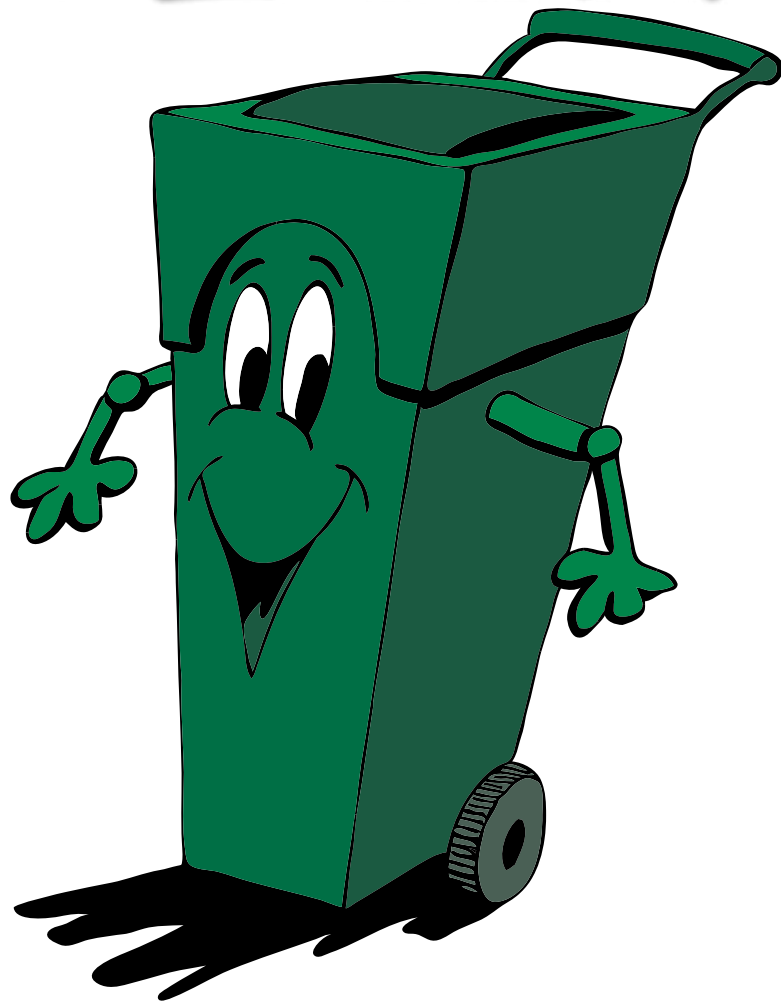


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ROBOTS WITH BEATTITUDES!

ROBO 7

ROBO 7: THE PITSTOP ROBOT

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

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Week 1

“Deflated”

The Benchmark

With a loud crash the robot comes hurtling off the road to make an enforced pit-stop. Its wheels are deflated and buckled and it is in urgent need of repair. But in the pit-stop an important attitude is learned. Here in the lay-by those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness will be filled because God rewards those who truly want to find him. Does this mean that we never lose heart and come off the road? Bumping into doubting Thomas you can teach the detrimental effects of doubt. Thomas had been thrown off track because of the events of the cross. With a buckled wheel of faith he needed to be straightened out so that his faith could be renewed. Breathing the Holy Spirit upon his friends Jesus inflated their deflated hearts with eternal hope. In their urgent pit-stop he fed them and quenched their thirst for eternal life - so that they could get back on track - journeying into the whole world with the good news of the gospel. Pit-stops are not the end of the road but an opportunity to repair and be filled with the Holy Spirit ready for the journey ahead.

Nailing The Point

Doubt can take you off track. Teach the children the importance of a pit-stop so that when they are discouraged they can be fed with encouragement as they meet with Jesus, their faith mechanic.

Memory Verse

- Hebrews chapter 11 verse 6

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- Matthew chapter 5 verse 6 (NKJV)
- Philippians chapter 4 verse 13
- John chapter 20 verses 19 - 29
- Hebrews chapter 11 verse 1
- Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 11
- Romans chapter 10 verse 17

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster

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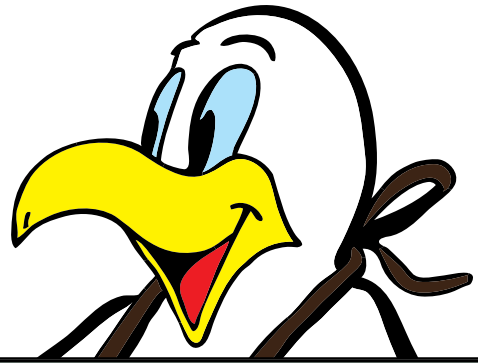
- 1) Deflated Thomas (Faith Balloon)

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him.”

Hebrews chapter 11 verse 6



1) Tool Box - “Searching Word”



Today the children will discover the robot, injured and in a pit-stop. As you continue the trek from the events of Easter the robot will bump into the discouraged disciples. With their hope exhausted Jesus comes to give them some personal attention to help their unbelief and get them back on track.



Wheel on the Pit-Stop Robot with its buckled wheel - as per Robo's Design Sheet. Talk about the effects of falling over and how it makes you feel when you seemingly fail in front of others. This is where you will find the disciples today - hidden away from the Jews after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Doubt had caused them to withdraw and hide but Jesus found them and came to bring hope and renew their faith.



On x2 sets of 'plasters' write the individual words of today's memory verse and put them back inside the box which is to be marked with the word 'faith'. Divide the group into x2 teams. They must sort the plasters into order so that the verse reads correctly and then work together to stick them onto the torso of the robot. One team must use the front of the robot and the other team the back to display their verse on plasters. When complete read the verse together and discuss what it means.



Ask who likes to wear a plaster when they fall and cut their knee etc...? The plaster covers the wound to keep it clean whilst the cut heals. Where we find the disciples today is somewhere that every person encounters on their walk of faith. When you become discouraged Jesus will meet with you. He will encourage you so that you can continue along the way to heaven. It is through these times that your attitude is tested and you are strengthened for every encounter that lies ahead.



Over the coming weeks the Pit-Stop Robot will spend time in this Service Station so that you can develop the next attitude found in Matthew chapter 5 verse 6 (also read from NKJV and compare). Discuss together. But today the robot must undergo some repairs. The wheels are to be straightened by challenging doubt so that the 'inner tube' is inflated with faith.



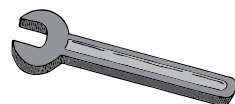
Have a selection of bike inner tubes that have punchers. Pump air into the tubes. Using a large bowl of water let the children experiment to find where the holes have appeared in the tubes. Work together in teams to repair the punchers and leave to dry whilst you continue with the session. Discuss how easy it is to doubt God. It may seem like a small thing but it has damaging effects.



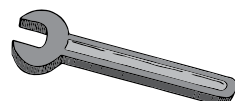
The hole in the inner tubes may appear like a small thing but will result in the wheel eventually not working. If there are times that you begin to doubt God you will need to come to the pit-stop and spend time with Jesus, the faith mechanic. Jesus will help your unbelief and then breathe the Holy Spirit upon you so that you can continue your adventure down the road of truth.

2) The Word Box - "Sticky Situations"

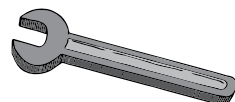
We all find ourselves in sticky situations. We all will face things that are too big for our small faith to handle. Through these challenges our faith is increased so that we become strong. Read together Philippians chapter 4 verse 13. In your pit-stop times with Jesus you must believe he is real and that you truly want to find him - even if you don't feel like you can continue walking in faith.



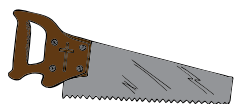
Ask a volunteer to come and remove a 'plaster' word from the verse on the front torso of the robot (as per section 1). They can stick the plaster on their arm or leg whilst the group recites the verse with one 'plaster' missing on the display. Continue until each word has been removed in the same way and they can recite the whole verse with no prompts at all.



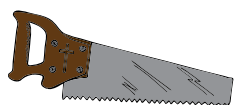
Discuss how you must not give up but must visit the pit-stop so that your faith is renewed. Eventually, as you become strong, you will not fall down because of doubt. The disciples/followers found themselves here after the death and resurrection of Jesus but went on to be transformed into great men and women of faith.



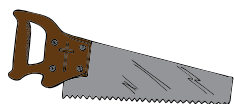
3) Power Tools - "Doubtful Disciple"



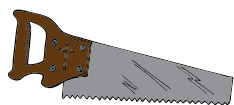
To make the Bible story visual and to engage your group create the outline of a man using plastic and tape on the front torso of the robot. See Robo's Design Sheet. Using colourful plasters stick one to each hand, the feet and the side of the man as you discuss the scars left on the body of Jesus after he had been raised from death.



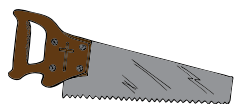
You will need a small group of actors to be the followers of Jesus locked inside the room and stationed in front of the robot. Each must have a deflated swimming rubber ring hung around their necks. The actors must appear sad. Begin narrating the story from John chapter 20 verses 19 to 23.



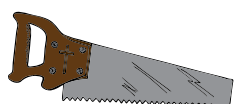
When Jesus appears in the narration, the actors are to turn and see the outline of the man on the torso of the robot and begin to examine it with joy. After the narrator has read the words "Receive the Holy Spirit" he must blow up the rubber rings around their necks to show how they were discouraged and deflated but had received encouragement and faith when Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. Nominate volunteers to help do this should this exercise take too long.



To visualise verses 24 to 29 doubting Thomas is to come along with a deflated rubber ring around his neck. He is to examine the inflated rubber rings that the other disciples are wearing but he is to refuse to believe their report until he has touched Jesus' scars. Thomas is then to be shown the outline of the man on the robot and touch the plasters that resemble the scars and then fall onto his knees to pray.



Thomas would only believe if he had tangible proof, but this is not faith. Read together Hebrews 11 verse 1. Even though you cannot see God you must have faith, not evidence, to believe he is real. This is the only way to approach him. Faith pleases God.



Show the group a completed craft following Robo's Craft Box and inflate the faith balloon that comes from the 'Thomas' card cut out. When you approach Jesus in this way he gives you the faith to believe as you receive the Holy Spirit. Younger children may wish to do this craft option.

4) Oil Can - "Rising Faith"

Write the word 'faith' onto some inflated balloons and then allow them to deflate. Assemble your group for a time of prayer and worship. Review the memory verse and discuss how the only way to approach God is by faith. When we pray we must believe that God will hear and answer our prayers.



Allow some volunteers to come and pray their prayers of faith as they blow into the balloons. When the balloons are inflated they must hold onto their balloon and not let go.

Discuss how God always answers prayer when you truly want to find him. Sometimes you must hold on and wait for the answer. Just because things do not change straight away doesn't mean that he hasn't answered you. He does everything at just the right time. Read together Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 11. God doesn't work to our timetable but has an eternal

clock. He is preparing us for eternity in heaven. He works to test our faith so that it becomes strong.

Ask a volunteer to let go of their balloon and see what happens. Never give up but tie a knot in the end of your prayer asking Jesus to do whatever he wills whilst you remain full of faith. Pray together and tie knots in the ends of your faith balloons.

5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Wheel of Faith"



Assemble the group in a large circle and sit on the floor. Nominate a volunteer to play. Give the volunteer one of the inflated inner tubes from section 1. To play they must walk around the outside of the circle holding the inner tube and select a person to chase them by putting the inner tube over the selected person's head. When this occurs that person must jump up and chase the player around the outside of the circle trying to tag them before they sit back in their place. If they fail to tag them in time, they become the player that walks around the circle ready to begin the chase with another child. Repeat depending on time.



Read together Romans chapter 10 verse 17. Once the disciples had been renewed and repaired in their pit-stop, they became different people. Full of faith they 'wheeled' their way around the world telling everyone about Jesus. They passed on the good news by sharing their faith with everyone they met.



Discuss the challenges of sharing faith each day with those you meet. To illustrate this point ask for a volunteer to stand in the centre of the circle and see who can land an inflated rubber ring by tossing it from a set distance around the volunteer's neck? Shorten the distance each time so that the challenge becomes easier and more effective. Talk about how Jesus commanded us to make disciples. This requires you to walk with others as friends. If you throw your faith from a distance you will probably not achieve the right result. The most effective way to share your faith is through friendship.



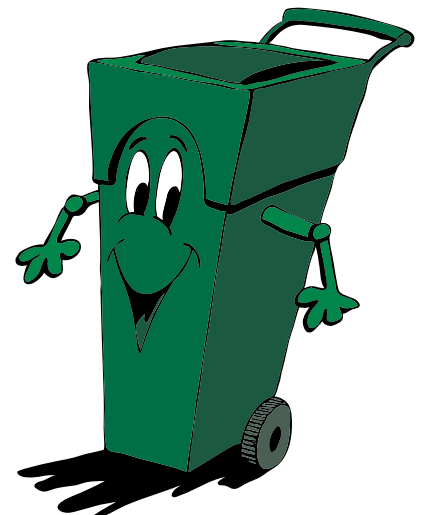
If you are deflated and empty of faith you will not be able to do this. You must first spend time in a pit-shop (quiet times) with the faith mechanic - Jesus. You can only share 'faith' with others if you are full of faith yourself.

6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

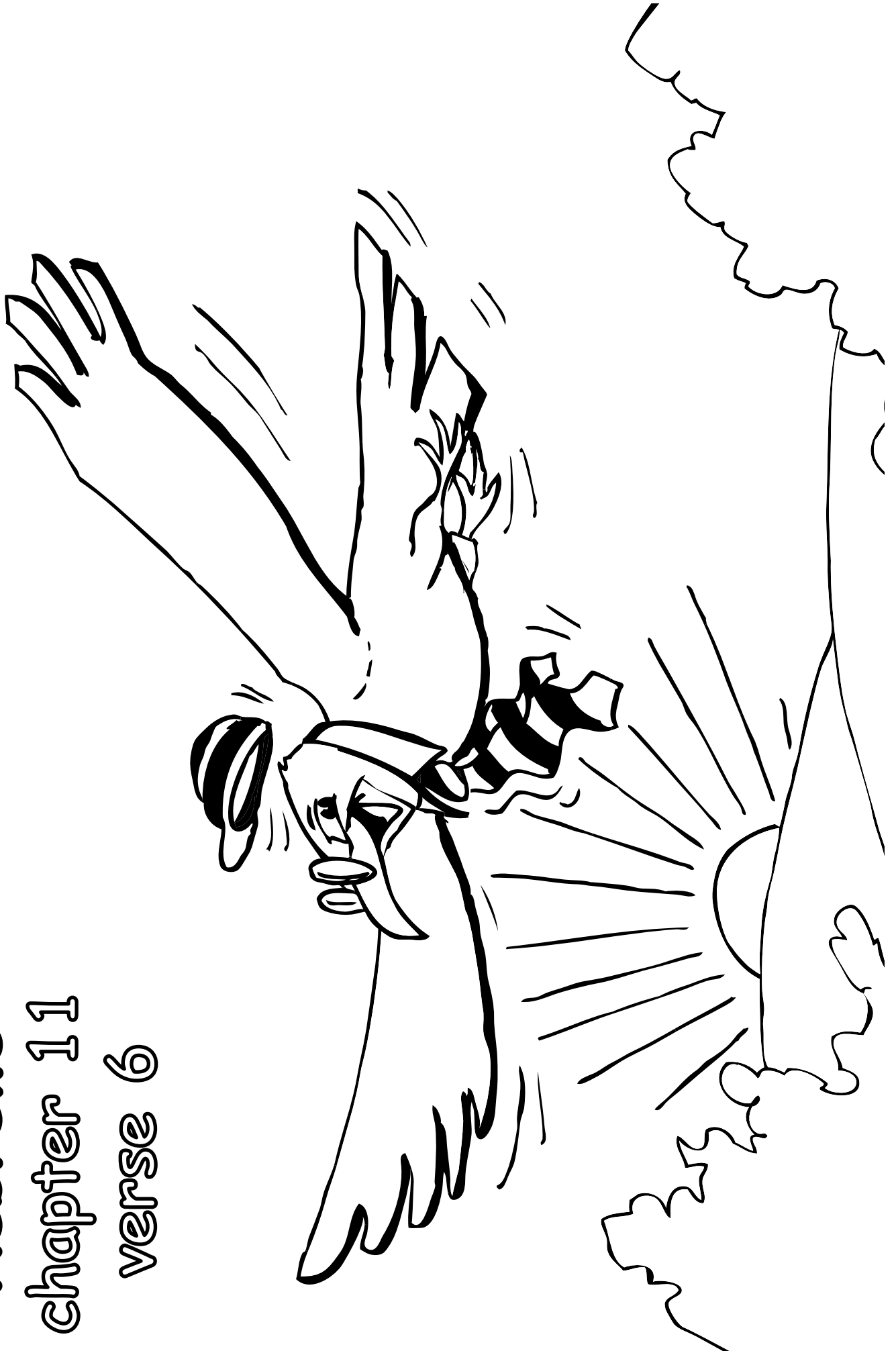
Check the repaired punchers and discuss how the repair took time. Try wheeling the robot with the wheels not repaired. Discuss how this will eventually make the robot not road worthy if it is not repaired in the pit-stop.

Remove the wonky wheel off the robot to complete the first stage of your pit-stop. Review the things the children have learned today. Discuss the importance of truly seeking God and spending friendship times with Jesus each day.

In readiness to develop the attitude from Matthew chapter 5 verse 6 the children must be aware of the pit falls along the way so that they can grow up with the determination to never give up. When in doubt, come off the road and spend time with Jesus so that faith is increased ready for the daily challenges of walking in faith.



Hebrews chapter 11 verse 6



"Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that he rewards those who truly want to find him."



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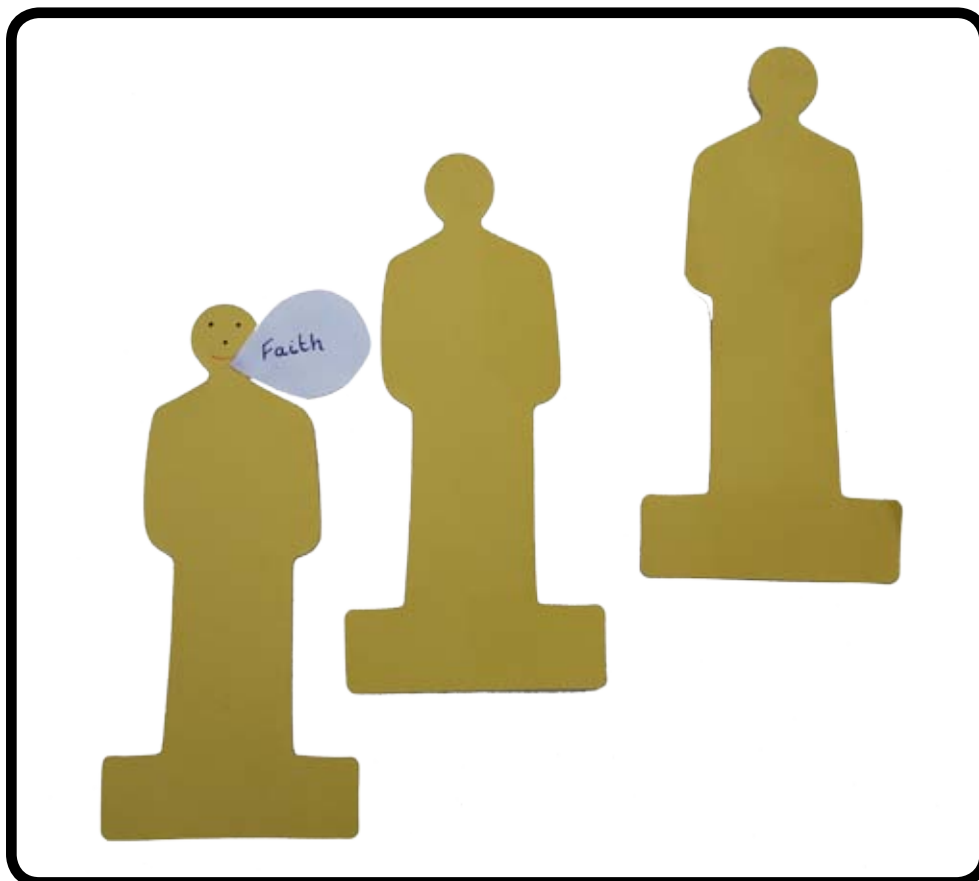
Deflated Thomas (Faith Balloon)

Materials:

- Template of an outline of a man – A5
- Piece of coloured card or cereal box card
- Glue & scissors
- Felt tip pens
- Coloured paper and craft foam
- Balloon
- Sticky label with member verse on

Instructions:

- 1) Create a template of an outline of a man and photo copy enough for your group. Size – A5.
- 2) Cut out the template and draw around the outline onto a piece of cereal box or coloured card.
- 3) Cut out the card man and then stick the paper template onto the card with glue.
- 4) Colour in and decorate the picture of the man as desired using felt tip pens, crayons or glue on craft bits and bobs.
- 5) An adult helper will need to cut a small slit onto the mouth of the card character ready to insert a balloon.
- 6) Blow up a balloon and write the word faith onto it using a marker pen.
- 7) Deflate the balloon and insert the end through the cut out mouth on the card character – Doubting Thomas.
- 8) Stick a label on the back of Doubting Thomas with the memory verse printed onto it.
- 9) When the children have finished their craft they can then try blowing up the balloon for Thomas showing how Jesus breathed on his friends the Holy Spirit.



Robo's Design Sheet

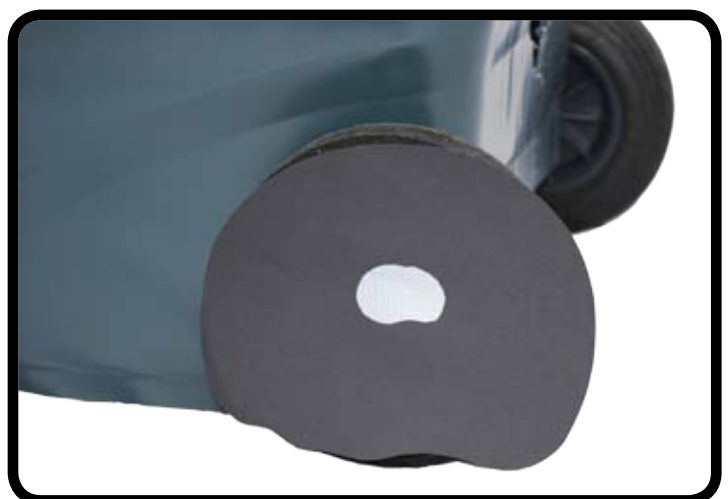
Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Plastic
- Sellotape
- Scissors
- Double sided sticky pads
- Black card and silver paper

Instructions:

- 1) As per our photograph cut out a circular head from a sheet of plastic and some long 2" width strips to create the outline of a man.
- 2) Stick onto the front of the bin using Sello-tape and double sided sticky pads.
- 3) Using black card create a wheel that looks like it has a flat tyre - as per the photo.
- 4) Make a hub cap out of silver paper to finish the look.





Week 2

“Hungry”

The Benchmark

The Pit-stop Robot remains in the lay-by suffering with hunger pangs. It must stop for a while to be refuelled. From today's adventure the children will learn how living right brings with it the necessity for spiritual food and sustenance. To continue the journey without heavenly bread will leave you weak and unable to finish the course. Jesus knew this first hand and demonstrated his love and care for his followers when he attended to both their physical and spiritual needs. When the disciples were thrown off course after the death and resurrection of Jesus they were found fishing on the lake. This was their lay-by. Jesus was waiting on the shore cooking breakfast for them and then continued with the request for Peter to feed his sheep. Peter had been fed by the words of Jesus. He declared that Jesus had the words of eternal life and there was no-where else he would rather be. As you teach the children today slice up the words of life found in the Bible. This will cause their appetite to grow so that they will become strong in their faith. Never leave them to become like young lions that lack the meat they require but feed them so that they have the strength to trust in God for everything.

Nailing The Point

Serve the children fresh bread so that they are fed with the words of eternal life. God will fully satisfy them when they are hungry for living his way.

Memory Verse

- John chapter 6 verse 68b

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 9
- John chapter 21 (Bible Story)
- Matthew chapter 5 verse 6
- Matthew chapter 15 verse 21 - 28
- Philippians chapter 4 verse 19
- Psalm 34 verse 10
- Song of Solomon chapter 2 verse 4

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Words On Toast

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “A Slice”
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Robo's Craft Box

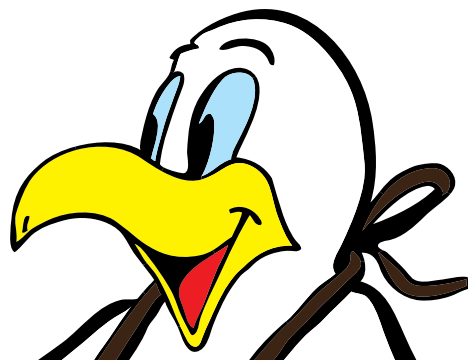
- 1) Fish Template

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

“You have the words that give eternal life.”

John chapter 6 verse 68b



1) The Tool Box - “A Slice”



With the Pit-stop Robot in the lay-by you are going to get it ready to continue the long journey ahead. It will need food for the road. By attaching a burger style head the children will learn how Jesus met both the physical needs and spiritual hunger of his friends. Each of his words become like a slice of bread to those who listen and take them to heart. Only his words will fully satisfy your hungry soul.



Today you will be comparing physical bread with spiritual bread so that the children see how much Jesus cares for all their needs. To begin, why not serve the children some toast along with a selection of their favourite toppings to enjoy. You may need all of the leaders to bring in spare toasters if you have lots of hungry mouths to feed!



For a fun starter copy and cut up sets of Visual Aid 2 (pictures of slices of bread with the individual words of the verse on). Put a set of the picture bread slices into separate empty bread bags according to the number of groups participating in the game. Divide the group into small teams and allocate them their bread bag. They will need to work from a table or a tray. Give each team x9 slices of real bread, a jar of jam and some plastic knives. Have wipes available for inevitable sticky fingers!



On the leader's command they must take the slices of bread out of the bag and stick each word picture onto a real slice of bread. To stick the paper to the bread they must spread a layer of jam onto the real bread and sandwich the paper on top. (Word side up!). Working as a team they must look up the verse and then arrange the slices in the correct order. When they have done this ask them to race to make a 'club sandwich' by putting the slices together with the text at the bottom and the first word at the top of the pile. Discuss the verse together. If God's word is your spiritual food how do you digest it so that you become strong in your faith?



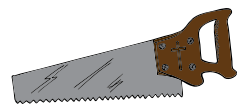
Wheel on the Pit-stop Robot and create the burger head as per Robo's Design Sheet. Talk about the need to stop for food when you go on a long motorway journey. Becoming a Christian is just the start of a life-long adventure. Salvation awaits those who continue to the end of the road. (1 Peter chapter 1 verse 9). It's essential that you know how to feed on God's word along the way. Peter spoke the memory verse in the Bible when many were turning back from following Jesus. There was no-where else he wanted to go because the words of Jesus gave him eternal life. When the road following Jesus becomes difficult - you must not turn back but spend time with him and feed on his words so that you have the strength to finish the life long course.



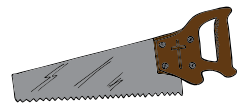
To create your craft ready for today's Bible story see Robo's Craft Box. Here the children will create the sign of the fish out of bread. Once complete the 'fish bread' will need to be toasted. Work a system so that you remember which fish belongs to which child? Talk about this being the ID symbol of the early Christians. They suffered persecution because of their faith in Jesus. They drew this symbol as a secret code when identifying other Christians. The Greek word for fish is 'ICHTHYS' which means "Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour". These words sum up the Christian faith.

2) Power Tools - "Fish Paste"

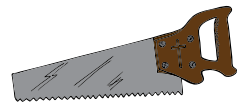
The next episode of where we find the disciples after the death and resurrection of Jesus is in a lay-by at the Sea of Galilee. They had come off the road and had gone back to what they knew - fishing. Here on the sea-shore Jesus met their needs in two ways. First he cooked them breakfast and then fed them life challenging words which set them back on track.



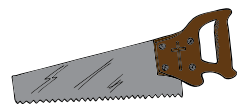
The Bible story is found in John chapter 21. To make this visual cut out x6 bread shaped men from x6 slices of bread. Toast them to make them firm. The x6 bread men represent the following Bible characters. 1) Jesus 2) Peter 3) Thomas 4) Nathanael 5) James 6) John. You will also need to use the craft toasts of fish which the children have made in section 1.



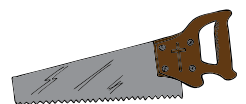
Create a beach setting and the lake of Galilee. To do this use blue paper for the water and perhaps bread crumbs for the sand, along with a small fishing boat. The stage would work best from a small table/tray stationed in the centre of your group?



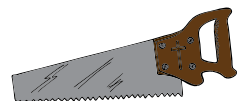
Begin the story by spreading fish paste onto x5 of the toasted bread disciples and explain to the children how they went back to what they knew, because Jesus was no longer with them in the same way. Place the disciples in the boat and explain how they caught nothing. Meanwhile put the remaining toasted bread man (Jesus) on the shore. Place some of the toasted fish in a pile with some red tissue underneath to resemble a fire.



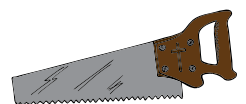
When you get to the verse where they make a large catch, place the rest of the toasted fish into a large empty bread bag with a thread coming from it so that it can be dragged to the shore. (Hang it off the edge of the table then pull up and onto the sea shore). Discuss with the group how Jesus first met their physical need of hunger. Ask the children what they would do if they met someone who was hungry - would the hungry person prefer to be told about God's love or be shown it by being given some bread to eat first?



Jesus talked with Peter and asked him to feed his sheep to show his love for God. Do you think Peter would understand there are 2 sides to the slice of bread? One side meant that he should look to meet the practical needs of others and the other side is that he would speak words of eternal life to feed those he was going to pastor and care for.



Finally, spread some jam on the other side of Peter. Serving Jesus would be 'sweet' but it would result in a sticky horrible end for Peter (Ref. verse 19). Peter went on to do just what Jesus asked. He showed his love for Jesus by being obedient to his words. Peter knew first hand that nothing else could satisfy his hunger but the words of eternal life. Discuss this challenge with the children. This robot's attitude found in Matthew chapter 5 verse 6 tells us that when we live following the right way we will be fully satisfied.



3) Oil Can - "Oh Crumbs"



Assemble your group in a large circle ready for a time of prayer and worship. Place in the centre of the circle the plate of toasted fish which they made earlier. On another plate collect the bread crumbs from the Bible story and place it next to the plate of toasted fish.



Ask the group if they were hungry which plate would they choose to eat from? Would they prefer a slice of fish toast or one crumb from the other plate? Discuss how if you neglect your friendship times with Jesus, reading your Bible and praying/worship, it is like existing just on small crumbs. You must learn to feed on the words of eternal life. When you take God's word to heart and obey it you will then grow strong in your faith.



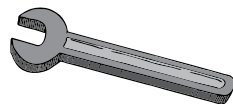
There was a woman in the Bible who understood this. (Ref. Matthew chapter 15 verses 21 to 28). She was a Gentile and was considered to be like a dog to the Jews. She asked Jesus for help. Even if it was just a crumb of bread she knew his words would bring life and help to her sick child. How hungry are you for this bread? There is more than a crumb on offer because Jesus is the bread of life.



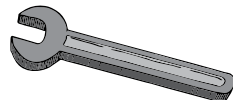
Invite the children to eat their fish toast or they can take it home? Encourage them to feed on God's word. Spend time praying so that they can bring their needs to Jesus. Help them understand Jesus cares about their practical needs too. Read together Philippians chapter 4 verse 19.

4) The Word Box - "Hunger Pangs"

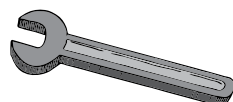
Another memory verse game that could be played is 'Hunger Pangs'. To play; divide the children into teams. Give each team a tray with x9 slices of bread on, along with a tube of Marmite or cheese in a tube.



On the leader's command they must take it in turns to write on each individual slice a word of today's memory verse respectively by squeezing the tube to form the word. Congratulate the most legible effort and review the verse from that tray.



Depending on time you could remove a slice of this bread one at a time to see if they can recite the verse with fewer prompts. Encourage them to read and feed on the verse as they memorize it throughout the week.



5) Box of Bright Sparks - "Use Your Loaf"



Compile a list of questions relating to today's teaching and appropriate to your age group. Set optional answers with the choice being a particular sandwich, e.g. If the answer is a) Cheese sandwich or b) Ham sandwich. The teams are to be read the question and they must choose the answer a) or b) by taking and eating the correct sandwich.



Discuss the importance of meal times, and sitting around a table and talking together. It's a good environment to ask questions and talk about the things that bother you. It's a place of having fun and learning your table manners too. God's house is like a banqueting table with a banner of love over it. (Ref. Song of Solomon chapter 2 verse 4). This means he will meet your needs and you should be comfortable to ask questions because you are loved.



Read together Psalm 34 verse 10 and discuss what this means. The children are like young lions. It is important for young lions to be fed and trained how to feed themselves. Talk to your group so that they feel able to ask for help with things that they don't understand. Think about how it is the responsibility of the church family to ensure that the young lions are fed and learn how to eventually feed unaided from God's word because they are equipped and trained to do so.



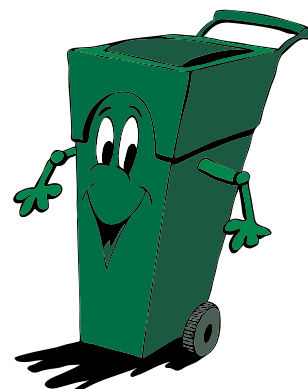
Where possible engage the family of the children in adopting regular family quiet times - if they don't already do so. Why not set up a big brother or big sister scheme so that the younger children have someone to relate to who can in turn pray with them and encourage them in their faith?

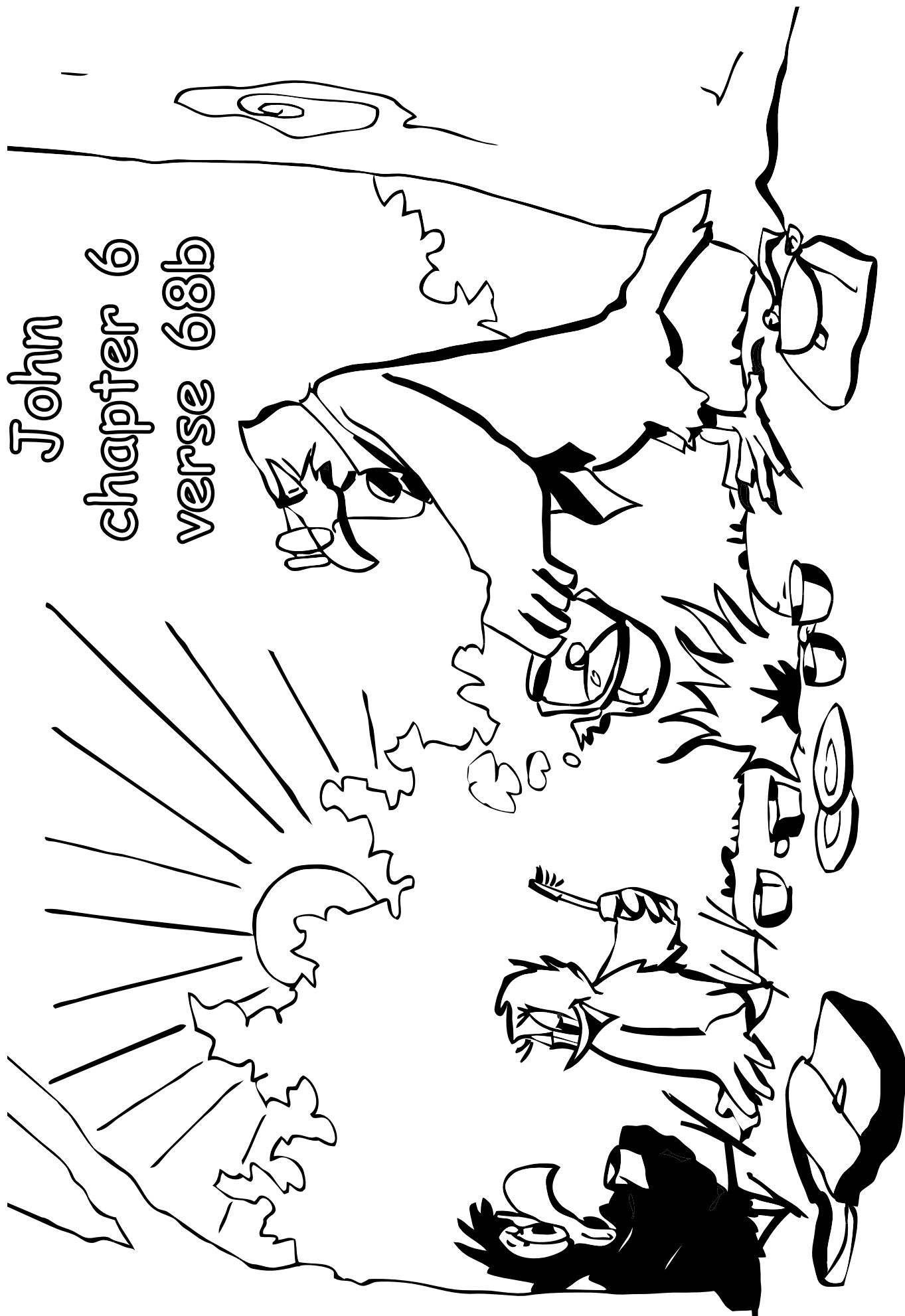
6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

Wheelie in your Pit-stop Robot at great speed for fun. Talk about fast food. Is it healthy?

Take time talking and listening to the children and encourage them to have a balanced and healthy physical and spiritual diet. Friendship takes time. Think about how they can give enough time to Jesus each day in a quiet 'lay-by' so that they read their Bibles quietly and talk with him in prayer.

If possible, encourage your group to be good friends with each other. See if they can invite someone in their group around to their home for tea? After the food and fun encourage them to read their Bibles together and pray with each other.



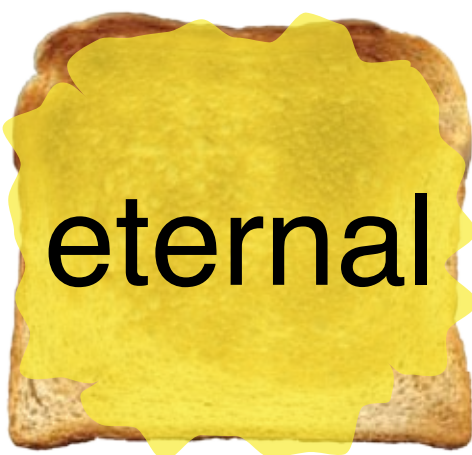


John
chapter 6
verse 68b

"You have the words that give eternal life."



John chapter 6 verse 68b



Robo's Craft Box

Fish Template

Materials:

- Photo copy a template of the Christian 'fish' symbol
- Scissors & plastic knife
- Slice of toast

Instructions:

- 1) Toast a thick slice of bread for each member of your group and leave to cool. Don't overcook the bread as it will break up when cut.
- 2) Using a cut out template of the Christian 'fish' symbol place on top of a piece of cold toast.
- 3) Take a plastic knife and carefully cut around the fish template so that you end up with a fish shaped piece of toast.

Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

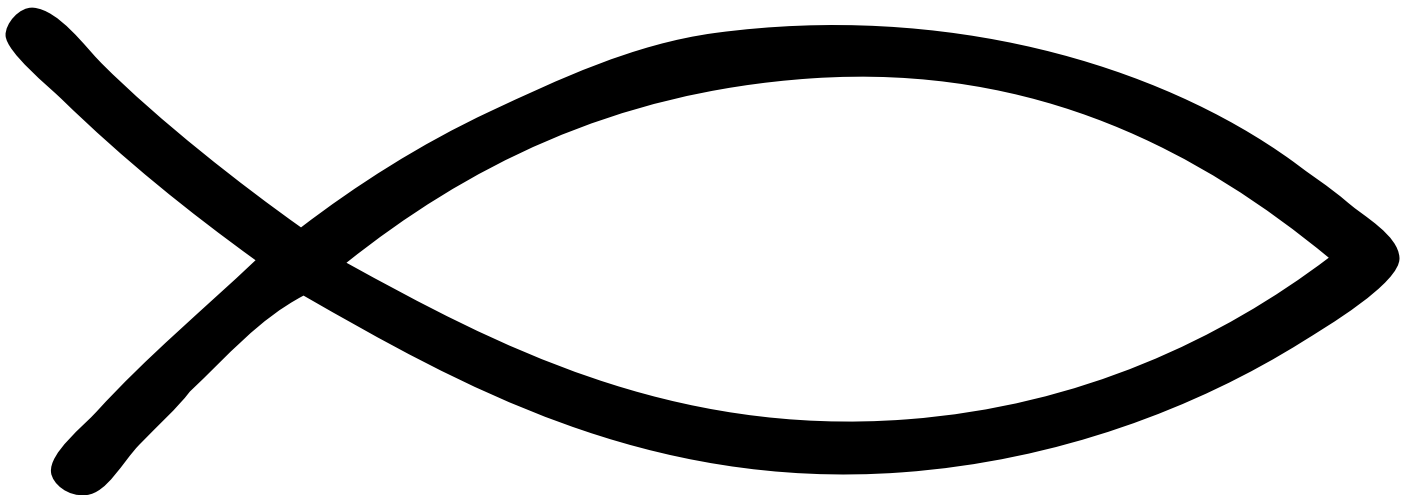
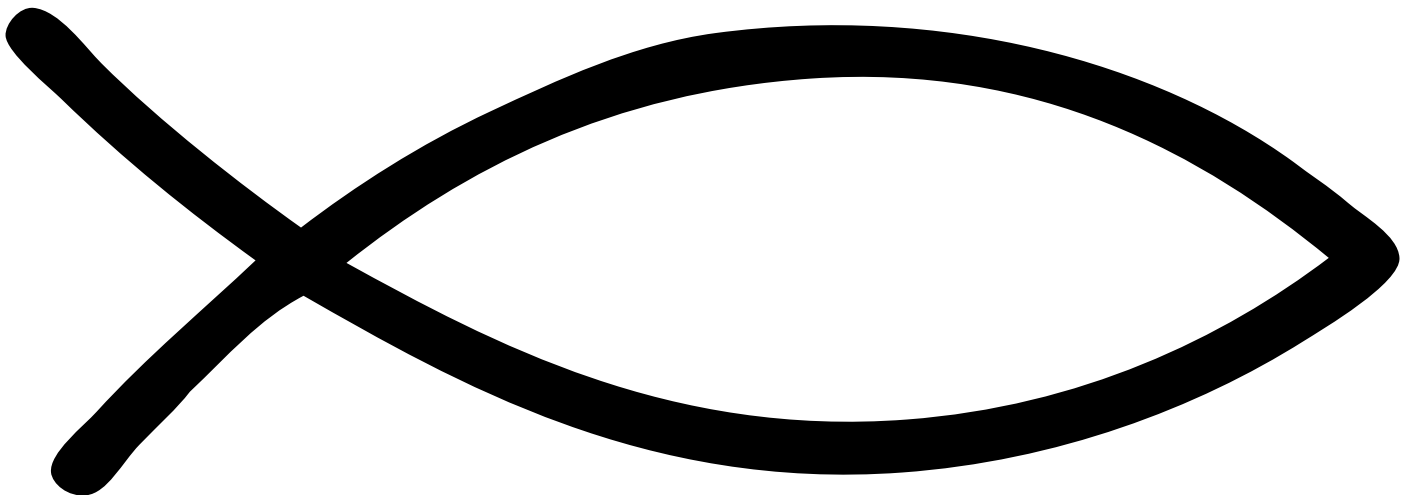
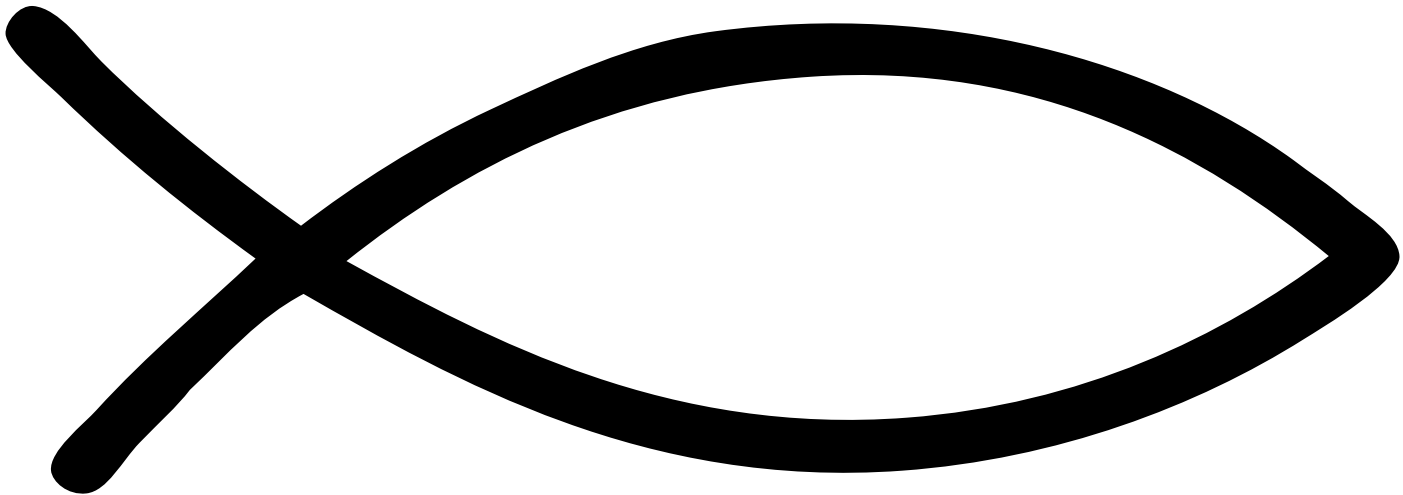
Materials:

- x2 cheap plastic mixing bowls
- Cream paper table cloth
- Brown, green & red crepe paper
- Pictures of vegetables for facial features
- Sellotape & scissors
- Double sided sticky pads
- String
- Empty chip carton
- Cream card to make chips
- Plastic sheeting

Instructions:

- 1) Pierce a small hole in the base of each plastic mixing bowl.
- 2) Cut the paper table cloth to size and use to cover each mixing bowl. Sellotape the cloth inside the mixing bowl to secure.
- 3) Cover the lid of the bin using your chosen coloured plastic and secure with Sellotape. Cut a hole in the plastic where the chrome hole is situated.
- 4) Pierce a small hole in the base of your chip carton.
- 5) Feed the string through the chip carton, then the base of one of the mixing bowls. Turn the other mixing bowl upright ready to create the burger shape and continue to feed the string through the base of that bowl.
- 6) Tie a knot in the end of the string inside the chip carton.
- 7) Place the burger on the lid of the bin and feed the string through the chrome hole and pull tight. Tie the end of the string around the cleat on the underside of the lid to secure the burger head.
- 8) Using brown, green and red crepe or tissue paper sandwich pieces of each colour in between the 2 mixing bowls to make a burger and salad filling. Untie the string slightly if you need to open the burger baps wide. Secure the string tightly once again and attach metal clips to secure the top and bottom of the burger bap on the lip of the mixing bowl.
- 9) Make the robot's facial features out of vegetable pictures such as cucumber slices etc... You can draw these or download these items off the internet.
- 10) Cut out and stick onto the front side of the burger head using double sided sticky pads.
- 11) Create chips for the robots head out of cream card and place inside the chip carton on its head for a fun hair style.







Week 3

“The Filling Station”

The Benchmark

The Pit-stop Robot has a healthy appetite but it remains thirsty. What will quench its thirst? As we conclude the events of Easter the disciples were in a similar position. Their mouths were dry as they had become exhausted from the trials surrounding them. Jesus led them out to a mountain for his departure. They had known the Father and had spent time with his Son but now they were to get ready for an encounter with the Holy Spirit. Jesus was sending them out into every part of the world to make disciples. On this epic adventure they would run into much trouble and great needs, but Jesus was promising to be with them in a different way. He instructed them to remain in Jerusalem to be fuelled with this power from heaven as what they were to accomplish could not be achieved with mere human strength. Right before their eyes Jesus was taken out of sight in a bright white cloud. They stood with their mouths open in awe of this spectacular vision. Suddenly they were charged with the awaited promise that Jesus will one day return in the same way he went. Together they remained waiting for an infilling of power that would quench their thirst forever. The promise remains for the children today. As they hunger and thirst for God's way he will fully satisfy them.

Nailing The Point

Whet the appetite of the children as you invite them to have this thirst quenching drink that will fill their mouths with praise and empower them to live God's way.

Memory Verse

- Psalm 42 verse 2

Colour Your World

Bible Verses Used

- John chapter 14 verse 16
- Matthew chapter 5 verse 6
- Acts chapter 2 verse 39
- Acts chapter 1 verses 6 - 11
- Acts chapter 1 verses 12 & 13
- John chapter 20 verse 21
- Matthew chapter 24 verse 14
- Mark chapter 16 verse 20

Robo's Visual Aids

- 1) Memory Verse Poster
- 2) Picture of Ascension

Robo's Teaching Guide

- 1) The Tool Box - “Blown Away”
- 2) Power Tools - “Fan Club”
- 3) Oil Can - “Sent”
- 4) Box of Bright Ideas - “Water Transport”
- 5) The Word Box - “Pipeline”
- 6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

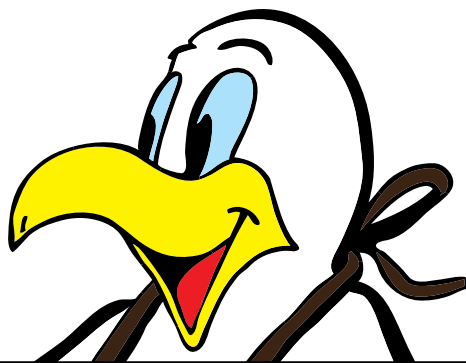
Robo's Craft Box

- 1) Straw Decoration

Robo's Design Sheet

Memory Verse

**"I thirst for the living God. When
can I go to meet him?"
Psalm 42 verse 2**



1) The Tool Box - "Blown Away"



The Pit-stop Robot will today be transformed into a fuel filling drink station. You will raise the question of thirsting for God to enable the children to meet him and have their thirst quenched. As the Ascension is taught the same commission remains whilst we wait for the return of Jesus. To go into the world with the same challenge, identical power is required for fuel.



As the children arrive give them a cool drink along with their own straw which is needed for the illustrations and games. Discuss the topic of thirst and how you would die without anything to drink. Jesus had given his friends a drink of living waters but what would they do now he was going to be taken from them? How would their thirst be quenched?



Jesus would still be with them but in a different way. For the Holy Spirit to come he had to return to heaven. Read John chapter 14 verse 16. Give the children a copy of Visual Aid 2 as you introduce the Ascension of Jesus. They are going to blow, using their straws, small blobs of blue paint over the picture to envisage Jesus disappearing out of sight in a cloud. Hang the pictures up to dry. These will need to be on display for the Bible story. (Please dry on a clothes horse using pegs). N.B. For older children work with one large group picture and do as a team?



But what about the journey ahead? This must have been on their mind. How could they, and how can we, do the things Jesus commands whilst we wait for his return? They needed the promised Helper. Wheel on the Pit-stop Robot. Following Robo's Design Sheet create your fuel filling drink station on the torso of the robot. God has promised to fully satisfy your hunger and thirst. Review Matthew chapter 5 verse 6. Today you are going to find out when this occurred for the disciples and also see how this same promise is for you today. Read Acts chapter 2 verse 39.



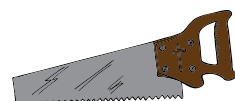
Are you thirsty? To introduce the memory verse you will need to cut up small squares of paper and write the individual words of the verse onto each square. Make x2 sets to run as a race between teams. Divide the group into x2 teams and station them at opposite ends of the room. In the centre of the room place an empty beaker for each team. Give each team their set of word squares.



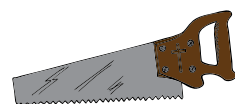
On the leader's command the first member of each team must suck up, using their straw, the first word square of paper so that it remains on the end of their straw. They must then deposit it into the team's beaker without dropping it. If they drop it then they must suck it up with their straw to continue the race. When they have deposited the first word into their team's beaker the next volunteer sucks up the second word square, and so on until all of the verse has been deposited in the beaker. Read the memory verse together and ask once again who is thirsty for God? He sent the Holy Spirit to quench your thirst and give you fuel for the journey to heaven.

2) Power Tools - "Lift Off"

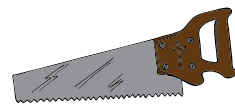
Assemble the group together to tell the Bible story taken from Acts chapter 1 verses 6 to 11. Bring to the front area the clothes horse of drying pictures from section 1. You will need an electric fan by the clothes horse to use in the story. (It must be unplugged to begin with).



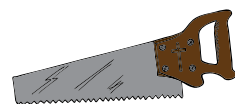
To engage the children in the story write the names of the 11 remaining disciples onto small squares of paper. Station these at a distance from the group. Ask the children who can remember the names of the remaining disciples? When they answer correctly they must go and collect that particular disciple's name by sucking it up with their straw and releasing the paper to land in front of the fan. (For a prompt they can use their Bible to find the names in Acts chapter 1 verses 12 - 13). Continue until all 11 bits of paper bearing the disciples names are stationed in front of the fan.



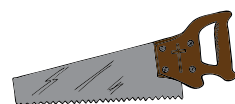
Introduce the story by then showing the group the 3 pin plug. Explain that the 'pins' represent the Trinity. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. So far the disciples had known the Father and had spent 3 years following Jesus the Son. They would now be introduced to the Holy Spirit in a powerful way. Jesus would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit when he returned to heaven.



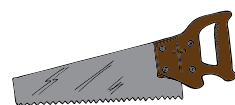
Continue by telling the Bible story from Acts chapter 1 verses 6 to 11. For visual effect, when Jesus is taken up from them plug in the fan so that it blows the pictures as well as the 11 bits of paper bearing the names of the disciples. Excitedly the disciples returned to Jerusalem ready to be empowered with the Holy Spirit. He would be their friend and helper and empower them to do the work of the kingdom. He would fuel a fire inside them that would spread into every part the world.



Discuss how the fan dried the pictures. The promise of Jesus returning to this earth was not something to stand and stare at - like watching paint dry. Jesus left his followers with a job to do. The disciples needed to drink this power like fuel to enable them to do the work of the kingdom just like Jesus. He was going to be with them but in a different way. We are to live watching and be ready for the final picture to be completed when Jesus returns. This will happen when the Father says.



Not long after this Jesus kept his promise and the Holy Spirit was poured out - just like the plug being connected to the electricity supply - so they were connected to a power supply in heaven. The same challenge remains for the Church today to fulfil Jesus' final request to go into every part of the world with the good news of the kingdom. The same Holy Spirit is available to empower the Church in the same way. This is the fuel shown by the Pit-stop Robot.



3) Oil Can - "Sent"



Another one of Jesus' last requests is found in John chapter 20 verse 21. He sends us to do his work in the power of the Holy Spirit. To visualise this ready for a time of prayer use the following illustration.



Assemble the group in a large circle and in the centre place a large poster picture of the world. For Jesus to return the gospel must be preached in the whole world. (Read Matthew chapter 24 verse 14). How can this be achieved? The task is too great for people. This is why the Holy Spirit was sent. It is his role to bring people to know Jesus and he uses us to be part of this happening.



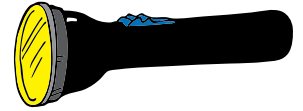
Each child will need their straw and a few cotton wool buds for ammunition. On the leader's command, the cotton wool buds must be blown through their straws onto the picture of the world. Once all of the ammunition is used up count how many buds landed on the poster and how many were lost on the floor. (N.B. For younger children a leader can just demonstrate this).



For your words to be empowered and effective you need the Holy Spirit. Spend time praying and waiting on God in worship so that the children have time to be filled with the Holy Spirit like a 'drink'. He will give them the words to speak and the courage to do his works so that others are helped and healed. Also spend time praying for different countries and places where you have missionary stations in the world. Pray for the gospel to go out into the world. This will hasten the day for Jesus to return.

4) Box of Bright Sparks - "Water Transport"

Jesus promised that his followers would do great things in his name. Read Mark chapter 16 verse 20 to see what happened to the disciples when they were fuelled with God's power. Can the same things happen today?



Game Option 1. Station a large beaker/jug full of water on a table alongside x4 empty glasses. Nominate x4 volunteers to use their straws to suck up the water from the beaker and fill up their glass by emptying the sucked water back through their straw. The winning player is the first to transport enough water to fill their glass. Repeat depending on time with fresh water and new volunteers.

The same power that was in Jesus has been given to you. It is transported from heaven by the Holy Spirit. As you seek God and live in the right way your thirst will be fully satisfied. You will be empowered like Jesus to help others, preach the gospel and see the sick healed.

Game Option 2. Another game to show the gospel being taken into the world can be shown through a cotton wool race. Refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit you can speak the good news everywhere you go in the world. Discuss the gentleness of the Holy Spirit's power through this game. You should approach others with the same respect and in a gentle way.

Line up a safe number of players on a start line. Station the world poster at a distance on the finish line. Give each player a small cotton wool ball. On the leader's command they must use their straw to blow the cotton ball across the floor and onto the world poster. The winner is the first to land their cotton ball onto the world poster. Repeat with new players depending on time. You could use different coloured cotton balls to race as a team? Discuss the need to be fuelled by the Holy Spirit to fulfil the great Commission.

5) The Word Box - "Pipeline"

"When can I go and meet him?" Just like our thirst needs regularly quenching so it is the same when you thirst for God. You can spend time with him anywhere and at any time. The best time is your own personal friendship times with Jesus. But just like the disciples the Holy Spirit is present when 2 or more of Jesus' friends come together. To illustrate this thought and review the memory verse once again, try the following game.

Pipeline: Split the group into small teams. Label individual straws with the separate words of the memory verse using small sticky labels. Give each team a set of straws. On the leader's command they must race to join the straws together like a pipeline. Squeeze the he ends of the straws to carefully inside each other. The winning team is the first to complete the task. Review the verse together.

Try joining all of the pipelines together. See how far reaching this can be. Discuss how we belong to one Church that meets in lots of different places. How effective and far reaching would it be if everyone worked together to ensure the gospel went out into the world. Think about how water travels down pipes. There is a thirsty world in need of a refreshing drink of eternal life. Pray about how you can link up with other Christians in others churches in your area and work together to spread the gospel.

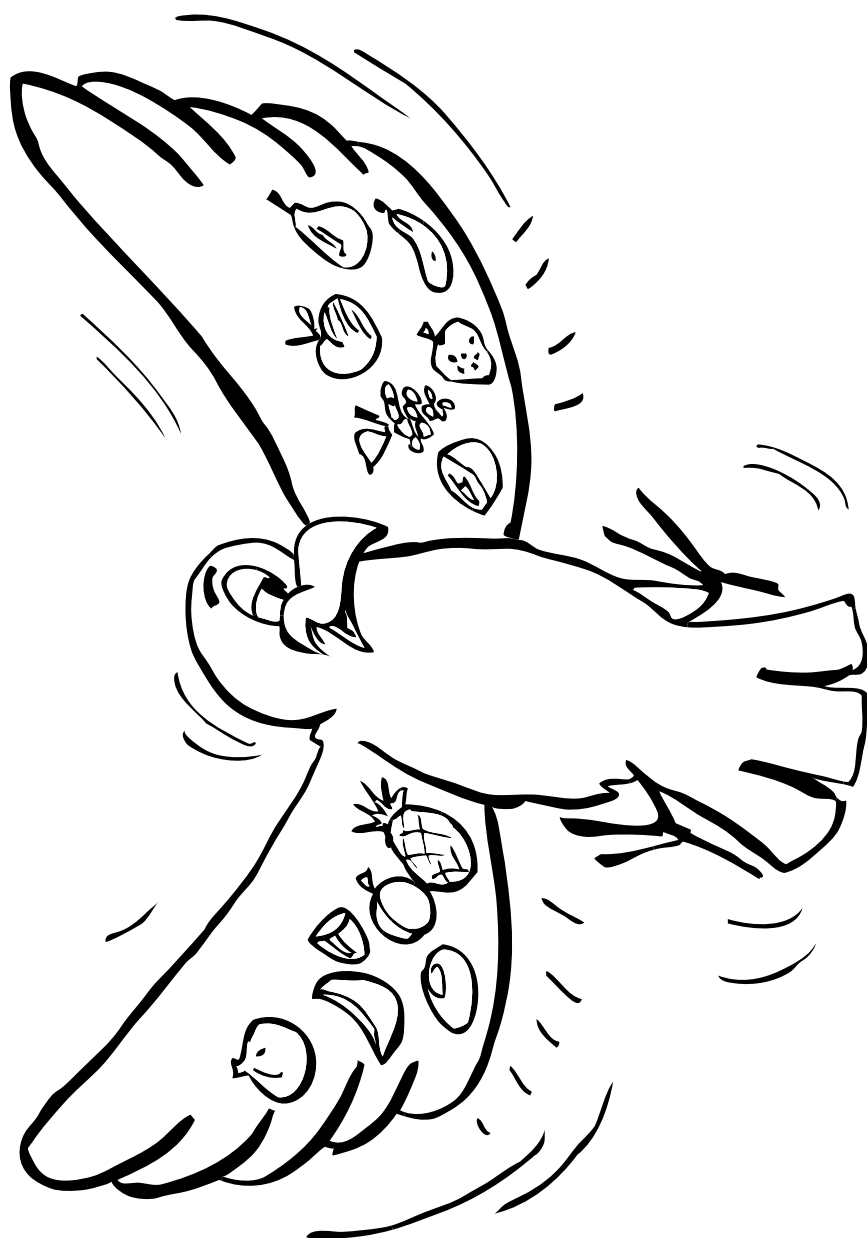
6) Wheelie Wheelie Time?

This is the final week for the Pit-stop Robot. To conclude; hide a leader inside the robot with a water pistol. Wheel the robot to the centre of the group to review the lesson you have learned today. For fun the leader could squirt water discretely from inside the bin.

For even more fun they could pour water down the hose-pipe arms to wet the audience that way? The leader will need to be armed with plenty of plastic bottles of water inside the bin to achieve this. They will need to pour the water out through the hose pipe arms. Another leader stationed by the robot will then have to direct the arms at the watching group to give them an unexpected drink! N.B. Vacuum hoses need to be clean.

Summarise the lesson and finish with the thought that the Holy Spirit is a taste of heaven. He is drink and fuel for the journey to heaven.

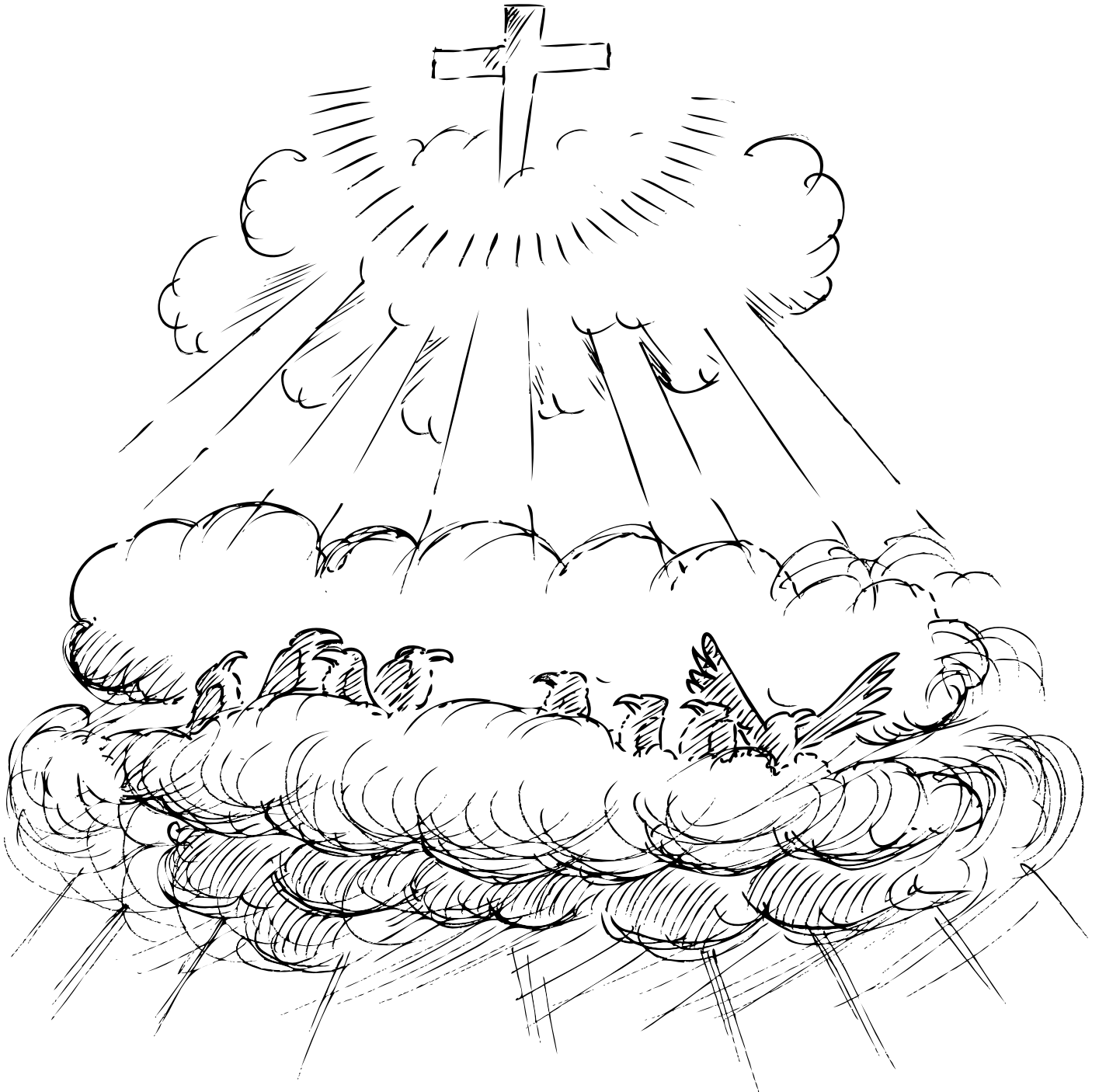
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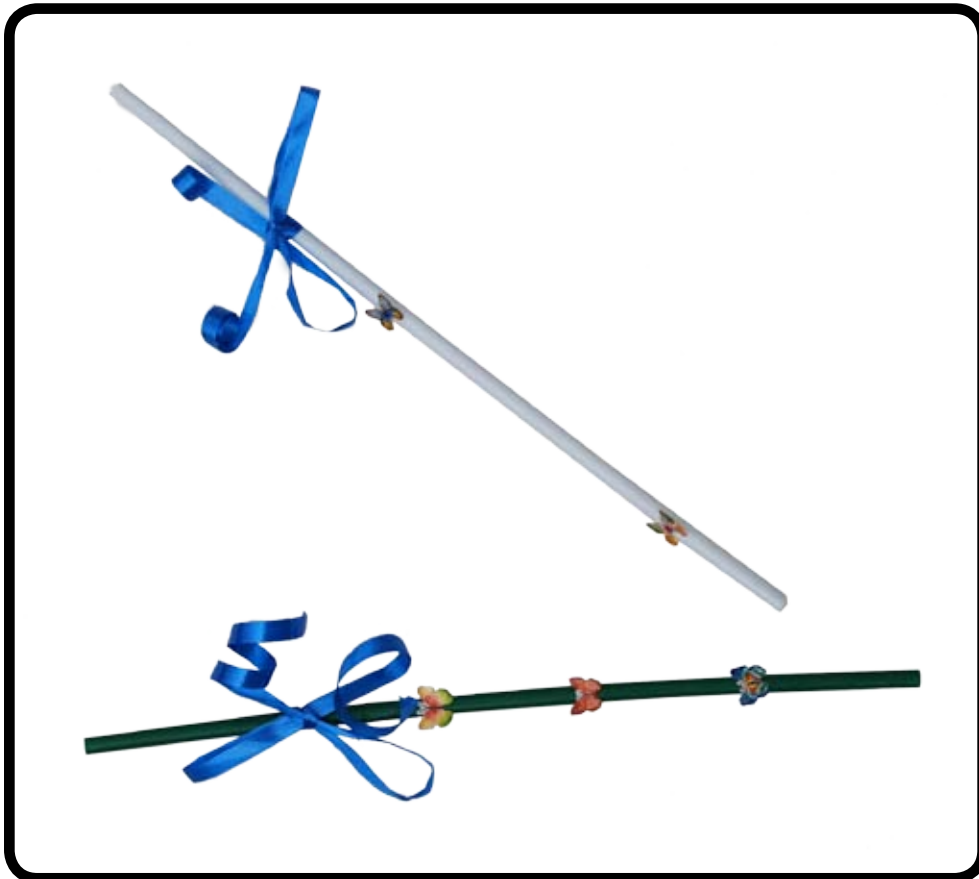
Straw Decoration

Materials:

- Colourful drinking straws
- Paper ribbon (used to wrap gifts)
- Small stickers
- Craft feather and sticky label

Instructions:

- 1) Tie a small length of colourful paper ribbon into a bow onto the top of your straw.
- 2) Stick some small decorative stickers down the length of the straw.
- 3) To include the memory verse, print the words onto a sticky label and attach to a craft feather.
- 4) Insert the feather into the knot holding ribbon.



Robo's Design Sheet

Wheelie Bin

Materials:

- Coloured plastic sheeting
- Sellotape and scissors
- Card
- Craft foam
- Double sided sticky pads
- x2 vacuum hoses
- String

Instructions:

- 1) Cut your coloured plastic to size and cover the torso of the bin.
- 2) Neatly fold over the edges and secure with Sellotape.
- 3) Pierce a hole in the plastic where the chrome holes appear on the side of the bin.
- 4) Using a piece of card, create your own petrol pump fuel gauge. Make the gauge colourful with a craft foam arrow.
- 5) Tie a length of string onto each vacuum hose then feed the string through the respective chrome hole on the side of the bin and tie off securely onto the cleat inside the bin. Ensure that you pull the string firm so that the hose is flush against the side of the bin.
- 6) Use Sellotape if required to finish off attaching the petrol pump hoses.





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