

Sewing Fig Leaves

I had some fun writing this confession, drawing inspiration from the Genesis story where Adam and Eve know they have done wrong and try to cover or hide themselves with fig leaves. It is quite a funny image but it is also a good metaphor for our attempts to hide our guilt or shame. I do though like to think that when we know we've done wrong God can see the funny side and lift us up in a great big metaphorical hug!

Have you ever tried sewing fig leaves together?
Have you ever tried hiding something that's broken?
Have you every tried sneaking an extra piece of chocolate cake?
Have you ever tried to put the blame on someone else?

Have you ever tried sewing fig leaves together?
Have you ever tried hiding your school report?
Have you ever tried sneaking home early?
Have you ever tried to make someone else feel bad?

Have you ever tried sewing fig leaves together?
Have you ever tried hiding your shopping bill?
Have you ever tried sneaking recycling into your ordinary bin?
Have you ever tried making excuses for not looking after our earth?

What does God make of our sewing of fig leaves
and hiding and sneaking and making excuses?

Maybe God sees our red faces and our embarrassed giggles
sees that we know we've messed up again
Maybe God sees the funny side
and laughs at this strange human creature
picks us up and hugs us
and sets us off exploring again.

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