

Making a difference—Things you may need

Bible or online access (Printer optional)

Craft material, scissors, colours, glue, paper plate & a split
pin

World Ball or a map

Emoji balls or stickers

A starfish or template



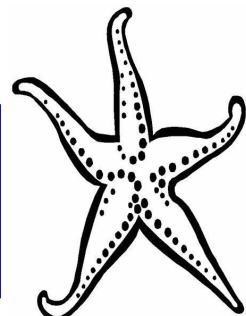
How are you feeling?

Seaside sounds, waves, click to play as you do the activities

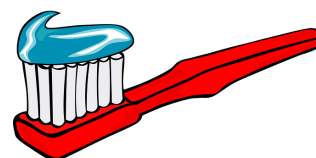
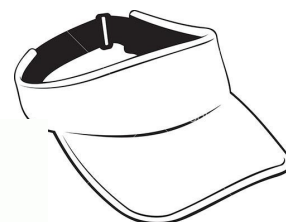
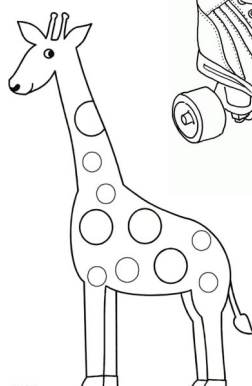
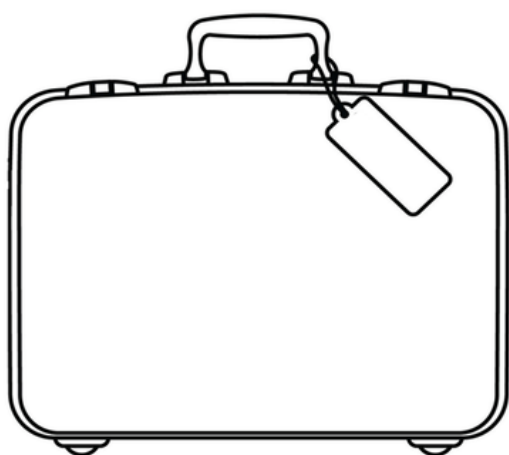
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Circle which starfish you feel most like, share with
someone or draw how you are feeling on the starfish



Making a difference—draw your suitcase and items that go inside, be creative.



Game—In my suitcase

What things do you pack when you go out or away?



A game about remembering

1. Each person takes a turn and shares an item

E.g. Person 1— in my suitcase I packed— roller skates

Person 2 —In my suitcase I packed roller skates & a red tooth brush

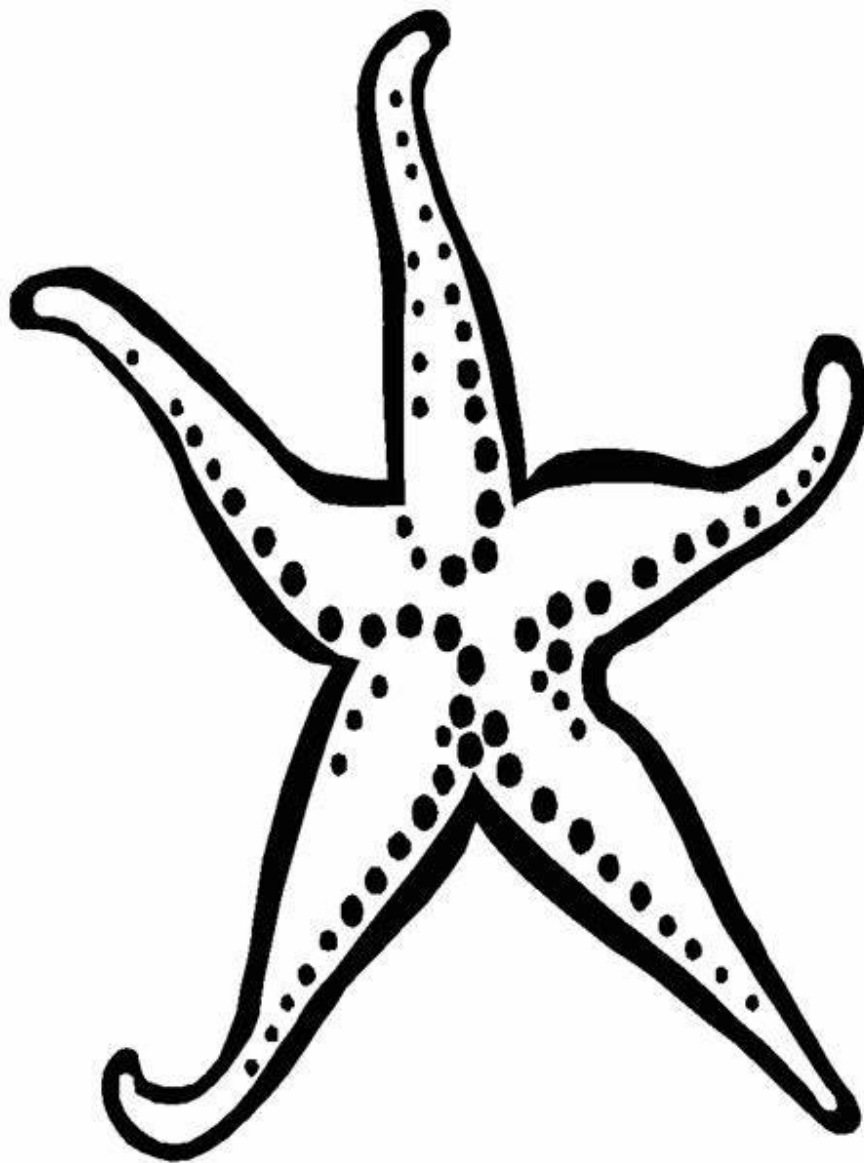
Person 3— In my suitcase, I packed roller skates, a red tooth and a giant giraffe....

Keep going round the group adding an item. If you get the order wrong or miss an item, you stop adding, watching and waiting until just 1 person guesses all the items in the suitcase in the correct order. Have Fun!!

Make a Difference—Colour the Starfish

Starfish Story Video <https://youtu.be/vfMBfZZCGjU>

You can make a difference as everyone matters!!



Where & what difference can you make?

Matthew 9:35-10:23

New Living Translation

The Need for Workers

³⁵ Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil ^{1a} spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. ² Here are the names of the twelve apostles:

first, Simon (also called Peter),

then Andrew (Peter's brother),

James (son of Zebedee),

John (James's brother),

³ Philip,

Bartholomew,

Thomas,

Matthew (the tax collector),

James (son of Alphaeus),

Thaddaeus,^{1a}

⁴ Simon (the zealot^{1a}),

Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).



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⁵ Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: “Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, ⁶ but only to the people of Israel—God’s lost sheep. ⁷ Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

⁹ “Don’t take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins. ¹⁰ Don’t carry a traveller’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed.

¹¹ “Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. ¹² When you enter the home, give it your blessing. ¹³ If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. ¹⁴ If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day.

¹⁶ “Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. ¹⁷ But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. ¹⁸ You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. ¹⁹ When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. ²⁰ For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ “A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed. ²² And all nations will hate you because you are my followers. ²³ But everyone who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one town, flee to the next. I tell you the truth, the Son of Man will return before you have reached all the towns of Israel.

Think about the story!! How did the story make you feel?

1. Who was in the story, how did the crowds feel?

2. Who gave the instructions?

3. How many disciples were mentioned ? - List the disciples

4. How are God's people described ? L _ s _

5. What should the disciples take on their journey?

6. What could the disciples accept?

7. Who would be on the journey with them and help them? V19-20

8. What should they share ? g _ o _ n _ w _

9. What can we learn from the story?

Think about—The disciples trusted Jesus and went out and made a difference into the world, helping, healing and sharing Gods love and persevering. The disciples made a big difference to the world. What difference can you make?

Prayer

If you have a world ball, atlas, or a globe, look at the countries.

Colour the World—Pray for compassion, healing, peace, unity, love for all nations?

What is your favourite country - pray for it.

What countries on the news needs prayer at the moment?



What difference can you make in the world and to the world?

Ask God to show you.

Spend time quietly reflecting on God and the world and ask God, how can you help.

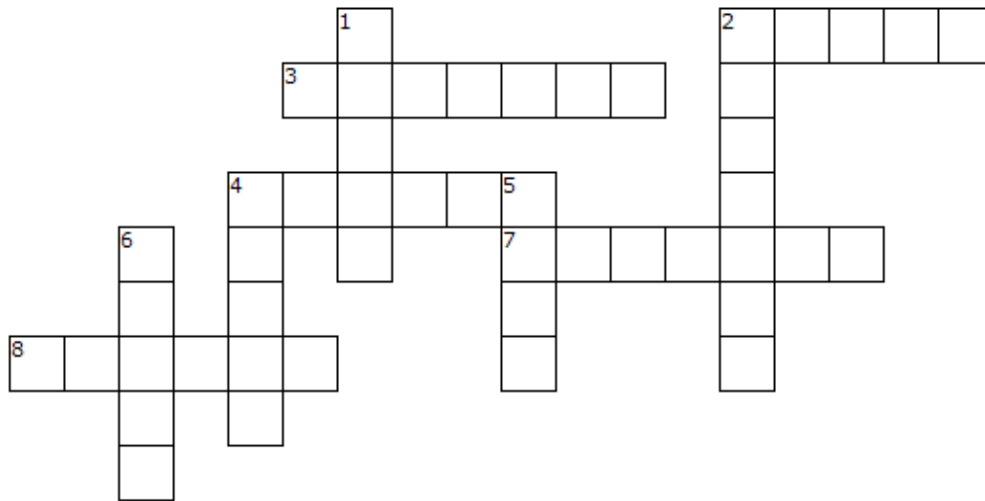
Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)



Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two.
Mark 6:7 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing
3. A trip over a great distance
4. The number of disciples Jesus chose
7. A community where people live that is smaller than a town or city
8. To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to buy things
2. Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
4. To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others
5. Something that is bad or wrong; wicked
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked

MONEY
JOURNEY

PREACH
TWELVE

BREAD
VILLAGE

EVIL
SANDALS

TEACH
STAFF

12 Disciple Facts

Match the Correct Disciples to the clues

Disciple Knowledge Clues

1. Brother Of Jude, lived in Galilee
2. Greek name was Didymus, doubted!!
3. Brother of James, second name was Boanerges, meaning Thunder!! Wrote Johns Gospel & Revelation.
4. Came from Bethsaida, one of the first Disciples!
5. Son of Zebedee, Preached in Jerusalem & Judae, was beheaded by herod in AD 44.
6. Brother of Peter, fisherman, originally a disciple of John the Baptist.
7. Tax collector also called Levi.
8. Brother of James the younger, he asked Jesus at the Last supper ' why do you intend to show yourself to us and not the world (John 14 v 22)
9. His Name means Son of Tolmai, lived in Cana
10. Fisher Man, denied Jesus 3 times
11. A Zealot
12. A Judean, betrayer, loved money.



The disciples name

Put the name to the correct description.

1. Andrew
2. Bartholomew
3. James the elder
4. James the younger
5. John
6. Judas
7. Jude (Thaddeus)
8. Matthew
9. Peter
10. Philip

Answers— Andrew 6 / Bartholomew 9 / James the elder 5 / James the younger 1 / John 3 / Judas 12 / Jude 8 / Judas 12 / Jude 8 / Matthew 7 / Peter 10 / Philip 4 / Simon 11 / Thomas 2

Cut out the figures, what do you know about each disciple and retell the story.



Matthew



Thaddaeus



James



Simon

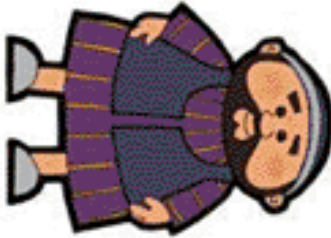


Judas



Bartholomew

Simon (Peter)



Andrew



James



John



Phillip



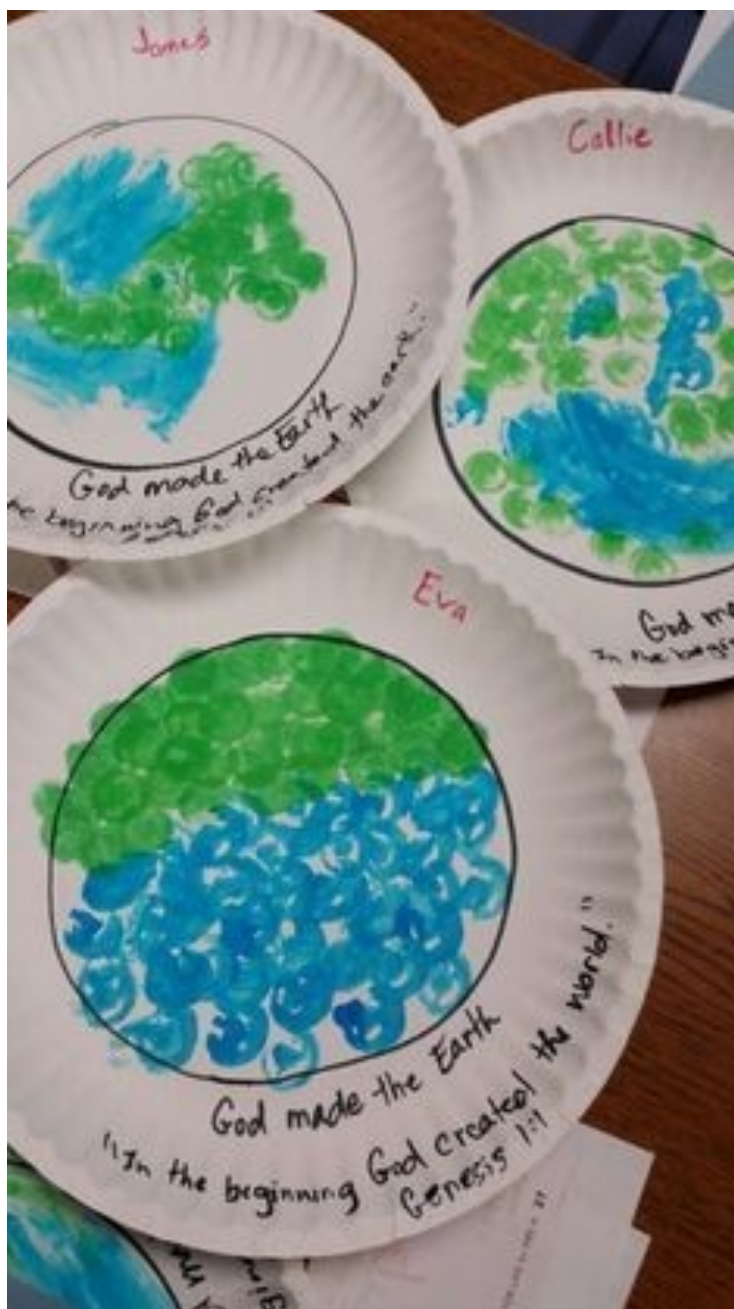
Thomas

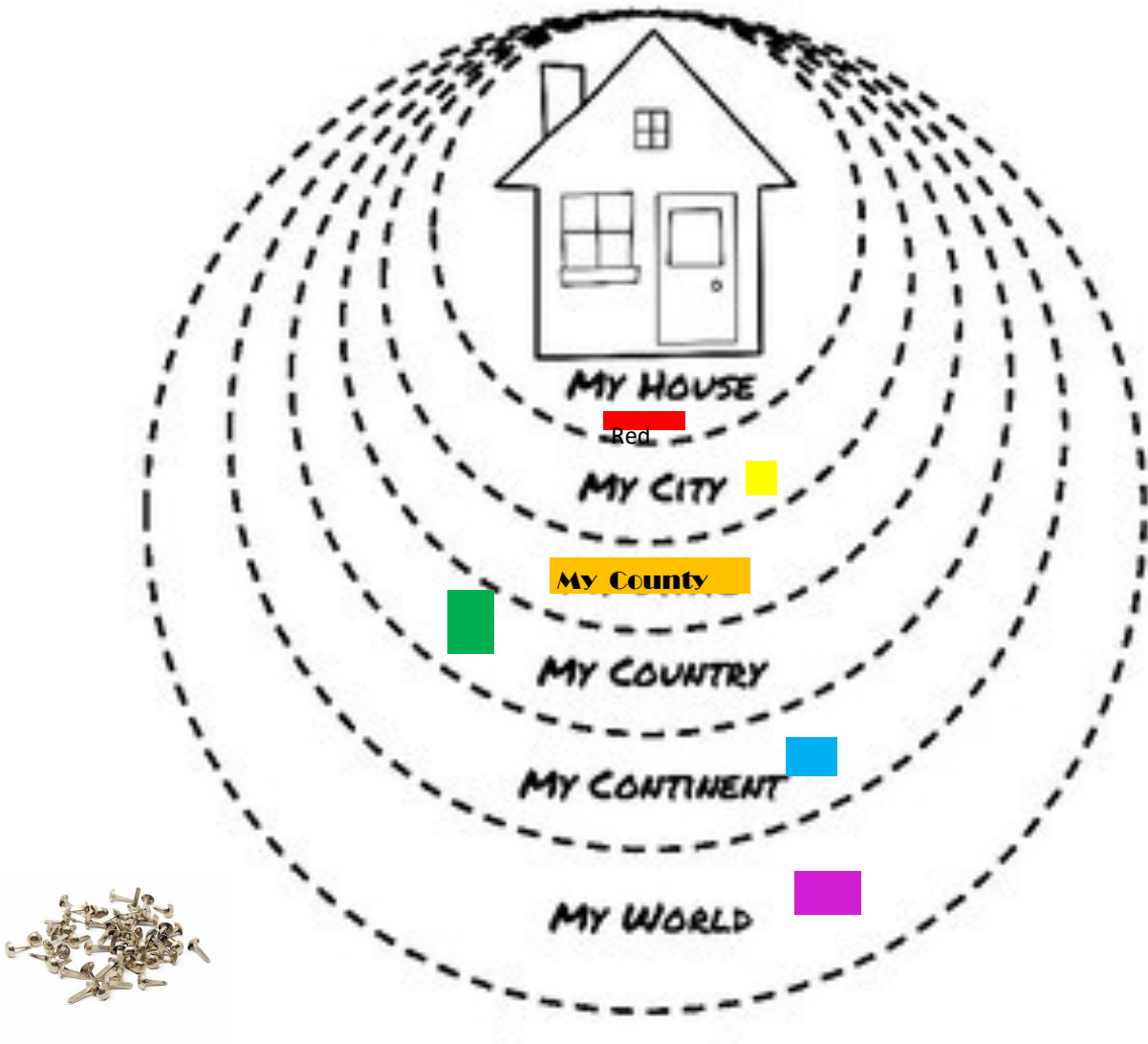


1. Cut out 12 small strips of card to go around your finger
2. Make into a circle, glue the 2 ends of the strip together
3. Stick the circle to the back of the disciple, allow to dry
4. You have a finger puppet, do this for each disciple.
5. Retell the story
6. Write the disciples names on the back and some clues
7. Make or find a small box to keep them in.
8. Play Kim's game with the disciple figures. Put on a tray cover take one away and guess which one is missing.

World Crafts - A paper plate, Blue and green paint or pens, pasta, glue, sequins or pasta to collage to make a world.

God created the world how can you help to look after the world and the people, write your ideas around the plate.





My world, my address is _____

Cut out 7 different colour circles one for each section.

On each circle stick a picture, write a word to describe your city, country etc. join all the circles together at the top with a split pin. Or a treasury tag

Think about where you live how can you help in your home, community, town, city or country. Use this craft to pray for your community.

God is with you—the rainbow reminds us of God’s promise.

My favourite place is _____

Hospitality— Jesus welcomed everybody.

Try foods from around the world

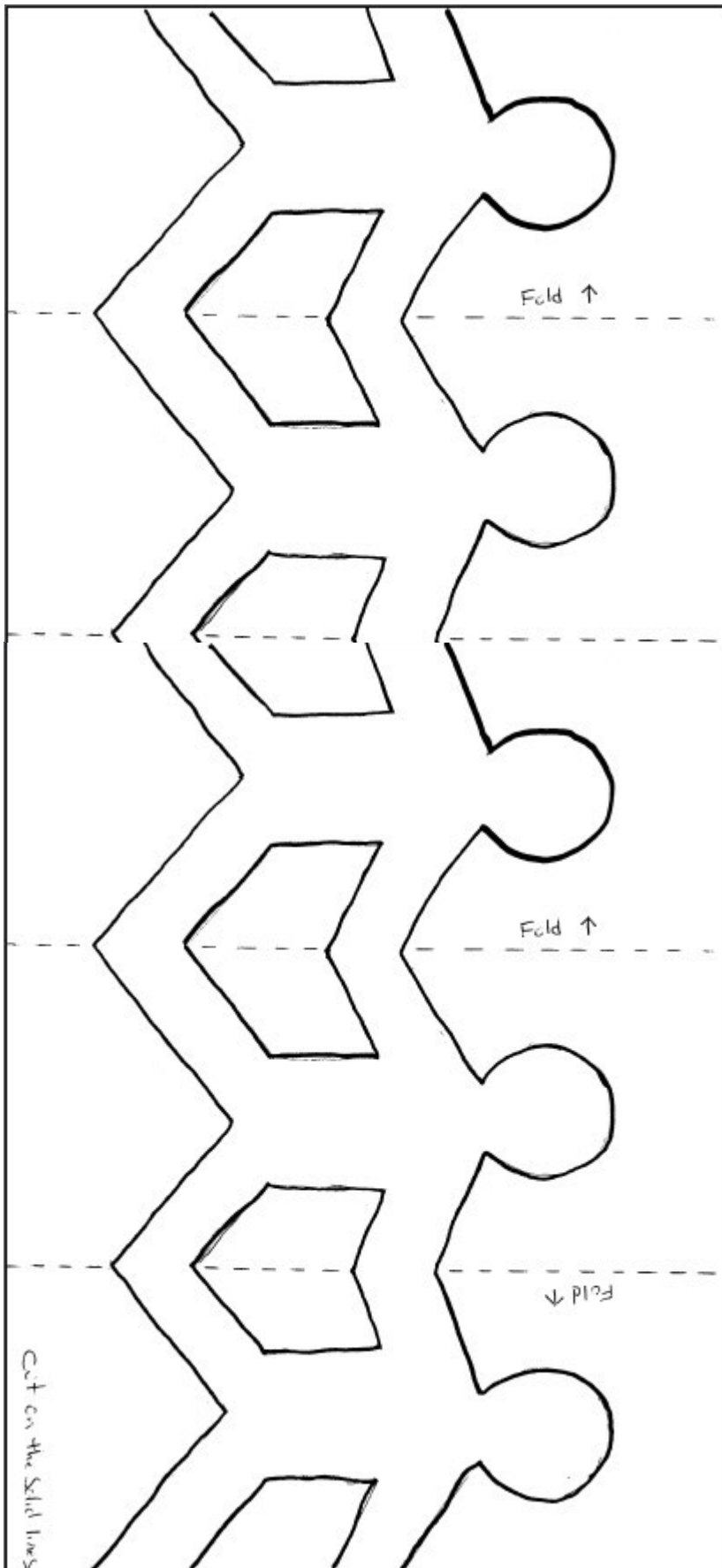


Thank God for the world and all the differences.

Think about your favourite food, where does it come from? What is it ?

Cook something different and share

Remember to wash your hands & keep safe in your household as you do this. Thank God for his provision.



Concertina people prayer

A Star fish has 5 sides

Choose 5 people

You will need !

1. Paper - any colour & size
2. Template and scissors
3. Fold the paper into 5 equal sections
4. Draw a person on the top folded section—draw up to the edge of the page or use the template.
5. Cut out the person
6. Remember not to cut on the fold by the arm and leg. Keep the fold
7. Unfold the paper person.
8. Decorate & add names
9. Pray for the people you chose



Songs

Play songs whilst doing activities

Our God is a great big God— <https://youtu.be/eaXPXWBcE3I>

Shine—children's song — https://youtu.be/oDLi9dc_pUo

Here I am Lord— <https://youtu.be/4t6mz8yoocY>

How great is our God - <https://youtu.be/cKLQ1td3MbE>

Yet not I but through Christ in me—<https://youtu.be/zundjUFazfg>

Who you say I am — <https://youtu.be/bytj0G6RmEk>

Blessing

Hold the world, map or atlas



Lord we ask, you heal our nation, bring peace & unity
protect us, our family and friends.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to
your praise & Glory

Amen



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The
United
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Colour the Blessing

Chose rainbow colours & hang up for others to see

