

MAIN POINT:

God Provides People to Lead Us

MEMORY VERSE:

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

The Israelites saw that the nations around them had kings as their leaders and demanded a king too. Their leader Samuel gave them a warning about wanting earthly kings to rule them instead of God. However, God allowed them to have a king and chose a man named Saul to lead over them. Samuel wrote out the king's responsibilities and the Israelites celebrated their new king. God provided Saul to lead Israel. God provides us with leaders in different areas of our lives, and we need to pray for them.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: www.cschurch.ca/children-faith-at-home

Search: CSC Children's Ministries on YouTube to find our channel.

DO IT → 7 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR YOUR LEADERS POSTER

SUPPLIES

- Large pieces of cardstock or stiff paper (1 per child)
- Envelopes (7 per child, see last pages)
- Prayer cards (7 per child, see last pages)
- Glue sticks
- Pencil crayons
- Scissors

Activity Instructions:

Print the envelope templates and prayer cards.

Cut out the envelopes and prayer cards.

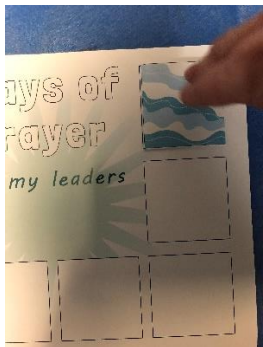
Fold the envelopes along the lines and glue closed.

At the top of your blank cardstock sheet of paper, write : 7 Days of Prayer for My Leaders.

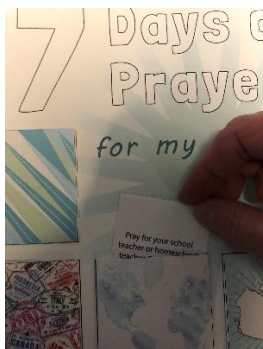
Glue the folded envelopes onto the poster. The order doesn't matter, but make sure the open side is up.

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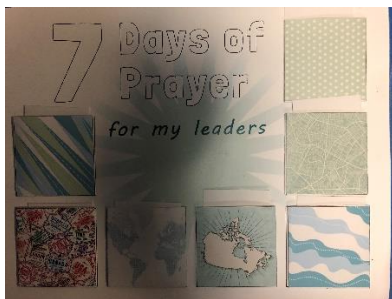
To use the glue stick properly, run the glue stick two times over the same spot without pressing too hard, making sure to cover all the edges. Then press and hold the square for a count of 15 to ensure proper adhesion.



Place one prayer card in each of the envelopes.



Finish colouring or designing your poster however you'd like.



The Point

You can put the prayer poster on a wall or on your fridge to remind you to pray for people who lead us. You have 7 different days of prayers you can pray with your family or a friend.

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TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

- 1. Let's name some people who are leaders in our life.** (Parents, grandparents, school teachers, coaches, music teacher, church leaders, prime minister, mayor, premiere)
- 2. It can be difficult to be a good leader. Think about one leader in your life. What are they in charge of doing?** (*Teacher*: making sure all their students learn, helping students get along; *Parents*: providing the needs of their kids, teaching their children what they need to know; *Prime minister*: running the whole country, making sure the people in our country are cared for, negotiating with other countries; *Church leader*: helping people to get to know God more, praying for and caring for people.)
- 3. Those are very big jobs. One of the ways we can help our leaders do big jobs is to pray for them. It's important to pray that they do what God wants them to do and not just what WE want them to do.**
1 Timothy 2:1-2 says:
"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."
This verse tells us that we need to pray for others including those in authority over us—that is anyone who leads us. What are some things we can pray for leaders?
(Pray they will lead well, pray they will make good decisions, that they will be good listeners to those they lead, pray for their safety)

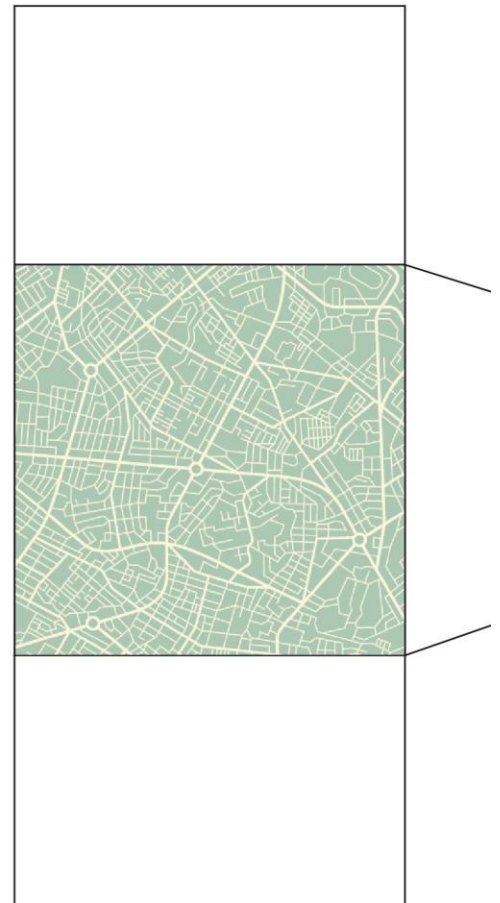
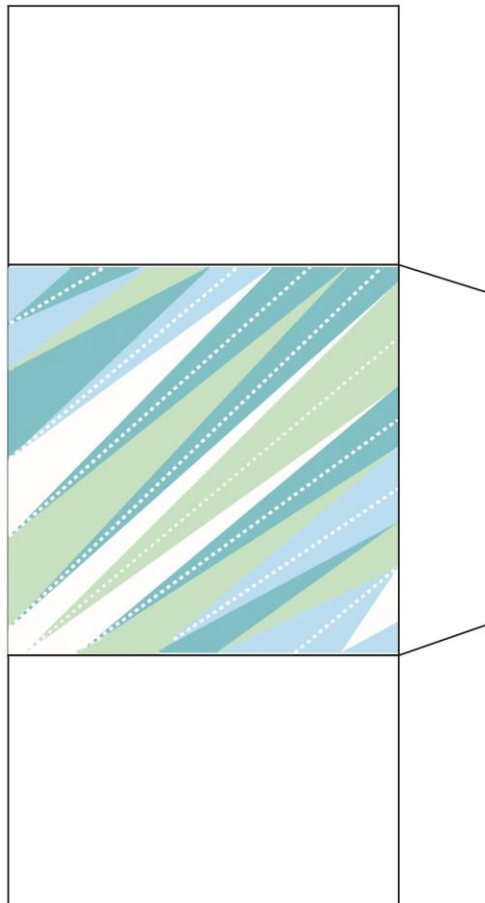
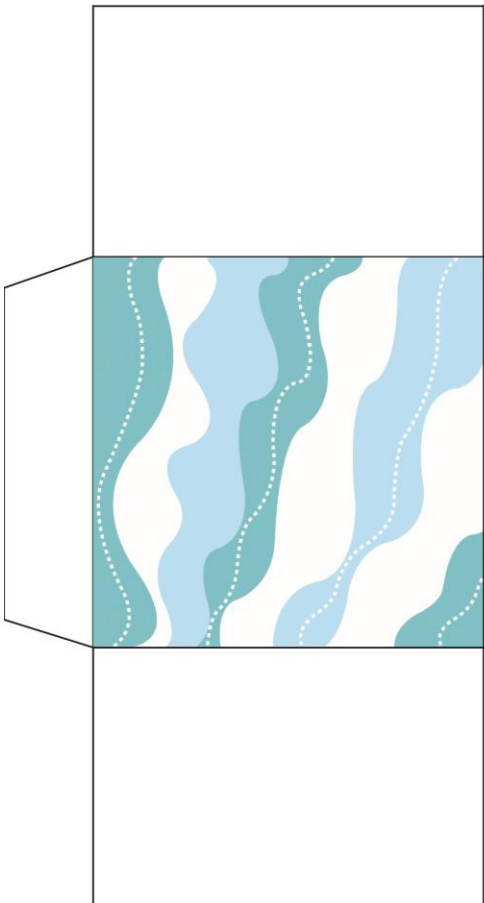
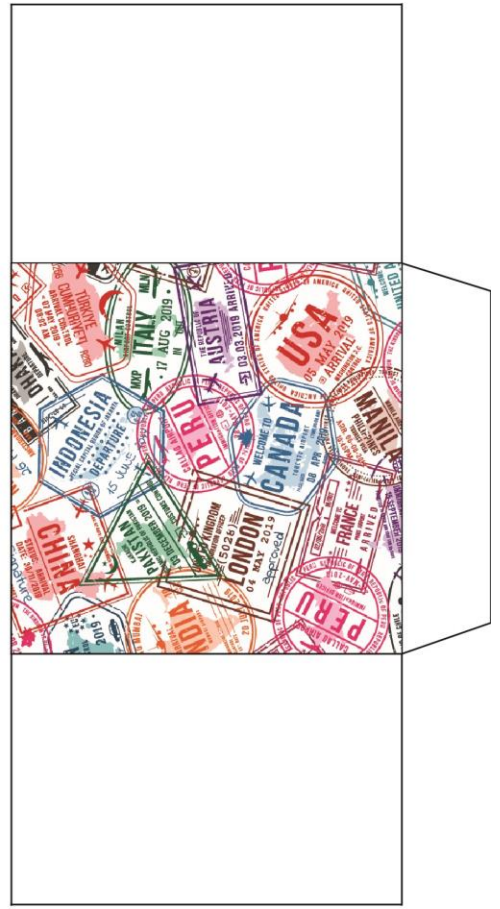
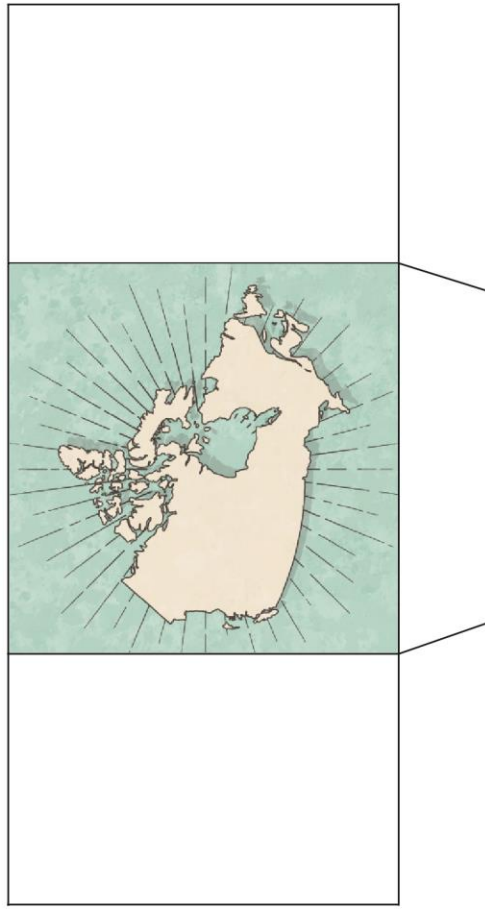
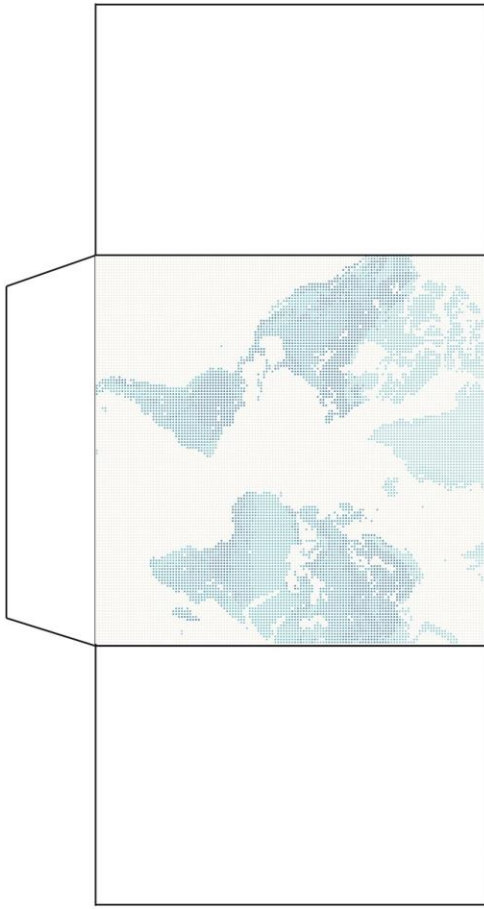
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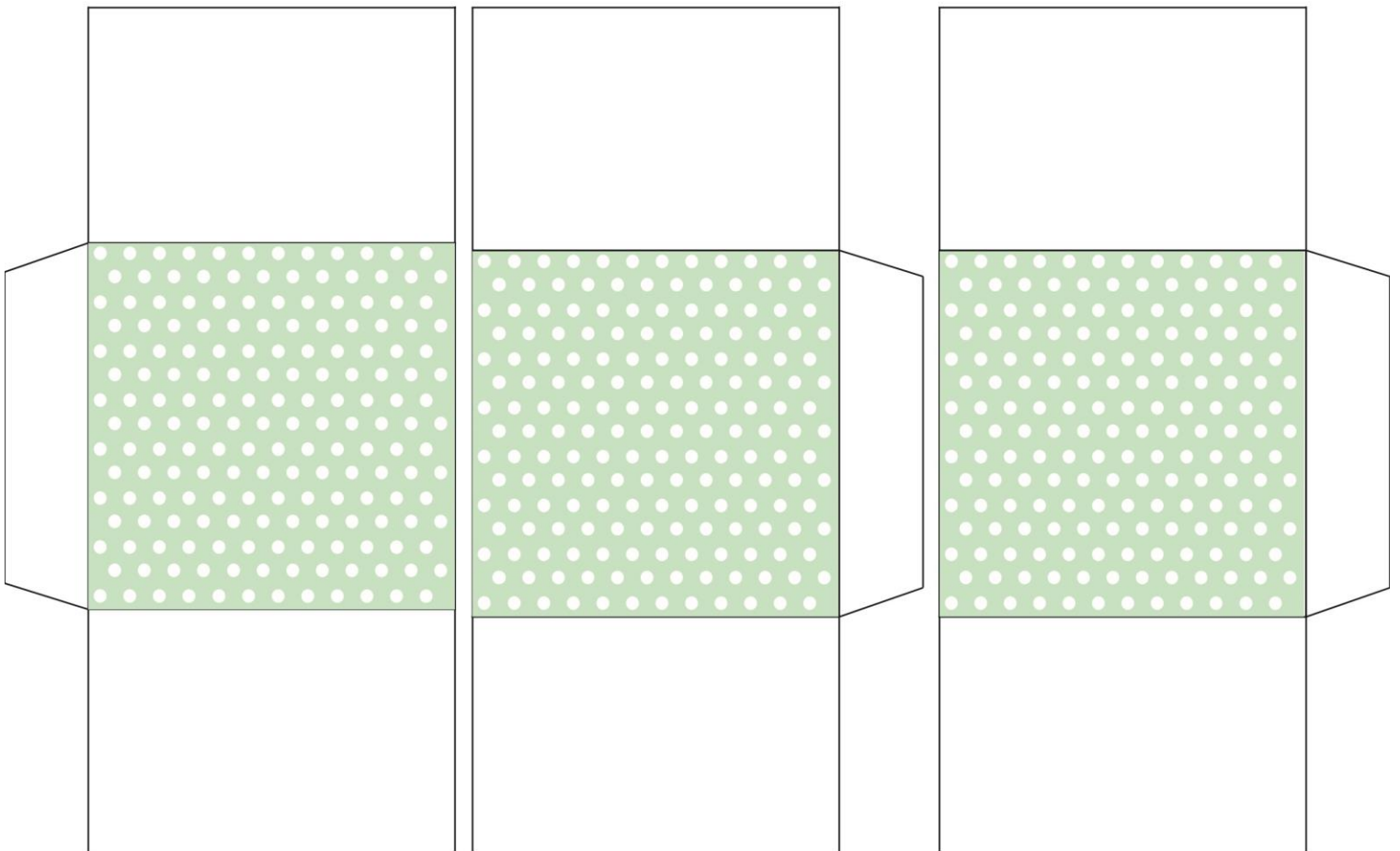
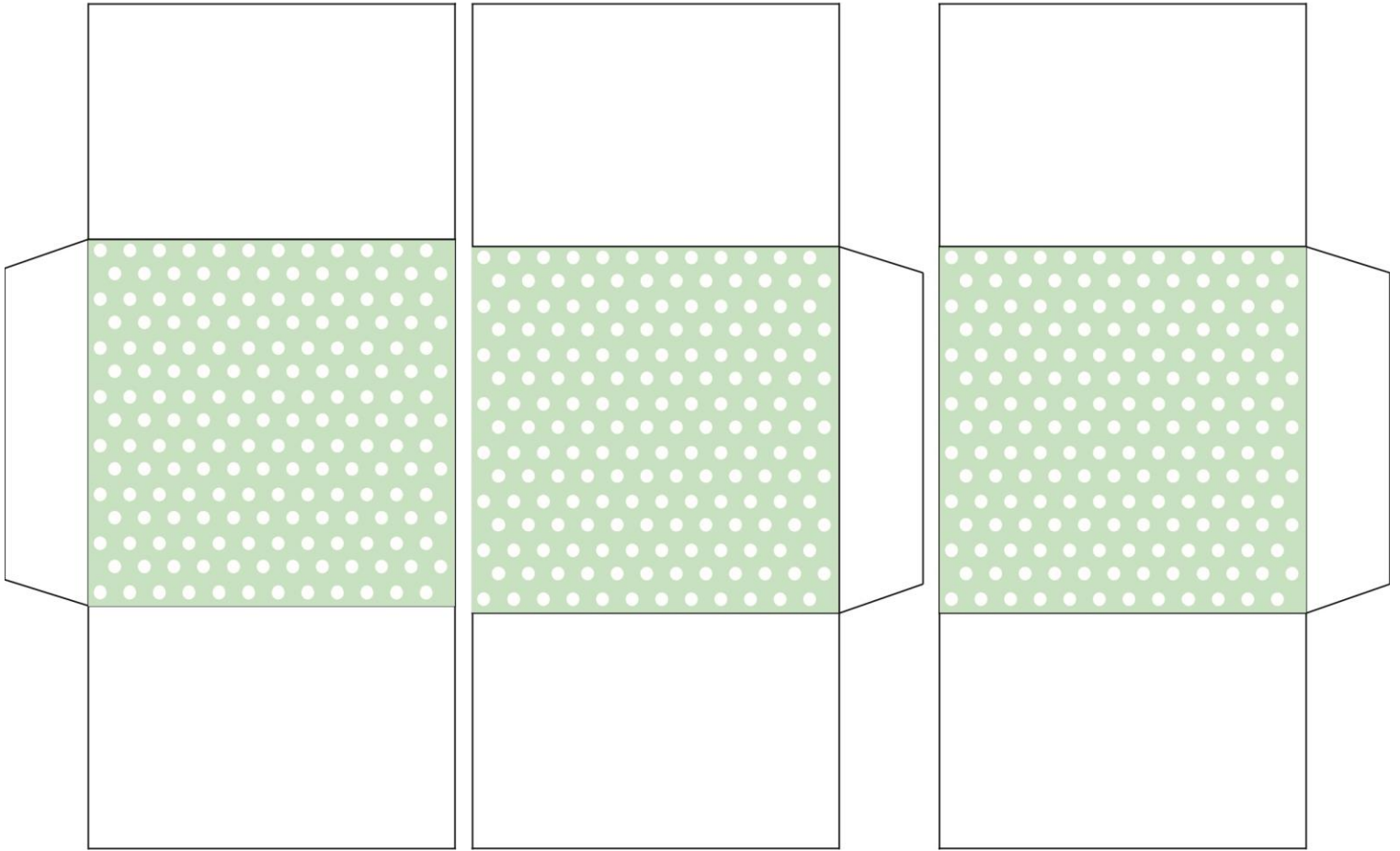
Dear God, thank you for providing us with leaders to guide us. We trust in your wisdom as you put leaders over us, and we know that ultimately YOU are our King who leads us lovingly. We love you and pray in Jesus' name, amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering project will go to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to help with shipping costs of the shoeboxes.

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Pray for the leadership of Canada. Pray for the Prime Minister and his family. Pray God guides him and provides him with wise counsel to lead well.

Pray for the mayor and his/her family. Pray he/she will lead with care, compassion, and will stand for what is right.

Pray for our church leadership. Pray they will continue to seek God and His plans for our church. Ask God to strengthen them and give them courage to leader well.

Pray for your schoolteacher or homeschool teacher. Pray they will have patience and joy as they teach. Pray they will know how best to help everyone to learn.

Pray for someone in leadership over you (parent, coach, instructor, principal) asking God to give them courage and kindness to lead in the ways that please God.

Pray for the premier and her family. Pray for strength and wisdom and that God guides her decisions.

Pray for the relationships between our country and other countries of the world. Pray our country helps others and is a good example for others.