

# Suffering

## Part 1

## Why is there Suffering?

### Craft & Game Ideas

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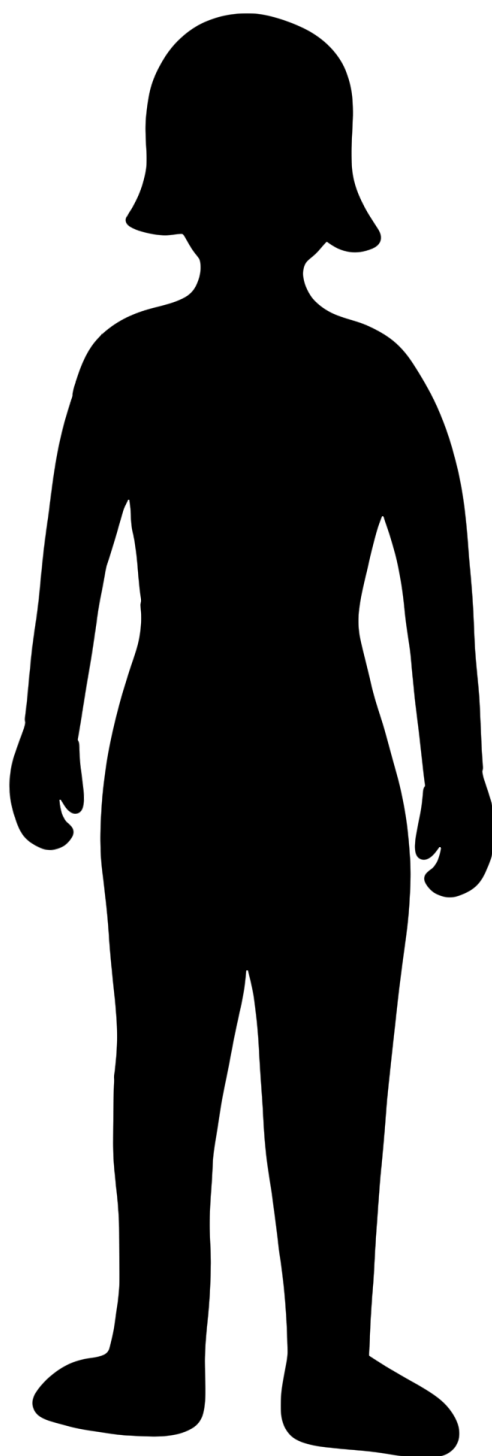
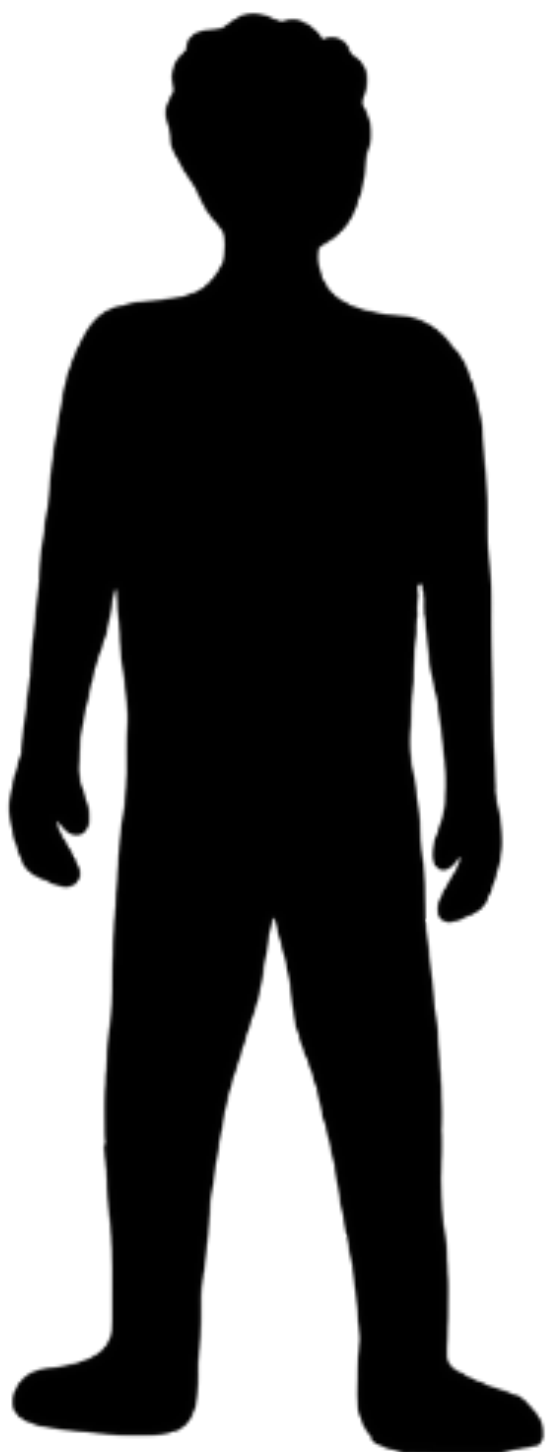
##### 1. Cereal Box Puppet Stage

###### You will need:

- 1 Cereal Box
- Adam cut-out (see below)
- Eve cut-out (see below)
- 2 ice-cream sticks
- 1 small, green pipe cleaner
- 2 small "googly" eyes.
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Green crepe paper
- Glue
- Hole-punch
- Coloured Pencils and textas

###### Instructions:

1. Turn the box lengthways. Using a ruler and a pencil, draw two lines that runs across the length of the box; one that is three centimetres down from the top and one that's four centimetres up from the bottom. Draw two more lines running up the box vertically, three centimetres in from the sides.
2. Use scissors to cut out the rectangle made by the lines. You now have a puppet stage!
3. Print out the backdrop provided and stick it to the back of the stage with glue.
4. Cut a slit along the bottom of what is now your puppet stage like the diagram provided.
5. Colour in and cut out the provided Adam and Eve paper puppets. Glue each of them to an ice-cream stick each.
6. Colour in and cut out the fruit tree. Fold down the bottom and stick to the "stage" with glue. Punch a hole in the indicated spot on the tree.
7. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the tree and poke it through the hole. Stick the eyes on the snake with glue.
8. Cut a strip of green crepe paper the length of the stage and about six centimetres wide. Cut lots of tiny slits in it with scissors to make the paper look like grass. Glue the "grass" to the front of the stage.
9. Poke Adam and Eve through the slit in the bottom and perform your puppet show. Have a grown-up read the account of Genesis 3 from the Bible or a Bible story book and perform your puppets along with it!



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##### 2. Sympathy Cards

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- Some cardstock of whatever colour you would like.
- Printouts of our provided sympathy messages.
- Stickers, pom poms, glitter, beads and whatever other decorations you have.

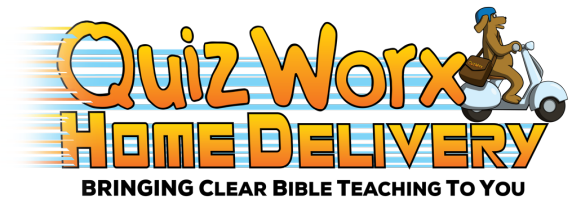
###### Instructions:

1. Print and cut out the provided sympathy messages.
2. Take your cardstock and cut it to be whatever size you would like. Fold it in half.
3. Stick your message on the front or inside the card.
4. Decorate your card with lots of colourful decorations!
5. Send your card to someone you know who is suffering.



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### God is Still in Control

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##### Game Ideas

Both of the following games involve creating dramatic scenes that are related to the topic of suffering.

In each game, the players will create three scenes based on the following scenarios:

1. A person suffering and it's someone else's fault (e.g., Matt's example of him hitting someone for no reason).
2. A person suffering and it is their fault (e.g., Matt's example of him stealing a car, crashing it and getting hurt because of it).
3. A person suffering because the world isn't what it's meant to be (e.g., floods, fires and sickness).

#### 1. Suffering Sculptures

You will need:

- Playdough
- List of scenarios

Instructions:

The object of this game is for each player to mold their clay into a sculpture that's based around a time when someone might suffer.

- Hand out a lump of playdough to each player – make sure they have enough to make a scene with plenty of figures.
- Tell all the players that they must think of a time when a person might suffer and it's someone else's fault.
- The players then have one minute to make a playdough sculpture based on what they've thought of.
- Once the minute is up, the rest of the players try to guess what is happening in the sculpture. Once everyone has shown and explained their sculptures, they move onto the next scenario.

#### 2. 20 – 10 – 5

The object of this game is to perform a dramatic scene that's based on a scenario in the list above, but which can be performed faster and faster!

Instructions:

1. If you have more than four players, place the players into groups.
2. Tell player/groups that they have five minutes to come up with a drama that's based around the first scenario in the list above, however, it can only go for 20 seconds!
3. When five minutes is up, they then perform their drama.
4. Next, they have to perform the whole scene in only 10 seconds (with no practise)!
5. Once they have performed this scene, they need to perform it again in 5 seconds (with no practice)!