



Resource Pack

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

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WEEK 4

Religion isn't Enough

Romans / Romans 2:17-3:20

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY

The image features a classical Roman temple with several columns and a central bust on a pedestal. The scene is heavily stylized with vibrant, multi-colored graffiti and paint splashes in shades of red, blue, yellow, and green. The background is a clear blue sky with white clouds. The overall aesthetic is a blend of ancient architecture and modern street art.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

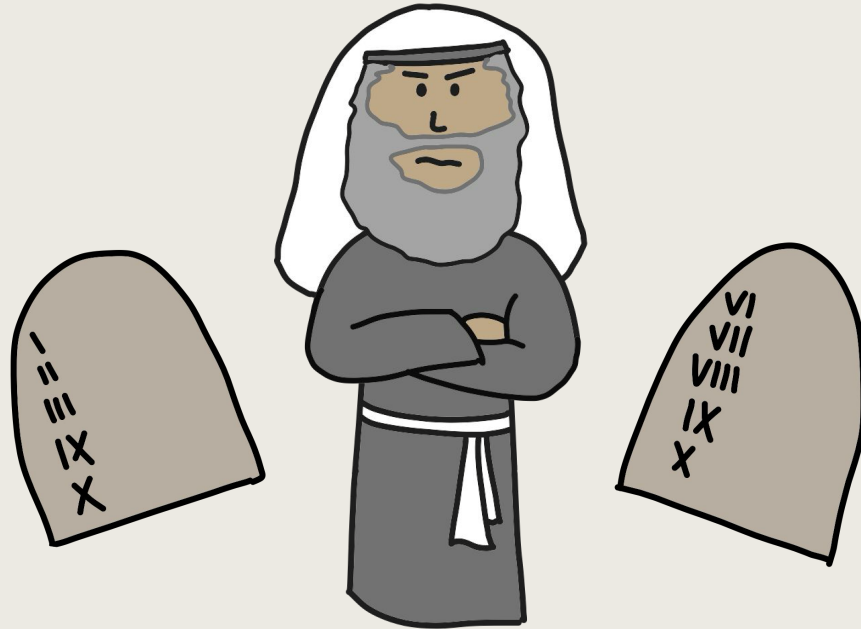
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BY THE GOSPEL

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Religion isn't Enough

Romans 2:17-3:20



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 **the book of Romans**. 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	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ❑ Wooden Village People set
- ❑ (we sourced these from My Playroom)
- ❑ Various Occupation/workwear dress ups
- ❑ Two Large jigsaw puzzles - but switch the puzzles that are inside the boxes so they don't match the cover
- ❑ Jobs & Occupations For Children Quiz video
- ❑ Pre-wrapped pass the parcel (see preparation note)
- ❑ Various Occupation/workwear dress ups
- ❑ Scoop
- ❑ Plastic (or wooden) blocks (Duplo, Mega Blocks, or similar work well)
- ❑ Printout of the Copy Blocks Challenge Cards (Worksheet #1)
- ❑ Jenga Blocks (or similar)
- ❑ Action/Intention Scenarios (Worksheet #2)
- ❑ Printout of Worksheet #3
- ❑ Pens
- ❑ Clipboards

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the fourth in an eighteen week series based on the book of Romans.

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

Romans

BIBLE FOCUS

Romans 2:17-3:20

TOPIC

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OVERVIEW

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Nobody is good enough to get to heaven on their own, even if they know God's rules.

SERIES OVERVIEW

ROMANS - Strengthened by the Gospel

Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the most important pieces of written correspondence in all of human history. Formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, Paul—a Pharisee who actively persecuted Christians—had a radical encounter with the risen Lord Jesus and was commissioned by Jesus as an apostle to proclaim the Good News to the Gentiles (the world of non-Jewish people). Paul proclaimed the Gospel, established churches, and wrote to these new communities and their leaders to instruct, encourage, and correct them. As one set apart for the gospel of God, Paul writes to the Roman Christians in order to proclaim this good news, defend his apostolic authority, enlist the prayerful support of the Roman Christians, and express his eagerness to visit them. Paul—as apostle, teacher, and pastor—longs for the believers to be strengthened and mutually encouraged by the gospel. We approach Romans with the same hope.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

1. [The Book of Romans \(The Bible Project\)](#)
2. [Romans Road to Salvation \(ShareFaith Media\)](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Romans explained for children through song!](#)
2. [Every move I Make](#)
3. [L-O-V-E](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [Romans 1:16 \(For I am not ashamed\)](#)
2. [Every move I Make](#)
3. [L-O-V-E](#)



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WARM-UPS

- How many of the 10 Commandments could you name by heart?
- Does wearing a (insert sport or profession) uniform make you the real deal?

TEACHING TIME

Being at Church Isn't Enough

The Bible says that saying we come from a Christian family or merely calling ourselves a 'Christian' isn't enough to save us. Did you realise that? Religion or being part of Kids Church, isn't enough. What?!

In today's passage, Paul is reminding the people with Jewish heritage (v17) that being Jewish and relying on the law, boasting in God, and teaching others is of little use if they are not trusting in Jesus.

Paul wanted to show the disconnect between "talking the talk" and "walking the walk".

Now remember - we all fall to sin and do the wrong thing. This is what the Bible says about us in Romans 3:10-12 - Not even one person is righteous, all have turned away from God. We are all under sin. And Paul has already said that God will judge fairly earlier in Romans. .

Just because someone is in church doesn't mean that they are right before God. Just because a person knows a lot about the Bible doesn't mean they are living a life that is connected to God.

Indeed, some of the people Paul wrote to could also answer well. But were they the real Christians? If someone dressed up as Superman could you really rely on them to save the world? A person may seem holy on the outside but what about their heart?

Don't think I am saying that coming to Church is pointless. In fact - it's a great thing to come to church! BUT we can't rely on Church attendance to save us.. Just like the people in Paul's time who know about God - we also need Jesus. God's law exposes our sin, it does not make us holy at all.

We can't brag that: "I've been to church 4 weeks in a row", "My family wrote Christian on the Census", "I know lots of Bible verses."

God sees past our appearance and whether we label ourselves as Christian. Paul is reminding us that God sees what our hearts and minds are like. The true way to please God is through faith..

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

Is knowing God's rules the way to heaven?

2. Lower Primary

Can God's law save us?

3. Middle Primary

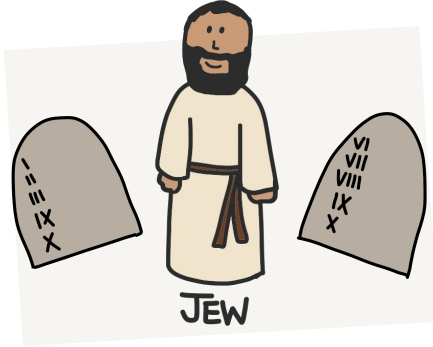
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4. Upper Primary

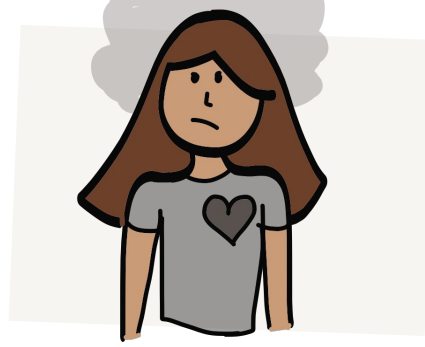
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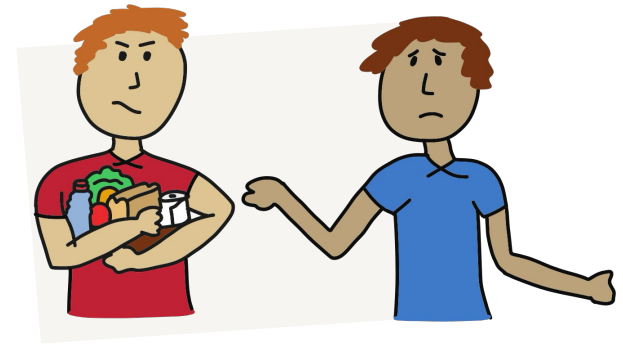
Religion isn't enough



We can't make ourselves right with God simply by what we do.

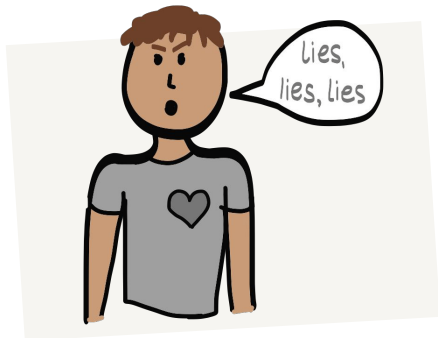


God sees into our heart and knows what we're really like.

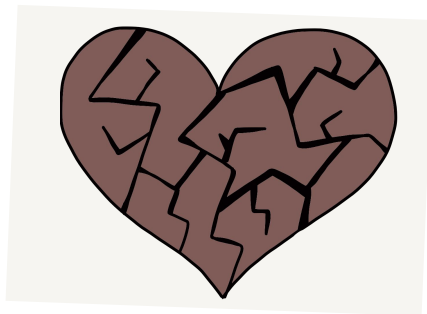


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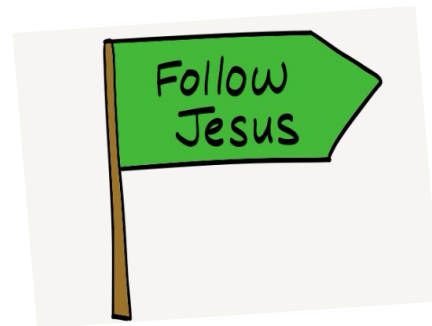
Early Childhood



You say lying is wrong but you like telling 'tall stories'.



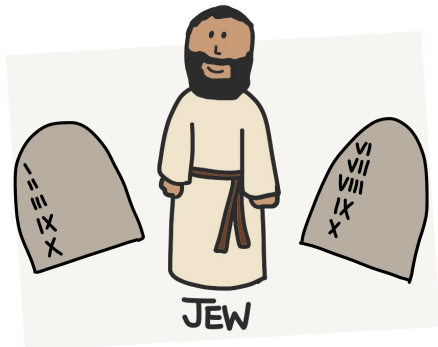
It's not just what you do but what's in your heart that God really sees.



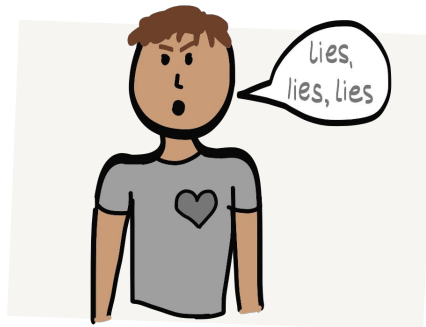
God will forgive all those who trust in Jesus and follow him with all their heart.

Lower Primary

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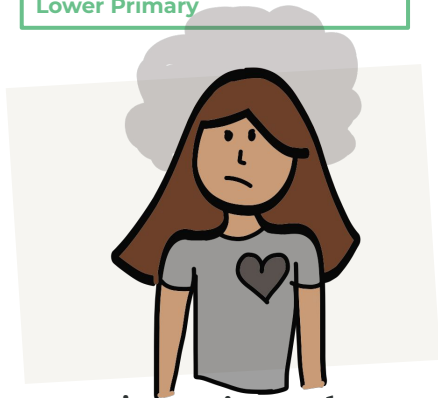


Ch2 vs17-24 You people in the church in Rome, I want to tell you that you can't know God simply by doing good deeds. You boast about keeping the law but that won't do.

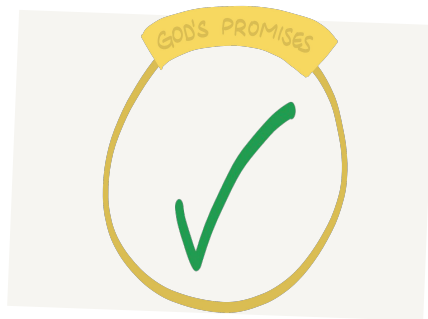


You oppose stealing but you want everything for yourself. You tell people not to lie but you like telling 'tall stories.' You can't blame people for seeing through you.

Lower Primary



25-29 It's not just what you do but what's in your heart that God really sees.



Ch3 vs1-20 God is faithful to those who trust in him and follow him with all their heart. We know that God will judge in a way that's right and fair.

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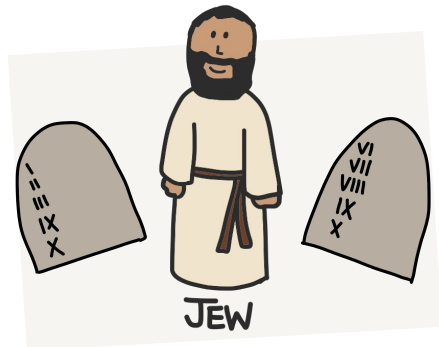


9-20 Everyone is a sinner and needs saving. Like sheep we've all gone astray. We want to do our own thing.



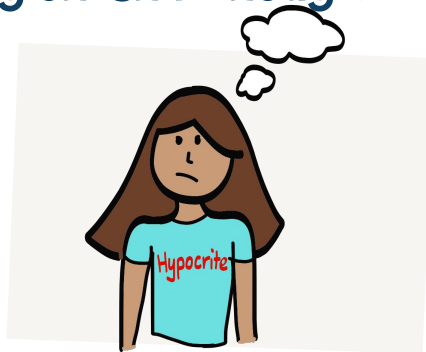
God's law can't save us. It shows us how selfish and sinful we really are.

Middle Primary

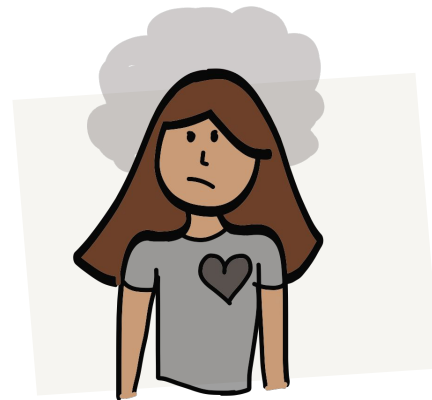


Ch2 vs17-19 If you call yourself a Jew, you trust in the Law and take pride in God. You have learnt how God wants you to behave. You think you have all the answers to teach and guide others.

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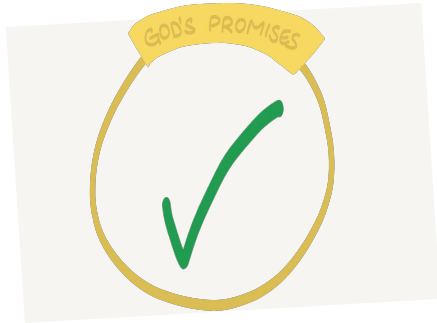


20-24 But how can you teach others when you refuse to learn? You preach it but you don't follow it! You take pride in the Law, but you disobey the Law and bring shame to God.



25-29 Outward religious signs mean nothing if you don't obey God. What truly matters is having a heart aligned with God, seeking approval from Him, not others.

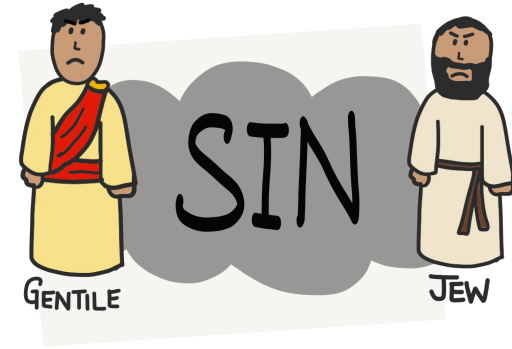
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Ch3 vs1-3 Being Jewish has value, because God has trusted you with his word. Even though people are unfaithful, it doesn't mean God can't be trusted.



4-8 God tells the truth, even if everyone else is a liar. God is a just judge. Still, no one can use God's grace as an excuse for sin.



9-20 So do Jews have an advantage? No. Scripture makes it clear that all people, both Jews and Gentiles, are ruled by sin. The law doesn't make people right with God; instead, it reveals their sin.

FOCUS

Nobody is good enough to get to heaven on their own, even if they know God's rules.

Early Childhood**PRAYER**

Dear God,
THANK YOU God, that you love us even when we do wrong.
SORRY for the times we think we are better than others or when we don't do what is right.
PLEASE help us to be kind, honest, and to remember we all need your help.
 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook [Romans 2:17-3:20 \(abridged\)](#)

- 1. Is knowing God's rules the way to get to heaven?**
No. Knowing God's rules and following his rules (and Jesus) are 2 very different things.
- 2. Which is the BEST option?**
 - a) Rely on going to SBKs.
 - b) Teaching others about God but not teaching yourself
 - c) Knowing God's rules and doing them
 - d) Boasting about the law even as you break it
- 3. Does looking good on the outside please God?**
No, we can be nice people and still completely ignore God..
- 4. What does God truly look at?**
Our hearts and minds. God can see into who we really are.
- 5. How do we please God?**
By trusting in Jesus and living for Him.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. Romans 3:20

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Sometimes we act like we are better than others, but we forget that we all do wrong things and need your help.

Thank you for loving us anyway and for sending Jesus to forgive us.

Please help us to be honest about our sin, kind to others, and thankful for your grace every day.

Amen.

Read **Romans 2:17-3:20** from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

1. If you boast about your relationship with God does save you? Why / why not? (v17-24)

No. It is by hearing God's Word and obeying it (i.e., putting it into practice).

2. What are some things that people taught about but failed to do themselves? V17-24

Don't steal and don't lie (telling "tall" tales).

3. Is it enough: to follow God outwardly? Why/why not?

No! God wants us to also follow him inwardly - God can see who we truly are within. What is on show may trick others, but God is not fooled.

4. The Bible says that "all have turned away" from God. What are some ways that people have done this?

A long list... Lying, stealing, blaming a sibling when it was you, starting a fight, not being loving, disobeying parents/teachers.

5. Can God's law save us?

No. God's law points out just how selfish and sinful we are. Our sinful nature means we can't uphold the law.

6. Why do people like us need the Gospel?

Since God's law doesn't save us. Everyone is a sinner and needs to trust Jesus

7. How could you follow God this week?

Recall what the Bible teaches and encourage the children to choose at least one example that they could put into practice.

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Middle Primary

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Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans Romans 2:17-3:20 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture.

- Which of these things saves you from sin?
 - going to Church
 - reading your Bible every day
 - coming from a Christian family
 - memorising Bible verses
 - knowing all the names of the books of the Bible
- How could someone who knows the law well or can answer many questions about the Bible not actually please God?

The point being made here is that just because someone knows about God it doesn't mean that they are saved. Knowing about God is very different to obeying or having a relationship with him.
- What is the problem that Paul raises in v20-24?

The teachers are hypocritical. They preach what the law is but don't follow it. They take pride in knowing the law but then disobey it.
- What point is Paul making about outward appearances?

What someone projects/shows may not be the actual reality. God is interested in our inner beliefs to see if our heart is aligned with Him.

- What does the Bible say that we are ruled by?

Everyone's lives, whether Jew or Gentile, are ruled by sin.
- What does God's law do?

It reveals how much we sin. Following God's law is good, but it doesn't make us right with God because we can never reach the perfect standard.
- Why do we need the Gospel?

Because we sin and need forgiveness through Jesus.

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

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Thank you for loving us anyway and for sending Jesus to forgive us.

Please help us to be honest about our sin, kind to others, and thankful for your grace every day.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 2:17-3:20 from the NIRV Bible

1. **How could someone who knows the law well or can answer many questions about the Bible not actually please God?**

Knowledge does not get someone to heaven. Just because someone knows about God it doesn't mean that they are saved. Knowing about God is very different to obeying or having a relationship with him.

2. **What are some of the hypocritical elements in v17-24?**

Teaching but not learning yourself
Boasting in the law yet breaking it
Stealing while speaking out about it
Teaching that people should be faithful while committing adultery

3. **What is the end result (v24)? What does this mean?**

"God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you." Paul is basically calling these people out on being hypocritical - for talking the talk but not walking the walk.

4. **What is the difference between the outward and inward life?**

Outward life is observed by others. Inward life is only known by yourself and God. We could keep an opinion to ourselves rather than express it. We can please others with what we project outwardly.

5. **How do you feel when you read about "no-one being righteous" (v10-18)?**

No one seeks God, no one who does good, we are full of bitterness, no fear of God etc.
[This shows why the law will not save us - our good deeds can't overcome our sin]

6. **What does the Bible say the law does v19-20)?**

It says the whole world is accountable to God. It makes us conscious of our sin - hence why no-one is righteous (question above).

7. **Why do sinful people need the Gospel?**

The only way to get rid of sin, is to ask God for forgiveness and trust Jesus to help us to live God's way.

8. **Why do we need the Gospel?**

Because we sin and are unrighteous. [Keep reading Romans to see how we can be right before God].

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear God,

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Amen.

TIPS

Think of all the ways where you might seek approval from others instead of God. Confess these to God and ask for forgiveness.

Early Childhood

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Sunday School

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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

- Occupations
- Dress Ups Role Play
- Giant Jigsaw
- Guess the Job (*Kindy*)
- Pass the Parcel (*with a twist!*) (*Kindy*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Copy Blocks (*Prep*)
- "All fall down" Tower Game (*1-2*)
- Spot the Difference (Actions vs Intentions) (*3-4*)
- Don't judge a book by its cover (*5-6*)

GAMES

- Dress up Relay (*Kindy*)
- Heads or Tails (*Prep-Yr 6*)

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STEPS

1. Use the wooden village people to host a discussion with the children about different occupations - hold up one of the more commonly known uniform characters and ask if the children know what their job might be (i.e., chef, doctor, firefighter, soldier, etc).
2. Continue through all the 'obvious' occupations. Then choose some of the lesser known ones or the ones that might not be so obvious and ask the children what they think that person does for their job.
3. After your discussion, allow the children to play with the wooden characters.



Link

There are lots of different occupations and jobs that have special roles. Can you identify what each of these people do?

Occupations

YOU'LL NEED...

- Wooden Village People set (we sourced these from [My Playroom](#))

Dress Ups Role Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Various Occupation/workwear dress ups

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STEPS

1. Have a wide variety of different role play dress ups available for the children to use.
2. Encourage the children to choose an item to wear and to role play what it looks like to 'work' in that occupation.
3. After a time, encourage children to negotiate a swap of costume .



Link

Whatever our job or our work, we can show others that we love Jesus.

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STEPS

1. Clear a large area of floor space and empty the pieces of the giant jigsaw onto the floor.
2. Work with the children to try and put together the pieces of the puzzle until it creates the final picture.
3. Talk with the children about how they need to work together to get the jigsaw puzzle finished.



Link

It is so difficult when the puzzle doesn't match what is on the outside of the box! Likewise, our heart should match our words and actions.

Giant Jigsaw Puzzle

YOU'LL NEED...

- Two Large jigsaw puzzles - *but switch the puzzles that are inside the boxes so they don't match the cover*

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STEPS

1. Show the children the Jobs and Occupations Quiz.
2. Encourage the children to guess each job.
3. Talk with the children about what their parents do for work or other family members or friends.
4. Remind the children whatever our jobs we can show others that we love Jesus.

Guess the Job

YOU'LL NEED...

- [Jobs & Occupations For Children Quiz](#) video



Link

Just like different occupations are called to dress and behave in certain ways, as Christians, we are called to act and love differently - to love the Lord with all our heart AND to show that in all we do.

Pass the Parcel (with a twist!)

YOU'LL NEED...

- Pre-wrapped pass the parcel (see preparation note)

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STEPS

PREPARATION BEFORE: Pre-prepare a 'parcel' that has a mixture of really nice wrapping, old wrapping, newspaper, etc. Inside each layer include either nothing; a wrapped lolly; a message; a random game - a mix of lovely things and not so lovely.

1. Children sit in a circle and pass the parcel around until the music stops. Whoever ends up with the present stops and opens ONE layer.
2. As the children unwrap a layer, talk about how whether the item matched the wrapping that was taken off (if it was nice wrap did it have a nice gift inside?). Draw links to today's passage in Romans where just because some knew the laws and were born into certain families, doesn't mean they were right with God. What they needed (and we) to remember was that religion isn't enough - we all need Jesus!



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Knowing God's laws doesn't equal righteous. We must have hearts on the inside that have turned to Jesus.

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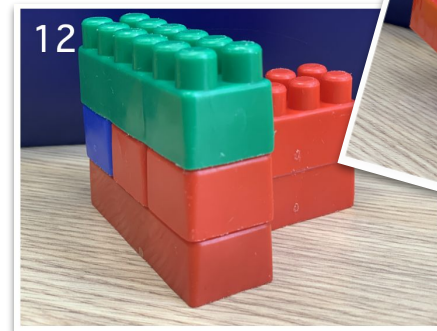
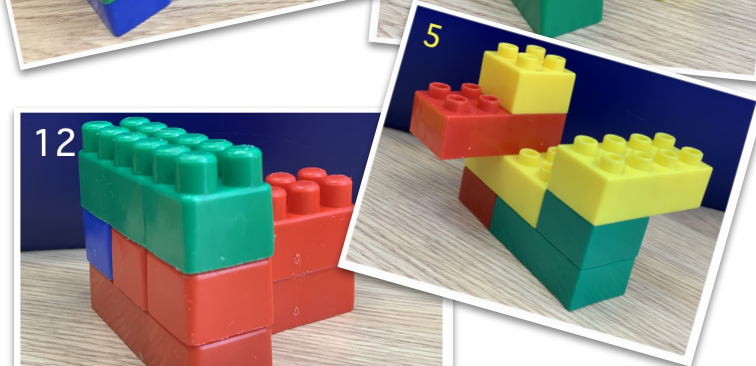
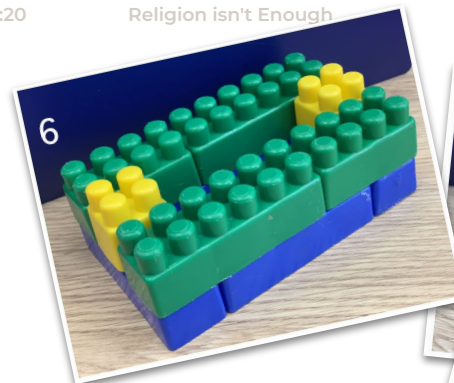
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1. Print out the Copy Block Challenge Cards and have them cut out ready for the children.
2. Allow them to select a card and try and use the blocks to make what appears in the picture.
3. Check their work and then allow them to pull apart the blocks and choose a different challenge card. Repeat until they have done all of the challenge cards.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION:
Have the children sketch and colour their own challenges for a friend to try and copy and make using the blocks.



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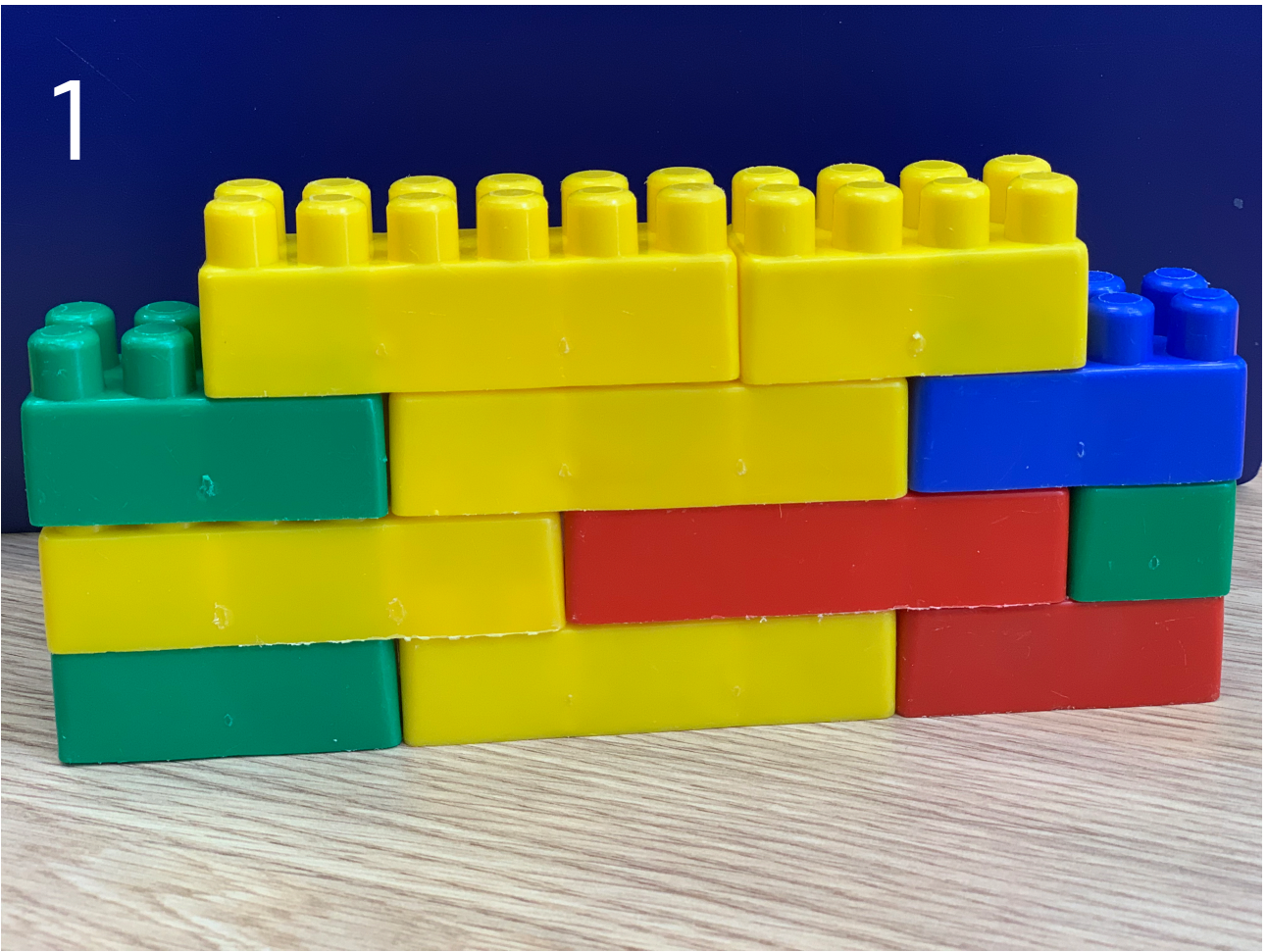
As Christians we are called to not just admire Jesus but to follow him - this means to imitate Christ and be like Jesus in all we do, think, and say. Can you copy these picture prompts to build the EXACT same structure as what is in the picture?



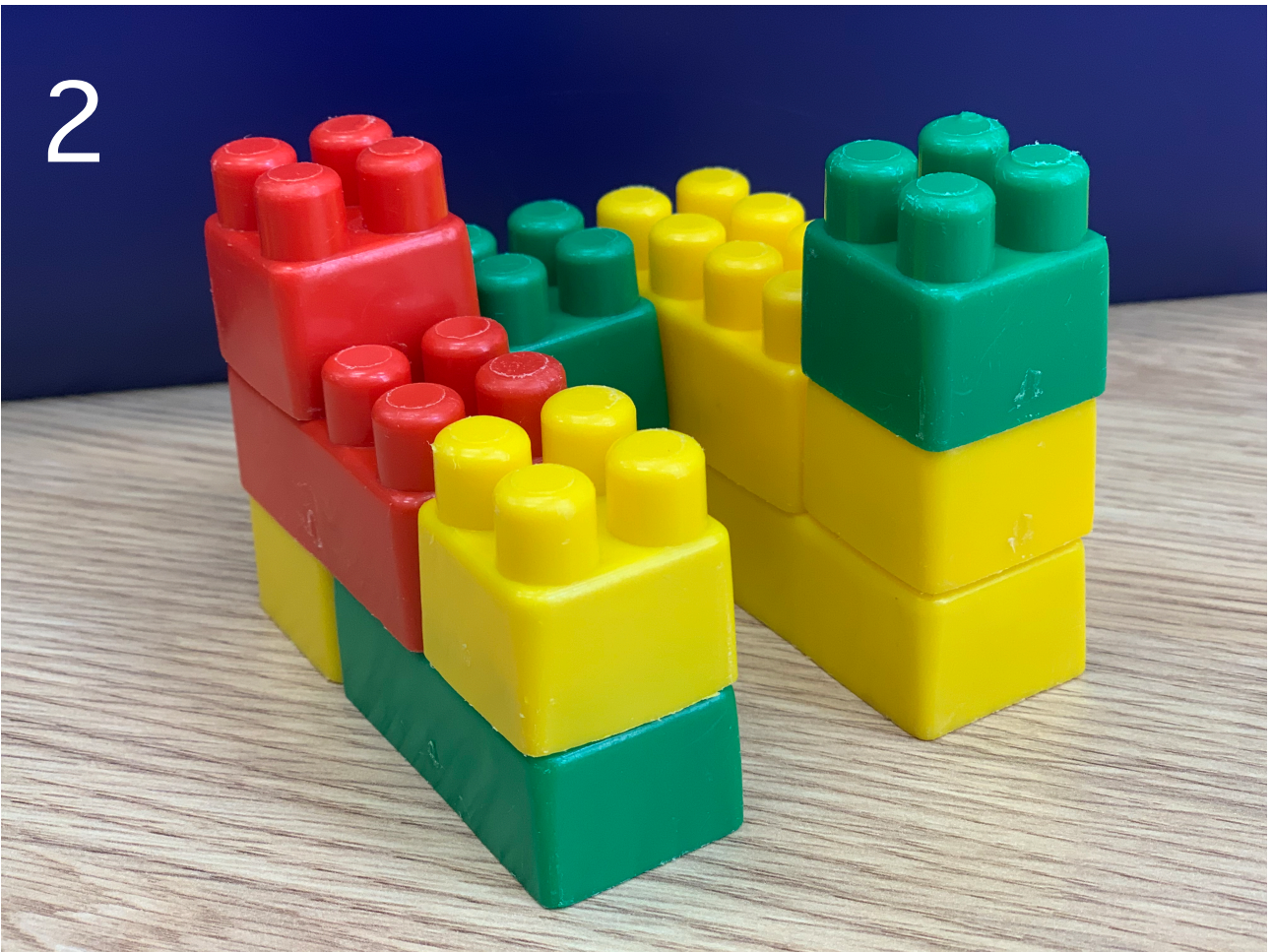
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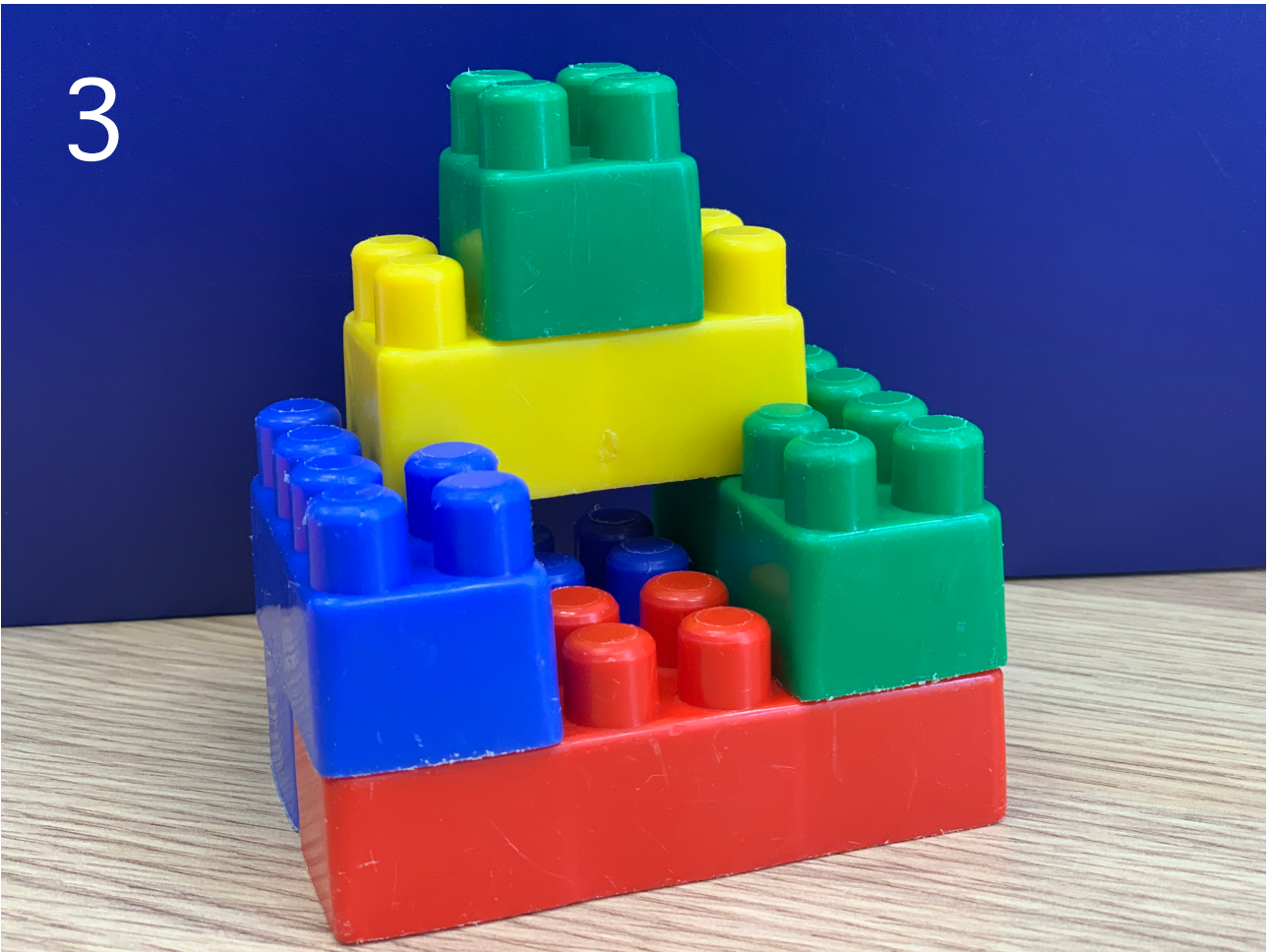
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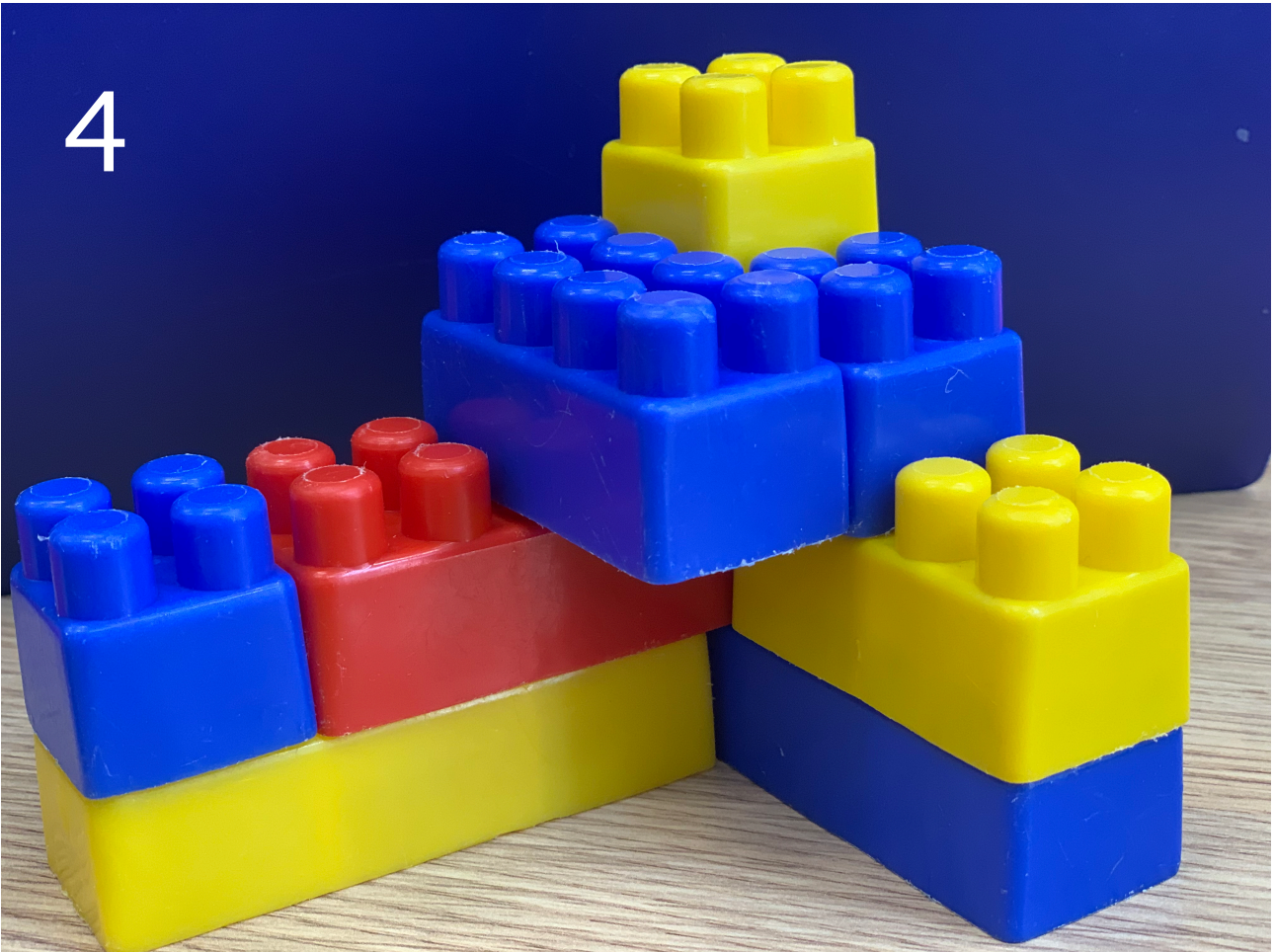
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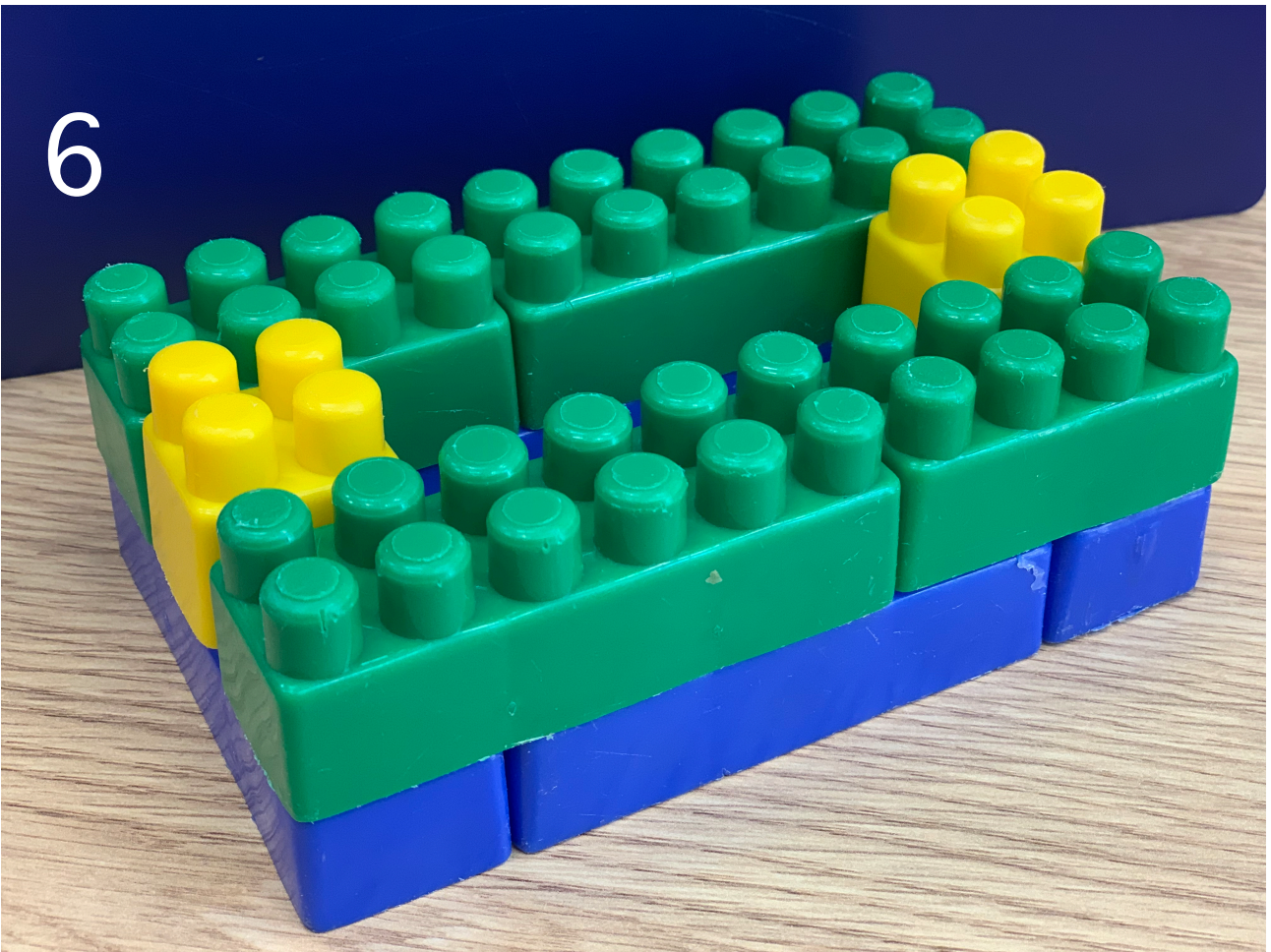
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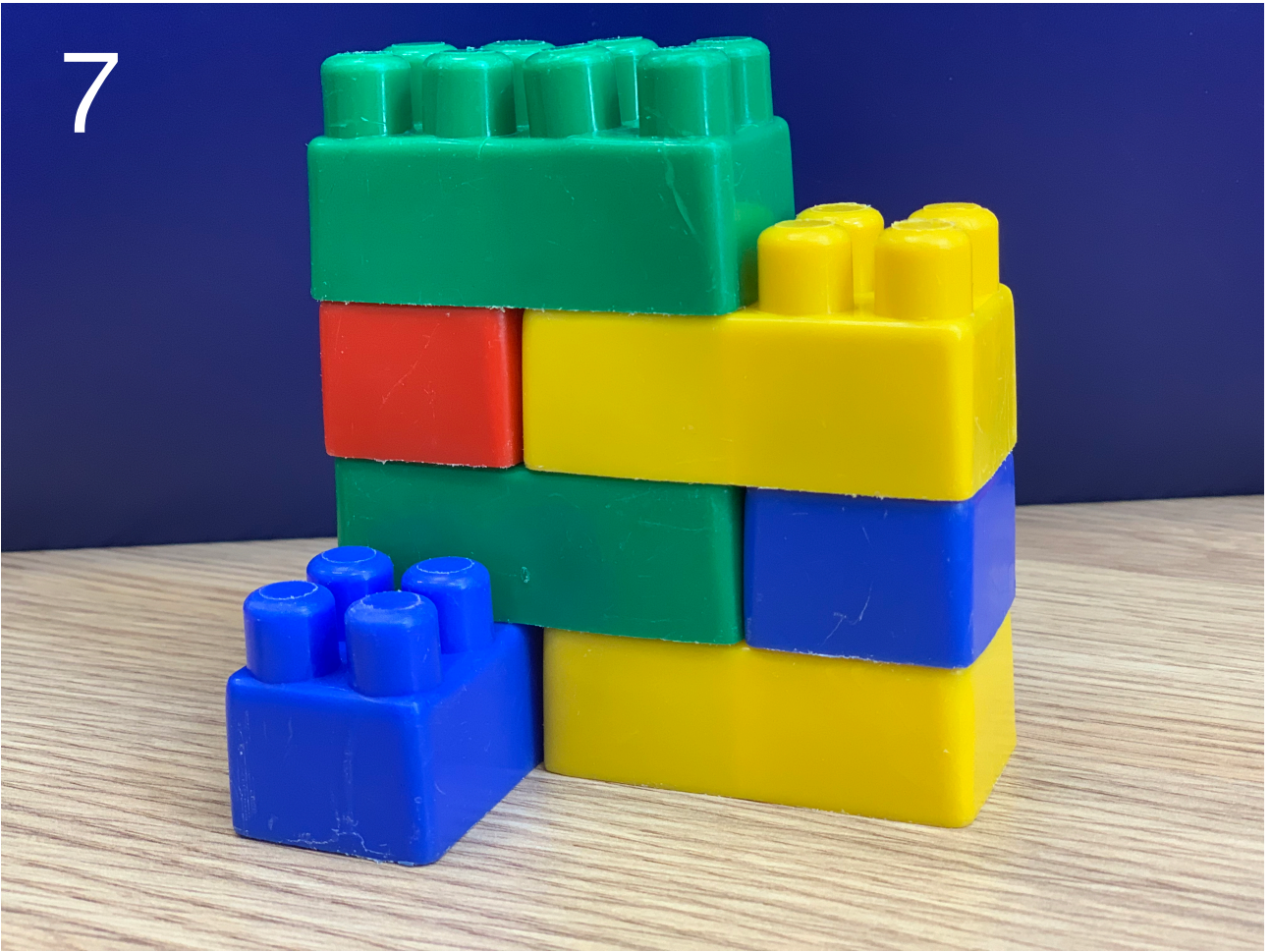
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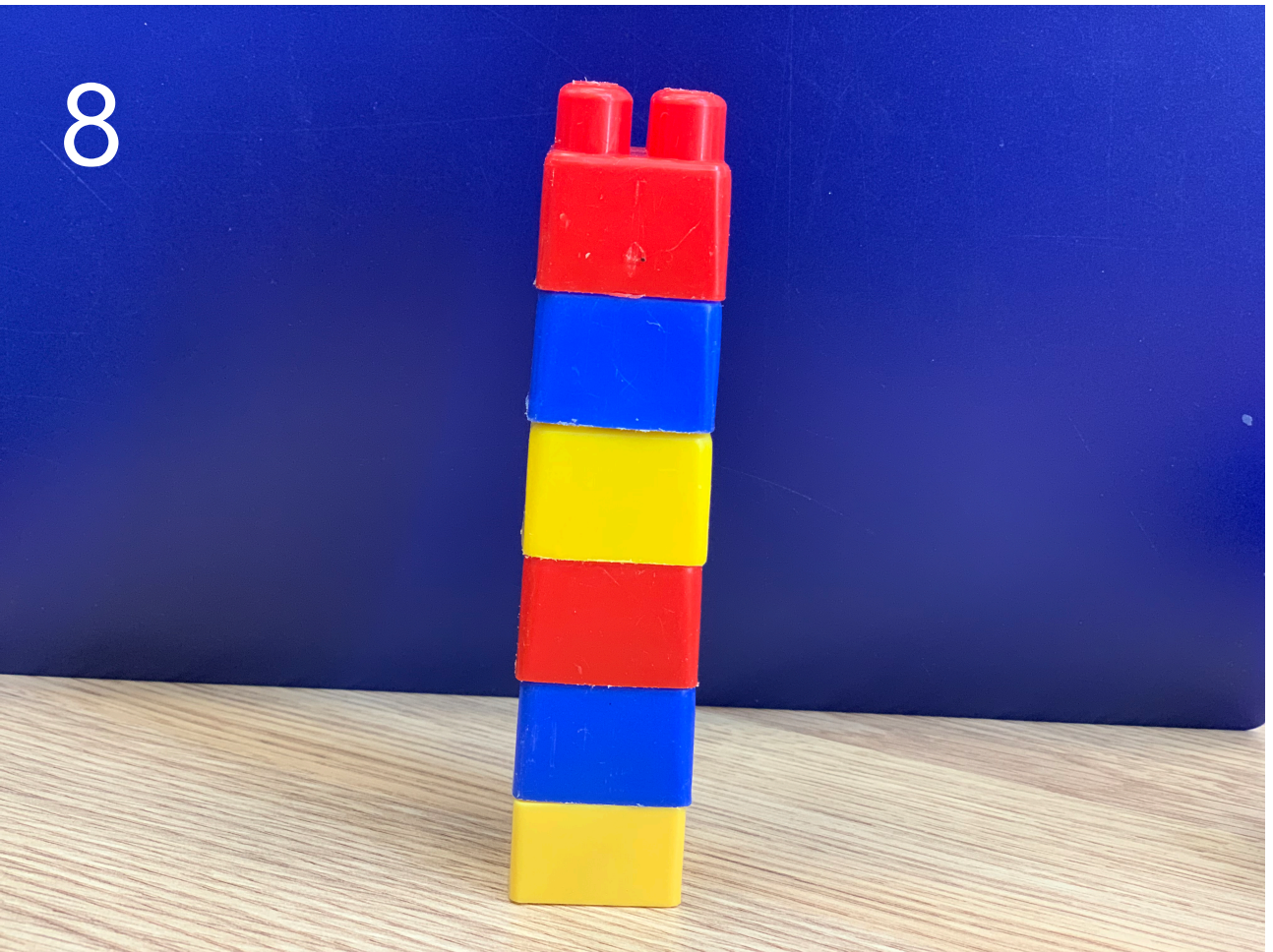
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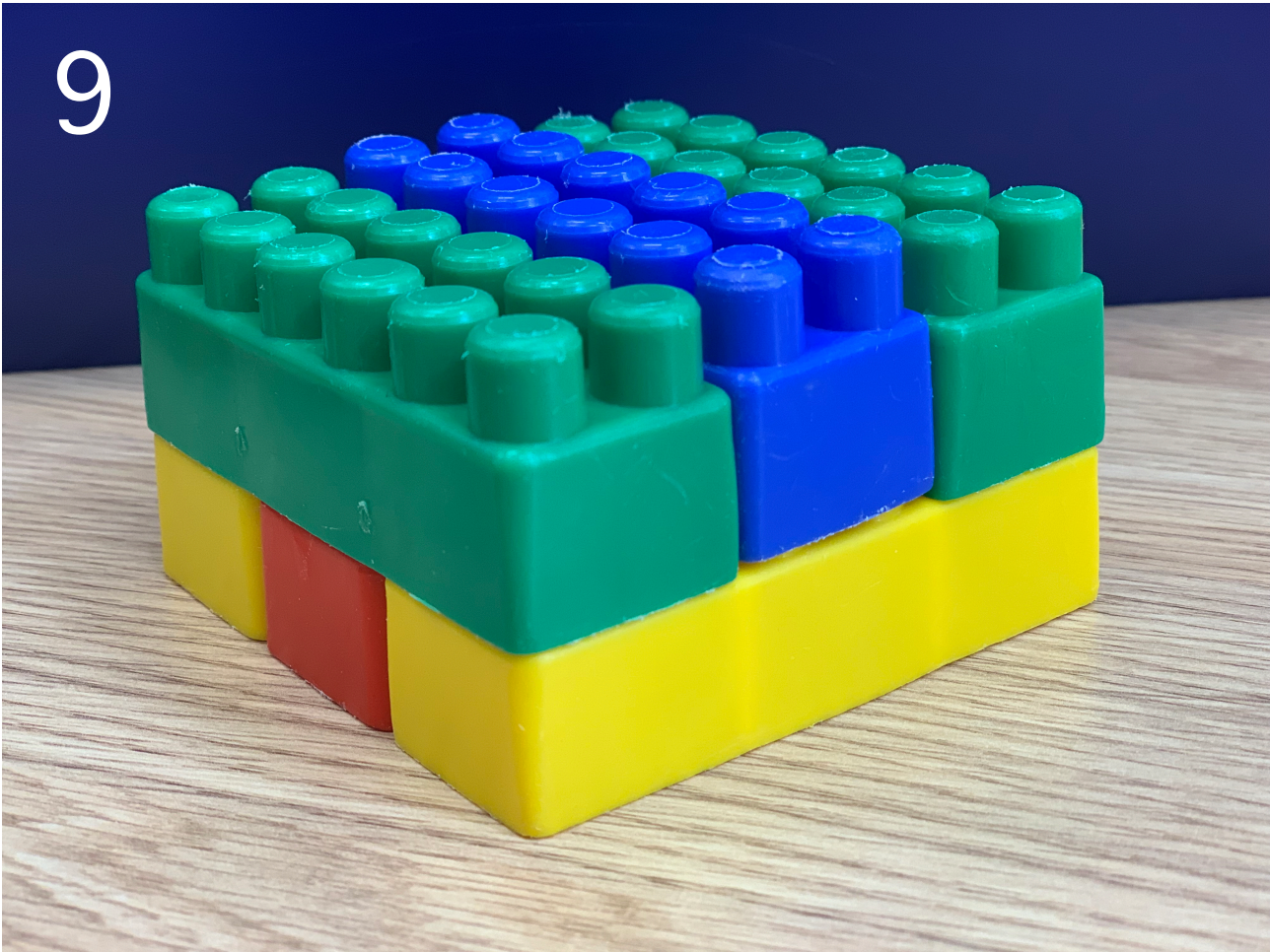
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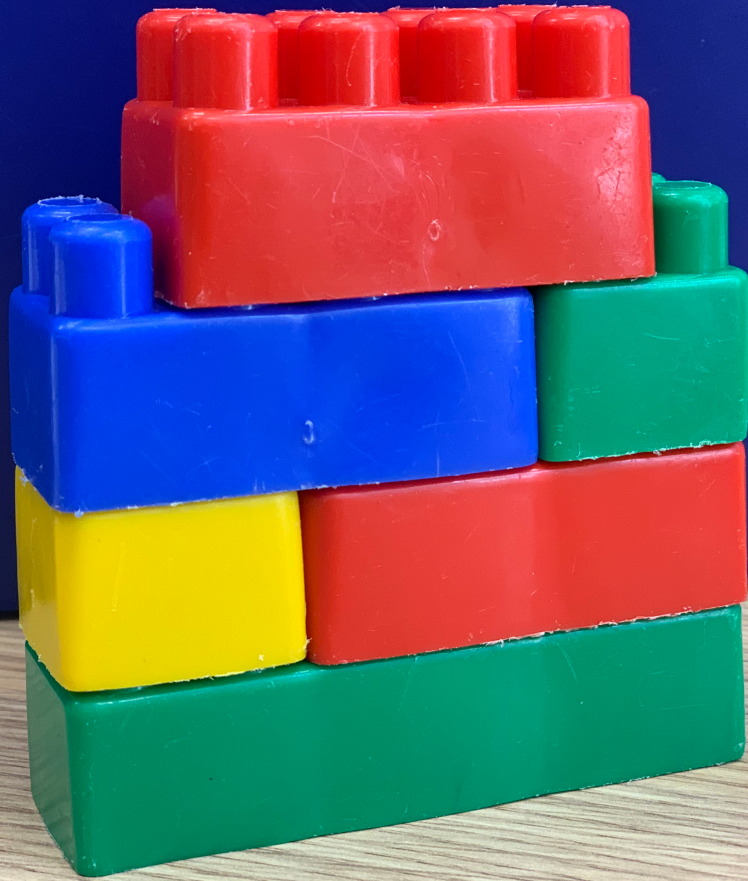
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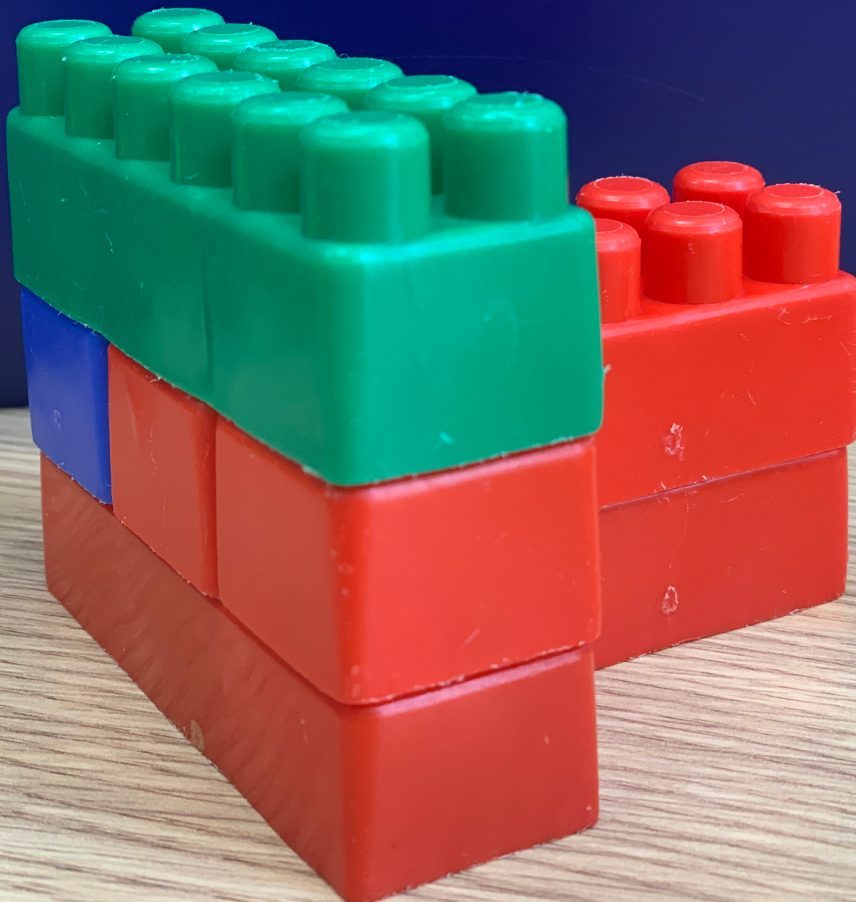
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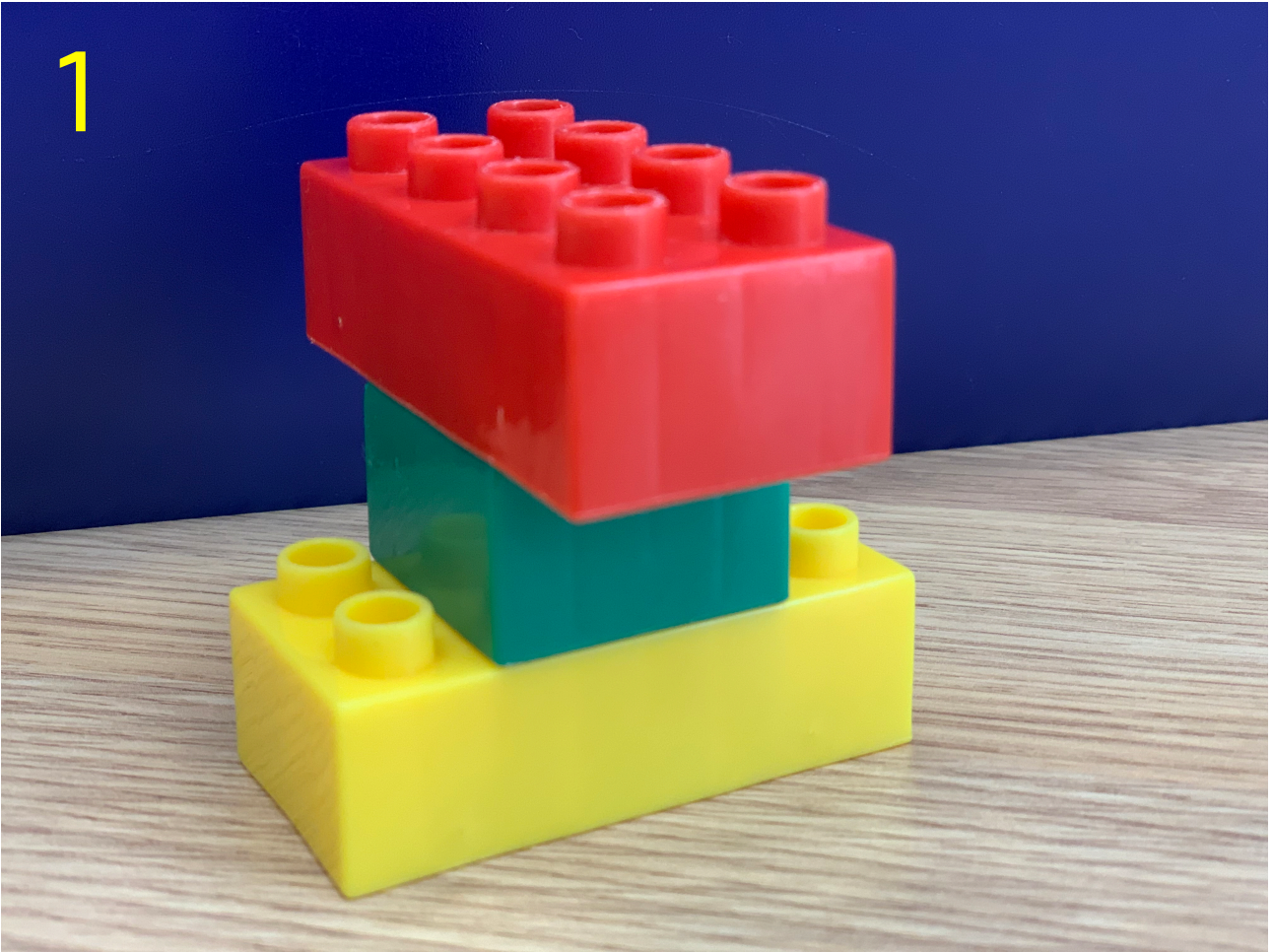
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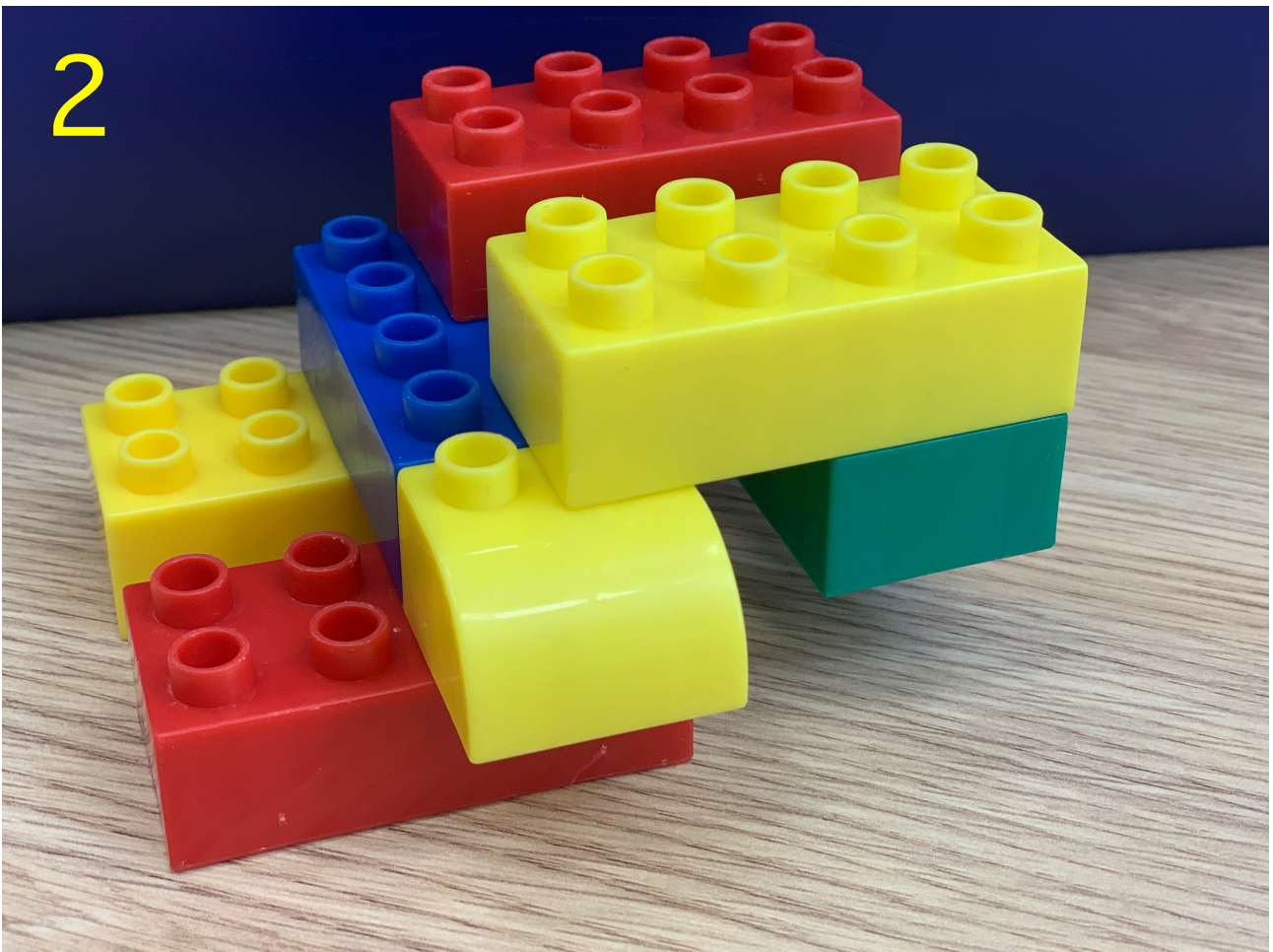
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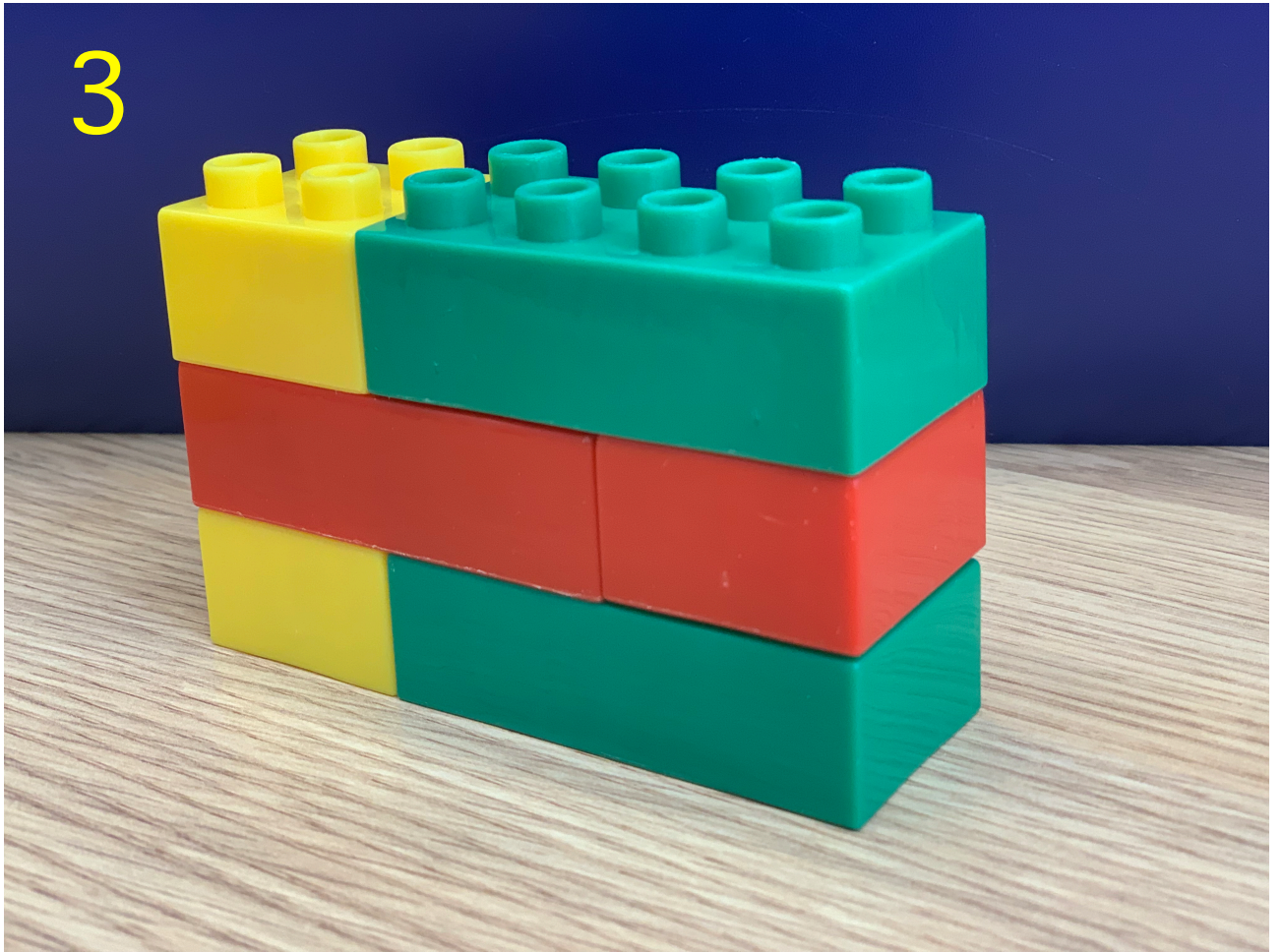
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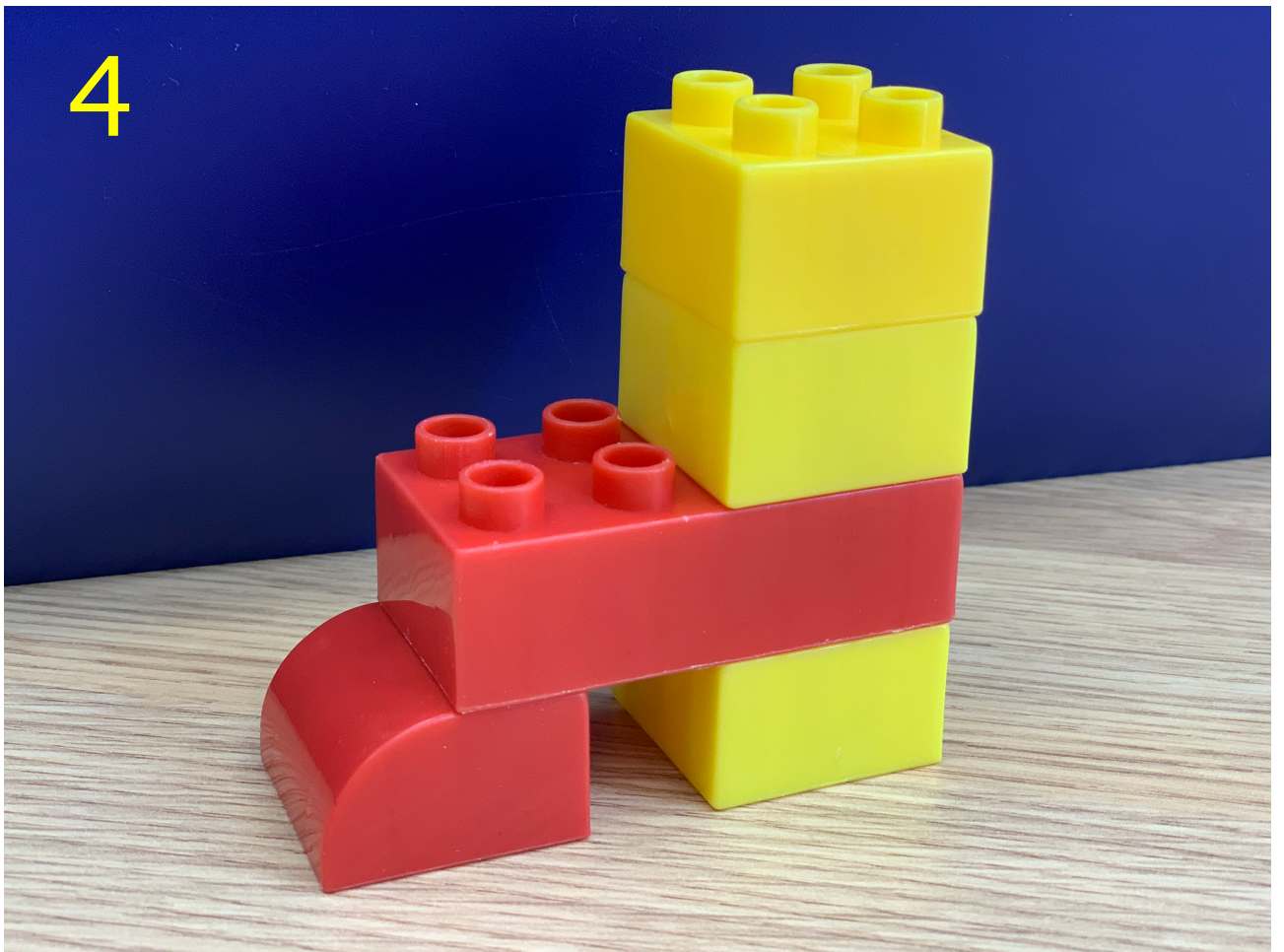
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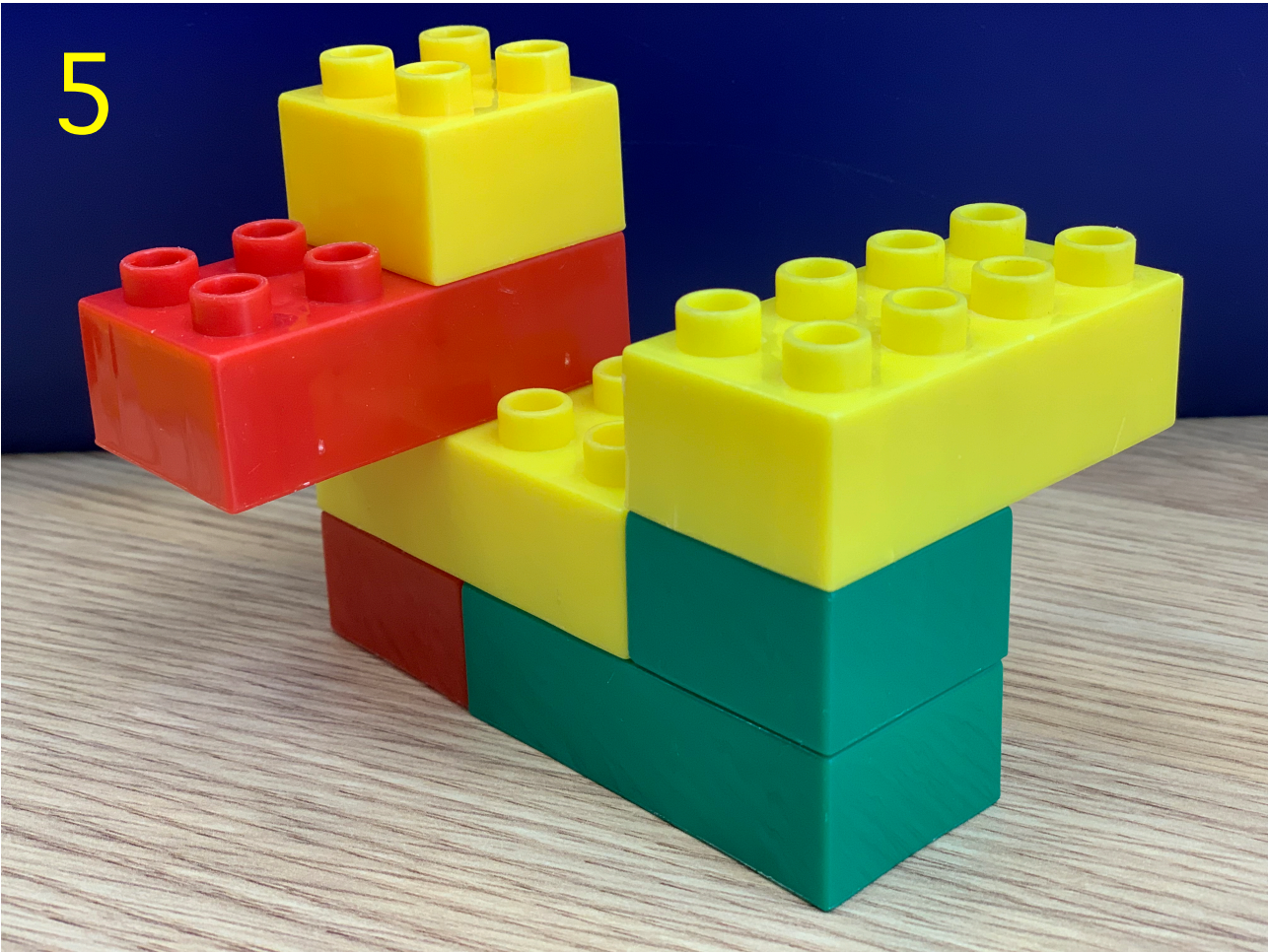
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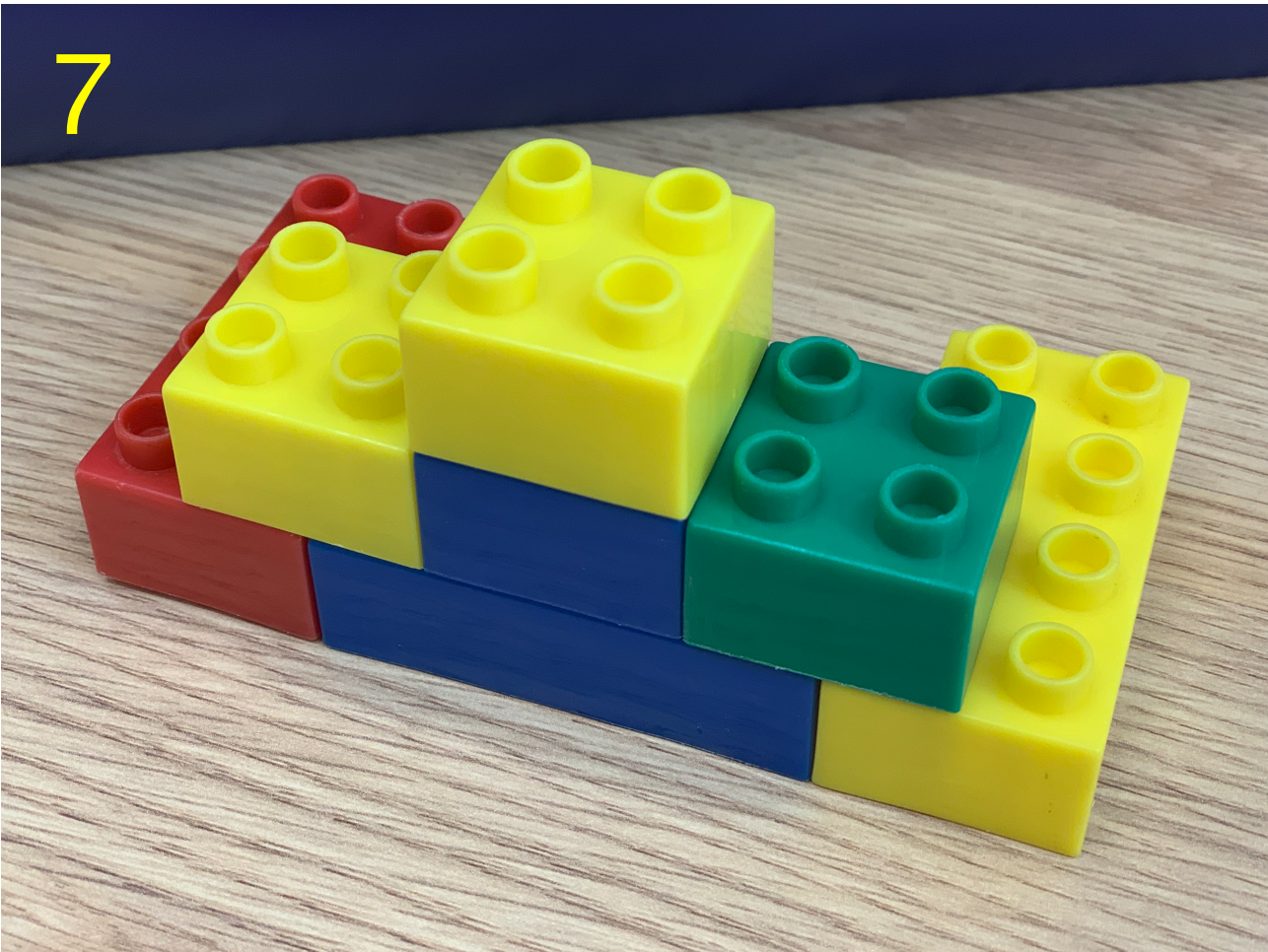
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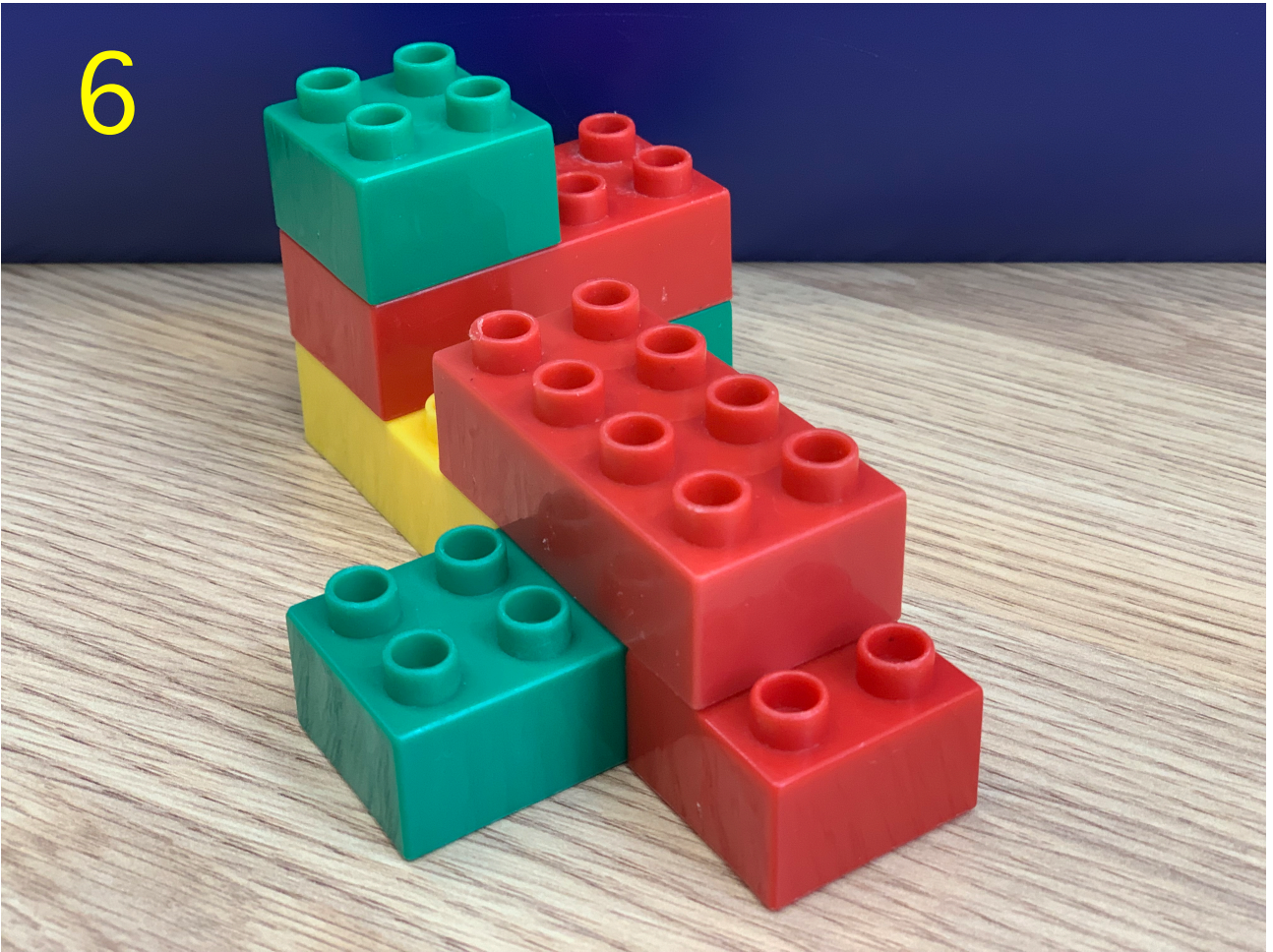
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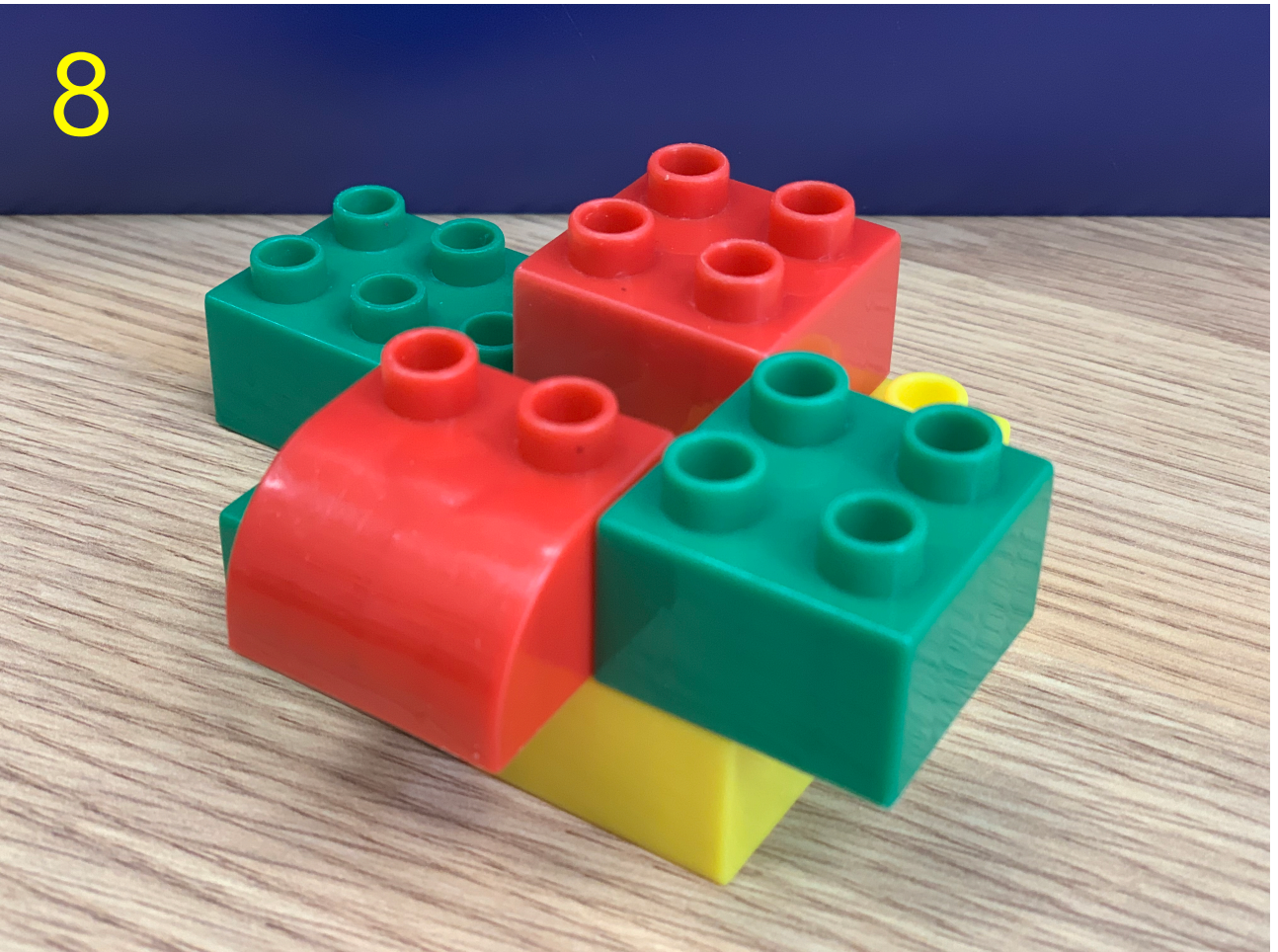
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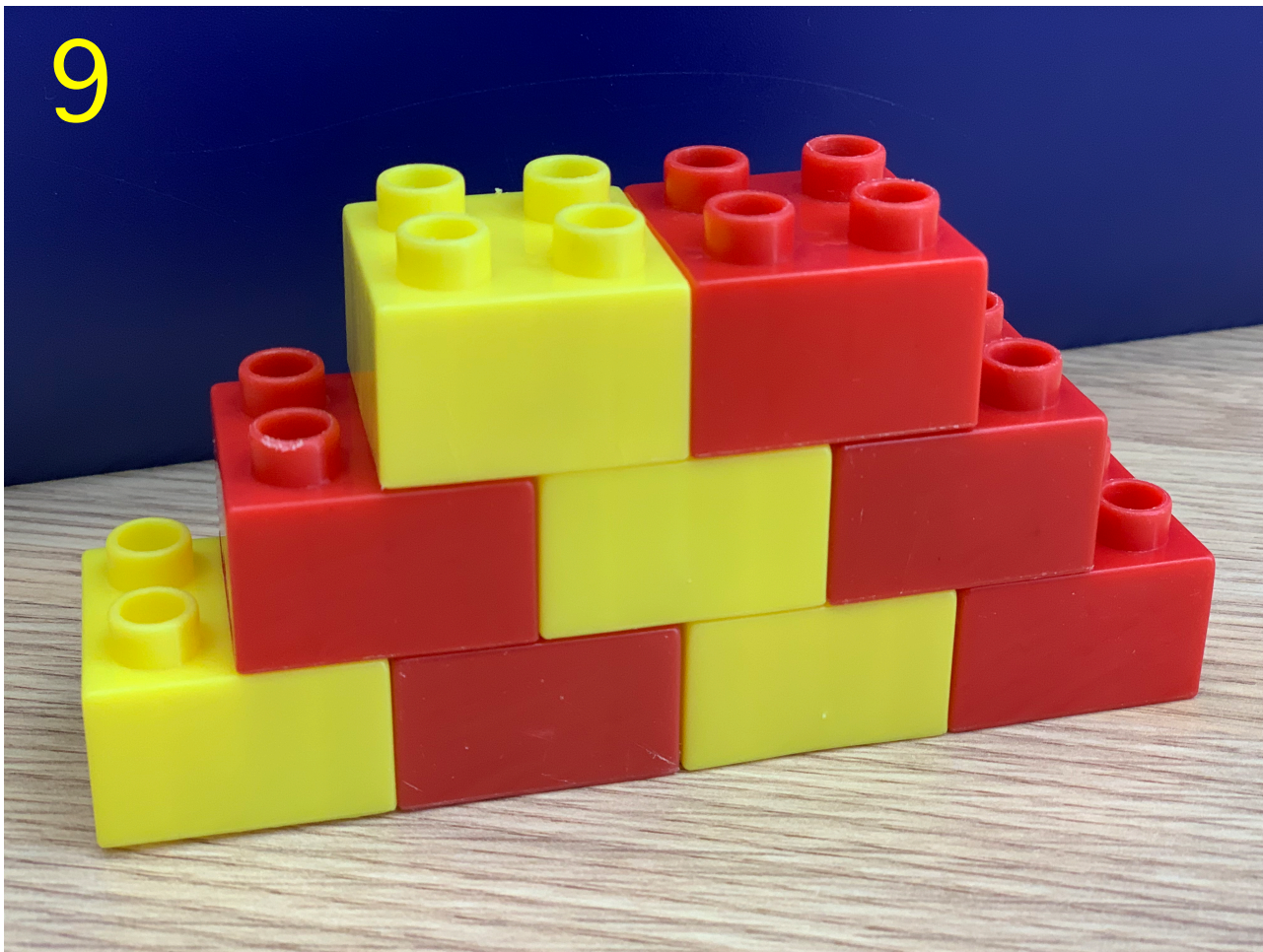
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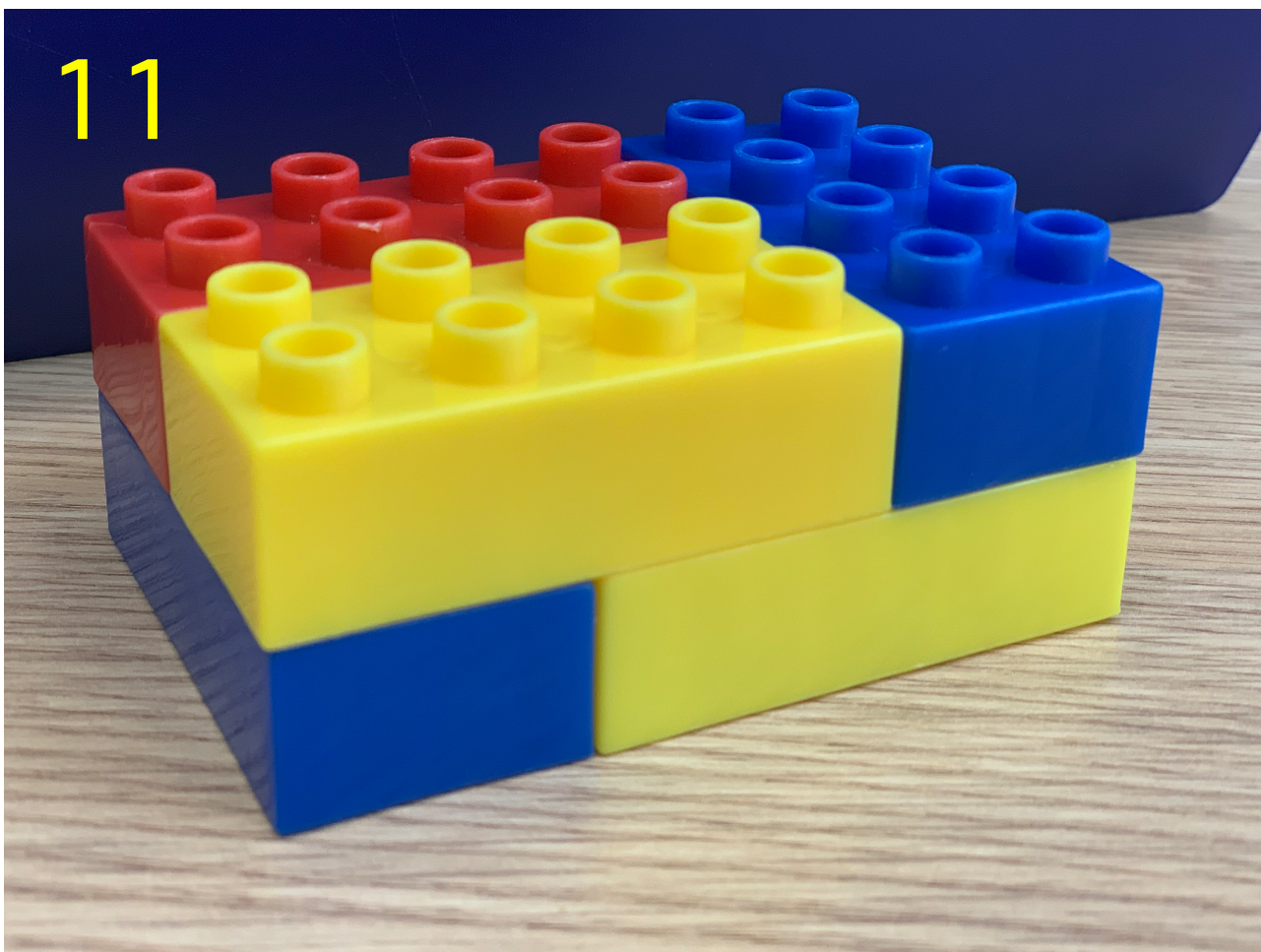
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“All fall down” Tower Game

YOU'LL NEED...

- Jenga blocks (or similar)

SERIES
Romans

BIBLE FOCUS
Romans 2:17-3:20

TOPIC
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STEPS

1. Divide children into groups of approximately 4-6.
2. Have children take turns to remove ONE block at a time from the lower section and add this to the top. Rules:

- You can only use one hand.
- Any piece you touch, you have to take out.
- You can not take a piece from the top 3 layers of bricks.

See how tall you can build the tower. Challenge the groups to take a piece out from the bottom. What will happen?



Link

Everyone's actions matter and no one is perfect. It doesn't matter if you were born into an important family, if you know all the rules, or if you say you are a Christian - everyone sins and is in need of God's grace.

Spot the Difference

(Actions vs Intentions)

YOU'LL NEED...

- Action/Intention Scenarios (Worksheet #2)

STEPS

The aim of this activity is for the children are to discern the motives vs actions of each of the characters in the scenarios. It is advised to do at least one example as a whole group together - help the children work through the process of reading, role playing, and working out the actions and intentions.

- Children form pairs (or groups of 3).
- Have all of the scenarios placed in a bucket and each pair chooses one at random.
- Each pair are to read the description, to role play the two different scenarios. Allow each group a short amount of time to rehearse this before they regather and showcase their scenarios to the rest of the group.
- As a whole group, then vote which one reflects a "right heart."
Reinforce: doing the right thing for the right reason matters.



Link

Each pair of scenarios shows the same action but with different motives. As you read each pair aloud ask: "Which one shows a right heart—and why?"

★ **1. Helping Clean Up**

A. Sam helps clean the classroom because the teacher is watching and he wants a reward.

B. Sam helps clean the classroom because he cares about others having a tidy space.

★ **2. Sharing Toys**

A. Mia shares her toys because she wants others to feel included and happy.

B. Mia shares her toys so people will think she's nice.

★ **3. Telling the Truth**

A. Noah tells the truth because he's afraid of getting caught.

B. Noah tells the truth because he knows honesty is the right thing to do.

★ **4. Being Kind**

A. Ava is kind to a new student because she remembers what it feels like to be left out.

B. Ava is kind to a new student so others will praise her.

★ **5. Giving**

A. B. Leo gives quietly because he genuinely wants to help someone in need.

B. Leo gives money or snacks loudly so everyone notices.

★ **6. Obeying Rules**

A. Chloe follows the rules only when adults are nearby.

B. Chloe follows the rules even when no one is watching.

★ **7. Saying Sorry**

A. Ethan says "sorry" quickly just to avoid trouble.

B. Ethan says "sorry" because he truly feels bad and wants to make things right.

★ **8. Praying**

A. Olivia prays honestly because she wants to talk to God.

B. Olivia prays using big words so others will be impressed.

★ **9. Doing Homework**

A. Jack does his homework because he wants to learn and do his best.

B. Jack does his homework just so he won't get in trouble.

★ **10. Complimenting Others**

A. Lily gives compliments so people will like her more.

B. Lily gives compliments because she genuinely appreciates others.

★ **11. Waiting Their Turn**

A. Ben waits his turn because he knows it's fair to others.

B. Ben waits his turn because the teacher is watching.

★ **12. Inviting Someone to Play**

A. Sophie invites someone to play so she won't get in trouble for excluding them.

B. Sophie invites someone to play because she wants them to feel included.

Don't judge a book by its cover

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #3
- Pens
- Clipboards

STEPS

1. We can look good on the outside and love good things - but we still have sin that creeps in and makes a mess. Even if we try really hard, we are still broken people and need fixing.
2. Lay out all of the photo cards as stimulus. Identify what each picture is. Then ask the children to consider how wonderful these items all look on the outside and at first glance. Now ask them to consider what might be hiding within each item, or behind the glossy cover. Ask them to consider all the potential problems that might be being masked or hidden (either on purpose or just naturally). ****See example hidden problems on next page.**
3. Invite each child to pick up ONE of the pictures. Ask them to write a few sentences about how this item is being presented as one thing but is hiding a different scenario underneath and to relate this back to today's Gospel where Paul was calling out some of the Jewish people for believing they were justified by the law and their outward privilege.

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Link

Knowing the law and upholding the law are two separate things. Outward privilege does not equal inward righteousness.

WORKSHEET 3

APPLE

Rotten inside
Has a worm or other insect inside
Super sour
Dry or floury in taste

GIFT BOX

Empty inside
Unwanted gift inside
Rubbish inside
Not nice wrapping inside or gift doesn't look nice

JIGSAW

Missing piece
Pieces don't fit nicely with each other
Picture doesn't match puzzle
Picture coming off the puzzle backing

TREE

Has dead rot
Has been poisoned and is slowly dying
Is really old
Has shallow roots and not stable

BOOK

Editing mistakes in text
Storyline lacking direction or excitement
Font choice hard to read
Characters bizarre and don't match blurb

HOUSE

Termites inside
Bad layout inside
No storage space
Paint flaking off walls and ceiling
Carpet dirty and falling apart

VIOLIN

Out of tune
Strings are about to break
Has been wet
Poor quality manufacturing

CAR

Engine failure
No petrol in tank
Oil leaking
Stains on seats and floors
Headlights need new bulbs



WORKSHEET 3

The PHOTO PROMPTS for this activity can be found on the following pages.



















GAME: Dress Up Relay

YOU'LL NEED...

- Various Occupation/workwear dress ups

SERIES
Romans

BIBLE FOCUS
Romans 2:17-3:20

TOPIC
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STEPS

1. Gather the children into groups, lining them in parallel lines at one end of the room or outside.
2. Set up the dress ups in front of the children.
3. Explain to the children that it will be a relay race against the other team.
4. When the leader says GO, the first child puts on the clothes and runs to the other side of the room and back to their team.
5. When they make it back, the child removes the clothes and passes them to the next child.
6. The next child puts the clothes on and runs to the other side of the room and back.
7. Repeat until everyone has had a turn, the winner is the team who finishes first.



Link

Just because we dress up in an outfit, doesn't mean we are a real xxx. But as Christians, we are called to act and love differently - to love the Lord with all our heart AND to show that in all we do.

GAME: Heads or Tails

YOU'LL NEED...

- A room with space to move (or a large outdoor space)

SERIES
Romans

BIBLE FOCUS
Romans 2:17-3:20

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STEPS

1. Rules of the Game: everyone stands up and the leader at the front calls out either HEADS or TAILS.
Heads = place both hands on their head
Tails = place both hands on their bottoms
2. The leader then flips a coin and if it lands on HEADS, then all the people who have their hands on their heads are still in the game; all the others must sit down. If it lands on TAILS, then all the people who have their hands on their bottoms are still in the game; all the others must sit down.
3. Continue playing, until there is one clear winner. Repeat for as many games as desired (each round is normally fairly quick).



Link

Insecurity and arrogance are just two sides of the same coin. TAILS = when we are fearful and full of doubt. HEADS = when we are puffed up and full of ourselves.