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**Some of the activities in the main booklet are suitable for smaller children**

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Toy telephones (we could ring people and invite them to be friends with Jesus – how do you like to talk to people?)



A set of play people to act out the story or random shapes/bits you can move around to make pictures from the story as you tell it (e.g., stones, felt, twigs etc)

## Game

### Follow my leader, or Simon Says

Explore different ways of moving or following what someone else does. Take it in turns to be the leader.

## Creative response

### Feet paint

Cover both feet in paint and print them onto a piece of A4 card (heels together) in the shape of a heart. (Alternatively, you could copy the illustration and use the footprints as a V in the word love.) Write the child's name somewhere prominent on the card. Include the following words on the card: "Come on – Jesus is calling you"

## Prayer activity

### Prayer walk

Create a large circle labyrinth on the floor for the children to walk around, using a rope or rolled up sheets. Alternatively, create stepping stones out of paper and encourage the children to take big steps from one to the next. Play with musical instruments as you walk round, loving and praising God.



Talk: Who calls you and what sort of things are they calling you to do together? Why do we call out to someone? God calls us because he loves us and wants us to be his friend.

Sensory: Go for a sensory walk – use trays with different surfaces in (sand, feathers, water, jelly...) and walk through them with bare feet or sit alongside them and explore them with your fingers. Be careful not to slip, and have wipes and towels nearby.

Play: We're going on a bear hunt.

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## What's in the box?

Heart (we are all part of Jesus' loving family)

Battery operated tea lights/ torches and star shapes (think about lots and lots of stars twinkling in the sky. Can you make a twinkling movement with your hands? Hide the lights with your hand and then reveal them one by one)

Sand bottle (explore the sand together – it's made up of lots of teeny tiny specks of sand, far too many to count)

Things that belong together, e.g. pair of socks, pair of gloves, knife and fork (we belong with God – we're all part of one family)

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## What's in the box?

A heart (we can sometimes find love in surprising places)

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