



The Methodist Church

Rainbow

EASTER 2019



Story-telling
garden

'Big Five' Maze!

Sawubona/Hello
South Africa!

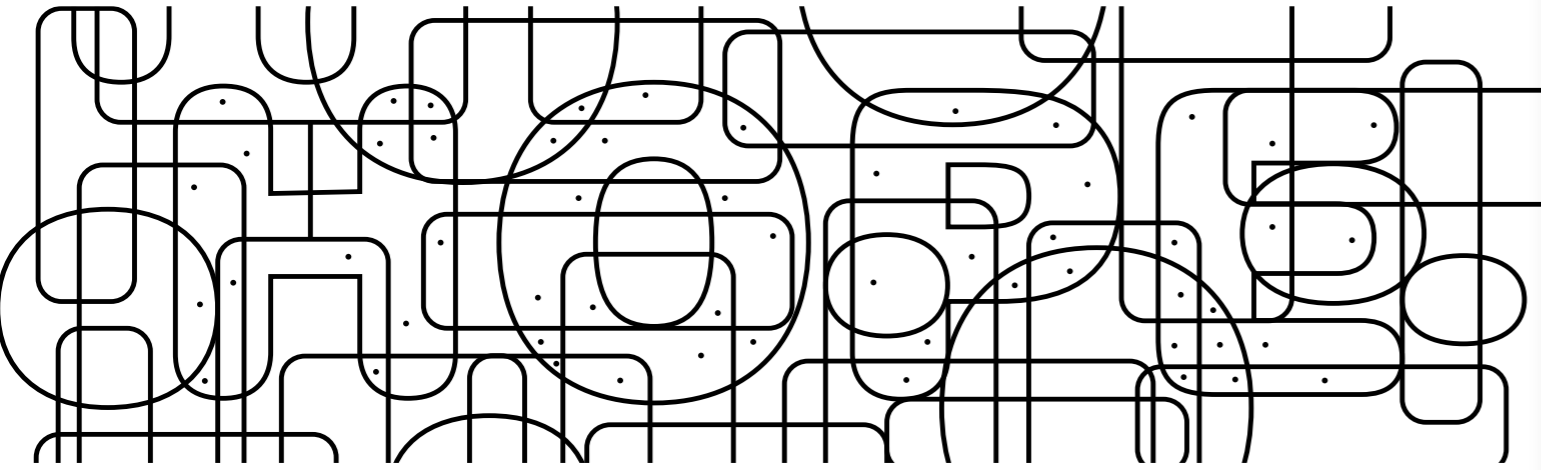
Make a Zulu mask



Full of...



Colour the shapes with dots in to reveal the hidden word.



Did you find the hidden word? Hope is a word that most of us use quite a lot: 'I hope you have a nice day', 'I hope that I can go out with my friends' and 'Hope you get better soon'. It's how we express something we wish for in the future.

The Easter story is sometimes sad, but it's also full of hope. It's difficult to think of Jesus dying on the cross but, three days later, he came back to life. Can you imagine how happy Jesus' friends must have felt? Jesus was – and still is – the hope for the world!

Read what happened in your Bible in Luke 22–24.

As we look around our world today, there are so many things that are unfair and make us sad, but good things are happening too. God's people are helping others and spreading hope. You can read about some of the great things they are doing in this edition of **Rainbow**. We HOPE you enjoy it!

New!

There's even more for you to do and see on our website: www.methodist.org.uk/jma

Check it out for films about the stories you'll read in here and for the answers to the puzzles.

Coming soon...

Tell your JMA leaders to look out for the videos, worksheets and other fun activities for your JMA Commissioning Service!



Sawubona

South Africa has 11 main languages!

(hello), sunny South Africa!



South Africa has one of the most colourful flags in the world – it has six colours.

Grab a globe or an atlas and see if you can find South Africa. It's the southern-most country in Africa and it's a long way from Britain and Ireland.

South Africa is a beautiful country with stunning beaches, mountains and waterfalls.



South Africa is famous for being home to the 'Big Five' – elephants, lions, rhinos, leopards and buffalo.

In South Africa, the 'Big Five' are even on their banknotes! All the animals on the banknotes are in danger from hunting. The white and black rhinos risk becoming extinct if more isn't done to protect them.



PHAKAMISA

What does your school look like? Is it big or small? Does it have one or two floors? In South Africa, some schools are small huts with no electricity, computers or running water. A lot of children in South Africa can't go to school at all; maybe because the school is too far away, their family is too poor, or they don't have parents to take care of them.



Wandering teachers

But in a place called **Pinetown** in **South Africa**, if the children can't get to school, the teachers go to them! Phakamisa is a project run by the Pinetown Methodist Church to help children under six years old get ready for primary school. 'Phakamisa' is pronounced '**pa-gah-mee-sa**'. It's a Zulu word meaning '**to lift up**'.

Thandi and Nomalanga are 'wandering teachers'. They help children with reading, writing and maths. They also take bread, milk and apples for children to eat at break-time.

Meals and more

Thandi says: "**We provide education and meals for the children. Sometimes, when we check with children on what they ate at home, we find out that they didn't have any food at all.**"

Some children come with torn or very old clothes, so our school gives them clothes if we have some that have been donated."

Phakamisa gives hope for a better future to children who don't have much.



Every year, JMA Ireland groups learn, pray and fundraise for a project in another country. Phakamisa is the project they helped in 2018 and they raised over £15,000 for the project!

Why don't you raise money for a similar project by holding a JMA Talent Show? Your JMA group can sing, dance, tell jokes or play an instrument to raise money for the World Mission Fund.



Meet Rachael:

Rachael (14) from Ireland visited the Phakamisa project in South Africa...

"I went to Phakamisa to learn about how churches help people in their communities.

We went to help out in a vegetable garden that Phakamisa has helped to set up.

We helped the ladies water the plants, which was hard work.

After helping in the garden, we went to their house.

After eating maize meal and home-grown vegetables, we had fun dancing and singing with the ladies and the children!"



Pray - Act - Change the world!

If you were going to visit South Africa, you would need to get on a plane or a ship.

Write a prayer for the children in South Africa and the wandering teachers, then turn it into a paper plane and see how far it will fly.

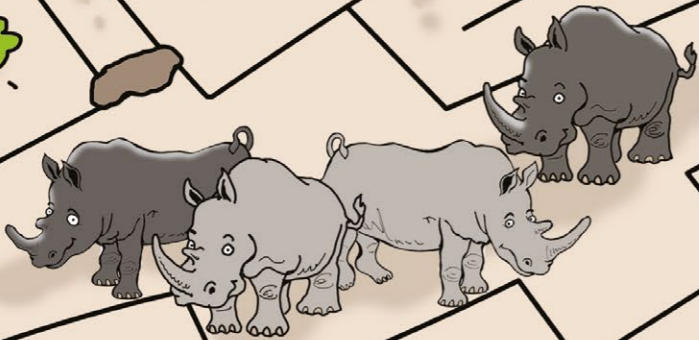
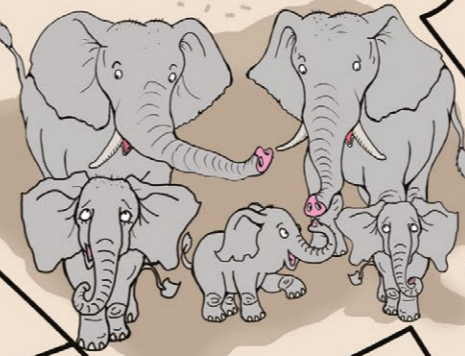
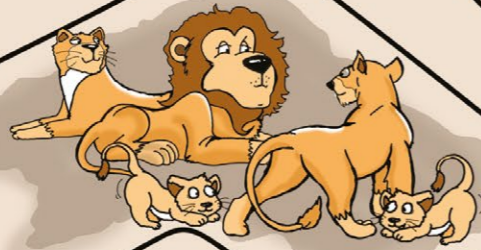
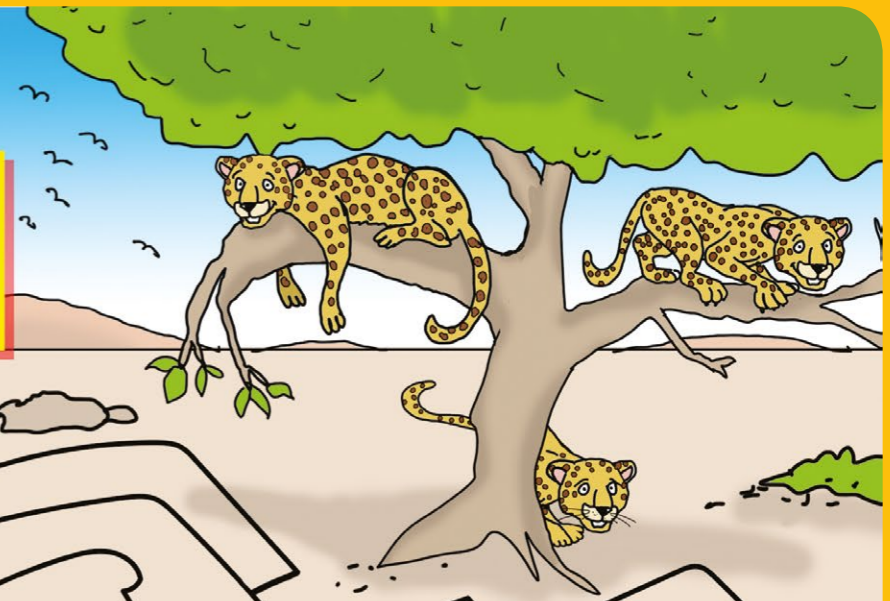
Why not say thank you to your teachers by doing something nice for them? You could make them a thank-you card, give them some flowers, or maybe make some biscuits or a cake.





GOING ON SAFARI!

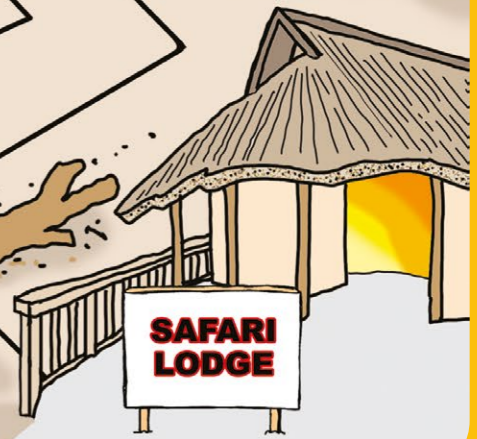
Can you help the children find their way through the maze to get back to their safari lodge?
See if you can spot the animals South Africa is famous for along the way...



In Africa, the lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo are known as the 'Big Five'.

RYCHARD
DUSZCZAK

**SAFARI
LODGE**



The Rainbow Nation

Did you know that South Africa is known as the Rainbow Nation? It's because the people that live there are all different colours and backgrounds. South Africa was also home to the powerful Zulu kingdom.

Make your own Zulu mask!

You will need:

- A piece of card
- Scissors
- Glue
- Elastic, string or a lolly stick
- Pens



1 Cut out the mask on page 9.

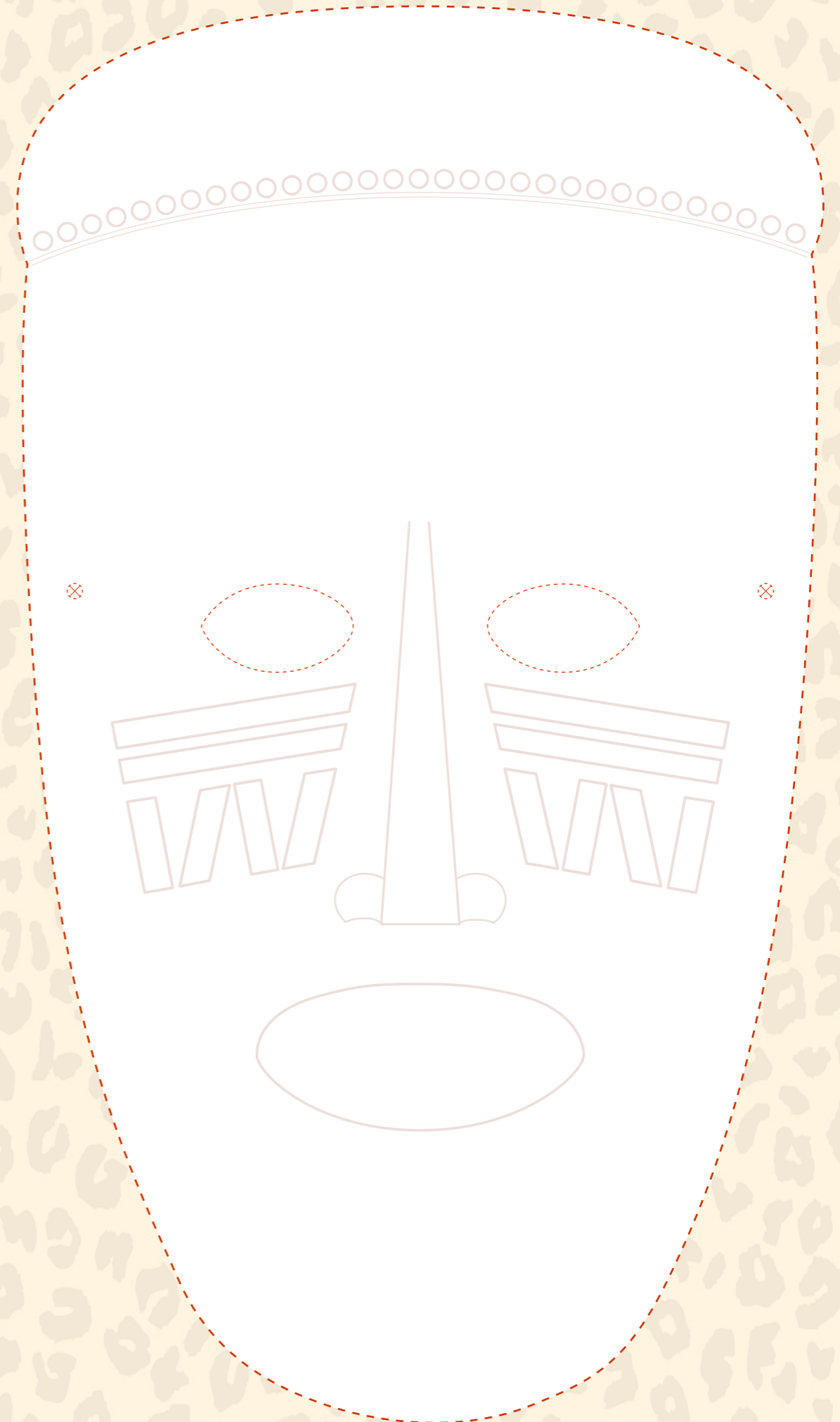
2 Colour in the mask, adding more Zulu patterns, if you like.

3 Stick your mask on the card.

4 Cut round the outside of your mask and ask a grown-up to cut the eye holes.

5 Make a hole on either side of the mask where the ears would be.

6 Tie elastic or some string from hole to hole so you can wear your mask round your head, or glue it to a lolly stick so you can hold it.



Q&A with JMA Ireland



We chatted to some of the children who are part of JMA Ireland to find out why they think it's special to be part of JMA. This is what they said:



What's the best thing about being part of JMA?

- "Helping people" Rodd (9)
- "Finding out things about different countries" Mark (12)
- "Raising money to help people" Cameron (5)
- "It's cool to be a Christian!" Alicia (7)
- "Helping people that I don't know" Matthew (10)



Why is it important to help people?

- "It makes God happy" Abigail (5)
- "Because the Bible tells us to" Charlotte (5)
- "It shows the love of God and hopefully encourages others to become Christians" Peter (16)
- "It makes me feel good" Isaac (10)

Over to you!

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What does 'mission' mean to you?

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- "Helping people who are poor or sick" Jacob (8)
- "Telling people about God" Luke (4)
- "Helping people at home and overseas" Benjamin (7)
- "Sharing God's love" Josh (16)
- "Being kind to people" Daniel (11)



If you go to www.methodist.org.uk/jma you will find a worksheet with these questions that you and your JMA group can fill in. We'd love to hear from you! Please send to: The Editor, Rainbow JMA magazine, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

The Story-telling Garden

Imagine a garden with cherry trees and beautiful flowers. Now imagine playing there and watching Bible stories being acted out, with people dressed up in clothes from the time of Jesus.

In the small town of Bloxwich, in the West Midlands, the Methodist Church has opened a special garden for children. There's a story-telling circle right in the middle, as well as Easter, Christmas and Harvest corners and a big 'cave' made of willow trees just waiting to be explored!



It sounds amazing! I would love to go and see the garden – how about you? If you or your church have a garden, why not create your own special garden by acting out some Bible stories with your friends?

"I love the way the trees in one part are made to look like a den. I like the plum trees and it's a good place to have a picnic." Matthew (11)



Lots to do...

A lot of the children who live and go to school in the area don't have a garden at home. Some of these children also don't know much about Jesus.

Treasure hunts, picnics and planting flower bulbs are just some of the things that children can do in this magical garden.

Easter fun!

"We are going to have an Easter experience in April," says Vickie, the lady who created the garden. "We will go up a hill in the garden to learn about Jesus' Crucifixion. The children can then climb inside the special willow cave to find out more about the Resurrection."

"I think that it's a pretty garden, and it's a good place to play some games and run about." Abi (9)

3 GENERATE Manifesto 2019

Make 2019 A YEAR TO BE
COURAGEOUS

THE children and young people at 3Generate 2018
HAVE SPOKEN OUT

TRUSTING that GOD is with us, we want to be part
of a CHURCH that knows, shows and shares God's love.

THEREFORE, TOGETHER WE WANT TO

TAKE ACTION
on
homelessness
in LOCAL AREAS



LOOK AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

by

- Recycling
- Using less plastic
- Picking up litter

SEEK THOSE WHO ARE lonely &
struggling AND DO SOMETHING TO
help them

CREATE safe spaces
INSIDE & OUTSIDE
the Church, where
people DON'T JUDGE,
BUT LISTEN
and offer
SUPPORT

Be creative
and
varied
IN HOW WE
* WORSHIP *
GOD *

GET TO KNOW
and LEARN about
MORE PEOPLE in our
LOCAL COMMUNITIES
so that we
→ build relationships
→ break down
barriers
→ stop prejudice

How will YOU engage with, speak out about and respond
to this manifesto? How will you tell your story?

VISIT www.methodist.org.uk/3Generate for resources and ideas