



# **The Messy Church Magazine**

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**Support Material**



# SEPTEMBER: THE TEN LEPERS

## MEALTIME CARDS

- Why should we say thank you?
- What things can you think of that God gives us?
- Have you ever done something nice for someone who didn't then say thank you? How did that make you feel?

## TAKE-HOME IDEA

This week, let's make an effort to say thank you to God for all we receive, and to thank the people who do things for us—such as our parents, teachers, bus drivers, lollipop people, shopkeepers and so on. 'Thank you' is only two small words but it can make a big difference.

**Thank you, God, for all that grows,  
Thank you for the sky's rainbows,  
Thank you for the stars that shine,  
Thank you for these friends of mine,  
Thank you for all that we eat,  
Thank you for the people we meet,  
Thank you for the moon and sun,  
Thank you, God, for all you've done!**

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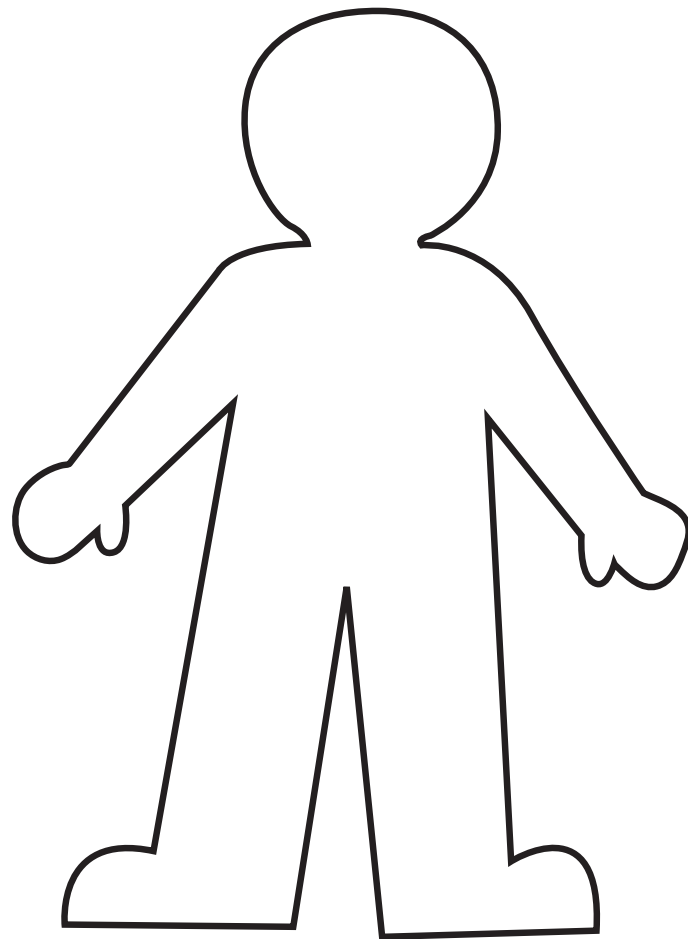
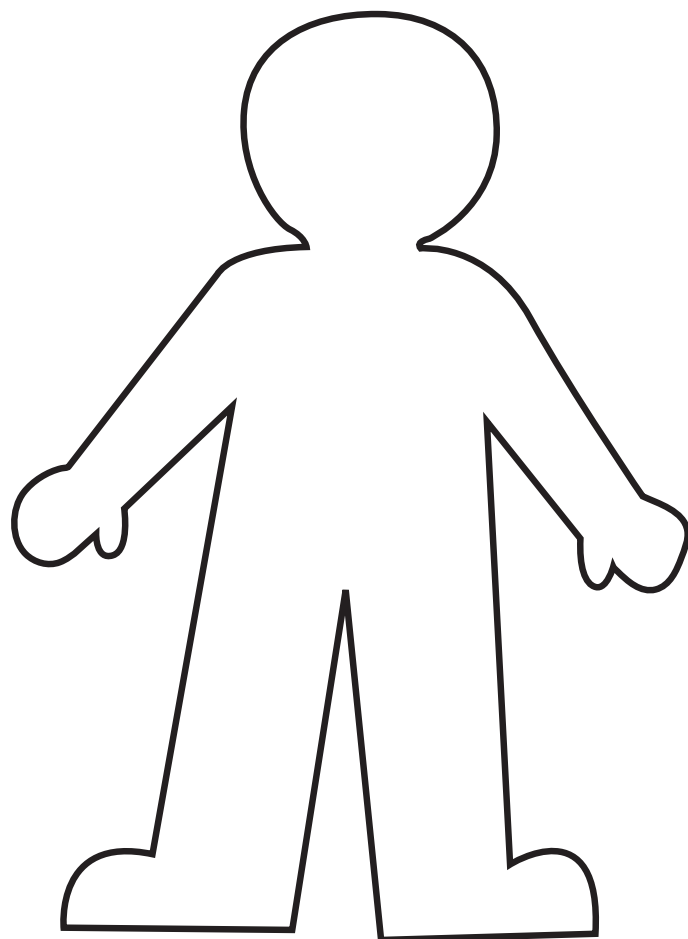
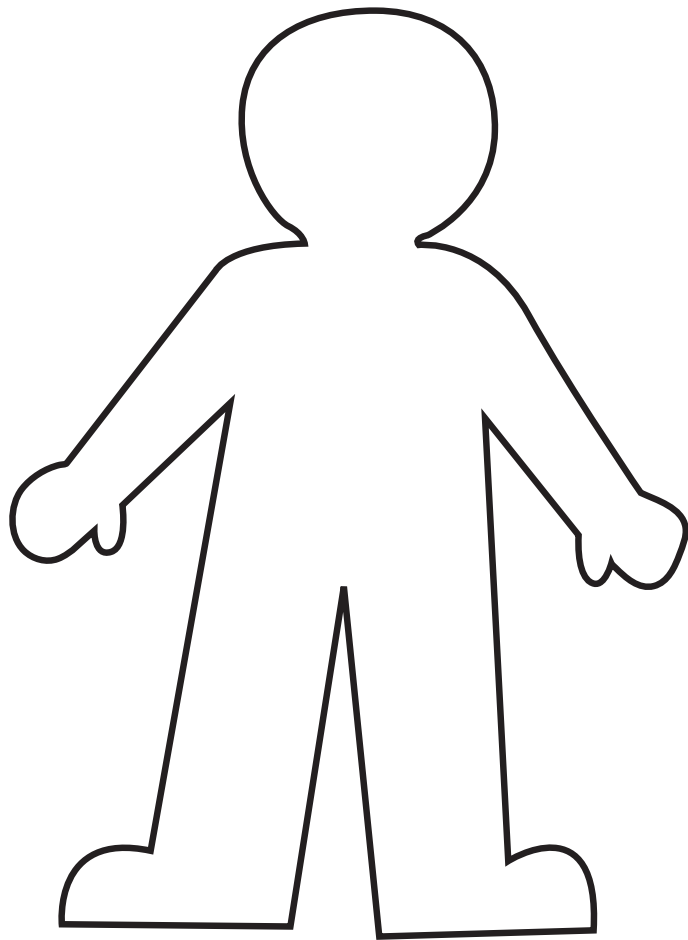
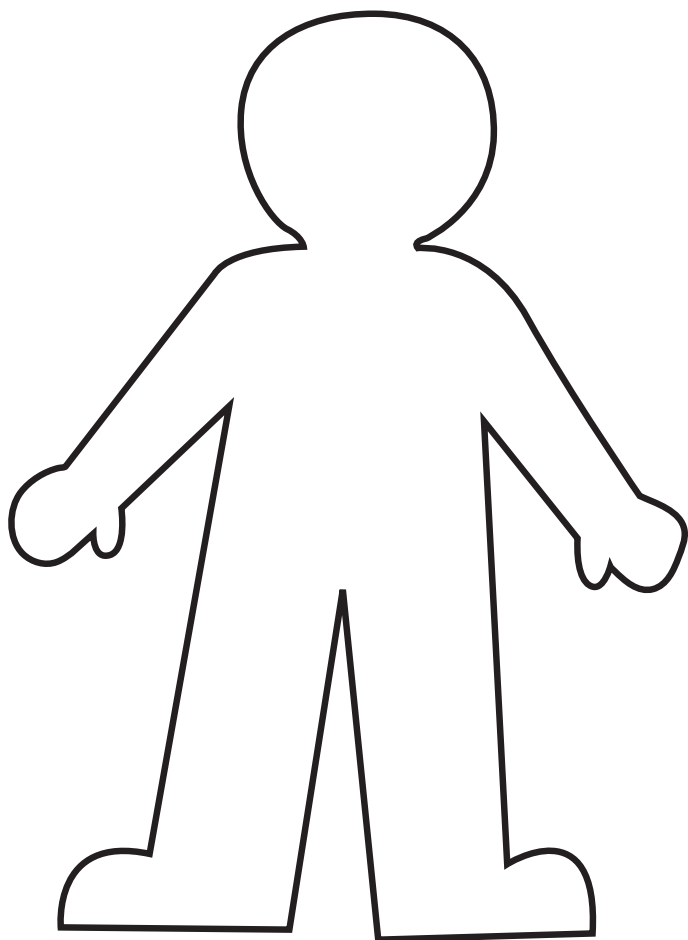


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## SAD AND HAPPY LEPER



# OCTOBER: SALT AND LIGHT

## MEALTIME CARDS

- What's your favourite crisp flavour?
- What kinds of good things are you planning to do?
- How many uses can you think of for salt?
- How many light sources have you got at home?

## TAKE-HOME IDEA

Get salty! As a family, think of something to do to 'flavour' your neighbourhood. Will it be donating to a foodbank or charity shop, or having a coffee morning for a local or national charity? How about a sponsored event, a bake-off or a treasure hunt to support your Messy Church? The possibilities are endless.

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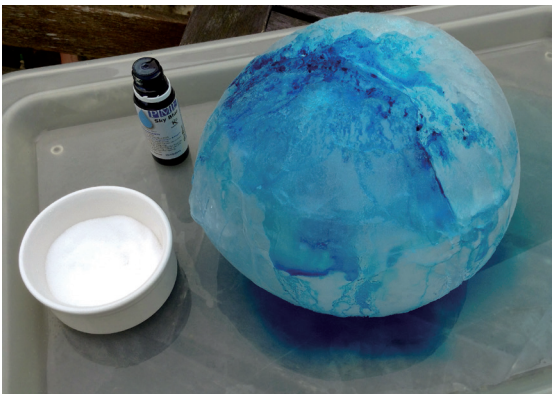
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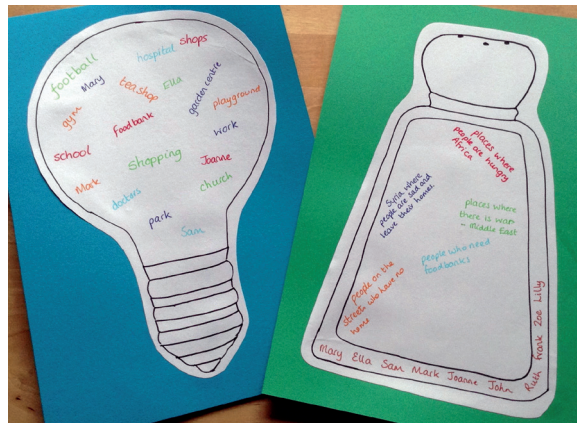
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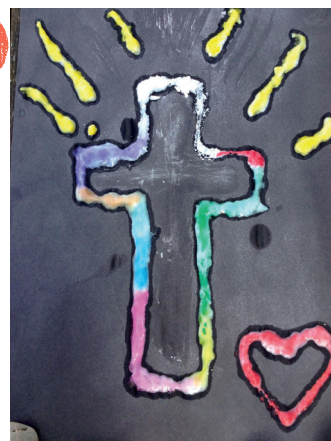
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# NOVEMBER: TRUSTING GOD

## MEALTIME CARDS

- How easy do you find it to follow Jesus?
- Do you trust God, even in the dark times?
- How does it feel to know God's goodness and love will be with you all of your life?

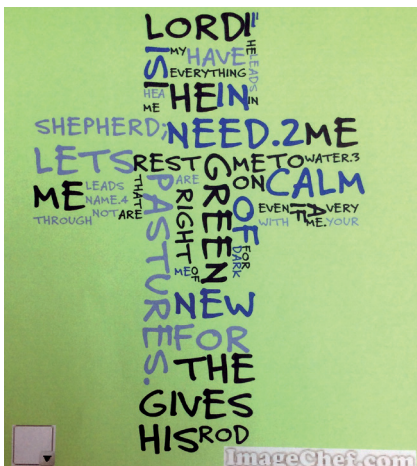
## TAKE-HOME IDEA

See if you can learn Psalm 23 before the next Messy Church. Learn a verse a day by reciting it with your family and thinking about what it means.

Dear God, thank you for the reminder that you are with us in good times and in bad. Thank you that we can come to you when we need rest, a renewing of strength, or direction. Thank you that your goodness and love are everlasting. Please help us to live in this knowledge every day. Amen

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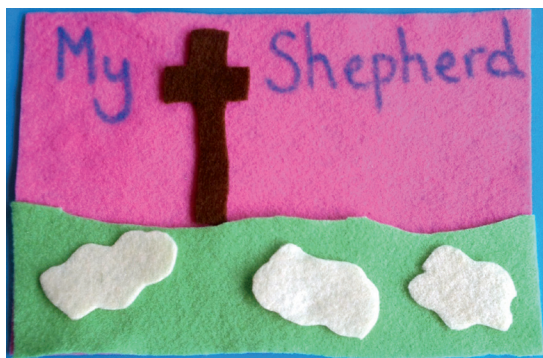
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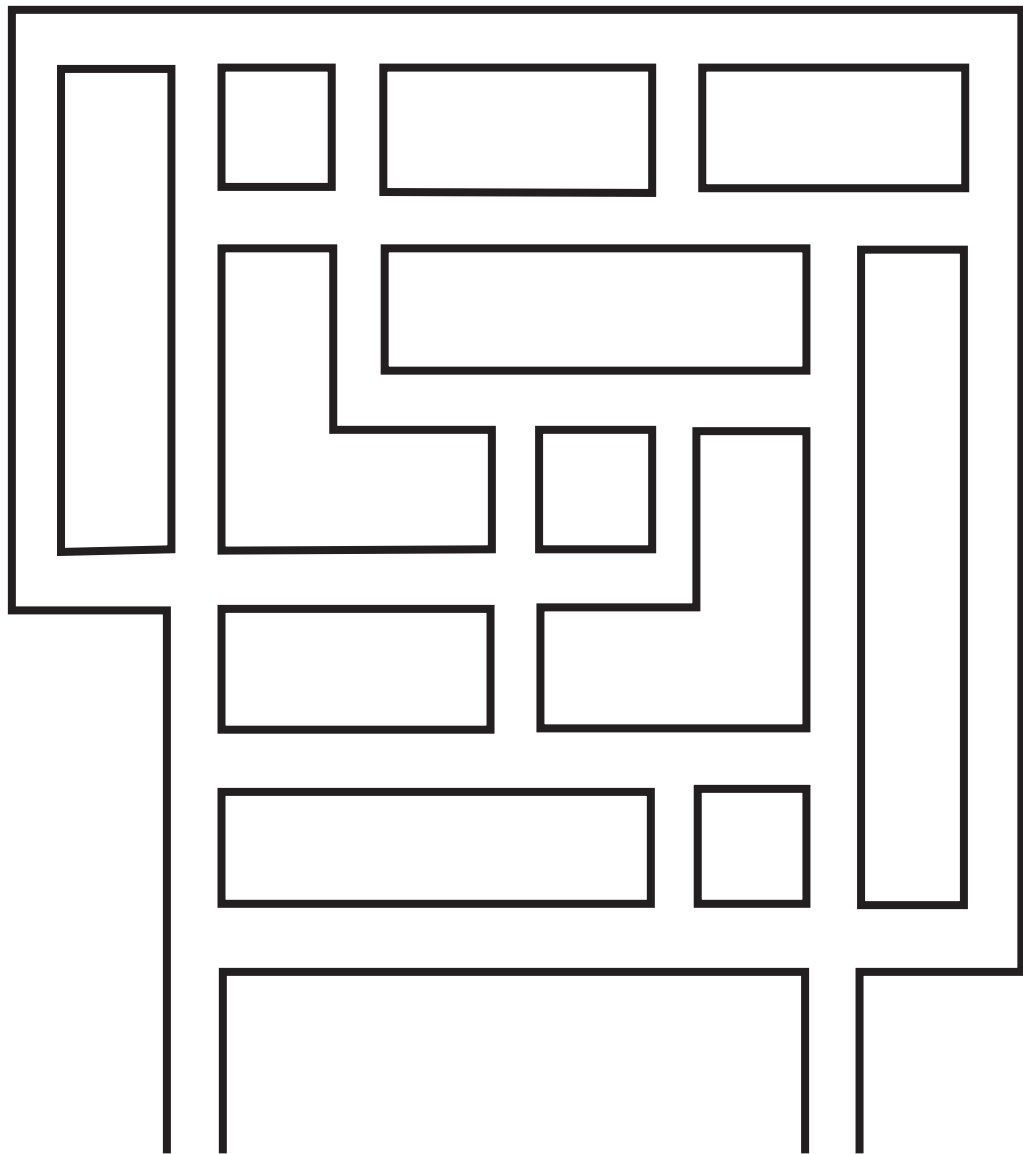
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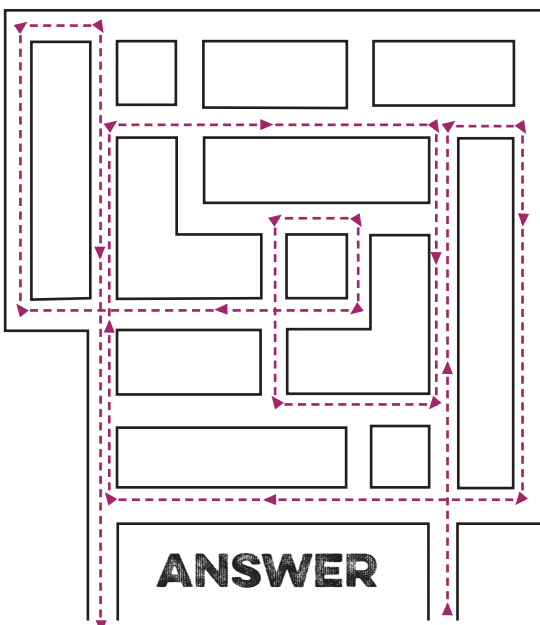
## STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH



**FINISH**

**ENTER**

Don't make any left turns or U-turns.



**ANSWER**

# DECEMBER: SPECIAL MESSAGE

## MEALTIME CARDS

- What kind of good news do you like to receive?
- Do you think Mary's message from the angel was good news? Why/why not?
- What good news message about Christmas have you learnt at Messy Church today that you could tell someone else?

## TAKE-HOME IDEA

Look up either the Morse code or the semaphore alphabet online and have fun sending each other Morse or semaphore Christmas messages. Finish by sending a Christmas message—either by email, by text or by posting a Christmas card—to someone you know who may be feeling a bit lonely or sad this time of year.

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the excitement of Christmas. Help us to always remember what we are celebrating. Help us to tell someone else about the 'Emmanuel—God with us' message that we learnt at Messy Church. Amen

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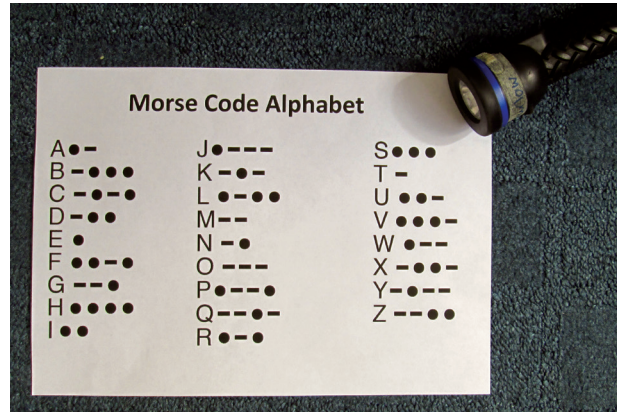
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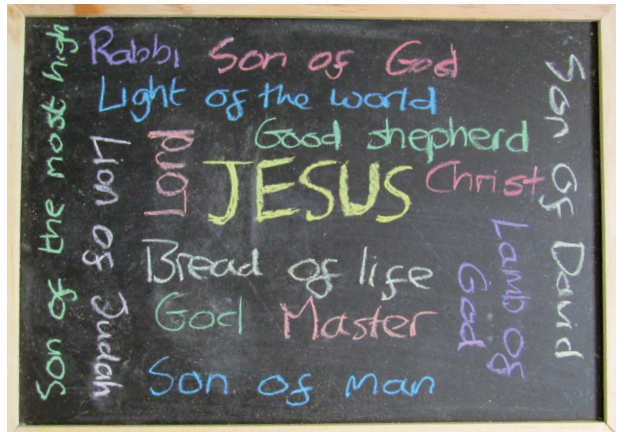
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