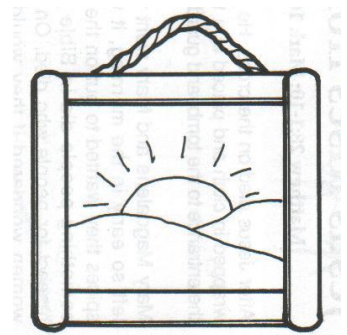




# 52+ INTERESTING WAYS TO USE A WORKSHEET



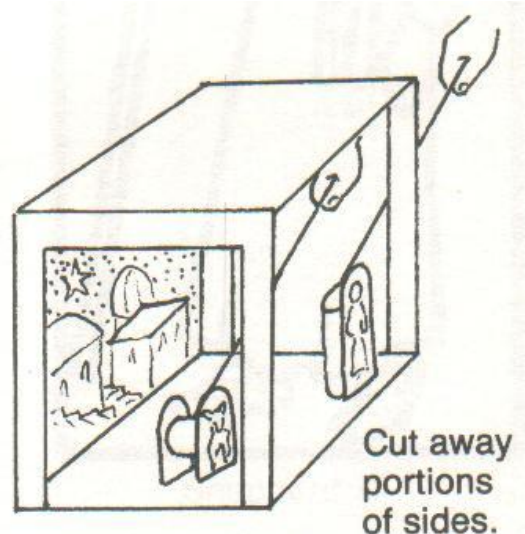
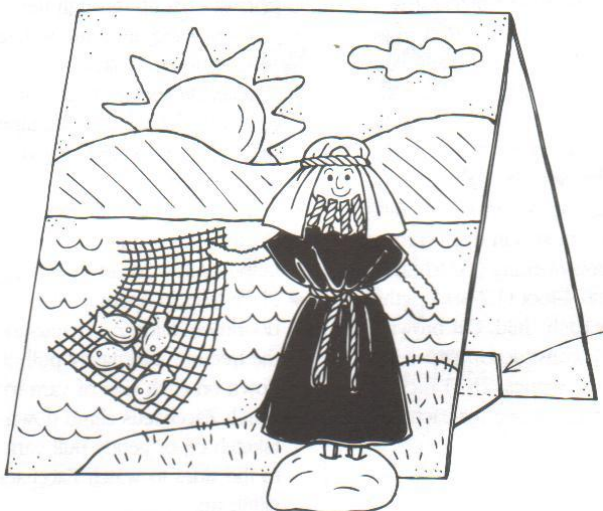
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"Not more colouring in!"

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These suggestions are compiled especially for a Sunday School teacher who has only a colouring-in worksheet as lesson resource.

It is assumed the worksheet will have a figure, animal or other item from the day's bible story, and that the story will be told in some way before the craft activity. The term "figure" is used in these suggestions to refer to any person, animal, character or other item (tree, boat, house, hill) on the worksheet which is significant to the picture and the story. Not all figures on the worksheet will be suitable for working with, and often just the main figure for the story will be used. Not all suggestions will be suitable for all lessons.

Cereal boxes are a good source of cheap cardboard.

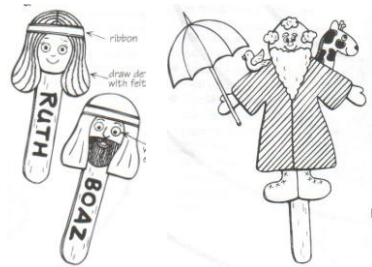


1. Make a stand-up puppet. Photocopy figures for each child, colour & cut out, and glue onto a toilet roll inner so it stands up. Each child can have a whole set of puppets to take home, or the class can make a set between them, depending on numbers.



2. Make a finger puppet. Photocopy for each child, colour & cut, then draw and cut 2 circular holes near base of figure just large enough for child's fingers, so puppet can be walked along.

3. Make a stick puppet. Photocopy, colour, cut & glue onto card if desired. Use sticky tape or aquadhere to add paddle pop stick on back, with enough at base to hold puppet.



4. Make a hand puppet. Photocopy with enlargement, children cut out & trace extra shape. Glue or staple together around edges, add features. Retell story with puppets.

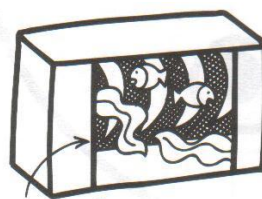


5. Make a jig saw. Photocopy, colour, glue whole scene onto card. Demonstrate & practice drawing simple jig-saw lines while glue dries, then draw jig saw over picture. Cut, put pieces into envelope & label. Written bible verse can also be made into jig saw.



6. Make a word picture. Identify key words of bible story, or words to describe events or feelings of character. Fix plain sheet paper over worksheet with paper clips, hold both up against window pane. Write key words around edges of figure and along all lines which form picture. Take away worksheet, lay picture on table & go over words with colours.

7. Make a diorama (1). Photocopy, colour & cut figures. Place shoe box on edge, and draw simple background scene inside box. To place figures in scene, glue directly onto back of box, or glue onto card and hang from top of box, or sticky tape onto paddle pop stick and press into blob of blue tack to stand up.



8. Make a diorama (2). Photocopy, colour & cut figures, and glue onto paddle pop sticks. Lay shoe box or plastic tub flat, partly fill with sand & poke in figures, or put each figure's stick into blob of blue tack. Surround figures with real leaves, rocks, etc.
9. Tell a silhouette story (1). Cut figures out of black card and use blue tack to position them on white board doors as story is told. Add shapes for background.
10. Tell a silhouette story (2). Cut figures out of paper. Bring onto screen of overhead projector, (giving silhouettes on wall) as story is retold or read from bible.
11. Tell a silhouette story (3). Cut figures out of card from cereal boxes, sticky tape onto rulers. Two children hold sheet between two chairs, audience on one side, puppets & puppeteers on other side, with strong bright light behind puppets (eg, portable workshop light)

12. Make a mobile. Each child has a wire coathanger and photocopy sheet. Colour, cut & glue figures onto card. Tie onto coathanger with cotton thread or ribbon or wool to suit the mood of the story.



13. Make a class picture (1). Make one large copy of story figures, glue onto card. Children tear out coloured bits of paper from old magazines & glue onto figures to form features. Display on hall notice board. Add a title & bible reference.
14. Make a class picture (2). Make one large copy of story figures, glue onto card. Dress figures using scraps of fabric and white glue. Display on hall notice board. Add a title & bible reference.

15. Make a rubber band man (especially suitable for happy theme). Colour & cut figure, glue onto card, separate body parts, then staple to rubber bands for legs & arms etc.



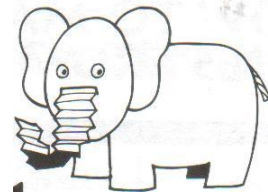
16. Make a book. Fold sheet of paper into 4. Copy, cut & colour figures, glue into inside pages. Add title page, bible reference, captions & speech bubbles.

17. Make a pop up card. Copy, colour & cut figures. Fold sheet of paper into 4. Make v fold in centre of dominant figure & glue on half way up card so it pops up. Decorate rest of card with other figures, add caption & appropriate greeting.

18. Make a poster (1). Photocopy figures with enlargement, cut & glue onto card. Add scraps of fabric, paddle pop sticks, cotton wool balls, sand, etc, etc to give texture & interest. Pin onto hall notice board. Add label with title & bible reference.

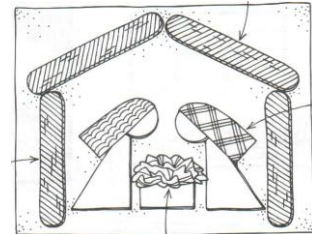
19. Make a poster (2). Transfer enlarged figures to card, either by photocopy enlargement or drawing. Select appropriate colours & colour areas and roll up little bits of coloured crepe paper & glue all over figure. Put on hall notice board. Add label.

20. Make zigzag limbs. Copy, cut & colour figures. Cut thin strips of coloured paper & fold in zigzag. Replace arms, legs, or other body part of figures with these limbs.



21. Make pipe cleaner figures. Using worksheet figures as a guide, make pipe cleaner figures. Hang on string to retell story as puppets or stand up in blob of blue tack.

22. Focus on collage. Colour & cut figures, glue onto card. Dress shapes with scraps of cloth, buttons, wool, google eyes, unravelled rope, etc.



23. Silhouette picture. Copy figures, trace around with white crayon onto black card & cut out. Paint or draw background scene, glue on silhouette shapes.

24. Make a scroll. Copy, colour & cut figures. Cut & glue brown paper as necessary to make long strip about 20cm wide. Spread out figures along length of paper & glue. Add background with crayons. Sticky tape ends of brown paper onto 2 wooden rolling pins for class scroll, or paddle pop sticks for individual scrolls.

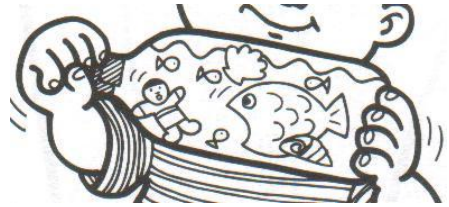
25. Make a cartoon strip. Copy a few figures for each child, cut out but do not colour. Cut sheet strongly coloured paper in half lengthwise & glue ends together. Fold resulting strip into 4 and rule dividing lines with strong colour. Discuss 4 main steps in story. Place figures as needed into each of 4 picture squares to tell story, glue into place. Add title, captions & speech bubbles.

26. Make TV show. Make cartoon strip as above, but using 2 sheets paper, both cut lengthwise into thirds & glued end to end, giving much longer story strip. Divide into picture sections & glue on characters as before, leaving unused division at each end. Place cardboard box on its side on a table, cut slits in each side of box & thread story strip through. Wind up picture strip in a roll on one side, and as it is gradually pulled through from the other side while the story is being retold, wind it up on the receiving side also.

27. Make a wall hanger plaque (1). Photocopy simple version of bible story (small) & main figure (little larger) onto coloured paper. Cut text out with zigzag scissors & glue onto figure. Frame with paddle pop sticks glued from behind. Add hanger.

28. Make a wall hanger plaque (2). Copy, cut & colour figures. Glue onto paper plate, add hanging loop of ribbon.

29. Make a story bottle. Copy shapes & make templates (may be smaller). Children have sufficient plastic each from various coloured ice cream containers to trace around templates & cut out figures. Squeeze figures into plastic drink bottle, fill to two thirds with water, screw on lid, lie down.



30. Make a story bag. Copy, cut & colour figures. Glue onto outside of brown or white paper bag, draw on other background details. Copy simple version of printed story onto coloured paper, read together, cut with zigzag scissors, add ribbon tie or edging, and put inside paper bag. Some stories may allow a 3 dimensional figure or other item to be added to bag.

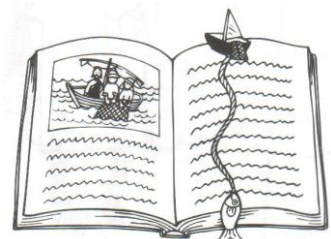


31. Make a story chain. Fold coloured paper into thirds lengthwise & cut. Copy few figures for each child (may need to make them smaller) & cut but do not colour. Identify main steps in story. Glue onto coloured strips, one strip for each step of story. Add speech bubbles etc. Link & staple strips together to make chain.

32. Make a story map. Copy, colour & cut figures – may need 2 copies per child. Plan positions of figures on large piece of card like a flow chart, so arrows between figures would give the flow of the story. Glue on figures, draw other appropriate shapes instead of arrows where possible, eg, footprints, stream of fish, row of stars, etc. Decorate, add title & bible reference.

33. Make a gift card. Copy figures & make templates out of ice cream lids. Children trace around template onto shiny gift wrapping paper. Cut flat card to fit large standard envelopes, glue figure(s) on, write personal message to gift recipient. Cover with clear contact or laminate. Take home in envelope ready for posting or giving.

34. Make a bookmark (2). Copy & cut figures, glue onto card. Separate suitable parts, then use paper strips, wool or other medium to link separated body parts at distance of about 15 cm. Colour.



35. Make a bookmark (1). Cut bookmark shaped rectangles of good card, copy figures to appropriate small size. Colour, cut, glue on, add title. Cover with clear contact or laminate.

36. Make a place mat. Copy & cut figures & transfer onto black, gold or silver card. Cut a place mat shape out of cardboard, cover with gift wrapping paper, or paint with a wash. Glue figures in place, cover with clear contact.



37. Make a prayer mat. Copy, cut & colour figures. Glue onto placemat size card, over to one side. Write a prayer on scrap paper & copy onto placemat in coloured letters. Cover with clear contact or laminate.

38. Make a stained glass window. Cut a classic window arch shape, with sides and base about 1 – 2 cm wide out of black card. Cut strips of coloured cellophane & sticky tape to back of arch. Copy & cut main figure and stick behind cellophane.

39. Make a pencil holder. Paint jam tin or other cylindrical container, or cover by gluing on ribbon, yarn or paddle pop sticks. Copy & cut figures, and glue onto covered tin.

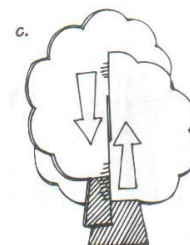


40. Make a medallion to wear. Copy figures to smaller size, colour & cut. Cut circles of card about 8cm diameter, punch hole in top. Glue on figures (could use front & back), add length of ribbon & wear.

41. Make a playdough figure. Copy & cut figure, children transfer to plastic as if making a template each. Roll & place pieces of coloured playdough or other modelling compound onto figure, emphasizing features. Add texture with fork, toothpick, etc. If using playdough which can be baked, slide off plastic back and onto oven tray.

42. Eat it. Use technique as above for making playdough figure, but use biscuit mixture.

43. Stand it up. Copy two figures for each child, cut, colour & glue onto card. Slit one figure up middle to centre & other matching figure down the middle to centre point. Slide together to make it stand.



44. Print it. Photocopy & cut out figures (may need to reduce size on copier.) Cut large potatoes in half, pin figures onto potato surface with sewing pins sticking straight down. Mark edge of figure into potato with teaspoon or blunt knife & carve away excess. Each child does one figure, then share potatoes to print a whole picture each.

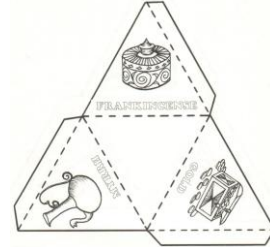
45. Sew it. Draw frame around picture, add dots for sewing around border & figure outlines. Copy onto card. Stitch with wool and thick blunt needles.



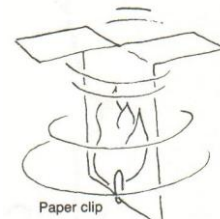
46. Weave it. Copy & cut dominant figure (may need enlarging), colour edge features only. Adults cut parallel lines in centre of figure, about 1 cm apart, with stanley knife or blade. Children cut coloured paper into thin strips & do paper weaving across the body of the figure.
47. Stuff it. Copy 2 figures per child (may need enlarging), cut out leaving about 1cm extra border around. Colour one as front & one as back, staple or glue or stick most of edges together. Gently stuff small pieces cotton wool or scrunched paper through hole, using pencil as pusher. Seal up rest of hole.
48. Draw it. Using worksheet shapes as a guide, children draw story figures on white board doors using white board pens. Add details, background, captions, speech bubbles & title. Could have few groups going at same time on different doors (responsible group could go in meeting room) & inspect each other's finished product. Invite adults to see after worship.
49. Clean finger painting. Copy & cut figure, sticky tape onto outside of press-top plastic bag, trace around with thick felt pen, remove paper shape. Put couple of spoons of thick coloured paint inside plastic bag, press out as much air as possible & seal top. Lay flat on table & see how many ways you can paint / decorate figure, by moving paint around in bag.
50. Make a seed picture. Copy and enlarge main figure, glue onto card. Glue seeds from a bird see mix to figure to create details like colouring in.
51. Make a 3D picture. Copy two figures per child, one left intact (coloured), the other to colour and cut out. Glue thin sheets foam or small foam blocks to the back of one figure & front of other to create a 3D effect.
52. Concentration game. Copy & cut figures, write key words onto cards. Working in pairs or as group, spread out shapes & words and cover each with numbered sheet paper. Play concentration.
53. Make a pencil topper. Copy figure reducing size. Cut, colour & decorate.

54. Rubbings. Copy & enlarge figures. Place items with appropriate textures underneath paper figures, and rub with side of crayon. Use coarse weave cloth (eg hessian) for clothes, twig of fine leaves (eg, poinciana) for trees, piece of unravelled rope for hair, etc.

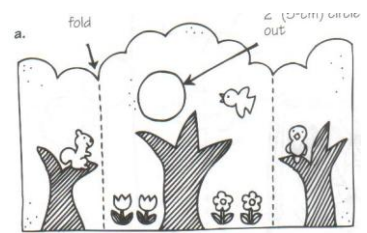
55. Make a pyramid. Copy, cut & colour figures. Trace around template for pyramid. Glue figures on pyramid & fold. Plait lengths of coloured wool, sticky tape to inside of top corner, glue edge tabs.



56. Make helicopters. Copy, cut & colour figure. Paste at one end of rectangle of coloured paper or light card. Cut other end of card down middle to figure, fold these tabs in opposite directions. Attach paper clip at end near figure. Hold high in air and release.



57. Make a theatre. Copy whole picture, cut top or holes for puppets to peep over or through. Glue onto card, fold into thirds so it stands up. Make simple puppets with paddle pop sticks.



58. Leadlight effect. Colour worksheet with brightly coloured felt pens, then lay face down on lots of absorbent paper. Soak ball of cotton wool in cooking oil and apply liberally to back of worksheet, so that oil soaks through paper. Gives leadlight effect when held against window.