

PARENTS INFORMATION

Welcome to The King, The Snake and The Promise – working through key Bible stories in 10 easy sessions

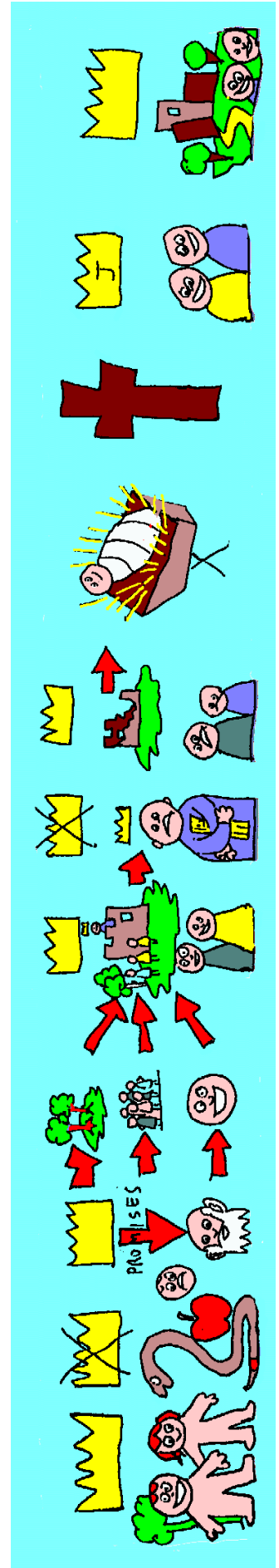
For most of us, the fact that the Bible has a storyline that spans from Genesis to Revelation wasn't something we picked up in Sunday School! In fact, the average Christian will be hard pressed to remember if Abraham comes before David, or Noah and his famous Ark came before or after Samson and Solomon. The bits and pieces of bible stories are all there - but how do they fit together? This is what our sessions aim to cover!

Each session has a passage of the Bible you can read together with your child and then some ideas of activities and thoughts you can chat about.

The banner which goes alongside this set of teaching is KEY as it enables the children to tell the story pictorially and gives them a reminder of the previous stories. You can either do this on material (and cut the pieces out of felt) or you could print the pictures and cut them out and stick them onto a long piece of wallpaper, or in a book, or get your child to draw them – it's up to you!

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LESSON 1

God is Maker, God is King

Aim

The aim of this lesson is to teach that God made the world and rules over the world as King. He created a happy place for his people to live in as his friends. We should live with God as our King too.

Equipment

- Baking Tray
- Play dough
- Pictures for the banner printed however you've decided to do it (see intro page for more information on the banner)

Introductory Activity

Challenge your child to make a model of their favourite animal within a five minute limit. Encourage them to work fast - but help them create "recognizable" animals. Ask your child to give a name to their animals.

Ask

Why did you make that animal?

How do you feel about your animal?

Are you happy with it?

Would you change anything?

Why did you choose the colours and details that you did?

Make the point that they had complete control over what to make and what it looks like, the story today is all about the creator and creation.

NB: Leave your models to set as you'll need them for next session!

Story Time

Read the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden from Genesis 2:4-25.

You can either use the story below or if you have a children's/youth Bible at home then read it from there, stop once God has created the world (7th day).

INTRODUCTION

Introduce the story by explaining that God made EVERYTHING right back at the beginning. And he had the power to make everything just how he wanted it.

One day when God had made the stars and planets, and the earth and the water, he decided to make a man. He took some dirt from the ground and shaped a man out of it, and he breathed into it and the man began to live. God could make things that were alive! (*ASK: Is there any way we could make our playdough creations come alive? God has the power to breathe life!*)

And that's not all. God made a place for the man to live. It was the best sort of place you could think of! (*ASK: If you could create your perfect place, what would be in it?*)

God made a garden for the man to live in. There were all kinds of beautiful trees there with all sorts of fruit. There was a tree with fruit on it that made you live for ever. And the man could eat the fruit whenever he wanted. There was only one tree that he wasn't allowed to eat from. We don't really know what the fruit looked like on the tree.

But it looked really good. God said, if you eat from that tree **you'll want to decide what's right and wrong for yourself**. But that's my job. If you eat from that tree **you'll forget that I'm your King**. Because I made you, and I know what's best. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Evil is a fancy word for bad).

The man's job was to look after the garden for God. The man was put in charge of the garden. It was his special place. The man even gave names to all the animals.

The only trouble was, the man was lonely. None of the animals could help him or be his friend. So God made a woman to be his helper and friend. And the man and the woman who were called Adam and Eve lived happily in the garden together.

CONCLUSION: God's people were happy in the beautiful place God made them.

Banner

Arrange the pieces on your banner/paper/material.

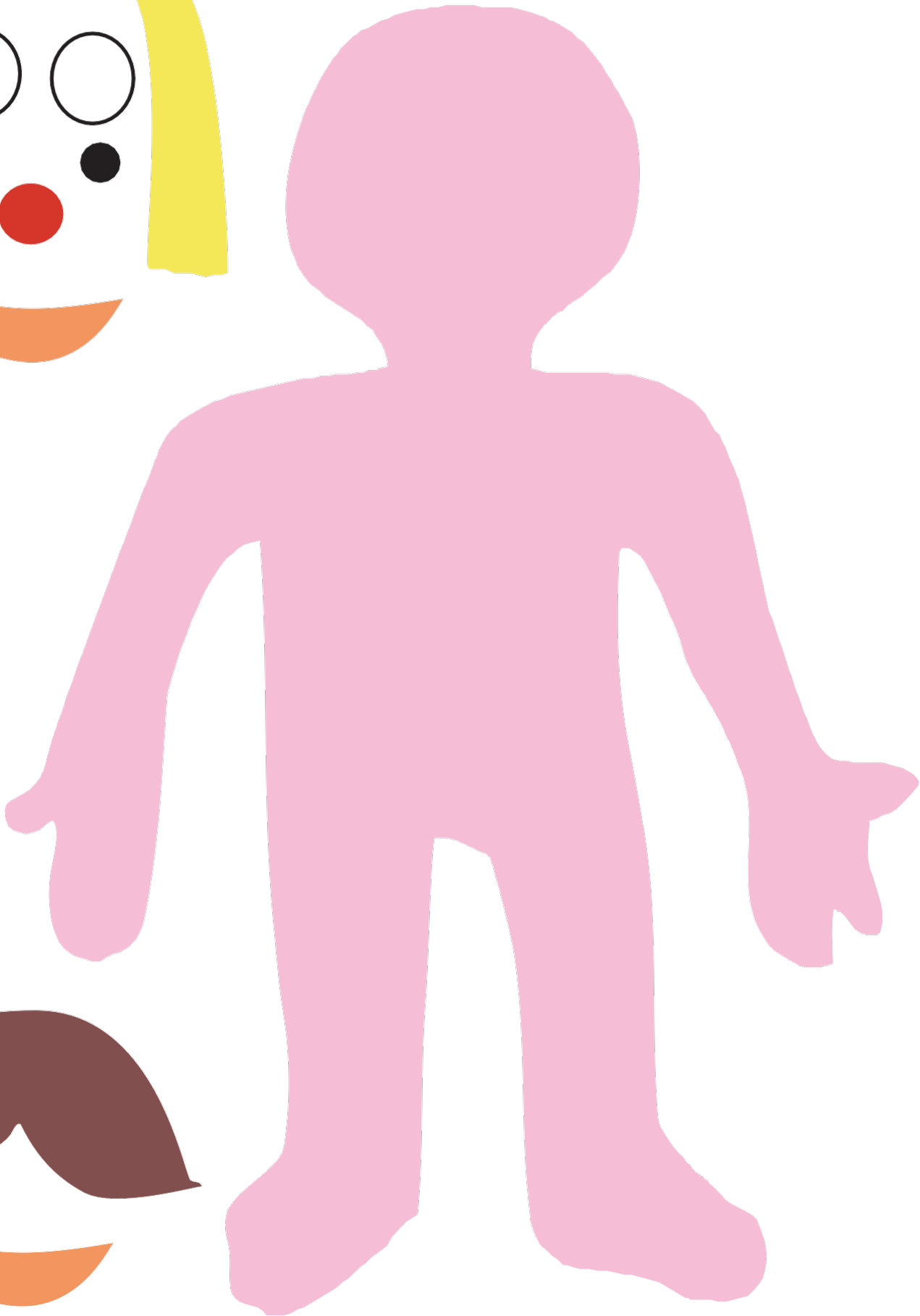
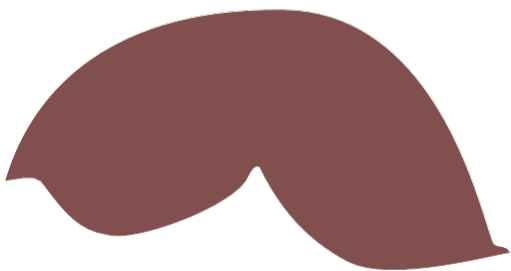
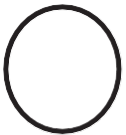
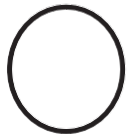
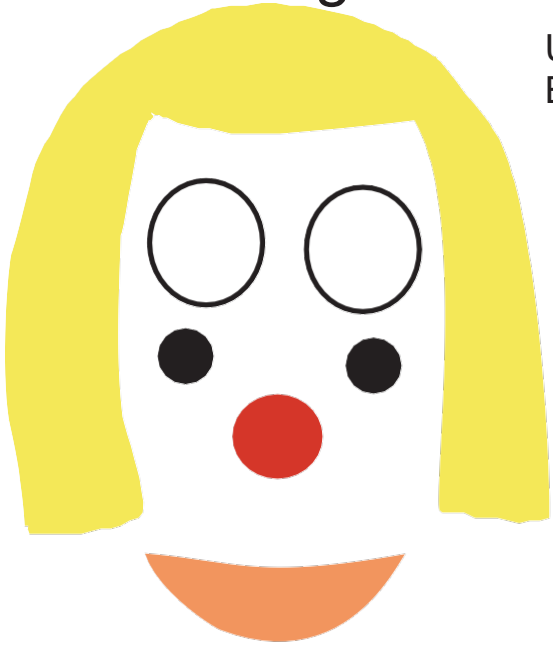
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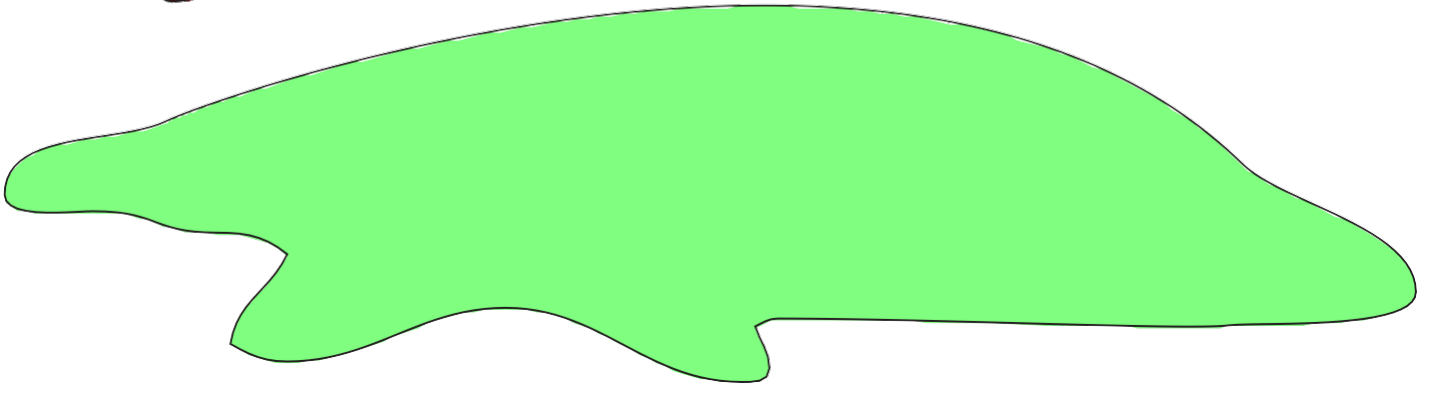
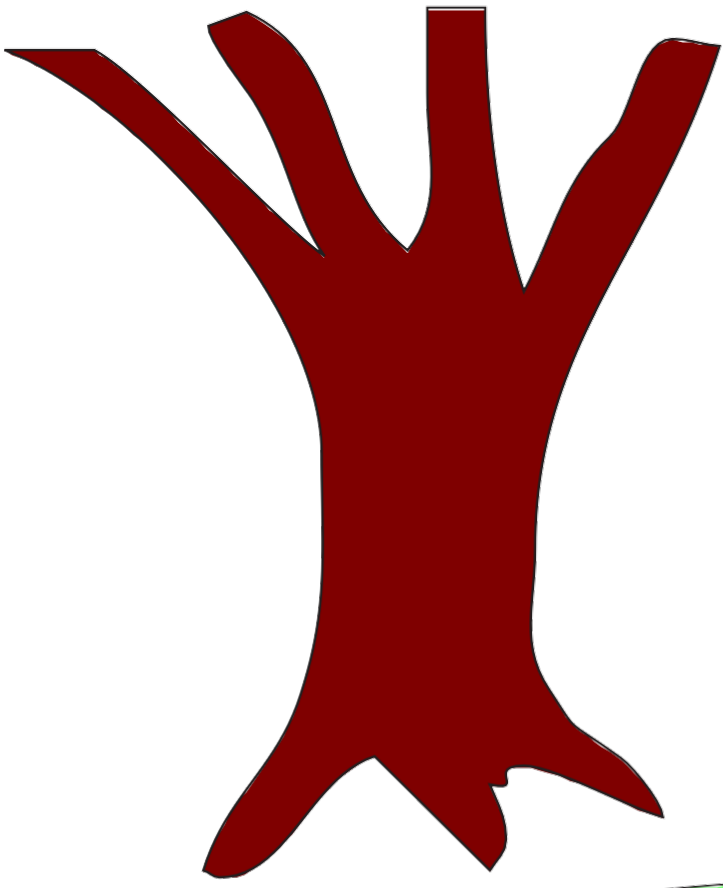
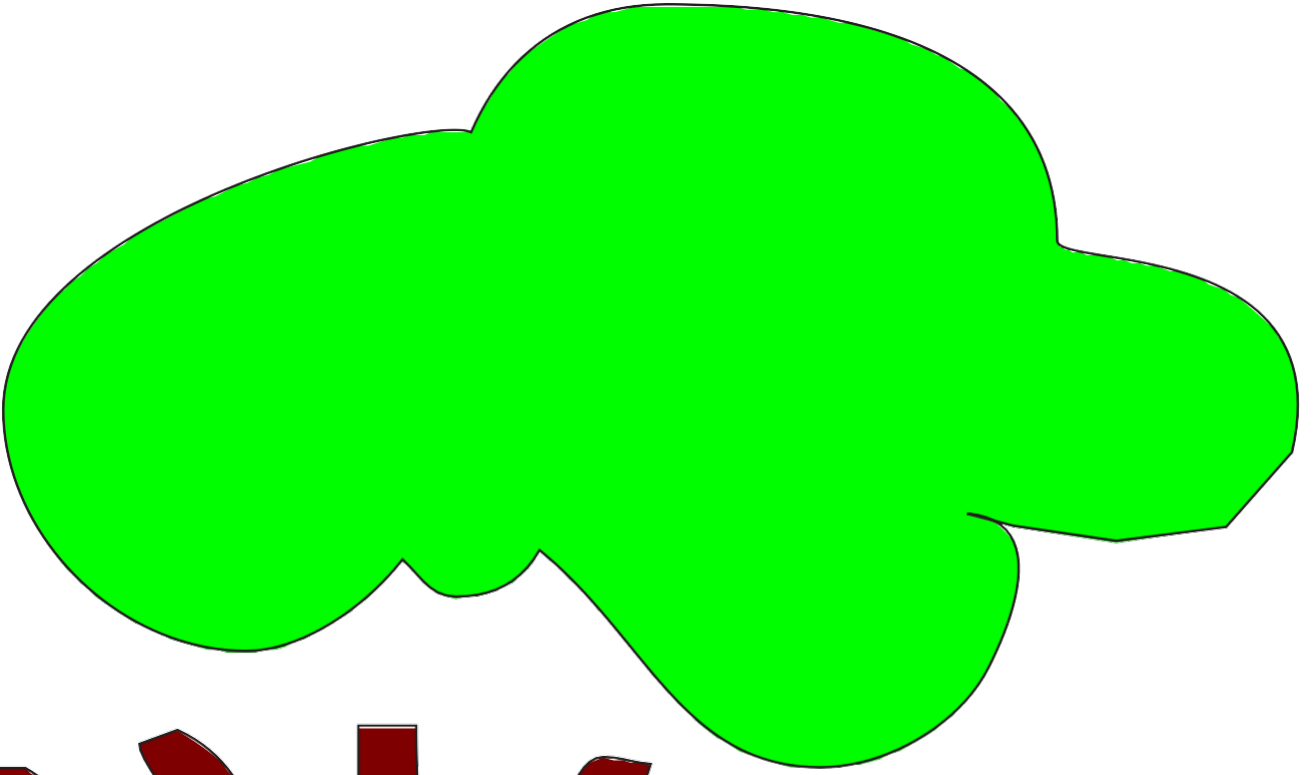
Prayer

Talk about giving thanks for God for the world. Ask your child what they like about the world and say thank you for God for that.

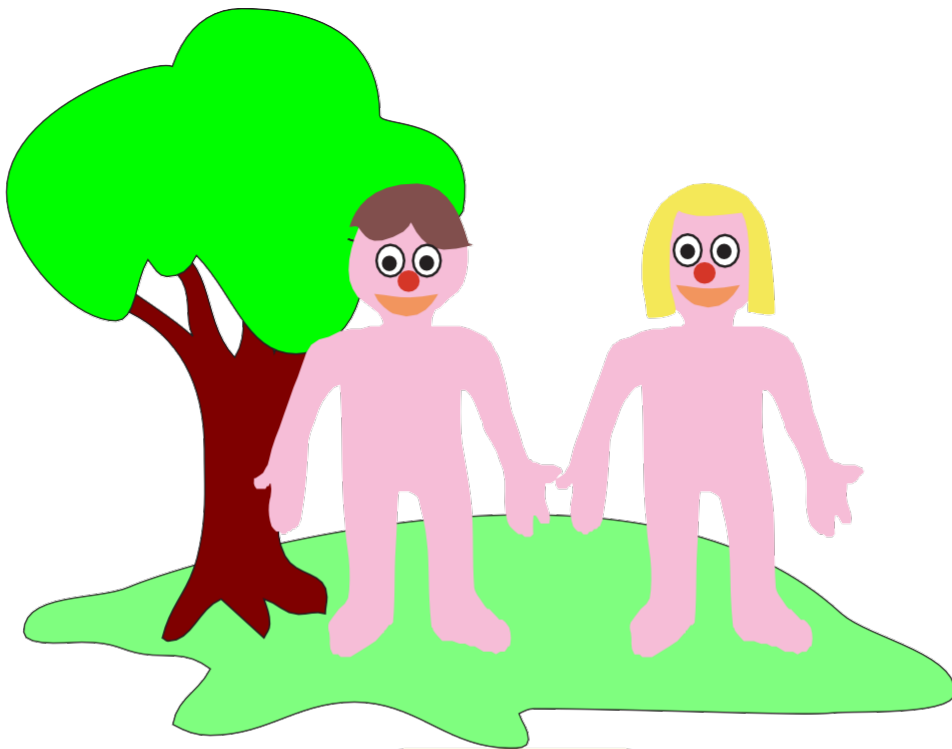
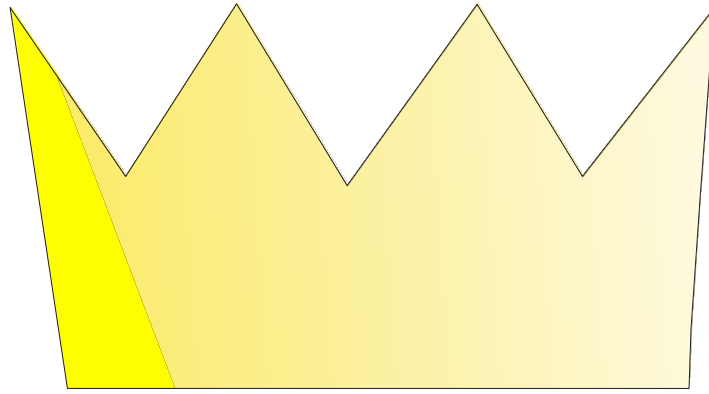
Cutting Pattern - Adam & Eve

Use the same basic body shape for both Adam and Eve.



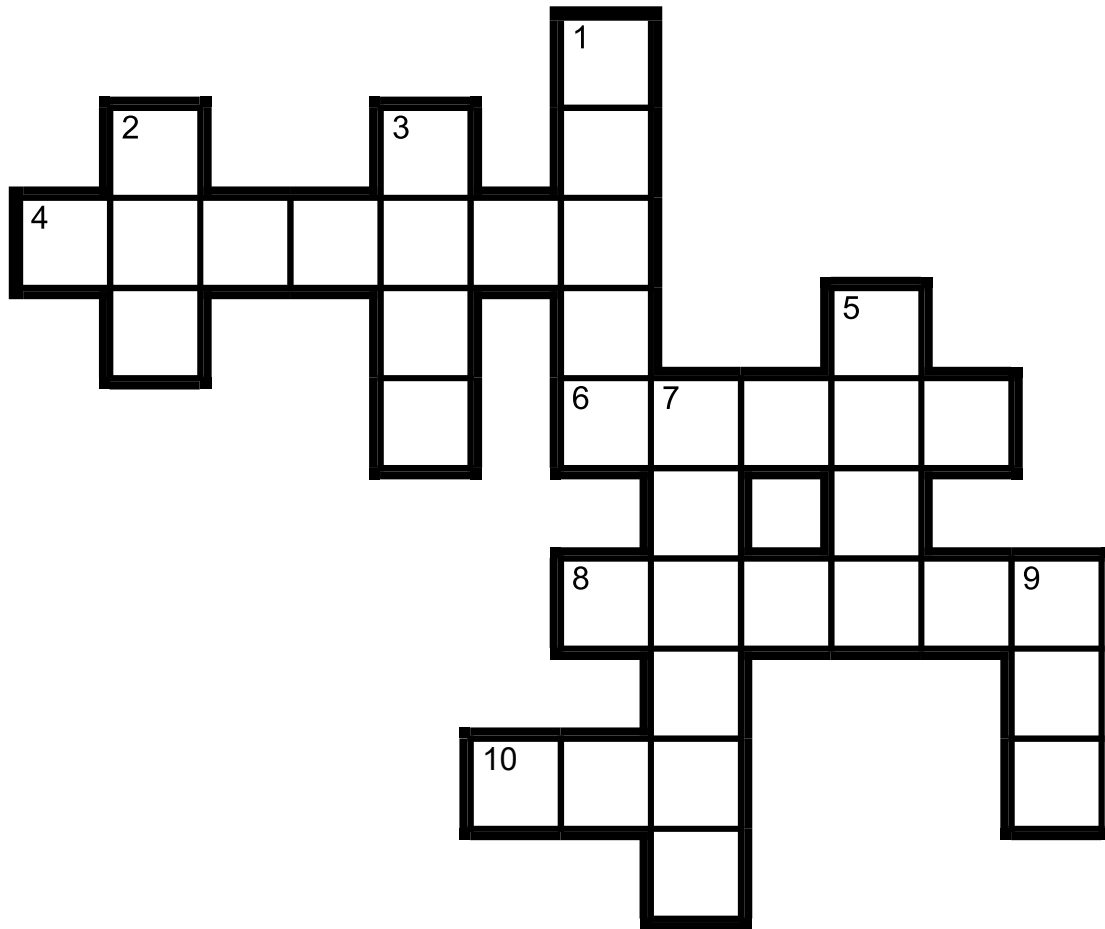






Adam and Eve - Completed assembly

Creation Crossword



Across

- 4 Before noon. Not evening. (7)
- 6 The seas were created on this day (5)
- 8 They were gathered together to make the seas (6)
- 10 Name of the first woman (3)

Down

1. This was created on the first day (5)
2. He created everything (3)
3. They swim in the seas (4)
5. A fruit bearing creation (4)
- 7 Where the sun, moon and stars are (6)

Creation Word Search



ANIMALS

BIRDS

CATTLE

CREATED

CREATION

DAY

EARTH

FISH

GOD

GOOD

GRASS

HEAVEN

HERBS

LAND

MAN

MOON

NIGHT

PLANTS

RESTED

SEAS

STARS

SUN

TREES

WATER

COOKIE RECIPE – God created the world out of nothing, can you create cookies out of raw ingredients?

- 125g butter, softened
- 100g light brown soft sugar
- 125g caster sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 225g self-raising flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 200g chocolate chips

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C, gas mark 4
 2. Cream butter and sugars, once creamed, combine in the egg and vanilla.
 3. Sift in the flour and salt, then the chocolate chips.
 4. Roll into walnut size balls, for a more homemade look, or roll into a long, thick sausage shape and slice to make neater looking cookies.
 5. Place on ungreased baking paper. If you want to have the real Millies experience then bake for just 7 minutes, till the cookies are just setting - the cookies will be really doughy and delicious. Otherwise cook for 10 minutes until just golden round the edges.
 6. Take out of the oven and leave to harden for a minute before transferring to a wire cooling rack. These are great warm, and they also store well, if they don't all get eaten straight away!
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