

# Easter!

## Memories of the Resurrection

### Selected Scriptures



This lesson is geared for elementary aged students who are already familiar with the Resurrection story. For a more traditional Easter story lesson consider:

- [Easter Family Devotional](#)
- [Resurrection Eggs craft](#)

My class will be doing this lesson as a walking lesson moving from point to point, if this is not possible ignore those elements for your classroom. Adding in movement can help add in drama to a somewhat familiar story and engages more neurons as they move.

Supplies: cotton cloth, cinnamon sticks, printables, nails, faux sheep skin, goldfish,

By now you all know the story of how Jesus died on the cross, and you know come Easter morning, this morning all those years ago, when the tomb was found empty. But what happened after?

Today we are going to see how the Resurrection affected several people Jesus knew, and the hope it gave. Take these bags to hold the memories they share.

# Jesus is raised from the dead

## Matthew 28:1-10



The morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and Mary, Lazarus' sister, went to the tomb. The earth shook and the stone in front of the tomb rolled away, the Angel of the Lord appeared, clothed all in white, and the guards shook and froze like they were dead.

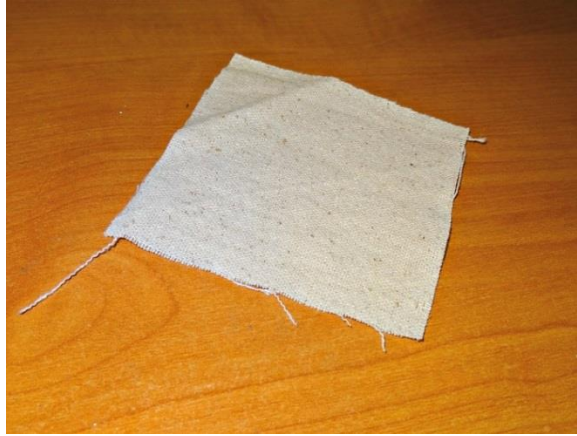
The angel said to the women, "Do not fear. The one you seek is not here. He is risen. Tell the disciples." The women ran back and told

the disciples. Peter and John ran back to the tomb as fast as they could.

*Now run as fast as you can to the next point, like the disciples did.*

## Finding the empty tomb

(John 20:1-10)



Peter and John ran as fast as they could to see what the women had told them. John ran ahead of Peter and was the first into the tomb. He looked in amazement. The tomb was empty, and the linens covering the body were neatly folded up. John believed everything Jesus had said at that moment.

*Here is a piece of linen to remind you of how Jesus let everyone know he lived again. Now continue on to hear from two men walking home.*

## Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene

(John 20:11-18)



After telling the disciples what the angel had said, not knowing what to do Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb. She saw the empty tomb, but couldn't go in.

Then she heard a voice from inside the tomb, "Woman, why are you crying?"

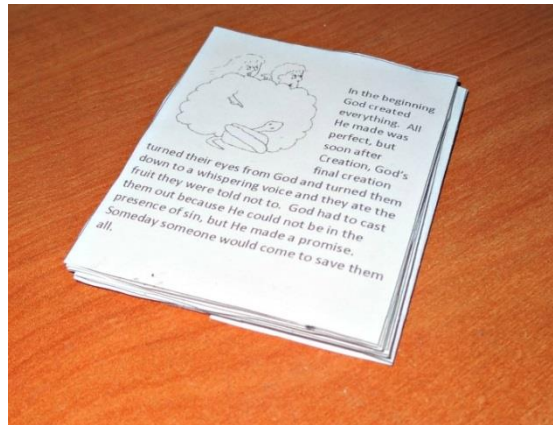
She answered, "They stole his body. He was so kind and loving, and I don't know where he's gone." She turned and saw the man. "If you have hid his body, tell me where."

“Mary,” the man said. Then she knew him, and ran to hug him, but he held his hand up. “Tell the others I am going to My Father and your Father.” She went to the disciples and told them everything.

*This cinnamon stick is to remind you of Mary’s story, and how she obeyed Jesus, and her life was never the same. Now continue on to learn about two men who walked with Jesus.*



## Jesus appears on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)



Cleopas and his friend were walking home after the Passover celebration. All they could talk about was Jesus crucifixion, and the news of the empty tomb. Another man walking on the road joined them and asked about it all. Cleopas and his friend were surprised the man had heard nothing about the events of the past week. But the man said “Let me tell you of Jesus,” then he told the entire Old Testament history to them and how it all points to Jesus. Every word of it.

Cleopas and his friend listened in amazement to all Jesus said. They reached their home and

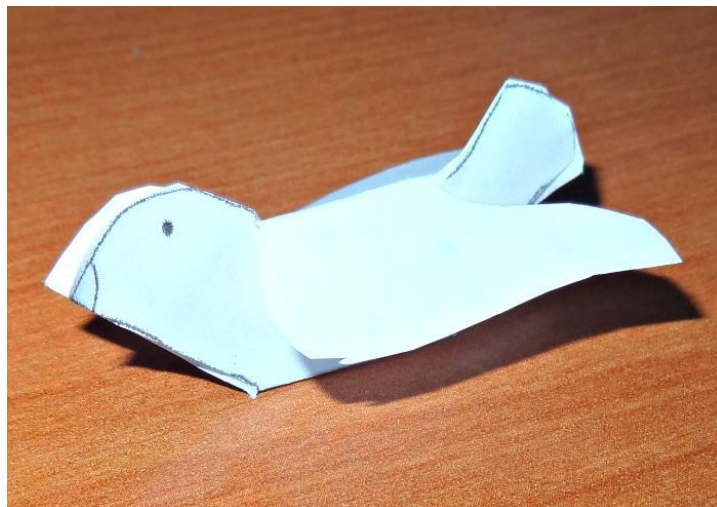
were about to go in, and Jesus started to walk on. “Wait,” Cleopas said, “It has been a long walk and you have taught us much. Please share a meal with us.”

The man nodded and they went in to eat. “May I bless our food?” he asked, and they nodded. “Father, I thank you for this food. Thank you for your Word, and Mercy. Amen.” Then he broke the bread and gave it to the men.

They recognized Jesus at that moment and Jesus disappeared before their eyes.

*Now you too can learn how all of the Old Testament points to Jesus, and because of Jesus the world is redeemed. This book covers briefly the history of the Old Testament. Now let us continue on to the rest of the disciples.*

## Jesus appears to his disciples in Jerusalem (Luke 24:36-43)



Jesus was dead. The disciples heard he was alive, but most of them had not seen him yet. They were scared, convinced the Romans would burst in any moment and kill them all. Conversations would start and die as they remembered news they'd heard. Then Cleopas and his friend burst into the room.

“We have seen the Master!” they announced. And just as the disciples understood what was said Jesus appeared. At first they were sure it was a ghost. But slowly as He talked with them giving

them HOPE and PEACE, they realized Jesus really was with them. Then Jesus explained to them all of the Law and the Prophets, their understanding and peace grew.

In the end Jesus left them, but He gave a promise: “I will send you a helper, wait here until He comes.”

*Jesus did send that helper, but that was for another day. On this day Jesus gave them a great present. He gave them a promise of a Helper. A helper who would give them counsel and wisdom, and that's what I give to you the promise of that Helper represented by this dove. When you believe Jesus died on the cross for your sins, that helper comes to you. Let's move on and hear about the disciple who wasn't in the room.*

## Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas

(John 20:24-29)



Thomas returned to hear his friends excited. All they could talk about was Jesus coming back. What else could matter more? Finally Thomas interrupted them, “Talk all you want, but I won’t believe until I see him with my own eyes, and I feel his wounds.”

Time passed and Thomas was sure they’d just made it up. Then as they prepared for dinner they all heard a voice, “Peace be with you.” As one they turned to Jesus and went to him. Thomas held back remembering all he’d said.

“Come Thomas,” Jesus said gently, “Feel my hands, feel the scars. Touch the wound in my side. It is me.”

Then Thomas came, “My Lord.” And he hugged Jesus, falling before Him.

“You believe because you saw and you touched, but there will be others who believe because you told them.”

*And there are many who believed because Thomas told them all about Jesus and how he changes lives. Thomas went to India, and never stopped telling everyone how a carpenter changed his life. Take this nail to remember how a carpenter’s nail-scarred hands can change your life too. The end of this story approaches, and we have but two more stories. Hear about some fishermen who had given up.*

## Jesus appears by the sea of Tiberias

(John 21:1-14)



Peter, James, John, and Andrew didn't know what else to do. Jesus was back, but they didn't know how that changed things yet. So they did the only thing they knew how to do. They went fishing. They fished all night and their catch was poor. Just as they were calling it a night they heard a voice.

“Throw your nets on the other side.” They did as the voice said, and slowly pulled up nets full to bursting.

John looked up and said, “It’s the Lord!” Peter jumped out of the boat and swam to Jesus, excited to see Him again.

Then they all sat down together with Jesus around the fire and ate the fish they’d caught as Jesus talked with them.

*Eat this snack of goldfish and remember how Jesus called these same fishermen to be fishers of men. They became some of the giants of the faith, and taught many others the same lessons Jesus taught them. But Peter still wasn’t ready to come back. Go and hear how Jesus brought Peter back into the fold.*



## Jesus tells Peter to feed his sheep

(John 21:15-19)



Peter hung back after his first joy of seeing Jesus. He remembered how he'd let Jesus down. He had denied ever knowing Jesus to all the people gathered that night. Jesus could not forgive that, Peter was sure of it.

"Simon Peter, son of John, do you love me?" Jesus asked as he laid a hand on Peter's shoulder.

"What? Of course I love you, you're a great friend." Peter answered.

"Feed my lambs," Jesus said, "Simon Peter, son of John do you love me?"

“Yes, I love you.” Peter answered.

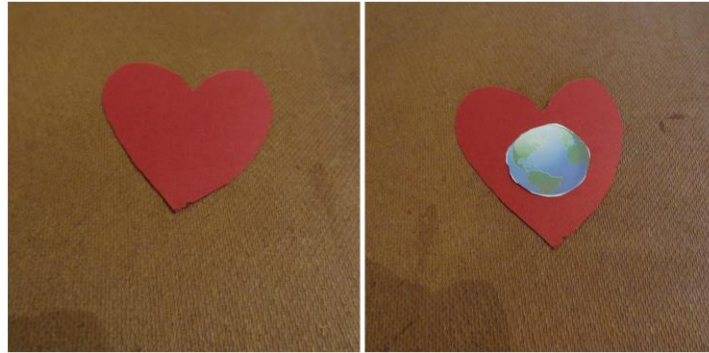
Jesus smiled, “Tend my sheep. Peter do you love me?”

Peter threw up his hands in exasperation and started to walk away, “Lord, you know everything. You know I love you.”

Jesus held out his hand to Peter, “Feed my sheep, and follow me.”

*From that day Peter was the most courageous of the disciples. He took the lead in preaching the gospel, and was thrown in jail multiple times for telling others about Jesus. Finally he was taken to Rome, and there he was crucified upside down, because he did not believe he was worthy to die like Jesus. Take this sheepskin to remember God wants you to lead others to Him.*

## Jesus commissions the disciples to go (Matthew 28:16-20 and Acts 1:6-12)


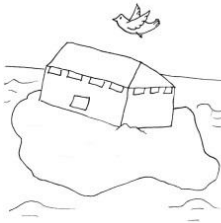
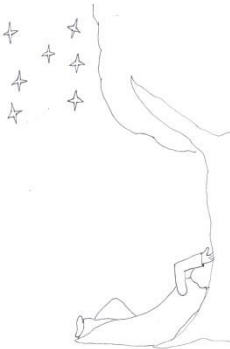
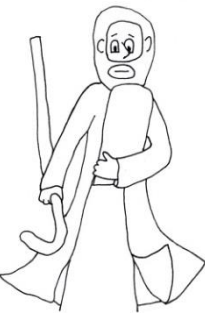




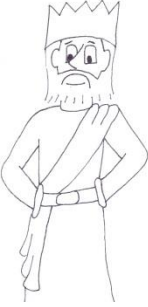


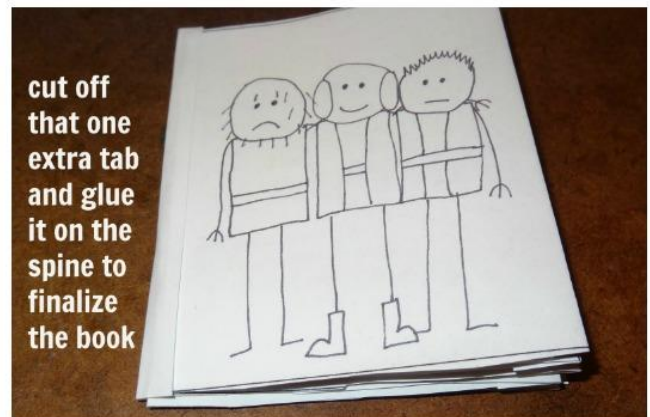
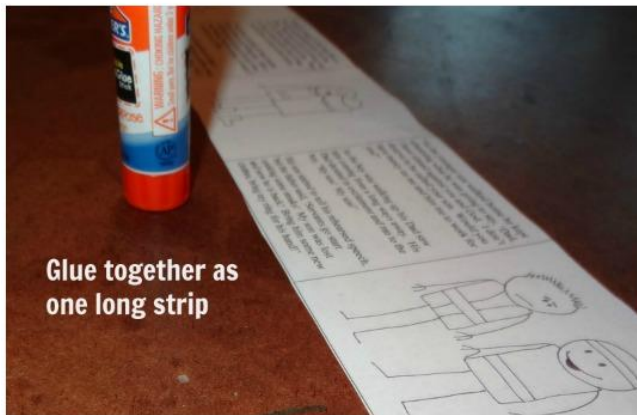
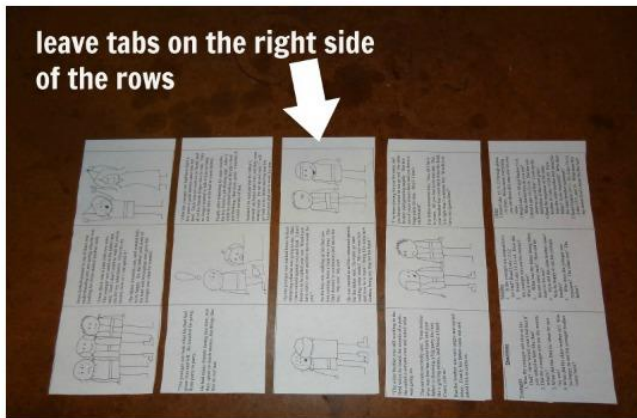
Jesus stayed and taught the disciples for 40 days, teaching them all they needed to know. On the final day they gathered together on the Mount of Olives and Jesus gave His final instructions.

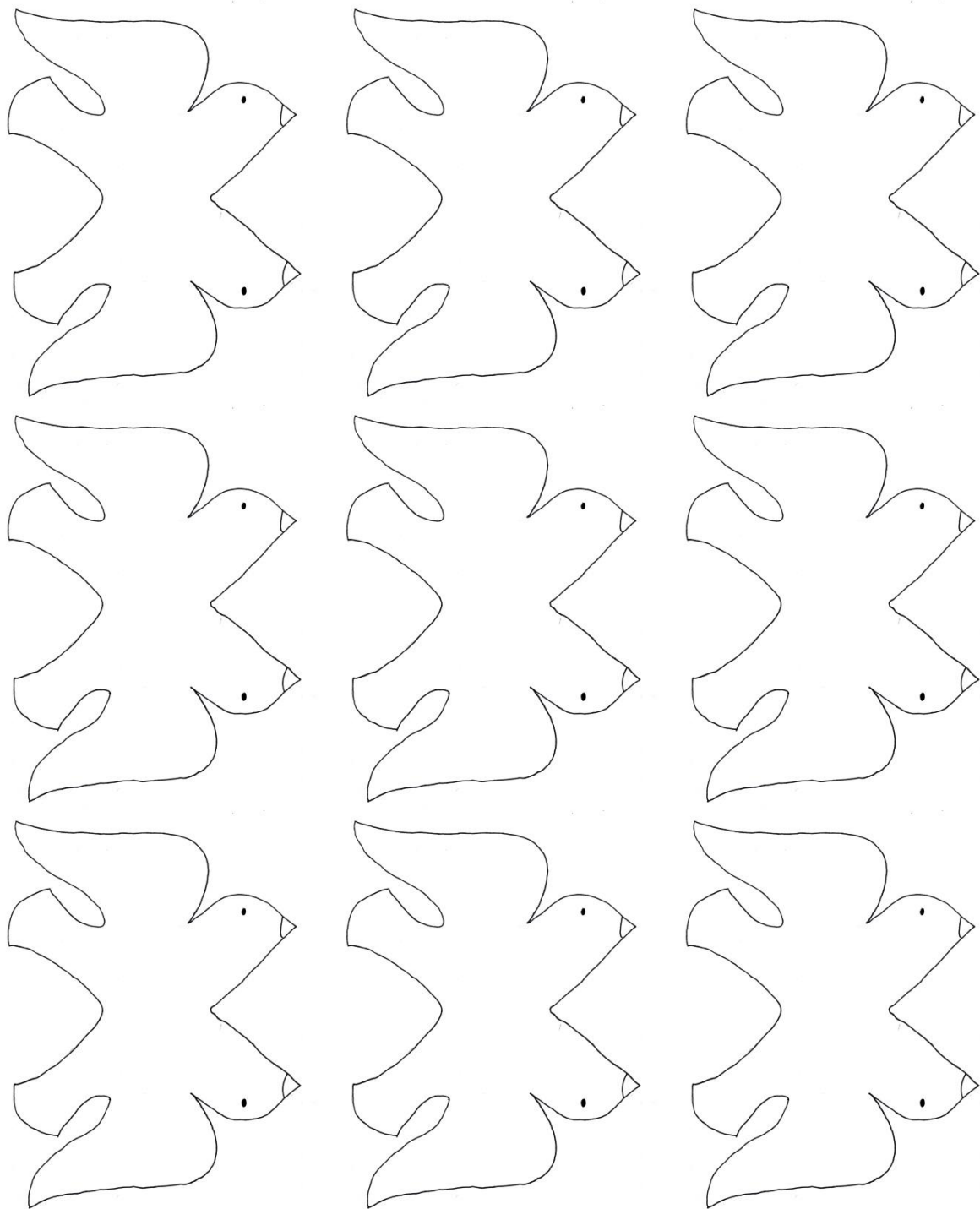
“Go to all the nations and make disciples. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to do all I have told you. And I am with you until the very end.”

Then Jesus ascended into the clouds and they did not see Him again.

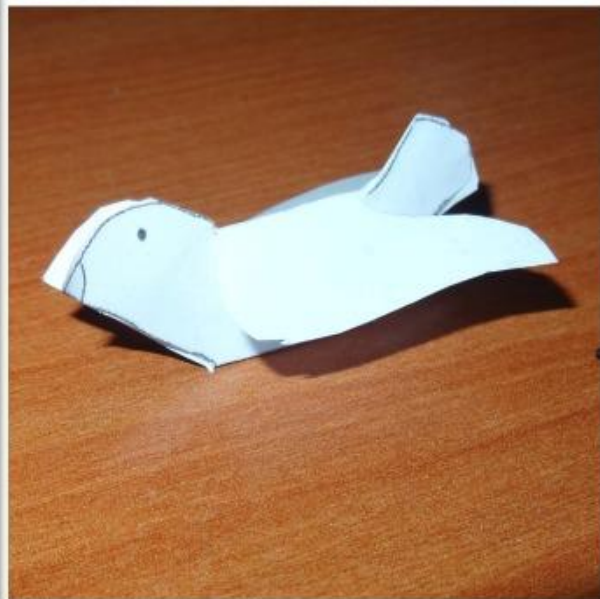
*The charge Jesus gave to them is the charge I give to you. Take this heart and remember you are called to go and make disciples. Remembering the promise we were given, that He is coming again.*

 <p>In the beginning God created everything. All He made was perfect, but soon after Creation, God's final creation turned their eyes from God and turned them down to a whispering voice and they ate the fruit they were told not to. God had to cast them out because He could not be in the presence of sin, but He made a promise. Someday someone would come to save them all.</p>	 <p>It did not take long for man's sins to grow. Soon brother killed brother, and the sin grew until God started over with the family of a righteous man who trusted Him. Noah showed us how the actions of one man can save the people who believe, just as God's Promised One will save us. Time passed and mankind repeated the sins from before, but God kept the promise He made to Noah. God was waiting for His timing to send the Messiah.</p>	 <p>Abraham was just an ordinary man who believed and obeyed when God called him. He believed God would give him a child. He believed someday one of his great-great-grandsons would change the world. He didn't know how, but he trusted God.</p>
 <p>Moses trusted God's will when he followed the burning fire by night and the cloud by day. He trusted God would send THE Passover Lamb to fulfill the promise He gave at Passover. He led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the land promised them. He pointed the Israelites to God and the Passover Lamb to remember each year how God had promised a Savior to come. Moses lived and died believing the promise of THE Passover Lamb.</p>	 <p>Once Moses died the Israelites forgot God's promise and how they were supposed to be a light to the world. Over and over again they sinned. Proving it is not possible to keep the Law. God sent Judge after Judge to guide them, and they listened, somewhat while the Judges were alive. But as soon as the Judges died, the Israelites went right back to their sin, and enslavement.</p>	 <p>In the midst of this dark time, God gave Israel a shining light of hope. He showed how one man's actions could save another's life. Boaz became Ruth's kinsman redeemer, saving her from a life of poverty. Just as someday Jesus would save the world.</p>
 <p>Finally God's people cried out for a king, and God gave them one. The first one showed them what an earthly king was like and reminded them of how fallen they were. The second king, David, showed them a true king. He followed hard after God. When he fell, he confessed his sin to God and asked for forgiveness. God made a promise to David: Someday your son will reign forever. David died looking forward to the promise of the perfect king.</p>	 <p>God sent Elijah to show what a prophet could be like. How a prophet could heal, and provide hope. But the hope Elijah provided was temporary, because he was not God's son. The hope Jesus provides is forever. God called Isaiah and gave him the most information any prophet had about the promised king. Isaiah was called up to heaven and saw the promised kingdom. He saw God's perfect plan, and how it all pointed to one man.</p>	 <p>That one man is Jesus. He fulfills all of the Law and the Prophets. He fulfilled all of Isaiah's prophecies. He was a better prophet than Elijah. He is the perfect king, the true Son of David. He is our kinsman redeemer who saves us from our poverty. He is the perfect Judge who rules rightly. He fulfilled the Law. He is the salvation promised to Abraham. He is the salvation Noah foreshadowed. He is the Messiah God promised to Adam and Eve. That is the Jesus who died and you followed.</p>

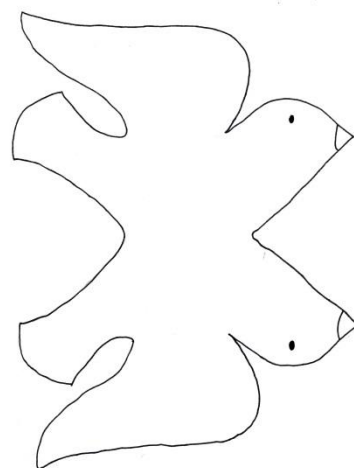
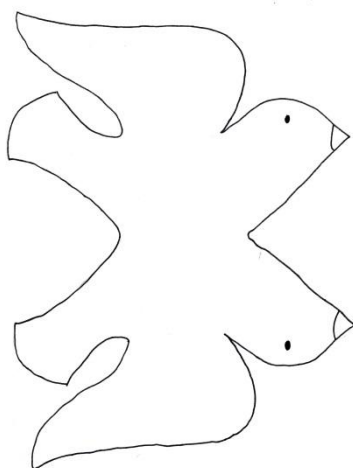
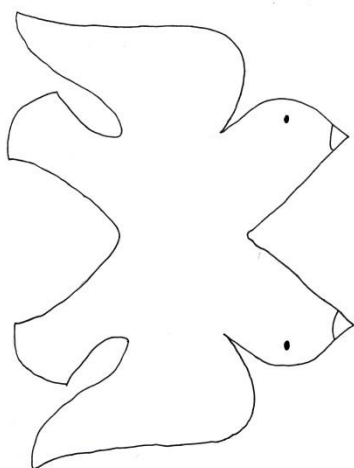








1. Cut out the dove.
2. Fold dove in half.
3. Fold wings down.





If you don't want to use a sheep skin (I found a faux sheep skin at Hobby Lobby), you can also make a sheep necklace:



**Supplies:** wood bead, yarn, marker, black pony bead, yarn needle

1. Draw a face and some "fluff lines" on the bead.
2. Go down through the wood bead, through the pony bead, and then back through the wood bead.
3. Pull tight and you have your sheep necklace.

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