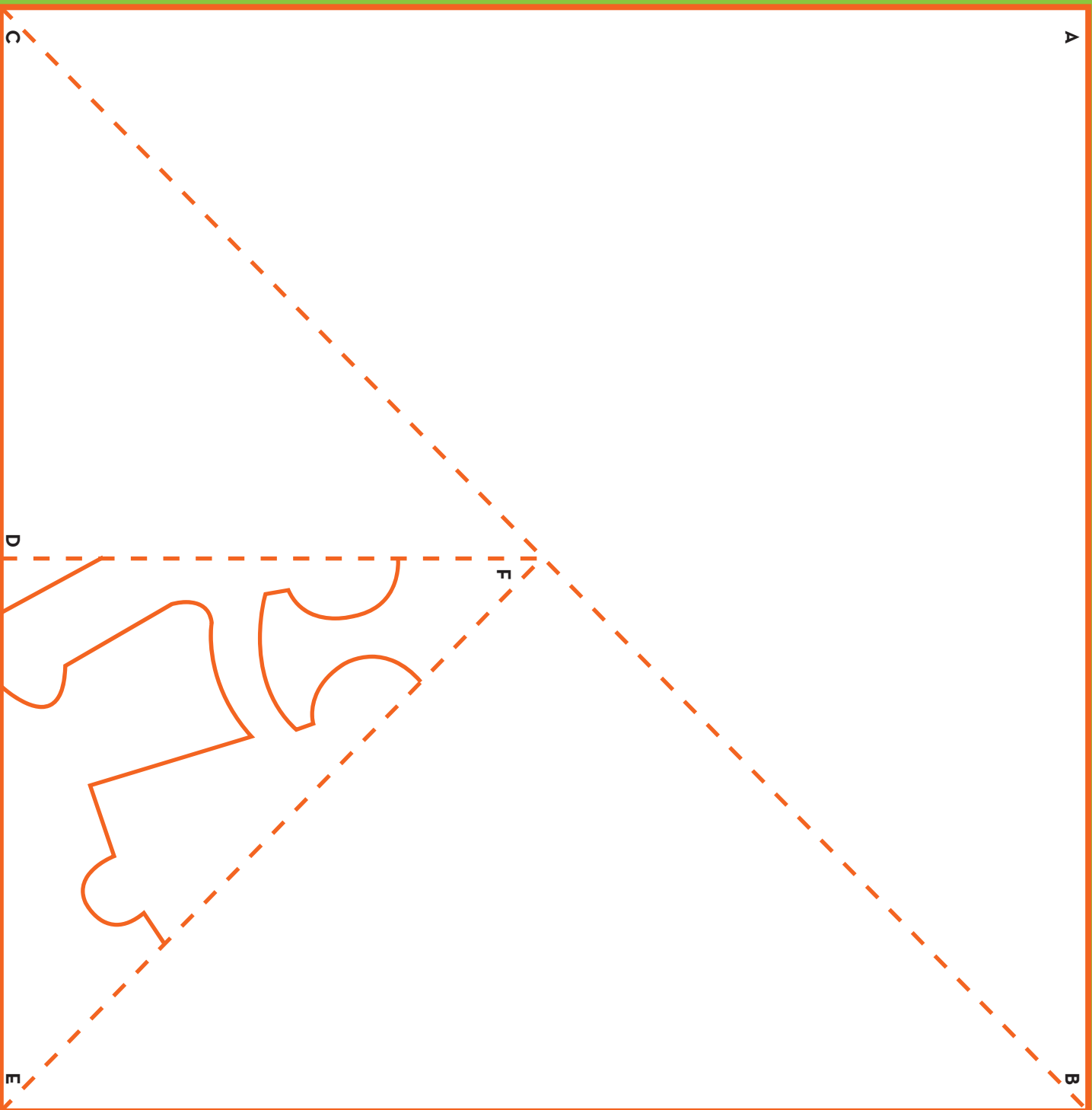


Circular Paper People

Ages 7-8 Lesson 7 October 15, 2006

1. Punch out the die-cut square.
2. Fold on the diagonal line from C to B, keeping the printed lines on the outside.
3. Fold again on the diagonal line from E to F.
4. Fold once again, this time on the diagonal line from D to F.
5. With each fold, be sure to keep the printed side of the paper on the outside.
6. Use paper clips to hold the folded paper together, and then cut along the solid lines.
7. Remove the paper clips and unfold.



In today's story, Jesus' disciples think that they are helping Jesus by getting the children out of his way so that he can help heal the adults. But, Jesus reminds the disciples that children are valuable—just as valuable as adults!

1.

At The Station, Sperry was upset because her teacher didn't include her in solving the computer problem, even though she knew she could fix it. Write or draw about a time when you were left-out like this.

Blank space for writing or drawing.

2.

Write or draw about a time that someone you cared about was left-out. How did you help them?

Blank space for writing or drawing.



Jesus Blesses the Little Children

based on Mark 10:13-16

One day, Jesus was in a public place talking with and blessing people who came to him. Some parents thought it would be a good idea to take their children to Jesus and have him bless them too! But as the children got close, the disciples stepped in the way. "You can not come here," said one of the disciples. "Jesus is busy with the grown-ups. You should take your children away and not bother him." The parents were very sad. They wanted Jesus to bless their children so that they would be safe. But the disciples were standing in their way, so they turned to go back home. Just as they were walking away, they heard Jesus yell out, "Wait! Where are you going?" The parents turned back to Jesus. They told Jesus, "Your disciples told us that you were too busy to bless our children." Jesus smiled and said, "I am never too busy for my children." He turned to his disciples, "Don't ever send my children away from me. They are just as important as anyone else. In fact, their faith is the kind of faith that you should have." Then Jesus gathered the children on his lap, blessed them, and told them of God's great love for them and for everyone else.

Imagine that you were in the Bible story. Pick one of the characters in the story (a child, a disciple, or a parent). On another piece of paper, write a letter to Jesus from that person's perspective and tell Jesus how you feel about what happened.

Everyone—including every child—is important to Jesus. What little children do you know? Do you have younger brothers or sisters, or friends who have younger brothers or sisters? What is something special that you can do this week to show God's love to a little child? Use this space to think of some ideas. Then pick one (or more!) of your ideas and act on it to make a younger child feel special this week.

Use this space to write or draw about how it makes you feel to know that God and Jesus love and accept you, no matter how old or young you are!

Something to read this week about God's love for children:

1 John 3:2, Matthew 18:1-5



3.

Write about a time you were included in something exciting.

4.

Make a list of the people who have accepted you.

5.

Write down some ways that you can be accepting of others.

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