



**Support material
for Get Messy!
January-April 2021**

January: Good Samaritan

Mealtime card

- Who are the good Samaritans in your community?
- When have you been a good Samaritan?
- Can you think of a time when you have been a good Samaritan just by being with someone? What did you learn?

Take-home idea

Consider where you live, work or go to school and see if you can identify someone who needs a friend right now. Consider how you could be that friend.

Question to start and end the session

So... what does being a good Samaritan look like for us?

January: Good Samaritan

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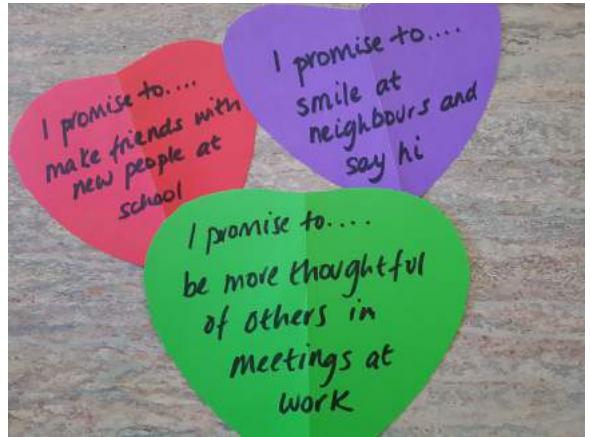
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February: Choosing God's voice

Mealtime card

- Which of the following is most tempting: a) a year's supply of chocolate, b) catching up with the laundry pile, or c) checking your notifications.
- What does the word 'temptation' mean, and have you ever been tempted to do something you know you shouldn't?
- What was Satan trying to get Jesus to do in the story?
- Which voice did Jesus listen to? God's voice in the Bible or Satan's? How can we make sure we're also listening to the right voice?

Take-home idea

For the next month, prioritise time to go on a few family outings to fun/special places and spend some intentional time exploring questions of faith. You could use one of the Messy mini-books (see more on p. 4) to aid your discussions. During these times, discuss what things you find unhelpfully tempting and what each person struggles with. Explore if these things get in the way of getting to know Jesus better. How can you hear God's voice as a family?

Question to start and end the session

So... if God spoke to you today, would you know it was him speaking?

February: Choosing God's voice

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March: Mum's big day out

Mealtime card

- Talk to people at your table about the story of Naomi and Ruth and how God helped them.
- Tell someone about a time when you became aware of God working in your life.

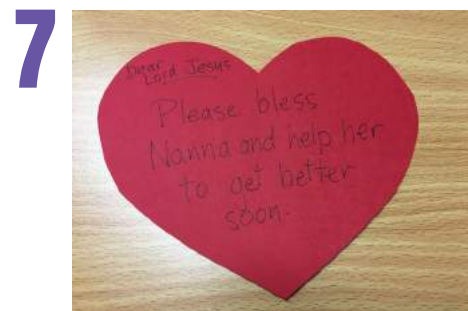
Take-home idea

As a family, come up with a way that you can provide practical support to a person you know who lives alone, e.g. mow their lawn, invite them to a meal or make a cake.

Question to start and end the session

So... what does it mean to you to belong to God's family?

March: Mum's big day out



April: The stone's been rolled away

Mealtime card

- What does it mean to go and make disciples?
- What would happen if Jesus suddenly appeared to you like he appeared to the disciples?
- What do you find strange about today's session?

Take-home idea

Make another reminder box at home and give it to someone you know.

Question to start and end the session

So... how is this Easter season going to be different for you?

April: The stone's been rolled away

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April: The stone's been rolled away

1. Gaekkebrev (snowdrop letter)

Guess my name, I humbly beg.
Your reward – an Easter egg!
Let these puzzling dots proclaim
Every letter of my name.

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One letter on each line spells my name.
It's up to you to guess my little game.
But if by Easter Day
The answer hasn't come your way,
Then you owe me an Easter egg – what a shame!

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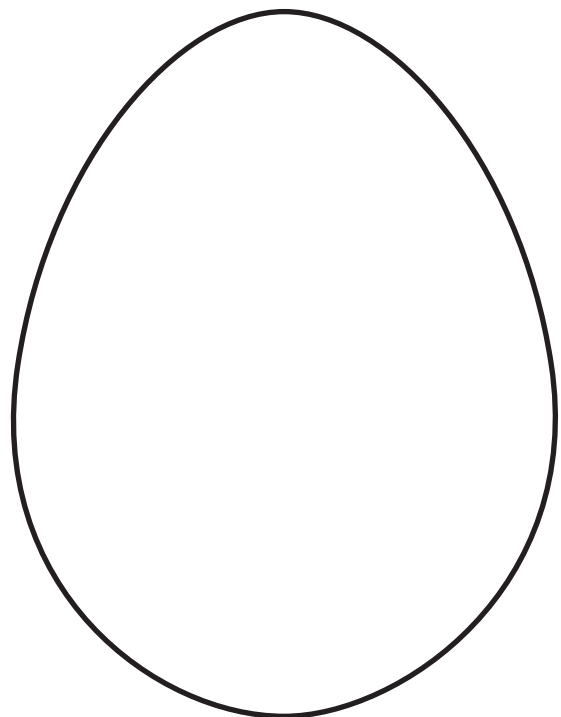
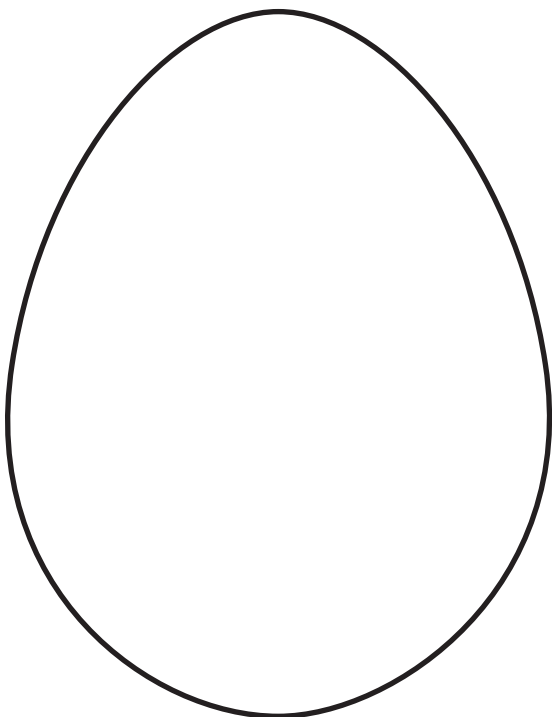
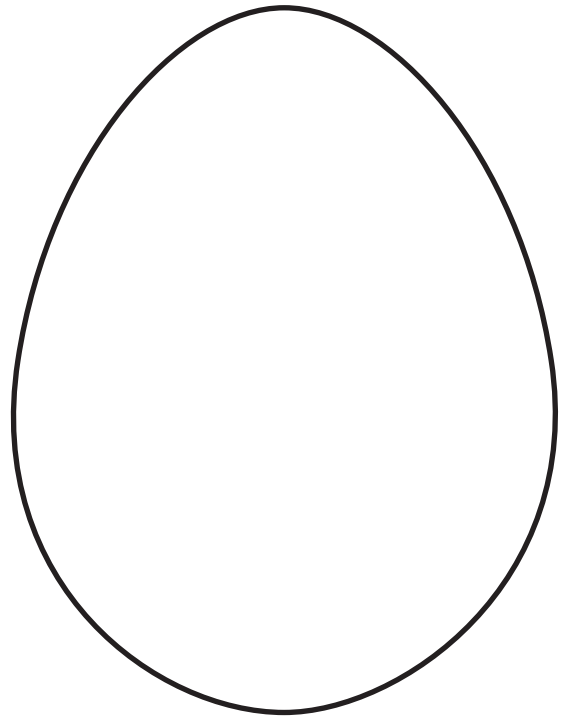
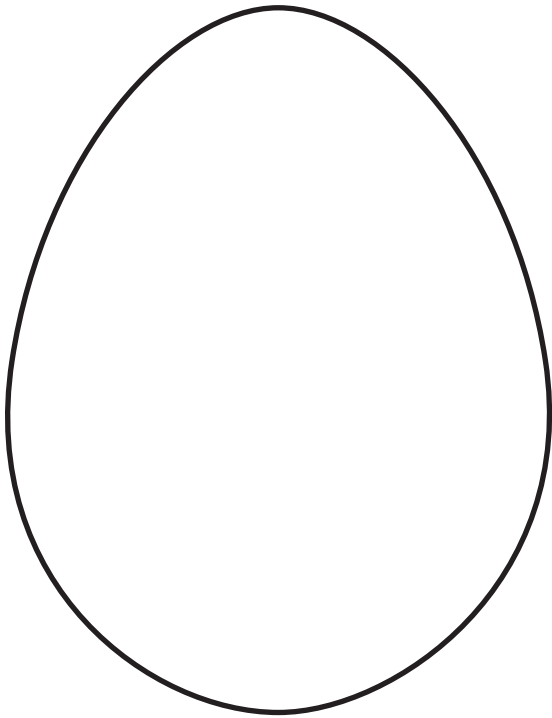
If by the end of Easter Day,
The answer hasn't come your way,
Then you owe me an Easter gift –
A chocolate egg is on my list!

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Or write your own poem!

April: The stone's been rolled away

2. Felt Easter eggs



April: The stone's been rolled away

7. Reminder box

<p>A rope</p> <p>Reminds me that I used to be a slave to my sins and now I'm free.</p>	<p>Silver</p> <p>God's a refiner and the purifier of silver. He wants to see his reflection in me.</p>
<p>A red ribbon</p> <p>To remind me to pray always and in all things to give thanks.</p>	<p>Birthday candle</p> <p>To celebrate the day I became a new creation in Christ.</p>
<p>A crossword</p> <p>Reminds me that Jesus is the answer and solution to every problem I face.</p>	<p>A nail</p> <p>Reminds me of the shame and suffering that my Saviour endured for me.</p>
<p>A pencil</p> <p>To write down and remind me of all my blessings from God.</p>	<p>A plaster</p> <p>Reminds me that he is the great physician who heals all my wounds.</p>
<p>A matchstick</p> <p>To remind me to be a light burning bright for Christ.</p>	<p>A coin</p> <p>Reminds me that good health, love and happiness cannot be bought – they are gifts from God.</p>
<p>Wood</p> <p>Reminds me that if I delight in God's law, I will be like a tree planted by the river.</p>	<p>A flower</p> <p>To remind me that as God clothes the flowers in the field, so does he provide for my needs.</p>
<p>A heart</p> <p>Reminds me that I am to love my neighbour as I love myself.</p>	<p>A puzzle piece</p> <p>To remind me that God gave me a unique place in this world to fit into.</p>
<p>A button</p> <p>Reminds me that when I accepted Christ, he fastened me securely to himself.</p>	<p>A stone</p> <p>Jesus is the cornerstone and foundation on which I must build my life.</p>