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An introduction to the *First Steps* syllabus, including hints and tips for running lessons, can be found in the file 'First Steps introduction.pdf' on the *Teaching Little Ones: First Steps* CD-ROM.

A list of all activity materials, including photographs, can be found in the file 'Activity materials.pdf' on the *Teaching Little Ones: First Steps* CD-ROM.

More information about teaching Sunday School to young children can be found in Stephanie Carmichael's book, *Their God is so BIG*, available from Matthias Media. For more details visit www.matthiasmedia.com.au.

God made me

Bible reference... Genesis 1:26-27
Psalm 139:13-14

Lesson aim... To make the children aware that God made every part of them.

Main message... God made me.

Story card... Print page 19 and colour. Point to each body part as you tell the story.

Introduction...

Point to different body parts and do some actions, eg “What is this? [*touch head*], Can you touch your head? Can you move your head like me? Touch your nose. Can you wiggle your nose? Do you know where your feet are? Touch them. And where are your hands? Can you clap them? Can you shake them? Now I’d like you to shake your hands very slowly. Well done. Now I’d like you to put your hands in your lap while I say the story.”

Story...

“Who made us? God did.
God made our hands and our feet.
And he made our eyes and our ears.
God also made our noses and our mouths
and our hair.
He made our arms and our legs
and our tummies.
God made all of us.
Who made us? God made us.”

Pray...

“Thank you that you made us. Thank you for making ...[*name each child in the class*].
Amen.”

Action rhyme...

God made my legs,
And I can walk.
God made my mouth,
and I can talk.

Point to legs
Walk on the spot or if sitting lift legs up and down
Point to mouth

Activity suggestions...

1. Crown

For each child cut a long strip of cardboard which will fit around their head. Before the lesson, print page 20, cut out captions and paste in the centre of the cardboard. The children decorate the cardboard with collage materials, eg. pasting on patty cases, cotton wool balls, cellophane shapes, crepe paper squares, stickers. Once completed, staple the ends together for the children to wear and place tape over the staples on the inside to prevent injury.

2. Boy and girl picture

You will need an A3 piece of paper for each child. Before the lesson, print pages 20-22 so that you have a caption, a girl and a boy for each child. Cut along the dotted lines for the girl and boy. Rip small pieces (about 2 cm square) of wrapping paper or coloured paper and place in a container.

In the lesson, give each child their A3 page. The children use crayons to scribble all over the page, creating a background. Then give all the children a 'girl' outline to paste on their page. Repeat with the 'boy' outline. Then the children can fill in the clothes for the girl and boy by pasting on the coloured paper pieces. The teacher can apply the paste so that the clothes don't stray all over the page!

Finally, the teacher pastes the caption on the top of the A3 page.

3. Booklet

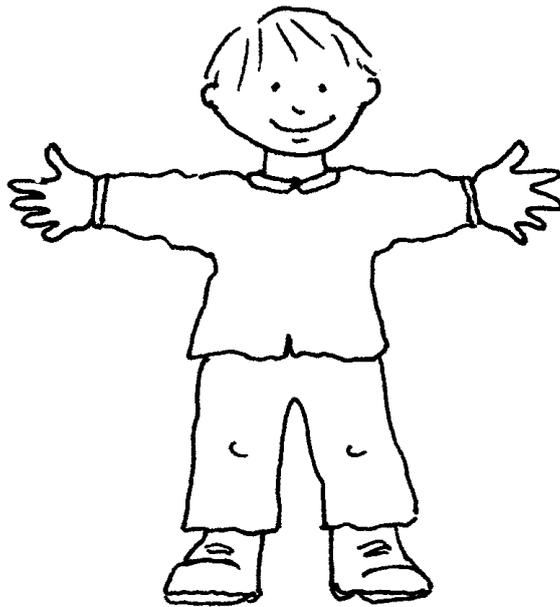
Print page 23 for each child. Make a booklet by folding the page once horizontally and then vertically, with "God made my eyes ..." on the front. The children can 'colour' in the booklet. Alternatively, it could be handed out to each child at the end of the lesson to take home simply 'as is' (ie. in black and white).

4. Story card

Print page 19 for each child. The children could 'colour' the picture with light coloured crayons. You might prefer the children take it home as is.

God made me

Who made me? God did.
God made my hands and my feet.
And he made my eyes and my ears.
God also made my nose and my mouth
and my hair.
He made my arms and my legs
and my tummy.
God made all of me.
Who made me? God made me.



Action rhyme...

God made my legs,
And I can walk.
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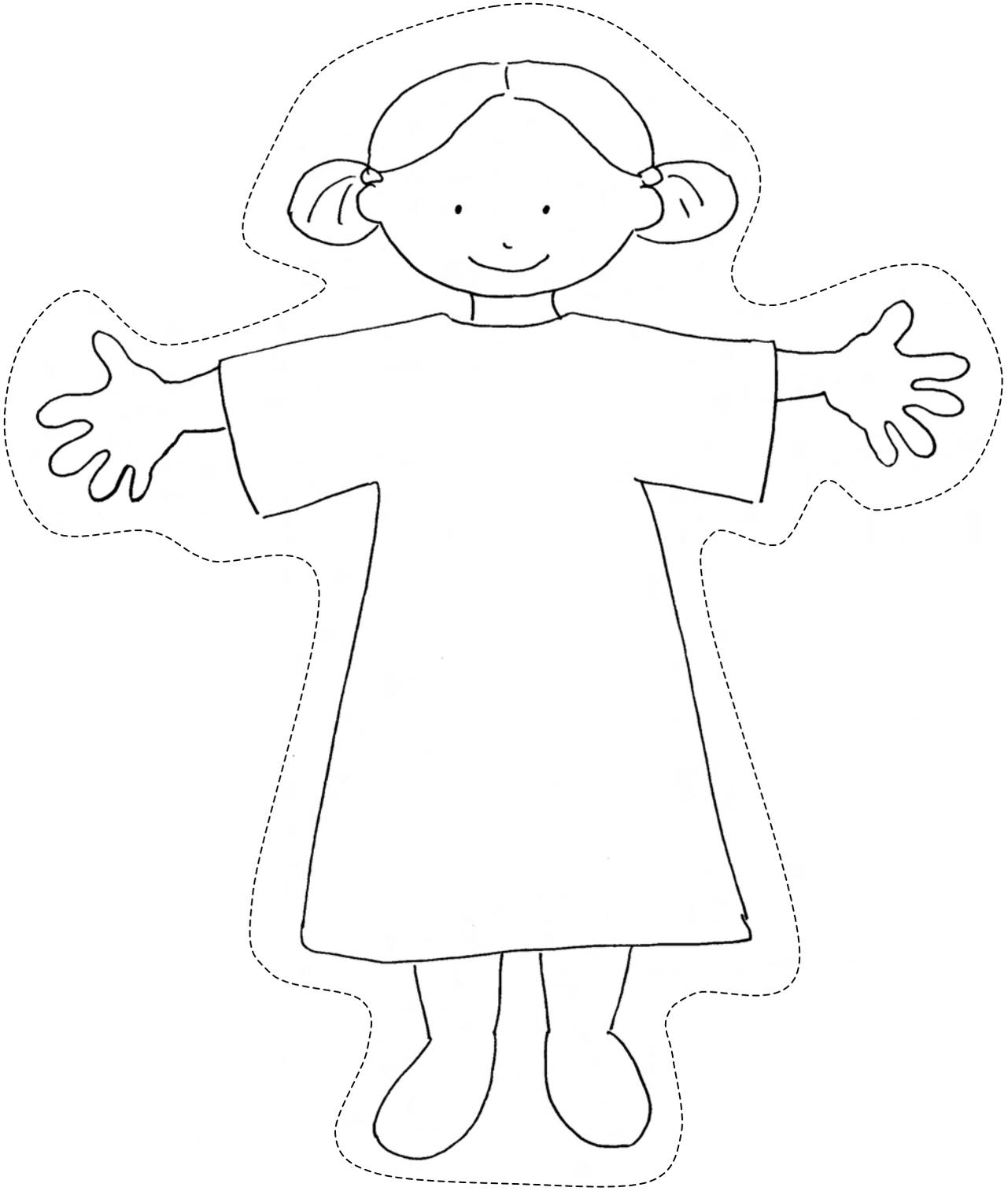
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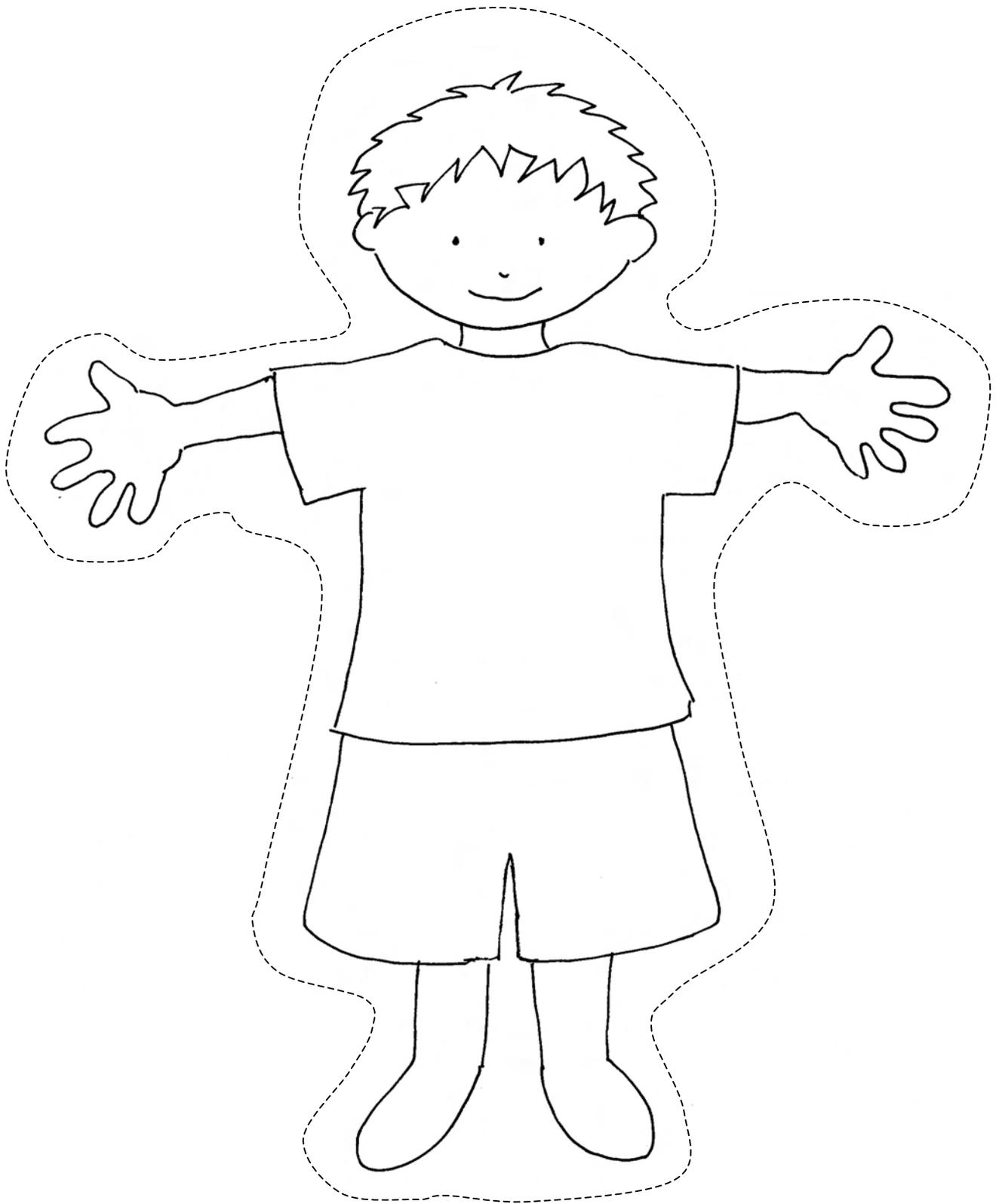
Caption for activity #1

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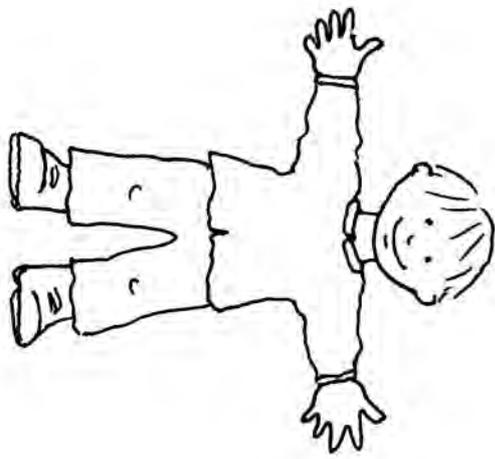
Caption for activity #2

God made me

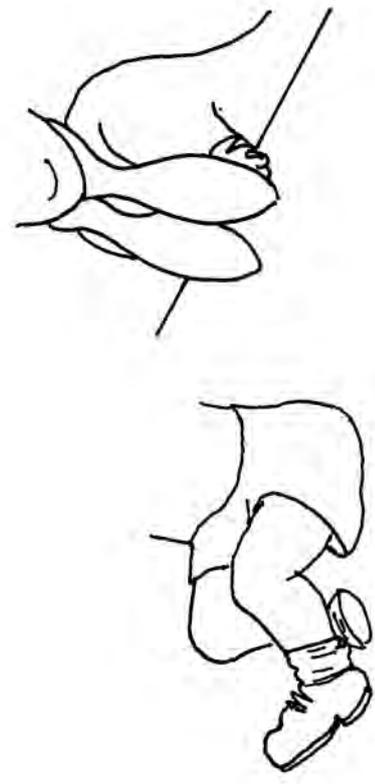
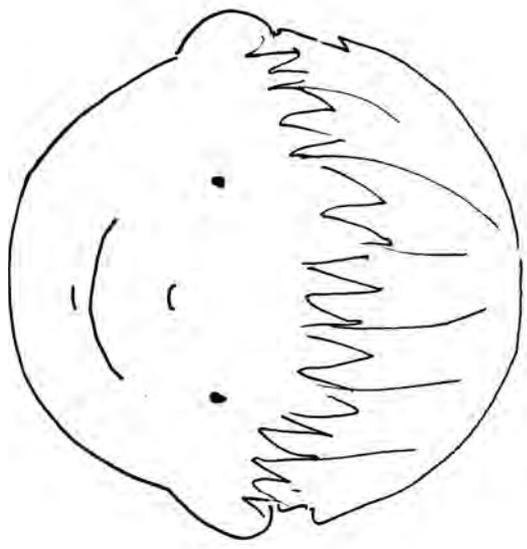




God made all of me!



God made my eyes, my ears and nose.



God made my knees and my elbows.



God made my fingers and my toes.