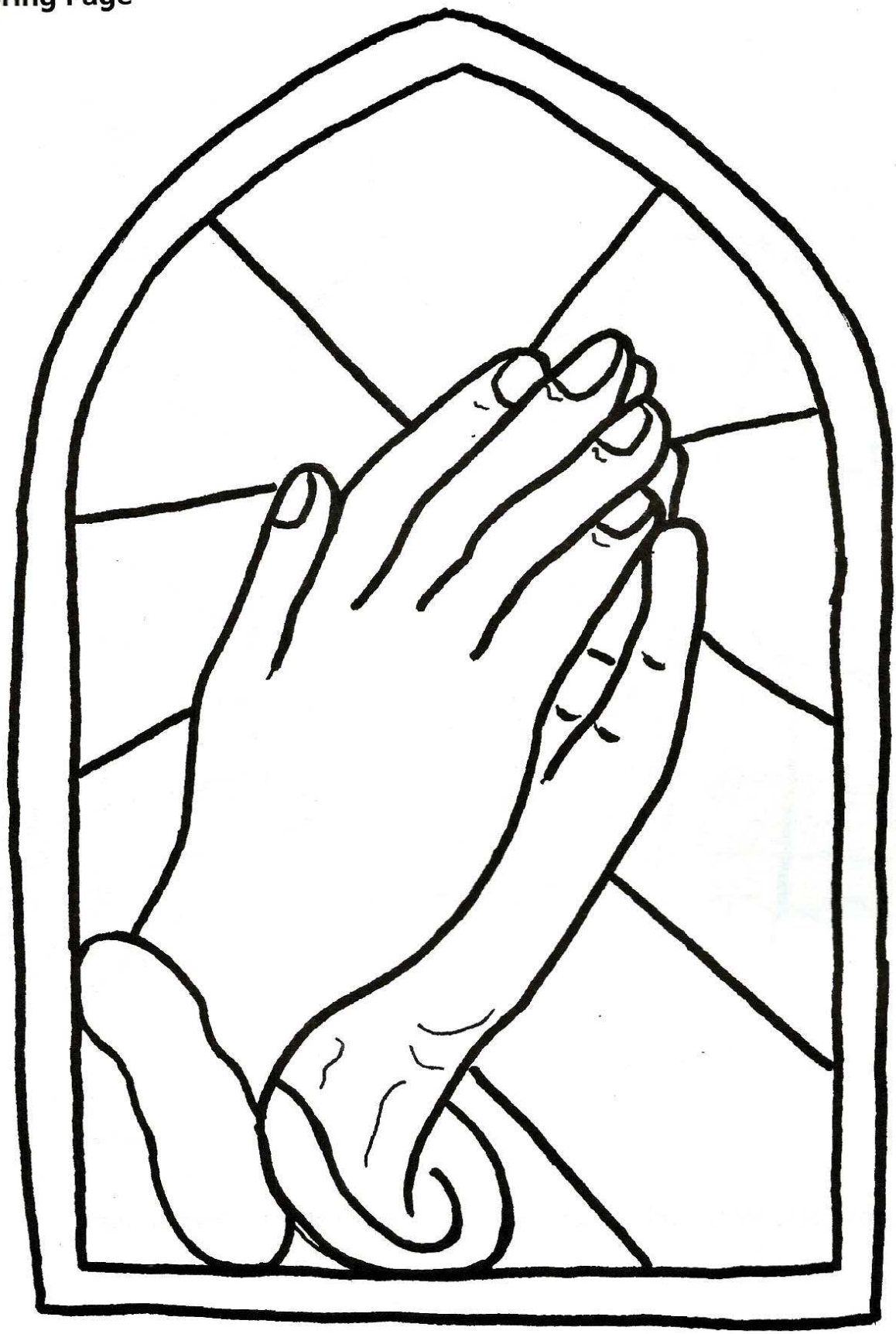
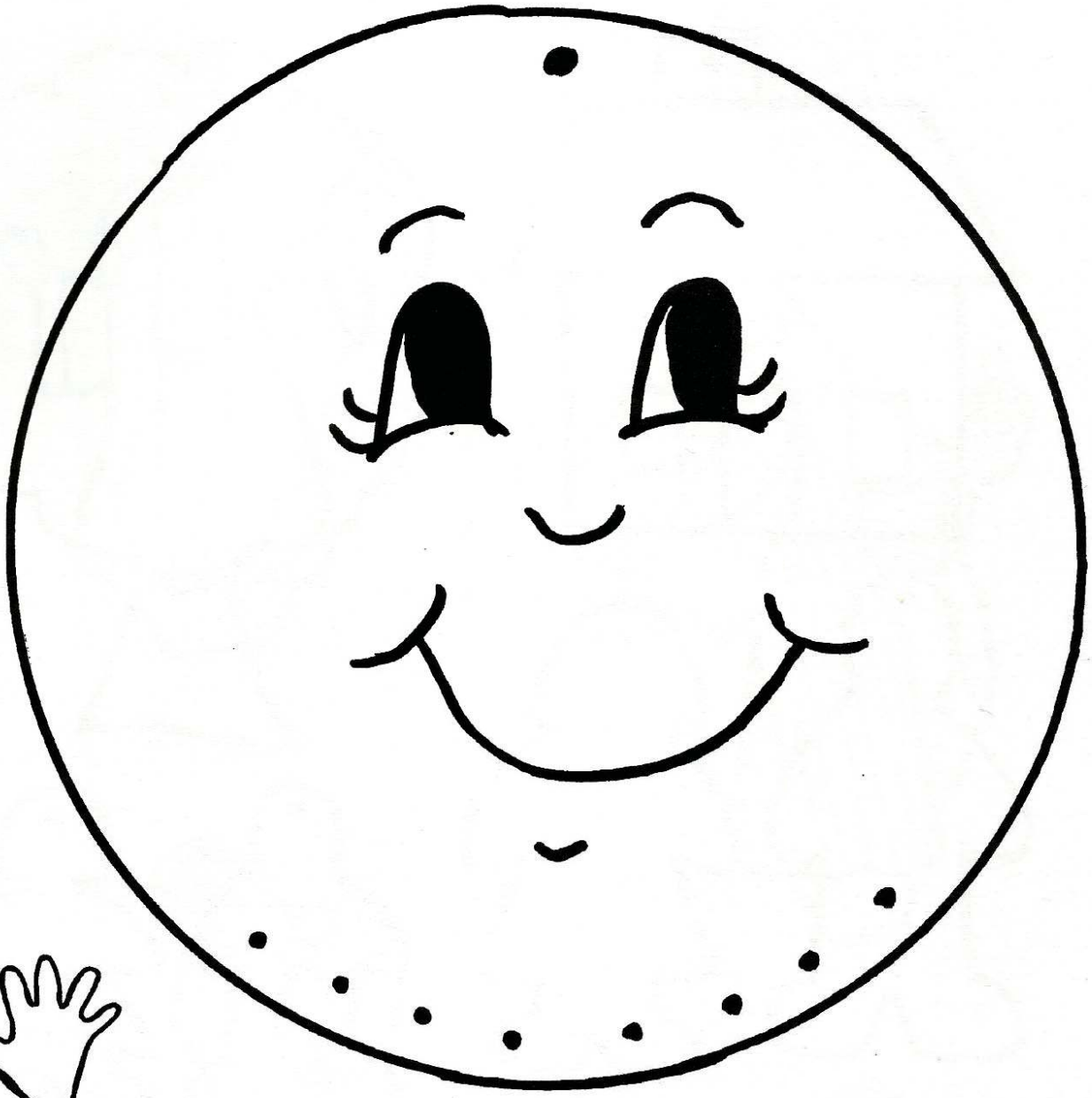
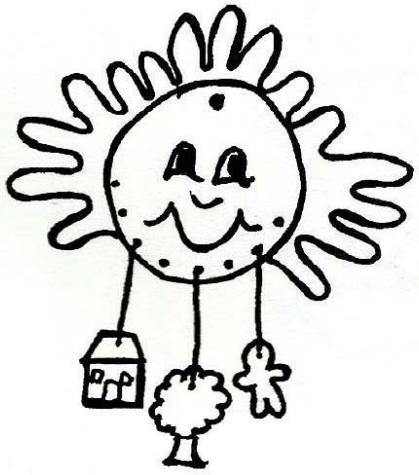


Fold your hands and pray for you. Fold your hands and pray for me, too.

Patterns for Mobile (Instructions on page 18)





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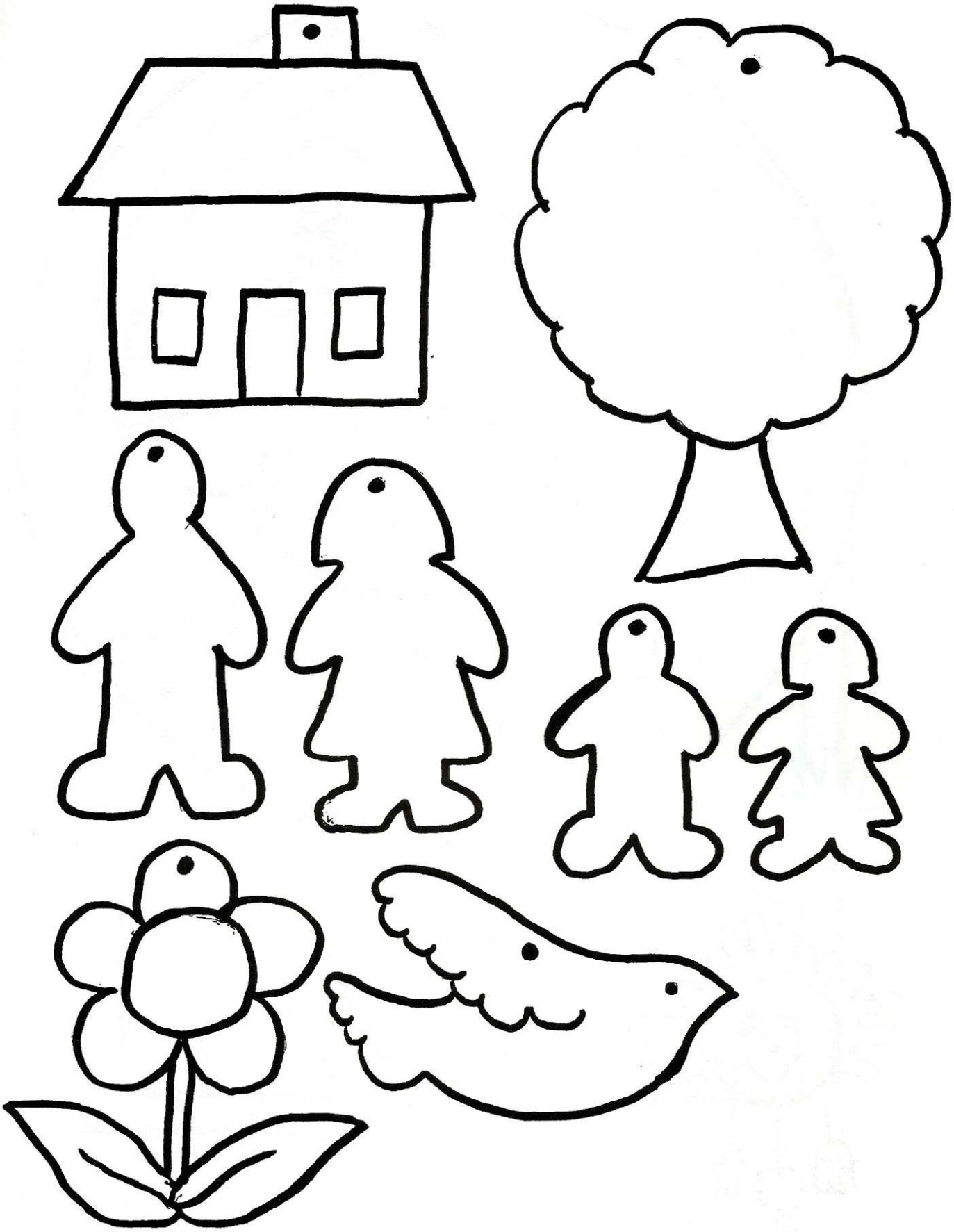

Patterns for Diorama (Instructions on page 22)

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