



Hello Junior Church
I hope you are joining in 'Zoom with Ben'

Jesus said, "I am the



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Let's Put on a Light Show Let's Put on a Light Show

A Light Show is a play with shadow puppets

Here's How

First a Script for the Play OR You can write your own
I'd love to read it if you do

The Fire Fly Who Lost His Light

Narrator:

Once upon a time, in a lovely green meadow, lived a colony of Fire Flies. They slept during the day but at night, just as the sun was setting, they all came out to dance. They rose up into the air their little lights gleaming in the darkening sky; dancing and twirling in the still air.



Zoomerang and his mates loved to zip through the night going as high as they could before they dove head first to the ground, stopping only in time to avoid a crash landing. They knew the rules. Do not go into the Murky Woods and never never speak to **Spiders**.

Zoomerang: Come on your guys, I'll race you to the top of the sky and back!

Mother: Not so fast Zoomerang, you are getting too near the Murky Wood.

Zoomerang: Ah! She's a fuss-bucket! Here we go up up and away! Down, down and ouch! [*Zoomerang crash lands right in front of a spider*]

Spider: Hello there young man, are you hurt?

Zoomerang: No just a bit dizzy (shaking himself)

Spider: You must sit a while till you get your breath back, here let me help you. What is your name?

Zoomerang: Zoomerang, on account of my zoommimg speed. Did you see how fast I can go?

Spider: I certainly did. You are a magnificent flyer. But you don't look well, come to my castle and let me help you.

Zoomerang: No thank you, I'm not supposed to talk to spiders or go near their webs.



Spider: Web? I don't live in a Web, I live in Silk Thread castle. It is covered with diamonds, very beautiful, you must see it!

Zoomerang: I do feel a bit dizzy, I won't come in, just look. Then I have to get back home. The sun is coming up.

Spider: Good for you lad, come this way. My castle will look its best now. The diamonds gleam so bright in the morning sun. [*Zoomerang and Spider go off together*]

Mother: [comes into view *crying*] My Zoomerang's not come back. He's not come back. [*calling*] Zoomerang! Zoomerang where are you?

[*Zoomerang comes limping out of the Murky Wood all dishevelled and his light has gone out*]



Mother: Oh Zoomerang, Poor Zoomerang, What happened, your light has gone out.

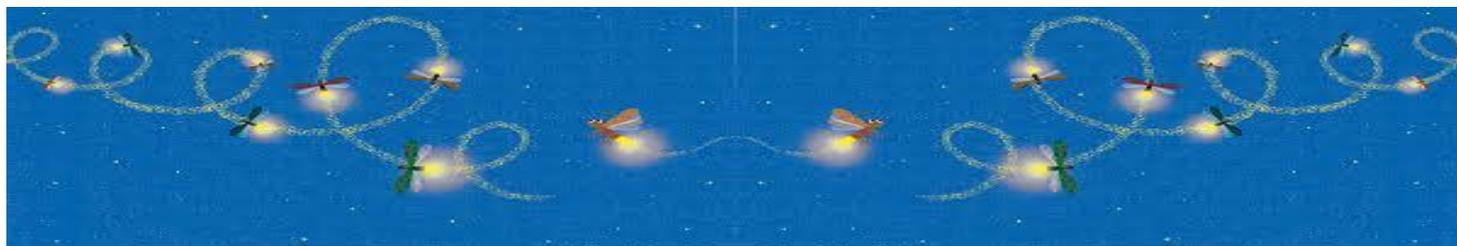
Zoomerang: Mother, I'm so sorry. I crash landed and a spider helped me, he took me to see his castle and I got stuck on one of the treads. He laughed and said to stay where I was so he could have me for his dinner. I was so scared. I couldn't get away. Then a huge black bird swooped down, I thought he was going to eat me. But he caught the spider in his beak and tore the web so I could get free. I was so frightened. And what's worse, my light's gone out.

Mother: You need a good sleep and then I'll have to take you to the King.

Zoomerang: The KING! Oh no Mother, I can't. He'll be so angry. I've been so disobedient, I've lost my light.

Mother: Do not be afraid. The King loves all his Fire Flies. He will know what to do. His son gave up his light so that whenever anyone loses theirs He can give it back to them. Wicked Spiders took his light from him but he fought hard and got it back again. He has the power to give you back your light. But you must promise to stay close to him and fly with him every night. When we go out to dance he will keep you safe.

Narrator: And that is exactly what happened. Zoomerang learned to obey his mother. He learned the King loved him. And he learned a lot of great moves from the King's son as they danced all through the night .



Remember

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

What to Do Next

To Make light show

You need

- Bare wall
- Light source: torch or table lamp
- 4 sticks straws or skewers (cut off pointed end for safety)
You can pick up some straight sticks on your walk.
- tape
- print off of templates (use thick paper if you have it)

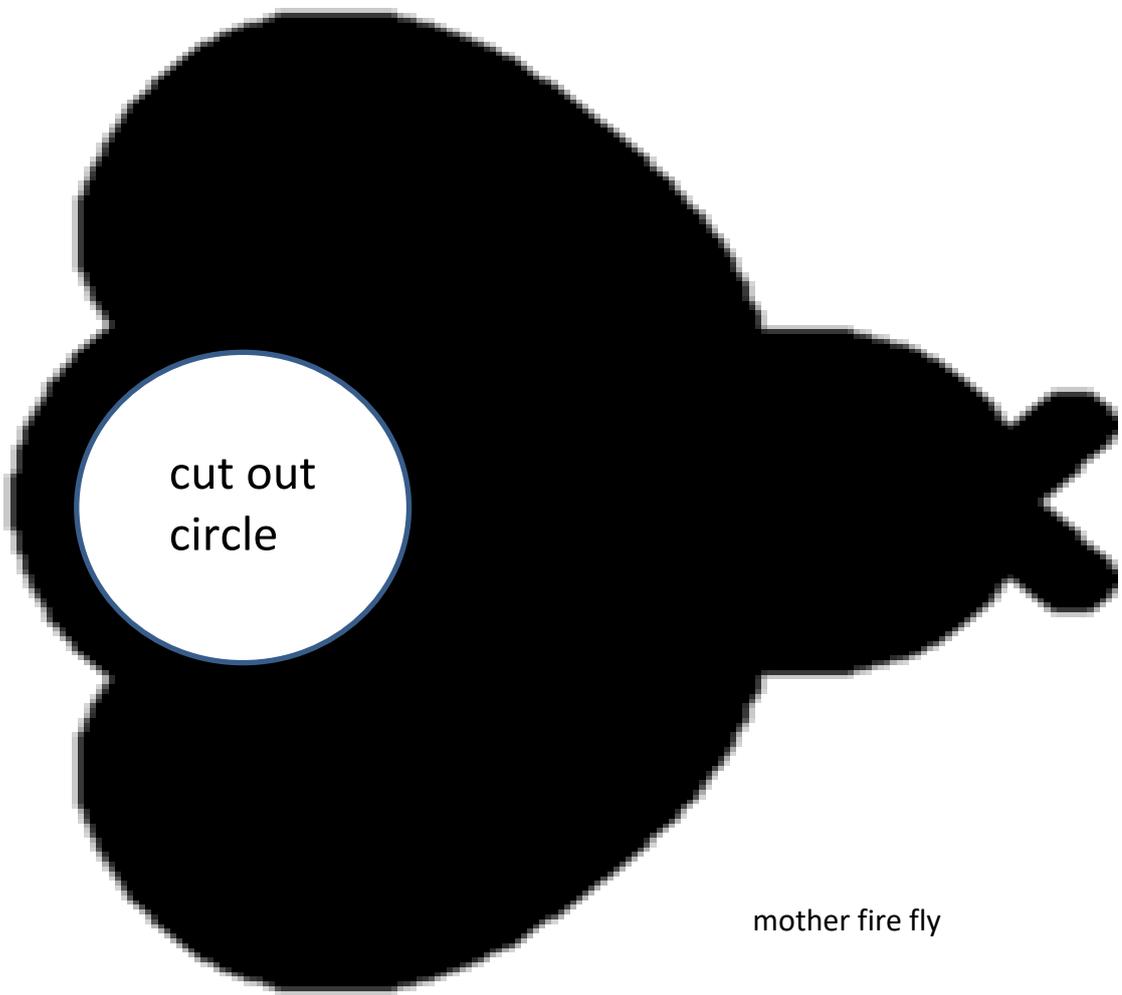
How

- Cut out templates carefully, (you may need help cutting out the circles)
- Tape a straw, stick or skewer to the back of each character with tape. Angle the stick so it doesn't cover the holes.
- Place your light so it shines on the bare wall
- Hold the puppet between the light and the wall so it makes a shadow
- Practice making your Fire Fly shadows dance and twirl in the sky
- You can tell the story of the Fire Fly by making the puppet do the actions while you & your family read the script
- Maybe you'd like to make up your own story with your own characters. Just draw and cut out the characters you need and entertain your family with your light show

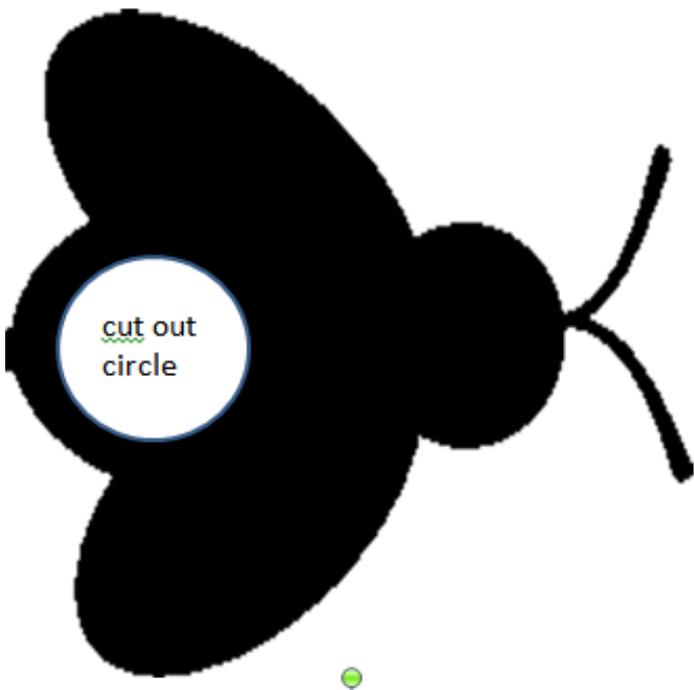
Cut Out the Templates



wicked spider



mother fire fly



Zoomerang with his light on

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