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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

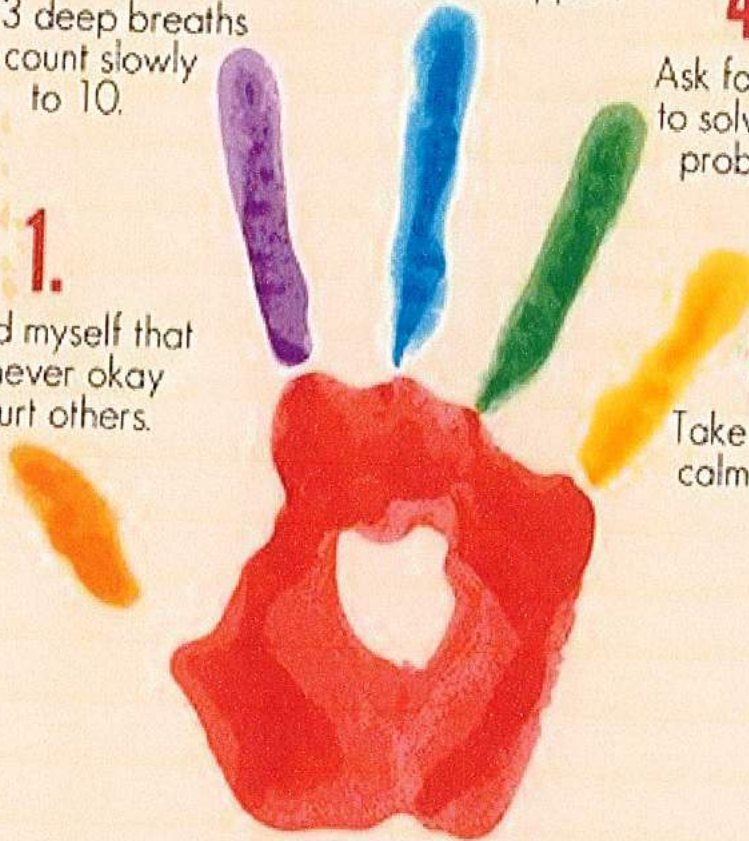
Please find enclosed in your pack, a little child safe LED tea light candle. I have included this in your pack for Prayer and for Light in the darkness.

You can use it for any Prayer, I have also included one below if you wish to use;

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, thank you that with your help, we can be beacons of light. Help us shine for you, AMEN.

5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions

- 1.** Remind myself that it is never okay to hurt others.
- 2.** Take 3 deep breaths or count slowly to 10.
- 3.** Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen.
- 4.** Ask for help to solve the problem.
- 5.** Take time to calm down.



HELPING CHILDREN LEARN TO COPE
printable poster



Footprints For Children

The Lord will always walk with you
along life's blessed beach,
His footprints there beside your own,
always within reach.

Two sets of footprints,
side-by-side,
from dawn to setting sun,
Yet there may come a day,
my child,

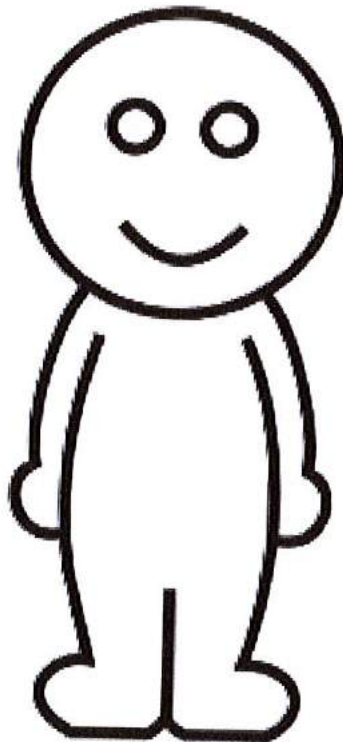
When you'll see only one.
But do not think the Lord
has left you —

Nothing could be more wrong.
It's just that He has
picked you up,
to carry you along.

God Made Me Special

My name is: _____

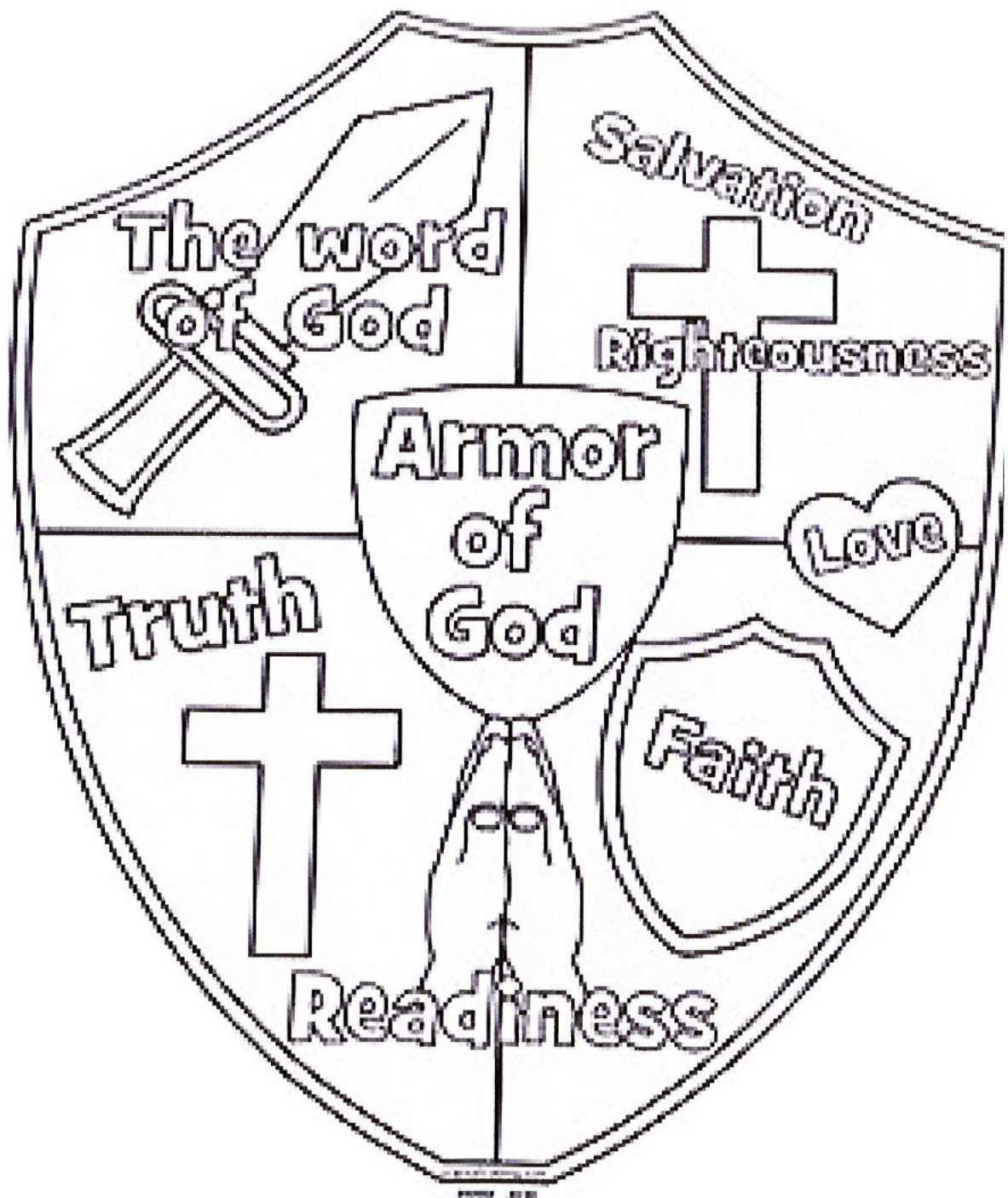
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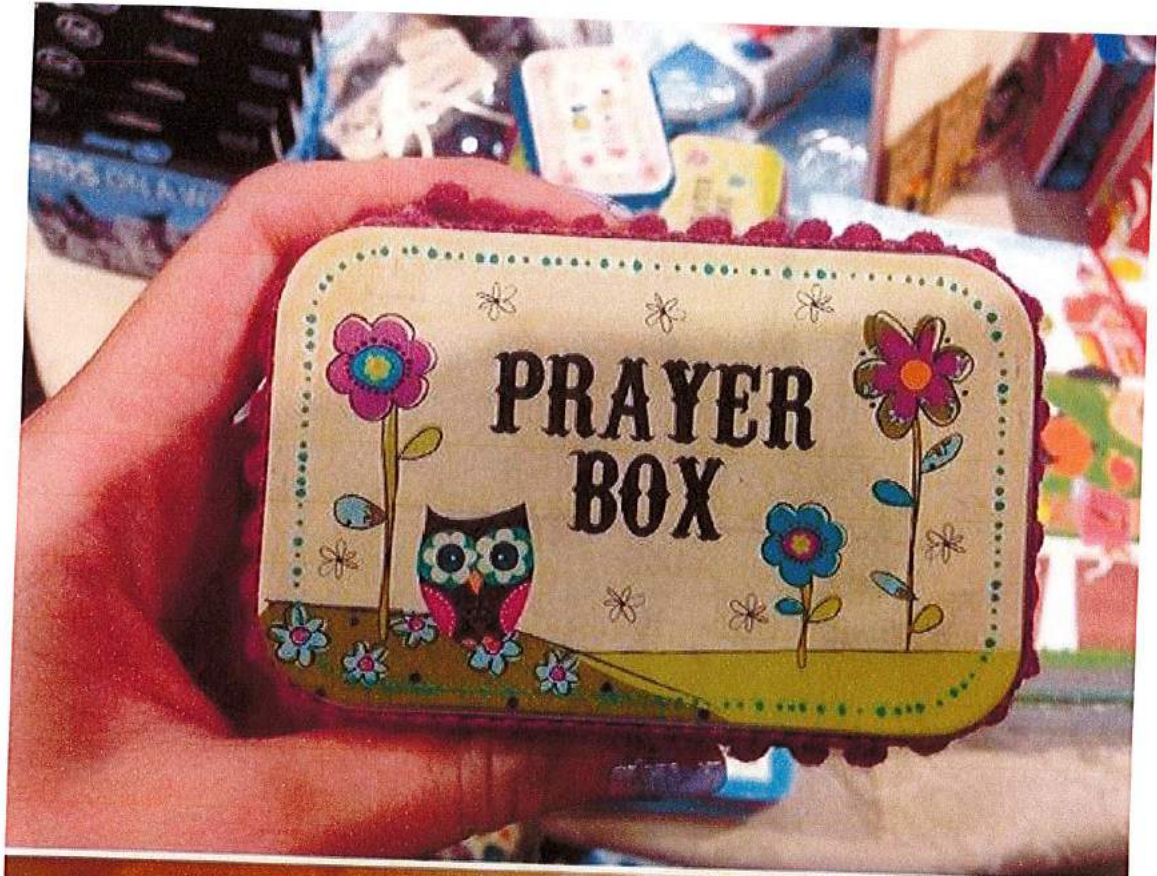


I like to:

I am really good at:

I can serve God by:







Praying with Your Five Fingers

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SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY USING
OUR 5 FINGERS!

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How to Make Prayer Jars



List 5 things you are thankful for

Pray for a family member in need.

PRAYERS

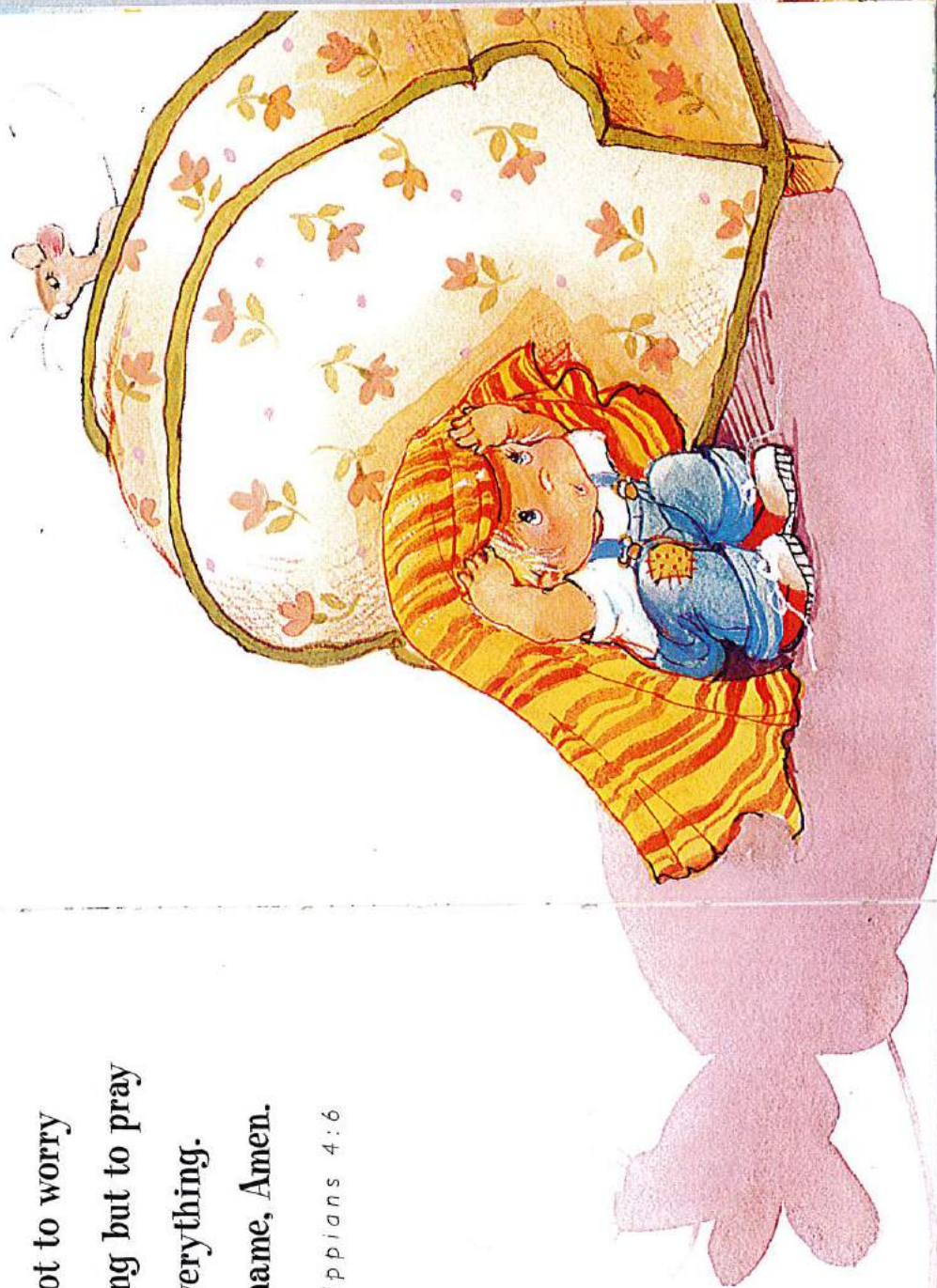
for little hearts



Dear God,
Help me not to worry
about anything but to pray
about everything.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

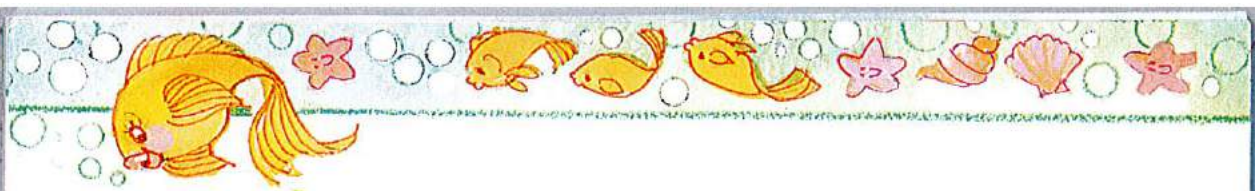
from Philipians 4:6





Dear God,
When I am afraid,
I will trust in you.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

from Psalm 56:3





GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Dear God,

Thank you for Grandma and
Grandpa. They are special
to me. Thank you that I am
special to them, too. Please
take care of them.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave
Green is for the grass He made
Yellow is for the sun so bright
Orange is for the edge of night
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Pink is for our new tomorrow

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and sweet is a prayer, is a
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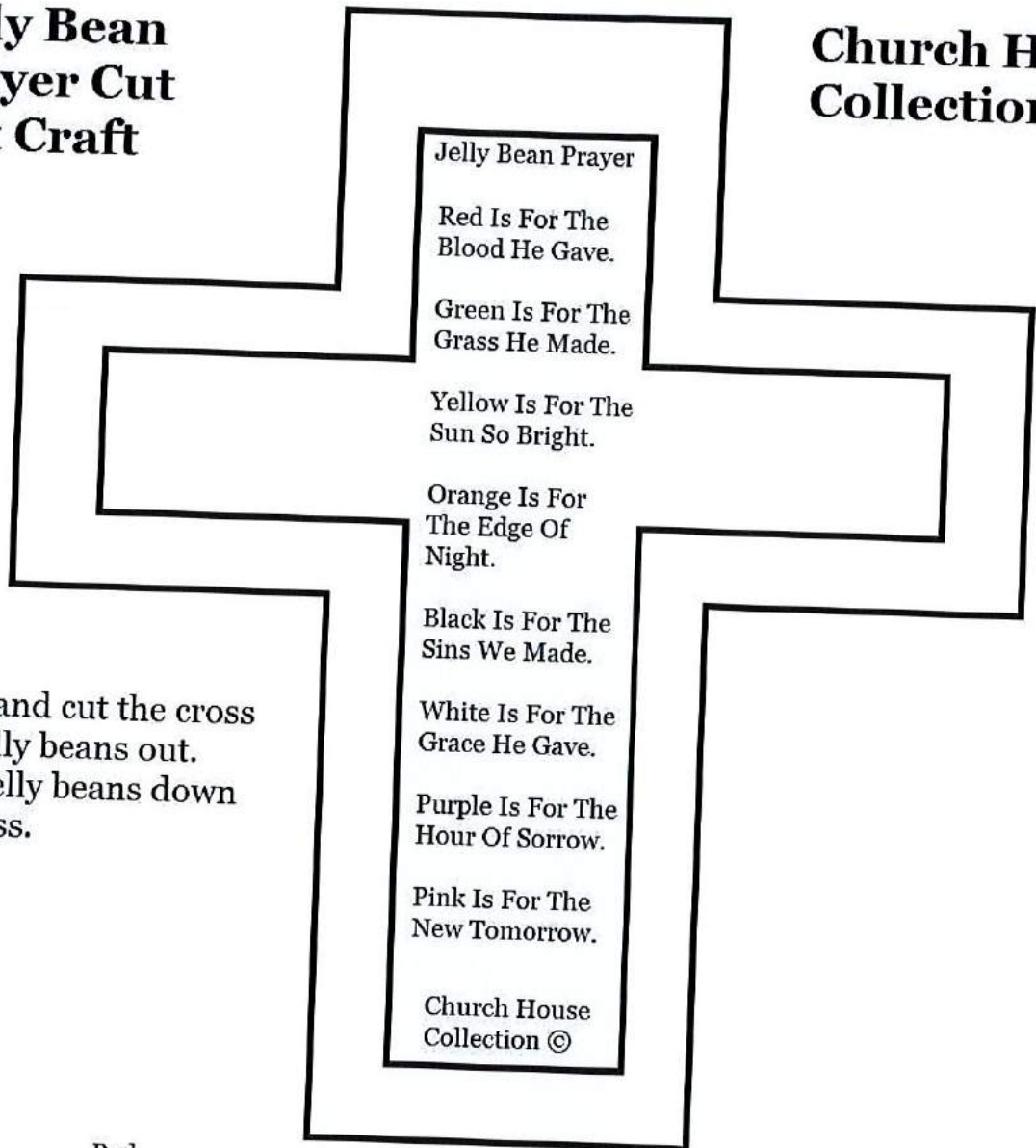
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Jelly Bean Prayer Cut Out Craft

Church House Collection ©



Color and cut the cross and jelly beans out. Glue jelly beans down on cross.

Red



Green



Yellow



Orange



Black



White



Purple



Pink



EMOJI PRAYER REMINDERS



Pray for someone you know who is sad and ask God to comfort them



Thank God for your family and the people who love you



Pray for someone who is hurt and ask God to help them get better



Thank God for giving you friends and people who make you laugh



Ask God to help you forgive someone who makes you angry



Praise God for the beautiful world he has made all around us



Pray for someone who is sick and ask God to help them feel better



Thank God for giving your clothes to wear and a place to live



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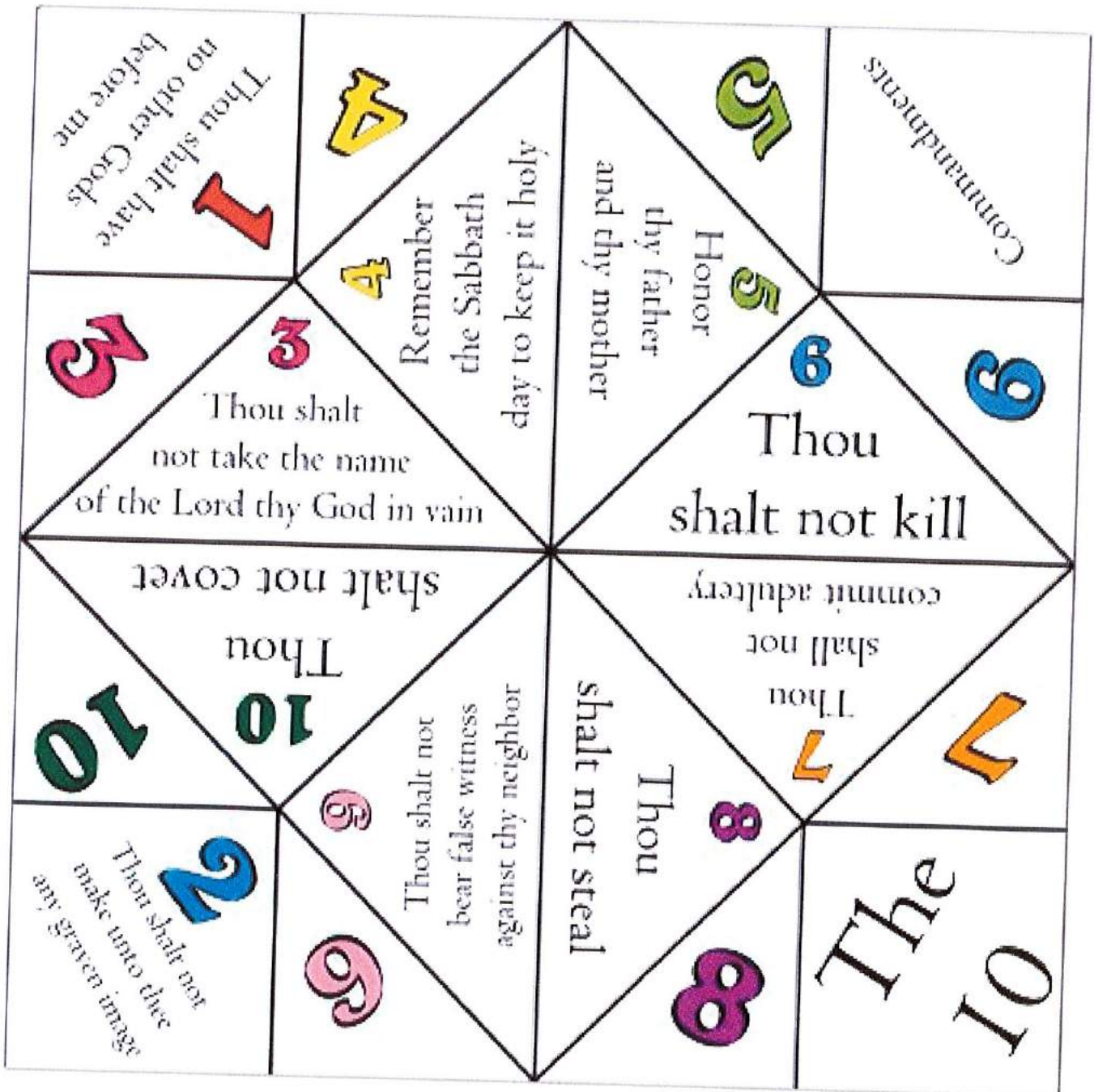
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Commandments

Thou shalt have
no other Gods
before me

3

Thou shalt
not take the name
of the Lord thy God in vain

4

Remember
the Sabbath
day to keep it holy

5

Honor
thy father
and thy mother

6

Thou
shalt not kill

7

Thou
shalt not
commit adultery

8

Thou
shalt not steal

9

Thou shalt not
bear false witness
against thy neighbor

10

Thou
shalt not
covet

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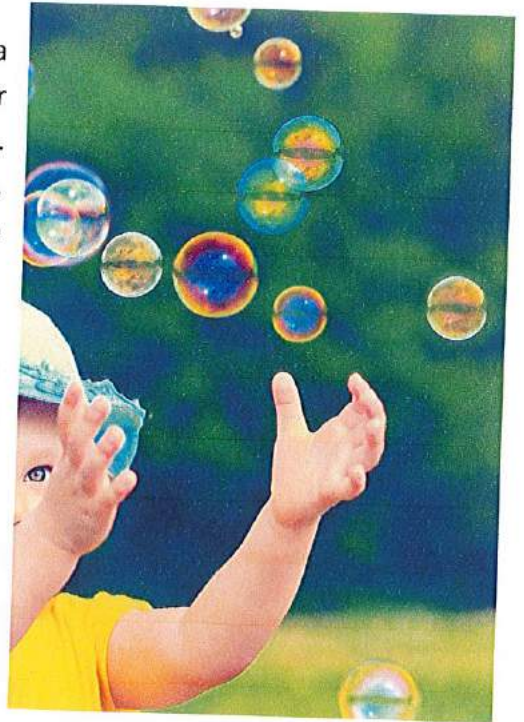
Thou shalt not
make unto thee
any graven image

Top 10 Ideas for under 5s...

1. Bubble prayers:

Children (of all ages and adults!) love bubbles. Bubbles offer a visual way for pre-school children to think about and offer their prayers to God. Give each child a small bottle of party bubbles. You may need to show them how to gently blow bubbles. Alternatively, you may like to use a bubble machine, this can be purchased cheaply from a range of places.

Bubble prayers can be 'breath' prayers you say when you are blowing bubbles. You can describe the prayers in any way you feel is appropriate. You may like to get the children to say a prayer, then blow bubbles as a way of offering their prayers to God. You may like to say that when a bubble floats to the ground, this is a moment to pray a 'help' prayer and when a bubble floats up into the air, they say a 'thank you' prayer.



You can encourage the children in saying that as the bubbles burst or disappear, we can imagine that as being God hearing our prayers. Be creative in how you do this and allow the children to use their imaginations to connect with God in this creative prayer activity.

2. Finger prayers

For young children, the more visual you can make prayer, the better. Using their hands, use the image opposite as a guide for the children. You may need to simplify the language even further, to ensure children can engage with this idea. This is suitable for using in your toddler groups, pre-school Sunday groups and even as a suggestion for parents/carers to use at home with their children. Familiarity and routine are particularly important with young children, so establishing this as a pattern for prayer could be really helpful to you and your leaders.



3. Thank you prayers:

Flame Creative is a fantastic website for gaining creative ideas to use with pre-schoolers. Here is one such idea for praying creatively that focuses on saying prayers at mealtimes. The idea is to print off an A4 or A3 copy of the image below (large copy on the following page) and laminate it. It can then be used as a placemat that can easily be wiped clean.

The first time you use it, talk about the different pictures and what they symbolise. When you come to pray before you eat, ask your child to choose one or two of the pictures and to thank God for that thing. For example, if they choose the 'drink' picture, they might thank God for their favourite drink or for what they are going to drink at the table. Over time they will come up with lots of ideas of what they would like to say thank you for at mealtimes.

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2017/08/meal-time-grace-placemat-for-under-5s.html>

Thank you God



For food...



For drinks...



For people...



For loving us...



For the world...

Choose something or someone to say thank you to God for.

4. Prayer balls:

Buy some cheap balls (e.g. ball pool balls or table tennis balls). Explain to the children that each ball represents a different type of prayer. In your toddler group, pre-school church group or at home, pull a ball out of a bag and pray the prayer that the colour indicates. There are some ideas below, depending on what colour balls you have!

- Red: Pray a sorry prayer
- Blue: Pray for the environment/animals
- Green: Pray for your family
- Yellow: Pray for people who are poorly
- Pink: Pray for your friends
- Orange: Pray for other countries



5. Teaspoon Prayers:

Using the acronym for teaspoon, TSP, help children to prayer as follows:

T = Thank you

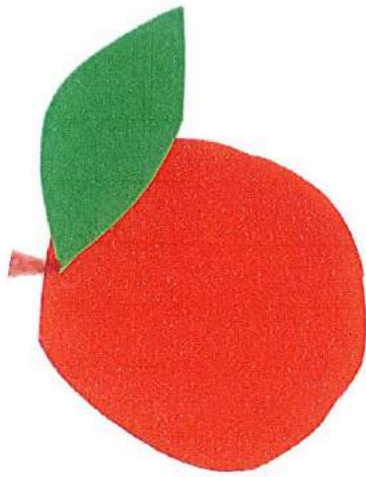
S = Sorry

P = Please

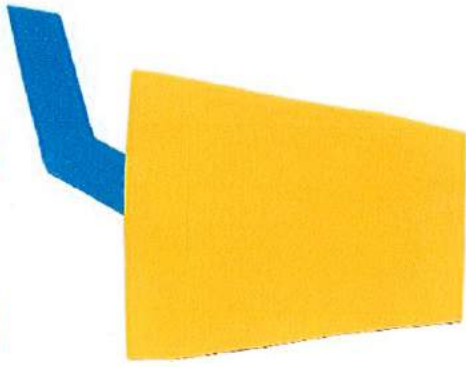
You may like to give the children a teaspoon to help remember the pattern. You can either pray all three of these things with the children or you may like to do just one, but this is a simple and easy way to help children build a relationship with God.



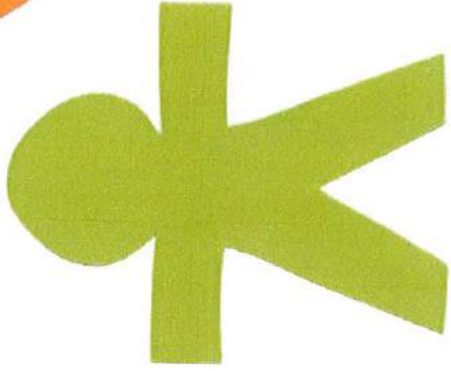
Thank you God



For food...



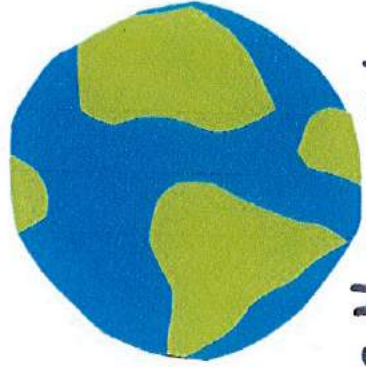
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6. Play-dough prayers:

Play-dough is one of those very great things that it is always worth having around when you are doing activities with young children. If you are concerned about it getting stuck in carpet, cheap shower curtains make an excellent covering. You can either buy pre-made play-dough or make your own (here is simple 4 minute recipe: <https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>).

Children have a vivid imagination, so you may have to go with them as you get them to create things from play-dough, but one of the many joys of prayer is that 'God knows'. For your creative prayer, you may like to ask the children to make a play-dough model of their favourite animal and say 'thank you' to God for them. You may like to ask them to make a model of their favourite food or a model of someone who looks after them. After they have completed their model you may like to gather them together (being aware that younger children may want to keep their creations) and all say a big 'THANK YOU' to God for all these special things.



7. Mr Men and Little Miss Prayers:

Keeping things visual is really important for young children. The Mr Men and Little Miss characters offer some inspiration for enabling this. Show the children a character and lead a prayer around it. Examples could be:

- ◆ Mr Happy—say thank you to God for something that makes you happy.
- ◆ Little Miss Naughty—say sorry to God for something you have done wrong.
- ◆ Mr Bump—ask God to be with someone who is poorly.
- ◆ Little Miss Sunshine—say thank you to God for the sunshine.
- ◆ Mr Greedy—say sorry to God for the times when you haven't shared.

There are many more you can use, although don't overload the children with too many characters and prayers, keeping their attention for two or three is likely to be more than enough.



8. Praying with babies:

So far, the ideas in this resource have centred around pre-school children who are able to actively take part in activities, but we can also pray with babies and encourage Mum's, Dad's and carers to find simple ways of doing this. We can do it both in our groups and help them to find ways of doing this in their own homes.

- ◆ Encourage your parents/carers to get into the habit of praying our loud when you have your baby in your arms. It doesn't need to involve lengthy prayers, but encourage parents to allow their baby's hear you pray over them. In the same way, this can be done in a baby groups.
- ◆ Sensory activities—baby's are often attracted to light and colours. How can you creatively turn that into a prayer opportunity in your pre-school groups?
- ◆ Flame Creative have a make-it yourself 'feely book' - <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2016/09/church-felt-quiet-book-for-babies-my.html>— could you create something similar for your baby groups that have simple prayer themes that adults can use to pray with very young children?

9. Sensory prayer tent

Children of a pre-school age often respond well to sensory based activities. Small pop-up tents are easy get hold of and offer a creative space in which we can encourage our children to take time out to reflect and think about God. This is also a particularly good activity for those with additional needs. To do this, here are some ideas:

- ◆ Provide a pop-up tent (if it's a black-out tent, even better),
- ◆ Put some cushions or bean bags inside
- ◆ Include something 'light' based e.g. fairy lights, a bubble tube, a lava lamp or a plasma ball. Be mindful of health and safety, as to where leads are located.
- ◆ You may like to consider making this a space where you can include glow in the dark items. Invisible Ink, Spy Pens can provide endless ideas. The lights on the pens, paired with glow in the dark items will give children an opportunity to reflect on the wonder of God.
- ◆ You may like to include some things the children can hold and feel, before they go into the tent, suggest that they sit or lie quietly in the tent and listen to God. You may need to tell them that God sometimes puts pictures or words into our minds or that he can make us feel warm and quiet. Tell the children they can play with the things inside the tent and see if they learn anything about God while they are there. You may be incredibly surprised by their response to this. If, however, the children come out and don't have anything to share, this is not a problem, the time and space you have given them is important.



10. Reflection Bottles

This idea has been taken from the Flame Creative website. It works well with children who are visual, giving them something to focus on while they are reflecting or listening to God.

Pour some glitter or glitter glue (either will work) into a plastic bottle and fill the bottle with water. It doesn't matter where the glitter congregates in the bottle! You may like to use one colour of glitter or a mixture.

Shake the bottle and watch! It's actually quite fascinating and peaceful. Allow the children to tell you how it feels and what they think God is revealing to them.



11. Happy and Sad Times

Young children often know what makes them happy and what makes them sad. For this prayer activity, you will need a large face that looks happy one way up and sad the other way up.

When you show the children the happy face, ask what events have made people happy during the last week and make a list of them. Pray about the list or say a one-line thank you prayer for each one.


Turn the face upside down and ask if anything sad or worrying has happened in the past week and make a list of them too. Perhaps there are people who are ill who need praying for. Pray for this list. Finish by thanking God that he always knows how we feel, whether we are happy or sad, and thanking him for being just as close to us in the good times as in the bad.

You may like to give children a happy/sad face to use in their prayer times at home.



30 Day LEGO Challenge

Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

Day 5 You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	Day 6 You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Day 7 Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world.	Day 8 You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Day 9 NASA needs you to build a new rocket.	Day 10 Your parents want to build a new home and they want you to build it.	Day 11 Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.
Day 12 Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	Day 13 You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.	Day 14 Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	Day 15 There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Day 16 Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	Day 17 Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.	Day 18 Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.
Day 19 The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Day 20 Pizza party! It is up to you to make a pizza for all the guests.	Day 21 You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	Day 22 The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.	Day 23 You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a jousting arena.	Day 24 The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	Day 25 Design and build your dream bedroom.
Day 26 You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.	Day 27 Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.	Day 28 The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.	Day 29 You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.	Day 30 There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile	 <p>What was your favorite day?</p>	

Fun with Food

When using food you will need to be especially aware of health and safety, food hygiene and allergies. At the start of a cooking session, always ask those involved to wash their hands thoroughly and suggest they wear clothes they don't mind getting messy. Using food with children / young people is a good way of teaching basic cooking skills whilst having fun. Food and meals are mentioned many times in the Bible, meaning you can make many links to Bible stories through the activities you do. It is always good to get those taking part to help with the washing and clearing up.



1 Fondue evening with forfeits

Make the fondue and cut up the crudités as part of the session. You will need to carefully supervise all of the cooking and chopping. When dipping, it is safer to use kebab sticks and slightly blunt the sharp point instead of the mettle fondue prongs. You can have savoury or sweet fondue; try cheese and apple juice for savoury (avoid using hot oil fondue or cooking meat) or for a sweet fondue, try melted chocolate or Angel Delight (you don't need to heat Angel Delight). If anyone drops their crudité in the fondue give them a forfeit.



2 Make a pizza

Rather than buying a Pizza, make the pizza base, tomato sauce and prepare the toppings as part of the session. You will need to carefully supervise all of the cooking and the chopping. You can either make your own pizza dough or use ready-made pizza bases, baguettes chopped in half, muffins, crumpets or slices of bread. The tomato sauce can be made from tinned tomatoes and ketchup or by using tomato puree. It is easier to buy packs of grated cheese but you can grate your own and the toppings can be anything. When the pizza first comes out of the oven they will be very hot so allow some time for them to cool down before eating.



3 Favourite sandwiches

If you don't have access to cooking facilities the children / young people can bring a range of fillings to make their favourite sandwich or weird sandwiches. You could use cookie cutters to create fancy sandwich shapes.



4 'Ready Steady Cook'

'Ready Steady Cook' is a fun and creative way of making food out of random ingredients. Invite the children / young people to bring a range of sweet and savoury ingredients, put them in a pile on a table and decide what food you are going to make. Have a sweet group and a savoury group. You may not use all of the ingredients and it is a good idea for the leaders to have a few ingredients such as pasta, milk, eggs, instant mash, Angel Delight, bread etc. that can be used alongside the ingredients the children / young people provide. 'Ready Steady Cook' is not about how good the food is, but how creative and wacky you can be with the ingredients provided.

Creative ideas

When doing craft activities you will need to be especially aware of health and safety and recycling. It might be a good idea if those taking part wear clothes they don't mind getting messy. Craft is a great way of teaching and learning together, whilst having fun, it can also draw out creative skills in some individuals. It is always good to get those taking part to help with the clearing up.



5 Scrap fashion show

Gather lots of scrap such as old newspapers, plastic, fabric etc. or visit your nearest Scrapstore. Provide scissors, Sellotape, staplers and string. Challenge the children / young people to use the scrap to make as many costumes as possible on willing models. You could provide a theme or allow the children / young people to use their creative imagination! When they have completed the costumes, create a catwalk and have a scrap fashion show. You can make a cup from scrap and award it to the winning costume. With permission the catwalk can be photographed or videoed and displayed.



6 Junk sculptures

Collect lots of scrap including old newspapers, plastic, cardboard, fabric or visit your nearest Scrapstore. Provide scissors, Sellotape, staplers, paint, PVA glue and string. Using the scrap, make 3D junk sculptures that you could display by making your own sculpture gallery. Sculptures can be random things, animals, people, buildings or tell biblical stories.



7 Customising T-shirts or wellies

Customising T-shirts and wellies is a great creative activity to do with young people. It works best on plain T-shirts and green or light coloured wellies. You will need to purchase specialist paints and fabric glue from online or in a Hobby-craft type store and make sure that you cover any tables as the paint is hard to remove once dry.



8 Legomania

Lego is a great nostalgic activity to do with children / young people as it never dates. Invite them to bring along Lego to make models and have fun. On YouTube, Lego has been used extensively in making short animations, including bible stories. You could build a bank of Lego by asking people in your church or community for Lego they no longer use, Lego is also cheap on eBay.



9 Card making

Card making is a great way for children / young people to be creative. Cards can be made for different occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, people who are ill and weddings. People like to receive cards that have been handmade because they mean so much more. Use scrap, old cards, craft materials or card making kits. You can purchase specialist craft materials online or in a Hobby-craft type store. Make sure that you cover any tables as glue and paint is hard to remove once dry.

Fun Things to do indoors



10 Play bingo

Playing bingo can be a fun activity to do with children / young people. It is easy to download score cards and a sheet with all the names that relate to the numbers. You don't need to go to the expense of balls with numbers on and a fancy dispenser, instead you can put numbers on folded bits of paper in a hat, shake it up and pull out the numbers. Younger children or those with additional needs may need help.



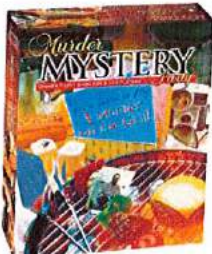
11 Treasure hunt

Hide items in and around your building or church and invite the children / young people in pairs or groups to find them. You can set clues to help them find the items or they can do it in an ad-hoc way. You could provide a prize for the winning team. This also works well at Easter by hiding eggs or at Christmas by hiding chocolate tree decorations.



12 Board games night

Playing traditional board games or moving board games such as Buckaroo or Mouse Trap is a really good activity to do with children / young people, it also gets them away from electronic games. You could also consider using giant garden games.



13 Murder Mystery

Why not run a murder mystery session? You could even include food. Murder Mystery games can be costly to buy so you could consider borrowing a game or downloading a game online. Check to see if the games need adapting to make them age appropriate and make sure the food is suitable for the age group. It can be really fun to invite those taking part to dress up in character.

14 Indoor Olympics

Indoor Olympics can be as much fun and competitive as outdoor Olympics. This can be done in teams or as individuals and works best in a hall or larger space in a church. Here are 10 examples of activities:

- Paper plate discus
- Limbo hurdles
- Straw javelins
- Balloon (with a spoonful of lentils inside) shot put
- Three legged race
- Hopping relay
- Hula hoop challenges
- Blow table tennis ball relay using a straw to blow the ball along
- Sock hammer (roll one sock up and pit it inside the other sock to make the hammer)
- Exercise bike or rowing machine race (you may need to borrow these items)





15 Indoor obstacle course

You don't have to go to great expense to set up an indoor obstacle course, you can use basic things such as chairs, ropes, bean bags, cushions, boxes, planks of wood, play tunnels, parking cones, old tyres, hula-hoops etc. To make it more challenging, you can introduce blindfolds or other impairing items. This is a great way of being able to talk with the children / young people about different disabilities and being inclusive.



16 Rock School

For this session you may need a few musicians to help—ensure they are good at communicating with children / young people. If your church has a music group they might help. This session is not designed to find the next child pop star, it is supposed to be a fun music jam to play a simple song. It works best with a familiar 3 – 4 chord song. Download basic chord sheets for those who can read chords, if not you can use images of where to place fingers to make chord shapes on a guitar or piano. It is surprising what can be achieved in a short time with a simple familiar song and a bit of musical coaching. This activity also works well as a choir or bell ringing.



17 Come as your parent's party

Have a party where the children / young people dress up as their parent's when they were a similar age to them. They will need to do some research and either make costumes or borrow clothes (if their parents still have them). To help make it feel more authentic, the children / young people could set up a play list or watch clips on YouTube of TV programmes and films that their parents watched back then.



18 Onesie party

Onesie parties are the new PJ party and usually involve a film and comfort food, so why not hold a onesie party with your youth / children's group? They can dress up in a onesie, bring a duvet and pillow and make themselves comfy for an age appropriate film, sing-a-long film or box set. Supply lots of hot chocolate and comfort food, or they can bring their own. The equipment you need will differ depending on the size of the group. Smaller groups can gather around a TV whilst larger groups might need a projector and PA equipment. Remember that activities using film or TV may require relevant licences, permissions and consents.

Top 10 ideas for 11-16s...

1. The Cross

This simple prayer idea could be used as part of a time of sung worship or at the end of a youth group session. You'll need a large wooden cross, post-it notes, pens and drawing pins. The cross doesn't need to be elaborate, in fact the rougher the better (being careful of splinters!). Think two planks nailed together.



Hand out post-it notes and pens to everyone and in a moment of quiet or perhaps with music playing, invite the group to bring themselves before God in prayer. Suggest that they write a prayer on the paper. It might be a prayer for themselves or for someone else, a single word, a drawing or a note to God. When they are ready, they approach the cross and pin it to the cross, folding it in half if they don't want others to read it.

Remind the group of the significance of the cross for Christians, that Jesus made a way for us to come to God. In 1 Corinthians 1:18 the Apostle Paul says: **"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power**

2. The Journey

This prayer station can be used with your young people as they consider the future. You'll need to make a series of A4 cards with landscape pictures of roads and signposts (try and internet search for 'roads' and look at the image results) plus some words like 'The Future' 'School' 'Changes' (try searching for 'road signs future' etc). Lay them out like a road, one in front of the other in a central place. Introduce the idea that life is like a journey – different stages and changes along the way – and that Jesus promises his disciples that he will be with us always.



Invite people to write their name on a post-it note (or alternatively draw a picture of something that represents them) and place it on the 'road' in a place that suits them as they think about their journey ahead.

Once the whole group have added their own post-it, take the opportunity to pray over the whole group as they look to the future and remind them of these words of encouragement: **"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."** (Hebrews 12:1-2a NLT)



3. Globe prayers

This is an interactive prayer activity that offers children the opportunity to pray for others around the world. You will need a large inflatable globe with the countries clearly marked, ideally about the size of a large beach ball (30–40 inches diameter).

Invite the children to sit in a large, spread out, circle opposite one another and give the ball to one of the children. Ask a child to randomly put their finger on a country (say Zambia) and to say out loud the country by praying 'God we pray for Zambia' and everybody responds together by saying 'Amen'. This child throws the globe across the circle to another child to catch,

when they catch it they too randomly pick another country and say 'God we pray for ...' and everybody responds together by saying 'Amen'. Repeat this as many times as you like. If a child's finger lands on the sea / ocean, simply pray for all those who work on the seas like fishermen, lifeboat people or the royal Navy. Whilst this activity is happening, someone can write the names of the countries down. As a follow up, you can research the country, to find out a bit more about it and offer more in-depth prayers about the particular countries you have landed on in the session. Also, if you do this prayer activity regularly, you could log over a year, how many individual countries you have prayed for. It is important that children are praying for all the countries in the world not just the ones we hear about on the news or that have a higher profile.

4. Prayer pebbles

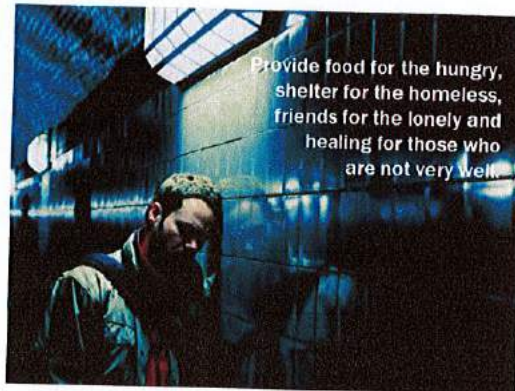
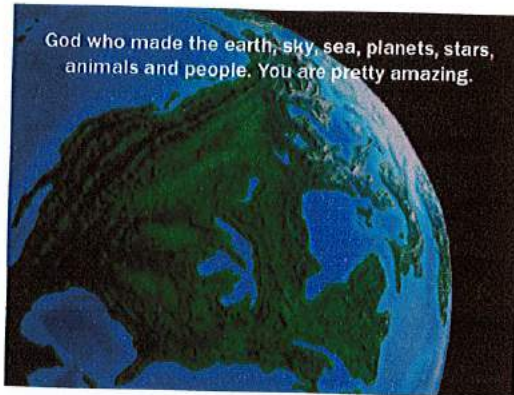
Collect a load of pebbles and using paints or permanent pens invite the children to decorate their prayer pebble. This will enable the children to identify their own pebble. Store all of the pebbles in a prayer box and get them out during prayer times.



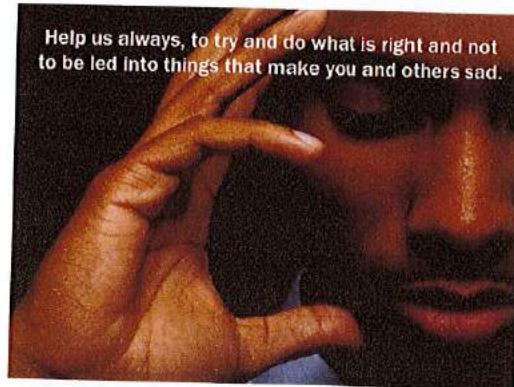
Sit in a circle and ask the children to pick out their prayer pebble and hold it in their hand. Then suggest a topic of prayer, for example family or their school or the world. Invite the children to hold the prayer pebble in their hand and silently pray for their family or the chosen topic. If a child wants to say a prayer out loud they simply place their prayer pebble on the floor in front of them to indicate this and then pray out loud. When they have finished they say 'Amen' (others can say 'Amen' too) and pick the prayer pebble back up. This activity is a way of helping children to use their prayer pebble as a focus, it might also encourage them to engage with both silent and said prayers.

5. The Lord's prayer revised

The Lord's Prayer is familiar to many children as it is said in church most weeks. Some schools also use the Lord's Prayer in collective worship. Why not encourage children to re-write the Lords Prayer in their own language using images? Here is an example.



Help us to say sorry when we have hurt others, and to not hold grudges to those who have hurt or upset us.



Bible Chat Mat

Bible Chat Mat allows people of all ages to read the Bible and have conversation together, whether on the sofa or wherever works best, around a meal table, sitting on the sofa or wherever works best.

This activity can be done as a household, friends together, home group, Sunday group or even in a school club.

The sheets can be coloured and doodled on, allowing you to respond to the Bible story in your own unique way.

To get the best from this resource, we encourage you to:

1. Do this with others
2. Print a copy to colour and doodle!
3. Read the Bible story together in an age appropriate Bible
4. Discuss the questions together
5. Pray together
6. Grow in faith together

Thank God for something he has done for you and ask him to help you or someone you know this week.

This son of mine was dead,

How could you share the love of God this week?

but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.

How many pigs can you find?

What is your favourite part of the story? Why?
What did you learn about Jesus from this story?



STORY

Luke chapter 15 verse 11 to 31



STORM

Mark chapter 4
verse 35-41

How many cushions
and sails can you find?

What is your favourite part
of the story?
Why?

Jesus said to the
waves, "Be still!"
The wind died down, and there was a great calm.

What did you
learn about
Jesus from
this story?

Jesus stood up and commanded the wind "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!"

How could you share
the love of God this week?

Thank God for
something he has
done for you and
ask him to help
you or someone
you know this
week

Can you find 5 loaves of bread?

Thank God for something he has done for you. Ask him to help you or someone you know this week.

What did you learn about Jesus from this story?

What is your favourite part of the story? Why?

Matthew 14
chapter 14
verse 13-21

How could you share the love of Jesus this week?

Jesus and the two loaves

to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves,

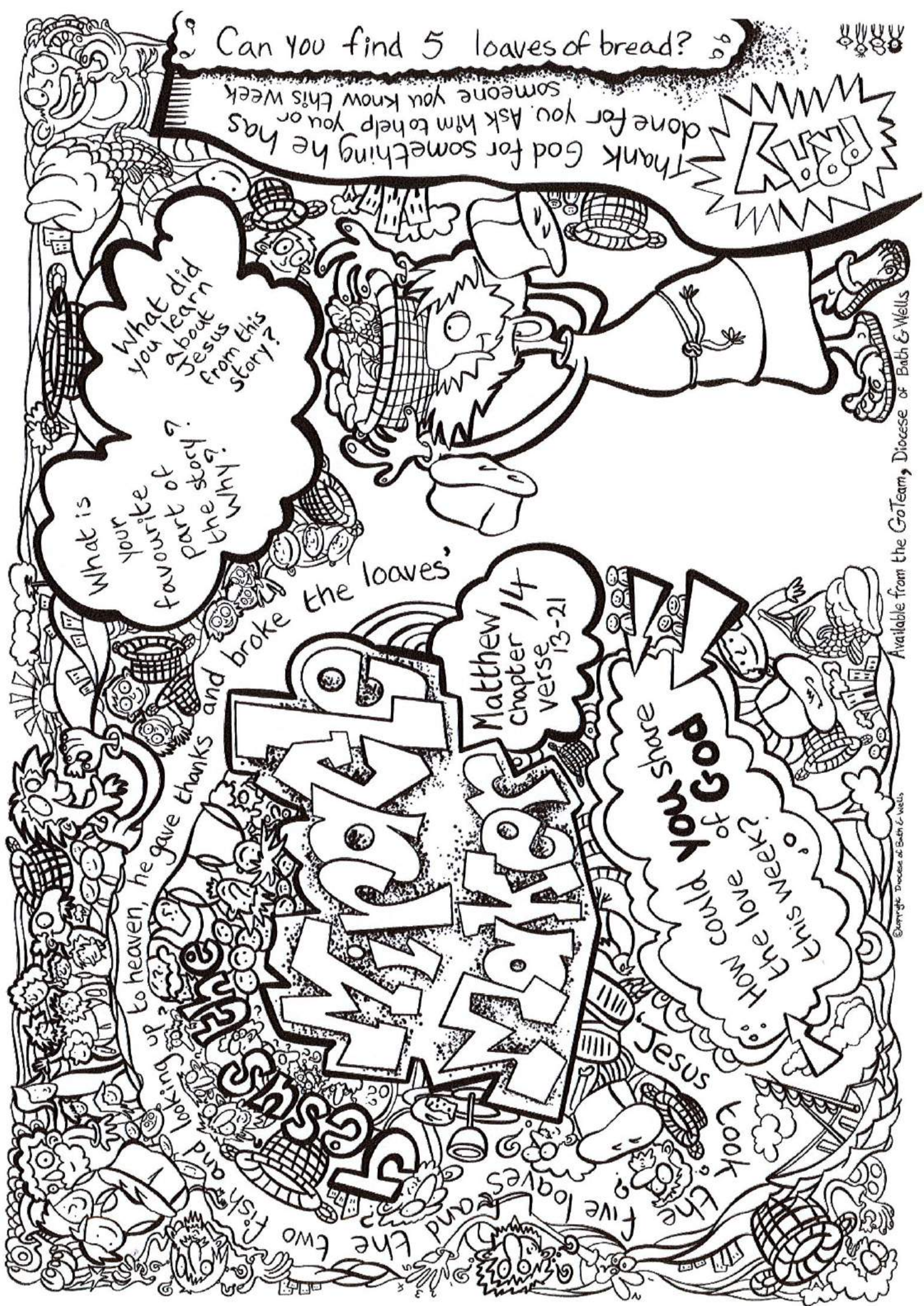
and taking up the loaves and looking up to heaven,

The five loaves and the two fish

Jesus took

the love of

this week?





Thank God for something he has done for you. Ask him to help you or someone you know for this week.

“Your sins are forgiven” or “pick up your mat and walk”?

Jesus Asks

Luke Chapters 5 Verse 17-26

What did you learn about Jesus from this story?

What is your favourite part of the story? ... Why?

How could you share God this week? How the love of

How many houses can you find?



Thank God for something he has done for you and ask him to help you or someone you know.

How could the love of God share this week?

Your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost.

Matthew chapter 18 verse 12-14.

THE LOST SHEEP

It's just the same way

What did you learn about Jesus from this story?

What is your favourite part of the story? Why?

How many sheep can you find?
How many shepherd's crooks are there?



What did you learn about Jesus from this story?

How many brushes, jugs and brooms can you find?

How could you share the love of God this week?

WASHING MARY'S FEET

verses 8-14 Luke 10

Washing Mary's feet

Welcoming Jesus

She had a sister named Mary.

Thank God for something he has done for you and ask him to help you or someone you know this week

Pray

The story's favourite part for you? What is your favourite part for you?

the feet of the Lord and listeners



Luke Chapter 6 Verse 46-49

Buildings

How many buckets and spades can you find?

How could you share the love of God this week?

Jesus dug deep and laid the foundation on rock.

Thank God for something he has done for you and ask him to help you or someone you know this week

What is your favourite part of the story? Why? What story did you learn about Jesus from this story?



Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

- ___ What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
- ___ Love is ___, love is kind (1 Cor 13:4)
- ___ Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and ___. (1 Timothy 6:11)
- ___ Great is your ___. (Lamentations 3:23)
- ___ Do the best you can to live in ___ with everyone. (Romans 12:18)
- ___ YHWH is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and of great loving ___. (Psalm 145:8)
- ___ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the ___ of my heart. (Psalm 119:111)
- ___ The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and ___. (Galatians 5:22)
- ___ Yahweh is ___, A stronghold in the day of trouble. (Nahum 1:7)
- ___ ___ your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:31)

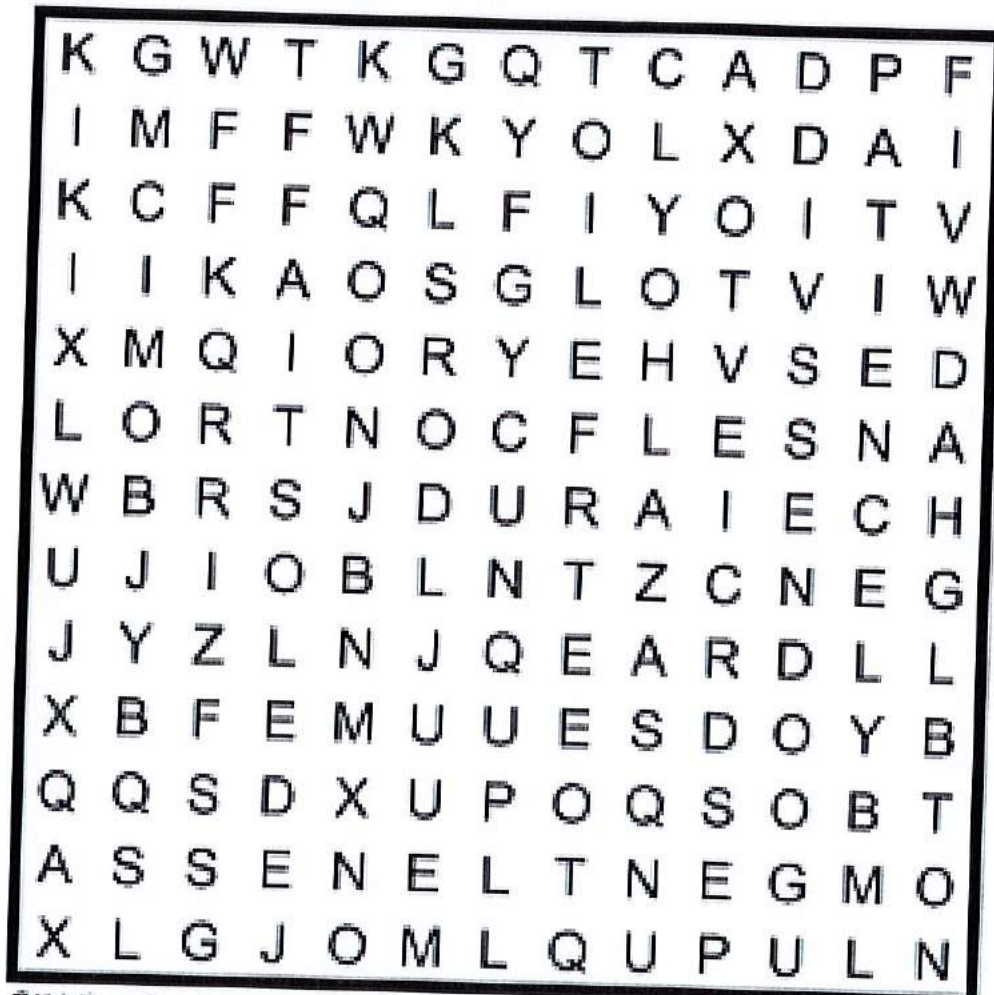
ANSWERS

1. Love
2. Patient
3. Kindness
4. Gentleness
5. Self control
6. Joy
7. Peace
8. Good
9. Faithfulness
10. Conviction of sin, instruction in righteousness, and sound judgment. (John 16:8)



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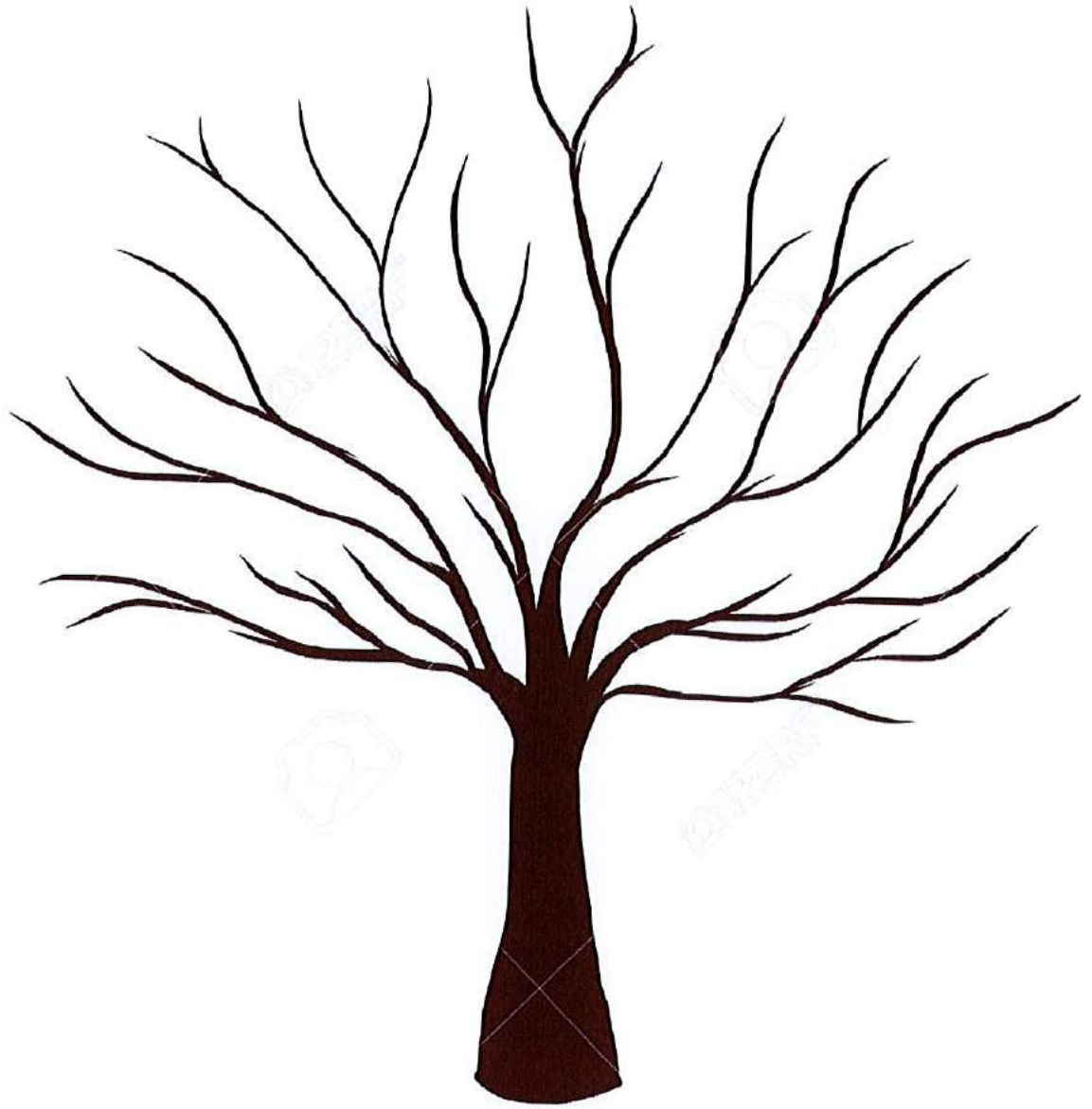
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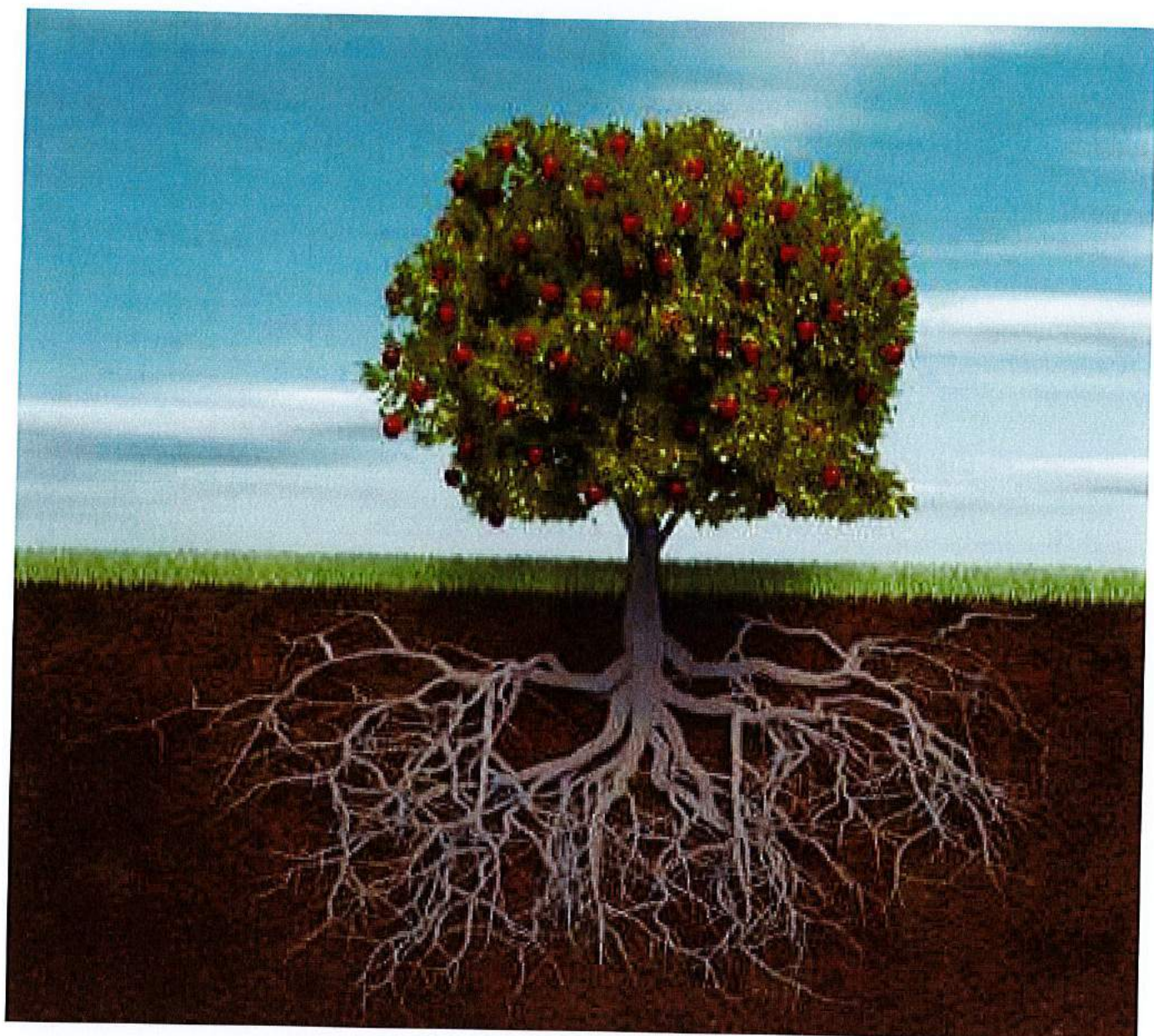
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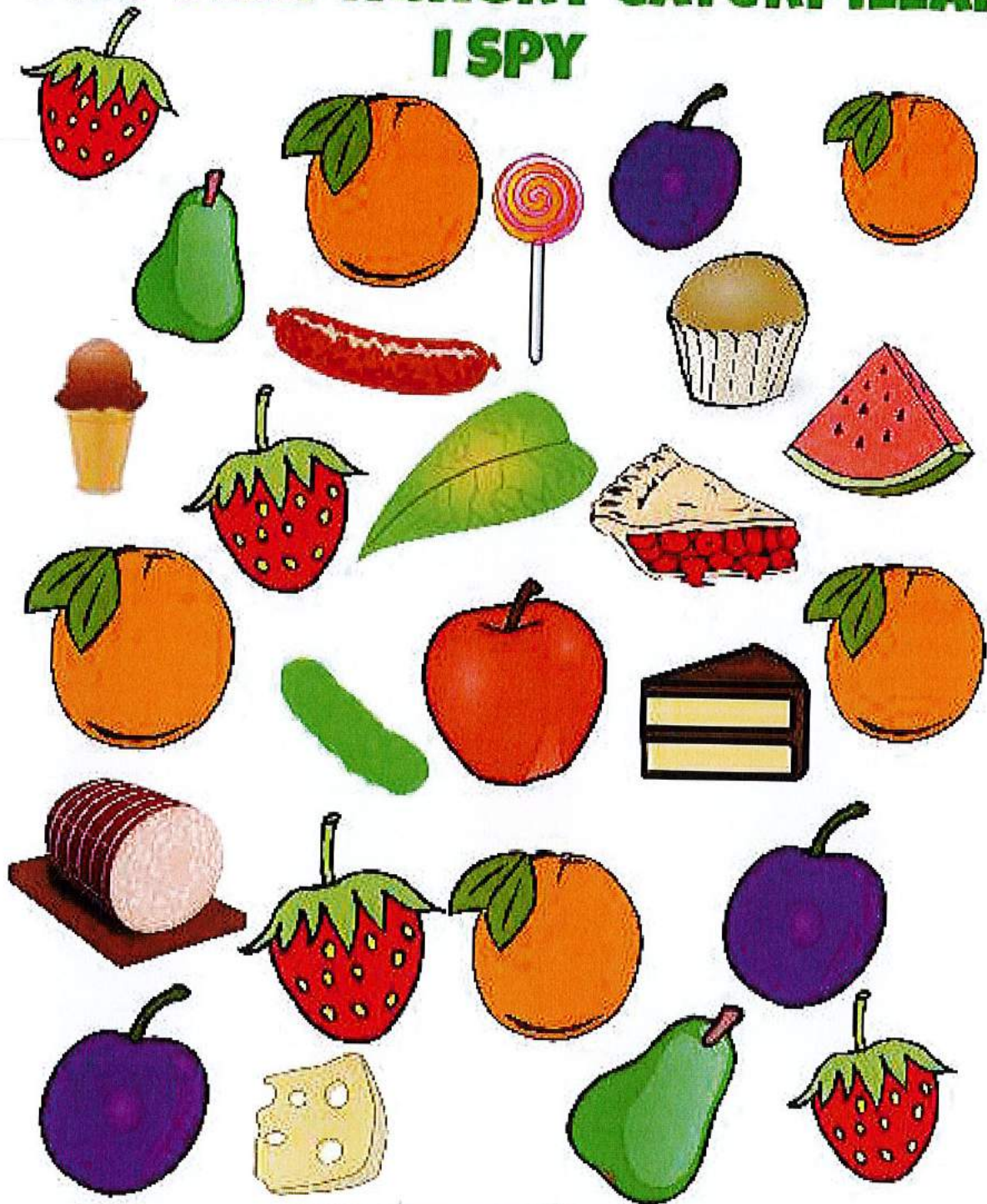
PATIENCE
PEACE
SELF-CONTROL







THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR I SPY





On Monday he ate
through one apple.
But he was still hungry.



On Tuesday he ate
through two pears.



On Wednesday he ate
through three plums,
but he was still hungry.



On Thursday he ate
through four strawberries,
but he was still hungry.



On Friday he ate
through five oranges,
but he was still hungry.



one piece of
chocolate cake,



one ice
cream cone,



one pickle,



one slice of
Swiss Cheese,



one slice
of salami,



one lollipop,



one piece
of cherry pie,



one sausage,



one cupcake,



and one slice
of watermelon