



# New Beginnings

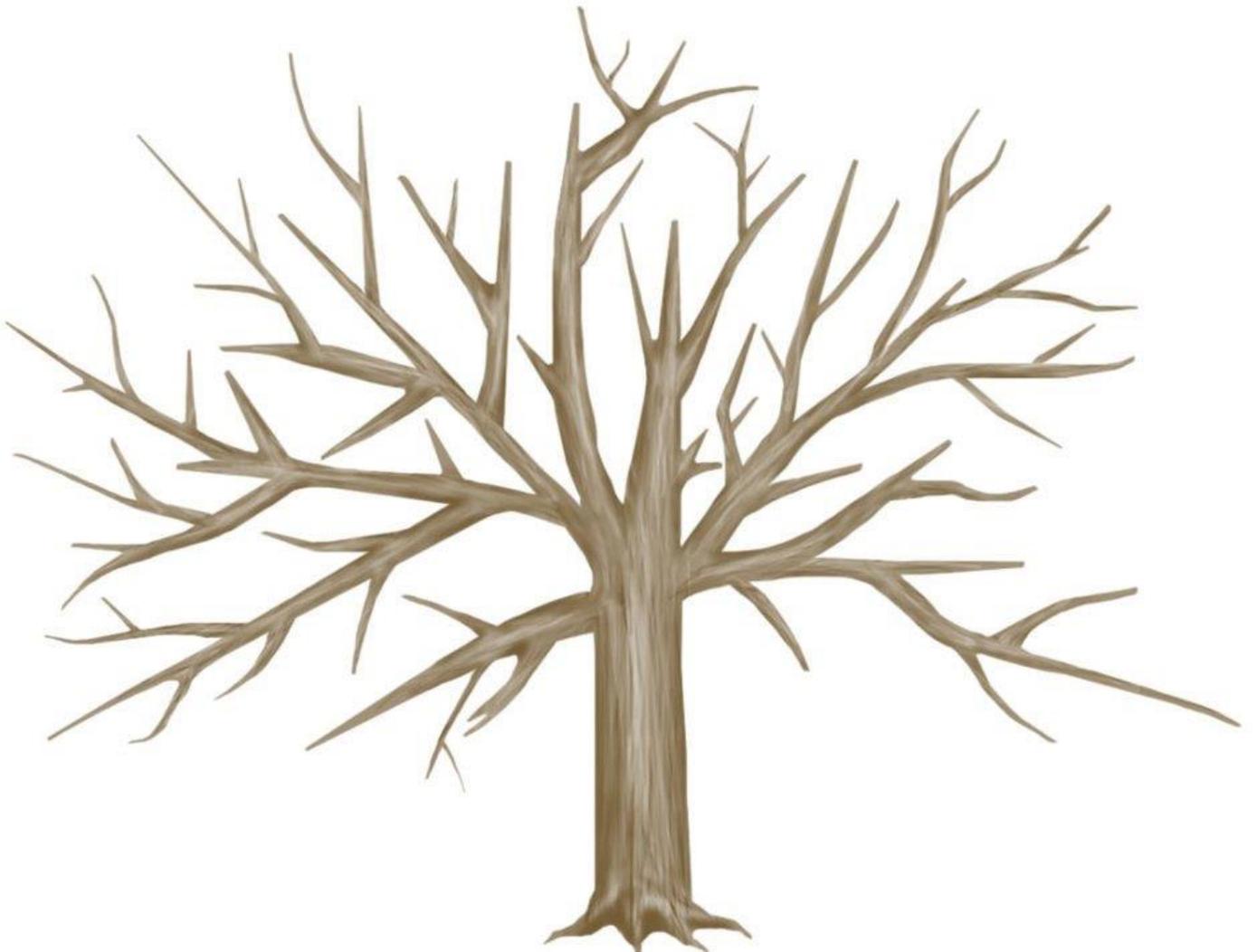


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Can you add leaves to the tree?  
See inside for one suggestion of how to do this.



## From the Bible

Paul, a follower of Jesus, wrote a letter to the new church at Corinth, he told them:

“When someone becomes a Christian, they become a brand new person inside. They are not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”

2 Corinthians 5:17, Living Bible

## ? To think about

*I wonder what is special about you?*

*I wonder if you could be someone different, who would you be?*

*What would it be like to start again?*

*How might following Jesus help you to be you and to be different?*



## Craft Activity

### New life on a tree

*You will need:*

- The tree picture from the front
- Coloured paint cover

You are special and unique (there's only one of you!). No-one has the same finger prints as you do. Why not use finger prints to bring new life to the tree picture by adding finger print leaves and blossom?



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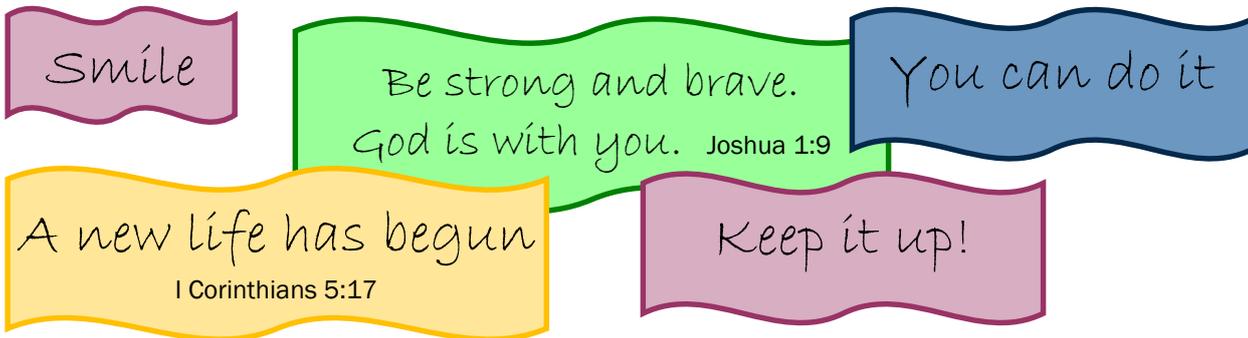
### New start jar of encouragement

*You will need:*

- Old jam jar, washed and dried
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Marker pens
- Coloured paper (e.g old wrapping paper)
- Plain strips of paper

Cut shapes out of the coloured paper and stick them round the jar to decorate it. You can also use the marker pens to draw patterns on the jar and the lid.

On the strips of paper write some encouraging words or quotes. For example:



You could also add in pictures, cartoons and things to remind you of when you've felt good – a ticket from a family day out, a pressed flower found on a walk. Anything that will encourage you.

When things are feeling hard you can take a look at some of the things in your jar.



## Outdoor Activity Suggestions

### Spring Watch Walk

Go for a walk with members of your family and see who can spot the most signs of spring. You could take some pictures to print out and put in your new start jar of encouragement.



### Building Challenge

Can you make something new out of something old that was going to be thrown away? Recycling changes an old thing into a new thing. It is good for the environment because we use less of natural resources and we don't make as much rubbish.

### Song

#### Be strong and courageous

Ask the person who is looking after you today to let you sing along to this song on the computer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IznipA86FQo>

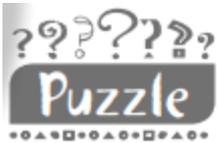


## Prayer

Father God,  
 Thank you that Jesus came to give us new life.  
 May Jesus make me a new person inside  
 and help me to live that way on the outside too!  
 Amen.  
 (Amen just means 'I agree' in the language that Jesus spoke.)



## Puzzle



Can you crack the code to read  
 the Bible verse?

'so if anyone is in  
 Christ, there is a  
 new creation.'

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