

# GIFT PICTURES

*The children will learn about giving God their love.*

## **TOPICS:**

Love, Service, Sacrifice

## **MATERIALS:**

Activity page [ATTACHED]

Scissors, tape

Crayons



## **DURATION:**

Approximately 10 minutes

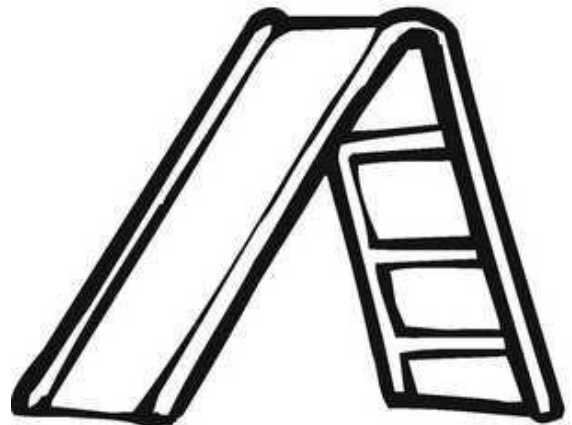
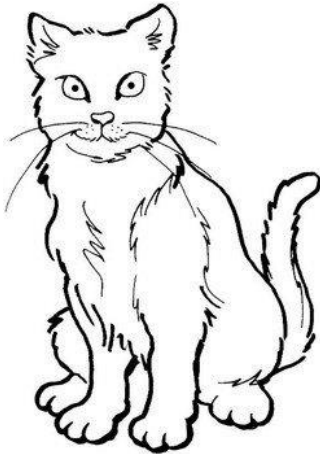
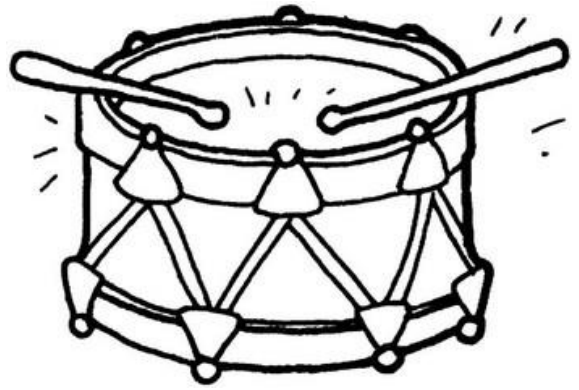
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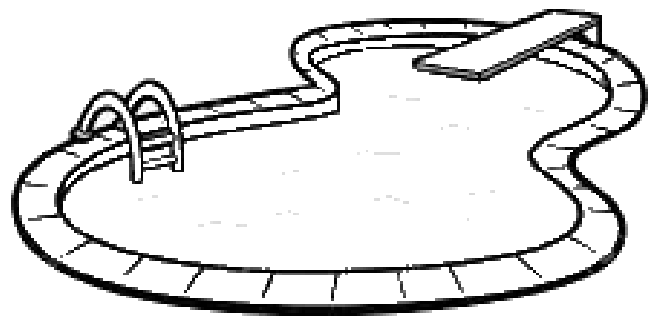
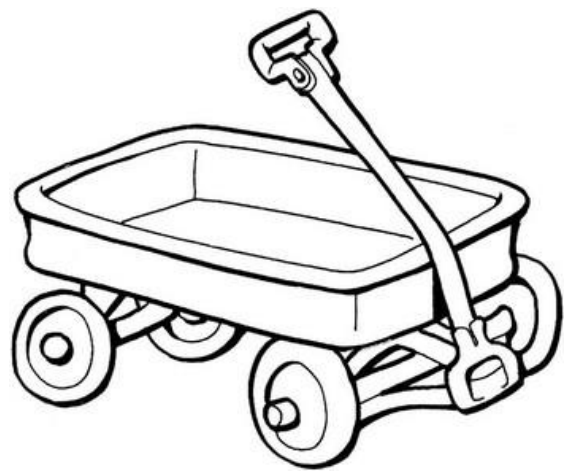
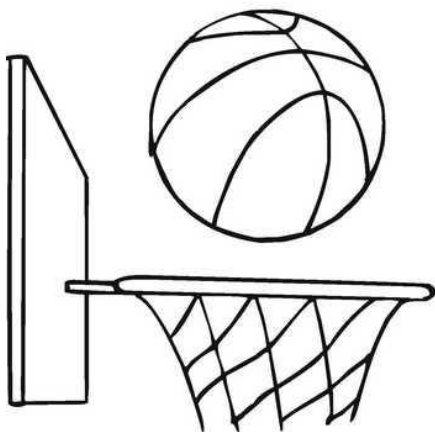
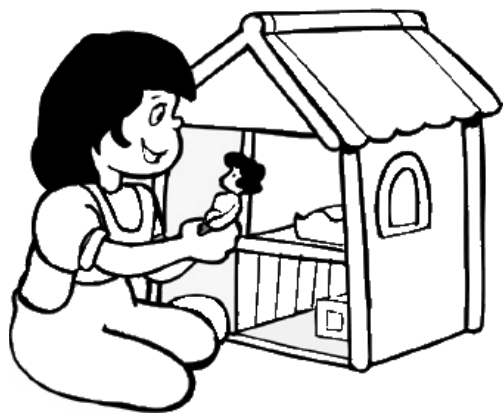
Print the handouts and cut out the pictures (print additional handouts if necessary). Tape the pictures to a wall or white board for the children to view.

## **WHAT YOU WILL DO:**

As the children arrive, ask them to pretend they can choose any gift from the pictures. Then they will carefully decide on one picture, remove it from the wall, and sit down to color the picture.

**Application:** Getting a gift is fun, isn't it? What would you say if you received the gift in your picture? Well, God has given us everything we have, and He gave us the best gift of all – Jesus! Jesus died for our sins so we can know God and go to Heaven one day. And we can give God our love by believing in Jesus. When we love God, we want to do things for Him, like help our friends and obey our parents. Every time we make a good decision, it's a gift to God!





# GIFT FOR GOD

*The children will create cards about serving God.*

## TOPICS:

Obedience, Service, Listening

## MATERIALS:

Activity page [ATTACHED]

Card stock paper, scissors

Various craft supplies: crayons, foam stickers, glitter pens, etc.



## DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

## PREPARATION:

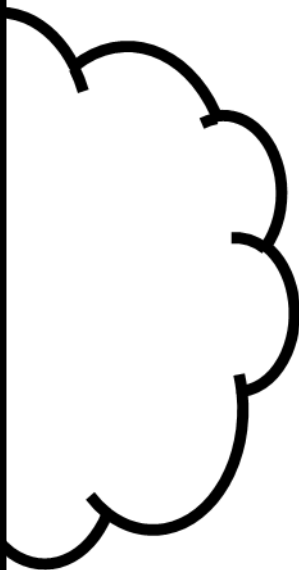
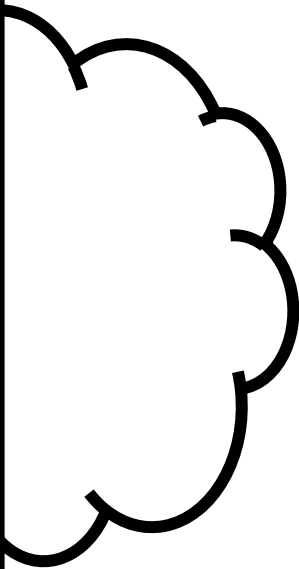
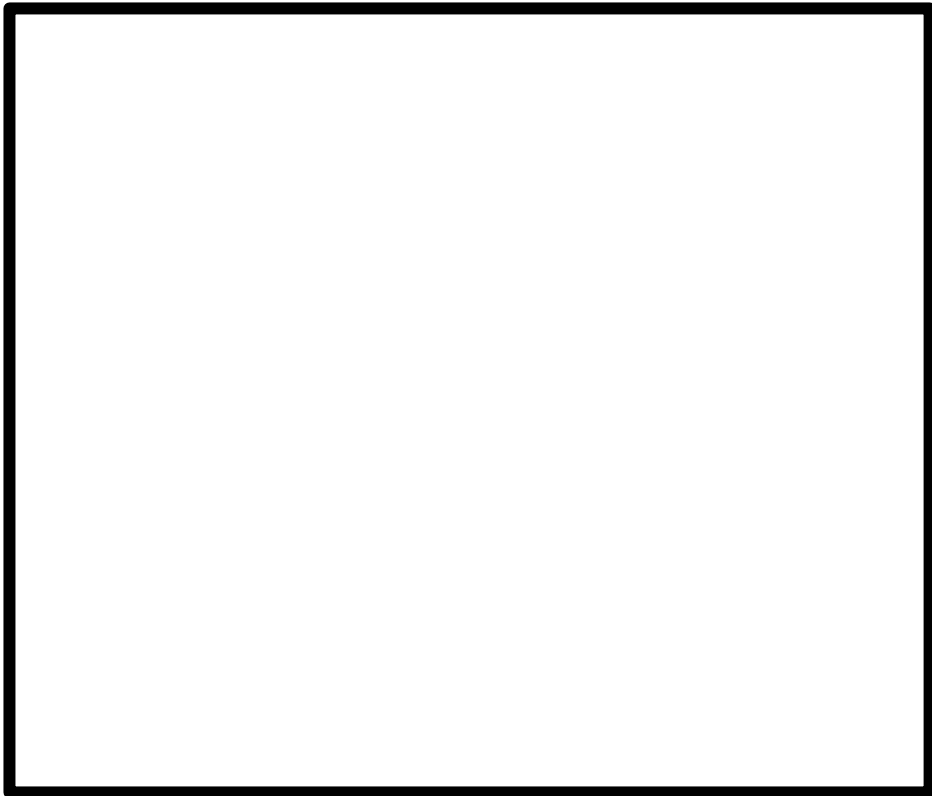
Print one handout for every child. Cut out the shapes on the outer border and fold in half. Then create an example craft for the class.

## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Show the children how to fold the shapes in half (to create a gift-shaped card). Then show the class your craft example and ask the children to color and decorate their own cards for God. Encourage them to think about something they can do to show God their love and draw a picture on the inside of the card (such as praying, helping a friend, or inviting a neighbor to church).

## Application:

Samuel's mother gave him to God so Samuel could learn to serve Him. What can we give to God (our love, service, respect, etc.)? Take your crafts home and tell your parents about the picture you drew so they can help you serve and love God.



# NAME THE SOUND

*The children will practice listening to common sounds to learn about listening to God.*

## TOPICS:

Prayer

## MATERIALS:

5-10 Props: whistle, tambourine, maraca, bike horn, blocks

Paper bag

*Electronic device (for recorded sounds) Optional*



## DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

## PREPARATION:

Place the props in the paper bag.

## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Explain to the class that listening to God takes practice. Then ask the children to cover their eyes with their hands, listen to each sound, and raise their hands to guess the sound (you may use the props, play sounds from the electronic device, and even include sounds like clapping and snapping).

**Application:** Some of the sounds were probably easy to figure out, but which ones were hard? It's not always easy to listen but focusing and obeying pleases God. If we listen to our parents and teachers, then it will be easier to listen to God. How can we listen to God this week (e.g. going to church, listening to worship music, doing something kind for a friend)? When we listen to God, we can serve Him!