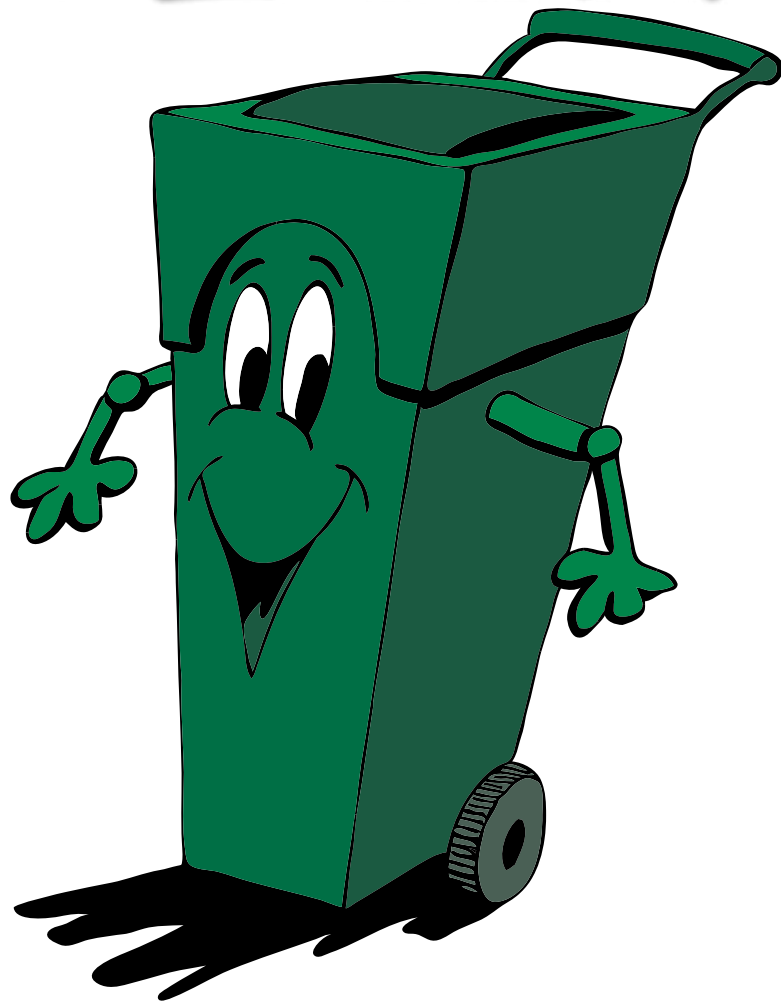


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ROBOTS WITH BEATTITUDES!

ROBO 9

ROBO 9: THE TRANSPARENT ROBOT

Welcome to the ninth series of “Robots With Be-Attitudes”! This series is all about the Transparent Robot. Here’s a breakdown of what each weeks teaching is about:

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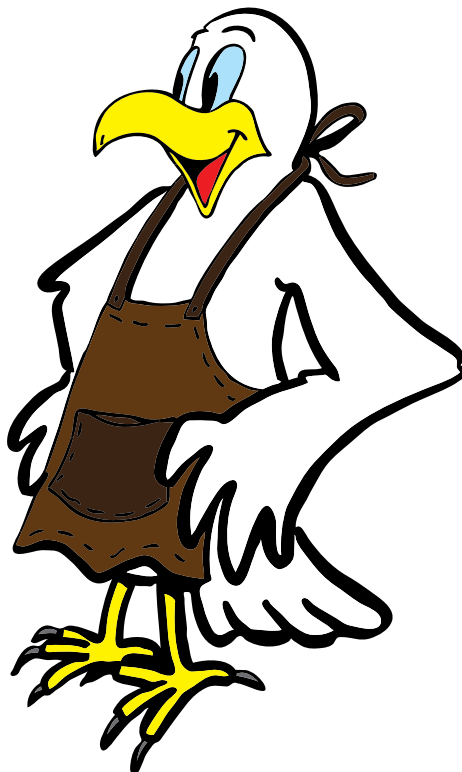
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Week 1

“Removing The Hedge”

The Benchmark

The Transparent Robot emerges to take us down a path where even angels fear to tread. Purity is a word often by-passed in this modern age, but those who are pure in heart will be happy because of the promise that they will see God. With no hidden motive or selfish attitude your thinking becomes pure as you go in search of the heavenly kingdom. But only tested faith can be presented with this prize. Job was a man that possessed such purity. When the hedge of protection was removed his heart became see-through with nothing to hide. We reluctantly study his life knowing the refining process his faith endured. His attitude was made pure as he submitted to the sovereign will of God. Building the robot with clear translucent bottles the children will read the message of woe that could have caused Job to wallow in self-pity. His faith was such that he responded in praise to God. In readiness for a test of faith teach the children to be empty of self-pity and full of praise. They will learn that the testing of their faith will be crowned with the reward that they will one day be with Jesus.

Nailing The Point

The message in the bottle is clear - be empty of self-pity and full of praise because Jesus is Lord.

Memory Verse

- Matthew chapter 5 verse 8

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Job chapter 1
- 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 7
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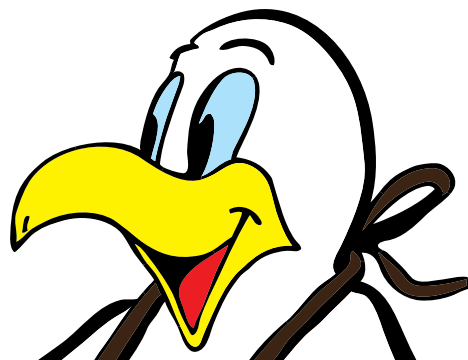
- 1) Job In A Bottle (children will need to bring a clear plastic bottle)

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“Those who are pure in their thinking are happy. They will be with God.”

Matthew chapter 5 verse 8



1) Tool Box - “Clear View”



With a hedge of protection around Job the world could not get a clear view of the purity God could see in his heart. His godly life had been hedged with blessing. God was confident that Job's faith could stand the test of Satan. And so, permission was given for the removal of the hedge in order that the attitudes of his heart could be as clear as crystal. The Transparent Robot will enable the children to study Job so that they have a clear view of faith in its purest form.



For a fun starter copy and use Visual Aid 2 (a maze puzzle) to show the hedge of protection around Job. Play the following clear bottle starter games. Station the group in a large circle. The leader is to spin the empty bottle in the centre of the circle. When it stops, wherever the neck of the bottle points that person has to respond by completing the following statement: “If I were a super hero I would be....?” After a number of rounds change to: “If I were a Bible hero I would be?” Talk about the heroes they choose. Ask what particular characteristics, makes them a hero in their eyes. Are these the same qualities God looks for in us?



Play “Who am I?” On paper, place the name of a well known Bible hero in the neck of the bottle. The leader spins the bottle as above. Wherever the neck of the bottle points when it stops spinning that person has to take out the paper and then make short statements about the hero without mentioning the name. The rest of the group have to try and guess the hero in the bottle with the least amount of statements, e.g. “I am a man...” “I am a man in the Old Testament.” etc... For the final character place in the name Job. See what the children know about this humble godly man.



Wheel on the bin ready to begin making the Transparent Robot. Using a clear plastic bottle make the robot's head as per Robo's Design Sheet. The remaining empty clear bottles will need to be used to create a hedge around the robot - see the Design Sheet. Introduce the Bible story from Job chapter 1 and talk about the great blessing that surrounded Job because he loved and obeyed God. Satan thought that if the hedge/wall of protection was removed Job would curse God and die. God knew Job was pure in heart and that this would become clear if his faith was tested. God granted Satan his request but told him that he could not touch Job.



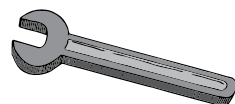
Following Robo's Craft Box make individual small Job characters out of the small clear bottles the children have brought in. (This should have been announced last week. Ensure you have spare bottles for those who forget or are new to your group). At this stage of the lesson they only need to decorate the outside of the bottle, including a label showing today's memory verse. Discuss the verse together.



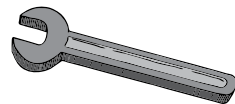
Talk about how you are going to examine what it is to be pure in heart through the life of Job. Read 1 Peter 1 verse 7. You may never be required to endure testing like Job but everyone who believes in Jesus can expect their faith to be tested. Through Job's life you can learn about this and understand how to respond to difficult situations so that your heart becomes pure.

2) The Word Box - "On A Roll"

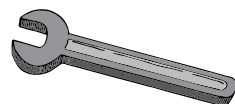
It's easy to think you are doing okay when you compare your faith and purity against someone whose standards are not like yours. But everyone's faith is ultimately tested by God's word. His word will challenge your thoughts and attitudes so that you can be pure in your thinking.



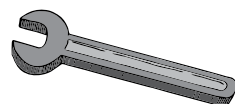
To look at the memory verse more closely play the following bottle rolling game. Divide the children into teams. Give each team a clear plastic bottle and pieces of paper that contain the individual words of today's memory verse. Mix up the order of the words. Mark the floor with a start and finish line. Station the teams at the start line. Select the order of the players.



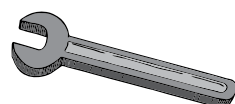
On the leader's command the first player's are to take the piece of paper containing the first word of the verse. They are to then roll up the paper and place it in the neck of the bottle. (Take care that the paper does not fall into the bottle itself - if this occurs they lose points for their team). They must then roll the bottle to the finish line, take out the paper and place on the finish line then roll the bottle back to the team at the start line.



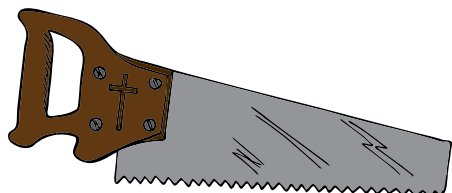
The next player then takes the next word and repeats the process. They must continue until they have the whole verse laid out on the finish line. Congratulate the first team to achieve this. To make the game more fun vary the way they roll the bottle; e.g. using their nose to push it down the race course.



Read the verse together. Talk about how you should be happy when your faith is tested, because it shows that you belong to Jesus. It will be difficult and you will need to endure but the rewards last forever. Read 1 Peter 5 verse 10.



3) Power Tools - "Message In A bottle"



Job chapter 1 helps us understand that when difficult things occur in our life it does not mean that we have necessarily done wrong. Discuss how our natural childlike reaction to upsetting circumstances is that we are being judged for wrong doing. It is an important lesson for the children to learn so that they can discern between things going wrong because they have acted in a wrong way and are being disciplined by their loving

heavenly Father, or that they are being tested so that they become pure in heart. This will all be made clear by the Transparent Robot over the coming weeks.

In Job's case this was an attitude test being carried out by Satan. What was intended for his harm ultimately worked out for his good because Job loved God. Children of God must not fear because Jesus is in control even when things seemingly go wrong. God has promised that everything will work together for good if we love him. (Ref. Romans chapter 8 verse 28).

Having talked through and reassured the children of these things station the Transparent Robot centre stage. Assemble the clear empty plastic bottles around the robot as a hedge as you go through Job's wealth in verses 1 - 5.

Station a leader inside the robot with 3 puppets made to resemble God, Satan and Job out of plastic bottles held with a garden stick. (See Robo's Craft Box). (For multiple puppeteers see the Wheelie Bin Stage Prop). The bin lid is to open and become the stage so that the leader remains hidden whilst he works the puppets. Act out the conversation between God and Satan. In verse 12 the narrator must remove the hedge of bottles to one side. Why not use the Satan puppet to seemingly kick the hedge out of the way.

To show the messages being delivered to Job in verses 13 - 19; print them onto separate sheets of paper and put into the neck of 3 separate clear plastic bottles. The bottle puppet of Job is to appear from inside the robot as each message is delivered. (The Job bottle needs to be filled with water). After each delivery the puppet is to act out Job's distraught reaction whilst a volunteer reads out the message. After the final message is received, the leader holding the puppet is to take off the lid on the bottle so that the water pours out and into the robot - splash the audience for fun too. (The leader stationed in the bin will probably get wet!)

For the final verses 20 - 22, the Job puppet will need to re-appear with no hair and nothing but its face on the bottle. Discuss how Job could have been filled with self-pity but instead he tearfully poured out his praise to God. When everything was stripped away Job's faith remained. Job was about to embark on the most challenging and personal test recorded in the Old Testament. His faith was to be purified in such a way that no questions were to be answered other than God is the supreme ruler and can do whatever he pleases.

Discuss with the older children how to be strong in their faith even when there are no answers to difficult circumstances. Talk about how this kind of faith gives others a clear view of what trusting in Jesus is all about. It represents being pure in heart because you understand God is sovereign.

4) Oil Can - "Bottled Tears"



Talk about Job's natural sadness due to the catastrophic events that occurred. He was so upset he wanted to die - but he did not blame God. That is a very important lesson to learn. God had not changed neither had his word, just Job's circumstances. Ask the children who was delivering the terrible blows to Job's family? (Satan).



Father God is loving and kind. He is Sovereign (ruler) and in control of every situation even if your life is attacked by Satan. God lovingly collects all your tears in a bottle. Read Psalm 56 verse 8 (NKJV). Give time for the children to write on paper their messages for help and post into a clear prayer bottle. Their requests could be personal or events that trouble them in this world. Pray together. Talk about how you must then live trusting Jesus. He is Lord and will work things out according to his plan and purpose for your life.



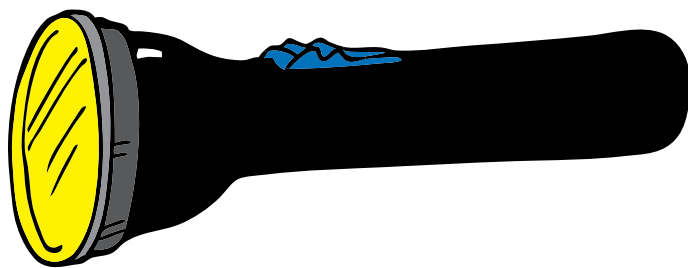
Holding bottled tears, Job could have poured out self-pity but instead he praised God. This is the purest form of faith because it shows a trusting attitude. Even if there are no answers Jesus is in control and is preparing you to see God. Read 2 Corinthians chapter 4 verse 17.



To conclude this section give time for the children to finish their craft bottle by filling it with dried peas or lentil seeds. This shows Job being filled with praise. Use the craft as an instrument of worship to show how Job worshipped God even though his circumstances could have caused him not to.

5) Box of Bright Sparks - "The Supremes"

For an extra worship activity display x7 large glass bottles and stick the individual letters of the word 'supreme' onto each bottle respectively. This can be called the Supremes pop group! Fill the bottles with different levels of water as you discuss what the word means. The water represents varied amounts of troubles that cause distress. Ask the children to discuss the things which trouble them. Allow them to dictate the levels of water according to how great they think that particular difficulty is.



Some situations take time to change but if you live knowing God is the supreme ruler then you can worship and be happy through any circumstance. He will do what pleases him because he is in control. This kind of worship shows you are pure in your thinking because God's word and not your circumstances control how you react. Those who behave in this way will see God.

Give time for the group to then use the bottles to create music by tapping them with a hard implement. See what worship can be created even in times of trouble. This sacrifice of praise is pleasing to Jesus and inspires those observing your faith.

For an extra game option use the clear plastic craft bottles as skittles. Create your own mini bowling alley and play a game of skittles. To run as a competition divide the children into 2 teams. Compile a set of questions relating to today's Bible story. When they answer the questions correctly they can take a turn in bowling over the skittles. Keep score of the most skittles knocked over.

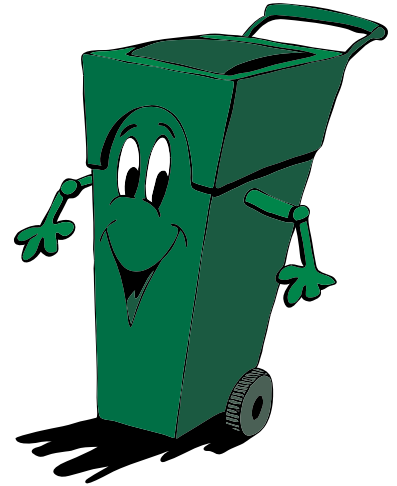
Talk about the kinds of experiences that the children have encountered that 'knock' their faith, causing them to wobble or even fall? Read Hebrews chapter 12 verses 1 to 3. It is important to get back up displaying the right attitude of heart as you allow the test to make you more like Jesus. Because Jesus is in you then you can be confident of the final outcome which is to be with God in heaven.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

To summarise your teaching assemble the group around the Transparent Robot. Talk about transparency and review the things you have learnt today. God's word is pure and transparent so that you can see what God is like. By his word he is working the same transparency into the hearts of his children so that you become pure in heart - like Jesus.

Work together to make some of the clear bottles into long arms and attach to the robot as per Robo's Design Sheet. Your reactions ultimately display what is in your heart.

Purity in your thinking and attitudes will be shown by how you react to testing. Pray together that Jesus will give you the grace to change to become pure in heart ready to be with him in heaven. You should be empty of questions as God works his answers into every situation in whatever way he pleases.



Matthew chapter 5 verse 8

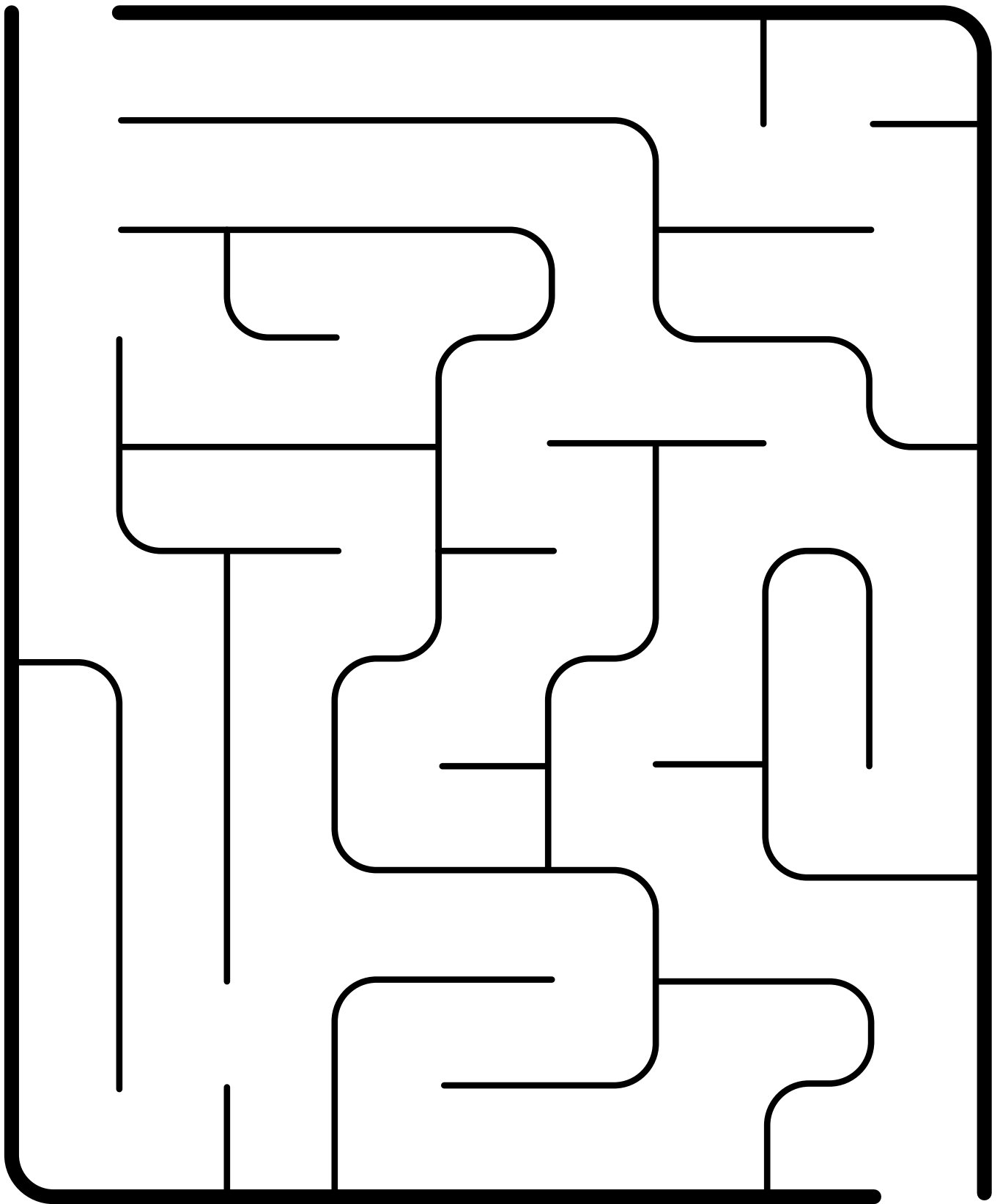


**"Those who are pure
in their thinking are
happy. They will be
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Matthew chapter 5 verse 8

JOB



Job In A Bottle

Materials:

- Empty clear plastic bottle
- Chop stick or paint brush
- String
- Square of cotton fabric
- Black pipe cleaner
- Elastic band
- Craft Foam
- Black fur
- Scissors, glue and double sided sticky pads
- Felt tip pens
- Dried peas/lentils

Instructions:

- 1) Each member of your group will require a small empty plastic bottle.
- 2) The leader is to make a hole in the screw on lid using a screw driver and mallet or an electric drill.
- 3) Also pierce 2 holes in the side of the plastic bottle ready to insert the pipe cleaner arms.
- 4) Give each child a square of cotton fabric or sack cloth type material such as a piece of unused window cleaner's scrim. Another alternative could be cutting up a hessian recycle bag into 12 x 12 inch squares.
- 5) Lay the bottle on the square of fabric.
- 6) Using an elastic band or hair elastic feed over the bottom of the bottle and fabric and secure 2 inches down the bottle.
- 7) Fold over the top of the fabric and arrange the material to look like a coat.
- 8) Cut 2 small holes in either side of the coat where the bottle has been punctured with 2 holes. Then feed through the holes a long pipe cleaner to create the character's arms. Bend into shape.
- 9) Underneath the arms tie a piece of string for a belt on the coat.
- 10) Cut an oval shape piece of craft foam approximately 5cm and using felt tip pen draw on a simple face.
- 11) Stick the face onto the bottle above the elastic band, using double sided sticky pads and glue.
- 12) Using your fur glue on a beard and some hair.
- 13) Remove the cap and a quarter fill with dried peas or lentils.
- 14) Replace the cap and feed through your paint brush/stick handle.
- 15) To secure; poke around the edge of the hole a double sided sticky pad and this will hold the stick in place.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Empty large plastic water fountain bottle
- Plastic lid from coffee tin
- Googly eyes
- Craft foam
- Scissors, Sellotape and double sided sticky pads
- String
- Bubble wrap
- x16 empty plastic bottles - 8 for each arm

Instructions:

- 1) You will need to obtain/borrow an empty large water fountain container.
- 2) Cover the lid of the bin with bubble wrap plastic and secure with Sellotape.
- 3) Pierce a hole in the plastic where the chrome hole appears.
- 4) Decorate the robots face. We used a coffee tin plastic lid for facial definition.
- 5) Make your facial features out of craft foam, googly eyes and bottle tops etc...
- 6) Stick to the face using double sided sticky pads.
- 7) Secure the plastic bottle onto the lid of the robot. To do this we tied a piece of string around the large plastic handle and laid the bottle on its side on the lid of the bin.
- 8) Feed the string through the chrome hole and pull firm, tying it off on the cleat on the underside of the lid.
- 9) With the head firmly in place fix your robot's face to the bottle so that it is looking forwards. We secured our face using double sided sticky pads.





Week 2

“Wrap It Up”

The Benchmark

The Transparent Robot is about to get wrapped up in the opinions of others. From this the children will learn that the only opinion that counts is God's. This became clear to Job as he changed from knowing about God with his ears to seeing him with his own eyes, because his heart was made pure by testing. The heat was turned up as Satan gained permission to touch Job's health. Covered in boils and sores his misery became unbearable. Job's friends turned up to give comfort and were speechless for 7 days because of what they saw. With puss pouring from his wounds they then began to poke him with their opinions. They wrapped their earthly wisdom in what they thought they knew about God and tried to diagnose a remedy for Job. The suffering finally came to an end when God spoke. His wisdom came to bring help to Job's troubles and to silence all of their questions. God wrapped up their deliberations with a declaration of his mighty power. Silenced by God's wisdom Job understood that he had tried to speak of things too wonderful for him to know. Teach the children that God's ways are too great for them to understand and that all of his words are pure. They must learn to simply trust that Jesus will always have the final word on any situation and he will not fail to help those who love him.

Nailing The Point

Can we counsel God or direct his Spirit? Teach the children that God's wisdom is pure and every word he speaks is proven. Jesus will always have the final word and wrap up our troubles in a good way.

Memory Verse

- James chapter 3 verse 17

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Job chapter 2 - 42
- Proverbs chapter 14 verse 12
- Psalm 119 verse 140 (NKJV)
- 1 Peter 4 verse 1
- Isaiah chapter 40 verse 13
- James chapter 1 verse 5
- Psalm 19 verses 9, 12, 13 & 14
- Proverbs chapter 29 verse 25
- Ephesians chapter 5 verse 27

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Spot The Difference
- 3) Word Search

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Opinions”
- 2) Power Tools “Flip your Lid”
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Robo's Craft Box

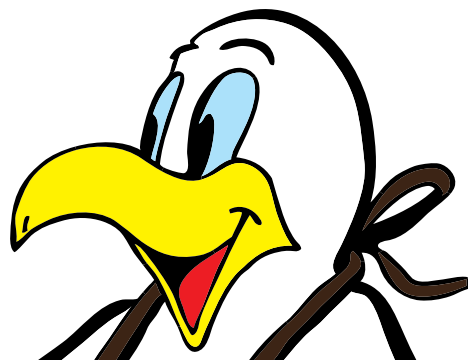
- 1) Transparent Bookmark

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

"But the wisdom that comes from God is like this: first, it is pure. Then it is also peaceful, gentle, and easy to please. This wisdom is always ready to help those who are troubled and to do good for others."

James chapter 3 verse 17



1) The Tool Box - "Opinions"



The Transparent Robot will today be wrapped up in bubble wrap and decorated to show the spotty mess Job was in. Touching his sores with their opinions his friends offered their wisdom which was not pure. They tried to work out God's ways but this only added to Job's troubles. The purity in Job's heart enabled him to see God in a new way as his word silenced all of their questions. God had the final word as he readily helped Job and was even good to his foolish friends.



Copy and use Visual Aid 2 (Spot the difference) as an introduction. Another spotty activity could be a game of 'Spots'. For this game you will need a good supply of red, blue and yellow stationery sticker spots. Sit the group in a large circle. Ask them to give their opinion as to which is their favourite colour; red, yellow or blue? You then put a couple of their favourite coloured stickers onto their face. Then compile a list of questions that require their 'opinion' for the answer. There must be 3 optional answers according to your 3 chosen coloured stickers, e.g. "Who is the best football team in England?" i) red - Aston Villa ii) blue - Chelsea iii) yellow - Manchester United. According to their answer they receive that respective sticker on their face too. When they are covered in spots discuss how there was not a 'correct' answer but it was a matter of 'opinion'. Today you will learn whose opinion counts - God's or other people?



Wheel on the Transparent Robot and cover it in Bubble wrap as per Robo's Design Sheet. From Job chapter 2 talk about what happened to Job next. Satan wanted to try and make him curse God by touching his health. He became covered in sores. Begin to decorate the bubbles with colour so that the robot is spotty - see the Design Sheet. The children are going to find out the opinion of Job's friends. Did their opinion about his troubles count? Was their wisdom pure and helpful to Job?



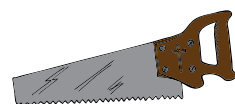
To discover the memory verse together, play a game of 'hangman' using acetate and an overhead projector. Talk about how the acetate is transparent. To play - draw dashes to represent each word of the verse and a forward slash to represent a space. _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ . The children suggest a letter. Where the letter would appear, write the letter above the dash. Where the letter does not appear draw the first line of the hangman. This continues until either the text is revealed (or guessed) or the hangman has been completed. Look at the wisdom in God's words and think about how the wisdom of man leads to death (Ref Proverbs chapter 14 verse 12). This is proven in today's Bible story.



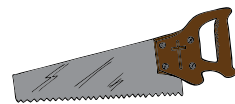
Pure wisdom is found in God's word. (Read Psalm 119 verse 140 NKJV). Every word of God is pure (proven/tested). His word tests your faith to make it pure/proven. Your faith must be proven to be with Jesus in heaven. Following Robo's Craft Box make the transparent bookmark using acetates and decorate with today's memory verse. Discuss how human wisdom is full of opinion but it is only God's opinion that counts. God's ways are much higher than ours and his ways cannot be worked out. You can be sure that God's wisdom will bring help from trouble because his word is proven and he will have the final say.

2) Power Tools - "Flip Your Lid"

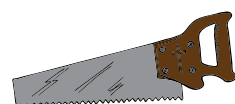
The cast of friends in today's Bible story are to be small flip flop and peddle bins. These are to be worked like puppets so that the lid is the mouth. This will enable the children to look at the 'rubbish' found in man's opinions as they discuss what or who's sin had caused Job's illness and loss. Job is to be the Transparent Robot.



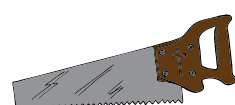
The general discussions are found in Job chapter 3 to chapter 37. The story is to be a short analysis of Job's wife, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar opinions', with another little bin (Elihu) listening at a distance. Use the examples given below or select your own.



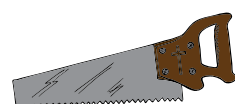
Discuss with the group how the friends make false assumptions about Job's troubles and that they do not speak what is right. To illustrate this point allow the children to participate in the following exercise. Give each child a sheet of newspaper and ask them to roll it into a ball. This represents the friend's human wisdom and general knowledge which is based on what they think they know.



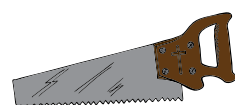
Job's wife and his friends then wrapped up this knowledge in what they thought they knew about God. To show this each child is to wrap up their ball of paper in cling film because God's word is pure. When they have finished this task they must put their cling wrapped ball into one of the small bins (Job's friends/wife).



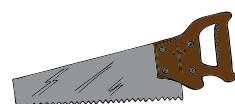
When you tell the story and give examples of what was said, after each opinion allow a volunteer to come and take a ball out of the respective bin and throw it into the robot. You could try flipping the ball with the lid of the bin? Talk about how they were supposed to be Job's comforters but were inflicting more pain on Job, making him feel even worse about himself. They were 'peddling' God's word and using it for what they wanted it to say. Their thinking was not pure because it did not help Job.



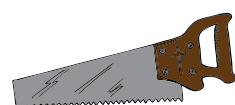
Examples:- Job's wife - "curse God and die". Eliphaz - "Job has sinned", "God is correcting Job", "Job is terrible and rotten". Bildad - "You are being punished for your sins", "This happens to the home of an evil person", "You are a worm." Zophar - "God will make the evil person sick", "This is because he has troubled poor people", "His riches will not continue." (Elihu bin is to huff and puff in the background as he disagrees with them).



How did Job respond to all of the rubbish being thrown? Read Job chapter 19 verses 25 - 27. What can you learn from Job? Discuss how purity in your thinking can only come when your faith is proven through testing. Discuss 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 1.



To show God speaking to Job in a whirlwind have a leader hidden inside the robot and then throw all of the balls of rubbish out of the bin in a whirl. The leader is to address the group holding a large Bible wrapped in bubble wrap. Talk about how God had listened to all of their discussions and was going to silence their questions with his supreme judgements. He was going to burst their 'know all' bubble with his wisdom. They were about to learn that God never makes mistakes and his will is sovereign - discuss what this means. From chapters 38 - 42 raise with the children some of God's questions and after each one let them come and burst one of the bubbles on the bubble wrap that covers the Bible.



3) The Word Box - "Searching Word"

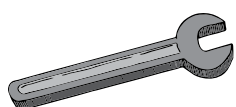
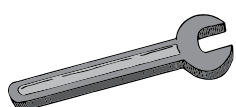
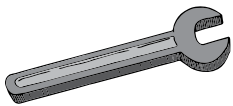


Photo-copy Visual Aid 3 (word search of today's memory verse) onto a sheet of acetate. Display on an overhead projector. Divide the group into x2 teams and give each team a different coloured pen. They must search the grid together and when a player can see a word they must put up their hand and come and draw a line through the word. Continue until the whole verse has been discovered. Congratulate the team that finds the most words.



Talk about how it is God's word which tests the purity of your thinking. It's easy to be like Job's friends and wrap up your opinions in what the Bible says. You should study and know what the Bible says but you cannot work out what God will do or direct the Holy Spirit. Read together Isaiah chapter 40 verse 13 and discuss.



When you are tested you will be made pure as you allow God's words to be proved in your life. The testing gets rid of all your opinions and questions. You are then left with God's answer. Remember he is the sovereign ruler. He does what is best even if we do not understand why.

4) Oil Can - "Blankety Blank"

How do you pray when you don't have the answers to your problems? Do you think Job had difficulty praying when his trouble was so great? What if your prayers become like a blank piece of acetate? It seems quicker and easier to run to people for help and advice or quickly spout off your own answer forgetting to wait for Jesus. Sometimes you should let your words be few and quietly wait and ask for wisdom from God. Read James chapter 1 verse 5.



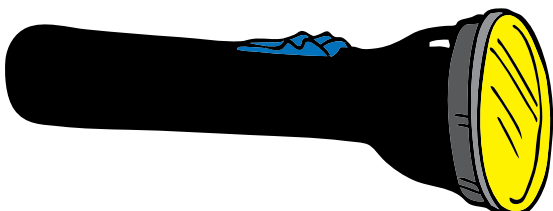
Display the word wisdom on a sheet of acetate and think about the transparency whilst it is displayed using an overhead projector. Job arrived at the conclusion that God's ways were too wonderful for him to know. He had tried to give his opinion on things too great for him to work out. What can you learn from this?



Working in groups, ask the children to write a combined prayer on a sheet of acetate using different coloured pens. Project and read out some of the group prayers. Next display on an overhead-projector Psalm 19 verses 12 - 14 which is a prayer for purity by King David. Encourage the children to build their prayers on what the Bible says so that their words are pure. Wait together in worship. Place all of the prayers together on the projector then put on top the acetate with the word wisdom on it. Jesus will deliver the right answer at the right time. His wisdom is pure (proven).



5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Easy To Please"



Job learned the fear of the Lord through his trial. He would never be the same again. He knew that only God's opinion mattered, even when there were no answers to be found. With great respect he understood that God is sovereign.

Are you 'willing to yield' or 'easy to please God'? Ask the children who they live to please; Jesus or other people. Read together

Psalm 19 verse 9. You should fear (respect) God. You show this respect by how you respond to his words and whether you live by them. Look at the transparency of the cling film and talk about how God's word is completely right.

Even though you know this to be true, you can end up knowing what God says but live fearing what others may think about you. Read Proverbs chapter 29 verse 25. The following game shows how knowing God's word but not being pure in your thinking will result in getting yourself into trouble (snared). God's wisdom keeps you pure and free from trouble. Obedience to God's word makes your faith proven and your thinking pure. You will be happy because you will see Jesus and be with him in heaven.

Game 1. Divide the group into small teams with an assigned leader. Give each team a roll of cling film. On your command give a set amount of time for the team to wrap up the torso of their leader with the cling film so that they cannot move. Congratulate the winning team. Test how much and how far the leaders can move.

Discuss how religious people can try to take your freedom, which is something Jesus died for, by snaring you with wrong interpretation. Encourage the children to be pure in heart by only caring about what Jesus thinks about them so that they live truly free. Free to please Jesus.

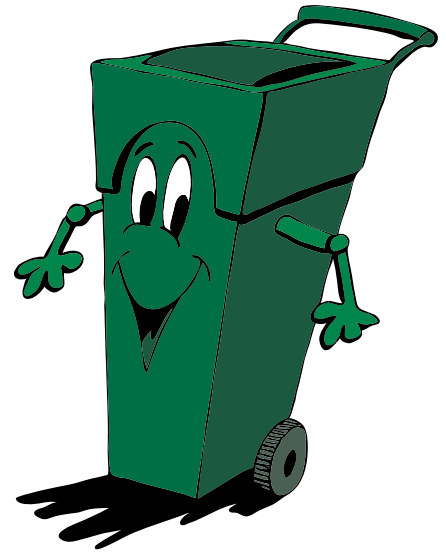
Game 2 for younger children. Compile questions about today's Bible story and theme. Divide the group into x2 teams and allocate each team a small piece of bubble wrap. Ask a question and when they answer it correctly they can come and burst a bubble on the bubble wrap. The winning team is the one with the most 'popped' bubbles. Review the purity in God's wisdom and how it will always burst the 'know all' bubble of human wisdom because you cannot work out what God will do. The pure in heart will wait for God's answer and obey his word.

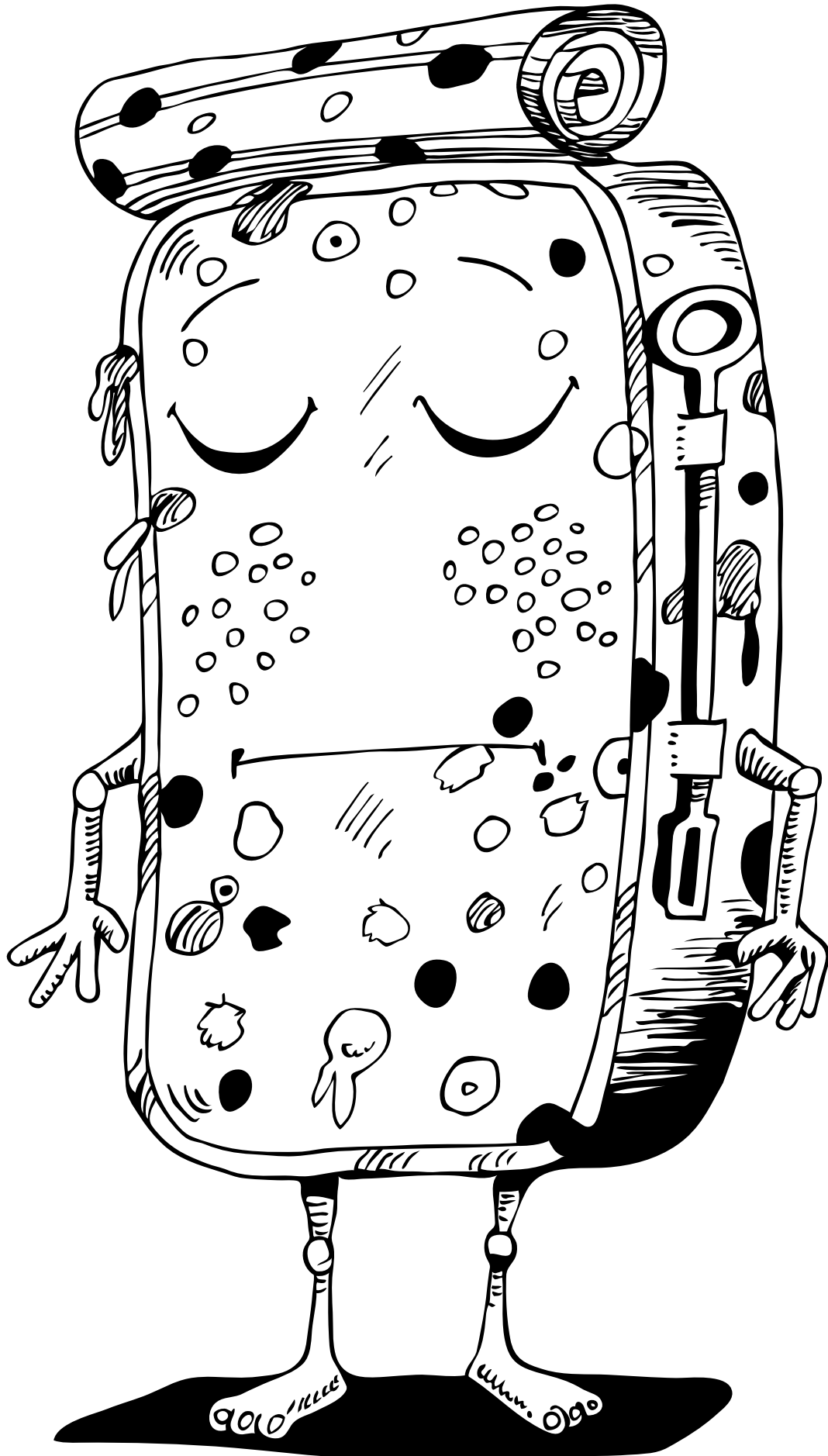
6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on the robot and review the things you have learned today. Allow time for the children to ask questions and talk about what they have discovered.

To wrap up today's lesson draw an outline of a man onto a sheet of acetate. Display using an overhead projector. Talk about attitudes that cause trouble in your life, e.g. anger, pride, selfishness, greed etc... As each child gives an example stick a spot onto the outline.

Jesus is making his people pure and ready so that we will be with God and see him. He demands that we live unspotted by this world's attitudes and sin. You do this by allowing God's word to make your thinking pure. Read Ephesians chapter 5 verse 27. Remove the spots so that you live ready to serve God each day and live ready for Jesus to return. Briefly discuss how next week they will learn how God wraps up Job's troubles in a good way because his heart was pure - his spots will be healed. Pray together and encourage them to read their Bible each day.



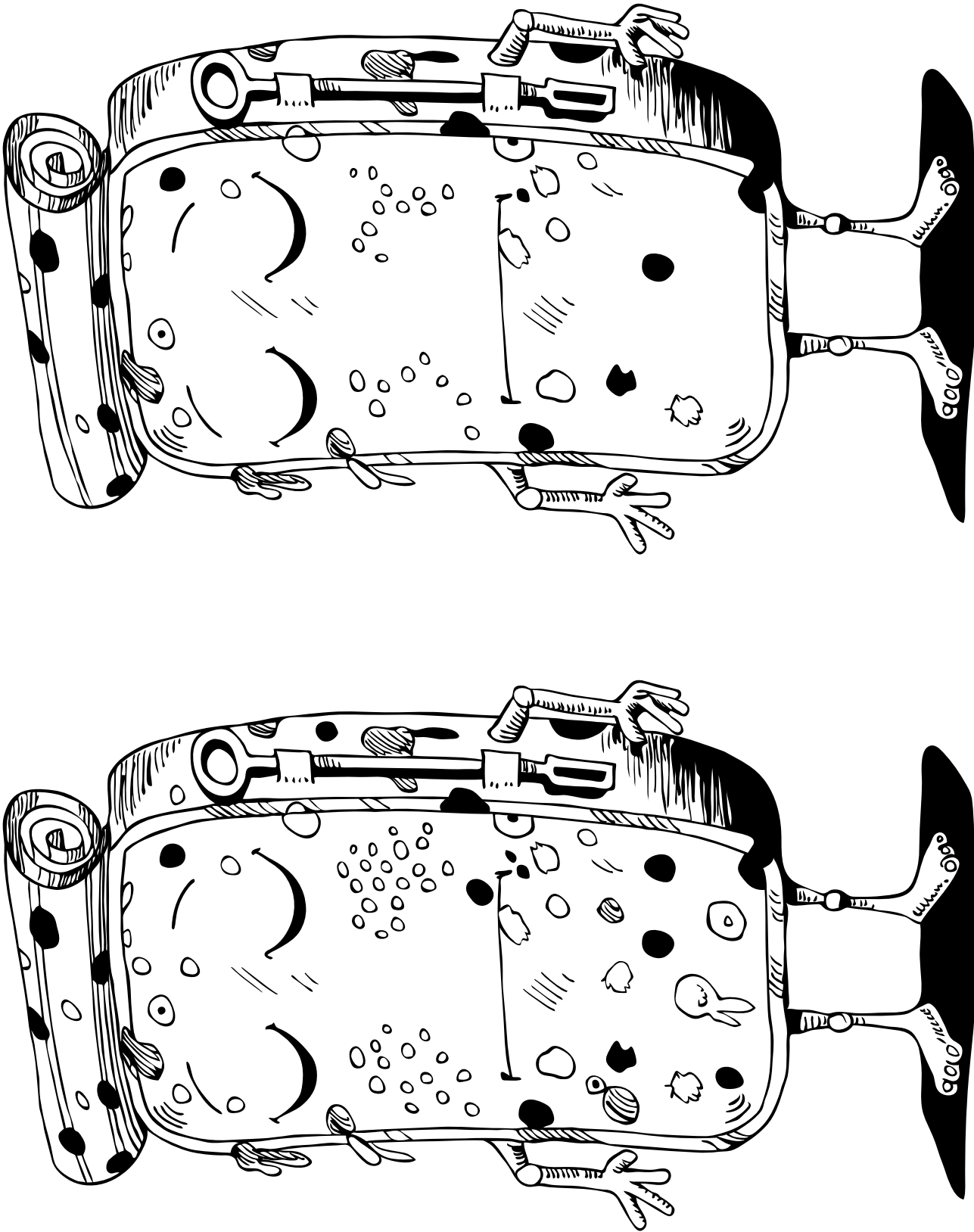


James chapter 3 verse 17

"But the wisdom that comes from God is like this: first, it is pure. Then it is also peaceful, gentle, and easy to please. This wisdom is always ready to help those who are troubled and to do good for others."



James chapter 3 verse 17



Spot the difference between the two Sardines robots and count how many spots are missing...

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Robo's Craft Box

Transparent Bookmark

Materials:

- Acetates
- Acetate pens
- Small stickers
- Coloured cotton thread

Instructions:

- 1) Cut up sheets of acetate, using a guillotine, into strips to resemble the size of a small ruler.
- 2) Give each member of your group a strip of acetate.
- 3) Hole punch a small hole through the end of the book mark.
- 4) Decorate the centre of the book mark using permanent acetate pens and little stickers.
- 5) Include the memory verse text in the design.
- 6) Using small lengths of coloured thread make a tassel by threading the cotton through the hole in the book mark. Tie off to secure.

Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- 3 metres of large bubble wrap
- Scissors & Sellotape
- Large round colourful stickers
- Colourful craft buttons
- String
- Length of craft wire
- 16 empty plastic bottles

Instructions:

- 1) Cut and cover the torso of your bin with a length of bubble wrap.
- 2) Secure with Sellotape and string.
- 3) Pierce a hole in the plastic where the chrome holes appear on the sides of the bin.
- 4) To create the spotty effect we used large round stickers purchased from Staples stationers. These were stuck onto the bubbles.
- 5) You could also create this effect by piercing the bubbles on the plastic and feeding into some of the holes a colourful button. This method takes more time.
- 6) Wash and dry your collected empty plastic bottles. Remove the labels by soaking in soapy water if preferred.
- 7) Use 8+ bottles for each arm.
- 8) To feed the string through each bottle we removed the top and pierced a hole in the base of each bottle.
- 9) Next we taped the end of a long length of string onto a length of craft wire.
- 10) Poke the wire through the small hole in the bottom of a bottle and push out of the neck of the bottle.
- 11) Pull the string through and repeat the process on the next bottle until you have joined enough bottles together to create the robot's arms.
- 12) When complete tie off the string onto the neck of a small empty plastic bottle.
- 13) Take the other end of the string and feed it through the chrome hole on the side of the robot, pull tight and wrap around the cleat inside the bin to make secure.
- 14) Do the same for the other arm.





Week 3

“Pure Joy”

The Benchmark

The Transparent Robot has counted it pure joy to have fallen into various trials with Job. This testing lesson will enable the children to become complete, lacking nothing. Sitting in the ashes of his fiery trial Job emerges from the dust. He receives beauty for his ashes and the oil of joy for his mourning. A double portion of blessing is Job's reward as God declares him right. In one short chapter God sums up his answer bestowing on Job a lifetime of favour. The Lord restored the joy of his salvation in an extravagant way. The purity of Job's heart was visible and with clean hands he reached out to his foolish friends. His prayer was heard and what he had lost was rebuilt. God's determination to do him good was breathtaking and who could stop him? Teach the children how to maintain a purity of heart through good and bad situations as every lesson is preparing them to be with Jesus. With a clear view of the hope that is within them they will keep themselves pure. The happy reward is the joy found in their salvation as they await the prize. “Those who are pure in their thinking are happy. They will be with God.”

Nailing The Point

Teach the children how to keep themselves pure like Jesus. The joy of a trial is that it is preparing you to handle future blessing, especially the eternal hope that is to come.

Memory Verse

- 1 John chapter 3 verse 3

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 13
- Job chapter 42
- Romans chapter 12 verse 1
- Romans chapter 8 verses 18 & 19
- Psalm 24
- Philippians chapter 4 verse 13
- 1 Timothy chapter 2 verse 8
- James chapter 1 verse 12

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Clean Hands”
- 2) Power Tools - “Finger Tales”
- 3) The Word Box - “Inflated with Praise”
- 4) Oil Can - “Praying Hands”
- 5) Box of Bright Sparks - “Applause”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheelie Bin Stage Prop

- See Robo 1 Week 7

Robo's Craft Box

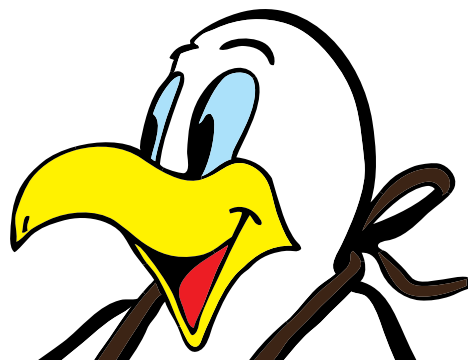
- 1) Handful of Blessing

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“Christ is pure. And every person who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure like Christ.”

1 John chapter 3 verse 3



1) The Tool Box - “Clean Hands”



Job was tested and refined by fire and came through with clean hands and a pure heart. He proved he was able to handle every challenge in a right way. His life was an act of pure worship. He feared God through trouble and would continue to trust him with great blessing. The Transparent Robot will make this attitude crystal clear so that the children will learn how to keep themselves pure throughout every trial and every blessing in their lives as they are made ready to be with Jesus.



To introduce today's lesson give each child a pair of Latex Gloves to wear. Discuss how these are used by doctors to ensure their hands are clean to do their work. Divide the group into teams. In a random order write an individual word of today's verse onto one glove belonging to each player using a permanent marker pen. On the leader's command they must then work as a team so that they hold up their clean hands with the verse reading correctly. Congratulate the first team to achieve this. Discuss the words; 'pure like Christ'. What will your thinking be like if he lives in you? Can you serve Jesus with dirty actions or wrong motives?



Talk about how Job had endured severe testing which had given him clean hands and a pure heart. Because his thinking was pure his actions were right. He was now fit to handle testing or blessing in a right way. He would be able to maintain the purity in his heart ready to be with God. Every situation - both good and bad - will test your faith. How you handle life's situations will reflect the purity in your heart and will determine whether you have hope in Jesus. If you have plenty, will you still trust Jesus and handle the wealth in a right way? If you are in need will you still trust Jesus and act in a right way?



Wheel on the Transparent Robot ready to put clean hands onto its arms. See Robo's Design sheet as you use Latex Gloves, filled with goodies to show the wealth that was restored to Job. Job could be trusted with trials and he could be trusted with blessing because his heart was pure and his actions were clean. He had demonstrated that he feared God and that his faith was real.



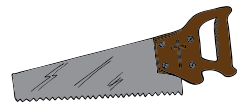
Following Robo's Craft Box instruction sheet, the children can make their own 'handful of blessing' with a clear food preparation glove. Talk about how all of their actions will show the motives in their heart. If it is pure then their hands will be clean. Clean hands speak of their actions. Are they prepared to serve Jesus and live ready for heaven?



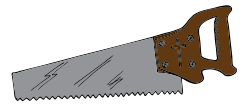
Talk about the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ. As a Christian you should live for the hope in Christ and not for the temporary blessings around you. The treasure you have in Christ will last forever. This is the ultimate reward. No matter what circumstances you are required to handle - count it all joy because it is preparing you for the hope that is to come. Read together 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 13 to find joy in trials.

2) Power Tools - "Finger Tales"

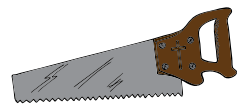
The Bible story can be found in Job chapter 42. From this you will discover the finger prints of blessing all over Job's life. To make the story interactive you will need to create puppets out of gloves so that your fingers tell the tale. You will need to station x1 leader to be the Job puppeteer on one side of the Transparent Robot - see Wheelie Bin Stage Prop for a make shift stage. This will work as your puppet theatre. Other puppeteers are to work from the other side of the robot using the Wheelie Bin Stage Prop idea.



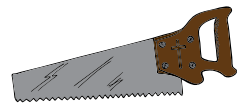
Whilst verses 1 - 6 are being narrated, show Job using a black glove with wobbly eyes. To conclude this section the hand puppet could sink out of sight in despair. When the x3 friends come to visit Job these will need to be x3 different coloured gloves with wobbly eyes. They must look for Job. Job re-appears in the form of a Latex glove - with wobbly eyes stuck on. Talk about how this shows the purity that has been achieved in his heart through testing.



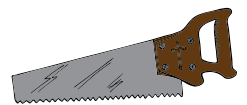
From verse 10, as the blessing continues blow the Latex glove up like a balloon for fun to show Job's elation. In verse 11 when his brothers and sisters come to see him show them as blue or pink gloves respectively. They are to put large gold rings onto the Latex glove which is Job.



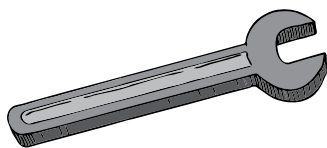
In verse 12 Job's business is blessed in a magnificent way. Show finger puppets of sheep, camels, oxen and donkeys - use sound effects too. For Job's x10 children, show them as finger puppets coming to see Job. And for a final praise wave have finger puppets of lots of little grandchildren dancing on both sides of the robot.



Ask the children to applaud the finger puppets with their hands. Talk about how you bring worship to God through the actions of your life. Worship is more than a song when you feel happy. Read together Romans chapter 12 verse 1. Job's worship was sacrificial - it cost him everything. This was his reasonable service. He knew this because he feared God and showed him respect. Talk about how the finger prints of God's blessing could once again be seen on Job's life because God had declared him right. He could worship God because he had clean hands and a pure heart. (See Psalm 24). You can still have a song in your heart through trials if you understand the purpose is to make you pure in heart ready to be with God. (See Romans chapter 8 verse 18 & 19).



3) The Word Box - "Inflated With Praise"



Divide the groups into teams as per the memory verse game in section 1. Sit in a group circle. Give each team a set of gloves that have the words of the memory verse written on them. Discuss how it is impossible being pure in a sinful world, especially when we were born with a sinful nature. It can leave you feeling deflated.

Ask them to put their hand inside the glove and see what happens. Christ is pure and if he lives in you then you have the power to be pure in your thinking. This will control your actions so that you live like Jesus. Read Philippians chapter 4 verse 13.

Now ask the team to blow up their gloves like a balloon. When they have done this they must hold onto the inflated glove. Whilst Jesus does not live physically inside you he has given you the Holy Spirit. He will fill you with the strength to live in the right way. Younger children will require assistance as to do this it requires a big puff. (An example of this being misunderstood was a child that did not want Jesus to live inside their heart because they did not want to share their food with him!)

Game: Nominate a player from each team. Working together the team are to sort the gloves into order so that the verse reads correctly. When they have done this the nominated player is to put on the glove with the first word on it. Then they must put on the glove with the 2nd word written on it over the top of the first glove. Continue until all of the gloves have been placed on the players hand with the words in the correct order. Review and discuss the verse together so that they children understand that with Christ in them they will have the power to be pure in their thinking, just like Jesus.

4) Oil Can - "Praying Hands"



For your time of prayer read 1 Timothy 2 verse 8. Talk about what it means to lift up holy hands in prayer. Why are clean holy hands important to God? (Think about the Latex glove and doctors who handle patients). Is it enough just to pray? Is it enough just to pray and lift up your hands? Are holy hands important in your prayers being answered?



Discuss how God was displeased with Job's friends. They were told by God to go to Job with a sacrifice to show that they were sorry. God asked Job to pray for his foolish friends even though they had been spiteful to him. Job was able to do this because his hands were clean and his motives were pure. God heard Job's prayer. (See Job chapter 42 verse 9).



Because Job had been proven God answered his prayers and gave him success. Talk about these principles with the children. Wait on the Holy Spirit as you examine your own hearts so that Jesus can make you clean. Spend time praying for each other ensuring that your hands are holy because you are not worldly with your actions and attitudes.

5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Applause"

Talk about how we all like to receive applause. The applause received from other people is governed by what they see and by how well you perform your action. The applause that comes from God is everything to do with the purity and motive found in a person's heart. Job found that God's applause is worth waiting for and carries with it a lasting reward. Think about whether your life will receive God's applause because you are pure in heart like Jesus.



Read and discuss James chapter 1 verse 12. There is no greater reward than this. Even if you do not get applause now, there is applause worth waiting for.



Game 1 - Copy Clap to have fun with applause. Sit in a circle. The leader begins clapping their hands slowly and the children copy. Once all the children are joining in the leader changes the actions to slapping thighs and the children follow. Alter the tempo and volume for fun. To vary change the person that leads the applause.



If you are pure in heart you will be pure like Jesus - just like they copied the leader's clap - so you should imitate Jesus. He never looked for the applause of people but sought only to please Father God. He was seeking the reward that will last forever.



Game 2 - Rhythm Round. Ask the children to sit in a circle. The leader teaches a sequence of rhythms that can be performed in a round. The round is then echoed around the circle either individually or in groups.



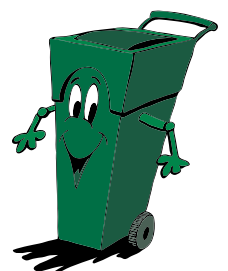
Talk about how your actions 'sound' your true worship for Jesus. From the game discuss how important it is to send out the right 'sound' for others to follow. Job was a good example of how to be pure in heart. Jesus is a perfect example of what it is to be pure in heart. In light of this review the memory verse.



6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Now that you have learned what it is to be pure in your thinking you can live to be more like Jesus. Wheel on the Transparent Robot as you conclude this Be-attitude! See if Job has done a good job? Being changed from glory into glory is an ongoing process as you work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Remember Job's healthy fear of God.

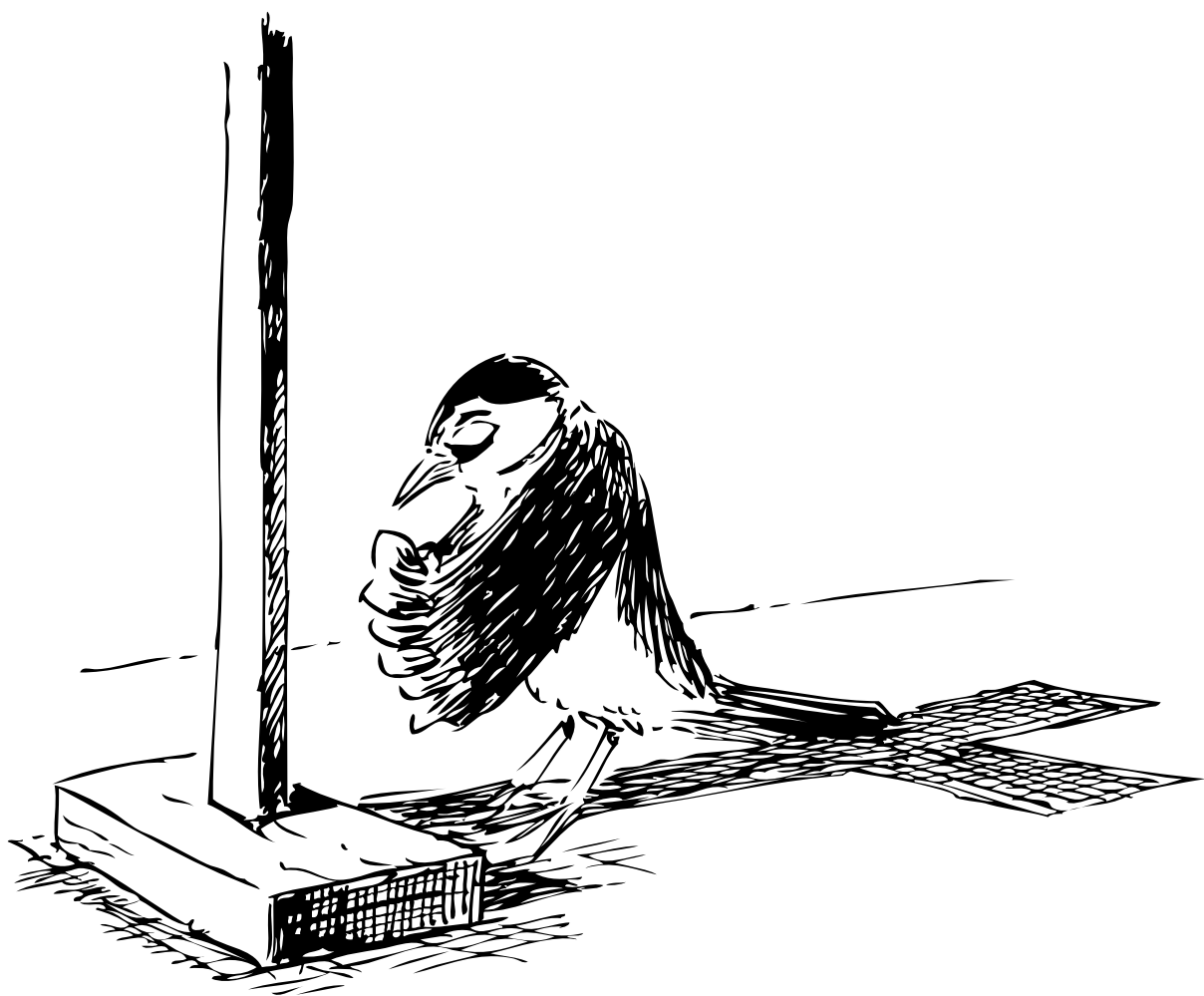
Review the things that the children have learned and pray that their lives are transformed by God's word. Hand to them their craft glove of blessing and remind them of the hope that is inside them. Give opportunity for any children that have not already done so to receive Jesus - the hope of glory.





1 John
chapter 3
verse 3

"Christ is pure. And every person who has this hope in Christ keeps himself pure like Christ."



1 John chapter 3 verse 3

Robo's Craft Box

Handful of Blessing

Materials:

- Clear plastic glove - sandwich preparation glove or something similar
- Sweets
- Ribbon
- Sticky label with memory verse printed on

Instructions:

- 1) Give each member of your group a clear plastic glove. There are many different types that can be purchased but food preparation gloves would be the most effective and hygienic.
- 2) Fill the glove with sweets.
- 3) Tie off using lengths of colourful ribbon.
- 4) Print the memory verse onto a sticky label and stick onto the glove.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Latex gloves or sandwich preparation plastic gloves
- Sweets
- Ribbon

Instructions:

- 1) Fill x2 plastic gloves with lots of colourful sweets.
- 2) If Latex gloves are used then ensure the sweets have wrappers on if you want to eat them afterwards!
- 3) When full of goodies tie off the hand glove with colourful ribbon.
- 4) Attach a hand onto each of the bottle arms.



Finger Puppets

Materials:

- Pipe cleaners
- Craft foam
- Pom-poms
- Googly eyes and bits and pieces
- Glue
- Felt tip pens

Instructions:

- 1) Create a 2" puppet face using craft foam.
- 2) Cut a 2" oval shape out of the craft foam.
- 3) Decorate the face as desired using felt tip pens or craft bits and pieces etc...
- 4) Pierce a small hole on the edge of the craft foam and feed through the end of a pipe cleaner. Bend to secure.
- 5) Twist the pipe cleaner around your finger so that the face is at the top of your finger on the opposite side to your finger nail.





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