



it's all about the HEART!

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Educational Notes: Adoptive Father

After reading activities.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to be adoptive or to adopt?
- What do you think the most important message in Adoptive father?
- Do you know any scripture that sound like the pages in the book?
- On the first page there are lots of animals, birds and insects. Do you know what country they come from?
- What does the story say about being kind? Are there different ways to love others? What are they?
- Who has been kind to you? What did they do? Do you see their behaviour in the story?
- How close can you get to our heavenly father?
- How important is our hearts?
- What was your favourite picture and why?
- What other thing could you do to be kind to others?
- Where can we find out more about God?
- Can you find the hidden cross in each page? (see answers on page below)



READING AND WRITING

- Write a story about you and how you helped someone feel special.
- Write a letter of praise thanking father God for all the things He has created or provided for you.
- Read supporting scriptures and discuss them in a group.

DRAMA

Think about a situation that would make your heart grow. Act out good samaritan type acts and examples of kindness. One child acts as the heart using his/her hands and arms to show audience the heart growing. Using opposite characters act out the same situation played out in kindness and in selfishness, illustrate the two different outcomes.

ART

Make flash cards with the fruits of the spirit on each; Love, Peace, Faithfulness, Goodness, Gentleness, Patience, Self-Control, and Kindness.

Draw examples of each of these either using the book examples or your own.

Use the Adoptive Father mobile download to create a mobile.

Check for new Adoptive Father activity sheets on author's website.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Find out:

What are the animals, birds and insects in the first picture spread? Hint: India.

Note some of the clothing you may not usually see your friends wearing. Look at the wonderful fashions of different countries.



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SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE (Focus - Fruit of the Spirit)
NIV except where specified

Page 1

Genesis 1& 2:1-7

Gen 1:31: Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

LOVE

Mark 12:30-31

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

PEACE

Romans 11:18

Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. (NLT)

James 3:18

Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

GOODNESS, GENTLENESS AND KINDNESS

Romans 12:8

If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

PATIENCE & SELF-CONTROL

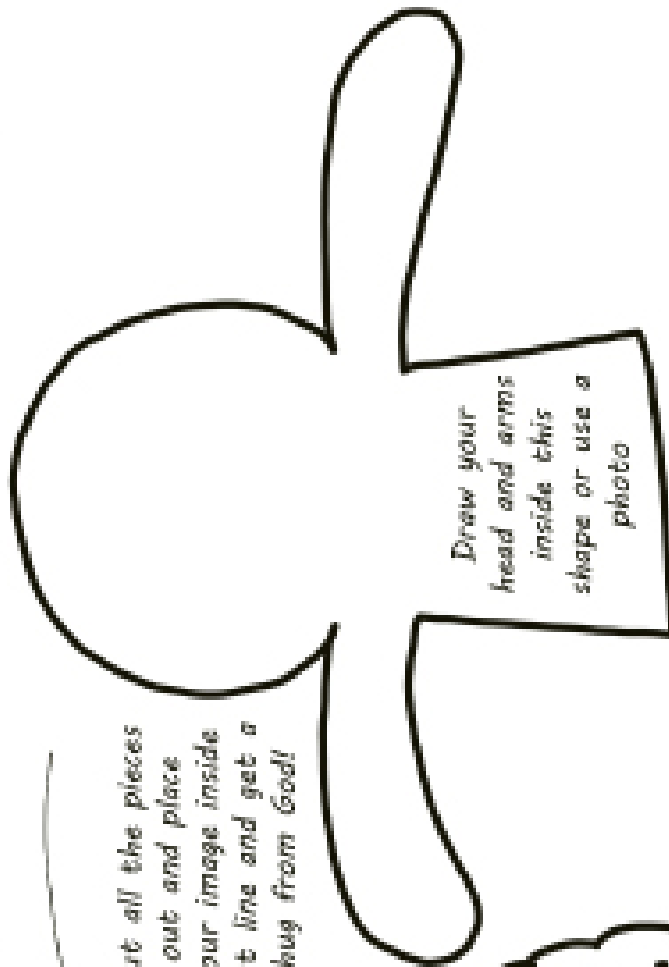
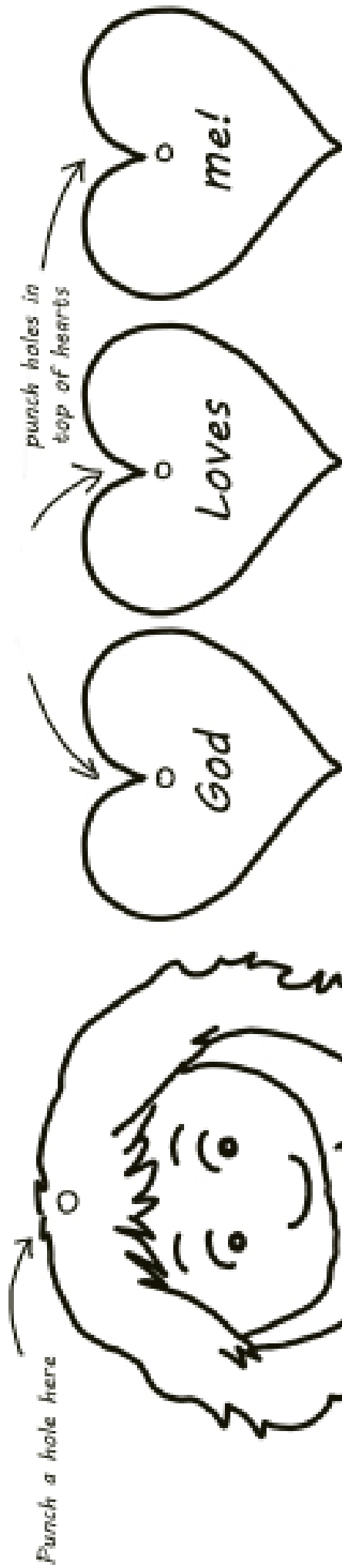
Proverbs 25:28

Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

SAFETY IN GETTING CLOSE TO GOD - FAITH & TRUST

Psalms 4:8

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.



Cut all the pieces out and place your image inside cut line and get a hug from God!

punch holes in top of hearts



ADOPTIVE FATHER (PICTURE BOOK)

God Hugs Me Mobile

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Punch a hole here

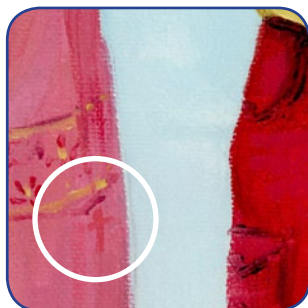
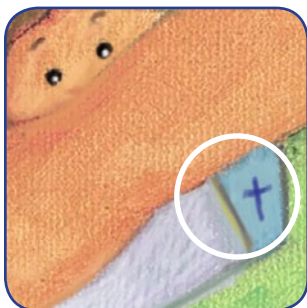
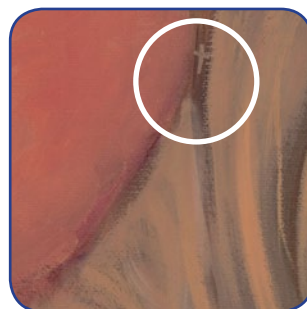
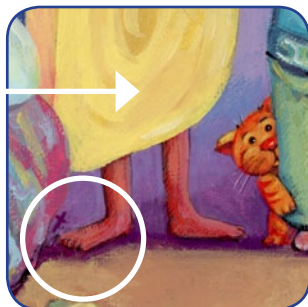
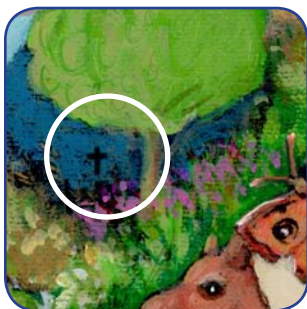
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Punch 3 holes under the lettering

Every illustration in ADOPTIVE FATHER has a small hidden cross.

Did you find them all?

Check your answers below.



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