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THE RED SEA SPLITS

FOCUS

EXODUS 13:21, 14:9-10, 13-14, 19-25, 27 & 15:20-21

The Israelites have left their homes, and the Lord led them to the border of Egypt, at a beach in between rocks and mountains. When Pharaoh and his men came after them, the Israelites had to be still and trust God! The Red Sea split and they walked to safety on the other side of the sea and into a new country! They were so excited they danced and sung a new song!

MATERIALS

The Red Sea Splits picture
Cloud and Fire pillar (1 set per child)
Red Sea coloring page (1 per child)
Moses actor with staff
Egyptian actors on bikes (2-3)
River splitting cardboard
Bag/backpack with accessories (1 set per child)
Farm animal or doll (1 per child)
Tambourine (1 per child)
Crayons and glue

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they know about the Israelites going through the Red Sea!

ACTIVITY: Show children The Red Sea Splits picture and hang nearby for them to see.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

2. GOD LEADS

TALK: The Israelites were leaving Egypt, and God was leading them with a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night!

ACTIVITY: Glue cotton balls on one side of the red and orange paper on the other.



BY DAY THE LORD WENT AHEAD OF THEM IN A PILLAR OF CLOUD TO GUIDE THEM ON THEIR WAY AND BY NIGHT IN A PILLAR OF FIRE TO GIVE THEM LIGHT.

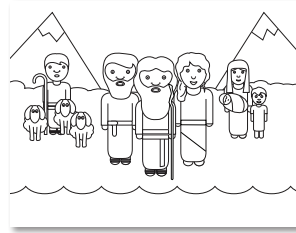
EXODUS 13:21

ACTIVITIES

3. AT THE BEACH

TALK: The Israelites stopped at a beach by the Red Sea, right where God told them to go!

ACTIVITY: Color the Red Sea coloring page.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

THE EGYPTIANS—ALL PHARAOH'S HORSES AND CHARIOTS, HORSEMEN AND TROOPS—PURSUED THE ISRAELITES AND OVERTOOK THEM AS THEY CAMPED BY THE SEA NEAR PI HAHIROTH, OPPOSITE BAAL ZEPHON.

EXODUS 14:9

4. NOWHERE TO GO

TALK: When Pharaoh realized the Israelites were not coming back, he followed them to the beach! The Israelites were so scared! Pharaoh and his army were right behind them! There was nowhere for the Israelites to run to! They had their family's, animals and all their possessions with them! So they cried out to God to rescue them!

ACTIVITY: Give each child a small backpack and have them fill it with the unleavened bread, small water bottle and a plastic gold chain (to represent the gold they got from the Egyptians). Have them grab their farm animal or baby doll and carrying their pillars in front of them. Then have the Moses actor lead them to the sea. When they reach the sea, have the Egyptians come behind them.

AS PHARAOH APPROACHED, THE ISRAELITES LOOKED UP, AND THERE WERE THE EGYPTIANS, MARCHING AFTER THEM. THEY WERE TERRIFIED AND CRIED OUT TO THE LORD.

EXODUS 14:10

5. GOD MOVES

TALK: The Egyptians were behind the Israelites, and the Angel of God and the pillar of cloud moved between the Egyptians and the Israelites! God was protecting them!

ACTIVITY: Have each child place their pillar of cloud and fire between the Israelites and the Egyptians.

THEN THE ANGEL OF GOD, WHO HAD BEEN TRAVELING IN FRONT OF ISRAEL'S ARMY, WITHDREW AND WENT BEHIND HIM. THE PILLAR OF CLOUD ALSO MOVED FROM IN FRONT AND STOOD BEHIND THEM, COMING BETWEEN THE ARMIES OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

EXODUS 14:19-20

ACTIVITIES

6. DO NOT BE AFRAID

TALK: The Israelites were scared, but Moses told them not to be afraid! The Lord was going to fight for them!

ACTIVITY: Have the children say they are scared, then have Moses tell them not to be afraid and that the Lord will protect them!

7. THE RED SEA SPLITS

TALK: Moses stretched out his staff towards the water and God sent a strong wind to divide the water so they could walk on dry ground!

ACTIVITY: Have Moses raise his staff, then have the children blow and divide the cardboard and make a path wide enough for the children to walk through.

CORRESPONDING VERSE

MOSES ANSWERED THE PEOPLE, "DO NOT BE AFRAID. STAND FIRM AND YOU WILL SEE THE DELIVERANCE THE LORD WILL BRING YOU TODAY. THE EGYPTIANS YOU SEE TODAY YOU WILL NEVER SEE AGAIN. THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU; YOU NEED ONLY TO BE STILL."

EXODUS 14:13-14

THEN MOSES STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND OVER THE SEA, AND ALL THAT NIGHT THE LORD DROVE THE SEA BACK WITH A STRONG EAST WIND AND TURNED IT INTO DRY LAND. THE WATERS WERE DIVIDED, AND THE ISRAELITES WENT THROUGH THE SEA ON DRY GROUND, WITH A WALL OF WATER ON THEIR RIGHT AND ON THEIR LEFT.

EXODUS 14:21-22

ACTIVITIES

8. THE EGYPTIANS FOLLOWED

TALK: The Egyptians went into the sea after them! But then the Lord made the chariots stop working and they became scared! The Egyptians knew that God was fighting for Israel!

ACTIVITY: Once Moses and the children are on the other side of the sea have the Egyptians follow the children through the sea then fall on their bikes and say "Oh no! God is fighting against us!"

9. THE SEA WENT BACK TOGETHER

TALK: Then Moses raised his staff again and the waters went back together! And all the Egyptians that were after them died! They were free!

ACTIVITY: Have Moses raise his staff and place the water pieces back together.

10. SING TO THE LORD

TALK: Then Moses' sister Miriam got out her timbrel and they sang "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he had hurled into the sea."

ACTIVITY: Give each child a tambourine to decorate then sing the song.

OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

CORRESPONDING VERSE

THE EGYPTIANS PURSUED THEM, AND ALL PHARAOH'S HORSES AND CHARIOTS AND HORSEMEN FOLLOWED THEM INTO THE SEA. DURING THE LAST WATCH OF THE NIGHT THE LORD LOOKED DOWN FROM THE PILLAR OF FIRE AND CLOUD AT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY AND THREW IT INTO CONFUSION. HE JAMMED THE WHEELS OF THEIR CHARIOTS SO THAT THEY HAD DIFFICULTY DRIVING. AND THE EGYPTIANS SAID, "LET'S GET AWAY FROM THE ISRAELITES! THE LORD IS FIGHTING FOR THEM AGAINST EGYPT."

EXODUS 14:23-25

MOSES STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND OVER THE SEA, AND AT DAYBREAK THE SEA WENT BACK TO ITS PLACE.

EXODUS 14:27



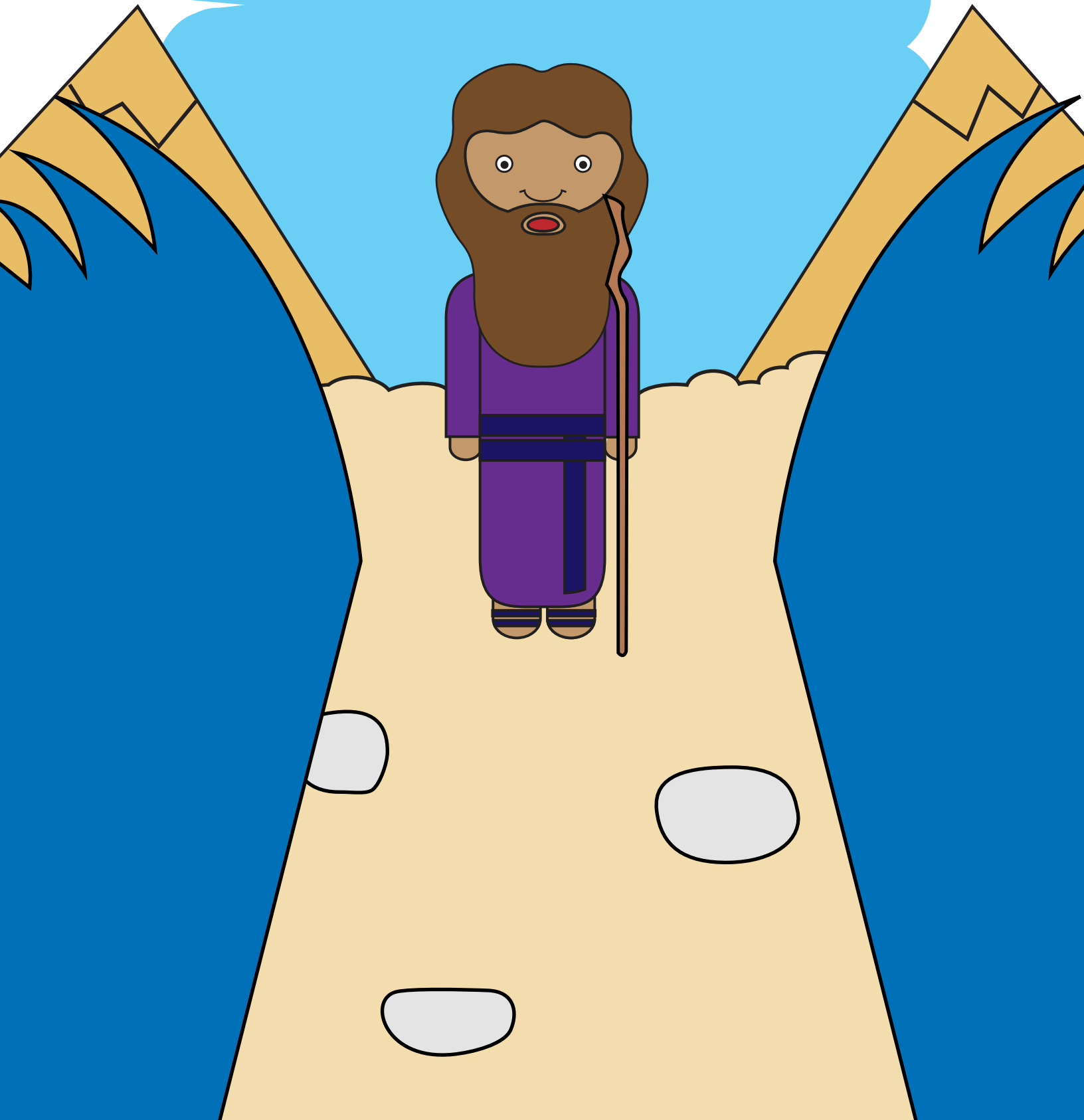
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EXODUS 14:13

THEM MIRIAM THE PROPHET, AARON'S SISTER, TOOK A TIMBREL IN HER HAND, AND ALL THE WOMEN FOLLOWED HER, WITH TIMBRELS AND DANCING. MIRIAM SANG TO THEM, "SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS HIGHLY EXALTED. BOTH HORSE AND DRIVER HE HAD HURLED INTO THE SEA."

EXODUS 15:20-21

THE RED SEA SPLITS



PILLAR

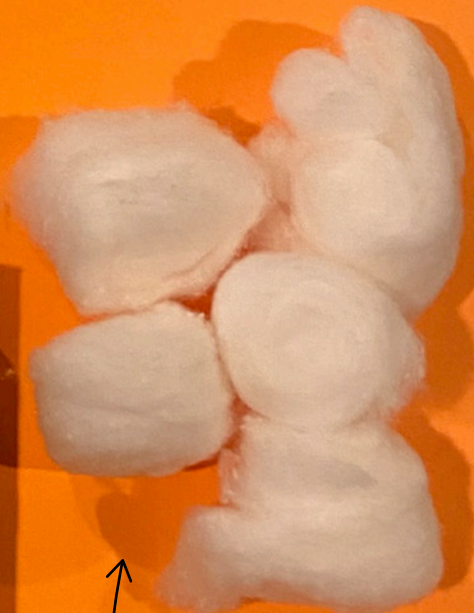
RED & ORANGE CONSTRUCTION PAPER



CARDBOARD ROLL

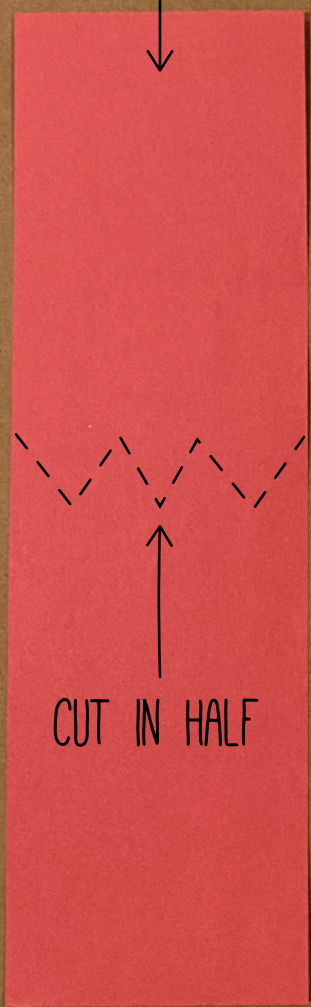


6+ COTTON BALLS



PILLAR

CUT IN 2 1/2"
STRIP



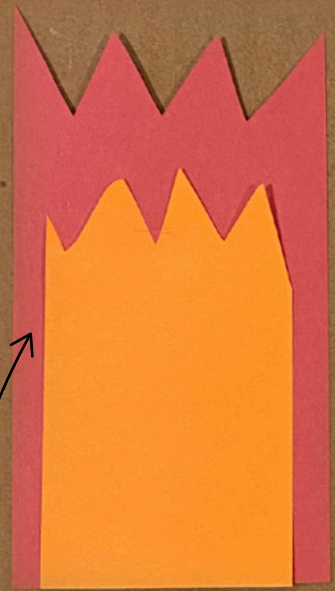
CUT IN HALF

CUT IN 1 1/2"
STRIP

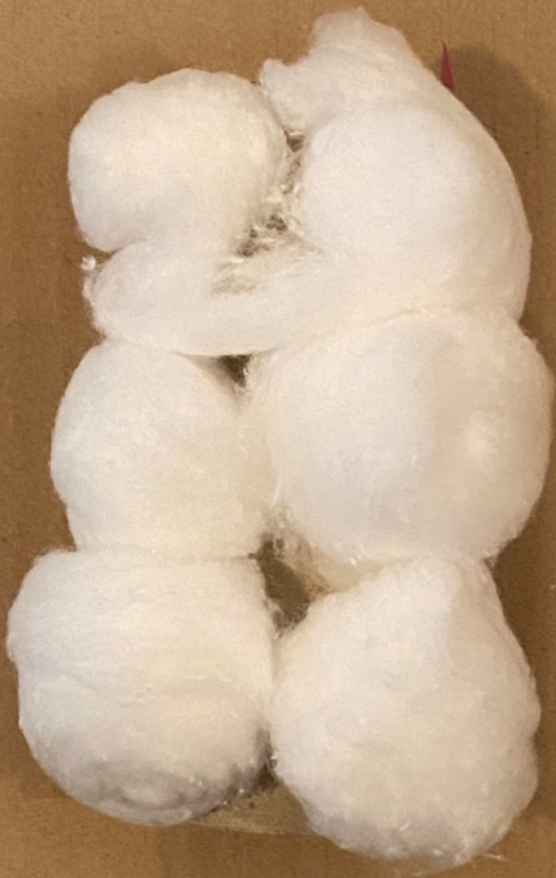


CUT AT 3"

GLUE THE ORANGE
ON THE RED



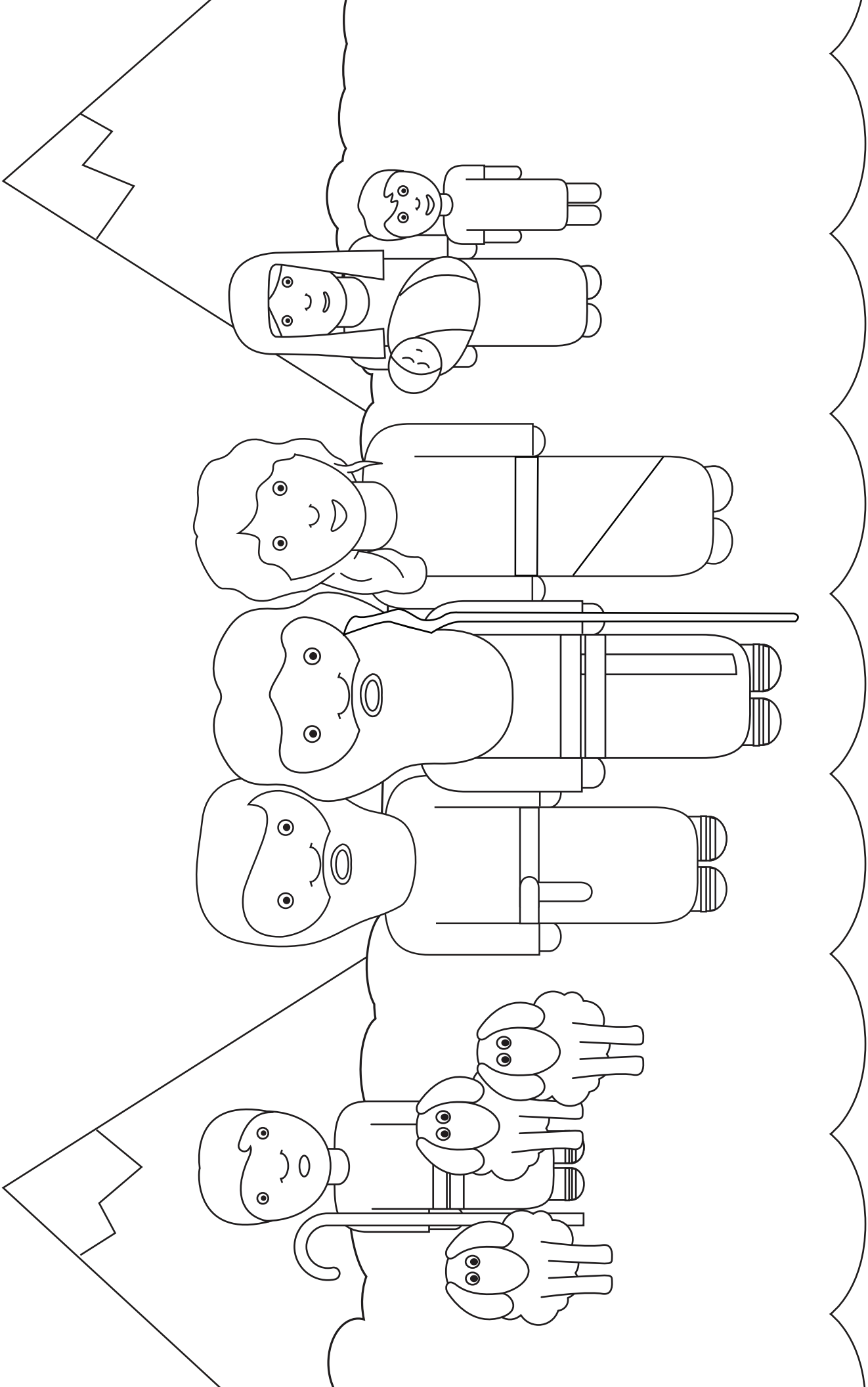
PILLAR



↑
GLUE THE COTTON BALLS
ON THE FRONT SIDE



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GLUE THE FLAMES ON
THE BACK SIDE



BAG & ACCESSORIES

SMALL WATER BOTTLE

SMALL BAG/BACKPACK

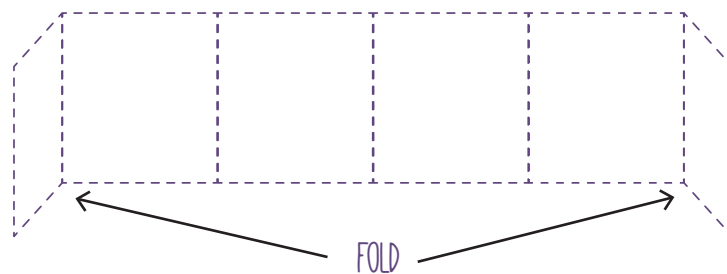
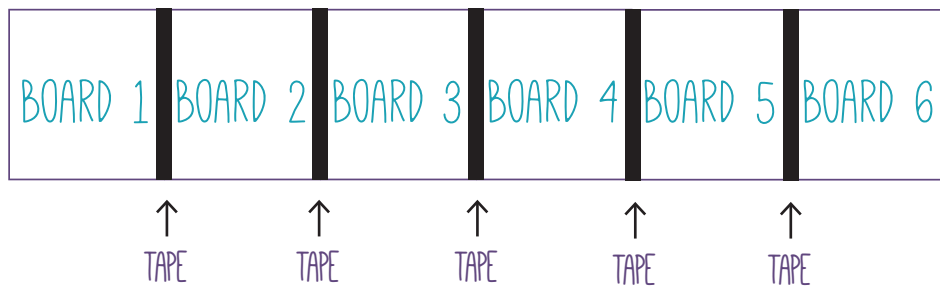


PLASTIC GOLD NECKLACE

TORTILLA CUT INTO
1/4 IN A SNACK BAG

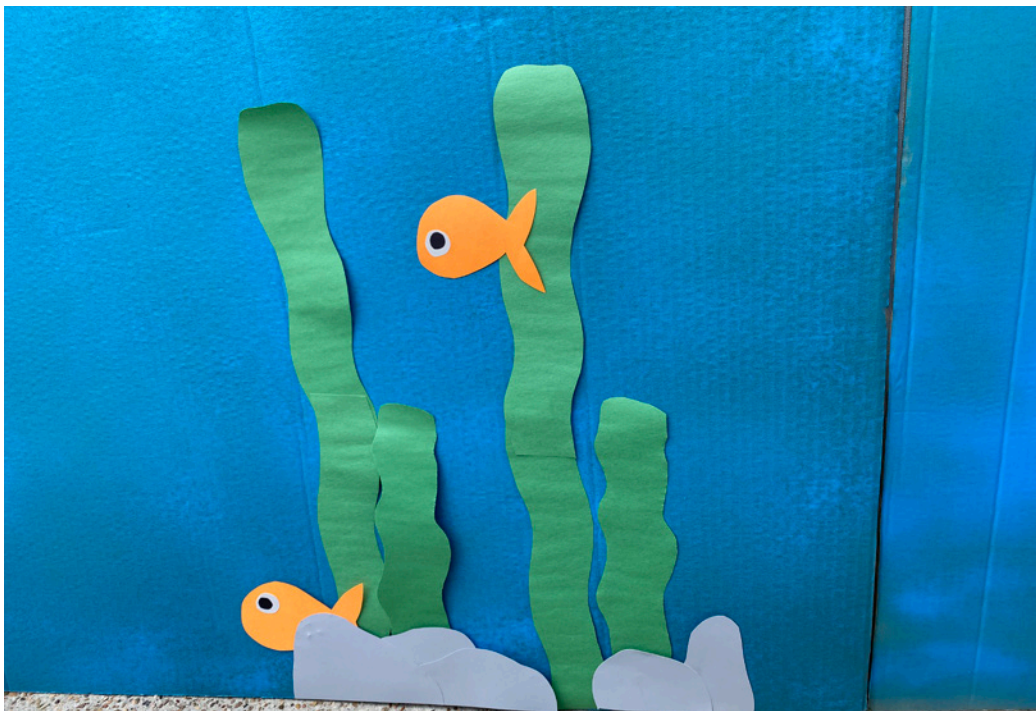
SEA

Using gorilla tape, I taped 2 sets of 6 pieces of large cardboard together. Then cut the tops of the cardboard into curves to resemble waves and spray painted one side blue.



SEA

To add dimension and fun for the children, I created sea creatures, rocks and seaweed out of craft paper and taped it to the inside pieces of the cardboard.



SEA

For the start of class the edges of both sections were touching, and after Moses raised his staff and the children blew we separated the pieces so the children could walk through.



TAMBOURINE

PAPER PLATE

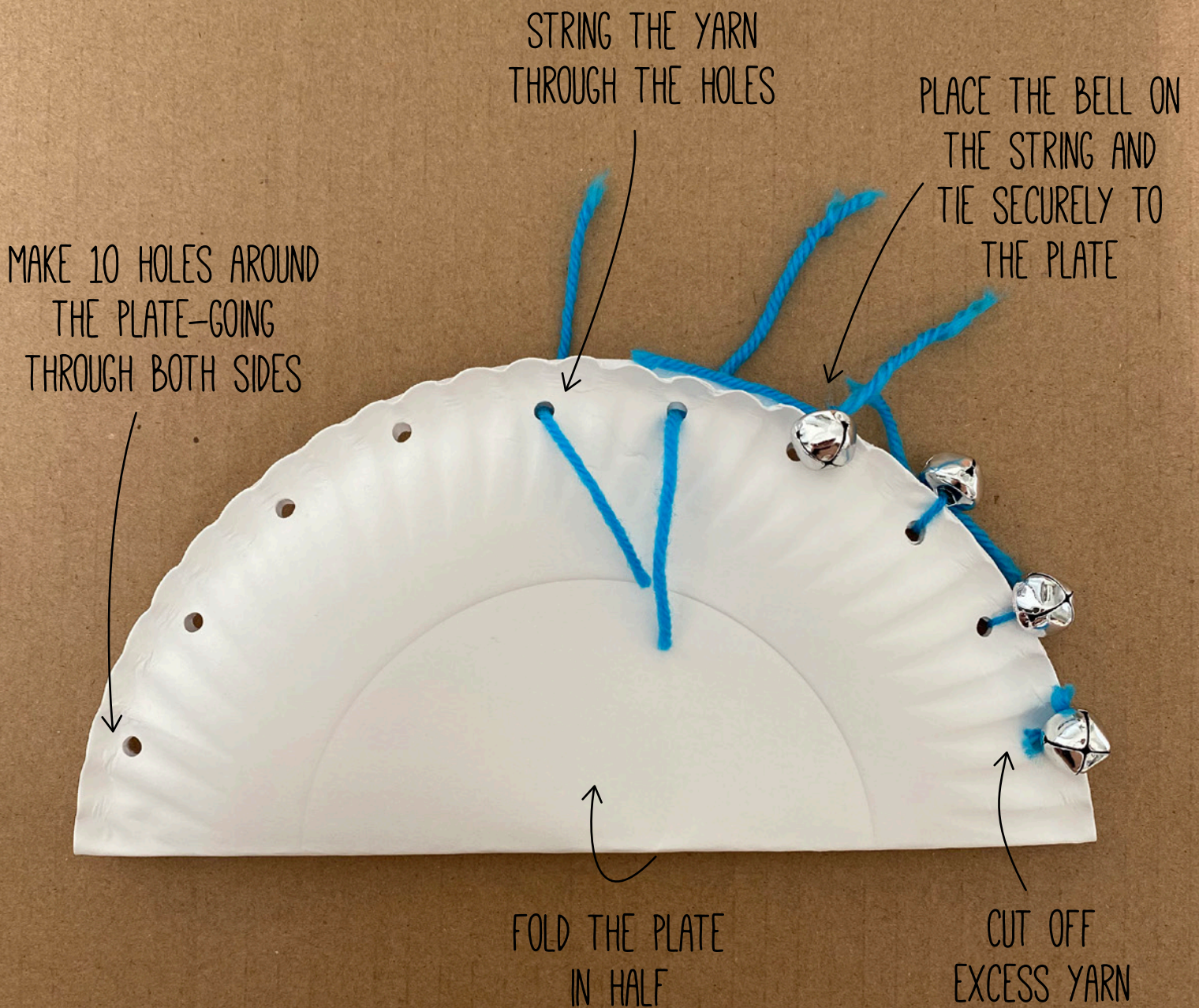


10 3"-4"
PIECES OF YARN



10 SMALL BELLS

TAMBOURINE



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