

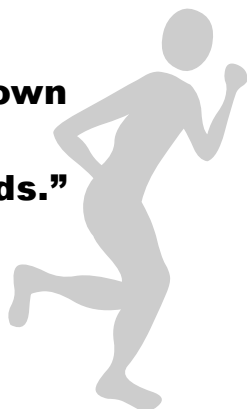
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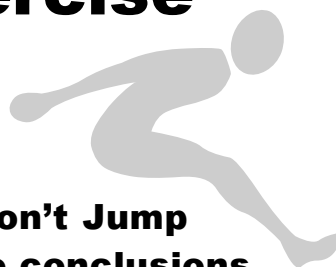
Simple ideas for presenting God's Word - "Here a little, and there a little" Isaiah 28:10

## Get the Right Exercise

**Don't  
run down  
your  
"friends."**



**Don't Jump  
to conclusions.**



**Don't  
side-step  
responsibility.**



**"Be strong IN THE LORD."**

Ephesians 6:10-17

- 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints

# God's Blessings - Thanksgiving Bulletin Board



*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.*

I Timothy 6:17

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# WILLING Am I

Tune: "Blessed Assurance"

## VERSE ONE

Willing am I, and ready alway.  
Willing am I, His Word to obey.  
Willing am I, to speak in His name.  
Willing His love abroad to proclaim.

## CHORUS

Willing the empty vessel to fill,  
Willing to live conformed to His will  
Willing to work, to watch and to pray  
Willing to wait His coming some day.

## VERSE TWO

Willing to do what Jesus requires,  
Willing to go where Jesus desires,  
Willing to be of use anywhere,  
Willing all things for Jesus to bear.

## VERSE THREE

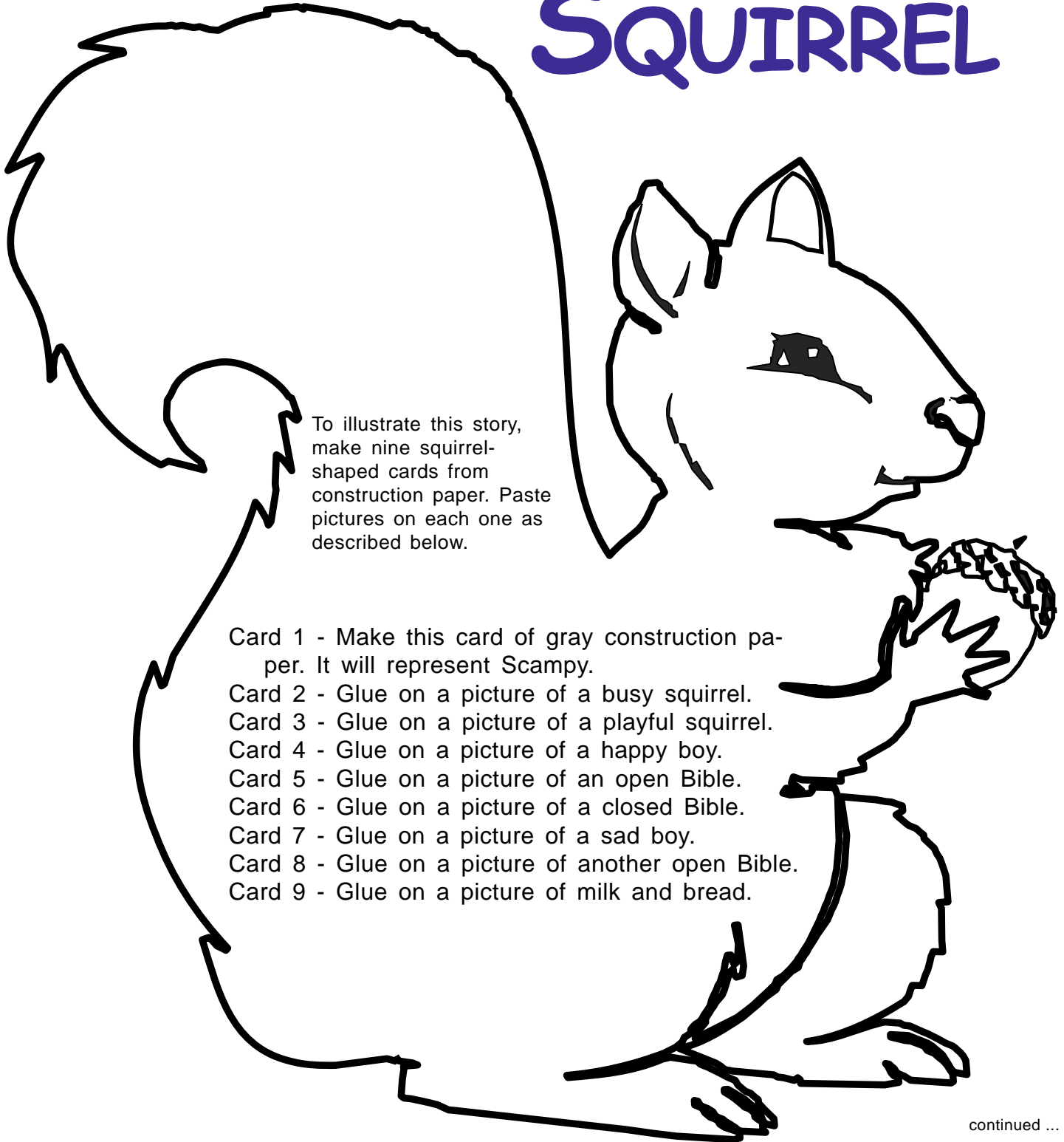
Willing to go, nor question, nor pause:  
Willing to do my best for His cause;  
Willing the way to heaven to show,  
Willing to help the best that I know.

## VERSE FOUR

Willing to serve Him, everyday,  
Speak to me Master, I will obey.  
Willing to serve as duty demands,  
Willing to aid with kind helping hands.

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# SCAMPY, THE SQUIRREL



To illustrate this story, make nine squirrel-shaped cards from construction paper. Paste pictures on each one as described below.

- Card 1 - Make this card of gray construction paper. It will represent Scampy.
- Card 2 - Glue on a picture of a busy squirrel.
- Card 3 - Glue on a picture of a playful squirrel.
- Card 4 - Glue on a picture of a happy boy.
- Card 5 - Glue on a picture of an open Bible.
- Card 6 - Glue on a picture of a closed Bible.
- Card 7 - Glue on a picture of a sad boy.
- Card 8 - Glue on a picture of another open Bible.
- Card 9 - Glue on a picture of milk and bread.

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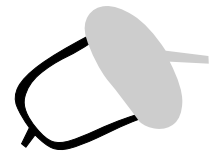
Once there was a little gray squirrel named Scampy. Scampy lived in a forest with a lot of other squirrels just like himself. (Card #1)

Scampy was very well known throughout the forest for being the most ambitious. Every autumn Scampy would scurry about gathering nuts to have his nut cellar chuck full before the other squirrels even started to fill their winter storehouses. (Card #2)

One year, however, Scampy decided he would do differently than before. He said to himself, "Scampy, old boy, you've been working too hard. Every year you have all your winter's nuts gathered before the rest of the squirrels do. This year, you need a rest. Yes siree! Take a vacation. You have enough nuts to last you through the winter, so why worry." (Card #3)

Well, everything went fine until about the middle of the winter. One day Scampy went down to get a nut for dinner, and what do you think had happened? That's right, the nuts were all gone. Poor Scampy! He had been a very unwise squirrel indeed.

About that time, Scampy heard a voice coming from the front door. "Hey there, Scampy, where are you hiding?" It was Scampy's friend, Skippy, from the other side of the forest.



Skippy could see that Scampy was in trouble. Finally Skippy said, "Well friend, I see that you've learned a lesson."

"Yes," answered Scampy, "I'll never, never go on a vacation again, not as long as I live."

"O.K. then," replied Skippy, "I'll be a squirrel scout and let you share my nut store. I have enough for both of us."

Boys and girls, Scampy really learned a good lesson, didn't he? I don't think that he'll ever want to go on another vacation. You know this story about Scampy storing away his food supply, reminds me of storing up God's Word. Psalm 119:11 says "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Oh yes, we each have a storehouse in our hearts, and we need to hide God's Word there. (Card #4)

Now, I'd like to tell you the story of Joseph. Joseph was a Christian, that is, he had asked the Lord Jesus to come into his heart to be his Saviour. Ever since then Joseph had been very faithful in reading his Bible. Every morning before he got out of bed, and every night before he went to sleep, Joseph read from God's Word, and memorized a verse from it. (Card #5)

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One day, as Joseph was thinking about his Christian walk, he began counting all the times he had read God's Word. "My," he thought to himself, "I really read a lot of God's Word, and I've hidden a good many verses in my heart. You know, I think I'll stop reading and memorizing God's Word for a while. I have enough Bible verses stored up in my heart to last for a while. I'm going to take a vacation from God's Word." (Card #6)

Well, boys and girls, things didn't go so well for Joseph. (Card #7) He found out that it was much harder to live for the Lord Jesus now. He began to talk back to his teachers, and to be mean to his classmates. Once he almost got in a fight with one of his best friends. Everyone noticed a difference in Joseph. His mother kept asking him if he had a headache, or if he was sick.

Finally one day, as Joseph was lying on his bed thinking, he happened to glance over on the table. There now - he remembered. There was his Bible covered with ugly-looking dust from his failure to read it. "Yes," said Joseph aloud, "That's what's wrong with me. It isn't that I need vitamins or anything. It's because I've neglected my spiritual food. I know I was wrong in not reading my Bible and memorizing God's Word. I'll never, never, never

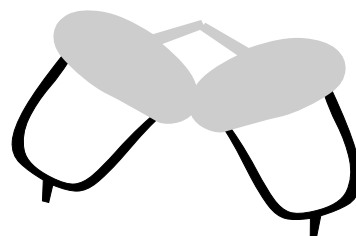
do that again. I guess I was wrong to go on a vacation from reading God's Word." (Card #8) Right then Joseph stopped his vacation that had caused him so much unhappiness. Right away everyone could see the difference. Joseph was his old self once more. He was surely very wrong in thinking he could stop storing God's Word in his heart, just as Scampy was wrong in not putting nuts away in storage for the winter.

(Card #9) You know, God's Word in our hearts is just what food is to our bodies. We just can't get along without it.

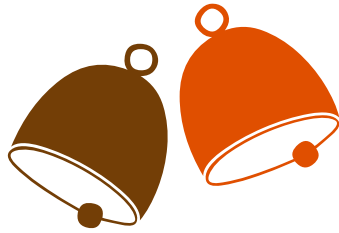
The Bible says God's Word is like milk (I Peter 2:2) and bread that we need to keep our bodies healthy. We need God's Word to help us to live for the Lord Jesus Christ. May we say as Job did in the Old Testament, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12)

(Card #1) So, boys and girls, when you see the squirrels busily hiding nuts away for the wintertime, don't forget to hide God's Word in your heart. Remember, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)

from *Teacher's Tips*



# Bells



## APPROACH:

Peter's daddy had often told how he used to ring the church bell when he was a boy. He promised to take Peter to visit that old country church some day. When the day arrived, Peter was so excited that he could hardly wait to get there. But when they did reach the church there was great disappointment, for they found the building locked up and long deserted. Looking thru the window they could see the long bell rope. Father borrowed a key from a neighbor, opened the door and stood a few moments in prayer. Peter saw that his father was sad and exclaimed, "Daddy, ring the bell again as you used to do. Ring it again." Once again the old church bell rang and people began to come from far and near to see what was happening. Peter's father told them what the church had meant to him when he was a boy, and soon with his help the old church was opened every Sunday so that boys and girls and grown-ups could come and hear God's Word.

## LESSON:

In Old Testament times, after Adam and Eve had sinned, God promised to send a Saviour, but many dark centuries passed, and He did not come. God spoke through Isaiah, the prophet, and told the people of the coming Saviour, but 700 more dark years went by and He did not come. Then at last, it was God's time. It was as if the bells of heaven were set ringing, for God was sending His Son to this dark world to be the light to all who would believe. Bells ring today to draw our attention too, don't they?



**1. The blue bell rings us to the manger.** There we find the Son of God as a tiny baby. He Who made the worlds now

comes into the world - just like the rest of us come, except that Jesus was born in a lowly cattle stall, because there was no room for Him in the inn. Many looked for the Saviour to come as a rich and powerful king, but God had a purpose in sending Him as a tiny baby, born with nothing. Mary knew that the child was the Son of God. She knew he was born to be our Saviour from sin. Joseph knew. The Shepherds knew. The wise men knew. Do YOU? Then let us worship at the manger this Christmas time, for the blue bell rings out the message that Christ left His home in heaven and was born in the manger for YOU.



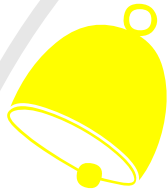
**2. The red bell rings us to the cross.** Twelve years passed by and Jesus was found in the temple, busy about His heavenly Father's business. More years passed while He taught the people, healed the sick, and even gathered children around Him too. Then, evil men put Him to death on a wooden cross. Why did He die there? How could He die if He was the Son of God? It was all part of God's plan. God sent His Son to bear the punishment that each of us deserve for our sin. He was the only perfect, sinless sacrifice that God could accept. So even today the joy bells of salvation ring for all of us. Jesus, the sinless One, died for you and me, the sinners. And, although He endured that death for us, He rose from the dead to promise us everlasting life. Yes, the red bell rings us to the cross. It is an invitation bought with blood - the blood of Jesus. Have you heard the red bell ringing? Have you received the Saviour who was born to die for YOU?



**3. The purple bell speaks of a Kingly invitation.** You know, boys and girls, the Lord Jesus is coming back to this world again. He is not coming as a poor little baby though, but as an all powerful King, and the King's family will be glad to see Him. His family is made up of all those who accepted Him as Saviour from sin. The Bible tells us to

watch and wait for the Lord Jesus, and that waiting faithfully will keep our hearts pure toward Him. (I John 3:2-3)

Jon and Kenny's father had been in the army for a whole year. Finally the day came when he was given leave to come home. But the train was late and their daddy was delayed. Kenny grew tired of waiting and fell asleep. Jon sat on the front porch and never took his eyes from the road. He was first to be caught up in his father's arms and smothered with kisses. Kenny was so disappointed that he had gone to sleep. When Jesus comes, there is a crown awaiting all those who watch for His coming. (II Timothy 4:8) Listen to the purple bell telling of the coming of the King.



**4. The golden bell speaks of heaven.** Those who accept Jesus as Saviour are invited to live in the city with streets of gold. The invitation reads, "Whosoever will, may come," only you must come by way of the cross of Christ. The invitation is for boys and girls just as much as for grown-ups. Let us ring the golden bell to everyone near and far, until it can be heard all the way around this old world. God sent His Son into the world, and His Son died that we might have a home in heaven. Have you received Him as your Saviour?

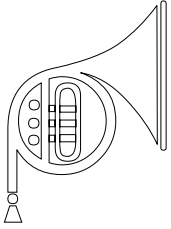


**5. The green bell speaks of a growing life of service.** The Lord Jesus invites all who are saved to live for Him and serve Him. Certainly, if you have accepted what He did for you on the cross, you will love Him and serve Him. We serve Him by watching for His coming, learning more about Him through the Bible and through prayer, and by seeing to the needs of those around us. Of course, their greatest need is to know the good news about salvation from sin. There are lots of ways to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once, a long time ago, it was Christmas time in Africa. The missionaries had taught the people to bring their gifts to the Lord Jesus. One very poor young girl brought \$85.00. "Where did you get all that money?" asked the missionary. "I sold myself as a servant for the rest of my life. Jesus has done so much for me in saving me, that I thought the least I could do for Him was to sell myself and bring the money to help missionaries tell even more people about Him." Now, God doesn't want us to sell ourselves for money; but, we can GIVE ourselves freely to be His servants. (Romans 12:1,2)

Give invitation.

Mrs. H. F. Nofer



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# The Christmas Story

To present the Christmas story in a way that is just a bit different, try using silhouettes on a board covered with white flannel. Place the figures on the board at the proper time as the Christmas message is read from the Gospel of Luke. Have recordings of appropriate carols playing softly.

Silhouettes can easily be made of suede paper or construction paper (roughed on the reverse side with sand paper). Just outline flannelgraph figures or figures from greeting cards and cut out the outlines. Make enough figures so that the process of putting them on the board is about equal with the reading.

At the outset, tell the children that the story will be read from God's Word and they will want to listen closely as they watch the board. Make no announcements between the scenes. Have your helper read the scripture while you place the figures. Try to arrange for someone else (one of your older children, perhaps) to take care of the music. A rehearsal beforehand is highly recommended.

**SCENE I     Annunciation**

Read Luke 1:26-27. (begin with "the angel")

Music - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

**SCENE II     Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem.**

Read Luke 2:1-5.

Music - "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"

**SCENE III     Manger Scene with words "NO ROOM" on top of board**

Read Luke 2:6-7.

Music - "Away in a Manger" or "Silent Night"

**SCENE IV     Shepherd's Scene**

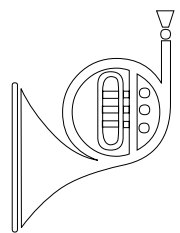
Read Luke 2:8-15.

Music - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

**SCENE V     Shepherds at the Manger**

Read Luke 2:16-20.

Music - "Joy to the World"



After the reader is finished reading each portion of scripture, finish at least that verse of the music. Take the figures off the board as the music is quickly changed.

adapted from *Give and Take*

# The Big Little Library

*AN INTRODUCTORY STORY for a new series or for the first session with a new class of children.*

*OBJECT: A Bible wrapped in brown wrapping paper.*

One day when Peter and Polly were down town, they met an author in front of a bookstore, or as they called her, “a lady who wrote things.” Since she was their neighbor, she asked them if they would be kind enough to carry some books home for her. Peter politely said that he would, while Polly sensibly asked how many there were.

To this “the lady who wrote things” smiled mischievously as she answered, “Let me see. There ought to be 66.”

“Sixty-six!” Peter whistled, and his face grew a mile long. He was thinking it’s all very well to be helpful to a neighbor, but he wasn’t so sure about carrying a whole library around for her.

Polly promptly suggested letting the bookstore wagon deliver them, but “the lady who wrote things” said she hated to trouble them with such a small order which Polly and Peter could easily carry.

At that, Peter, who was quick at arithmetic, divided 66 by 2 and said it made 33 books each, and he honestly didn’t believe he could do it. Surely a book or two would drop into the mud. They would be stacked way up into the air like the leaning tower of Pisa. As for his poor sister Polly, he hardly thought she ought to try it.

But “the lady who wrote things” whisked into the store before Peter could get Polly decently excused. So he glared at Polly, and Polly glared back at him. They were thinking, what a horrible neighbor.

“Let’s run.” Peter whispered through his teeth. As he started off Polly groaned, “Can’t. She’s back already.”

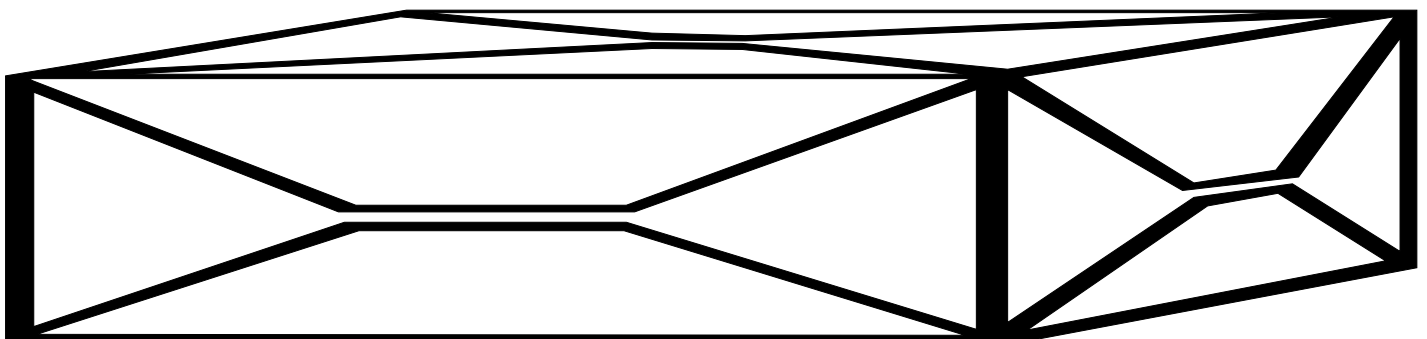
Then “the lady who wrote things” handed Peter a very small package.

“There,” she said, “And thank you very much.”

He held it, of course, and he waited. And Polly waited.

“What are you waiting for?” the lady asked.

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"For the other 65 books," Peter replied, a little disappointed to find another lady as poor at arithmetic as Polly.

Now her eyes twinkled as she leaned over to whisper, "But you're carrying 66 books this very minute!"

"Am I?" gasped Peter.

"Is he?" gasped Polly. They fastened their eyes on the astonishing little package in perfect surprise.

"They must be awfully small books," Polly said curiously. "It's not books at all, but ONE book," Peter announced after he thoroughly pinched all around the package. "There's no library in here. Honest. Why I thought you were going to load us down with something a mile high."

"And heavy too," sighed Polly, "I thought they'd topple all over us."

"What are they about anyhow?" Polly asked, poking the package here and there.

"History stories," answered "the lady who wrote things," "stories of adventure mostly, about gardens and deserts and camels, and famous travelers, and palaces, and boys who became kings, and giants and fishermen who followed a carpenter's Son, and shipwrecks. Why, children, it's the biggest kind of library, these 66 books!"

"Squeezed into this?" Peter gulped unbelievably.

"Oh, as for that," laughed the lady, "it's not only a library, it's a lamp and a sword, and bread, and more precious than jewels; and it has built hospitals and orphanages and old folks homes, and it has done more to rule the world than kings or guns or warships or submarines."

"Oh, wow!" gasped Polly. Her eyes like saucers, as if she thought the magic package might blow up any minute.

But Peter had an inspiration. "I've guessed it," he shouted, "so won't you give me a look at it, just to make sure I'm right?"

"That's what I hoped you'd ask," nodded "the lady who wrote things," "for I know a wonderful game called 'Librarian' which we three could play."

"OK. That would be fun!"

"The purpose of this game is to hand out books to people who come by my house."

"Great! Let's race home and begin right now, can't we?" Peter said enthusiastically.

In case you haven't guessed what this library really is, we will have \_\_\_\_\_ (a child from your class) come up and open this package. Boys and girls, you will find the same true stories told to Peter and Polly written down here especially for you. This year in class we will be telling some of those wonderful stories found here. We will even picture them for you on the flannelboard. You won't want to miss a single class."

- adapted

# Words of Truth by Design

Make eleven blocks from construction paper and write one word from John 1:11 inside each block (or do the same with any key verse you plan to use with your lesson). Back the rectangles so they will adhere to the flannelboard. Before class, make a diagram of a number of shapes and designs that you can form using the rectangles. Some designs are given on page 13.

Approach the class something like this:

“Let’s play with these word blocks today to see how many different shapes and designs we can make with them. Let me try a few designs to give you the idea.”

Referring to your diagrams, arrange the word blocks on the flannelboard in your first design, but say the words aloud as you do it. Rearrange them in a second design, once again, saying the words aloud as you do it. Repeat this a third time.

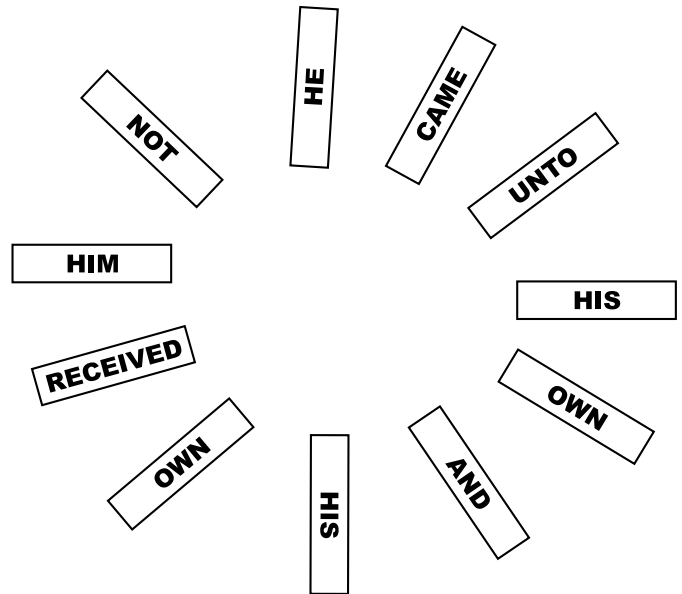
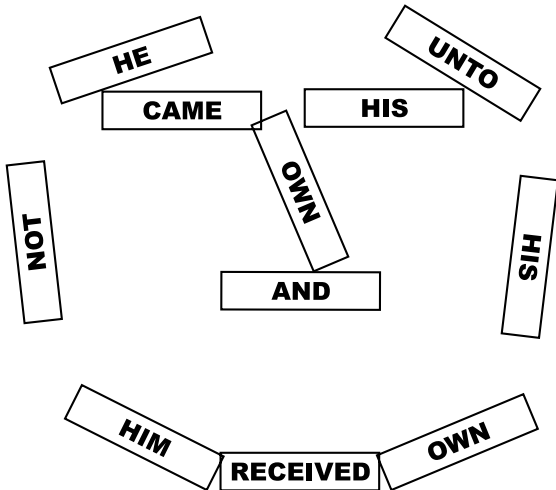
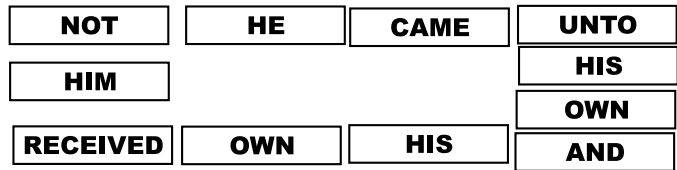
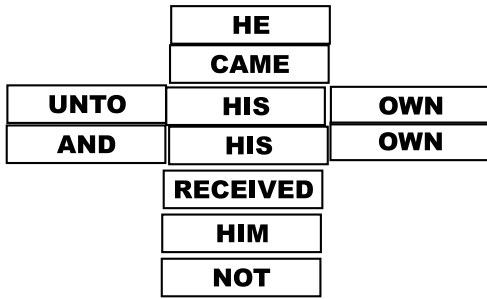
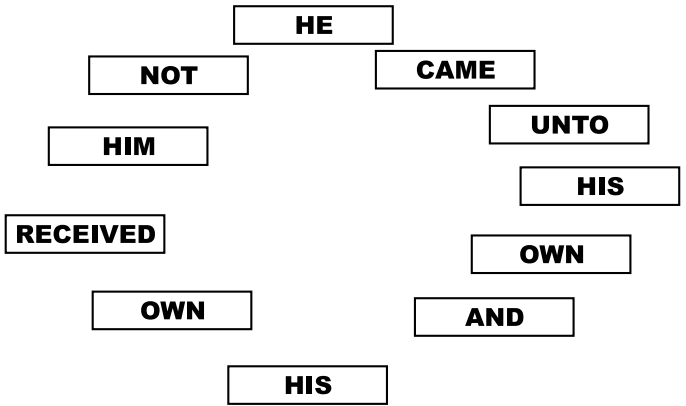
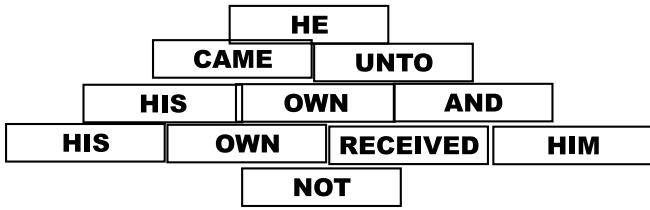
“Now, has anyone got a design in their head that they would like to try?”

Encourage any child who comes up to say the words aloud as they build their design. If the class has trouble inventing designs, you can suggest designs from your diagram.

They might not know it, but they will be learning the verse. When several children have made a design on the flannelboard, put the blocks in another design from your diagrams. Have the entire class repeat the words of the verse again.

Give the reference and use the verse as an introduction to your lesson.

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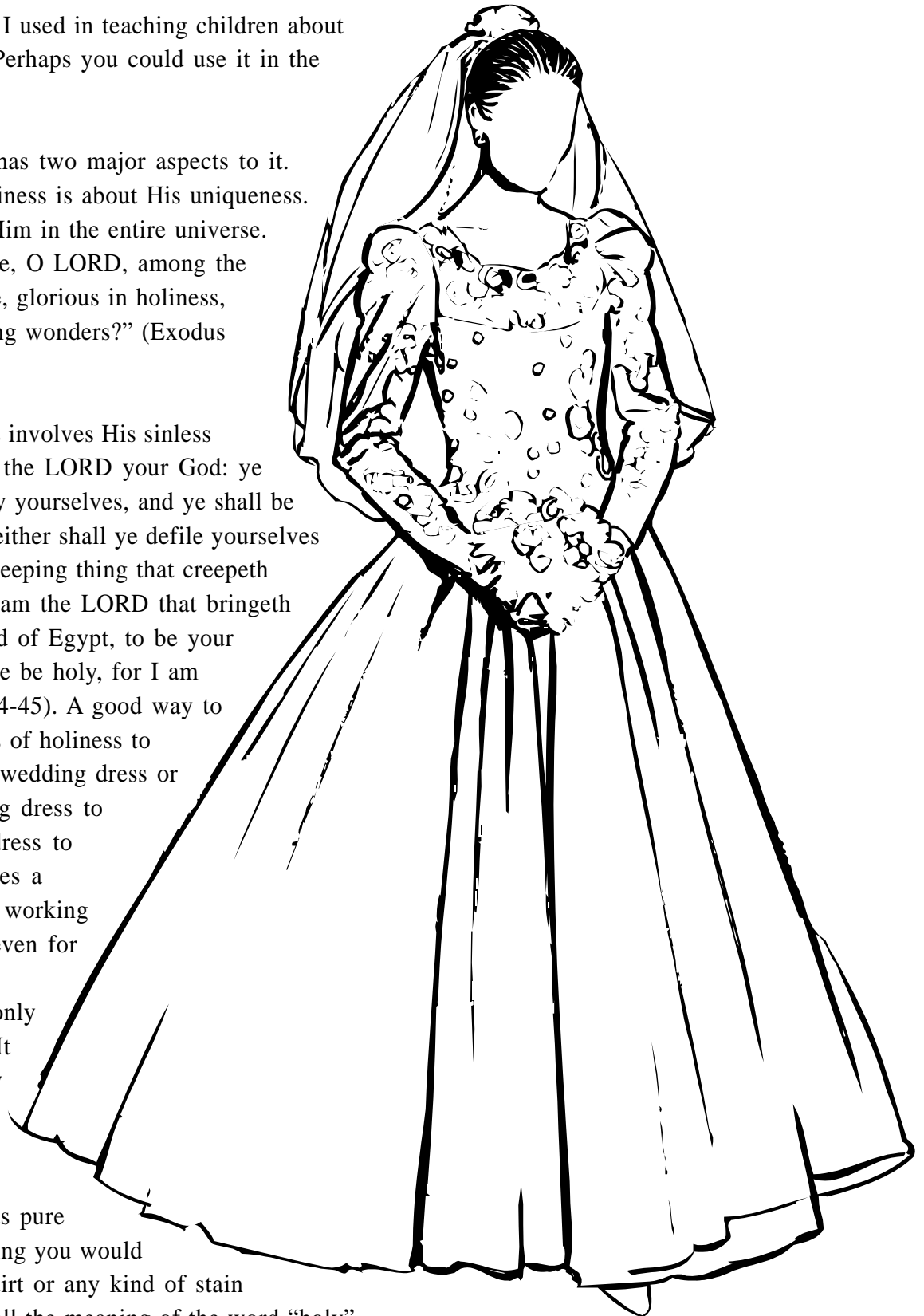
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# Like No Other

Here is an illustration I used in teaching children about the holiness of God. Perhaps you could use it in the Swap Shop.

The holiness of God has two major aspects to it. First of all, God's holiness is about His uniqueness. There is no one like Him in the entire universe. "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11)

Secondly, His holiness involves His sinless perfection. "For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44-45). A good way to illustrate these aspects of holiness to children is to bring a wedding dress or a picture of a wedding dress to class. Compare that dress to other dresses or clothes a woman would use for working around the house or even for going to church. The wedding dress is the only dress in its category. It is separate from every other dress and treated in a totally different way. Part of what sets it apart is its pure whiteness. The last thing you would want to do is to get dirt or any kind of stain on it. This pictures well the meaning of the word "holy" as it pertains to God.



## Prayer Request

The single greatest need in providing *Teachers' Swap Shop* is promotion. Years ago, we built our mailing list by word-of-mouth alone - and it worked beautifully. There are still subscribers who faithfully share the publication with others, but apparently they are too few. Our mailing list is dropping and its not just the economy. This is our biggest prayer request. We need our subscribers to spread the word about *Teachers' Swap Shop*. As subscribers, you know from experience the benefits of simple, practical ideas for reaching children for Christ. So, talk it up! And thanks for all you are able to do.

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**C** is for Christ Child, the promised One born. (Isaiah 9:6)

**H** is for Holy, His birth on that morn. (Matthew 1:20)

**R** is for Royal, for He is the King. (Matthew 2:1,2)

**I** for Immanuel, our worship we bring. (Isaiah 7:14)

**S** is for shepherds all watching their sheep. (Luke 2:8,9)

**T** is for tidings, too joyous to keep. (Luke 2:10)

**M** is for magi, who followed the star. (Matthew 2:1,2)

**A** for the angel-song "Alleluia." (Luke 2:13,14)

**S** is for Saviour; for that's why He came. (Matthew 1:21)

Let's sing out our praise to His blessed name.