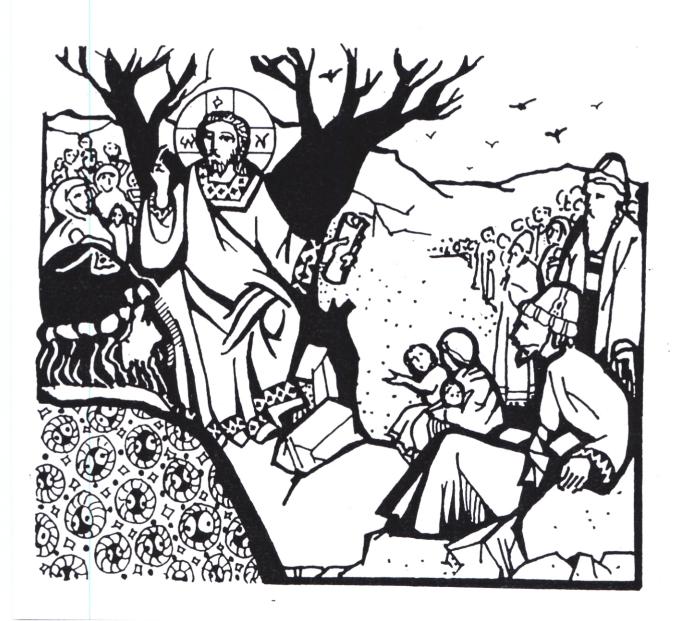
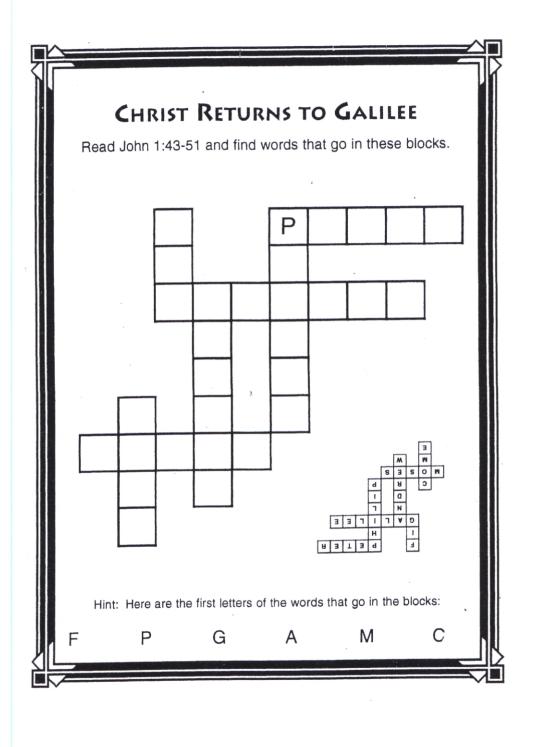
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How to Make a Paper Boat

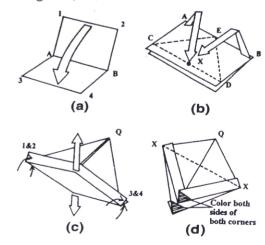
Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up.

-A. A. Milne, the Good Dad of Winnie-the-Pooh

heap plastic boats are easy to buy. But the child who can make his own paper boat (no staples, no tape, no glue) can control his own fun. Though folding a single sheet of paper into a watertight craft can be tricky, here's a boat any child can make. And when the going gets confusing, there's a spot of blue to guide him out of the chaos.

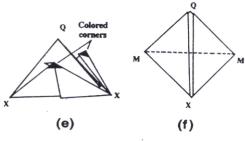
The secret to success is step 5. He shouldn't skip this step until he's confident with the process.

- 1. Choose an 8½-by-11-inch piece of paper and have him fold it in half lengthwise, along line A-B, so that corners 1 and 2 fall on corners 3 and 4 (figure a).
- **2.** Next, have him fold corners A and B along dotted lines to point X (figure b).
- **3.** Fold edge up along dotted line C-D, and do the same on the other side. He'll have something that looks like a hat (figure c).
- **4.** Open the bottom of the "hat" between corners 1&3 and 2&4 (figure c) until the 1&3 corner meets the 2&4 corner. Then press the paper flat (figure d).
- 5. With a blue magic marker or pen, color the corners as indicated (figure d). This important step will make things go a lot easier in a minute.
- **6.** Next he should fold the colored corners along the dotted line X-X up to point Q (figure d). He should do the



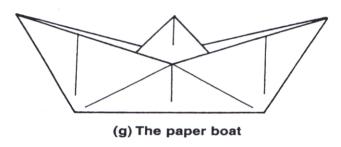
same on the other side. He then has figure e.

7. He now opens between X and X, the same way he did in step 4.



8. He now folds one point X along M-M up to Q (figure f). Then he flips the square over and folds the other point X along M-M up to Q.

Tell him to look down into the wads of folded paper. There, he'll see the two blue corners. When he pulls them in opposite directions, bingo! He has a boat that will impress all his friends. It's a good time for your child to learn that a plan is nothing but



foresight written down—and with foresight, he'll achieve amazing results.

DAD TIP

The Sailboat Plan

The classic design above creates a boat a bit like a battle-ship. If your child would rather have a sailboat, he can do this: In step 6 (figure d), instead of folding the colored corners all the way up to Q, he should fold them up halfway between line X and point Q. Then in step 8 (figure f), he should fold X (which now appears cut off) halfway between line M-M and point Q. When he pulls the boat open, it will have a higher "sail," and he'll have a sailboat.