

## **"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](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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpDtOhOiCvU&feature=youtu.be)

## PRAYER ACTIVITY – HOPE BLOSSOMS

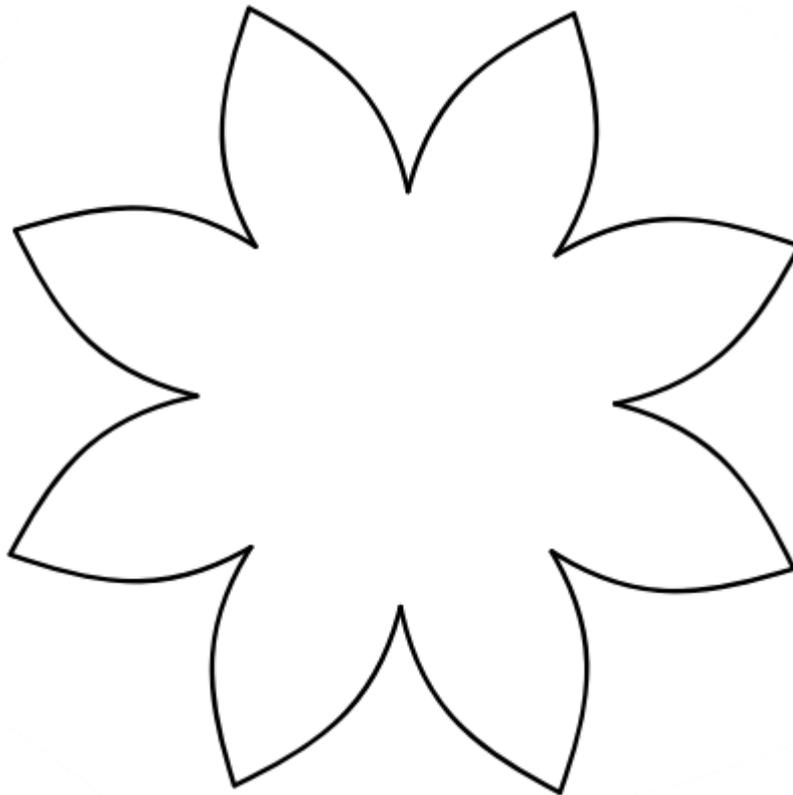
Watch the video here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpDtOhOiCvU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZpDtOhOiCvU&feature=youtu.be) and Sian will lead you through an activity to help you pray about things that you are hoping for.

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*

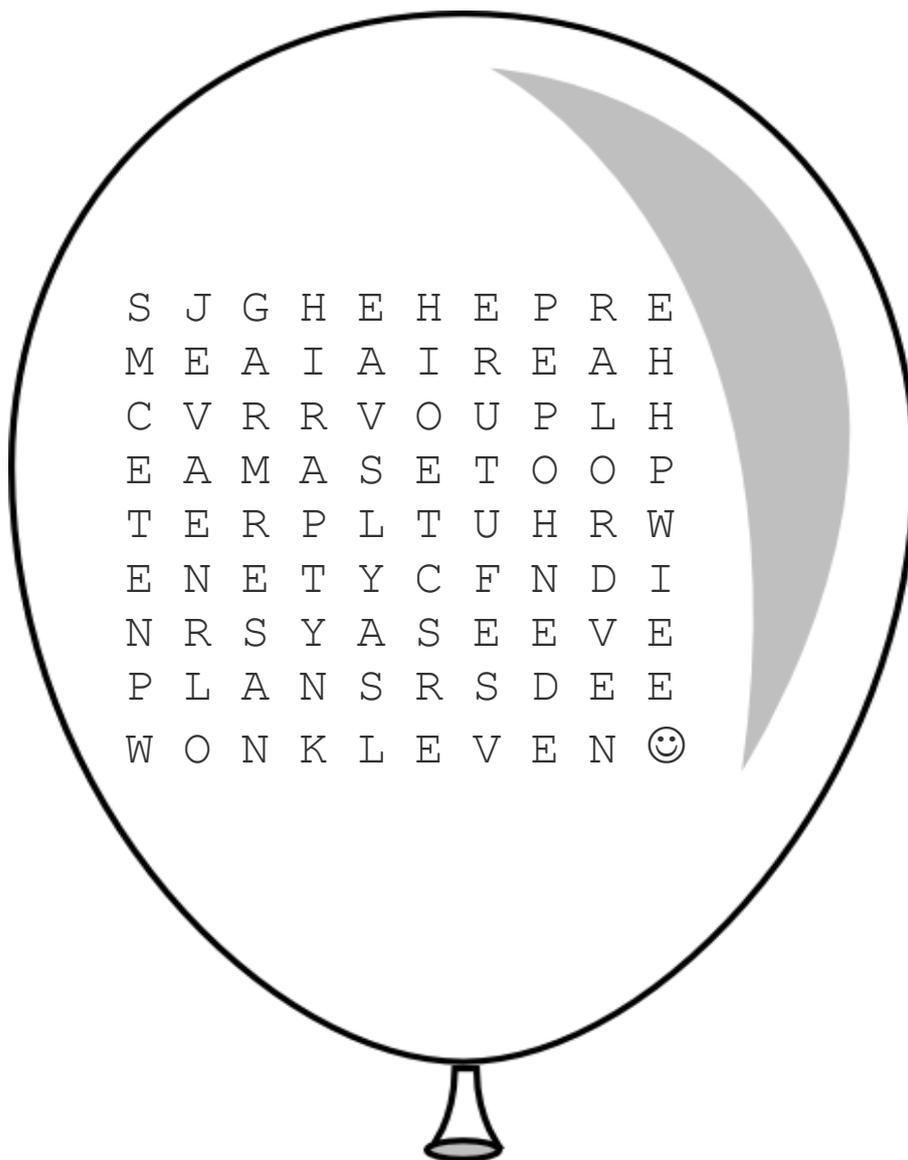


## WORD SEARCH VERSE

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.

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FUTURE  
GIVE  
HARM  
HAVE  
HOPE  
KNOW  
LORD  
PLANS  
PROSPER  
SAYS

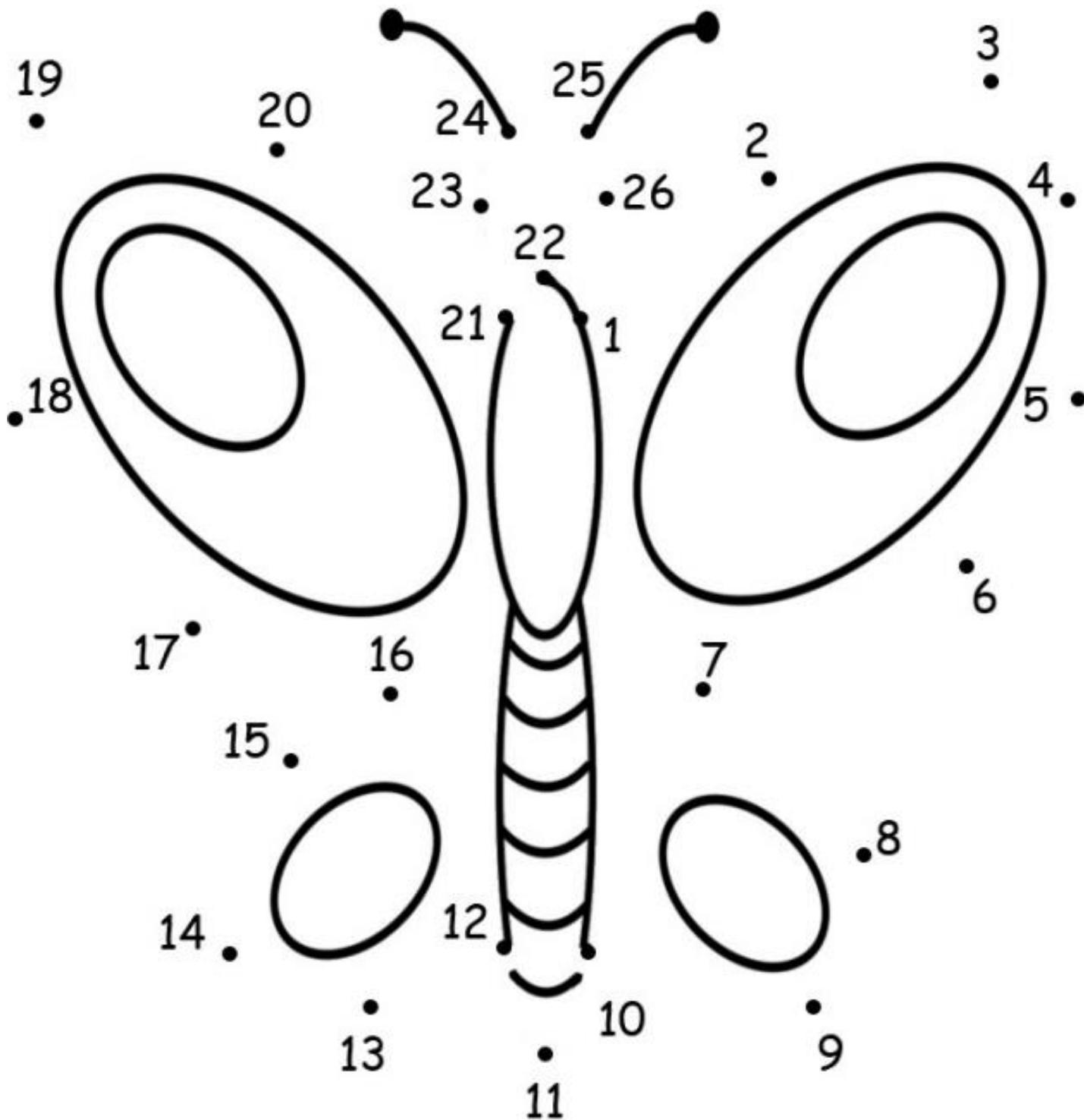


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# DOT TO DOT BUTTERFLY

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*



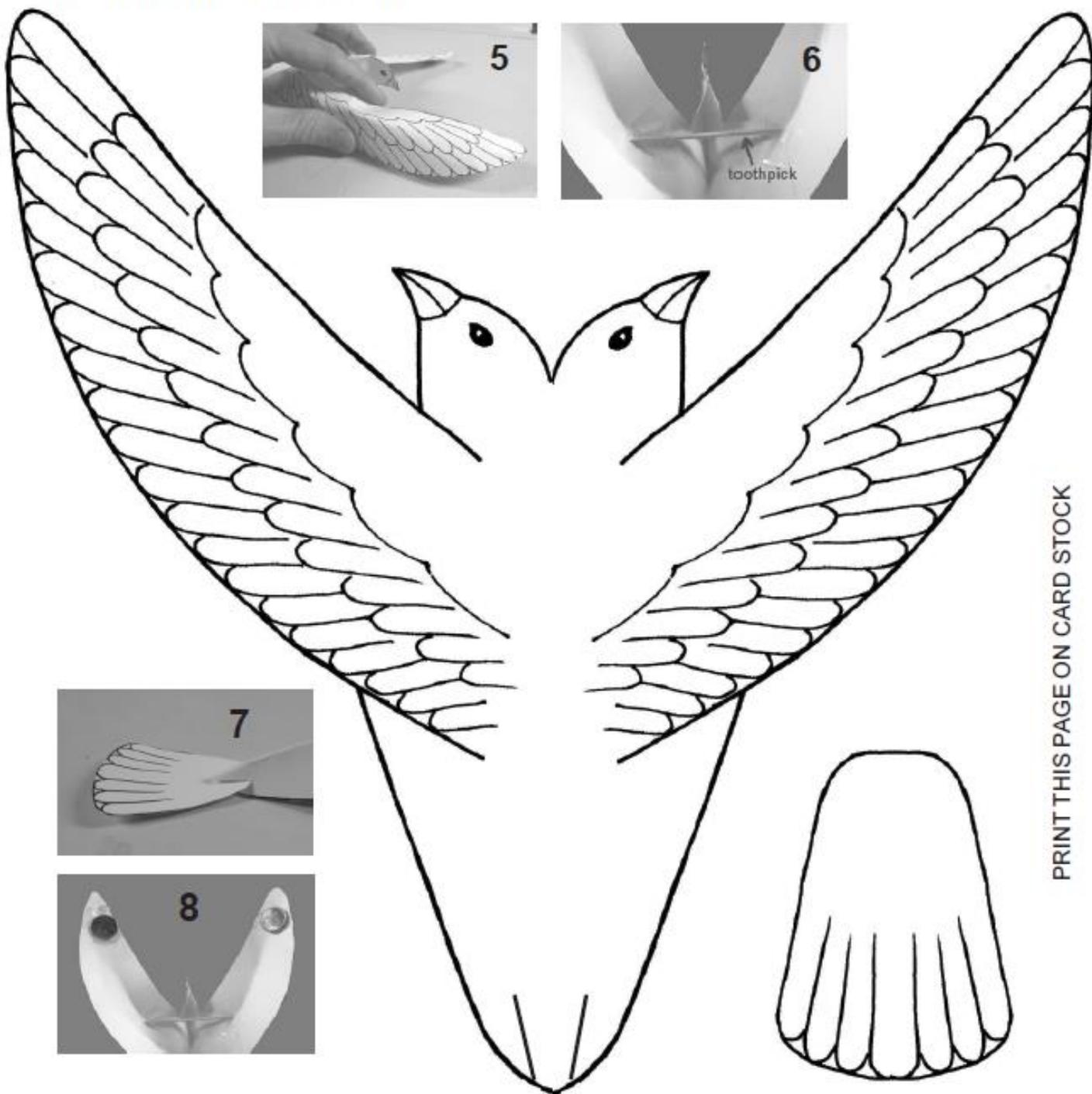
## BALANCING BIRD TOY

### 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