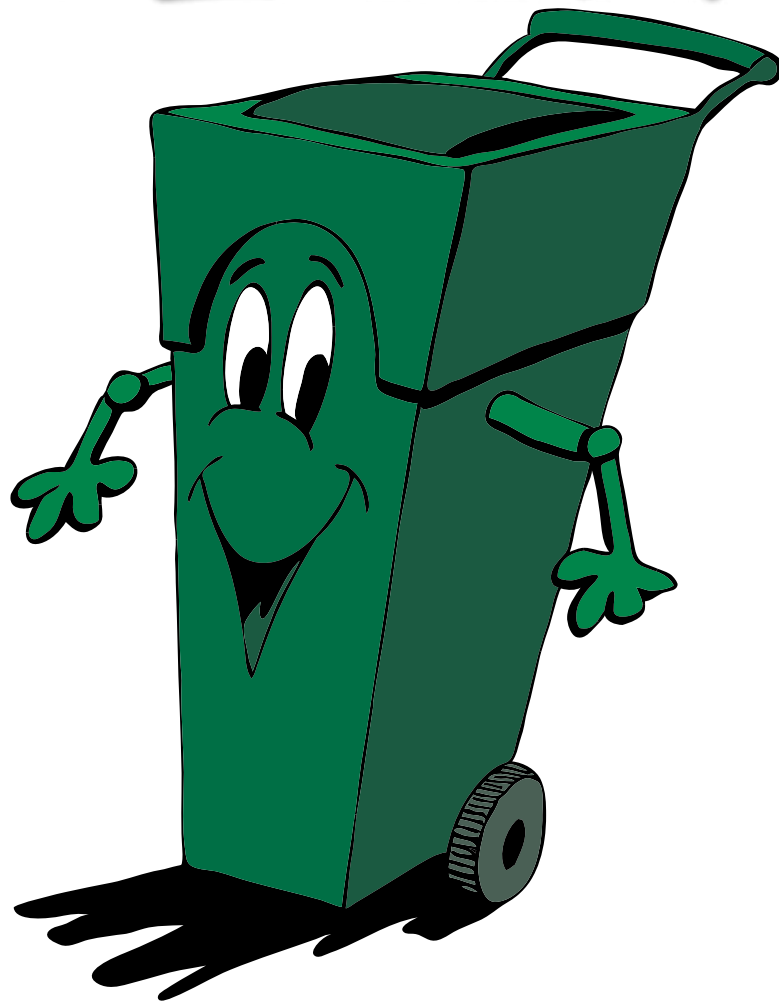


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ROBOTS WITH BEATTITUDES!

ROBO 5

ROBO 5: THE TOPSY-TURVY ROBOT

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

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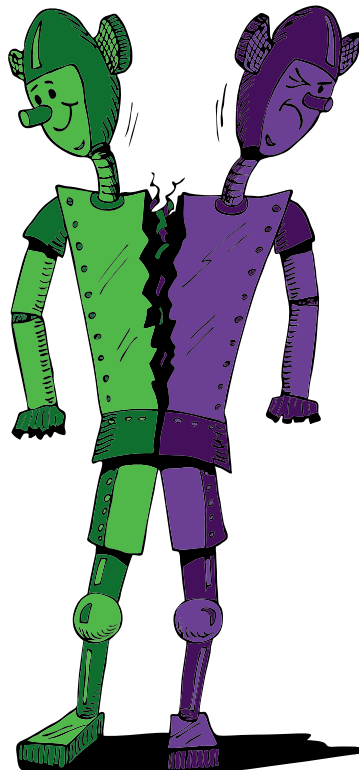
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Week 1

“This Way Up”

The Benchmark

If you want to follow Jesus into eternal life your world will be turned up-side-down so that you can see things the right way up. The next transformation to your robot programme will help the children discover this new world called the kingdom of heaven. The Topsy-Turvy Robot will help change their view of life as they learn about the life that is to come. If you respond to the call to follow Jesus you are charged to say ‘no’ to the things you want, to be prepared to die on a cross and only then are you ready to follow him. This up-side-down life of denial may carry with it long periods of sadness and loss but the flip side will be the happy understanding of the rewards that are to come in eternity. Jesus presented this topsy-turvy life-style by living to serve the needs of others and laying his life down as he died on the cross. Jesus called the first to be last and the greatest to be the least in his kingdom that prefers others. After teaching the children to seek God’s kingdom first they will discover how to live in righteousness through Jesus. They will see the kingdom standard for living. This will bring the comfort of the eternal hope that awaits all who mourn the loss of life, ready for the life that is to come.

Nailing The Point

Jesus turned this world up-side-down so that people could see the kingdom and get their understanding kingdom way up.

Memory Verse

- Matthew chapter 5 verse 4

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Mark chapter 8 verse 34
- Luke chapter 17 verses 20 & 21
- 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verses 5 - 8
- Luke chapter 22 verses 24 to 27
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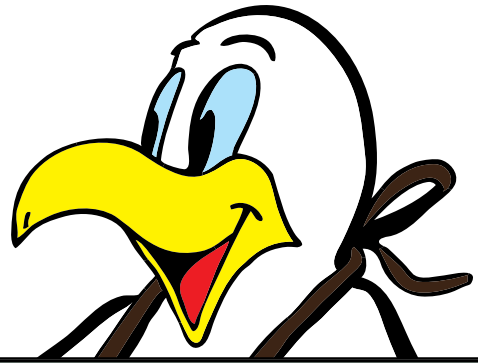
- 1) Model card of girl/boy with a piece of the Kingdom inside them.

Robo’s Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“Those who are sad now are happy. God will comfort them.”

Matthew chapter 5 verse 4



1) Tool Box - “Up-side-down”



When you find the kingdom of heaven your search for life will be over as you will have found what you are looking for. But this kingdom is not what you expect it to be. Any earthly kingdom is up-side-down compared to God's kingdom which is the right way up. The Topsy-Turvy Robot may look sad but it is happy when you look at it the right way up. Great comfort is enjoyed when you find what you are searching for - the things of this life will not matter anymore.



To introduce today's Topsy-Turvy Robot have some marble games ready for the children to play. Supply the children with their own bag of marbles and run some competitions. Set up some games of 'Ker-Plunk' to see how long it is before the children 'lose their marbles!' (If you do not have the game, see if you can borrow it from families in your church). Discuss with the children what the fun phrase means; 'to lose your marbles'. This can mean you are not thinking in the right way.



As you continue to see your robot transformed into a kingdom robot you will have to 'lose your marbles'. You will need to lose thinking and understanding life from a worldly perspective, which is up-side-down compared to the kingdom of heaven. When you are born again you see the kingdom to enter it but you then need to follow Jesus by understanding things kingdom way up. You will live in a new way, with new rules and attitudes. Divide the children into teams and see how quickly they can use their marbles to form the letters/words of today's memory verse. Read it together and congratulate the winning team.



Talk about what this kingdom attitude means? Read Mark chapter 8 verse 34. Laying down your life and saying 'no' to what you want will mean a loss of life - no longer will you be living for yourself. Denying yourself naturally makes you feel sad but when you take up your cross and follow Jesus in this way you will be happy because you will find eternal life. This will be your comfort even if living for the life to come is difficult.



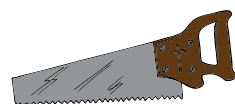
Wheel in the Topsy-Turvy Robot and create the up-side-down head like a top hat on the torso of the bin. See Robo's Design Sheet for instructions. Living for Jesus brings with it difficult challenges. That is why Jesus described the gate into the kingdom as narrow and the way hard. To die to self requires personal sacrifice as the needs of others are placed above your own. If you look at it this way up, with worldly thinking, it will appear 'sad' just like the face on the robot. But if you stand on your head and see things 'kingdom way up' you will see that the robot is smiling because its focus is towards a heavenly kingdom which is not found on the earth.



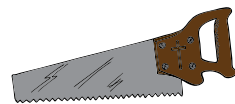
To conclude this introduction, ask the children for their suggestions of worldly attitudes, e.g. selfishness, greed, pride etc... Spell out these words using marbles. These attitudes are not found in the kingdom. You will need to remove them and replace them with the attitudes that Jesus taught as you discover what his kingdom is like. Ask the children to then take it in turns to roll their marbles to hit/get rid of these words. Form new words with your marbles that spell out some kingdom attitudes.

2) Power Tools - "Where Is It?"

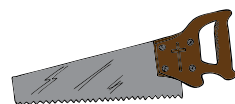
Jesus came preaching that the kingdom of heaven was at hand. It was within the grasp of the people because Jesus brought God's kingdom to this earth. It turned the world up-side-down as people everywhere went in search of it. Everywhere Jesus went they followed. But what was it they were looking for? Where can you find this kingdom?



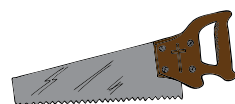
To involve the children in this discovery introduce Jesus as a large colourful marble. Talk about how the kingdom was within him and he preached it to the people everywhere he went. They caught a glimpse of it like the colours in the marble and wanted to touch it for themselves.



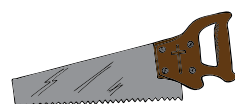
To visualise this ask the children to hold a small marble in their hand. Roll the large colourful marble (Jesus) into a space on the floor and ask the children to take it in turns to roll their marble as close to it as possible. When all of the marbles are assembled like a crowd, take the large marble again and repeat the process so that the children have to roll their marble to where the large marble has moved too. Repeat depending on time. Collect all of the marbles from the group and hold up the large colourful marble (Jesus).



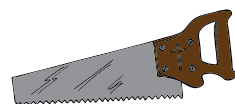
Discuss how people did not understand what they were looking for. Many thought it would be a kingdom found on this earth, set up inside a religious building. Jesus explained that it was not what they expected it to be.



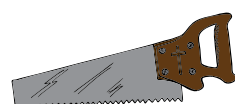
Read together Luke chapter 17 verses 20 & 21. Many people run with the crowd trying to find this kingdom by following men or looking for it in a religious building but it is not found on this earth. To illustrate this, drop the large colourful marble (Jesus) inside the Topsy-Turvy Robot, then close the lid. When you repent, in the way Jesus commanded, the kingdom of heaven will come to you. Sin is removed so that it can live within you by the Holy Spirit as you receive Jesus. Read together 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 5 - 8.



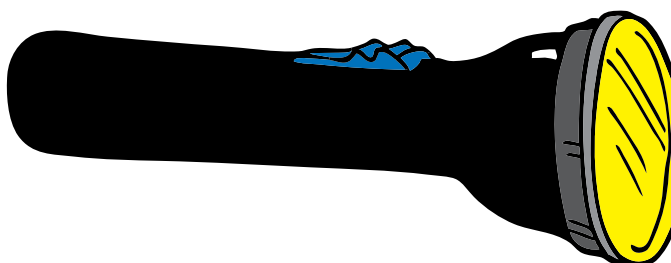
Wheel the robot around so that the marble can be heard rolling inside it. Explain that through all of the difficulties that you will face being a Christian - such as trials that will make you naturally sad - now you are happy because of the kingdom that is in you. You have the comfort of the coming kingdom living inside you - eternal life.



For younger children see Robo's Craft Box so that they can make a card model of themselves with a 'piece' of the kingdom inside them. This will enable you to simply explain that you have received a 'piece' of the kingdom ready to see the full picture when you go to heaven. The colouring sheet will also help you teach about where the kingdom is found.



3) Box of Bright Sparks - "Mad As Hatters"



Make a top hat just like the robot's head and fill it with marbles. Assemble the group in a circle. Explain how you are going to learn that the world's attitudes are up-side-down compared to the kingdom. You will learn this over the coming weeks as you work on the Topsy-Turvy Robot. When Jesus preached the kingdom it caused a bad reaction from many religious people because their thinking was not kingdom way up but worldly and up-side-down. They became as mad as hatters.

Tip out the marbles from the top hat as you explain some of the reverse thinking found in the kingdom. Ask the children to form the words 'first', 'last', 'great' and 'servant' out of the marbles. Jesus said that in his kingdom the first will be last and the last will be first. He also said that those who want to be great in his kingdom must become a servant. (Read Luke chapter 22 verse 24 - 27). Those who belong to God's kingdom will demonstrate this preferring attitude by following Jesus' example. This attitude will be found when you meet with kingdom people.

Because many religious people did not want this kind of kingdom what did they do? Hold the large coloured marble (Jesus) tightly in your hand behind your back then with clenched fists ask volunteers to guess which hand the marble is in. Discuss how they did not want to enter the kingdom themselves and so tried to prevent others from seeing it. (See Matthew chapter 23 verse 13).

Now ask some volunteers to try and take the large coloured marble from out of your hand whilst you clench your fist. This happened when Jesus walked the earth as a man and it still happens today. (Read together Matthew chapter 11 verse 12). You must seek the kingdom with everything you have and churches must ensure that the kingdom is preached.

4) The Word Box - "Lost Your Marbles?"



From the first step of seeing the kingdom and entering it, you must also gain understanding of the cost so that you can be happy and know comfort when difficulties are encountered. You can have a kingdom attitude even if your world turns up-side-down because you have the comfort of knowing you will inherit eternal life.



Divide the children into x2 teams. Give each team a large supply of marbles. On the leader's command they are to work together to spell out the words of today's memory verse using the marbles to form the letters. Congratulate the winning team and ask the children to read out loud the memory verse. Review what it means and encourage the children to hide this verse in their heart so that they can remember it when things make them sad.



Taking it in turns allow a member of one team to go and remove a word from the other team's memory verse by removing the marbles that spell that word. The team have to then see if they can still remember the verse. Next allow the other team to do the same thing, seeing if that team can remember the verse with the loss of the marbles? Repeat the process, this time removing say x2 words and so on until both teams have no marbles left but can still recite the verse. Think about what it would be like to lose everything - what did the kingdom cost Jesus? Earthly things may be lost but the kingdom lasts forever. You have the comfort of eternal life when the kingdom is within you.



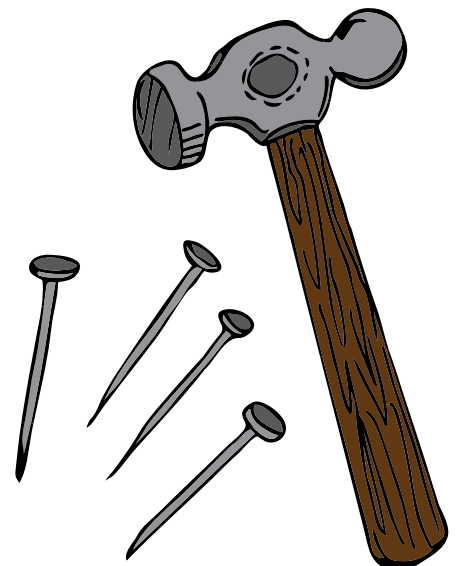
You must be prepared to suffer for the kingdom just like Jesus did. How can you be happy when things don't work out like you think they should? Read Romans chapter 8 verse 18. Any sadness encountered cannot be compared to the 'great glory' that will be given to you when you go home to the kingdom of heaven. It's topsy-turvy because this life on earth is not important compared to the life to come.

5) Oil Can - "Sunny Side Up"

For your prayer time create the same face found on the Topsy-Turvy Robot on the floor using marbles to create the mouth and eyes. Assemble the group so that they kneel looking at the face from the sad side up. Discuss the things that make you sad so that you can bring them to God in prayer.

Whatever your earthly troubles you should always pray about them in a kingdom way by asking for God's will to be done. Jesus, when he faced his most distressing moment whilst praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed in this way. He was feeling sad because of the death he faced but he ended his prayer 'sunny side up' by asking for God's will to be done. He said 'no' to what he wanted and was willing to die on the cross.

After you have prayed and discussed this with your group ask them to now kneel looking at the face from the happy side up. Pray together about all of the requests asking that his kingdom will come and his will is done. From the sunny side up you can know that God will work everything together for your good, because he loves you and he will comfort you. (See Romans chapter 8 verse 28).

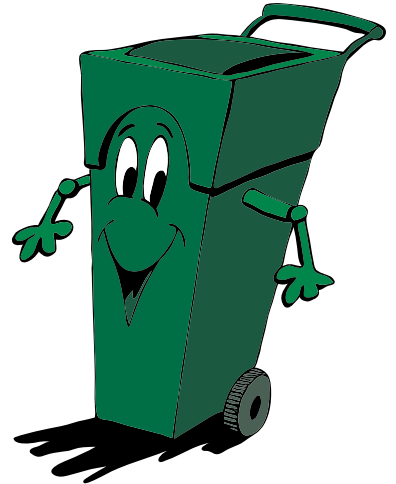


6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel on the Topsy-Turvy Robot and review the things that you have taught the children today. Allow the children to ask questions so that you can determine if they now understand things 'kingdom way up'?

As a final challenge tell the group that you have hidden the 'Jesus' marble somewhere in the room. On your command ask them to go in search of it. This marble should still be in the robot. See how long it takes for someone to remember this and find it.

To conclude see if they can remember where the kingdom is found? It is in you by the Holy Spirit as you wait to finally enter into eternal life in heaven. Encourage the children so that they understand they can remain happy and full of God's comfort because they carry the kingdom within them when they are born again. Give opportunity for those who have not received Jesus as their Saviour to do so.





Matthew chapter 5 verse 4

**"Those who are sad
now are happy. God
will comfort them."**



Matthew chapter 5 verse 4

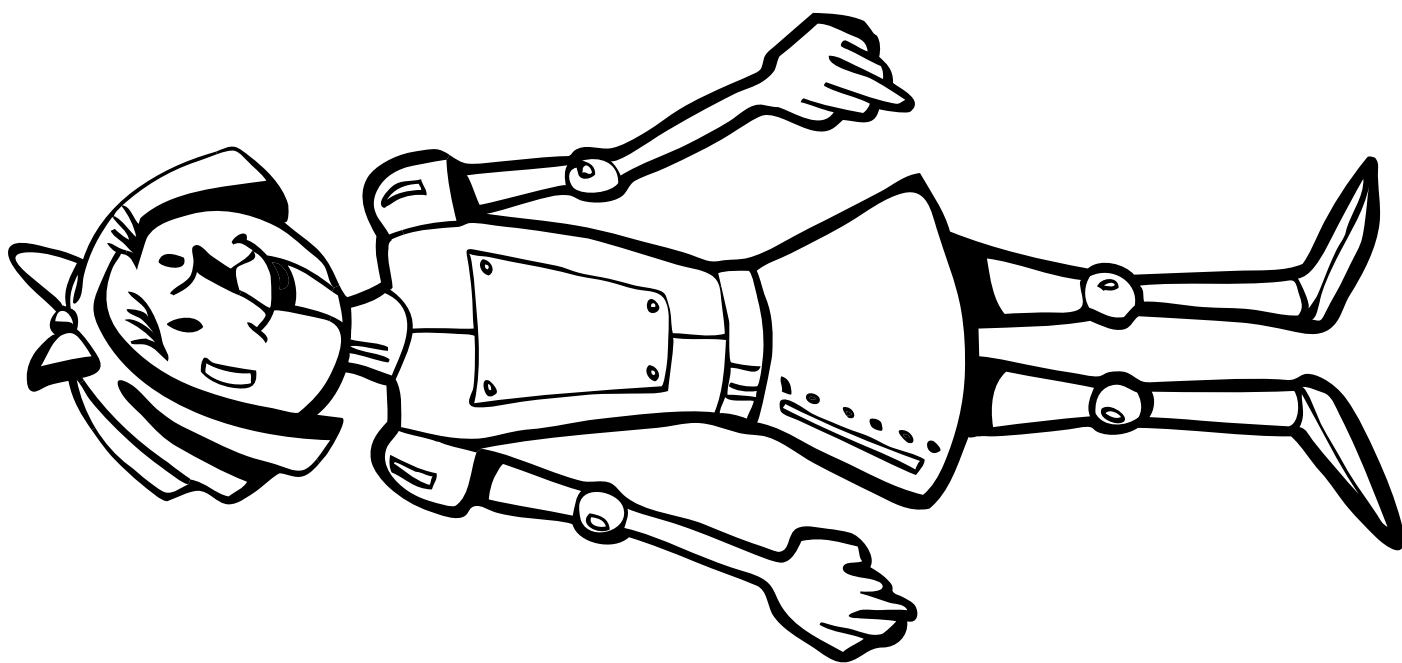
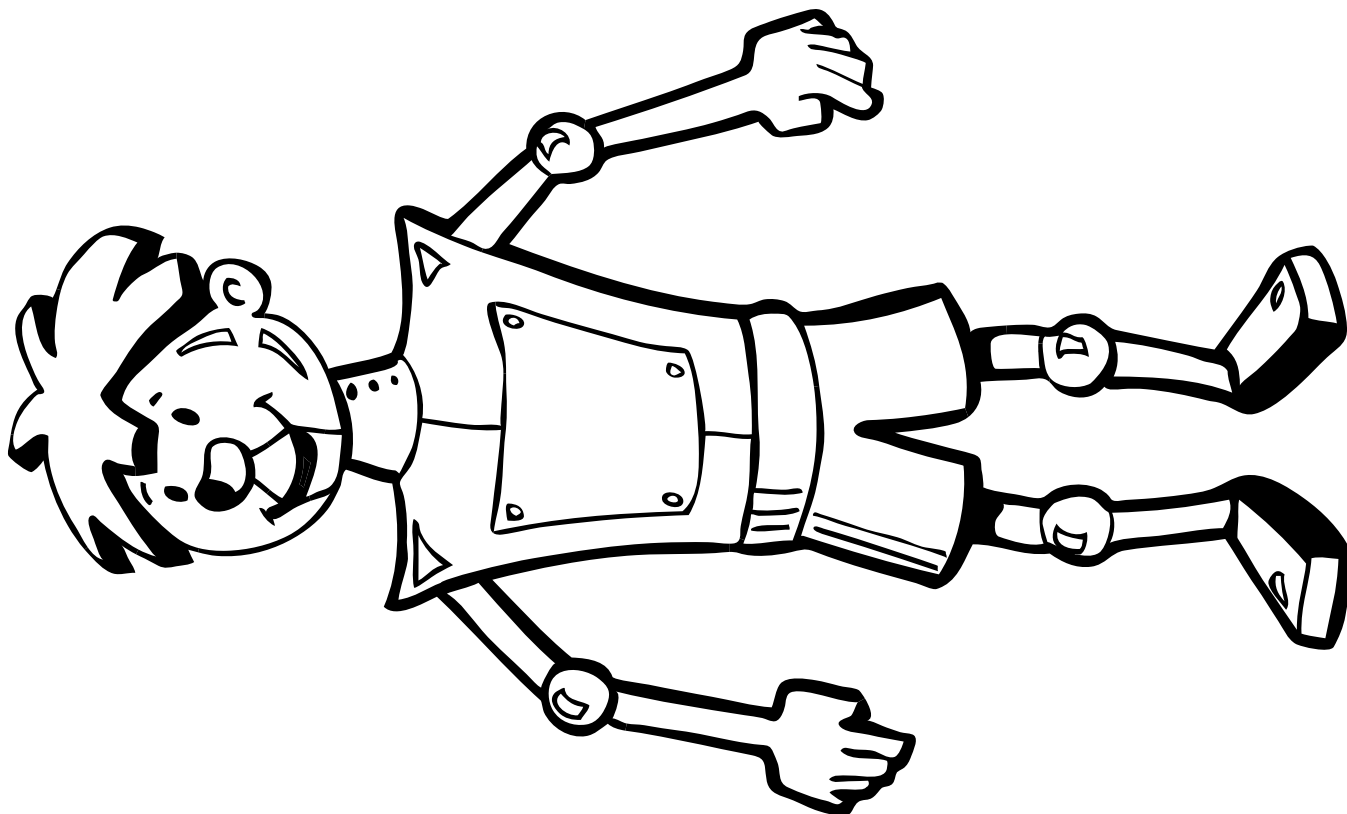
Kingdom Children

Materials:

- Template of girl or boy - A5
- Recycled card or coloured card
- Glitter glue
- Glue
- Felt tip pens and crayons
- Scissors

Instructions:

- 1) Give each member of your group a photo copied template of either a girl or a boy respectively. A5.
- 2) Cut out the character shape.
- 3) Draw the shape onto recycled card and cut out.
- 4) Glue on the paper template.
- 5) Colour and decorate the girl/boy character as desired.
- 6) Photo copy sheets of jigsaw puzzle pieces, cut out and give a piece of the puzzle to each of the children participating in this craft.
- 7) Decorate with glitter glue and stick onto the chest of the girl/boy character.
- 8) This will help the children remember the verse that states the kingdom lives within you.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Large piece of strong card
- Black Paint
- Lengths of black plastic
- Craft foam
- Strong craft wire or 2 wired coat hangers
- Sellotape
- Black tape
- Double sided sticky pads
- Scissors & string

Suppliers:

- Plastic - Express Packaging Ltd www.expresspkg.co.uk
- Large strong card - Comet or similar outlet

Instructions:

- 1) Cover the torso of the bin with lengths of black plastic and secure using Sellotape.
- 2) Edge the top hat with a bright coloured strip of plastic and stick using Sellotape.
- 3) Create the face using craft foam and wobbly eyes.
- 4) There are x2 sets of eyes so that the child will see how to view things from God's perspective - with eternal eyes. This will comfort them and make them happy. This robot is in effect up-side down.
- 5) Secure the face to the robot using double sided sticky pads.
- 6) To create the top hat rim you will need a large piece of strong card. Ask a supplier such as Comet for a washing machine box or something similar.
- 7) Cut the card into a circle with a diameter of 35 inches and paint it black.
- 8) When dry secure it onto the lid of the bin by first attaching craft wire through the edge of the card and securing to the plastic lid hinges on the bin lid.
- 9) Next use craft wire/string and loop through the card then secure through the chrome holes on the lid of the bin and twist around the cleat on the underside of the bin lid.
- 10) Tape over the wire with strong black duct tape for effect and also to ensure there are no sharp edges that may cause injury.





Week 2

“The Kingdom Walk”

The Benchmark

Today you will put legs on the Topsy-Turvy Robot and teach the children how to run with eternal life. Putting the legs on up-side-down will enable them to see what it means to ‘walk in the Spirit’. If you are born again into the kingdom you will live following the Spirit into life and peace. To do this you must seek the kingdom and walk in a right way, obeying the King’s commands. It’s a kingdom walk. A life which walks controlled by its sinful self will be bound and against God, walking after earthly rewards. A life which walks controlled by the Holy Spirit will be free and run into eternal life. This topsy-turvy kingdom walk may be wrapped up in sufferings now but when eternal life is unveiled its momentary pain will not compare to the ‘great glory that will be given to us’. Jesus declared in word and deed that he is the resurrection and the life. This life groans inside us waiting to run free. When we die we will truly live. We die to sin and fleshy ways when we enter the kingdom, ready to run with the hope and message of eternal life.

Nailing The Point

With the robot’s legs walking on air the children will see the way to walk into the kingdom ready to run with eternal life.

Memory Verse

- John chapter 11 verse 25

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 8
- Romans chapter 8 verses 22 - 25
- Psalm 56 verse 8
- Psalm 55 verse 22
- Psalm 30 verse 5b
- Revelation chapter 21 verse 4
- John chapter 11
- 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 13 - 18
- Genesis chapter 5 verse 24
- Psalm 90 verse 12

Robo’s Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster

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- 1) The Tool Box - “Running with Life”
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Robo’s Craft Box

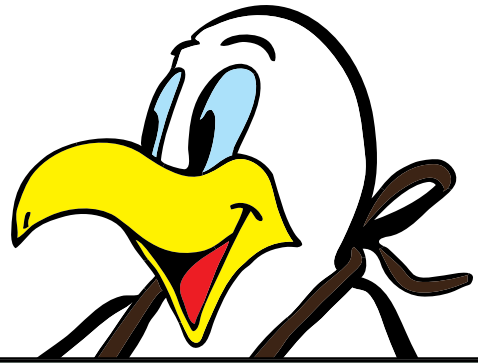
- 1) Top Hat Desk Tidy

Robo’s Design Sheet

Memory Verse

Jesus said to her “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even if he dies.”

John chapter 11 verse 25



1) The Tool Box - “Running With Life”



This topsy-turvy world of kingdom living changes your view of life and death. The things that make you sad now make you happy because of the comfort of eternal life. When you enter the kingdom you die to sin so that you can live. This life that is in us does not die because Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We will no longer walk after sin but run towards the eternal kingdom which will be our forever home.



To introduce how we run with eternal life, beyond death and into the forever kingdom, play this simple starter. Divide the children into groups and give them a good supply of strong toilet roll. They must work together to wrap up a leader or a volunteer like a dead mummy. After a set period of time judge the best living dead mummy and congratulate the winning team.



Today you are going to see that the eternal life you have received does not die when your physical body dies. Even though death makes you sad you are now happy because you have the comfort of eternal life. Ask each team to look up and read today's memory verse and then carefully write it onto a roll of toilet paper with felt tip pens. When this has been achieved they must wrap it around their living dead mummy. Look at the verse again and discuss what it means.



To conclude this illustration, ask each mummy to race against each other in breaking out of the toilet roll. This is a picture of the kingdom living within you. When your natural body dies or Jesus returns, the eternal life within you does not die but lives forever. This is how kingdom people have an up-side-down view of death, because when we are absent from this body we will arrive home with Jesus in his eternal kingdom. (See 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 8).



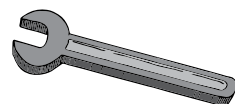
Wheel on the Topsy-Turvy Robot and as you do run around very excited. Talk about how you are going to put legs onto the robot, up-side-down, using toilet rolls and tissue boxes for its feet. See Robo's Design Sheet for instructions. When the kingdom lives within you by the Holy Spirit you will run towards eternal life and away from sin. This life will be like something trying to burst out of you with great excitement as you groan for the life that is to come. (Read Romans chapter 8 verse 22 to 25).



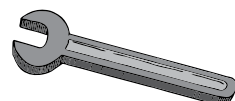
For fun have someone stationed hiding inside the robot ready throw out lengths of toilet rolls with great excitement ready for the children to create the robot's legs and make their top hat desk tidy out of toilet roll tubes. See Robo's Craft Box for instructions. Talk about how important it is to understand what you are looking for. The Promised Land given to God's children is the kingdom of heaven. When you enter the kingdom you will run with great excitement because you will understand you have found what you are looking for. You will carry this kingdom within you everywhere you go as you wait for the promise of eternal life when you die. When this happens you move homes to one that will last forever and that is something to be very happy about.

2) The Word Box - "Tears of Joy"

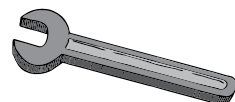
To look at the memory verse more closely and understand the kingdom up-side-down attitude of being happy even when things happen to make you sad, prepare tissue boxes as follows, for the amount of teams in your group. Decorate the outside of the tissue box with the words "Tears of Joy". Put inside the tissue box the individual words of today's memory verse written onto separate sheets of tissue paper using felt tips pens.



How can God turn your tears of sadness into tears of joy, even in death? Father God doesn't just dismiss your tears but keeps a list of them because he cares for you. (Read Psalm 56 verse 8). Even though you are sad you can be happy when you understand the promise of the kingdom. You will know the comfort of eternal life and this will dry your tears.



Split the groups into teams and hand them their box of tears. On the leaders command they are to remove the tissues carefully from the box and lay them out in order so that the verse reads correctly. The promise of eternal life turns your tears of sadness into tears of joy.



3) Oil Can - "Wiping Tears"



Assemble the group for a time of prayer and worship together. Using the tissue boxes from Section 2 give each child a clean tissue and a felt tip pen. Discuss the things that make the children sad. Ask the children to write down either their name or a short prayer onto the tissue carefully with their felt tip pen. If this is difficult just allow the children to hold the tissue and think about the things that make them sad.



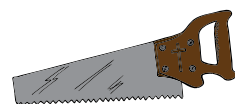
Read together Psalm 55 verse 22. Because you are born again into God's kingdom he is your Father and he takes care of you. When things make you sad and trouble you, talk to him in prayer and give your worries to him so that he can turn your sadness into joy. He will comfort you. Pray together for each other's needs then ask the children to post their tissue prayers into the box.



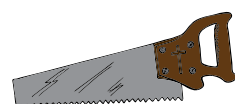
Read together Psalm 30 verse 5b. Sadness may cloud your view of the kingdom like night time, but joy comes in the morning. After this life you have the promise of eternal life where there are no tears of sadness, death or pain. (Read Revelation chapter 21 verse 4).

4) Power Tools - "Holding Back Tears"

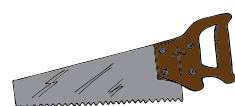
To make visual the story of Lazarus from John chapter 11 you will need a good supply of toilet rolls. You will need several actors. One is to be Lazarus, and whilst the story is being told Mary and Martha are to wrap him in toilet roll like a dead mummy. To show the mourning crowd have a pile of toilet rolls stationed to the side with an actor crying from behind the tissue pile.



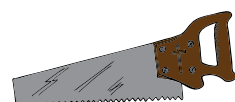
Print out the narration of the story onto A5 pieces of paper and attach/staple to the sheets of one long toilet roll. Once you have prepared this, roll the toilet roll back up. When the narrator commences the story they are to read it at a set distance from Lazarus slowly unravelling the toilet roll whilst rolling it towards the funeral.



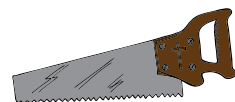
The words are to be read by the narrator as the toilet roll unrolls towards Lazarus who is being wrapped up by Mary and Martha whilst the crowd cries. To include the children you could ask for a volunteer to help unroll the words and some children could help with the reading of the story too.



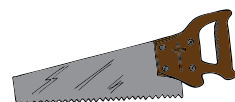
Talk about how Jesus seemed to take his time. He was constantly praying for God's will to be done. Discuss how Jesus cried because he felt the sadness that death brings because of the separation encountered. What happens to people when they die?



Jesus promised that even though you may die you will live when the kingdom is in you. He demonstrated to the people that he is the resurrection and the life. The body of Lazarus had died but Lazarus was still alive - in heaven - because he believed in Jesus. On this occasion the body of Lazarus was healed to bring glory to God, even though the true picture was that he had never died, but had gone to the eternal kingdom. At this point the actor who is Lazarus is to break free from the toilet roll bandages.



For God's children death is just the beginning of the new life that is to come. Discuss 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 verses 13 to 18. Christians have sorrow but it is not the same as those who do not have the hope of eternal life, you see things 'sunny-side-up' in this topsy-turvy kingdom.



5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Length of Days"



Using separate toilet rolls you are going to look at the length of days lived by some Bible heroes. (Adam 800 years, Methuselah 969 years, Noah 950 years, Moses 120 years, Jesus 33 years). Write on separate toilet rolls the respective number of years as above, giving longer length to those who lived the longest period of time, e.g. Methuselah's roll must roll out nearly to the end of the roll before revealing 969 years and for 33 years just roll out a few sheets before revealing 33 years etc...



Working in teams the children are to be given the 5 names as above. They must decide which person lived for that number of years, then using felt tip pens they are to write their decision onto the correct toilet roll, e.g. on the toilet roll stating 800 years they must write the name Adam. Judge who has got the most correct answers.



To conclude the game roll out a length of toilet roll and then keep rolling it so that it leaves the room. See if anyone can guess the name of a person in the Bible who walked with God and didn't die but just kept on walking and disappeared into the heavenly kingdom? (Enoch - See Genesis chapter 5 verse 24).



The Bible teaches us to number our days and view life with eternity in mind. (See Psalm 90 verse 12). We will live forever. Discuss how important it is to live for the life to come? How can you do this? What does it mean to walk in the Spirit instead of walking controlled by your sinful self? The religious leaders at Lazarus' funeral showed how they were living for this life and not for the kingdom.



To show this have x2 actors to be religious leaders come and take the robot and begin to collect all of the scraps of toilet roll from your fun demonstrations and put them into the wheelie bin, in an effort to tidy up. Their conversation is to show the anger found in John chapter 11 verse 45 - 48 which proves they did not want the kingdom of heaven.

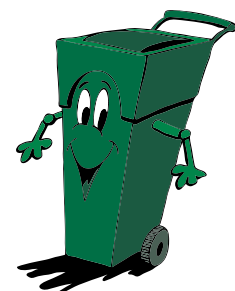


They wanted importance to be placed on the temple - their building - because this gave them a place of significance amongst the people. They lived for this life and not for the one to come. Because God's kingdom lives in people and not in a building, they thought their temple would be taken from them and the people would no longer need them because they had Jesus. They began to plot how to kill Jesus. They had not understood the kingdom or the words that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheel in your Topsy-Turvy Robot and review the things that you have learned today. Be sensitive and allow the children to talk ensuring that no-one leaves with a sad understanding of death. Give opportunity for the children who do not know Jesus to receive eternal life. Pray together.

Depending on time and the amount of toilet roll left over allow the children to work together to wrap up each other as living dead mummies. Just before they go home allow them all to break free ready to run with the kingdom living within them.





John chapter 11
verse 25

**Jesus said to her "I
am the resurrection
and the life. He who
believes in me will have
life even if he dies."**



John chapter 11 verse 25

Top Hat Desk Tidy

Materials:

- Thick black craft paper
- Glue, scissors and a stapler
- Craft foam
- Small pom-pom
- Pencils

Instructions:

- 1) Cut out a strip of black paper 9cm wide and 24cm long.
- 2) Cut small 2cm slits down one edge.
- 3) Roll the 24cm length into a tube shape and staple down the adjoining edge.
- 4) Cut out a black piece of craft paper into a circle that fits onto the top of the hat.
- 5) Glue around the edge of the circle and then fold down the 2cm slits so that they stick onto the top of the hat. Leave the glue to dry.
- 6) Draw a 12cm radius circle onto another piece of black craft paper.
- 7) Cut out the circle and then cut out a 6cm radius circle in the centre of this circle to create a 'polo' effect.
- 8) Glue onto to the top hat to create a rim.
- 9) Decorate the front of the top hat with a happy face using the craft bits and pieces.
- 10) When dry put in some pencils to use as a desk tidy.
- 11) Alternatively use toilet roll inner tubes to create your own top hat desk tidy.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Toilet roll/kitchen roll inner tubes
- Sellotape & scissors
- x2 empty tissue boxes and a couple of tissues
- Wire coat hanger

Instructions:

- 1) Sellotape approximately x6+ empty toilet roll inner tubes together to create a pair of long legs.
- 2) Put the card legs into their respective empty tissue boxes and secure with Sellotape and attach to the robot's feet.
- 3) Post some tissues into the box for decoration and effect.
- 4) Secure x2 lengths of coat hanger wires through the central hole on the lid of the bin and twist around the cleat on the underside of the lid.
- 5) Loop the other ends over and push up inside each leg end on the toilet roll legs. The loop should be the same width as the toilet roll inner tube so that it holds the legs in place. Once secure Sellotape the legs to the top hat lid to make firm.





Week 3

“Extending The Kingdom”

The Benchmark

The extending arms on the Topsy-Turvy Robot will help the children to understand the reaching power of God’s kingdom. There is no-where on earth that his kingdom will not reach. His love is so high that Jesus was prepared to die for the sins of the whole world. His love extends to impossible places as the attitudes of the kingdom are to love your enemies and to do good things to those who are spiteful to you. There is no limit to where his arms will go in order to bring his children into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus extended his kingdom with arms that were ready to serve and even do the least important tasks. Teach the children the principle that for his kingdom to extend, your arms must also be stretched to live with the same attitudes found in heaven. This will involve tensions inside as you are pulled to live in a new way and will test your kingdom heart. The command not to be tangled up with worldly living or bitterness will keep your arms free and ready for kingdom works.

Nailing The Point

Teach the children that they will be tested and stretched to love in the same way Jesus taught if they truly want God’s kingdom to come.

Memory Verse

- Matthew chapter 5 verse 44

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Matthew chapter 6 verse 10 & 12
- John chapter 13 verse 34 & 35
- Matthew chapter 24 verse 14
- Philippians chapter 4 verse 13
- Romans chapter 5 verse 8 & 10
- Ephesians chapter 3 verses 18 & 19
- Luke chapter 15 verses 11 - 32 (Bible story)
- James chapter 4 verse 8
- Colossians chapter 3 verse 13
- Matthew chapter 18 verses 21 & 22
- 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 4 (NKJV)

Robo’s Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse poster
- 2) Copy Poster
- 3) Code Breaking Verse

Robo’s Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Stretched”
- 2) The Word Box - “More Slack”
- 3) Oil Can - “Loving Enemies”
- 4) Power Tools - “Far Off”
- 5) Box of Bright Sparks - “How Much?”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Robo’s Craft Box

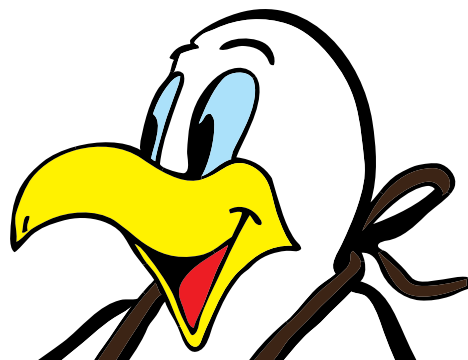
- 1) Spiral Hat

Robo’s Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“But I tell you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you.”

Matthew chapter 5 verse 44



1) The Tool Box - “Stretched”



The kingdom will stretch you to the limit with a call to love beyond what you consider to be fair. The Topsy-Turvy Robot will show the children how to love with a love that stretches from the kingdom of heaven to an ungrateful world. Even when love is not reciprocated Jesus still loves. The kingdom of heaven will extend when those who belong to it reach out and touch even their enemies with God's love. Your enemies may make you sad but you will be happy when you live in a kingdom way.



For the kingdom of heaven to be seen, those who belong to it must model its attitudes through their love and behaviour. To introduce this to the children use Visual Aid 1 and ask them to decorate the centre of the picture using 'Spiro graph' stencil kits. You could make a large group 'Spiro graph' poster so that the children work together.



An option for the younger children in your group is to trace today's colouring sheet using tracing paper. If you are able to purchase or borrow a supply of Pantograph drawing aids allow the older children to copy Visual Aid 2 (Matthew chapter 6 verse 10) using this tool. Discuss how a copy of the kingdom can be seen on the earth?



Display like an art gallery your pictures and discuss the principle that you should live model kingdom lives. The 'Be' attitudes will stretch you to the limit as your love for Jesus will be put to the test. Using Visual Aid 3 ask the children to break the kingdom code that reveals the command given to those who follow Jesus (John chapter 13 verses 34 & 35). The ultimate test is to love your enemies. You must show love and pray for them. Praying for them gives you the ability to love. This is kingdom living.



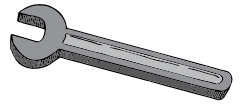
Wheel on the Topsy-Turvy Robot and using coil spring 'Slinky' toys create the robot's arms. See Robo's Design Sheet for instructions. Have some extra Slinky toys for the children to examine and have fun playing with them. Once the robot's Slinky arms are secure see how far they will stretch. Discuss how Jesus instructed his disciples to preach the kingdom so that the kingdom would extend to the furthest corner of the world. (Read Matthew chapter 24 verse 14).



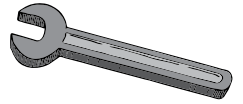
This is achieved when those who have the kingdom within them talk about it everywhere they go and live in a way that copies what takes place in heaven. You can make this visual using some steps or stairs to work with your Slinky toys so that they climb down the stairs. This shows a picture of the kingdom coming to earth. It stretches when you become like the Topsy-Turvy robot who teaches you to be happy even though things around you may be sad and how to be stretched to even love and pray for your enemies. These attitudes - found in heaven - must be your attitude on the earth. Discuss this with your group and pray for those who may not like you. Be stretched.

2) The Word Box - "More Slack"

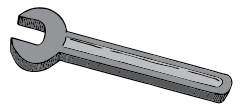
The children will need to learn and understand today's memory verse to become kingdom people. Discuss how hard it is to love people who do not love you in return? This verse even stretches your capacity to love like Jesus so that you love and pray for your enemies! Stretch the arms of the robot to illustrate this. Because the kingdom lives within you by the Holy Spirit, you can ask for extra-ordinary help to do this. (Read Philippians chapter 4 verse 13).



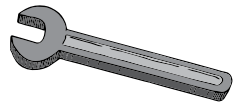
Divide the children into x2 teams. Station the Topsy-Turvy Robot in the centre of the room. Write out x2 sets of the words/phrases of today's memory verse onto separate sheets of paper using a different coloured paper for each team respectively. Lay the paper out on the floor in a mixed up order and place a Slinky coil toy on each sheet of paper. N.B. The first word/phrase will need to be closest to the robot and the last word/phrase will need to be at the furthest point with the other word/phrases scattered in-between.



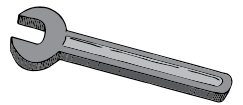
Nominate a volunteer at a time to play the game and instruct the team to use either the right arm or left arm on the robot respectively. On the leader's command they must take their team's arm on the robot and stretch it so that they find the first word/phrase of the verse.



When they have achieved this they must then attach the Slinky coil toy found on the paper to the robot's arm. Secure the slinky toys together with Sellotape. Once this is secure the next team player comes and picks up the extended arm and looks for the next word/phrase. When this is found they stretch the arm and attach the new Slinky toy to the extended arm and the process is repeated until the whole verse is found and the robot's arms are very long. Congratulate the winning team who completes the task first.



Discuss how difficult this is to do if we try it in our own strength. Jesus showed us how this kind of love is possible. It is the love found in the kingdom of heaven. (See Romans chapter 5 verse 8).



3) Oil Can - "Loving Enemies"



Assemble the children so that a large circle is formed, and station the Topsy-Turvy Robot at the top of the circle. Ask the group to stretch as high as they can and then bring their arms down over the shoulders of the person either side of them ready to sit down in a group hug. Talk about how it's easy to love people close to you that you like. But what about loving your enemies? The love of God will stretch you to love in a challenging way.



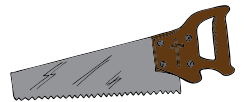
Try working with the robot's stretchy arms to illustrate its reach. How high, how low, how wide does God's love go? Discuss how you must first understand the love and forgiveness God has shown to you even whilst you were his enemy. Read to the children Ephesians chapter 3 verses 18 & 19 to see his stretchy love and Romans chapter 5 verse 10 to understand that because of sin you were an enemy of God, but he loved you and forgave you your sin.



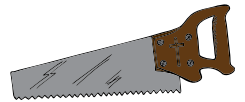
How can you show the same love, even to your enemies? To demonstrate this, wrap the robot's arms so that they stretch around both sides of the circle. When the right arm meets the left arm, join them together. Ask each child to hold the Slinky arm as you do this so that this demonstration is held in place as you pray together even for people that do not like you or are mean to you. God's love does not leave anyone out.

4) Power Tools - "Far Off"

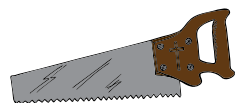
To teach the children how far God's love can stretch tell the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke chapter 15 verses 11 to 32. Discuss how the father never gave up on his son because he loved him so much. It even stretched to a pig sty. Also talk about the 'up tight' brother. He may have been working for his father but he did not have the father's heart of love. Because he was offended he would not extend friendship, even to his own brother.



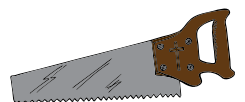
To make this story visual you will need x2 actors to hold the right arm and left arm of the robot respectively. They are the 2 brothers. The actor who is the father must be hidden inside the robot. When the narration commences the father appears from inside the wheelie bin to hand to the son his inheritance. The son leaves attached to the robot's arm which is eventually stretched to capacity when he arrives in the pig sty. The other brother is to be attached to the other arm but remains close to the robot, working the field.



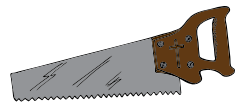
The father is to keep appearing from inside the bin to daily look for his son. Show the son coming to his senses when the arms of the robot are fully stretched. When he returns wheel the robot towards the son. The son who is working the field will then be stretched when this happens and will show his annoyance at the reunion.



Talk about how Father God's love knows no limit. The father remained looking but the son had to repent. Even when the son was far off the father ran to meet him. You must first draw near to God then he will draw near to you. (Read and discuss James chapter 4 verse 8).



The other son may have been doing work for the father but when stretched, his heart was revealed. His attitude did not reflect the same heart as his father. Talk about how kingdom works and kingdom attitudes go hand in hand and both will be tested.



5) Box of Bright Sparks - "How Much?"



Forgiving others will test your capacity to love. Can this be measured? Can you measure how much you have been forgiven? Can you restrict how much you should forgive? (See Matthew chapter 6 verse 12 & Colossians chapter 3 verse 13).



The disciples struggled with this just as much as we do today. They tried to calculate love. Jesus gave them a mathematical challenge in order to increase their understanding of the kingdom's rule of love. 70×7 - Read Matthew chapter 18 verse 21 & 22.



Divide the children into x2 groups and give the group leader a calculator to help with the challenge - depending on the age of the children. On separate sheets of paper write down your number answers. Scatter these around the room on the floor. The calculations must be multiples of x7 as you work on how many times you are expected to forgive, e.g. $(y) \times 7 = (x)$.



Nominate a player from each team to hold their team's robot slinky arm as they reach the correct number answer sheet. The team can direct them by shouting to them the correct answer, e.g. $3 \times 7 =$ the group must shout 21 to direct them to the sheet which says 21. Make the answers simple to start and then make the challenge more difficult depending on the age of your group.



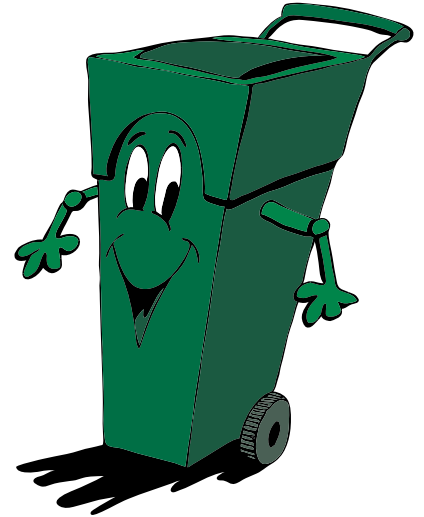
Talk about what to do when others stretch your capacity to love and forgive. Why should you pray for your enemies? This not only works in a positive way in their life but also helps you to maintain a kingdom attitude of love.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

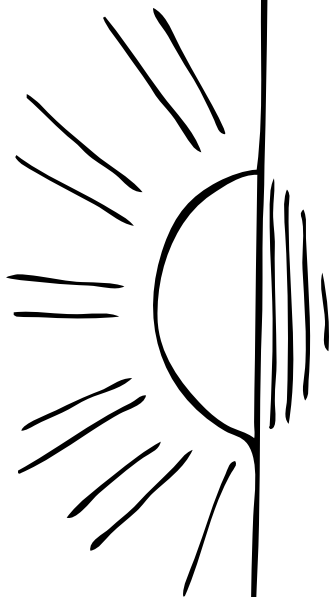
Wheel on the Topsy-Turvy Robot and use its arms to wave good-bye to your group as it is now complete. Review the up-side-down attitudes found in the kingdom of heaven and summarise the ways you should behave to reflect the same model kingdom on this earth.

Jesus taught the kingdom of heaven to his friends through his words and actions. He is the living model of what the kingdom is like.

As a closing thought, tangle the robot's arms together. Talk about how if you become entangled with the affairs of this life, working to build a life for yourself on earth you will not be able to do kingdom works. (See 2 Timothy chapter 2 verse 4 NKJV). Neither should you become caught up in arguments so that you become bitter, twisted and unable to forgive. Stay free living and working for the kingdom of heaven with a happy attitude.



Matthew
chapter 5
verse 44



**"But I tell you, love your
enemies. Pray for those
who hurt you."**



Matthew chapter 5 verse 44

"We pray that your
kingdom will come.

We pray that what
you want will be done,
here on earth as it is
in heaven."



Matthew chapter 6 verse 10

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Robo's Craft Box

Spiral Hat

Materials:

- Purchase card spiral hats from a craft supplier such as Baker Ross
- Felt tip pens, crayons and glitter glue etc...

Instructions:

- 1) Give each member of your group a craft spiral hat.
- 2) Decorate and make colourful using felt tip pens, crayons and glitter glue.
- 3) Using a sticky label print the memory verse and stick onto the peak of the hat.

Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- x2 Large slinky toys
- Sellotape/duct tape

Suppliers:

- Most toy shops - ours were purchased from Poundland.

Instructions:

- 1) Use x2 large slinky toys - one for each arm.
- 2) Make a hole in both sides of the black plastic where the Chrome hole has been created on each side of your bin.
- 3) Take the end of a slinky toy and poke through the hole and hook over the cleat on the inside of the bin.
- 4) Secure with strong tape on the inside of the bin.
- 5) Do the same to create the robot's other arm.





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