



Support material for Get Messy! September–December 2019

September: God loves a cheerful giver

Mealtime card

- What's one new thing we could do to give to God?
- In what ways can we give time to God?
- What has challenged me at Messy Church today?

Take-home idea

Decorate three jars at home and label them: 'Giving', 'Saving', 'Spending'. Fill with pocket money, spare change or promise notes to God. Remember the biblical principle of giving one tenth to God – this includes time, money and harvest. Read Malachi 3:10 and write this verse on a card beside your jars.

Question to start and end the session

So... how can I give gladly to God?

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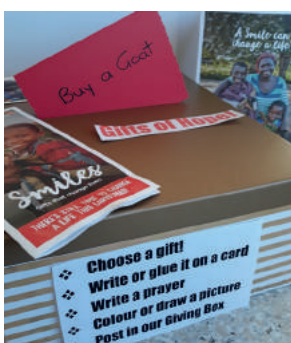
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October: God's armour of light

Mealttime card

- What's your usual reaction to being somewhere you don't want to be?
- Have you ever been in a situation where you have felt trapped, like in a prison?
- Which part of the armour in today's story do you think is most useful?
- Look around; can you see any objects that might also tell you something about having faith in God?

Take-home idea

Why not pick up on the active prayer for this story, suggested in the celebration, which offers a lively way to put on God's armour each day? Pray this together as a family at home.

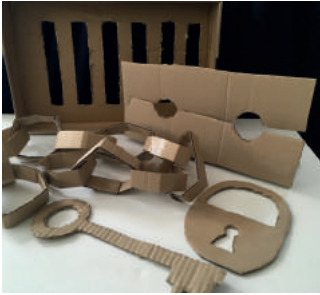
Use one of the 'all-kinds-of-prayer' prayer pots from activity 10 at home. Keep it in a prominent place and after a meal, invite one member of the family to pick out a particular object so that together you can pray a different sort of prayer each day.

Question to start and end the session

So... have we put on God's armour of light today so we can live effectively for Jesus?

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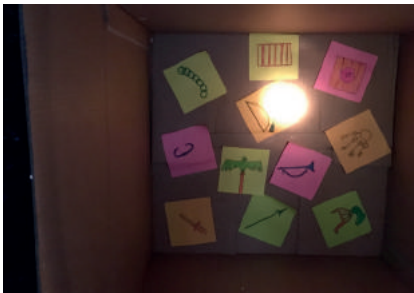
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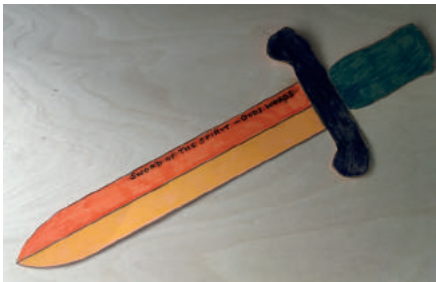
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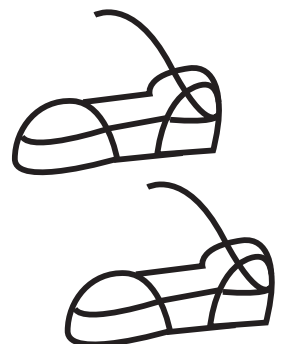
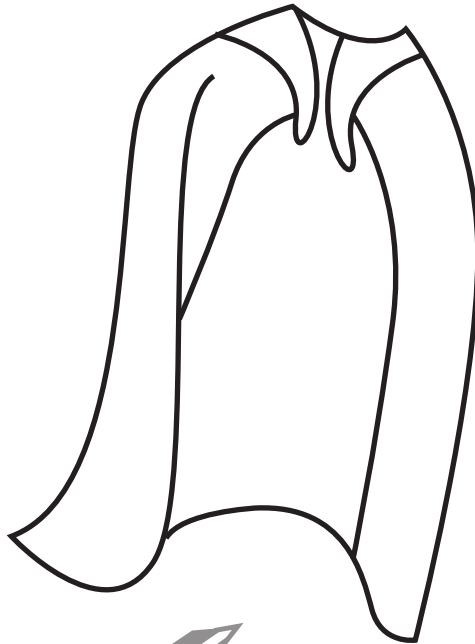
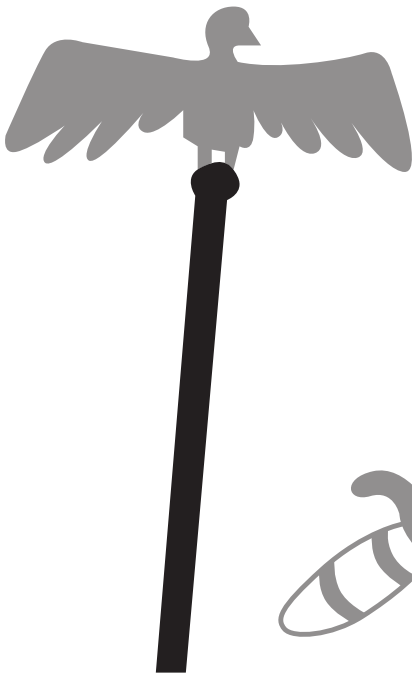
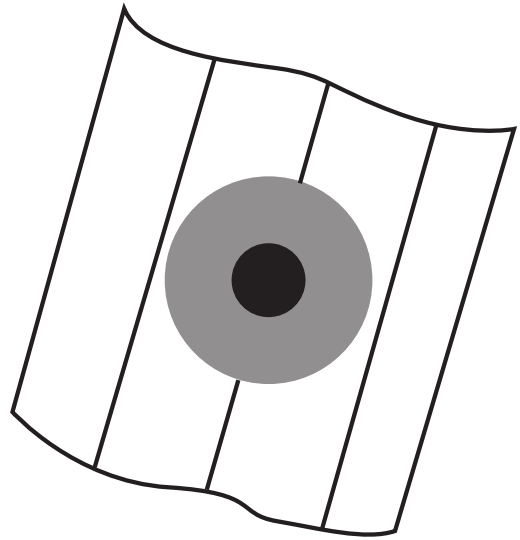
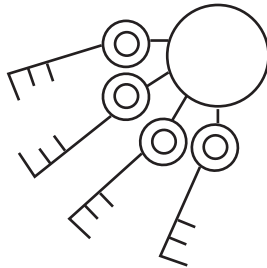
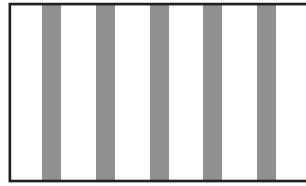
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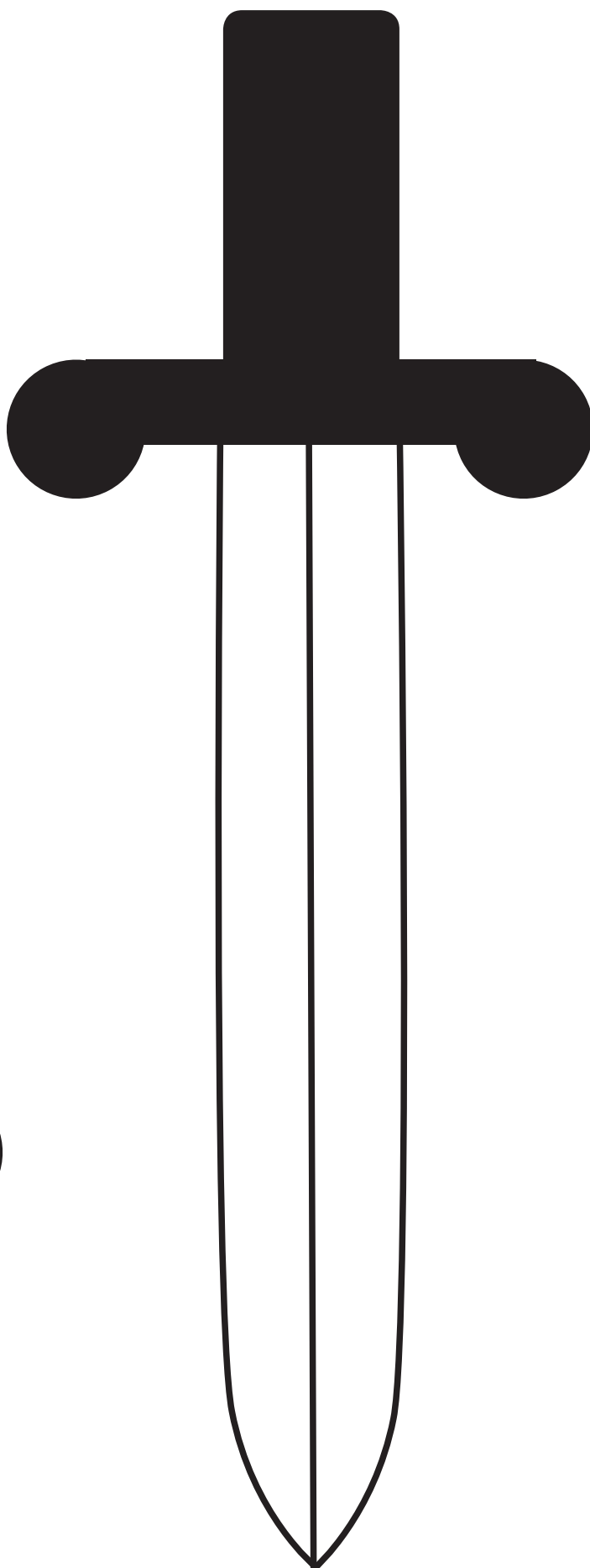
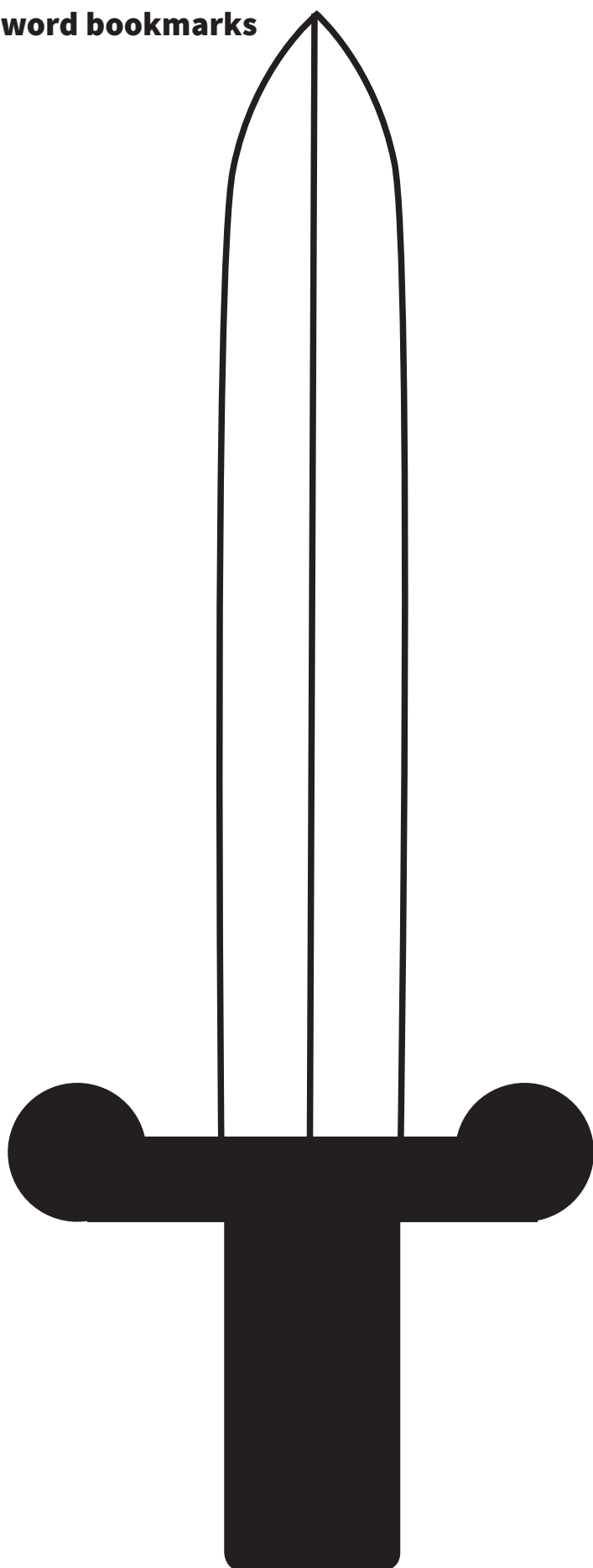
Enlightenment

a chain
keys
a short sword
a square shield
prison window bars
helmet
spear
sandals
pole with an eagle on top
trumpet
belt
cloak
bow and arrow



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Sword bookmarks



November: Feast of faith

Mealtime card

- What is your dinner routine at home? Does it include prayer?
- Can you think of a time that you talked about Jesus with a stranger the way the two disciples did on the road to Emmaus?
- Do you think you could open your home to a stranger the way the disciples unknowingly opened it to Jesus in this parable?

Take-home idea

'Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him.' Write down on a piece of paper a time where God opened your eyes and you were able to recognise him in that situation. Ask other members of your family to do the same and then share your unique experiences with each other at dinnertime.

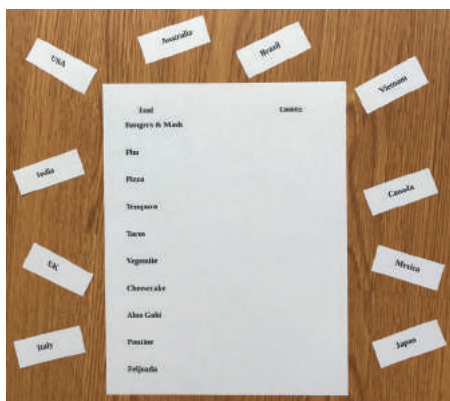
Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your eternal love. We thank you for the opportunity we have at Messy Church to understand your story, learn to pray and thrive in your word. Let us always have our 'eyes opened' so that we may recognise your glory in every one of our surroundings and share this great news with whoever we may be walking the road with. Amen

Question to start and end the session

So... where have you seen God today?

November: Feast of faith

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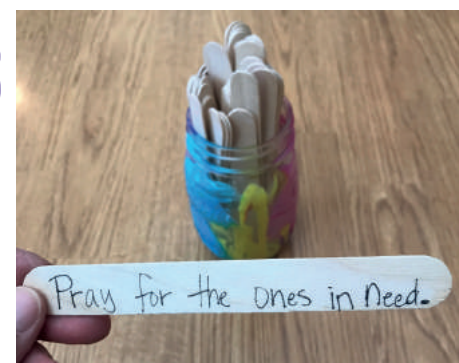
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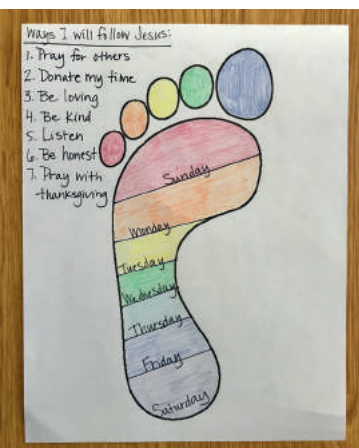
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Edible jelly bean poem

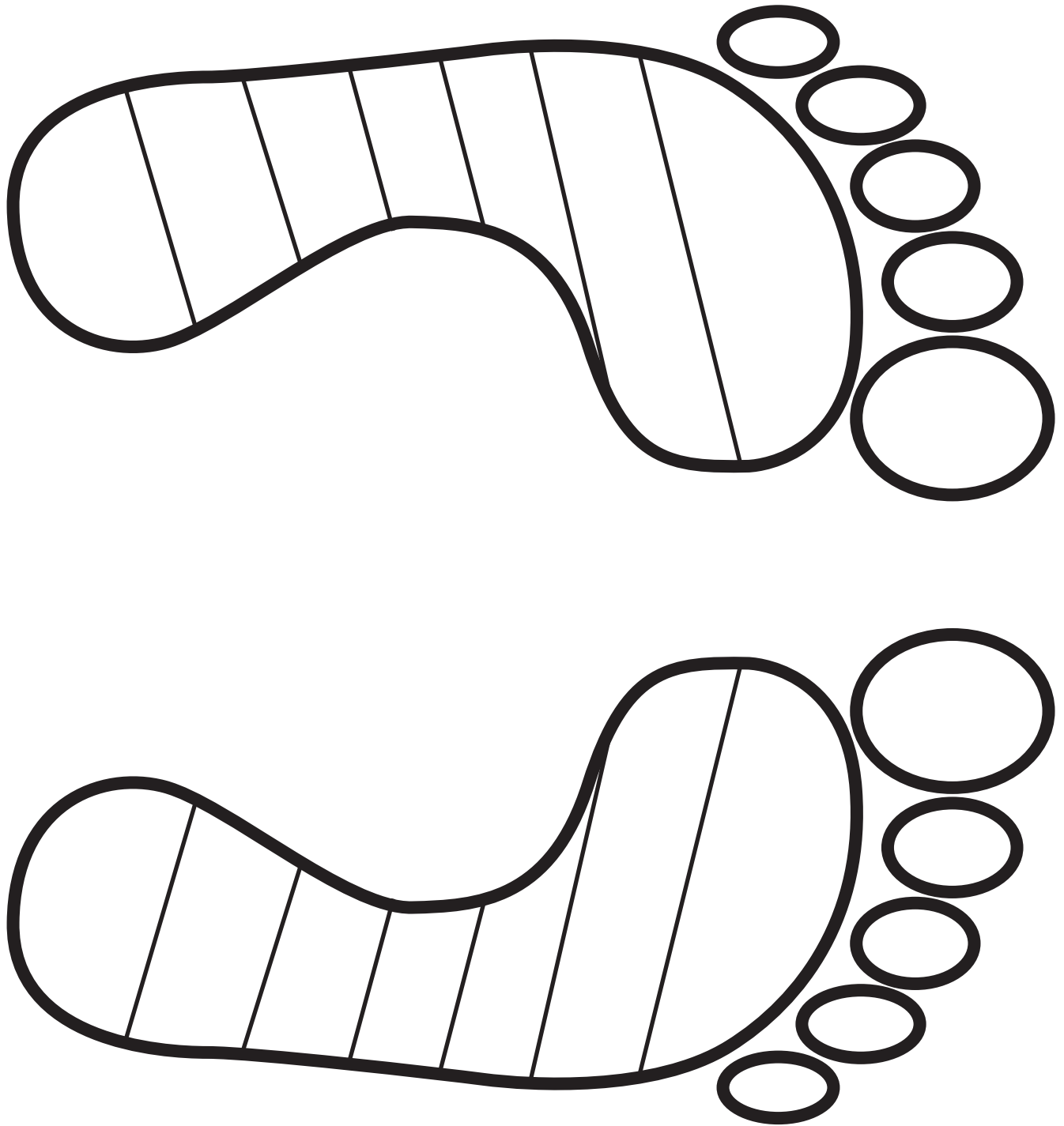
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November: Feast of faith

Following Jesus' footprint



December: Small is mighty

Mealtime card

- Which of the characters in the nativity story are you most like?
- Will you ask God to use you to do mighty things?
- Which part of the nativity story do you like the most?

Take-home idea

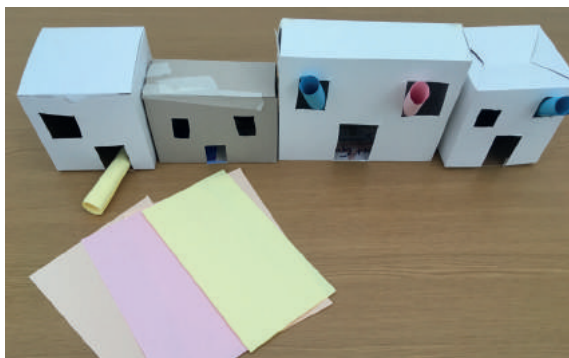
If your Messy Church is at the beginning of December, you could follow the 'Love Life Live Advent' challenge here: liveadvent.net. It gives a challenge for each day of Advent. You can download resources, invitations and information about how each daily activity will challenge you to do something good for someone else. You can tweet about the challenges each day too using [@liveadvent](https://twitter.com/liveadvent).

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So... have you ever trusted God completely?

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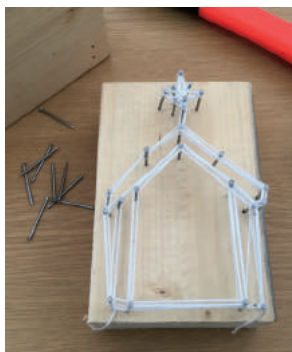
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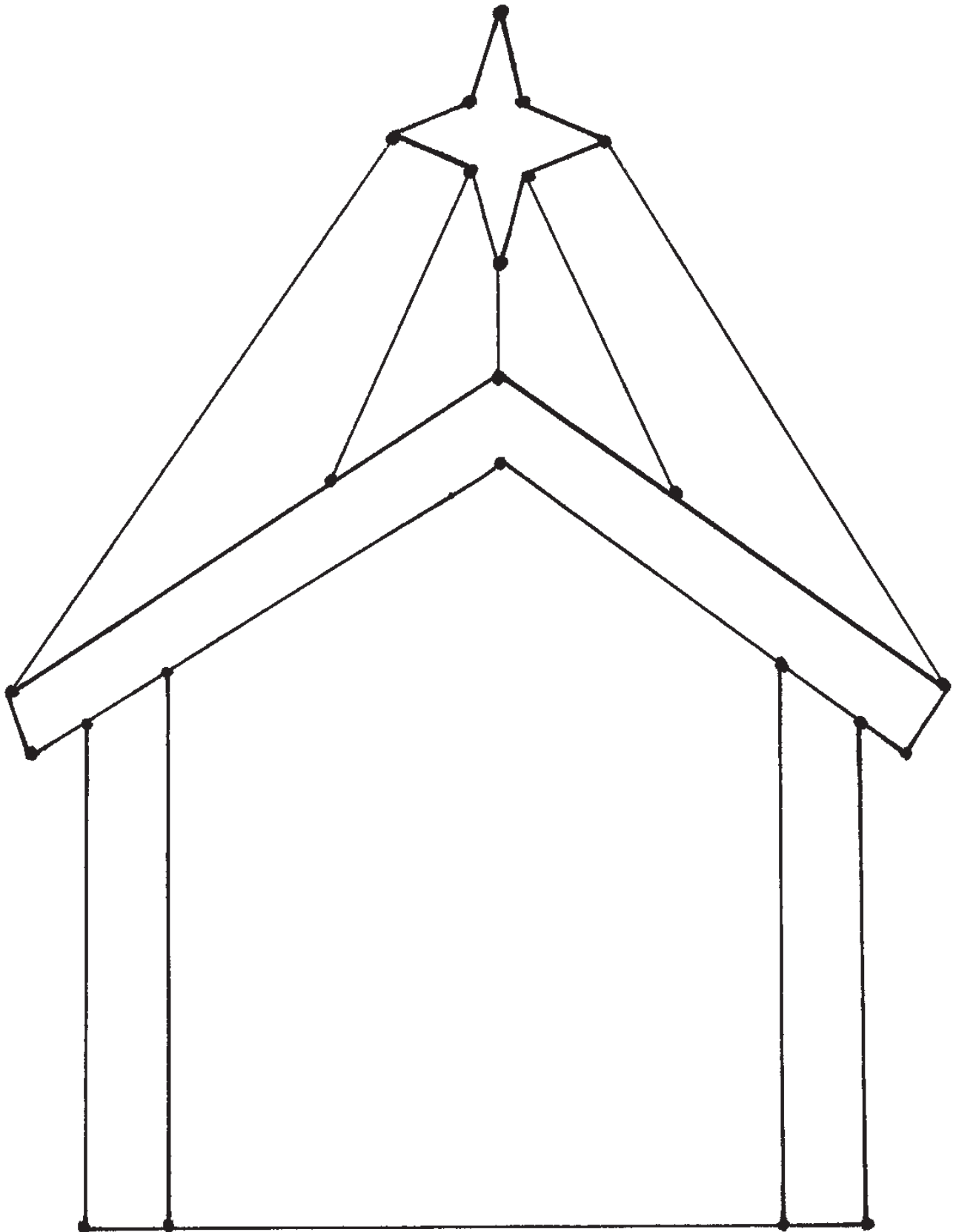


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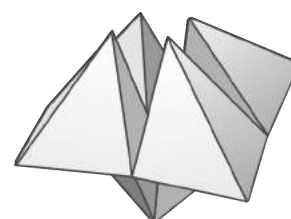
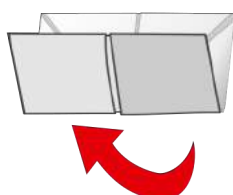
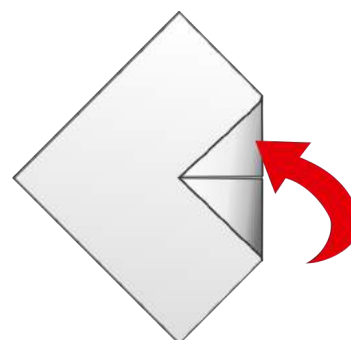
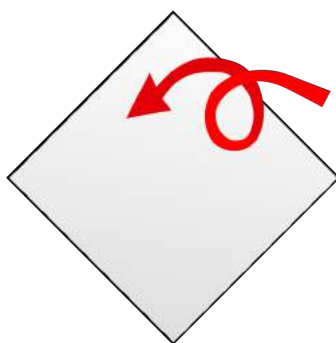
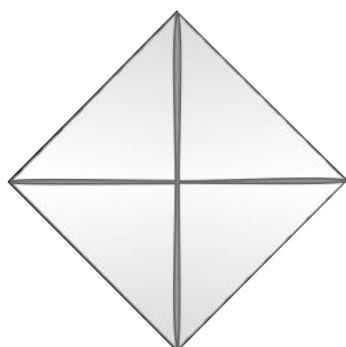
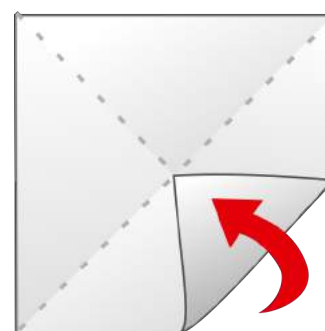
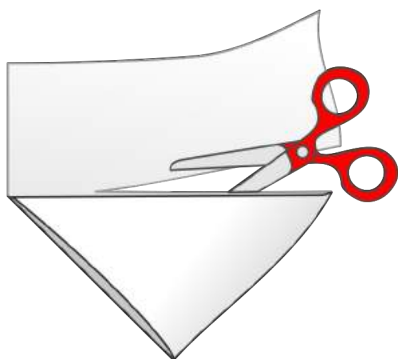
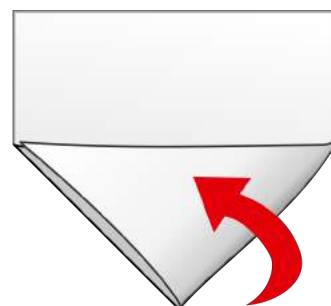
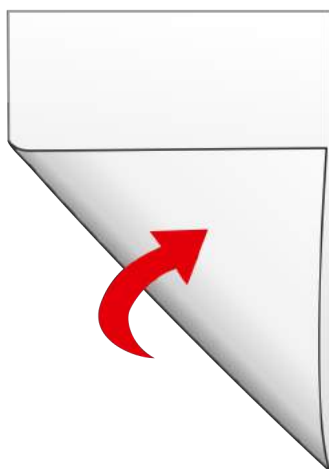
Stable string art



December: Small is mighty

Paper chooser

Images from Wikipedia



December: Small is mighty

Mary and Joseph's feelings face

