

**Summary:** SDA Fundamental 9: Atonement through Jesus

**Read Before:**

**Aim:** To understand why Jesus loves me and what He has done for me.

**NOTE:** Suggest doing this before doing other craft as kids really liked comb craft and did not want to stop playing.

Do you have a pet?

What do you do with you pet?

Does your pet ever do naughty things?

Do you love you pet?

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Show origami puppy dog.

Imagine you have a new puppy; you spend lots of time with the puppy and come to love him very much.

But imagine your puppy has some bad habits: he keeps pulling the clean washing of the line and getting it dirty, he rolls in the dirt and then goes inside and rolls on the floor, he barks when everyone's trying to sleep, he tries to steal food off the table or jumps on the table when no one's looking.

Finally Mum and Dad say "That's enough, the dog has got to go – he causes too much trouble!"

But you love him very much so you say: "What if I train him? Can I keep him then?" What if I promise to wash the clothes again if he dirties them, and mop the floor, and to clean up all his mess? And I promise to spend time with him everyday teaching him to be obedient?

Well, Mum and Dad might agree to trial it for a couple of weeks. And hopefully you spend lots of time with the puppy and he learns not to do naughty things, when he is naughty you clean up his mess so Mum and Dad don't have to, and the puppy becomes a much loved part of your family.

But what if the puppy doesn't want to be trained and starts running away from home? What might happen to him? (He might get lost, you might have to give him away, he might even get hurt or die.)

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That's what Jesus did for us: we sinned and we deserve to die, but Jesus said that He would die in our place. Jesus wants to spend time with us and to teach us to obey so we can be safe and happy; but what might happen if we don't want to do the right thing and we don't want to spend time with Jesus?

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Plan to spend time with Jesus every day: ask Jesus to forgive your sins and take your punishment for them; ask Jesus to help you do better in the future.

If there is time, make origami puppies.