



# **Support material for Get Messy! May-August 2020**

# May: Down by the river

## **Mealtime card**

- Is there someone you can invite to Messy Church?
- What did you learn from tonight's story?
- What do you think the Ethiopian did after Philip left him?

## **Take-home idea**

Play the game of Tetre (see activity 8) with your family or friends.

Use the coffee bean you received during the celebration time to pray for a person you are going to invite to Messy Church next time.

## **Question to start and end the session**

So... who can you talk to about Jesus today?

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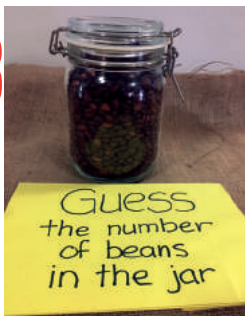
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## 8. Tegre board game instructions

This is an Ethiopian game. Players sit facing each other in front of the egg carton (two rows of six holes). Start with four seeds in each hole. You each have six pits that are 'yours' and the hole to your right is where you'll put the captured seeds (the hole to your partners right is theirs). The goal is to get as many seeds in your pit as possible.

Each player starts by choosing a hole on his or her side and picking up all the seeds in that hole. Then moving in a counterclockwise direction, they deposit them one by one in the following holes (as if taking a lap around the holes).

This player continues to pick up seeds and place them in holes until the last seed goes into the empty hole. When the last seed of the turn is placed in an empty hole there are three possibilities:

1. If the hole is on your opponent's side, the turn is over
2. If the empty hole is on your side, and the opposite side empty, the turn is over
3. If the empty hole is on your side but the opposite cup has some seeds in it, you get to capture the seeds and place them to your pit (to the right).

The whole game ends when one row is empty.

# June: Do not fear, just have faith

## **Mealtime card**

- How do we encourage each other when the going gets tough?
- How are we going to reach out to the 'outsiders' in our communities?
- How do we talk about faith in our families?

## **Take-home idea**

This week, in our families, think about being practical in our faith. When we pray, let's have faith that God hears and answers our prayers. Take the word search home and contemplate on today's passage as you read the words you find. Ponder about what we as disciples are meant to learn from this passage.

## **Question to start and end the session**

So... how do we show both faith and works in difficult situations?



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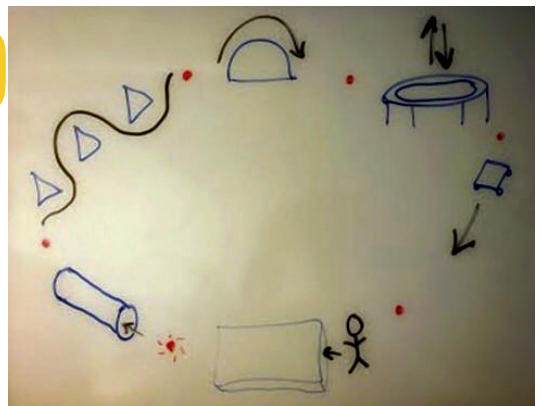
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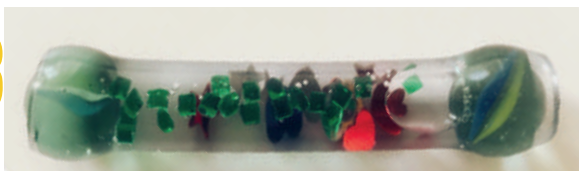
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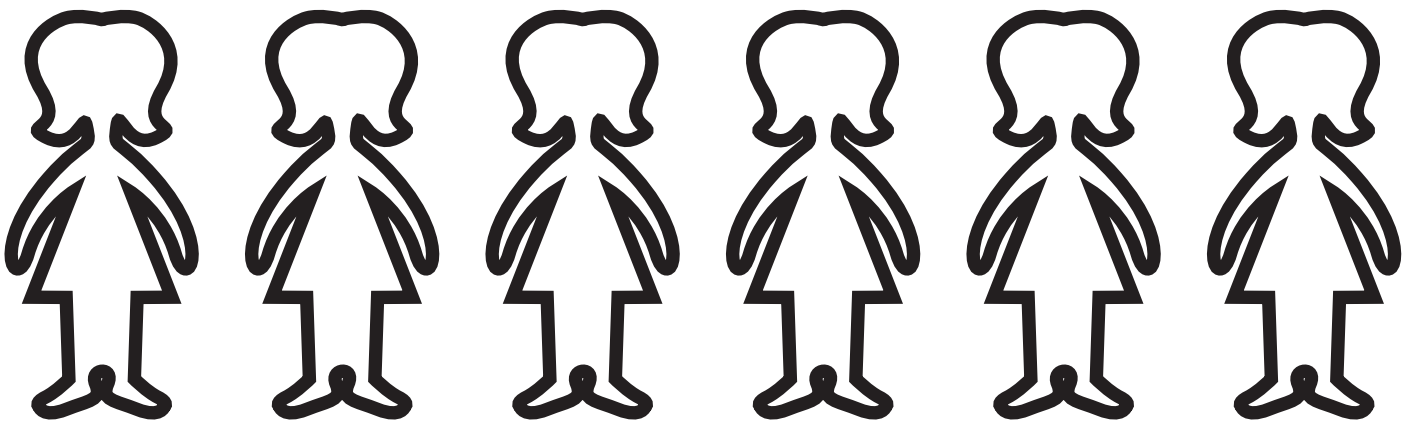
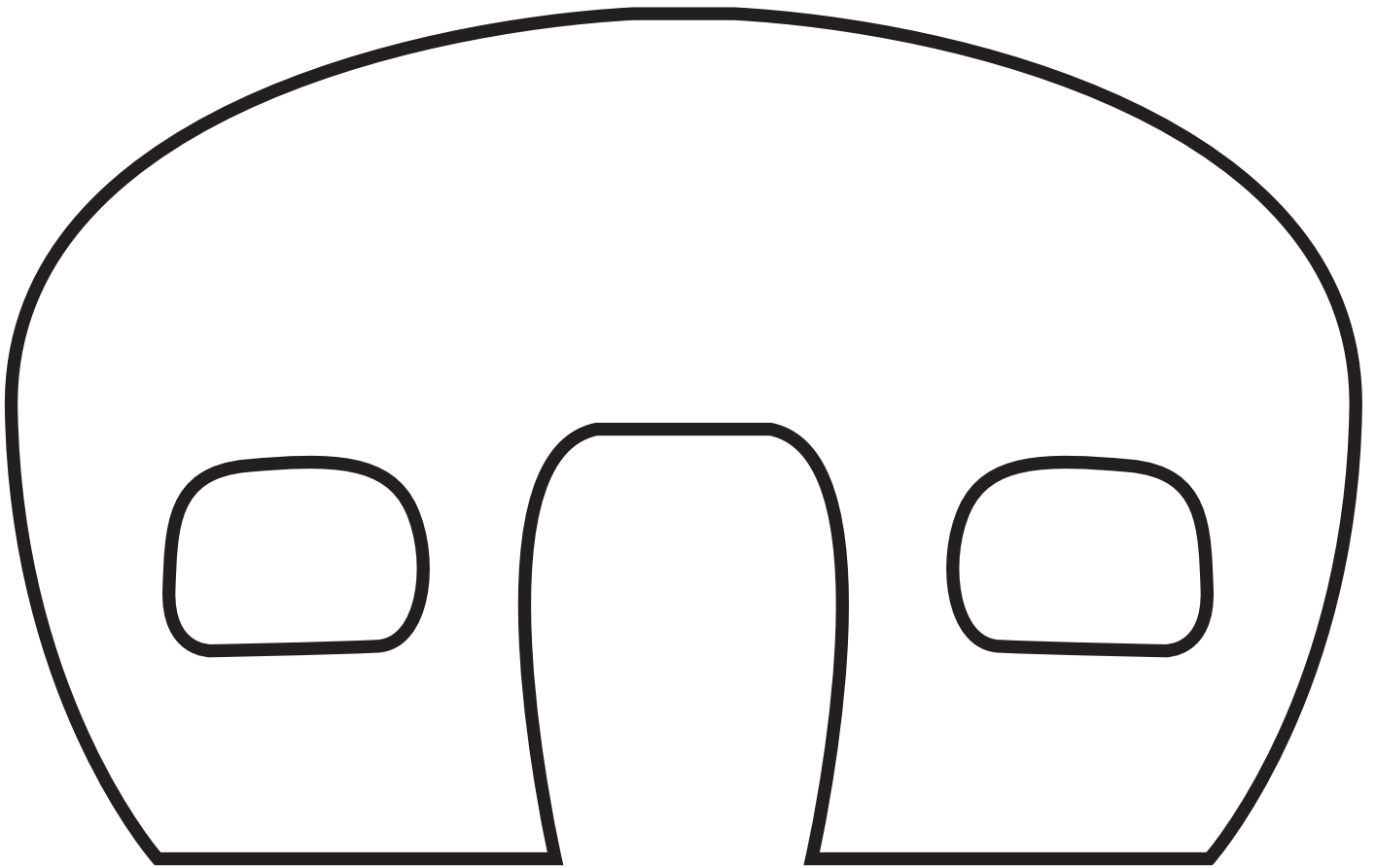


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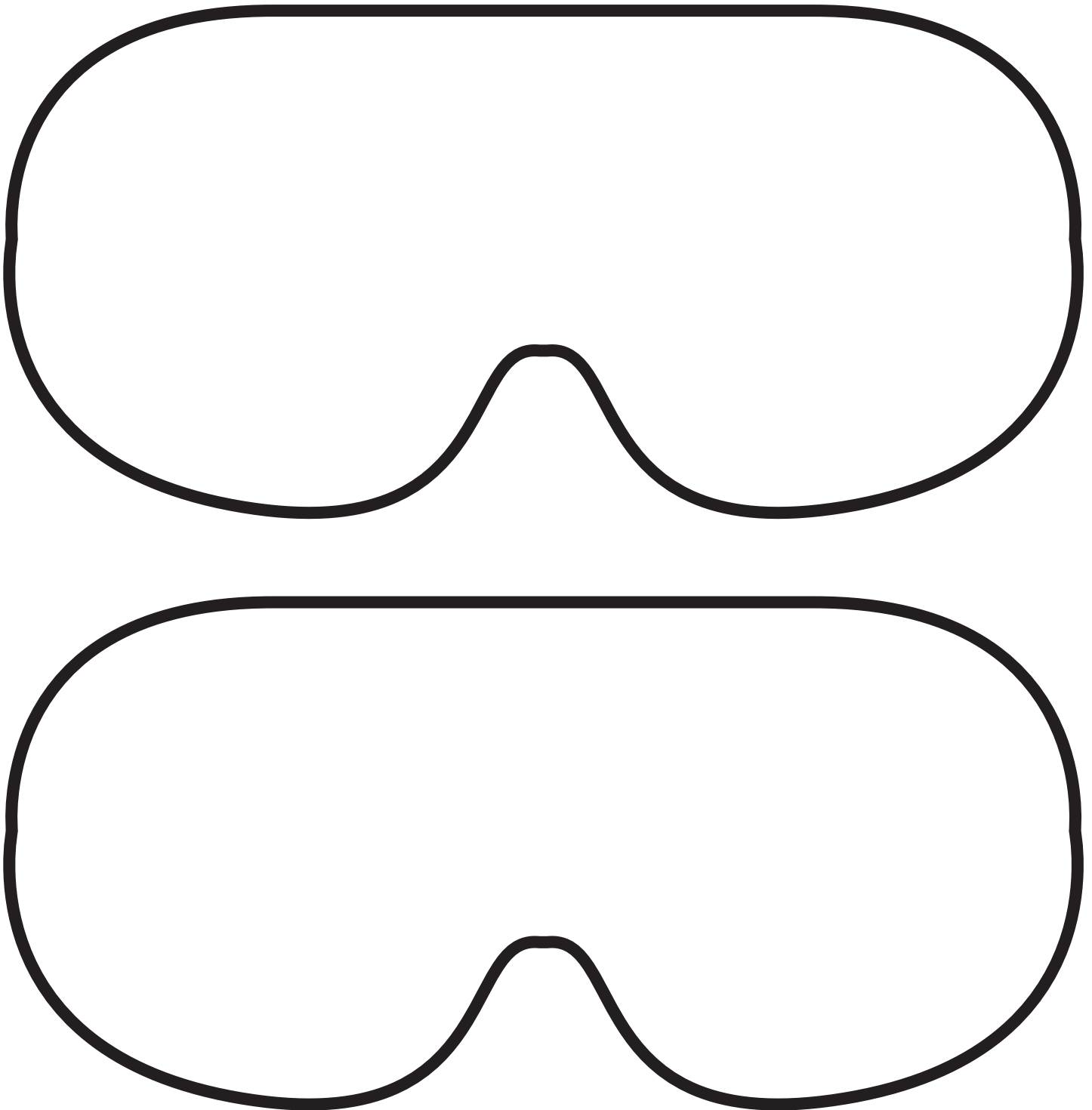
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## 1. Jairus' house



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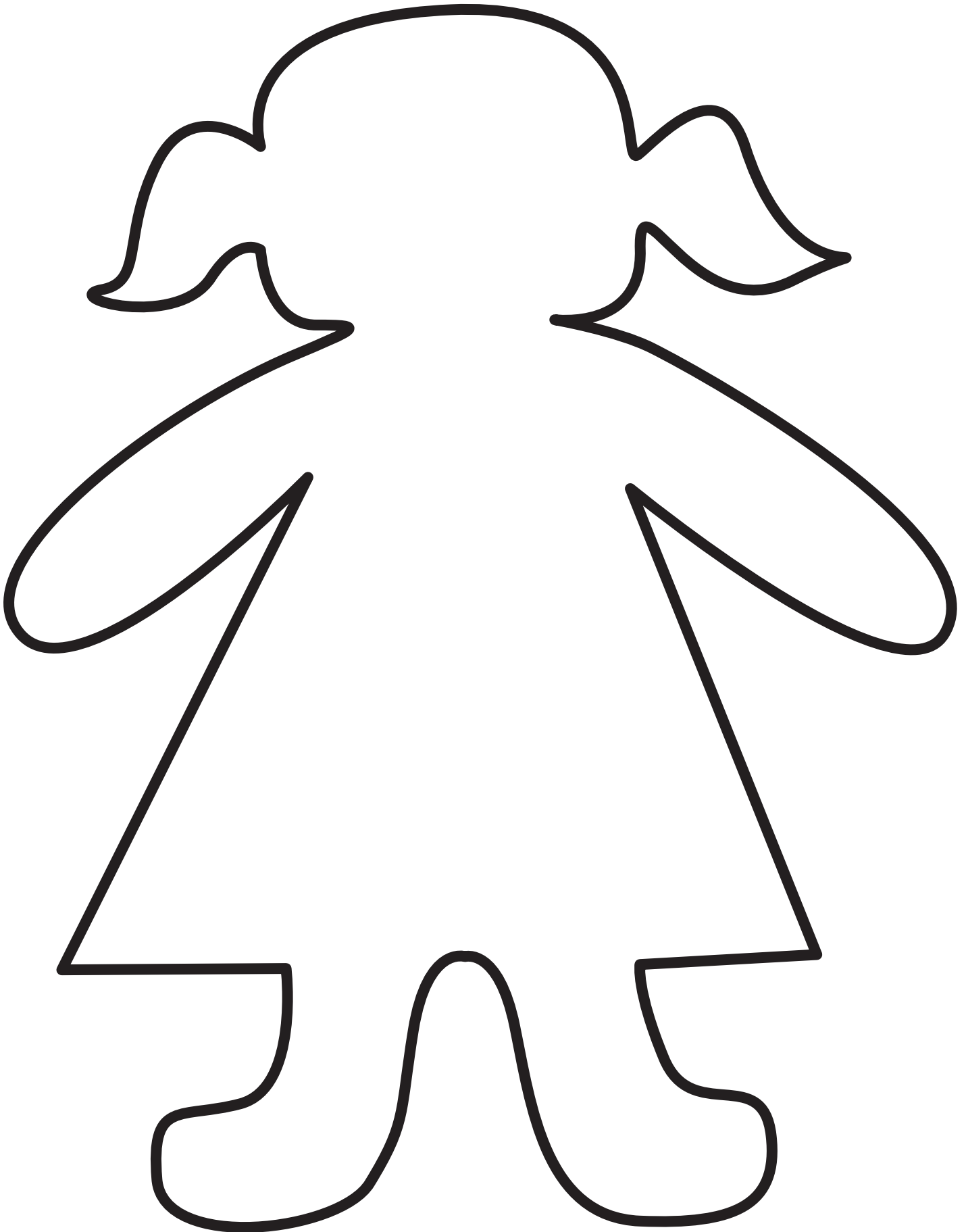
## 2. Eye mask





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## 4. Prayer station



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## 7. Word search

Jesus raises a dead girl and heals a sick woman: Mark 5:21–43

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CROWD

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HEALED

ILLNESS

JAIRUS

JESUS

LAUGHING

PRAY

SLEEPING

TOUCH

WOMAN

# July: Jonah's Messy Olympics

## Mealtime card

- How important is not giving up?
- Have you ever felt called to do something?
- What did you learn about yourself today?

## Take-home idea

Imagine if you felt called by God to go to your village/town/city – what message would you share with others about caring for creation?

## Question to start and end the session

So... what does it mean to be called by God?

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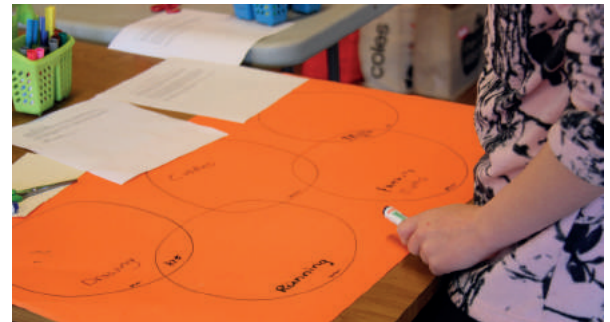
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# August: God vs water

## Mealtime card

- Would you rather go without a shower for a whole week, or go without water after going to the gym?
- How would you describe water to an alien who has never seen it?
- Why do you think the Bible has so many stories that include water?
- How would you describe God to an alien who has never met him?

## Take-home idea

In your household, keep a water journal for the month. Record all the times each of you uses water throughout the day (bathing, drinking, watering plants, changing the water in the fish tank, water fights, etc.). You may be surprised how much you use! Each time you use water, challenge yourselves to say a thank-you prayer to God for the gift of water and how it helps us to live a healthy life.

## Question to start and end the session

So... what do we use water for in our lives? What does God use water for in the Bible?



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