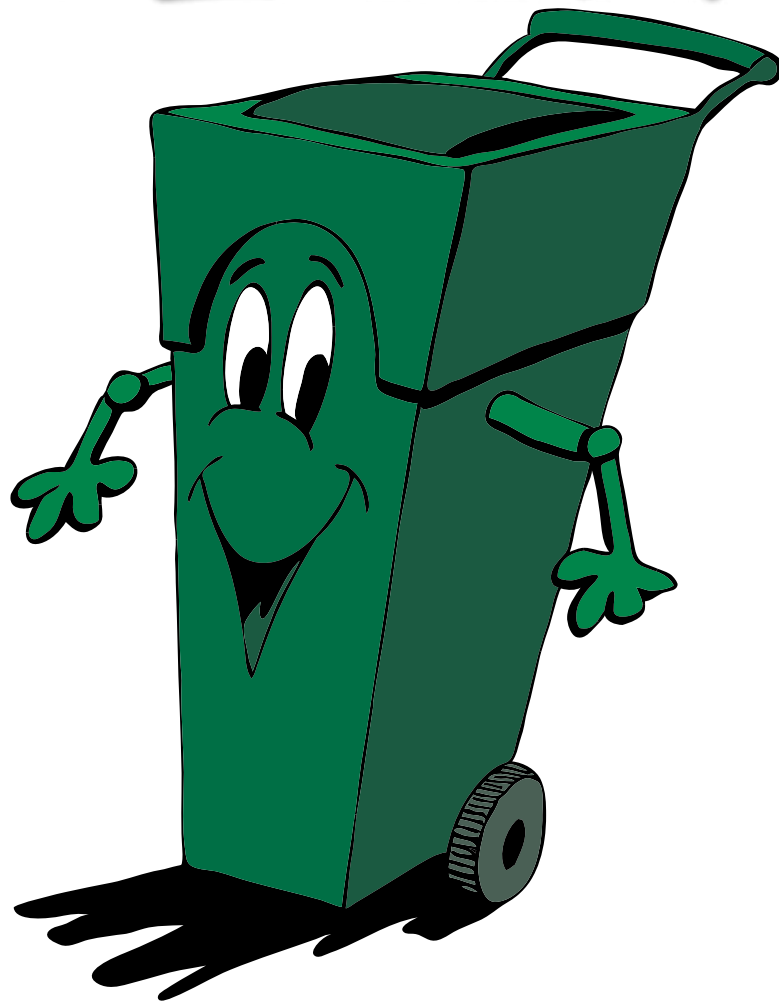


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ROBOTS WITH BEATTITUDES!

ROBO 3

ROBO 3: THE TRANSFORMING ROBOT

Welcome to the third series of “Robots With Be-Attitudes”! This series is all about the Transforming Robot and is designed to be run at Christmas time. Here’s a breakdown of what each weeks teaching is about:

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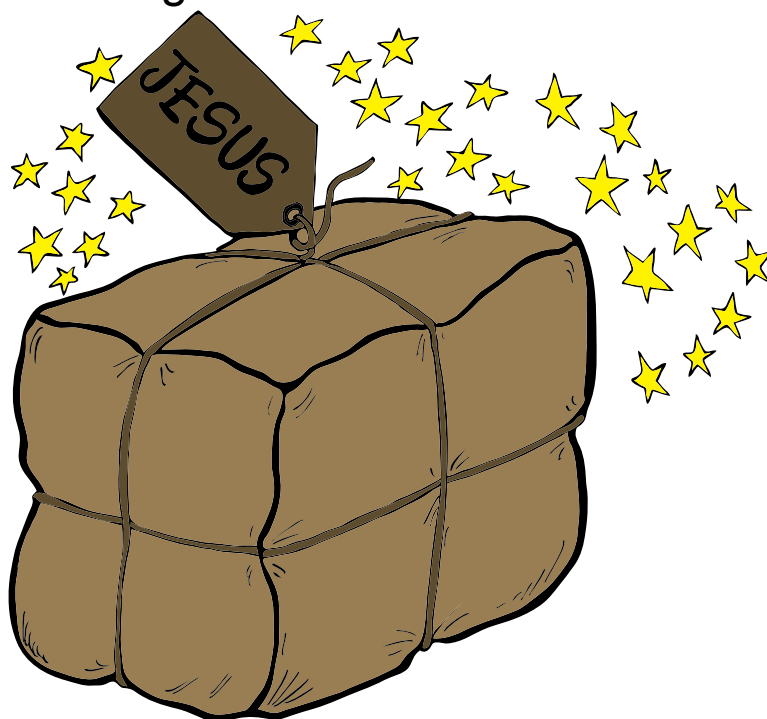
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Each week is followed by visual aids to assist with the teaching, a colouring sheet, and design sheets. If you want to find out more about how to use the teaching material see the accompanying user guide which can be downloaded from the website along with the other series of teaching.



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Week 1

“Out Of This World”

The Benchmark

The eternal plan of salvation is to be unveiled to the children through the Transforming Robot. How can our lost world ever be made new? How can we become part of God's world that will last forever? We were unable to access this eternal kingdom from earth and so heaven had to come down to the rescue. How did this eternal kingdom come to earth and where can it now be found? With words from the heavenly kingdom an announcement was made for Jesus to be born. He is the Saviour of the world. Jesus is God's kingdom come to earth. He is the firstborn and brings to us his kingdom. When we become children of God his kingdom is within so that we can live a different way. We are no longer of this world but of one that is to come. Today you are going to teach the children how to be transformed so that they can develop a renewed mind which is governed by Jesus. His word is supreme in his kingdom. To achieve this you are going to fix a kingdom transmitter onto the robot so that they can see how this transformation takes place.

Nailing The Point

Be changed by a new way of thinking so that your patterns of thought are transmitted from the heavenly kingdom seen in God's word.

Memory Verse

- Romans chapter 12 verse 2

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Luke chapter 17 verse 21
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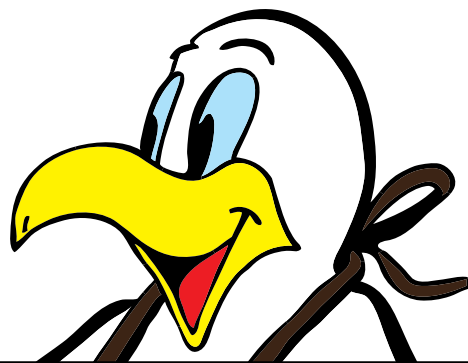
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Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

"Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world. But be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you. And you will be able to know what is good and pleasing to God and what is perfect."

Romans chapter 12 verse 2



1) Tool Box - "Kingdom Transmitter"



Are you ready to help the children tune into kingdom thinking? You are going to teach them this by creating a Transforming Robot that has a satellite dish for its head. The position of the transmitter is important so that they do not live by the thought patterns picked up from this world but are transformed by being tuned into God's word. Help position their dish towards heaven so that they can live ready for this eternal kingdom.



To introduce today's memory verse and teaching give the children Visual Aid 1 so that they can crack the code and discover what Jesus wants them to learn today. Display on the torso of the robot Visual Aid 2 which is a chart of the alphabet with the number code above each letter. When complete talk about how they had to use the alphabet code to find out what the number codes were saying. To live like kingdom people you have to follow the kingdom guide book. As you read and follow God's word you will think in a new way and live to please him. The Bible is the kingdom code and the pattern we should follow.



Jesus came from heaven to earth with a forever plan of salvation. He brought the kingdom of heaven to us so that we could be transformed and made new. Following Robo's Design Sheet create the Transforming Robot's head so that it resembles a satellite dish, covering the lid of the bin with tin foil too.



Point the transmitter towards the ground and discuss with the group some of the things which influence worldly thinking, e.g. TV, computer games, friends, music, reading material etc... If you allow your thinking to be shaped by bad influences you will act worldly. When you receive Jesus you live in the world but are no longer of this world. You must think and behave in a new way.



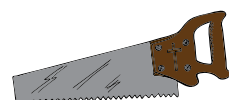
Divide the group into x3 teams and give them Visual Aid 3, 4 & 5 respectively so that they can crack the code of the following three verses ready to discuss them. a) Talk about how, when you receive Jesus as your Saviour, his kingdom lives within you. (Read Luke chapter 17 verse 21 - Visual Aid 3). b) His kingdom is not of this world but is governed by God's word. (Read John chapter 18 verse 36 - Visual Aid 4). c) Over the next x3 weeks, as you lead up to Christmas, they will learn what this kingdom is like and how it can transform their world. (Read together Romans chapter 14 verse 17b - Visual Aid 5). The kingdom is righteousness (right living) peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. These aspects of the kingdom will be taught by the Transforming Robot.



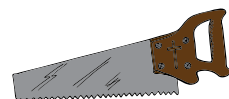
Following Robo's Craft Box instructions the children are to make their own satellite transmitter using a head band. The first kingdom transmission is to be 'right living' and the 2 words are to be displayed on the ends of their craft. N.B. Each week the antenna will be changed to read 'peace' and finally 'joy' so that they develop a kingdom way of thinking.

2) Power Tools - "Tuned In"

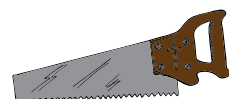
Explain to the children that righteousness can be understood through the words 'right living'. Being born into a sinful world meant that we could not be righteous (without sin or fault) and we would struggle living the right way. Jesus was born sinless. He was described as being the firstborn because he was conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit. He would make us righteous and show us how to live in this new way.



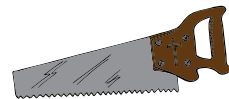
Before you commence the Bible story have available plenty of portable radios for the children to be engaged in how to 'tune in' to satellite signals. To tune into the Christmas story have an actor stationed inside the wheelie bin with a craft satellite transmitter on their head. One end piece is to read 'Mary' and the other 'Joseph'.



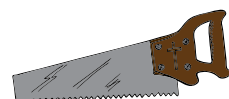
Record the reading of Matthew chapter 1 verses 18 to 25 and mix in some tuning in sounds for effect. Alternatively a narrator - an angel - could read the story whilst loud 'tuning sounds' are played or a distorted micro-phone is used. Also shine a bright light inside the robot to help create a theatre scene.



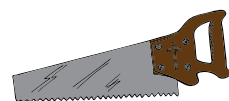
Assemble the group and sit around the Transforming Robot. Play the recording of the Bible story whilst the actor slowly opens the lid and listens to the reading as well, whilst tuning in their transmitter.



Discuss how both Mary and Joseph loved God and were waiting for the promised Messiah. They were 'tuned' in and listening to what he had to say. To become pregnant was a big thing for Mary to agree to but both Mary and Joseph obeyed the message being announced from the heavenly kingdom.



God's kingdom came to earth through Jesus Christ. When you receive Jesus as your Saviour he lives in you by the Holy Spirit. You must be 'in tune' with God's kingdom by reading and obeying the words in the Bible that come from the heavenly kingdom.



3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Kingdom Text"



Compile a list of questions relating to today's teaching and Bible story appropriate to your age group. Divide the group into teams and allocate each team with mobile phones. The leader's mobile phone number is to be inserted into each phone ready to play the game. The leader is to ask a question with a) b) c) answers to simplify the task, so that the teams can text the correct answer - a) b) or c) - to the leader. The winning team is the first to send the right text message.



If you do not have mobile phones available then you could give each team the answers to your questions written out in number code as per Visual Aid 2. Upon hearing the question they must determine which number code answer spells out the correct answer and deliver it to the leader as quickly as possible. The winning team is the first to hand the leader the correct code breaking answer, e.g. 'Mary' would be 13/1/18/25.



When reading a message it's important to know who is sending it. Father God had sent many messages before Jesus was born letting his people know that he would be the Saviour of the world.



Game 2. Send the groups a text message (using the number code for Isaiah and letters of the alphabet to be the chapter and verse numbers) Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6, e.g. 9/19/1/9/1/8 - I : F. The groups are to race to look up and then read the message they have received.

4) Oil Can - "Kingdom Code"

Give each child a small piece of paper and a pen. Ask them to write a short prayer using numbers from the alphabet code. They can follow the chart which has been stuck to the torso of the robot. When they have completed their prayer they are to swap with a prayer partner who then de-codes their prayer by writing the letters above the numbers.

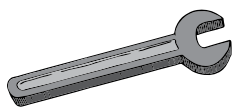


For younger children they can work with a leader in groups to make up a small group prayer in the same way. When they have completed their prayer they are to swap with another group who then de-codes the prayer by writing the letters above the numbers. Read out some of the prayers and pray together. Deposit all of the prayers inside the Transforming Robot. Discuss with the children how all of their prayers are heard and understood by God.

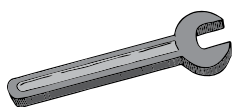


(Read Matthew chapter 6 verse 10 - show this in number code for the children to break and then read if you have time). Prayer will transform the world around you when you pray for God's kingdom to come to this earth just like Jesus taught us to do.

5) The Word Box - "Code Breakers"



Work either in groups or individually. Give each child or group a copy of Visual Aid 6 which is the words of today's memory verse. The challenge is to race to write all of the numbers above the letters as quickly as possible using the alphabet code chart. For older groups do not let them see the alphabet chart on the robot.



Discuss how difficult it can be to live right when you read one message from those with world thinking in comparison to having read a new way of thinking found in the Bible, e.g. Matthew 5 verses 43 - 45. Compare this kingdom code of conduct with the statement to 'look after No.1' which is world thinking. Pray together for the strength of the Holy Spirit to live in a new way. Jesus gave us the kingdom and showed us the right way to live.

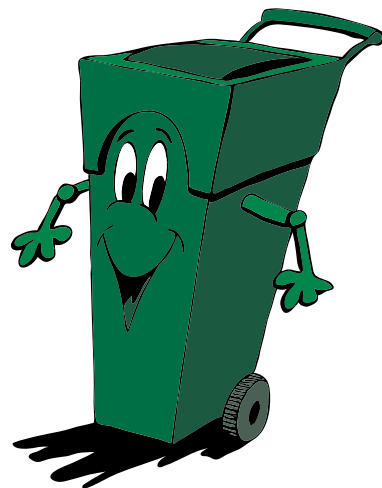
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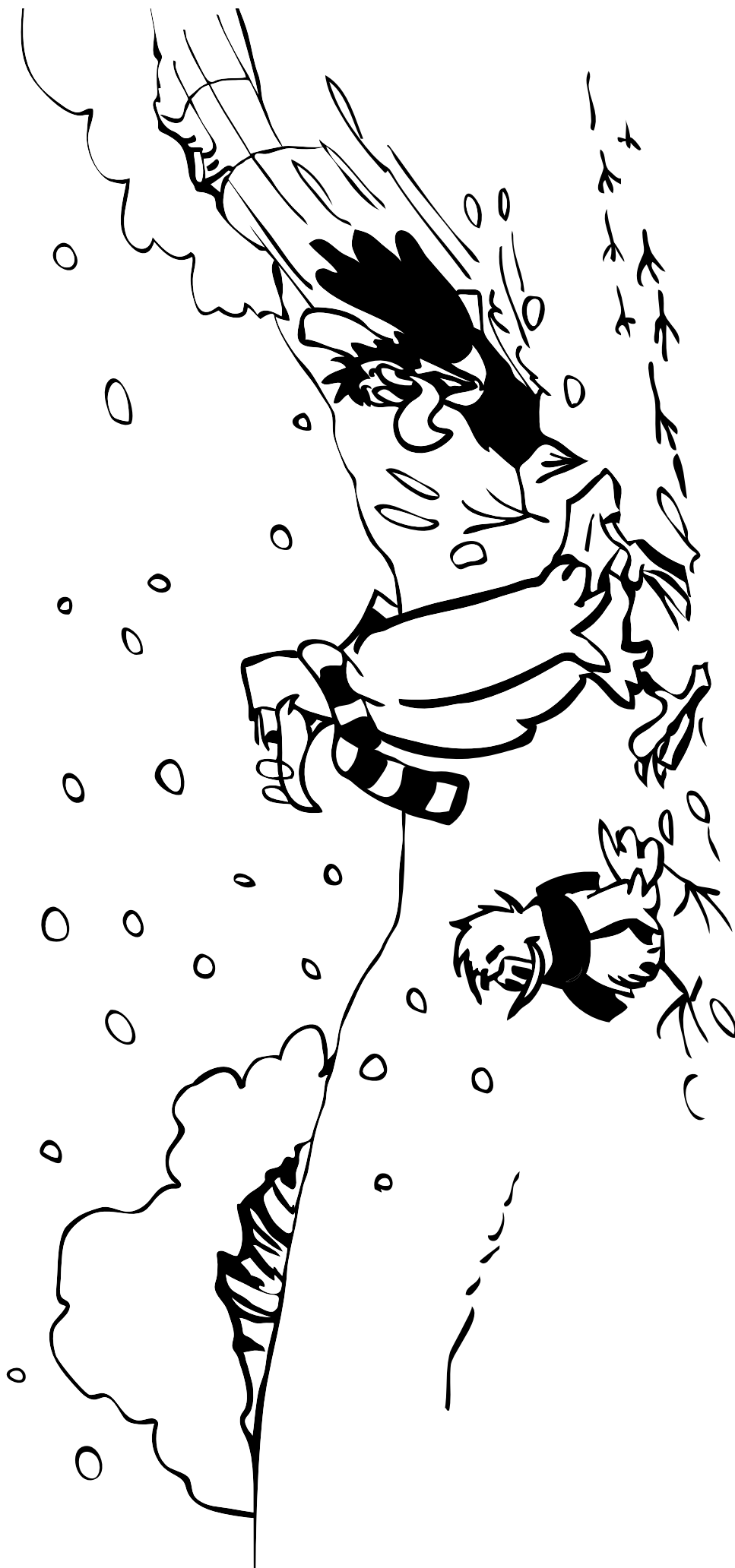
Wheel on the Transforming robot to review the things you have taught the children today.

Show the number code 1/13/5/14 (Amen). Allow the group to race to break the code first and tell the rest of the group the word. What does Amen mean? 'So let it be'. This was Mary's response to what God asked her to do when she was asked to be the mother of the Saviour of the world. She answered, 'so let it be, according to your word'.

Right living is receiving and listening to the kingdom transmissions found in God's word. The Holy Spirit, who is within you, will then enable you to live by this kingdom code of conduct.

Remember you are not of this world but belong to God's kingdom which is 'out of this world!'





Romans chapter 12 verse 2

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Romans chapter 12 verse 2

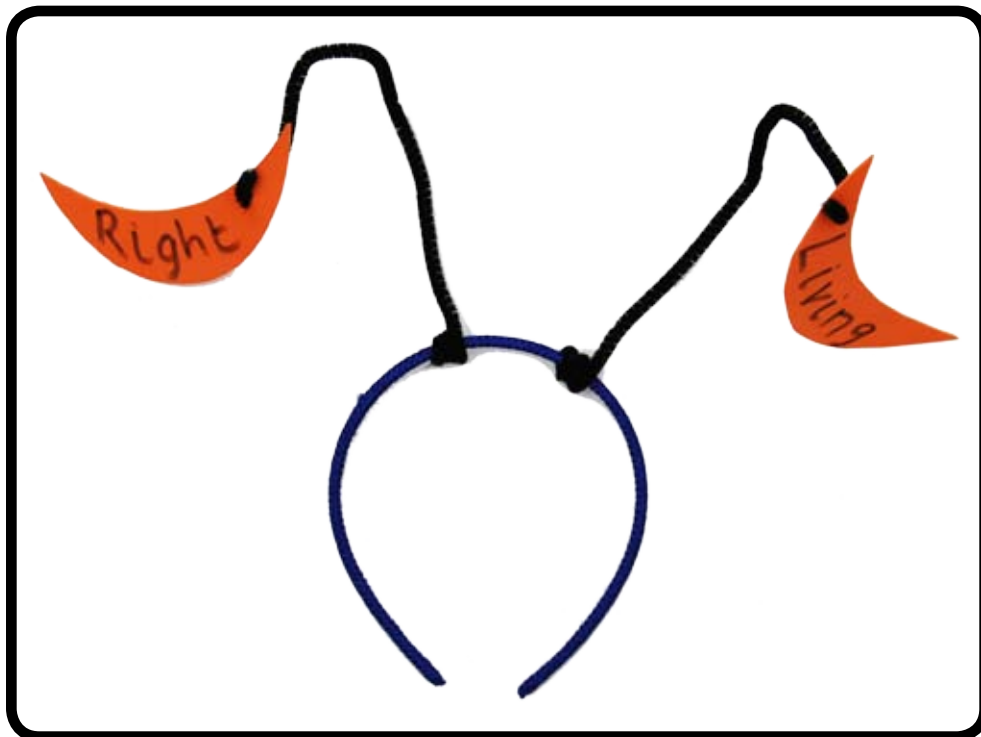
Sputnik Headband Transmitter 1

Materials:

- Cheap plastic hair band
- x2 pipe cleaners
- Craft foam
- Felt tip pen
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1) Purchase a plastic hair band for each child participating in this craft.
- 2) Using x2 pipe cleaners wrap each one to the head band to create the antenna effect.
- 3) Cut out x2 fun shapes from your craft foam and write on one the word 'right' and on the other the word 'living'.
- 4) Using a pair of scissors score a small hole in the craft foam. Feed the end of the pipe cleaner through the foam shape and twist to secure. Repeat using the other pipe cleaner end on the other shaped foam. Ensure that the words 'right living' can be read when the head band is worn.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Card
- Tin Foil
- Christmas baubles & decorations
- Silver colander
- Neck – slinky toy
- Sellotape
- String & scissors

General suppliers used!

Instructions:

- 1) Cover the lid of the bin with tin foil using sticky tape. Include the underside of the bin too.
- 2) Secure a large slinky toy over the hole on the lid of the bin using sticky tape and string, which can be fed through and wrapped around the cleat. This will create a colourful neck but you will need to make it firm when opening and shutting the lid. You could use something similar to create a tube like effect that will work more effectively to keep the head steady e.g. a poster tube cut to size. Cover with foil for decoration.
- 3) Make a large satellite dish out of card, covering in tin foil and securing with sticky tape.
- 4) Attach Christmas decorations, such as baubles to create a happy face. Secure with sticky tape and glue.
- 5) For extra depth we attached our dish to a silver colander.
- 6) Secure your finished satellite transmitter to the neck of the robot with string and tape, using the hole in the lid to fasten the string to the cleat on the underside of the lid.





Week 2

“Fixed Signal”

The Benchmark

Today the Transforming Robot is to become a reflection of the transforming power that controls the work of God's kingdom. This programme of kingdom thinking is governed by perfect peace. The children are to learn that the kingdom of heaven lives within them and brings with it the abiding of his wonderful peace. No matter the noise and chaos that troubles the world outside, his peace remains unspoiled inside a life where God's kingdom lives. How can you teach the children to be controlled by perfect peace? Teach them how to fix their satellite transmitter towards heaven by keeping their mind stayed on Jesus. He is the Prince of Peace. As you wrap up the torso of the robot with the peace that came to earth when Jesus was born, you can in turn wrap up the hearts and minds of the children with the same announcement of peace that makes its home in them. Peace on earth was sung to the shepherds as they heard a new song being announced in the skies. Tune into the kingdom sound and listen to the perfect peace coming from this heavenly kingdom.

Nailing The Point

Fix your satellite transmitter towards heaven. Teach the children what it means to let the peace of Jesus control your thinking by listening to the sound of peace that is enjoyed inside a heart that trusts him completely.

Memory Verse

- Colossians chapter 3 verse 15a

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Romans chapter 14 verse 17
- Isaiah chapter 9 verse 7a
- Luke chapter 2 verses 8 - 20 (Bible story)
- John chapter 14 verse 27
- 1 John chapter 4 verses 13 - 17
- John chapter 16 verse 33
- Isaiah chapter 26 verse 3 (NKJV)

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster

Wheelie Bin Stage Prop

- See Robo 1 Week 7

Robo's Teaching Guide

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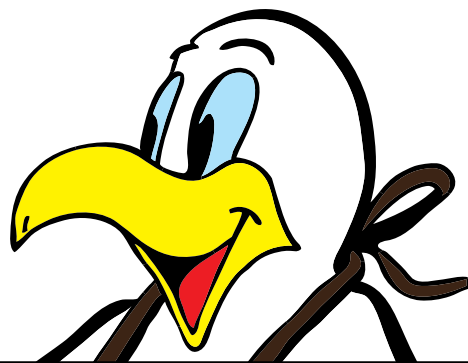
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Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“Let the peace that Christ gives
control your thinking.”

Colossians chapter 3 verse 15a



1) The Tool Box - “Foiled Plan”

God’s kingdom was set to come to earth but where would it be found? God foiled the plans of the kingdom of darkness by placing it inside his children to outwit the enemy. Safely inside trusting hearts his kingdom lives on this earth. Today you are to teach the children about the peace found within when they receive Jesus, the Prince of Peace who rules this kingdom. How can his peace rule in their hearts and control their thinking?

For fun as the children arrive have available plenty of remote control toys to play with. If you don’t have a stock of these, borrow a supply from family and friends. Discuss with the group what controls the movement of the toy? Cover with foil large letters of the word ‘peace’ and lay out on the floor in the centre of the room. Allow x2 volunteers to race similar type remote control toys/cars around the word ‘peace’ without touching it.

Remind the children about the kingdom of heaven and what it brings to their lives from Romans chapter 14 verse 17. Last week they learned about ‘right living’ and this week you will examine the peace God’s kingdom brings. Talk about how the remote controlled toys rushed around the word ‘peace’. When the rush of this worldly kingdom we live in is in chaos, it cannot touch or disturb the peace within, if Jesus is in control. How do you ensure that the peace of Jesus controls your thinking and not the circumstances around you? Discuss what kind of things trouble the children.

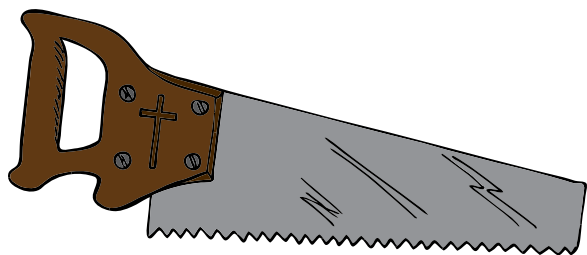
Wheel in the Transforming Robot and as a first step ensure that the satellite dish is firmly fixed, and pointing towards heaven. Next remove from inside the robot all of the tin foil being used in today’s teaching. On a length of foil have scored the memory verse so that the children can examine it and read it together. Discuss what the verse means: You are not to allow the things you see ‘outside’ affect how you think but allow the peace ‘inside’ to control your thoughts so that you read situations in light of God’s word. In God’s kingdom the Prince of Peace rules and there is no turmoil in heaven. If this kingdom is in you because you have received the Prince of Peace - Jesus - his peace will increase in your heart and mind as you trust him through every situation. Read Isaiah chapter 9 verse 7a.

Following Robo’s Design Sheet work together to cover the torso of the wheelie bin with tin foil. The Transforming Robot is being wrapped in peace from God’s kingdom. Ask another group of children to decorate blank CD’s with the words ‘Prince of Peace’ and mount onto the foiled robot. You are going to listen to the sound of peace announced from heaven when Jesus was born so that they can receive his peace. It will wrap up their hearts and minds like a foil comfort blanket.

Using last week’s sputnik head band craft remove the words ‘right living’. Today you are going to tune in to hear about the peace found in God’s kingdom. Following Robo’s Craft Box make x2 receivers for the end of the antenna, one marked ‘Prince’ and the other marked ‘Peace’. Decorate in foil. Ask the group to put on their satellite transmitter ready to let the peace that Jesus brings control their thinking.



2) Power Tools - "Foil Wrap"



The Bible story today is from Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20. A loud kingdom announcement was made to the shepherds that the Prince of Peace was born. To create the loud and bright scene engage the children by allowing them to dress up your 2 nominated narrators in tin foil, transforming them into angels. Use the Wheelie Bin Stage Prop sheet to create your own mini stage for the angels to be stationed behind. For effect have a bright light switched on inside the robot. Judge the best dressed angels and award points to that team.

To visualise the story stick lots of paper cut out sheep onto a long length of tin foil. Carefully roll this up and hide inside the robot as per Robo's Design Sheet. The children are to be the watching shepherds. Give each child a small length of foil and attach to their head with hair grips to make them look like shepherds as the glory of the Lord shines on them when the story begins. Darken the room for effect and be creative with your lighting so that this story is lived. Use appropriate Christmas music for this happy event.

As the story commences and the two angels narrate the event nominate a volunteer to carefully unroll the length of foil containing the sheep. Open the lid of the bin as the shepherds discover Jesus is born. Have card angels hanging from the lid of the bin as per Robo's Design Sheet to picture the heavenly host.

Discuss together how Jesus, the Prince of Peace, brought God's kingdom to this earth. Inside a little baby, hidden inside a poor stable God's kingdom came to earth wrapped in his Son. When we receive Jesus as our Saviour the peace from this kingdom lives in you. It wraps up our thoughts in the knowledge that we are safe as we remain ready for the day when we will go home to the heavenly kingdom where we now belong. The shepherds tuned in and listened to the song the angels sang as they heard what was coming to earth - peace. The rest of the people in Bethlehem were too busy rushing around in a noisy world. They were not listening to the kingdom announcement and missed the spectacular event of the kingdom of heaven coming to this earth.

3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Keeping Peace"

Ask the children to remove their foiled head dress and roll their piece of foil into a small ball. The children then have to work together to create the word peace by forming the letter shapes using their foil balls and laying them on the floor in the centre of the group.

What is the peace like that Jesus gives? Read John chapter 14 verse 27 and discuss the difference between the world's peace which is controlled by circumstances and the peace found when God's kingdom lives in you by the Holy Spirit.

To illustrate this show the peace word you have created with the foil, being destroyed by kicking it around when the circumstances you talk about begin to disturb the calm. The peace in this worldly kingdom is controlled by what goes on around you but God's peace is not like that.

Give the children a foil ball each. Station the Transforming Robot in the centre as they sit in a large circle holding on tightly to their ball of peace. Discuss how the way the kingdom came to earth foiled Satan's plans. Jesus chose to make his home inside people that would love and follow him and this meant it could not be taken from us. This could only be done through Jesus dying on the cross so that he could make us righteous and able to live in the right way so that we can receive his kingdom. Without Jesus we would be like a wheelie bin, full of rubbish waiting to die. Receiving Jesus brings a transformation because his kingdom lives within and the rule of this kingdom is peace.

One by one ask the children to try and land their foil ball inside the open wheelie bin. See how many attempts it takes each child. Push the bin closer for younger children and make more difficult for older children. When all of the balls are safely inside the Transforming Robot conclude this section. Talk about how nothing or no-one can take the peace you are given because it lives inside us by the Holy Spirit. You can live safe in the knowledge that you are loved and that your sins are forgiven. Because your sin is forgiven you now have peace with God and no fear of death. (Ref. 1 John chapter 4 verses 13 to 17). Give opportunity for children to receive Jesus as their Saviour if they have not already done so.

4) Oil Can - "Foiled by Prayer"

As you spend time praying and worshipping together illustrate to the children how they can draw on the peace that they carry when they pray and ask for help with anything that troubles them. Read together John chapter 16 verse 33.

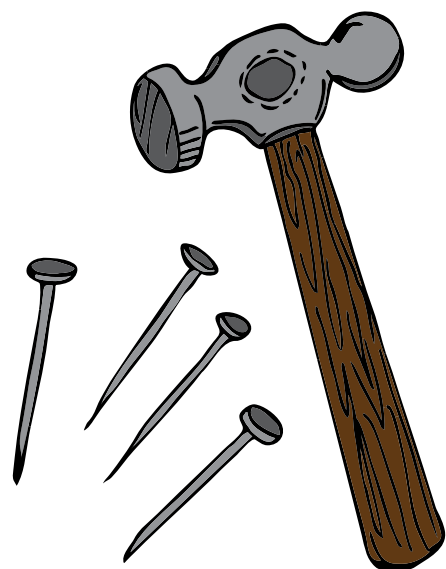
Give each child a small piece of paper and a pen and ask them to write down anything that is troubling them. For those where this does not apply then ask them to write down difficult situations they may see in the world or in the lives of others that concerns them. For younger children do this in small groups so that the leader writes down their suggestions.

Talk about how if your satellite transmitter (mind/thinking) is not fixed on the kingdom of heaven you will run around troubled looking for your answers somewhere else. Your thinking will tune in to what you see and not what God says in his word. Isaiah chapter 26 verse 3 NKJV says that as you fix your thoughts on Jesus and trust him you will have perfect peace. You will have peace whilst Jesus deals with the trouble you face. Satan causes the trouble in this world and uses it to bring fear but that plan can be foiled by prayer as nothing or no-one can take your peace when God's kingdom is in you and controls your thinking.

Roll out a small length of foil and ask the group to place their prayers onto the foil. Fold the foil over the prayers. Pray together over the foil wrap and give all of your worries to Jesus. Pray for the children that whilst they wait for Jesus to work and bring change to the things that trouble them that they would know his comfort and peace which comes from the Holy Spirit who lives within them.



5) The Word Box - "Peace Rules OK"



Make a supply of silver crowns and stick the individual words of today's memory verse onto a separate crown. Depending on the size of your group create enough sets of crowns so that the children can perform this task in a race against other teams. (x10 crowns are needed for each set, which includes the x9 words and the text reference).

Split the children into groups of 10. Explain the rules and then give each team a set of crowns asking the children to place the crown on their head as they read the word on their own crown. The crown must remain on their head at all times. Ensure that the order of the verse is mixed up to begin this exercise.

On the leaders command the children are to race so that they line up with the verse reading correctly. Read the verse out loud. If your group does not divide into x10 evenly have some of the extra children to help organise a team.

Depending on time, you could begin to remove a crown (word) one at a time so that they can read with fewer prompts until eventually they can recite it from memory. Think about how Jesus is the Prince of Peace. When you receive him as your Saviour he becomes Lord (Master) of your life. He is in control. As you live in a new way you should commit all of your decisions to Jesus because he is your Lord. When you do this his peace will rule from the inside out. If troubles are on the outside - you will still have peace on the inside.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on your Transforming Robot and review the things that you have taught today. Ask the children to let you know what they have learnt allowing them to ask questions too.

To conclude why not allow the children to see if they can see their reflection in the foil? See how it has become like a mirror. When you live ruled by the peace found in the kingdom of heaven your life will become a reflection of what heaven is like.

God's word is described like a mirror and as you look into it and read it - and also let it read your life - you will be transformed. His word is your kingdom code of conduct. You have the Holy Spirit who lives in you who will teach you and lead you into all truth.

Stay tuned in each day by reading your Bible and praying, drawing strength from the peace that lives in you. Remember to sing songs of worship to remind you what heaven is like. These are the sounds of heaven.





Colossians chapter 3 verse 15a

**"Let the peace
that Christ gives
control your
thinking."**



Colossians chapter 3 verse 15a

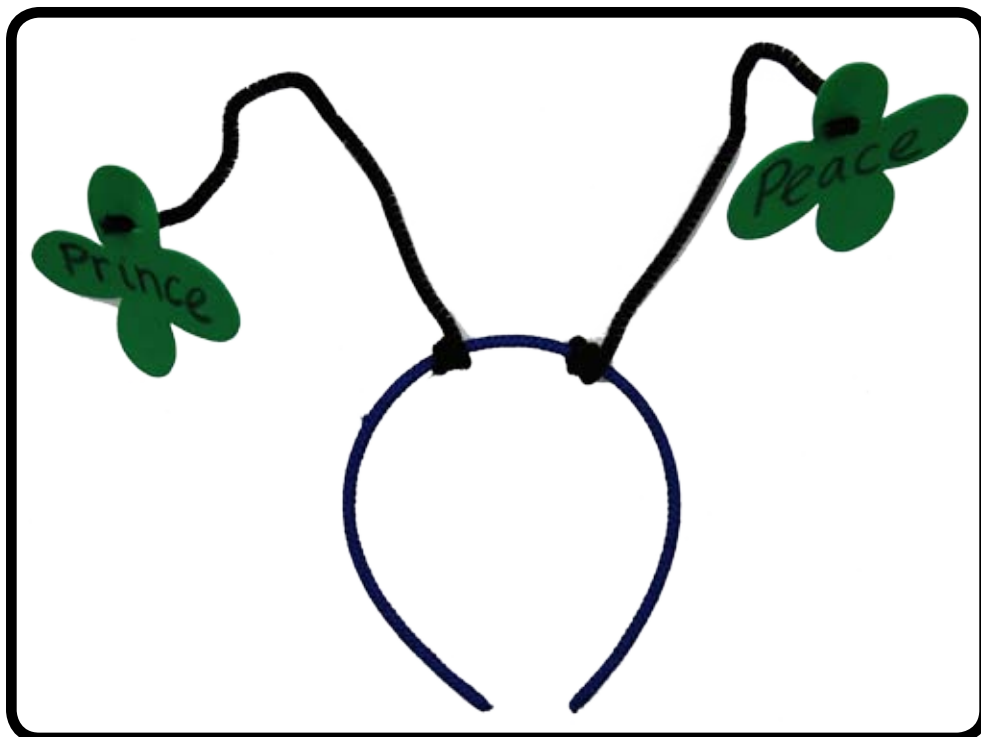
Sputnik Headband Transmitter 2

Materials:

- Cheap head band
- x2 pipe cleaners
- Craft foam
- Felt tip pen
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1) Each child is to use the head band allocated to them from the previous session.
- 2) Remove last session's words.
- 3) Cut out x2 new fun shapes from your craft foam and write on one the word 'prince' and on the other the word 'peace'.
- 4) Using a pair of scissors score a small hole in the craft foam. Feed the end of the pipe cleaner through the foam shape and twist to secure. Repeat using the other pipe cleaner end and attach to the other shaped foam. Ensure that the words 'Prince Peace' can be read when the head band is worn.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Tin Foil
- Sellotape
- Blank or unwanted CD's
- Paper lettering
- Double-sided sticky pads
- Pictures of sheep
- Angel mobiles made out of Christmas paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Glitter glue

Suppliers:

- General craft suppliers
- Staples or any stationery supplier for blank CDs

Instructions:

- 1) Cover the torso of the bin using tin foil. Attach and secure with Sellotape.
- 2) Create the letters of the name "Prince of Peace" on coloured card/paper or craft foam. Decorate with glitter glue.
- 3) Stick the lettering onto your old/blank CD's using double-sided sticky pads and secure to the front torso of the robot.
- 4) Create your own paper sheep and stick onto a long length of tin foil. Secure the end of the length of foil inside the bin using Sellotape ready for your Bible story. Roll up and hide inside the bin.
- 5) Create your own mobile angels. We made round hanging angels out of Christmas paper and attached to the inside lid using pipe cleaners and sticky tape.





Week 3

“Full Up”

The Benchmark

We are going to complete the Transforming Robot using gift boxes to create the long, strong saving arms of God. This will demonstrate how he reaches out to the children with a joyful big hug as Jesus delivers his kingdom in a happy way. The kingdom of heaven came to earth with the sound of joy. Today the children will learn about what this joy is like. Jesus brings a joy that is full as he transforms lives by pouring his joy into empty hearts. He declared that we can have the same joy found in him. The earth made room for this joyful kingdom inside a poor stable. How can joy be found in poverty and hardship? Jesus was delivering a joyful message that no matter how large the need he can meet it. His joy is not governed by the situation of a poor home because this kingdom joy is real even when the world around you may be sad. It was the Father's good pleasure to give Jesus, heaven's joy. When we receive Jesus, the joy of heaven, our lives become home to God's happy kingdom.

Nailing The Point

Teach the children that joy is not a lasting feeling. Real joy is a state of mind that maintains a joyful attitude when your thinking is fixed on the kingdom of heaven. This kingdom is full of inexpressible joy and lasts forever.

Memory Verse

- John chapter 15 verse 11

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Romans chapter 14 verse 17
- Matthew chapter 2 verses 1 - 16 (Bible story)
- James chapter 1 verse 2
- Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2
- 1 Peter 1 verse 8
- Psalm 16 verse 11
- John chapter 1 verses 11 & 12
- Isaiah chapter 51 verse 1

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Cube Pictures 1
- 3) Cube Pictures 2

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Full Up”
- 2) Power Tools - “Bigger Picture”
- 3) Box of Bright Sparks - “Joy Roll”
- 4) The Word Box - “Stacks of Joy”
- 5) The Oil Can - “Give Time”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Robo's Craft Box

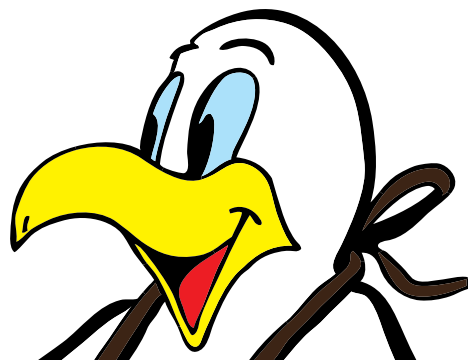
- 1) Sputnik Headband Transmitter 3

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

"I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have. I want your joy to be the fullest joy."

John chapter 15 verse 11



1) The Tool Box - "Full Up"



There is no room for sadness when you are full of joy. There was no room for Jesus when the kingdom of heaven came to earth but this did not stop the joy. Even when his address was a stable he was full of joy. Jesus' family were chased out of town by Herod but his joy remained. There is no life or situation that cannot be transformed by Jesus and the joy his kingdom brings.



Begin with a sweet starter to add to your Christmas celebrations. Prepare a selection of clear jars and fill them with celebration sweets. Record the amount in each jar respectively. Number the jars and ask the children to try to work out how many sweets they think fill each jar. Run a group guess chart and enter their estimations. Announce the winning guesses and award the children with a sweet from the jar.



Discuss how full each jar is as you introduce the joy that Jesus gives. His joy is full and as it is shared it makes others happy too. Share the sweets with the group ready to share the joyful message. It was not enough for God to just announce what his kingdom is like but he wanted us to see and receive it through Jesus so that we could be filled with the happy joy that is found in the kingdom of heaven.



Wheel in the Transforming Robot which is to be filled to overflowing with Christmas gift boxes as per Robo's Design Sheet. Many gift boxes are to be used throughout the session, so you should have plenty available to fill the robot. Look at the size of this Christmas delivery and talk about how it is full and overflowing.



To introduce the teaching and theme wrap x2 sets of large empty boxes in Christmas paper and label with the individual words/phrases of today's memory verse. Divide the group into teams and ask them to race to sort the verse into order, lining them up along the ground. Read the verse together and talk about what it means.



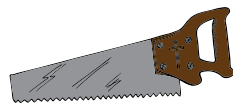
Following Robo's Design Sheet string together the gift boxes which are going make the long strong arms of God. Work together and attach your robot's arms of joy. Discuss how God wanted this gift of salvation to reach into every home so that whatever situation you find yourself in you can know the joy that is found in the kingdom of heaven. Read Isaiah chapter 59 verse 1. Jesus showed us that this joy can be found even if you live in poverty as he was born in a stable because his salvation can reach anywhere. When the wise men came, this showed us that his joy could also be found by rich and noble people too. Wherever the gift is received this joy will be full.



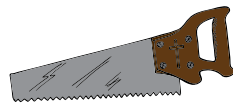
Following Robo's Craft Box ask each child to make new antenna's to read 'joy' and 'full' for the final kingdom word found in Romans chapter 14 verse 17. Jesus did not come to leave you half empty but give you the same joy as he enjoyed. He brought this joy from heaven and it can live within you by the Holy Spirit so you can remain joyful.

2) Power Tools - "Bigger Picture"

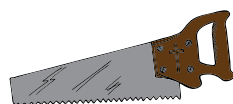
To make visual today's Bible story taken from Matthew chapter 2 verses 1 to 16 you will need wrap up lots of large empty boxes with cheap Christmas paper. Divide the verses up according to how many boxes you have and then display the verses on each gift box. For younger children use plenty of pictures.



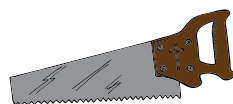
Using their Bibles the children must work together with the leaders to lay out the boxes in the order the story is read correctly. Once this has been achieved, see if they can then build a story wall with the boxes like a big screen. You will need to work from the bottom-up. When this is complete allow volunteers to help you run through the Bible story. Now let's look at the bigger picture.



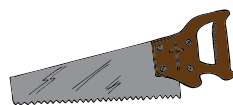
If you were searching for kingdom joy you would expect to find it in a rich and happy place, not in a poor stable. Discuss how Herod and his household were troubled. The circumstance of the arrival of the heavenly King made them anxious. This was because they did not want to receive the kingdom of heaven but wanted their own kingdom on earth. Because of this Herod planned to try to destroy Jesus so that others would not know about the heavenly kingdom.



The wise men were clever and rich but this did not give them what they were looking for in life. They searched for a heavenly kingdom and found it in a poor stable wrapped inside baby Jesus. Because they understood who Jesus was they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Have these x3 gift boxes hidden inside the Transforming Robot ready to show to the children). Discuss how maybe these gifts, which were costly, would be useful to Mary and Joseph when they had to flee to Egypt for safety when Herod tried to find and kill Jesus?



Christmas tells a happy story because God's long arms of salvation reached down to this earth to deliver heaven's joy that is found in Jesus Christ. The story itself is not the happiest tale as it is full of hardship and danger. This did not destroy the fact that God's kingdom is full of joy and that is why this story makes us so joyful. No hardship or danger can take away the joy found when kingdom joy lives in you.



3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Joy Roll"



Game 1. Cover a cube box with Christmas paper and stick on each side a kids Christmas joke. Ask the children to sit in a large circle. Play some Christmas music. When the music is playing the box is passed around the group. When the music stops the person holding the cube has to tell one of the jokes on the cube, and so on until all of the jokes are enjoyed. Ask who feels happy and how long they think the happy feeling will last?



Game 2. Wrap a cube box in Christmas paper and on x3 sides of the gift box stick a happy face and on the other x3 sides stick a sad face. (Visual Aid 2). Allow the group to take it in turns to roll the cube to try and land it on a happy face. You could keep score between teams to see which group is the most joyful by seeing who rolls the most 'happy' faces? Discuss some of the things that make the children feel happy? How long does the happy feeling last?



Discuss how the joy experienced in this world is down to what life rolls your way. This joy is dependent upon happy news or good situations. What you see and hear will determine how good you feel. Joy based on feelings does not last. How can you keep a joyful attitude even when sad situations make you cry? Real and lasting joy is found in receiving Jesus. This joy is not about what happens in this life but it's all about the life to come. Kingdom joy is a state of mind that maintains a joyful attitude because your thoughts are fixed on heaven. This joy lasts because it comes from a kingdom that will last forever where his peace is undisturbed and his joy is full. Read together James chapter 1 verse 2. We are promised troubles in the world around us. But we are also promised the same joy as Jesus because his kingdom is within. Jesus showed us what to do when trouble comes our way.



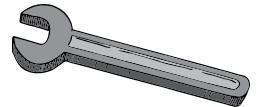
Game 3. To illustrate this, prepare a cube gift box with pictures of the crucifixion stuck on each side. (See Visual Aid 3). Allow volunteers to roll the cube and briefly discuss some of the troubles that Jesus encountered. Discuss how joy controlled his thinking as he journeyed to the cross. This did not mean that he laughed at pain but he always kept in his thinking where he was going - heaven. How did Jesus remain joyful? Jesus died on the cross because of the joy that was set before him. Read Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2. Where do you think his satellite transmitter was pointing? His mind was set on heaven.



Even the pain of death brings ultimate joy when the kingdom is within you. It becomes the final step into the inexpressible joy found in God's kingdom - heaven. Read 1 Peter 1 verse 8.

4) The Word Box - Stacks of Joy"

Split the children into teams. Use the sets of boxes with the words of today's memory verse on ready to build this stack of joy. Each team has to work together to stack each box on top of another one so that the verse reads correctly. The children will need to work bottom/up, starting with the text at the bottom and the final word on top of that; and so on. The first word is to be on top of the stack. (If your stack gets too high build another one at the side of it).



Look at the height of the stack and read the verse together. The joy found in heaven is given to you through Jesus - the happiest gift ever to be given. Jesus gave joy to the world. This joy comes from heaven and lasts forever.

5) Oil Can - "Give Time"



Who loves to spend time enjoying/playing with their favourite Christmas gift? Jesus is the greatest gift heaven could afford. He is Father God's joy. When you spend time with him you will be filled with joy. This joy will last forever and is a taste of things to come. Read together Psalm chapter 16 verse 11. "Being with you will fill me with joy."

Spend time waiting with Jesus and be thankful as you are filled with his joy. When difficult situations happen and you feel empty of joy you must spend time worshipping Jesus who makes your joy full. This is how you fix your thoughts on heaven. Encourage the children to give time over Christmas to examine and enjoy heaven's gift by reading their Bible and praying - spending time with Jesus, the gift.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on the Transforming Robot and review the things you have taught the children today. Use his arms to wave goodbye to the children as after Christmas this robot will continue to transform as you learn about what else can be found in God's kingdom. Remind the children of the 3 things that should control their thinking. 1) Right living 2) Peace and 3) Joy. Ask them to ensure that their thinking is fixed like the satellite dish on Jesus in heaven and talk about how to do this.

If possible you could give a small gift to each child wrapped inside a box and labelled accordingly. Deliver these gifts inside the Transforming Robot. (Go to: <http://blazing-glory.com> for free Flight Bags, comics and books, which can be used as a gift for your children.) Ask how many want to receive their gift? Many people have refused and still refuse Jesus - the gift from heaven. But for those who do receive him they become children of God, children of this heavenly kingdom. (Read John chapter 1 verses 11 & 12).

Before you give the gifts to the children allow the opportunity for the children to receive Jesus and his gift of joy.

For the next robot the children will need to collect carrier bags.

John chapter 15 verse 11

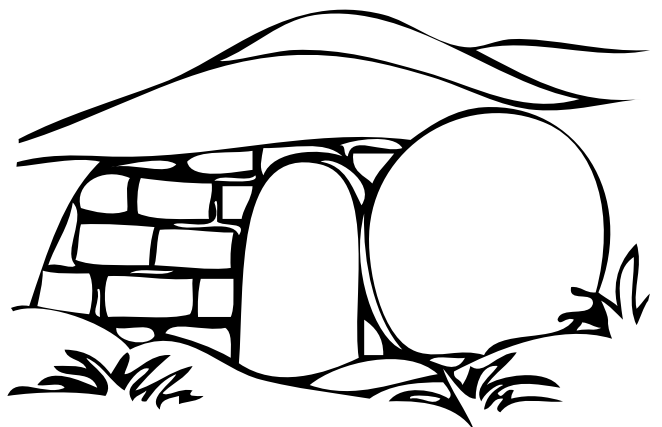
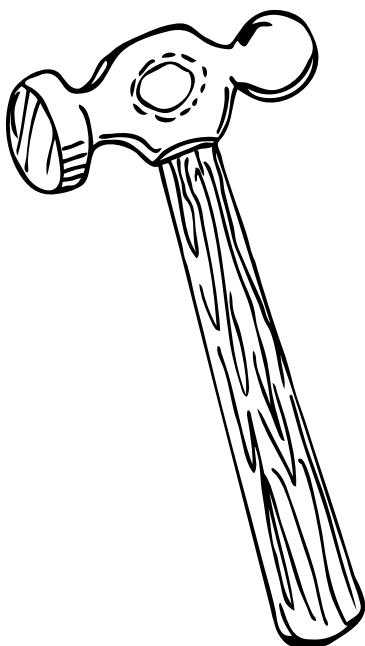
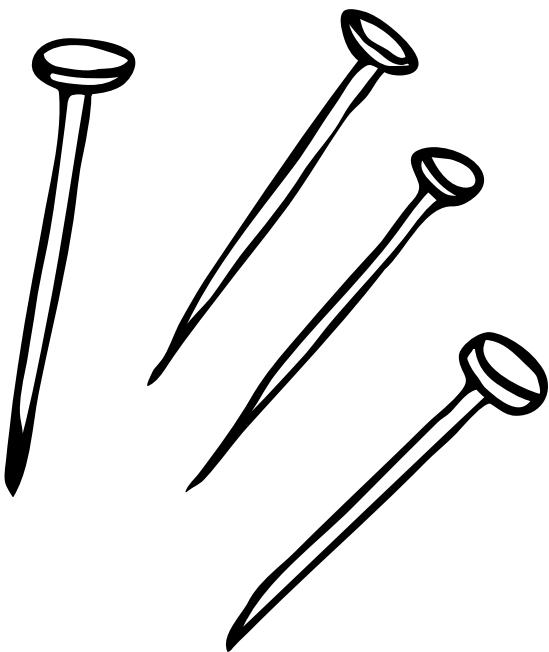
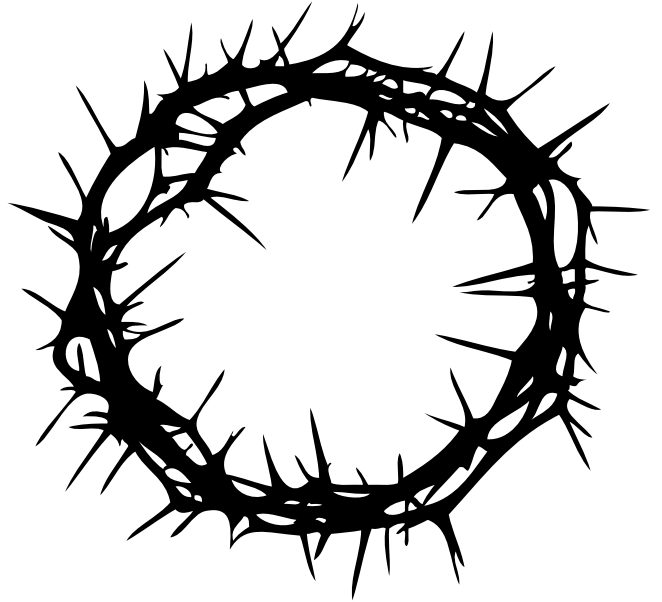
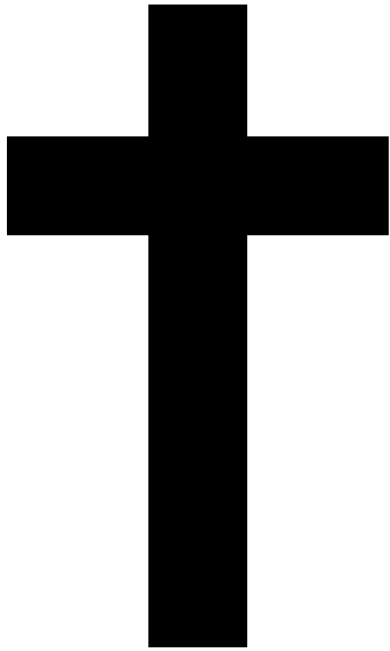


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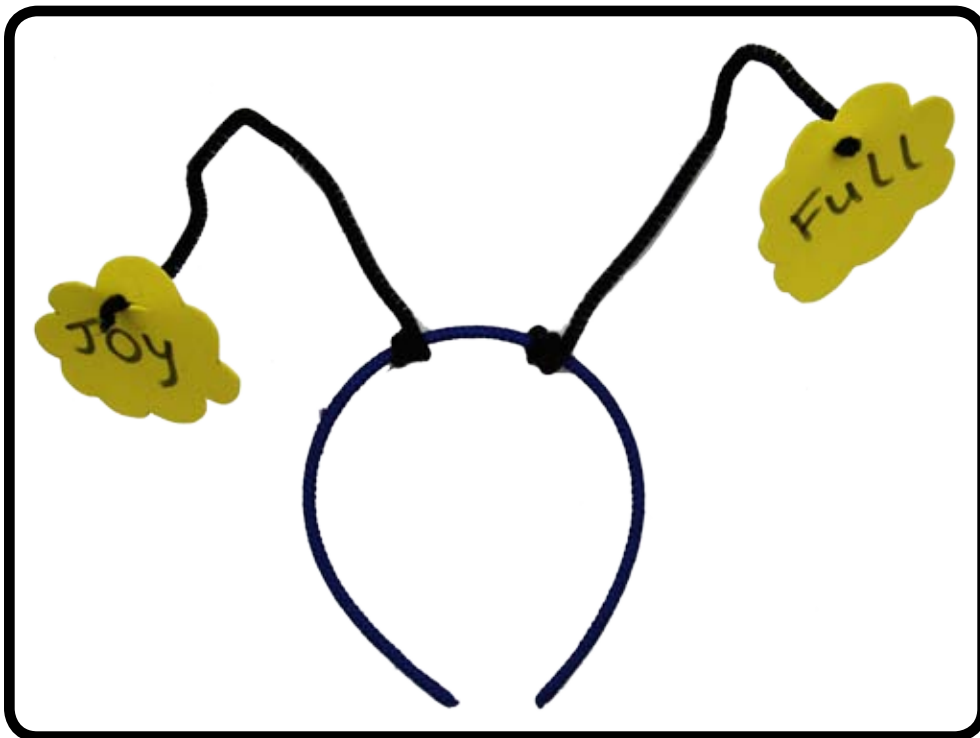
Sputnik Headband Transmitter 3

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- Cheap head band
- x2 pipe cleaners
- Craft foam
- Felt tip pen
- Scissors

Instructions:

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- 2) Remove last session's words.
- 3) Cut out x2 new fun shapes from your craft foam and write on one the word 'joy' and on the other the word 'full'.
- 4) Using a pair of scissors score a small hole in the craft foam. Feed the end of the pipe cleaner through the foam shape and twist to secure. Repeat using the other pipe cleaner end and attach to the other shaped foam. Ensure that the words 'Joy Full' can be read when the head band is worn.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Empty boxes such as cereal boxes or shoe boxes etc...
- String
- Christmas paper
- Sellotape & scissors

General suppliers used!

Instructions:

- 1) Collect different sized empty card board boxes.
- 2) Cover with Christmas paper using Sellotape to create gifts. Make a hole through both ends of the gift.
- 3) Thread a long length of string through the holes in the gifts.
- 4) Tie off the last gift with some knots and secure with tape.
- 5) Thread the other end of the string through the respective arm holes on the respective sides of the bin and secure the string to the cleats inside the bin.
- 6) Fill the bin with some of your gift boxes being used throughout your session to show the robot full of Christmas presents.





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