

# God's Big Picture – Family Activity Bible Trail @



At each of the numbered posts along the trail, there is:

- 👁️👁️ something for you to stop and look at; 📖 a verse from the Bible to read; 💡 something to think about; 🖍️ & something to draw. And don't forget to collect the mystery letters along the way! 🅐🅑

Please bring a notebook and pencil for each person wanting to join in with drawing – or a sheet of A4 paper per person, folded in half twice, to give 4 rectangles on each side to draw in (for pictures 1-7 plus the mystery verse). Alternatively, use your camera to capture the images at each point along the trail.

1 👁️👁️ Look at the view! 📖 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1v1*

💡 Mountain and valley, earth and sky, clouds and sunshine: who made it all? The Bible answers the “who” and “why” questions about the world we live in – questions science cannot answer. Whilst science can help us answer “how” questions about our world (How is a rainbow formed? How do flowers grow?), it cannot answer the questions of, “Why does the universe bother to exist in the first place?” and, “Who is behind it all?” What does the Bible say about who made the world and everything in it?

🖍️ Draw a picture of the view.

🅐🅑 Mystery letter #1 is \_\_\_\_\_

2 👁️👁️ Look at the plants! 📖 *God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1v31*

💡 How many different types of plant can you see? Find 5 different plants and look at them in detail. How do their leaves and/or flowers vary? Look at them closely, touch them, smell them and look around to see that there are many more different plants all around. Did you know? Fynbos is one of the most botanically diverse vegetation types in the world! Marvel at the variety and diversity of God's handiwork in making all these different plants! 🖍️ Draw one of the plants you looked at.

🅐🅑 Mystery letter #2 is \_\_\_\_\_

3 👁️👁️ Look at yourself! 📖 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3v23*

💡 Why is the world messed up? The Bible teaches that all have sinned – how does that make you feel? If we are honest with ourselves, we know that we have all done, said or thought things that we should not have. We live for ourselves, and we don't put God and other people first all the time – this is what the Bible calls sin. We see the effects of sin all around us: our world is messed up. Find a stone to represent your sin, and carry it with you as you continue on the trail.

🖍️ Draw an image to represent your sin, or a picture of something you've done wrong.


🅐🅑 Mystery letter #3 is \_\_\_\_\_



4 👁️👁️ Look at God's promises! 📖 *She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1v21*


💡 Who will fix the problem of our sin? Throughout Old Testament times God promises to send a Saviour to deal with the problem of people's sin. As the New Testament begins, we learn that God's promised Rescuer is his Son, who is called Jesus – which means, “God saves”. So, keep going! Hold onto your rock, and as you climb the path uphill, think about the years of waiting for God's Rescuer. What do you think God's people learnt while they were waiting?

🖍️ Draw a picture of the path uphill, or an image to represent God's promise.


🅐🅑 Mystery letter #4 is \_\_\_\_\_

5 Look at the cross!  *For God so loved that world that He gave his only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3v16*


 What does the cross mean for you? Jesus came to die on the cross in our place, taking the punishment we deserve for our sin. Make a cross with the stones you have been carrying, which represent your sin, and consider how Jesus has dealt with the problem of your sin so that now you can be forgiven and live forever – if you put your trust in Him.  Draw the cross you've made.

 Mystery letter #5 is \_\_\_\_\_


6 Look for Beckoning Finger Rock!  *"Come, follow me," Jesus said. Mark 1v17*

 Who will you follow? Jesus is beckoning you to follow him, but he gives us all a choice. We can follow Jesus and receive forgiveness, joy, peace and eternal life; or we can go our own way, and ultimately pay for our sin ourselves on judgement day. Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me" – so return to your cross, pick up the stones and carry them with you as you continue onward.

 Draw Beckoning Finger rock.


 Mystery letter #6 is \_\_\_\_\_

7 Look at the letters!  Mystery letter #7 is \_\_\_\_\_

 Can you unscramble the letters you have collected along the way to complete this verse?

 \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord always! *Philippians 4v4*

God has done so much for us, we all have lots to be joyful about and to give thanks for! What are you thankful for? Turn left at the junction just ahead of you, and go and place your stones on the Cairn of Thankfulness, Ebenezer Cairn, and thank God for what he's done for you! Draw Ebenezer Cairn or whatever you are thankful for.

 At home: draw your own Big Picture of your walk and all you've learnt.

### Route Map:

Follow the Saddle Trail from Reception; turn left to Post 3, at Gatepost Rocks, ; after Post 5, take the short path to Post 6, before returning to Post 5 and continuing with the trail. From Ebenezer you can return by the route you came on, or use the map to follow a different route back to Reception.

