

This is the House of the Church!

**A Little Book
for Young Children
with Things to Draw and Do!**





**This is the
House of the
Church!**

This is the House of the Church!

A Little Book for Young Children

The Parish of Cardiff
St Mary the Virgin

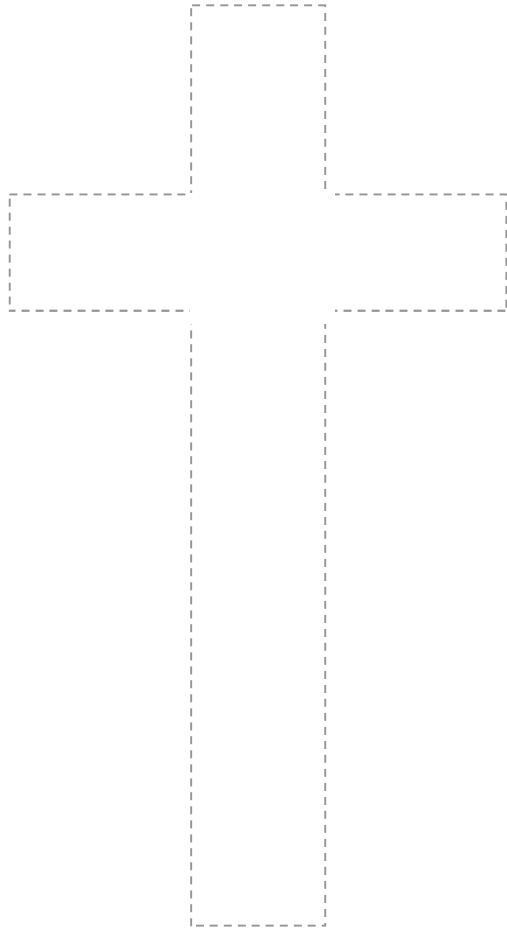
This is the house of the church

It's your home and mine,
it's the place where we shine
with God's love,
with God's love for us all.

It's the place where we learn,
it's the place where we love,
it's the place where we worship
the Lord up above.

Yes, this is the house of the church!

Can you draw a picture of the church building?



Look at the different crosses in church
A cross tells us that Jesus loves us.

This is the house of the church
with a garden of flowers,
and lovely green grass
and a path that leads to the door.

This is the house of the church

with a book that is full
of wonderful tales
and stories to stare at,
and things to amaze,
the story of Jesus,
the story of God,
and his love for the world,
his love for us all.

Yes, this is the house of the church.

Can you draw a picture of smiling people in church?



Can you draw a picture of the Bible?



Can you draw a favourite Bible Story?

This is the house of the church
with a door,
big and wide,
that opens to all,
that lets people in.

There's always a welcome,
a welcome so warm.
There's a smile for you, too,
and a lovely wide grin.

It's a place that I love to be!

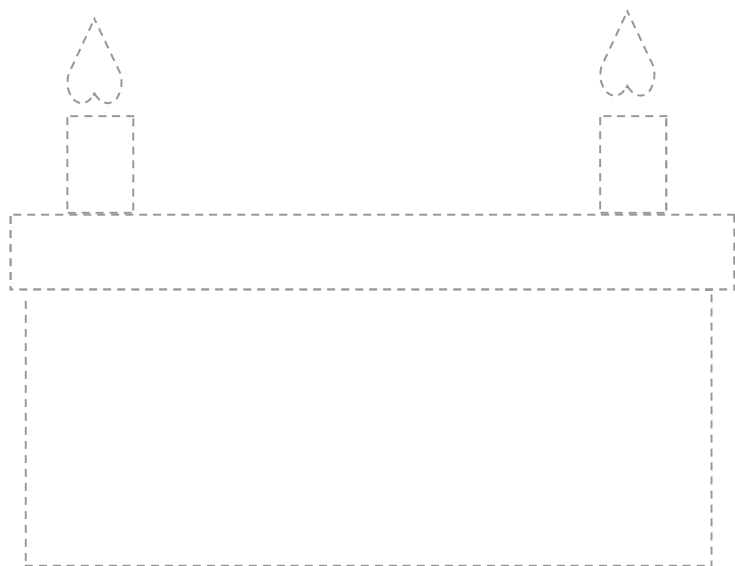
This is the house of the church
with quiet, dark corners,
small spaces to be,
and lovely reminders
that Jesus is near,
so very near to me.

Can you draw a picture of a bell?

This is the house of the church.

with a bell
which rings out,
calling people to come,
come closer,
come closer,
come in.

Can you draw a picture of your favourite
little part of the church?



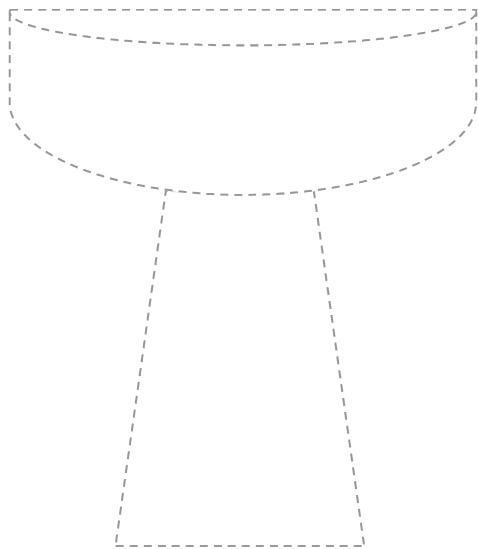
Can you draw a picture of the altar?

This is the house of the church.

with a big bowl of water,
we call it the font.

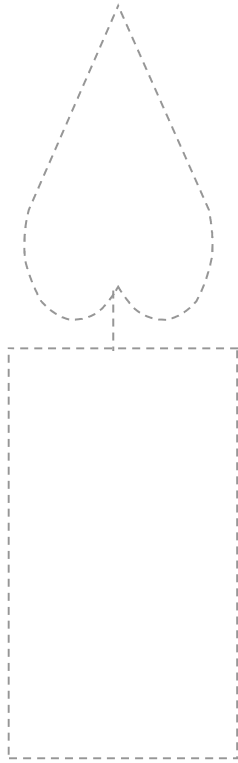
It's the place we begun
to have all the fun
that we have with the Lord
for his love flows throughout,
within and without,
bringing peace to all on the earth.

Now try drawing it again!



Can you draw a picture of the font?
Perhaps you can draw some smiling people
ready for a Baptism?

This is the house of the church
with a table inside,
which is big, tall and wide,
with a cloth, white as snow,
and candles aglow,
where we gather
for food that is good.



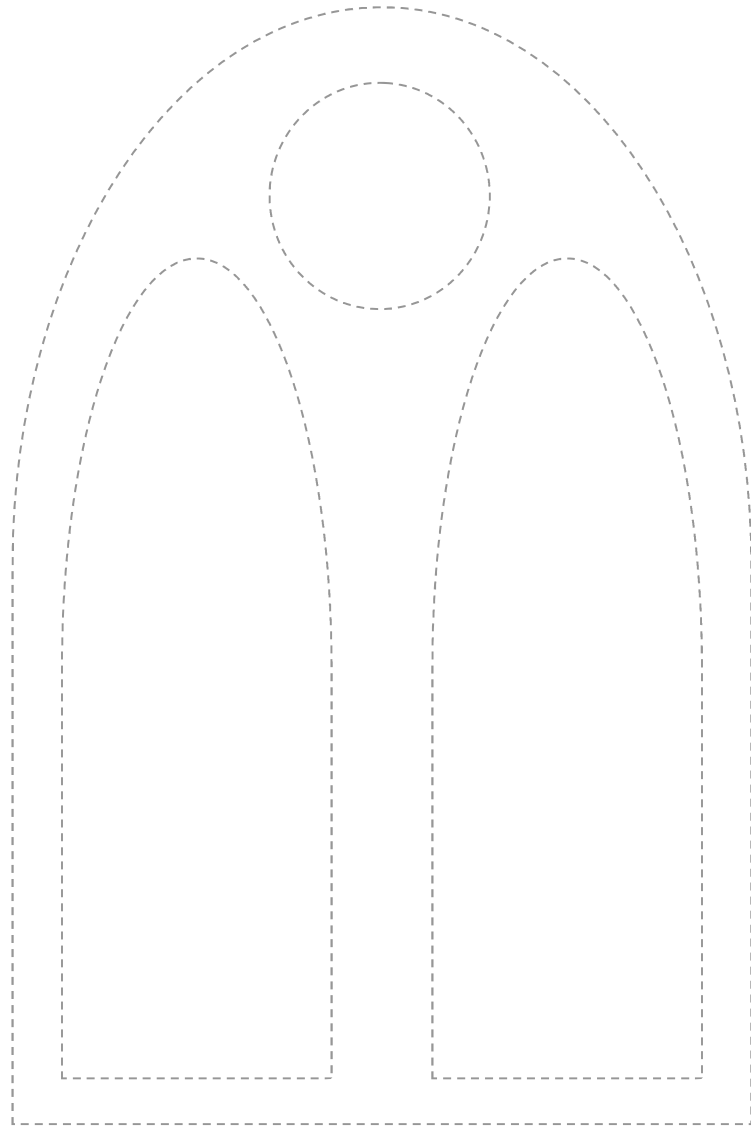
Can you draw a picture of a candle?

How many candles can you count in the church?

This is the house of the church.

It has pictures and statues
and good things to see,
and colourful paintings
of God's family.

Yes, this is the house of the church.



Can you draw a picture of a colourful window?

This is the house of the church.

The candles burn bright,
they are always alight,
they glow with the love
of God up above,
and the message
that Jesus is near.