



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 4

Love - God's Love Made Flesh

Advent / John 3:16-19

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY



Advent



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John 3:16-19

LOVE



GOD'S LOVE MADE FLESH

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on Advent. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact hello@stbartskids.org

TIMING

Welcome and play	15mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ❑ Different types of Nativity scenes. Eg wooden, little people, puppets.
- ❑ A collection of different Christmas picture books or children's Bibles
- ❑ A3 paper
- ❑ Glue stick
- ❑ Patty papers
- ❑ Small bucket/bowl
- ❑ Pom poms (or cotton wool balls)
- ❑ Large tweezers
- ❑ Glow Sticks
- ❑ Heart Cookie Cutter Set
- ❑ Play Dough
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- ❑ Nativity Cookie Cutter Set
- ❑ Play Dough
- ❑ Printout of Worksheet #1
- ❑ Markers
- ❑ Clipboards
- ❑ A3 Printout of Worksheet #2
- ❑ Large piece of cardboard
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Glue
- ❑ Coloured Pencils/Pens
- ❑ Clipboards
- ❑ A3 Printout of Worksheet #3
- ❑ Newspapers
- ❑ Scissors
- ❑ Glue
- ❑ 2 cones/markers
- ❑ List of charades words

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the fourth in a four week series based on Advent.

SESSION OUTLINE

THIS SUNDAY

21st December 2025

BIBLE FOCUS

John 3:16-19

THEME

Love - God's Love Made Flesh

WEEK

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to save us. When we believe in him, we can have forever-life and live in God's light.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Advent

From the earliest of Christian times, advent has been a season of waiting in eager anticipation of Christ's return. In fact, the traditional church calendar doesn't begin on January 1, but with the first Sunday of advent: we begin our Christian year in waiting! Not with "...the merriment of Christmas or the triumph of Easter. We do not begin with the work of the church or the mandate of the Great Commission. Instead, we begin in a place of yearning." We wait with eyes and hearts ready to receive our King, but also looking back, rejoicing in God's faithfulness in coming to us throughout human history. Advent reminds us that we're invited into a relationship with the living God, who comes in Scripture's story, who came in person, as promised, and will come in glory.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Gizmo's Daily Bible Byte - John 3:16 - How Much God Loves You!](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [What is Advent? For Kids](#)
2. [Advent Prayer Calendar - Tear Fund](#) (simple prayer focus and scripture to help you prepare for the joy of Christmas with hope and justice)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [John 3:16 \(For God So Loved The World\)](#)
2. [What Christmas is About](#)
3. [L O V E, Love](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [John 3:16 \(For God So Loved The World\)](#)
2. [It's Christmas](#)
3. [L O V E, Love](#)



FOCUS

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WARM-UPS

- ☐ *Who are some of the people who love you?*
- ☐ *How does it make you feel to know that these people love you?*

TEACHING TIME

Love – God's Love Made Flesh

In today's passage John reminds us of how much God loves everyone in this world. He loves us so much that he gave us his one and only son so that if we believe in him we can have life forever with God.

God knows that without him, we would stay stuck in the darkness, sadness and sin. So he sent Jesus to rescue us.

Jesus came down to earth and lived with us. He taught us, he healed people, and he showed us what God is like.

And then he died on the cross to save us from our sin and give us life forever with God.

What an amazing gift! Jesus was God's only son whom he loved, and yet he was prepared to send him into our world to suffer and die on a cross so that we could be saved from our sins. Jesus didn't come to lecture us and tell us how bad we are. He came to teach us and guide us how to live the way God wants us to live... in the beautiful light of his love.

Jesus is the light that guides us... just like a torch is the light that guides us to safety. His light shines into our lives - onto our worries and problems, our sadness and mistakes. No matter how bad things seem, that light and love is always there for us to look toward - bringing us hope, peace and joy. What a great comfort and joy it is to know that God loves us so much - that he will never stop loving us. And all we have to do to receive this gift is to keep believing in him and loving him.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

What do you love about God?

2. Lower Primary

How can you show how much you love God?

3. Middle Primary

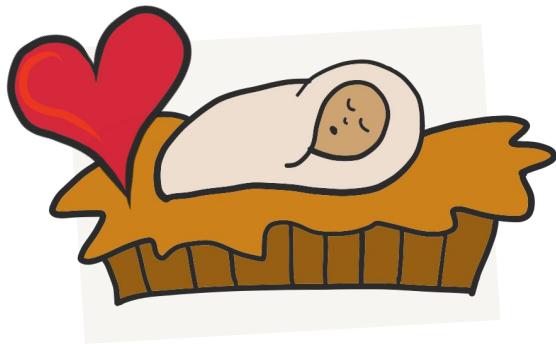
How can you express your love for God?

4. Upper Primary

How could you grow in the way you express your love for God?

Early Childhood

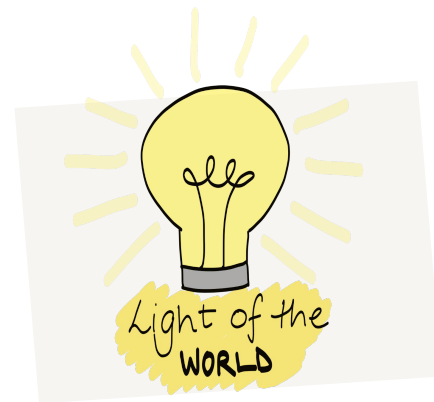
Love - God's Love Made Flesh



God loved the whole world so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus.

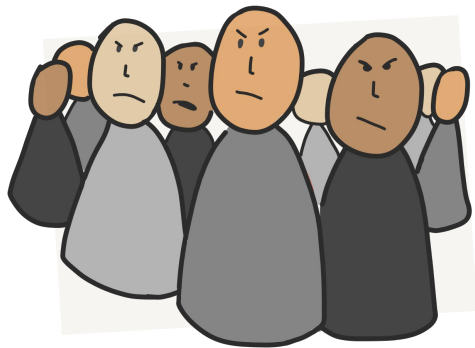


Anyone who believes in Jesus will live with God forever.



Jesus brought God's light into a dark world.

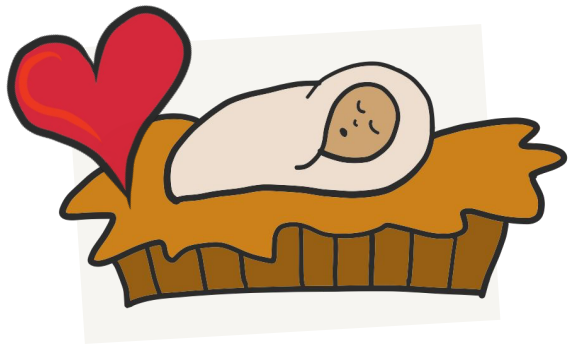
Early Childhood



But some people didn't want the light because they wanted to keep doing wrong things.

Lower Primary

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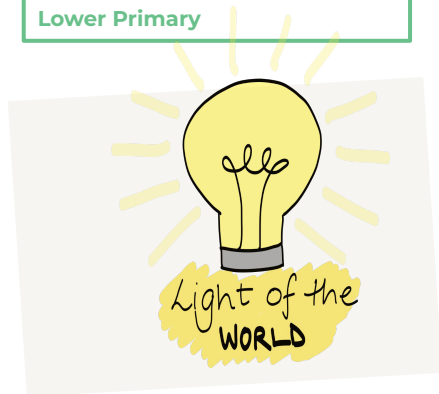


16-18 God loved the world so much that he sent his one and only Son, Jesus, to save us and make things right again.



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Lower Primary



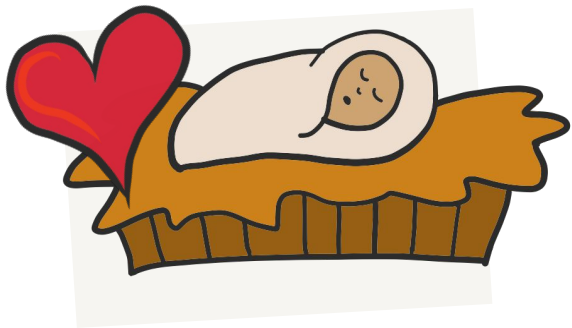
19 Jesus brought God's light into a dark world.



But some people would rather be in the dark. That's because they like doing wrong things.

Middle Primary

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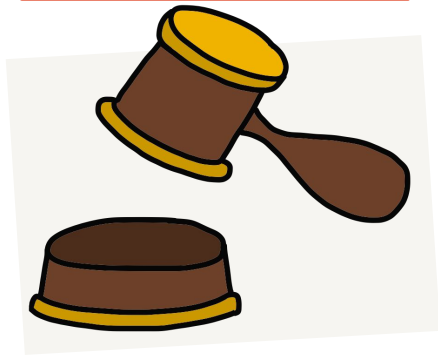


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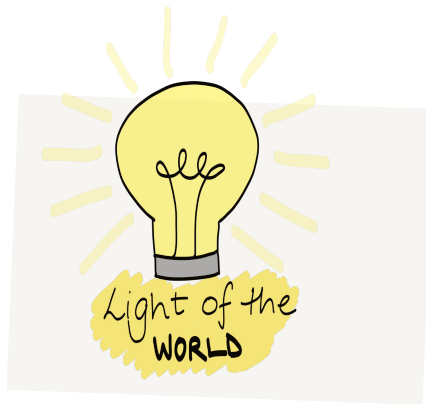


18 Anyone who believes in him is declared “not guilty” by God.

Middle Primary



But anyone who refuses to trust Jesus stays under judgement, because they have not believed in God's Son.



19 Jesus brought God's light into a dark world.



But some people would rather be in the dark. That's because they like doing evil things.

FOCUS

God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to save us. When we believe in him, we can have forever-life and live in God's light.

Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
THANK YOU that you love us so much.
THANK YOU for sending Jesus to save us.
HELP US to trust Jesus and walk in his light every day.
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook God's Love Made flesh (John 3:16-19)

- 1. What special gift did God give us to show that he loves us?**
Jesus
- 2. What did Jesus bring into our dark world?**
Light
- 3. Why did some people want to stay in the dark (not come into Jesus' light)?**
They wanted to keep doing wrong things.
- 4. How could we get to live with God forever?**
If we believe in Jesus we will be able to live with God forever.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

FOCUS

God loved the world so much that he sent Jesus to save us. When we believe in him, we can have forever-life and live in God's light.

Lower Primary

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for your amazing love.
Thank you for giving us Jesus, your Son, to rescue us and bring us eternal life.
Please help us to believe in Jesus, follow him, and live in your light. Thank you that you are always with us.
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 3:16-19 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. **What is the greatest gift you have ever received?**

2. **Why is the gift of Jesus so great?**

The gift is free (we don't have to earn it) but it cost Jesus pain, suffering and death. It shows how much God loves us (that he was prepared to let his one and only son experience this suffering).

3. **Why did God send Jesus into the world? vs 16-17**

To save us and make things right again.

4. **What does *eternal life* mean?**

Hint: view the illustration and read vs 16-17

5. **Why do some people choose to stay in the dark? v19**

They like doing wrong things. They don't see the hope, peace, joy and love that believing in Jesus brings.

6. **Would you rather live in the light or in the dark? Why?**

7. **How does it feel when we live in the light of God's love?**

We feel safe, joyful, hopeful, peaceful and loved.

8. **How could you show others how much God loves us?**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

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Middle Primary

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Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 3:16-19 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture

- What is the greatest gift you have ever received?**
- Why is the gift of Jesus so extraordinary?**
The gift is freely given (we don't have to earn it) but it cost Jesus pain, suffering and death. It shows how much God loves us (that he was prepared to let his one and only son experience this suffering).
- Why did God send Jesus into the world? vs 16-17**
To save us and make things right again.
- What does *eternal life* mean?**
Hint: view the illustration and read vs 16-17
- How do we become free when we believe in and love Jesus? v18**
We are forgiven for our sins. God will no longer judge us.
- Why do some people choose to stay in the darkness? v19**
They like doing evil things. They don't see the hope, peace, joy and love that believing in Jesus brings.
- How will God treat these people if they don't come to trust Jesus and believe in Him?**
He will judge them. Their sins will not be forgiven.

- Have you chosen to live in the light of Jesus? How does this make you feel?**

Children might describe the feelings of hope, peace, joy and love that knowing and believing in Jesus brings.

- How could you show others the beauty of living in the light of Jesus?**

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FOCUS

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for your amazing love.
Thank you for giving us Jesus, your Son, to rescue us and bring us eternal life.
Please help us to believe in Jesus, follow him, and live in your light. Thank you that you are always with us.
Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read John 3:16-19 (from NIRV New Adventurer Bible)

- What is the greatest gift you have ever received?**
- Why is the gift of Jesus so extraordinary?**
The gift is freely given (we don't have to earn it) but it cost Jesus pain, suffering and death. It shows how much God loves us (that he was prepared to let his one and only son experience this suffering).
- Why did God send Jesus into the world? v 16**
To save us and give us eternal life
- What does eternal life mean?**
To live forever with God.
- How do we become free when we believe in and love Jesus? v18**
We are forgiven for our sins. God will no longer judge us.
- Why do some people choose to stay in the darkness? v19**
They like doing evil things. They don't see the hope, peace, joy and love that believing in Jesus brings.
- How will God treat these people if they don't come to trust Jesus and believe in Him?**
He will judge them. Their sins will not be forgiven.

8. What makes us confident of God's love?

His love has been demonstrated and expressed through the gift of his Son. His love lives on because Jesus lives. We can experience this love because God gives us his Spirit.

9. How could you show others the beauty and certainty of God's love?

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Amen.

TIPS

Pray for opportunities this Christmas to show love to your family, with your friends, and on all your frontlines.

Early Childhood

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Sunday School

Heavenly Father,

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Amen.

FOCUS

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Nativity Play & Stories
- LOVE Fine Motor
- Glow Sticks
- Heart Play Dough (Kindy)
- Chalkboard Words (Kindy)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Nativity Play Dough (Prep)
- Bookmarks (1-2)
- Colour Puzzle (3-4)
- Newspaper Memory Verse (5-6)

GAMES

- Love, Love, Jesus (Kindy)
- Nativity Charades (Prep-Yr 6)

Nativity Play & Stories

YOU'LL NEED...

- Different types of Nativity scenes. Eg wooden, little people, puppets.
- A collection of different Christmas picture books or children's Bibles

STEPS

1. Let the children play with the Nativity toys.
2. Talk them through the Christmas story.
3. After gather the children and read to them a selection of Christmas books.



Link

The Nativity is one of the iconic examples of God's love for us being played out. As children play with the nativity scene and read the books, there are opportunities to talk and reflect on the gift of love that God showed us through giving us his Son, Jesus.

LOVE Fine Motor

YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 paper
- Glue stick
- Patty papers
- Small bucket/bowl
- Pom poms (or cotton wool balls)
- Large tweezers

STEPS

1. Glue the patty papers onto the A3 paper, forming the letters L, O, V, E.
2. Model how to pick up the pom poms with the tweezers from the bowl and place one at a time into the patty papers until the entire word has been formed.



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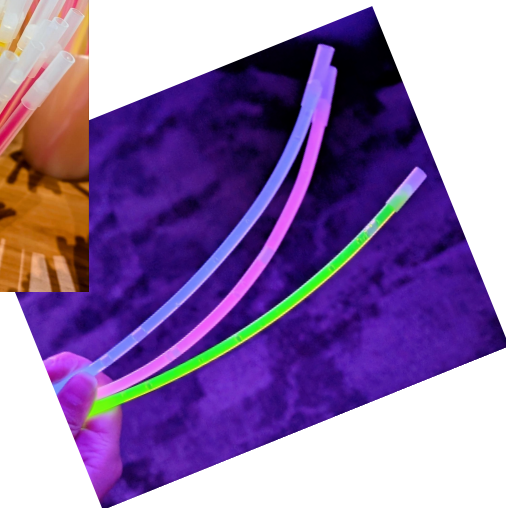
Glow Sticks

YOU'LL NEED...

- Glow Sticks

STEPS

1. Give each child a glow stick.
2. Turn off the lights and help the children crack the glow sticks and watch them light up.
3. Let the children take their glow stick home as a reminder that, Jesus is the Light.

[Link](#)

Jesus brought God's light into a dark world.

Heart Play Dough

YOU'LL NEED...

- Heart Cookie Cutter Set
- Play Dough

STEPS

1. Have play dough available for the group (either one colour or multiple colours).
2. Invite the children to roll out the dough and then use the cookie cutters to create hearts.



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Chalkboard Words

YOU'LL NEED...

- Chalkboards
- Chalk

STEPS

1. Write four big letters across the chalkboards - L - O - V - E.
2. Invite the children to practise copying the letter found on each board, multiple times.



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Nativity Play Dough

YOU'LL NEED...

- Nativity Cookie Cutter Set
- Play Dough

STEPS

1. Have play dough available for the group (either one colour or multiple colours).
2. Invite the children to use the cookie cutters to create a nativity scene together- first by rolling out the dough and then cutting out each character. Together, build the entire nativity scene.

IDEA: recall the story and retell it together once all the characters have been created.



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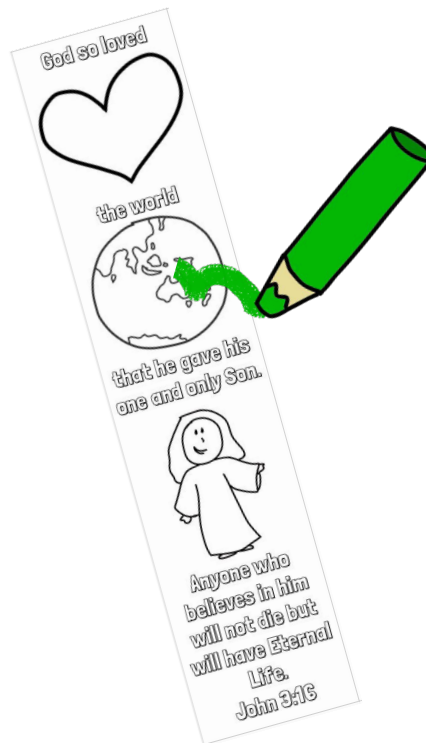
Bookmarks

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #1
- Markers
- Clipboards

STEPS

1. Give each child a bookmark.
2. Encourage the children to colour-in the bookmark.

[Link](#)

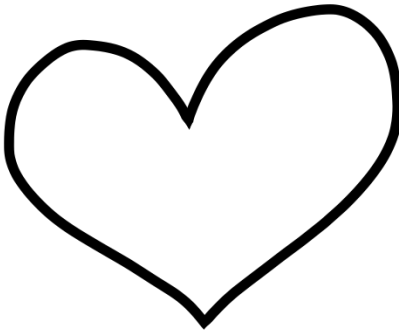
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WORKSHEET 1

The BOOKMARK activity can be found on the following page..

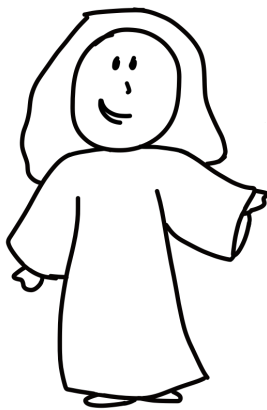
God so loved



the world



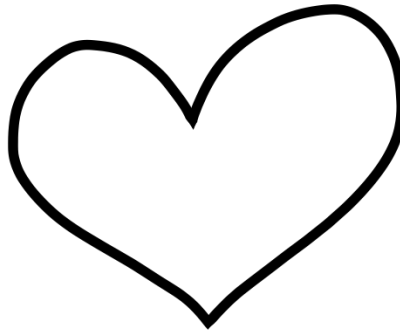
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one and only Son.



Anyone who
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will not die but
will have Eternal
Life.

John 3:16

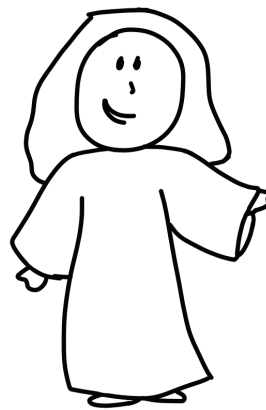
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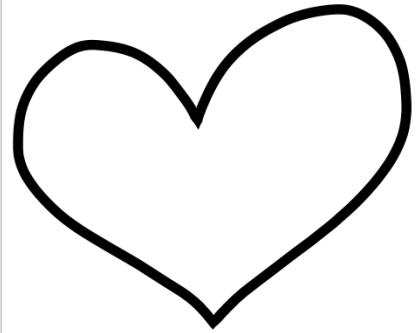
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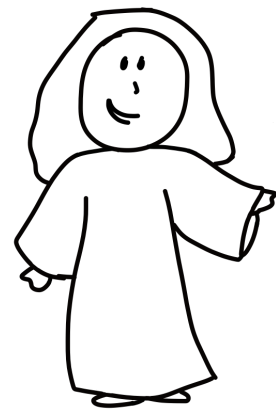
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Colour Puzzle

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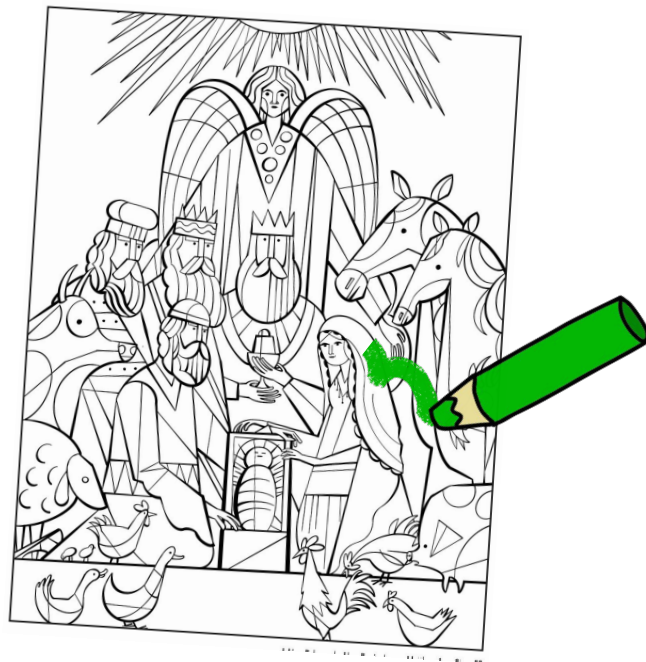
- A3 Printout of Worksheet #2
- Large piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloured Pencils/Pens
- Clipboards

STEPS

1. Cut the colouring page up, so each child gets a 'puzzle' piece (print out more colouring pages if you have a large group).
2. Give each child one puzzle piece and let them colour it however they want.
3. Once they've finished, bring all the pieces together to form the complete picture.
4. Glue the pieces onto the cardboard.

SOURCE: Colouring selected from

<https://www.thebiggeststory.com/printables/gospels/>



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WORKSHEET 2

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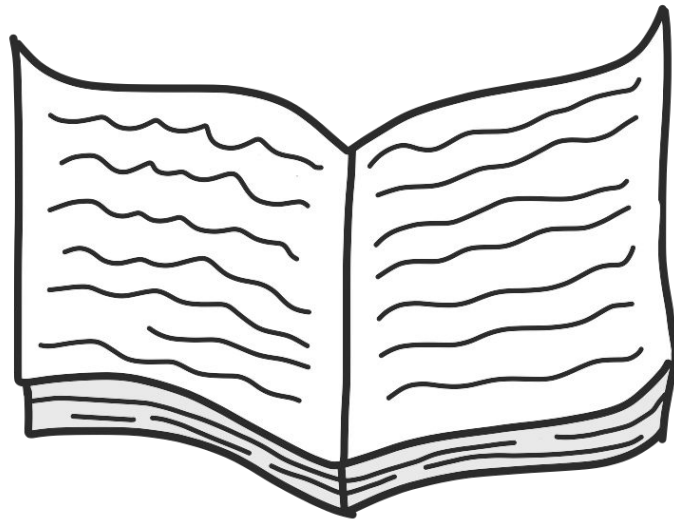
Newspaper Memory Verse

YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 Printout of Worksheet #3
- Newspapers
- Scissors
- Glue

STEPS

1. As a group, the children are to find the letters of the Bible verse in the newspaper, cut them out and glue them onto the printout. It is recommended that the leader allocates each child 1-2 specific letters (depending on the size of the group) so there are no double ups.



Link

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***For God so loved the
world that he gave his
one and only Son,***

***that whoever believes
in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.***

John 3:16

GAME: Love, Love, Jesus

YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

STEPS

1. This game is a variation on 'Duck, Duck, Goose'.
2. Arrange the children sitting in a circle.
3. One child may volunteer to be 'it' first. The child will go around the circle tapping each child on the head in turn "love, love, love ..."
4. At random, the child will then tap another child and say "JESUS". The child sitting will stand up and chase the other child around the circle.
5. The child who was 'it' sits in the spot that was just vacated by the other child, and that child is now 'it'.
6. Continue until all children have had a turn to be 'it', or until time elapses.

[Link](#)

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GAME: Nativity Charades

YOU'LL NEED...

- 2 cones/markers
- List of charades words

STEPS

1. Split the children into 2 large teams. One team runs wickets while the other team elects a member to act out (silently) a given word.
2. Once the charades team correctly guesses what the word is, the running team stops and tallies their runs.
3. Teams take turns to run wickets and act out the given words.

Examples words:

- Mary
- Joseph
- Star
- Baby Jesus
- Shepherds
- Sheep
- Wise Men
- Manger
- Stable
- Angel
- Inn
- Gifts
- Donkey



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