



## What are YOUR plans for summer?

Today, you can bring home "Flat Jesus". This is The Phoenix's summer mission based on the popular Flat Stanley book series. If you are not familiar with Flat Stanley, here is an overview.

"Flat Stanley" is an early chapter book originally written in 1964 by children's author Jeff Brown. In 1995, a Canadian teacher named Dale Hubert revisited the Flat Stanley story and began a classroom letter writing program which evolved into a worldwide phenomenon called the Flat Stanley Project. The original story is about a young boy named Stanley who is accidentally squished "as flat as a pancake". Stanley soon discovers being flat has its advantages and his unique size gives him the ability to help his family and neighbors out of some unusual situations. What stood out for educator Dale Hubert that most was Stanley's ability to travel. Flat Stanley could fit into an envelope and be mailed off to visit relatives and fit easily into a suitcase or backpack, eventually traveling to exotic places.

Our goal with "Flat Jesus" is to keep ourselves and our Phoenix Kids engaged in Christian education during summer break. We thought, "If only Jesus could travel with The Phoenix family during the summer," and from this was born the concept of our newest summer traveling companion - Flat Jesus.

Flat Jesus is a paper doll we and cut out and color. Attach him to a paint stick or ruler and he can accompany you by car, plane, via mail or go digitally. When Flat Jesus arrives at his destination, photograph and document his adventures. (You might want to make an extra copy of Flat Jesus to send to friends and family while keeping this Flat Jesus with you and your child during the summer.) If you lose Flat Jesus, don't worry. He can be found on our website: [The Phoenix Congregational Fellowship](#).

Throughout the summer, you can post Flat Jesus photos on The Phoenix's facebook page: [The Phoenix on Facebook](#) or email them to Rev. Dawn ([dawncarl@aol.com](mailto:dawncarl@aol.com)) and she'll post them.

Take Flat Jesus on a summer mission to see the world that God created!