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Infants Activity Pack

Week 13-Term 2



Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day

Spiritual (Shouter) Baptist Liberation Day is a **national holiday**.
The day was **first celebrated** as a national holiday on the **30th of March, 1996.**
For thirty-four years between 1917 to 1951, Spiritual Baptists could not practice their forms of worship openly. This was because their cultural practices included forms of worship of African origin, which were not accepted (because of fear and understanding) by those who ruled the society. Many felt that the Shouters made too much noise with their loud singing and bell ringing.

Did you Know?

In 1917, the Shouter Prohibition Ordinance (law) of 1917 was passed to prevent Spiritual (Shouter) Baptists from worshipping.

If they were caught ringing the bell, holding candles in public or worshipping, they were fined 240 dollars. Many were forced to hide and worship. Spiritual Baptists wanted to preach openly like other religious groups. **On the 30th of March 1951, the law preventing them from doing so was stopped. Spiritual Baptists were allowed to worship freely without fear.** They have been doing so ever since.

Who are the Spiritual (Shouter) Baptists?

- **The Spiritual (Shouter) Baptist** religion was developed by **the African people**.
- It is a **Christian** religion with practices brought from Africa that were kept by the freed (formerly enslaved) Africans.
- During religious services they would clap, sing, shake, dance, ring the bell and beat African drums.







Beliefs and Practices

Roadside preaching
Members share dreams and visions by preaching in street corners and public areas.



Baptism
They receive the Holy Spirit by dipping in "living water" such as a stream, a river or the sea.



Pilgrimages
They visit other churches where they sing and pray.



Speaking in tongues
During their prayer services, they sometimes speak in an unknown language.



Thanksgiving
They celebrate this festivity to recognize the mercy of God and express gratitude for his many blessings.

Mourning
For several days they pray, fast and get visions and dreams.

Dress

Spiritual clothes are worn. In some churches, this is a white gown or robe. In other churches, different colours are worn.







Each colour has a meaning based on the spiritual experience when mourning. Women wear an apron. The type of apron shows the work that they do during worship. **They must cover their heads during worship with a head wrap as a sign of honour and respect.**

Symbols

Many of the following symbols and signs can be seen during worship.

The Bell



The bell is rung to begin and end a service or to give instructions.

The Shepherd's Rod

The shepherd's rod reminds us that Jesus is the good shepherd.



The Bible



The King James of version of the Bible is used. Spiritual Baptists believe that the Bible is a sword that cuts sin and evil away.

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Infant 1

Sight Words

Read the words. Colour each pair of words with the same colour.

look	has	come	have
run	go	said	look
has	play	come	go
said	have	run	play

Choose one of the words below to complete each sentence.

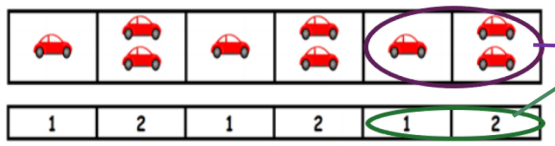
play	run	have

1. They _____ a ball.
2. They like to _____ with it.
3. The dog can _____ for the ball.

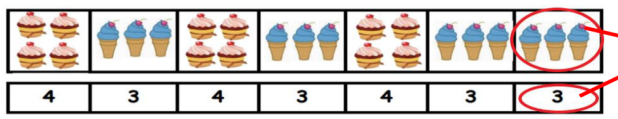


Repeating Patterns

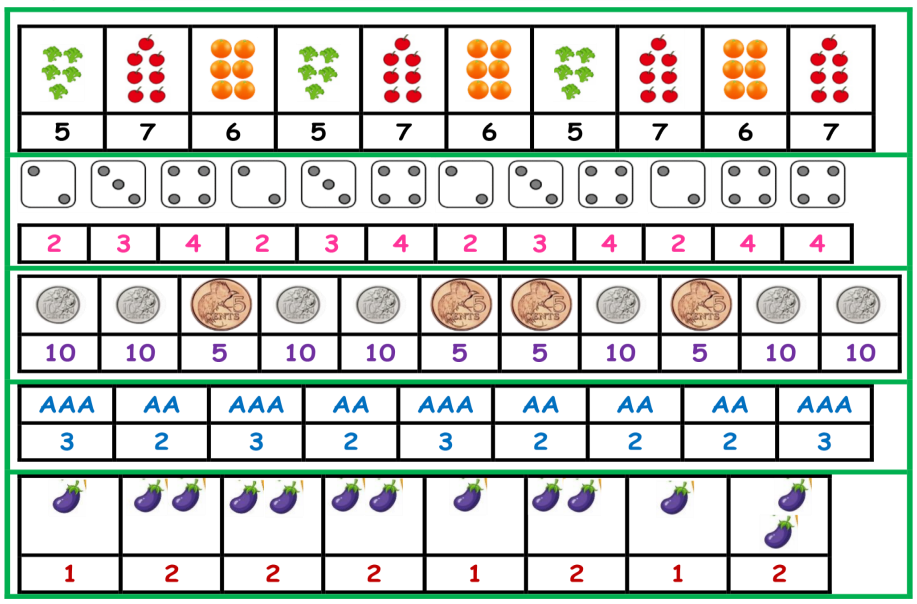
Look at the **order** of the pictures and numbers and see how they **repeat**.



Now look at the **order** of the pictures and numbers below.



Circle the **error** in the patterns below.



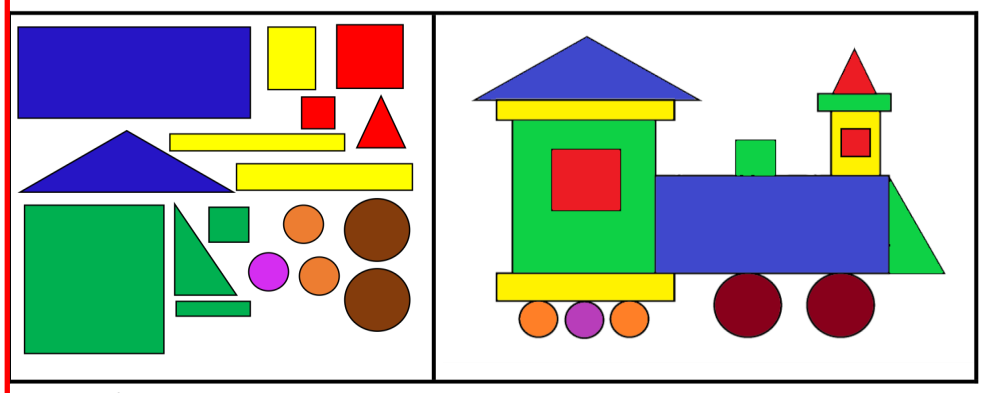
Review of vowel sounds

Write a letter from the box to complete each word below.

a e i o u

Out of Shapes – My Toy Train

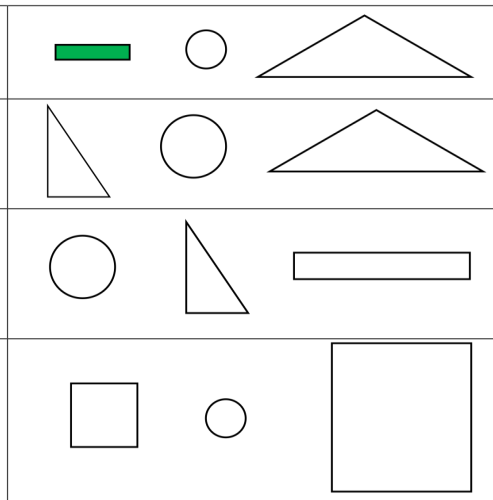
Let's use plane shapes to make a toy train. Let an adult help you.
Draw, colour, cut out and stick the shapes below to make the toy



train.

Look at your train. Colour the shape that fits the description below.
The first one is done for you.

1. I am under ▲
2. I am above ▬
3. I am below ■
4. I am next to ●



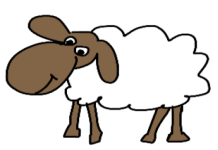
Infant 2

Review of ch, sh

Search a Word Puzzle

Find the words below in the puzzle and circle them.
The words go across → and down ↓.

chair	shark	sheep ✓
cheese	shell	
chicken	ship	
chop	shop	



s	o	c	h	i	c	k	e	n
p	s	h	e	e	p	o	s	h
a	s	e	a	m	n	s	h	e
s	h	e	l	l	c	r	o	p
h	o	s	t	c	h	o	p	i
i	e	e	c	h	a	l	k	c
p	i	c	h	v	i	n	o	h
r	u	s	h	a	r	k	f	o

Easter Measuring

Count the units of length to measure the height of the Easter objects then write your answer in the box provided.



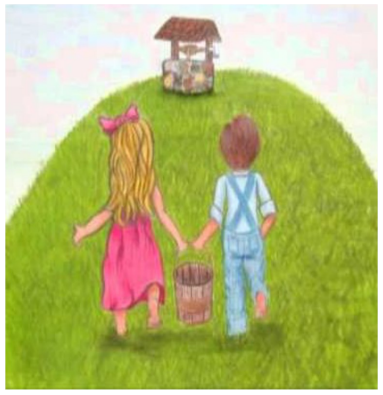
___ Easter eggs

___ jelly beans

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Comprehension



Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

1. Who went up the hill?

_____

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2. What does the word 'fetch' mean?

_____

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3. What happened to the children?

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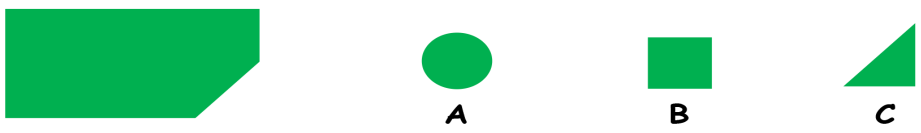
4. What do you think happened to the water?

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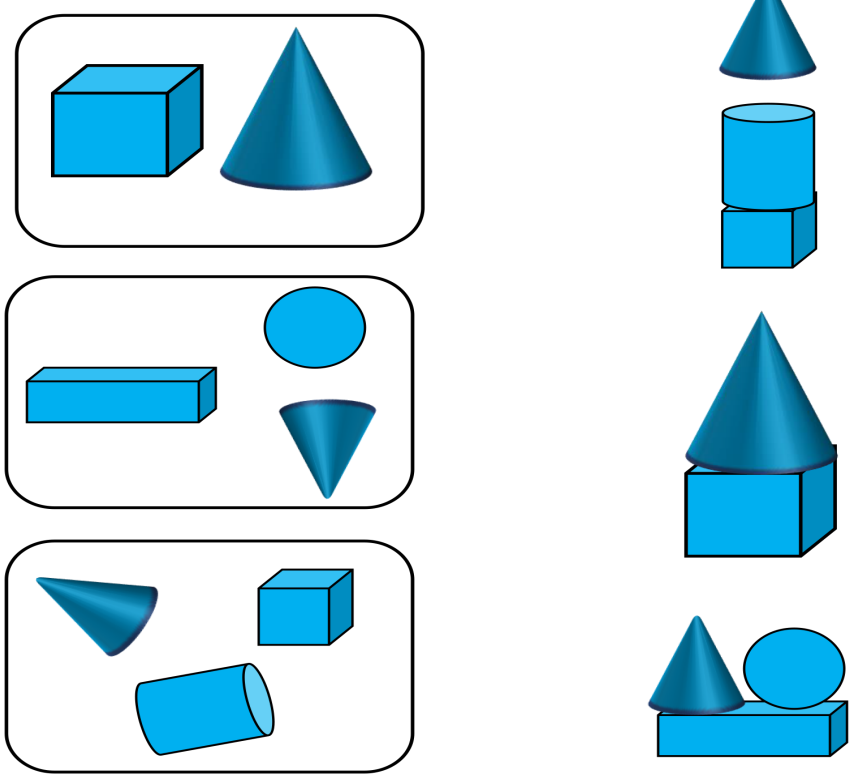
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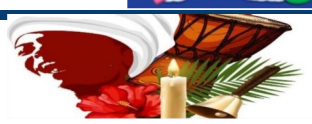
Solids and Plane Shapes

Circle the shape (A, B or C) below that could be used to complete the rectangle.



Match each set of solids to the new shape that is formed using them.





Spiritual Baptist Liberation Day

Symbols (continued from page 1)

Many of the following symbols and signs can be seen during worship.

Drums



The **drums** were brought to this country by the formerly enslaved Africans.

Candles



The white candle represents **purity** (cleanness), **truth** (honesty) and **goodness**. Many other colours are used.

Oil



Oil is used for healing and blessings.

Lothar



Lothar is a vessel with water and flowers. It symbolizes (means) **peace, love and joy**.

Calabash



The **calabash** holds water and flowers which are used to beautify the church. It is the original vessel created by God's own hands.

Incense



Incense gives a sweet aroma with smoke that represents the rising of prayers.

The centre pole is a pole found in the center of the church where prayers are offered.

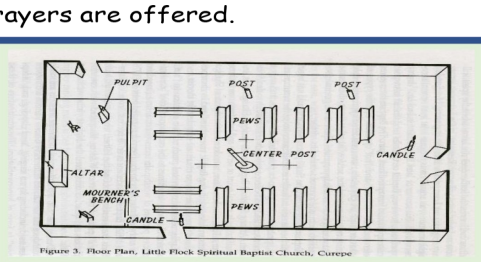
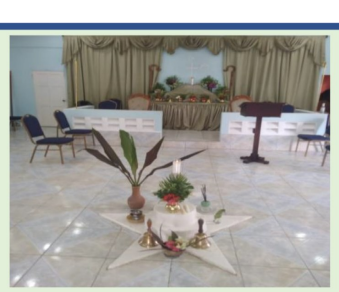


Figure 3. Floor Plan, Little Flock Spiritual Baptist Church, Curepe



A floor plan of the church

How is the day celebrated?

Celebrations include **street parades** where people **drum, dance and sing.**



Have you ever been to a **thanksgiving service** held by members of the Spiritual Shouter Baptist?

Do you remember **the prayers, the food and the snacks and sweets?**

At different times of the year, members of the faith give thanks for all that God has done for them. On **Spiritual Shouter Baptist Liberation Day**, thanksgiving services are held at various locations throughout the country.

Famous persons of the faith

Archbishop Elton George Griffith is a freedom fighter, who led the committee that petitioned Butler and the Council to end the ban preventing Spiritual Shouter Baptists from practising their faith.

Tubal Uriah Buzz Butler



Archbishop Barbara Burke



DID YOU KNOW?

There is a Shouter Baptist school in Maloney called the St. Barbara's Spiritual Shouter Baptist Primary School.





The Faith also has a Theology School - **The Herman Parris Spiritual Baptist Southland School of Theology of Trinidad And Tobago** (Establish-1981), Chinese Village, La Brea.

The Theology School was founded By **Bishop Dr. Herman Carl Parris.** He was the first principal from 12/3/1912 to21/1/2004.



We remember the **past struggles** faced by members of the Spiritual Shouter Baptist faith. We **honour the attempts of persons to keep the faith alive.** As citizens of Trinidad and Tobago we must respect the rights of others to perform their religious belief and practices freely and with pride. Never again, must a group of people be prevented from worshipping or practising their religion.



To **National Trust, Dr. Hazel Ann Gibbs-De Peza, NALIS, our friends and family,** we acknowledge your continued support in making this initiative a successful one as we provide resources for our teachers, students and the public.

Activity

Colour the bell that is used in their worship.

