

"NEW CHALLENGES, NEW HOPE"

West of Cambridge Churches Joint Service 22 November 2020

Resources and activities for children and young people.

These resources have been collated for parents and carers to provide further teaching and activities for children and young people relating to the theme of new challenges, new hope. They can be used before, during and after the service.

It would be helpful to look through this information in advance, as it might be helpful to view some videos in particular before the service. You may also want to print out some activity sheets or prepare other resources in advance of the service, to keep your children busy during the time.

At the beginning of the service a short all-age video from GenR8 will be shown. Some of these resources refer to this video.

VIDEOS

Song with actions – Those who put their Hope in the Lord

This song features in the opening section video from GenR8. Here's a chance to hear and sing the song, and to learn the actions:

https://youtu.be/4V_BA2y61NQ

An Object Lesson – Hope in Jesus

This video teaches about hoping in Jesus when we are in a difficult place, using the illustration of a caterpillar and a butterfly. It is suitable for all ages.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GtHnXM8FZI

Douglas Talks – Christian Hope

This video explores the difference between what the world means by hope, and Christian hope. Despite being introduced by a puppet, the level of the content is more suitable for older children.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zh9QaH-qJkM

Song with lyrics – Hopeity Hope

This song covers some of the same topics as the Douglas Talks video but may be more suitable for younger children.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6gqbmhnuQ

Hope Blossoms – Prayer Activity

This video leads children through a prayer activity thinking about hope. Further guidance is given below.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpDtOhOiCvU&feature=youtu.be

PRAYER ACTIVITY – HOPE BLOSSOMS

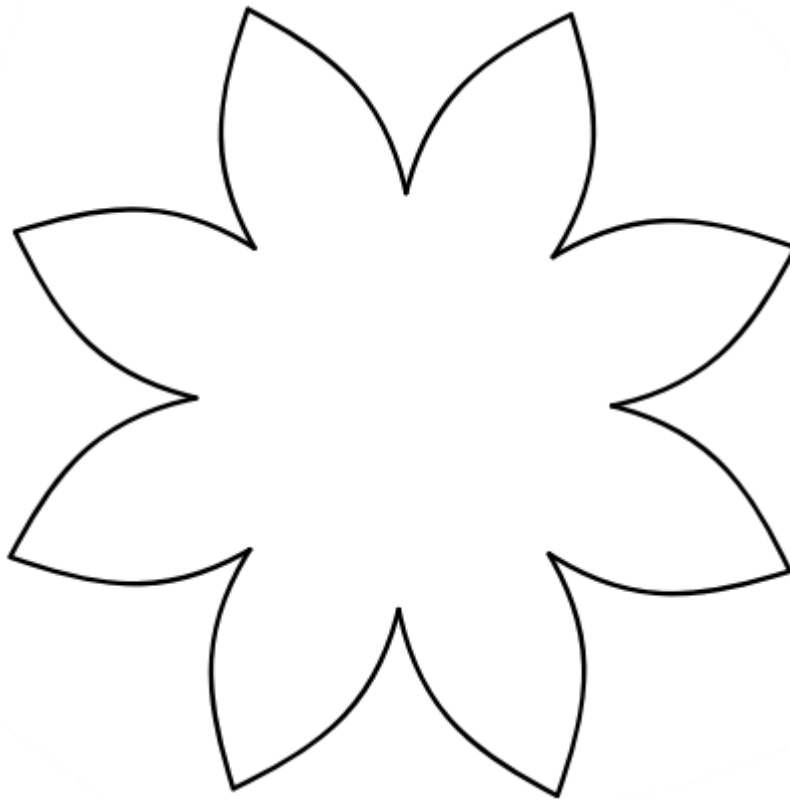
Watch the video here www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpDtOhOiCvU&feature=youtu.be and Sian will lead you through an activity to help you pray about things that you are hoping for.

You will need some resources for the activity:

- Some flower shapes cut out of paper or thin card – you may like to use the template below
- A pen or pencil
- A bowl of water

If you're not able to follow the video, here are some instructions. You may want to use several flowers:

- Think about some things that you are hoping for – it might be something like being able to see your grandma, making new friends, about the future, or that someone you know who is unwell will get better.
- Write or draw a picture of what you hope for in the middle of a flower.
- Fold all of the petals in, covering up what you hope for.
- Lay the flowers onto the surface of the water and watch the petals open to reveal your hopes. As you do this pray, placing your hopes in God's hands.



Adapted from a prayer spaces in schools resource

MISSING WORDS

Can you remember the words of the song in the video with Steve and Sian?

Fill the missing words into the numbered lines in the grid below, and the highlighted boxes will reveal the book of the Bible where you can find these words, in chapter 40 verse 31.

Those who put their - **6** - in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on - **1** - like - **2** - ,

They will run and not grow - **3** - ,

They will - **5** - and not grow - **4** - .

To help, here are the missing words in anagram form:

1 GINWS

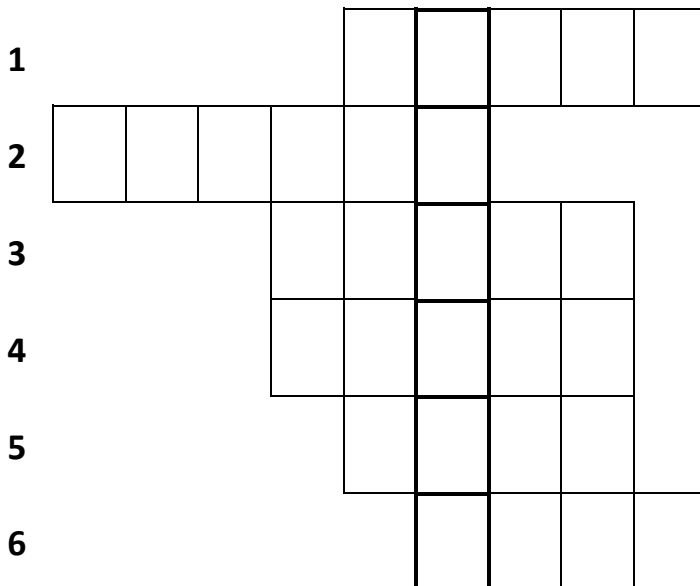
2 ALGESE

3 EYWRA

4 NIFAT

5 KAWL

6 PHEO

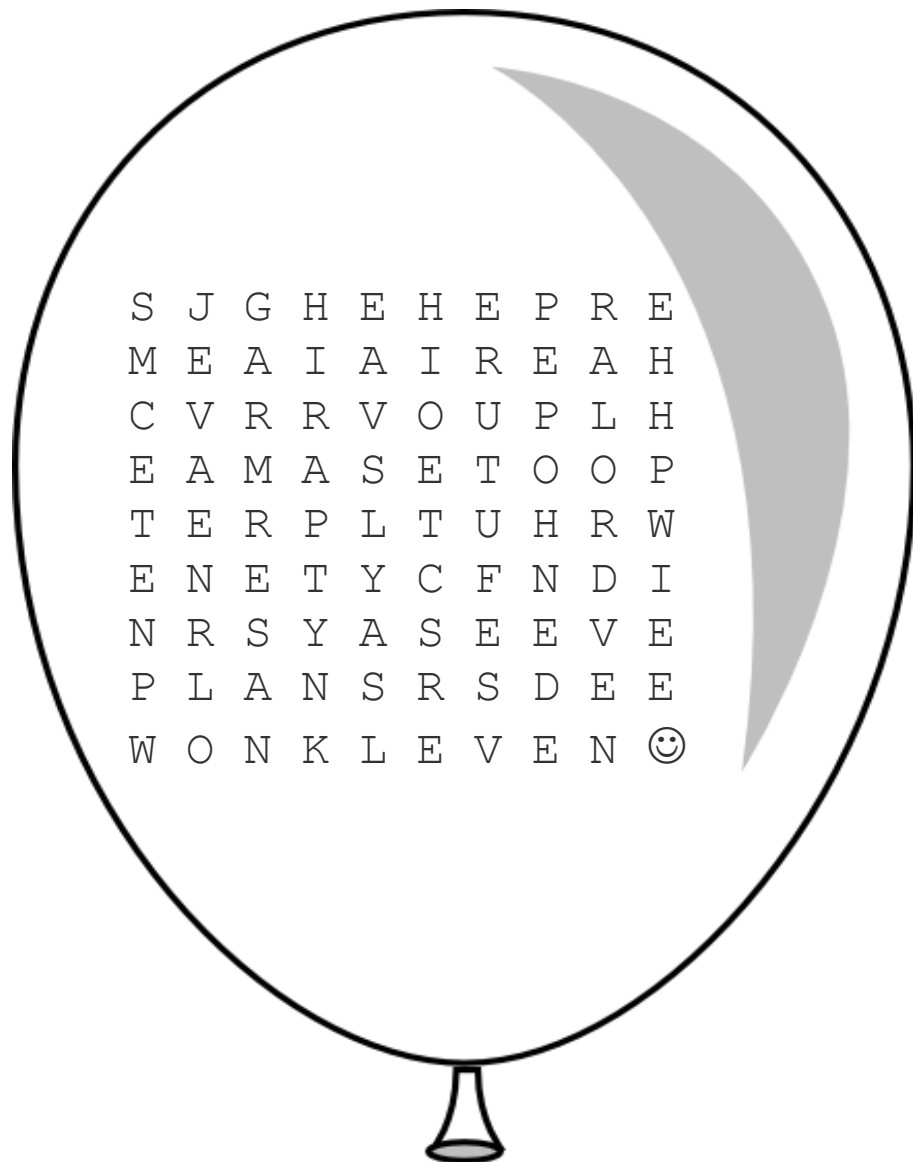


WORD SEARCH VERSE

Steve and Sian shared a Bible verse that encourages us to put our hope in God for the future.

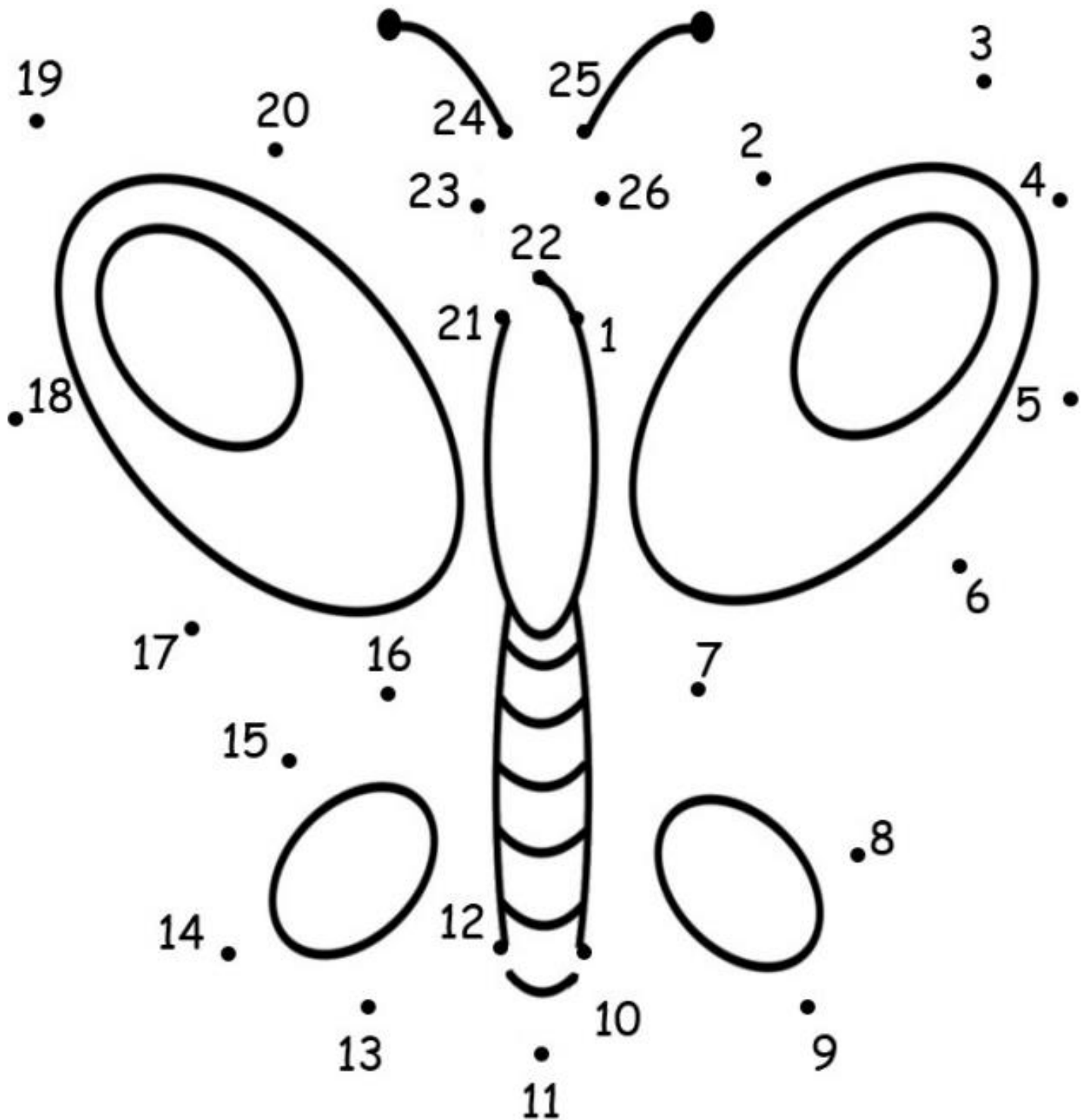
Find the words from the verse in the grid. Fill the letters you have not used from the grid into the spaces below to read where in the Bible you can find this verse. Then find a Bible and look up the verse.

DECLARES
FUTURE
GIVE
HARM
HAVE
HOPE
KNOW
LORD
PLANS
PROSPER
SAYS



DOT TO DOT BUTTERFLY

Join the dots to draw a picture of a butterfly. Then you can colour it in if you want.



CRAFT IDEAS

“Those who put their hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings of eagles...” *Isaiah 40:31a*



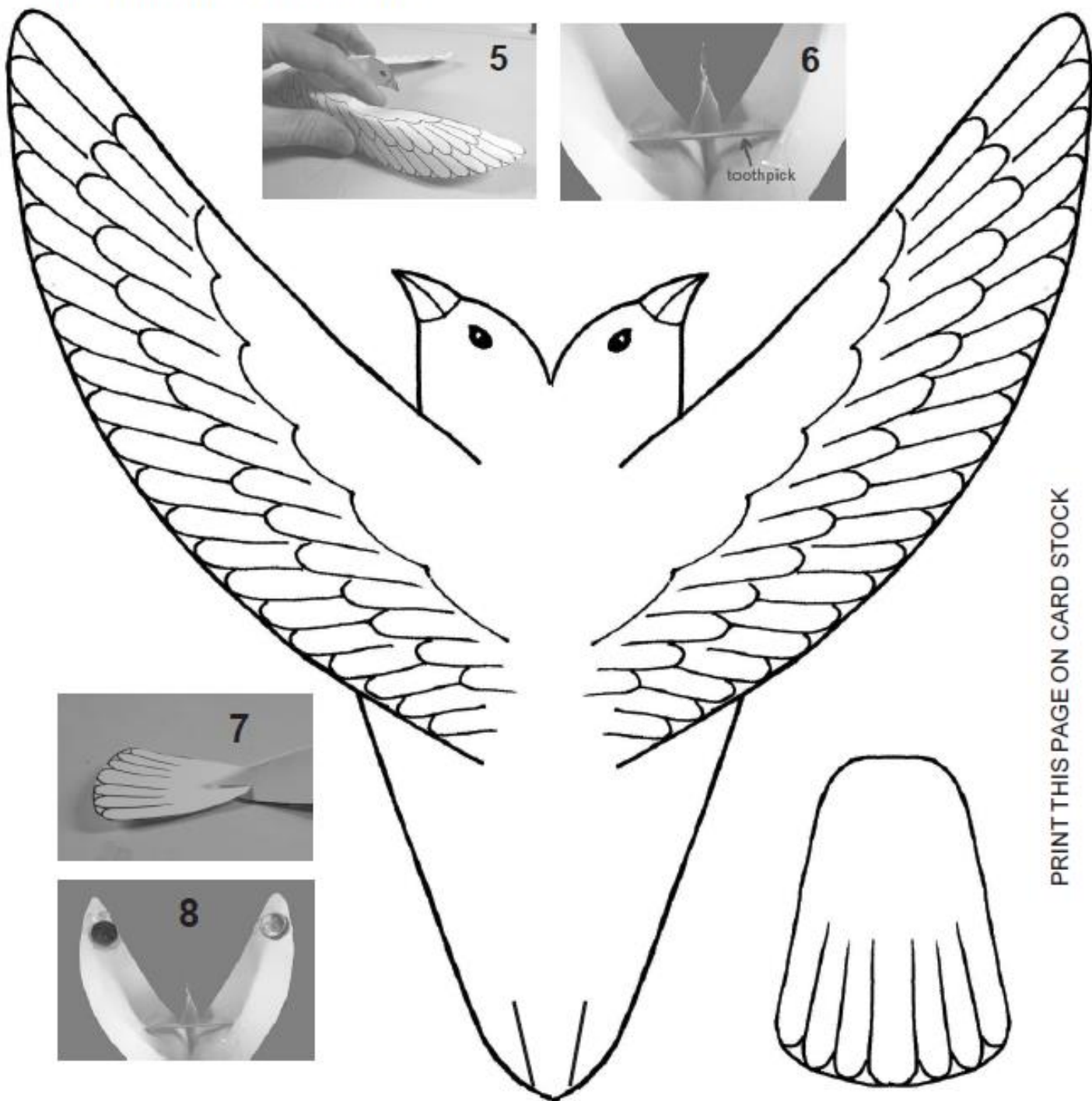
BALANCING BIRD TOY

You will need:

- two pennies, a toothpick, clear tape, glue stick (optional: coloring supplies)

1) Do any coloring you want to do. 2) Cut out bird and tail. Make sure to cut along the wing lines that go into the body area. 3) Fold the bird in half. 4) Apply glue stick to inside of the forward half of head (eye and beak area) and stick halves together. (Note: Beak can be reinforced with clear tape if it seems too flimsy.)

5) Make a slight crease along the lengths of the wings, to stiffen them. 6) Tape toothpick to underside of wings, across the center, (like the cross bar of a kite). 7) Insert tail piece and secure with tape on the underside. 8) Roll two pieces of tape and apply one to each penny. Stick pennies on the undersides of the ends of the wings and then check balance. Adjust the pennies if necessary to make the bird balance well. Once pennies are in the right place, secure them with a little more tape.



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Those who hope in the Lord will
renew their strength.

They will soar on wings
of eagles.

They will run and not
grow weary;

They will walk and not
grow faint.



Isaiah 40:31