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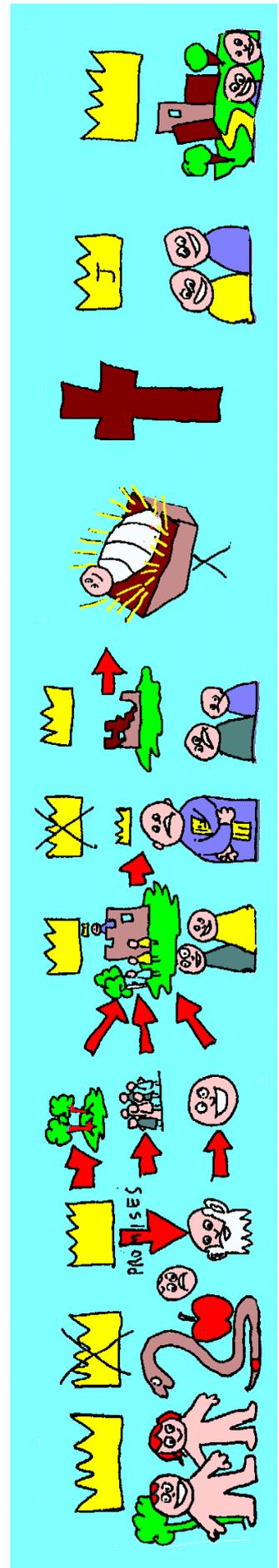
Welcome to The King, The Snake and The Promise – working through key Bible stories in 10 easy sessions

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 9

Jesus is RAISED, Jesus is KING!

Aim

The aim of this lesson is to show that the resurrected Jesus is appointed King of God's people, and that we can be part of his kingdom by trusting and obeying him.

Bible Focus

John 20 verse 19 to 31

ACTIVITY-The truth game

Say to your child that you're going to tell them one thing which is the truth, and one thing which is a fib/lie. Try and tell them something which they might mistake for truth. Get them to guess which is true and which is a fib. Talk about how sometimes it not easy to tell what is true and what is false. If your is old enough get them to come up with a fib and a truth and you guess which is which.

Story Time

Some things are hard to believe! But that doesn't mean they didn't happen. Sometimes people say, "I couldn't believe my eyes!" - because they're so surprised.

Amazing things are hard to believe, and today's story is about the most amazing thing that ever happened. And somebody who didn't believe it.

His name was Thomas. His friends probably called him Tom. And Tom was the sort of man who never seemed to believe ANYONE! Tom was what you could call a very SUSPICIOUS PERSON!

Now three days after Jesus died, an amazing thing happened. God brought him back to life again. Jesus was God's son. So he couldn't stay dead. And when he came back to life, he saw people, and talked to them. And ate dinner with them. Sometimes people have been so sick that they stopped breathing for a few minutes and have come back to life. That's called being "revived." But Jesus had been dead for three days, and now he was alive again. That's called

RESURRECTION. And it's never happened to anyone else (except for one friend of Jesus who was raised in a miracle.)

One night, most of the disciples of Jesus were in a room having a very sad dinner. Everyone was there except Thomas. And suddenly, Jesus arrived. They thought they were seeing a ghost! They were amazed. But Jesus got them to touch him, and feel him. He was REAL. And he was alive.

But poor Thomas wasn't there to see him. And what do you think happened when his friends told him who they'd seen. Thomas thought Jesus was dead. He'd seen him die on the cross. So what do you think Thomas said when his friends told him Jesus was alive?

Well, I'll tell you exactly what Thomas said. Because it's written in the bible. Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my fingers where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

That's the sort of person Thomas was. He didn't trust ANYONE! He had to see it for himself before he'd believe it. And no matter what they said, Thomas just wouldn't believe it.

Well, the next Sunday night, the disciples were having dinner together again. And this time Thomas was with them - just in case anything amazing happened.

And you know what? Something amazing DID happen. Just as they were all sitting down for dinner, there was Jesus. And he said, "Peace be with you." And they were all excited to see him again.

Except Tom. Who I think must have been feeling a little bit embarrassed. Because Tom had a feeling Jesus knew exactly what he'd been saying. That he didn't believe he was alive.

And then Jesus called him over. And he said, "Thomas, put out your hand. Put your finger in where the nails were. Feel where the spear went. It's REALLY ME. So STOP DOUBTING AND BELIEVE."

Well, Thomas did believe from then on. How could he help it? And he bowed down and worshipped Jesus, because he knew Jesus must have been very, very important for God to have brought him back to life after he died. He knew Jesus was THE KING.

You know, soon after that, Jesus went up to heaven to be with God. But he's still the king. That's what people like Thomas went around telling everyone. They were very happy. Because Jesus was the King God promised long ago. The King who was going to rule God's people for ever. But now, to be God's people you don't have to live in the land of Israel. All

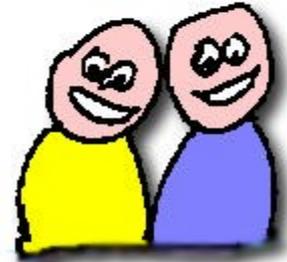
you have to do is follow Jesus. And believe him. And trust what he says. Thomas didn't trust him until he saw him with his own eyes. But Jesus says it's better if you BELIEVE BECAUSE YOU TRUST HIM. And that's the way we live in his kingdom. We read his word in the Bible, and we obey him, and one day we'll live in his kingdom in heaven.

And that's what we're going to learn about next time.

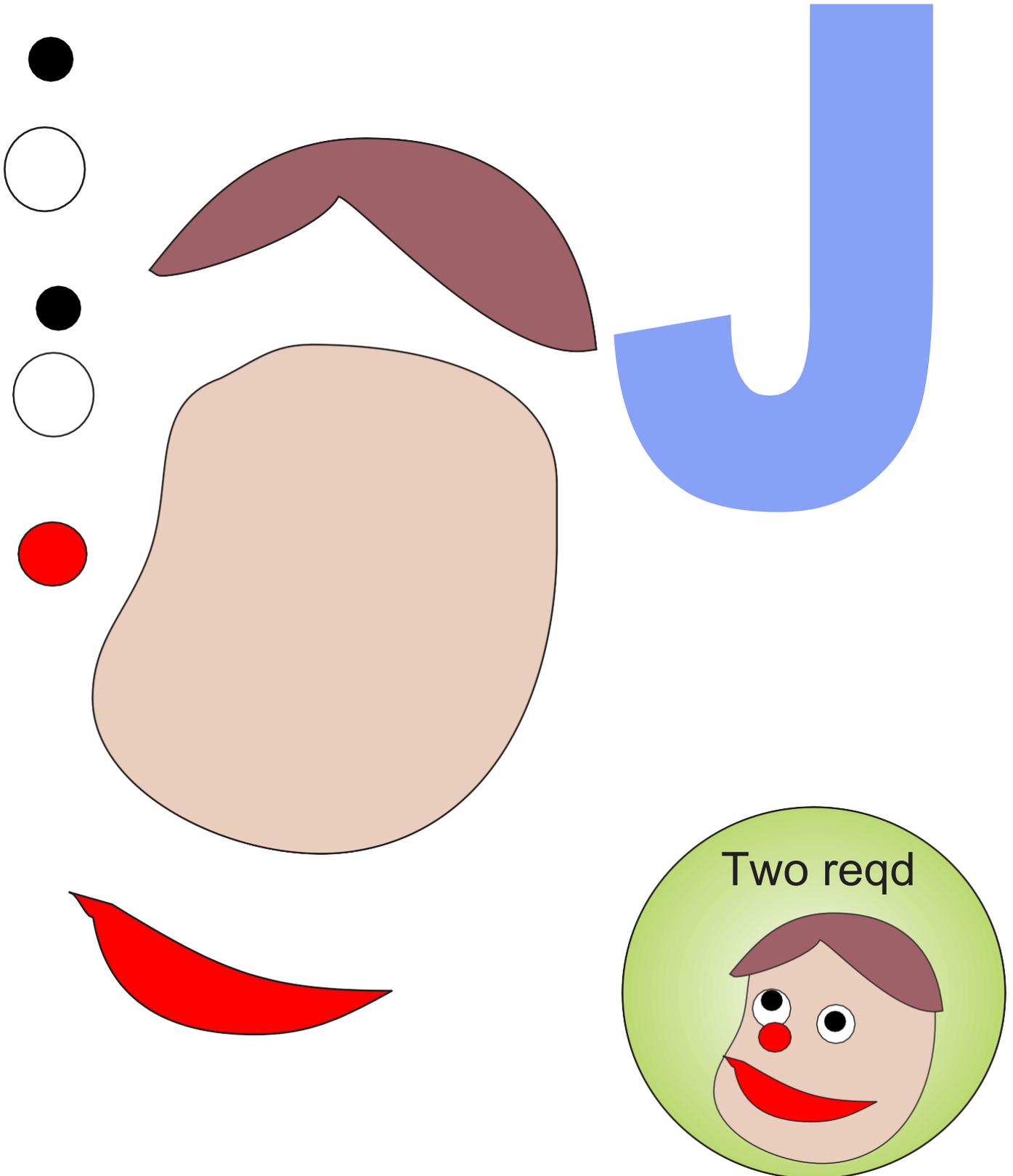
Banner

Get the banner pieces out and ask your child what they think each piece means. Then explain to them -

The crown represents Jesus, the risen King. The happy faces are his followers who are part of his Kingdom. Draw attention to the similarities with the DAVID SECTION of the banner, and the differences. For example, to be part of the Kingdom of God, you no longer need to live in the promised land. You'll live in heaven with Jesus. Being part of the Kingdom of God means accepting Jesus as your king, and trusting and obeying him.

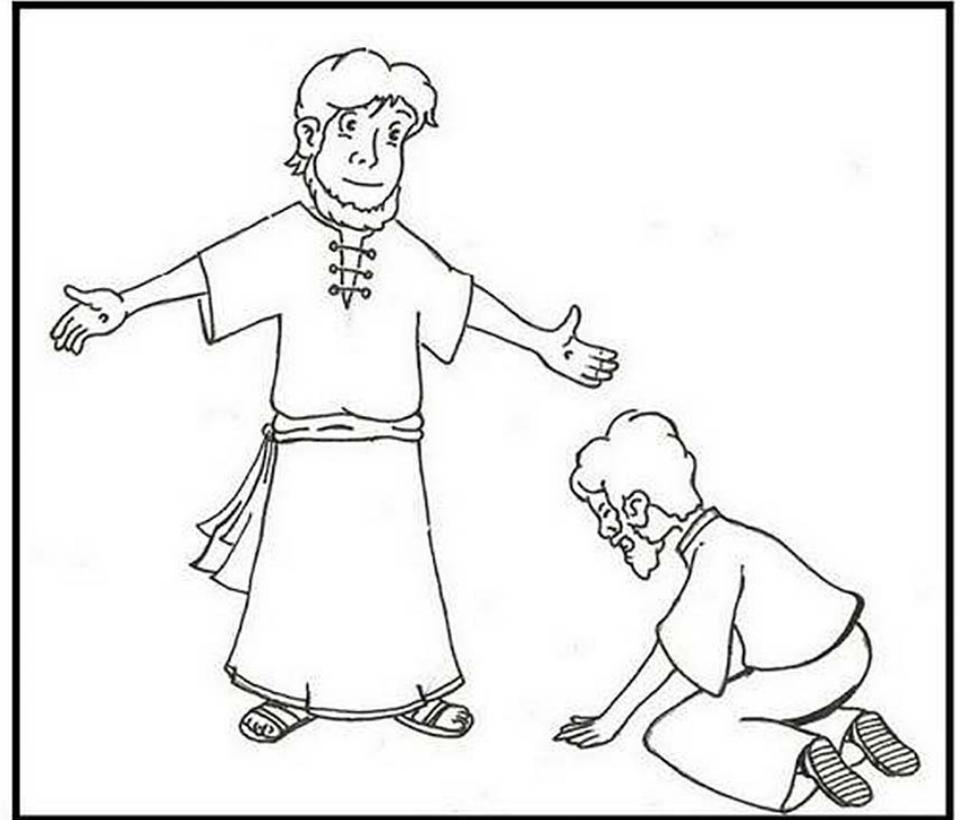
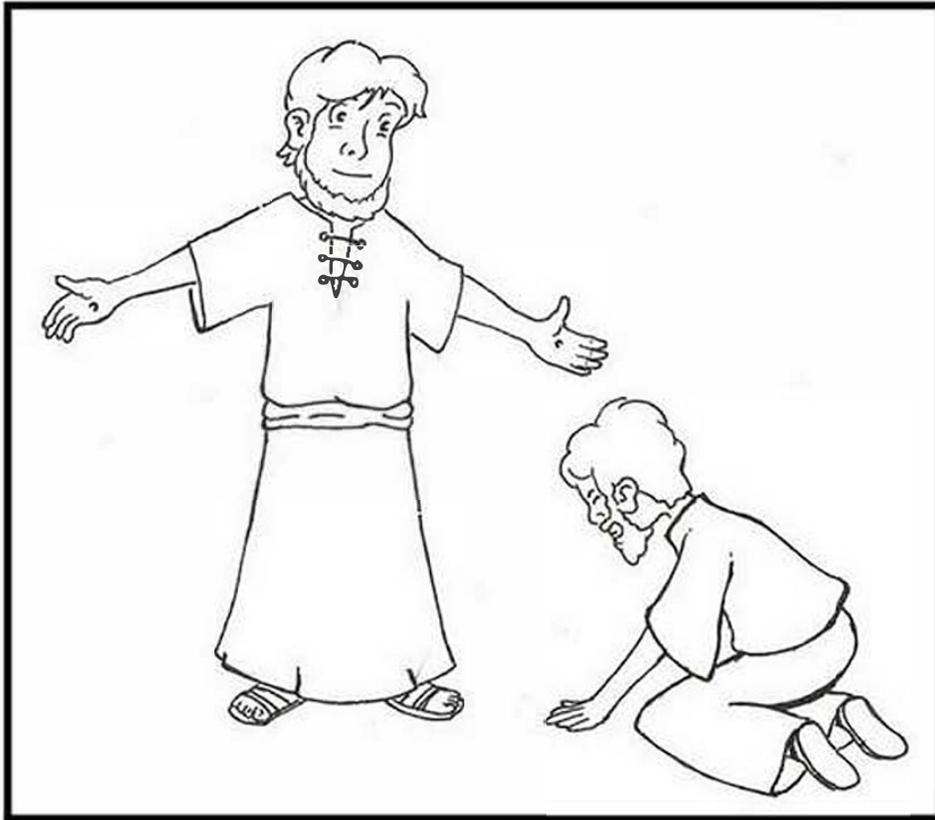


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CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?



Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me,
you have believed; blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed." John 20:28-29 NIV



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John 20:19-29