

#### Felt Activities for Children Ages 0-5 years for use in Church

There are six different double-side pages with activities for each page. Each set of double-side pages, along with a laminated story sheet are individually packed in plastic folders (which may be colour-coded)

> Set 1 Side 1 – The Six Days of Creation Set 1 Side 2 – The Seventh-Day (Sabbath) of Creation

Set 2Side 1 – The Garden of Eden (Adam & Eve)Set 2Side 2 – God Created Animals –Ladybirds

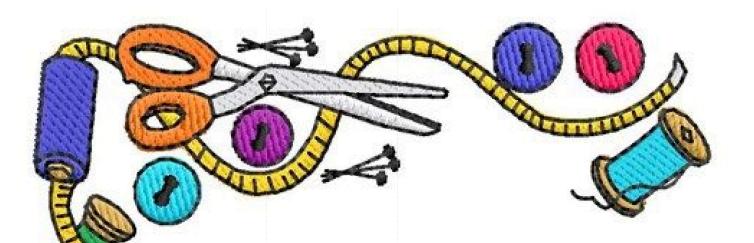
Set 3 Side 1 – God Created Animals – Australian Animals Set 3 Side 2 – God Created Animals – Frogs

> Set 4 Side 1 – Jonah and the Whale Set 4 Side 2 – Fishermen / Fishers of Men

Set 5 Side 1 – Noah's Ark Set 5 Side 2 – God's Promise (Rainbow)

Set 6 Side 1 – The Nativity (Christmas) Set 6 Side 2 – God's Greatest Gift (Baby Jesus)

Photos, instructions and templates for each page are included in this resource.



Set 1 Side 1

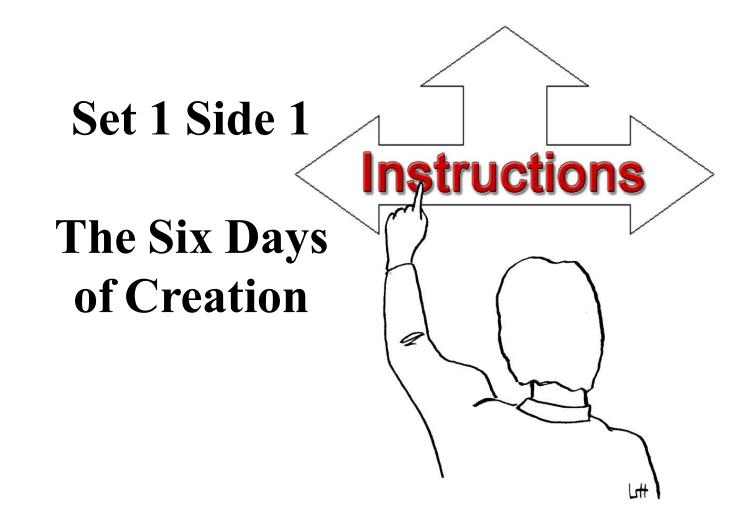
# The Six Days of Creation











First Cut-out templates from Creation 1 and 2 sheets you plan to use. If planning to use bought felt flowers, or bought felt animals for example, there will be no need to cut these from the template. There also is a spare moon, sun and star in case of a mishap cutting out.

Then choose a firmer felt for your base colour to create your first page onto. Now choose different colours of felt for pockets and match with the flap to go on top of the pocket.

Numbers for pocket flaps, 1-6 may be cut from felt or buy foam numbers to sew on flaps, or use a hot glue gun to fasten them on. Do this before sewing flaps down over the pocket onto the base.

Leave a 1 cm edge all round base page for stitching later to the other side page. Handsew or machine sew pockets to base down both sides and across the bottom. Sew the flaps on top of pointed edge of pocket.

If you choose a side on (landscape) setting then space Day 1-3 pockets evenly on the upper half, and Day 4-6 pockets evenly on the





lower half of your base page. If you choose the length-wise (portrait) setting, then space Day 1-2 pockets on the upper quarter of your base page, Day 3-4 pockets in the centre and Day 5-6 on the lower quarter.

The colours used for the loose items to go in the pockets need to be realistic in choice for Day 1, 2, and 4 e.g.

Day 1 is a black circle and a white semicircle representing dark and light. The semicircle is stitched to the black circle down the centre.

Day 2 is a wavy sea and a gap above for the rectangle sky in blue. you could use different blues.

Day 3 Tree from template or own tree, grass or flower. If two parts to tree sew them together and if making flower sew centre to petals.

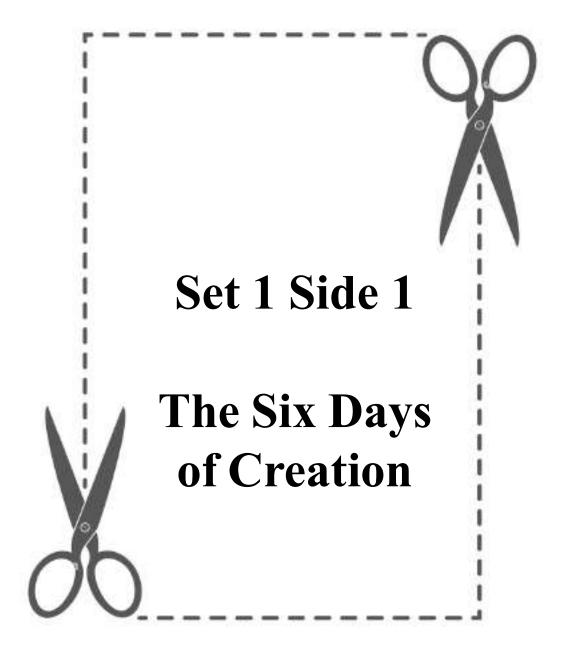
Day 4 needs a black rectangle for night sky and if you choose you could sew a yellow or white star to it or leave the star loose. Moon white and sun yellow/orange.

Day 5 Select felt colour for fish. You can choose to mark fins, eyes with non-toxic marker. Select colour for your bird puppet. When cutting out the beak (2), just simply fold over at the top and stitch through middle of beak onto face, at the same time your stitching the face down on the back of the puppet to the base. Stitch down both sides of front piece leaving the bottom open for fingers.

Day 6, For the man, select a felt colour. Cut out and mark eyes and other details as you wish. Select 1-2 animals, bought or cut out from coloured felt as you wish.

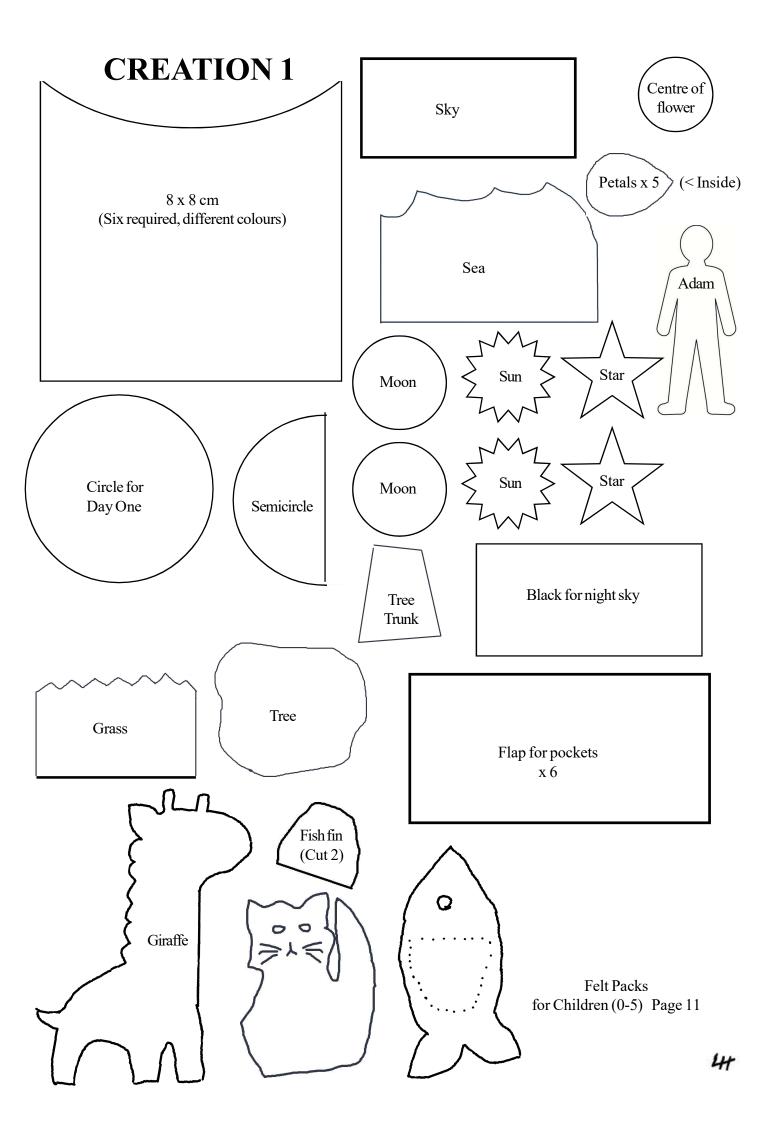
As you complete each piece place the items in their correct Day pocket. If unsure read Genesis 1 for a full description.

Enjoy creating! Remember you are planting seeds of truth in little people's minds.



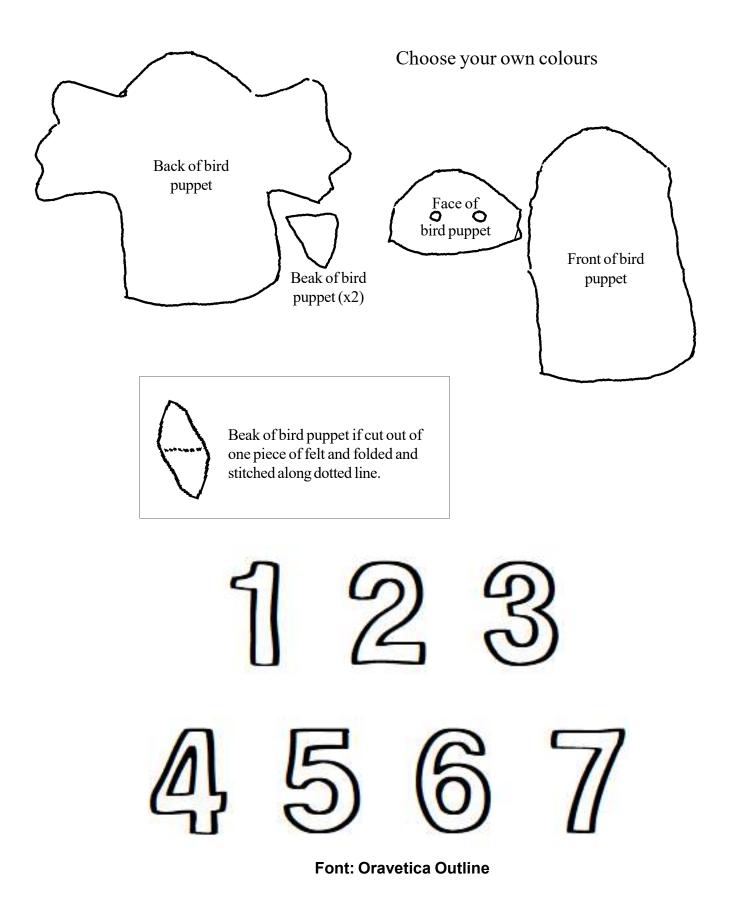
# **Templates for cutting out**

(Print onto cardboard)



### **CREATION 1**

**Finger Puppet** 





#### CONTENTS

- tree, grass & flowers
- moon, sun & stars
- fish, bird puppet & person
- cat & giraffe (Items may vary between packs.)

1

### Creation

#### CONTENTS

- two people figures (stored in house)
- car (stored in garage)

2

### Sabbath

#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.

# Instructions

#### THE CREATION STORY

God made everything in our world in six days and it was good. God made you too!

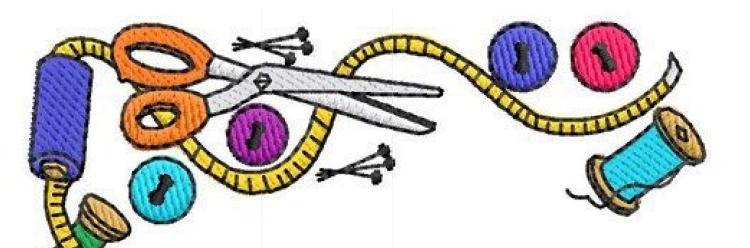
#### THE SABBATH STORY

God rested on the seventh day and made it different to all the other days. Sabbath is a special day!

ath

Story

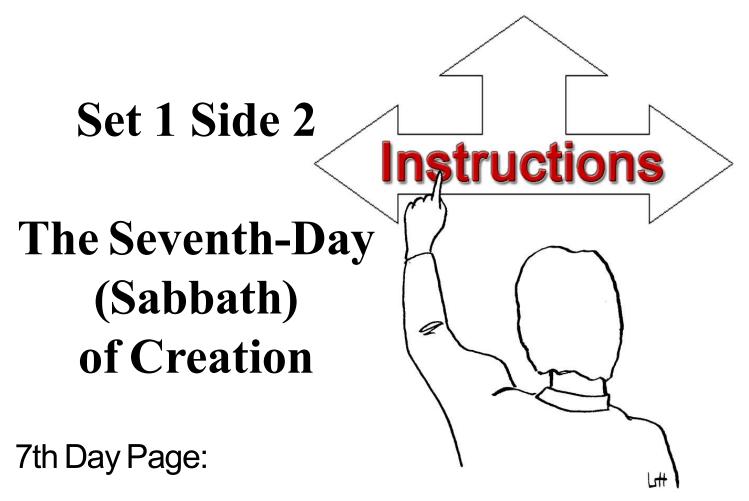
Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!



## Set 1 Side 2

# The Seventh-Day (Sabbath) of Creation





. Cut-out Templates/patterns

. Choose a base colour from the A4 size firm (thin) felts provided. This will be for sewing on the theme felt pieces.

. Look at sample finished layout. Change anything to suit.

. Choose felts (soft) provided in a variety of colours and cut out shapes from the templates. Could cut on fold two pieces for seats and then stitch down one to base.

. Arrange the pieces on your base page. Pin. Sew the number Seven provided, somewhere on your page.

. Sew sun down through the middle. Sew the circle on the steeple, sew window pieces to the doors before sewing to base.

. The house/garage windows and door are sewn on before sewing on sides and across the top. The roof is sewn to base. The base of the house is open to store the car and two figures in.

. The car is sewn from bottom sides of windows, slightly diagonal down to back of both wheels. This allows space for figures to sit in top of car.





. Top of tree trunks and bottom of tree can be sewn down to base. Can leave top open for a bird, snake, nest or other animal hiding.

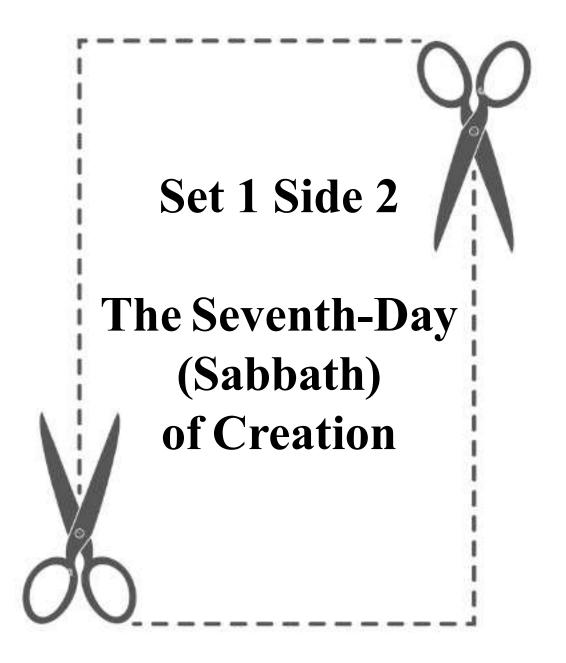
. Some flowers bought or made and put in a felt vase at side of steps could be added.

. Sew road with white down the centre to base and the car parking area.

. Sew steps and contrast pieces onto outside of Church felt. Sew down the area to base.

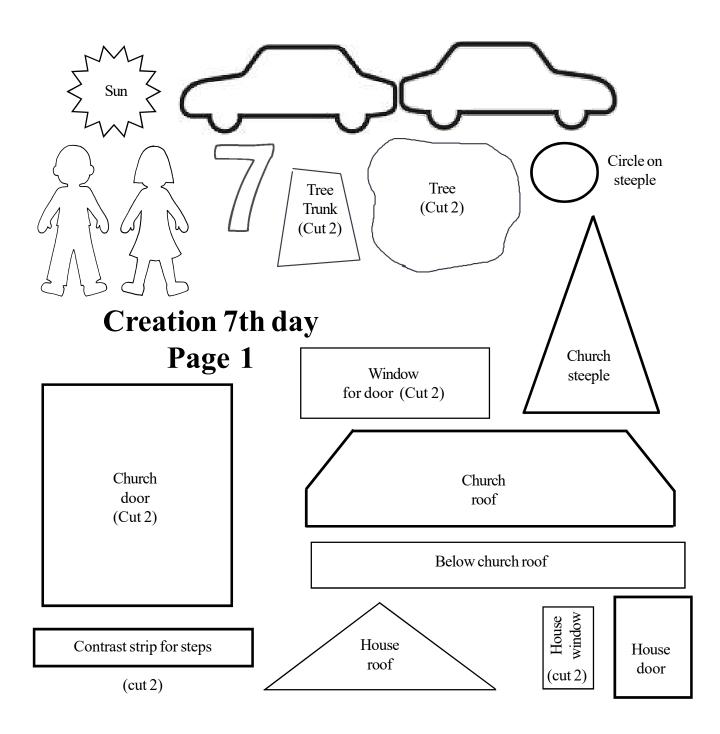
- . Sew doors down each side of Church. Sew seats inside.
- . Sew piece across the doors down the middle to base.
- . Sew roof down on all sides. Add Steeple to centre and sew to base.

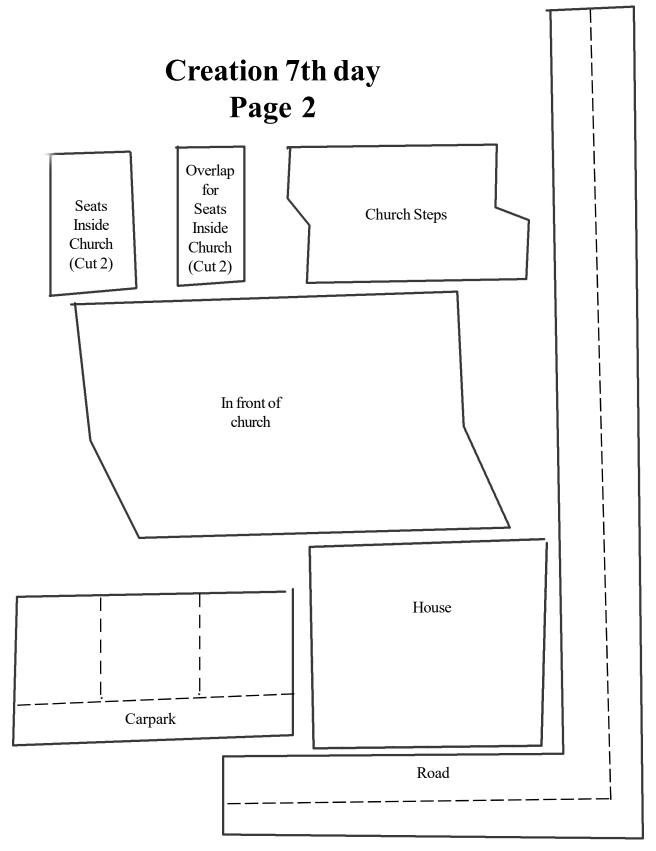
This completes your page. This is sewn to the back of the Six Day Creation page to join together.



## **Templates for cutting out**

(Print onto cardboard)







#### Example only (No need to cut picture out)

H



#### CONTENTS

- tree, grass & flowers
- moon, sun & stars
- fish, bird puppet & person
- cat & giraffe (Items may vary between packs.)

1

### Creation

#### CONTENTS

- two people figures (stored in house)
- car (stored in garage)

2

### Sabbath

#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.

# Instructions

#### THE CREATION STORY

God made everything in our world in six days and it was good. God made you too!

#### THE SABBATH STORY

God rested on the seventh day and made it different to all the other days. Sabbath is a special day!

ath

Story

Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!

### Set 2 Side 1

0

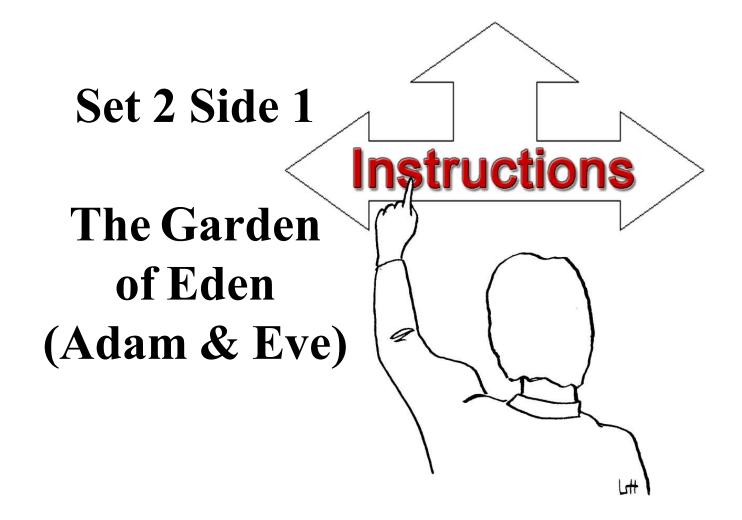
# The Garden of Eden (Adam & Eve)











. Cut out templates. Cut-out the pieces of felt from the template or make your own Eden scene from the felt provided. Choose a firm rectangle felt to put scene on. Use a firmer piece for fruit.

. Reminder, leave 1 cm free all round for joining the ladybird page on the back.

. River sewn onto the base felt sheet as desired and other green pieces as you wish.

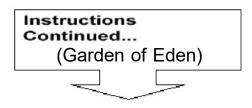
. I Sewed the large tree trunk onto the ground piece. I allowed room for a duck to swim behind the tree. Sew top of trunk. Sew large tree on to base leaving an opening at the top to store the fruit, the nest and bird.

. Sew stem to large fruit, sew baby birds to nest onto base. The bird make free to fly, add features as you wish.

. On the smaller tree trunk, I left the right side open for a small animal to hide in/be stored in.

. The snake I sewed onto the smaller trunk, before stitching to base background felt.





. The green plain piece felt, I sewed the sides and base, leaving a small pocket for storing the flowers. The smaller treetop I left a side open for a pocket to store/hide fruit, and butterfly.

. The two thin wings on the butterfly are joined by the middle body piece and I left a dangling end for the antennae. (By knotting each thread at the head and cutting one thread at the knot, leave the other the length desired to make the antennae.) . Sew the dark cloud to the base, partly obscuring the round sun, sew the other cloud all around where you wish to position it.

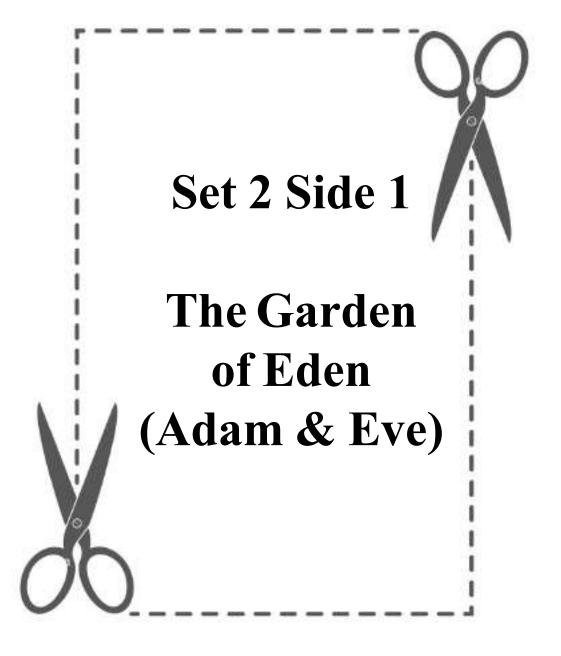
. Sew the hair pieces firmly onto the figures onto the base felt. Eve's hair: I stitched down at the neck. I left the arms of both figures free.

Sew the green pretend leaf garment onto front at waist of both figures, I stitched up and down on a slope for a leaf look, but sew as you wish. Make facial features on figures as you wish with marker pen provided.

. The two green grass pieces I placed in front of Adam and Eve, then sewed down the sides, across the base of one piece and then up the side to join the other piece together, then sew the next piece at the base and finish up at the side of it. You now have two grass-like pockets for two animals to be stored in.

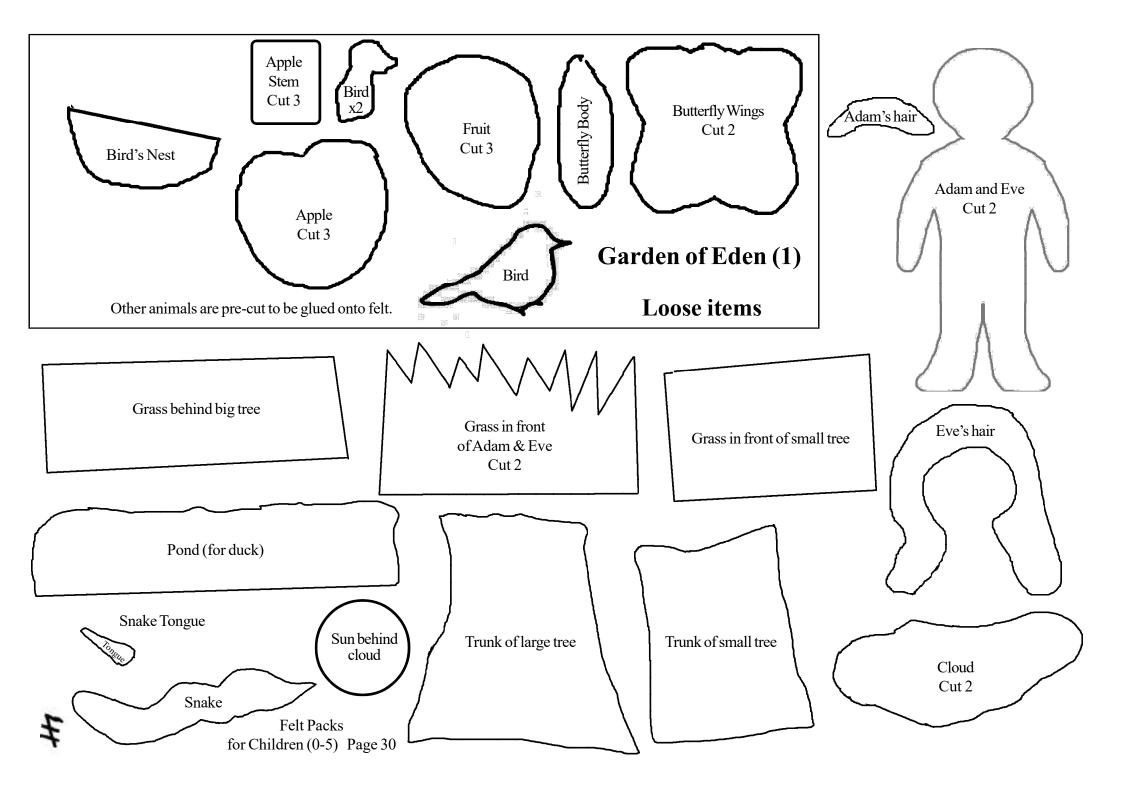
. Join Ladybird page to The Garden of Eden page.

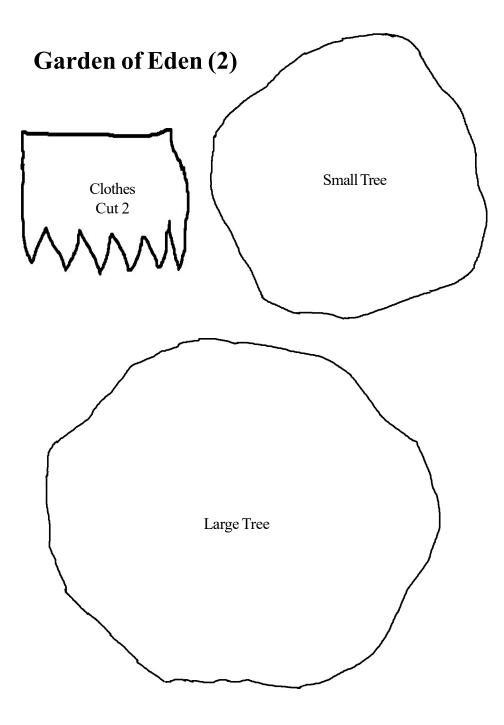
You have completed this page. Thank you for your continuing creative interest.



### **Templates for cutting out**

(Print onto cardboard)









# 2 Ladybird

#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### GARDEN OF EDEN STORY

Everything was perfect in the Garden of Eden until Adam and Eve disobeyed God. This is called sin. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God. They covered themselves with leaves but they couldn't hide their sin from God. God loved them so much he had a plan to make things right again.

#### LADYBIRD STORY

God made all the creatures, including little bugs like ladybirds. He made them different colours and with different spot. God loves us and made us all different too!

# Story

Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!

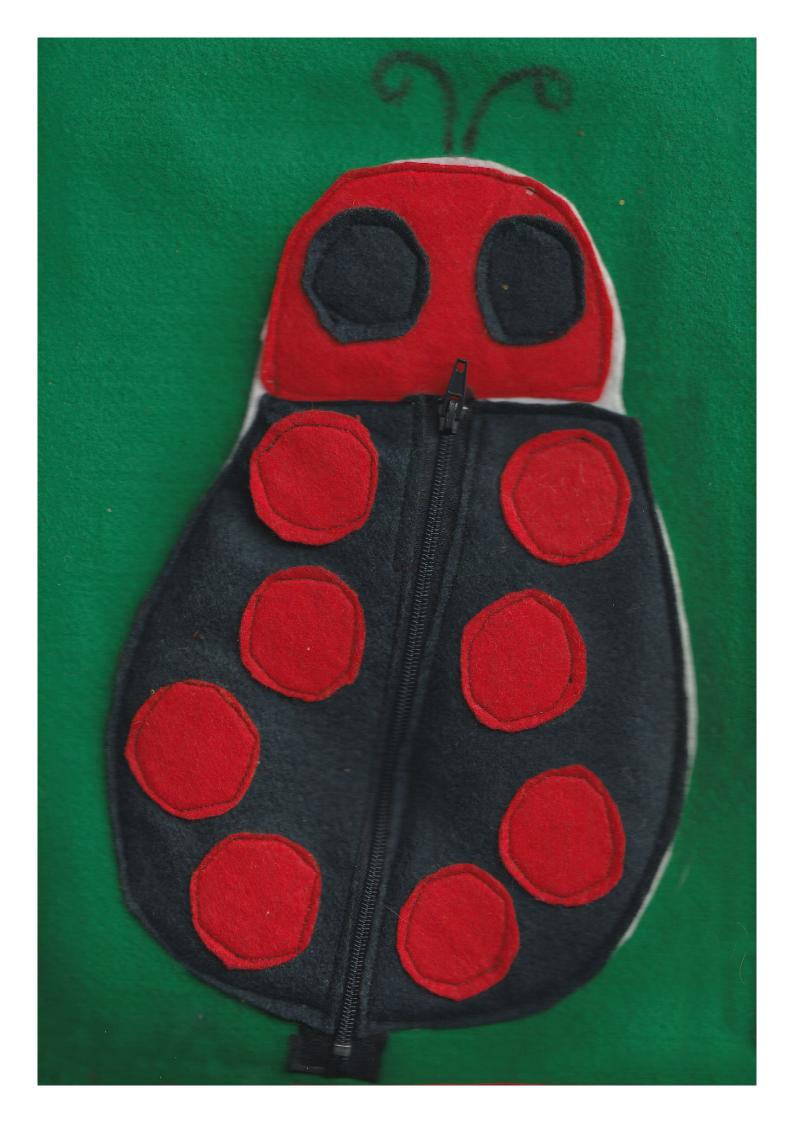


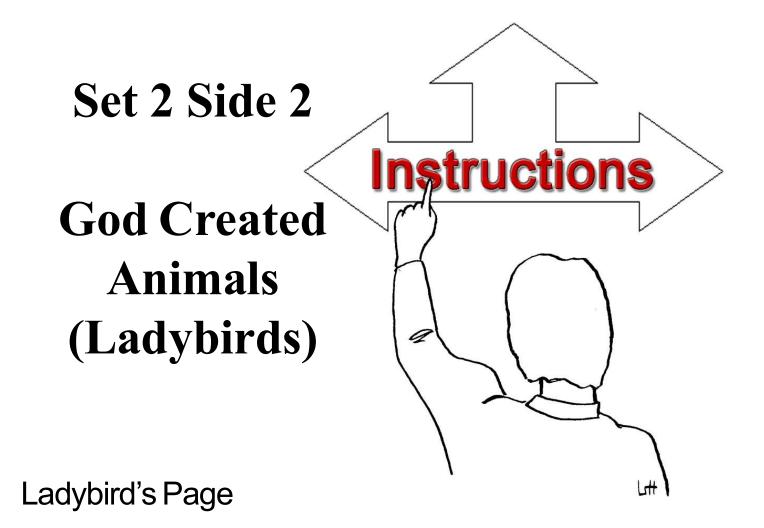
0

# God Created Animals (Ladybirds)









. Cut out templates. Can buy preprinted felt ladybirds from craft shops such as Lincraft. To make them thicker to handle I glued the preprinted ladybirds onto thin foam with a clear PVA craft glue and then onto felt.

. Choose a firmer felt colour, for a base, to place felt shapes from templates. Choose contrasting felt colours. Design your page as illustrated or design it differently.

. Sew on eyes to head piece before stitching to background. Sew spots on body pieces before sewing on zip and stitching to background.

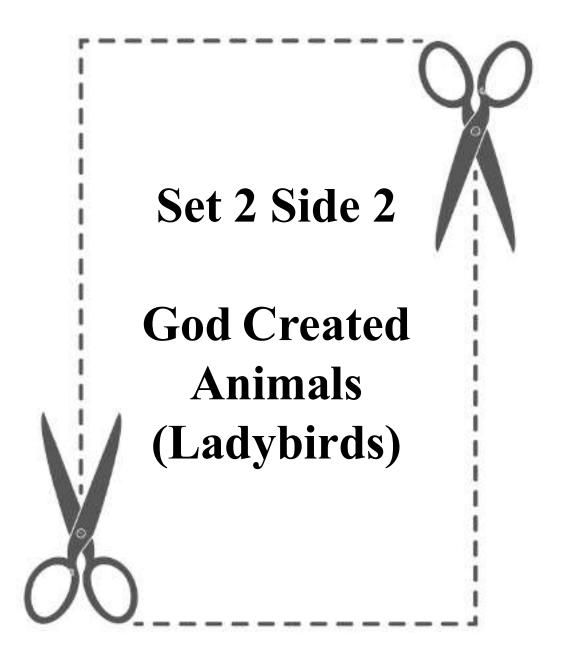
. Zip, 14 cm, provided in kit or can buy in bulk from internet which works out cheaper. Sew zip on each body half and then stitch to back-ground felt.

. Leaves are sewn to page. To do the stem lines, sew along base of stem up side of the stem to a point (1/4) up into leaf and then down to finish at the stem base.

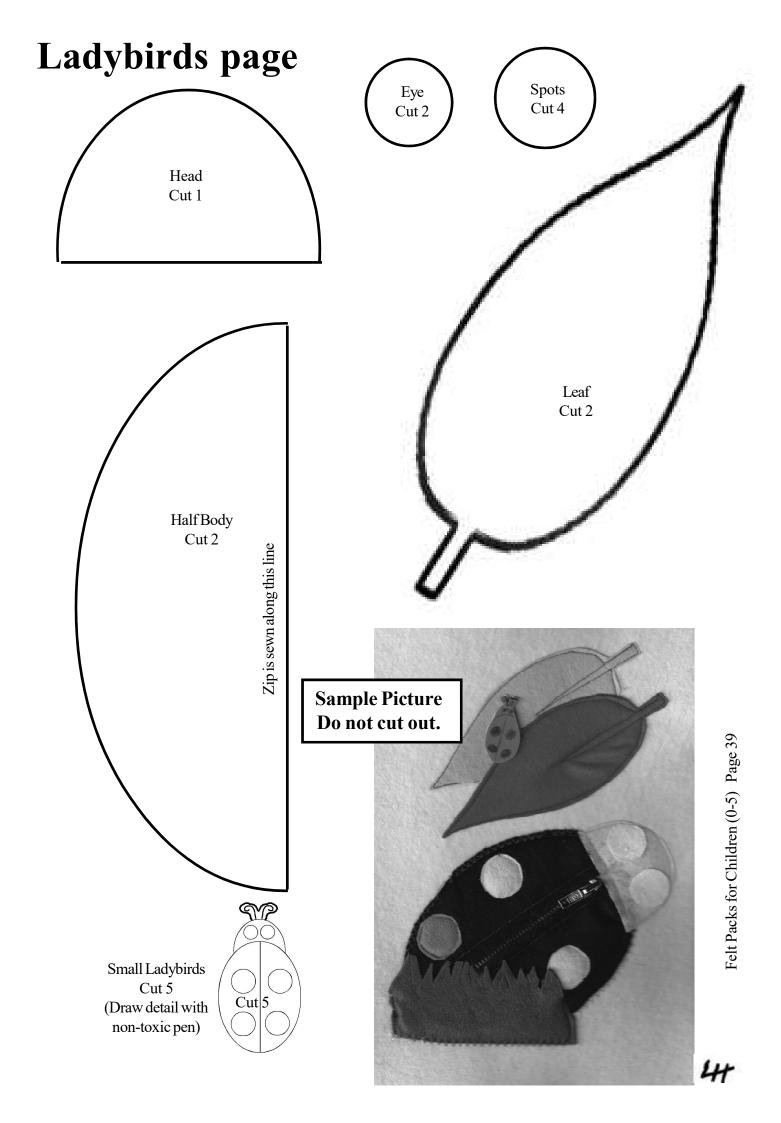
. The grass piece may be used to cover the Zip at the end or cover with something else for the ladybirds.

Small ladybirds are stored in the zipped ladybird pocket.

. This completes this page. Join this page to the Garden of Eden page, back to back.



(Print onto cardboard)







# 2 Ladybird

#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### GARDEN OF EDEN STORY

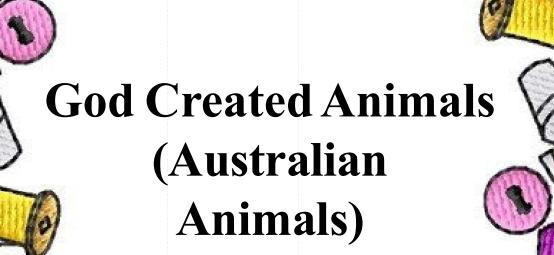
Everything was perfect in the Garden of Eden until Adam and Eve disobeyed God. This is called sin. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God. They covered themselves with leaves but they couldn't hide their sin from God. God loved them so much he had a plan to make things right again.

#### LADYBIRD STORY

God made all the creatures, including little bugs like ladybirds. He made them different colours and with different spot. God loves us and made us all different too!

## Story

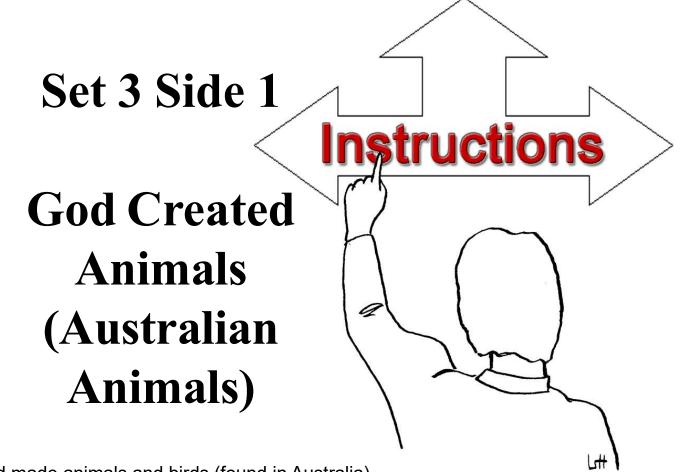
Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!



Set 3 Side 1

0





God made animals and birds (found in Australia) Cut out templates. Cut out specific animals/birds you'd like to use.

. Choose a felt base colour, from an A4 rectangle felt piece. Look at the coloured finished page and choose contrasting felts to go with the base colour. Design your page from the example or design your own ideas for this page.

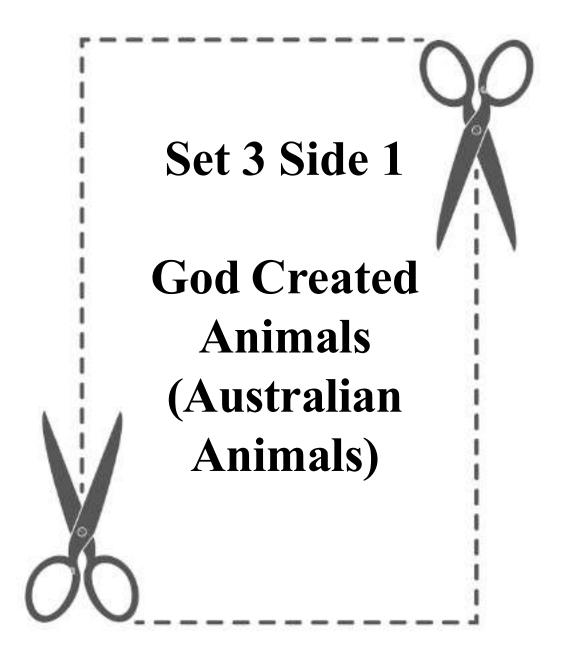
. The background landscape has no template, so cut them as you desire. You may like to include water for the platypus etc.

. Remember to allow at least 1 cm free for stitching round the base page, to join to the back of the frog page.

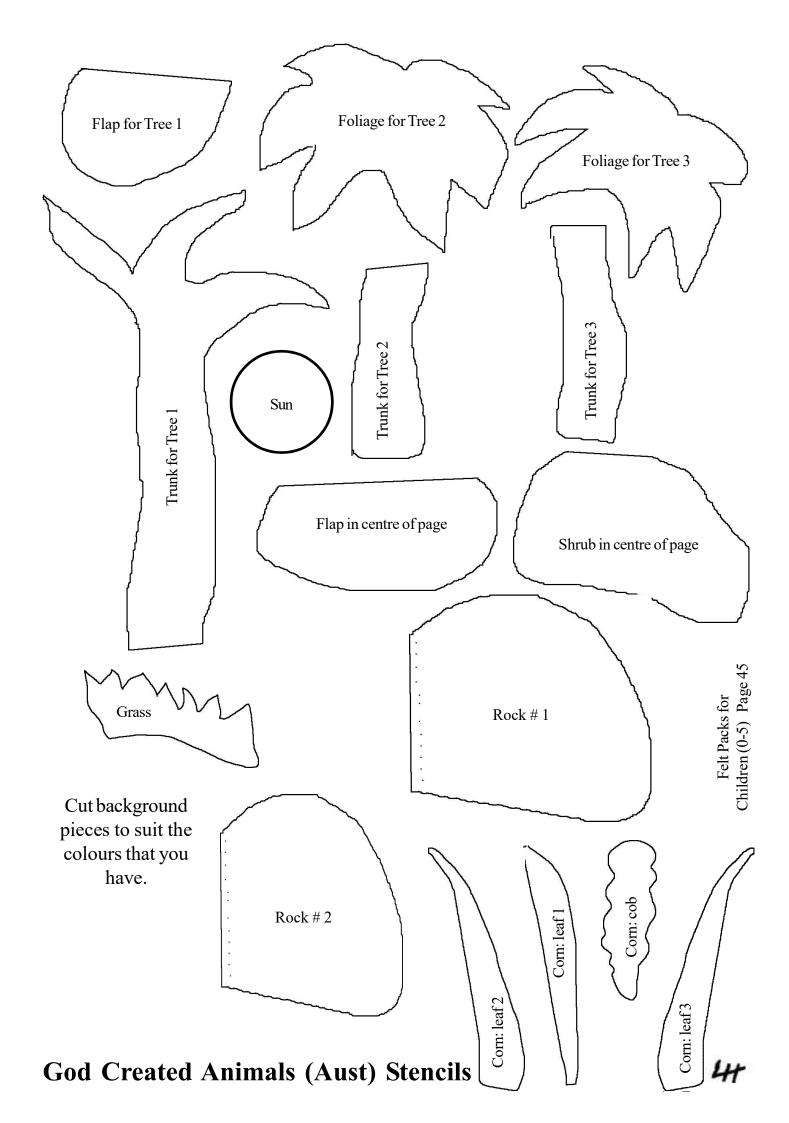
. When hiding animals, or birds, for the children to find. It's a good idea to have parts of the animals peeking out to encourage children/parents to open the flaps and discover the animals/birds. Or you may like to have them free to roam and have a pocket for storage.

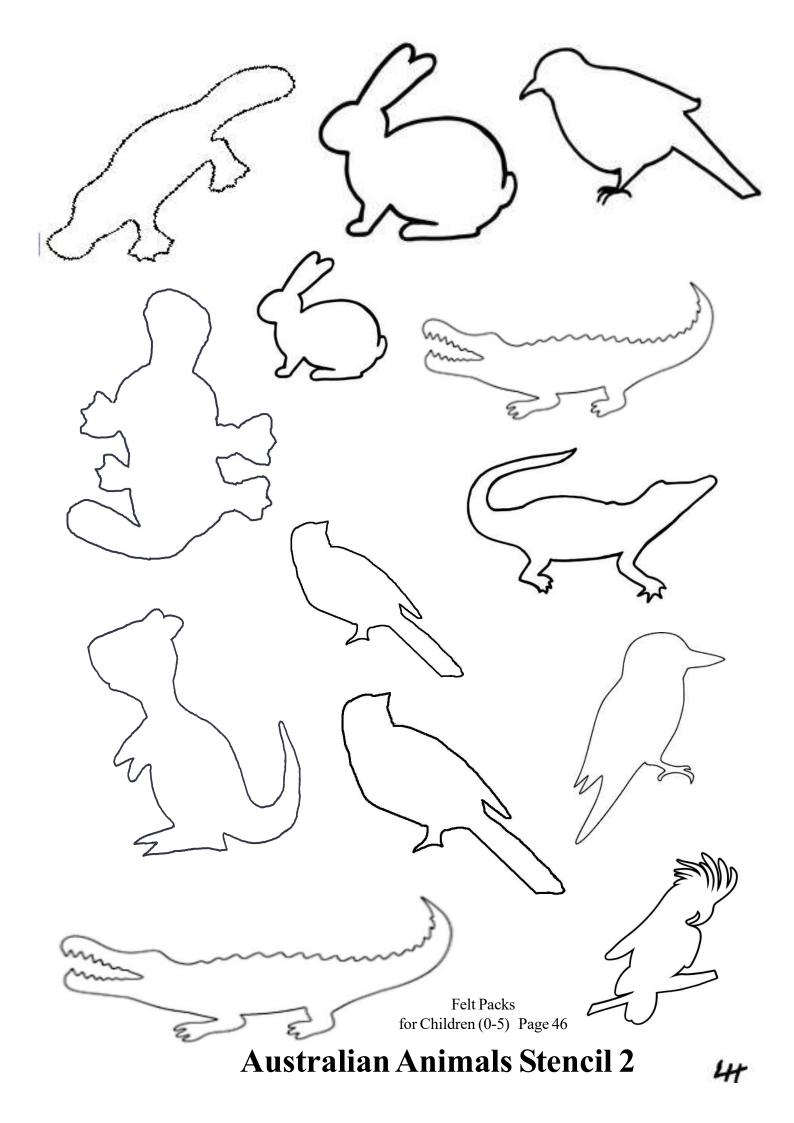
. When positioning trees allow room for some leaves. You may be able to buy leaves ready made from a craft store, or make your own from felt.

Sew to back of 'God Made Me' frog page by stitching around the base pieces 1cm in from the edge, to join together.



(Print onto cardboard)









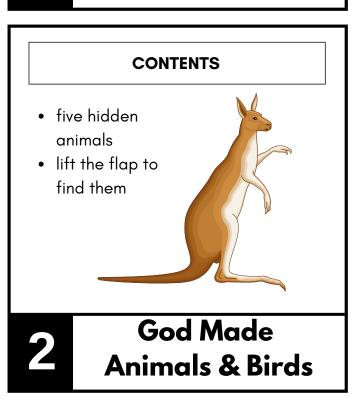
#### CONTENTS

- flies on velcrolarge frog
- tongue movessmall frog tongue moves



Critters

### 1



#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### **CRITTERS STORY**

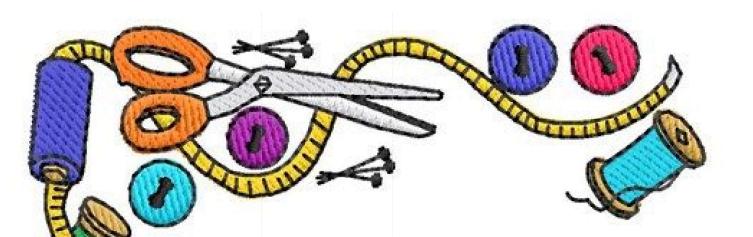
God made frogs to jump and catch flies. He made them different colours. They like to hop in and out of the pond. God loves the animls he made and he loves you too!

#### GOD MADE ANIMALS & BIRDS STORY

God made animals and birds that live in different countries. Echidnas, wombats, kangaroos and koalas all live in Australia. People live in different countries too! What country to do you live in?



Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!

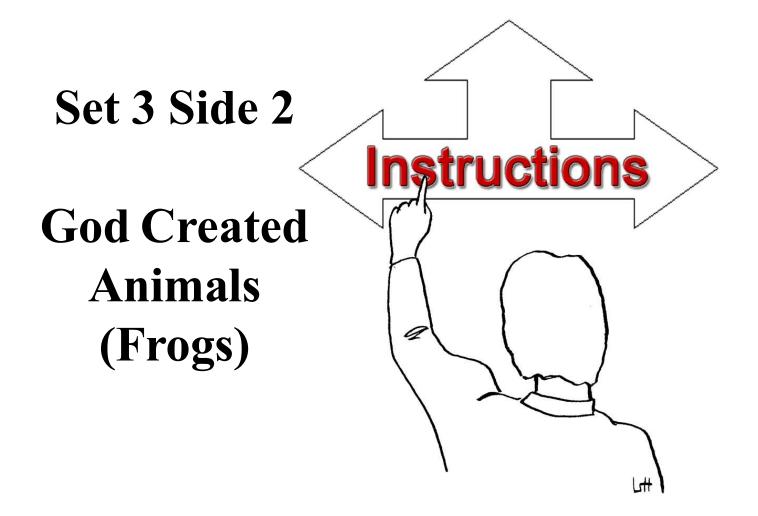


## Set 3 Side 2

# God Created Animals (Frogs)







. Cut out templates. Choose an A4 firm rectangle colour felt for a base to put pieces on to create your page. Look at the illustration of finished page for the following instructions, or create your own ideas for the page. Choose coloured felts to contrast with base colour and your planned page. Cut these from the templates. Cut felt for the tummy piece larger for easier sewing. Cut two small frog's bodies.

. Reminder leave a 1cm free edge all round the base felt to join to the other page, God Created animals - Aussie animals.

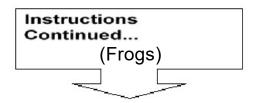
. For the reed water strip, pin the reeds and plants under the top part of the reedy water and sew the top of the water to base, along the bottom edge of the reeds and plant stems.

. Stitch the sides of this strip. Pin the zigzaggy reeds in place and stitch them onto the strip as you sew the bottom edge to base felt. I handstitched the rest of the reeds to the strip to avoid them being pulled.

. Add the tops of the plants to their stem. Stitch up the middle of the leaves.

. Arrange and stitch down large lily pad and the two smaller lily pads to base.





. I found it easier to handstitch the small centres for the eyeball for each frog and handstitch the eyes to the body. The large frog will be sewn to lilly pad. The smaller frog is left free to jump around.

. Before stitching large frog to lily pad place its tummy under main body and sew along the top of the tummy to join.

. Before stitching the large frog's body to the lily pad, stitch one end of the long tongue to the inner mouth felt. The upper mouth piece is sewn above the inner mouth to the top of the frog's head.

. Stitch the large frog to the large lily pad, by sewing down one side and across one leg in line with the tummy and then across the other leg and up the other side. The large frog's legs are left free.

. Hand stitch the eyes to the small frog's body, Place the tummy felt piece under the main body and stitch together. Do the mouth the same as the large frog. The small frog is free to move and not sewn down to the base.

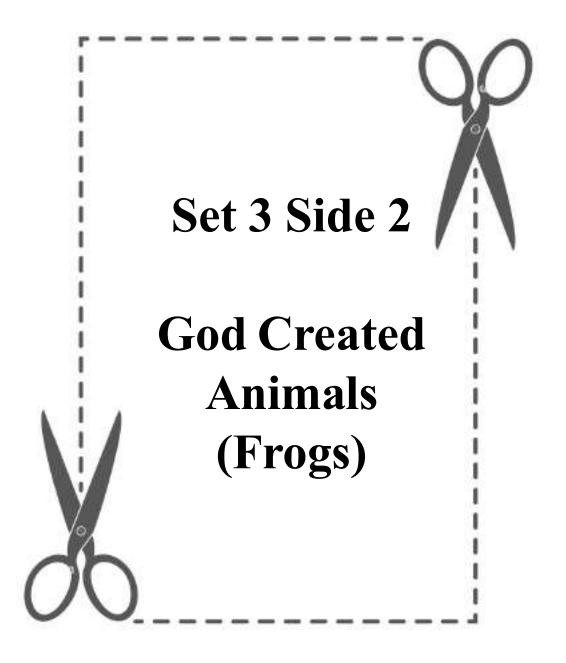
. Join the two halves of the small frog together; either by handstitching together or machine sewing. The feet I also joined. You can choose to sew above the feet, without sewing to the lilly pad. This frog is free to leap and jump from lily pad to lily pad or the muddy/marshy water.

. To finish, place the rough part of a Velcro dot or square on the back of the small frog to sit on a lily pad or in the water reed bed.

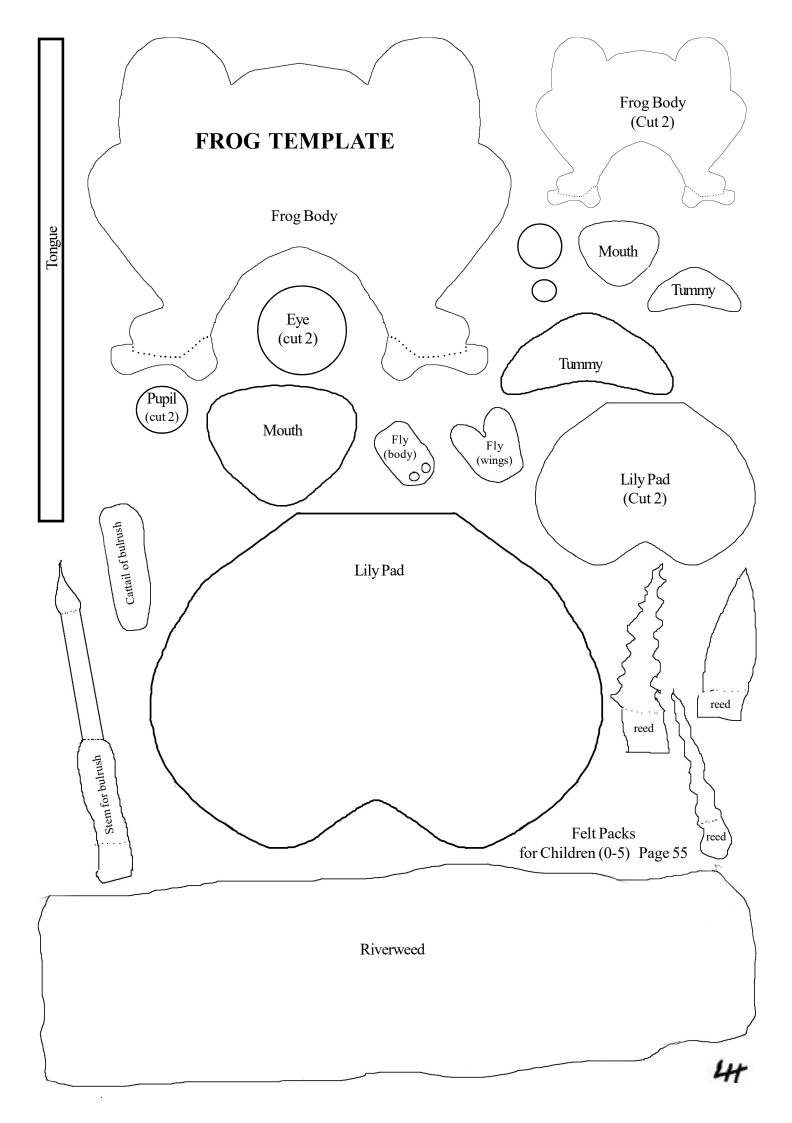
. Tongues may be any convenient length of your choosing. On the end of the tongues of both frogs, put a rough Velcro strip to store the tongue in the mouth, when not catching flies lurking in the reeds.

. Join fly bodies together leave bottom face just visible. I handstitched together. Mark eyes with dots and mark top wings. Place six rough Velcro dots where you wish your flies to go.

Well done, you have completed this page. Thankyou for your continuing creative interest.



### (Print onto cardboard)





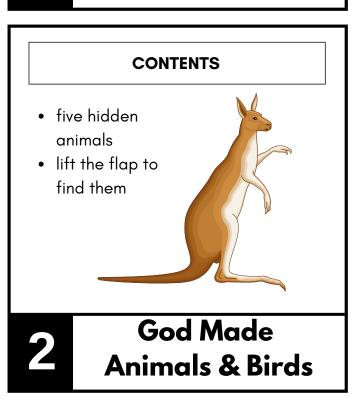
#### CONTENTS

- flies on velcrolarge frog
- tongue movessmall frog tongue moves



Critters

### 1



#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### **CRITTERS STORY**

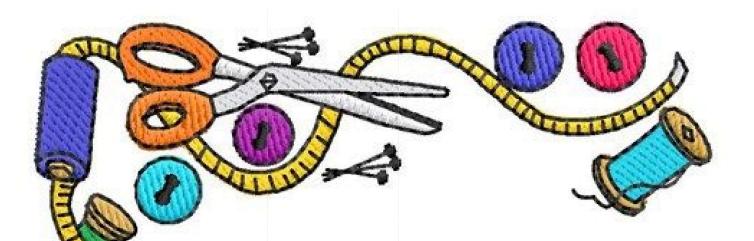
God made frogs to jump and catch flies. He made them different colours. They like to hop in and out of the pond. God loves the animls he made and he loves you too!

#### GOD MADE ANIMALS & BIRDS STORY

God made animals and birds that live in different countries. Echidnas, wombats, kangaroos and koalas all live in Australia. People live in different countries too! What country to do you live in?



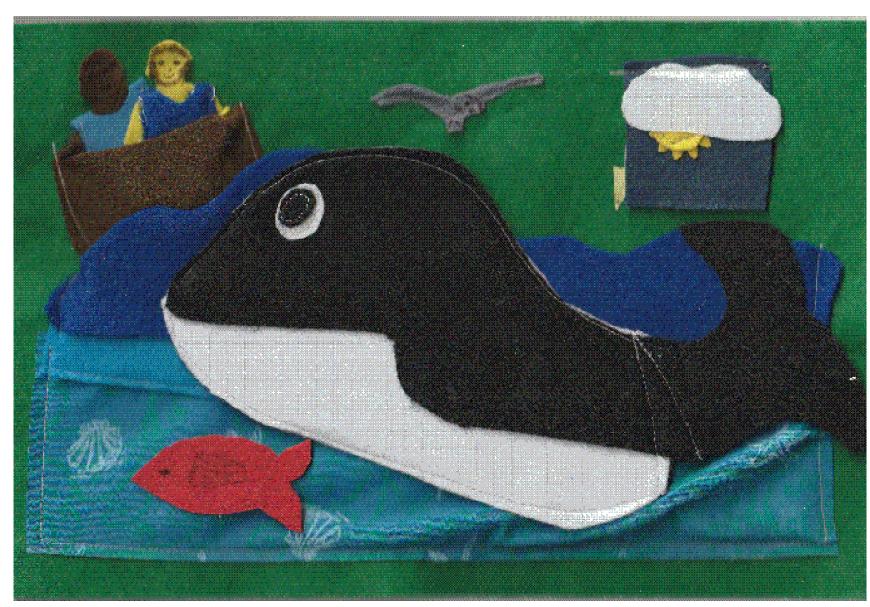
Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!



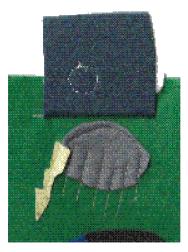
## Set 4 Side 1

## Jonah and the Whale

# Jonah

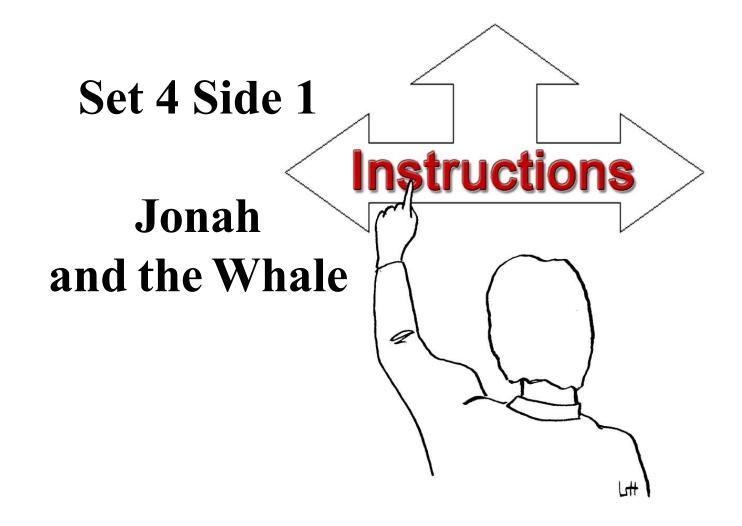


White cloud raises to reveal sun



Flap with sun and white cloud raises to reveal storm cloud, rain & lightning





Instructions for Jonah and the whale page.

. Cut out templates. choose a base felt, (stiff, thin A4 rectangle piece). Choose contrasting soft felt colours for the shapes. Look at the illustration of finished page, follow design or make your own creative design.

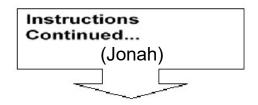
. Remember to allow 1cm free all along edges to join to the other page.

. I used a preprinted fabric strip for seabed and sewed it to base, then added a strip of blue and a darker blue wavy stormy sea. I left an open space in the wavy strip for Jonah to drop through from the boat.

. Decide where you would like a boat and leave a space open in the wavy sea if you wish. The rest of the wavy strip I sewed and left the top open. Boat is open at top for Jonah and a sailor.

. The top of the whale is sewn to the base felt. I left the tail free, or you can sew the tail down. Fish could be added for the children to interact with as well as the Jonah figure and the sailor. There is a praying Jonah template included.



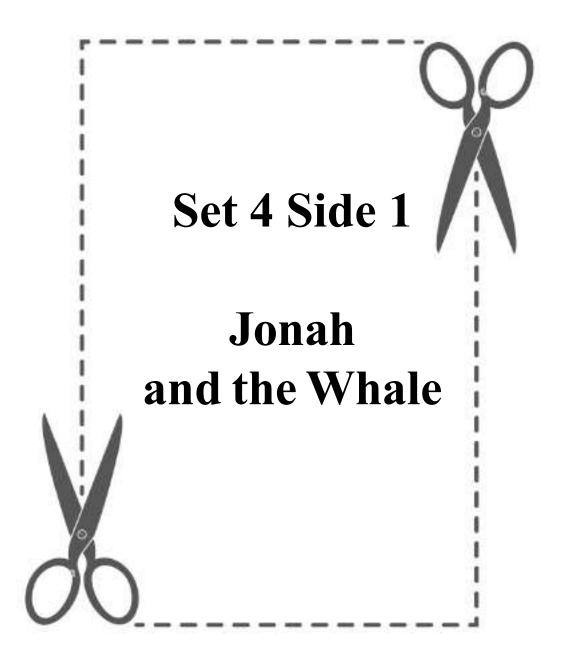


. A seagull is sewn to base. The rain cloud with rain like stitching and lightning sewn to base. The cloud with the sun peeking is sewn to the top of the flap and then stitched at the top to cover the rain cloud.

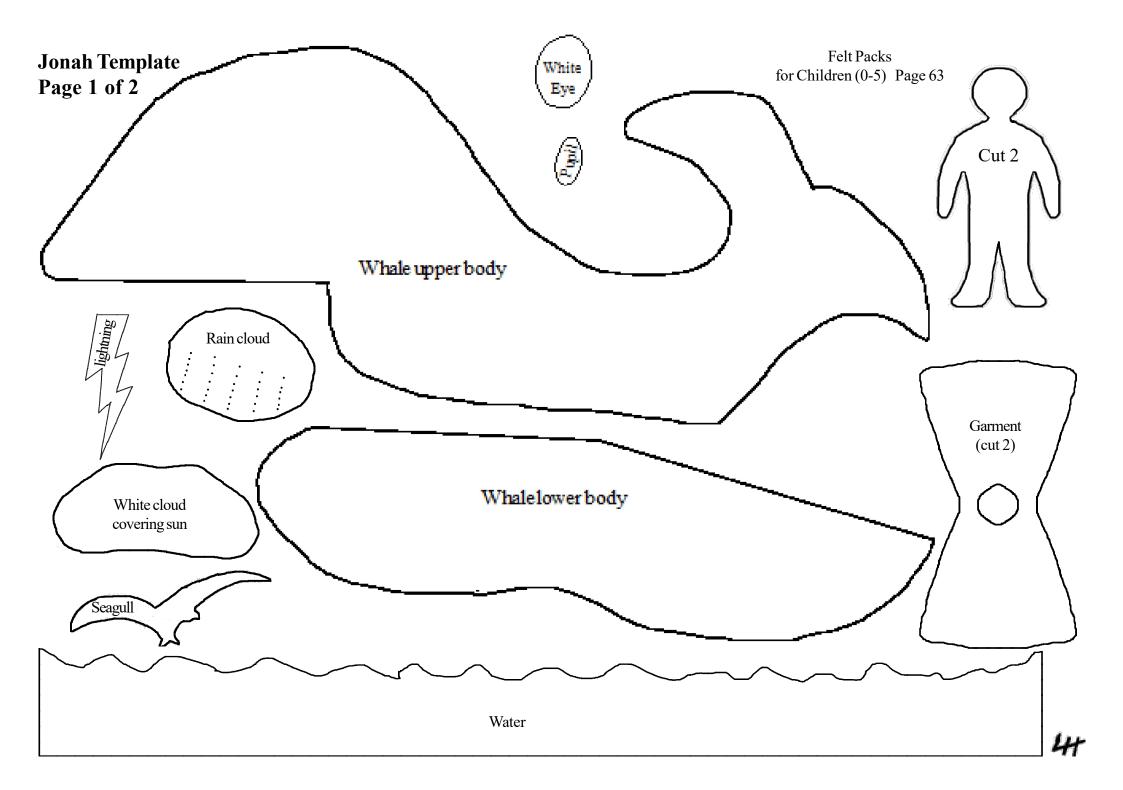
. The clothing for the figures are cut out in one piece and the circle for the head to fit through, is made by folding the clothing in half and cutting a curve in the centre of the top and simply slipping the double piece over the head and stitching down the sides. Cut away any excess. Add any facial or hair features as desired.

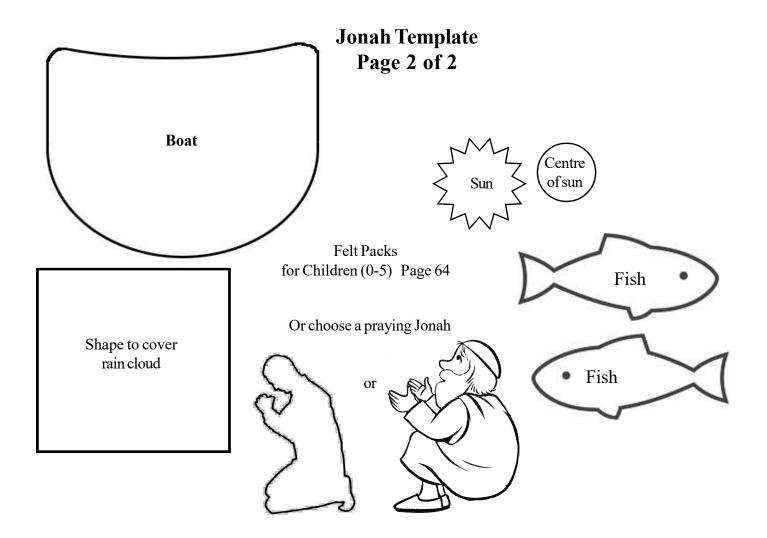
. Add a sandy beach for Jonah to land on when the whale spits him out, if you like.

. This page is completed. Sew to back of the Fishers of Men page.



### (Print onto cardboard)







(Items may vary between packs)

### Jonah & the whale



#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### **JONAH & THE WHALE STORY**

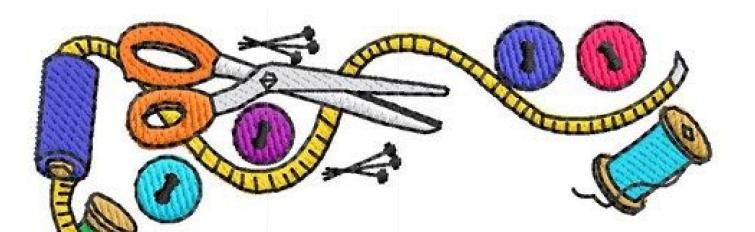
God asked Jonah to go to a city and tell people about God's love for them. Jonah didn't want to go and ended up inside a big fish! God looked after Jonah even when he tried to run away. Because of Jonah, the whole town learned about God's love.

#### **FISHERMEN STORY**

Jesus asked two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, to follow him. He said instead of catching fish he wanted them to tell people how much God loves them. God wants everyone to follow him, including you!



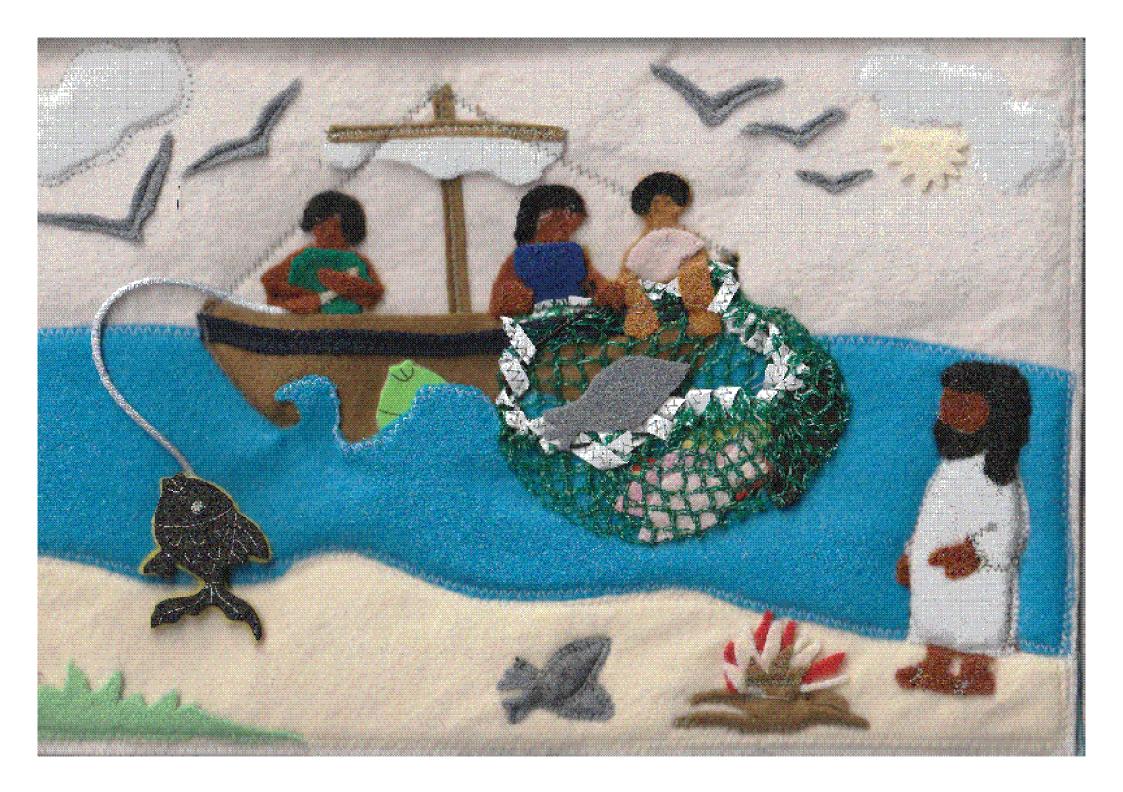
Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!

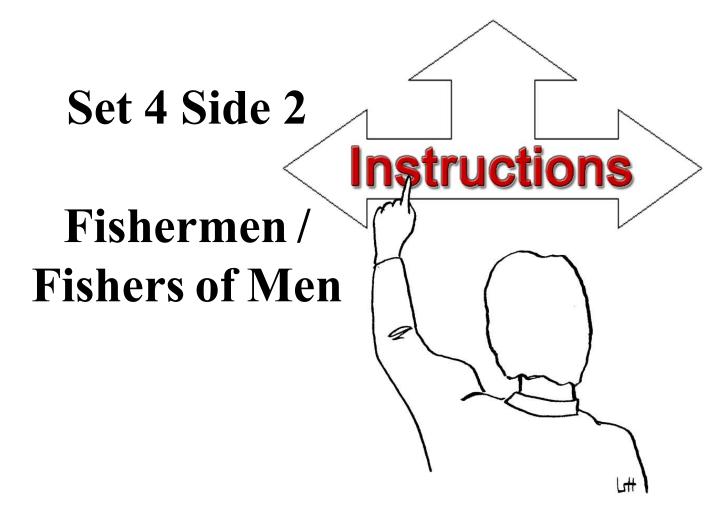


### Set 4 Side 2

## Fishermen / Fishers of Men







. Cut out templates. Select base page colour from a slightly stiff, thin A4 rectangle felt, to put your design on.

. Choose contrasting colours for page. Cut-out shapes. See illustration. Design your page the same or differently. The lake pictured is not on the template. Use a full  $\frac{3}{4}$  sheet of felt or  $\frac{1}{2}$  sheet and add a piece of a different colour as I did. I joined them together with zigzag stitch.

. For the sand strip above the lake, I cut felt for it the width of the lake.

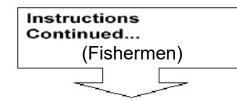
. Remember to allow a seam allowance all round to join your other page together.

. I added some trunk affect by folding the strip of felt holes on purpose to look like trunks of trees/clustered together.

Then I did the top of the tree group a little wavy with the scissors and then folded a little of the felt length ways and cut carefully a slit slightly curved to give the impression there was a light/glow coming through the trees.

. I sewed the semicircular felt sun just on line with the sand strip. The trunk base is sewn to the sand strip and the base of the trees. These sunrise pieces are not on the template. I left the top of the sun free. I sewed the top of the trees, but you could leave them free





if you choose.

. If you don't have an already orange base page you could add a strip of orange before you do the trees and the sun.

. Above the orange or any colour you choose could be a strip of yellow also, the same width of the other large pieces.

. The seagulls are stitched to base above the trees or sun.

. Accessories needed is a length of suitable cord for 'fishing line', 14cm length, no more for safety reasons. A small bag for net (can purchase a packet of small organza bags at craft store). Shorten at base by folding the bottom up. 1-2cm up. Makes it easier for little fingers to put fish in and take out. Avoid more open netting as fingers may get caught in it.

. Buttons with four holes can be included. To be handstitched for safety. For the button-hole on fish fold fish lengthwise and cut a small slit carefully to fit a medium size button.

. Cut a 2-inch x <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch rectangle length of felt for your rod if using a fishing pole. Fold the top, length ways, in half, carefully cut a small hole for the fishing line to come through. Hand stitch or use zigzag stitch, to secure some line in the centre of the rectangle then sew to your base, and sew down both sides of your rod with the rest of your line poking out.

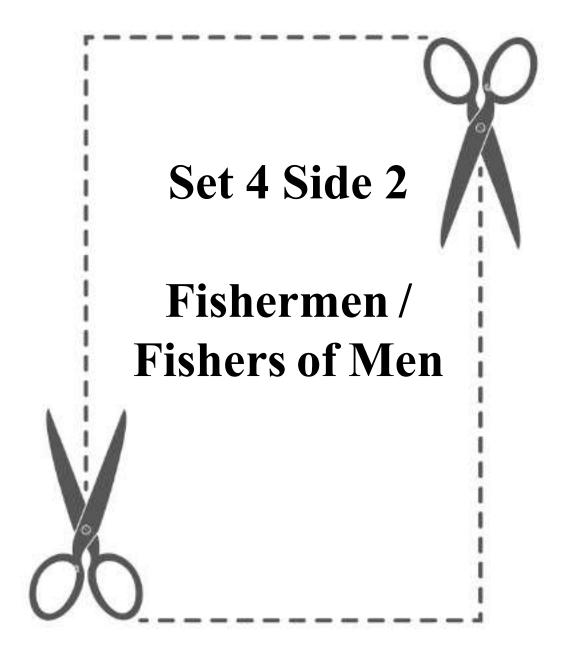
. I modified the template for the fisherman and also did two of them. Modify to suit your creations.

. I sewed the figures to the boat as shown on the illustration. If doing this you will not need to have long legs. I kept the hands free for the fisherman's fishing rod and sewed the hands of the net fisherman to the pull-string net. Attach hair and sew down on base and any part of the body if choose. Sew the boat to the base.

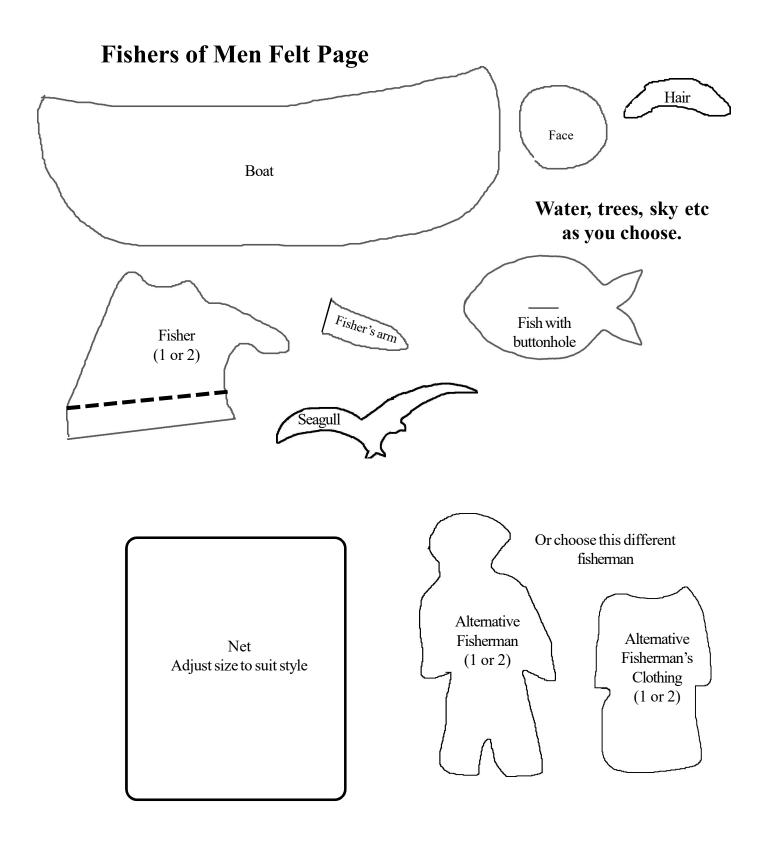
. You may want to do some fish without buttons. The fish without buttons maybe easier for the younger children to interact with.

. Place the end of the fishing line between two self-adhesive dots. Sticky side attached to end, and soft side outside. Maybe supplied in kit.

This page is now complete. Join back to back of Jonah and the Whale page.



### (Print onto cardboard)





(Items may vary between packs)

# Jonah & the whale



### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



### **JONAH & THE WHALE STORY**

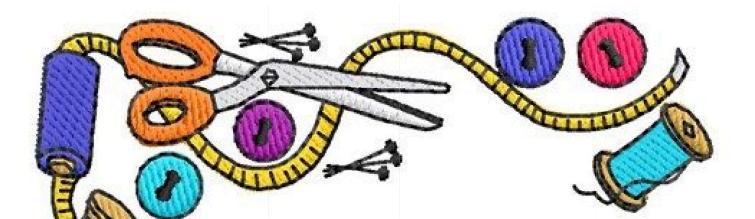
God asked Jonah to go to a city and tell people about God's love for them. Jonah didn't want to go and ended up inside a big fish! God looked after Jonah even when he tried to run away. Because of Jonah, the whole town learned about God's love.

### **FISHERMEN STORY**

Jesus asked two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, to follow him. He said instead of catching fish he wanted them to tell people how much God loves them. God wants everyone to follow him, including you!



Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!



# Set 5 Side 1

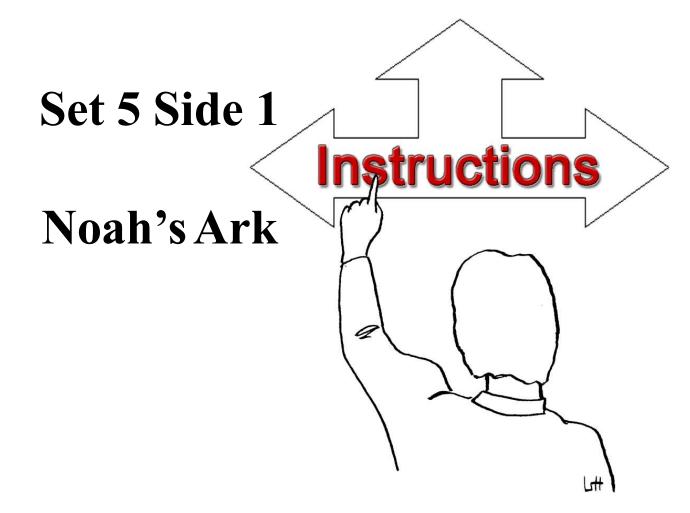
# Noah's Ark

# Noah's Ark





## Top section shown with flaps raised



. Cut out templates for the Ark. Choose a firmer rectangle A4 colour felt for base. See final finished page for these instructions/or design your own creation.

. Choose contrasting colours of softer felt and cut out the scene from the template. Plan your page. Have fun!

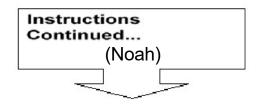
. Stitch or glue water animals to water. Stitch lower edge of water to base allowing at least 1 cm. edge for stitching all round to join the other page.

. Stitch sides and lower edge of Ark hull, to base, to look like the Ark is under the waves.

. When cutting felt for the window of the Ark, start 1cm down from the top of the felt window shape to create the flap as shown on the finished page. Pin window to main part of Ark and stitch down the sides, and lower edge. The top is sewn to include the top of the flap you created for the window to open.

. Position Main Part of Ark to rest at the top of the hull, (the main Ark is not stitched to hull). Stitch to the base felt along the bottom edge and sides of the main part of the Ark with the windows already stitched on. This leaves the top of the Main part of the Ark open and the window flaps lift up to reveal animals etc.





Before sewing the ramp to the base, sew rows of stitching across the ramp leaving a 1cm gap between rows as you go down the ramp. Now stitch top of ramp at the lower edge of the Main Ark (not to hull).

. I sewed the flying dove, the branch and leaf to the Ark roof by hand. Position the roof of the Ark to overlap the top of the Main part of the Ark, just above the window flaps.

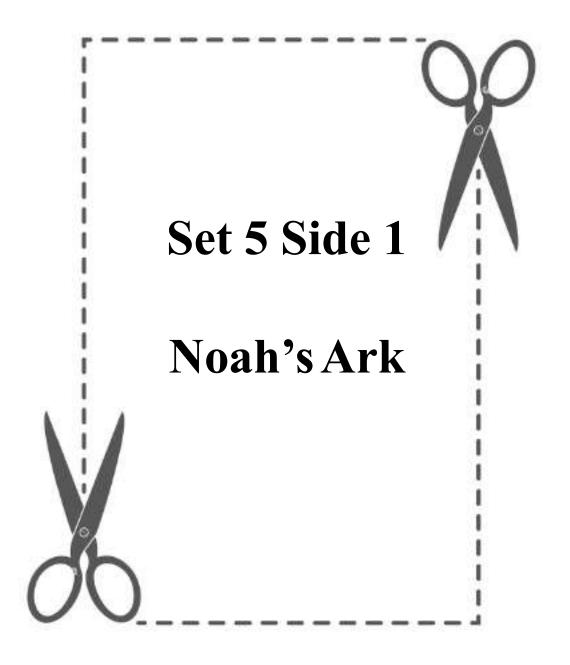
. Sew from the top of the roof, one side, about 1cm length and then sew across to the other side and up the other side to sew the top of the roof to the base background felt. This gives you two rows of stitching along the top of the roof. It leaves room to lift up for access to animals or Noah and another dove.

. The lightning is sewn under a dark cloud as you stitch to your base. The brighter flap has the sky piece, and sun (under the white cloud) sewn on, before sewing the top of the flap over the dark cloud underneath. Part of the lightning can be seen.

. The other dark cloud and rain effect is achieved by stitching on a slant on your machine, to the lower edge of the dark cloud and handstitching (running thread) to look like rain underneath the cloud. Remember to leave a 1cm edge free all round the page, for joining God's Promise (rainbow) page to the back of the Ark page.

. Animals and Noah added but not sewn down. Animals may be provided or make your own. Can buy foam animals and glue to felt.

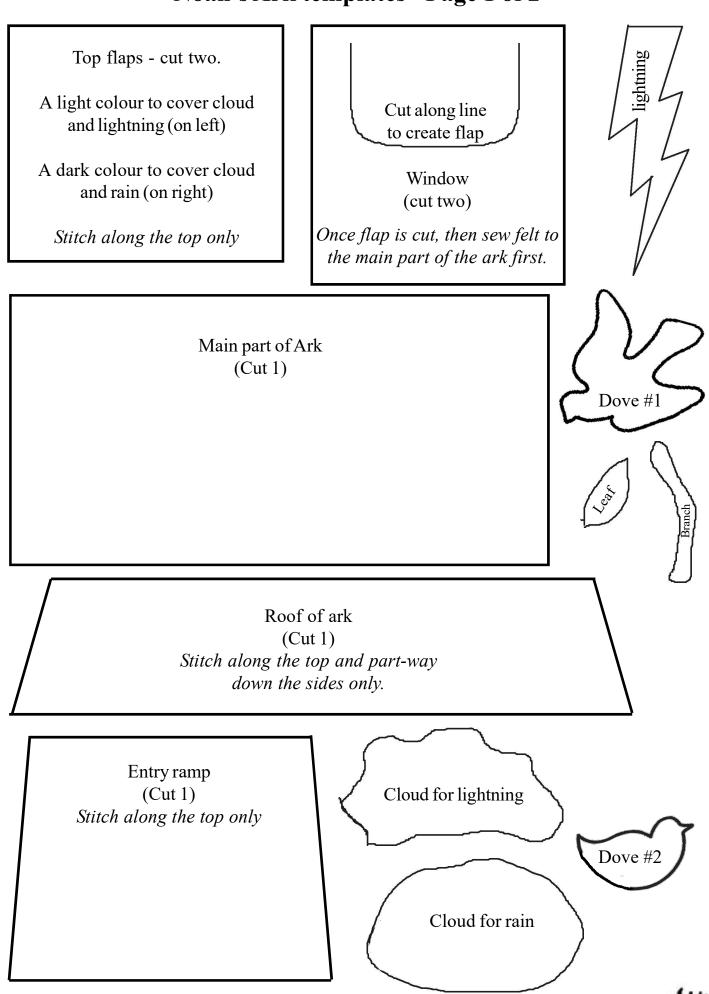
This page is now completed. Well done!

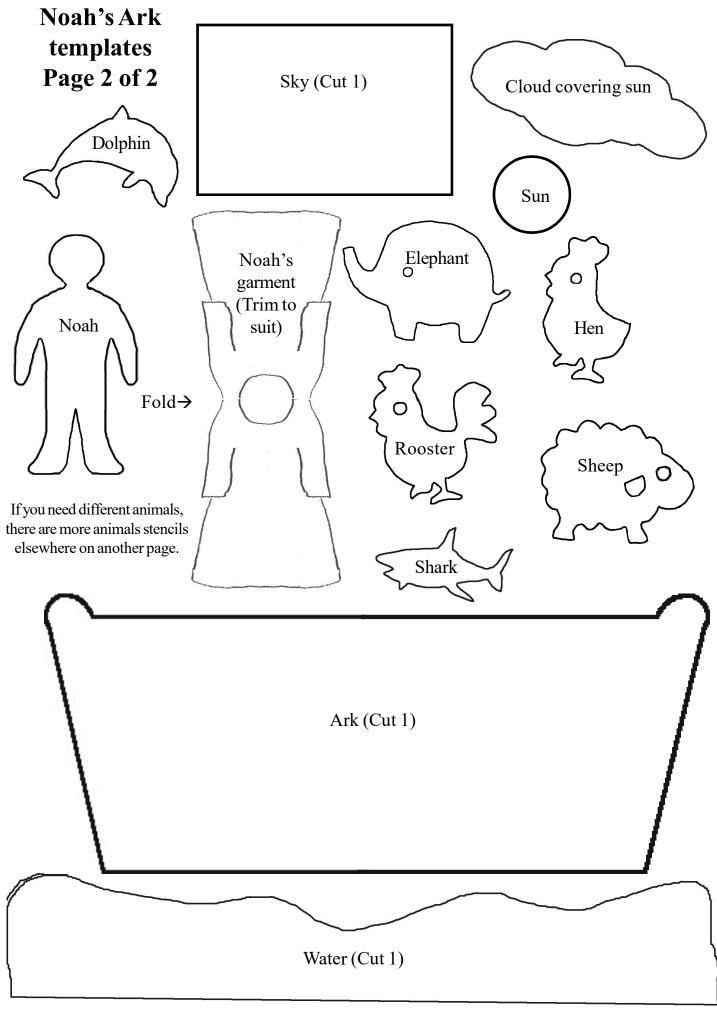


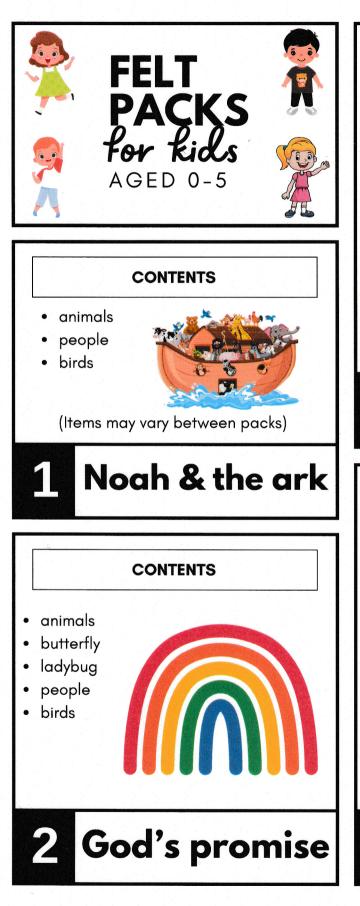
# **Templates for cutting out**

### (Print onto cardboard)

### Noah's Ark templates - Page 1 of 2







#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### NOAH AND THE ARK STORY

When Noah and his family were in the ark it rained and rained. There was so much rain the whole world flooded! But Noah and his family weren't scared because God was with them. God is with us when things are scary too!

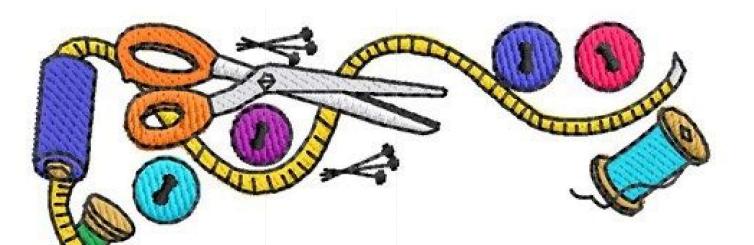
### GOD'S PROMISE STORY

After the rain had stopped and the flood had gone, God put a rainbow in the sky. This was a reminder of God's love and care for Noah. Whenever you see a rainbow you can remember God loves and cares for you too!



Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!

Gold Coast Central Kids

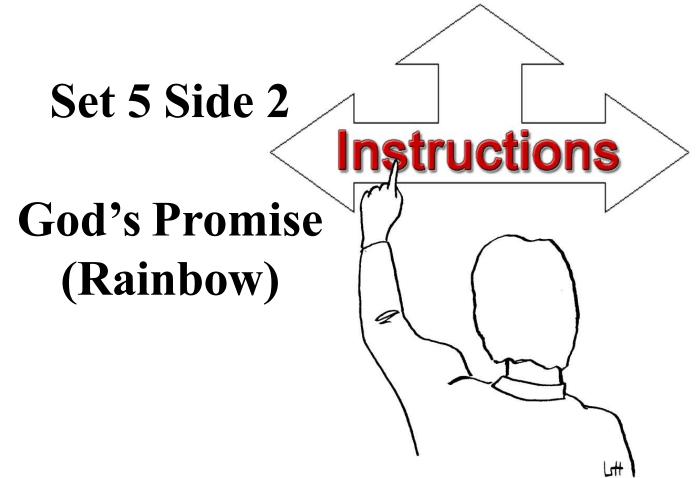


Set 5 Side 2

# God's Promise (Rainbow)







Cut out templates, Choose a colour for your base to put your felt creation on. Look at the finished sheet for following the instructions or plan your own page. Choose colour felt contrasts to blend with the base colour. Rainbow colours need to be as is. I chose 5 colours rather than 7 (avoid using 6). I handstitched rainbow pieces together before stitching to background. Use your own discretion in sewing them to your base.

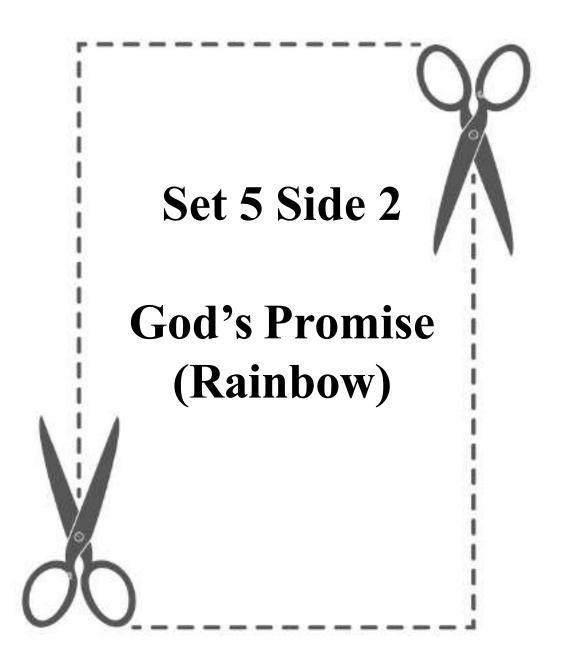
. Remember to leave a 1cm free edge around your base to join to the Noah's Ark page on completion of this page. A rectangle for water could be added. A grass area for the animals to romp in could also be included. This depends on the base background colour you've chosen.

. Trees can be different if you choose. The lower part of the grass/bush was stitched, to leave space behind/in-between, for animals to roam in etc. Make clouds any shape you prefer. Sun is in two parts sew down to base.

Animals included in kit or use templates from Noah's Ark to make some. You can buy ready made foam animal shapes and these need to be glued to felt for your felt story.

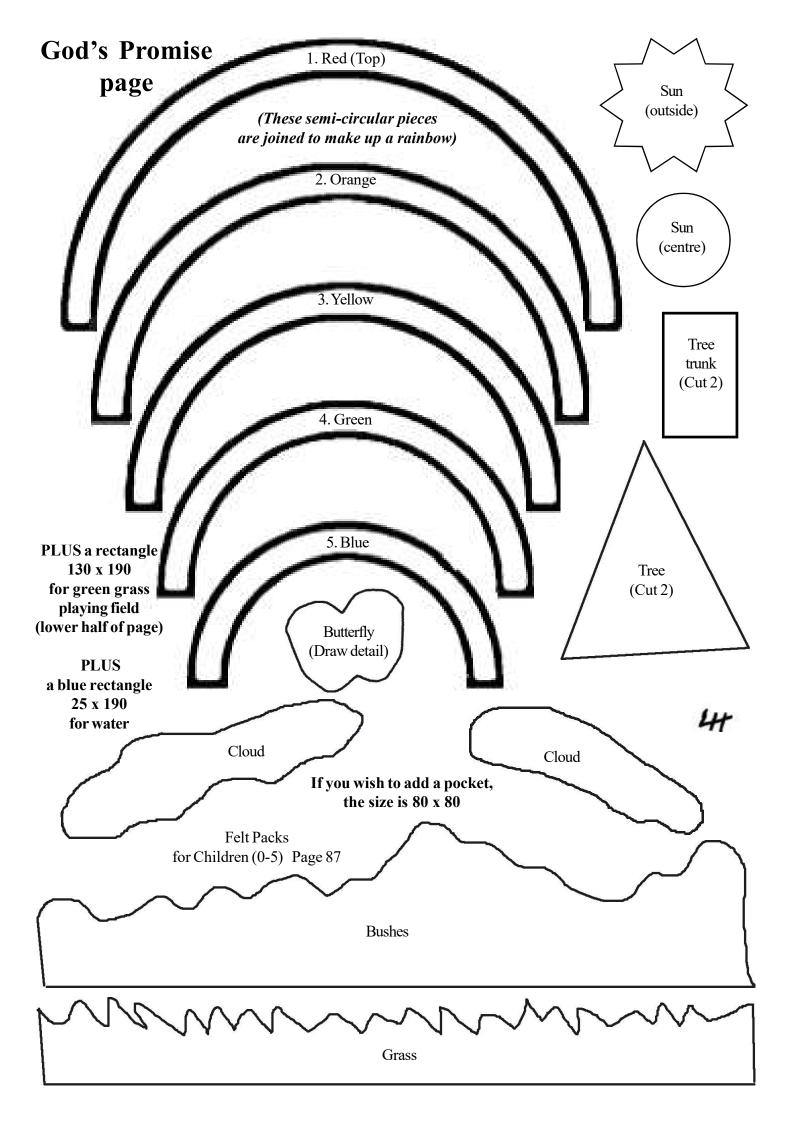
Make a pocket for storing animals/person. Could use the flap template from Noah's Ark page to cut the size needed. Sew on three sides, leaving top open for storage. Leave space for roaming animals for the children to move around.

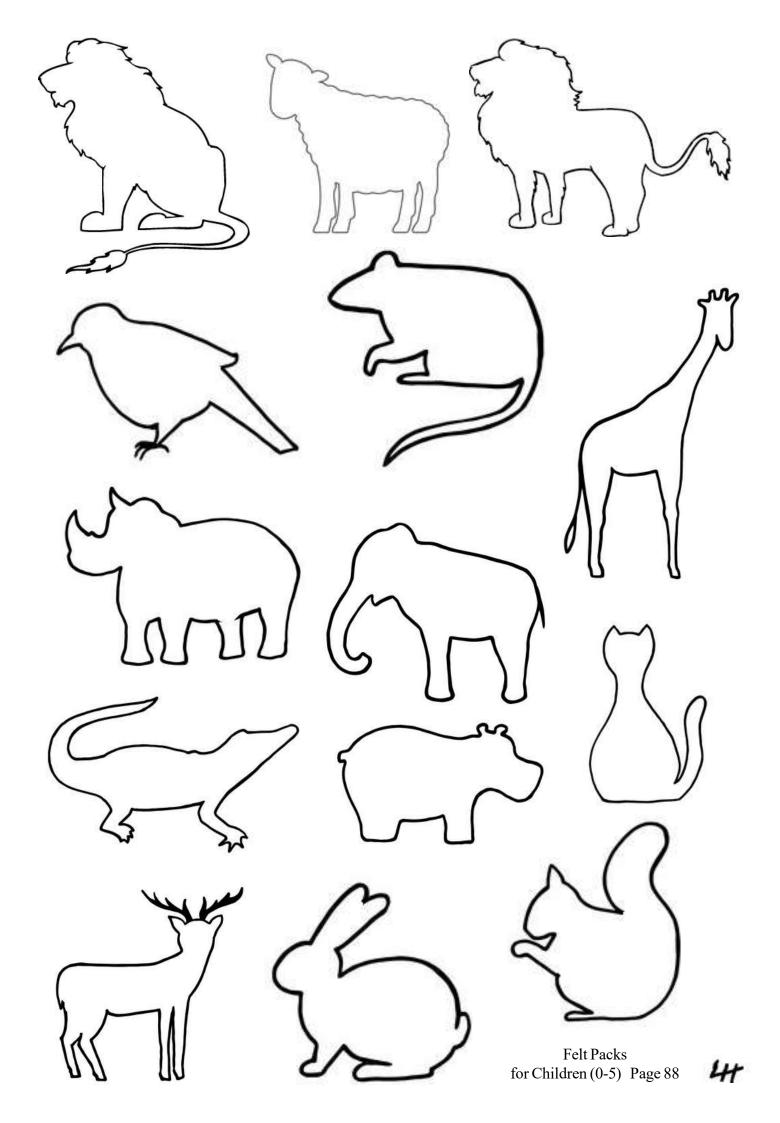
You have completed this page. Sew to the back of Noah's Ark page.

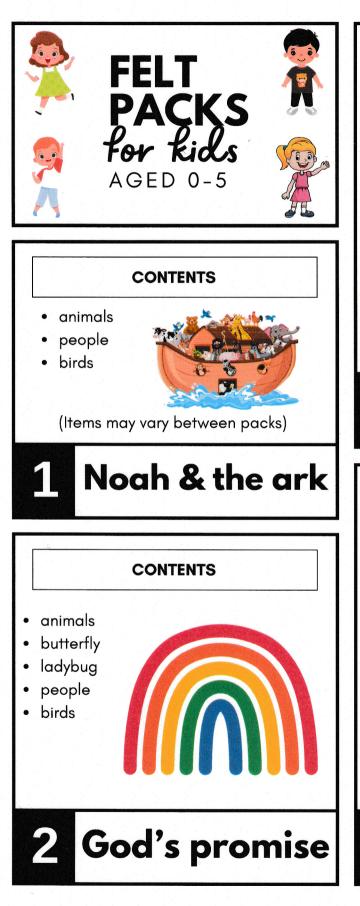


# **Templates for cutting out**

## (Print onto cardboard)







#### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



#### NOAH AND THE ARK STORY

When Noah and his family were in the ark it rained and rained. There was so much rain the whole world flooded! But Noah and his family weren't scared because God was with them. God is with us when things are scary too!

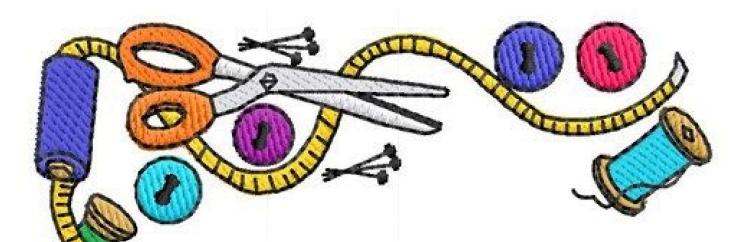
### GOD'S PROMISE STORY

After the rain had stopped and the flood had gone, God put a rainbow in the sky. This was a reminder of God's love and care for Noah. Whenever you see a rainbow you can remember God loves and cares for you too!



Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!

Gold Coast Central Kids

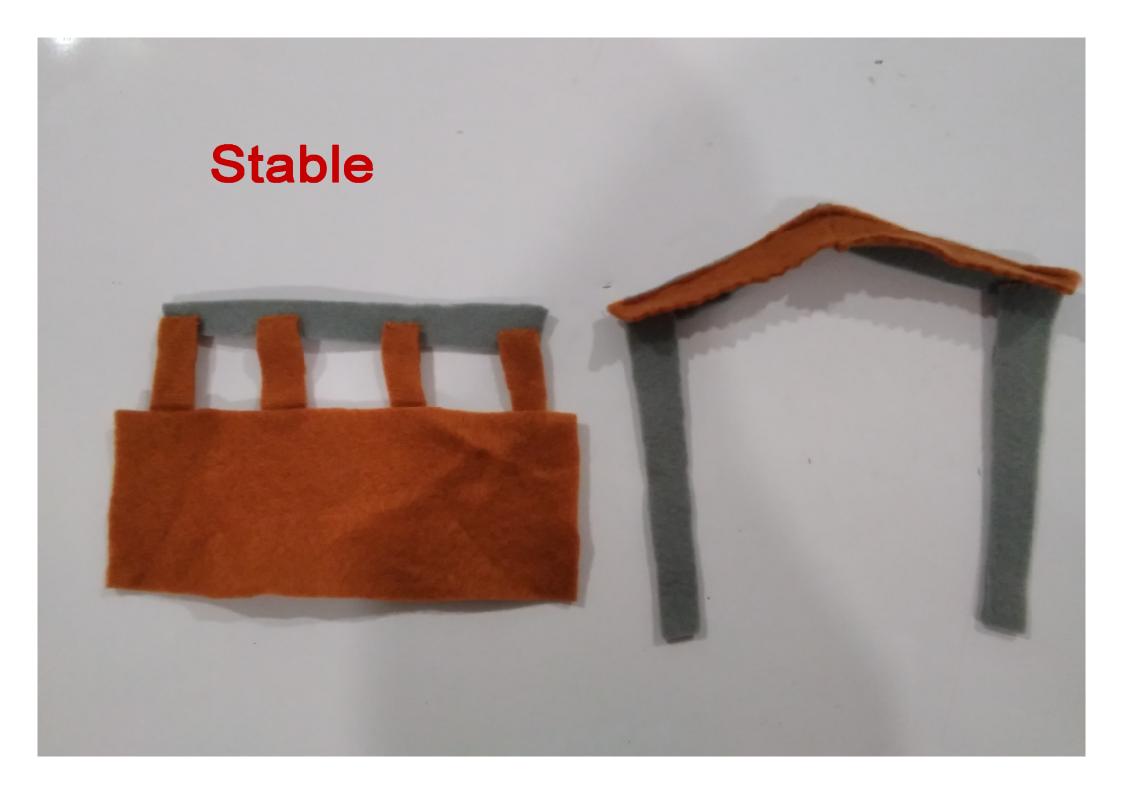


Set 6 Side 1

# The Nativity (Christmas)









. Cut-out templates/patterns.

. Use firm felt for a base to sew felt pieces on.

. Look at background scene and finished Nativity scene to help you design this page, or design your own scenes.

. Choose felt colours of your chooseing. Cut-out using the templates/patterns your using.

. Plan your page. Leave a 1cm free edge on all sides of your base felt as this is joined to another page.

- . Sew background sky to base.
- . Add large Star to top of background sky.
- . Add Angel, dove and ordinary star to sky.
- . Stitch on hilly background.
- . Add trees. Leave tops free if desired.





. Lower pocket/hills (for storing animals) Sew down to base leaving top free.

. Basic structure of stable set up as directed e.g. walls, crossbeam and roof. The roof pieces could be cut from a double piece of felt to make two without extra stitching.

. Manger sewn to inside of stable.

. People (Joseph, Mary and shepherd) two choices of people size and garment. Shepherd's crook I handstitched to base. Leave people loose or use a small gripping velcro on back of people.

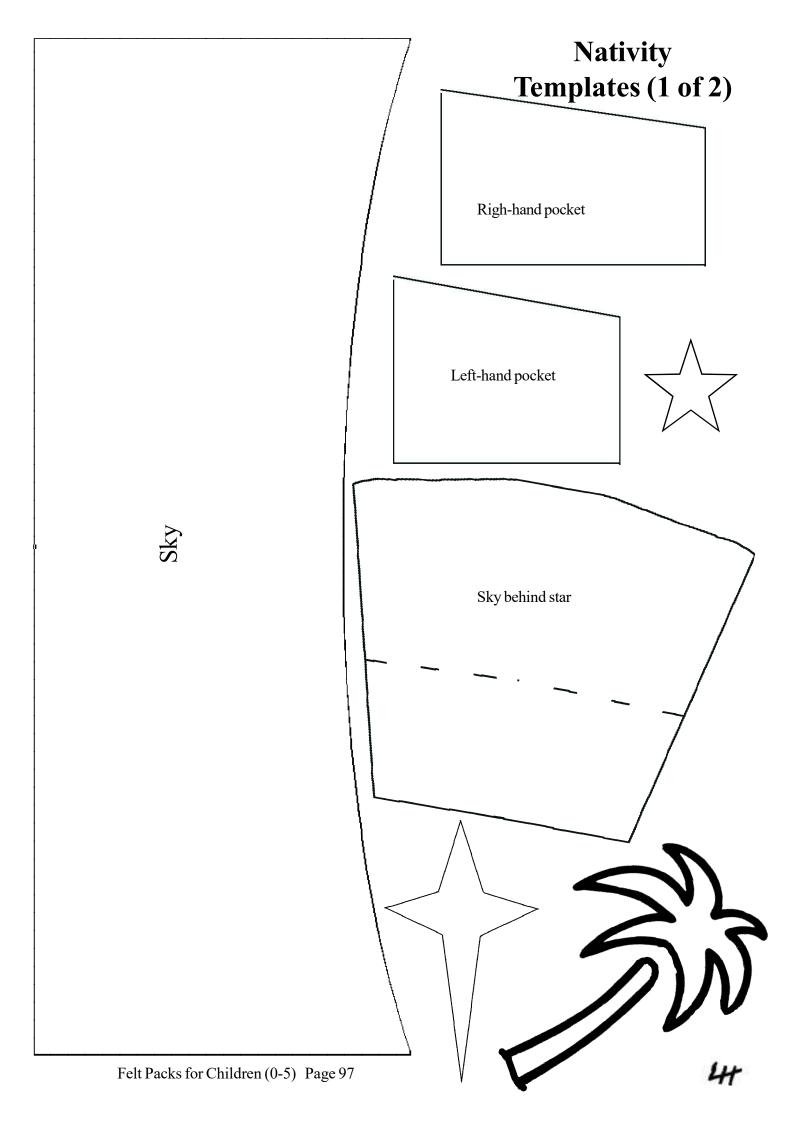
. Animals left loose or use velcro as above.

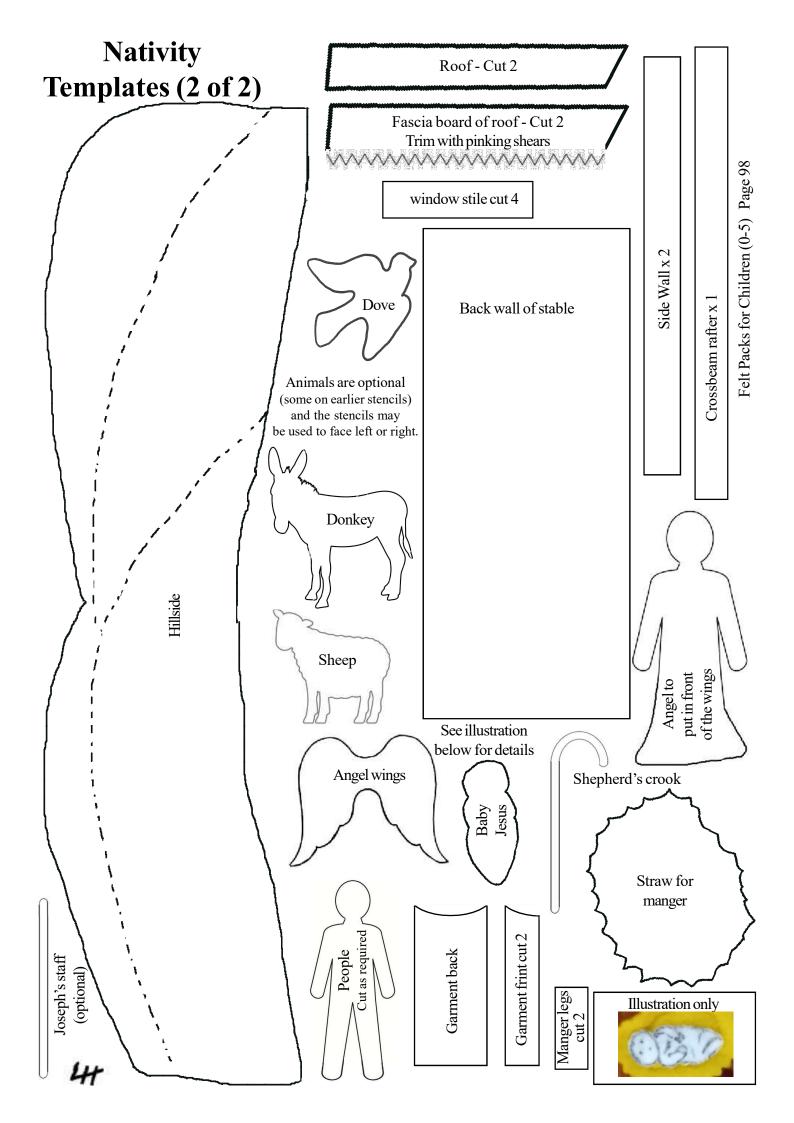
Enjoy putting this together!



# **Templates for cutting out**

## (Print onto cardboard)







#### CONTENTS

- sheep
- goat
- donkey
- three people



(Items may vary between packs)

# 1



### CONTENTS

- animals in pockets
- gift lifts up

(Items may vary between packs)

# The Greatest Gift

### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



### NATIVITY STORY

Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. Angels told shepherds nearby that the Messiah had been born. Wise men from the east followed a star to see the newborn king. At Christmas we remember the birth of Baby Jesus.

#### THE GREATEST GIFT STORY

At Christmas time we often give and receive gifts. The greatest gift of all is Jesus. We can choose to remember Jesus at Christmas and all the rest of the days of the year too. Jesus loves you!



Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!



0

# God's Greatest Gift (Baby Jesus)

### Flap with Star underneath



### Flap with Angel underneath



Christmas Page A A Gift Box with baby Jesus underneath.





. Use the firm felt for a base to sew pieces on.

. Look at finished page layouts. Can create you own layout if you choose.

. Choose felt colours . Cut-out shapes using templates/patterns.

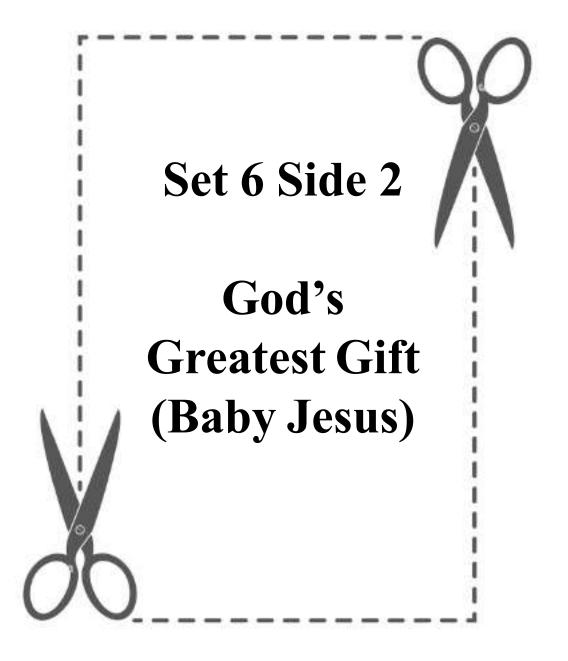
. Plan your page. Ensure 1cm clear edge around base for joining another page on the back. Star and Angel stitch to base or leave parts free . Flaps for Star and Angel. Sew top only.

. Storage Pockets sew to base leaving top open. Could have a grass area or ground piece for the animals below the gift.

. Base of gift sewn to base felt and contrast side of gift, or simply use a decorative stitching to highlight its gift looking.

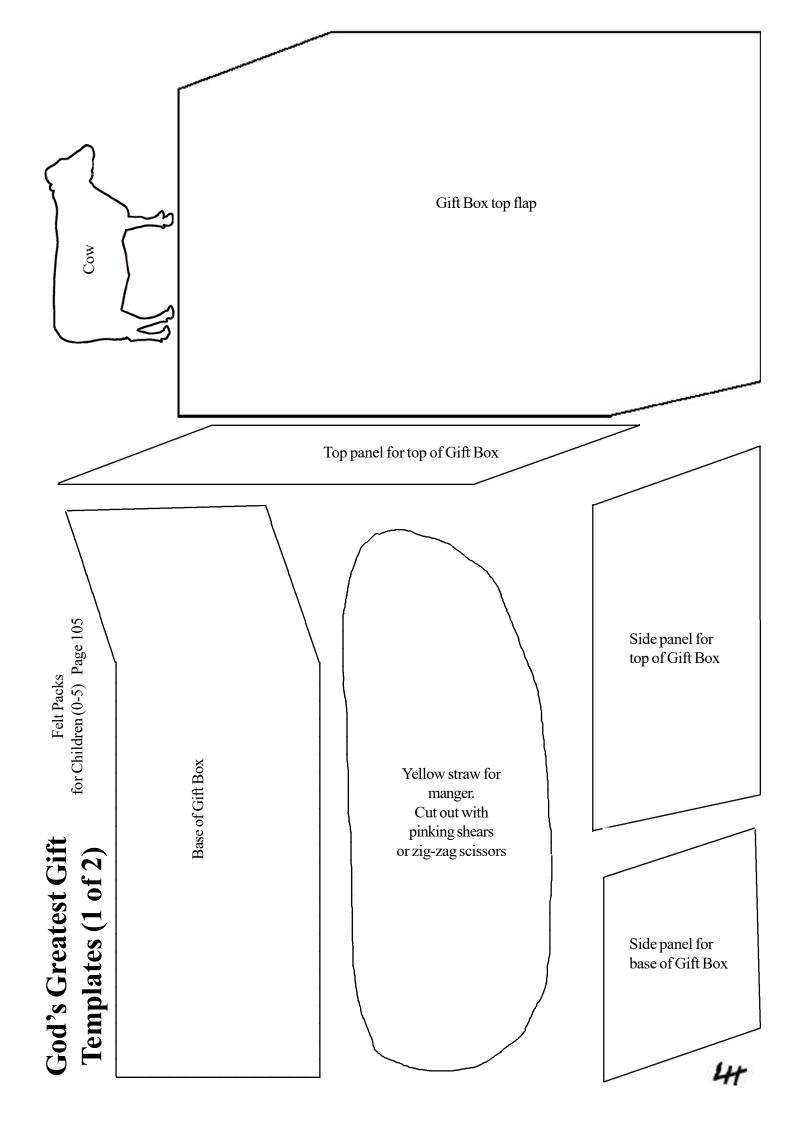
. The straw looking felt piece place on top of base, stitch down the centre only. Add detail to baby with non-toxic marker provided, place baby on top, handstitch or glue in.

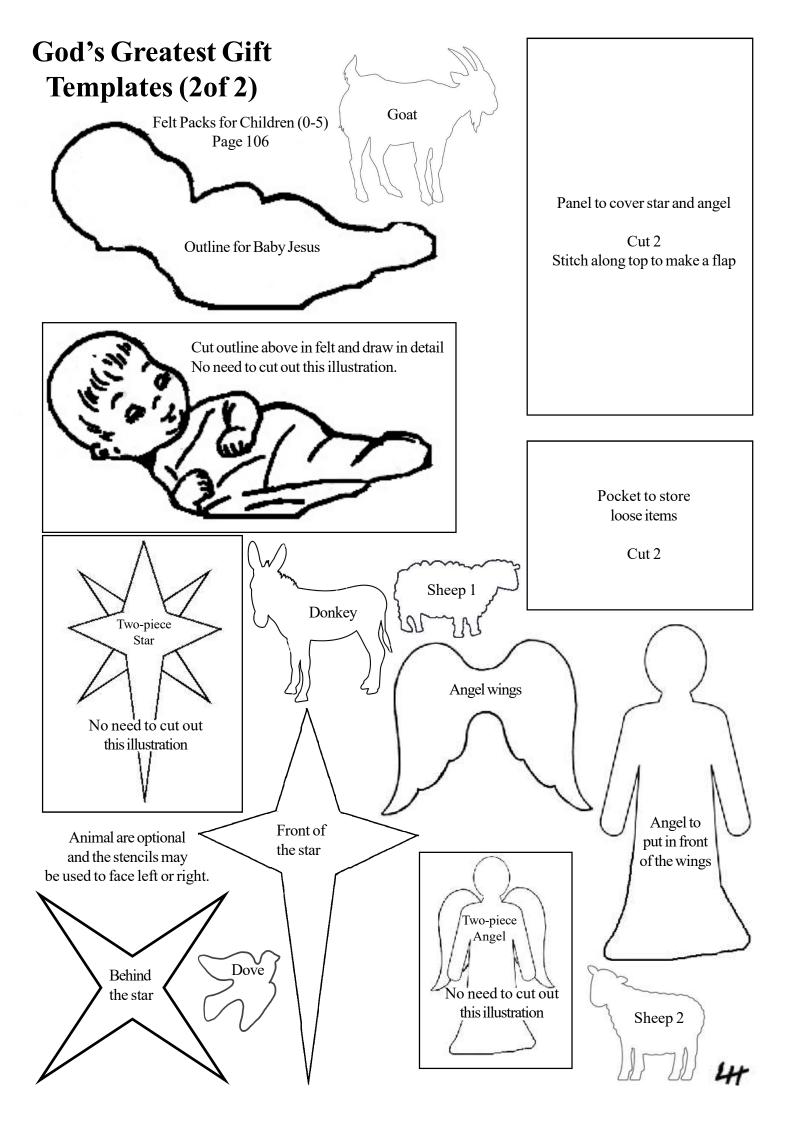
. The top flap lifts up so any decorative stitching or contrast sides need to be done before sewing down the very top panel on all four sides to base felt. Under the top flap will be baby Jesus, the World's Greatest Gift.



# **Templates for cutting out**

## (Print onto cardboard)







#### CONTENTS

- sheep
- goat
- donkey
- three people



(Items may vary between packs)

# 1



### CONTENTS

- animals in pockets
- gift lifts up

(Items may vary between packs)

# The Greatest Gift

### FELT PACKS FOR KIDS

- Please ensure all items are back in the pack once the program has finished
- Please return the pack to the box down the front after use. (Packs are not to be taken home.)
- Keep an eye on your child to ensure they don't put any of the loose items in their mouth
- Encourage your child to explore the pages and open all the pockets
- Read the story together at the end of church after you have packed up.



### NATIVITY STORY

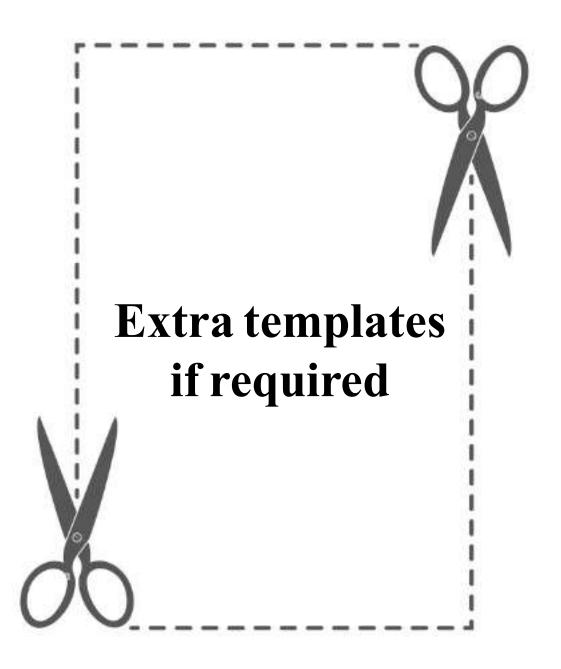
Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. Angels told shepherds nearby that the Messiah had been born. Wise men from the east followed a star to see the newborn king. At Christmas we remember the birth of Baby Jesus.

#### THE GREATEST GIFT STORY

At Christmas time we often give and receive gifts. The greatest gift of all is Jesus. We can choose to remember Jesus at Christmas and all the rest of the days of the year too. Jesus loves you!



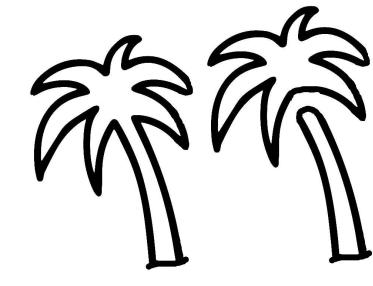
Your family matters to us! We pray these pages might help your little one to feel welcome at church and experience the love of Jesus!



# **Templates for cutting out**

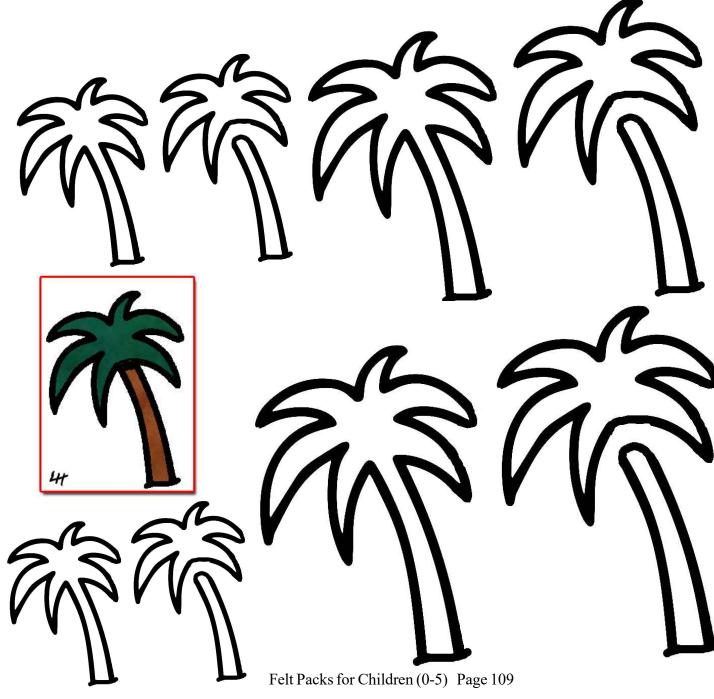
(Print onto cardboard)

Palm Tree Templates (Various sizes)

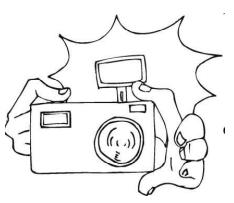


Can be one piece one colour or two pieces of different colours

Can be facing either way (or both)



# **Extra Photo Gallery**



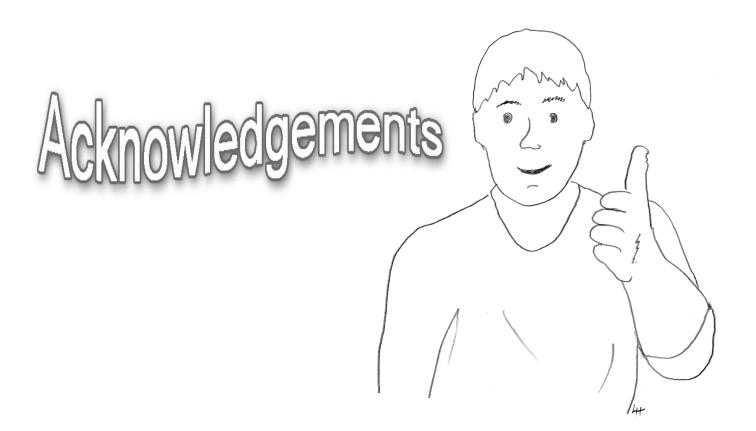












The following people have contributed to this publication:

Rosemary Hartley – Instigator, facilitator and original ideas.

Karen Collum – Motivator, advisor and story page author

Lionel Hartley – Original artwork, stencils, templates

Other contributors include: Norma Kolkka, Wendy Wilson, Glenis Ebert, Krysti Holmes, Liela Smyth, Darelle Hunt, Suzannah Brew

And the feedback from users of finished activity packs.

Funding for the initial felt pages by the Children's Ministry Department Gold Coast Central SDA Church, Nerang, Australia

Ultimate gratitude to God

This publication formatted by Lionel Hartley 2023 Permission is freely granted to print, copy, duplicate, diseminate, modify, share and utilise this resource.