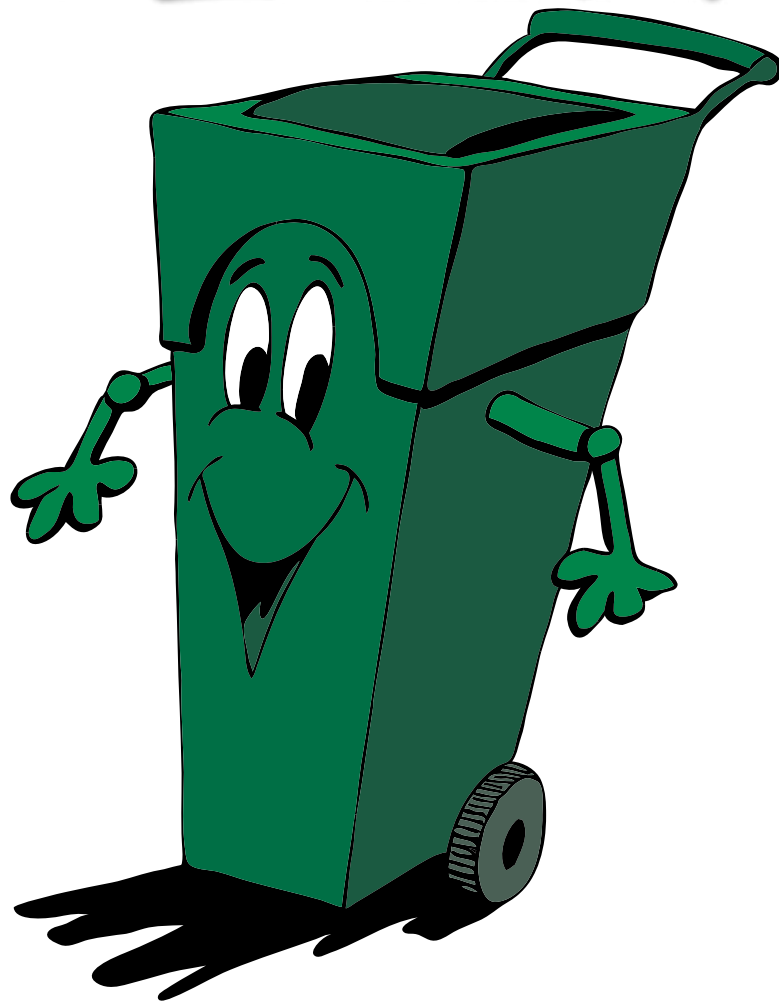


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ROBOTS WITH BEATTITUDES!

ROBO 2

ROBO 2: THE RESCUE ROBOT

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

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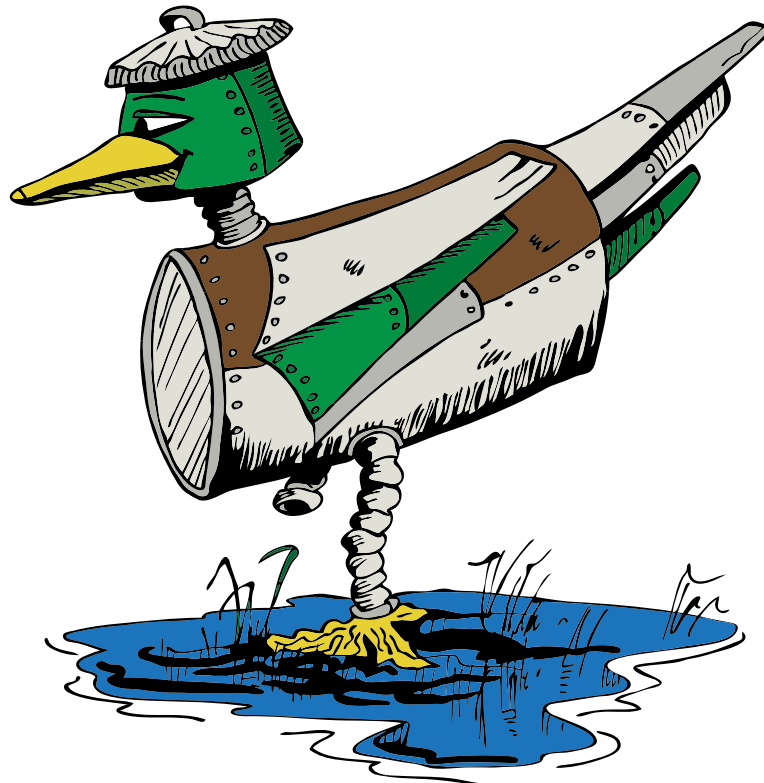
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Week 1

“Finding Grace”

The Benchmark

Wheeling through time we can see how sin has had a damaging effect and has corrupted God's Creation. The searching eyes of Father God run to and fro across the face of the earth to find those who will love and follow him. His eyes were tearful in the days of Noah because righteousness was no-where to be found. With tears of grief and despair there was no hope for Creation, and God regretted the day that he had made mankind. But with a glimmer of hope his eyes searched and found Noah. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and so he decided to rescue Noah and his family from the impending judgement and destruction the world was about to face. What was it that God saw in Noah for him to find grace? The Genesis Robot is to be transformed so that the children can build the Rescue Robot. They will learn about the qualities that catch God's attention. With a searching eye they will discover the favour found in their Father. He lovingly watches his children and offers them an ark of safety in Jesus.

Nailing The Point

From the fallen Genesis Robot the children will now discover God's rescue plan of salvation. Building the ark of safety will teach them how to find grace and escape the punishment for sin.

Memory Verse

- Ephesians chapter 2 verse 7b

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- John chapter 15 verse 14
- Genesis chapter 6
- Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8
- Psalm 119 verse 11
- Matthew chapter 6 verses 19 - 21
- Luke chapter 16 verse 19 - 31
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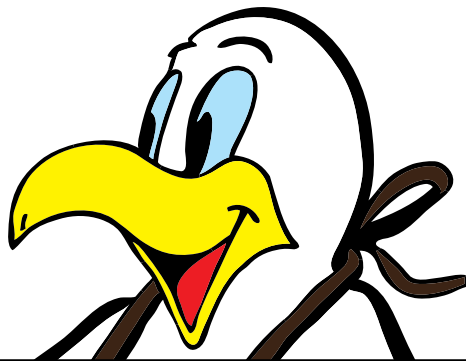
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Memory Verse

“He shows that grace by being kind to us in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians chapter 2 verse 7b



1) Tool Box - “Look Out”



To start work on the Rescue Robot you will need to undress the Genesis Robot with the children as they arrive. Introduce the teaching and discuss how the world was now to ‘look out’ because judgement for sin and punishment for wrong behaviour was about to take place. Father God was sad that he had made mankind. But God was on the ‘look out’ to find anyone that would walk in his ways. Could anyone be found? Noah walked with God and he found grace because he obeyed his word. Run a simple warm up game of ‘Do this, do that’ to help the children understand obedience to instruction.



For younger children use Visual Aid 2 to join the dots to create today’s memory verse. As an experiment for the older children, use Visual Aid 2, place a craft board underneath and make small pin prick holes around the outline of the words. Blindfold the children to see if they can read the verse through touch. If possible make an authentic brail version too (at a local library) for the group to touch. Discuss how God does not look at the outside of a person or even the words we speak, but by his Holy Spirit he searches our hearts to find out if we truly love him and will obey him. Those who love Jesus are those who hear his words and do it. (Read John chapter 15 verse 14).



What did God see in his friend Noah? What’s grace and how did Noah find grace in God’s eyes? (Read Genesis chapter 6 verse 8 NKJV). Noah pleased God and found grace by believing what God had said and in everything he was willing to obey him. Grace is undeserved favour. No-one is perfect, only Jesus. Noah wasn’t perfect and lived in a sinful world but because he chose to listen to and obey God by faith, grace was found so that he and his family could be saved. Teach the children how this world is sinful just like in the days of Noah. You can find grace as you believe in Jesus and obey his commands.



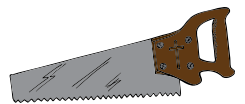
By obeying God’s word Noah built an ark of safety for his family. Follow Robo’s Design Sheet and begin to create an ark of safety. Teach the children how to find grace and know the salvation found in Jesus Christ. The first step was that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Make the robot’s eyes large and wobbly for fun. Discuss how God ‘Googled’ the earth and found Noah! Grace is the first step in receiving God’s amazing salvation. It is totally undeserved and free. When you believe in Jesus and obey his words you will be saved - Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8.



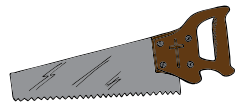
See Robo’s Craft Box - safety glasses template - to make today’s craft for your tool bag. Discuss with the group how God’s eyes are purer than to look at evil. He searches for those who will believe in Jesus so that you can be made safe like Noah. When God sees your faith in Jesus you will be saved from the punishment for sin. Take time to pray and make your hearts clean and right before God. Think about how your heart becomes like an ark of safety when you receive Jesus. God’s word is hidden there. (Read Psalm 119 verse 11). His words will affect the things you say and do, so that you too can find grace in his eyes through Jesus.

2) Power Tools - "Moth Eaten"

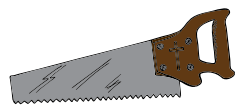
As you begin to build and dress the Rescue Robot you are to teach the children how to find grace. Today this will be done through some dressing up activities. Only the eyes are to be attached to the robot this week as the children discover just what God is looking for. Firstly, talk about the fact that God doesn't look at the outward appearance but at a heart that is willing to obey him, no matter what. What did God see in Noah?



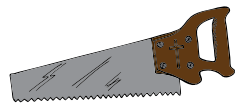
Imagine devoting 120 years obeying one particular task without seeing any evidence or receiving encouragement from the people around you. Ask how many could do this without getting bored or giving up? This was one of the reasons Noah found grace in God's eyes. He was prepared to obey, whatever the cost. Ask the children to think about all of that wood and time. But Noah's obedience meant salvation for both him and his family.



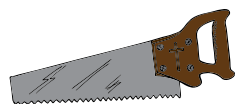
To live in an ark of safety, found through faith in Jesus, you must have this kind of faith. This faith builds for an eternal future. Inside the pages of Matthew chapter 6 verses 19 to 21 have some cut out pictures of small moths. (See Visual Aid 3). When you open and read the verses allow the group to examine them. Maybe wear your safety glasses for fun. Inside Noah's heart was the courage to live by faith, with eternity in view. Talk about how all material possessions are only temporary. Most fabrics get eaten by dusty moths.



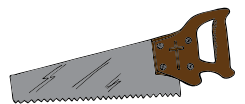
Everyone around Noah still continued being very sinful, living for themselves and not willing to repent and listen to God. God gave 120 years for the ark to be built as he is kind and gives time for repentance. But he could not allow sin to continue in this way and so, true to his word, the storm clouds of judgement followed.



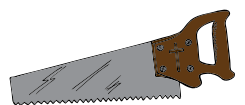
In the same way, an ark of salvation has been prepared for mankind through Jesus Christ by his obedience to die on the cross. You can find grace in God's eyes when you first believe and then live in obedience to Jesus. Just like in the days of Noah sin is destroying God's Creation and a day for judgement will come. Because God is kind he gives people time to be saved.



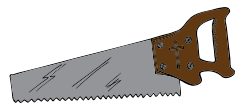
God's eyes search the world to find people who will be ready to live prepared for eternal life. He doesn't look at the dressing up of a person's life but whether they will dress down and have eternal treasure in heaven. Inside the wheelie bin robot have x2 sets of rich man's clothes and x2 sets of poor man's clothes. Divide the group into 2 teams and give a set of clothes to each team respectively. Nominate a rich man and a poor man from each team. They then have to race to get dressed, in their correct clothes, as quickly as they can, e.g. the rich men in the rich clothes and the poor men in the poor clothes.



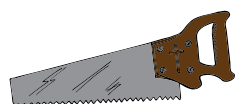
Read together Luke chapter 16 verses 19 to 22. At this point ask the rich man and the poor man in both teams to swap dressing up clothes as quickly as possible, so that the poor man becomes rich and the rich man becomes poor. When this is complete conclude the story from verses 23 to 31.



Talk about how dressing up and living for this life brought judgement on the rich man. Underneath the poor man's clothes was a heart that found grace in God's eyes and found salvation. Our own righteousness is like tatty rags. We all need to be saved.



Discuss with the older juniors how the message to repent and find salvation in this life is crucial. In Noah's days the eyes of people were on the pleasures of this life and ignored the ark of safety that was being built. Today, grace and salvation can be found in Jesus, but how many just continue pleasing themselves. (Read Matthew chapter 24 verses 36 to 39). You must look at the signs and be like Noah who obeyed God in everything. (Read Genesis chapter 6 verse 22).



3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Dressing Down"



With only the searching eyes on the Rescue Robot you can continue with some dressing up and dressing down games. For the first game play charades of some well known Bible heroes and some current world idols. Have plenty of appropriate dressing up clothes and props that relate to your selection of characters for the children to use. Hide them inside the Rescue Robot ready to show to your group.



To play, divide the group into teams. A volunteer from each team goes to the leader and is told the first hero/idol on their team's list. The actor cannot make noises or speak but has to race to select their clothes/props to dress up in, and act out the character. Once the team has guessed the correct character the player removes the dressing up clothes and the next volunteer runs to the leader with the answer and is told the next character on the list, and so on. (N.B. So that the teams are not waiting for the same props, run the list from the bottom up for one of team). Discuss the qualities in your heroes that found favour in God's eyes.



Think about and discuss the example Jesus gave to us. He dressed himself down. He was rich and yet for our sakes he became poor in worldly riches so that salvation could be found. Discuss how many times Father God said, "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him." (Ref. Matthew chapter 3 verse 17). Jesus obeyed Father God in everything.



For a dressing down game divide the group into teams. The leader is to station themselves central to all of your teams. A volunteer runner has to be decided for each team. The leader then calls out a specific item of clothing, such as a particular coloured sock, and the team have to provide the item for the runner. (They can't be wearing it. They have to bring you the item in their hands). The first runner to give the correct item to the leader gains a point. Continue until the leader or their list is exhausted.



Read Matthew chapter 19 verses 16 to 24. Discuss how the rich young ruler was dressed up for this life but when Jesus searched his heart his riches appeared to be more important to him than God's kingdom.

4) Oil Can - "Safe and Sound"

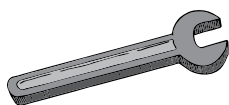
Have hidden inside the wheelie bin lots of old pairs of glasses and sun glasses. Allow the group to come and try them on for fun and select their favourite. Show the group a real pair of safety glasses. Just as God keeps his eyes upon us as people so we too should keep our eyes fixed upon him for our safety and salvation.



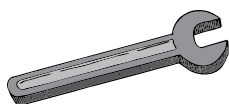
In readiness for a time of prayer read together Psalm 123 verses 1 and 2. Discuss how for 120 years whilst Noah built his ark he had to keep his eyes fixed upon God. Imagine how hard it must have been to be the only family following God. As he did this he found mercy when the earth was judged. Noah and his family were kept safe. Pray together and especially remember the families of each child that they too will be saved.



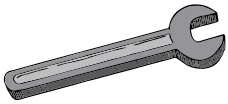
5) The Word Box - "Hang Ups"



To play this memory verse game you will need x2 clothes rails and coat hangers. Divide the group into teams and attach the individual words of today's memory verse onto separate coat hangers. Mix up the order of the words.



Line up the teams to take it in turns to race to their clothes rail and find the coat hanger with the first word of the verse on. They then place this at the front of the rail and race back to their team to tag the next player who then races to find the second coat hanger/word and so on until the verse is displayed in order. Read the verse together.



To encourage the group to memorise the verse you could then remove a hanger at a time, in no particular order, so that they can recite the verse without prompts. God is kind. He gives time for people to get prepared for eternity. Where you spend eternity depends on whether you put your faith in Jesus and live dressed in obedience ready for heaven. With the older juniors discuss some of the 'hang ups' young people have in living for Jesus. Discuss how Noah and his family were alone and subject to ridicule, yet persevered doing the right thing for 120 years. They lived and were made right in God's eyes by their faith.

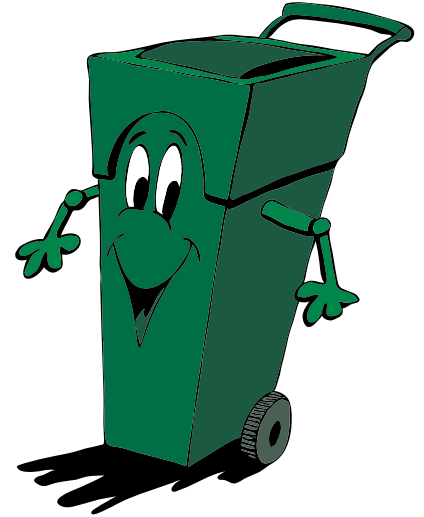
6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel in the Rescue Robot and review the points you have used from today's lesson. How can we find grace?

Discuss the ark of safety which Noah built by obeying God. Sin in Noah's time was punished with death. Sin in our time carries the same punishment. We all need to be saved, just like Noah.

The ark of safety that will keep us from the judgement that will come upon this world is found in Jesus Christ. Read Romans chapter 6 verse 23. Father God cannot look at sin. His eyes are too pure to do this. But when you receive Jesus Christ, who has taken the punishment for the sin of the whole world, you can find grace in God's eyes and salvation through Jesus. You will be saved by your faith in Jesus.

Give the opportunity for any children to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Pray together.



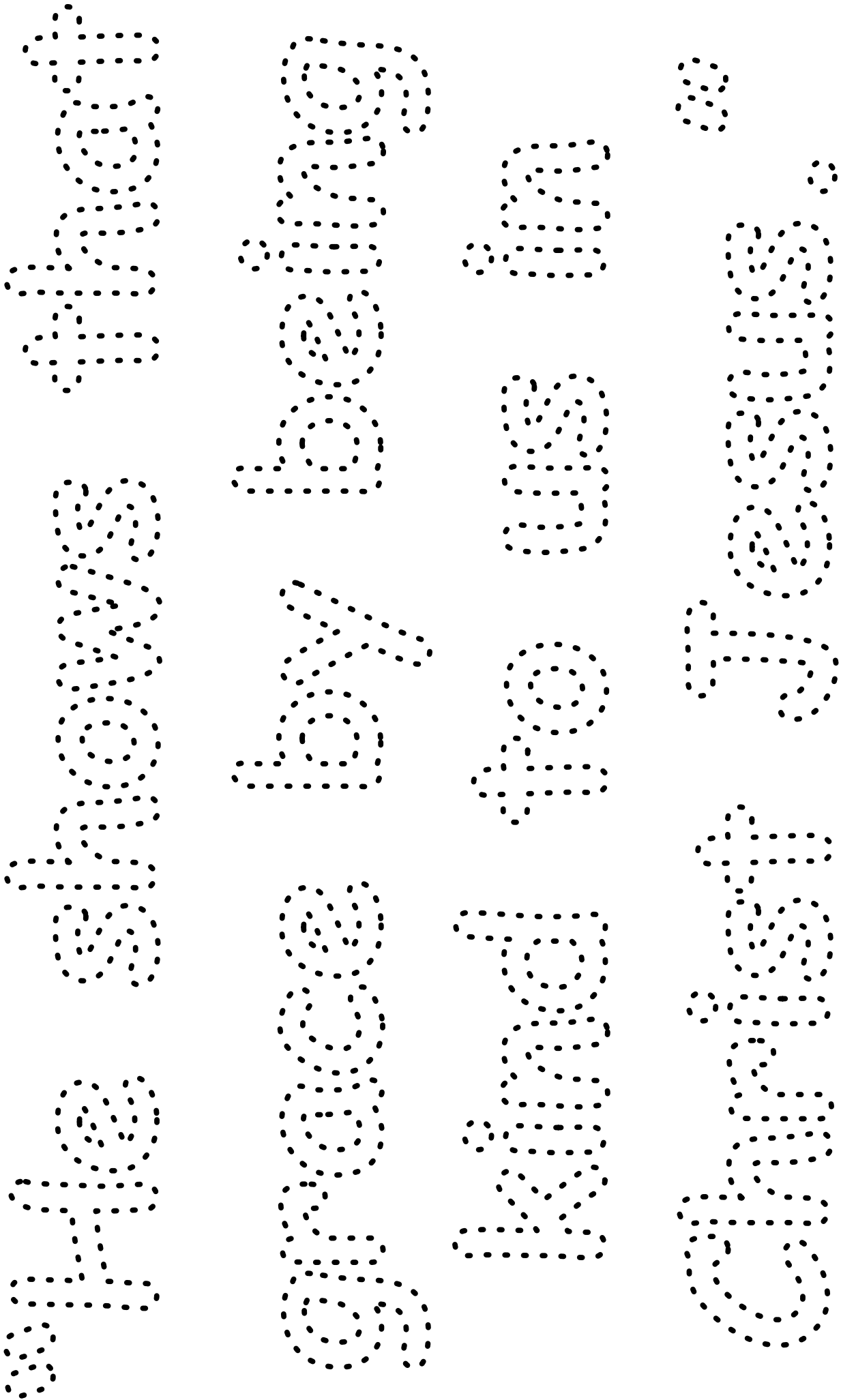
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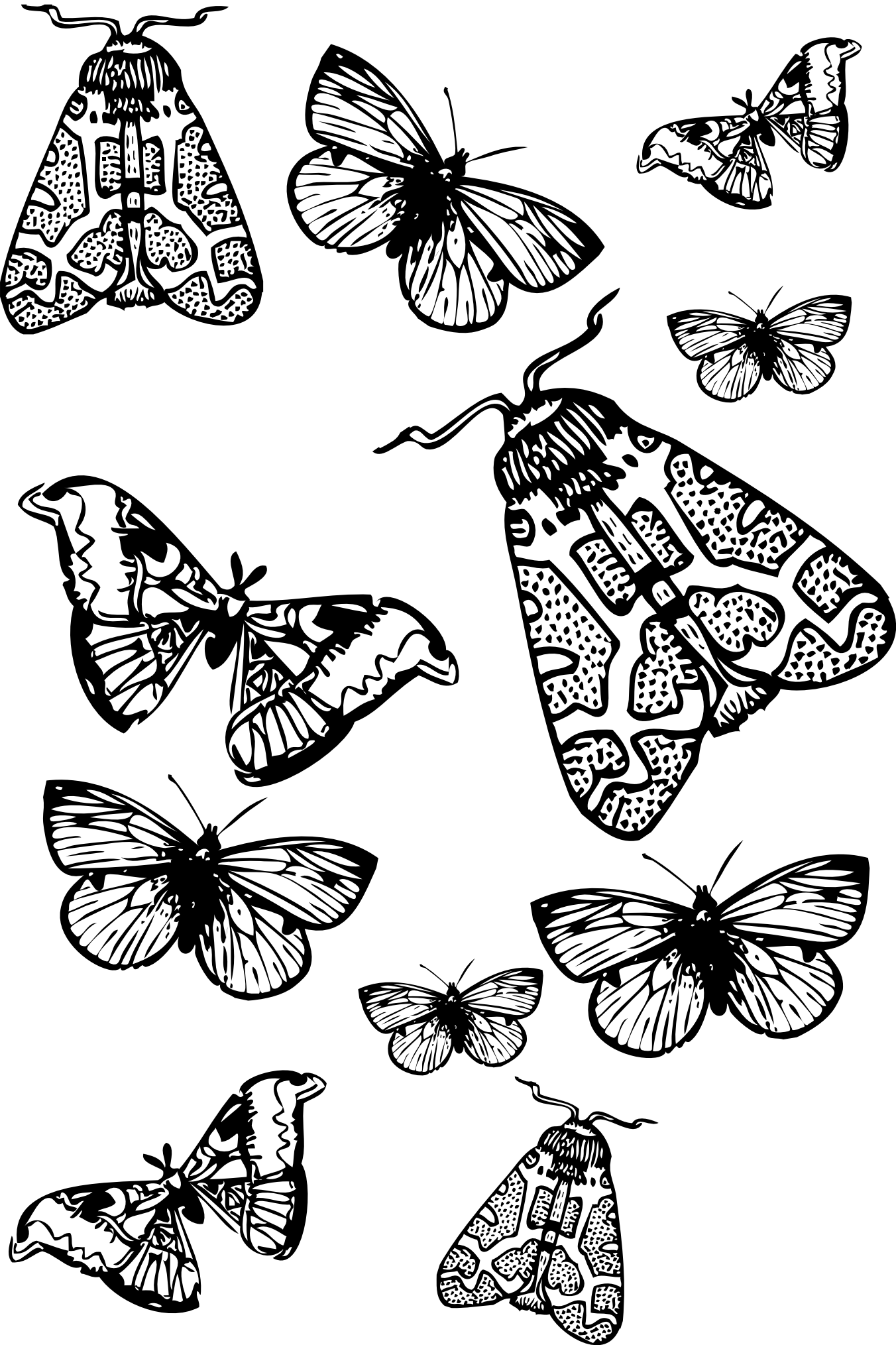


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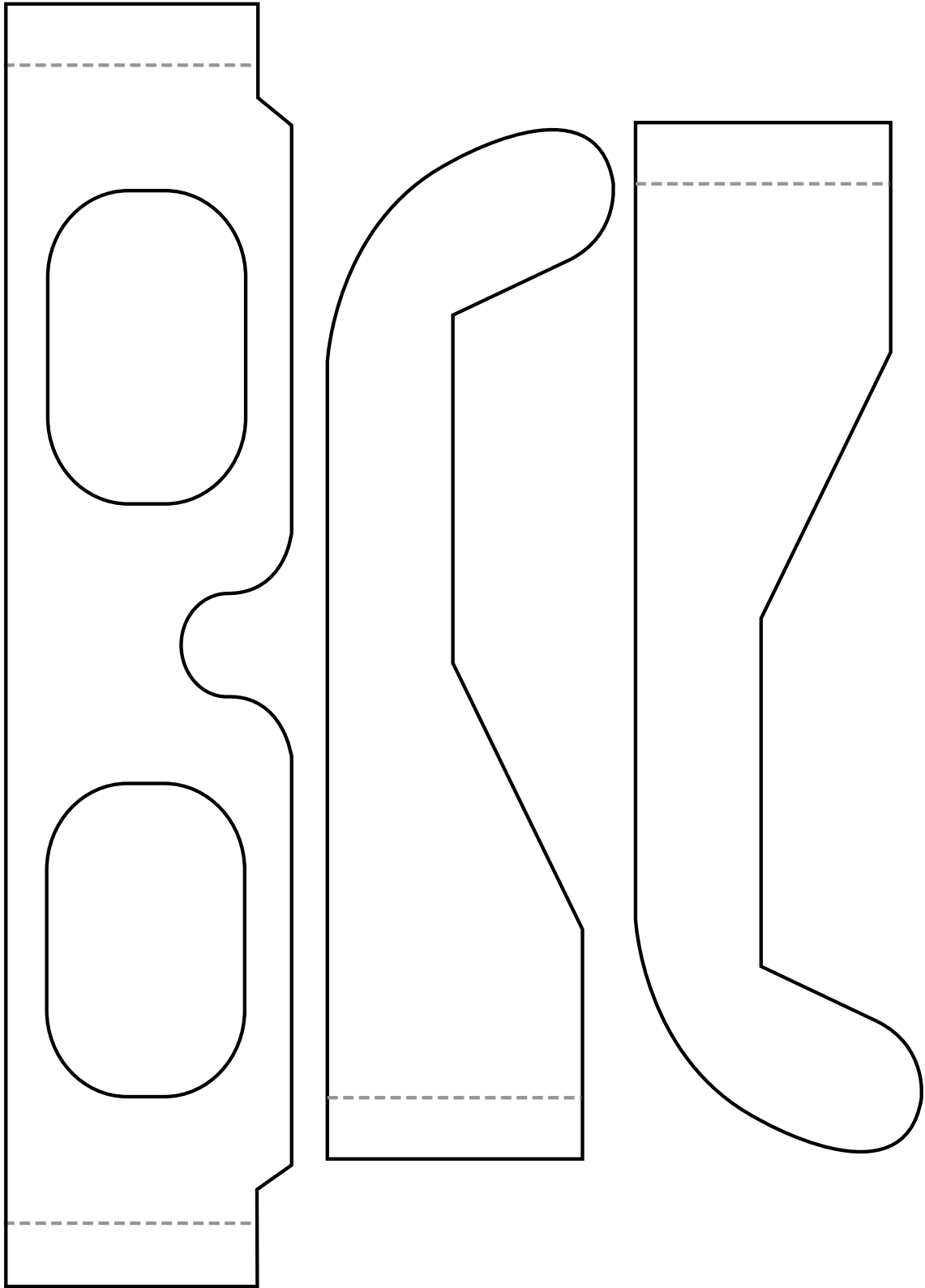
Safety Glasses

Materials:

- Photo copy template of glasses
- Coloured card
- Scissors & glue
- Coloured cellophane
- Felt tip pens
- Craft decorations
- Sellotape
- Craft knife and board

Instructions:

- 1) Cut out the glasses, then fold and glue the arms onto the front.
- 2) Cut out x2 square pieces of cellophane paper slightly larger than the lens of the glasses.
- 3) To cut out the lens on the card place the card frame onto a craft board. Using a craft knife score and cut out the shape of the lens.
- 4) Glue the cellophane lenses over the lens holes on the underside of the frame.
- 5) Decorate the frame of the glasses with craft bits and pieces.
- 6) For extra durability you could make the frame double thickness - sandwich the lens in between the front and back card frame and glue together.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Orange plastic sheeting
- x2 Polystyrene craft balls
- Wobbly eyes, glue and paint
- Wire coat hanger or strong craft wire
- Empty tissue box covered in brown paper with a foam mouth and nose attached to it using double sided sticky pads
- Sellotape & scissors

Suppliers:

- Express Packaging Ltd for plastic
- Hobby Craft & general stationers

Instructions:

- 1) Cover the lid of the bin with orange plastic using sticky tape.
- 2) Using an empty tissue box cover it with brown paper. Stick with Sellotape.
- 3) Attach a nose and a 'sad' mouth made out of craft foam with double-sided sticky pads. This will create a small head that will help create the ark picture.
- 4) Secure the box onto the lid of the robot using strong clear tape.
- 5) Create googley eyes using x2 large polystyrene craft balls. Paint on eyes and stick on some wobbly eyes using glue for effect.
- 6) Secure to each eye a length of strong thin wire using wired coat hangers or craft wire. (The craft wire needs to be strong enough to carry the weight of the eye ball). The polystyrene craft balls we used opened up in two and so this made securing the wires easy.
- 7) Fix the end of the wire inside the ball, secure with tape and close together the polystyrene ball using more tape to hold each eye ball together.
- 8) Make a hole in the top of the tissue box. Attach the other end of the wire through the hole in the tissue box and then through the hole on the lid of the bin, securing the wire to the cleat ties. Ensure they are fixed firmly to the bin.
- 9) Bend the eyes into position.





Week 2

“Staying Afloat”

The Benchmark

Today you will take out the axe from your tool bag so that the children can become equipped and learn how to divide the word of truth in a right way. If they are taught to chop up and leave out the bits they don't like they will not be the kind of person that is accepted by God. From an early age they are to be trained to work out their own salvation with respect as they keep in mind the great lengths Jesus went to for them. The foundation of your teaching is to be based on the fact that the 'entirety of God's word is truth'. From start to finish God's word cannot fail and must be obeyed so that they can stay afloat when storms hit the world around them. Noah made an ark for himself and followed the measurements and detail given by God. He used his axe with precision and when his work was tested it stood firm. God remembered Noah and was pleased with his obedience. He was rewarded with salvation as God's word had become an ark of safety when it was fully obeyed.

Nailing The Point

From start to finish, God's word is true.

Memory Verse

- Psalm 119 verse 160

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Genesis chapter 6 & 7
- Philippians chapter 2 verse 12
- Psalm 18 verse 30
- 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 15
- Genesis chapter 8 verse 1

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - "Chop Sticks"
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Robo's Craft Box

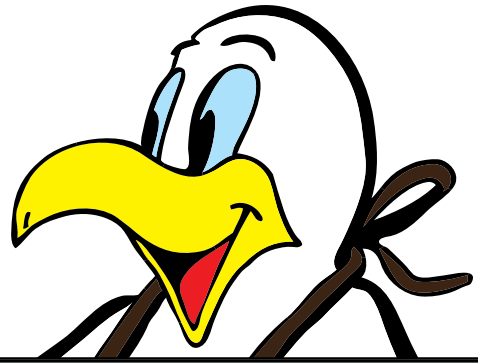
- 1) Axe Template

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“Your words are true from the start. And all your laws will be fair forever.”

Psalms 119 verse 160



1) The Tool Box - “Chop Sticks”



The blue print design for building the Rescue Robot will be based on obeying God's instructions from start to finish. Noah didn't pick and choose or even dare to question the plan given by God, but in complete obedience worked out his own salvation with respect and fear. Noah became a workman accepted by God as he divided God's word in a right way. Because of his obedience he was saved as God remembered Noah and delivered him safely from the judgement of sin.



To introduce today's memory verse and theme print several copies of Visual Aid 1. On each poster pile up plenty of wooden chop sticks for the children to play jack straws in small groups. The aim of the game is to remove a chop stick from the pile - using a chop stick and not your hands - without causing movement to any of the other chop sticks. To score your game of jack straws you will need to colour code the chop sticks, giving different colours a different number of points.



Show the group the axe being used today from your tool bag. See Robo's Craft Box. Discuss how sharp an axe is and how it is used to chop up large trees and wood. From Genesis chapter 6 discuss the measured plan God gave Noah to build his own ark of salvation. Noah did not take his axe and chop the wood according to his own design but followed God's instruction completely. Read together today's memory verse. If the entirety of God's word is true and right from start to finish, should you chop up and only choose the bits you like? Discuss.



Because Noah was fully obedient in following God's instruction he stayed afloat and was saved from the flood of judgement sent by God. Allow the children to make their own axe for their tool bag, incorporating today's memory verse on it. Think about the importance of following all of God's word so that you can each work out your own salvation with respect and fear. (Read Philippians chapter 2 verse 12).



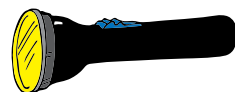
Following Robo's Design Sheet make the torso of the Rescue Robot into an ark. Use chop sticks to mark out the wooden panels on your robot. Include today's memory verse on a rubber ring which is to act as the window on your ark. As you build your Rescue Robot reinforce the importance of Noah following all of God's instruction so that the boat stayed afloat.



To show a large selection of the pairs of animals that were saved on the ark use a colouring sheet roll as per the design sheet. This will need to be rolled up inside the Rescue Robot. Either have pictures of animal pairs to stick onto the roll or have templates of animals drawn for the children to colour. Stick onto the roll of paper a variety of foods for the animals to eat. To keep everyone involved, have a selection of your group building the ark and the rest working with the animals. Discuss how God brought all of the animals to Noah. See Genesis chapter 7 verses 8 & 9. God will always fulfil his own word. He confirmed the words and actions of his servant Noah by sending the flood and keeping them safe.

2) Box of Bright Sparks - "Two By Two"

Play a game of animal pairs so that you can sail the Rescue Robot towards salvation. Write on separate pieces of paper the names of animals (in duplicate). Give each child a slip of paper which they must not show to anyone else. Then give the children instructions for the activity. They must locate their pair by imitating that animal's sound and action. No talking is allowed.



When they find their respective pair they must line up in two's by the Rescue Robot. Wait for all of the animals to be seated before giving the next instruction.



Talk about how God is kind and caring. He ensured that all of the animals boarded the ark safely. Their next task is to make sure that the animals board the ark starting with the smallest to the biggest. To do this, give the group a set amount of time to re-organise the line so that the smallest animal pair is at the front and the largest animal pair is at the back. Once this fun task is complete roll up the lining paper filled with animals to show them going into the Rescue Robot.



Game 2. Give each child a chop stick and ask them to remain paired in front of the ark. The leader is to take some packets of polo sweets and give two each to the two animals at the bottom of the line. The left hand pair is to be team A and the right hand pair is to be team B.



A race will be staged between team A & B. They must hold the chop stick in their left hand with their right hand behind their back. The leader must put x2 polo sweets onto the end of the chop sticks of the two animals at the bottom of the line. They then race to pass the polo sweets to the next animal in front of them in the line by inserting them onto their chop stick, with the final animal depositing the polo's into the Rescue Robot. They must not touch the polo's with their hands



If the team drop their sweets they must start again. Continue until a set amount of polo sweets have been sent down the line two by two. With older juniors this could be played with the chop sticks held by their teeth, but only under strict supervision so that no accidents occur.



Discuss with the group what an amazing miracle it was for God to bring to Noah all of the animals specified in his word. Noah was asked to make the ark and then God fulfilled his own word by confirming his word to Noah and finishing what he had said he would do. Salvation was possible for Noah and his family because Noah showed faith by believing what God had said. He showed his faith by acting upon God's words because he believed the entirety of his words.



God was then faithful to perform his word. He brought the animals to Noah and then closed the door behind them. When the floods came they sailed away safely.

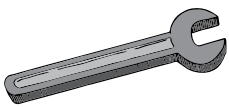


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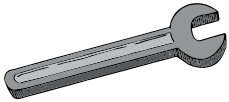
Ask the children to sit in a large circle and station the Rescue Robot in the centre of the group. Begin to tell the Bible story from Genesis chapter 7 verses 5 to 24 whilst holding an umbrella. A clear umbrella would work well. Hand each child in the circle two chop sticks which will become rhythm sticks. The leader is to teach the group a sequence of rhythms that can be performed in a round which can then act as 'rain' sound effects in the Bible story. The round is then echoed around the circle.

When the Bible story is complete and the rain stops, collect the chop sticks from the children. Discuss how long Noah had to remain faithfully obeying God's instruction. Was God's word 'entirely' true from start to finish? Ask the group to think about the instruction given to them to make the sound of rain. How important was it for each child to obey the instruction to get the rhythm right? What could have happened if Noah had decided to build his own boat, given the fact one had never been built before and taking into account the enormity of the flood? Obedience to the entirety of what God had said was critical for his own salvation. (See Psalm 18 verse 30).

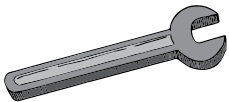
4) The Word Box - "Chop It Up"



Working in teams give the children a large pile of chop sticks and ask them to work together to create the words of today's memory verse using the chop sticks. They will need to build the words using capital letters as they will have to be square because the chop sticks are straight.



Depending on time, remove the chop sticks a word at a time from the verse to see if the group can remember it. Repeat until they have no prompts at all.



Discuss the plan of salvation that God has given to us through Jesus Christ. Read together 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 15 and talk about how important it is to use God's word like an axe so you can be equipped and trained to understand God's word in an acceptable way. Noah did not come up with his own plan but followed God's completely. You cannot make up your own plan of salvation and rules, but must follow what Jesus says completely.

5) Oil Can - "Remember Me"

Ask the group to sit in a circle ready for a time of prayer and worship. Give each child a different animal name. Ask the children to remember their own animal name as well as the animal names that have been given to the other members of the group. (For younger groups, give the children an animal sticker to help them take part in this task).



Go over the animal names a few times while the children act like their animal. The leader is to stand in the centre of the group acting like a conductor of an orchestra. Using a chop stick as a baton they are to point at a particular child who must respond by acting like their named animal. The whole group must then act out that particular animal. The leader continues to do this randomly around the whole circle. Last to respond loses points for their team.



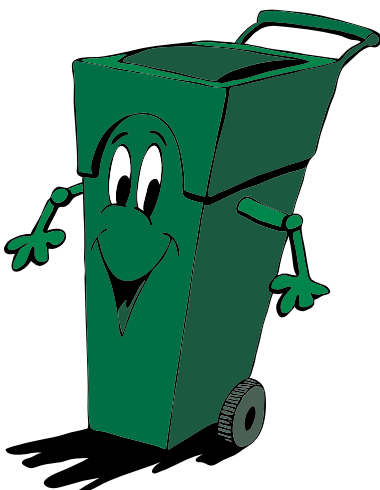
Before praying, discuss how in Genesis chapter 8 verse 1 it says that God remembered Noah. Whilst we can be sure that God had not forgotten him, we can also be sure that what God remembered was Noah's obedience to his word. He was now ready to perform his word to Noah. God always performs the words of his servants.



Pray together and ask for the strength to live a life of obedience to God's word. You will not be asked to build an ark like Noah, but obedience to the entirety of God's word will bring safety to you and your families. Ask the children to speak out the memory verse as they pray.



6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?



Wheel on the Rescue Robot and review the teaching that you have focused on today. Allow the children to ask questions and invite them to let you know what they have learned.

Discuss how God's word was true for Noah and it remains true for us today.

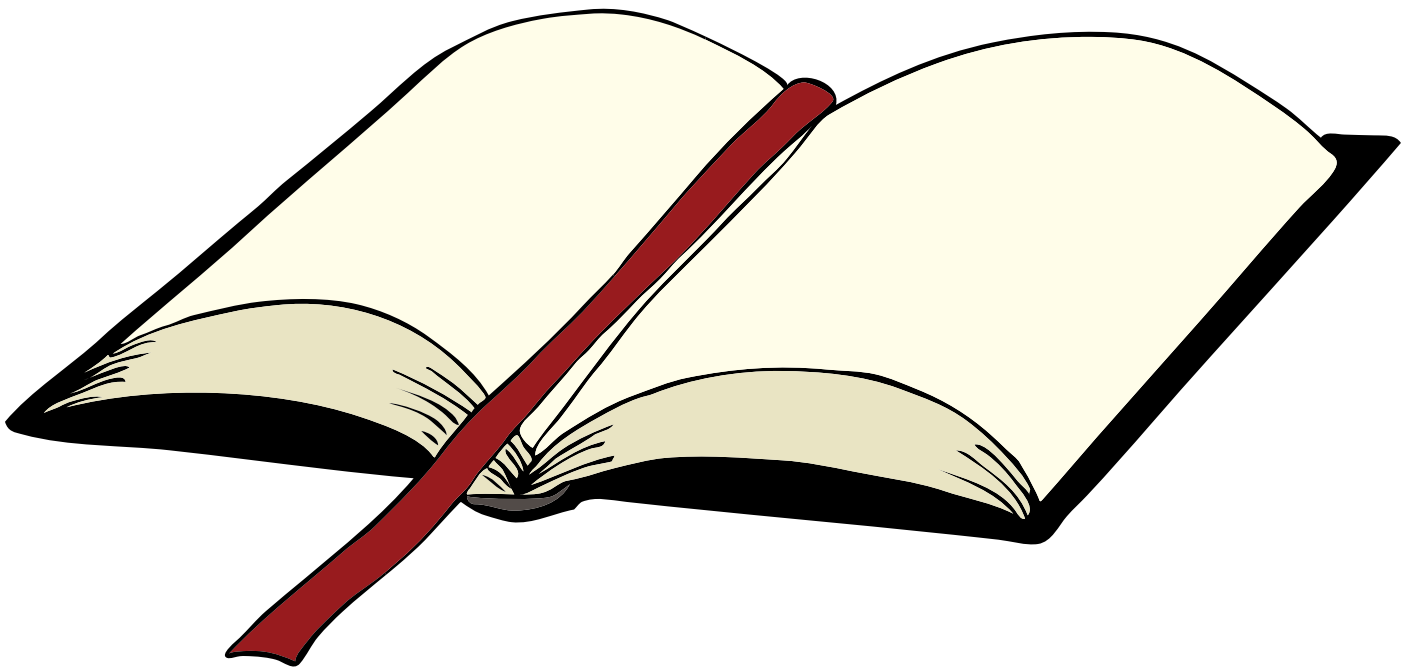
Jesus has promised to be like an ark of salvation when you receive his words and live in obedience to them. You must make sure you work out your own salvation by learning to read and understand his word for yourself. As you do this Jesus will be true to his word and you will be saved.

Invite children to receive Jesus as their own Saviour. Pray together.



Psalm 119
verse 160

**"Your words are
true from the
start. And all
your laws will be
fair forever."**



Psalm 119 verse 160

Tool Bag - Axe

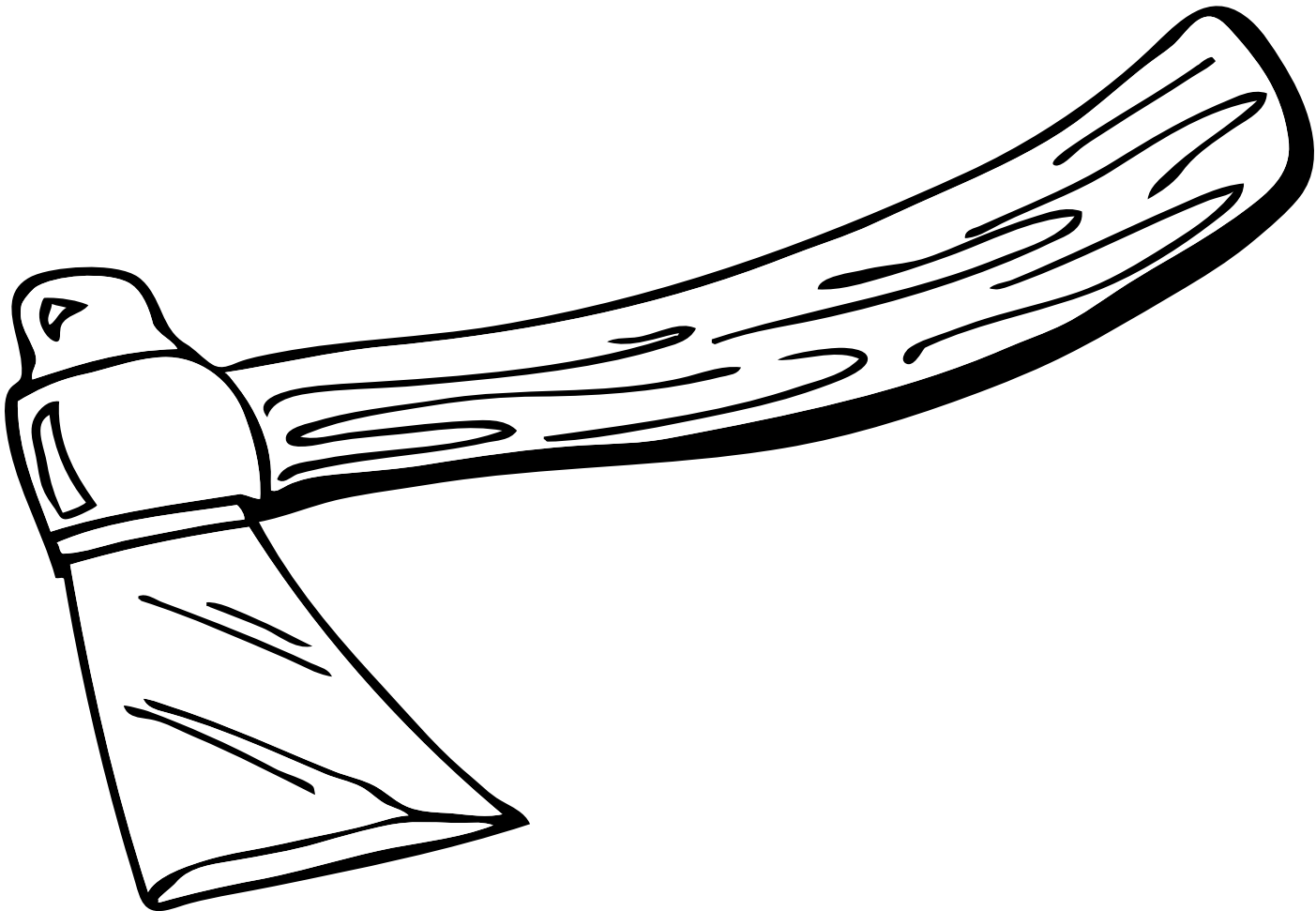
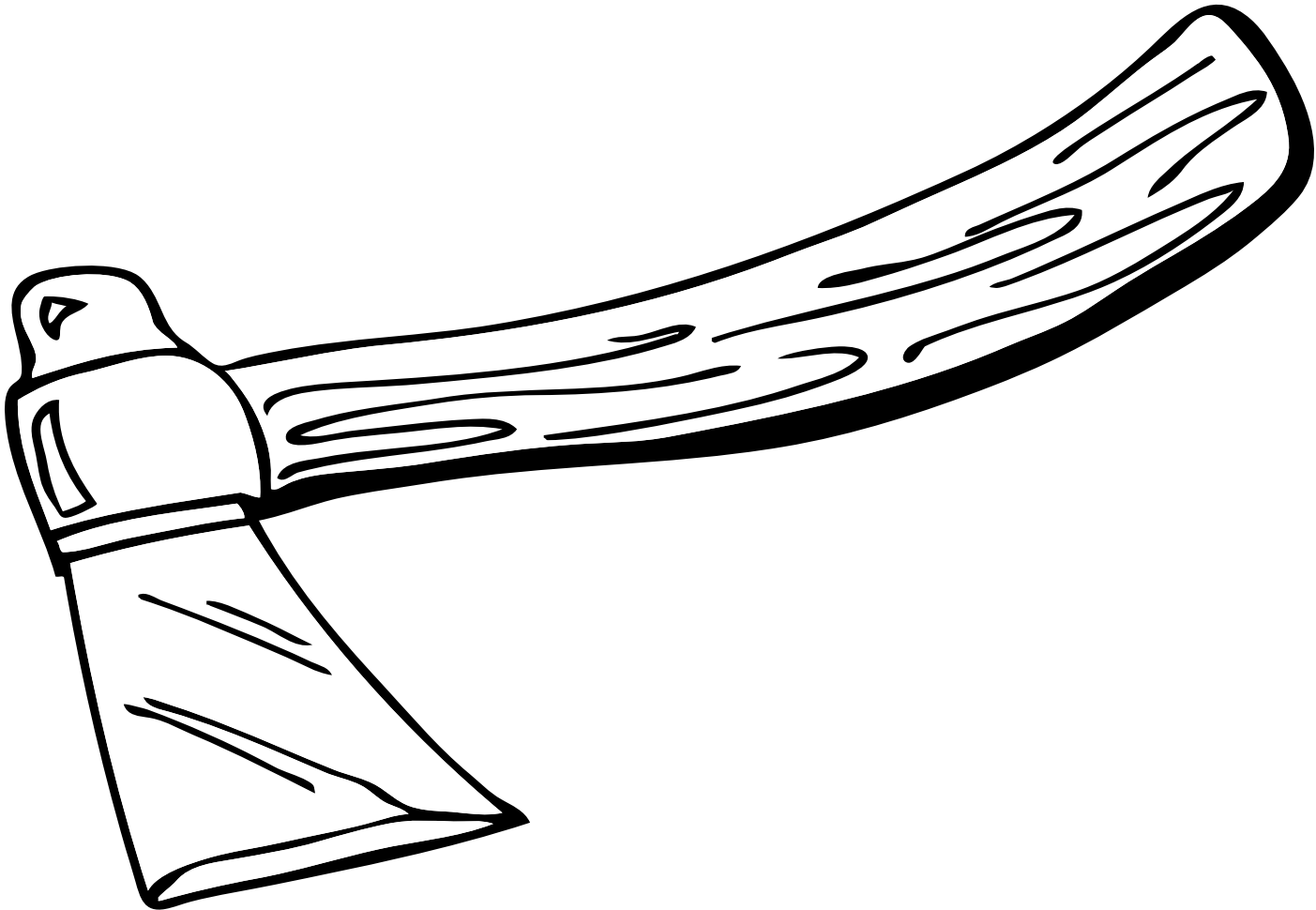
Materials:

- Photo copy of axe template
- Brown craft foam
- Scissors and glue
- Tin foil
- Felt tip pen

Instructions:

- 1) Photo copy sufficient templates for the children participating in this craft.
- 2) Cut out the axe template using a pair of scissors.
- 3) Stick onto a piece of recycled card e.g. cereal box card.
- 4) Cut around the axe shape.
- 5) Decorate the axe head by covering with tin foil. Secure with glue.
- 6) Cut out brown craft foam/paper the shape of the axe handle and small strips to decorate the axe foiled head.
- 7) Glue to the card axe and finish off the wooden effect using a felt tip pen.





Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Orange plastic sheeting
- x50 chop sticks
- Double sided sticky pads and Sellotape
- x2 cheap umbrellas
- Craft foam to create rubber ring and string
- Colouring roll of paper or lining paper
- x2 broom stales & x1 22mm Solder Ring

Suppliers:

- Chinese Supermarket
- The Works

Instructions:

- 1) Cover the whole of the torso of the bin with orange plastic sheeting. Stick onto the bin using Sellotape. This is best done in advance of your lesson depending on the time available to you.
- 2) Make wooden panels on your ark by using chop sticks. Attach x2 chop sticks horizontally across the front of the bin using double sided sticky pads and then secure with Sellotape to help support the weight of the chop stick.
- 3) Leave a space of approximately 4" below the first 2 chop sticks and attach another x2 chop sticks in the same way. Continue this effect down the whole bin.
- 4) Repeat this effect around the sides and on the back of the bin.
- 5) Make a rubber ring out of craft foam. Add some string for effect. (Or just use a small real one). Attach to the robot using double sided sticky pads.
- 6) If possible use some old children's umbrellas. We purchased x2 cheap golf umbrellas and detached the handles so that each umbrella could be attached through the respective holes on each side of the bin.
- 7) Our robot arm umbrellas were secured by packing the chrome ring on the side of the bin with wood to make the end of the umbrella firm.
- 8) Alternatively you could use the x2 broom stale arms – see R1W1 – and fix a child's umbrella to each respective arm, securing it with tape onto the broom stale. Cover over the taped broom stale with orange plastic for decoration.
- 9) As per the game instruction, stick the paired pictures of animals onto the colouring roll sheet of paper using double sided sticky pads.
- 10) Also attach food provisions which will need to be removed for the next session to show that the animals have been fed and cared for.
- 11) The end of the roll will need to be stuck inside the bin ready to roll up into the ark when it starts raining.





Week 3

“Safe Passage”

The Benchmark

Noah and his family were saved from the judgement being poured out on the earth. Secure inside the ark of salvation they sailed towards new horizons of hope. With a safe passage guaranteed Noah peered out through his window of opportunity as they anchored on Mount Ararat. Trusting in God, who had delivered them from death, they could now see the tops of mountains which were a glimpse of a future hope. He continued to wait for God as a gentle breeze dried up the waters that had covered the earth. With the fountains of the deep stopped and the rain clouds dispelled God led Noah and his family safely off the ark onto dry ground. Our caring Father instructed the safe passage of the animals too as they were led out in family groups so that nothing was crushed. With the complete picture of salvation understood Noah started his new life with a sacrifice of worship. God, who had begun a good work had also completed it, sealing the moment with a rainbow of promise never to flood the earth again. Teach the children the complete work of salvation as they are hidden inside the ark of Jesus Christ where they will know the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. He who begun a good work in them will complete it as they pass from death to life.

Nailing The Point

Jesus will lose none that are his but will deliver us safely to eternal life. God is faithful and keeps his promises.

Memory Verse

- Philippians chapter 1 verse 6

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Isaiah chapter 59 verse 1
- Genesis chapter 8 & chapter 9 verses 1 - 15
- 2 Peter chapter 3 verse 9
- Colossians chapter 3 verse 3
- Matthew chapter 5 verse 18
- Psalm 51 verse 7
- Matthew chapter 24 verse 35
- Jeremiah chapter 29 verses 11 - 13
- 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 5

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Fill In The Blanks
- 3) B&W Rainbow

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Finishing Touch”
- 2) Power Tools - “Small Details”
- 3) Box of Bright Sparks - “Dotting Your ‘i’s”
- 4) The Word Box - “Correction Fluid”
- 5) Oil Can - “Too Short?”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Robo's Craft Box

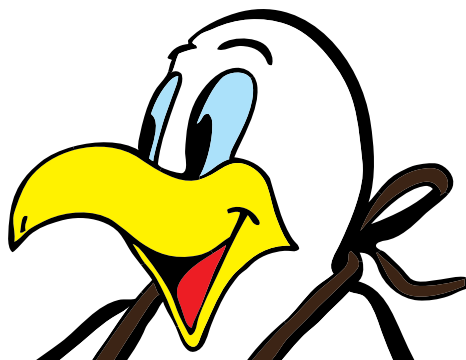
- 1) Wood Plane Template

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“God began doing a good work in you. And he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again. I am sure of that.”

Philippians chapter 1 verse 6



1) The Tool Box - “Finishing Touch”

There has never been a time in history when God’s hand was too short to save or his word was not fulfilled. Today you will be decorating the Rescue Robot with strong arms of salvation so that a rainbow of promise can be grasped by the children. This ‘finishing touch’ will complete the picture of salvation performed for Noah and his family. From this picture the children will be able to see the finished work of salvation given to them through Jesus Christ.

To commence today’s teaching allow the early birds to sharpen your group’s supply of coloured pencils and wax crayons. Discuss how quickly the pencils can become blunt and will need to be sharpened so that a picture can be completed. The crayons will be used to colour each team’s rainbow for the children to stick onto the umbrella arms of the robot.

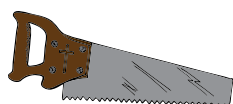
Divide the group into teams and give each team a supply of the sharpened pencils/wax crayons in red, yellow, pink, green, purple, orange, and blue and a copy of Visual Aid 3 - rainbow template. Next run a series of questions on the story of Noah so far. When a team answers a question correctly a team member can choose a crayon and then colour a section of the rainbow arch. Stress that rainbows will be awarded points for neatness and not speed. Whilst that player colours in their rainbow continue with the questions. As soon as another team member answers correctly they come and take over the colouring task. N.B. Leave the picture incomplete so that the finishing touches can be added at the end of the session when questions can be asked relating to today’s Bible story.

Read together today’s memory verse. Younger children can colour the verse in with lots of rainbow colours - Visual Aid 1. Discuss the story of Noah in light of the crayons. God began a work of salvation in Noah and completed it by safely delivering him, his family and the animals to dry land.

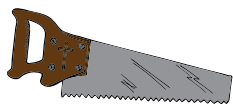
Make today’s tool for their tool bag. See Robo’s Craft Box for instructions. This will be the finishing tool. Examine a real wood plane and chat about how it works like a sharpener. Talk about how Noah remained obedient right to the point of waiting for God to say that they could leave the ark. Think about how his patience must have been tested waiting for God’s word to be fulfilled. Imagine 120 years making the ark and a year living inside it! What did Noah know about God that kept him to the end? He knew that whatever God starts, he finishes and whatever God says he will do. If your faith becomes blunt like a pencil then you must sharpen up and remember that God will finish and perfect what he has started in you. Read together Isaiah chapter 59 verse 1 and talk about the power that is in God’s hands to save.



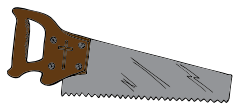
2) Power Tools - “Small Details”



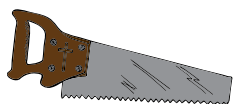
Assemble the group around the Rescue Robot ready to conclude the story of Noah from Genesis chapter 8 and chapter 9 verses 1 to 15. (In preparation remove the pictures of most of the food from the colouring roll paper from week 2. This should still be rolled up inside the Rescue Robot, so that when the animals come out of the ark the group will see they have eaten the provision of food - with a bit left over).



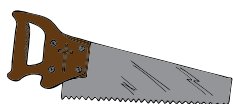
To interact with the group have an actor, which is to be Noah, hidden inside the robot. You will also need to display Visual Aid 1 ready for Noah to discover the mountain tops. Narrate the story up to verse 5 where the tops of mountains are seen by Noah. He is to be peering through the slightly opened lid with binoculars looking for land. When these are seen let down a small anchor which states the word hope from inside the robot as per the one on the Design Sheet. Discuss with the group at this point how waiting for God takes time but a glimpse of the mountains would have sharpened Noah's 'pencil' of patience.



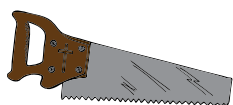
Open the bin lid completely and continue the story. When Noah sends out the birds have an origami bird (www.wikihow.com/Make-an-Origami-Flying-) attached to a piece of string and then onto a pencil. Noah can then swing the birds around in the air to visualise this part of the story. Talk about how Noah could not rush God but that his word would be fulfilled at the right time. God was going to ensure his plan of salvation meant a safe passage for everyone on board the ark, including the animals.



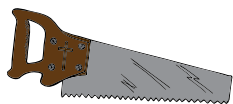
To imagine the animals disembarking the boat ask for some volunteers to help Noah roll out the animal pictures which are on the colouring paper roll prepared last week, and are hidden inside the Rescue Robot. Comment how they have eaten most of the food and discuss how God provides for all of our needs.



Why did God ask that they leave the ark grouped in families? He wanted to ensure the safety of all the animals. Father God cared about the small animals as they could be crushed by the larger animals and so instructed Noah to care for them properly when they got off the ark. He gave everyone a safe passage to a new life. He is a God of detail and cares about the large and small details. Everyone both big and small is important to Jesus. Remember the small details in everything you do. God is never in a rush but will take his time so that people are saved. When answers to prayer seem to be taking a while, it is because God is paying attention to detail.



Display 2 Peter 3 verse 9 with missing words. (See Visual Aid 2). Ask the children to look up the verse in their Bibles. Using different coloured pencils, allow volunteers to take it in turns to fill in a blank. When complete read together. Think about the different colours used and the different ways Jesus shows how much he cares for us.



The details of our lives will be completed in different ways but God's plan is that we are all saved from sin and receive eternal life through Jesus. When you receive Jesus as your Saviour you are hidden in him for safe keeping - like an ark. He will keep you safe no matter what happens around you, ready to deliver you into eternal life. When you believe in Jesus and receive him you escape the punishment of death because he was punished in your place. Read Colossians chapter 3 verse 3. Following Robo's Design Sheet complete the Rescue Robot.

3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Dotting Your 'i's"

Talk about how nothing misses God's attention whether these things are good or bad. The detail of how you live your life before him is very important. It was concluded about Noah that he was a good man and that he obeyed God. One day, when Jesus judges your life story and how it was written, will you wish you had given more attention to detail? Will it be concluded that you are a good person who obeyed Jesus in everything?



Split the children into small groups allocating a leader to each team. Give each group a large sheet of card and lots of coloured pencils. The task is for the team to write up the important facts of the story of Noah in a colourful and creative way. The team members are to take it in turns to write a sentence. Once the first sentence has been written another person writes the next sentence in a different colour and so on until the set period of time is complete.



For younger children a leader could do this as the children dictate the story and could use picture drawings to help the group become part of the final picture. When complete collect all of the stories and read each one out. Compare the details considered important by one group and perhaps not remembered by another group.



Discuss how working together added variety in writing the story. Working with others makes your life more colourful and expressive. Depending on time, have a version written up for your group with missing words. Allow volunteers to come and fill in the missing words with different coloured pencils. If they cannot write they could attempt to draw the missing word as a picture? Talk about how this version of the story was written following what is found in the Bible.



Read together Matthew chapter 5 verse 18. God does not drop a word but dot's his 'i's and crosses his 't's. Everything he says he will always perform. Even the smallest detail is important to him.



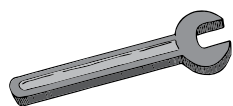
Talk about how privileged you are to have a Bible. Noah did not have a printed Bible neither did he know how everything would end. Review last week's verse and discuss how the entirety of God's word is true. This is your guide to read and follow. You also have the Holy Spirit as your personal teacher to lead you into all truth as you follow Jesus.



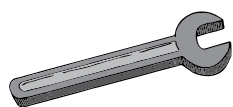
What happens if we make mistakes? Can the story of your life be corrected? Whilst there are consequences for doing wrong that affect your circumstances and friendships, you can know new beginnings when you repent and say sorry. You can then live a new chapter in a new way. (Read Psalm 51 verse 7). Picture the snow being like white Tipp-Ex. Correct any mistakes on your story board with some Tipp-Ex to illustrate forgiveness.



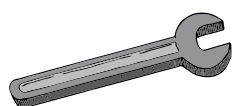
4) The Word Box - "Correction Fluid"



Make a large poster of today's memory verse but with a number of wrong words in the text. Before you show this to your group read out loud the correct version of the verse from their Bibles.



Show the group the incorrect poster of the verse and allow a volunteer at a time to come and paint out a wrong word, using Tipp-Ex, until all of the mistakes are removed. How do you know what you read was wrong? Discuss how important it is to read your Bible so that you know how to live in a right way before God. How difficult would it be to spot the mistakes if you had not read the verse correctly?



Once the Tipp-Ex is dry allow a volunteer at a time to write in a correct word until the verse reads right. The Bible says that heaven and earth will be destroyed - because he is making a new heaven and a new earth - but his words will never be destroyed. (Matthew chapter 24 verse 35). God's word will last forever that is why we can trust what he says. Whatever he starts he will finish because his words are without fault.

5) Oil Can - "Too Short?"

In readiness to spend time with the children in prayer lay on the floor x2 long pieces of lining paper. Place on either side of the Rescue Robot so that the animal pictures, trailing out of the robot, divide the two groups. This is as a reminder that God will perform what he says he will do.

Divide the children into 2 groups and line up evenly down the side of each sheet of lining paper ready to complete the following task. Give each child a coloured pencil which is different to the person sitting next to them. They then have to work as a team to draw around their hand so that the little finger and the thumb connect up to the outline of the person's hand on either side of them. This will form a long line of hand prints down the sheet of paper. When this is complete ask the children to write a short prayer request inside their hand print. Ask for volunteers to read out their prayers as you worship together. Look how you need each other and can pray for each other as you link with other believers.

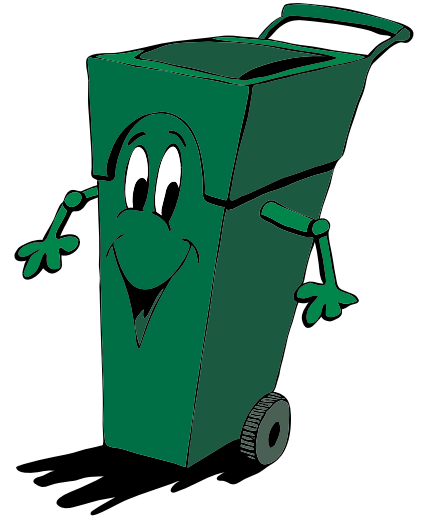
Was God's hand strong enough to save Noah, his family and all of the animals on board the ark? Will he be strong enough to save and help you? Read together Jeremiah chapter 29 verses 11 to 13. When you live as friends of Jesus, just like Noah, you commit your lives into trustworthy hands that will save you. When you seek after him with your whole lives he will not only save you but lead you into a future that is good and full of certain hope. This hope is eternal life.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel in the Rescue Robot and discuss the final picture. Run a short quiz on the story of Noah from what you have learned today, and allow the children to colour in their team rainbow's as they answer correctly - as per section 1. Once the rainbow pictures are finished stick them onto the umbrella arms using double sided sticky pads.

'You can be sure' God always keeps his promises because he is faithful. The good work of salvation that he begins in us he has promised to complete as he makes us ready for eternal life. The work of salvation is ongoing in our lives as we are being changed to be like Jesus.

When you receive Jesus as your Saviour he becomes like the ark which he fills with the Holy Spirit. He is your strength and comfort on the journey. He guarantees your safe passage into this new life. (Read 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 5). Pray together and invite any children who have not received Jesus as their Saviour to do so.





Philippians chapter 1 verse 6

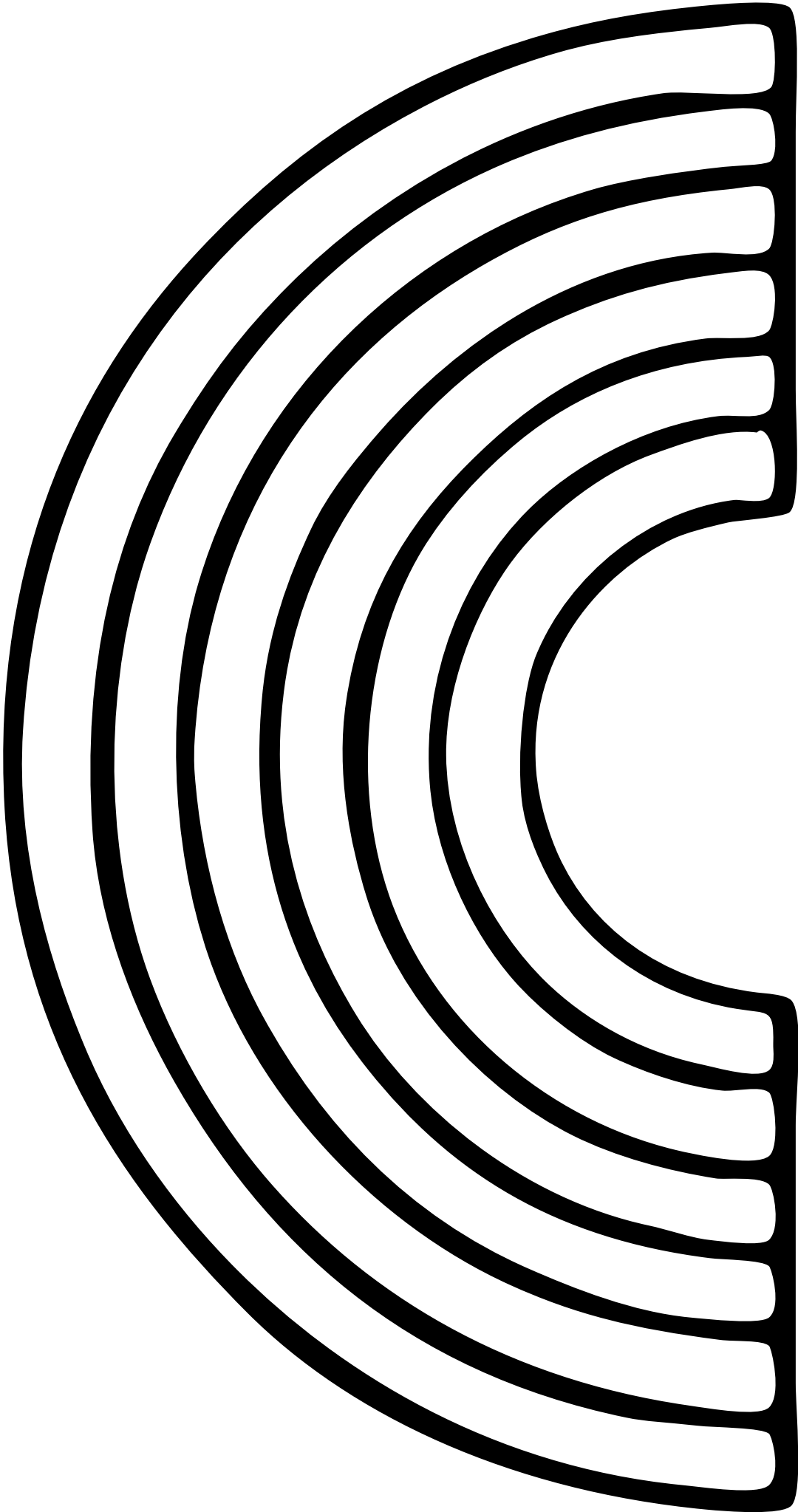
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Philippians chapter 1 verse 6

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2 Peter chapter 3 verse 9



Tool Bag - Wood Plane

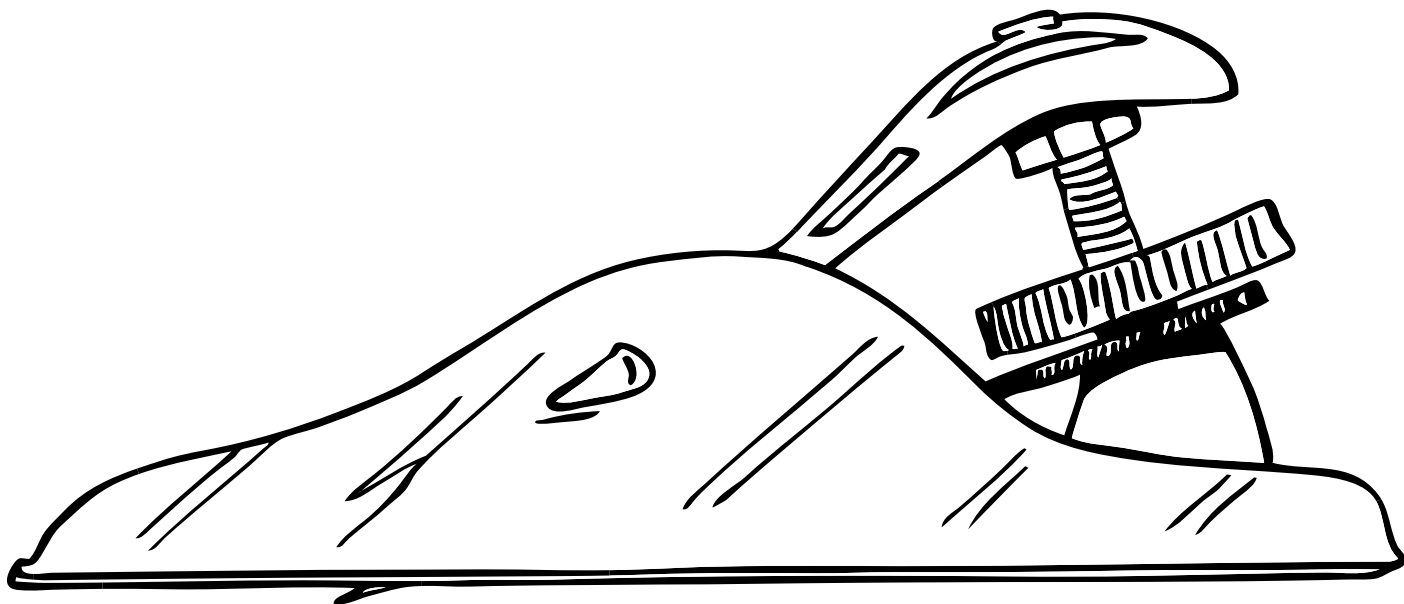
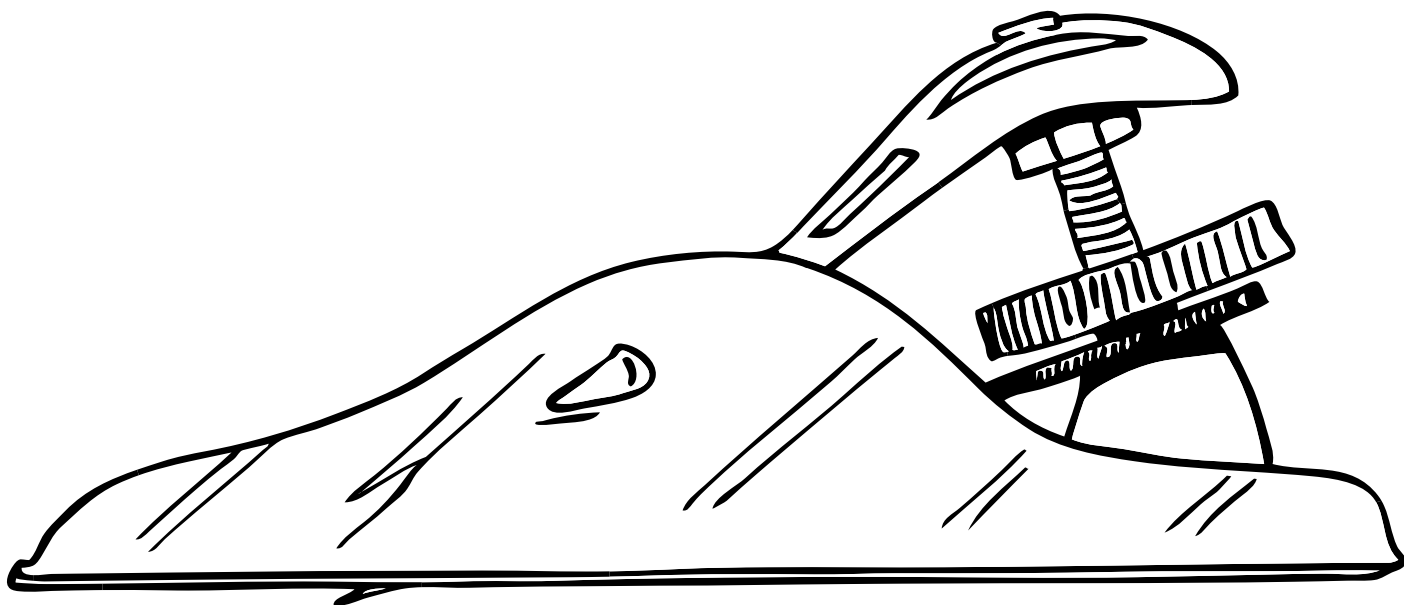
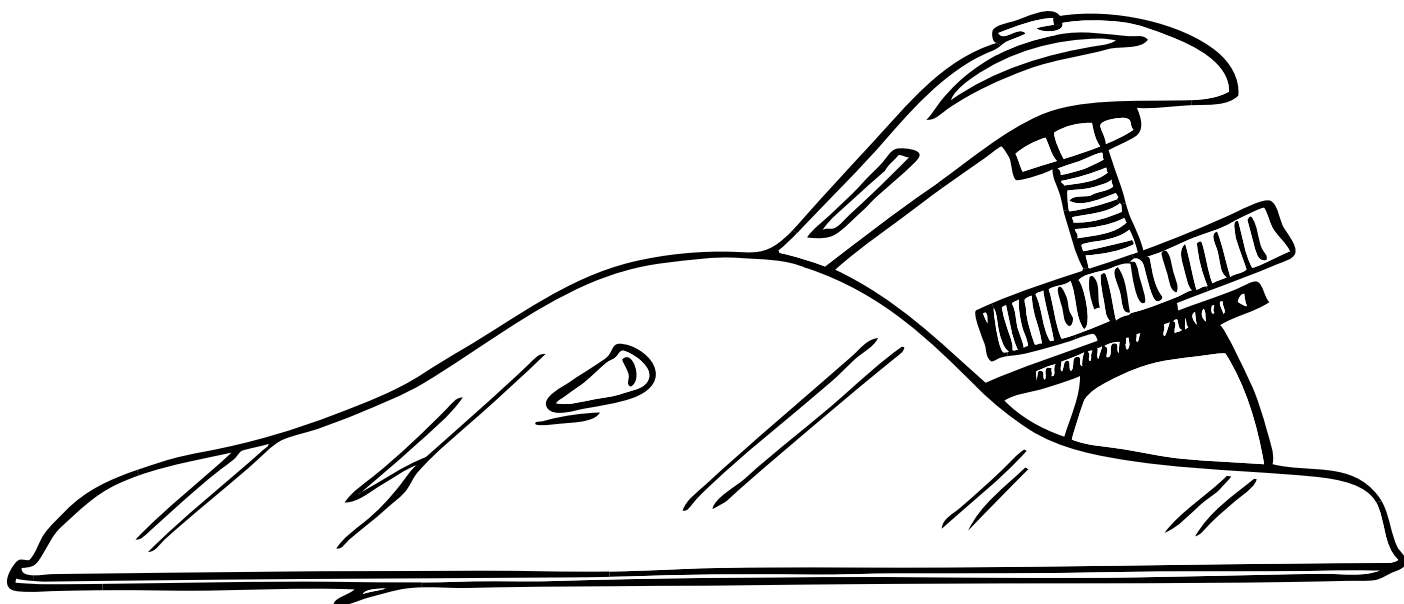
Materials:

- Photo copy of wood plane template
- Scissors
- Glue
- Silver paper
- Brown paper
- Glitter glue
- Recycled card, e.g. cereal box

Instructions:

- 1) Photo copy a supply of templates for your group.
- 2) Cut out the template and place onto a piece of recycled card.
- 3) Draw around the template and cut out the wood plane.
- 4) Stick the paper template onto the card wood plane.
- 5) Decorate the blade and part of the handle with silver paper. Glue to the card wood plane.
- 6) Decorate the handle of the wood plane with brown paper to give a wooden effect.
- 7) Mark the silver paper with glitter glue for effect.





Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Bright coloured swimming noodle
- Ribbon
- Sellotape
- Card giraffes and dove with leaf
- Card foiled anchor
- Foam sunshine
- x2 Sharp coloured pencils
- Scissors
- Duct tape

Suppliers:

- Toys R Us or swimming aid website
- cheaper swimming noodles can be found in Poundland
- Craft supplier:- Hobby Craft, John Lewis

Instructions:

- 1) To create a colourful rainbow we used a swimming noodle and attached x7 ribbons - the colours of the rainbow - to the noodle. The ribbons can be attached to the noodle using strong clear tape.
- 2) To attach the rainbow to the lid of the bin, bend it into an arch. Use x2 long, thin, sharp pencils, or long nails, to attach the rainbow to the lid. Insert the pencil up through the drilled holes on the lid and into the centre of the noodle. Securely tape, using duct tape, the top end of the pencil on the underside of the bin so that it is safe and does not move.
- 3) Attach the dove to the rainbow using Sellotape.
- 4) Create your own giraffe heads – approximately 15" in height – and stick inside the rubber ring on the front of the robot.
- 5) Make your own anchor of hope with the name Jesus embossed on it. Use colourful foiled paper and card to do this. Approximate size 15".
- 6) We created a sun picture from foam craft and attached to our display. You could make one and fix to the lid of the bin with craft wire so that it can be seen.
- 7) Remember to turn the foam mouth on the tissue box upwards to create a happy face on the ark. The end of the roll will need to be stuck inside the bin ready to roll out when the animals leave the ark.





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