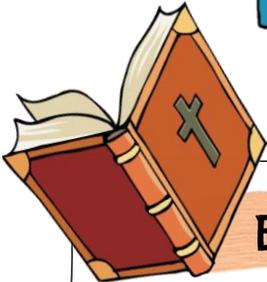


Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Peter's Gospel Message.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Acts 2 v 14–41

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Peter's Gospel Message, when Peter boldly shared the Good News about your love and Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Help us to be bold carriers of your Gospel message today, sharing your love and the Good News about Jesus with everybody we meet.

We pray for all those who don't yet know you that they would hear the Good News about Jesus and come to know you as their friend and saviour.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children
Who did Peter say his message was for?

In verse 39 Peter said "This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." Remember what had just happened at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit had arrived and the disciples had spoken in many languages.

Before this point God had spoken and guided the Jewish people, you can read their story throughout the Old Testament. But God wanted everybody in the world to know that his love was for them and forever! Jesus had instructed his followers to share the Good News about God's love throughout the world.

A question for children to ask adults
What does the Good News mean to you?

Family Activity 1

You will need: Scarves, a timer

Peter quoted from one of David's Psalms when he spoke at Pentecost.

'I keep the Lord before me always.
Because he is close by my side,
I will not be hurt.'

Psalm 16 v 8

Have a family three-legged race. Use a scarf to tie two people together by the ankle, then make them complete the course. If you have space, have a race across a room or garden. If you have an odd number of people in your family, you can take it in turns and time how long each pair takes.

If you have limited space, why not set yourself a challenge of an activity of route around the house to complete whilst connected together.

How great that God is always close by our sides, protecting and supporting us.





A verse to remember

Matthew 28 v 18-20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Our verse to remember today is actually three verses long, it is known as the ‘Great Commission’ and was Jesus’ instructions to his disciples about how to continue the work he had begun on the earth.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it. Why not decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week?

Family Activity 2



You will need: A calculator (or a maths genius!)

At Pentecost, 3000 people heard the Good News and decided to live for God. That is a BIG number. Go around your house and find items to count. You might count... how many spoons you have, how many pairs of socks, how many biscuits in a packet. Using your calculator divide 3000 by the number of the item you have.

E.g. I have 15 pairs of socks in my drawer (that is 30 socks) - $3000 \div 30 = 100$.

That means I would need to have 100 TIMES MORE socks to give one to each person who was saved at Pentecost – or 200 TIMES MORE if I wanted to give each person a pair!

Wow! When you think like that it really gives you an idea of the big numbers involved.

Helping Older Children

The idea of sharing the Good News with others can be daunting. Older children might worry what friends will think of them if they openly share their faith. Others might be concerned about the idea of public speaking.

Our own choices and the way we live and share God’s love can be the starting point for a conversation. Why not pray that friends would see something different in you and begin to ask questions?

Those nervous about having the right words or speaking publicly might be encouraged by the story of Moses – God equipped him and gave him a friend in Aaron who could help him speak when he needed to.

Active Prayer

You will need: paper, pens

Write or draw on the paper your own explanation of the Good News – it could include the story of Easter, a testimony or an encouraging Bible Verse. You could even set it out like your own newspaper.

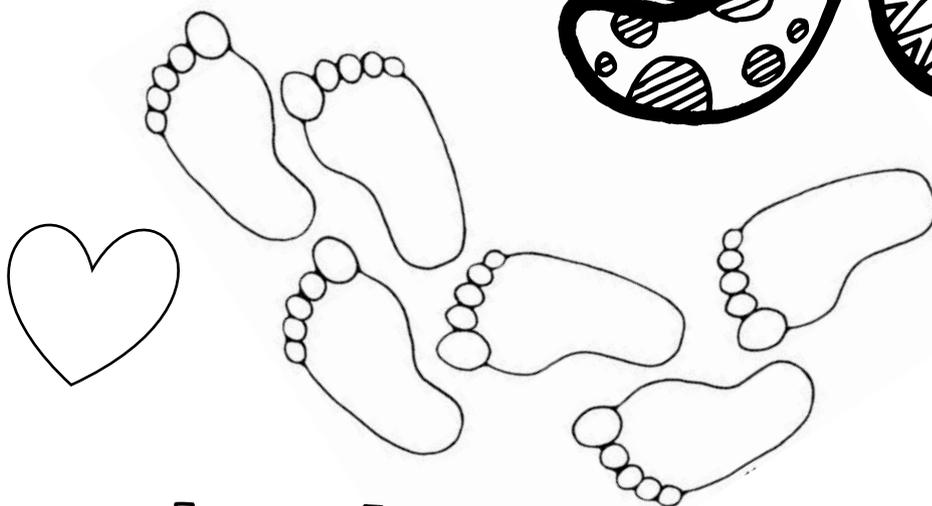
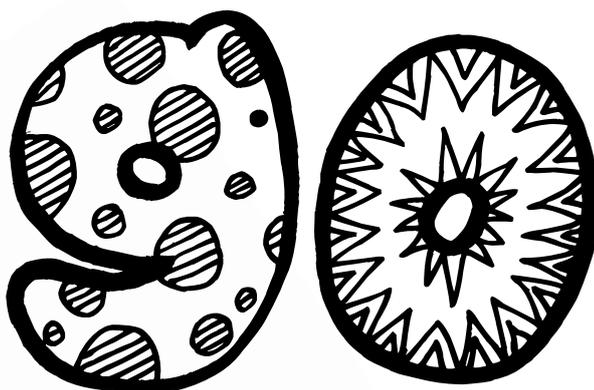
Pray that the Good News would bless and encourage whoever reads it.

Post or deliver your Good News to somebody who you would like to share God’s love and encouragement with.



A colouring page you could print and colour together

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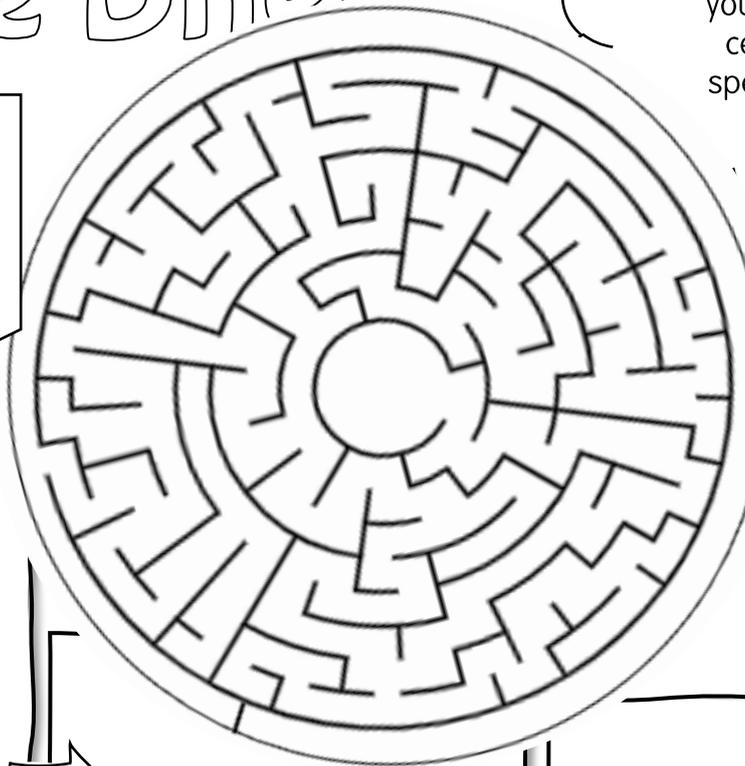
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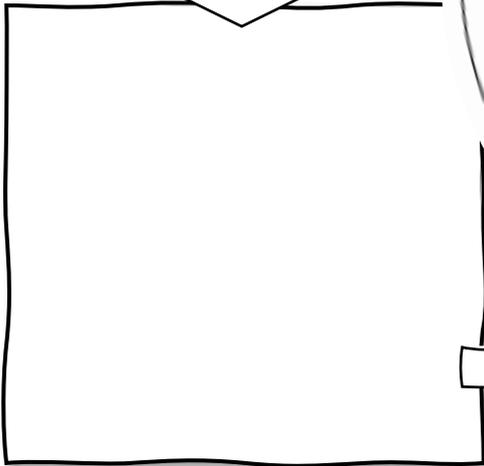


Puzzle Shoot

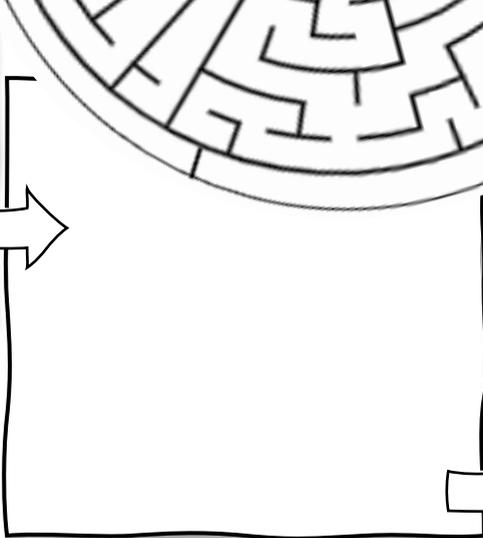
Peter followed Jesus' instructions to go and share the Good News about God's love around the world. Draw your own pictures to help others understand who God is!



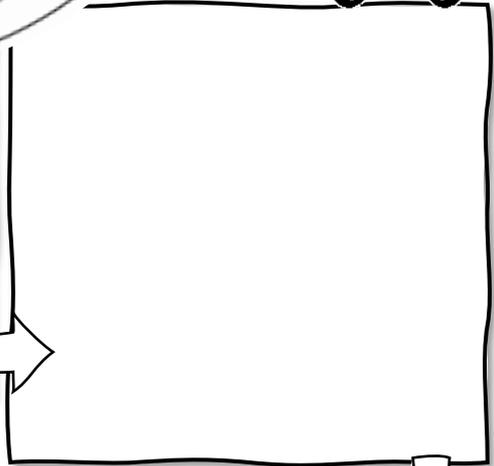
Can you find your way to the centre of the speech bubble maze?



God created the world and everything in it. God wants to be friends with each one of us.



But people sinned and turned away from God.



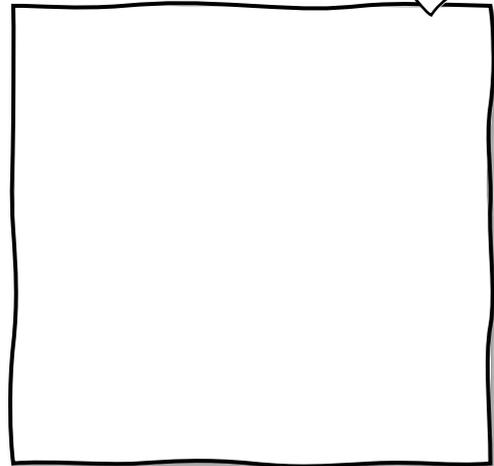
God sent his son Jesus to show us how to live for Him and to take the punishment for all our sins.

Can you find all these Gospel related words in the word search?



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**Jesus
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life
Holy Spirit
Forgiveness**



Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper as we continue to share God's love with others.