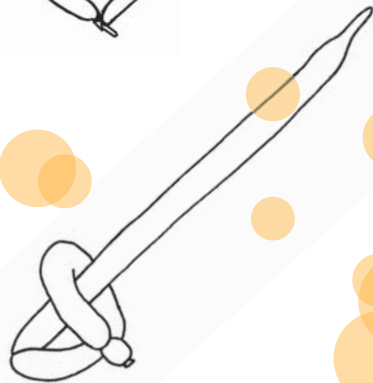
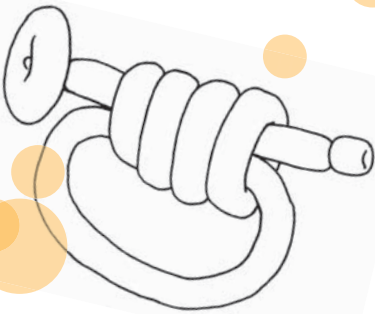




Telling stories with **Balloons**



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Andrew and Ana

1-2 long balloons

Verse: John 3:16-17

Start with the biblical text. Then, tell the story.

Andrew

Tie



Ana

Bow



Alex

Mouth



Principal

Glasses



Jesus

Heart



Andrew (**Tie**) was a kid who liked using a big tie every time he went to school. Ana (Bow), Andrew's best friend (Tie), is always looking for someone to bother. At the school, they have a classmate called Alex (Mouth).

Alex (Mouth) has a mouth so big, and they made fun of him.

They said hurtful words to Alex (Mouth) and made him cry. But since Andrew (Tie) and Ana (Bow) were some truly mischievous kids, they didn't care that they hurt him.

One day Andrew (Tie) and Ana (Bow) had the idea to go inside the classroom to take their classmates' stuff. Without realizing that the Principal (Glasses) was looking at them through the window, they kept taking the stuff.

The Principal (Glasses) seeing the mischief that Andrew (Tie) and Ana (Bow) were doing, scolded them and took them to her office to ground them.

Andrew (Tie) and Ana (Bow) were in the Principal's office very sad. Alex (Mouth) was going by, and watching them, asked them what they were doing there. Andrew (Tie) and Ana (Bow) told him that the Principal (Glasses) was going to ground them because she found them taking their classmates' stuff.

Alex (Mouth) started telling them that he knew someone who wouldn't punish them for what they had done, He was willing to forgive them and help them be good kids.

Andrew (Tie) and Ana (Bow) happily asked who He was. Alex (Mouth) answered them, saying His name was Jesus (Heart).

They only had to accept that He enters their hearts, and Jesus (Heart) is willing to forgive them and love them, in order for them to stop being mischievous children.

Jonah and the Big fish

Verse: Jonah 1:17

Long balloon

Round balloon

Small ball (Styrofoam or other)

Heart



Boat



Balloon for
noise



Fish



Smile



God created you with a purpose!

God had a special task for Jonah, and a special purpose for him. His task was to go to Nineveh to preach on God's love. (Heart Balloon) Nineveh was a city where there were very bad people and that's why God wanted Jonah to go.

Jonah was happy where he was at (Smile Balloon) and did not want to go to Nineveh. When God asked him to take the Word to Nineveh, he pretended as if he couldn't hear. Jonah decided to disobey God. He wanted to be busy in other things instead of obeying God.

God will be happy when we obey Him!

God reminded Jonah every day what he had to do, but Jonah decided to escape in a boat. (Boat Balloon) However, a big storm arose, making lots of noise. (Noisy Balloon). The boat (Boat Balloon) tossed and turned in the storm and the sailors thought they were going to die! (Noisy Balloon) Then the sailors took Jonah, and threw him into the sea. Guess what? The storm immediately went away! God had a big fish prepared (Fish Balloon) and it came and swallowed Jonah! He was three days and three nights inside the big fish's stomach (Fish Balloon). Jonah was scared and prayed to God, asking Him for forgiveness. He was sorry for disobeying God. On the third day in the stomach of the fish, Jonah was thrown onto land.

Jonah was very thankful to God, and promised to go to Nineveh. God showed him His great love (Heart Balloon) when He forgave him.

The tower of Babel

Verse: Genesis 11:1-9

Empty Bottle
Balloon



Instructions: Take a plastic bottle and make a small hole hidden where no one can see it. Put a normal balloon inside through the top part.

In the true Bible story “the tower of Babel” God decided to confuse the people of the world because they had too much ambition. The Bible says they wanted fame and to make a name for themselves. At this time, all the people of the world spoke 1 language and were working together, according to the Word of God. The people built a large tower and were becoming bigger and bigger. (Inflate the balloon inside the bottle, not covering the hole.)

But when God saw their selfish ambition and how they had built a large tower, He confused their languages and spread them around the earth. (Let the air out of the balloon.)

Since they could not communicate and they were spread around, they could not continue as before. (Try inflating the balloon without success, plugging the hole)

What stand out is that God himself was against the people. This was not an attack of the devil, or evil people trying to do them harm. Instead, God himself was against them. But why? One Bible version says “They wanted to be famous” and another version says “they wanted to make a name for themselves.”

There is a wonderful worship song by Chris Tomlin called “Whom shall I fear?” The song speaks of the angel armies are on our side. It is exciting to think that no one can come against us, and that God is on our side. But this story of the tower of Babel shows a case in which God will not be on our side. When we are trying to achieve power, honor, fame and wealth for ourselves, God is not on our side. In fact, He can go totally against us, as He did long ago in the Bible.

It is important to remember to always stay humble, controlling our own ambition. If we stay humble, God will always be on our side. (Inflate balloon quick and easy, not covering the hole.) But if we forget, it can become very difficult to achieve things with our own ambition. (Try inflated balloon without success, plugging the hole.)

This lesson is very important, because you will end up your own enemy and we do not really want to have God almighty actually against us!



Gideon's Army

Long balloons

Verse: Judges 7:16-22

Trumpet



Antorcha



Espada



Judges 7:7

The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home."

Judges 7:16-22

Gideon, dividing the three hundred men into three companies, placed trumpets (Trumpet Balloon) and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside (Torch Balloon).

«Watch me -he told them-. Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets (Trumpet Balloon), then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon.'»

Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets (Trumpet Balloon) and broke the jars that were in their hands. The three companies blew the trumpets (Trumpet Balloon) and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches (Torch Balloon) in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets (Trumpet Balloon) they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword (Sword Balloon) for the Lord and for Gideon!" While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled. When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.

Lita the little sheep

Verse: Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing”

Read the verse.

What does the shepherd do? He looks after his sheep.

The shepherd has two tools, the ROD and the STAFF.



Story

The good shepherd is looking around for a place with green pastures so that the little sheep Lita can eat. When the shepherd is looking, Lita wanders away from him. When he realizes, the good shepherd takes his staff to bring her back to the path.

The shepherd tells her she can't go by herself, and she must always be near him. But one day, the little sheep disobeys, and not listening closely to the shepherd's voice, she goes out to eat and play by herself. But, in an instant, Lita finds herself in a big trouble. The little sheep fell inside a huge hole! A tremendous bear found her in the hole and she was very afraid!

Lita didn't know that the good shepherd was watching over everything she was doing. And the bear didn't know that the good shepherd was going to arrive to help the little sheep. Then, the shepherd arrived with the rod and scares away the fleeing bear. While Lita is very scared inside the hole, the shepherd gets close and taking the staff, gets the little sheep out. Taking her in his arms, he bandages her wounds, caused by her falling. Running, Lita arrives at the herd very happy, and gets caught in a fence. Using the rod, the shepherd gets Lita out of the problem that she accidentally put herself into.

Being free, she arrives with the other sheep, feeling happy to see them all.

The good shepherd is like our Lord Jesus Christ and each and every one of us is lit Lita. We must learn to listen to the advice that God gives us and be closer to Him every day.

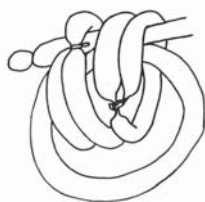
Making the Trompet



Push the tie inside and secure it with some twirls.



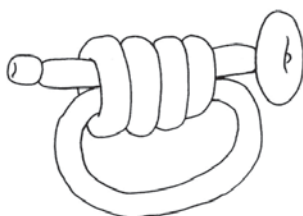
Make a curve with the first balloon.



Wrap the curved balloon with another long balloon and tie the ends.



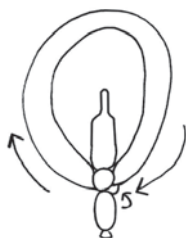
Inflate a round balloon. Insert the tail end of the first balloon with the tie of the round balloon. Push them to the other side of the round balloon. Tie them with a piece of another balloon.



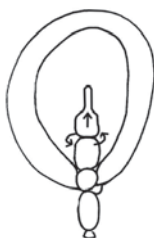
Making the Torch



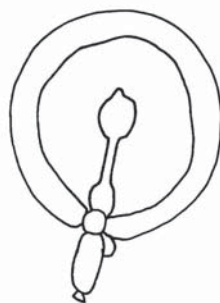
Make two little balls near the beginning of the balloon, or near the tie.




Make a circle and twirl it with the little balls.



In the tail, twirl a little ball and push the air towards the end.





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