



## Using Action Scenes

### What are Action Scenes

Action Scenes are pictures that retell the Bible story for the week. They have been specially commissioned for Giving in Grace by professional artist Andy Robb. The Action Scenes not only tell the Bible story but make possible reflection upon the story by using the picture interactively. Individuals and groups can discuss the pictures, identify with characters in the pictures and add words to them.

Locating the Action Scenes is straightforward. They are found in the [Preach Exodus!](#) section of the Giving in Grace web site. The *Preach Exodus!* home page has links to a resource page for each week of the *Preach Exodus!* series. On that page can be found two files:

- The Action Scene illustration for the week. The Action Scenes are in Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). You may need to download the [PDF reader](#) to access the files.
- A document entitled *Action Scene Instructions*. This document contains a full description of how to use the Scene with a group, whether adults or children or all learning together. Action Scenes can be used by both adults and children therefore children's ministry leaders will need to simplify the Action Scene instructions to suit the children.

Normally each week you will need a copy of the Action Scene for each member of the group or the congregation. However, it might be possible for small groups to work together on an enlarged copy of the picture.

### Using Action Scenes

Action Scenes can be used in a variety of ways as part of *Preach Exodus!*

- Use an Action Scene during the reading of the Bible passage to help people engage with the story. Group members or the congregation can refer to their individual copies as the Scripture is read. Alternatively project a large version onto a screen using an OHP or LCD. It might help to lightly colour projected copy of the Scene.
- In many Sunday Schools with limited time out of church an Action Scene will provide all the material needed for the lesson. The story can be told and children discuss the Scene using some of the ideas in the Action Scene instructions. As black and white drawings they can be coloured in and displayed on the walls, building up a frieze of the Exodus story as the weeks progress. Where a little more time is available the Action Scene can be supplemented by activities from the Warming Up, Warming Down resources also found on the web page for each week of the series.
- Action Scenes can also be used alongside the [Godly Play](#) scripts also provided as part of the *Preach Exodus!* resources. Part of Godly Play is the "wondering" element in which adults and/or children are invited to share their thoughts and reactions to the story that has been told. The Action Scene could be used as a way of extending that wondering and reflection time. Once the Godly Play script has been used group participants can be given a copy of the Action Scene and the leaders uses the guidance notes to help the group reflect on the picture. Where time, facilities and resources permit this is the strongest way in which Action Scenes can be used.
- In church congregations Action Scenes can be used to develop more interactive preaching or to enable some shared reflection on the Bible story. They particularly suit smaller congregations.
- In all age worship Action Scenes lend themselves to intergenerational activities. Adults and children can discuss them together in small groups. If a Sunday School is using them weekly and joins the adults for a monthly all age service the Action Scene could be a unifying element in the monthly service.
- Action Scenes are used extensively in the small group resource material *Study Exodus!*