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Jesus writes in the dust

Story and activities to do at home
while we are unable to meet.

Don't worry if you don't do everything in here.
Just do what you fancy and have fun!



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Story



New Living Translation

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught doing something really bad. They put her in front of the crowd.

"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught doing something really bad. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"

They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.



When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

"No, Lord," she said.

And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

John 8:1-11 (adapted)

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Simple version

One morning Jesus went to the temple, a crowd gathered around him, Jesus started talking to them. While he was talking to the crowd some leaders from the Temple came to Jesus with a woman who had done a very bad thing. She was put to stand in front of the crowd. They told Jesus, "this woman has done a bad thing, the law of Moses says to stone her to death. What do you say about this?". Jesus knelt and started writing in the dust, he looked up at the people and said, "if any of you have never sinned, you can throw the first stone". All the people went away leaving the woman on her own with Jesus. Jesus asked, "where is everyone, did no one judge you?" "no sir" she answered. Jesus told her "I don't judge you either, now go and don't sin again."



Questions to discuss

After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

1. Have you ever been caught doing something you weren't supposed to do? Were you punished?
2. In the story, what did Jesus do when the woman was brought to him?
3. Why do you think all the men went away without doing anything to the woman?
4. What did Jesus say to her?
5. What do you think Jesus would say to you if you did something bad?



Short prayer

Dear God, Thank You for Jesus. Thank You for the way You are willing to forgive me when I say 'sorry' for doing something bad.

Please help me not to do bad things.

Amen.

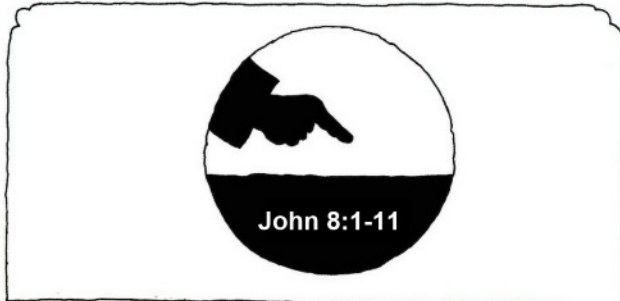
Story to colour

JESUS wrote in the dust

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By Jill Kemp (adapted)

Illustrated by Richard Gunther



The important teachers from the Temple were always trying to find ways to get rid of Jesus because they were jealous of all the people who listened to and followed Him.



The Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had done something very wrong to Jesus to judge, but they were really trying to get Jesus into trouble.



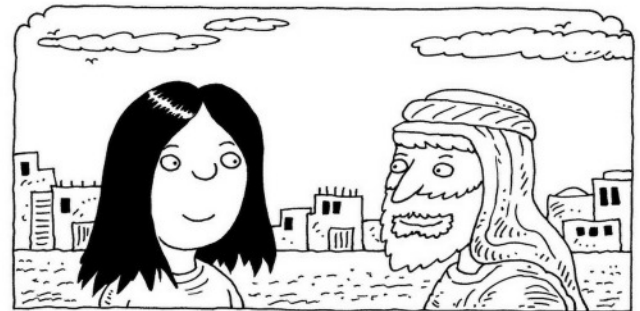
They wanted to stone the woman to death. She felt ashamed and frightened. She knew she had broken one of God's Commandments and that she would be punished.



Jesus bent down and wrote in the dust with his finger. He said, "Anyone who has NEVER broken God's Laws should be the one to judge her." Then He carried on writing.



Every single person began to feel guilty about things THEY had done. No one at all is perfect. One by one they left. There was no one left at all to condemn, or judge the woman.



Jesus stood up and asked the woman, "Where are the people who judge you?" She replied, "No one is left to judge me, Lord." Then Jesus said, "Then neither do I."



"Go home and don't behave like that again." Forgiven and free the woman went on her way with her heart full of joy and hope. Jesus had saved her and given her a new life.

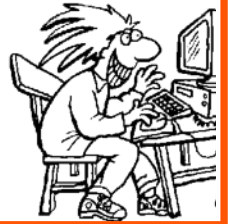
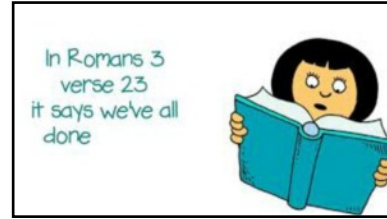


John, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote about this true story in the Bible. It teaches us not to criticize and judge other people because we are not perfect ourselves.



Video of the story
<https://youtu.be/nWJBA9mBrhk>

Video of song of the week
<https://youtu.be/xZvY3ezbZdQ>



Creative prayer

'Sorry' in the sand

We all do and say wrong things sometimes. Saying sorry is a way of admitting that you did wrong, and that you want to do things right. Christians believe that when we say sorry to God, God washes away all the wrong things. Forgiveness is the word for this.



Is there something you need to say 'sorry' for? Write a prayer that says sorry, in the sand. When you're ready, brush it all off afterwards.

'If we confess our sins to him, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.'
1 John 1 verse 9

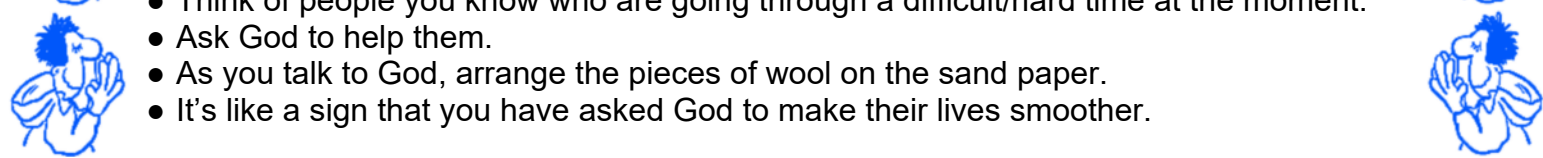
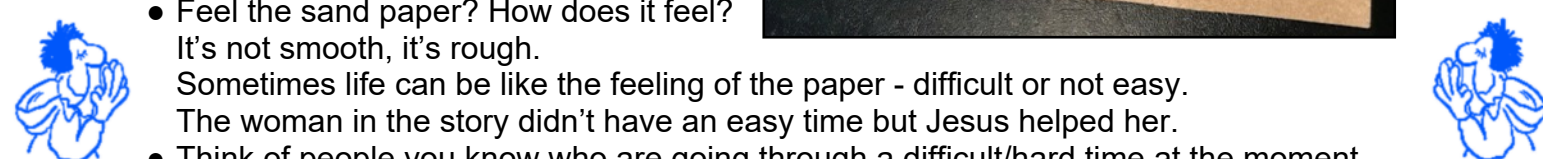
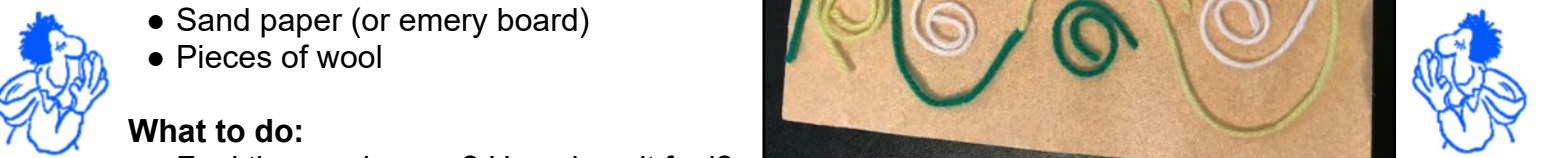
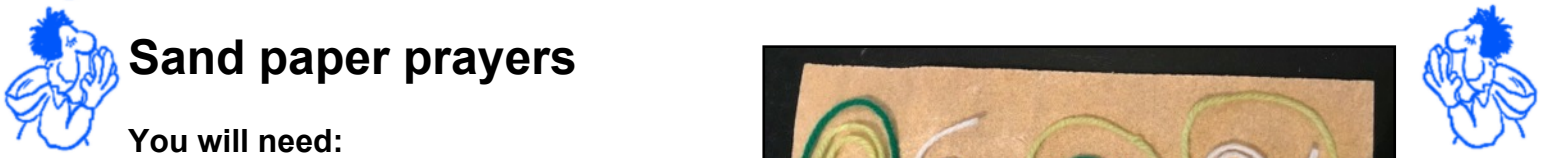
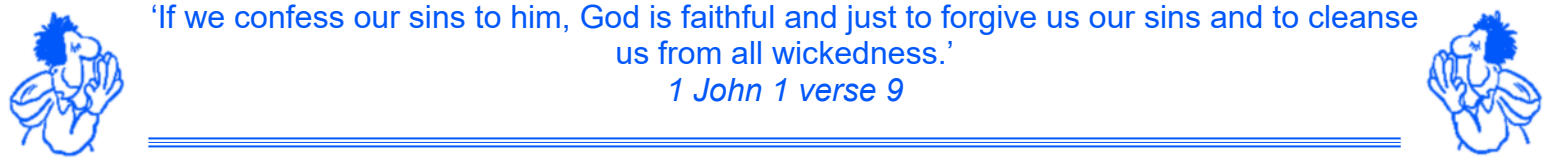
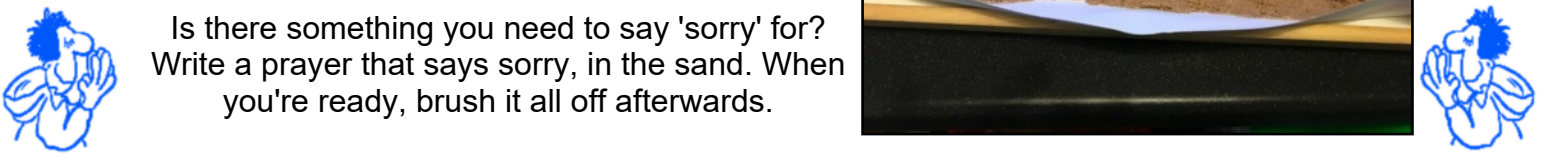
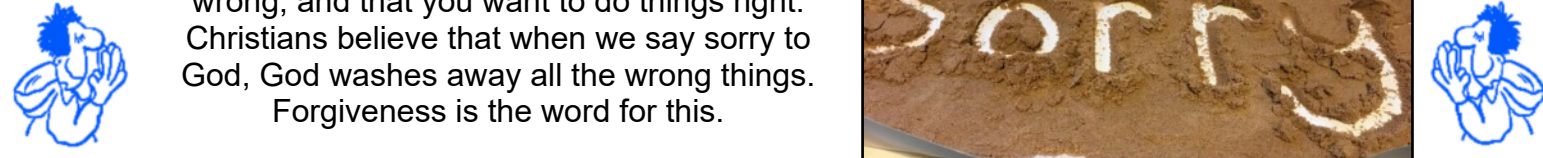
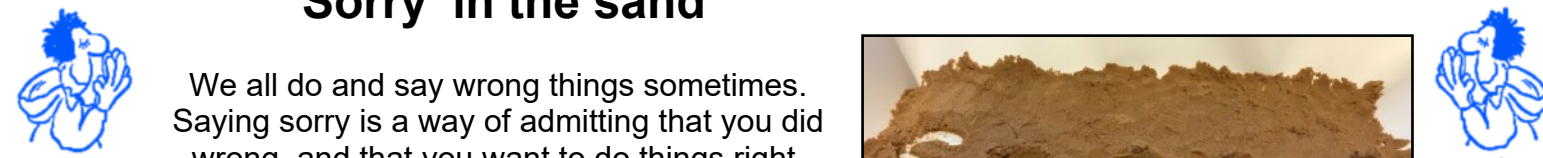
Sand paper prayers

You will need:

- Sand paper (or emery board)
- Pieces of wool

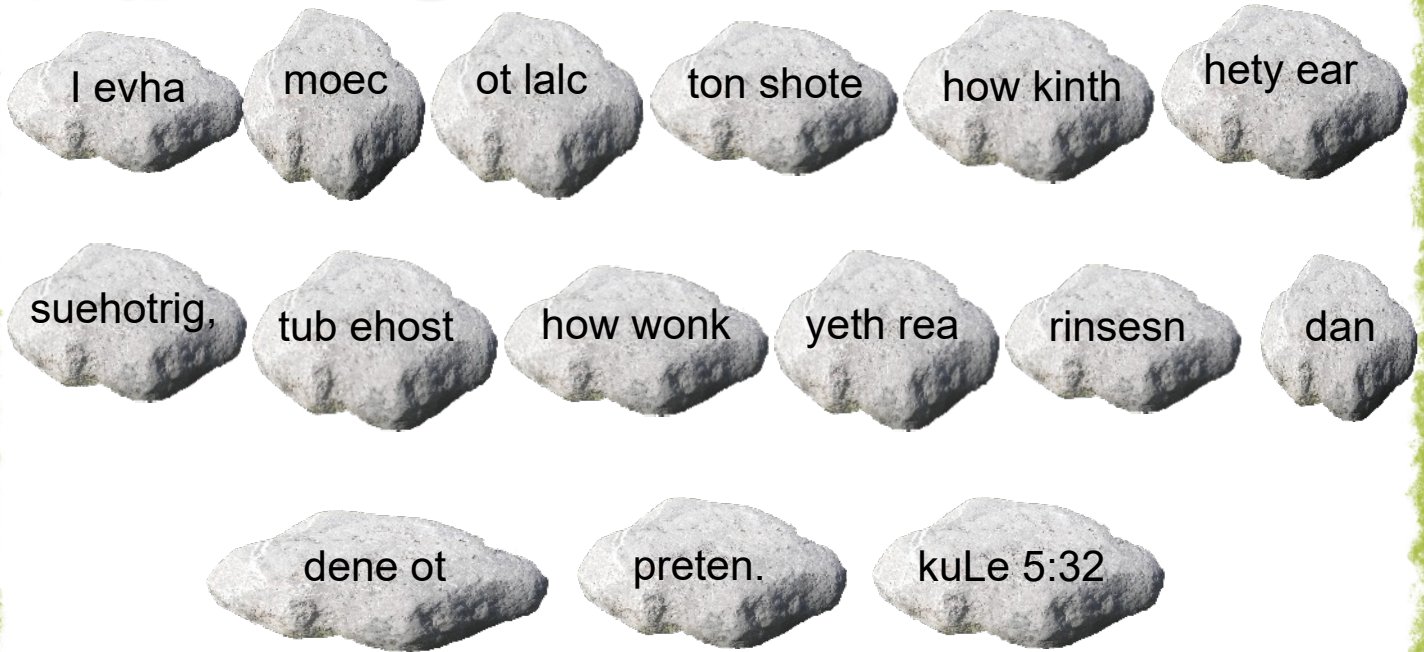
What to do:

- Feel the sand paper? How does it feel? It's not smooth, it's rough. Sometimes life can be like the feeling of the paper - difficult or not easy. The woman in the story didn't have an easy time but Jesus helped her.
- Think of people you know who are going through a difficult/hard time at the moment.
- Ask God to help them.
- As you talk to God, arrange the pieces of wool on the sand paper.
- It's like a sign that you have asked God to make their lives smoother.



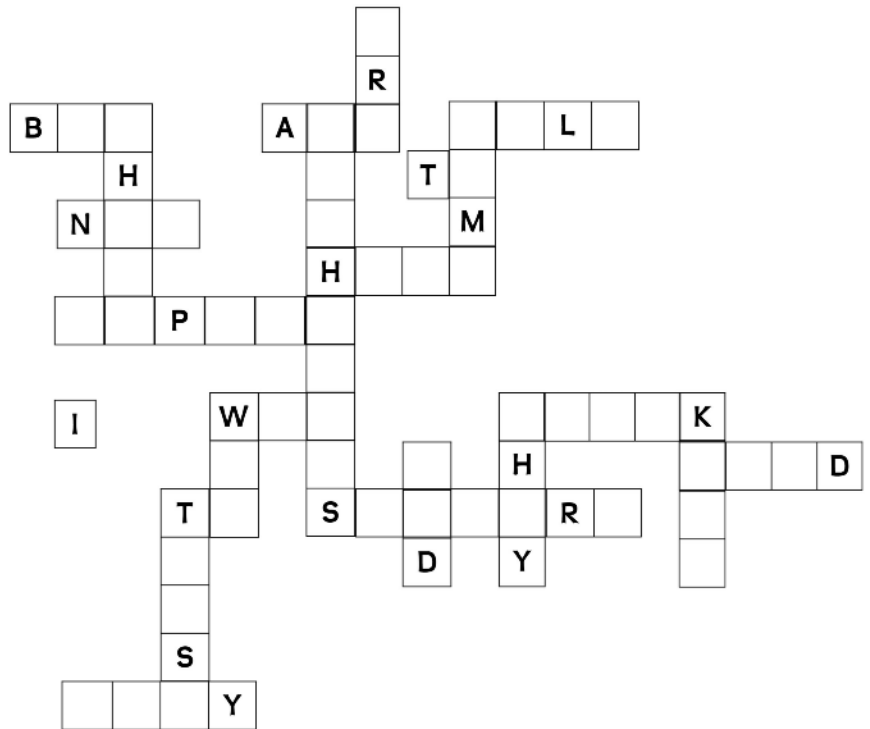
Puzzles

Can you rearrange the letters to find the verse?



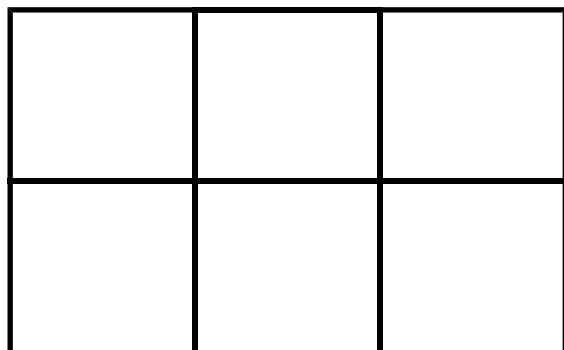
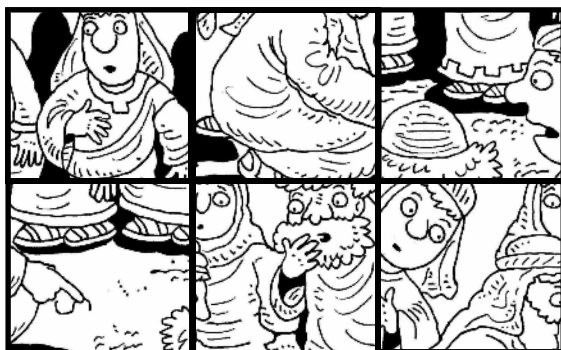
Can you put the words of the verse above in the right place?

Some of the letters have been put in already to help you.



This picture has been jumbled up.

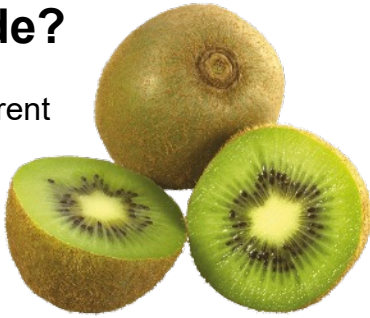
Can you redraw it with each part in the correct square on the grid to show the picture?



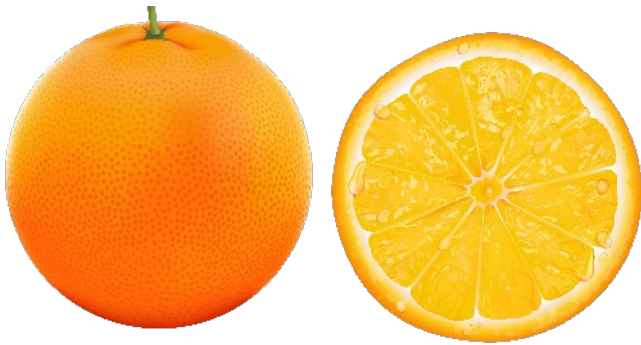
Challenges

What's inside?

Look at some different fruit. How would you describe what you see on the outside? Peel the fruit or cut them open and have a close look at the inside - it's very different!

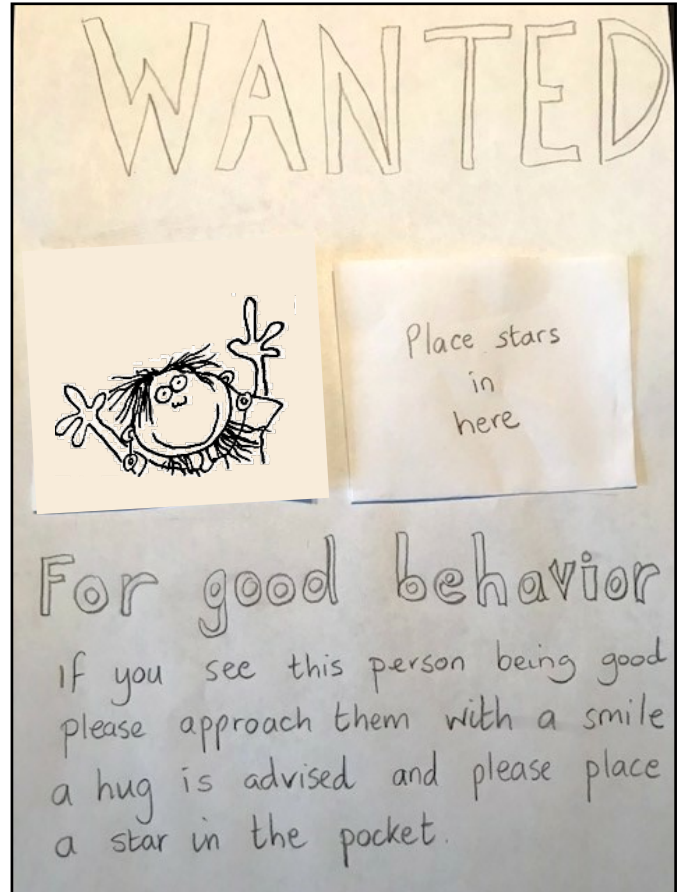


Sometimes we are like this. We look like we are kind and willing to help on the outside but inside us is different. Think about this and ask God to help you be good on the inside as well.



Wanted

Make a "Wanted" poster. In the past these posters would be put up to alert people to an offender who needed to be caught. But instead of creating a poster about being bad, make one that asks people to look out for someone they have seen doing good deeds. Put it up inside your house.



Forgiving hearts

Make a heart like the one in the picture and write on in the words, "The world needs forgiving hearts." Then hang it in your window.



Sand pictures

Make a picture of the story using sand.



Wordsearch

K I F S N Y E R I O P A W F A E Z W
 H T K I S S T E M P L E Q C X X A V
 J I B I R O Y G V L V E C F P C V X
 M N C E A C I N F V C U E K D R B T
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TEMPLE
 PHARISEES
 CROWD
 BAD
 THING
 WOMAN
 STONE
 TRAP
 JESUS
 WROTE
 DUST
 FINGER
 ACCUSERS
 AWAY
 FORGIVE
 LIGHT
 WORLD



Recipe

Sand pudding

In the story Jesus wrote in the sand.

Ingredients:

- 'Digestive' biscuits
- A small pot of vanilla or toffee flavored yoghurt (or any flavour you want!)
- Rolling pin
- Clean kitchen plastic bag
- Glass
- 2 spoons

Method:

- Break 4 Digestive biscuits into a clean plastic bag.
- Hold the end of the bag closed and use the rolling pin to crush the biscuits into crumbs.
- Put a spoonful of biscuit crumbs in the bottom of the glass and flatten.
- Place a spoonful of yoghurt on top of the biscuits.
- Repeat until you have used the yoghurt and biscuit crumbs - as pictured.
- Enjoy!



Games

In the story Jesus wrote in the sand before answering the men's questions.
In these games you have the opportunity to write in sand.

For both games you will need:

- Sand (or cheap table salt)
- Tray or tin to hold the sand
- A thin piece of wood or pencil

Sand dot-to-dot

How to play:

- Put the sand on the tray or tin.
- If the sand is dry give it a little water - but not too much.
- Use the thin wood (or pencil) to make a pattern of dots as pictured.
- With the wood (pencil) draw lines between the dots to create a picture.



Sand naughts and crosses

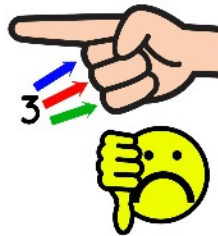
How to play:

- You will need 2 players
- Put the sand on the tray or tin.
- If the sand is dry give it a little water - but not too much.
- Use the thin wood (or pencil) to make a grid as pictured:
- One player chooses O and the other X
- Each player in turn puts their O or X in the grid
- The winner is the one who manages to create an OXO line up, down or diagonally.

Sing

If you choose to point a finger and judge what people do, then stop and just remember that 3 point back at you.

In Romans 3 verse 23
It says we've all done wrong,
By God's standard we all fail
He knew it all along.



Jesus came, not to call those who believe
That they're good all life long,
But came to call the sinners, 'Change your
hearts and run from wrong!'

If we choose to point a finger, we should
point at wrongs we've done! The
good news is we can find forgiveness
through Jesus, God's own Son.

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Watch this song and sing along at <https://youtu.be/xZvY3ezbZdQ>

If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes - ahughes@saintygymuned.org