

Believing even when you can't see

The Bible reading this week is Exodus 32: 1-14.

This is a story of the Israelites becoming fearful when their leader Moses had left them for a while to talk to God. They couldn't see their leader and didn't know when or if he would come back. They made a golden calf because they wanted to see something they could worship. Moses did come back to the people and said that was not the way to worship God. God will listen to us anywhere or anytime. We have to remember and believe God loves us even when we can't see him.

When babies are very young if their mum goes out of the room they get upset and cry. They don't know where she has gone or if she is ever coming back. They are too young to remember that mum loves them all the time even when she is not there. They are very happy when she comes back and after a while they know their mother will always be there for them. Even though we can't see God, He is always available to us and cares about us.

You might like to watch a story about a boy who lost his favourite toy. The boy still loved his toy even though he couldn't see it for a long time.

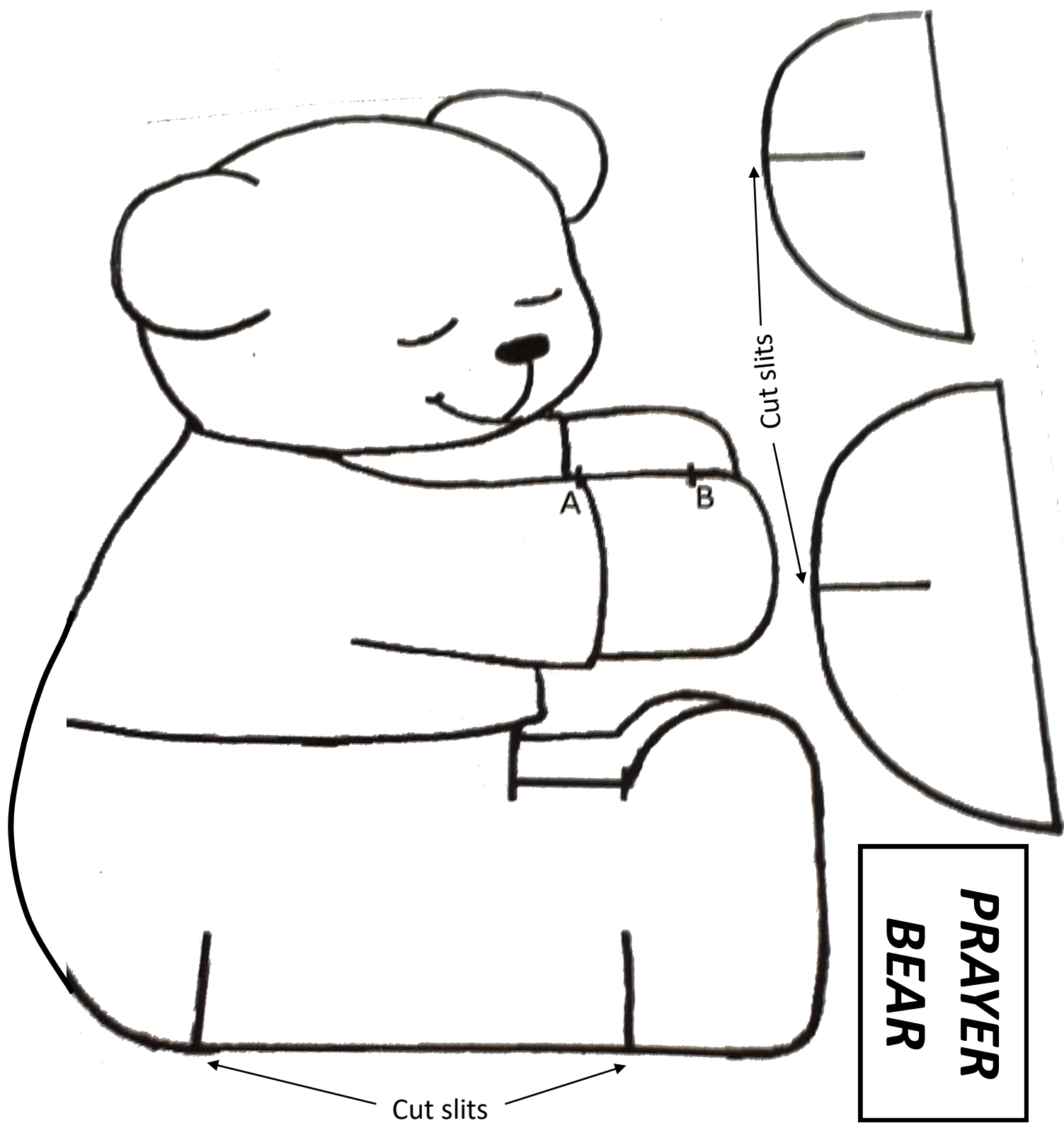
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZIQGeUKbel>

Craft Activity: Prayer Bear:

You will need some coloured card, scissors, glue, textas or coloured pencils and a small piece of white paper on which to write a short prayer.

- Print the template and cut out the body and legs of the bear.
- Cut slits in the body and legs where indicated, and cut a slit between A and B in the paws of the bear.
- Colour the jacket of the bear.
- Attach the legs by slipping the two slots together. The bear should sit up balanced on the legs.
- Paste or draw the words "Prayer Bear" on the jacket.
- Write a prayer on the small piece of white paper and then slip your tiny prayer into the paws of the bear in the slot provided.
- Keep your prayer bear near your bed so he can remind you to pray each night to God.
- You can change your prayer anytime.





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