

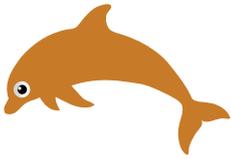


Junior Church

LESSON PLANS: 30-05-21

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Dolphins

(Age 3, F1 & F2)

Bubbles Sheets

Activity time: 5–10 minutes

Aim: to worship Jesus in many ways

You will need: Bubbles Sheet 32a from page 237, musical instruments, songs, flags

1. Look at the small pictures on Bubbles Sheet 32a. Each shows a way in which we can show and tell Jesus we love him. Chat together about each scene and let the children draw a circle round any methods they have tried.
2. Enjoy these forms of worship now (and remember to circle the pictures afterwards). Dance, sing, make music, clap, wave flags, be quiet. Be as spontaneous as you can, so the children realise that 'worship' does not have to be done in a certain way or at a fixed time. You may be able to combine several ideas.
3. Show the children the space in the centre of Bubbles Sheet 32a, where the children can tell Jesus they love him. They can 'write' or draw their own message, make a picture, or ask you to write some words for them.

“I love you, Jesus!”

“It wasn’t really ‘worship’,” commented a youngster; “it was just singing.”

Worship – even with very young children – can be about much more than “just singing”. Though, very often, songs and music play a large part in group and individual responses to God. The pictures on this page show some ways in which young children can be encouraged to worship. Chat together about each scene and let the child draw a circle round methods they have tried. If some pictures are not circled, how about improvising this style of worship now?

The space on the **Bubbles Sheet** is for your child to make a response to Jesus. Let them choose what to draw and help out by writing on any words that they want included.

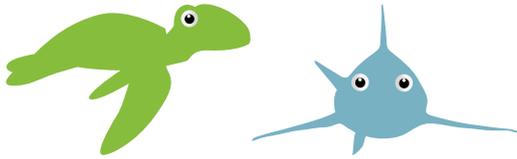
Drawing is an important aspect of creative play for young children, as they create, experiment and learn as well as developing manual skills. The process of drawing is more significant than the end result, but children are often very happy to tell you about their pictures.



Draw a circle round the ways you’ve told Jesus you love him.



Use this space to tell Jesus you love him. Make a picture or say some words.



Turtles Sharks

(Year 1 & 2)

(Year 3 & 4)

Bible story in a puzzle

Activity time: 15–20 minutes

Aim: to learn to respond, with thanks, to our forgiving God

You will need: copies of the Splash! sheets from pages 227 and 228

1. Set the scene

Invite everyone to look at the bottom of their shoes. Ask if they are clean. If not, why not? Explain that, when Jesus was on earth, 2,000 years ago, the roads were very dusty and people wore sandals. When you arrived at someone's house, they would wash your feet. But when Jesus visited Simon the Pharisee, Simon didn't do this. Tell the group that a Pharisee was an important leader in the time when Jesus lived on earth. Challenge the children to spot who does the feet washing in the story.

2. Splash!

Give out copies of the Splash! sheets from pages 227 and 228, and invite the children to look at page 227 (you may wish to copy these back to back, but it is not essential). Explain that, as they do the puzzle, they will discover a story about God forgiving.

Invite the children to read the words in circle a then follow the line to find which word they should write at the end of the sentence. When they have done this, help them look up the Bible verse to check that they have got it right. Encourage them to do the same for the other two circles, making sure everyone keeps up and that they read the Bible verses each time. Then invite the children to turn to page 228 and repeat with squares d, e and f.



Turtles Sharks

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3. Think

Remind the children how dirty people's feet used to get when they walked on dusty roads. Ask who did the foot washing in the story. Challenge them to tell you who should have done it. Ask the children to tell you why the woman wanted to thank Jesus, and how she showed her thanks.

Explain that Jesus told the story to help Simon understand that the woman knew that her sins – all the wrong things she had done – were forgiven, even though some of them were really bad. That was why she bathed Jesus' feet with the very expensive perfume. She felt loved by Jesus and wanted to show how much she loved him. Ask the children how they feel about this and how they would like to thank Jesus too.

Splash!

two birds



a bag



juice



a Jesus
was invited
to dinner by

Luke 7:36

b

A
woman came
in carrying

Luke 7:37

washing up liquid



a donkey



c

She
washed Jesus'
feet with

Luke 7:38

a skunk



her tears and hair



perfume



a Pharisee



Read each
sentence, then
follow the line to
find the answer.





d Jesus told a story about two men who owed

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Luke 7:39-43



e Jesus was thanked the most by

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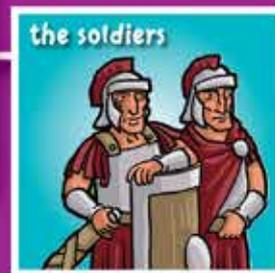
Luke 7:44-46



f This story shows that the woman loved Jesus because she

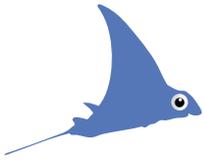
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Luke 7:47



Read each sentence, then follow the line to find the answer.





Stingrays

(Year 5 & 6)

Xstream

Activity time: 5–10 minutes

Aim: to consider different ways of responding to other people

You will need: copies of the Xstream sheet from page 227

1. Chat light-heartedly about what it means to have 'good manners'. Ask the children what they might say at the end of a visit, when they are given a present, or if they are invited to a party.
2. Invite the children to do the quiz on the Xstream sheet from page 227. (Answers: 1D; 2C and D; 3B; 4A; 5C; 6D.) Ask them which custom they think is the strangest.
3. Explain that today they are going to hear about some of the customs that might have been involved when Jesus was invited to someone's home for a meal.

DO come in



Around the world, there are lots of different ways of welcoming someone and also of saying thank you. Here are some customs and a list of countries in which they are practised.

See if you can guess which custom comes from which of the countries listed. Write the letter for your answer in the "Answer" box. Some of the countries are used twice!

1

When you enter a shop, the shop assistant will immediately call out to you. "Irasshaimase!", which means, "Welcome!"

Answer

C Poland

D Japan

2

When you visit someone's home, you should take off your shoes by the front door. Your host will give you a pair of slippers to wear in the house.

Answer

5

If a friend gives you a present, you thank them by kissing them on the cheek.

Answer

B Israel at the time of Jesus

3

When you visit someone's home, they will provide a bowl of water for you to wash your feet.

Answer

6

If someone gives you something, you bow to them.

Answer

A Netherlands

4

When you go to someone's home, they immediately offer you a cup of coffee.

Answer