

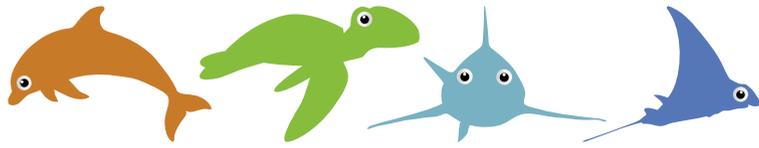


Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 04-04-21

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Family Fun

(All Ages)

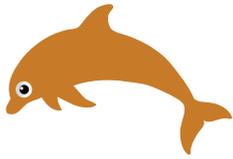
Easter egg relay

Activity time: 5–10 minutes

Aim: to think about what clues Easter eggs might give to the Easter story

You will need: small foil wrapped Easter eggs, teaspoons, chairs and tables

1. Invite the children to arrange an obstacle course using chairs and tables (check it for safety!). If you want to save time in your session, you could prepare this in advance.
2. Divide the children into equal teams and give each team an egg.
3. Ask the children what clues they think eggs give us about the Easter story. (Many people share eggs as a symbol of new life. The new life of a baby chick represents the new life offered by Jesus.)
4. Challenge each team to carry an egg on a teaspoon over the obstacle course in relay. You might want to time them or count the number of times the egg is dropped to establish a winner.



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

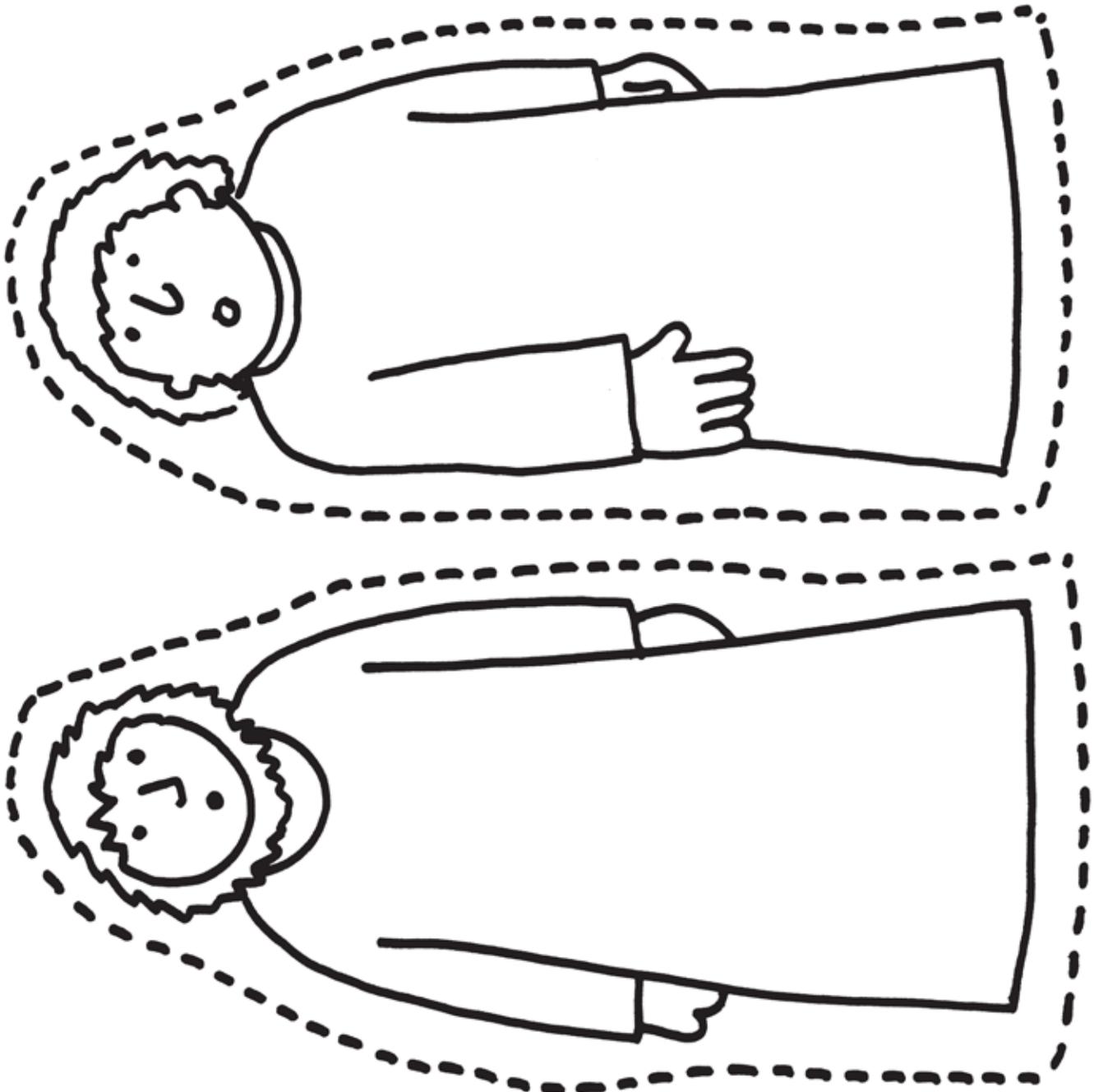
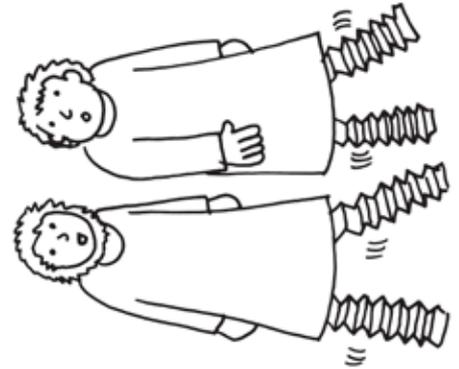
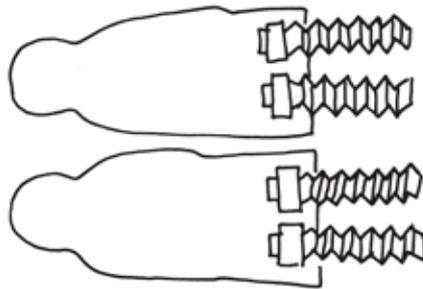
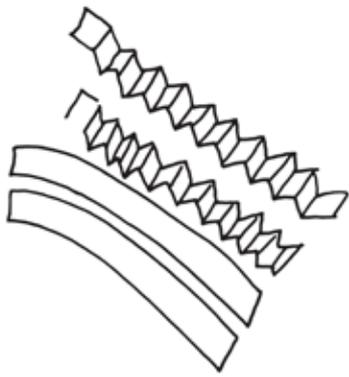
Making puppets

Activity time: 10 minutes

Aim: to tell the Easter story

You will need: figures from page 373, scissors, crayons, paper, sticky tape

1. Copy the figures on to card and give a copy to each child. Help the children to cut out the two puppet figures. Tell the children that these are the two friends who set off on a journey and were later joined by Jesus.
2. Let the children colour in the puppets. 'Notice' that they do not have any legs.
3. Give each child four strips of paper. Show them how to fold the paper like a concertina to make two springy legs for each puppet. Fasten the legs on with sticky tape.
4. Encourage the children to retell the story, moving the figures along slowly as they talk and meet Jesus.
5. Then make them run back to tell their friends that Jesus is alive and that they have seen him. What do you think they said to their friends when they got home?





Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

Bible search

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to explore the clues the Bible gives about the meaning of Jesus' life

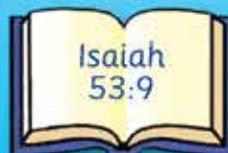
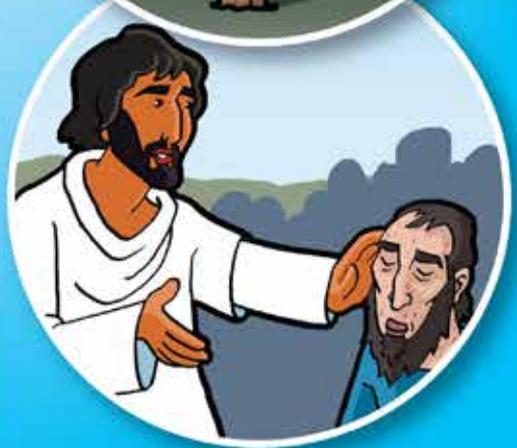
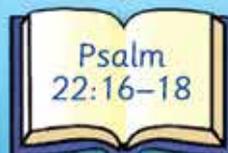
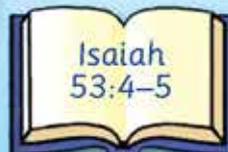
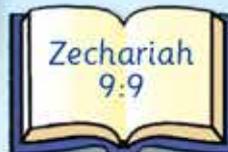
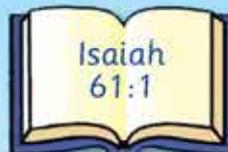
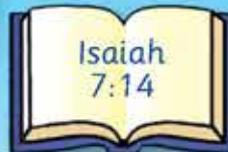
You will need: copies of the Splash! sheet from page 362

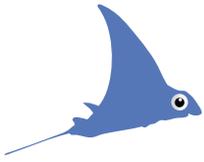
1. Give out copies of the Splash! sheet from page 362.
2. Remind the group that, as Jesus and his friends walked to Emmaus, he explained how the Jewish Scriptures (in the Old Testament) explained the purpose of his life and death (even though his friends did not recognise him at the time).
3. Challenge the children to look up the verses and then link each one with the appropriate picture. You may want to mark the verses in a Bible before the session to save time: Isaiah 7:14 (baby in manger), Isaiah 61:1 (teaching and healing), Zechariah 9:9 (riding a donkey), Psalm 41:9 (Judas betraying Jesus), Isaiah 53:4,5 (being whipped and beaten), Psalm 22:16–18 (on the cross), Isaiah 53:9 (in a tomb).

Splash!

Jesus probably explained these verses to his friends when he met them on the road to Emmaus.

Link each verse with the right picture.





Easter puzzles

Activity time: 5–10 minutes

Aim: to think about who Jesus was and still is today

You will need: copies of the Xstream sheet from page 361

1. Challenge the children to look up the Old and New Testament verses on the Easter notice board on the Xstream sheet from page 361. These are clues to the events of Easter, its significance and what it means to us today. Make sure they read out Psalm 22:30,31. Say that we are the future generations mentioned in these verses. We have been told and can tell others: 'The Lord saved his people.'

Easter notice board

Ancient clues

check out these verses from the old Testament. They were written hundreds of years before Jesus was even born. They are all clues about what would happen in the future. Match them up to what it tells us about Easter.

Psalm 22:30,31
Isaiah 53:12
Zechariah 9:9

What happened on Palm Sunday.
Jesus died so that we could be forgiven.
We will know about Jesus and can tell others.

Give us a clue...

Jesus knew what was going to happen to him and he gave his disciples several clues about the future.

Only yolking!

How can you drop an Easter egg six feet without breaking it?
By dropping it seven feet - it won't break for the first six.

check out these Bible verses and write the clue in your own words.

Luke 9:22

Luke 9:44,45

Luke 18:31-33