

John 11

29th March 2020

Passage: Luke 11

Main Point: Jesus is all powerful, even powerful over death!

Activity Ideas

Craft:

Raising Lazarus puppets

1. Print out 1x per child
2. Cut out and colour puppets – if you've got other materials available you could decorate them more creatively. ie. Could use toilet paper (how fancy!) as grave clothes for Lazarus
3. Kids to draw sad, happy and sick faces on puppets
4. Stick puppets to a pop stick or similar. For sad/happy puppets can stick back to back on the same pop stick.

Discussion idea:

It was days before Jesus went to visit Lazarus who was sick. When Jesus got there Lazarus had already been dead for four days. Many people misunderstood why Jesus delayed going to Bethany. They all believed Jesus could heal and didn't know why he would let Lazarus die. There are many today who do not understand why God doesn't heal all their problems.

Discuss why Jesus allowed Lazarus to die and why God may allow troubles in our lives today. If appropriate can extend to why God may allow this current crisis? How can Jesus be glorified in what's going on now?

Discussion questions:

1. How do you think Mary and Martha felt when Jesus didn't come straight away?
2. How do you think they felt when Lazarus came back from the dead?
3. Why did Jesus want to show them God's power to raise the dead *So they would believe He could and would raise them too.*
4. Who else did Jesus claim would be raised from the dead?
Everyone who believed in him
5. Will Jesus raise you and me from the dead?
Yes, if we believe in him. Jesus is powerful to raise us from the dead

Prayer Ideas

Remind kids of concept of 'SPA' prayers – this is a concept they should be familiar with from KidsZone

- **Sorry**
 - Kids can find confessional prayer especially difficult, try modelling it by confessing your own sin to God
- **Praise**
- **Ask**

Repeated prayer

- Dear God -- thank you that -- you are the boss. -- that even if people disobey -- what you want to happen -- always happens. -- Amen.

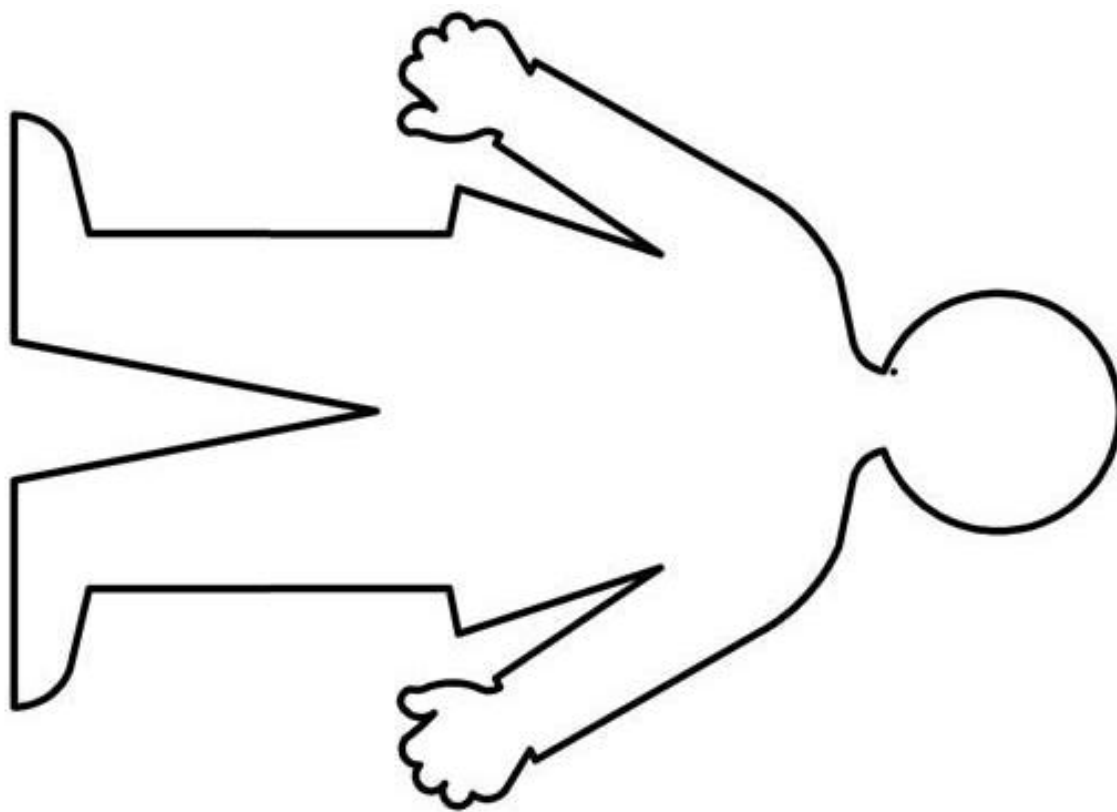
Around the world prayers

- Print out pictures of or collect objects/figures from different parts of the world.
- Encourage children to select from different parts of the world and pray for people there.
 - "Father God, please help people who live in... to turn and follow you. Amen.
- Especially good to have kids think about people around the world who are sick and dying. Pray that God would comfort them and their families

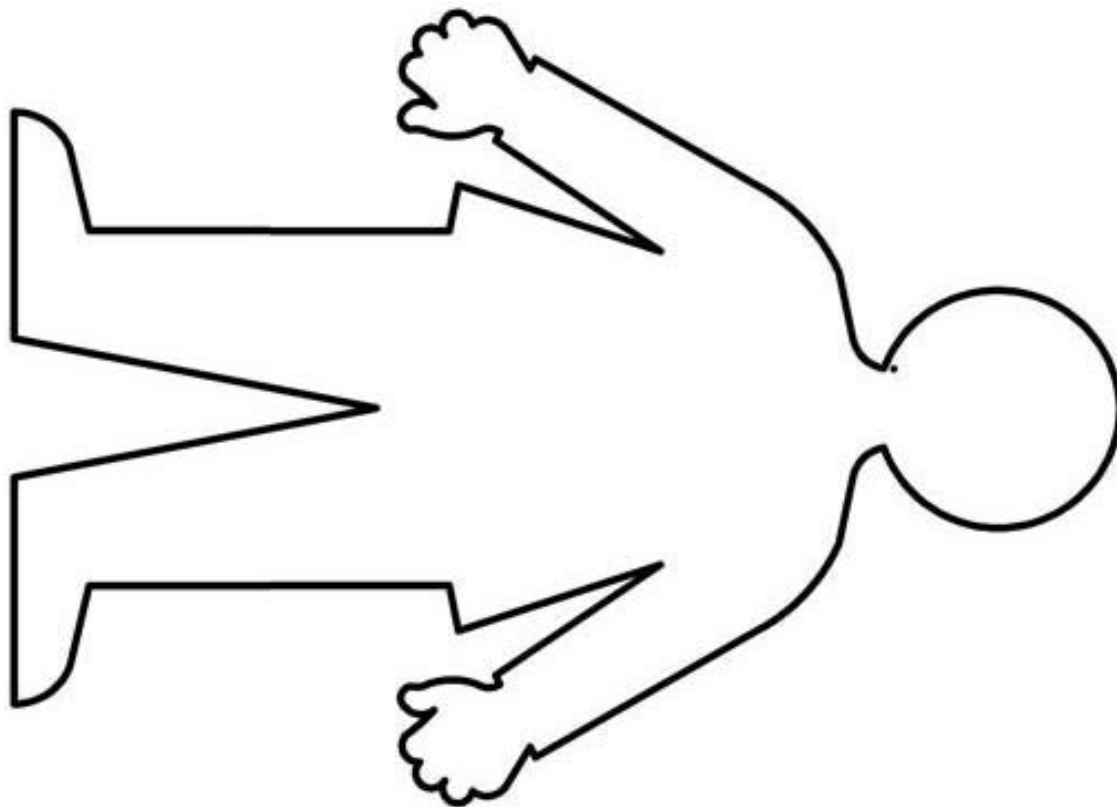
Resources – if there's anything you don't have at home or cant get yourself please let Charlotte know ASAP and she'll try and get things to you

- Craft
 - Stencils (below) need to be printed
 - Colouring implements
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Pop sticks or similar
- Prayer
 - Pictures, objects or figures form different parts of the world.

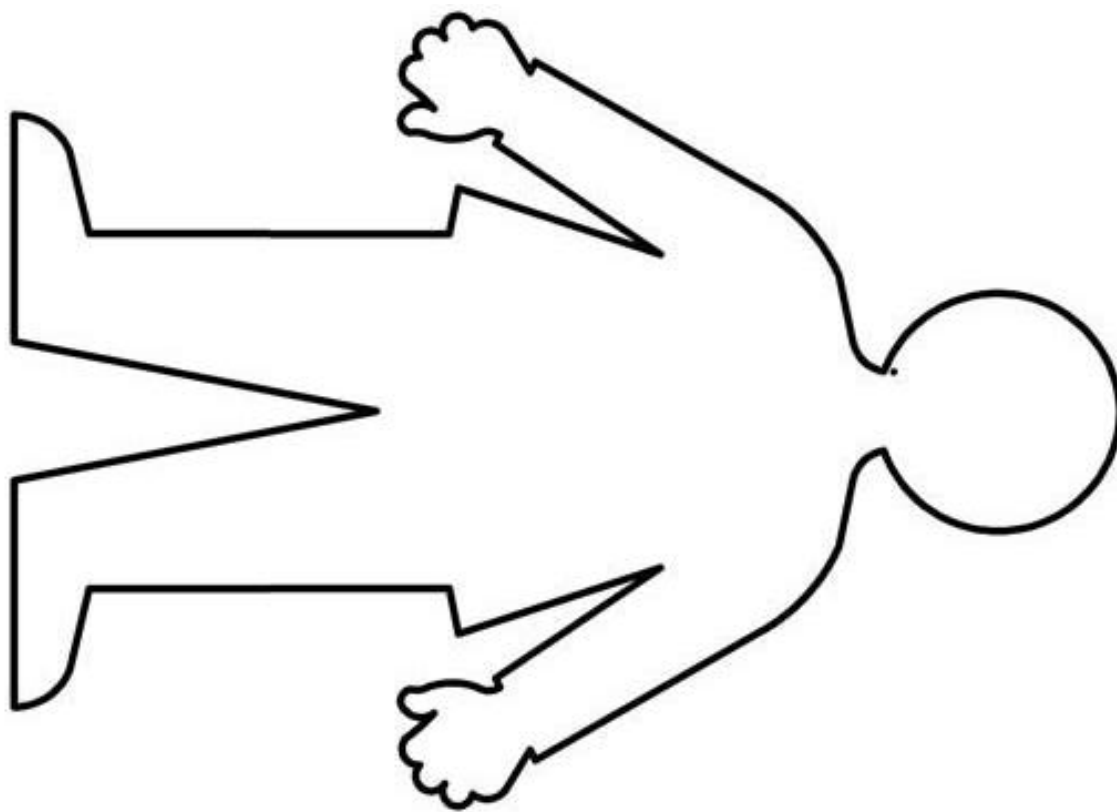
Lazarus smiley puppet



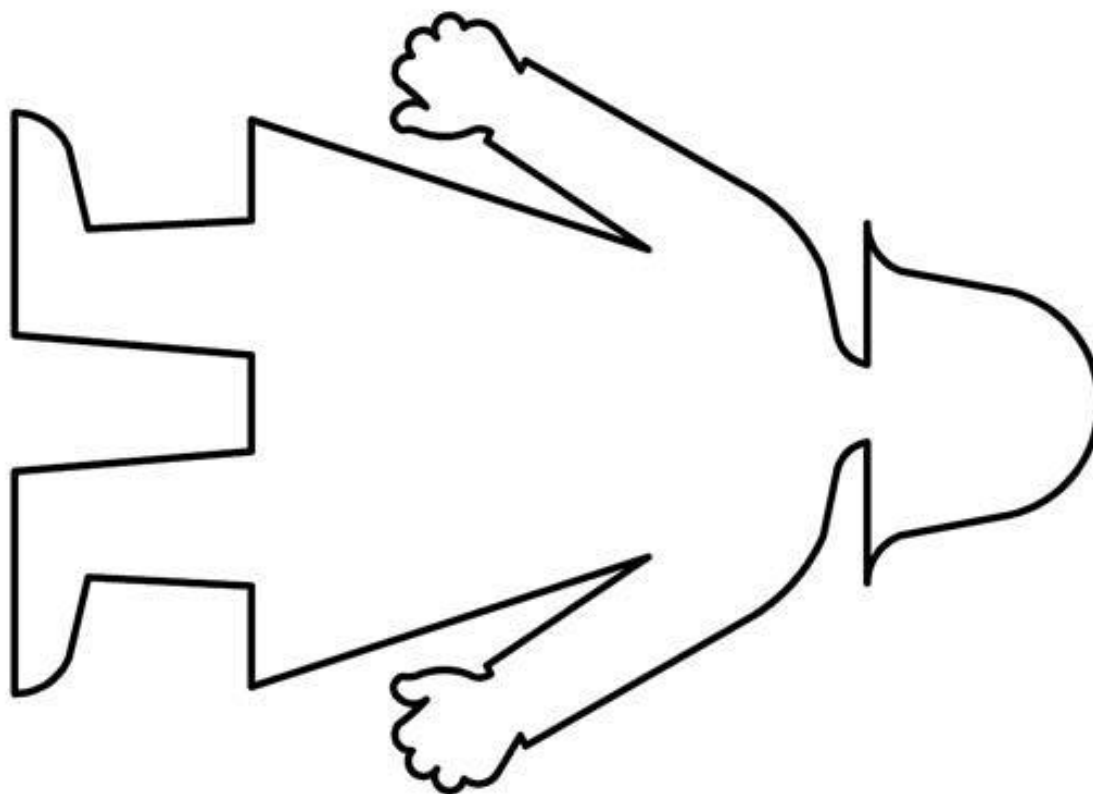
Lazarus sick puppet



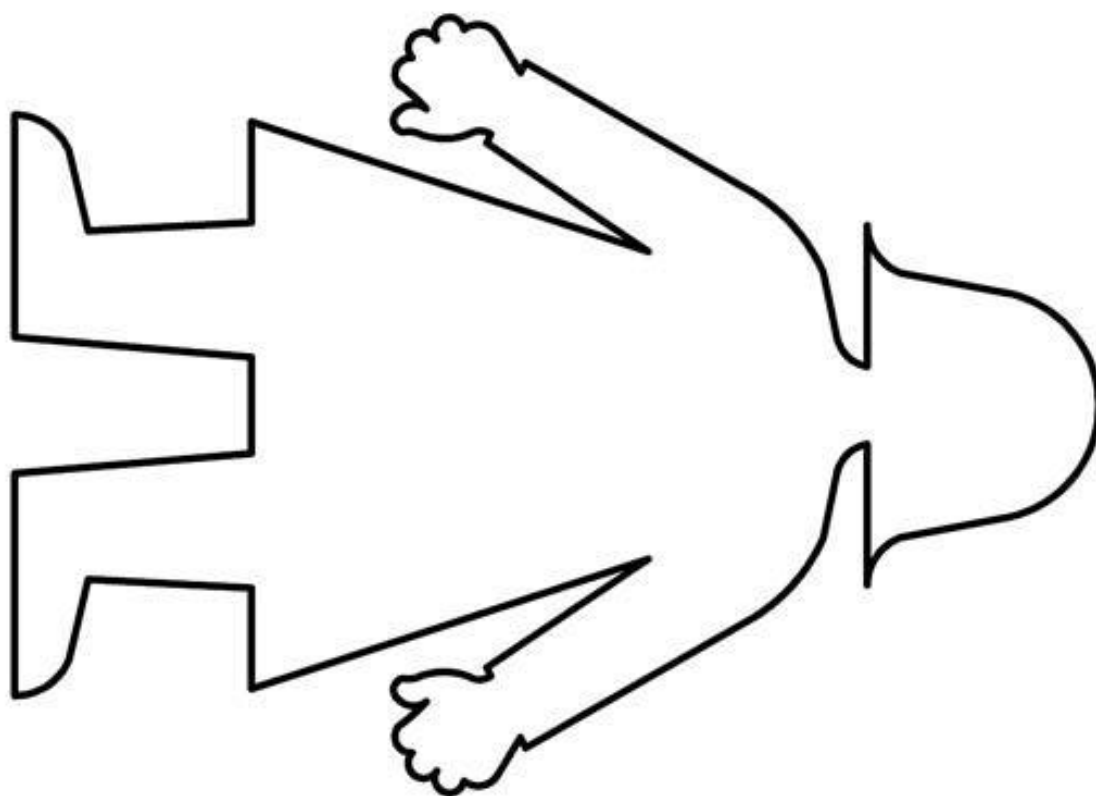
Wrapped up Lazarus puppet



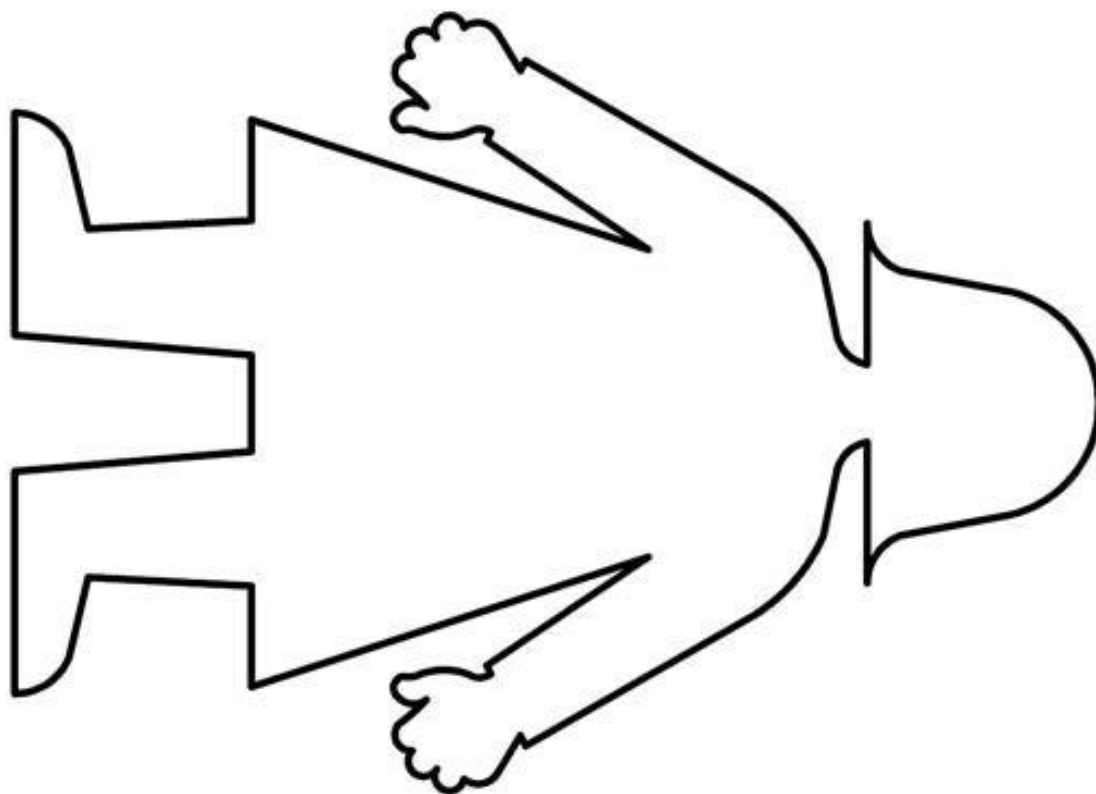
Mary happy puppet



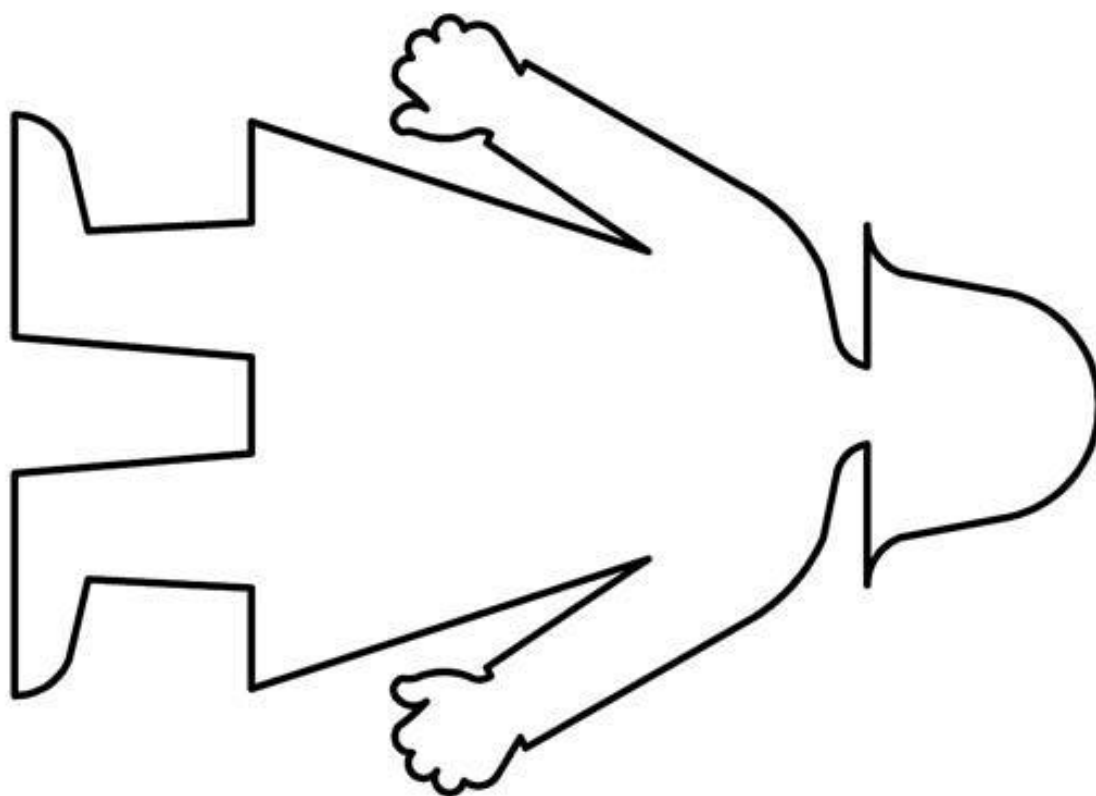
Mary sad puppet



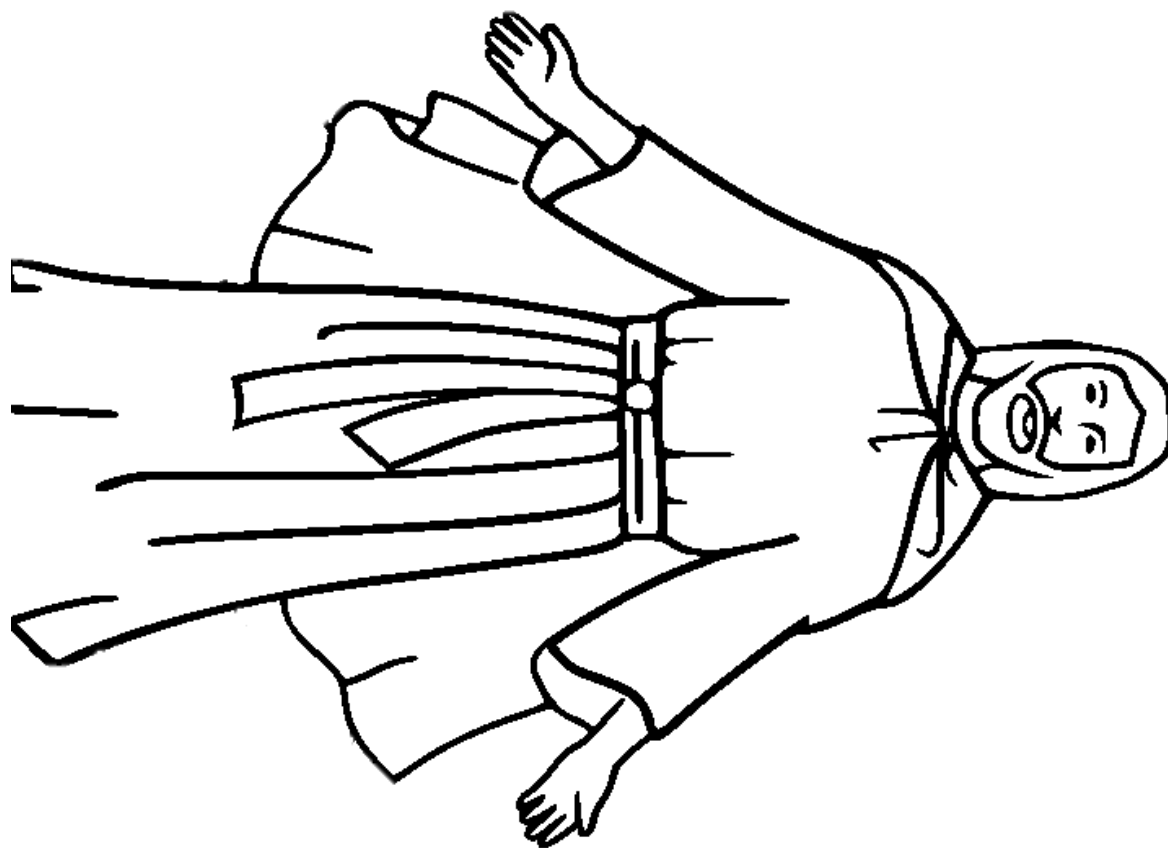
Martha happy puppet



Martha sad puppet



Jesus puppet



Stone

