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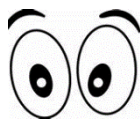


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For this activity you will need some cardboard and some felt tip pens, maybe also some tape and some pipe cleaners. You're going to make yourself some snazzy God-shaped glasses. You'll need to practice a bit with a design – you need to form the word God so that the gaps in the G and the D fit over where your eyes are. Maybe use a pair of glasses as a template. Form the letters, then add on a piece of cardboard on each side or a pipe cleaner that will hook over your ears, like a pair of glasses. Now decorate it, as crazily as you like. If you have some old glasses, you could even stick the frame shape on the glasses.



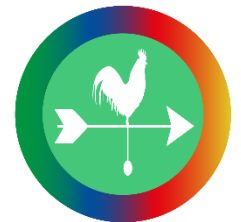
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The voice answered, “I am Jesus. I am the One you are trying to hurt. ⁶ Get up now and go into the city. Someone there will tell you what you must do.”

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