



NUMBERS WEEK 3



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12 DISCIPLES

FOCUS

MATTHEW 6:9-13, 9:9 & 10:2-4, MARK 1:16-20, 1:41-42
& 4:39-40, LUKE 5:4-6 & 18:16 & JOHN 14:21

Jesus chose 12 disciples to follow and learn from Him!

MATERIALS

12 Disciples picture
3' Ribbon and 12 clothespins (1 set per child)
12 disciples coloring dolls (1 set per child)
Inflatable boat
Tax Collector booth
Swords
Jesus actor or puppet
Small pool/bucket/container of water
Small boat and 2 cups of goldfish (1 set per child)
Leprosy actor covered with white flour and a wet cloth
Lord's prayer fill in the blank sheet (1 per child)
Hose connected to a spout
Crayons

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they know about Jesus' 12 disciples!

ACTIVITY: Show the children the 12 Disciples picture and hang nearby for them to see.

2. 12 DISCIPLES

TALK: Jesus chose 12 men to be His disciples! They were suppose to travel around with Him and learn from Him.

ACTIVITY: Give each child about 3' of ribbon and 12 clothespins. Then have them put the clothespins on the ribbon.

CORRESPONDING VERSE



THESE ARE THE NAMES OF
THE TWELVE APOSTLES

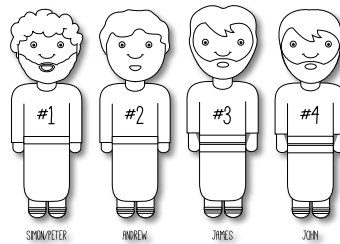
MATTHEW 10:2

ACTIVITIES

3. FISHERMAN

TALK: Jesus did not pick people with big important jobs. He even chose 4 fishermen to follow him!

ACTIVITY: Have the children go to the boat and pick out the Peter, Andrew, James and John dolls and add them to their ribbon using the clothespins.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

AS JESUS WALKED BESIDE THE SEA OF GALILEE, HE SAW SIMON AND HIS BROTHER ANDREW CASTING A NET INTO THE LAKE, FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN. "COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL SEND YOU OUT TO FISH FOR PEOPLE." AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED HIM. WHEN HE HAD GONE A LITTLE FARTHER, HE SAW JAMES SON OF ZEBEDEE AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IN A BOAT, PREPARING THEIR NETS. WITHOUT DELAY HE CALLED THEM, AND THEY LEFT THEIR FATHER ZEBEDEE IN THE BOAT WITH THE HIRED MEN AND FOLLOWED HIM.

MARK 1:16-20

4. TAX COLLECTOR

TALK: Tax collectors were considered traitors! The Jews did not like them! Even though they were unwelcomed by their people, Jesus chose a tax collector to follow him!

ACTIVITY: Have the children go to the tax collector booth and grab the Matthew doll and add it to their ribbon.



AS JESUS WENT ON FROM THERE, HE SAW A MAN NAMED MATTHEW SITTING AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," HE TOLD HIM, AND MATTHEW GOT UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.

MATTHEW 9:9

5. ZEALOT

TALK: The zealots were Israelite rebels who wanted to fight the Romans and make them leave! Even though Jesus did not come to battle with real swords, He still chose a rebel trained to fight!

ACTIVITY: Have the children pick up the Simon the Zealot doll by the swords and add it to their ribbon.



SIMON THE ZEALOT

MATTHEW 10:4

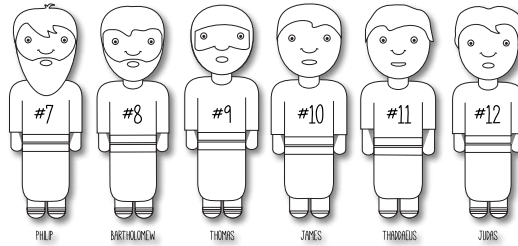


ACTIVITIES

6. THE REST

TALK: The rest of Jesus disciples were ordinary men. But Jesus still chose them!

ACTIVITY: Have the children find the rest of the disciples dolls scattered around the area and add them to their ribbon.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

PHILIP AND BARTHOLOMEW;
THOMAS... JAMES SON OF
ALPHEUS, AND THADDAEUS...
JUDAS ISCARIOT, WHO
BETRAYED HIM

MATTHEW 10:3-4

7. GOD'S WILL

TALK: Jesus was teaching His disciples that He was doing what God wanted Him to do. So if they followed Him, they would learn to do God's will too!

ACTIVITY: Have the children play a repeat game where they do or say what the Jesus actor/puppet does or says!

I LOVE THE FATHER AND DO
EXACTLY WHAT MY FATHER
HAS COMMANDED ME.

JOHN 14:21

8. OBEY

TALK: Jesus was a carpenter, not a fisherman, but one day while Jesus was teaching by the lake He told Peter to go out into deep water to fish. Peter and Andrew had fished all night and caught nothing, and they knew the fish didn't come out in the morning, but still Peter obeyed. He caught so many fish it almost sunk his boat!

ACTIVITY: Have the children place their boats in the container of water and add the goldfish into them until they start to sink.



WHEN HE HAD FINISHED
SPEAKING, HE SAID TO
SIMON, "PUT OUT INTO DEEP
WATER, AND LET DOWN THE
NETS FOR A CATCH." SIMON
ANSWERED, "MASTER, WE'VE
WORKED HARD ALL NIGHT AND
HAVEN'T CAUGHT ANYTHING.
BUT BECAUSE YOU SAY SO, I
WILL LET DOWN THE NETS."
WHEN THEY HAD DONE SO,
THEY CAUGHT SUCH A LARGE
NUMBER OF FISH THAT THEIR
NETS BEGAN TO BREAK.

LUKE 5:4-6

ACTIVITIES

9. COMPASSION

TALK: Leprosy was a skin disease. You could tell if a person had it by looking at them, but they were also suppose to warn people with their voices and how they looked. People with leprosy were even suppose to stay away from other people! But when a man with leprosy saw Jesus he came up to Him and asked for healing. He already knew that Jesus could do it. Jesus had compassion on him. Jesus could have just used His words to say the man was healed, but Jesus touched him first, then said he was healed!

ACTIVITY: Have an actor with white flour on their body come up to the Jesus actor/puppet and children and ask for healing. Then have the Jesus actor touch them with a wet cloth and say they are healed.

10. RELATIONSHIP

TALK: Jesus taught his disciples that it was important to have a relationship with God through prayer. He even taught them a prayer that they could say.

ACTIVITY: Help the children fill in the blanks on the Lord's Prayer fill in the blank sheet.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

MOVED WITH COMPASSION, JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE MAN. "I AM WILLING," HE SAID. "BE CLEAN!" AND IMMEDIATELY THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM, AND THE MAN WAS CLEANSSED.

MARK 1:41-42

"THIS, THEN, IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY: "'OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD. AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE.'"

MATTHEW 6:9-13

11. FOLLOW

TALK: Jesus didn't say only adults could be with him, He even loved it when the little children came to him!

ACTIVITY: Have the children sit around the Jesus actor as He sings them the "Jesus loves the little children song". Or have the Jesus puppet give each child a hug.

BUT JESUS CALLED THE CHILDREN TO HIM AND SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.

LUKE 18:16

ACTIVITIES

12. TRUST

TALK: When the disciples were with Jesus on a boat there was a big storm! So much water was in the boat that they were afraid it was going to sink! Jesus was there, but He was sleeping! Finally they got Him up and told Him what was going on. Jesus rebuked the storm and asked them why they were so afraid and why they still had no faith. Jesus was teaching them that when obstacles come in their way, to trust Him and keep their eyes on Him!

ACTIVITY: Have children get on a boat and start to fill it with water using a hose, then have them wake up Jesus. Have Jesus tell the water to stop (stop the hose) and tell the children to have faith!

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

CORRESPONDING VERSE

HE GOT UP, REBUKED THE WIND AND SAID TO THE WAVES, "QUIET! BE STILL!" THEN THE WIND DIED DOWN AND IT WAS COMPLETELY CALM. HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID? DO YOU STILL HAVE NO FAITH?"

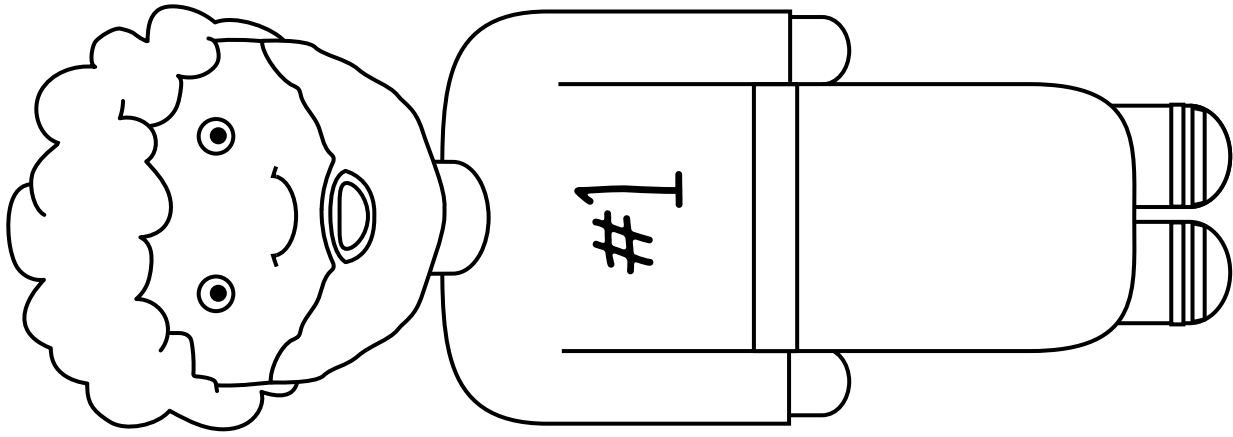
MARK 4:39-40

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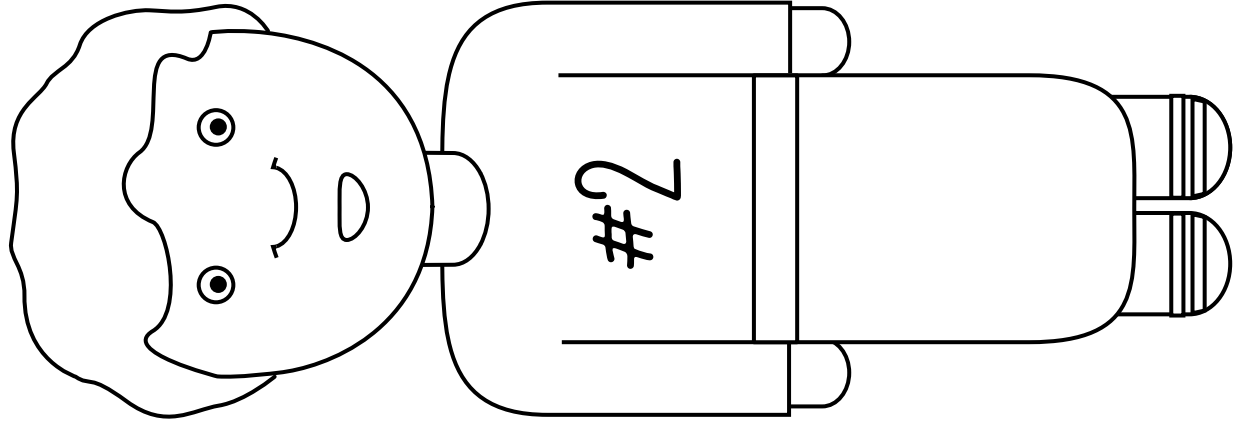
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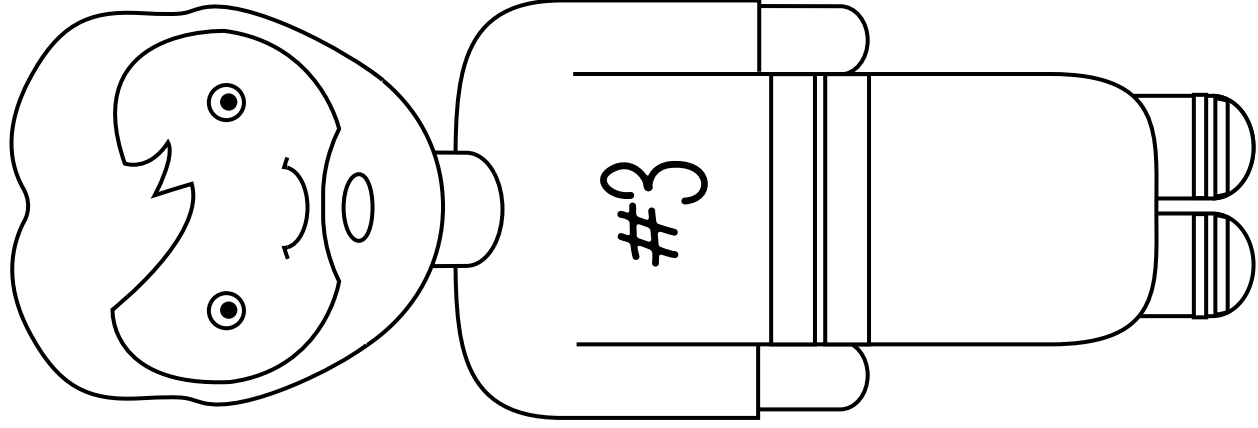




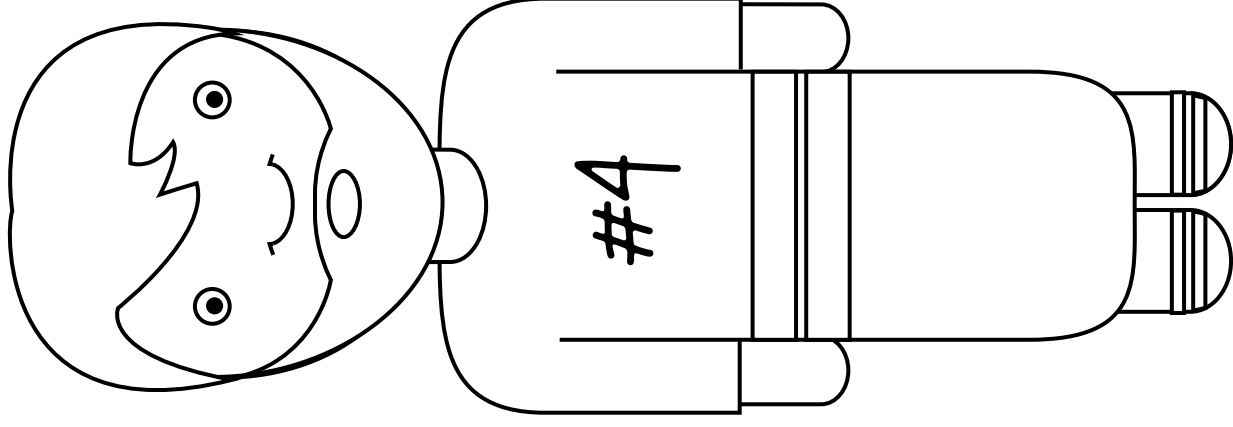
SIMON/PETER



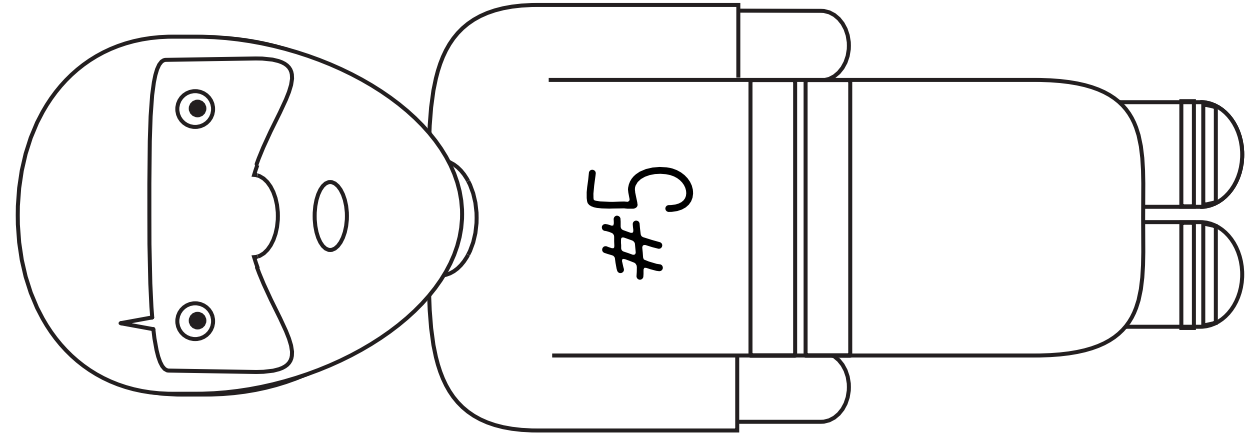
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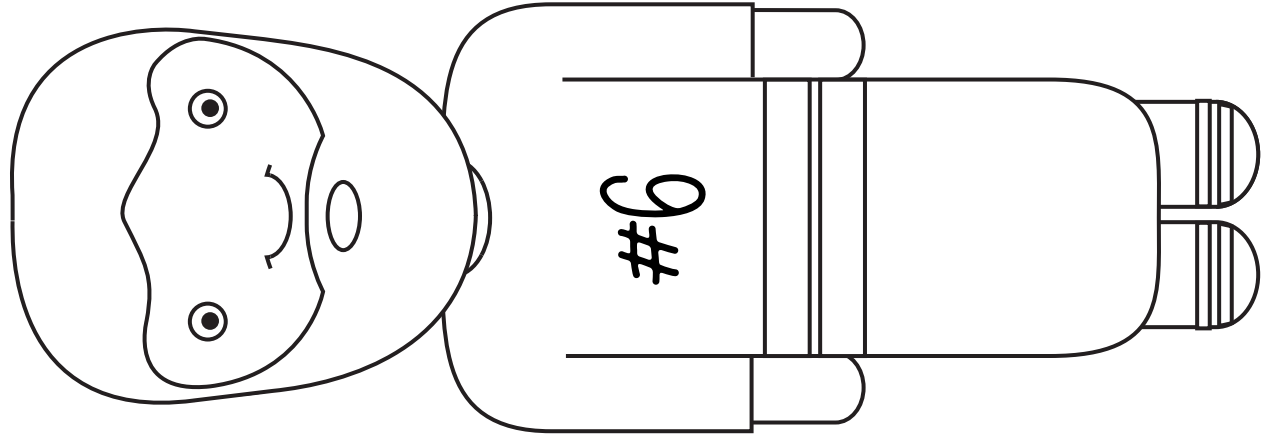
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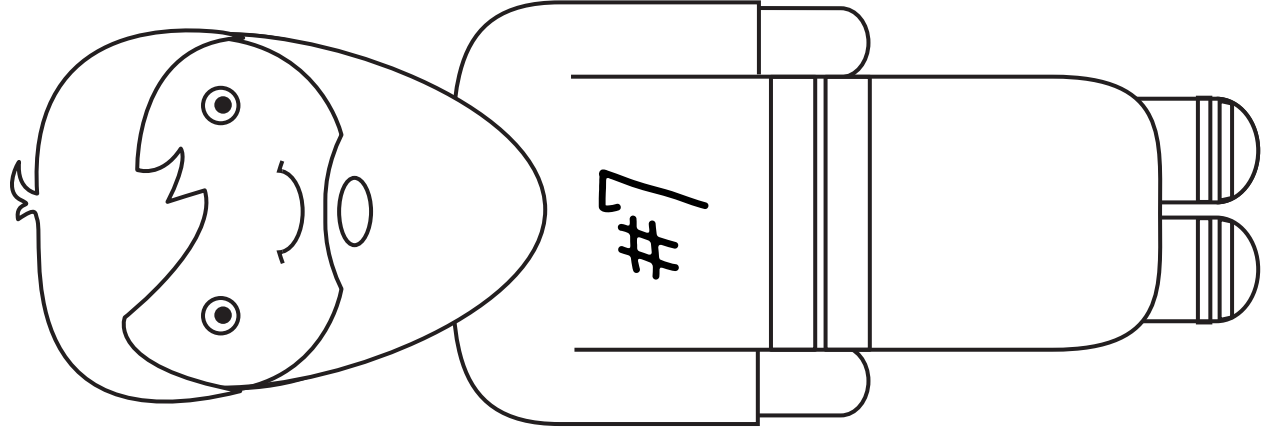
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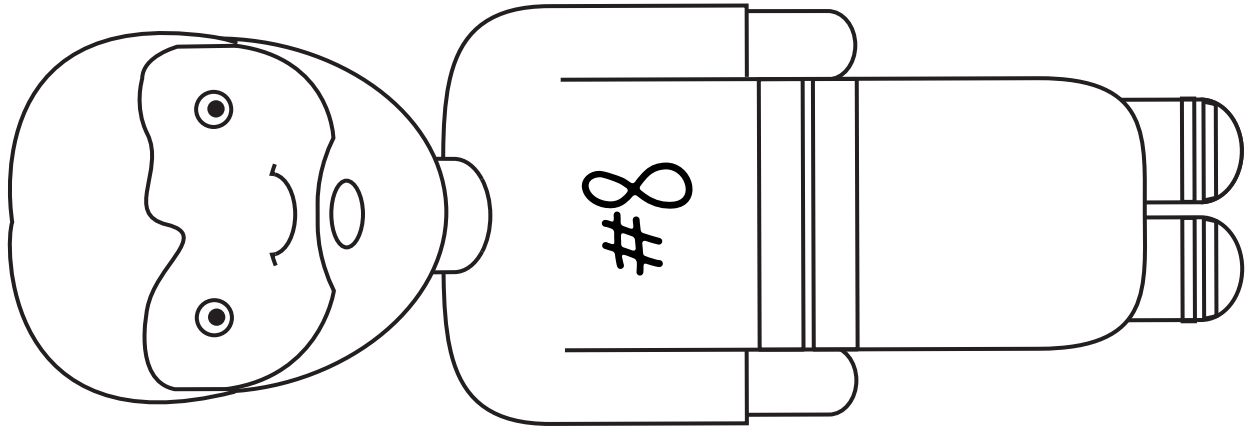
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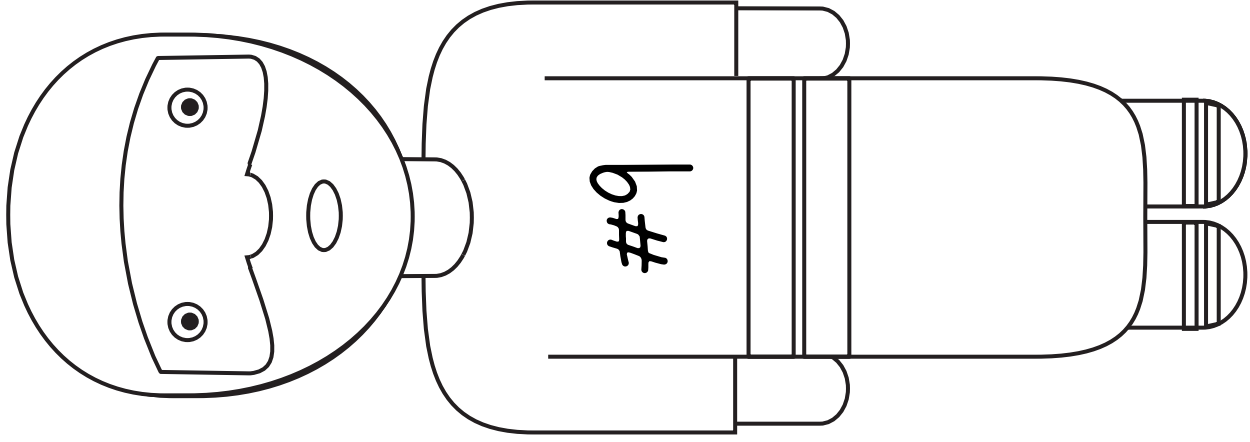
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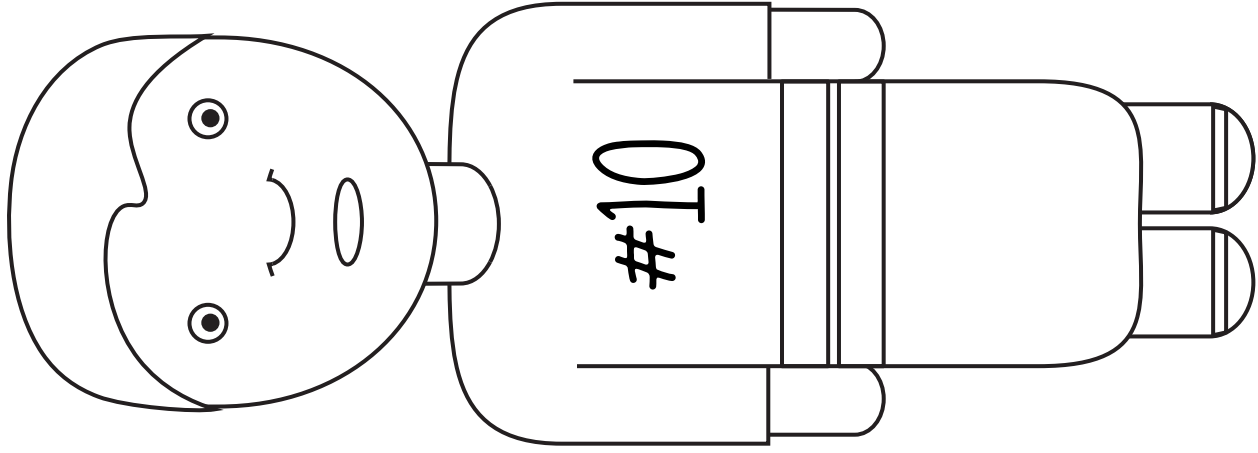
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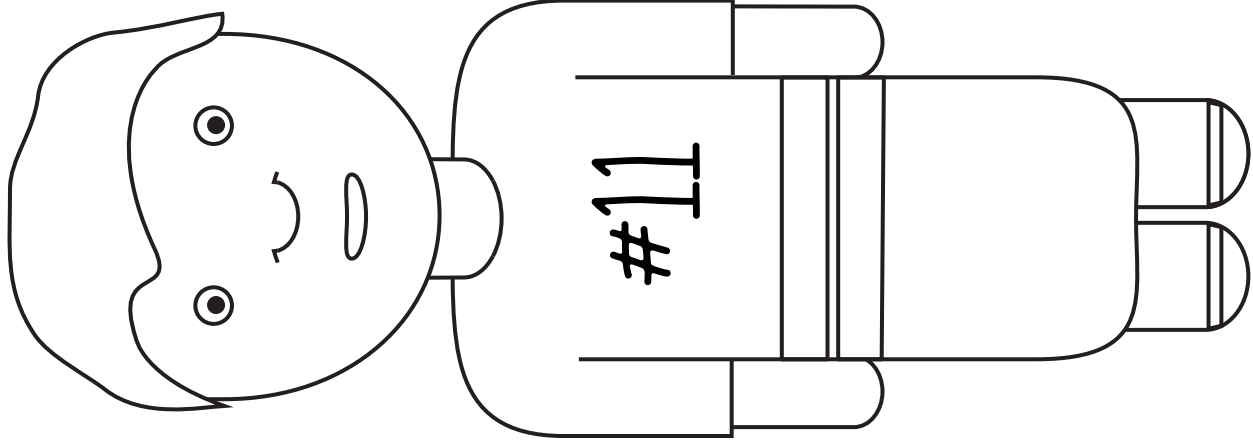
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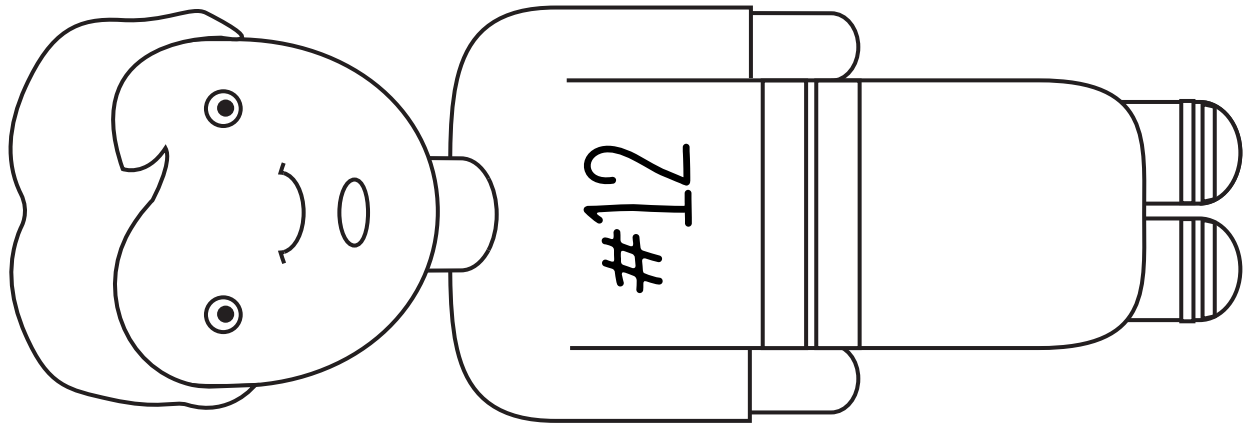
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JAMES



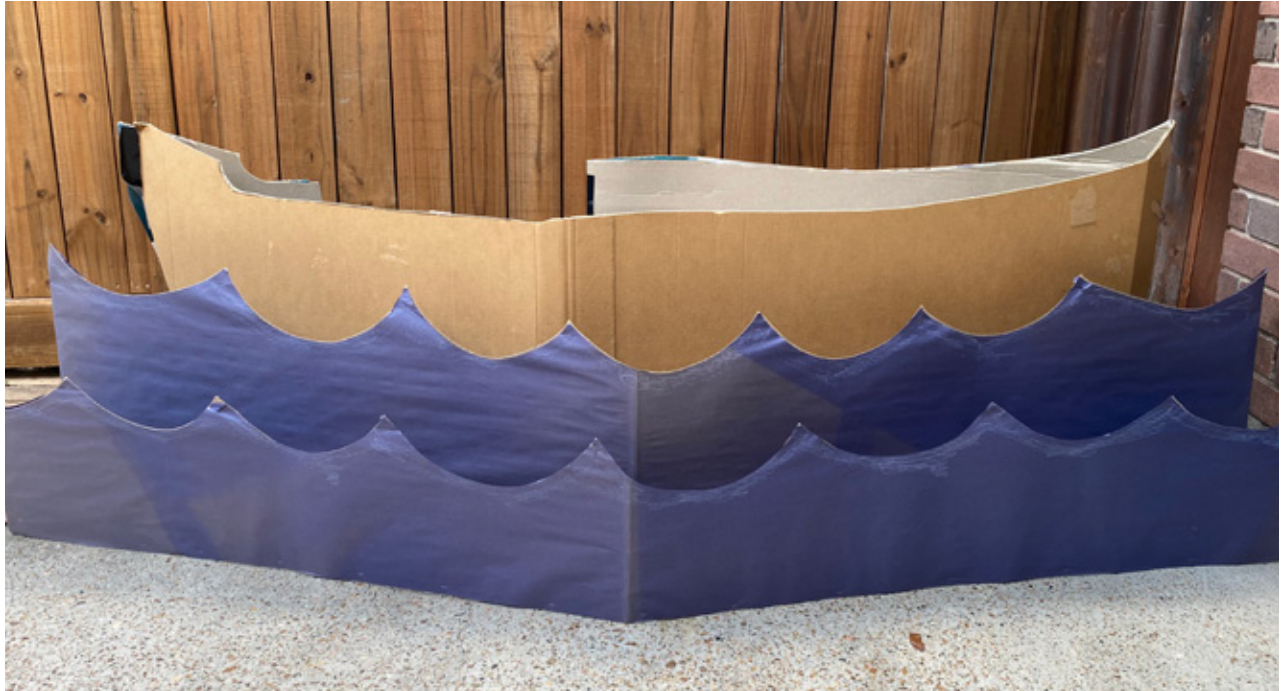
THADDAEUS



JUDAS

BOAT

I cut a large display cardboard into the shape of a boat and cut cardboard into the shape of waves in front of it. I then added blue paper to the waves for Activity 3.



I used a blow up boat for Activity 12. You can use the same blow up boat for Activity 3 as well.



TAX COLLECTOR BOOTH

I set up a table and placed a box that says "Taxes" on the table and added the "Tax Collector" sign behind it.



SWORD



BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE



5 GALLON PAINT STICK



*YOU WILL ALSO NEED WHITE & GRAY PAINT
& A GLUE GUN

SPRAY PAINT OR CRAFT PAINT



JUMBO POPSICLE STICKS

DIRECTIONS

1. LIGHTLY SAND PAINT STICK WITH
120 SAND PAPER SO EDGES ARE
SMOOTH AND ROUNDED



2. PRIME PAINT STICK WITH
2 COATS OF WHITE PAINT

(SAND WITH 220 SAND PAPER BETWEEN COATS)



3. PAINT STICK WITH 2 COATS
OF GRAY PAINT

(SAND WITH 220 SAND PAPER BETWEEN COATS
& WHEN FINISHED USE 400 SAND PAPER TO SMOOTH)



*OPTIONAL: ADD THIRD PAINT COAT
WITH SILVER PAINT

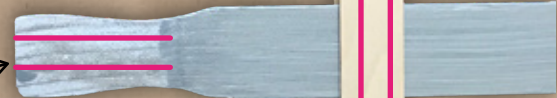
4. GLUE POPSICLE STICKS 5" FROM
THE EDGE OF THE SWORD
THEN WRAP WITH TAPE

1 STICK ON BOTTOM

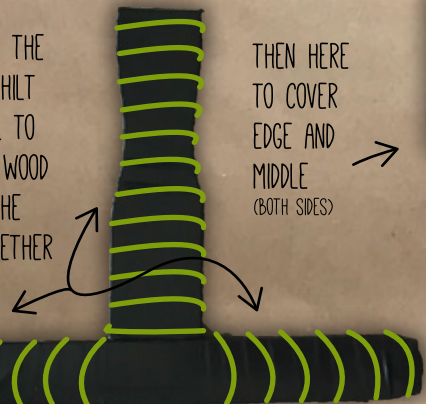


1 STICK ON TOP

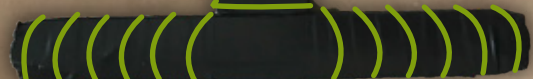
WRAP HERE FIRST
TO COVER EDGE
(BOTH SIDES)



THEN WRAP THE
SIDES AND HILT
IN A SPIRAL TO
COVER ALL WOOD
AND BIND THE
STICKS TOGETHER

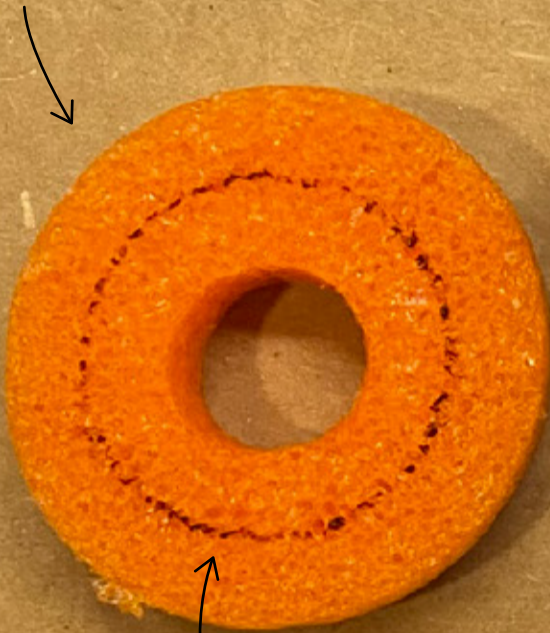


THEN HERE
TO COVER
EDGE AND
MIDDLE
(BOTH SIDES)



BOAT

1" POOL NOODLE SLICE



SMALL CUP

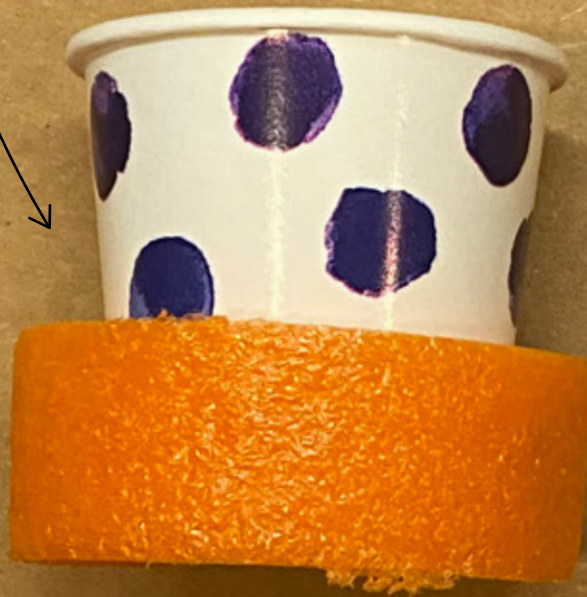


USING THE BOTTOM OF THE CUP AS
STENCIL, DRAW A CIRCLE ON THE POOL
NOODLE. THEN CUT OUT THE INNER CIRCLE
WITH AN XACTO KNIFE.

BOAT

PLACE THE CUP INSIDE
THE NOODLE

ADD GOLDFISH CRACKERS
(OR SOMETHING SIMILAR)
DURING THE ACTIVITY TO
MAKE IT SINK

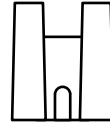


IF THE GOLDFISH IS NOT HEAVY ENOUGH FOR THE BOAT TO SINK, ADD 2 QUARTERS
(1 QUARTER TO REPRESENT EACH MAN) AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CUP. YOU CAN
ALSO ADJUST THE POOL NOODLE BY MAKING IT THINNER AND/OR LESS HIGH.

THIS, THEN, IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY

OUR FATHER IN 

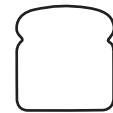
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME, YOUR



COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON



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