



Safari Prayer Space

I Identity

Zebra. Zebra outlines. Felt pens. Mini pegs & string.

Did you know that each zebra is unique? What does unique mean? It means that there's no other zebra like that zebra in the whole world. You are unique too, you have unique fingerprints like the zebra has unique stripes. There is no-one like you in the whole world either. Christians believe that God made each one of us unique and special and he loves us just as we are. Use the felt pens to colour your zebra in a unique way to represent you. Then peg it up (*or leave for the next leader to peg if you are running out of time*). Can you see all the different people in your school hanging up around the room?

S Sorry

Meerkat. Sand trays with sand. (Take your time over the discussion as this activity is really short)

I wonder if you have ever done something that you wish you hadn't done (don't let the children share what it was!). How did it make you feel? When we do things wrong we can feel really guilty. It's a horrible feeling. What should you say when you have done something wrong? Christians believe when we say sorry to God he forgives us, it's like he's wiped that thing away. Write the word sorry in the sand. Look at it for a bit and think about those feelings. Then wipe it away and think about how it feels to be forgiven.

T Thanks

Monkey. Camo net. Display board with backing paper. Cut out bananas. Pritt stick. Pens. There are lots of things in this world that we love, things that make us smile. Can you think of some things you love? It could be places or people or things, or anything! (*Encourage children to share their ideas*). It's good to say thank you for the good things in our lives. Our monkey wants to say thank you for bananas because they make him smile (*use banana to make a smile*). Write on the banana something you want to say thank you for. Then stick it up with the other bananas.

O Others

Tiger. Stamp with paw print and heart. Red ink pad. Pens.

In this area we are thinking about other people who are going through a difficult time. Maybe they are sad or struggling. Maybe they are ill. How could we help those people? (*Spend time with them, make them a card, listen to them, cheer them up, pray for them?*) We might call that 'walking alongside someone'. We're going to use the stamp to make a bookmark. The heart represents the person we are thinking about or praying for and the paw print represents us as we walk alongside them in their sadness or pain and try to help them. Use the stamp and then write the person's name inside the heart as your thought or prayer. While you are waiting for the stamp spend some time thinking about your person. Christians believe that God is with us all the time and can help us and comfort us when we are sad. Take away the bookmark to remind yourself of that person.

P Please

Lion head. Orange paper. Pens.

I wonder whether you have ever been scared of something or worried about something. We're in the please area here so we're thinking about saying 'please help!' I want you to think about the thing you are worried about or scared of. Write or draw it on the piece of paper, fold it up and then be brave – put your hand in the lion's mouth and let go of that piece of paper (*they can share if they want to but be aware that it may influence what others write*).

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Reception & Year 1

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There are lots of things in this world that we love, things that make us smile. Can you think of some things you love? Maybe it's your favourite food, or your favourite toy, or your favourite person! (*Encourage children to share their ideas*). It's good to say thank you for the good things in our lives. Our monkey wants to say thank you for bananas because they make him smile (*use banana to make a smile*). Write or draw on the banana something you want to say thank you for. Then stick it up with the other bananas.

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We're thinking about other people in this area. If someone in your family or one of your friends is ill or sad, how can you help them? (*Spend time with them, make them a card, listen to them, cheer them up, pray for them?*) Think about whether you know anyone who is ill or sad. We're going to use the stamp to make a bookmark. The stamp has a heart and a tiger footprint. The heart is the person who is sad or ill and the footprint is you (*show stamp to children*). Write or draw the person you are thinking of on the heart (*show the children how to use the stamp*). Christians believe that God is with us all the time and can help us and comfort us when we are sad. Take away the bookmark to remind yourself of that person.

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