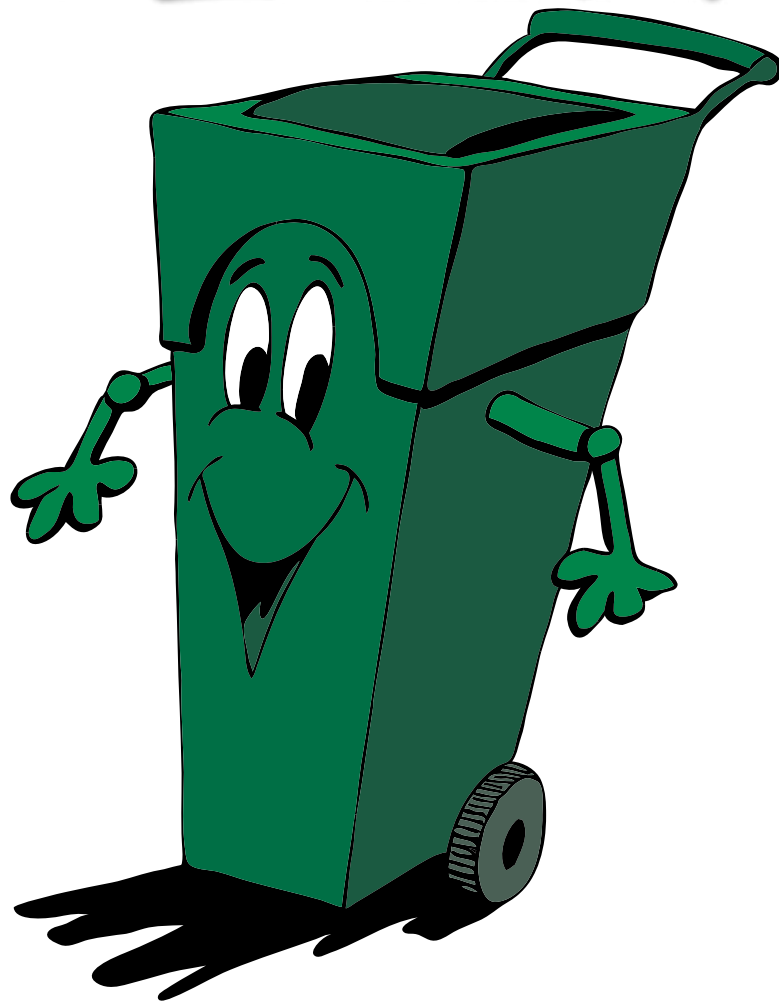


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ROBOTS WITH BEATTITUDES!

ROBO 6

ROBO 6: THE HIGHWAY ROBOT

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

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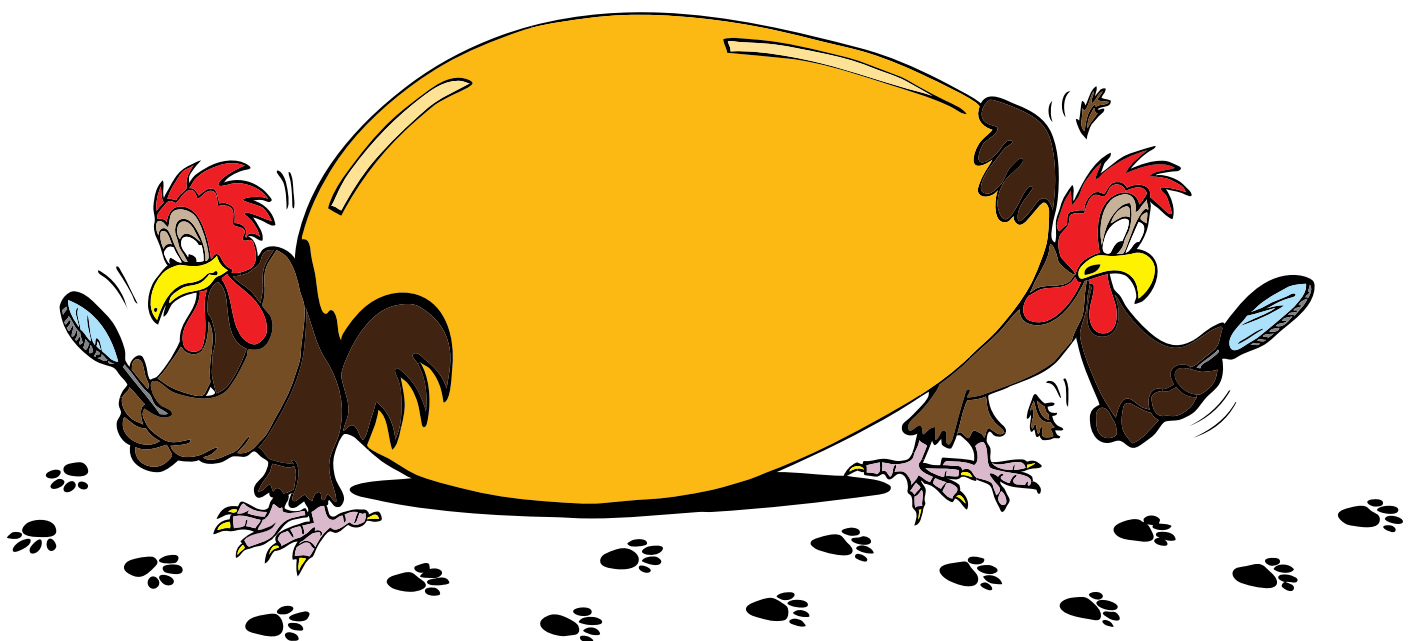
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Week 1

“The Kingdom Highway”

The Benchmark

This month's adventure will take the children along the Kingdom Highway. It is the highway of holiness. They will follow the map of the Easter story and walk in the footprints left to them by Jesus. As part of the journey they will need to learn the 'Highway Code' as only good people will walk on this road. Each step of the way they must watch out for instructions and be aware of the dangers and perils that line the path. They can only access this road if they walk in a humble way, displaying the servant like actions of their Master, Jesus. This is not a road of comfort but one of challenge that raises the bar of living to God's holy standard. To be holy because he is holy stipulates the walking conditions of the road. The speed of the journey is governed by the waiting times along the road where hearts and attitudes will be tested. They will be tested by the Word and the Holy Spirit's prompting to meet the needs of others along the way. But for the meek and humble people that journey on this highway the promise is that they will one day inherit the earth when they arrive in the eternal kingdom - heaven.

Nailing The Point

You must climb up to a noticeable position to become great in this world. But to become great in God's kingdom you must climb down and become a servant of all. N.B. All of the children and leaders will need to bring in a pair of slippers to wear for today's teaching. Have some spare pairs for those who forget.

Memory Verse

- Mark chapter 9 verse 35b

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Psalm 85 verse 13 (NKJV)
- John chapter 13 verses 1 - 17 (Bible story)
- Matthew chapter 5 verse 5
- Romans chapter 12 verse 10
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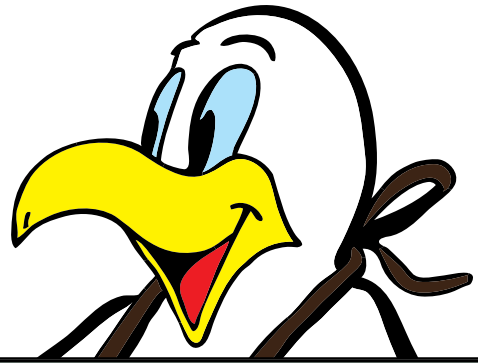
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Memory Verse

Jesus said; "If anyone wants to be the most important, then he must be last of all and servant of all."

Mark chapter 9 verse 35b



1) Tool Box - "Slippers of Comfort"



The Highway Robot will be created so that the children can journey through the Easter story. Jesus prepared his disciples for the kingdom by becoming a servant of all. He stooped to wash their feet in readiness for the walk that lay before them by washing away selfish attitudes in preparation for an uncomfortable path to the cross.



On arrival everyone must deposit their slippers into the wheelie bin. To begin ask the group to form a large circle. Nominate a 'slipper hunter' who must stand in the centre of the circle and close their eyes. A slipper is given to a member of the group. The slipper must be passed discretely and as quickly as possible around the circle behind their backs. To fool the 'hunter' each child must sit/stand close to the person next to them and pretend to pass the slipper even if it is not in their hands. Once hidden the 'hunter' must open their eyes and remain in the centre of the circle whilst they try to guess who has the slipper. Count the amount of guesses they make. Once found the person holding the slipper becomes the 'hunter'. Repeat depending on time.



Assemble the group around the wheelie bin. Open the lid a few times and spray some air freshener given the slippery smell inside the bin. Try a 'guess who' slipper game. To do this take a pair of slippers out of the bin so that the group can guess who the slippers belong to. Instruct them not give the game away by letting others know if the slippers are theirs. Finally, see if they can guess which slippers belong to which leader. Ask everyone to put on their slippers.



Discuss how comfortable your slippers are. Talk about how today you are going to begin creating The Highway Robot which will wheel its way through the Easter story. The disciples had been with Jesus for 3 years and were looking for a comfortable position in the kingdom of heaven. They argued who would be the greatest. This was Jesus' response to them.



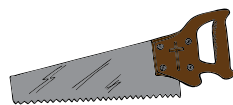
Using new insoles of shoes - lots of different sizes and colours - display the individual words of today's memory verse. (You can make these out of craft foam). Prepare x2 sets to run this as a race between teams. Ask the group to make a footprint path so that the verse reads correctly. When complete read the verse together. To make Jesus' footprints your pathway you must first understand the Highway Code when walking on the Highway of Holiness that leads to the kingdom of heaven. (Ref. Psalm 85 verse 13 NKJV)



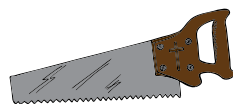
Following Robo's Design Sheet make the robot's head using the 'no entry sign' for the back and the 'one way sign' for the front. Jesus clearly told his disciples that no selfish attitudes could go on this journey (no entry sign). There is only one way you can walk on the kingdom road (one way sign). The disciples needed to be washed clean of their selfish attitudes to walk down this road with Jesus.

2) Power Tools - "Reveal Your Soul"

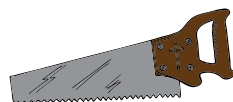
To prepare the children for the 'uncomfortable' way they must walk on the kingdom road you will be removing slippers and washing feet. The Bible story will be taken from John chapter 13 verses 1 to 17. To make this visual you will need x6 actors and the Wheelie Bin Stage Prop curtains - see the Design Sheet. Station x3 actors on the right hand side of the robot and x3 actors on the left hand side of the robot. Each actor must wear a different slipper on each foot which is to be labelled as a disciple of Jesus. Select as many fun novelty slippers as possible. The actors must also have faces drawn on their bare feet. To begin the story the actors will need to dangle their feet from under the curtain so that the slippers tell the story. The actors must not be seen.



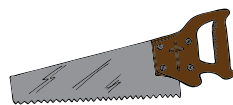
You will also need an actor to be Jesus. He must wear bare feet and work with the Highway Robot as they wash the disciple's feet. Before the narration commences, show the disciples arguing about 'who is the greatest' with their feet. Try some foot wrestling for fun. Perhaps they can change their position a few times by moving where they sit or crossing over the leg next to them? Be imaginative.



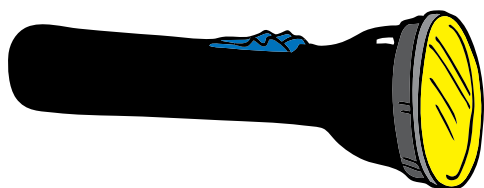
When the Bible story is shown, Jesus must first come and remove their slippers and put the slippers into the robot. Explain that a selfish walk cannot go down this highway. Kingdom people do not settle for the comforts of this life but understand they are on a journey to an eternal kingdom. Next Jesus is to wash their feet. For fun, some of the disciples can have ticklish feet? When the story gets to verse 10 Jesus must be washing the feet of Judas. When the narration concludes the actor who is Jesus must go behind the curtain and dangle a decorated foot alongside the disciples' feet.



Discuss how the disciples had some uncomfortable lessons to learn. The path ahead of them was down a highway of holiness. Selfish attitudes cannot enter or go down this path. Jesus showed them how in his kingdom there was only one way you are required to walk and to do this you must become a servant. This is part of the Highway Code. Those who choose to walk the kingdom road to heaven must walk as servants. You must be meek and humble if you want to be great in the kingdom. The rewards for this are that you will be happy and you will inherit the earth. Read Matthew chapter 5 verse 5.



3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Wrestling Slippers"



To compare this Highway Code found on the kingdom road with the general attitudes often found in the world, select some of the following games - depending on the age of your group. As you play the games discuss how you can become like Jesus in being servant like in your attitudes each day. Discuss how you must prefer the needs of others more than your own as you walk on this Highway. Read Romans chapter 12 verse 10.

Game 1 - For older juniors run a 'slapping slipper' game. Select x3 volunteers who are given a slipper/insole and nominate a leader who they must work together to 'slap' below the knee with their slipper/insole. (To make it less painful just use an insole!) Rules - They must use their left hand to hold the slipper/insole or their right hand if they are left handed. If they slap the leader above the knee they are out. Discuss the general attitude you often find in the world where people will behave in a way that treats others harshly in order to get what they want. This behaviour will not be found in God's kingdom. Jesus never retaliated even when he was provoked. He did not have his slippers of comfort on when he walked towards the cross but willingly laid down his life for us and found time to wash his disciples' feet along the way.

Game 2 - Instruct the children to put their slippers into a large pile in the centre of the room and sit in a large circle around the slipper pile. Select a safe number of children to participate in this slipper scrambling game. On the leader's command they are to race to find their slippers the quickest, put them on and sit back in the circle. Repeat with another selection of volunteers and continue until everyone has their slippers on. Discuss the game and see if any of the children preferred someone else when trying to get their slippers on. Talk about how difficult it is to put someone else's needs above your own. Jesus taught us how to change from being selfish to selfless. This is what it means to lay down your life for someone else.

Jesus walked on the Highway of Holiness and showed us what to do. (See 1 John 3 verse 16 and John chapter 15 verse 13). This selfless attitude was seen in his behaviour as he journeyed to the cross. It continued when he arrived at his final destination when he died for the sins of the whole world.

Game 3. Ask the children to put their slippers back into the centre of the circle again in a messy pile. Number each child 1 or 2 respectively. On the leader's command the children who have been numbered 1 must go and retrieve the person's slippers numbered 2 on their right hand side and put their slippers on for them. When this has been completed the children numbered 2 have to go and retrieve the person's slippers to their left hand side that have been numbered 1. N.B. You will need an even number of children to play this game.

Talk about how there is no greater way to show the love of Jesus than laying down your life for others in a selfless way. This is the attitude of those who walk the Highway of Holiness following the Highway Code.

4) Oil Can - "No Entry"



To begin your prayer time with your group station the Highway Robot in the centre of your group circle. Talk about how you are going to wait with Jesus on this Highway that journey's to the cross, to think about and repent of any selfish attitudes you may walk with each day. Jesus knew first hand that following him would not be comfortable and that it would challenge his friends every step of the way.



Use Visual Aid 2 which is a road sign that shows how you must not turn back. As a follower of Jesus, you must be prepared for the uncomfortable challenges that kingdom living brings. In John chapter 6 verse 66 many disciples turned back because they could not accept that following Jesus meant that they too had to live prepared to even die like Jesus. Stick the road sign to the back of the Highway Robot so they understand that to travel this road they too must live with the uncomfortable challenge to no longer live for themselves. (Ref. Matthew chapter 10 verse 38).



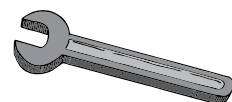
After eating the Last Supper and washing the disciples' feet, Jesus stopped in the Garden of Gethsemane just before he made his final few steps towards the cross. He knew about the pain he was going to suffer and asked if it were possible that Father God would take the cup of suffering away. He finished the prayer asking for the Father's will to be done even though it meant suffering. (Ref. Luke chapter 22 verses 39 to 46).



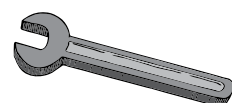
Invite the children to put their slippers back into The Highway Robot as a sign to show they are prepared to do whatever Jesus wants them to do, even if it is hard and uncomfortable. Pray together and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to live in a selfless way. This is the road that leads to the kingdom and to follow Jesus you have to be prepared for this difficult path. The promise is: you will be happy and will inherit the earth.

5) The Word Box - "Perfect Match"

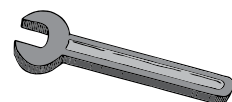
To review the memory verse and ensure the children understand what it means, play 'Perfect Match'. To be a Christian and a true follower of Jesus your walk (lifestyle/behaviour) must match his. Read Isaiah chapter 35 verse 8. Only those who are 'good' can walk on the highway of holiness. The Bible teaches that the steps of a good person are ordered by the Lord. Discuss how important it is to follow all of the instructions Jesus gave so that you can enter the kingdom of heaven. It's a one way road.



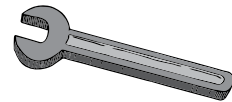
To run 'Perfect Match' as a race you will need x2 sets of paired slippers. Take a set number of paired slippers from the Highway Robot for each team. Write onto sticky labels words/phrases of today's memory verse - a set for each team. Stick the words/phrases onto the right foot of the group's paired slippers. Divide the group into teams.



Place each team's right foot labelled slipper into a team pile respectively. On the leader's command the children must work together to line up their labelled slippers so that the verse reads correctly. When this is complete congratulate the winning team and review the verse.



Now the challenge is to match the slippers so that they understand they must match the example given to them by Jesus. To do this, give the team their pile of left footed slippers. They must work together as a team to place the correct left slipper next to the correct right slipper. Congratulate the first team to do this. Encourage them to walk each day in the footprints of Jesus.



6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on your robot and review the things that you have taught the children today. Allow them to ask questions and talk about how you can serve others throughout the week.

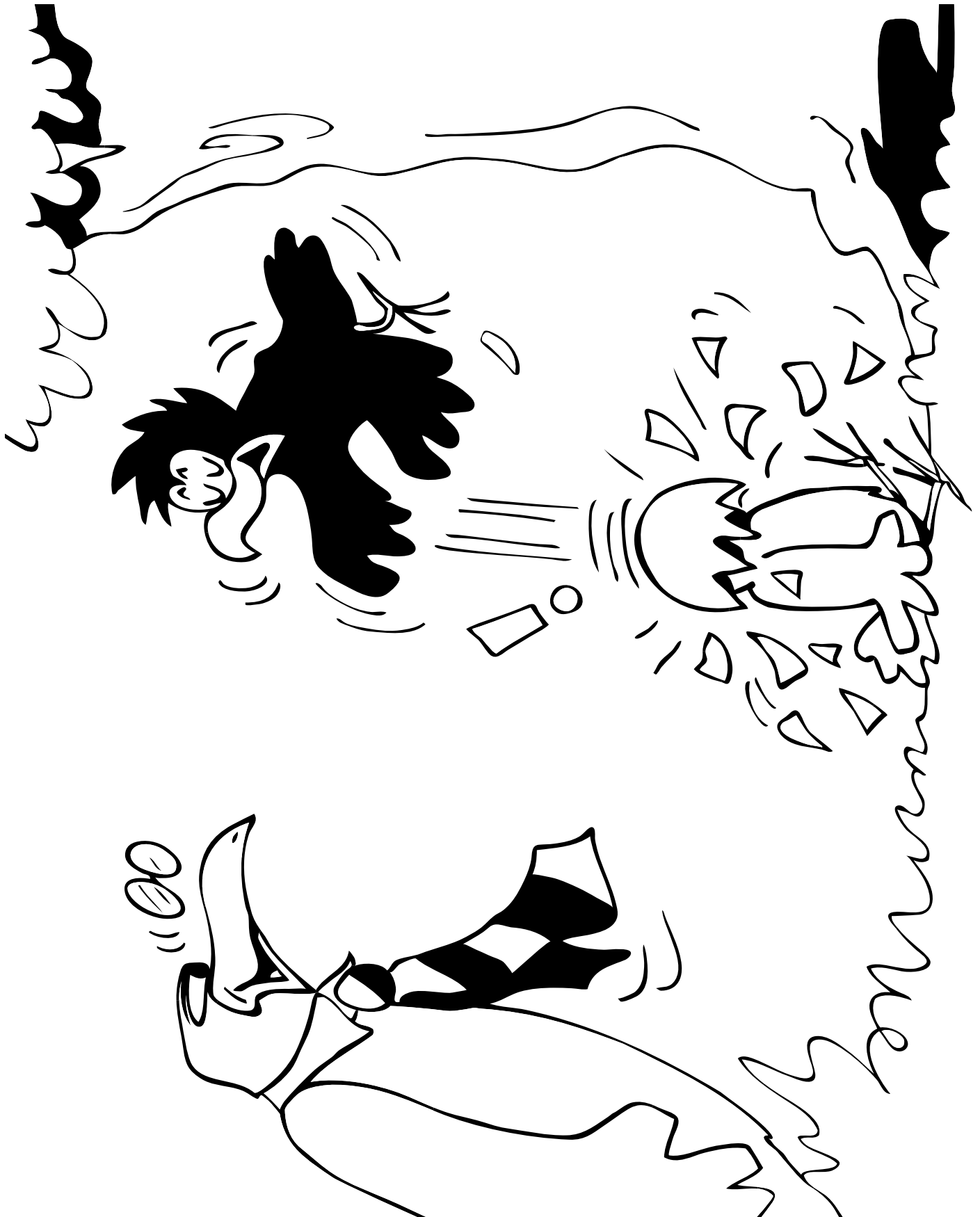
Empty all of the slippers into a pile and ask different children to go and find another child's pair of slippers and help put them on. See who can remember which slippers belongs to which child without any prompts. If they struggle to find them then allow the children to give one description of their slipper to the person finding it for them.

Pray together so that you can be strong enough to walk in a humble way as a servant of Jesus and be someone that loves others in a selfless way.



Mark chapter 9

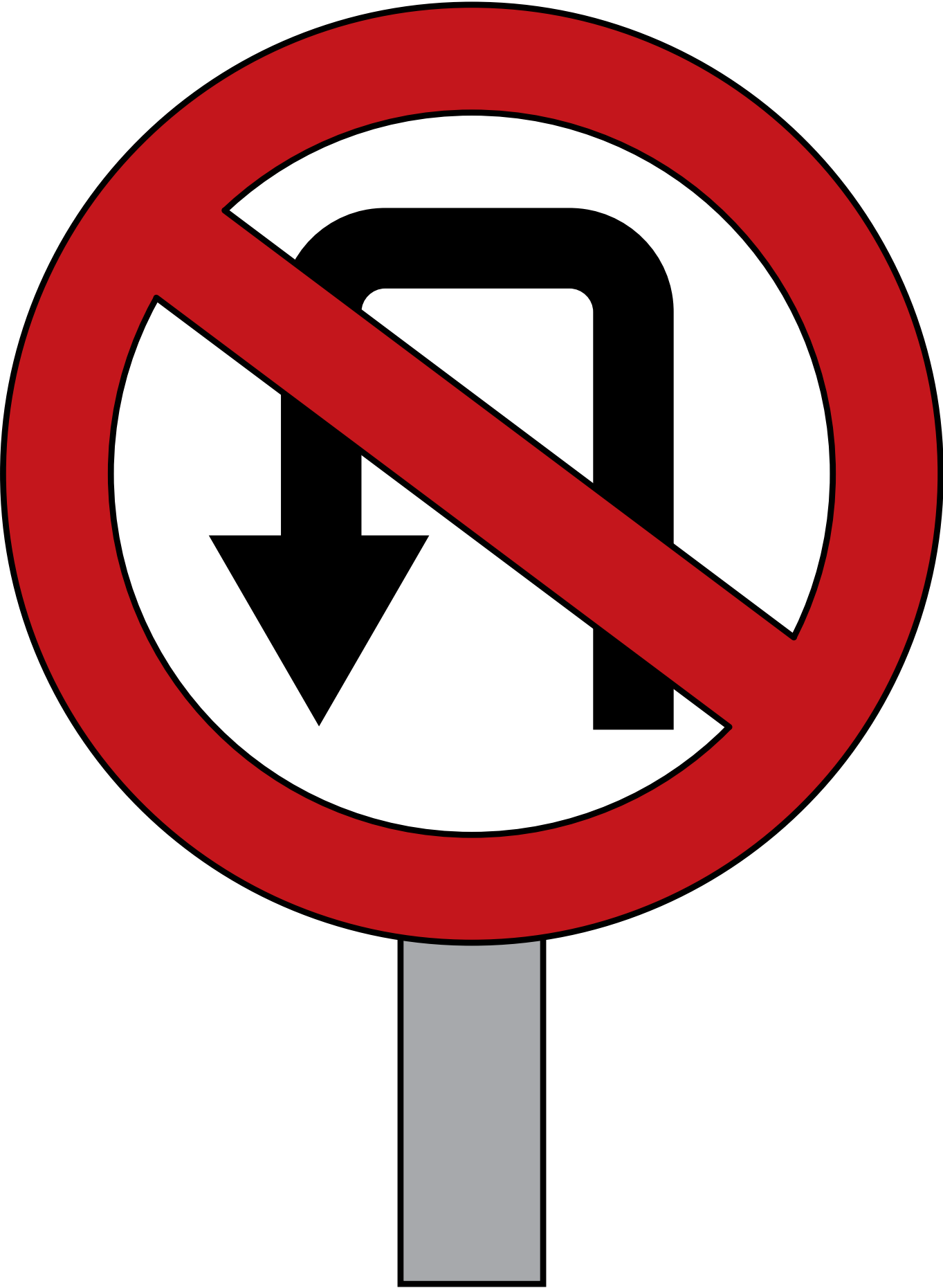
verse 35b



Jesus said; "If anyone wants to be the most important, then he must be last of all and servant of all."



Mark chapter 9 verse 35b



Craft Slippers

Materials:

- A4 coloured card
- Coloured/patterned napkin
- Stapler
- Felt tip pens
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1) Cut out of card x2 identical shapes to resemble the soles of your feet.
- 2) Using a paper napkin cut x2 half circles larger than the card soles to enable it to be stapled around the edge. This will create the slipper/shoe effect.
- 3) Draw dashes around the edge of the sole to represent stitches.
- 4) Write the memory verse on the sole of one of the slippers.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Length of red plastic
- Recycled card
- Coloured card
- Sellotape
- Paint and paint brushes
- Felt-tip pens

Instructions:

- 1) Cover the lid of the bin with red plastic and secure with Sellotape.
- 2) Create the head of your robot using recycled card and decorate the front face as a 'one way sign' and the rear of the head as a 'no entry sign'.
- 3) Make your own facial features and give the robot a coned hat using card and luminous paper.
- 4) Secure the head onto the lid of the bin using Sellotape and string, feeding it through the chrome hole, attaching any string to the cleat on the underside of the lid.
- 5) Make a large 'no U-turn' sign using the Visual Aid. Mount onto a plastic pizza base.
- 6) Stick to the back of the bin using tape.





Week 2

“Danger! Men At Work”

The Benchmark

The Highway Robot sets off on its perilous adventure down the Kingdom Highway where it is betrayed and arrested. Danger is at every turn because jealous religious men do not want the kingdom of heaven. They set to work to bury the news of eternal life. The bumpy road is full of pot holes down which the disciples fall as they run from the attack. Alone and rejected the Master, Jesus, completes the course set out for him by Father God. Jesus willingly allows his life to be taken on this highway of holiness. Taken like a lamb being led to the slaughter he remains silent as his humble heart displays a meek attitude. He became compliant to the Father's will. Jesus knew that he could summon the help of angels if he broke down on the road but rather chose to continue to the cross. Jesus was meek and happy because he knew that he would inherit the earth, opening the road for others to follow him into the kingdom of heaven. Teach the children that the rewards of the humble are often not seen in this life but there is a forever inheritance to be gained by those who journey down this highway.

Nailing The Point

Teach the children the strength and rewards of humility so that they remain on the road of truth that leads to the kingdom, avoiding pot holes and diversions that cross their path.

Memory Verse

- Mark chapter 10 verse 45

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Matthew chapter 26 verse 53
- 1 Peter 1 verse 19
- Luke chapters 22 & 23 verses 1 - 43 (Bible story)
- Hebrews chapter 9 verse 28
- Hebrews chapter 10 verses 19 - 23
- Matthew chapter 11 verse 29
- John chapter 14 verse 6

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Road Signs for Display
- 3) Hazard Signs for Story
- 4) Carrying Cross Sign
- 5) Heavy Load Sign

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Diversions”
- 2) Power Tools - “Ransomed”
- 3) Oil Can - “Hard Shoulder”
- 4) The Word Box - “Speeding”
- 5) Box of Bright Sparks - “Crash Course”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Robo's Craft Box

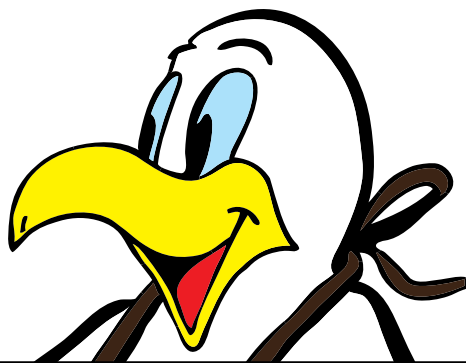
- 1) Easter Card

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

"In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people."

Mark chapter 10 verse 45



1) The Tool Box - "Diversions"



The Highway Robot is about to encounter a bumpy road with pot holes littering the way. Jesus demonstrated unwavering strength as he journeyed down this dead end street. In this world's kingdom meekness and humility are often seen as weakness and timidity, but in God's kingdom they produce fruits that are everlasting. Jesus was not diverted from the course to serve but gave his life as a ransom for many people.



To create a picture for today's scene the leaders are to dress up as 'road workers' wearing items such as vizi-jackets and hard hats etc... Cordon off the Highway Robot behind hazard tape. Display the road signs that can be printed from Visual Aid 2. Flashing lanterns would also brighten the display. Use your imagination.



For a fun starter create a coned course to play an 'egg and spade' race. Lay some mini cones around the course. To conduct the game as a race you will need to mark out 2 lanes for the children to go down. Divide the group into 2 teams and line them up. Give the first players a clean light-weight garden spade, and a crème egg. For younger children use a seaside spade and a crème egg. On the leader's command they must race down the course balancing the egg on the spade - as per an egg and spoon race. If they drop the egg they must start again. When they reach the finish line the next player from their team competes in the same way until the whole team have completed the course.



Discuss how in life you expect the fittest, smartest and fastest to win. In the kingdom of heaven the winners are humble people. Jesus is the greatest example of this as we look at the Easter course he went down. He could have broken down and called legions of angels to help him but he kept on going, knowing what was at the end of the road. He opened the way into his eternal kingdom so we could inherit the earth. (Ref. Matthew chapter 26 verse 53).

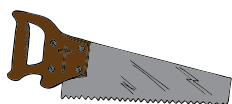


To discover the memory verse use small cones and stick onto them the individual words/phrases of the verse. Prepare x2 sets to conduct this as a race. Lay each team's cones out as a wiggly path, mixing up the order of the verse. They must work together to sort the cones into order so that the verse reads correctly. When complete read the verse together. To be a humble servant means that you are submissive. What does this mean and who did Jesus submit to? Talk about how he was 'compliant' with the Father's will and did everything he was asked to do. He knew what lay ahead but the strength of his humility enabled him to complete the course the Father had set for him.

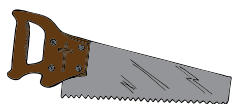


Assemble the group around the Highway Robot. Talk about the great danger Jesus was in. Jesus had read the road signs beforehand as everything was written in God's word hundreds of years before. His life was not taken, even though it looked like an ambush, but he gave his life as a ransom for sin. He did it in a way that continued to show humility as the Servant King. N.B. the decorating of the robot will take place during the Bible story today.

2) Power Tools - "Ransomed"

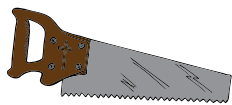


Jesus came to ransom people. Discuss what this means. He was going to make payment for the sins of the whole world with his blood. He was the only one that could do this because he was without sin. He was like a spotless lamb. By this heroic act he would then secure the release of those who would receive him. (Read 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 19).



The narrator is to be dressed like a road worker with a bandana scarf around their mouth - like a highway thief. He is to be looking for the ransom payment being made for the sin of the whole world. The adventure is to continue from last week towards the cross using the signs and references found on Visual Aid 3. Cut out the road signs and stick onto the robot displaying the signs like a path around the torso of the robot as the story unfolds. See Robo's Design sheet for information. Allow the children to participate by decorating the robot in this way at each stage of the story. Luke chapter 22 & chapter 23 verses 1 to 43. (See Visual Aid 3 for hazard signs):

- 1) 'Danger Men at Work' - discuss the plans and plots of the religious leaders.
- 2) '30 pieces of silver' - talk about Judas being a Pretender because he also wanted an earthly kingdom and a reward in this life.
- 3) 'Goblet & Bread' - Jesus showed them how he would die. This would be his last meal before returning to God's kingdom.
- 4) 'x3 Roosters' - Peter denies Jesus three times.
- 5) 'Bumps in road' - All of the disciples leave Jesus.
- 6) 'Diversion' - Trial at Caiaphas' house. The religious leaders had their attentions diverted. They wanted to build an earthly kingdom. They were not on the highway leading to the kingdom of heaven and wanted to kill Jesus.
- 7) 'Whip' - They whipped Jesus 39 times and were cruel to him, plucking his beard and spitting on him.
- 8) 'Crown' - Pilate gave Jesus a crown of thorns to state he was the King of the Jews. This upset the religious leaders even more.
- 9) 'Robe' - Herod gave Jesus a robe to mock him.
- 10) 'Cross' - Jesus was returned to Pilate who wanted to let him go free. The people chose the freedom of a murderer called Barabbas instead and called for Jesus to be crucified.
- 11) 'Rocks falling' - Jesus spoke to those who crucified him telling them of the judgement that would fall on them because of their actions.
- 12) 'Dead End' - The conversation between Jesus and the robbers on the cross. Jesus declared that the one who believed in him would be in paradise with him that day. He was first in line down the kingdom road. Conclude the dead end up to the darkness covering the earth. To be continued.



Discuss how Jesus paid the ransom for sin with his blood when he died on the cross. He took the punishment for the sins of the whole world. Read Hebrews chapter 9 verse 28. Explain how you receive the kingdom because of the sacrifice of Jesus. You then live watching and waiting for his kingdom to come. Jesus will return as coming King where he will inherit the earth along with those who love him and look for his appearing.

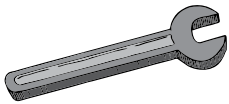
3) Oil Can - "Hard Shoulder"

Assemble the group together for a time of waiting. Call this time 'The Hard Shoulder'. Discuss the burden of carrying the sins of the whole world. The weight of the cross was heavy for Jesus. A man called Simon of Cyrene helped him carry the cross to Calvary. But the biggest weight to bear was when the Father turned away as the skies became dark because he could not look upon sin.

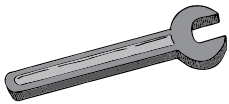
Show the group Visual Aid 4. Because Jesus bore your sin on the cross there is now an open road into heaven. Show the group Visual Aid 5 – Heavy load. Talk about how they must bring their heavy load of sin to the cross and say sorry for the wrong things they have done. Give opportunity for any children to receive Jesus as their Saviour.

You can come boldly before the Father in heaven and pray. Read Hebrews chapter 10 verses 19 to 23. Spend time praying together and being thankful for all that Jesus has done for you. Pray for each other as you bear one another's burdens.

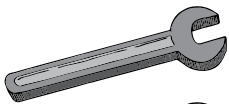
4) The Word Box - "Speeding"



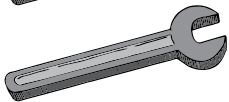
For an extra game to review the memory verse, divide the group into x2 teams. Give each team a set of cones from section 1. Stage a race so that they create a course the length of the room with their cones. The words are to be in the correct order so that the verse can be read. When complete review the verse.



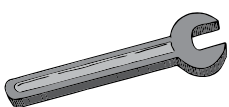
Line the team up at the start of the course. Give the 1st players a spade and a crème egg. They must carefully dribble the egg in and out of the cones down the course, using their spade as a hockey stick. When they arrive at the finish they must race to return the spade and the egg to the next player. Continue until the whole team has completed the course.



If the egg is damaged they must be given a new egg. Count how many eggs each team use during the race. The team using the least eggs are to gain extra points.



Discuss the hard hitting path that led Jesus to the cross. He was humble every step of the way because he lived to serve others. He laid down his life for us.



Depending on time, remove some of the cones to see if they can remember the verse using less prompts. It's important to carry God's word in your heart. When you have a humble heart that complies with what God says, you become ready to walk the road that leads to the kingdom - ready to inherit the earth with Jesus one day.

5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Crash Course"

To reinforce the path that led Jesus to the cross stick copies of the hazard signs from Visual Aid 3 onto the walls around your room in a random order. (N.B. The correct order of the pictures, are displayed on the torso of the robot. The children can refer to these to help them with this task).



Nominate a selection of volunteers who want to participate in this game - girl's verses boys. As a timed race, the first volunteer is to be stationed inside the robot and a leader will be required to push the robot. The child is to direct the leader to the correct hazard sign on the wall, as they to race to pick up the pictures in the order the Bible story was told.



To make the challenge tricky, put some cones around the room which they must not crash in to. Also you could devise some speed signs to control how fast/slow they are allowed to travel, e.g. walk, hop, run etc... The leader is to ensure the safety of the child inside the robot at all times.



When they have completed the course select another volunteer to take their place inside the robot whilst you re-apply the hazard signs back onto the wall - this time in a different order. As a challenge see if they can complete the task in silence just like Jesus did as he journeyed to the cross.



If you have access to x2 wheelie bin robots then you could run this as a race using x2 sets of pictures.



Discuss how Jesus never tried to interfere with the course that had been set out for him. Think about how difficult it must have been to remain silent even though he could have requested heaven's intervention at any point in time. Read Matthew chapter 11 verse 29 and learn from the humility of Jesus. It becomes easy when you are humble because you do not push against God, but allow him to steer the course you take. When you do this you can be sure you will receive the promise of eternal life and this will make you happy.

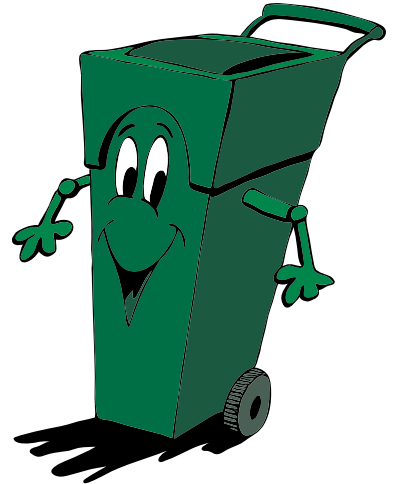


6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Review the lesson by looking at what has been mounted on the Highway Robot today. This course had been mapped out even before time began.

Following Jesus down this road of truth is the only way to heaven. Show the group a Blazing Glory compass which displays John chapter 14 verse 6. Think about what the verse means.

It requires strength to be humble so that you submit to God in everything by keeping to the road mapped out in the Bible. Jesus led the way to the kingdom. He warned of the dangers but also gives the promise of eternal life. You must follow the path so that you never get diverted. There are no short cuts, you must go his way, and there is only one road. The Holy Spirit will be like the magnet in the compass that leads you into all truth. He will be your guide and your helper.



Mark
chapter 10
verse 45



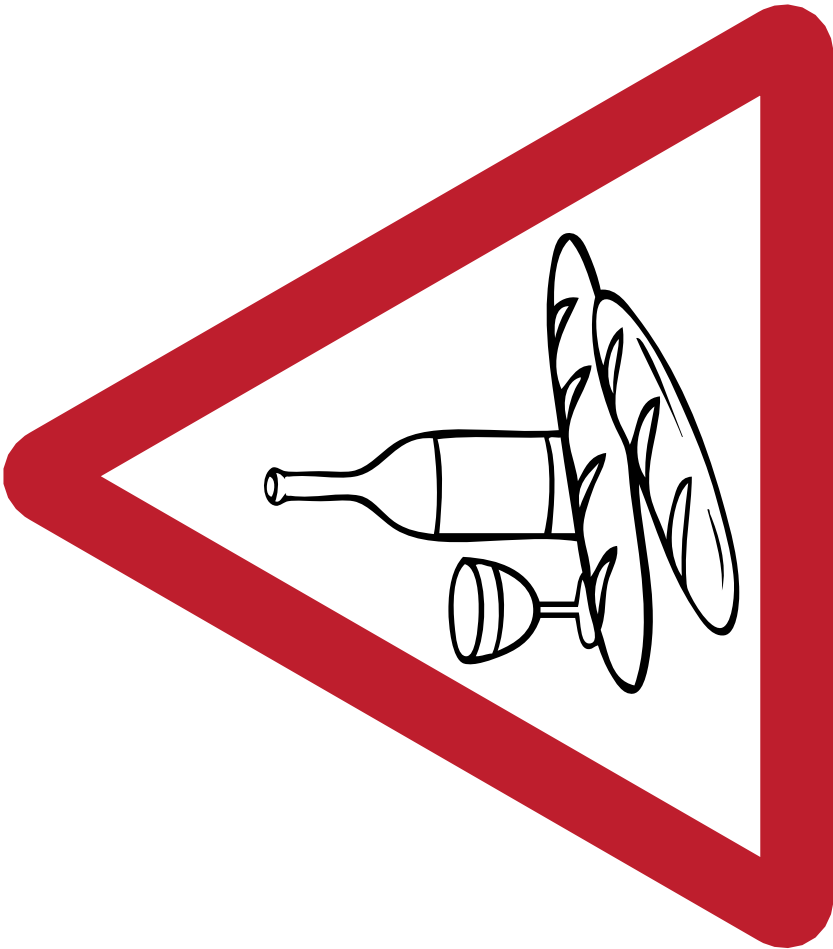
"In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people."

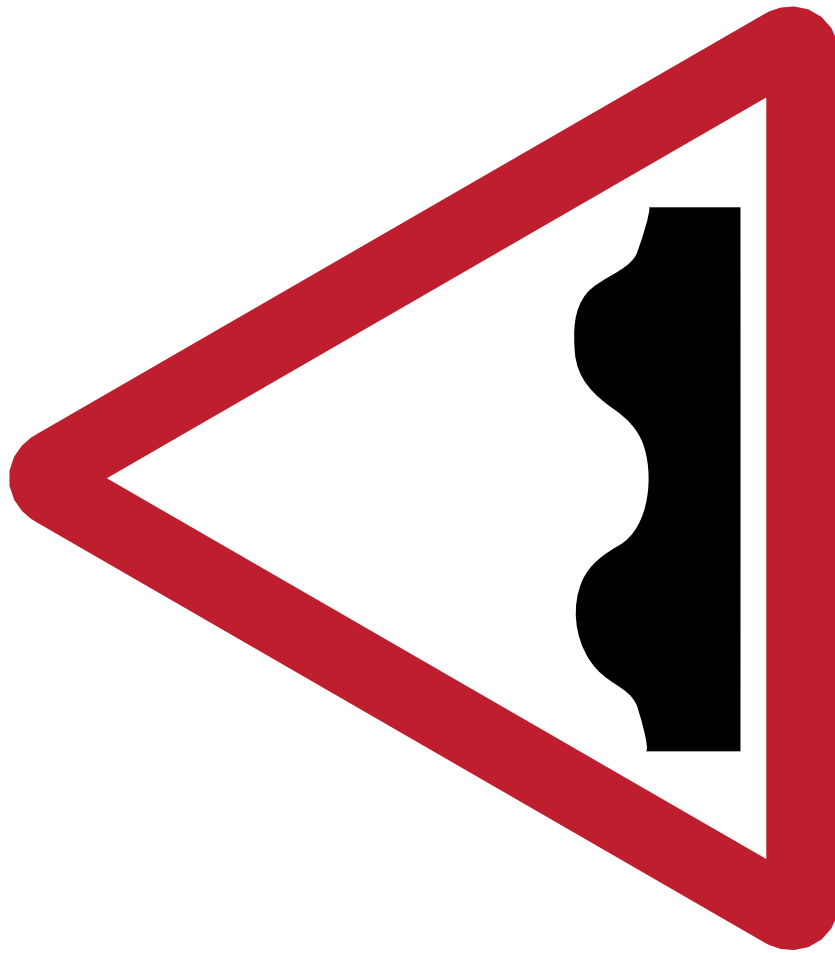


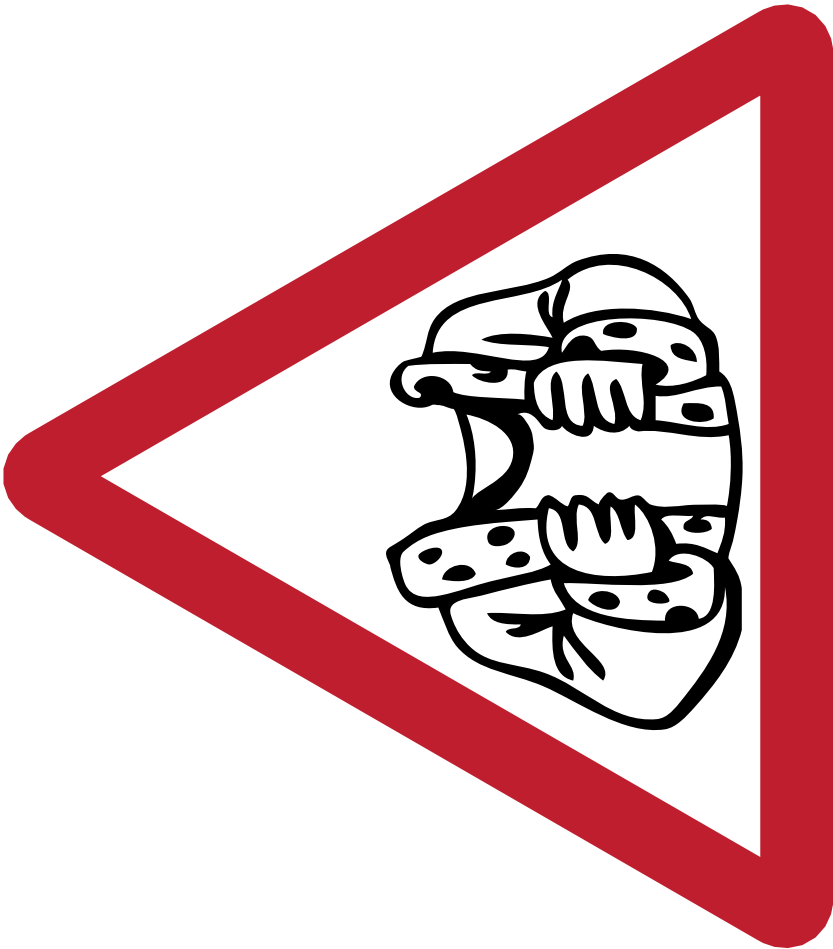
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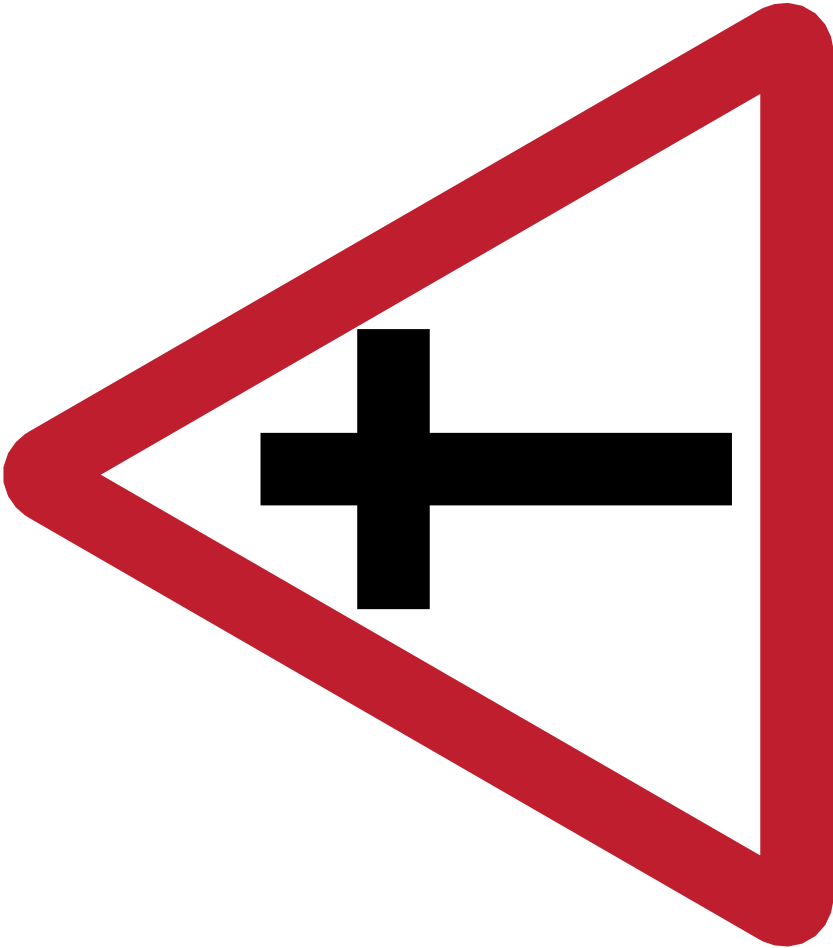
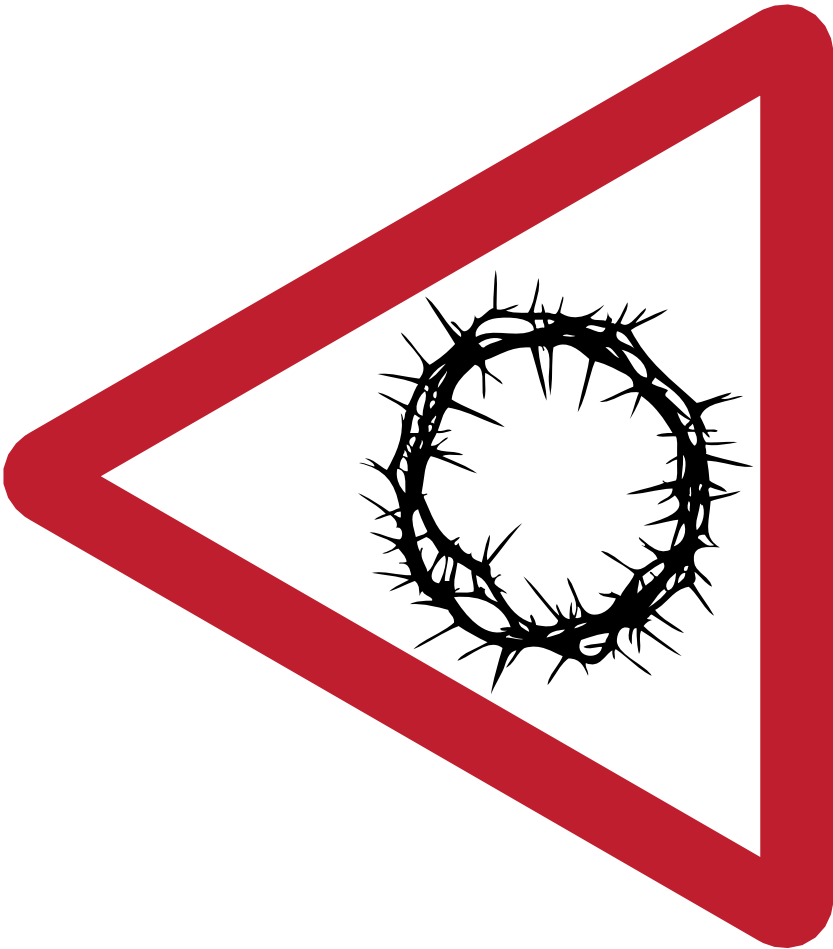




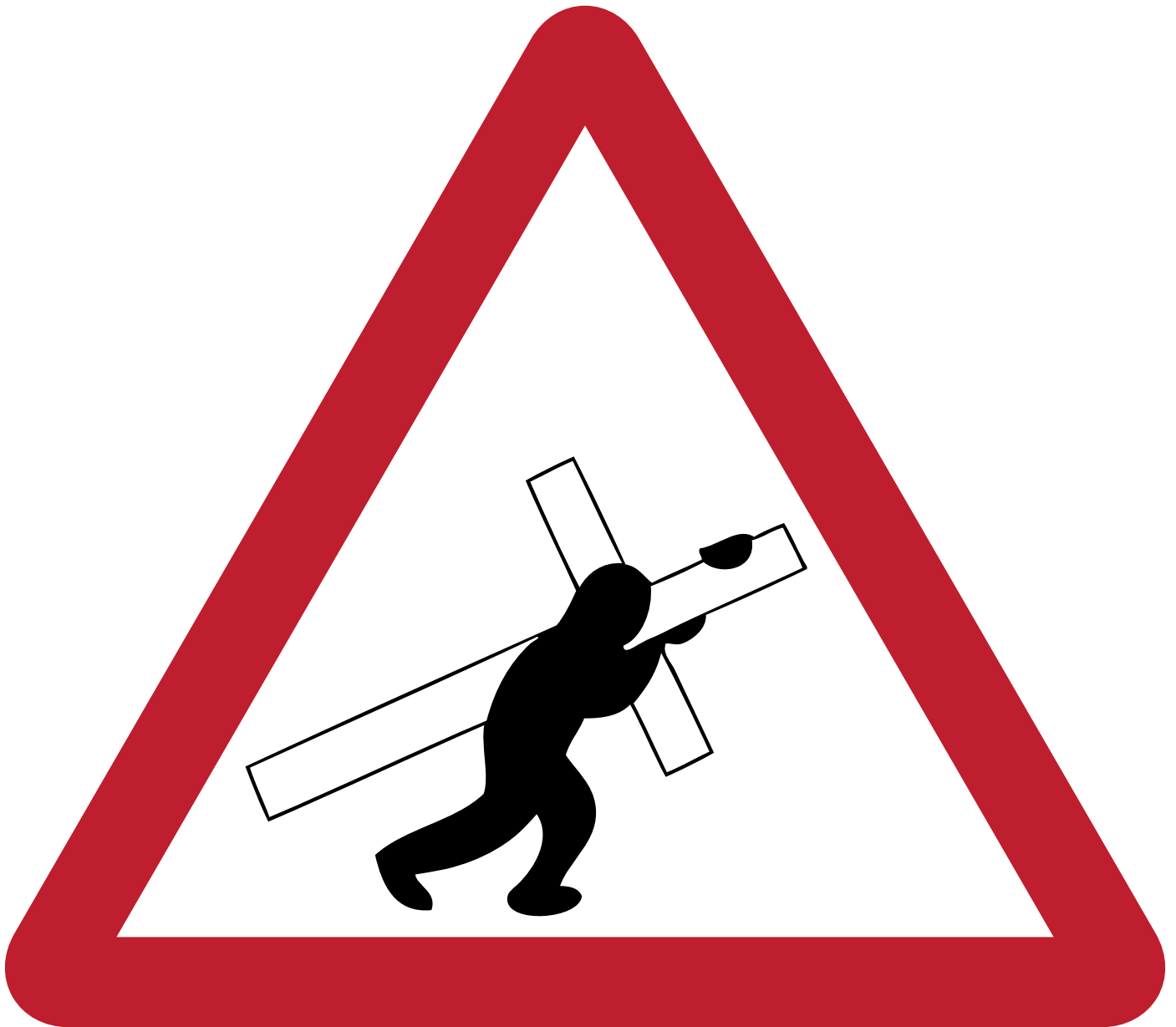














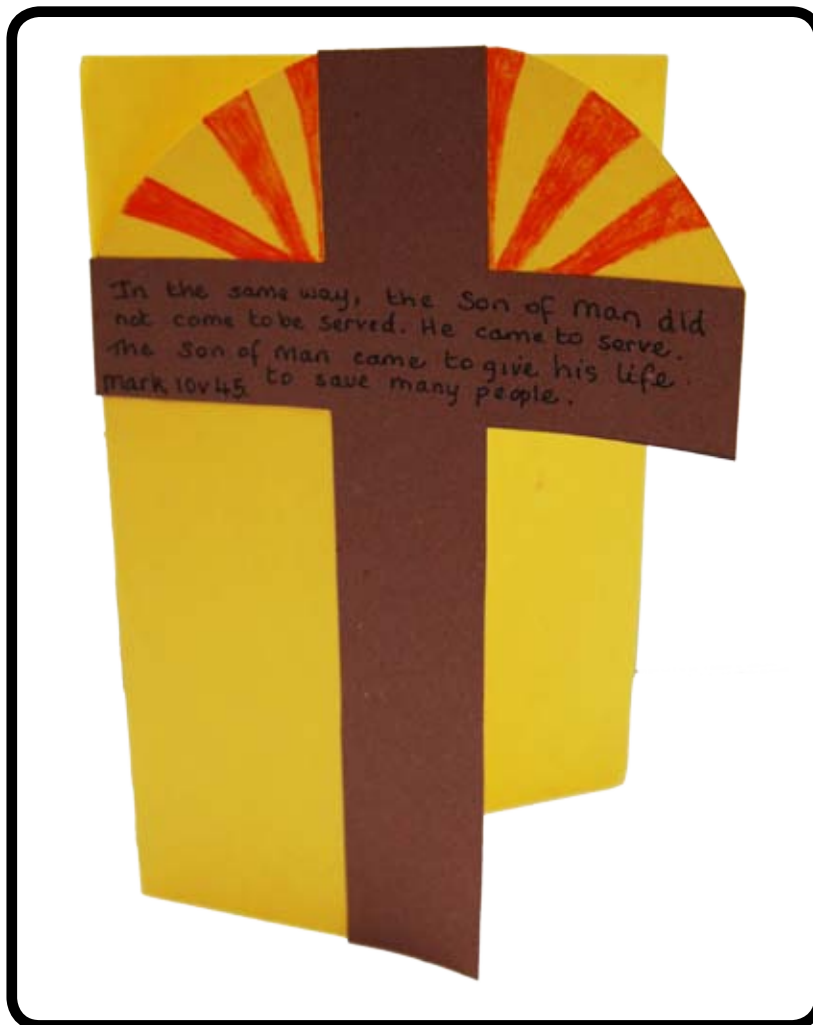
Easter Card

Materials:

- A4 coloured card
- Brown paper/card or craft foam
- Orange felt tip pen or craft foam
- Ruler, scissors and glue

Instructions:

- 1) Using an A4 piece of card, fold in half.
- 2) On the front of the card use a ruler to draw a picture of a cross.
- 3) Draw in the circular shape coming from the beams of the cross and cut to make a curved edge.
- 4) Mark the sun rays on the circular shape.
- 5) Colour in sun rays using an orange felt tip pen or create the same effect by sticking on orange strips of craft foam or paper.
- 6) Draw the same sized cross onto brown card or craft foam and cut out. Glue onto the front of the card where drawn.
- 7) Decorate the card with today's memory verse.
- 8) The children can write their own Easter message on the inside of the card.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Hazard tape (B&Q)
- Recycled card & plastic pizza bases
- Paint
- Sellotape

Instructions:

- 1) All of our road side scenery was borrowed from a local preschool. To create the same effect, see if you can loan these items. If not, create your own using card and plastic.
- 2) The easy way to create the road signs, as per the teaching notes, down load the visual aids. Print, cut out and stick onto the torso of the robot.
- 3) Alternatively, create your own signs incorporating the pictures described in the teaching notes using round plastic pizza bases, cereal boxes and paints. Stick onto the torso of the robot.





Week 3

“Visible Humility”

The Benchmark

Today the Highway Robot will wheel its way up a bumpy road outside the city gates. The fog will disappear and visibility will be clear as humility radiates from the cross of Jesus. Jesus, the perfect sacrifice was marred beyond description; yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him? His humility was a happy sight because he was raised up to inherit the earth. Jesus, the light of the world, was lifted up on a hill to shine the way to an eternal City. Teach the children as they journey to this hill of sacrifice how God gives grace to the humble. The walk of holiness will lead you outside the camp of comfort, to become a bright beacon like a city that is set on a hill. Only meek and humble people are able to stay in this City of light. Those who remain in this City trust in the Lord and keep in view the eternal kingdom that is to come.

Nailing The Point

The visibility of the cross lights up the way to the eternal City where meek and humble people live.

Memory Verse

- Matthew chapter 5 verse 14

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Proverbs chapter 16 verse 18
- Zephaniah chapter 3 verse 12
- Philippians chapter 2 verses 7 & 8
- Romans chapter 6 verse 23
- Proverbs chapter 14 verse 12
- Hebrews chapter 10 verse 37
- Romans chapter 1 verse 16
- Isaiah chapter 53 verses 1 - 12 (Bible story)
- 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 16
- Romans chapter 3 verse 23
- 2 Peter chapter 1 verses 10 & 11

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Hallmark of Humility”
- 2) The Word Box - “Vizi Jackets”
- 3) Box of Bright Sparks - “Traffic Lights”
- 4) Power Tools - “Zebra Crossing”
- 5) Oil Can - “Luminous Lives”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Robo's Craft Box

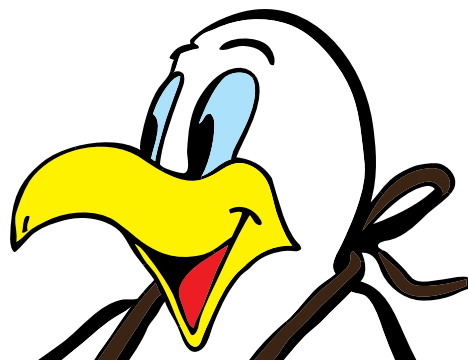
- 1) Luminous Palm Cross

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden.”

Matthew chapter 5 verse 14



1) The Tool Box - “Hallmark of Humility”



The Highway Robot will be stationed on the hill of Calvary. The hallmark of faith is embedded on this hill of sacrifice. Jesus, the humble servant, was exalted like a beacon of light shining the way to the eternal kingdom. This stake in the ground that was stained with blood points the way for meek and humble people to follow. Humility is the hallmark of God’s people who become like a city set on a hill for others to find their way to the eternal City.



To introduce today’s teaching you are going to create a path that leads the children to the hill of Calvary. Here they will see a clear picture of humility through Jesus being lifted up on the cross. To set the scene, create a road works barrier stating the road is closed and station the Highway Robot behind it. Use some flashing road side lights too. All of the leaders are to be dressed as road workers wearing vizi-jackets and hard hats as per last week. (Luminous vest jackets can be purchased from The Works at £1 each).



For a fun Easter starter game the children are going to create a human path by playing a game of ladders. Line the children up in pairs. The pairs must sit facing each other with their legs stretched out and their feet touching. Ensure that there is a safe distance between each pair so that the children can climb the path without tripping over. Name each pair different varieties of Easter eggs. Use sticky labels to help the younger children remember which egg they are. The leader is to call out a specific type of egg e.g. buttons, and that pair is to jump up, climb up the leg path, run down the outside and back up the path stepping over the legs of the other players to finally sit back down where they started. To vary the game, call more than one type of egg at a time.



Discuss the tricky path used for this game and talk about how easy it would be to trip up. Visibility is important. Pride causes people to fall. (Ref. Proverbs chapter 16 verse 18). Only humble people can safely walk down this path. You must be ready to humble yourself and acknowledge that Jesus died for your sins on the cross. Many people keep off this path because they are too proud to admit that they have sinned.



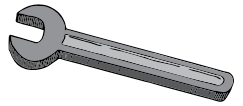
Discuss how Jesus opened the road to heaven when he died on the cross. His humility was a spectacular sight. Only meek and humble people will find him and live in the eternal City. (Read Zephaniah chapter 3 verse 12). Teach the children how today they will journey outside the city walls to this city of light set on a hill. Remove the barrier and open the road. Following Robo’s Design Sheet decorate the robot together so that its torso is dressed with a vizi-jacket.



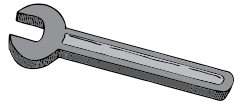
For others to see the kingdom, God’s people must be clothed in humility just like Jesus. To remain humble you must keep the visibility of the cross in front of you remembering you are a sinner that has been saved by God’s grace. Explain what the word ‘grace’ means - God’s undeserved kindness. You will then become like a city set on a hill so that others will be able to see the way to heaven. How can you be like a workman for Jesus so that other’s can come to this city set on a hill?

2) The Word Box - "Vizi Jackets"

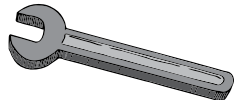
Using some borrowed vizi-bib jackets (£1 from The Works or create your own out of luminous paper) stick the individual words/phrases of today's memory verse. Prepare x2 sets to run as a race. The children must work together to put on the jackets and line up in the correct order so that the verse can be read and discussed.



Talk about how sin brings darkness because it separates you from Jesus. The Bible says 'that those who sit in darkness now see a great light'. Jesus is the light of the world. His kingdom is full of light. When his kingdom lives in you that light will shine for others to see. As workmen you should be clothed in humility like Jesus so that others can clearly see the way into God's kingdom. You should have the same attitude as Jesus, as you guide others to the cross, so that they can repent and receive the eternal life.



Read together Philippians chapter 2 verses 7 & 8. Discuss ways that you can be like Jesus and clothe yourselves with the same humility as he did. Those who are humble will inherit the earth with Jesus.



3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Traffic Lights"



As kingdom workmen you must guide people safely to this city set on a hill. To discover how to do this play the following traffic light games.



Game 1. One child is the traffic light, whose job it is to give instructions to the rest of the group. When the 'traffic light' shouts "RED" everyone must stand completely still. When they shout "GREEN" everyone must run around. When they shout "AMBER" the players must slow down. If they shout "CRASH" the group must fall to the ground. And if they shout "TRAFFIC JAM" everyone starts to move along in a file/line - very slowly.



Each time, the last person to follow the instruction is out of the game. Players are also disqualified if they do the wrong action. The last player left is the winner.



To act as a light to guide others to the cross of Jesus we can work like a traffic light. To be a "RED" light we need to show others their need to repent. Read Romans chapter 6 verse 23 & Proverbs chapter 14 verse 12. Jesus is the only way to heaven. We must stop at the cross before we can journey to heaven.



To be like an "AMBER" light we must live looking for and talking about the return of Jesus. Kingdom workmen will be ready whether Jesus comes or calls them home to heaven. Real people of faith live looking for Jesus to return. (Ref. Hebrews chapter 10 verse 37). A coming Jesus is the vision of his Church.



The "GREEN" light works when we live unashamed of the gospel and lift Jesus up for others to see. (See Romans chapter 1 verse 16) We become like a city set on a hill when we do this.

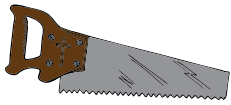


Discuss the things in your life that would cause others to 'CRASH' or hold people up in a 'TRAFFIC JAM'. Read 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 16. Discuss how if we do not live in a right way, like Jesus, we may cause others to stumble or hinder their faith.

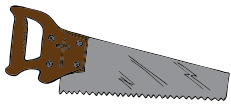


Game 2. This is a variation of the traffic light game. One child is the traffic light and stands at the front of the group with their back to the rest of the children at a distance of about 10m away. If the 'traffic light' shouts "GREEN" everyone must creep slowly forward in order to touch the light. If the 'traffic light' shouts "RED" and then turns around, everyone must stand very still. If you are caught moving you are out of the game. The winner is the first to touch the 'traffic light' or the last to be eliminated.

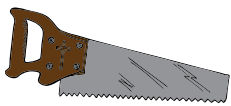
4) Power Tools - "Zebra Crossing"



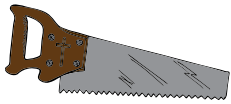
Jesus came to cross people from death to life. He went in front of us to make the way safe so that we could enter into eternal life. To involve the children in today's Bible study you will need to make a long zebra crossing. You could make this by using rolls of black and white plastic to create the path. Alternatively you could use a flat black refuse sack and attach it to a matching length of white lining paper and repeat this process creating a similar effect. You will need to make at least x12 panels ready to display the Bible verses taken from Isaiah chapter 53 verses 1 to 12.



Involve the group in creating your zebra crossing. Print each of the above 12 verses onto 12 separate sheets of A4 paper and stick onto the walls around your room. Do this in a random order. Number each verse respectively. When the zebra crossing is complete station the Highway Robot at the top of the crossing and the children at the bottom of the path.



Select a volunteer to go and find verse 1. Read together and then stick it using tape to the first panel of the zebra crossing. Talk about what each verse means asking the children what they think. Continue by asking another volunteer to find verse 2 and so on until the 12 verses are displayed down the zebra crossing. Examine the path as you explain that these things were written hundreds of years before they actually happened to Jesus. He humbled himself to go down this path so that he could carry out God's plan step by step.



The path is clear and easy to understand but hard to walk down. We have to follow Jesus down this path to the cross. Only those who will humble themselves and come to the cross, being sorry for their sin, will be able to enter the eternal City. If you receive Jesus you must continue to be humble so that one day you can inherit the earth with Jesus when he comes again.

5) Oil Can - "Luminous Lives"

In a dark world, Christians should stand out. See Robo's Craft Box to see how to make a palm cross using luminous paper. When the children have finished ask them to bring their luminous cross to the zebra crossing whilst you wait in prayer together. Discuss how can Jesus become like a luminous light through your lives?



Read together Romans chapter 3 verse 23. When you walk down this path of humility towards the cross you will understand the black and white issues in your own life. You may have done some good things (white panels) but everyone has sinned (black panels) and comes short of God's holy standard. It's at the cross you become holy and clean because Jesus makes you righteous. When you are made 'right' (righteous) you can enter God's kingdom.



Invite the children to pray and allow any that have not done so to receive Jesus as their Saviour. Pray that you all will become like a city set on a hill. Pray that your lives will stand out. Remember to put the spotlight on Jesus.

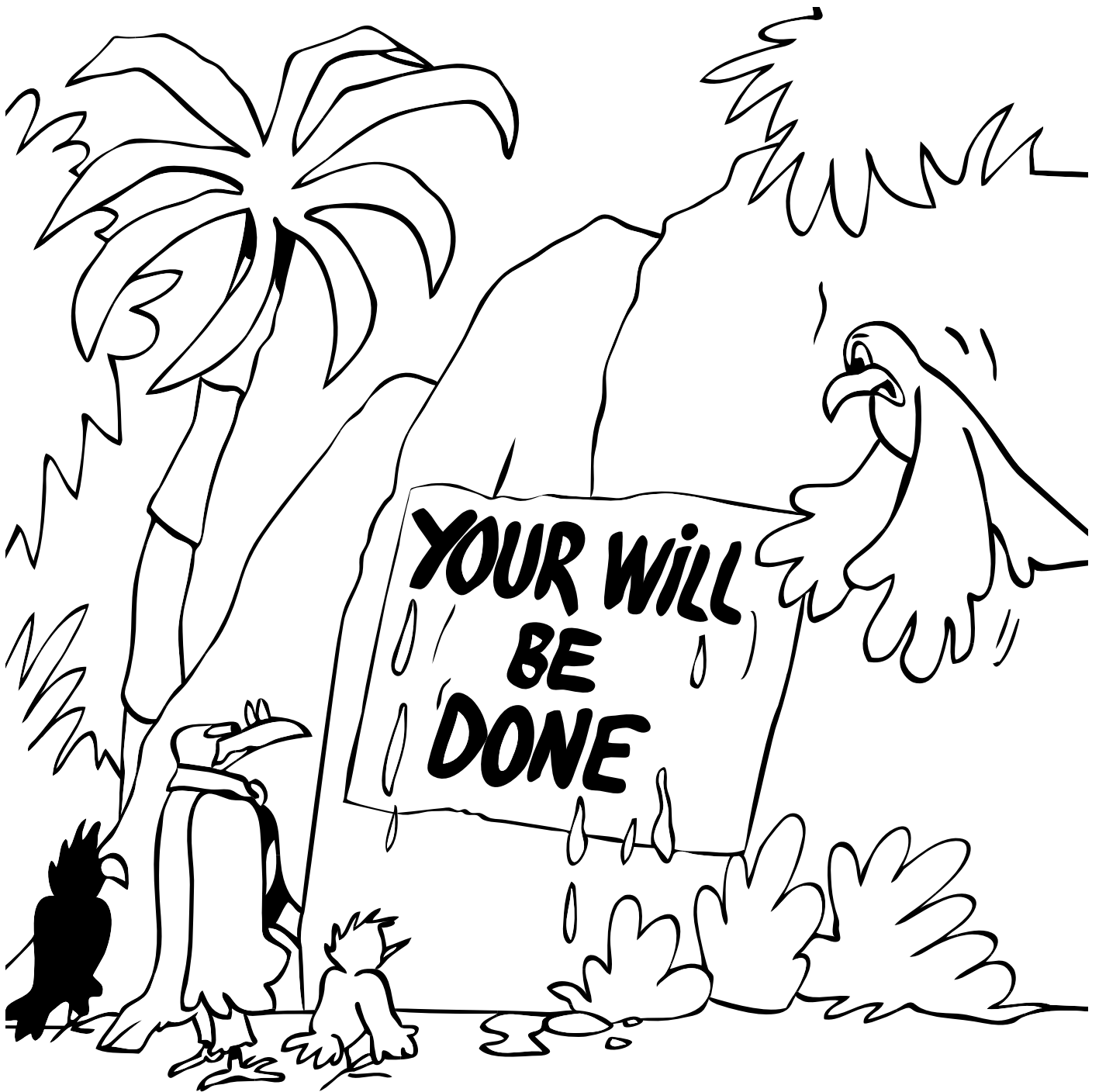


6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on your Highway Robot to complete today's picture. Have a leader hidden inside the robot holding 2 Bayesian Beacons. See Robo's Design Sheet.

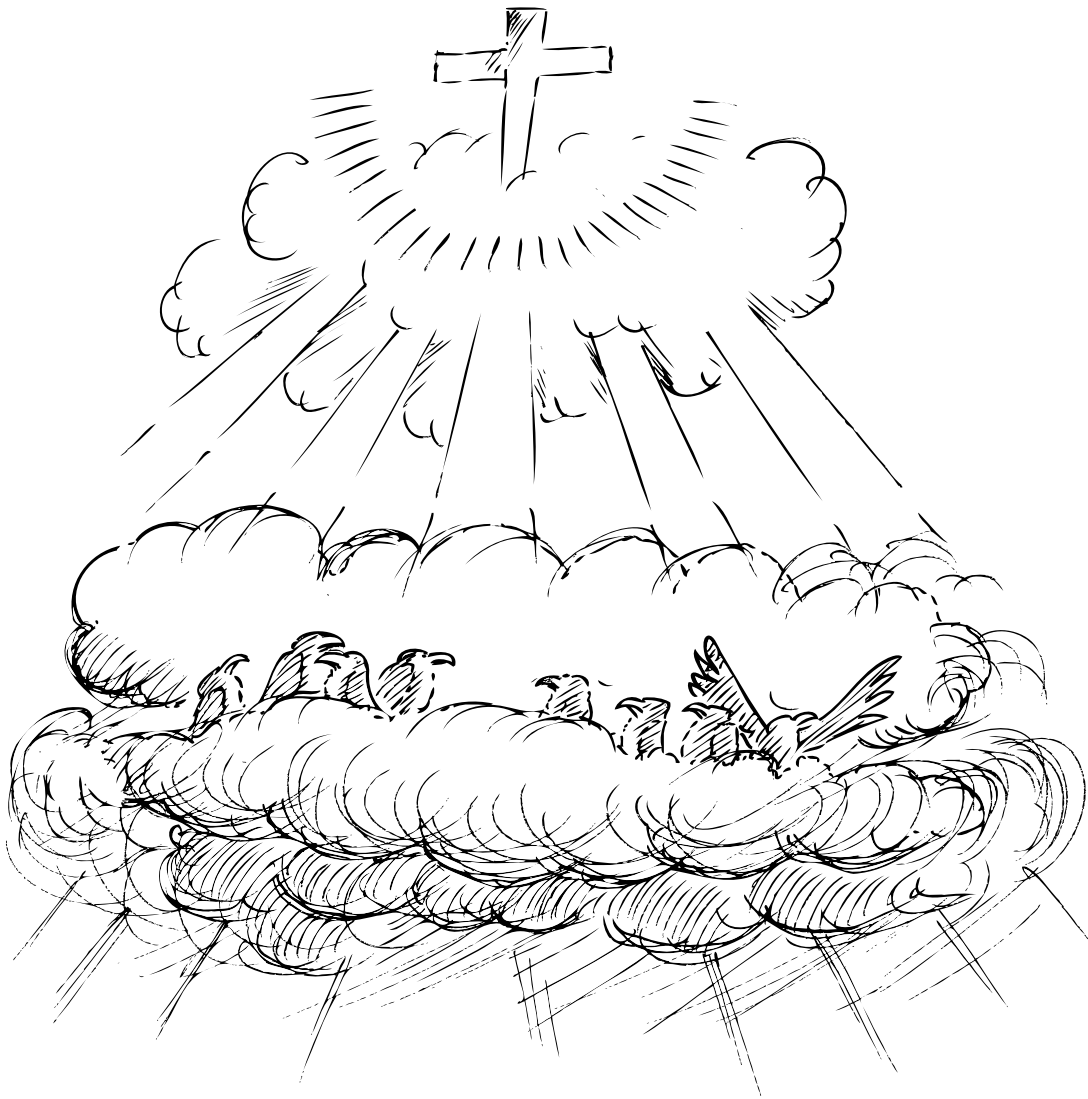
Discuss how Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Those who killed him thought that the light had gone out. But God's kingdom is eternal and is full of light. (See 2 Peter chapter 1 verses 10 & 11) What do you think happened to the light? Was the death of Jesus the end?

Open the robot's lid and bring out the luminous Bayesian Beacons. Attach them like arms to the robot. Next week we will follow the Highway Robot to the tomb of Jesus - do you think we will find him there?



Matthew
chapter 5
verse 14

**"You are the light
that gives light to the
world. A city that is
built on a hill cannot
be hidden."**



Matthew chapter 5 verse 14

Luminous Palm

Materials:

- Green tissue paper
- Green card
- x2 Green pipe cleaners
- Glue & scissors

Instructions:

- 1) Cut out x2 leaves approximately 24cm long onto both green craft paper and green tissue paper in the shape of a leaf.
- 2) Cut 2cm slits all around the edge of the leaves for effect.
- 3) Glue a long strip down the centre of each leaf and stick onto it a luminous green pipe cleaner.
- 4) Print onto a sticky label the memory verse and stick onto the back of the leaf.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- x2 outdoor working vest purchased from The Works - £1 each.
- Safety pins and Sellotape
- Long card inner tube from inside a tube of wrapping paper
- Black and white paper
- x2 orange round balloons
- Scissors & string
- x2 broom stales and x1 solder ring 22mm

Instructions:

- 1) To create the vizi jacket we purchased x2 outdoor working vests, cut them in two and created one large jacket for the robot. Secure together by either sewing the jacket or just use safety pins.
- 2) Attach to the torso of the robot using strong Sellotape.
- 3) To create the Bayesian beacon arms use x2 inner tubes from a roll of wrapping paper. Cover with black and white paper to create the zebra crossing effect.
- 4) Secure the two broom stale arms (as per Design Sheet R1W1) and place the card tubes onto each respective arm. Attach the card tubes and make firm with Sellotape.
- 5) To create the light on the Bayesian beacon we used x2 light weight foam orange balls but this effect can be achieved with x2 round orange balloons. Attach to the ends of the arms to complete the Bayesian beacons.





Week 4

“The Express Road”

The Benchmark

Following the Highway Robot into the tomb of Jesus you will wheel the children onto an express road. This road is where you are challenged to express the feelings of Jesus’ friends as they mourn the loss of their Lord. Bewildered and alone the disciples hid themselves away because they were afraid of what would happen to them now that Jesus was no-where to be found. On the road to the tomb the women expressed great sadness and were perplexed when they discovered the body of Jesus had disappeared. There is no greater sense of loss to be living in this world without Jesus. His words brought life and his presence became the breath that they breathed. Mary expressed her grief with tears but one word from the risen Jesus turned those tears into joy. He called her by name and in worship she clung to her Lord. Mary ran with the expression of unbelievable joy to the hiding disciples, but they did not understand what was taking place. Peter and John ran down the express road to the tomb and were greeted with the news that ‘He has risen from death’. From this resurrection adventure, encourage the children to express their worship to him. To walk without Jesus will result in death and sadness. But just like the two that journeyed on the road to Emmaus, his presence will warm your hearts because Jesus is alive and walks with his friends.

Nailing The Point

The Highway Robot has travelled a deadly and difficult journey to a glorious and happy ending. Teach the children to never lose sight of Jesus as they learn to live a life of worship through difficult challenges that will result in a happy ending.

Memory Verse

- Luke chapter 24 verse 6b

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Matthew chapter 5 verse 5
- Bible story: Matthew chapter 27, Mark chapter 16. Luke chapter 24 & John chapter 20
- Psalm 23 verse 4
- 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 13 - 18
- Revelation chapter 21 verse 27
- Philippians chapter 3 verse 10
- John chapter 14 verse 23 - 27
- Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2

Robo’s Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Word Search
- 3) x12 Bible story points

Robo’s Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Rolling Stone”
- 2) Power Tools - “Peeling the Layers”
- 3) Oil Can - “Roll Call”
- 4) The Word Box - “The Trail”
- 5) Box of Bright Sparks - “Lost & Found”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

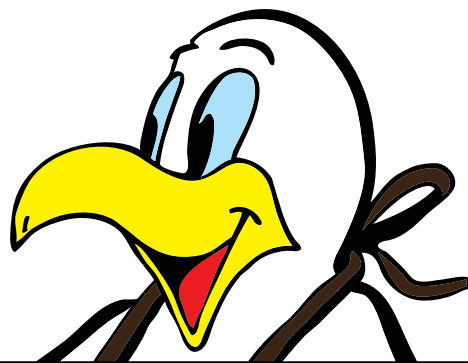
Robo’s Craft Box

- 1) Paint Rolling Stone

Robo’s Design Sheet

Memory Verse

**“He has risen from death.”
Luke chapter 4 verse 6b**



1) The Tool Box - “Rolling Stone”



Rolling down the express road with the Highway Robot will change the children forever. Through all of the bumps and dangers in the road they will be met with a happy ending. Jesus is alive. As you teach the changing expressions found in the friends of Jesus, they will learn to never lose sight of him as they daily express their worship. The expression of sadness changes when you walk with Jesus as your friend.



As a searching starter for the younger children use the ‘Colour Your World’ picture to discover the happy news that Jesus has risen from death. For the older children copy and use Visual Aid 2 which is a Word Search of the memory verse. Remind them about the humility of Jesus and how he was fully compliant with God’s will when he died on the cross. Discuss inheritance and how it comes into effect when someone dies. God’s children inherit eternal life and the earth will belong to them because of Jesus. (Matthew chapter 5 verse 5).



Make a rotating rolling stone using a ‘Lazy Susan Turn Table’. See Robo’s Design Sheet for instructions. Overlay the turn table with a large black card stone to resemble the one that covered the tomb of Jesus. Display on it the words “He has risen from death”. Station the Highway Robot on the turning stone table as an introduction. Carefully spin it around a few times. Discuss with your group how the friends of Jesus were in a spin. Jesus was no-where to be found. They were bewildered, lost and sad.



Remove the robot from the turning stone table and read the words from Luke chapter 24 verse 6. Stick onto the turning stone table a bright arrow and station the group in a large circle with the stone in the centre. As an ice-breaker spin the stone and wherever the arrow points when it stops that person must think of a word to express how they think the disciples would be feeling after the events of Good Friday.



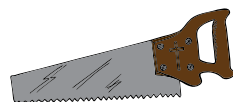
(Ref. Matthew chapter 27, Mark chapter 16, Luke chapter 24 & John chapter 20). Introduce the resurrection story by talking about how the disciples were hiding because they were afraid. Mary Magdalene was distraught and tearful because Jesus was no longer around. They had known the warmth of his friendship (God’s presence) and had found life in his words. Today you are going to teach how important it is to walk with Jesus in a loving friendship. To do this you must learn to express your worship every day. It’s easy to lose sight of Jesus when things are difficult and your world spins around. What should you do if reading the Bible and praying becomes just a task instead of worship? See how the disciple’s sadness turned into joy once they saw the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was alive.



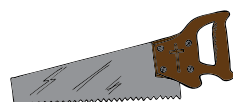
Following Robo’s Design Sheet make the Highway Robot a lollipop stick stating “He has risen from death”. It is now safe to cross from death into life. What a happy ending for the Highway Robot and for people! See also Robo’s Craft Box for a paint rolling craft option. God lifted up the humble when he raised Jesus to life. This can be our inheritance because Jesus died and has risen from death.

2) Power Tools - "Peeling The Layers"

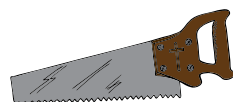
Peeling the layers off an onion is something that often makes people cry. Today we are going to peel off layers as you tell the resurrection story. Through the tears you will come to the heart of worship as you teach the children to never lose sight of Jesus. They must live a life of worship and remain in his presence even when things are difficult. Expressing your worship will ensure you remain close in your friendship with Jesus each day. This will enable you to never lose sight of the happy ending found by a meek and humble people who will inherit the earth.



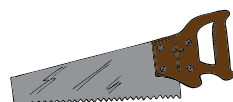
Create x12 layers of stone by cutting out card templates that will go over the rotating stone from section 1. Stick onto each separate stone the following 12 points that occurred after the death of Jesus using words and/or pictures. (See Visual Aid 3 for sheet to print). Stone 12) will need to be attached to the rotating stone first and Stone 1) will form the top layer. Remove and roll each stone to the Highway Robot as you discuss each point. When you finish talking about each point put the card stone layers into the robot.



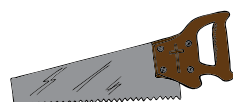
1) There was no sun until 3 o'clock in the afternoon as Jesus died on the cross. 2) When Jesus died the curtain in the temple was torn in two by God. 3) To ensure Jesus was dead they pierced his side with a spear. 4) Joseph and Nicodemus came and asked for the body of Jesus, then buried him in a new garden tomb. 5) Guards stood by the tomb and a large stone was fixed in place. 6) On the 3rd day the ground shook and the stone rolled away whilst the soldiers trembled in fright. 7) The women cried their way to the tomb and were upset because Jesus wasn't there. 8) Two angels told them that he has risen from death. 9) Mary told the disciples the good news. Peter and John raced to the tomb only to find the folded grave clothes. 10) Mary wept in the garden but Jesus called her by name. When she saw him she worshipped him. 11) Jesus walked with two friends on the road to Emmaus. Their hearts burned like fire when he talked to them. 12) Jesus met with his disciples as they hid from the Jews. Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen from death until he was able to touch his scars.



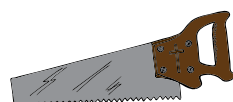
When all of the stones have been rolled away, a layer at a time, you will be left with the fact that "He has risen from death". This gives the story a wonderful happy ending. Discuss how separation brings sadness and pain. Jesus' friends felt the sadness of being separated from him. They expressed this in different ways. To be separated by death brings great sorrow. Jesus died in this humble way so that people could inherit eternal life.



When you receive Jesus you cross from death to life. He has made the road through the valley of death safe. Even in the darkest times Jesus has promised to be with us. Read Psalm 23 verse 4. To walk through life without Jesus means that death is very sad. When you know Jesus is with you, because you have received him as your Saviour, you will be happy because you have the promise of eternal life. Even in death there is a happy ending when you love Jesus and he is your friend.



Ask who likes to know the ending of a story before they read it? Look up and read together 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 13 to 18. Talk about the verses, depending on the age of your group, and pray for comfort as you discover the happy ending. The inheritance of eternal life will make you happy.



3) Oil Can - "Roll Call"



Prepare another large black card stone to overlay onto the rotating rolling stone set in the centre of your group. Explain to the children that a 'roll call' is like a register of names being called out.



When you receive Jesus as your Saviour your names are written in a register. This is called 'The Lamb's Book of Life'. Read Revelation chapter 21 verse 27. Jesus is the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. When you receive him as your Saviour he takes away your sin because he took your punishment on the cross. Your name is then written in his register in heaven so that when you die you can enter into his kingdom.



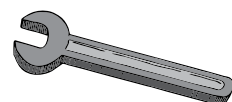
Attach the arrow onto this stone and spin it round. When the arrow stops, pointing to different members of your group, they can be given the opportunity to write their name onto the stone using chalk. Repeat until every member of your group has had the opportunity to put their name onto the stone.



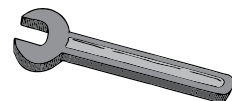
When you know Jesus as your Saviour the fear of death is gone because you can be sure that you will inherit eternal life - you're written in his will. Roll the stone away and place inside the robot by peeling off the layer of card. Pray together.

4) The Word Box - "The Trail"

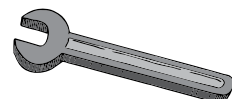
Stick the individual words of today's memory verse onto separate card Easter eggs. Prepare x2 sets using different colours to run as a race. Stick the eggs onto the walls of your room in a random order. Make x2 arrows which match the x2 colours of the eggs and attach to the turning stone at opposite sides to each other.



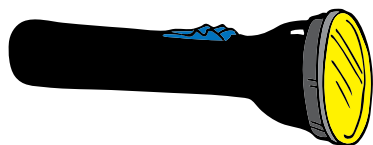
Assemble the group in a circle with the turning stone in the centre. Spin the stone. When it stops, the children that the arrows are pointing towards have to race to find the first word of the memory verse. They must find the word on the same colour egg that matches the colour of the arrow that pointed at them. Repeat so that another 2 players race to find the second word and so on until the whole verse is found.



Discuss the verse. This teaches us that we can expect the same resurrection life when we die. Read Philippians chapter 3 verse 10. Also, as a follower of Jesus you must expect suffering on your journey - because you walk with Jesus and he suffered. (Remind the children of this from all of the hazard signs found on the Highway Robot). But as you learn to be humble - compliant with God's will - you can expect to inherit eternal life.



5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Lost & Found"



Game 1. Secure 2 different coloured arrows onto opposite sides of the rotating stone and station your group around it. Compile a quiz based on the 12 points raised in today's Bible story. Stick the answers to the questions on x2 sets of coloured eggs to correspond with the colours of the arrows. Stick the eggs in a random order to the walls of your room using white tac.

Ask a question and then spin the rotating stone. When the stone stops spinning, the 2 children that the arrow is pointing towards have to race to find the correct answer on their correct coloured egg - which is the same colour as the arrow that pointed to them. When they find the correct egg they must stick it onto the rotating stone. Repeat using the next question and so on until all the answers have been found.

Discuss how there must have been lots of unanswered questions that day, but once Jesus had been found all of their fears were rolled away. If the disciples and friends of Jesus had understood the whole story they perhaps would have remained happy and worshipped through the 3 dark days. Because you know the whole story you must learn how to remain in worship even when it's hard for you to see the way and you struggle to find God.

Game 2. Station a leader on the turning stone holding some crème eggs for the children. The group must stand in a large circle with the turning stone in the centre. (Another leader will have to kneel on the floor to turn the stone). As the stone turns the leader must call out the name of a particular child in the group and throw them their crème egg. The named child must catch the egg. This will be difficult because the leader is being turned around. Continue until each of the children has caught their crème egg. You could vary by allowing volunteers to be the thrower, depending on the age of your children.

Talk about how Jesus found Mary crying in the garden near the tomb. She felt lost and alone without Jesus. When she was found by her risen Lord she worshipped him. Jesus knows your name. You must live a life of worship so that as friends you know his voice and you can hear him when he speaks to you. Even if situations come that make you sad he is still with you. Don't stop your worship. Always treat Jesus as your best friend. When he is close, you will know his presence. He lives in you by the Holy Spirit so that you can have his peace and comfort whatever life rolls your way. (Ref. John chapter 14 verses 23 to 27).

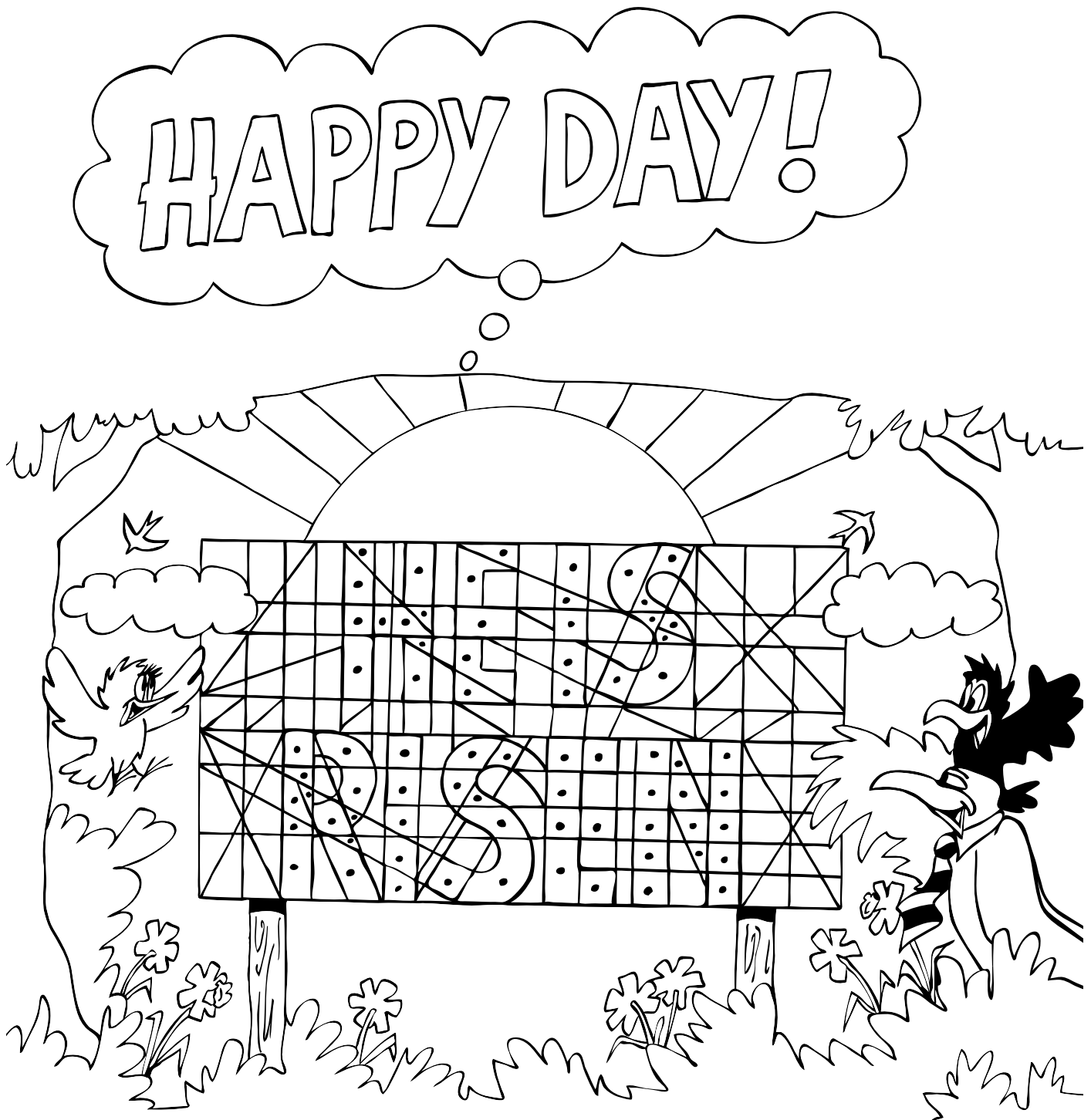
6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on the Highway Robot and place it back onto the turning stone. Briefly look at the road this robot has taken you down on the highway of holiness. This will transform into another robot next lesson. Review the attitude of this robot from Matthew chapter 5 verse 5. Remind them of their inheritance.

Jesus did not promise his followers an easy road; that's why only those who are humble can follow him down this highway to his kingdom. What he has promised is that he will safely cross you from death to life because you are guaranteed eternal life as a happy ending.

Encourage the children to always keep their eyes on Jesus by having daily quiet times. He is now seated at God's right hand in heaven. (Read Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2). One day Jesus will return to inherit the earth along with those who are humble. This is the highway's code of conduct and this is the Highway Robot's attitude. Be ready for the happy ending.





Luke chapter
4 verse 6b

"He has risen from death."



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There was no sun
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When Jesus died
the curtain in the
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two by God.

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Robo's Craft Box

Paint Rolling Stone

Materials:

- Cereal box or large sheet of thick paper
- A round tray with a lipped edge.
- Paints
- Marble
- Plastic spoon
- Sticky label for memory verse

Instructions:

- 1) Using the tray as your template, draw around the circle shape on the bottom of the tray onto a piece of card/paper and cut it out.
- 2) Place the round piece of card into the lipped tray.
- 3) Put a marble into a small pot of paint and fish out with a plastic spoon.
- 4) Drop it onto the piece of card inside the tray and then have fun rolling the marble around the tray to create a colourful impression.
- 5) Repeat using different coloured paints.
- 6) Remove from the tray and leave to dry and then stick onto your picture the memory verse.
- 7) This is to resemble the stone that rolled away from the tomb of Jesus.

Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Large wooden 'Lazy Susan' wooden turntable (Ikea sell them for £4)
- Black card and coloured paper
- Sellotape & scissors
- Broom stale
- Recycled card
- Paint

Instructions:

- 1) Borrow or purchase a large round 'Lazy Susan' to act as a turntable. This item is well worth purchasing as it is a great tool for quizzes.
- 2) Using black card cut out a large circle to resemble the rock that covered the tomb of Jesus.
- 3) Stick onto the 'Lazy Susan' using Sellotape.
- 4) Display the memory verse on the rock.
- 5) Make x2 luminous card arrows and attach to the rock to play the games in the teaching notes.
- 6) Our lollipop stick was part of the road crossing set borrowed from a local preschool.
- 7) If you do not have access to one then make using a broom stale creating the round circular notice out of recycled card. Paint on the appropriate crossing sign. Attach the card to the broom stale using strong Sellotape.







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