

Kids Worship

Kids Church

Date:

Praying for Our Church

Learning Objective/s:

Children will:

1. Learn how to find a Bible verse
2. Learn that it's important to pray for the church
3. Be given opportunity to pray for different areas of the church and the people within it

Equipment:

- Lesson timetable board (*see series overview for more info*)
- *Warm Up/Worship Time*: Speaker and device
- *Bible Time*: Children's Bibles, Bible verses to find
- *Prayer Time*: Giant Bible with verse inside, picture of church, Jesus, Bible, outlines of people, speech bubbles, ministries of the church visuals and places to do mission visuals, and prayer templates
- Parent cards

Parent Card:

At the end of the lesson, hand out the **parent cards** to the children so that they can continue reflecting on this week's lesson at home.

Welcome Time:

Before starting the lesson, sit the children down and ask each one about their week, not forgetting to share about yours too. This is a great chance to build relationship with each other and to teach the children important skills like communication and listening.

Warm Up Song

Choose a warm up song and encourage the children to join in and warm themselves up. An example of a warm up song could be someone like *Danny Go* - you can find his songs on youtube.

Worship Time

Pick a song the children regularly sing and dance to, and encourage them to join in.

Bible Time: Where is it?

Tell the children that sometimes finding a Bible verses can feel complicated if you don't know what to do. Today, we're going to learn how to find a Bible verse.

Give the children a copy of the Children's CEV Bible and lay in front of them the piece of paper that says John 3:16. Before telling them anything else, ask the children how they might find this Bible verse.

Tell the children the first step is to find the book the verse is in. Ask the children which book the verse is in and then ask the children to find this book. If they are struggling, remind the children about using the contents page like they did during the last Kidz Worship lesson .

Once all the children have turned to the book of John, **ask them what they think the numbers mean.** Tell the children that the first number is the chapter, like a chapter in a book. Flick through your Bible and show them the different chapters in the Bible, pointing out the bigger numbers in bold. Now ask the children to find chapter 3 in the book of John.

Then ask the children what they think second number is. Listen to their answers before saying the little number is the verse. Flick through your Bible and show them several verses, pointing out the smaller numbers as you do so. Now ask the children to find verse 16 of chapter 3 in the book of John.

Praise the children for finding their first Bible verse and ask one of the older children to read it out loud.

Now tell the children they are going to practice finding more Bible verses by playing a game.

Game: Sword Drill

Tell the children you are going to shout out a Bible verse and they have to find it and read it out.

The quickest person to find it will get 10 points, the second quickest person will get 5 points, and everybody else who finds the verse after this will get 2 points. Add up the scores as you go along and see who is the winner.

Pair the younger children up with older children/a helper and encourage them to find the numbers

Verses to find:

1. **Jeremiah 29:11** - *'I say this because I know what I have planned for you,' says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.'*

Bible Time: Where is it?

Verses to find:

2. **Proverbs 3:5** - *'Trust the Lord with all your heart. Don't depend on your own understanding.'*
3. **Philippians 4:6** - *'Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray, always give thanks.'*
4. **Romans 8:28** - *'We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people God called, because that was his plan.'*
5. **Genesis 1:1** - *'In the beginning God created the sky and the earth.'*
6. **Psalms 56:3** - *'When I am afraid, I will trust you.'*
7. **Isaiah 26:3** - *'You, Lord, give true peace. You give peace to those who depend on you. You give peace to those who trust you.'*
8. **Matthew 5:16** - *'In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.'*

Prayer Time:

Get out the Giant Bible and open it. Read out 1 Timothy 2:1-2 and then ask the children who it means when it says we should pray for "leaders". Listen to their answers and say we should pray for anyone who is in charge of anything, that means the king, the president, as well as our teachers, and our church leaders and pastors. This is so that God can give guidance and inspiration, to keep them spiritually strong and to give them wisdom - all of this creates peace and unity.

Tell the children that today they are going to be praying for our church, and for those who lead our church. Explain that there will be four prayer areas we will be going around together and in each of the four areas there will be something to pray about.

Take the children to area 1 and sit them down.

Area 1: Jesus at the Centre

Explain to the children that it's really important to have Jesus at the Centre of our church. Ask the children why they think this is important. Explain to the children that it's important Jesus is at the centre of everything we do as a church because He is the greatest of all time and the creator of all things.

Ask the children how our church could make sure Jesus is at the centre of everything we do. Children could give answers like praying before a service, the pastor and leaders praying about what the church needs to do, listening to God when he tells us to do something - or when he tells us to stop doing something.

Prayer Time: Continued...

Now place the picture of the church in front of the children and give them each a picture of Jesus. One at a time, ask the children to say a simple prayer for our church and leaders about keeping Jesus at the centre, when they pray the prayer the children place their Jesus in the centre of the picture of the church.

If the children are unsure what to pray, show them the prayer template and lead the children with this prayer: *"Father God, help our church to have Jesus at the centre of everything we do. We ask that you would be the centre of [name something that happens at church] Amen"*

Area 2: Biblical Preaching

Tell the children it's also really important to use the Bible in everything we teach. Ask the children why it's so important to use the Bible. Explain to the children that the Bible is God's word written by people. Therefore, when we use the Bible in our teaching at church it's powerful and changes lives because it tells people about God's truth.

Give each child a picture of a Bible and then place in front of the children the names of the four main areas where teaching happens in our church (E.G - Kids Church/Youth/Sermons/Small Groups). Briefly talk about each area with the children asking them what each area does and who is involved/who leads, telling the children if they don't know the answers.

Next, tell the children they need to decide which area they want to pray for, then go and place the picture of the Bible on the name of that area. Then, taking it in turns, the children say a simple prayer for their chosen area and a leader.

If the children are unsure what to pray, show them the prayer template and lead the children with this prayer: *"Father God, thank you that your word is powerful. We ask that you would help [insert name of someone who teaches in that area]... when they teach and that the Bible verses they use would change lives. Amen"*

Area 3: One Family

Tell the children that it's important that our church is like a big family. Ask the children why being part of a family is good. Then tell the children that we want our church family to love each other, support and care for one another, pray together, worship together, and have fun together. This is what Jesus did with his disciples and what the first Christians did as well.

Prayer Time: Continued...

Give each child an outline of a person and a pen. Ask them to write the name of someone on the person who is apart of our church family - try and encourage them to name someone who isn't part of their own family. **Now ask them to turn the person over and write a prayer** for this person on the back (see template for those who need extra help). Once all the children have written a prayer, ask them to sit for 30 seconds without talking, saying the prayer in their heads for the person they named. Encourage the children to take home their person and continue praying during the week.

Area 4: Mission Minded

Explain to the children that as a church we want everyone to know about Jesus and the amazing things he has done - we call this being mission minded. Ask the children if they can name some of the amazing things Jesus has done. Then say, it's important to ask God for opportunities to talk to people about these amazing things.

Get the children to write in a speech bubble something they would like to tell someone else about Jesus. Then one at a time, get the children to put this speech bubble on the picture that represents where they want to tell someone about Jesus (Home/School/Community/Club) and say a prayer as they do this.

If the children are unsure what to pray, show them the prayer template and lead the children with this prayer: *"Father God, help me to tell others about Jesus and how he is...[insert what has been written on the speech bubble]. Help everyone in our church to tell others about Jesus and how amazing he is. Amen"*

Worship Time: Optional - Cut out if you are running out of time

Pick a song the children regularly sing and dance to, and encourage them to join in.

Parent Card

What I've learned in Kids Church today

Date:

Praying for Our Church

We're so glad your child has joined us today!

Today we had a Kids Worship session. During these sessions the children will be having a time to worship God together, with opportunities to pray, sing, be creative, and read the Bible. This time, the children were taught how to find a Bible verse, as well as having an opportunity to creatively pray for our church, the leaders, and for the people within it.

Key phrase for your child to know:

It's important to pray for our church

The memory verse we learned today is:

'You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God.' 1 Timothy 2:1

Talk together:

This month during Kids Worship we prayed for our church and that we would:

1. Have Jesus at the centre of everything we do
2. Have biblical teaching that would change lives
3. Be one family
4. Be mission minded

Why not pray together as a family this week for these four things.

Pray together:

Jesus,

Thank you for our church. I ask that we would always have you at the centre, that our bible based teaching would change lives, that we would be one big family doing life together, and that we would have opportunities to tell others about how amazing Jesus is.

Amen

See you next time!

John

3:16

Jeremian

29:11

Proverbs

3:5

Philippians

4:6

Romans

8:28

Genesis

1:1

Psalms

56:3

Isaiarh

26:3

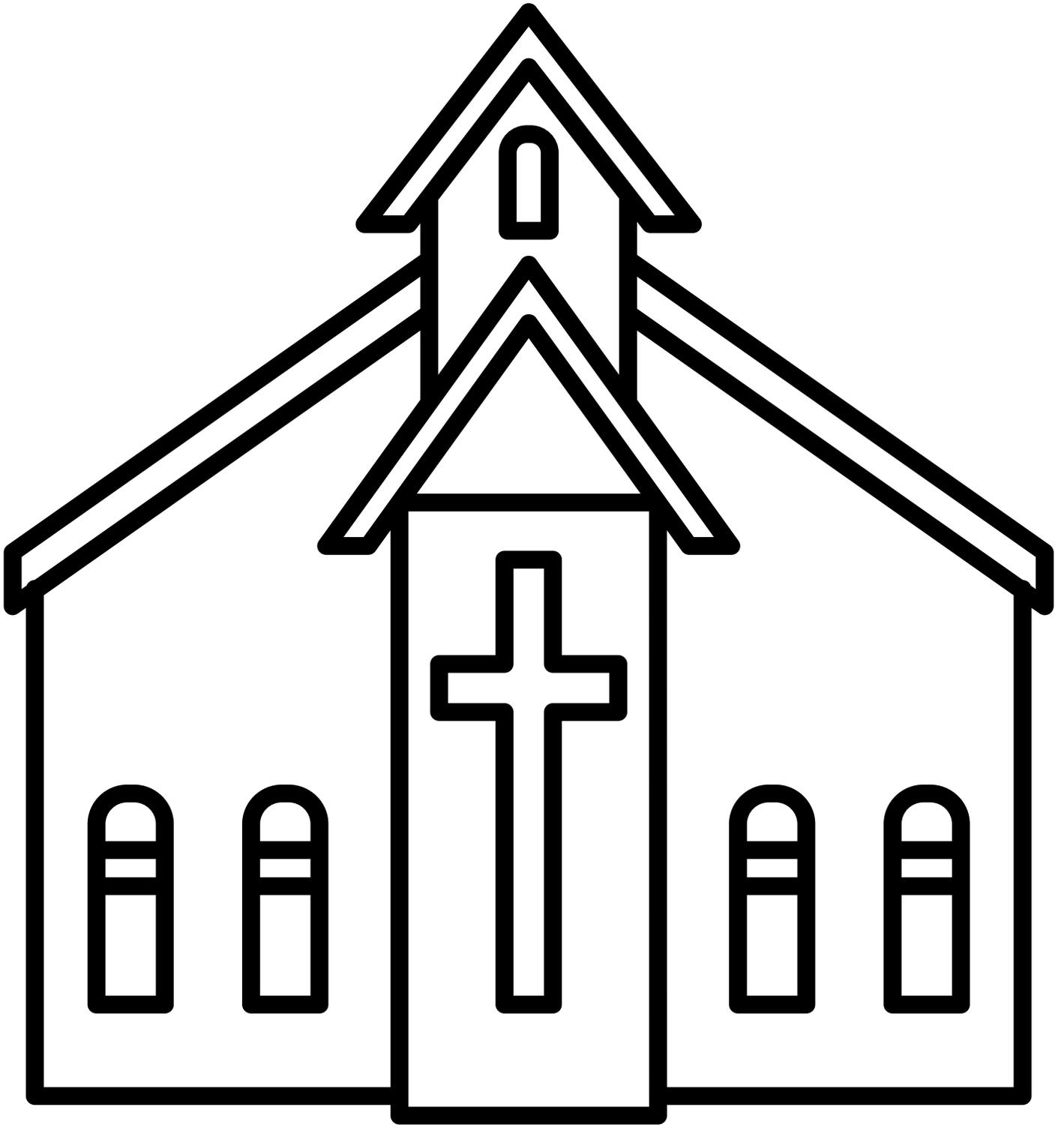
Matthew

5:16

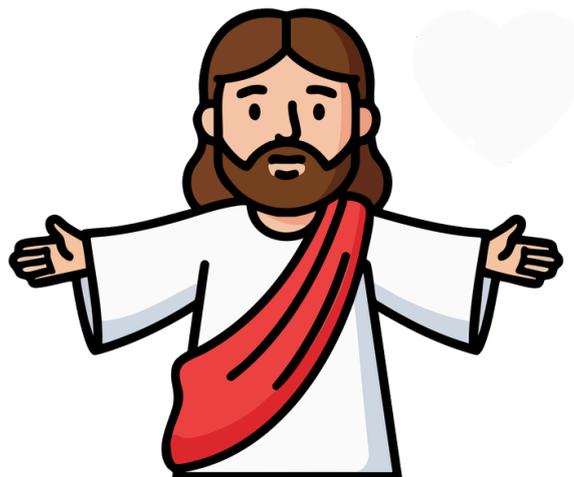
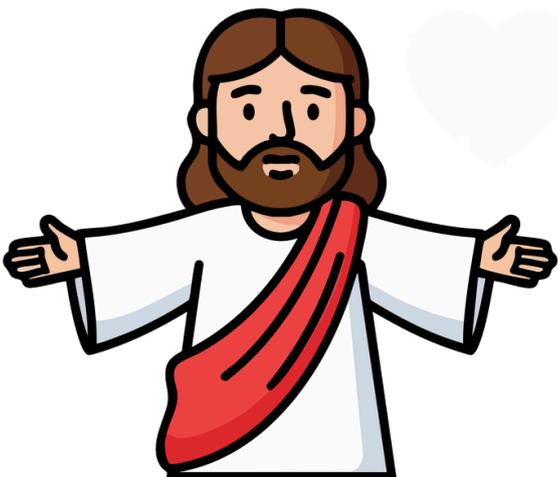
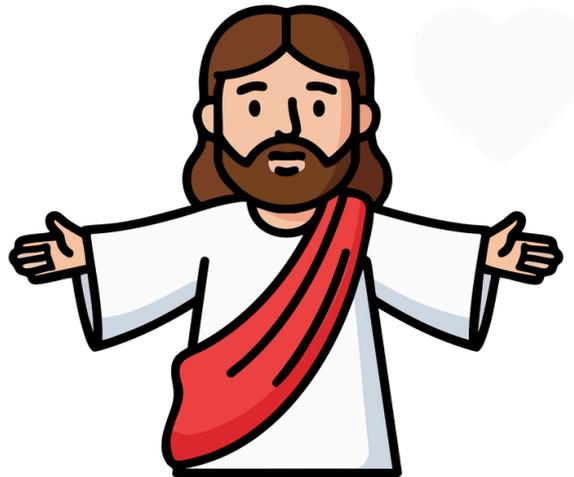
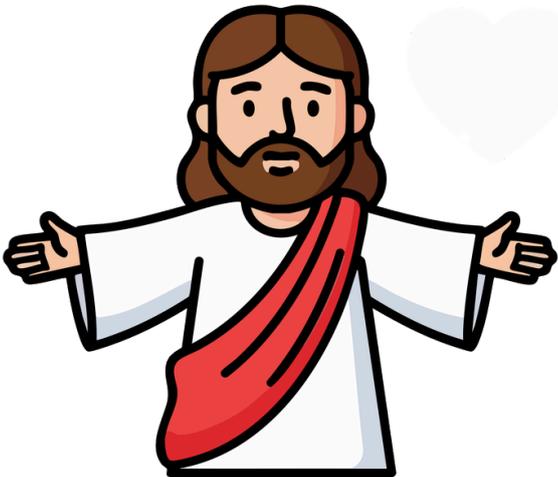
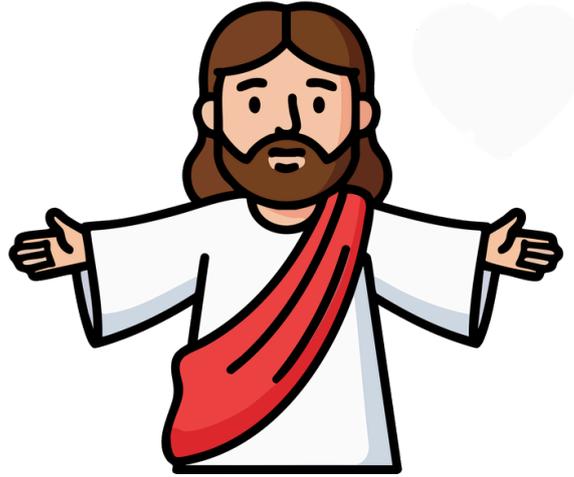
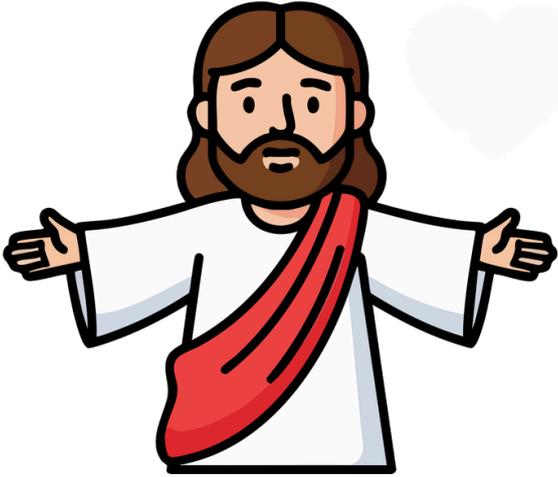
1 Timothy 2

² **You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God.**

Prayer Time: Jesus at the Centre
Church

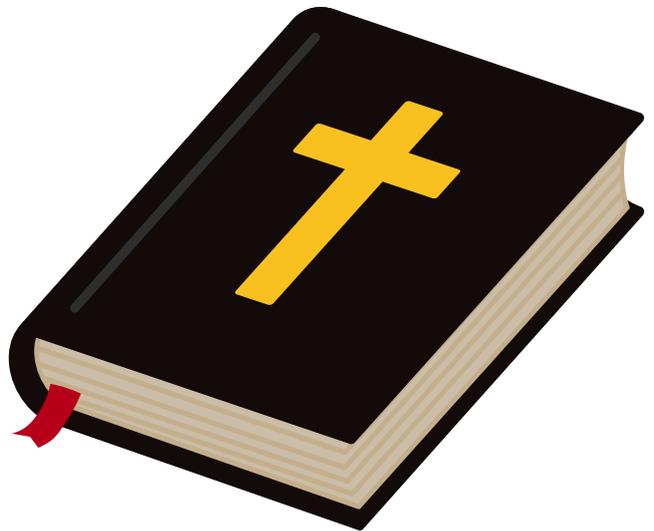
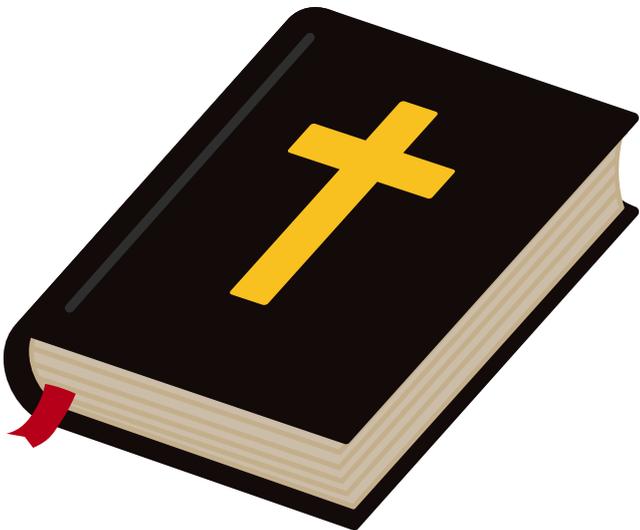
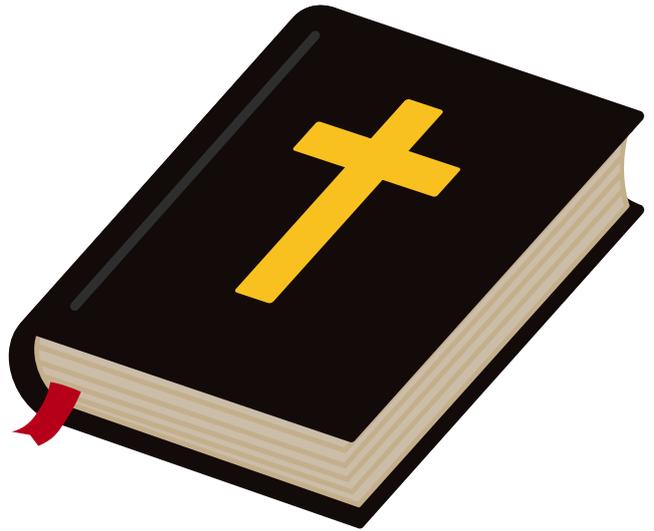
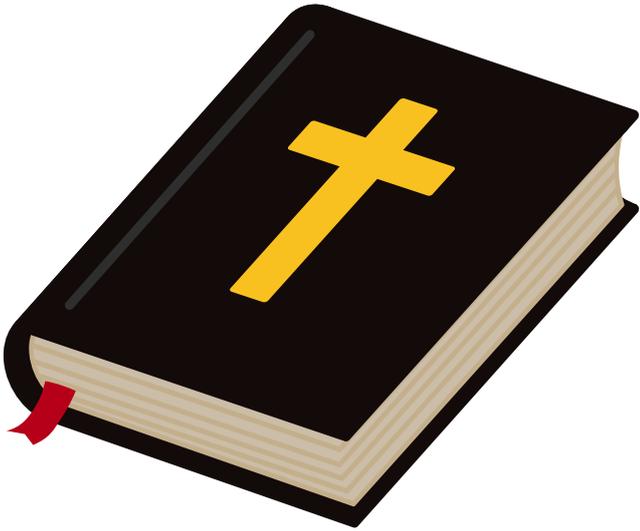
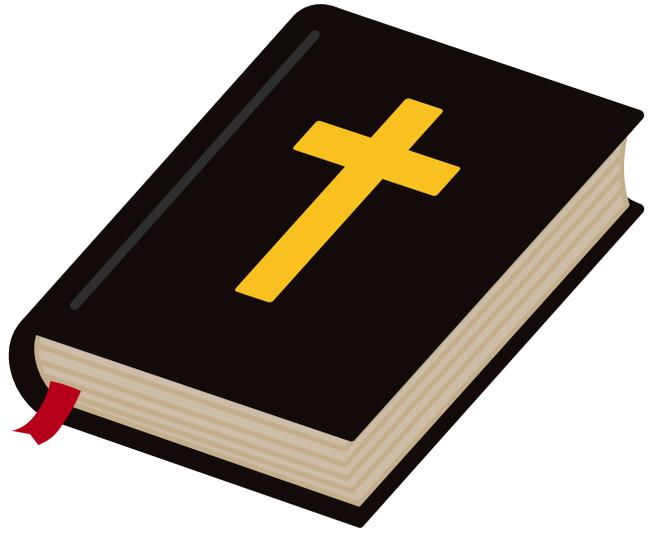
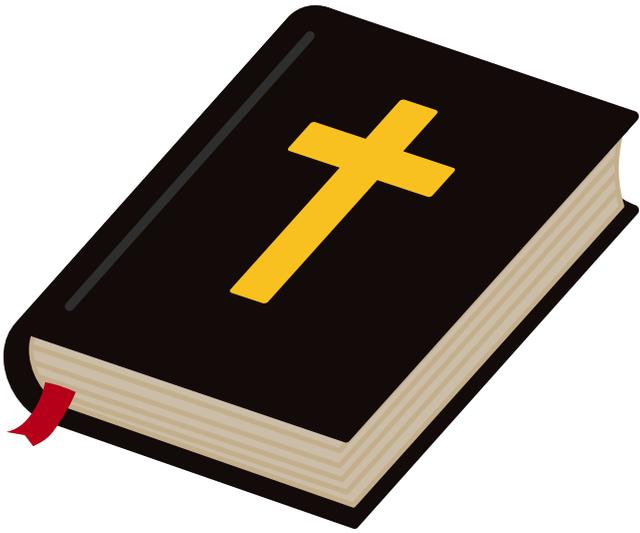


Prayer Time: Jesus at the Centre
Jesus



**Father God,
Help our church to have
Jesus at the centre of
everything we do. We ask
that you would be the
centre of...
Amen**

Prayer Time: Biblical Peaching
Bible



Kids Church



Youth





Sermons

Small Groups

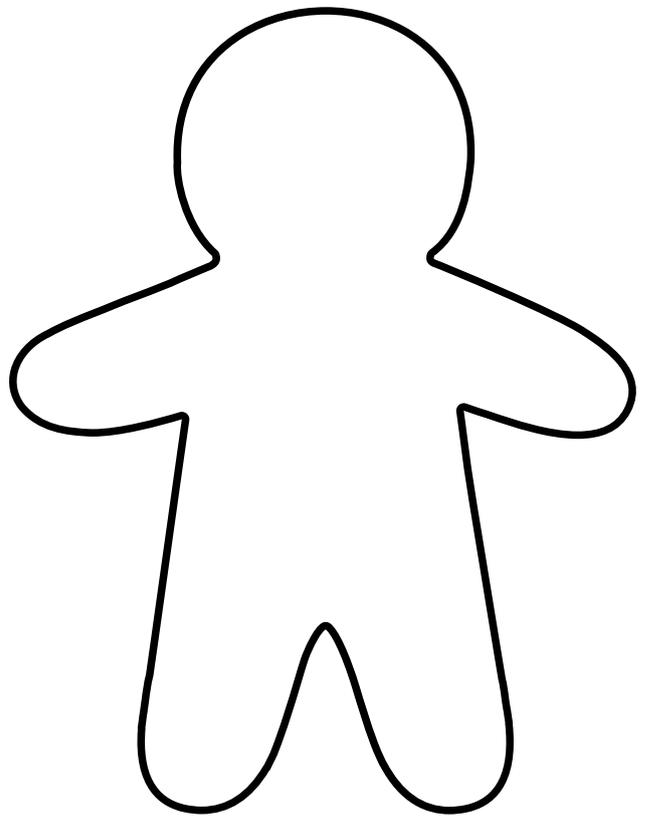
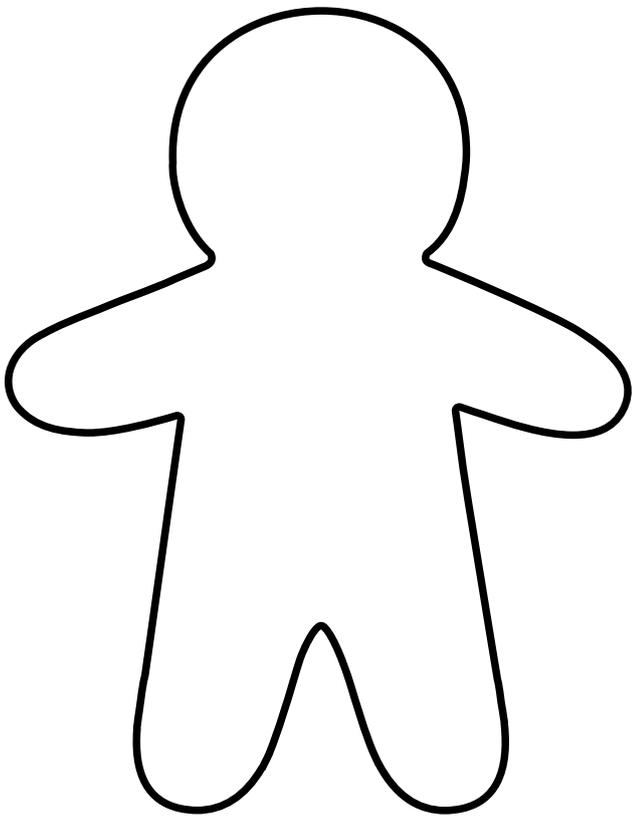
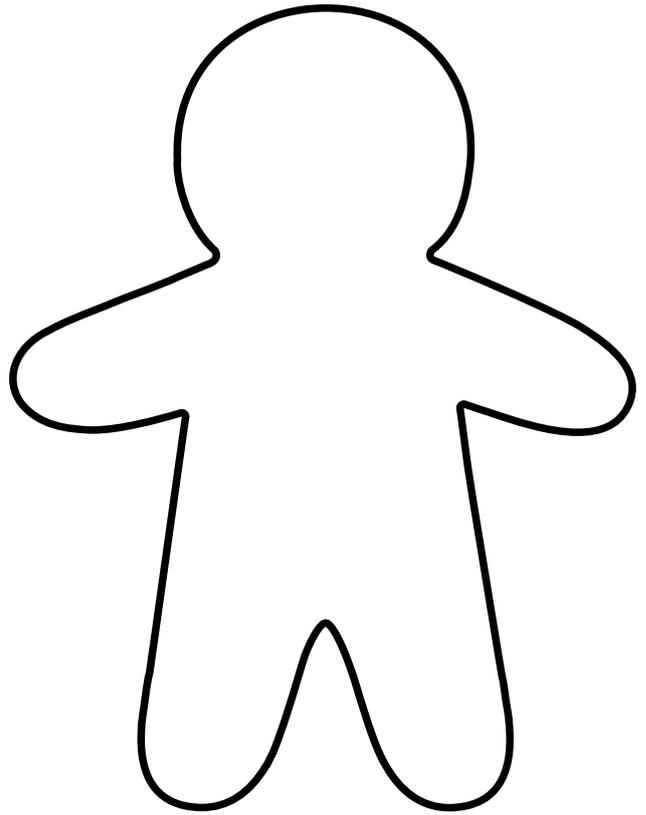
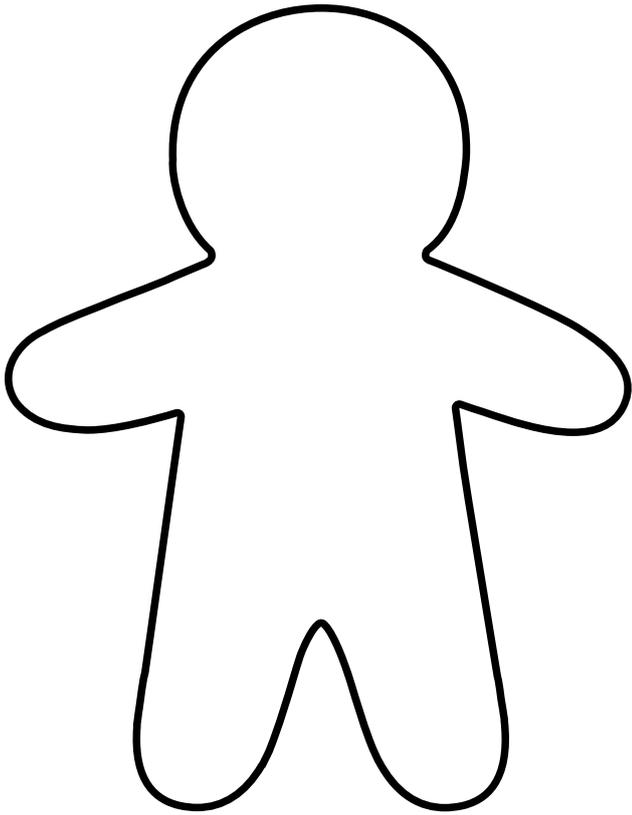


Father God,

**Thank you that your word
is powerful. We ask that
you would help... when
they teach and that the
Bible verses they use
would change lives.**

Amen

Prayer Time: One Family
Person outline



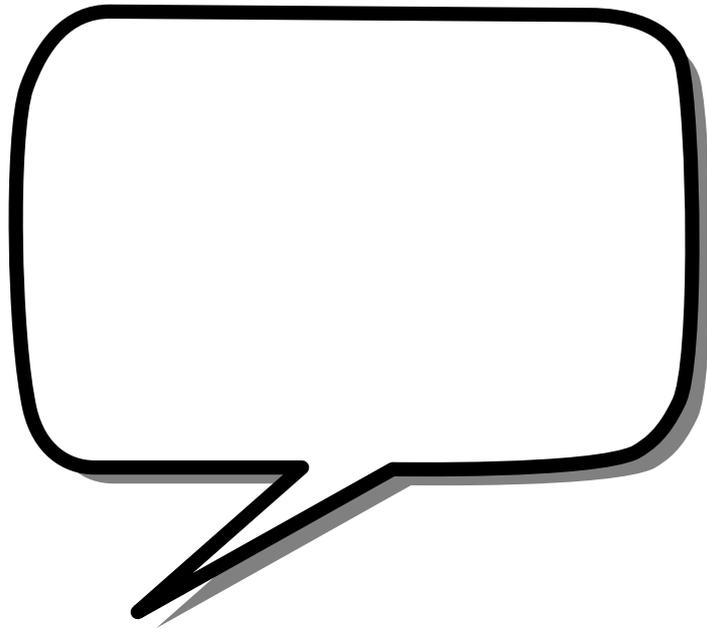
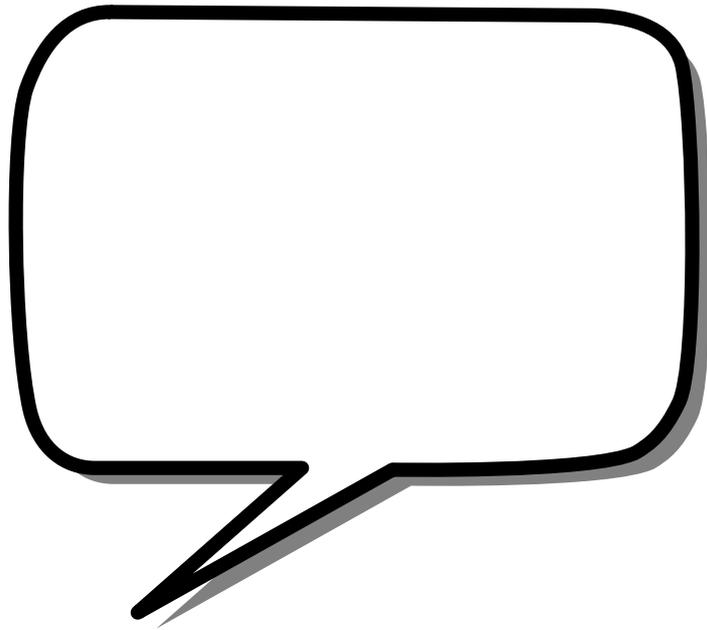
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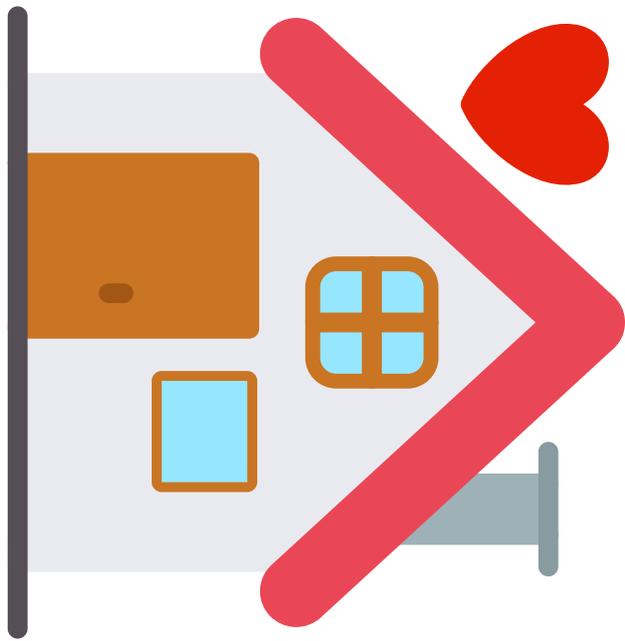
Thank you for...

**I ask you would help them
with...**

**Let them know they are
special.
Amen**

Prayer Time: Mission Minded
Speech Bubble



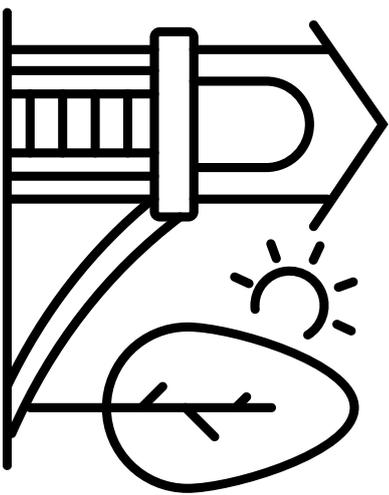
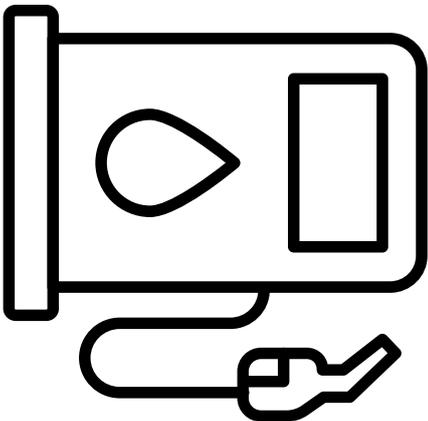
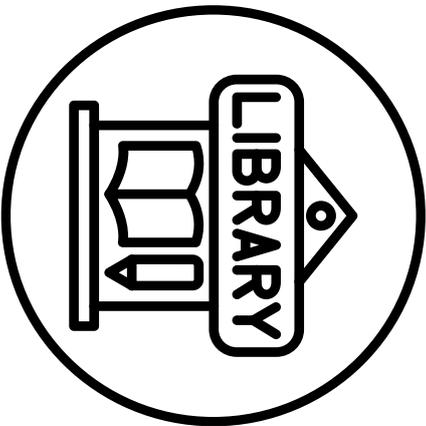
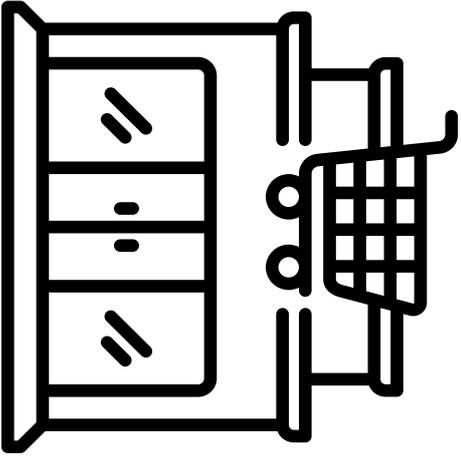


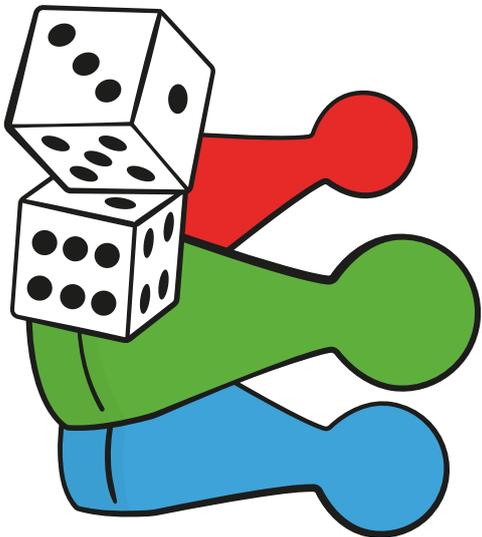
Home



School

Community





Clubs

Father God,

**Help me to tell others about
Jesus and how he is...**

**Help everyone in our
church to tell others about
Jesus and how amazing he
is.**

Amen