



The Messy Church Magazine

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SUPPORT MATERIAL



JANUARY : LISTENING TO GOD

Mealtime card

- Are you good at listening?
- Is it easy to listen when lots of people are speaking at once? Why/why not?
- Do you think God still speaks to people today?
- How might God speak to people today?

Take-home idea

Go to a park or into your garden together, taking paper and pencils with you. Spend ten minutes without saying anything to each other, just listening and writing down or drawing all the things you can hear. Go home, make some special drinks to have together—maybe hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream—and tell each other about all the different things you heard. Could God be saying something to you through any of those sounds?

Dear God, thank you for all the sounds we have heard today. Please help us to keep listening out for your voice.
Amen

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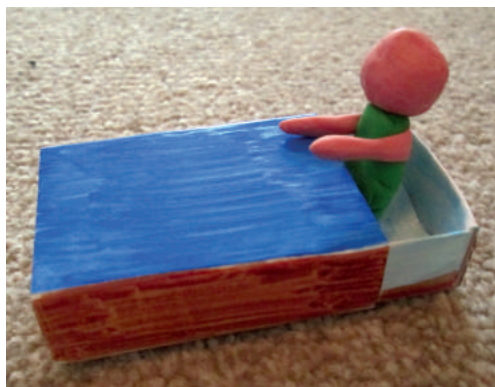
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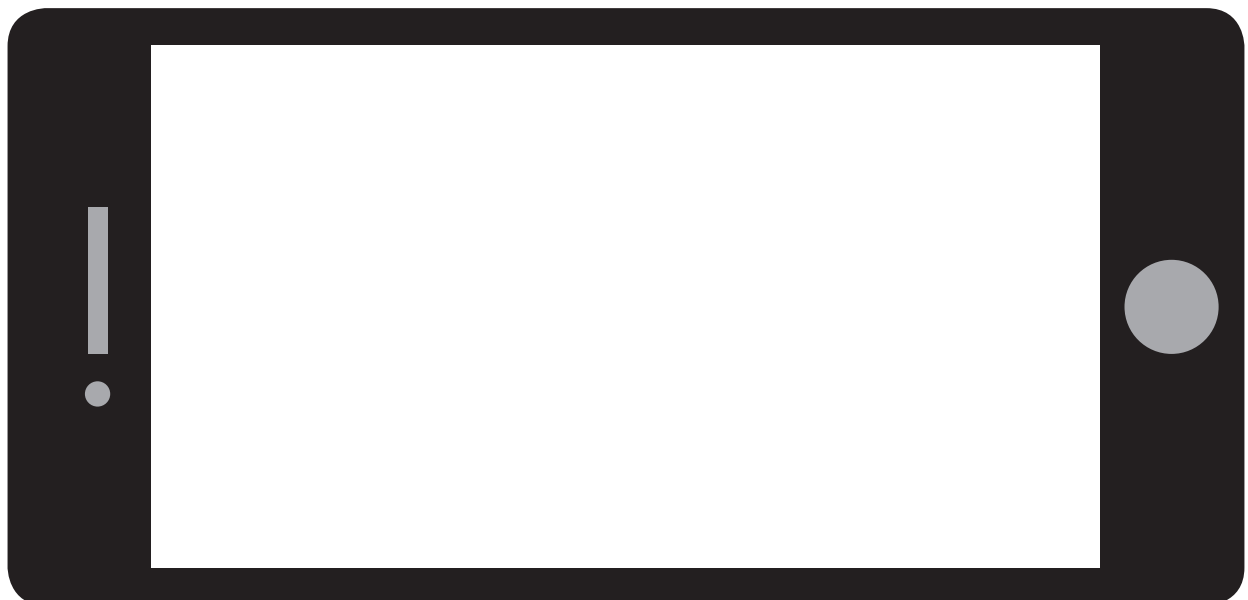


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Celebration



FEBRUARY: HIDDEN TREASURE

Mealtime card

- What would you have done if you had found the treasure?
- Are you searching for the kingdom of heaven today?
- Why do you think Jesus talked in parables (stories)?

Take-home idea

Make a list of things that are so important to you that you consider them to be your treasure. Start with A and list items beginning with each letter of the alphabet until you get to Z.

Dear God, thank you for the treasures you have given each of us. We are so blessed! Please help us to remember that no matter how special these things are, nothing is worth more than living a life with you. Amen

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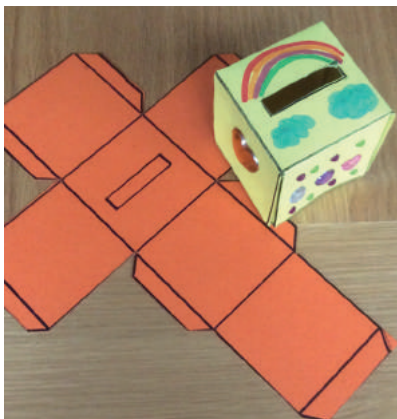
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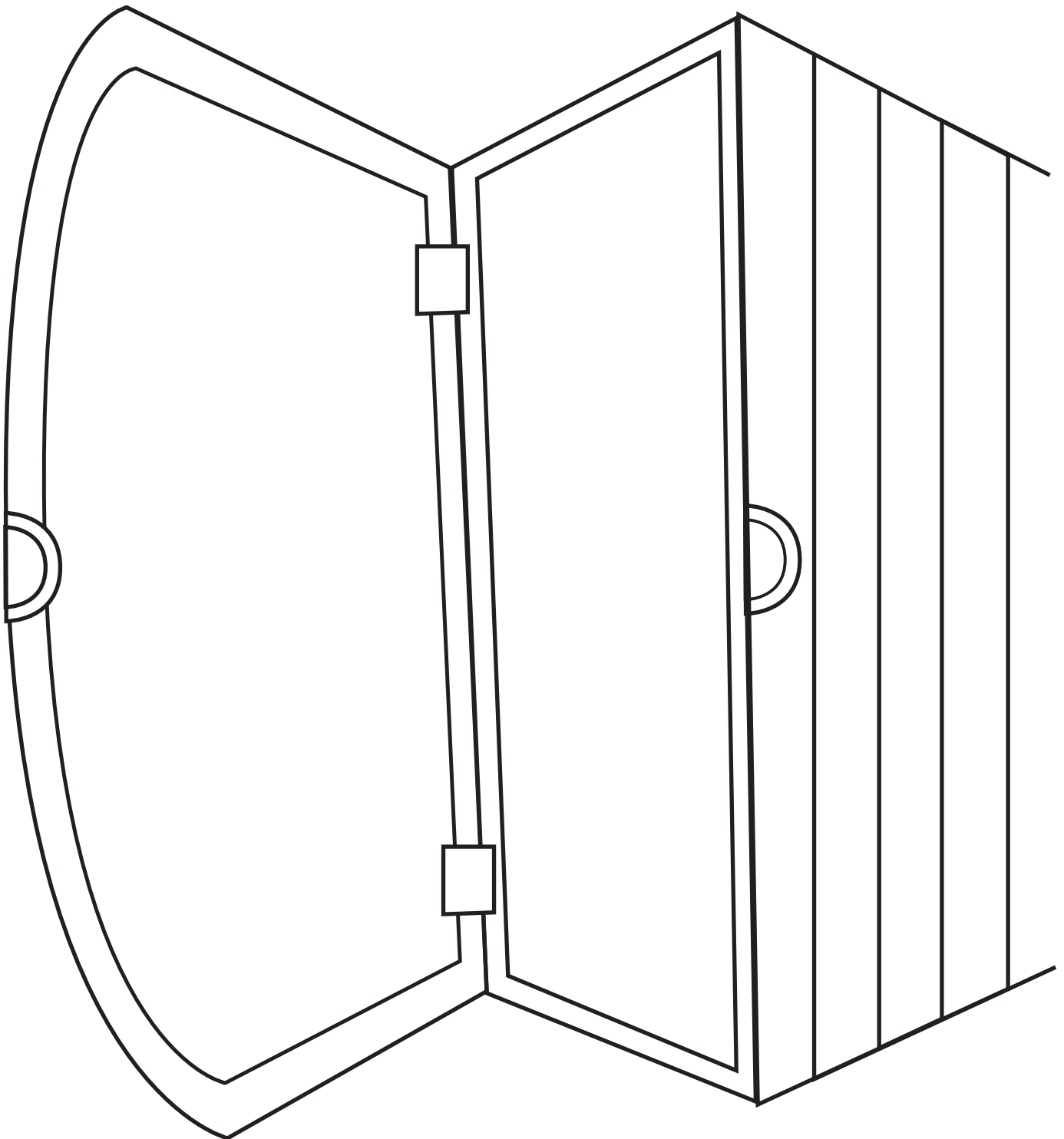


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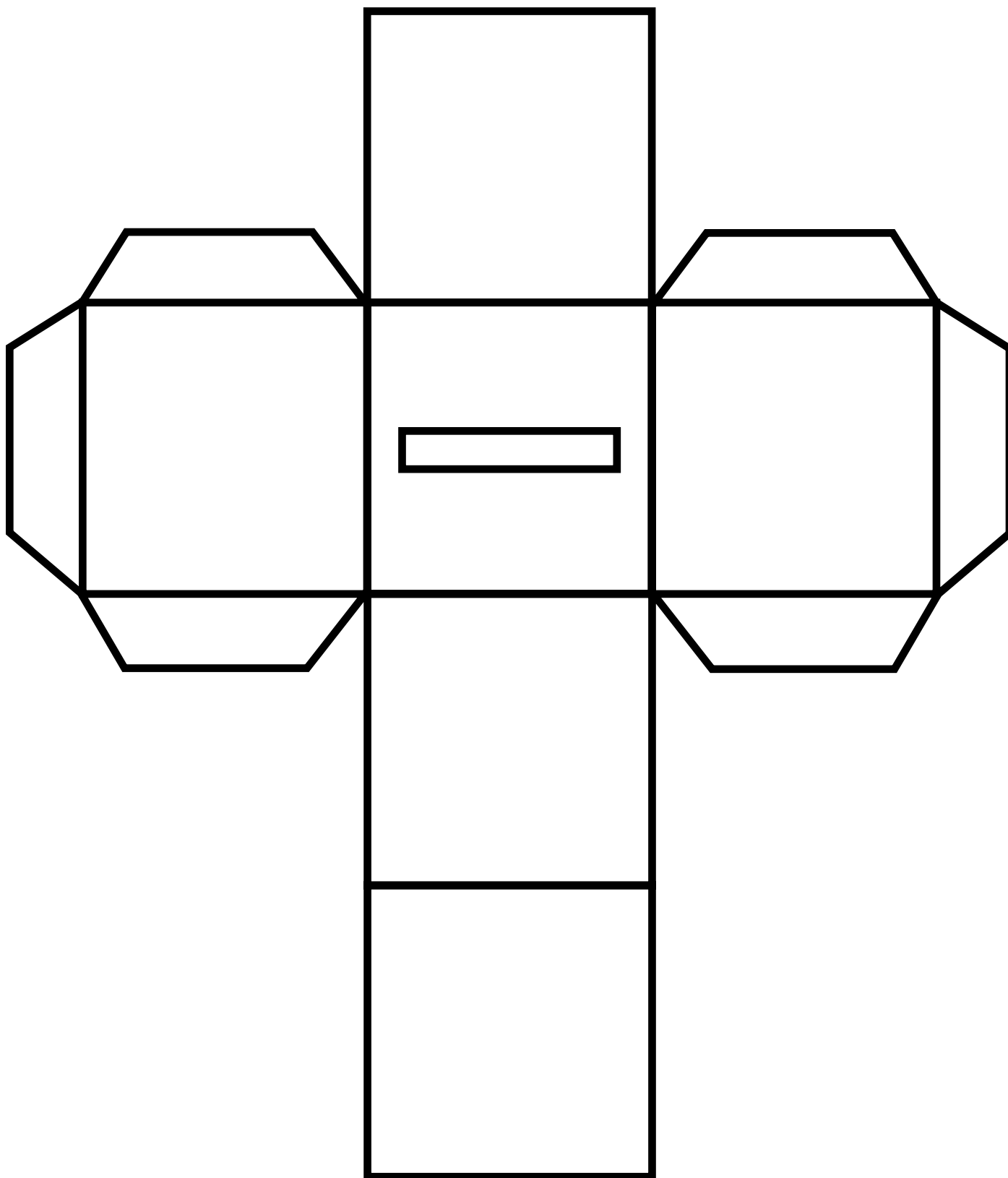
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Treasure chest



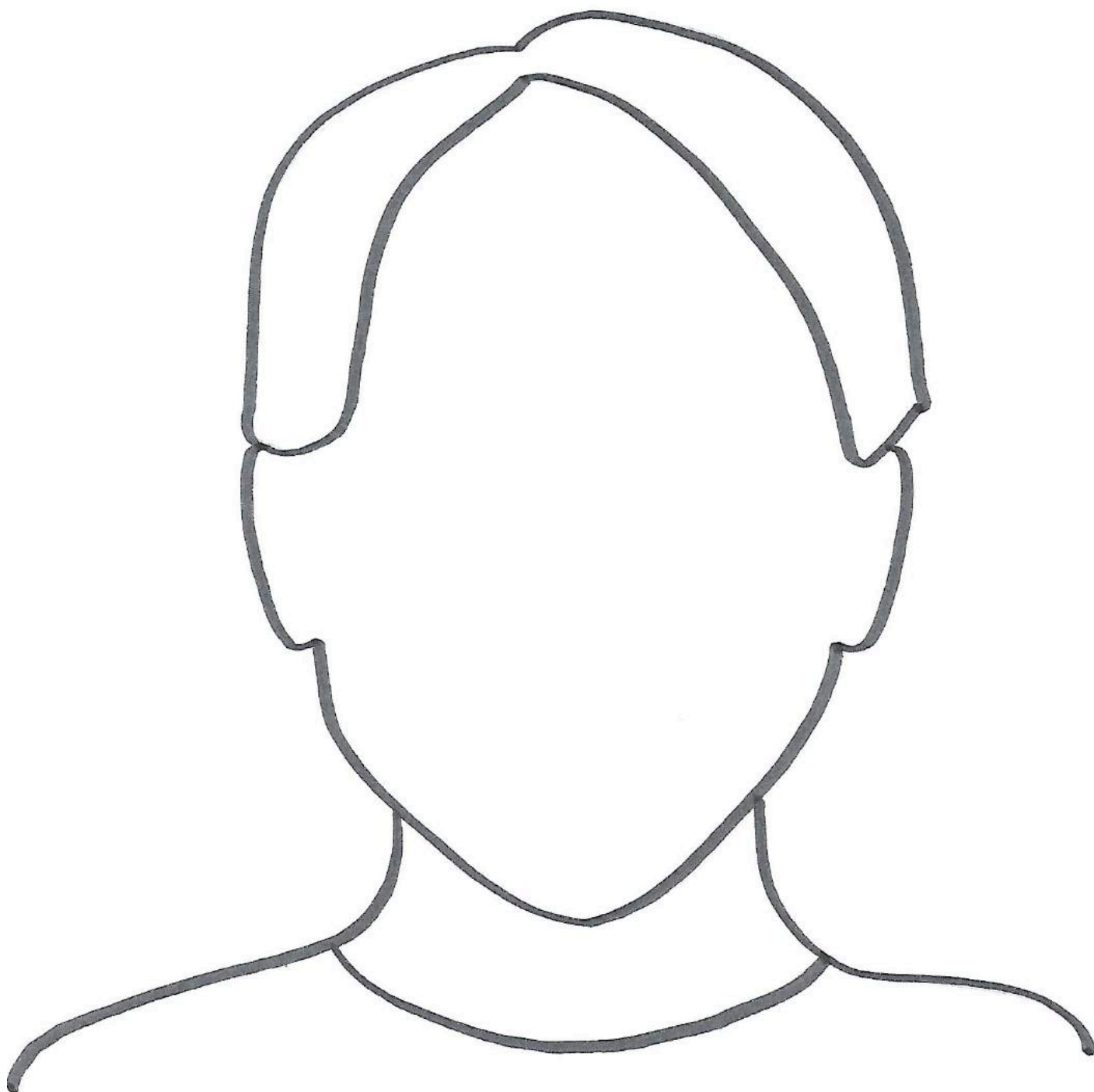
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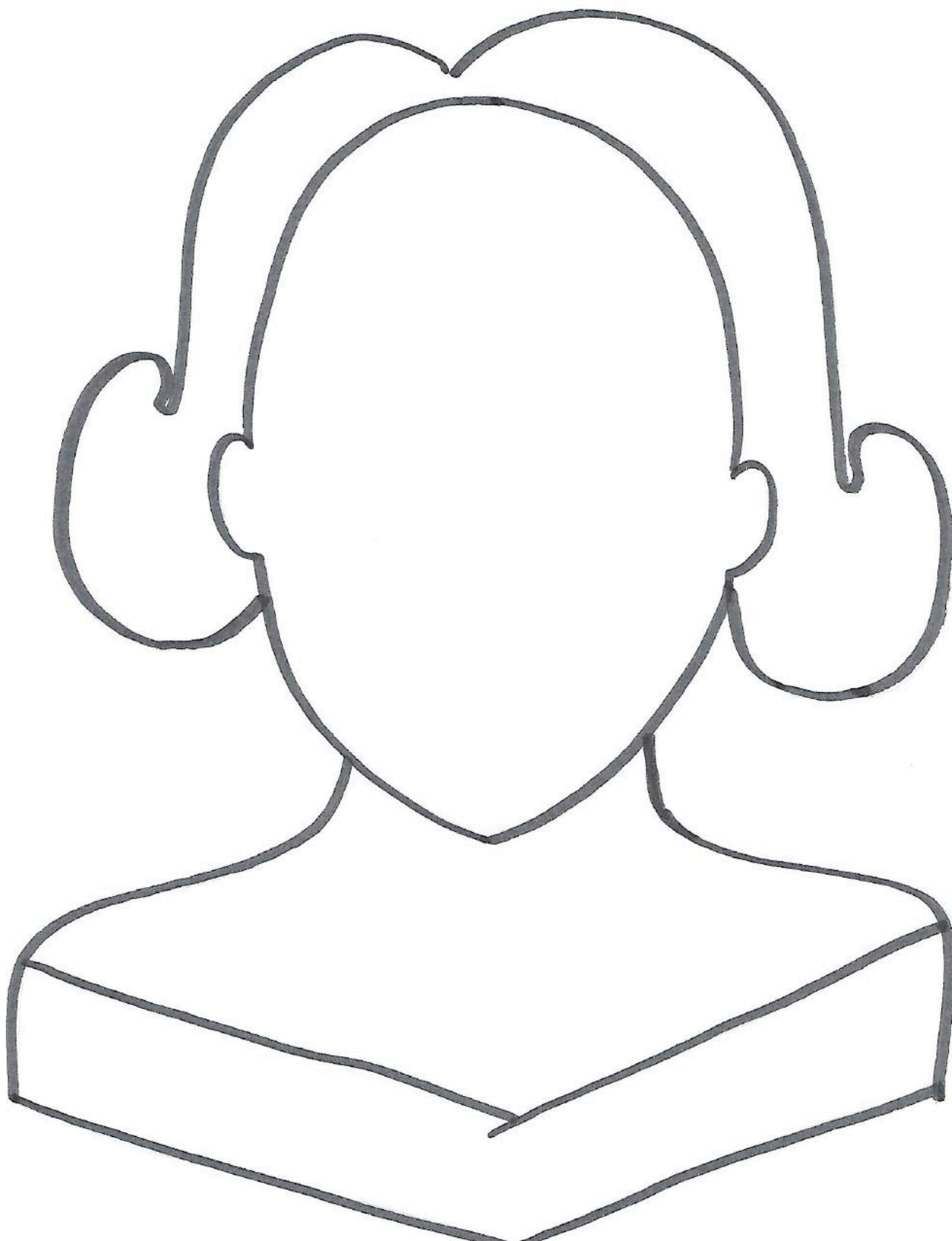
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Playdough jewels – King



FEBRUARY: HIDDEN TREASURE

Playdough jewels - Queen



MARCH: THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Mealtime card

- Why should we forgive people so many times?
- Is it easy to see wrong in others but not in ourselves?
- Have you ever forgiven someone? How did it make you feel?

Take-home idea

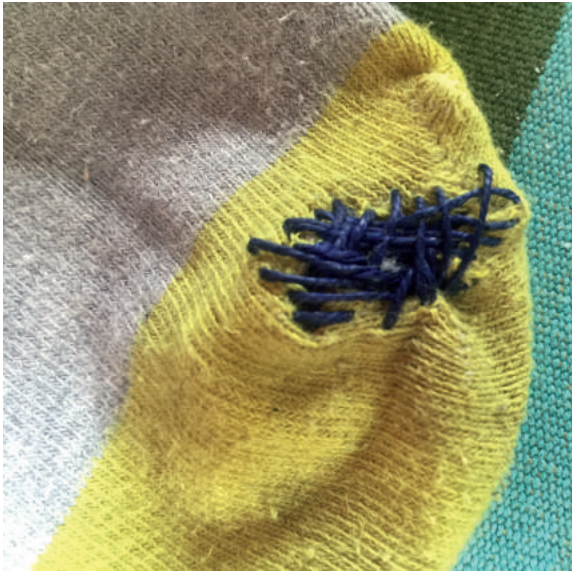
As we heard today about forgiveness, when you go home, try to be patient with others as a family. Do your best to be kind, forgiving others and asking for forgiveness if you act wrongly.

You could pray together:

Father God, thank you that you love us so much you sent your son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us, taking away all our sins and enabling us to ask forgiveness from you now. Please help us to consider what we think of, say to and do to others, and to always ask for forgiveness if we do wrong. Help us to be prepared to forgive others who do wrong to us. Amen

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APRIL: MARY ANOINTS JESUS

Mealtime card

- What is the best thing you have ever done?
- What is the best thing you have given someone?
- What is the nicest thing someone has done for you?

Take-home idea

Put your reed diffuser from activity 1 in a special place in your home, so that when you walk past it you can smell the fragrance. Can you remember the story? When you smell the scent, think about how much Jesus loves you. Make a reed diffuser for other rooms in your home so that you keep remembering Jesus' love for you and others.

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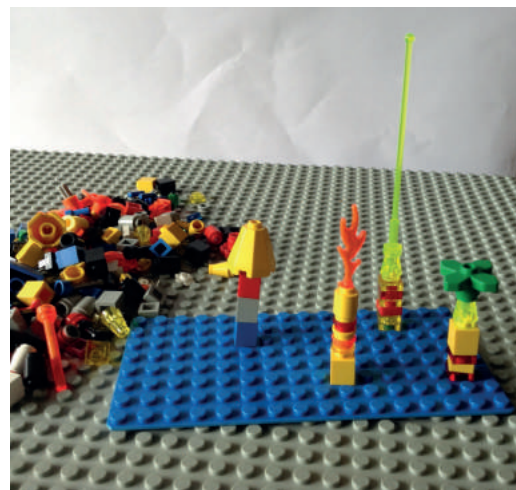


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Heart of love

