



Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 18-10-20

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Family Fun

(All Ages)

Say it, do it

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to investigate believing what someone says and does

You will need: instructions from page 279 (attached)

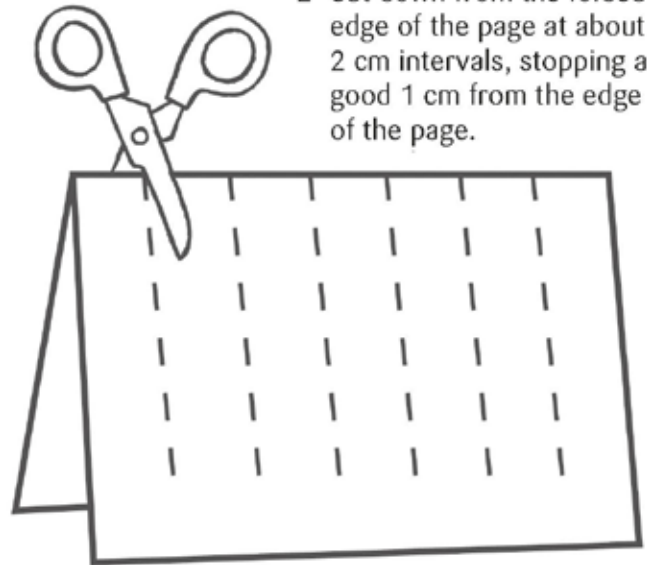
1. Practise this beforehand. Hold up a sheet of A5 paper and announce that you can make a hole in the paper and step through it. Ask, 'Do you believe I can?'
2. As fast and smoothly as possible, fold the paper in half and cut it as shown in the instructions on page 279. Step through the paper and watch your group's amazement! Remind them that you said you could do it, and that you actually did it. Say that today they'll hear something Jesus said and did that was amazing.

How to climb through an A5 sheet of paper

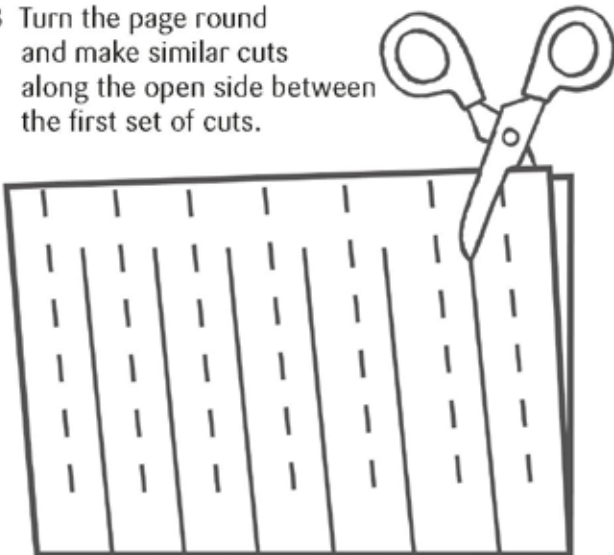
1 Fold the page in half.



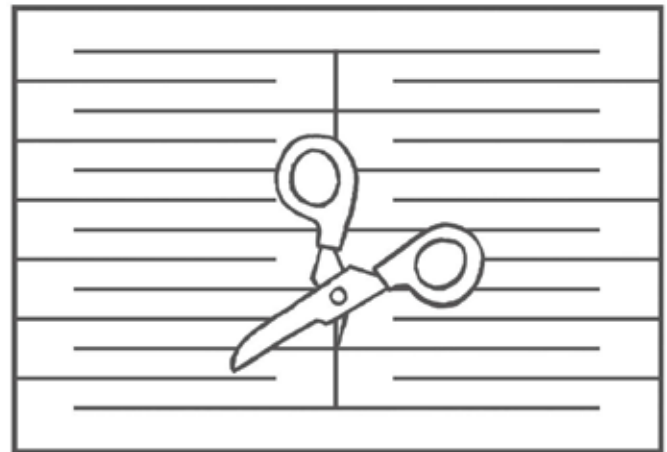
2 Cut down from the folded edge of the page at about 2 cm intervals, stopping a good 1 cm from the edge of the page.



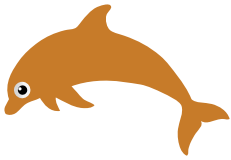
3 Turn the page round and make similar cuts along the open side between the first set of cuts.



4 Cut along the fold except for the sections at either end.



5 Open the page carefully and climb through it!



Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

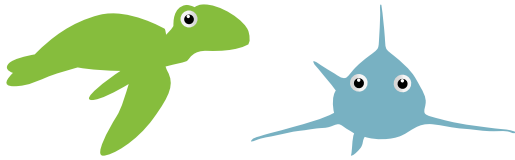
Life-size Lazarus

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to grasp the reality of Jesus giving life to Lazarus

You will need: a male helper, a large sheet of paper, art materials, cover-up and clean-up equipment

1. Young children do not understand the permanence of death so help them to grasp the reality and excitement of Jesus giving life back to Lazarus by making a life-size picture of him.
2. Spread a large sheet of paper on the floor and ask your helper to lie on it. While he is lying still, draw an outline of his shape on the paper. When he gets up, all look at the shape. Where is his head? His feet? His eyes? How could you make the shape look more like a real person?
3. Use whatever art materials you have available and work together to turn the outline shape into a picture of Lazarus.
4. Display the completed picture on the wall so you can see how tall he is. Read John 11:43 aloud and look at your own version of Lazarus coming out of the cave. Say 'thank you' to God.



Turtles

(Year 1 & 2)

Sharks

(Year 3 & 4)

Lifegiver

Activity time: 10 minutes

Aim: to look at different ways in which God gives life

You will need: copies of the Splash! sheets from page 281 (attached)

1. Make copies of pages 281
2. Invite the children to look at the Splash! sheet and join the correct sentences to the pictures. Encourage them to draw themselves in the space and choose the words for their picture.

Splash!

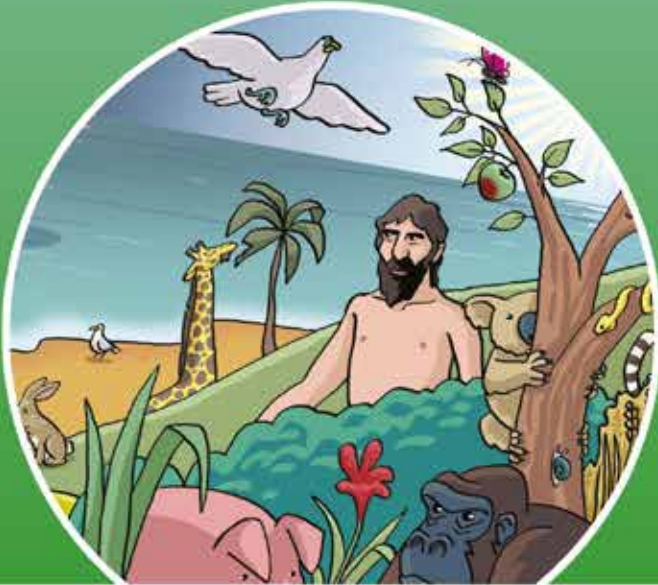
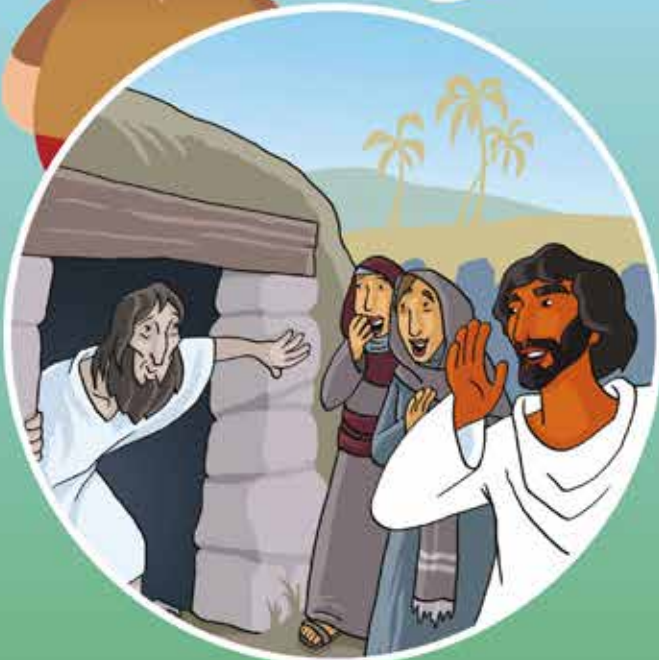
Can you join the correct sentences to the pictures?

God gives life when he forgives us for doing wrong.

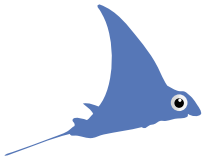
God gave life when he made the world.

God gave me life when I was born.

God gave Lazarus life.



Draw a picture of yourself here.














Life chooser

Activity time: 10–15 minutes

Aim: to remember that Jesus gives life

You will need: template from page 286 (attached)

1. Give each child a copy of page 286, and allow time for them to colour the pictures and cut out the chooser.
2. Help them to fold the chooser using the directions on the page.
3. Invite the children to work in pairs, one using the chooser and one being the 'client'. The 'client' chooses one letter and a word that begins with it. Move the chooser once for each letter in the word they choose (for example, four times for 'lion').
4. The 'client' must then choose one of the names from inside the open flapper. The children move the chooser once for each letter in the name being chosen.
5. Invite the 'client' to choose one more name. Open up the flap for that name and read the message about God giving life.

	 <p>Sarah</p>	<p>God gave life when he gave Sarah and Abraham a baby even though they were old.</p>	<p>God gave life when he made the world.</p>	 <p>Adam</p>	
 <p>Moses</p>	<p>God gave Moses and the Israelites life when he helped them escape from Egypt.</p>	<p>God gives life when he helps you not do bad things.</p>	<p>God gives life when new babies are born.</p>	<p>God gave you life when he made you!</p>	<p>Thief on the cross</p>
<p>God gave the lame man life when Jesus forgave him and made him walk.</p>	 <p>Lame man</p>	<p>God forgives you every time you ask him.</p>	<p>God gives life forever to everyone who chooses to be Jesus' friend.</p>	<p>God gives us life when we ask him to be in charge of our lives</p>	<p>God gave life to the thief on the cross when Jesus said he would be with him in heaven.</p>
	 <p>Elijah</p>	<p>God gave life when Elijah made the dead boy alive again.</p>	<p>God gave life when Jesus made him alive again.</p>	 <p>Lazarus</p>	
<p>God gave life to the blind man when Jesus made him see.</p>	 <p>Blind man</p>	<p>God gives us life when he helps us see life to everyone who believes in him.</p>	<p>God gave life to the blind man when Jesus made him see.</p>		

- 1 Cut along the bold line.
- 2 Turn the paper to the blank side and fold the corners into the middle.
- 3 Turn the paper over and repeat.
- 4 Fold in half, open up and fold in half the other way.
- 5 Gently put your fingers inside the flaps with the big letters on.
- 6 Your chooser is now ready to use.