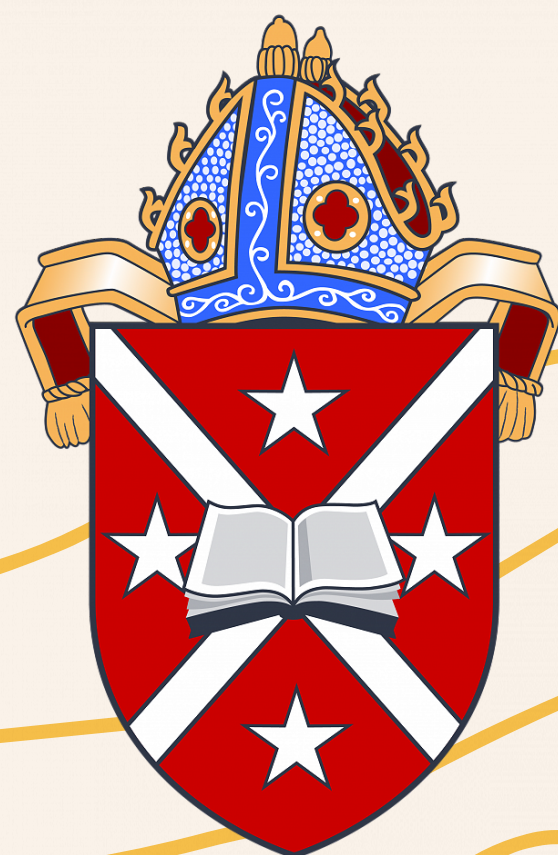


Children's Activity Booklet



23rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

Vets at home edition 3



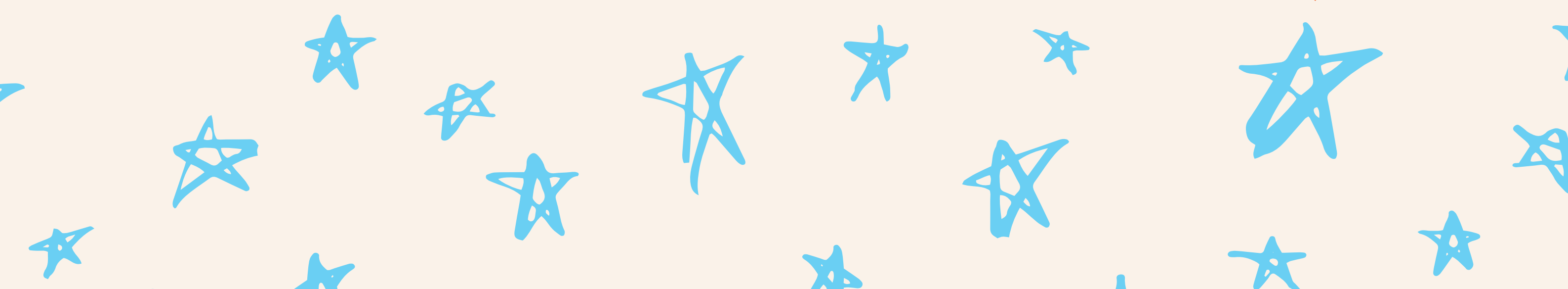
The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

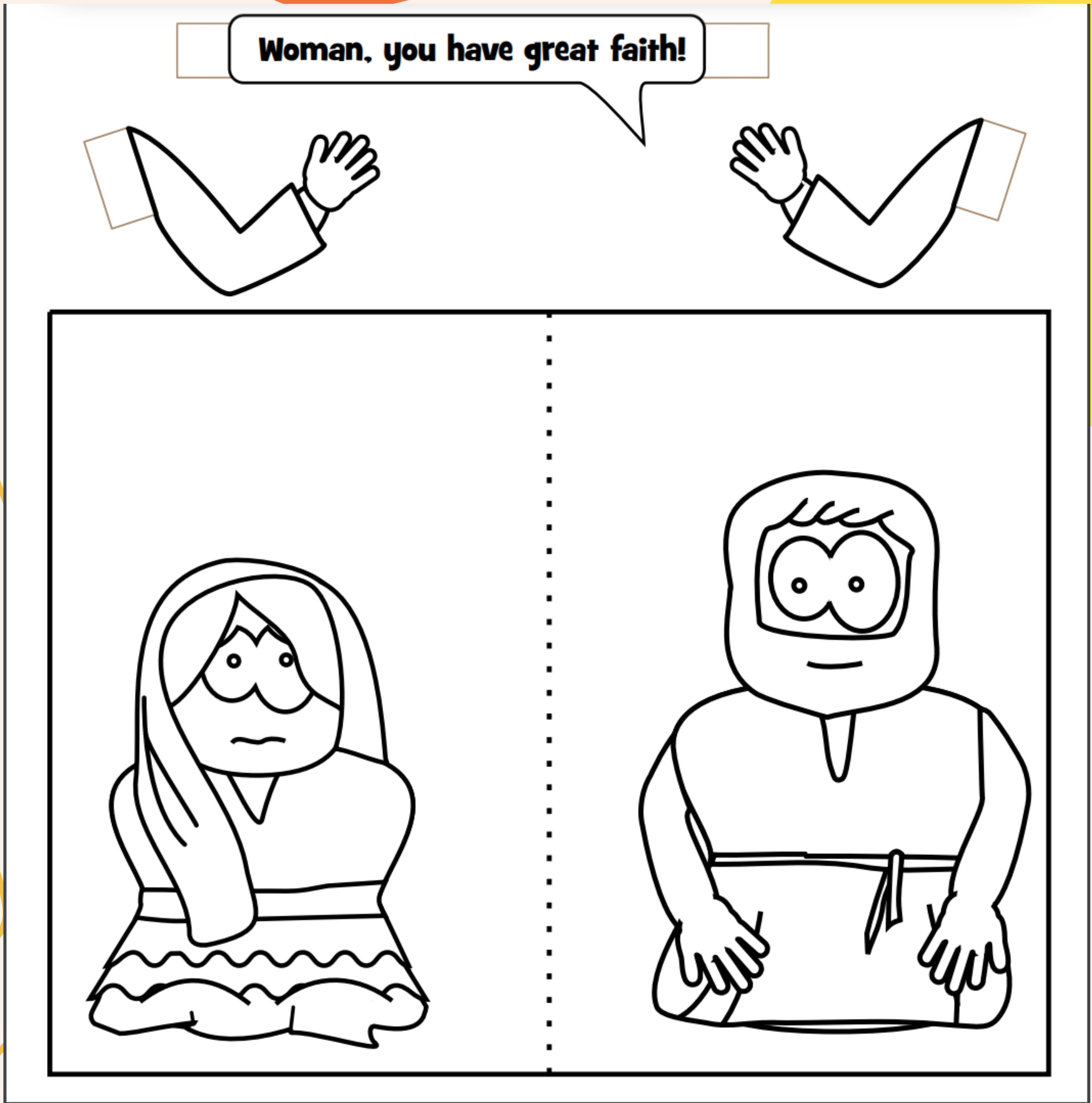
From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Mark 7:24-31





Instructions:

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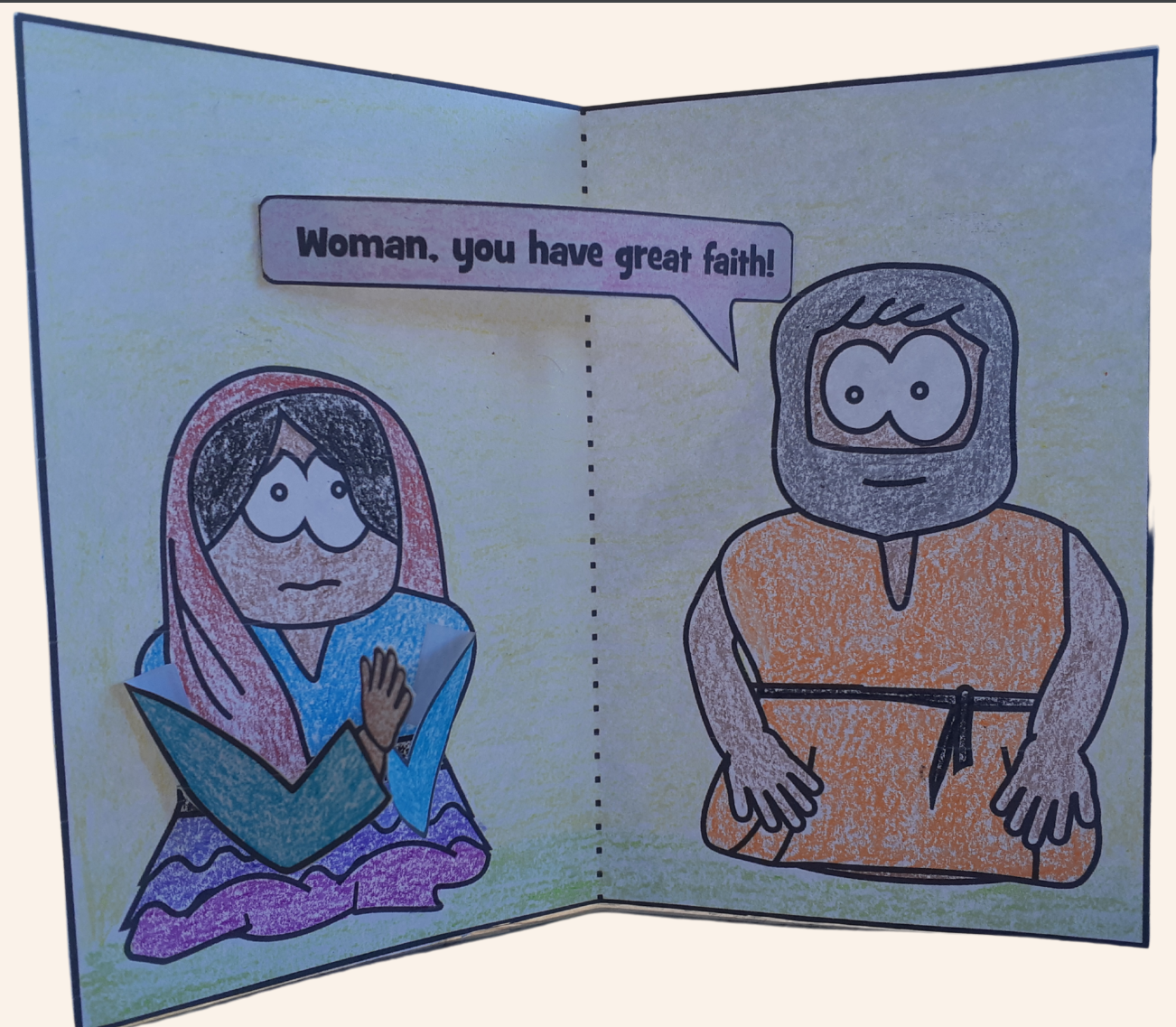
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Cut out the pieces

Fold the background along the dotted line and all the tabs

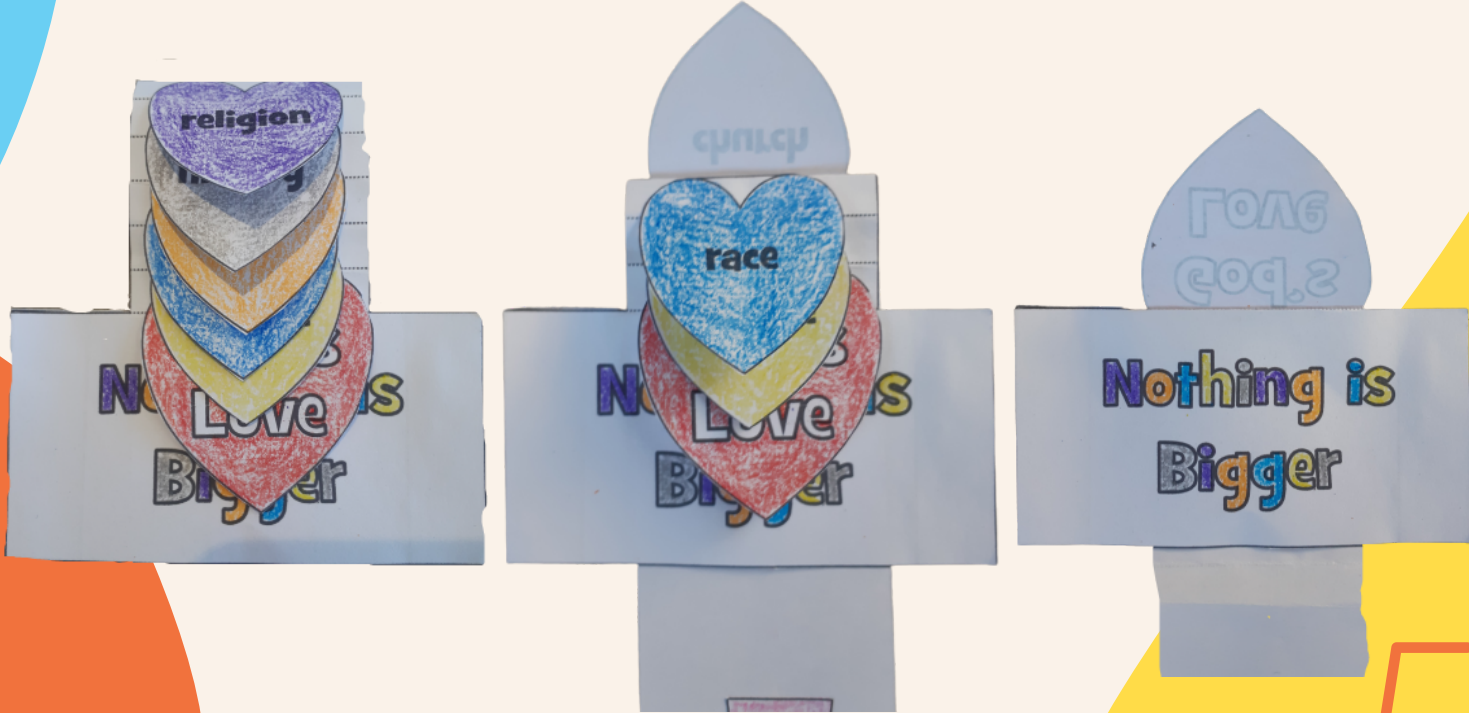
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Glue the word speech bubble tabs to the middle of the page

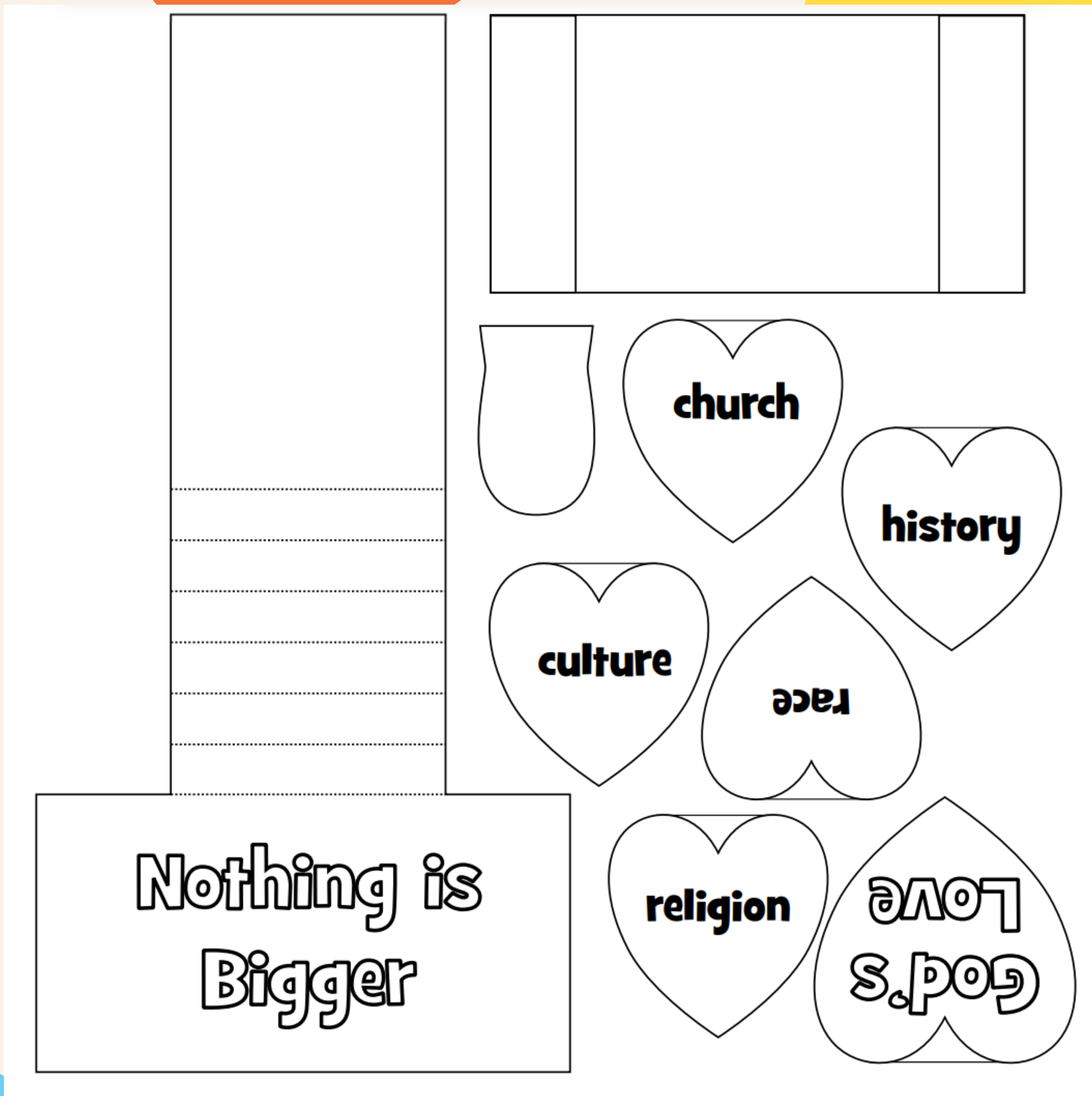


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Greatest Love



Example



Instructions:

What to do:

Colour in shapes

Cut out all the shapes

Fold every dotted line as a mountain fold (printed side out)

Starting nearest to the text, glue each heart to the thin rectangles on the folded paper

Taking the biggest piece fold the topmost fold all the way so that it goes behind - glue the pull tab on the end

Glue the two edge boxes of the rectangle to the back of the main piece so it creates an opening the tab can be pulled through





Two Miracles

S	P	A	T	R	N	E	E	S	H	D	H	D	E
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CHILDREN
 GENTILE
 EARS
 PRIVATE
 DEAF MAN
 SYROPHOENICIAN
 DECAPOLIS
 SPAT
 TYRE
 CRUMBS
 TONGUE
 TABLE
 OPENED
 RELEASED
 FOOD
 DOGS
 SPEECH
 FINGERS

Find the word in the puzzle.

Words can go in any direction.

Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

Questions to ponder

Wow, that was quite a story today. Jesus didn't seem to be treating the woman very well in the first part of the story. How did you feel about it? It might have been a bit hard to pick up, but the woman and her daughter were from a different town than Jesus. In Jesus' time, people often thought that Jesus had come just for the people of his town, not the rest of the world. Does that sound like the Jesus you know? Well, Jesus did heal the woman's daughter in the end. Some people think that this story was Jesus' way of letting people know that he had come for all people, not just a few. As Christians, we are called to be like Jesus. And just as Jesus healed the daughter in the story even though she was from a different town, we too need to treat everyone the same way and not just be nice to our friends.

Here are some questions to think about:

- What do you think Jesus meant when he said: 'The children must first be fed! It isn't right to take away their food and feed it to dogs.'
- Have you ever felt left out? How did that make you feel?
- Do you think Jesus loves everyone? Who do you think it would be hard to love?
- What are some ways that we can show people that Jesus loves them?
- I wonder how it must have felt being able to hear for the first time in your life.
- What sounds do you think he heard?
- Would these be the same as you would hear today? Why?
- What sounds can you hear from where you are sitting now? (can you hear the wind? traffic? What other noises can you hear?)
- What do you think the man's first words would have been? What would you say?

Healing God, you speak into the hurting and wounded places; empower us to speak your vision of wholeness, and turn us to action in the face of injustice, that empowered by the Spirit we may be agents of your healing love.

Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Prayer