

PLAYDOUGH MATS

Illumination VBS Bible Story Activity

- Print the desired mats.
- Laminate the mats for durability and easy cleanup.
- Reinforce the Bible story by inviting children to create items from the story or add details to the pictures using playdough.
- As children create, encourage conversation by asking simple questions about the Bible story and how it connects to their everyday lives.





BULK PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

If it isn't in the budget to purchase bulk playdough, homemade playdough is a great option that is easy to make and affordable. Here's a recipe for a big batch.

[Link here for an adopt-a-prop instruction page for homemade playdough.](#)

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups salt
- 4 cups water
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons cream of tartar
- Food coloring (gels for vibrant colors)



Directions

- Add the flour, salt, water, vegetable oil, and cream of tartar to a large pot. Stir until well combined.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring continuously, until the mixture begins to thicken and forms a soft ball of dough. It should pull away from the sides of the pan.
- Remove the dough from the heat and let it cool for a few minutes until it is comfortable to handle.
- Knead the dough until it becomes smooth and soft.
- Separate the dough into smaller sections. Add a few drops of food coloring to each section and knead until the color is fully mixed in.
- TIP 1: You can use a food processor for the last 2 steps.)
- TIP 2: If you are making the entire batch the same color, add the food coloring to the water before mixing the water with the other ingredients. This makes the mixing even easier.

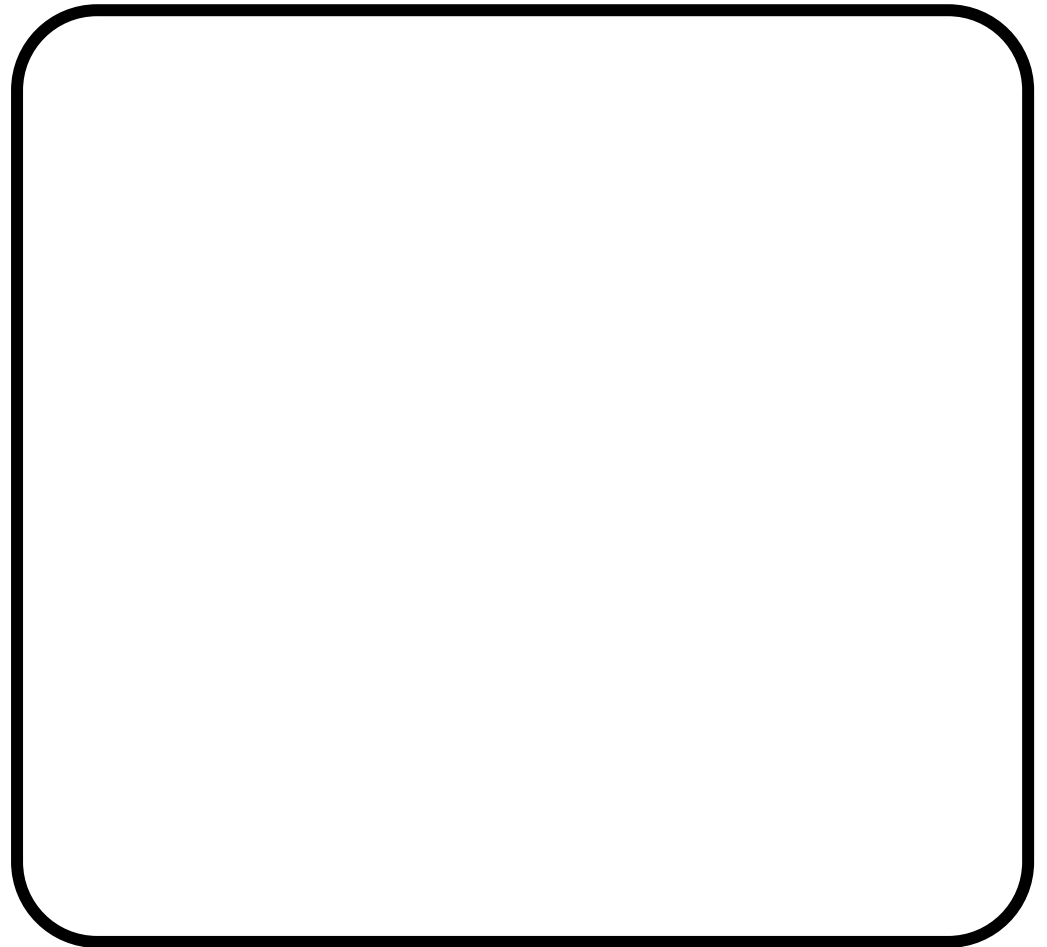
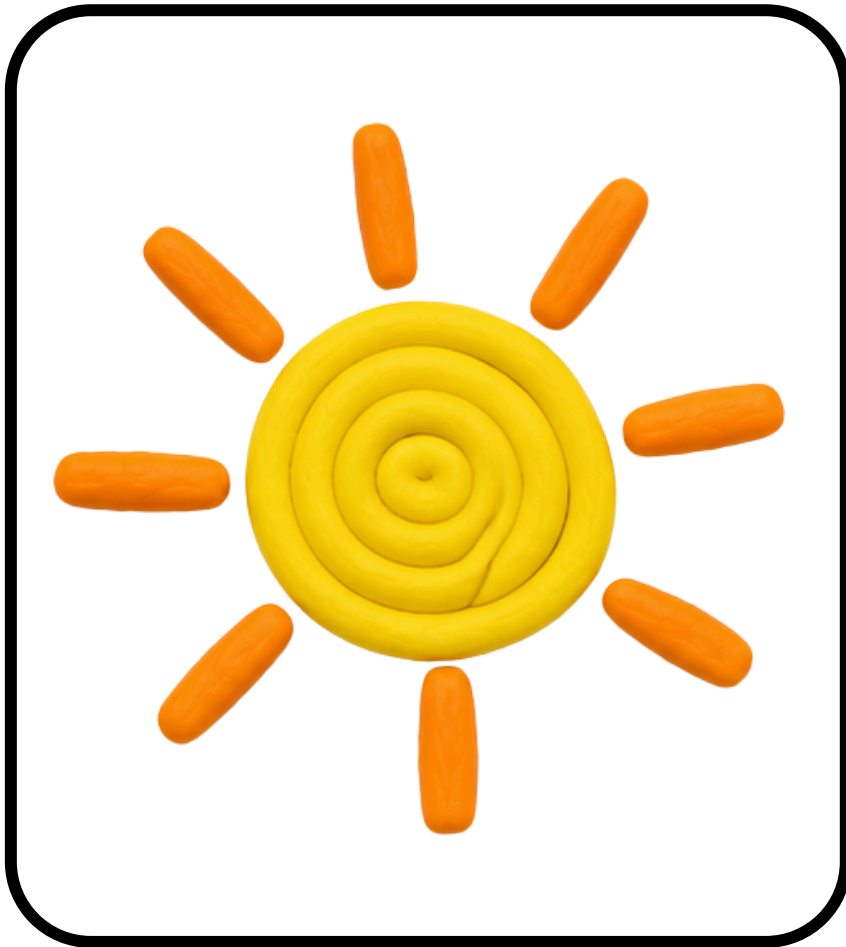
Adopt-a-Prop
instruction page for
making playdough:



JESUS IS GOD'S PROMISED SON

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16)

Can you make a sun?

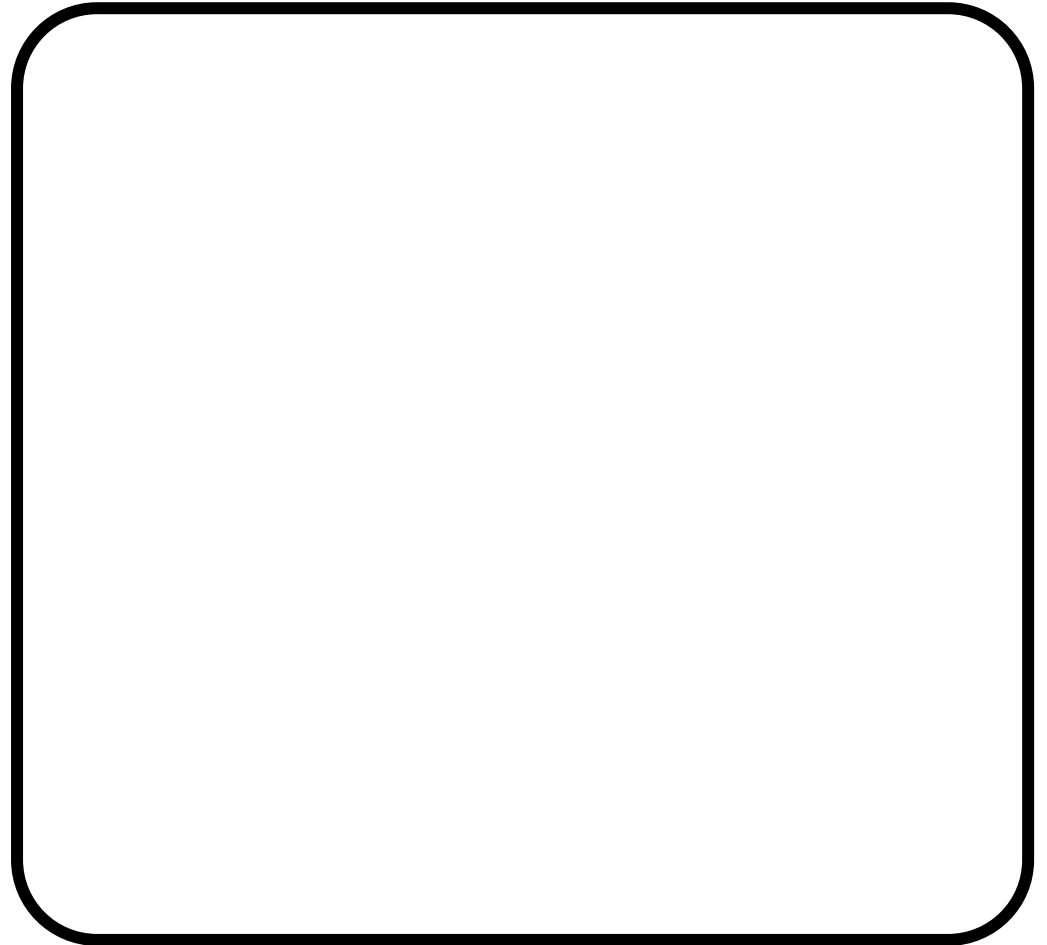
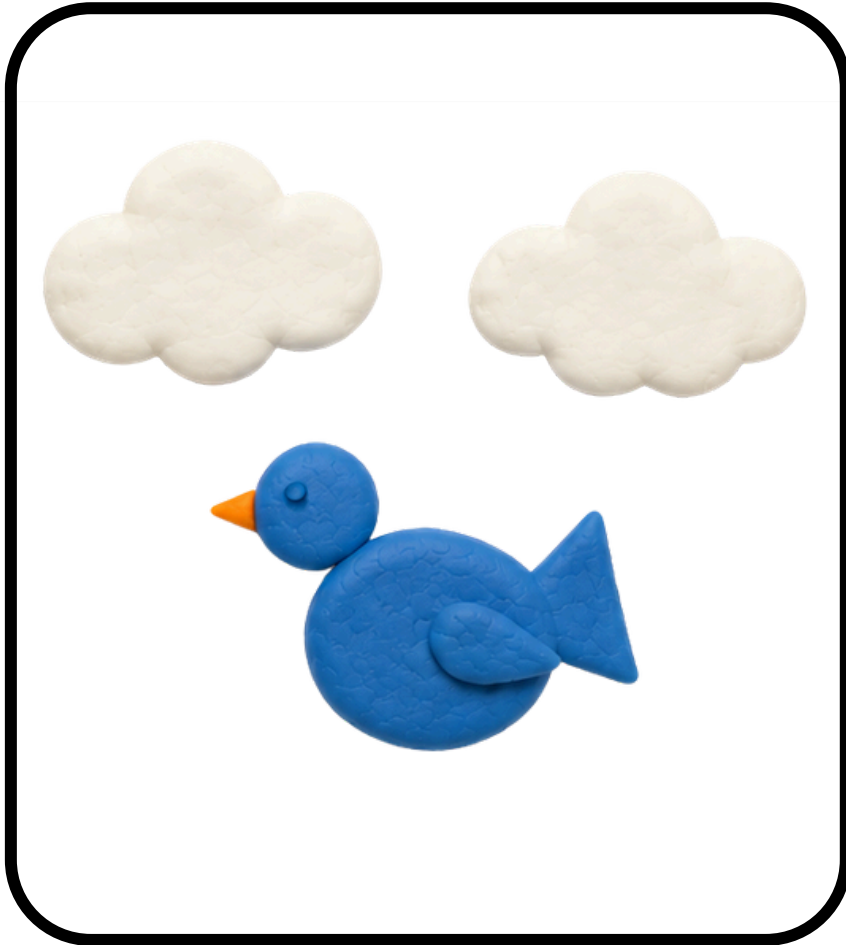


What did Peter say when Jesus asked him, “Who do you say that I am?”
Who is Jesus?

JESUS IS GOD'S PERFECT SON

"A voice came from heaven: 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.'" (Mark 1:11)

Can you make clouds and a dove?

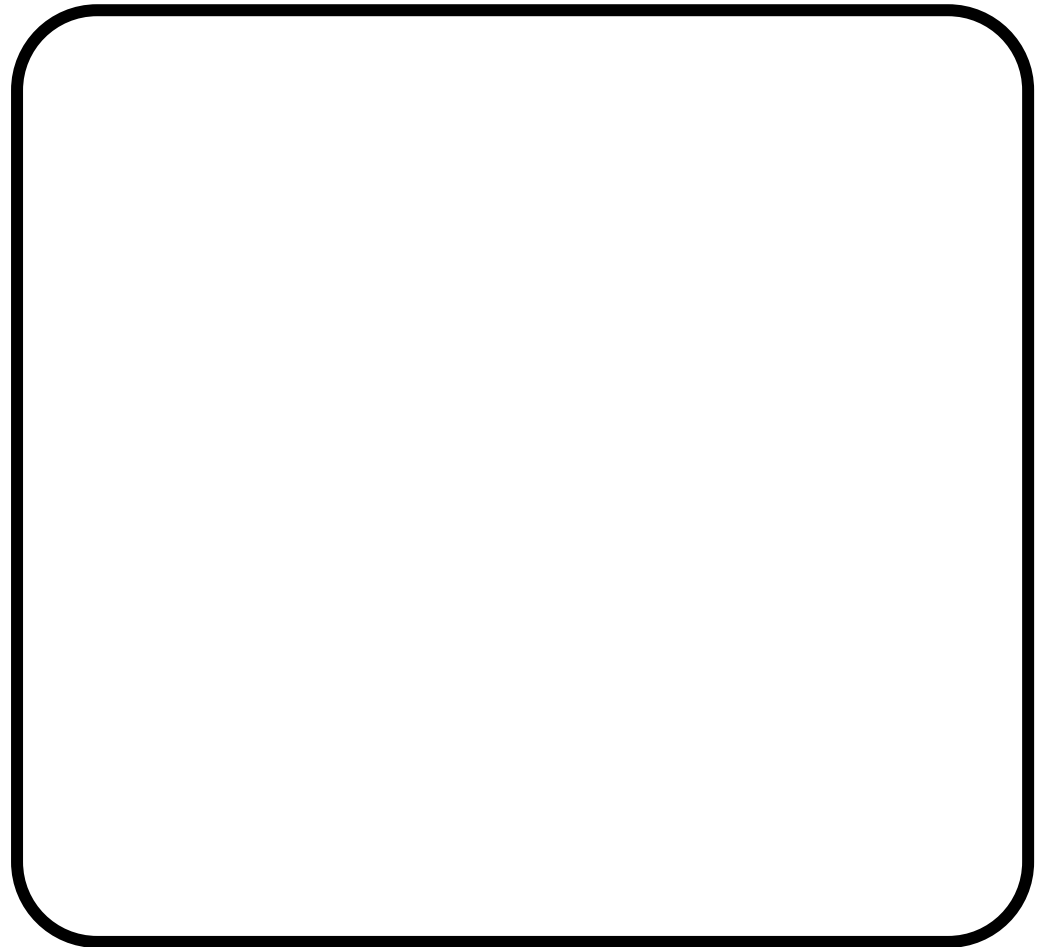
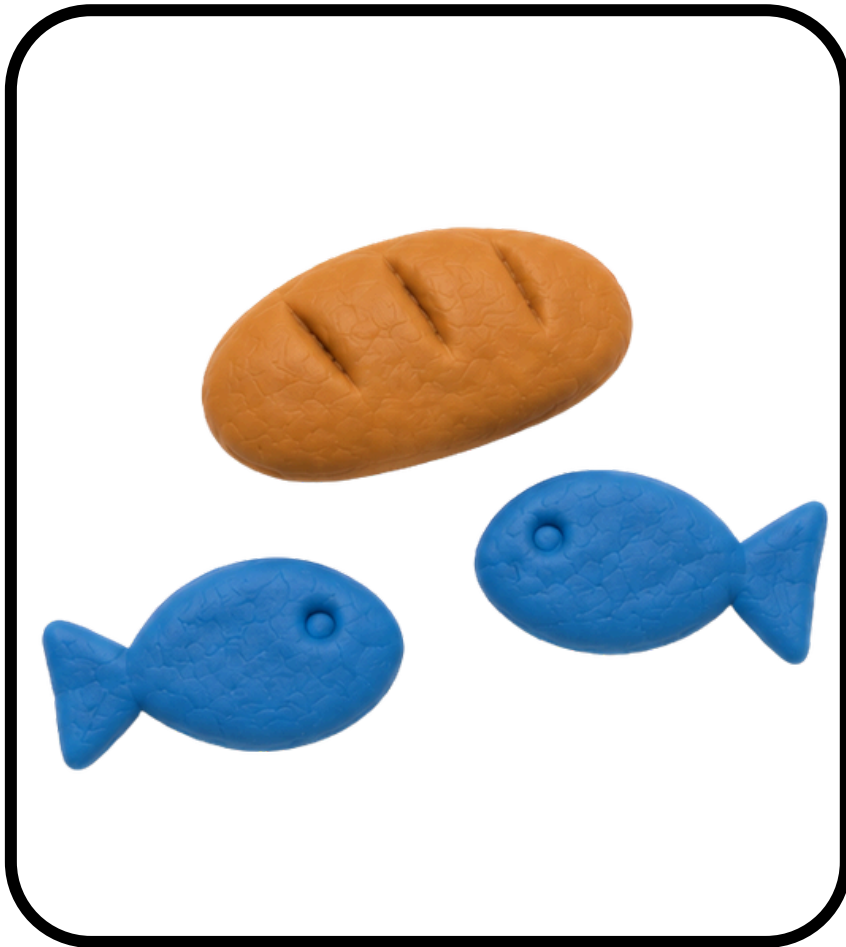


Was Jesus just an ordinary man?
What happened when Jesus was baptized by John?

JESUS IS THE POWERFUL SON OF GOD

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Can you make loaves and fishes?



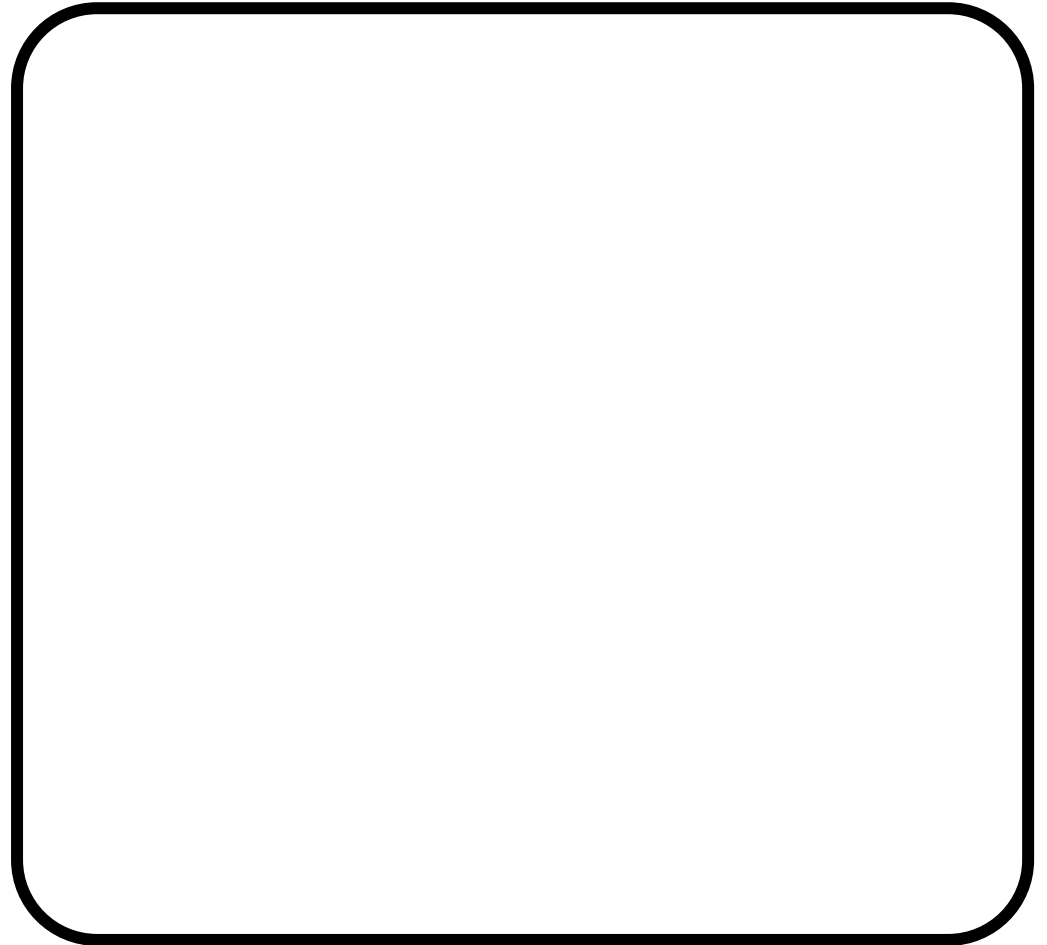
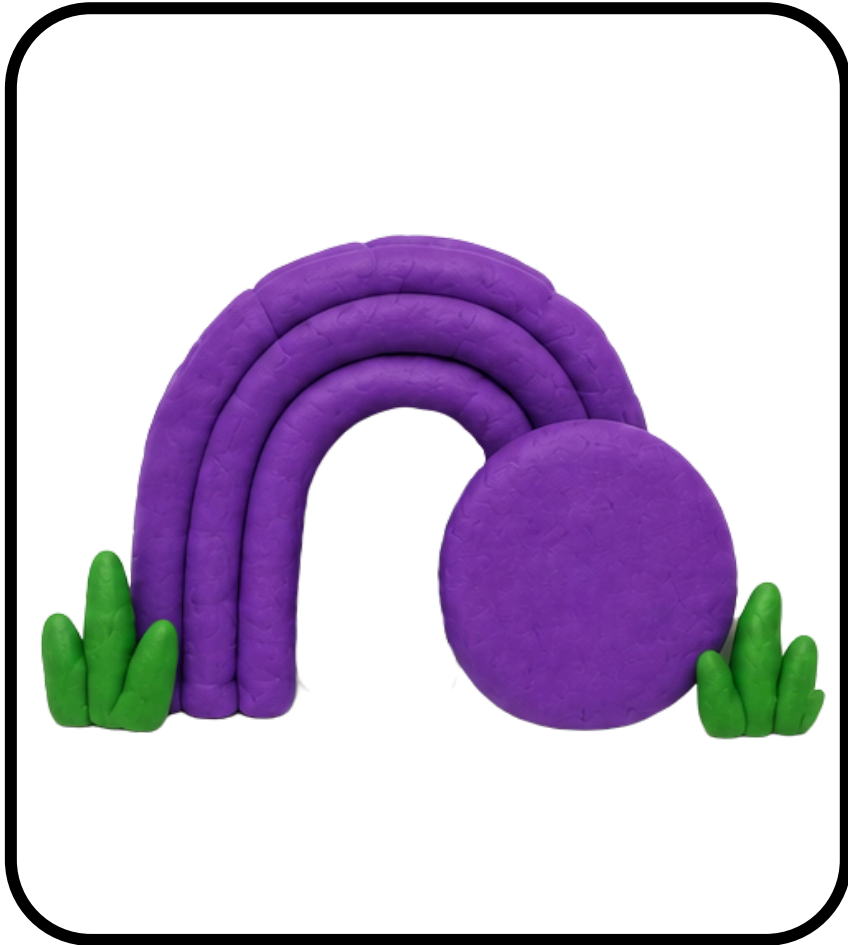
Was Jesus just a teacher?

What are some ways he showed that he is the powerful Son of God?

JESUS IS ALIVE!

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Can you make the empty tomb?

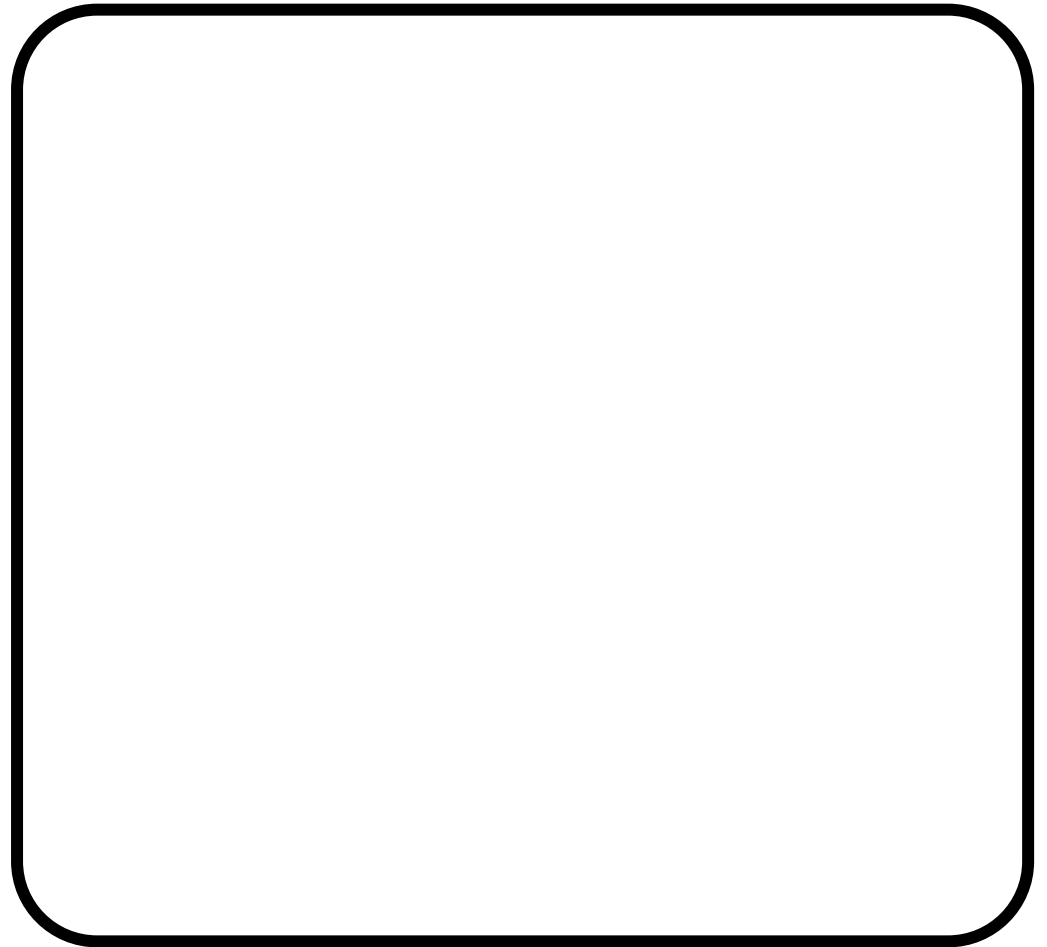


What happened when Jesus' friends visited his tomb?
Was Jesus someone who just lived a long time ago?

JESUS IS GOD'S PLAN FOR FORGIVENESS!

"Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

Can you make a cross?



What did Peter say about Jesus? Why do I need to respond to Jesus?

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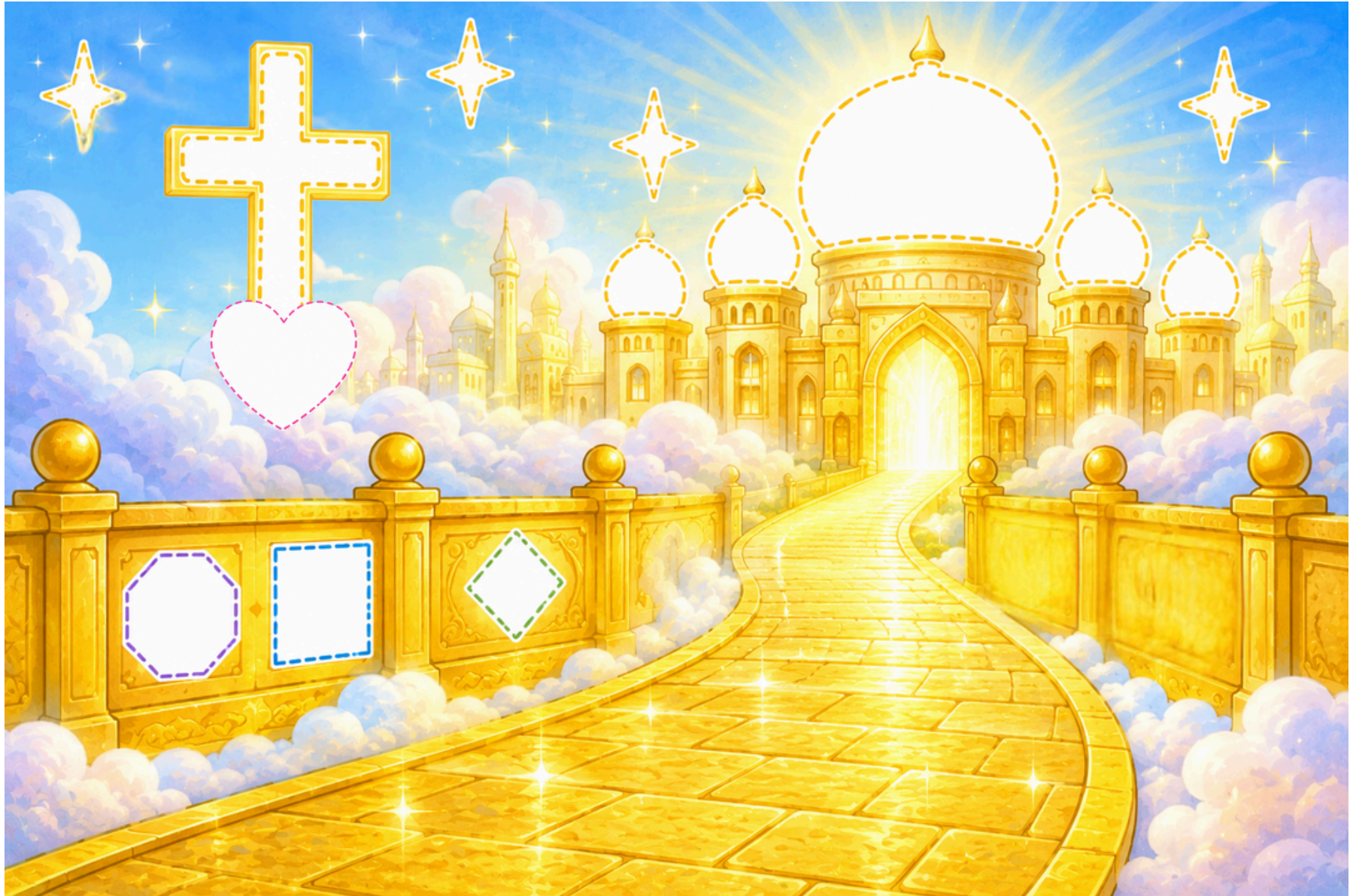
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Can you create a sun?

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a thick orange border, intended for a drawing or activity.

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“Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.’” Matthew 28:18

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A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thick brown border, intended for a drawing or activity related to the text above.

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Can you create a cross?

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thick green border, occupying the lower half of the page. It is intended for a child to draw a cross inside.