Clifton, NJ Family Church: Pastors Letter - True Children's Day - Council Meeting

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Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope this letter finds you in good health and good spirits.

As parents know, each one of your children is so precious to you. They are more precious to you than anyone. You delight in your children's happiness, and feel anguish when they experience sorrow. You want the absolute best for them. You want them to experience the greatest joy and fulfillment. How much more so is this true for God as our Heavenly Parent?

Each one of us is infinitely precious to God. God created each one of us in His and Her image as a divine son or daughter, and delights in us as His and Her children. God wants us to feel totally loved and valued for who we are.

As we prepare to celebrate True Children's Day this Sunday, I want to encourage us to reflect on the value we have as children of God, and feel God's parental love for us. For parents, let's express to our children how valuable they are to God, and let them know how much we love them, and how precious they are to us. Even though we feel these things, we don't always express it. Let's use the occasion of True Children's Day to show and tell them how special they are. Let's celebrate them for the wonderful, unique, and precious people they are.

We look forward to welcoming young families to the church this Sunday at 9:30am for a Celebration of True Children's Day with an offering table, and Kickoff for Sunday School this year. As always, everyone is invited to join our D3 Sunday Gathering, which will have a special focus on celebrating the children of our community.

This will be immediately followed by a brief Open Council Meeting in which a financial report and building improvement plan will be shared. With time for Q&A.

Wishing you a wonderful week full of love and blessings!

Sincerely, Pastor Crescentia

Special Education Series for Heavenly Tribal Messiah



Dr. Yong will be giving the second lecture in the education series for Tribal Messiahs tonight, Friday, November 13, at 9pm EST.

He will speak on "The reason why we must fulfill our mission as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs."

Please join at this link: zoom,us/j/94089620400

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National Family Service on Sundays at 11am

Please make sure to join us in watching the live stream of the national service, which will be offered at 11AM EST to communities across the nation.

It will be live streamed here: <u>live.familyfed,org</u> at 11AM. Enjoy the service from the comfort of your own home!



Open Council Meeting

There will be an Open Council Meeting this Sunday November 15th immediately following the D3 Gathering.

A financial report and building improvement plan will be shared. With time for Q&A.

Clifton Family Church Now Accepting Nominations

The Clifton Family Church Council is accepting nominations for new council members. Here is a link to the nomination form and the duties and eligibility requirements of council members. Please note that while we look forward to having members from all backgrounds participate in the council, we are especially in need of those who are good with financial and building matters (such as repair and maintenance).

Applications forms can be emailed to cliftonfamilychurchcouncil@googlegroups.com.

Nominations are due Sunday, November 22nd. Names of candidates will be announced in the District 3 Community Gathering and in the church E-news the following week.

Council Meeting Notes

Read Our Previous Council Meeting Notes

Sunday School Registration



Let's Celebrate True Children's Day Together!

This Sunday, November 15th is the 61st True Children's Day! This holiday offers a great

opportunity to introduce our children to our traditions in a fun and festive way.

We would like to invite parents and grandparents with young children Pre-K to 7th grade to join us for a celebration in the church with a short kid-friendly program and an offering table. All others are invited to join us for a True Children's Day themed D3 Gathering after the National Family Service.

What: True Children's Day Holy Day Celebration with offering table

Where: Clifton Church Chapel

When: This Sunday, Nov 15th at 9:30am

This will be followed by an orientation to Sunday School to learn more about what's being offered this year and register your child(ren). Children will also have the opportunity to participate in their first Sunday School class.

Safety: Please bring masks for each member of your family, and guide children to keep a social distance of 6 feet from others as much as possible. Also, please stay home if you don't feel well.

True Children's Day Materials

If you prefer to celebrate True Children's Day at home, check out this home celebration package here.

First day of Sunday School will be Sunday, Nov 15th at 10am

To secure your child's spot in our Sunday School program, please:

- 1) Click on the button below to complete the registration, and
- 2) Pay your registration fee

Payments can be made either online through this <u>link here</u> (Change "Purpose of Donation" to "Other," Specify "Sunday School Registration" and then type in total amount due), by check (Payable to: HSA-UWC NJ Note: Sunday School Registration), or cash delivered to the Clifton Family Church. The fee structure is outlined below.

If you have any questions please email us at contact.d3@unification.org or email Sunday School Director Soin Alexander directly at: soinalexander0803@gmail.com.

Fee Structure:

- -\$80 for the first child
- -\$70 for the second child
- -\$50 for every other child afterwards
- -For 7th graders, if you are a GO participant you get 50% discount

Visit Our Website

40th Day Memorial Prayer Service for Rev. Kathaleen Sato



Please join us as we offer a memorial prayer service for our dear sister

Date and Time:

Monday, Nov. 16th at 9am

Location: East Ridgelawn Cemetery 255 Mail Ave. Clifton

Please bring foods/flowers if you like. Wear a mask!

Join By Zoom

To participate virtually, please click on the Zoom Link.

Meeting ID: 984 768 1529

+1 646 558 8656 Password: 2027



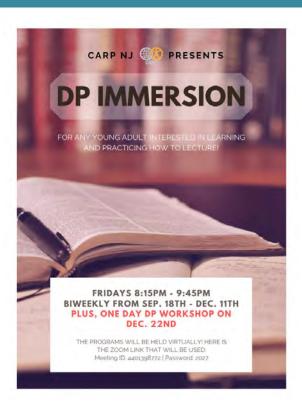
Join Dr. Yong Live Each Morning at 6am or Access the Recordings

Loving Dr. Yong's morning hoon dok hwe? Sign up for a daily reminder!

Pro Tip: Having trouble viewing the day's live episode? Click on the button below the <u>livestream</u> that reads 'If you are seeing a previous episode click here.'

Join Dr. Yong Live or Access Recordings Here

CARP Event



Learn a New Skill



Ever had something you always wanted to learn or try? Do you have a skill that you could share with others? Let us know!

This is a new initiative to engage our members and greater community in a fun and exciting way. Contact Naria Gaarder share your ideas and suggestions at naria.gaarder@gmaillcom

Purchase Your HJ T-Shirts





For more info contact us at: hjcreationnj@gmail.com

Donate to the Clifton Family Church







Meet the Pastor





Reserve a Room



In order to use the church property safely, all parties desiring to use the church property will need to complete a room request form online, and agree to the following regulations.

View Our Regulations

Fill Out Our Form

Parents How To Guide!

May this Children's Day Resource Bundle be a blessing for your family!:) Thanks for reviewing this explainer doc beforehand. We invite you to make the celebration your own; tailored to your family's needs! You can use this resource bundle all in 1 big family day or over the course of several days. There is no right or wrong way to celebrate. This bundle is here as a tool to help you make True Children's Day extra special, creating lasting memories together! Happy celebrating! Sincerely ~ Postors 7&£

CELEBRATION GUIDE

Reading this step by step guide together with your kids will help them get excited and feel a part of creating your holy day experience together! Include them in the process of preparing the atmosphere, holy salting and washing fruit, preparing the table, let them add their creative touches through the banner or crowns. Perhaps you want to add balloons or get a cake! Every step to celebrating Children's Day is a great opportunity to bond and share with your kids.

□ BANNER

Print on cardstock. Have your children color, paint or decorate the banner ahead of Children's Day. Then cut it out, punch holes (or use tape on the back), string the banner & hang it up! You can use the blank banner pieces to draw pictures or glue photos on.;)

CROWN CRAFT

Printing on cardstock is recommended. Have your child color in the crown. They can add their name if they like. Use things like stickers or glitter to decorate. Cut out the crown. Cut out 2 strips of cardstock and staple them on to each end of the crown. Measure your child's head and staple the two ends together. Now your child is ready to wear the crown and celebrate being a prince or princess; child of God!

MESSAGE FROM GOD

(**Parents- we need your help! Using a white crayon- write a message to your child from God in the speech bubble. For example, "God loves (name)." Then invite your child to use watercolors and paint the bubble to reveal a secret message from God to your child!

FAMILY PROMISE

Ever find reading the Family Pledge a challenge with kids? We created the *Family Promise* as a kid friendly version! (This is not to replace the official Family Pledge in any way). After studying the book *True Family Values- second edition* by Joon Hyun Pak and Andrew Wilson in depth- we created the *Family Promise!* We broke down each number of the family pledge to the main point in a way kids can understand and relate to. We hope you enjoy using this resource!



LEARNING VIDEOS

There are 2 videos included! Watch the 5 minute <u>Video Lesson</u> together as a family to learn more about True Children's Day, being a child of God and gain tips on how to connect and grow closer to God our Heavenly Parent! A great start to having conversations together on Children's Day afterwards. There is also a <u>Video Storytime</u> included for little ones! Your little one will enjoy singing, reading and learning along.

ACTIVITY SHEET

The activity sheet is another great way to engage in discussion together with your child. For older children, they can draw or write words. For younger children, they can draw a picture and you can write for them. (For *favorites*, your child can color the balloons in their favorite colors or draw little pictures of their favorite things!) Be creative and have fun! You can discuss and complete the worksheet together or you can have your child do it independently and then ask them to share about it with you.

Conversation Starter Ideas:

- What does God's love look or feel like?
- What does being a child of God mean or look like to you?
- Why is True Children's Day so special? What does it mean to you?
- What are your dreams? What do you think is God's dream for you?
- What do you love about our family? Why do you think God created families? How can we experience God's love in the family?
- What did you enjoy today?

Activity Ideas:

- Play your child's favorite game together!
- Go out for ice cream!
- Share photos from your childhood with your kids!
- Have a family dance party!
- Go on a nature outing together!

Additional Resources:

We invite you to check out the National Family Fed Children's Ministry <u>True Children's</u> <u>Day Lesson</u> for more activities, scriptures and resources.

Photos:

We'd love to see them and share them with others! You can message them to us on our facebook page, post them to the facebook page, tag us, check in on facebook or email them to us jarioandleena@gmail.com Here are some fun hashtags. #pastorsjl #truechildrensday #holyday Feel free to give us a review on facebook as well!

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LET'S CELEBRATE!

TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY 2020







Get yourself & your home clean for God!





Color, decorate & hang the banner!

Decorate the crown + put it on! :)





Pick your favorite fruits + sweets.

Bless, wash & place on the table!





Sing a song, bow, recite Family Promise & pray.





Take a keepsake photo together.
Cut the Cake & Celebrate!



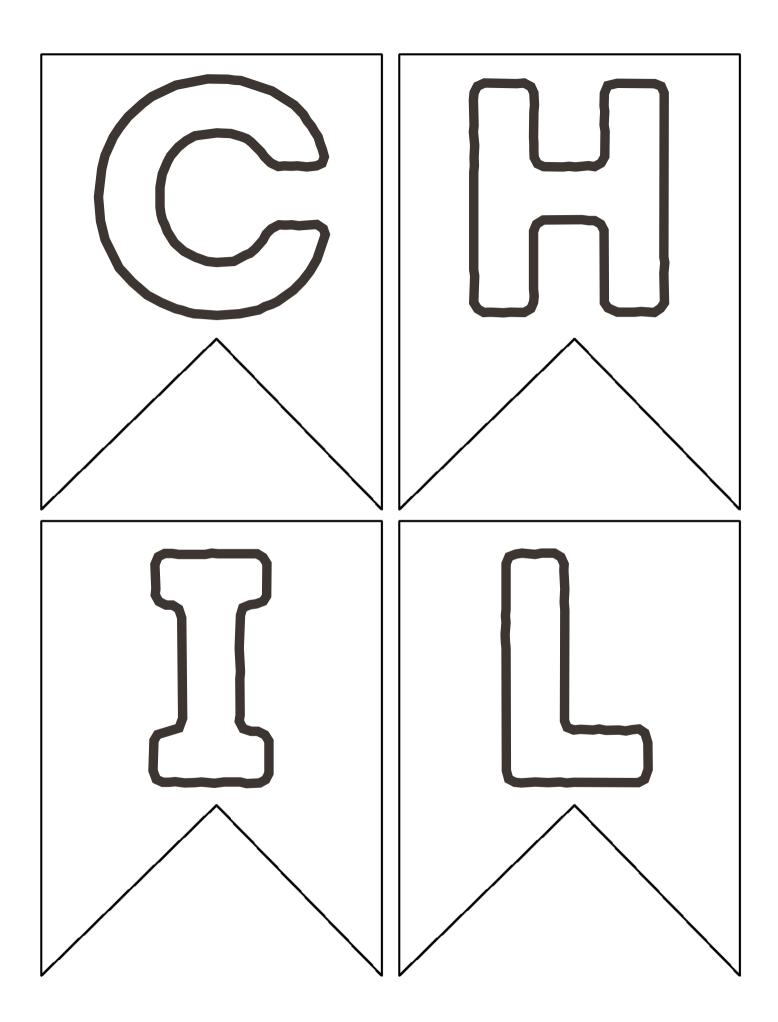


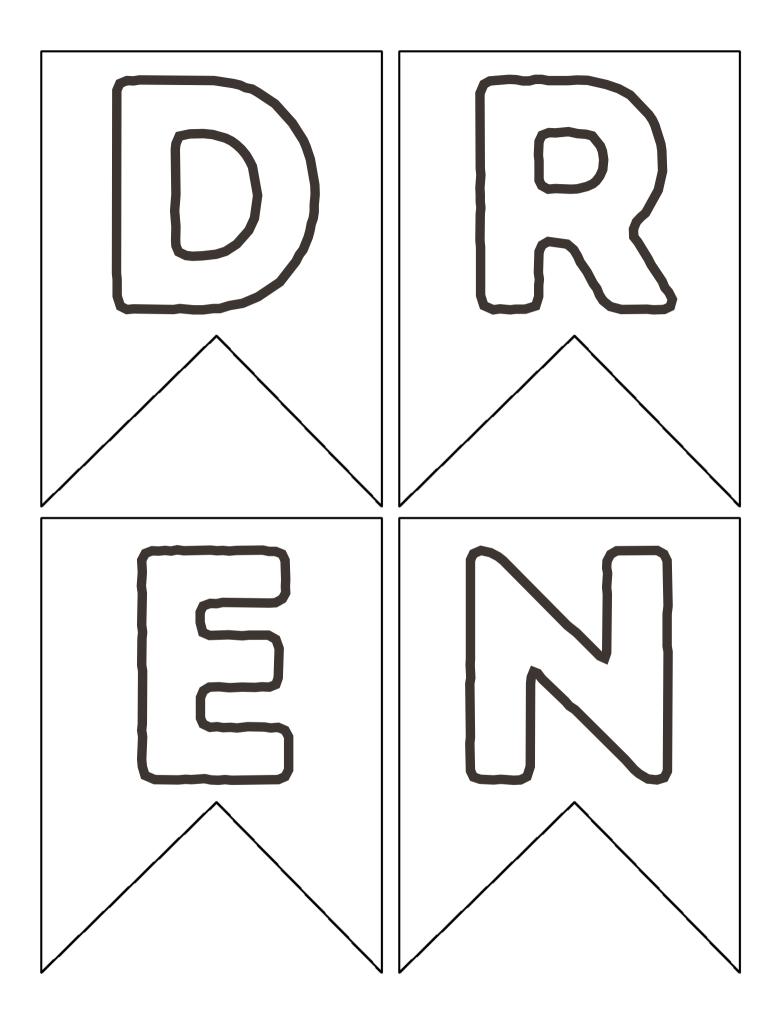
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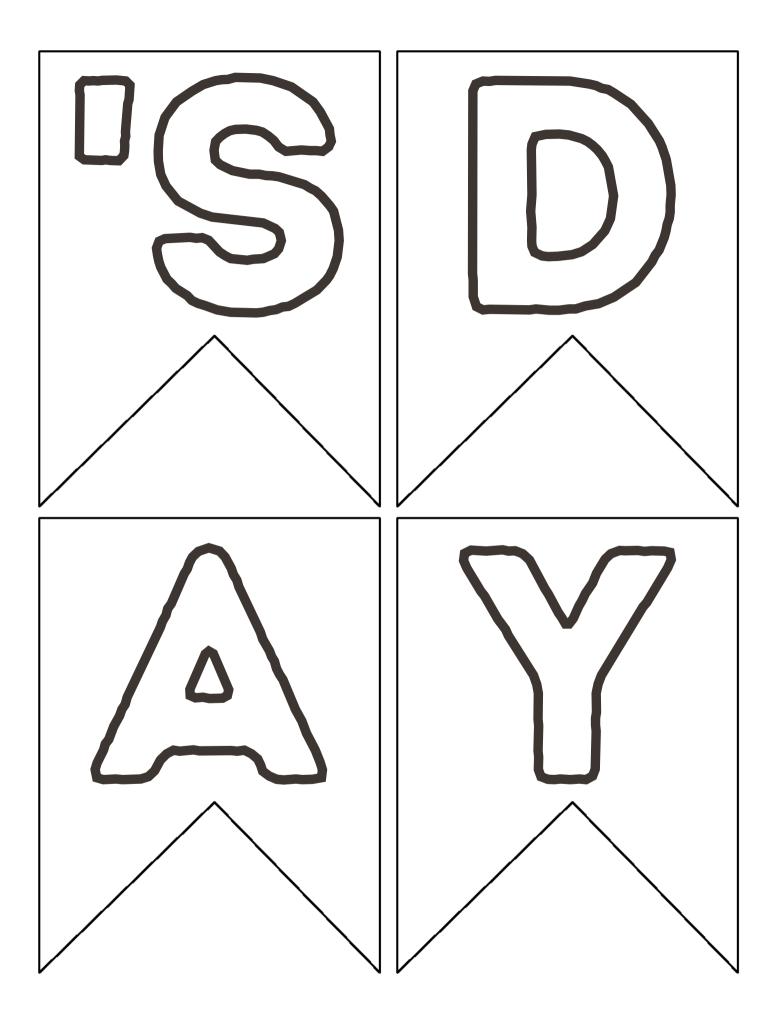


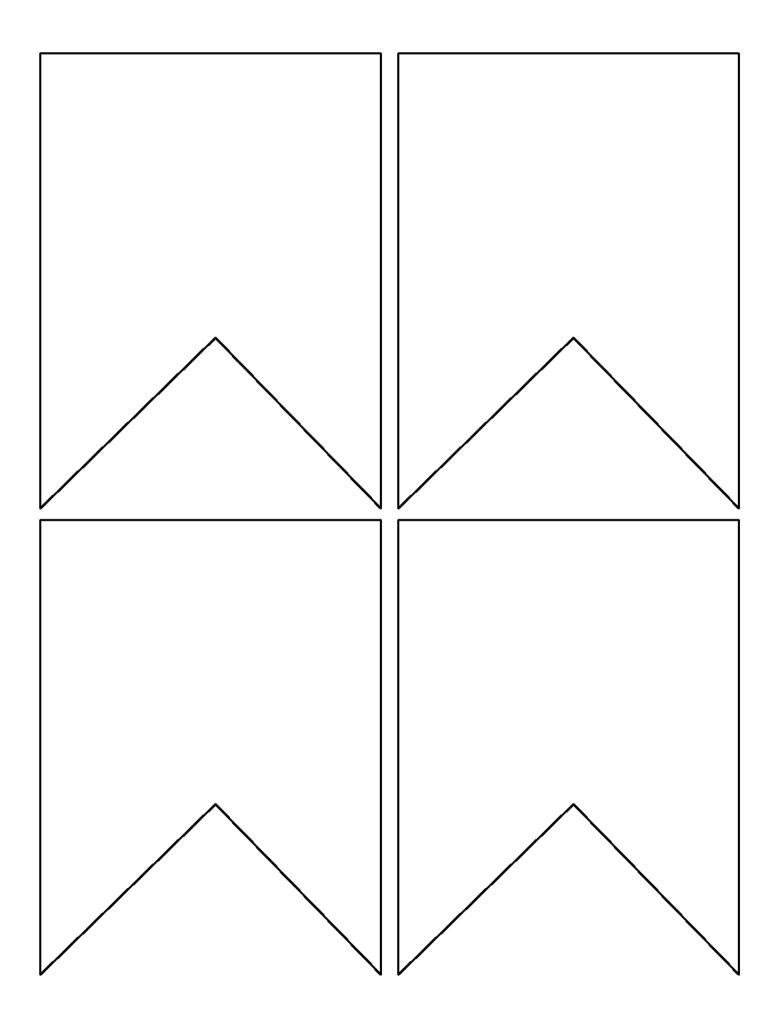


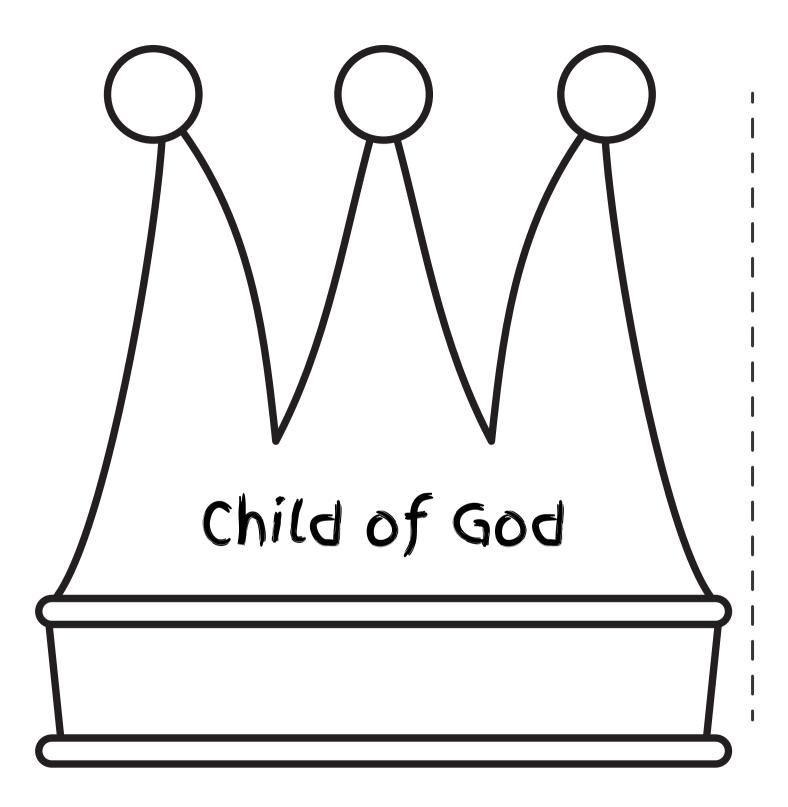
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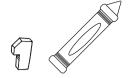








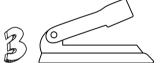




Color + Decorate



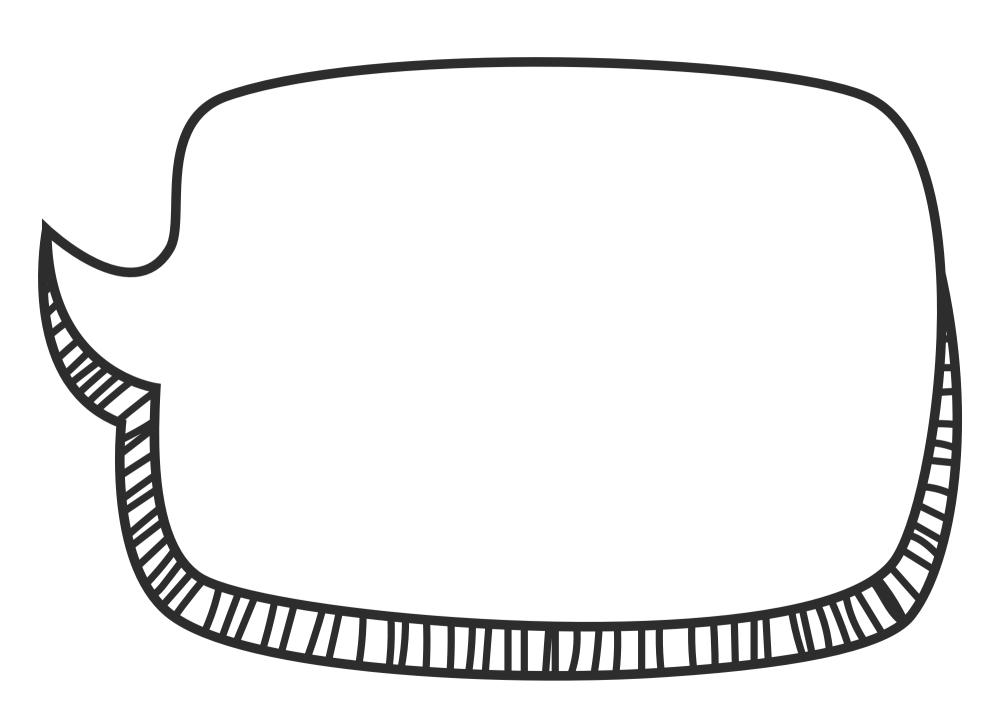
Cut out crown



Staple straps







Directions: Paint with watercolors to reveal a secret message from God!



- CREATE God's home together, on earth and in heaven.
- BECOME filial sons and daughters of God by loving our family, community, nation and world.
- LEARN true love through our family, to become kings and queens of heart.
- BUILD one family under God, with freedom, peace, unity and happiness for all.
- CONNECT our daily life with our spirit, ancestors and the power of heaven.
- SHARE God's blessings to others with the heart of a true parent.
- MODEL living for the sake of others, to inspire a culture of heart.
- HARMONIZE our hearts with God, to create a world of freedom.

... BY CENTERING ON TRUE LOVE.

VIDEO: LESSON!



VIDEO: STORYTIME!

