



Support material for Get Messy! Jan–Apr 2018

January: Stairway to heaven

Mealtime card

- What's the strangest dream you've ever had?
- Have you ever seen an angel? What was it like?
- What would you ask an angel to do for you?
- How do you think Jacob felt when he woke up?

Take-home idea

Set up a place in your house that can be your family's Bethel; a place that you can make special for God and where you can be close to him.

Alternatively, get hold of some angel costumes (or make your own) and film yourselves going up and down escalators. We'd love it if you posted these to the Messy Church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/messychurchBRF) for everyone to see! Make sure you take safety into account, especially if you are wearing long clothes or wings.

January: Stairway to heaven

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February: True family

Mealtime card

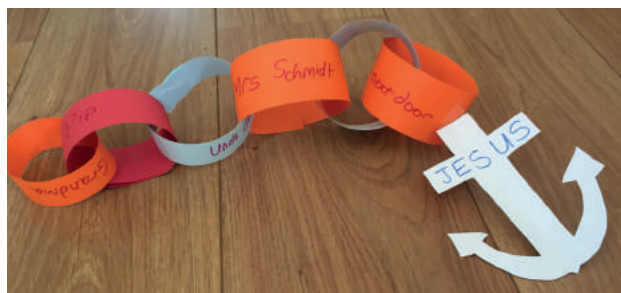
- What are the best bits of belonging to our family?
- How do we show love in our family?
- What does our family do that's a funny family tradition?
- What does our family like doing together best of all?

Take-home idea

Get a bottle of a drink you all enjoy, get your best glasses out and drink a toast to your family together. Here are some words to say: 'Please raise your glasses to the ____ family! We get lots of things wrong but we love each other to bits and we always will. We're very thankful to God that he's given us each other. To the ____s!'

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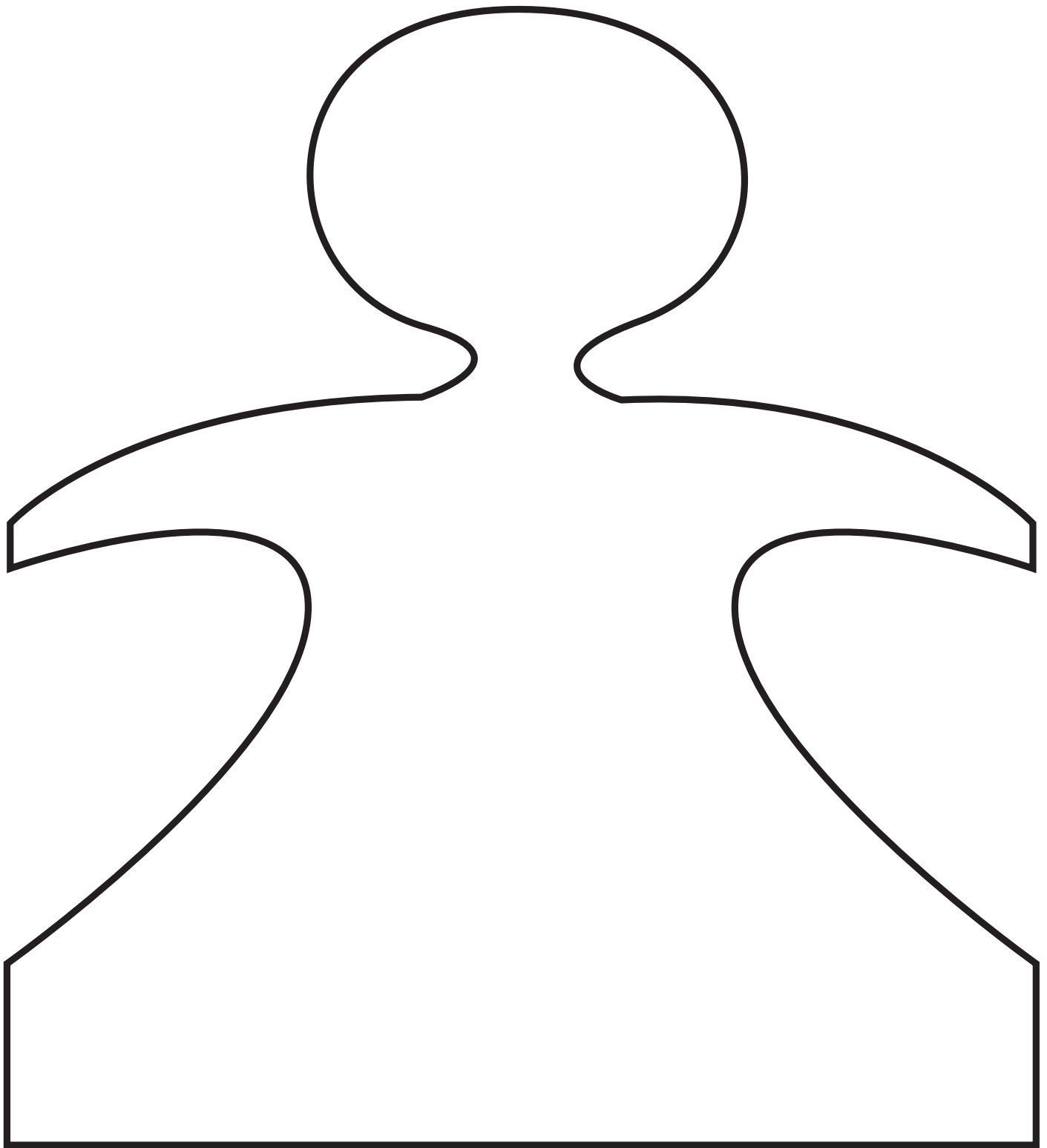


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February: True family

Paper chain



March: Second chances

Mealtime card

- What part of the Easter story amazes you?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said, 'You will be with me in paradise'?
- What do you think heaven is like?

Take-home idea

Make crosses using clay and beads, give them to your neighbours and friends and tell them about the Easter story.

March: Second chances

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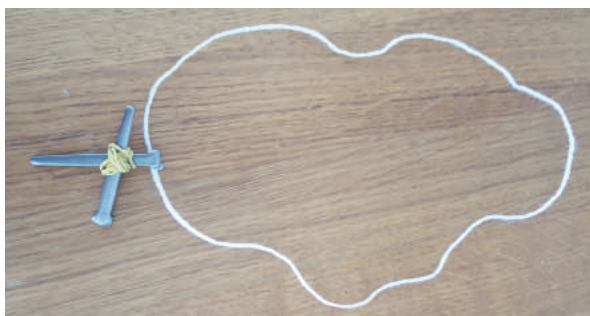
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April: New life and healing

Mealtime card

- What has caused you stress this week?
- How do you relieve this stress? How do you relax?
- Do you find Messy Church stressful or relaxing? Do you find thinking about Jesus stressful or calming?

Take-home idea

Take the idea from activity 5 and think about when in your day you can be quiet to listen for God. It could be while you're brushing your teeth or driving to work or school. It could be while cooking dinner or gardening.

When Jesus was with the official's daughter and with the woman, there was a moment of complete quietness. It was a moment in which God's power flowed and healed. Take the chance to be quiet with God and to experience his blessing. Recall the story of the official, and of Jesus holding his daughter's hand.

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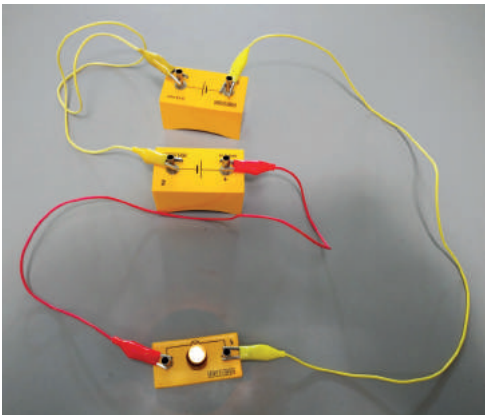
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April: New life and healing

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