



Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 16-08-20

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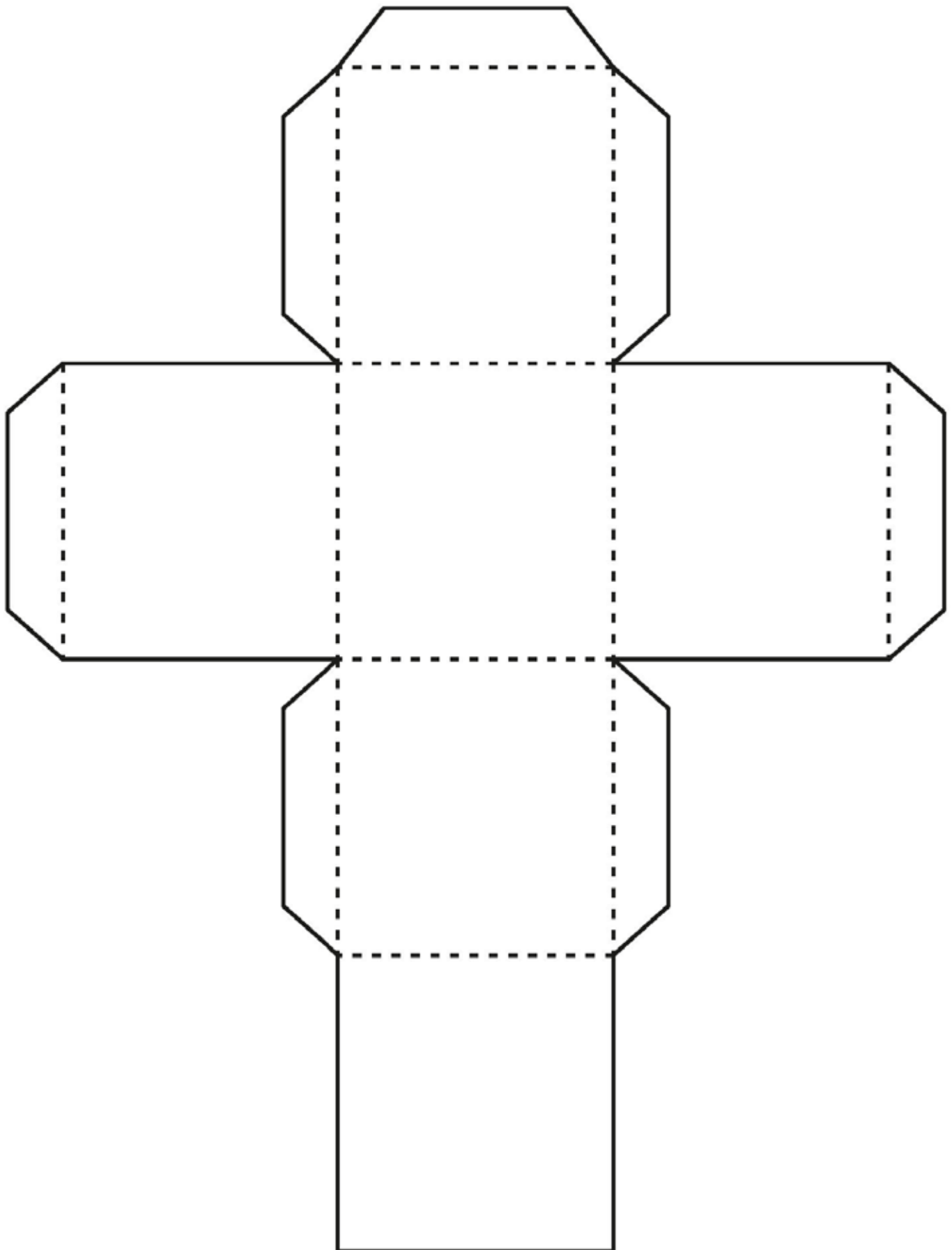
Praying play

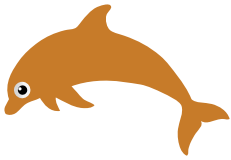
Activity time: 5–20 minutes

Aim: to ask Jesus for help

You will need: copies of the cube template from page 225 (attached), wooden cubes (optional)

1. Explain that the shape on the paper can be cut out and folded to make a cube.
2. Say that you are finding out today that we can ask Jesus for help and he will do so. Suggest that the children draw (or write) things they want to ask Jesus about on each square of the (flat) cube.
3. When they have finished drawing or writing, help them cut out the shape and assemble it to form a cube. (If you prefer, the faces of the cube can be trimmed and pasted on to a wooden block.) Use this time to chat with the child about what has been drawn or written on the squares.
4. As individuals, or in pairs, roll the cubes on the floor like dice and talk to Jesus about the picture or writing that lands uppermost.





Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

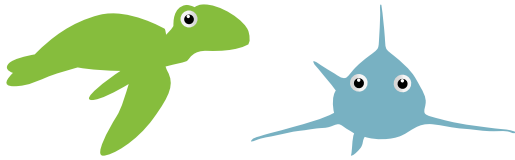
Hospital play

Activity time: no limit

Aim: to ask Jesus to help people who are ill

You will need: dressing-up clothes for doctors and nurses, toy medical kit, strips of cloth for bandages, rugs and pillows, toys for patients, plastic spoons; a book such as Topsy and Tim Go to Hospital

1. Read a 'first experiences' book about going to hospital or visiting the doctor. Look at the pictures together and talk about the things that are happening. How are the doctors and nurses helping people? Ask if any of the children have been to hospital either as a patient or visitor. What was it like? Have you got a (positive) story of your own that you could share with the children?
2. Set out an area where the children can play freely with the toy medical equipment, choosing to be doctors, nurses and patients. Encourage them to ask Jesus to help their patients as well as giving them medical care!
3. This play may prompt children to tell you about people they know who are ill: take time to listen to them and to pray together, asking Jesus to help the person concerned.



Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

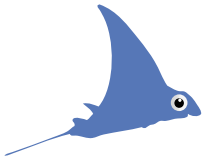
Worship

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to praise God for his love

You will need: a long sheet of paper

1. Write the alphabet down the left-hand side of a long sheet of paper.
2. Challenge the children to write a word to describe God's great love next to each letter. If your group is large, you can do this in small groups, giving each group a section of the alphabet.
3. Use your words by saying the following prayer together: 'God, your love is [insert word] and it's [insert word]. Thank you for your love.' Repeat this until you have used all the words.
4. Tell the children that they'll hear how Jesus showed God's love in today's Bible story.



Praise rap

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to remember that Jesus showed God's love by healing people

You will need: Xstream sheet 222 (attached), sheets of black paper, white and coloured chalks, quiet music (optional)

1. Explain that you are going to retell the Bible story as a rap. Say that you need some help with the most important words, which are from the last line of each verse. Teach the children the words 'Sent Jesus to show that God is love' from the rap. (Older children may like to say the other words too.)
2. Challenge the children to listen for the words 'God above', then say their line. Say the rap all the way through, emphasising the parts in bold and pausing for the children to join in with the last line of each verse. They may wish to repeat the rap a few times

Lyrics

*A man came to Jesus cos he was unclean
He had the worst skin you've ever seen
He knew he would help cos God above
Sent Jesus to show that God is love.*

*Jesus felt sad, so he stretched out his hand
And said, 'Be clean' to the kneeling man
At once he was healed cos God above
Sent Jesus to show that God is love.*

*Jesus told the man to go to the priest
Keep quiet, don't party or have a feast
But the man told everyone God above
Sent Jesus to show that God is love.*

*So when you are feeling alone or sad
Remember things don't have to be bad
God wants you to know that God above
Sent Jesus to show that God is love.*