

Dottie and Buzz

Programme 4: Wide World

Programme summary

The two children celebrate Buzz's birthday with a trip to the seaside. They enjoy rides at the funfair - though Dottie has to face her fears first. Afterwards they reflect on the wind, the waves and the immensity of the world as they send a message to unknown friends on the other side of the world.

Introduction

Share news etc.. Ask the children about their holidays. Where have they been to? Have they ever been to the seaside? Have they ever had exciting adventures at holiday time? Explain that in today's programme Dottie and Buzz go to the seaside and have fun, though Dottie finds some of the things they do there a bit scary.

Watch 'Dottie and Buzz' Programme 4

Activities

Here are two suggested activities for use with this programme:

Activity One

Needs: Photocopied worksheets, coloured crayons.

Task: This activity focuses on the children's experience of water. Whilst they are colouring the pictures, talk to them about their experiences of the sea. Have they been to the seaside? Do they like it? What do they do there? Can they swim? How do we know that there are lots of things that are hidden under the water? Have they ever been in a boat when the weather has been stormy? What was it like?

Activity Two

Needs: Photocopied worksheets, paper, scissors and glue.

Task: This activity encourages reflection on the element of air. While the children are working on fitting together their kite, talk with them about whether they have ever really flown a kite. What keeps the kite up in the air? Also, have any of them been high up in an aeroplane and looked down on the earth far below? Where were they going? What did they feel like? Children who have not been in an aeroplane can still imagine what it would be like.

Bible story and prayer

Read - or tell - the story of Jesus and the storm (Luke 8:22-25). This is a story of vivid contrasts. The outer storm is mirrored in the disciples' inner panic. Jesus' sleep shows his inner peace. It's a peace that is also strong - Jesus is shown to have authority over the rioting forces of nature.

Finish with a prayer:

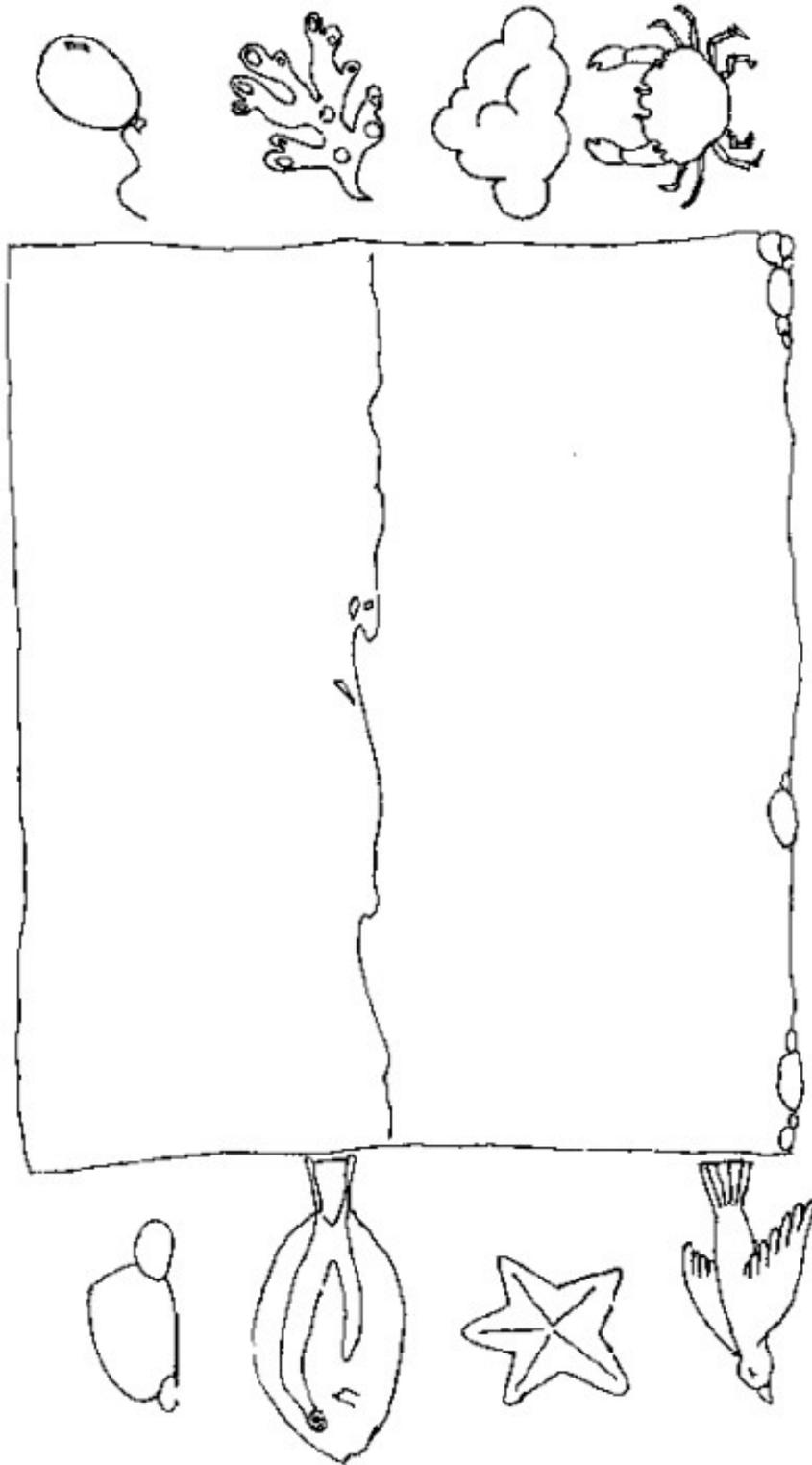
Thank you, God, for the wonderful world which you have given us. There are so many things in it that we will never be able to know them all. We also know that you are always with us when we explore this world - even when we sail over deep seas or fly with the wind high in the sky. Amen.

Activity 1

Above and below Water

Look at the pictures. Do they belong above or below the water? Draw them in their correct places.

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Activity 2
What keeps the kite up in the air?

