

Following instructions...

Could you follow these lego instructions and build the creature? It's not as easy as you think....

In today's Bible reading Jesus is giving instructions as to how we should live our lives...

Imagine,' said Jesus, with his disciples gathered about him, 'that somebody in the church has done something to upset you.'

Jesus continued, 'Speak to the person alone and tell them what they've done wrong. If they listen, you'll have solved the problem and got a brother or sister back.'

'What if they don't listen?' the disciples asked.

'Take along one or two other people, who can hear what you say to one another,' Jesus replied. 'If the person still won't listen, then tell the whole church what has happened. If they won't even listen to the church, then that person is not like a brother or sister to you. They are like a Gentile or a tax collector, and you shouldn't treat them as family.'

Jesus told the disciples that they would be the ones making judgements in the church. 'Whatever you forbid on earth, will also be forbidden in heaven. Whatever you allow on earth, will be allowed in heaven. And remember, if two of you agree when you ask for something on earth, my Father in heaven will give it to you.' Looking at the group listening to him, Jesus said, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

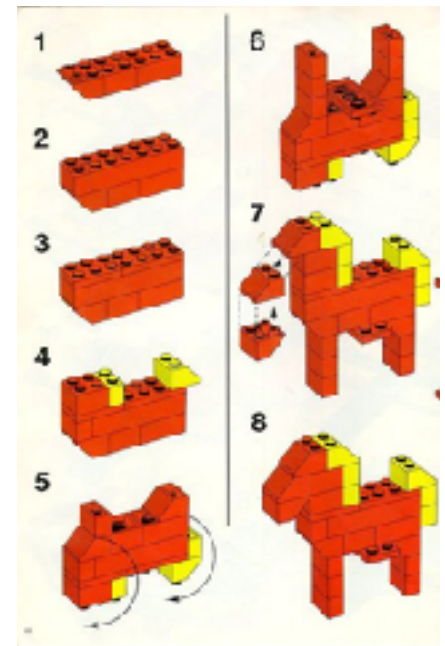
Can you think about these questions?

Have you ever fallen out with a friend? What did it feel like? What did you do about it? It wouldn't be good to shout about it to everyone, or even send a text about it to lots of people! This is a tricky one, isn't it!

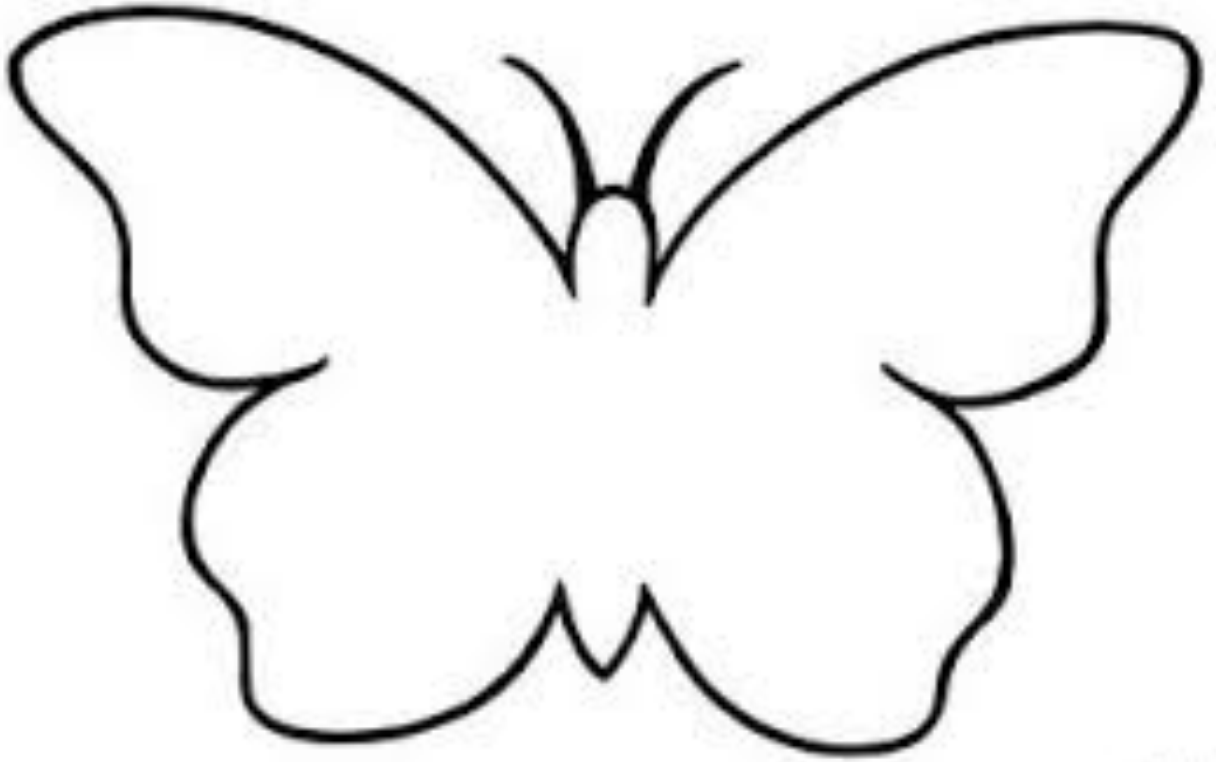
What things can we do to help everyone get along with one another?

Something to make

Find some small pieces of coloured paper, (wrapping paper, tissue paper, corners of fliers...)and tear them into small pieces. Think about the times you have had a disagreement or been upset by someone. Now turn the paper into something beautiful like a butterfly by sticking the paper onto a butterfly shape.



Here is a butterfly shape to use.



Dear God,
we go back to our communities;
the places where we live,
where we learn to listen to you
and to each other
and act on what we hear.
Be with us, Lord. Amen