

# *Hugging the World*

*Faith, Hope, Love in Action*



Workshop for Leaders of Children  
School of Christian Mission  
July 16, 2010

## AGENDA

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Welcome - Attendance Sheet - (write on Graffiti Wall as enter)

Safety: UMC Safe Sanctuary - Two-person rule - Allergies (food & insect bites) - Medicines

Goal: To help children learn what it means to be participants in God's mission to the world through faith, through hope, through love and through action. This study will help children understand mutuality in mission, where people from every continent join together to embrace the world with God's love, celebrating both one another's differences and commonalities.

**Session 1 - *God's Mission - Filled with Faith*** Red Balloon of Faith

Bible Story: Rev. 7:9-17, Acts 8:25-40, Psalm 10:14

- Make fry bread
- Trail of Tears
- Rhythm Shakers
- Play A-ne-jo-di
- Cherokee Pottery
- Cherokee Jewelry

**Session 2 - *God's Mission - Heaven-sent through Hope*** Yellow Balloon of Hope

Bible Story: I Timothy 6:15a, Romans 10:11-15, Colossians 1:3-6

- Praise Banner
- Prayer Rock
- Ovoo
- Prayer Stick on Rock

**Session 3 - *God's Mission - Lifted off with Love*** Green Balloon of Love

Bible Story: John 17:18-23, Philippians 2:2-5

- Mapuche Kultrun Drum
- Pewen Tree
- Earth Day material
- Hot Air Balloon (handout pattern)
- Create Web of Giving

**Session 4 - *God's Mission - Afloat in Action*** Blue Balloon of Action

Bible Story: Rev. 7:9-17, Acts 8:25-40, Psalm 10:14

- Prayer Blanket (handout pattern)
- Self-Portrait
- Newspaper Rocks
- Living Stone
- Masai Dance

**Note:** Go to "End Here" on page 41 if Session 5 is not used

**Each Day** - Add to "Mission Is:", Sing, Pray, Play Games, Enjoy Simple Snacks, Hear Stories

Closing Litany, from "Campaign for Children - Phase III" (handout)

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## 2010 Resources

**Teacher's Guide** – *Hugging the World: Faith, Hope, Love in Action*, by Jodi L. Cataldo, [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org), 800-305-9857, #M3093, \$8.00

**Additional Resource** – *Put Your Arms Around the World: Global Songs and Activities for Children*, General Board of Global Ministries, Cokesbury Bookstore, \$14.95 and CD (same title) with all 18 songs, [www.globalpraise.org](http://www.globalpraise.org)

**Adult Study** – *Joy to the World! Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*, by Dana L. Robert, [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org), 800-305-9857, #M3074, \$10

### Internet Help:

**Puppets** – [www.pavlovpuppets.com/](http://www.pavlovpuppets.com/) or [www.puppet-world.com/ProductCart/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=33](http://www.puppet-world.com/ProductCart/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=33)

**Pictures** – <http://images.google.com/> (always check copyright)

### Earth Pillow:

“Hugg-A-Planet”, [www.peacetoy.com/hugg-a-planetcollection/](http://www.peacetoy.com/hugg-a-planetcollection/) (12”, \$22.95)

### Self-Hardening Modeling Clay:

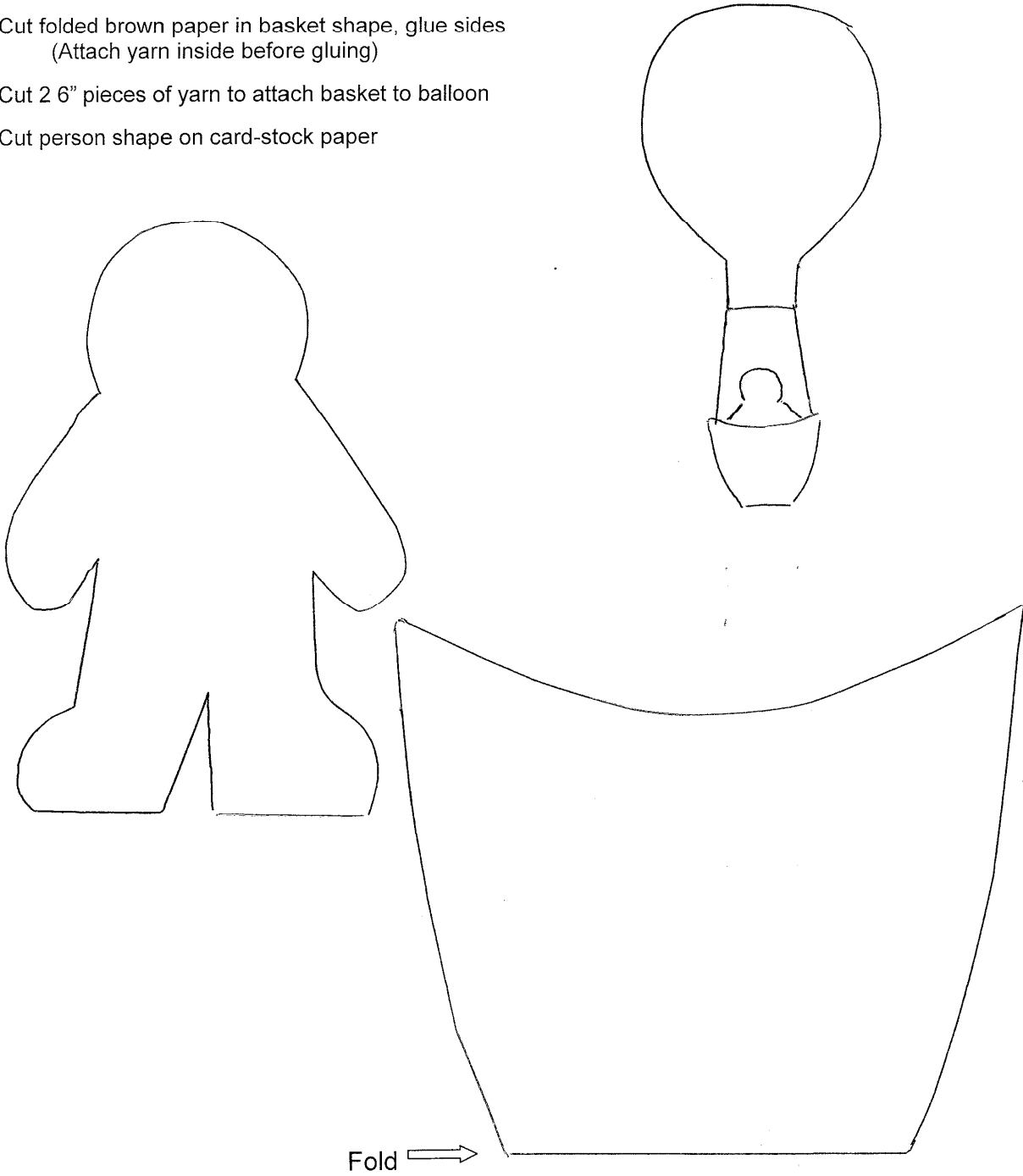
$\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour (not self-rising)	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt	$\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. powdered alum	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vegetable oil	food coloring if desired

Combine flour, salt, and alum in mixing bowl. Add vegetable oil and boiling water. Stir vigorously until well blended. Dough should not stick to the sides of the bowl and should be cool enough to handle. Add food coloring and knead until color is well blended. Makes about 1 cup. Double the recipe for large projects. NOTE: For groups, mix several double recipes rather than one large amount. Use as play dough or shape and let harden overnight. Store in jar with a tight lid. Keeps several months without refrigeration.

# Hot Air Balloon

## Materials:

- Cut 9" x 12" construction paper in balloon shape
- Cut folded brown paper in basket shape, glue sides (Attach yarn inside before gluing)
- Cut 2 6" pieces of yarn to attach basket to balloon
- Cut person shape on card-stock paper



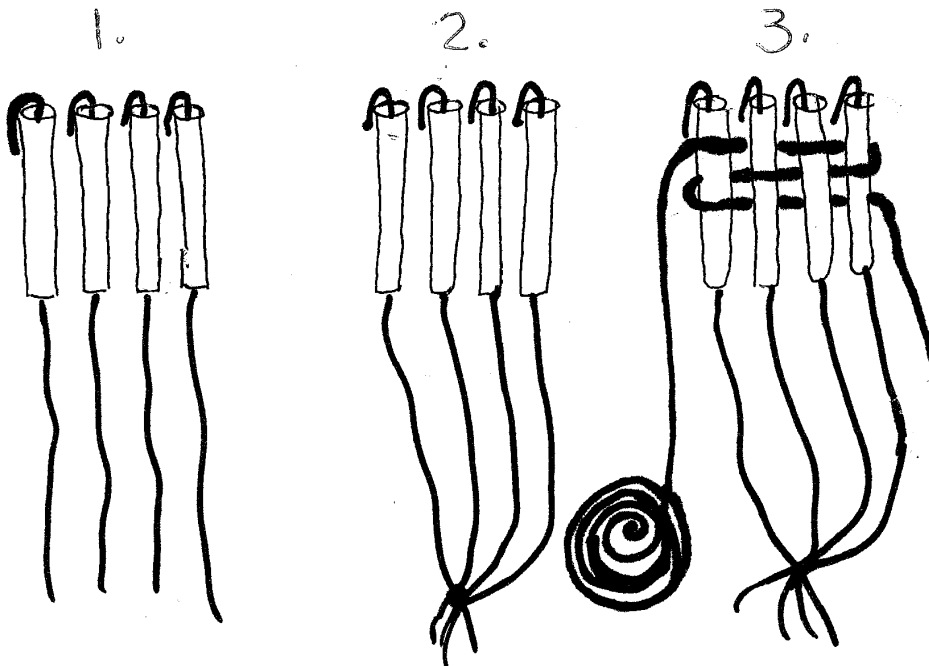
# Weaving

## Materials:

- 2 straws cut in half or 4 popsicle sticks
- 4 20" pieces of yarn
- Extra yarn for weaving
- Masking tape
- Scissors

## Instructions:

- If using popsicle sticks, drill a small, yarn-size hole in one end of each stick.
- Pull a piece of yarn through the straw, out the end and attach to side of straw or pull yarn through hole in popsicle stick and tie.
- Knot the four pieces of yarn at the bottom.
- Leave a long "tail" of yarn loose or tie at bottom so it will not unravel. Weave going over and under each straw/stick. At the end, reverse and go back. Keep weaving, pulling yarn close together and pulling gently down the straw/stick onto the four pieces of yarn hanging below the straw/stick.
- When desired length, cut off the four straws/sticks and tie four ends together.





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Worst crime is abandoning the children,  
All: **Neglecting the fountain of life.**

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All: **The Child cannot.**

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All: **Blood is being made, senses are being  
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We Love

We love (clap, clap)  
because God first loved us.

Repeat

We love (clap, clap)  
Repeat 2 Xs  
because God first (clap)  
loved (clap) us. (clap, clap)

I John 4:19

