

Teacher's Guide

Jesus Stories with Jolly



26 Complete Lessons!

Also includes a breakdown of the
background scriptures, discussion
questions, additional activities, and
craft ideas.

God Made Adam

God created the entire world and everything in it and it only took him 6 days. He made the land and the sea, the sun and the stars, the plants and the animals, and then He saved the best for last. God wanted there to be something extra special to take care of the world He created and to name and care for the animals. So, for that very special, most important job, on the 6th day the last thing God created was a person. He took the dust of the ground and formed it into the shape of a man. God created this person in His own image, which means to look like Him. Then He breathed into his nostrils. God breathed His very own breath right into the nose holes of His dirt man and then the person came to life. He was completely naked, but he was alive. God named His newest creation “man”, and this man was named Adam. Adam was the first person; the only person, and it was ok for him to not have any clothes. He had nothing to hide from God. God placed Adam in a very special garden that was to be Adam’s home. It was called The Garden of Eden. This garden was beautiful with all kinds of plants and trees growing in it. On those plants and trees was fruit for Adam to eat. Adam had everything he needed right there in his beautiful garden that God had given him.

Adam didn’t have a mom or a dad. He didn’t have brothers or sisters, but he did have God and God was right there with Adam in the perfect garden. God taught Adam everything he needed to know about being a person and how to take care of the earth and everything in it, but God could see that Adam needed a friend. Adam needed someone to be

Genesis 1:26 – Genesis 5:5

- Adam was the first person that was ever created. God created him on the sixth day. He was created from the dust of the earth and then God breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and gave him life and a soul. Adam’s job was to take care of God’s creation. God gave him seniority over the animals and the birds. Adam was given the responsibility to name all things in God’s creation. Adam’s second responsibility was to multiply and replenish the earth all mankind would come from Adam.
- Adam wasn’t alone on earth even when he was the only person. God was in the garden with Adam. The Garden of Eden was a perfect place without sin and because of the absence of sin, God could be there. Once sin entered the world it separated us from God

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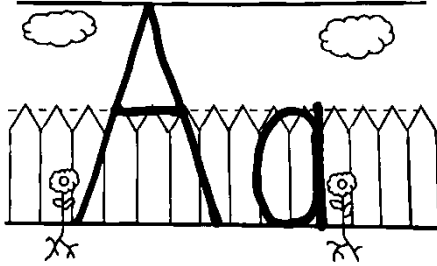
So God created man in his own image, Genesis 1:27

with him in the garden to help him and be his companion. So, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. While he was sleeping, He took one of the ribs from Adam's chest. From that rib, God made the second person. It was a new kind of person. When Adam woke up and saw God's surprise for him, he decided this new kind of person should be called a woman and this woman was named Eve. Together Adam and Eve lived in the garden and took care of God's creation.

Genesis 1:26 – Genesis 5:5

but before sin, he was right there with the first family.

- Adam was naked. Just like a toddler will streak through a room with no shame, Adam had nothing to hid from God. It wasn't until sin entered the world that "naked" became an issue.
- When God decided Adam shouldn't be alone, he forced Adam into a deep sleep and the created woman from Adam's rib. Even today men have one less rib than women.
- Adam lived to be 930 years old.

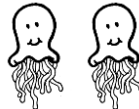
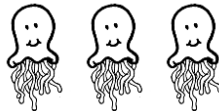


Adam's job was to name and care for the animals that God had created. Draw a line from the animal on the left to the matching animal on the right.



God created man on the sixth day. Trace the number 6 below and then circle the objects that are in a group of 6.

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Extra Activities

- Rename the animals. Pretend you are Adam, what names would you chose for various animals.
- For extra fun, using old photographs, cut out faces of family members and glue them to animal bodies. Come up with fun names for the new creatures.
- Using dough, try to form a man the same way God created Adam

In My World

God created Adam and gave him a very special job. Adam's job was to care for the animals and take care of God's creation. Our world looks much different than the world did when it was first created. But just like Adam, it is our job to take care of God's creation. One way we can do that is to keep it clean. Put trash where it belongs, recycle, reuse things instead of throwing them away. The world God created is still a beautiful place, as long as we don't junk it up.

Nostrils

the holes in your
nose that allows you
to breathe.

Draw a picture of a nose. It can be a nose from a person or an animal but be sure to include two nostrils.

Question and Answer

1. What day did God create man?
2. What did God use to form man?
3. How did God get man to come to life?
4. What was the man's name?
5. Where did God put man to live?
6. Who was with the first man in his perfect home?
7. What was the first man's job?
8. What did God decided the man also needed?
9. What did God take out of man to make the second person?
10. What did Adam name the second person?

6th day, dust, breathed into his nostrils, Adam, Garden of Eden, God, name and take care of the animals, partner/helper, a rib, woman/Eve

- I lived in the Garden of Eden
- My job was to name the animals
- I was made from dust.
- I did not have a mother or a father.
- I was not Eve.
- God made me on the 6th day

Who am I?

So God created man in his own
image, Genesis 1:27a

So God created man in his own image,
Genesis 1:27



The Blind Beggar

One day Jesus and some of his disciples were walking through Jerusalem. “Disciple” is a bible word that means Jesus’s helper, people who were going to go with him and learn to be more like him so they could help tell people about him and God’s love. As they were walking, they came upon a man sitting on the ground begging for money. This man was blind, and he had been that way since he was born. His eyes did not work. Because he couldn’t see, he couldn’t get a job or provide for himself. All he could do was sit and ask people to give him money for food. The disciples were very curious about this man. They asked Jesus if God had made him blind to punish him because he had done something wrong or if he was blind because his parents had done something wrong. Jesus answered that his condition had nothing to do with him or his parents. This man was blind so Jesus could heal him and show the world the wonderful things God can do.

Jesus walked up to the man. He spit on the ground and then swirled it around with his fingers until it made a muddy clay. Jesus took the clay and put it on the beggar’s eyes. Then Jesus told the man to go to The Pool of Siloam and wash the clay off his eyes. The man stood up, made his way to the pool, and washed his face just as Jesus had told him to do. When he opened his eyes, he could see! Jesus had healed him.

All the people around the pool were curious about what had just happened. They asked him who healed him, and he said, “I don’t know, I didn’t see him, but they called him Jesus.” This made a lot of people very angry because they did not believe that

John 9

- This story takes place in or near Jerusalem.
- In that time a disability such as being blind was thought to be punishment from God. The disciples asked Jesus if this man was being punished for his own sins or the sins of his parents. Jesus told them that this man’s condition was not a payment for sin but plan to glorify God through his healing.
- Jesus spit in the dirt to make a clay and put the mixture on the man’s eyes and told him to rinse it off in The Pool of Siloam.
- By the time this man’s sight was restored Jesus had already passed through the city. The beggar didn’t even get to see the face of the person who healed him, but he had heard the others call him Jesus.
- This all took place on the Sabbath so the Pharisees, who already hated Jesus for

Memory Verse

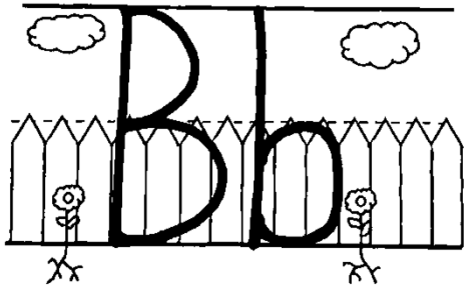
I was blind, but now I see.
John 9:25

Jesus was the Son of God. They thought Jesus was just trying to trick people and confuse them. They said if Jesus did this work, then he was breaking a rule because it was against the rules to work on the Sabbath. The Sabbath day was for resting and worshipping. If Jesus was God's Son, he wouldn't have been breaking the rules. The man said, "all I know was that I was blind but now I see." When the man still believed Jesus was the Son of God, they kicked him out of the temple, but he went on telling lots and lots of people about Jesus.

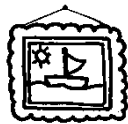
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claiming to be the son of God, were outraged that he "worked" on the Sabbath.

- The Pharisees questioned the man several times and even questioned his parents. His parent verified that he had been blind from birth but refused to answer questions about his healing because claiming Jesus was the Son of God would get them thrown out of the temple.
- The beggar was thrown out of the temple for not changing his story.
- Jesus heard of this situation and returned to the man and introduced himself. The blind beggar who was no longer blind went on telling people that Jesus was the Son of God.



When someone is blind, they have don't have their sense of sight. They must rely on their other senses to help them through life. Those senses are hearing, taste, touch, and smell. Look at the pictures below and match the picture with the sense(s) you use with each item.



At the beginning of our story the blind man was a beggar which means he begged people to give him money as they walked by him. Look at the pictures below. The number on the outside of the jar to the left is the number of coins inside of it. Figure out how many coins the beggar will have if the coins beside the jar are dropped into it. Write that number in the jar on the right.



Extra Activities

- Gather random items and place in individual paper bags. Give each child a blindfold and have them reach into the bag and try to guess the item. For added fun and conversation, use items that will require them to use their other senses to determine what is in the bag.
- Place a small mouth jar on the floor. Allow the kids to drop coins into the jar from various distances.

In My World

When asked what happened to him, the beggar knew he might get in trouble if he told people the truth about what had taken place and who Jesus was. He did not let the risk of being punished changed the answer he gave. He was brave and he went on telling people about Jesus even if it got him in trouble. We should always be brave and share the truth about Jesus so other people can learn about him and grow to love him the way we do.

Blind
Not able to see.

Close your eyes and try to draw a butterfly. Then, open your eyes and try to draw a butterfly.

Question and Answer

1. Where were Jesus and his disciples walking when they saw the blind beggar?
2. What does it mean to be blind?
3. How long had the man been blind?
4. Why did the disciples think this man was blind?
5. What did Jesus do to the dirt beside the man?
6. What did Jesus tell the man to do with the clay on his eyes?
7. Why did it make people mad that Jesus had healed this man?
8. What were people supposed to do on the Sabbath day?
9. What happened to the beggar after he told the people he believed Jesus was God's Son?
10. What did the beggar keep doing?

- I was walking in Jerusalem
- I saw the blind beggar
- I am the Son of God
- The blind beggar did not see me but he heard someone say my name.
- I spit on the ground and made clay

Who am I?

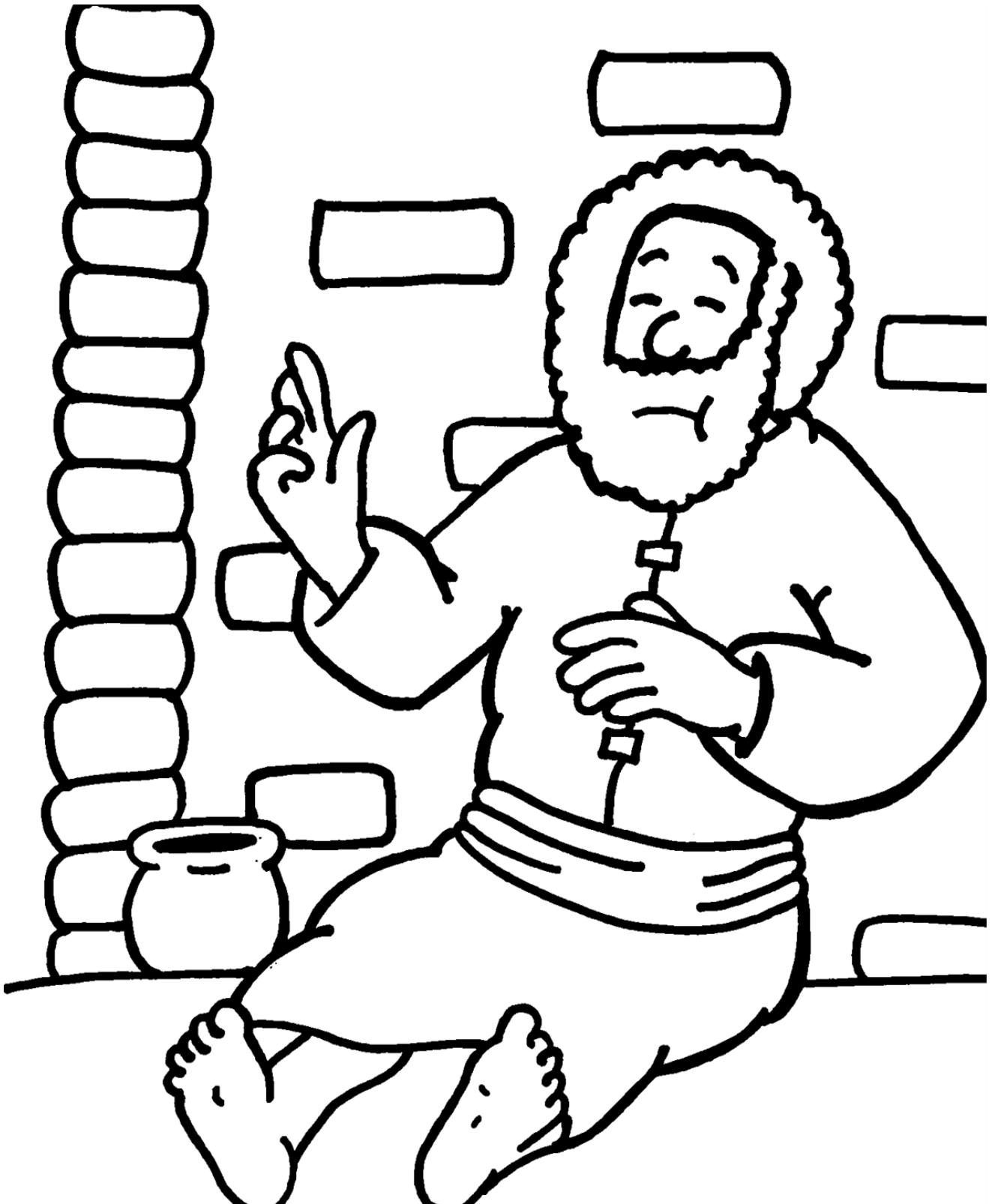
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Jerusalem, not able to see, his whole life, his sin or his parents sin, spit, wash the clay from his eyes in the Pool of Siloam, they didn't believe he was the Son of God, and worship, he was kicked out of the temple, telling people about Jesus

I was blind, but now I see.

John 9:25

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Cain and Abel

Adam and Eve were the first people that God created. They were married and together they started the first family. First, they had a son named Cain and then they had a second son named Abel. Everyone in the family had very important jobs to do. Cain's job was to be a farmer and tend the crops. Abel's job was to be a shepherd. Abel took care of the sheep. Because everyone was doing their job, they had plenty of fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy for the whole family.

Everyone in the family worked together and everyone praised God for the blessings He had given them. They did this by offering sacrifices to Him. A sacrifice is a gift to God to show how much you love Him. Sometimes it was a "thank you" kind of sacrifice and sometimes it was an "I'm sorry I messed up and did something I shouldn't have done" kind of sacrifice. God had given them very specific rules about how to sacrifice. He expected them to give the very best part of their blessings back to Him and He expected them to do it because they loved Him and not because He was making them do it.

One day Cain and Abel were offering their sacrifices to God. Cain gave God fruits and vegetables, and Abel killed the firstborn animal from his flock as an offering. God liked Abel's sacrifice, but He did not like Cain's. Cain maybe didn't give God the best. Maybe he didn't give God enough. Maybe he had a grumpy attitude about having to give anything to God. The bible doesn't tell us why God didn't like Cain's offering, but it did tell us that when it happened, Cain felt a little sad, but he was also

Genesis 4:1-16

- This story takes place near but outside of the Garden of Eden.
- Cain was the first baby born on earth.
- Cain grew to be a farmer and Abel a shepherd.
- Adam and Eve had other children. Seth was born after Abel's death and there were others not mentioned by name.
- When offering a sacrifice to God, Cain offering fruits from the trees and plants and Abel offered the firstborn of his flock.
- Abel's sacrifice was accepted but Cain's was rejected. The bible doesn't tell us why.
- God gave Cain an opportunity to correct his mistake.
- Cain's rejected gift caused him sadness and anger that grew to the point of jealousy and hatred. That led to the first murder of mankind.
- When questioned by God, Cain lied, and his attitude grew

Memory Verse

I know not, Am I my
brother's keeper?

Genesis 4:9

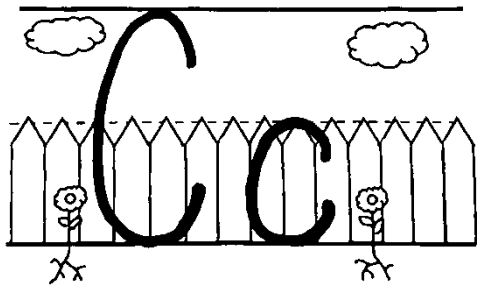
very angry. God told Cain not to get so mad about what had happened, but he should just try to do it again the right way. Cain didn't listen. He got very mad and not just at God but at Abel too. He was so mad, he went out into the field where Abel was, and he attacked him and killed him. He killed his own brother instead of trying to fix his mistake.

Later, God asked Cain where Abel was. Cain knew exactly where Abel was but instead of telling God, he said "I know not, Am I my brother's keeper?" He lied to God and even talked to God in a sassy attitude. God knew exactly what had happened and He was very disappointed with Cain. He told Cain he would no longer be able to be a farmer and that he had to leave his family. Cain moved by himself to a place called Nod. There Cain lived the rest of his life raising his own family away from Adam and Eve. Cain stopped praising God and he didn't teach his family to love God the way they should. Cain's family became a big group of people who did very bad things.

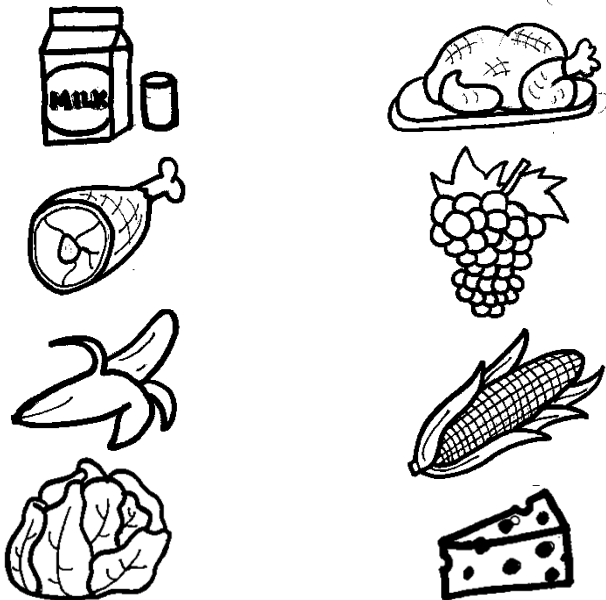
Genesis 4:1-16

worse.

- God punished Cain. He would no longer be blessed by the crops of the field.
- Cain left his family because he feared they would try to kill him for what he had done. Even after his terrible act, God protected him and put a mark on him so all would know if they killed him, they would be punished as much as Cain x7.
- Cain moved to Nod where he married and raise his family, but Cain's attitude and acceptance of sin were passed down to future generations. Cain's family remained sinful. While his brother Seth's descendants remained faithful to God.



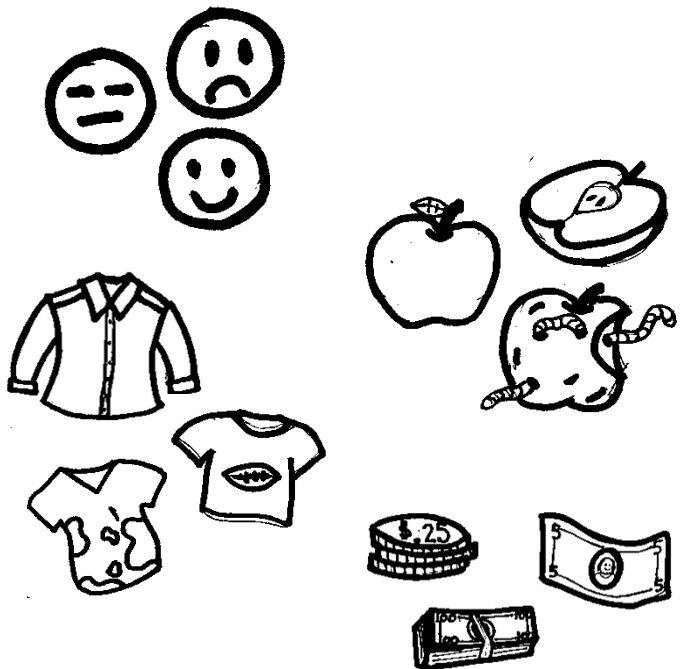
Cain and Abel both had jobs to do to help their family have food. Because Cain was a farmer, their family had fruits and vegetables. Because Abel was a shepherd, their family had meat and dairy. Together they produced food from most of the different food groups. Match the food on the left with the food on the right that belongs in the same food group.



Extra Activities

--Provide various fruits and allow children to create a fruit salad. Allow children to use cutting utensils and melon ballers for added fun. Carefully supervise all cutting activities. Be sure proper handwashing happens before beginning any activity regarding food preparation.
--Work together to make vegetable pizza.

When we are giving an offering to God, we are supposed to give our very best. Look at the groups of items below, circle the item that would be the best choice for an offering to God.



In My World

Everyone messes up sometimes. Sometimes it's because we choose to do things the wrong way and sometimes it's because we didn't understand and made a mistake. If someone is trying to show us how to do something the right way, we should be ready to listen and try again. When we get mad when someone is trying to help us, we will never learn to do things the right way. Sometimes we have to admit we messed up and fix the problem with the right attitude so we can do better the next time.

Sacrifice

- To give something that is not easy for you to give,
- An offering to God

Abel's offering to God was the firstborn of his flock. In the space below, draw a sheep.

Question and Answer

1. What did Adam and Eve name their first two sons?
2. What jobs did each of their son's have?
3. What is a sacrifice?
4. What did each of the sons offer as a sacrifice to God?
5. Who sacrifice did God accept?
6. How did Cain feel after the sacrifice?
7. What very bad thing did Cain do to his brother?
8. What very bad thing did Cain do when God asked him about his brother?
9. How did God punish Cain?
10. What should Cain have done after the sacrifice?

Cain and Abel, Farmer and Shepherd, to give something that is not easy to give, Fruits and the firstborn of the flock, Abel's, sad and angry, killed Abel, lied to God, no longer blessed his through gardening, apologized and tried again.

- Adam was my father.
- I was a farmer.
- I sometimes had a very bad attitude.
- I moved from Eden to a place called Nod.
- I killed my brother

Who am I?

I know not, Am I my brother's
keeper? Genesis 4:9

I know not, Am I my brother's keeper?

Genesis 4:9b



Daniel and the Lion's Den

Daniel was a man who loved God. He always tried to make choices that pleased God. Daniel lived in a place called Babylon and the Kings of Babylon didn't love God. They didn't care about doing the right thing, but they liked Daniel. Because Daniel was always trying to please God, he was always doing his very best. Daniel was a great help to the kings of Babylon, and they always gave him very important jobs. Even when Babylon would get a new king, the new king would see that Daniel was a good man and give him the most important jobs.

Once there was a king named Darius. Darius liked Daniel and made him one of his three most important helpers. The other men were jealous of Daniel. They didn't understand what was so special about him. They got together and came up with a plan to get Daniel in trouble. If Daniel got in trouble the king would have to remove him from his job. They watched Daniel very carefully hoping to catch him breaking the law, but he never did. So, they came up with a secret plan. They knew how important it was to Daniel to please God so they decided to trick the king into making a law that would be against God. They told the king he should make a rule that everyone had to pray to only him for 30 days. If someone broke that rule, they would be thrown into the lion's den. The king didn't think about Daniel and how much Daniel loved God. He liked this new rule because it made him feel more important, so he agreed and signed all the papers for the new law.

Daniel heard about the new law, but it wasn't

Daniel 6

- This story takes place in Babylon
- Darius the Mede was king at this time and Daniel was one of 3 presidents chosen to serve under him.
- Daniel often found favor with authority because of his work ethic, and they knew God was with him.
- Other leaders were jealous of Daniel's popularity and plotted against him. They carefully watched him to try to catch him breaking the law so they could turn him in, and he would be removed from his position. When they couldn't find a flaw in the way he was living they devised a plan to create a new law that would make his worship illegal.
- King Darius, being full of pride, was tricked into signing a decree that everyone had to pray to only him for 30 days or be thrown in the lion's den.
- Daniel continued to pray 3

Memory Verse

Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. Daniel 6:16

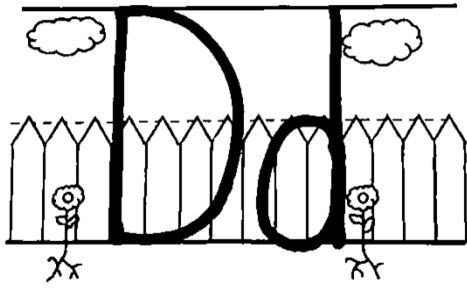
going to make him do anything against God and praying to anyone other than God is wrong. So, three times every day, just as he had always done, Daniel went into his house to pray and give thanks to God. The bad men were always watching Daniel, and they saw him through the open windows of his house. They saw him praying to God and they knew their plan had worked. They went straight to the king and told him what Daniel had done. This made the king very upset. He loved Daniel. Daniel was important to him. He didn't want to throw Daniel in the lion's den but there was nothing he could do. It was too late for him to change the rule and Daniel had to be punished. He was going to have to be thrown in with the lions. Just before they threw Daniel into the lion's den, the king told Daniel, "Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee." That meant the king believed Daniel's God would save him from the lions. Then the king went back to his palace. He was so worried about Daniel that he fasted all night. He didn't eat. He didn't listen to music. He didn't even sleep.

The next morning the king ran to the lion's den to check on Daniel. Daniel was ok!! Daniel told King Darius that God had sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions. King Darius had Daniel pulled out of the den and he told everyone that Daniel's God was the one true God. Then King Darius had all the bad men and their families thrown into the lion's den for the bad things they had done. The lions had a big supper that night.

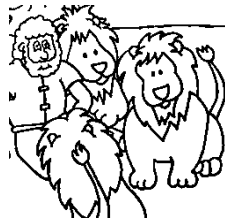
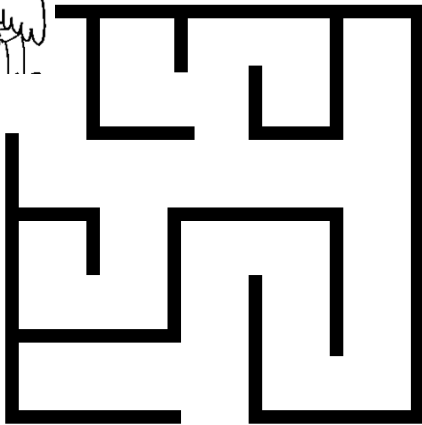
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times a day.

- The other men saw Daniel praying through the windows of his home and reported it to the king.
- The king was grieved because he knew there was nothing he could do to change the law or ignore the law even for Daniel.
- Daniel was thrown into the lion's den.
- The king fasted all night, refused entertainment and could not sleep thinking about Daniel.
- The king went to check on Daniel early in the morning to find him unharmed.
- God sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions.
- The king declared Daniel's God the one true God and had the other men and their families thrown into the lion's den where they were eaten.



God sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions while Daniel was in the lion's den. In the maze below, help the angel get to the lion's den.



Daniel prayed to God 3 times a day. Trace the number 3 below. Then circle the items that are in groups of 3.



Extra Activities

-All children to make lion masking using paper plates. Have the children completely color the inside circle yellow and the outside ring orange. Carefully cut out eye holes and draw a mouth.
-Make a prayer booklet. Find a templet of praying hands and give each child 3 copies. (You may want to pre-cut) On the top of the first cut-out write "Thank You". On the second cut-out write "I'm sorry". On the third cut-out write "Please help me". Explain to the children that our prayers should include all three. Help the children list things they can put on each page of their prayer booklet.

In My World

Sometimes in life, making the choice to do the right thing might be a hard decision. Sometimes other people won't like us because we are doing the right thing. Sometimes people might even try to punish us because we are choosing to do things God's way instead of their way. In those times, we need to be brave like Daniel and know that God's way is always the right way, and He is always with us helping us to stay strong even when it might be a little scary

Fasting

-To give up something for a short time so you can focus on praying and serving God

Daniel prayed with his windows open. In the space below, draw window. You can decide if it is opened or closed.

Question and Answer

1. Where did Daniel live?
2. What was the king's name?
3. Why did some people not like Daniel?
4. What new rule did the bad men trick the king into making?
5. What did Daniel do when he heard about the new rule?
6. How did the bad men catching Daniel breaking the new rule?
7. How did the king feel after Daniel was caught?
8. What happened to Daniel because he broke the rule?
9. What happened that night in the lion's den?
10. What did the king do the next morning?

Babylon, King Darius, they were jealous, only pray to the king for 30 days, he still prayed to God 3 times a day, saw him through his open window, sorry that he had made the rule, thrown in the lions den, God sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions, checked on him/told everyone Daniel's God was the one true God/threw the bad men in the lion's den.

- I lived in Babylon
- I had a very important job.
- I am not the king.
- I prayed three times every day even it was against the law.
- I was thrown in the lion's den.

Who am I?

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Eve Eats in the Garden

Adam and Eve were the first people to ever live. For a while they were the only people living on earth and they lived in a place called the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden was a perfect place where they lived with God. They had nothing to hide from God and the weather was perfect, so they didn't even need clothes. The garden had everything they needed, and everything was wonderful. God only had one rule. The rule was to not eat any of the fruit that was growing on the tree in the middle of the garden. This tree was called "The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil" which means "the tree of knowing the difference between right and wrong". God told Adam and Eve that if they ate the fruit from that tree, they would die. If they followed that one rule, everything would be okay.

One day, Eve was walking in the garden and along came a serpent, which is kind of like a snake. The serpent said to Eve, "Can you eat the fruit from all the trees in the garden?"

Eve said, "We can eat from all the trees except the tree in the middle of the garden. If we eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, we will die."

"You will not die if you eat the fruit from that tree," said the serpent. "You will become like God. You will know things like God knows things. That's why He doesn't want you to eat the fruit."

Eve looked at the fruit, it looked delicious. She decided to go for it. She pulled it off the tree and took a bite. Then she took it to Adam, and he took a bite. They didn't die, but their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. They panicked. They took

Genesis 3

- This story takes place in the Garden of Eden.
- Eve was the first woman. God created her from the rib of Adam. She was created to be a helper to Adam.
- Eve knew the rule about not eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She knew the consequence to disobeying would be death.
- The serpent convinced Eve that the tree would make her like God and he was withholding that power from her by not allowing her to eat of the tree. He told her she would not die.
- Eve listened to the serpent and ate of the fruit. She then shared the fruit with Adam.
- Their eyes were open to their nakedness and the sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.
- They hid from God.

Memory Verse

Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden. Genesis 4:23

fig leaves from the trees and sewed them together to make clothes to cover themselves. Then they heard God in the garden. They knew He would be upset so they hid. God called for them.

“We are here,” said Adam.

God said, “Why are you hiding?”

“Because we are naked” Adam replied.

“Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat of The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?” asked God.

“The woman gave me the fruit and I ate it.” Adam blamed Eve.

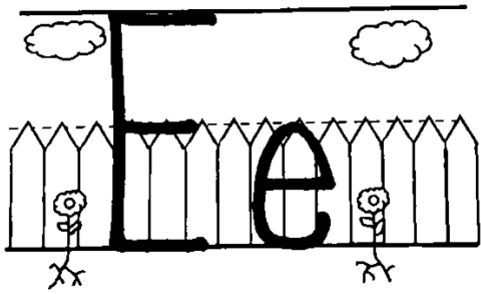
“The serpent tricked me, and I ate it,” said Eve, blaming the serpent.

God then took the skin from animals and made clothes for Adam and Eve to wear but He was very disappointed that they had disobeyed Him. They had sinned and God cannot be in the same place with sin. Their sin separated them from God, and it had to be punished. God didn’t just punish Adam and Eve and the serpent, He punished all of their kind. Because of what the serpent had done, all serpents would now have to crawl around on their bellies and be a hated creature. Because of what Eve had done, all women would now have to suffer and hurt when they have babies. Because of what Adam had done, all men would now have to work hard to grow food and hunt

meat so they and their families could eat. Because of what they all had done, they were all kicked out of the wonderful, perfect, Garden of Eden. They could no longer live forever in God’s perfect place. They had to leave, work hard to raise their family, and then one day they would die. Adam and Eve sadly left the garden to start life on their own very sorry for what they had done. God placed special kinds of angels at the entrance with fire swords so they couldn’t get back in even if they tried.

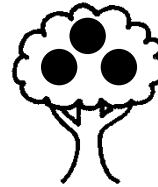
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- They each blamed someone else for making them sin.
- They each received punishment for their sin. Their punishment wasn’t just for them but for all their kind. The serpent would have to crawl around on his belly and a be hated creature. Women would not have great pain in childbirth. Men would now have to work to provide food and protection for themselves and their families. They were all cast of the Garden of Eden and their perfect life where God provided everything for them. Their sin separated them from God.
- Eve did not die immediately but because of her sin, death entered the world and she eventually died.



Eve made a bad choice to disobey God. She knew what she was supposed to do, and she did the opposite. Obey and disobey are opposites, which mean they are all the way different. Match the items on the right with their opposites on the left.

Eve only took one fruit from the tree and ate it and that was enough to disappoint God. Look at the trees below. Count the fruit on each tree on the left. On the right, draw the same tree but take away one fruit.



Extra Activities

- Make paper plate snakes. Give each child a paper plate and have them completely color it green, brown or black. Starting from the outside, cut in a spiral to the center of the plate. Stretch it out and put eyes on the center.
- Make paper plate trees of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Have the children completely color the paper plate green. Using red circles or a paint dabber, put fruit on the tree. Add a tongue depressor for the trunk.
- Taste and compare different types of apples.

In My World

Sometimes people will try to trick us into doing something we know is wrong. They will make us think that we are the only people not doing something. They will make the bad things look like fun. They will even make us think it's not that big of a deal to break a rule. We need to always remember what God wants us to do and do it no matter what anyone says. Sometimes doing the right thing means standing up to temptations and sneaky people. If we trust God, He will help us know how to always do the right thing.

Disobey

- To do something you were told not to do
- To not do something you were told to do.

Eve ate the forbidden fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. In the space below, draw a fruit tree. .

Question and Answer

1. Where did Adam and Eve live at the beginning of the story?
2. What was the one rule God had for Adam and Eve?
3. Who tricked Eve into eating the forbidden fruit?
4. What did Eve do after she ate the fruit?
5. What was the first thing Adam and Eve noticed after they ate the forbidden fruit?
6. What kind of clothes did they make?
7. What did they do when they heard God coming?
8. What happened to the serpent because he tricked Eve?
9. What happened to Eve because she disobeyed?
10. What happened to Adam because he ate the fruit?
11. What happened to all three of them?

Garden of Eden, not to eat from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, the serpent, shared it with Adam, they were naked, sewed together fig leaves, hid, crawl on his belly, pain in childbirth, work for his food, kicked out of the Garden of Eden and they would one day die.

- I lived in the Garden of Eden.
- I was naked until I ate the fruit.
- I tried to hide from God.
- I had to leave the garden because I disobeyed.
- Eve tricked me.

Who am I?

Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden. Genesis 4:23

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Fire from Heaven

There were many kings that ruled over the land of Israel. Some of them were good kings who loved God and some of them were not. King Ahab was not a good king. He did not love God and he did not try to rule his kingdom God's way. God sent his prophet, Elijah, to King Ahab to warn him to change his ways but King Ahab didn't listen. Instead, King Ahab decided to worship a fake god named Baal. If he worshipped Baal, he could still do all the evil things whenever he wanted to. Elijah told King Ahab that God was going to send a drought to the land as punishment. It didn't rain in Israel for 3 years and that made King Ahab very mad at Elijah.

One day near the end of the three years, Elijah challenged King Ahab to a contest. He told King Ahab to gather 450 prophets of Baal and follow him to the top of Mount Carmel. There he explained the challenge. The people who believed in Baal would be on one team and the people who believed in God would be on the other. Everyone but Elijah chose to be on the King's team and worship Baal. Each team was supposed to build an altar and offer a sacrifice of a calf to their god, but they had to pray that their god would send fire to burn the sacrifice. Elijah let the other team choose their cow and go first. They built their altar, cut up the meat from the calf and then started to call out to Baal to send fire. They called and called all day, but nothing happened. Elijah even teased them saying, "Maybe your god is busy talking or maybe he's asleep. You should call louder." They kept calling louder and louder and even danced around their altar, but nothing ever happened.

1 Kings 18: 16-46

- This story takes place on Mount Carmel
- Elijah was a prophet of God.
- King Ahab was a bad king who worshipped Baal. Anytime Elijah was confront King Ahab he was telling him something he was doing wrong and what God was going to do if he didn't turn back to Him. Elijah was always bringing him bad news and for that reason, he didn't like Elijah.
- This story takes place on Mount Carmel at the end of a three-year drought that God sent as punishment for the way King Ahab and the people in Israel were living.
- Elijah challenged King Ahab to gather the 450 prophets of Baal and join him on Mount Carmel. Before the challenge he allowed the people to choose which god they served. All chose Baal.
- Those following Baal build an altar to him and Elijah built an altar to God. Both groups

Memory Verse

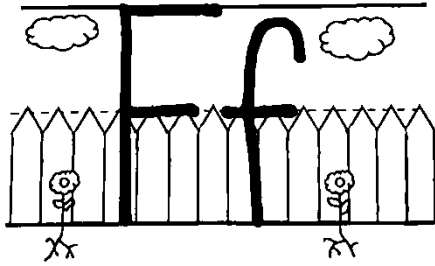
The Lord, he is the God, the Lord,
he is the God. 1 Kings 18:39

When it was Elijah's turn, he built his altar out of 12 stones because there were 12 tribes of Israel. He laid the wood on the top of the altar and then the meat from the cow on top of the wood. Then he dug a ditch around his altar. After he dug the trench, he called for four barrels of water to be dumped on his altar and all over the wood and the meat. Then he called for four more barrels and then four more barrels to be dumped. Twelve barrels had been dumped on his altar. It was soaking wet! The meat was wet. The wood was wet. The stones were wet. The ground was wet. Even the trench was filled with the extra water. Everything was drenched and when things are wet it is very hard for them to catch on fire. Elijah wanted to be sure that everyone could see exactly what great big, wonderful things God could do.

Then Elijah started to pray. "Dear God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, please send fire so that all of these people will know that you are the one true God." Suddenly, a ball of fire came from the sky and onto his altar. It burned up the sacrifice, the wet wood, the stones, the ground and even all the water in the trench. When the people saw what had happened, they knew Elijah's God was the one true God. They fell with their faces to the ground and worshipped God saying, "The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God!"

1 Kings 18: 16-46

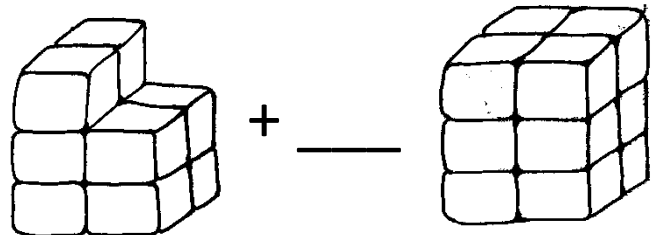
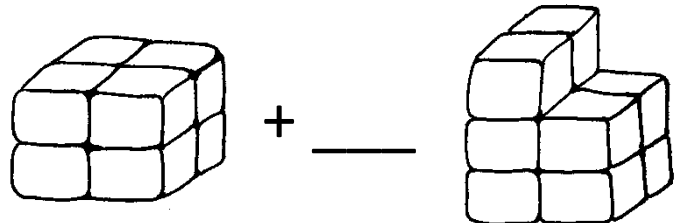
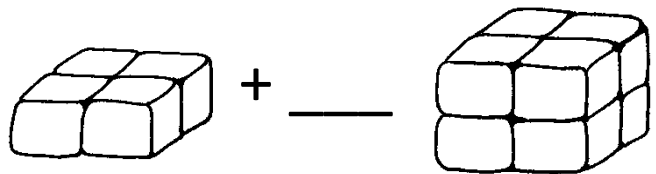
- were to offer a sacrifice and pray for their god to send the fire to burn the sacrifice.
- Elijah gave the followers of Baal their choice of meat and let them go first.
- The followers of Baal called out and danced around their altar all day and their god never sent fire. Elijah even mocked them to yell louder that their god may be busy talking or asleep.
- When it was Elijah's turn, he built his altar with 12 stones for the 12 tribes of Israel. He laid the wood and the meat upon the altar.
- He dug a trench around his altar and drenched it with water to further prove God is God.
- He prayed and God sent fire that burned up everything.
- The people then praise the true God.



Elijah dug a trench around his altar and then he drenched everything with water. Trench and drench are words that rhyme which means they have the same ending sound. Trench and drench both end with "ench". Look at the picture below. Each picture on the left has a rhyming word pictured on the right. Draw a line connecting the rhyming words.



Elijah used 12 stones to build his altar. Look at the pictures below. Try to figure out how many stones have been added in each step. For the last step, choose the correct number of stones needed to complete the altar.



Extra Activities

-Using sugar cubes, brown sugar and tootsie rolls, build a model altar to retell the story. Be sure to add the trench around Elijah's altar.

-DANGEROUS ACTIVITY!! PLEASE USE EXTREME CAUTION!! Gather the following objects: a lighter 2 small piece of wood, paper, metal bowl of water, rocks, small glass jar, plastic spoon, crayon, and a small cloth. Have the children stand a safe distance away from you as you demonstrate what happens to each of the following items when it is introduced to fire. Be sure to also discuss fire safety.

In My World

King Ahab was told about the real God and the false god Baal. God expected him to live in a way that glorified Him. Believing in the other god meant he could do whatever he wanted to. King Ahab chose the god that would let him do whatever he wanted to do. In life, sometimes the wrong things look like a lot of fun. In those moments when we must choose between having fun and glorifying God, we need to be sure that we are choosing to do the right things.

Altar

- The place where people once laid their offerings
- A place to humble yourself before God

Elijah called down fire from heaven. In the space below draw a fire.

Question and Answer

1. Who did God send to King Ahab to warn him to turn back to Him?
2. What did God send because King Ahab refused to turn back to him?
3. Who did King Ahab worship instead of God?
4. How long did it not rain in Israel?
5. Who did Elijah challenge to a contest?
6. How many stones did Elijah use to build his altar?
7. Who went first in the contest?
8. What did Elijah say to tease the worshippers of Baal?
9. What did Elijah dig around his altar?
10. How many barrels of water did Elijah have poured on his altar?
11. What happened when Elijah prayed?

- I lived in Israel.
- I went up on Mount Carmel during the challenge.
- I wanted my god to send fire.
- My god did not send fire.
- I did not like Elijah
- I was the king.

Who am I?

Elijah, drought, Baal, 3 years, King Ahab, 12, the worshippers of Baal, maybe their god was talking or asleep and they should yell louder, trench, 12 (4 barrels 3 times), God sent fire from heaven and burned up the offering, wood, altar, ground, and dried up the water in the trench.

The Lord, he is the God, the Lord, he
is the God. 1 Kings 18:39

The Lord, he is the God, the Lord, he is the God.
1 Kings 18:39



Goliath the Giant

The Israelites were a group of people who loved God. Other people were always trying to fight the Israelites, but God protected them from other people because He loved the Israelites and had a special plan for them. One day, the Philistine army was planning to start a battle with the Israelites. The Philistines did not love God. They worshipped fake gods, but they had a big strong army and a secret weapon. They had a giant soldier named Goliath. Goliath was over 9 feet tall and very strong and very scary. The Philistines sent Goliath out on the battlefield, and he yelled, "Send out your strongest soldier to fight me. If your soldier wins, we will be your slaves. If I win, the Israelites will become our slaves." No one wanted to fight Goliath, he was way bigger than anyone in the Israelite army. He was too big.

Then one day a small boy named David walked into the army camp of the Israelites. David was too young to be a soldier, but his older brothers were in the army. David's job was to take care of their family's sheep but on this day, David's father told him to leave his sheep and take food to his brothers. While David was there delivering the food, he heard the other soldiers talking about Goliath. They were scared of who might be picked to fight him and what would happen if Goliath won. David didn't understand why all the men were afraid. He knew that God was bigger than Goliath and with God on their side they would for sure win the fight. David volunteered to fight Goliath himself. At first, King Saul thought that was a horrible idea because David was just a boy, but then David told the king that he was brave enough to have fought lions

1 Samuel 17

- The Israelite army and the Philistine army were preparing for battle.
- The Israelite army sent out Goliath of Gath to challenge the Israelites.
- Goliath was nearly 9 ft tall, large, and covered head to toe in armor.
- Goliath challenged the Israelites to send out one soldier to fight him. Winner takes all. Losing side would then be enslaved to the winning side. No one wanted to fight Goliath.
- David was too young to be in the army. He was just a shepherd boy whose father had sent him to the battlefield to take lunch to his older brothers.
- When hearing of the situation, David volunteered to fight Goliath on behalf of all of Israel.

Memory Verse

With God all things are possible.
Matthew 19:26

and bears to save his sheep and he knew God would help him fight the giant. King Saul agreed to let David fight. He gave David the best armor he had. David tried to wear the helmet, and the suit. He tried to hold the sword and the shield but none of it was kid size, and he wasn't used to fighting with such heavy armor, so he took it off. He didn't need all that fancy stuff because he knew God would protect him. David went to the brook and found 5 smooth stones and put them in his shepherd's bag with his slingshot and then he went to fight the giant.

When David walked out onto the battlefield, Goliath walked out to greet him. Goliath was huge, way bigger than David, but David wasn't scared. Goliath started to laugh at the idea that a little boy could win in a battle against him and then he started walking towards David. David pulled out his sling and a stone and shot it at Goliath. That stone flew all the way up to Goliath's face and hit him right between his eyes and sunk in his forehead. Goliath fell straight to the ground and died. When the Philistine army saw what had happened, they ran away afraid of what might happen to them. God helped David beat the giant with only one small stone and all the Israelites people were safe.

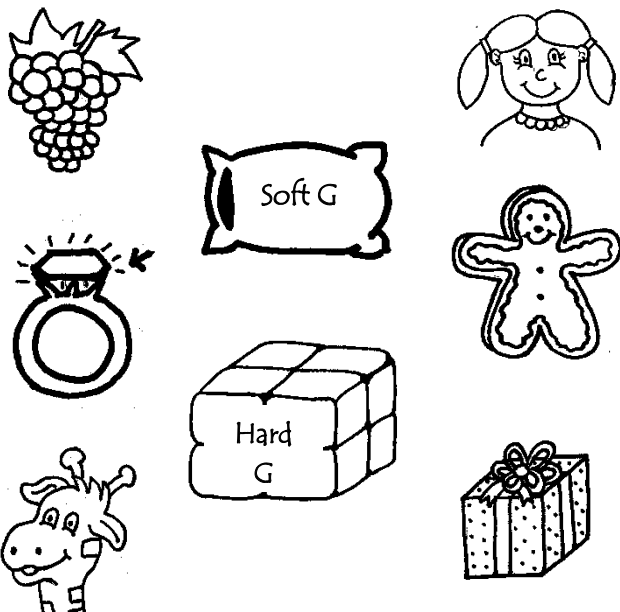
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- The king refused David because of his age.
- David pleaded his case because of his experience fighting lions and bears.
- Saul reluctantly agreed to let David fight and provided him with armor and a sword.
- David refused the king's equipment and only took his staff, his sling, and 5 smooth stones from the brook.
- Goliath laughed at the Israelites' choice of soldier.
- David hit Goliath between the eyes with his first stone and killed him.



Goliath was a giant. "Goliath" and "giant" both start with the letter g but they have different sounds. "Goliath" start with a hard g sound and "giant" start with a soft g sound. Match the pictures below to the hard and soft g depending on the sound they make.

Goliath laughed at the thought of fighting David because he was so much bigger than David. Look at the pictures below and circle the item that is bigger.



Extra Activities

-Cut out a picture of Goliath or simply draw a face on a paper plate to represent Goliath and tape it very high on the wall. (9ft if possible). Using 12" square pieces of aluminum foil, scrunch each sheet into a ball. Have children try to hit Goliath between the eyes.
-OUTDOOR ACTIVITY Draw a Goliath face onto a poster board and tape it to the side of a building about 9 feet from the ground. Using either wet paper towels or balls of duct tape (sticky side out) Give each child a slingshot and a chance to hit Goliath with their "stone". See who can get the closest to Goliath's forehead.

In My World

David was very brave to fight Goliath. When everyone else was scared, David knew God would protect him. Sometimes in our life we have a giant to fight. That doesn't always mean a great big scary man that we will need to kill, but sometimes we have to do things that look like they are too big for us to do. God doesn't want us to go out looking for fights to try to win but sometimes we will have to stand up and do the right thing when no one else will. In those times, if we are trusting God and we are doing the right thing, we can trust that God is going to give us the strength to get through the obstacles that are in our way.

Armor

-Protective clothing that soldiers wear in battle to help keep them safe.

David filled his bag with 5 smooth stones. In the space below, draw 5 stones.

Question and Answer

1. What group of people wanted to fight the Israelites?
2. Who was their secret weapon?
3. How tall was Goliath?
4. What was the challenge that Goliath gave the Israelite army?
5. Why was David in the army camp?
6. Why was David not afraid of Goliath?
7. Why didn't the king want David to fight Goliath?
8. Why didn't David use the armor the king had given him?
9. How many stones did David get from the brook?
10. What did Goliath do when he saw David come out to fight him?
11. Where did the rock hit Goliath?
12. What did the Philistine army do when they saw that God had helped David beat the giant?

- I lived in Israel.
- I didn't think David was old enough to fight.
- I gave David armor and a sword before he went out the fight Goliath.
- I was the king.

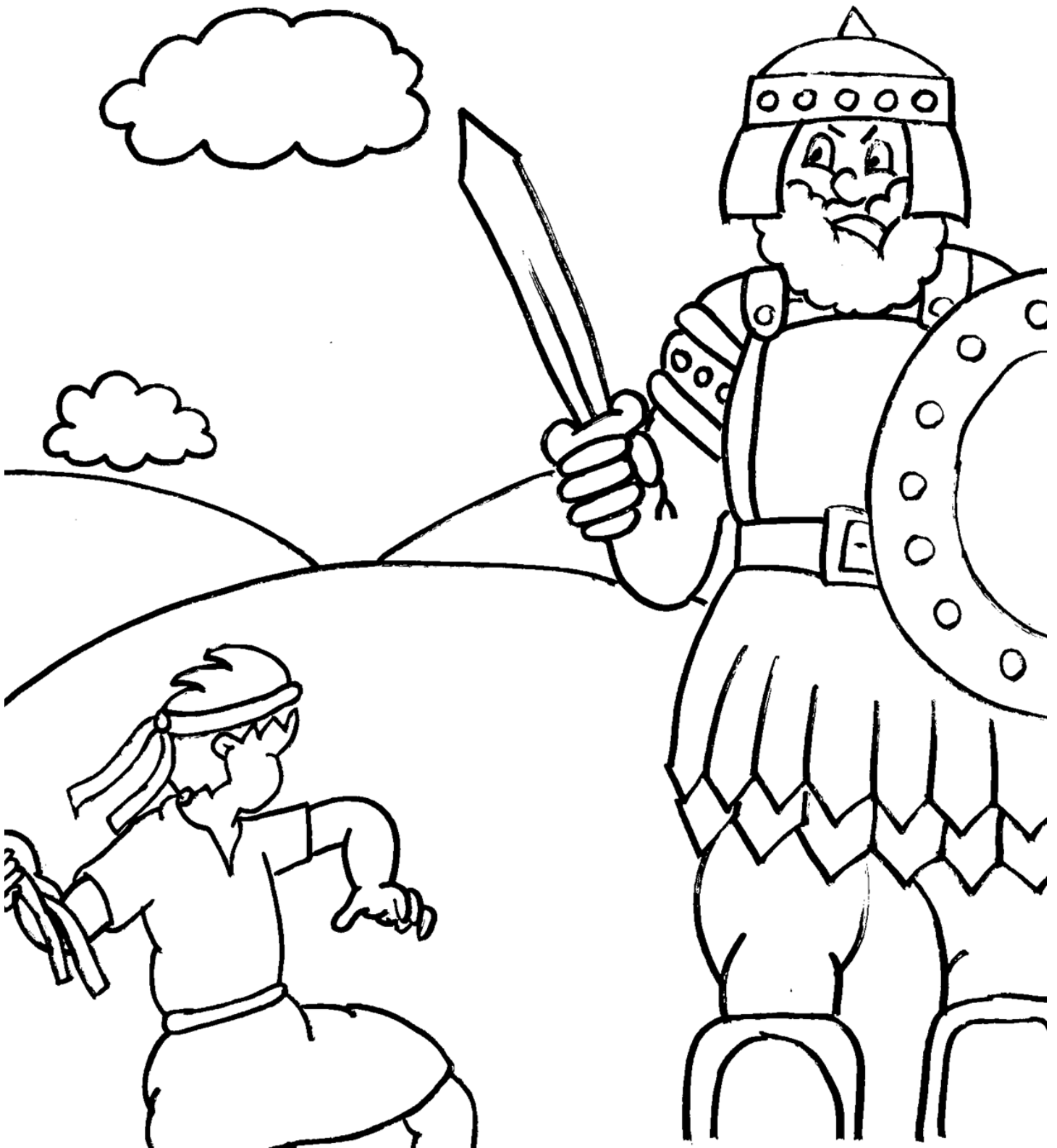
Who am I?

Philistines, Goliath, over 9ft, to send out one soldier to fight him to decide who would serve whom, he was a child, it was too big and he wasn't used to wearing it, 5, laugh, between the eyes, ran away

With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

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Hannah Prays

There once was a woman named Hannah. Hannah's husband, Elkanah, loved her very much and they lived in a town called Ramah. Even though it was against God's rules, Elkanah had two wives. His other wife was named Peninah, and she had many children. Hannah was barren, she had no children. Her body did not work in a way that would let her have a baby and people thought because of that, she was not as good as other women. Peninah teased Hannah about it all the time and made Hannah very sad.

Three times every year Elkanah would take his family and travel to a town called Shiloh for a feast and to worship God. While they were there, Peninah was being very mean to Hannah and Hannah became so sad that it made her sick. She couldn't even eat. Elkanah tried to make Hannah feel better by telling her how much he loved her but this time she was too sad for that to help very much.

Hannah went to the temple to pray. Hannah prayed asking God to not forget about her and how much she wanted to have a baby. Hannah even promised God that if he would give her a baby boy, she would give him back to God. She would let him live and grow in the temple so he could be a great helper to the priest and to God. Hannah was praying with her whole heart. She was crying and saying the words with her lips, but no sound was coming out of her mouth, not even a whisper. While she was praying, the priest named Eli, saw

1 Samuel 1-2:11

- Hannah lived in Ramah.
- Her husband Elkanah also had a wife named Peninah. Peninah had many children, but Hannah was barren. Peninah teased Hannah about her barren state. Being barren in that time was a sign of failure and divorce would have been justified.
- Elkanah loved Hannah.
- Three times a year Elkanah went to the tabernacle in Shiloh for various feast unto the Lord.
- While at the feast Hannah, being tormented by Peninah, became so broken in her sorrow she became sick and could not eat.
- She went to the temple to pray. She silently prayed though her lips were moving. She prayed with her whole heart that God might open her womb and give her a son. If God

Memory Verse

For this child I have prayed.
1 Samuel 1:27

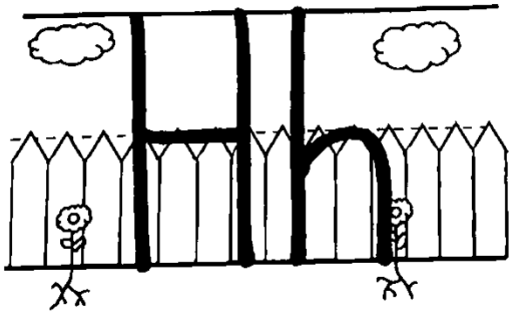
her. He could see her crying and her mouth moving. He thought she had been drinking something she shouldn't have, and it was making her act crazy. He asked her what she was drinking. She answered him that she wasn't doing crazy things she was just praying so hard asking God to help her. Eli could see that her heart was broken and told her to go back home in peace and God would hear her request. Hannah left the temple and felt much better. She had given her problem to God, and she was going to patiently wait for Him to take care of things.

God heard Hannah's prayer and gave her a baby. She named her baby boy Samuel and loved him very much. After a few years, Hannah kept her promise to God and took Samuel to live in the temple with Eli so he could grow and serve God.

1 Samuel 1-2:11

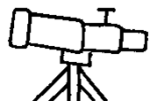
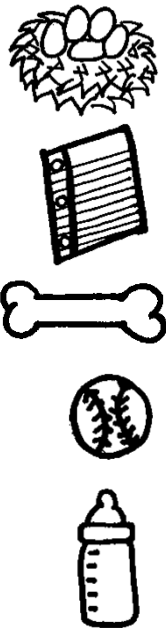
blessed her with a son, she promised to give him back to Him to serve in the temple.

- The priest Eli saw Hannah as she wept and prayed and thought she was drunk. He questioned her about her condition. Then told her to go in peace that God may give her what she had requested.
- Hannah left her burden at the temple and immediately felt better.
- Hannah became pregnant and had a son, Samuel who she returned to the temple a few years later.



Hannah prayed that God would give her a baby. She had faith that God would answer her prayer. Faith is believing something that you can't see. Prayer and faith are two things that go together. When we pray we should have faith that God is going to take care of us in His perfect way. Below are pictures of other things that go together. Matching the item on the left with the item on the right if they go together.

Hannah had to be patient to wait for God to give her a baby. She waited many years. Sometimes being patient takes a long time, lots of days and nights. Look at the pictures below and decide if it is something that happens in the day or night. Draw a line from the picture to the time of day.



Extra Activities

- Gather various baby items and put them in a bag. One by one have children reach in and grab an item. Without pulling it out of the bag they must try to guess what the item is.
- cut out construction paper diapers. Have each child put something that they pray about on the inside of the diaper and then fold it up.

In My World

When we pray, God always hears our prayers. He doesn't always answer them the way that we want him to, but he always hears them. Sometimes God answers our prayers with a "yes". Sometimes God knows that what we want is not what we need so He answers with a "no". But sometimes the answer is "wait". Sometimes God is going to give us the things we ask for, but He is going to wait until the time is right. Even though it may be difficult at times, we must trust that God knows exactly the right way to answer.

Barren

-A woman who can't have a baby.

More than anything, Hannah wanted to have a baby. In the space below draw 3 things that a baby might need.

Question and Answer

1. What was Hannah's husband's name?
2. Who was Peninah?
3. Why was Peninah mean to Hannah?
4. Why did Elkanah take his family to Shiloh?
5. Where did Hannah go to pray?
6. Who saw Hannah praying?
7. What did Eli think Hannah had been doing when he saw her in the temple?
8. What was the promise that Hannah made to God in her prayer?
9. Who was Samuel?
10. What happened to Samuel when he was only a few years old?

Elkanah, Elkanah's other wife, because Hannah had no children, to the feast and to worship God, the temple, Eli, drinking, she would give her child back to God to serve in the temple, Hannah's son, Hannah took him back to the temple to grow up as a helper to Eli and to God.

- I lived in Ramah
- I am a woman
- I was married to Elkanah
- I went to Shiloh for the feast.
- I had many children
- I was mean to Hannah

Who am I?

For this child I have prayed.

1 Samuel 1:27

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Isaac and the Sacrifice

There once was a man named Abraham. Abraham and his wife Sarah loved God. They were very old, and God had never given them a baby even though he promised Abraham He would. When Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90, she finally had a baby. They named their baby boy, Isaac, and they loved him very much.

One day, when Isaac was a little boy, God called to Abraham and asked him to do a very hard thing. God told Abraham to take Isaac on top of a mountain and kill him and offer him as a sacrifice to God. God was asking Abraham to give Isaac back to Him. Abraham loved Isaac very much, but he loved God more. Abraham didn't tell anyone what God had asked him to do, he just gathered his things and him, Isaac, and a few of his helpers started to make the trip to the mountain.

When they reached the bottom of the mountain, Abraham told his helpers to wait for them at the bottom because he was going to make this sacrifice with just him and Isaac. He took the logs he was going to use for the fire, handed them to Isaac to carry up the mountain, and the two of them climbed to the top. As they were walking, Isaac said, "We have the wood for the fire, but we don't have an animal to sacrifice." Abraham answered his son and said, "God will provide the lamb," and they kept walking.

When they reached the top of the mountain, Abraham built the altar. He laid the firewood on top. He tied up Isaac and then put Isaac on top of the altar. Then he took his knife, and he pulled back

Genesis 22:1-19

- Isaac was the only son of Abraham and Sarah.
- Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born and Sarah was 90.
- God called Abraham to sacrifice Isaac.
- Abraham didn't question God's instructions. He just obeyed.
- Abraham didn't tell anyone of his mission. He just gathered items for the fire, a few of his men to travel with him, and Isaac and they left to do what God had called him to do.
- Abraham told his men to wait at the bottom of the mountain and he and Isaac went alone to do the sacrifice.
- Isaac questioned Abraham about the lack of a lamb and Abraham responded that God would provide the lamb.
- Abraham built the altar,

Memory Verse

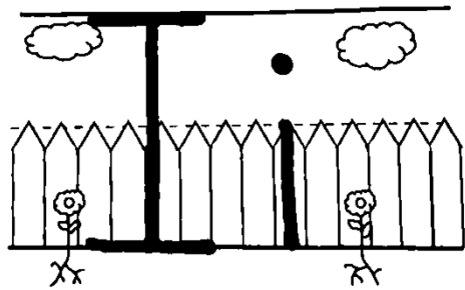
Abraham said, my son, God will provide the lamb. Genesis 22:8

his arm to stab Isaac and kill him for the sacrifice. Just as he was about to hurt Isaac an angel said, “Stop, do not hurt the boy. God can see in your heart just how much you love Him. Do not sacrifice Isaac.”

Abraham was relieved. He did not want to hurt Isaac, but he wanted to obey God. God was testing Abraham to see just how much Abraham loved Him and Abraham passed the test. Then Abraham looked around and saw a ram stuck in the bushes. He took the ram and offered the ram as a sacrifice instead of Isaac. God provided the ram just as Abraham told Isaac He would do. Abraham had faith that God would take care of the situation. All he had to do was obey. Then Abraham and Isaac walked back down the mountain.

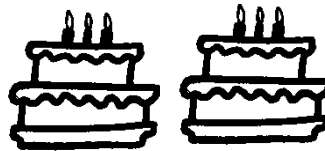
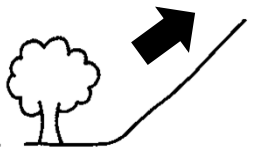
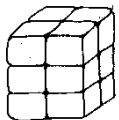
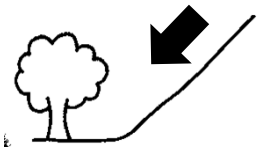
Genesis 22:1-19

- tied up his son, and placed him on the altar. As he drew back his knife to slay his son, an angel called out to him to stop.
- Abraham had proven his love for God in his willingness to sacrifice his only son.
- Abraham looked up to find a ram stuck in the bushes. He took the ram and used it for his sacrifice.
- Abraham and Isaac returned back down the mountain to meet up with the other men.

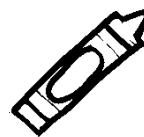
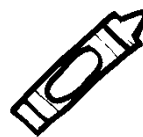


You have just heard the story of Abraham and Isaac. Below are a few scenes from the story but they are all out of order. Look at the pictures and draw a line putting them in the right order on the other side.

Abraham had one son. God sent one angel. There was one ram in the bushes. Trace the number one below. Then circle the items in groups of just one.



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Extra Activities

- Make ram paper bag puppets. Allow the kids to add googly eyes and a nose onto the bottom of a paper bag. Then have the color a small paper plate gray. Cut the plate in a spiral and then while holding the outside end, twist until the layers are over lapping. Tape or glue the tightened spiral and use at horns for the puppet.
- Using Lincoln logs, have children build an altar replica complete with logs for the fire.

In My World

God asked Abraham to do something very difficult. Abraham loved Isaac but he loved God more. He obeyed God even though it was very hard for him to do what God was asking him to do. Sometimes God calls us to do hard things. Sometimes what we need to do and what we want to do are very different things. In those times, we must do what is right in God's eyes. Whenever we are doing what God wants us to do, we can have faith that He has the situation under control, and everything will work out according to His perfect plan.

Faith

-knowing in your heart
that God has the situation
under control

Abraham was preparing to build a fire for his sacrifice. In the space below, draw a fire.

Question and Answer

1. Who were Isaac's parents?
2. How old were Isaac's parents when he was born?
3. What was the hard thing that God asked Abraham to do?
4. When did Abraham and Isaac start walking by themselves?
5. What did Abraham tell Isaac when Isaac wondered about the animal for the sacrifice?
6. What did Abraham build at the top of the of the mountain?
7. Who stopped Abraham from hurting Isaac?
8. What could God see in Abraham's heart?
9. What did Abraham find in the bushes that he sacrificed instead of Isaac?
10. How do you think Abraham felt at the end of the story?

Abraham and Sarah, 100 and 90, sacrifice Isaac, at the bottom of the mountain, God would provide the sacrifice, an altar, an angel, love, ram, relieved

- I loved God.
- I obeyed God.
- I climbed the mountain, built and altar and tied up Isaac.
- An angel stopped me from hurting Isaac.
- I found a ram in the bushes.
- I had faith that God had everything under control.

Who am I?

Abraham said, my son, God will
provide the lamb. Genesis 22:8

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lamb. Genesis 22:8



Joseph's Colorful Coat

There once was a man named Jacob who lived in a place called Cannan. Jacob had lots of kids. He had twelve sons and one daughter. Of all his children, Jacob loved his son Joseph the most. Joseph was kid #11 but he was the first one born when Jacob was old, so he was very special to Jacob. When Joseph was 17 years old, his father gave him a very special gift. He gave him a colorful robe. This special gift made Joseph's older brothers very jealous. They didn't get special gifts from their father like Joseph did. Joseph's colorful coat made them very angry.

Soon after Joseph received his colorful coat, he started to have some strange dreams and he told his brothers about them. The first dream was about wheat. In the dream, Joseph and all his brother had cut a bundle of wheat. Joseph's bundle stood tall, but his brothers' bundles bowed down to his bundle. This made his brother mad because they thought it meant they would one day have to bow down to Joseph as if he were a king. The second dream was about the stars. There was a sun, a moon, and eleven stars and they all bowed down to Joseph. This also made his brothers mad because they thought they, along with their parents, would one day have to bow down to Joseph. They hated to think that he might rule over them.

One day, soon after Joseph's dreams, Jacob sent Joseph out in the fields to find his brothers. They were still very angry with him, so when they saw him coming, they said, "Look, here comes the dreamer, let's kill him." Rueben, Joseph's oldest brother said, "No, let's don't kill him. Let's just throw him in a pit and leave him." That's just what they did, but first,

Genesis 37

- Jacob had twelve sons (and one daughter) between his two wives.
- Joseph was the first son born to him from Rachel, the wife he loved who they thought to be barren. Jacob was old when Joseph was born.
- Jacob showed favoritism to Joseph by giving him a colorful robe.
- Joseph's 10 older brothers hated him and were terribly jealous of how he was loved by their father.
- Joseph had dreams and told them to his brothers and family. They each indicated that Joseph would one day rule over them. This made his brothers hate him even more.
- One day Jacob sent Joseph out into the fields to find his brothers. When they saw him coming, they decided to kill him.

Memory Verse

And they took him and cast him into a pit. Genesis 37:24

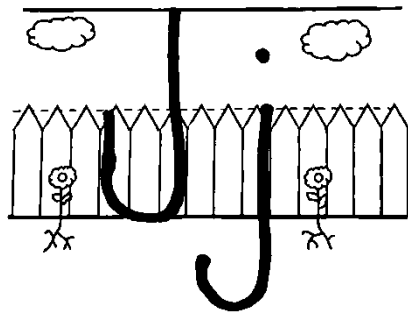
they stole his coat.

After they had thrown Joseph into the pit they stopped to eat. As they were eating, some merchants came by on their camels. They were taking stuff to sell to the people in Egypt. Joseph's brother Judah had a sneaky idea. He said, "Instead of leaving Joseph in the pit, let's try to sell him to the merchant so he can be slave. They will make him do all kinds of hard work." They pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the merchants for 20 pieces of silver.

The merchants took Joseph away and all that was left of him was his beautiful coat. His brothers ripped up his coat. Then they killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat in the goat's blood. They took the ripped up, blood-stained coat back to their father and acted like they had just found it on the ground. When Jacob saw the coat, he thought for sure Joseph had been attacked by a wild animal and died. Jacob was very sad for a very long time not knowing Joseph was still alive in a faraway country working as a slave.

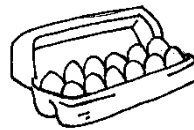
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- Rueben, the oldest, spoke up and suggested they didn't kill him but just throw him into a pit and leave him. The brothers agreed.
- They stole his coat, threw him in a pit, and then sat and ate. Merchants passed by them and Judah, another brother, suggested they sell Joseph as a slave instead of leaving him to die. The brothers agreed.
- Joseph was sold for 20 pieces of silver.
- The brothers ripped up Joseph's coat. Then they killed a goat and dipped the coat in the goat's blood. They took the tattered, bloodstained coat to the father as if they had just found.
- Jacob mourned the death of his favorite son who he believed to have been attacked by a beastly animal.

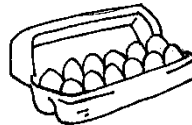


Joseph's coat was very colorful just as the world is very colorful. Look at the crayons below. Have a grown up read you the name of the color on each crayon and color it that color. Then match the crayon on the left to the object of the same color that God created on the right.

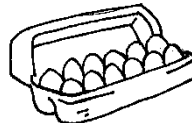
Jacob had 12 sons. When there are twelve of something you say there are a dozen. A dozen is how you usually buy eggs, donuts and other things. A dozen is an easy amount to share with friends or, in Joseph's case, brothers. Look at the egg cartons below. Each carton has 12 eggs or a dozen. Try to figure out how each group of brothers could share that dozen so everyone gets the same number of eggs.



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Extra Activities

-Make a coat of many colors. Using large brown paper bags, cut large holes in the bottom and on both sides so a small child can wear the bag as a coat. You might want to cut straight down the front so it opens like a jacket. Then allow children to color, paint, or glue construction paper squares to their jacket to make it colorful.

-Using the coloring page for the day, allow children to glue strip of tissue paper to Joseph's coat to make it colorful.

In My World

Joseph's brothers were very jealous of him because he had something they wanted. They wanted to be loved by their father as much as Joseph was loved. Sometimes people have things that we want. Sometimes it's not fair that they get to have it and we don't and that makes us anger on the inside. Everybody gets jealous sometimes. When those jealous feelings start to creep into our hearts we have a decision to make. We can either let those feelings lead us to do bad things like Joseph's brothers did, or we can give those feelings to God and ask him to help us get rid of them. Instead of thinking about the things we can't have, we need to think about and thank God for the things He has given us.

Jealous

-to have angry feelings
towards someone because
they have something you
want.

Joseph's coat was a special gift from his father. It had all the colors of the rainbow. In the space below, draw a rainbow.

Question and Answer

1. How many children did Jacob have?
2. Who was his favorite?
3. What special gift did Jacob give his favorite son?
4. How did Joseph's coat and his dreams make his brothers feel?
5. When Joseph went to find his brothers in the field, what did they want to do to him?
6. Who had the idea to throw him in a pit?
7. Why did they pull Joseph back out of the pit?
8. How many pieces of silver did they get when they sold Joseph?
9. What did the brothers keep that was Joseph's?
10. What did they do to Joseph's colorful coat?
11. What did Jacob think happened to Joseph?

12. Joseph, colorful robe, jealous and angry, planned to kill him, Rueben, to sell him as a slave to the merchants, 20, his coat, ripped it and dipped it in goat's blood. Attacked by a wild animal.

- Jacob was my father.
- I was jealous of Joseph and his colorful coat.
- I did not like to hear about Joseph's dreams.
- I threw Joseph into a pit.
- I let my father think he was dead.
- The pit was my idea.

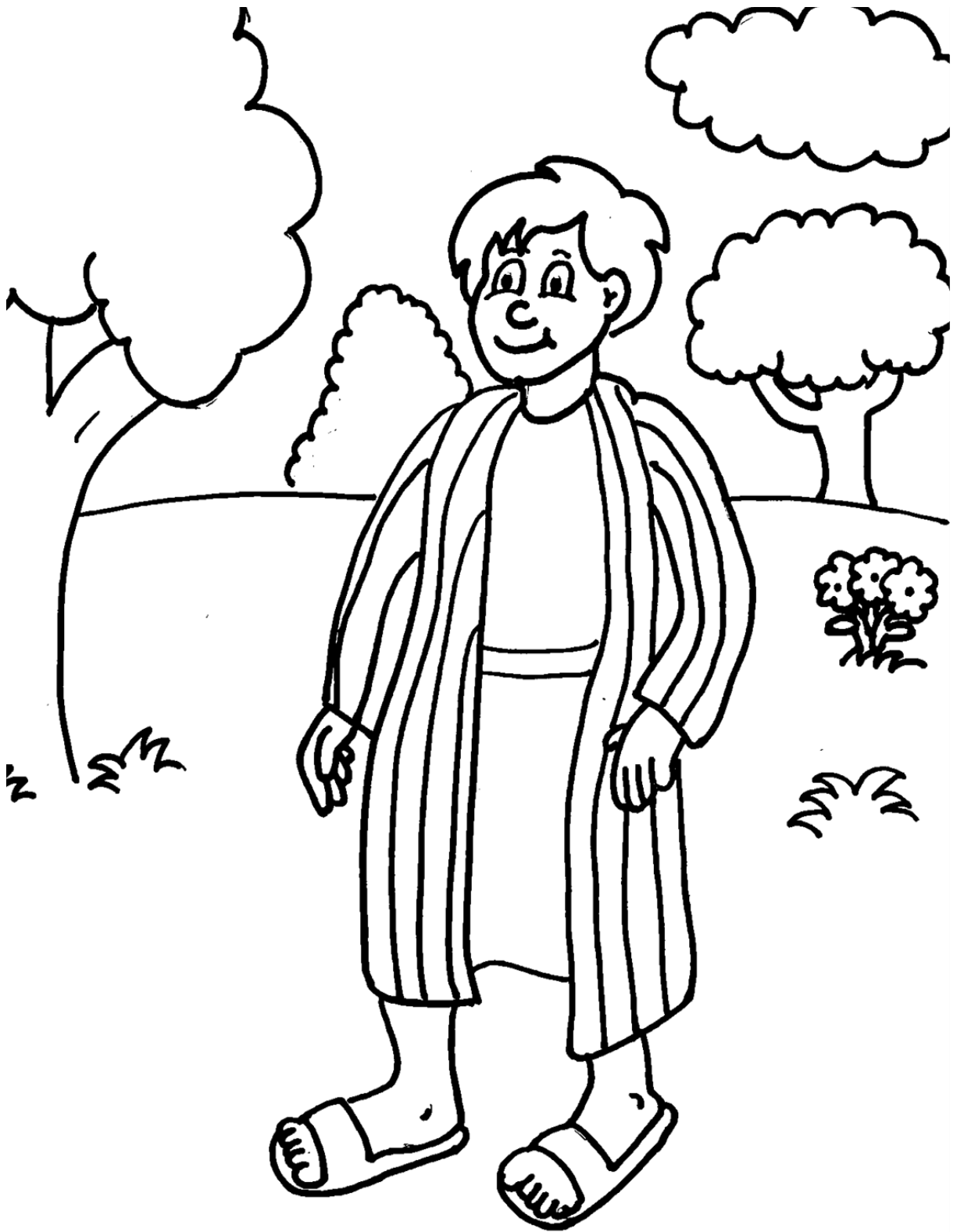
Who am I?

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Genesis 37:24



The Kid King

In the bible there were lots of kings and queens. Sometimes there would be good kings who loved God and sometimes there would be bad kings who would not even try to do things God's way. After lots of years of very bad kings, there was finally a good king in the land of Judah. His name was Josiah. Like most kings, Josiah was once the prince and when his father died, he became the king. Josiah's father died when Josiah was only 8 years old so that's when he became the king. Because he was just a kid, he had people who helped him make important decisions. Even though Josiah was just a kid, he knew his father had been a bad king. He could see that his father and his grandfather were not doing things God's way and he wanted to change that.

One day Josiah called for Hilkiah to do a very special job. Hilkiah was the high priest in Judah while Josiah was king. Josiah wanted Hilkiah to fix up the temple. After many years of bad kings, the temple hadn't been being taken care of like it should have been and it needed to be fixed up a little. Josiah had Hilkiah use the money in the temple and pay people to do the job. He wanted him to find people who were good at building and stonework and pay them to fix the temple so the job would be done the right way.

One day while they were working in the temple, Hilkiah found a scroll hidden in the wall. Hilkiah gave the rolled-up paper to Shaphan who worked for the king and Shaphan took it to King Josiah. Josiah unrolled the scroll and started to read what was written. It was a part of the bible that had been missing for a very long time. It was a list of

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- Josiah was 8 years old when he began to rule Judah.
- He ruled for 31 years.
- Josiah's father and grandfather were very bad kings who had turned their back from God and for that Josiah had a huge mess to clean up to get his kingdom back in right standing with God.
- Hilkiah was the high priest.
- When Josiah was 26 years old, he instructed Hilkiah to pay skilled workers to fix up the temple.
- While working in the temple, Hilkiah found a scroll hidden in the wall. He gave the scroll to Shaphan who then gave it to King Josiah.
- The scroll contained lost books of the bible. (the Law). This was most likely the book of Deuteronomy.
- Josiah realized there were parts of the law that he did not know about. He and

Memory Verse

Whatsoever ye do, do all for the
glory of God
. 1 Corinthians 10:31

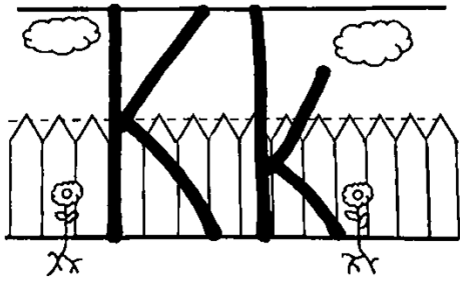
rules that God wanted His people to follow. When Josiah read the rules, he became very sad because he didn't know about these rules. He had been trying so hard to get his people to follow God's rules, but they weren't following the rules he didn't know about. His people had been breaking lots of the new rules. Josiah was so sad that he cried out and ripped his clothes. He went to Hilkiah and told him to gather all the priest and pray to God that He would not punish them for breaking all these extra rules. Hilkiah and the other priest went and prayed and when he came back, he had good news and bad news. The bad news was, God was going to punish the people for their wicked living. The good news was, God could see Josiah's heart and how sad he was when we found out they had been doing wrong, and for that, God would not punish the people as long as Josiah was the king.

Josiah immediately went and gathered all the people in his kingdom and had someone read the lost scroll with all the rules to the people. Then he made a promise to God that he and his people would follow the rules from then on and that's what they did as long as Josiah was the king.

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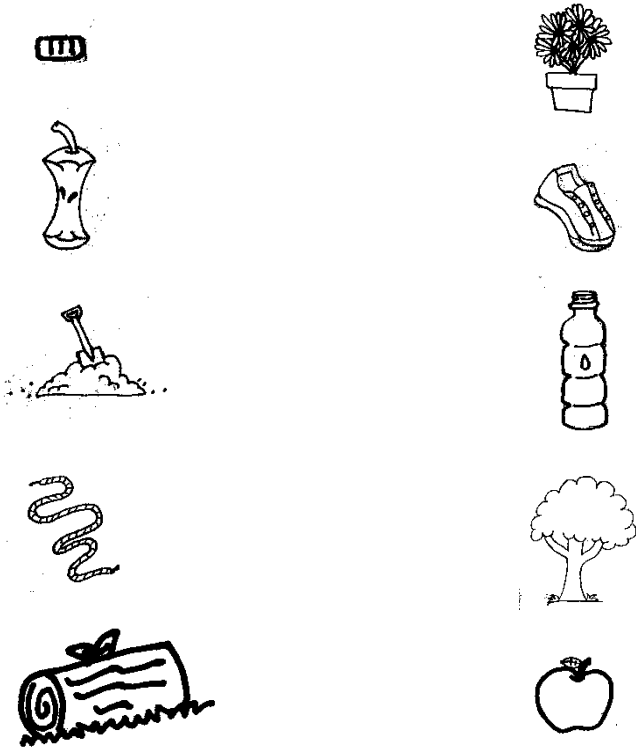
his people were not abiding by those laws.

- Josiah was so upset he ripped his clothes. The asked the priest to pray to God on his behalf that He would not punish the people for breaking the laws.
- The priest returned with the new that God's wrath would be on the people but because he had seen Josiah's heart, the would be safe until after Josiah's reign as king.
- Josiah had the lost scroll read aloud to the people and he made a covenant before God that he and his people, would follow the new laws.
- Josiah removed all idols and altars to false gods.



Josiah was given a missing part of the bible. Look at the pictures below. On the left are the missing parts. Draw a line from the part to the item that it might have come from.

Josiah was a good king who loved God. He was breaking the pattern that had been set by the bad kings before him. Look at the picture below. Try to figure out the pattern on each line. Draw a picture in the box of what item should come next.









Extra Activities

-Make a scroll. Take a piece of construction paper. Write the memory verse in the middle of the paper. Tape a straw to each side. Then roll the edges in toward the middle creating a scroll.

-Make a construction paper crown. Trace the crown design onto the construction paper. Allow the children to cut out the design of the crown. Tape the ends together (you may need more than one piece of construction paper. Decorate.

In My World

Josiah tried to always do the right thing and to glorify God in all things. When he found out that he was breaking rules he didn't even know about, it upset him so much that he fell before God and ripped his clothes in sadness. Sometimes we mess up and we do things that we shouldn't do and sometimes we don't even know that those things are wrong. Anytime we find out that we have done something against God, we should go to Him and ask His forgiveness. Even if it was an accident, we still need to seek forgiveness for our sins.

Scroll

-paper that is rolled on one or both ends. Usually important papers.

Josiah was the king when he was just 8 years old. He probably didn't get to do the things that a regular 8-year-old might like to do. Draw a picture of something that Josiah might have missed out of getting to do.

Question and Answer

1. How old was Josiah when he became the king?
2. What made Josiah a good king?
3. Were Josiah's father and grandfather good kings?
4. When Josiah called for Hilkiah, what did he want him to do?
5. Why did Josiah say to pay the workers?
6. When they were working in the temple, what did Hilkiah find hidden in the walls?
7. What was on the scroll?
8. When Josiah read the scroll, how did it make him feel and what did he do?
9. Why didn't God punish the people right away for breaking the laws?
10. What did Josiah do at the end of the story?

8 years old, he tried to do things God's way, no, fix up the temple, so they would do a good job, scroll, missing part of the bible/rules, sad/ripped his clothes, because he saw Josiah's heart, read the rules to the people and promised God that he and his people would follow the rules from then on.

- I loved God.
- My father was a bad king.
- I told Hilkiah to fix up the temple.
- I made a promise to God to follow his rules.
- I was very upset to find out my people had been breaking God's laws.
- I became the king when I was 8 years old.

Who am I?

Whatsoever ye do, do all for the glory of
God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

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Lazarus Lives Again

One day when Jesus and his disciples were telling people about God's love, Jesus received a message that his friend Lazarus was very sick. Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha. He even stayed at their house in Bethany when he visited Jerusalem in Judea. Mary and Martha knew Jesus could heal their brother because they believed he was the Son of God, but when Jesus got the message, he didn't stop what he was doing to go be with them. Jesus told his disciples that Lazarus wasn't going to die but because of his sickness, people would see how wonderful God is. Then Jesus stayed right where he was, doing what he was doing before he got the message.

Two days later, Jesus told his disciples he was going to go to Judea. His disciples didn't really like this plan because some people in Judea didn't like Jesus at all. In fact, some people in Judea wanted to kill Jesus. His disciples didn't understand why Jesus would even think about going back because it was so dangerous. Jesus told his disciples that their friend Lazarus was dead, and he had to go to him. Jesus wasn't afraid. He knew God's whole plan and he trusted it so he didn't have to worry about anything else. The disciples didn't know God's whole plan, but they went with Jesus even though they thought it might mean they would die. They loved Jesus too much let him go alone.

When Jesus arrived near Bethany, Martha ran to meet him. She was so happy to see Jesus, but she was still very sad about her brother.

Martha said, "If you had been here, my

John 11:1-44

- Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha, lived in a town called Bethany that was just outside of Jerusalem. Jesus dearly loved their family and often stayed with them.
- Jesus was not near Bethany when he received the message that Lazarus was sick.
- Jesus responded to the message telling his disciples that Lazarus wasn't going to die but that God would be glorified through his sickness and then stayed right where he was for 2 days before traveling back to Judea regarding Lazarus.
- The disciples tried to discourage Jesus from going to Judea because he was hated there.
- The disciples joined him even though they thought they were going to be killed in the process.
- Martha ran to meet Jesus and Mary stayed at the house where she was being consoled by people from Jerusalem.

Memory Verse

He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth. John 11:43

brother wouldn't have died."

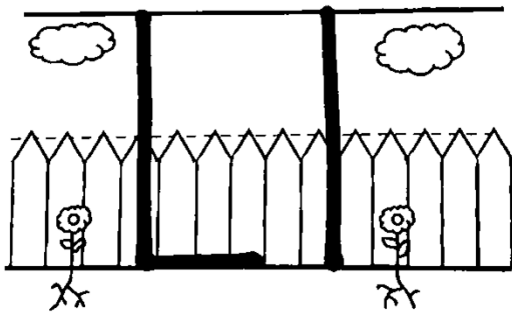
Jesus said, "Your brother will live again."

Then Martha went back to the house to get her sister Mary. There were lots of people in their house with Mary. They were there to help hug her and take care of her while she was sad about Lazarus. When Martha told Mary that Jesus was calling for her, she jumped up and ran to him. All the people in the house followed her. They didn't know she was running to Jesus. They thought she was running to the grave, and she would need them there. When Mary reached Jesus, she fell at his feet to worship him and she said, "If you had been here by brother wouldn't have died."

Then Jesus told Mary and Martha to take him to the place where Lazarus was buried. Lazarus had been put in a tomb that was like a cave with a big rock in front of the opening. Jesus told them to move the big rock. Martha said, "But Lord, Lazarus has been dead for 4 days, by now he will stink." Martha didn't want them to roll away the stone, but Jesus told them to do it. When the stone was moved, Jesus said in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." Lazarus who had been dead for 4 days, walked right out of the tomb. He was still wrapped in grave clothes, but he was alive. Jesus raised him from the dead and many of the people who were there that day believed that Jesus was the Son of God. God used Lazarus to bring many people to know Him.

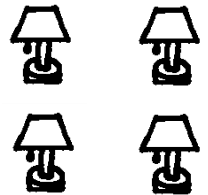
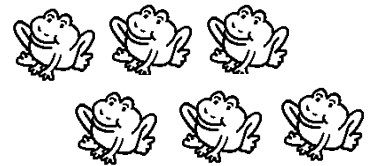
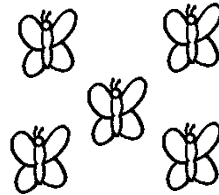
John 11:1-44

- When Mary heard that Jesus was calling for her, she jumped up and ran out of the house and all the people followed her thinking she was running to the tomb and would need to be consoled there.
- Both sisters said to Jesus that had he been there Lazarus wouldn't have died even though they spoke to him at different times.
- Jesus wept over this situation.
- When Jesus called for the stone to be rolled away, Martha tried to stop him because Lazarus had been dead 4 days and he would stink.
- The stone was rolled away, Jesus called Lazarus and Lazarus walked out of the tomb wrapped in his grave clothes.
- Many believed that day.

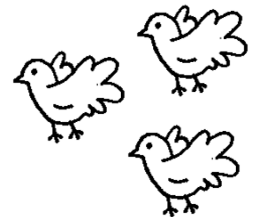


Jesus arrived AFTER Lazarus was dead. Mary and Martha thought Jesus had to come BEFORE Lazarus died to be able to help him. Below are pictures of before and after. Look at the pictures and match the before pictures on the left to the after pictures on the right.

Lazarus had been dead for 4 days before Jesus arrived. Trace the number 4 below. Then circle the items that are in groups of four.



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Extra Activities

-Grave Clothes Race. Divide the children into teams and have each team choose a Lazarus. They will race against other teams to wrap their Lazarus in toilet paper.

-Mary, Martha, and Jesus were all sad at the beginning of the story and then rejoicing at the end. Using small paper plates, make emotions signs. Draw a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other. Give the children different scenarios and allow them to pick their emotion. Discuss.

In My World

Mary and Martha wanted Jesus to take care of the situation before Lazarus died. Then they were upset when he showed up late. Sometimes in our lives we want God to change things right now and He doesn't. Sometimes God makes us wait. That doesn't mean God doesn't love us. That doesn't mean God can't take care of the situation. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, everyone learned that nothing was impossible for God. Sometimes God makes us wait because he wants to teach us a bigger lesson in the waiting.

Disciples

-people who followed Jesus
and help to tell others about
him.

Mary and Martha were sad when Lazarus died but they were happy when he was raised from the dead. In the space below draw a sad face and a happy face.

Question and Answer

1. What message did Jesus get about Lazarus?
2. Why didn't Jesus' disciples want to go back to Judea?
3. How long did Jesus wait before he headed to Judea?
4. What did Jesus know about Lazarus before he left for Judea?
5. What were Lazarus's sisters' names?
6. Who was the first sister to run out to meet Jesus?
7. Why were people in the house with Mary?
8. What did Mary and Martha both say to Jesus?
9. What did Jesus tell the people to do after they took him to the tomb?
10. Why didn't Martha want then to roll the stone away?
11. What did Jesus say in a loud voice?
12. What happened to Lazarus after Jesus called to him?

That Lazarus was sick, the people in Judea wanted to kill Jesus, 2 days, that he was dead, Mary and Martha, to hug and take care of her while she was sick, "if you were here, he wouldn't have died", move the stone, Lazarus had been dead for 4 days and he would stink, "Lazarus, come forth", he lived again.

- I lived in Bethany
- Jesus would stay at my house when he was nearby.
- I said, "If you were here, he wouldn't have died."
- Lazarus was my brother
- People followed me out of the house because they thought I was going to the grave.

Who am I?

He cried with a loud voice,
Lazarus, come forth. John 11:43

He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

John 11:43



Matthew Meets Jesus

One day Jesus was traveling through a town called Capernaum. As he was walking, he saw a man named Matthew collecting taxes from the people. People usually don't like tax collectors because people usually don't like to pay taxes. They don't like to have to give part of their money to the government even though that money helps to pay for important things. It is against the law to not pay taxes, so everyone does it even though they don't like it. But in that time, they hated it even more than people do today. Back then, the tax collectors would always try to trick people into paying too much money and then keep the extra for themselves. Some tax collectors collected a little extra because that's what they were told to do so they could get paid to do their job, but some tax collectors were greedy and sneaky, and they would collect a lot of extra money to keep for themselves. Some tax collectors were very rich from all the extra money they collected.

When Jesus saw Matthew, he walked up to his table and said, "Follow me." Matthew had heard of Jesus and believed he was the Son of God. Instantly, he did just what Jesus told him to do. He stood up and followed Jesus. Right there in that very minute, Matthew decided to quit being a tax collector and become one of Jesus's disciples, one of his special helpers, and follow him wherever he went. Matthew took Jesus to his house and invited all his tax collector friends over for a meal so he could introduce them to Jesus. Jesus sat and ate with lots of tax collectors that day.

While he was eating with the tax collectors some very important men called Pharisees walked

Matthew 9:9-13

Mark 2:13-17

Luke 5:27-32

- Jesus was passing through a place called Capernaum.
- Matthew was a tax collector who collected taxes from both the citizens and merchants passing through the city/
- Tax collectors were appointed by the Roman government.
- Part of the job was to collect their salaries from the people along with the owed taxes.
- Tax collectors were hated because they often collected too much extra money to keep as their own.
- Matthew was probably very wealthy.
- Jesus walked by and said, "Follow me" and Matthew got up, left his job and followed Jesus without hesitation.

Memory Verse

And he left all, rose up, and followed him. Luke 5:28

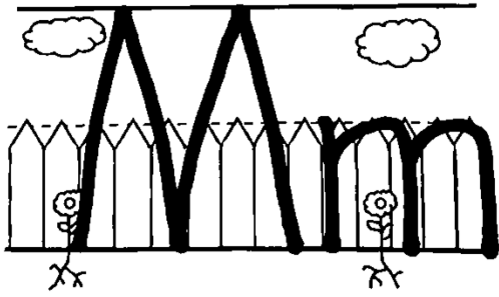
by and saw him. The Pharisees didn't like Jesus. They didn't believe he was good enough to be the Son of God, so they weren't very nice to him. They wanted to make him look bad. They asked Jesus why he was even hanging around such bad people. They thought if Jesus was really the Son of God, he would only want to hang around with nice people who tried to follow the rules. Jesus told the Pharisees that he loved all people. He didn't think of people as good people and bad people, he just thought of all people as people who needed to be loved and told about God's love. Then he said, "people who are not sick don't need to go to the doctor." Just like doctors help people who are sick, he was helping people who didn't know about God. If doctors didn't go around sick people, sick people would not get better just like if he didn't talk to people who didn't know about God, they would never learn about God. He wanted to be sure that everyone could know just how much God loved them and everyone means everyone, even the people who might be a little harder to love.

Matthew 9:9-13

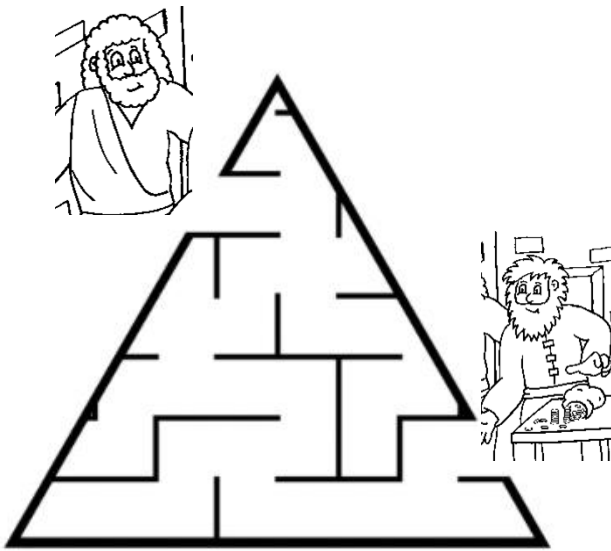
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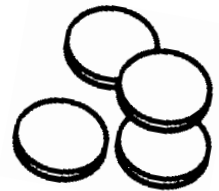
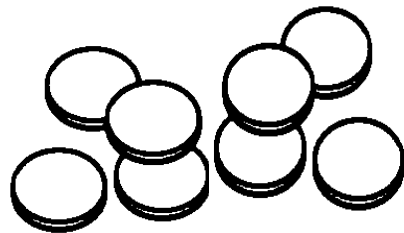
- Matthew then took Jesus to his house where he invited several other tax collectors to come and eat so he could introduce them to Jesus.
- When the Pharisees saw Jesus eating with the tax collectors, they questioned him for hanging around sinners.
- Jesus responded that he loved the sinners, and everyone needs to know of God's love for them.
- Jesus used the analogy that it isn't people who are sick who need physicians. Those who don't know of God's love and how to live a life pleasing to Him are the ones who most need to be showed God's love.



Because Matthew was a tax collector, people did not like him. When Jesus found Matthew, Jesus loved Matthew even though other people didn't. Look at the maze below. Help Jesus find Matthew.



Matthew's job was to collect taxes from the people of Capernaum. People still pay taxes today. The government get a part of all the money your parents make to help pay for things like teachers, policeman, roads and many other things we need. So when you have four dollars, one of those dollars needs go to taxes. Look at the pictures below, color every fourth coin and decide how much from each group would need to go to taxes.



Extra Activities

-Matthew followed Jesus. Play a game of "follow the leader" lead the children to all sorts of crazy movements. Then allow them to take turns being the leader.

-Matthew worked with money until Jesus came along. Put the children in groups and give each a small jar of coins. Have them sort the coins. If time allows, have them give $\frac{1}{4}$ of their coins as taxes.

In My World

When Jesus said "follow me" Matthew immediately got up and followed him. Sometimes in our lives God is calling us to do something. It may be something small like holding the door for someone at a restaurant or helping someone pick up something they dropped. Sometimes God maybe asking us to do something big and a little scary. We need to be like Matthew and stop what we're doing to do what God wants us to do.

Taxes

-part of your money that
you must give the
government

Matthew was a tax collector when he met Jesus. Tax collectors collect money from people. In the space below draw money. Remember to draw some coins and some paper money.

Question and Answer

1. What city was Jesus walking through when he saw Matthew?
2. What was Matthew's job when he first met Jesus?
3. Why didn't people like tax collectors?
4. What tricky thing did tax collectors sometimes do?
5. What did Jesus say to Matthew?
6. How did Matthew respond when to Jesus?
7. Where did Matthew take Jesus?
8. Who else ate with Matthew and Jesus that day?
9. Why did the Pharisees think Jesus shouldn't have been eating with Matthew and the other tax collectors?
10. What did Jesus mean when he said, "people who are not sick don't need to go to the doctor"?

Capernaum, tax collector, people don't like paying taxes. Keep too much money for themselves, "Follow me", stopped what he was doing, stood up and followed Jesus, his house, other tax collectors, they thought if he was the son of God, he should what to be around people who follow the rules, he needed to share God's love with people who didn't already know about God's love.

- I was in Capernaum.
- Some people didn't like me.
- I ate with tax collectors.
- The Pharisees saw me eating.
- I told Matthew to follow me.
- I told the Pharisees that people who are not sick don't need to go to the doctor.

Who am I?

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Luke 5:28



Naaman is Healed

There once was a man named Naaman. Naaman was a captain under the King of Syria. He was a good man who tried to do the right thing, but Naaman had a problem. Naaman had a leprosy. Leprosy was a horrible disease. It caused people to have huge sores all over their bodies and there was no way to get better. When someone had leprosy, they usually died. People were very scared of leprosy and the people who had it because it was very catchy. When someone had leprosy, they had to leave their family and friends and go live in a place with all the other lepers. Naaman knew this might happen to him, but his wife didn't want him to have to move away and neither did the king. They wanted to figure out a way to help Naaman get better, but they didn't know what to do.

Naaman's wife had a young girl who was her maid. This young girl wasn't from Syria, she was from Israel. She had been kidnapped and brought to Syria and now she worked for Naaman and his wife. She heard of Naaman's problem and knew exactly what to do. She knew there was a man in Israel named Elisha who was a prophet of God. She believed God could heal Naaman and God would tell Elisha just how to do it. When the king heard about Elisha, he thought it was a great plan, so he told Naaman to go and find him. The king gave Naaman lots of silver, gold, and fancy clothes to take as presents for Elisha. The king also wrote a letter to the king of Israel asking for his help. He thought the king would read the letter and help Naaman find Elisha. Naaman took all the gifts and the letter and headed to visit the king of Israel.

When Naaman arrived in Israel, he took the letter to the king. The king read it and became very upset, so upset that he ripped his clothes off. The letter said,

2 Kings 5:1-15

- Naaman was captain of host to the King of Syria. He was a very important man. He was also considered to be honorable and a might man of valor.
- Naaman had leprosy.
- Naaman's wife had a young maid who had been taken captive from Israel. The young girl suggested that Naaman go see Elisha and God would use Elisha to heal him from his leprosy.
- The King of Syria sent Naaman with silver, gold, fine clothes, and a letter to the king requesting that Naaman be healed.
- The King of Israel knew he could not heal Naaman and didn't think of sending him to Elisha. He assumed the King of Syria was giving him an impossible task because he wanted to start a fight with Israel. So, the King ripped his clothes after
 - reading the letter.
 - Elisha heard of the king's situation and sent a message

Memory Verse

Go and wash in the Jordan seven times...and thou shalt be clean.

2 Kings 5:10

“Please heal Naaman of his leprosy”. The king didn’t know how to heal Naaman. He didn’t think about Elisha at all, he just thought about what he couldn’t do. He was afraid the King of Syria only ask him to do this impossible thing because he wanted to start a fight with Israel. Elisha heard what had happened and about how upset it made the king, so he sent a message for the king to send Naaman to visit him.

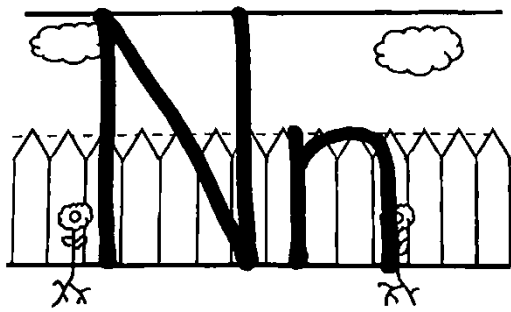
Naaman went right to Elisha’s house excited that he would soon be healed. When he stood outside the door, Elisha didn’t go outside. Instead, he sent his servant outside with a message. The servant told Naaman to go to the Jordan River and dunk his head under the water seven times. This made Naaman angry. Naaman was mad that Elisha didn’t come out and talk to him. He was a very important man, and he wasn’t used to talking to servants. Naaman was also mad that he had to get in the Jordan River. The Jordan River with small and muddy. He would much rather dunk in a nice clean river like the Damascus. Elisha’s servant said, ‘this is an easy thing to do. If Elisha would have told you to do something very difficult, you would have tried to do it. Why can’t you try to do this easy thing?’

So Naaman went to the yucky, muddy Jordan River. He got into the water and then dunked his head seven times just as the servant had told him to do. When he came out of the water the last time, his sores were healed, and his leprosy was gone. Naaman was so excited he rushed back to Elisha’s house to thank him. He tried to give Elisha the gifts the king had sent but Elisha refused to take them. God healed Naaman, not Elisha. Elisha wasn’t going to accept payment for what God had done. Just before Naaman left to return home, he said, “the God of Israel is the one true God.”

2 Kings 5:1-15

for the king to send Naaman to him.

- When Naaman arrived at Elisha’s house, Elisha sent a servant out with the instructions to dunk in the Jordan 7 times.
- Naaman was appalled that Elisha sent a servant to talk to him and that he was to dunk in the muddy water of the Jordan, but the servant convinced him to do this simple thing.
- Naaman dunked 7 times and was healed. He then declared the God of Israel the one true God.
- Naaman tried to pay Elisha for healing him, but Elisha refused the payment for the work God did.
- As Naaman left, the servant chased him down and requested the payment. Naaman paid him a portion of what was offered to Elisha.
- The servant then lied to Elisha about the payment, and he was then plagued with leprosy.



You have just heard the story of Naaman. Below are a few scenes from the story but they are all out of order. Look at the pictures and draw a line putting them in the right order on the other side.

Naaman was supposed to dunk in the Jordan River 7 times. Look at the pictures below and try to figure out how many more times Naaman needs to dunk. Use the pictures on the bottom row to help you count down the dunks.



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= 7



= 7



= 7



Extra Activities

-Healing Naaman. Using a plastic baby doll and a red dry erase marker, draw sores all over the plastic skin of the doll. Then wrap the baby's sores in toilet paper or some kind of gauze. Have the children count as you dip the baby seven times into an empty tub decorated as the Jordan River. With each dip, secretly rub the sores, thus erasing the sores. After 7 dips, unwrap Naaman to reveal clean skin.

In My World

Naaman was upset when Elisha's servant told him to dip in the Jordan River 7 times. Naaman wanted Elisha to heal him in a great big fancy way, but God doesn't always work in great big fancy ways. Sometimes God is going to call us to do something simple and then He will use our obedience to do great things. If Naaman hadn't been willing to get in the dirty water, he would have never been healed. Don't miss out on God's blessings because what He is asking you to do might be a little messy.

Leprosy

- A disease with no cure that caused people to have sores all over their bodies.

Because Naaman was a leper, he had sores all over his body. In the space below, draw a picture of a person with sores on their skin.

Question and Answer

1. Who did Naaman work for?
2. What was Naaman's big problem.
3. Who had the idea that Naaman should go find Elisha?
4. What did the King of Syria send with Naaman when he went to Israel?
5. Why was the king of Israel upset when he read the letter from the king of Syria?
6. Whose house did Naaman go to so that he could be healed?
7. Why did Naaman get angry when he found out what he must do?
8. What did Naaman have to do be healed?
9. Why didn't Elisha let Naaman pay him for helping him?
10. What did Naaman believe after he was healed?

The King of Syria, he had leprosy. Naaman's wife's young maid, silver/gold/clothes/letter to the king of Israel, he thought the king of Syria was trying to start a fight with him by asking him to do something impossible, Elisha, he thought he was too important to be talking to a servant and to have to get into the muddy Jordan River, dunk seven times in the Jordan River, Elisha didn't heal Naaman God did, believed that the God of Israel was the one true God.

- I lived in Israel.
- Naaman came to me to be healed.
- Naaman brought things to me from the King of Syria.
- I did not tell Naaman what to do to be healed.
- I knew God could heal Naaman.
- I did not let Naaman pay me for what God had done.

Who am I?

Go and wash in the Jordan seven times...and thou shalt be clean.

2 Kings 5:10

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Overflowing Oil

There once was a poor widow. She lived alone with her two sons because her husband had died. She had a big problem. She owed someone money and she had no money to pay them. In that time, if you couldn't pay what you owed, the other person could take your children away and then your children would become their slaves. The other person would then own the children. They could make them do all their work for them or they could sell the children and then they would have to do all the work for someone else. It was a very bad situation for the children. The poor widow didn't know what to do to keep this bad thing from happening. So, she went to visit Elisha. Elisha was a prophet of God. God would speak to Elisha. Then Elisha would tell people what God wanted them to know. The widow knew God could help her and that Elisha could tell her exactly what God wanted her to do.

Elisha asked the woman what things she had in her house. She said, "I have nothing except a small pot of oil." Elisha told her to go to all the people she knew and borrow pots and jars and bring them back to her house. Then she needed to shut the door with only her and her sons inside. Once the doors were closed, she needed to pour the oil from her little pot into the pots she borrowed from her neighbors. The woman did exactly what Elisha told her to do. Her sons brought all the pots they could borrow into the house, and she shut the door. Then she started to pour the oil from her small pot into one of the borrowed pots. She filled it all the way to the top and then called for her sons to bring her another pot. She filled

2 Kings 4:1-7

- Elisha was a prophet of God, and God worked 4 miracles through Elisha.
- A widow came to Elisha in desperate need. She owed a debt she could not pay.
- The person to whom she owed was about to take away her sons as payment for her debt. They would then become his slaves or his property to sell to become slaves to someone else.
- Elisha didn't pay the debt for her but advised her to give of what she had.
- All the woman had was a small jar of oil.
- Elisha told her to borrow all the jars, pot, vessels she could from neighbors.
- Elisha told her to go into her house with her sons, close the door, and then pour her oil into the empty vessels.
- Her small jar of oil was able to fill all the vessels she

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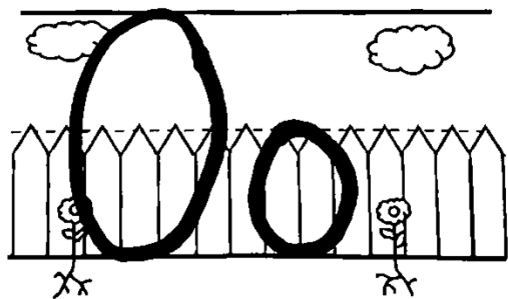
Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt
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it to the top and then called for another pot. Again and again, she filled the pots from her little jar of oil, each time calling for a new pot when she reached the top until her sons said, “we have no more pots.” When she stopped pouring, she looked at her little pot. It was still full!

She returned to Elisha to tell him about how her little pot filled all the vessels with oil. Elisha then told her to go and sell all the oil and to use that money to pay the person who was going to take away her sons. Not only was there going to be enough money to save her sons, but there would also be extra so she could continue taking care of herself and her family.

2 Kings 4:1-7

- collected and still remain full.
- She returned to Elisha and he told her to sell the oil to pay the debt and for her and her to live on the rest.
- Her faith in gathering vessels was matched exactly by the amount of oil God



The lady in our story filled the jars until they were full. Look at the pictures below. If you add the jars to the right to the jar to the left, will the jar on the left be full. Put a ✓ if the jar is full. Put an ✕ if the jar is not full or if it is overflowing.

Elisha told the lady to go borrow jars from her neighbors. Look at the pictures below. Try to figure out how many jars the lady has after visiting each house.


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$$1 + \text{jar} + \text{jar} = \square$$


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$$3 + \text{jar} = \square$$


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$$4 + \text{jar} + \text{jar} = \square$$

$$6 + \text{jar} + \text{jar} + \text{jar} = \square$$

Extra Activities

-Filling Jars. Explain to the children that we can never give more than we have, only God can do that. Using a pitcher of water and several different size mason jars or measuring cups, have the children guess how many times a pitcher of water will fill random units of measurement.

In My World

The oil in the lady's jar was exactly enough to fill up the number of jars she borrowed. Had she collected less jar she would have had less oil. Had she collected more jars she would have had more oil. God provided exactly the amount of oil to match her faith. Sometimes before God will do big things, we have to have big faith that He can do them. That doesn't mean God will always choose to do big things, but we should never put a limit on what He will do by our little faith.

Widow

A woman whose husband
has died

The lady in our story borrowed many jars from her neighbors and friends. The jars were probably all different shapes and sizes. In the space below draw 3 different kinds of jars.

Question and Answer

1. What does it mean to be a widow?
2. How many sons did the widow have?
3. Why did the woman need money?
4. Why did the woman go see Elisha?
5. What was the only thing the woman had?
6. What did Elisha tell the woman to borrow from her neighbors?
7. What did Elisha tell the woman to do with all the pots?
8. What happened when she poured her little bit of oil into the pot?
9. How many vessels did she fill with oil?
10. What did Elisha tell her to do with all the oil?
11. Who turned her little bit of oil into enough oil to save her son?

A woman whose husband has died, two, she owed money to someone who was about to take her sons to be slaves, she knew God could help her and Elisha could tell her what God wanted her to do, a small pot of oil, pots/jars/vessels, go into her house, shut the door and pour her oil into the borrowed pots, her little oil filled the pots, all the pots, sell the oil and use the money to save her sons and live on the rest, God

- I loved God.
- I wanted to help the woman save her children.
- I was a prophet.
- I told the woman to borrow the pots from everyone she knew.
- I told the woman to pour her oil in the pots.
- I told the woman to sell the oil and use the money to save her sons.

Who am I?

Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt
2 Kings 4:7

Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt.

2 Kings 4:7



Paul Prays in Prison

There was once a man named Paul who traveled the world telling people about Jesus. One day, Paul and his friend Silas were in a place called Phillipi. While they were there, a young girl came up to Paul. This young girl had an evil spirit that allowed her to tell the future and the people she worked for were very mean to her. They would have her tell the future and they would try to make money from the things she said. When Paul met this girl, he cured her of her evil spirit. This made the bad men very angry with Paul. They could no longer make money for knowing the future. The men threw a fit and told everyone that Paul and Silas were troublemakers who were breaking the law. Paul and Silas were captured and beaten. Then they were thrown in jail and not just regular jail. They were thrown into the inner dungeon part of the jail and the guard was told to watch them carefully and not let them escape. The jailer took Paul and Silas's feet and put them into boards called "stocks". These boards had holes just big enough for a man's foot to fit through and if their foot was in the hole they couldn't move.

That night as Paul and Silas were locked in the inner jail, they prayed and sang songs praising God. All the other prisoners could hear Paul and Silas singing and worshiping God. Then, at midnight, there was a great earthquake that shook the entire jail. It shook so hard that all the doors of the jail opened, and all the stocks were loosened. The prisoners were no longer trapped, they could escape. When the jailer woke up from his sleep, he saw the

Act 16:16-34

- Paul and Silas were traveling through Phillipi.
- Paul had upset many people when he healed a young girl who was possessed by evil spirits. Her masters were profiting from her ability to see the future so when Paul called out the demons and she lost that ability, her masters wanted Paul and Silas punished.
- The girl's masters accused Paul and Silas of using Jewish customs and practices into the Roman city which was against the law.
- Paul and Silas were stripped, beaten, and thrown into the inner dungeon of the prison.
- The jailer on duty had their feet put in stocks because it was his sole responsibility to see that they didn't escape.
- Through the night Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God and all the other prisoners heard them praising God even in their difficult situation.

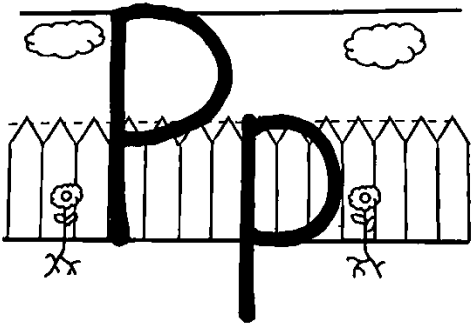
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Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31

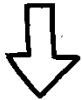
doors of the jail were opened. He knew he would be in big trouble for letting the prisoners escaped. He might even be killed for not doing his job. So he took his out his sword and he was going to kill himself before anyone else could see what had happened. Just then Paul yelled, "Don't hurt yourself, we are all still here." The prisoners didn't run away even though they could have. The jailer ran in to Paul and Silas. He knew God had done a big thing and he wanted to know more about God and His love. Then the jailer took Paul and Silas to his house. He cleaned up their sores and fed them. Then because he believed what Paul and Silas had told him about Jesus and God's love, he was baptized.

Act 16:16-34

- At midnight, there was a great earthquake that shook the foundation of the prison, opened all the doors, and loosened the stocks on everyone's hands and feet.
- When the jailer woke up to see the doors were open, he drew his sword to take his own life to save himself from being punished for letting the prisoners get away.
- Paul yelled out "Do thyself no harm for we are all here".
- The jailer then knew Paul and Silas were messengers of God and he wanted to be saved.
- The jailer then took Paul and Silas to his house, cleaned their wounds, fed them, and he was baptized.
- The next day a message was received to let Paul and Silas go free.
- Paul and Silas knew their rights as Roman citizens had been violated when they were publicly beaten. They didn't not accept the private freedom they had been granted. They wanted to be publicly freed so that all who saw them mistreated would also see their innocence. They used this moment so others wouldn't fear spreading the gospel.



The jailer thought Paul and Silas had escaped because that's what most people in prison would have tried to do. They didn't escape, they stayed. They did the opposite of what the jailer thought they would do. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line matching the picture on the left to its opposite on the right.



The earthquake that shook open the doors of the prison happened at midnight. Midnight is 12:00. Every day the clock with say 12:00 two different times. One time is called "noon" and it happens around lunch time. Midnight is the other 12:00. It is the exact time that it becomes a new day, but it happens in the middle of the night. Look at the pictures below. All the pictures are happening at exactly 12:00. Draw a line to the sun if it is the noon 12:00. Draw a line to the moon if it is the midnight 12:00.

Extra Activities

-Three-legged race. - Paul and Silas were bound by the stocks on their feet. Give the kids a sample of what it might be like buy binding one of their legs to someone else. Don't expect them to walk a long distance and be sure the area is clear of danger before allowing them to move freely.

In My World

Something very bad happened to Paul and Silas. They were beaten and thrown into prison for helping someone. Even when things looked like they couldn't get any worse, Paul and Silas still praised God. They still told others about Jesus. Sometimes in our life, bad things will happen to us even though we don't feel like we deserve it. Even in dark scary moments we can still find a reason to praise God and share His love. God wants us to tell others about Him even those people who have been mean to us. Don't let bad days keep you from sharing God's love with others.

Stocks

Boards with circle holes used to hold a prisoner still by their feet.

The jailer put Paul's feet in stocks. Draw a picture of the stocks with Paul's feet sticking out.

Question and Answer

1. Why were people mad that Paul and Silas helped the girl?
2. What happened to Paul and Silas when the men threw a fit and called them troublemakers?
3. What part of the prison did they put Paul and Silas?
4. What did they put on Paul and Silas feet?
5. What did Paul and Silas do while they were in prison?
6. What happened at midnight?
7. What happened in the jail because of the earthquake?
8. Why did the jailer want to hurt himself?
9. Where did the jailer take Paul and Silas?
10. What happened at the jailer's house?
11. What message did the jailer get the next morning?

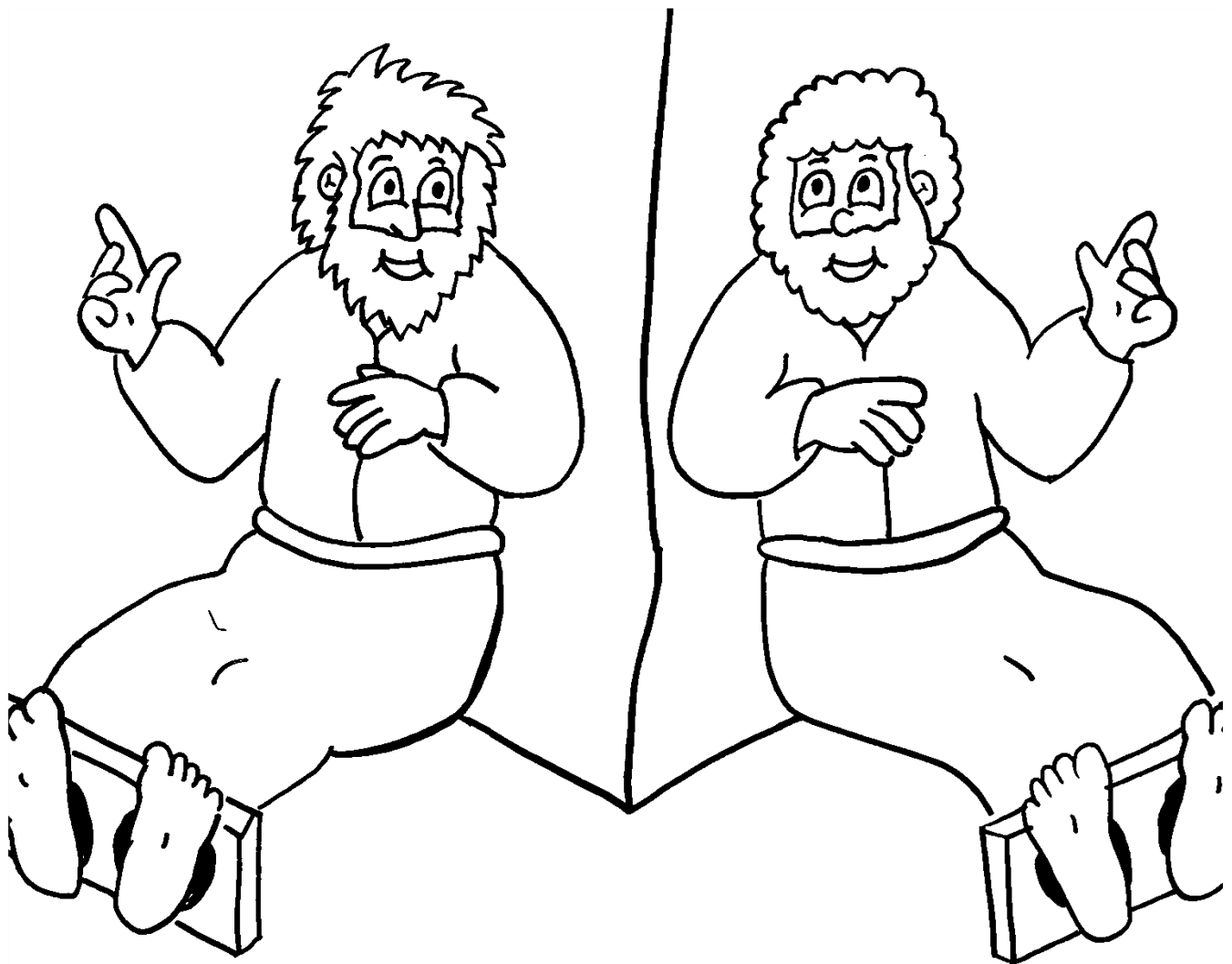
They couldn't make money on her fortune telling anymore, they were captured, beaten, and thrown in jail. the inner jail, stocks, prayed, sang, and worshipped God, a great earthquake, the doors opened and the stocks loosened, he was afraid the prisoners would have escaped and he would be in trouble, his house, he cleaned their wounds, fed them, and then he was baptized, to free Paul and Silas.

- I was traveling through Phillipi telling people about Jesus.
- I was beaten and thrown into prison.
- I sang songs and praised God in prison.
- The earthquake shook the stocks off my feet.
- I went to the jailers house.
- I am not Paul.

Who am I?

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The Quiet Queen

There once was a woman named Esther. Esther's parents died when she was very young, so she was raised by her uncle, Mordecai. Esther and Mordecai were Jews who loved God and tried to follow His rules, but they lived in a place where not many people were Jewish. Not even the king followed God's rules. At this time, the king was looking for a queen. He called for all the beautiful women in his kingdom to be brought to his palace. Esther was very beautiful, so she was picked to go before the king. Before she left to go to the palace, Mordecai told her not to tell anyone that she was Jewish. Esther kept that secret, and the king picked her to be his queen. He placed a beautiful crown upon her head.

Just after Esther became queen, the king picked a new Prime Minister named Haman. Haman thought he was very important, and he made a rule that everyone had to bow down to him. Esther's uncle, Mordecai, refused to bow down to him because that was against God's rules. When Haman found out that Mordecai refused to bow, he got very mad. He wanted to kill Mordecai, in fact he wanted to kill all Jewish people because of what they believed. Haman went to the king. He told the king that the Jewish people would cause trouble because of their love for God and the king needed to get rid of them. The king gave Haman lots of money and his ring and told him to make whatever rules he needed to make and then stamp it with the ring so that it would become the law. Haman made a law to kill all the Jews. To decide what day he would do it, he

Esther 1-10

- King Ahasuerus was very powerful at this time. He rules areas from India to Ethiopia. He liked to flaunt his wealth and power.
- During a meeting with leaders from several nations under his authority, he calls for the Queen to come show her beauty to this council of men. The queen refused. The other men of the council convinced him to dismiss the queen because if word got out, she disobeyed him then all women may try to have power. The king agrees, dismisses his wife, and begins searching for a new beautiful wife.
- Esther was among the beautiful women chosen to come before the king to possibly be chosen as the new queen.
- Esther was raised by her uncle Mordecai when her parents died. Mordecai worked for the government. Mordecai

Memory Verse

And who knoweth whether thou art come to thy kingdom for such a time as this. Esther 4:14

rolled dice and whatever showed up on the dice would be the day that he would do this very bad thing.

When Mordecai found out he was so upset, he ripped his clothes and cried. Esther found out and sent new clothes to Mordecai, but Mordecai didn't want the new clothes. He sent a message back telling Esther why he was so upset and asking her to help her people. When Esther got the message, she wasn't sure what to do. She wasn't allowed to talk to the king unless he called for her. If she tried to talk to him without his permission, she could be killed. She sent a message back to Mordecai telling him to gather all the Jewish people to pray for her and this dangerous job that she had to do. So, for three days, the Jewish people only prayed, they didn't eat, they only prayed.

The next day, Esther was very brave, and she went to the king. The king looked up and saw her. He pointed his scepter towards her which meant he was giving her permission to talk to him. He asked her what she wanted. She didn't tell him but she invited him and Haman to come to a meal that she was preparing just for them. That night the king and Haman went to the meal and the king asked her again what it was that she wanted. She answered him saying that she wanted him and Haman to come to another meal that she was going to prepare for them the next night.

The next night at the meal, Esther was very brave. She told the king that someone was planning to kill her and all of her people. The king asked her who was trying to do such a horrible thing. Esther told the king that it was Haman. He was trying to kill all the Jews and she was a Jew. The king knew

Esther 1-10

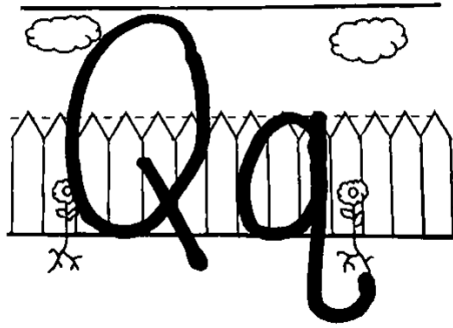
- and Esther were both Jews in a non-Jewish nation. When Esther was selected to appear before the king, Mordecai told her not to let anyone know that she was Jewish.
- Esther was chosen to be the king's bride.
- The king appointed a man name Haman to serve as prime minister under his command. Haman was a man full of pride. He demanded that everyone bow down to him.
- Mordecai, being a Jew, refused to bow making Haman hate not only him but all Jews.
- Haman tricked the king into making a law to execute all Jews.
- Mordecai sent message to Esther that she alone could save her people.
- Esther requested that all Jews fast a pray for her as she attempted to stand before the king. Even as the queen she could have been put to death for approaching him without permissions.
- Esther prepared a banquet for

he had been tricked by Haman. He had Haman killed and made a new law so the Jewish people could protect themselves the day the dice said it would be fight day. God helped the Jewish people when others wanted to hurt them. Because Esther was brave and stood up for her people, God saved the Jewish people.

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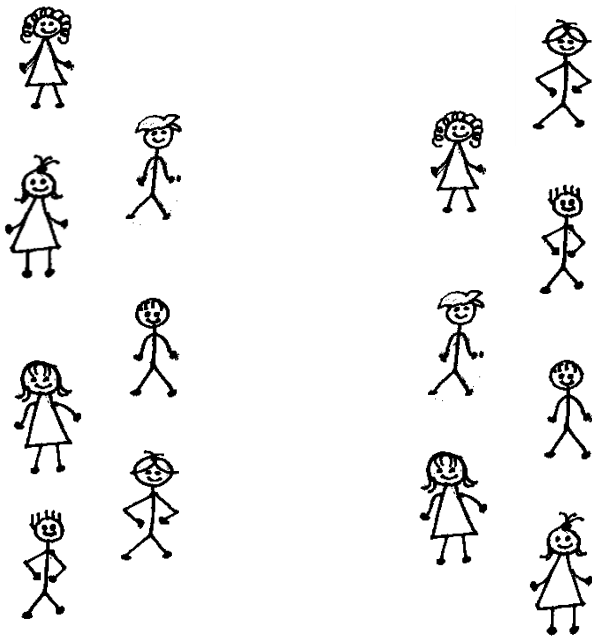
the king and Haman where she requested a second banquet. At the second banquet she exposed Haman to the king and Haman was then executed.

- God used Esther and Mordecai in many ways.



Esther was picked to go before the king because she was very beautiful. Even though she was also a good person on the inside, the king first saw that she was beautiful on the outside. Look carefully at the pictures below and draw a line matching the pictures that are exactly the same.

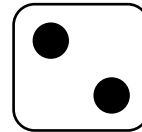
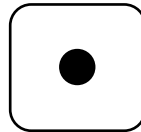
Haman rolled dice to decide what day he would attack all the Jews. Look at the pictures of dice below. The first set of dice will represent the month and the second set of dice will represent the day. See if you can figure out what day Haman might have been planning.



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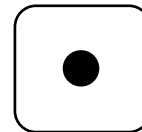
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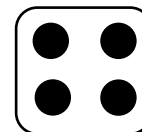
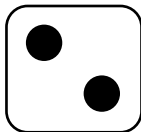
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Extra Activities

- Allow the children to make crowns out of construction paper and decoration with markers, stickers, or glitter.
- Help the children prepare a banquet fit for a king. Be sure good hand washing practices are used before preparing food to be consumed by others.
- Using plastic party favor rings, allow children to create their own signets.

In My World

Because Esther was the queen, she had an opportunity that most people wouldn't have had. What Mordecai was asking her to do was still very dangerous and very scary, but Esther knew that God had that very special plan and purpose for her and she trusted Him to use her even though she might have been killed. Sometimes there will be things that God is calling you to do that no one else will have the opportunity to do. It is a job from God that is just for you. Don't let fear keep you from doing what God has called you to do.

Scepter

A royal rod with a decorative ball at the top that kings used to point to people granting them permission to speak to him.

The king placed a crown on Esther's head as he chose her to be the queen. In the space below draw a crown.

Question and Answer

1. Who raised Esther?
2. Why was Esther picked to go to the palace?
3. What did Mordecai tell Esther not to tell anyone at the palace?
4. Who did the king pick to be his queen?
5. Who did the king pick to be the prime minister?
6. What bad rule did Haman make that Mordecai not follow?
7. What did rule did Haman trick the king into making?
8. What was the message that Mordecai sent to Esther about her people?
9. What was Esther's secret plan to talk to the king?
10. What happened when Esther to the king that Haman was trying to kill her and her people?

Her uncle Mordecai, she was very beautiful, that she was Jewish, Esther, Haman, that everyone had to bow down to him, to kill all Jewish people, she needed to be brave and talk to the king to save all the Jewish people, to invite the king and Haman to a meal and then another meal and then tell the king what Haman had done. The king knew Haman had tricked him and ordered that he be killed. God used Esther to save all her people.

- I lived in the palace.
- I was Jewish.
- I was very beautiful.
- I was brave.
- I could have been killed for talking to the king without permission.
- I prepared a meal for the king and Haman.
- God used me to save my people.

Who am I?

And who knoweth whether thou art come
to thy kingdom for such a time as this.

Esther 4:11

And who knoweth whether thou art come to thy
kingdom for such a time as this. Esther 4:14



Rahab's Roof

There once was a woman named Rahab. Rahab lived in a place called Jericho. Jericho was a city in the land of Canaan. It was surrounded by tall walls to protect the people who lived in the city. Rahab's house was built on the outside wall. She even had a window on the wall so she could see outside of Jericho. Rahab's house was like a hotel. Strangers and travelers often stayed with her. Sometimes she would let the men who stayed with her pretend to be her husband and kiss her the way that God said was just for married people. Sometimes she would even kiss people who had their own wives at their house and for that reason many people thought Rahab was a bad person.

One day two very special men came to Rahab's house, but they weren't there for kissing. These two men were spies on a very special mission. These men didn't live in Jericho. They didn't live anywhere. They were Israelites and they had been traveling looking for their home for 40 years. The Israelite people had once lived in Egypt, but they were all slaves to the Pharaoh. The Pharaoh had treated them very badly just because they were Israelites. God helped the Israelites escape from the mean Pharaoh and then he led His people to their new home, Canaan. When the Israelites finally got to Canaan, there were other people living there and they were going to have to fight the people to get the land that God had promised to them. Joshua, the leader of the Israelites, picked these two men to sneak into Jericho to find out secret things about the city and the people before they attacked. They were staying with Rahab while they were checking things out.

Someone in Jericho noticed these two strangers

Joshua 2

- Rahab lived in Jericho. Her home was on the outside wall of Jericho.
- Rahab was a harlot. Travelers and others were allowed to stay in her hotel-like home, some for services.
- Jericho was in Canaan. Canaan was the Promised Land. God had been leading Moses and the Israelites through the desert for 40 years after God rescued them from Egypt. When they arrived at the Promised Land they had to fight for it but God was on their side.
- Moses had died and Joshua was the new leader. Joshua picked two men to act as spies and scope out Jericho so they could know what they were up against before they attacked.
- The spies stayed with Rahab though "services" weren't mentioned.

Memory Verse

But she had brought them up to the roof of the house and hid them.

Joshua 2:6

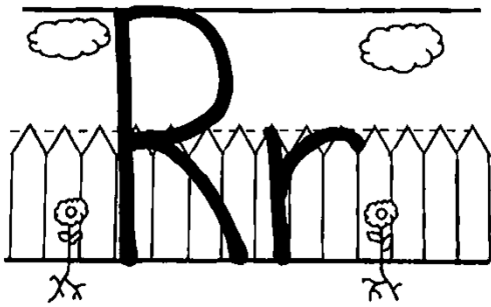
and told the king. The king instantly sent his men to Rahab's house to capture the spies because he knew travelers stayed with her. When the king's men showed up at Rahab's house, Rahab told the spies to climb up on her roof and hide in the flax stalks. Flax stalks were plants that were laid on the roof to dry after they had been picked from the field. The men did just as Rahab told them to do. When the king's men knocked on the door, Rahab told them the spies had already left going toward the water. The king's men left going the way Rahab told them to go.

When the king's men left, Rahab went and uncovered the spies. She told them to climb out her window down a rope and then to go hide in the mountains for 3 days. After 3 the king's men would stop looking for them and they would be safe. Rahab helped the spies in a great big way because she knew God was on their side. Rahab had heard lots of stories of all the amazing things God had to done for the Israelites and all the horrible things that happened to people who were mean to the Israelites. Rahab knew she didn't want to do anything that would hurt the Israelites. She wanted to do everything she could to help them.

Just before the spies climbed out her window, Rahab said, "since I was nice to you and helped you, please show kindness to me and my family when you return to attack the city." The spies told her she would not be harmed in the attack. They told her to put a scarlet red cloth in her window and gather all her family inside. Everyone inside her house would be safe. Then the two men escaped out her window and went and hid in the mountains for 3 days just ask Rahab had told them to do.

Joshua 2

- The king found out there were spies in Jericho and sent his men to Rahab's house to find out where they were.
- Rahab hid the men in the roof of her house and sent the king's men looking in the other direction. She lied to them.
- After the king's men had gone she gave the spies specific instruction on how to escape and where to go to be safe from the king's men.
- Rahab knew God was going to lead the Israelites into battle because of all the stories she had heard of all God had done to protect the Israelites. All of Jericho was afraid of what was about to happen. Rahab wanted to be on the right side of God's side of the battle.
- As the men were about to leave, she reminded them of her kindness and bravery to protect them and asked that they also protect her and her family whenever they attacked the city.
- The spies told her to put a scarlet cloth above her door. When they attacked all in her house would be safe.



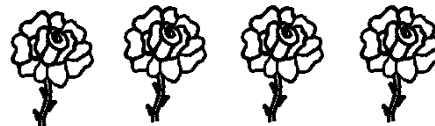
Rahab hid the men in her roof. When she told the king's men the spies had already gone, they were actually right above her. She and the king's men were under the spies. Look at the pictures below. Some pictures belong above the water, in the air and some belong under the water. Draw a line putting each thing where it belongs.

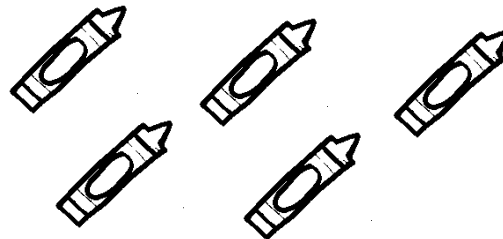


There were actually 3 people at Rahab's house but because she hid 2 of them, the king's men thought there was just one person there. Look at the pictures below. Count them object. How many objects would it look like if two of them were hiding?









Extra Activities

- Make binoculars. Glue, tape or staple two empty toilet paper rolls together. Using a hole punch and yarn, make a neck strap. Allow the children to decorate.
- Play "I Spy" Pick a random object in the room and say "I spy with my little eye something_____". (Some adjective describing the object). Have the children guess until someone guesses correctly.

In My World

Rahab lied to the king's men. We are not supposed to lie, and God is never ok with that but what Rahab did was protecting God's people. God used Rahab, her reputation, and the location of her house to do a very important job. While God does not want us to lie, sometimes He will want us to do anything we can to help others especially if we are helping them do His work.

Spy

Someone sent by someone else to get secret information.

Rahab hid the men in the roof of her house. In the space below, draw a house.

Question and Answer

1. What was the name of the city where Rahab lived?
2. Why did Joshua send spies into Jericho?
3. Why didn't the spies have a home?
4. Where did Rahab hide the spies when the king's men came to her house?
5. What did Rahab tell the king's men?
6. Why did Rahab want to help the spies?
7. How long did Rahab tell the spies to hide in the mountains?
8. How did the spies escape from Rahab's house?
9. What did Rahab asked the spies to do before they left her house?
10. What did the spies tell Rahab to do so that her family would be safe when they returned?

Jericho, The Israelites were going to attack Jericho because that was the land that God had promised to them, they had been traveling in the desert for 40 years after the escaped the mean Pharaoh in Egypt, in the flax stalks on her roof, the spies had already left and headed towards the water, She knew God was on their side, 3 days, protect her and her family when they returned, put a scarlet red cloth in her window.

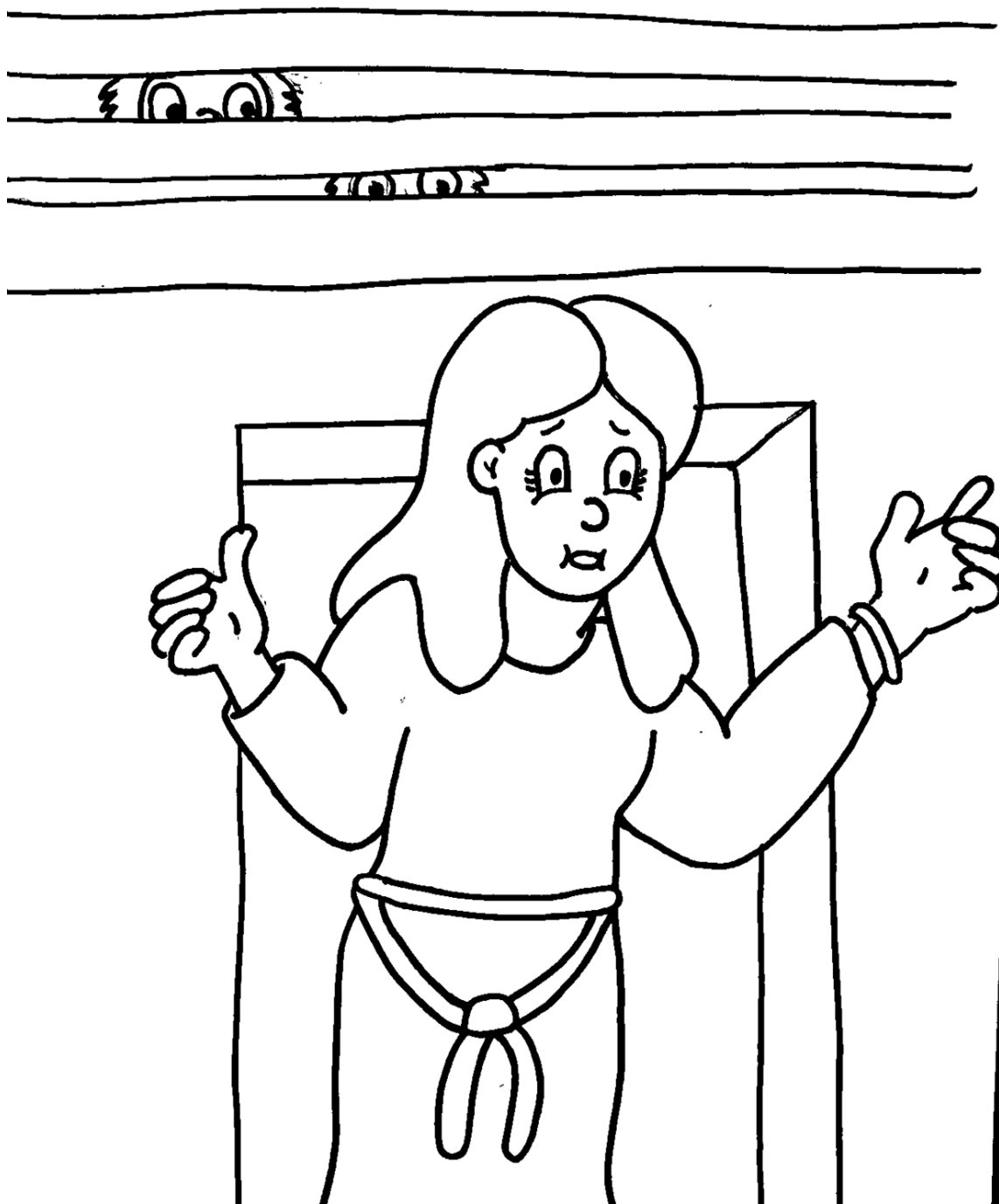
- I lived in Jericho.
- People came to my house all the time.
- My house was on the wall.
- I told the spies to hide on the roof.
- I told the king's men the spies had already left.
- I helped the spies escape.
- My family was saved when the Israelites attacked.

Who am I?

But she had brought them up to the roof of the house and hid them.

Joshua 2:6

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Strong Samson

There once was a man named Samson. Samson was very strong. God made him strong. Before Samson was born, God sent a messenger to tell his mother just how special her baby boy would be. The messenger told Samson's mother that he would help her people; the Israelites fight against the Philistines. The messenger told her that she must never cut Samson's hair because he would be a Nazarite unto God and live his life for God's service. Samson's strength would be in his hair. If he never cut his hair, he would always be strong.

As Samson grew, people began to notice his strength. Samson could fight many men at the same time. He even killed a lion with his bare hands. One time, Samson killed 1000 men using the jawbone of a donkey. The Philistines knew that they could not have power over the Israelites if Samson was fighting for them. They knew if they could figure out Samson's secret, they could capture him and then take over. So, they watched him very carefully.

One day Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. When the Philistines found out he was in love, they went to Delilah and asked her to help them. They told her they would give her 1100 pieces of silver if she could find out his secret and then tell them what it was. Delilah loved money more than she loved Samson, so she agreed. She went to Samson and said, "If you really love me, you will tell me your secret." Samson knew just how dangerous it would be to tell her his secret, so he lied. He said, "If I am wrapped up in 7 green ropes, my strength will be gone." So, Delilah wrapped him up in 7 green ropes and then called for the Philistines to come capture

Judges 13-16

- Samson's mother was barren. God sent a messenger to her telling her she was going to have a baby, that baby would be a Nazarite unto God, and he would help save the Israelites from the hand of the Philistines.
- She was given specific instructions not to ever cut his hair.
- Samson's strength was in his hair therefore making him very strong. He fought off many Philistines and even wild animals single handedly.
- Samson's reputation spread along with curiosity and hatred for him.
- Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The Philistines went to Delilah and offered her 1100 pieces of silver if she would find out the secret to his strength and tell them so they could capture him.
- At first Samson lied to Delilah, telling her 1) being bound in 7 green wet ropes, 2) being bound in new ropes

Memory Verse

No razor shall come on his head.
Judges 13:5

him. Samson burst right through the green ropes. The Philistines knew he was still strong so they didn't attack.

This made Delilah upset. She said, "You tricked me, if you really love me, you will tell me the truth." This time Samson said, "If you bind me in new ropes my strength will be gone." Delilah tried that and called the Philistines, and just like before, Samson was still strong, so they didn't attack.

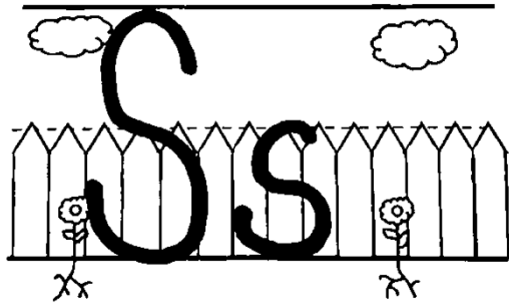
Then Delilah asked a third time. Samson told her if she braided his hair in 7 braids his strength would be gone. She tried it but he was still strong. Finally, Samson got tired of her asking and whining and he told her the truth. He told her if she cut his hair, his strength would be gone. Later when he fell asleep, she cut his hair. She called for the Philistines and Samson jumped up to fight them, but his strength was gone. The Philistines captured him, poked out his eyes, and then took him to prison.

A little while later the Philistines threw a big feast to celebrate that Samson had been captured. They decided they would bring Samson to the feast, not so he could celebrate, but so they could laugh at him. They dragged Samson out of jail, tied him to two tall pillars that held up the roof and the people laughed and made fun of him. While Samson was stuck standing there, he prayed that God would make him strong just one more time so he could fight the Philistines so they couldn't hurt the Israelites. God gave Samson his strength. Samson pushed hard against the two pillars until they crumbled and fell, and the roof came crashing down. The building collapsed, killing lots and lots of Philistines and Samson. Samson didn't kill all of the Philistines but because of his one last bit of strength, his people, the Israelites were much safer than before.

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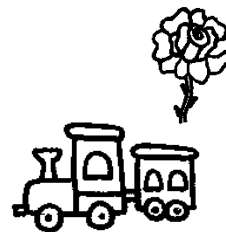
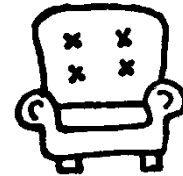
3) putting his hair in 7 braids would take away his strength. After each lie, Delilah tested the theory and called for the Philistines to capture him. Each time they failed.

- Samson grew annoyed with her nagging him and told her the truth that his strength was in his hair. She cut his hair while he was sleeping, called for the Philistines, they attacked, poked out his eyes, and took him to prison.
- The Philistines then threw a celebration for the capture of Samson. They dragged Samson out of the jail and tied him to two pillars that supported their house. So they could mock him and laugh at him.
- Samson prayed that God would restore his strength one more time so he could help save his people from the Philistines.
- God gave him strength, Samson pushed down the two pillars and the building collapsed killing everyone inside, including Samson.



Samson was STRONG when his hair was LONG. STRONG and LONG both end with ONG. When words have the same ending sound, they rhyme. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line from the picture on the left to the picture on the right if the picture has the same ending sound.

Samson was very strong. He could fight wild animals or many men. He could also pick up or move heavy things. Look at the pictures below. Circle the picture in each set that is the heaviest.



Extra Activities

- Samson plates. Using two paper plates, markers, and construction paper, you will make strong Samson and weak Samson. Draw eyes and a nose in the center of one plate. (large enough that the plate is his face). Cut out a large rectangle for the mouth. Put the plates together and then draw a smile through the rectangle opening of the top plate so the smile is on the bottom plate. Spin the bottom plate halfway around and then draw a frown in the new rectangle opening. Cut out hair from t construction paper and glue it to the outside edge of the bottom plate opposite of the smile. When the plates are together Samson will smile with hair or frown when the bottom plate is spun making the hair from his head now a beard on a bald man.

In My World

God gave Samson a special gift. His strength was not like strength of other men. Samson didn't use his gift to glorify God and he let himself be tricked into telling his secret to the wrong person. Just like Samson, God created you with special gifts and a purpose. Be careful to not use God's gifts to make yourself look better instead of using them to glorify God. When God has a special purpose for us we should try to live our lives trying to that mission.

Pillar

A tall post used to hold up a building.

Samson was a very strong man with long hair. In the space below draw a picture of what you think Samson might have looked like.

Question and Answer

1. What was the strong man's name?
2. What was the secret to his strength?
3. What did Samson kill with his bare hands?
4. Why did people want to capture Samson?
5. Who did Samson fall in love with?
6. What did Delilah have to do to get 1100 pieces of silver from the Philistines?
7. What did Samson tell Delilah was his secret the first time?
8. What did Samson tell Delilah was his secret the second time?
9. What did Samson tell Delilah was his secret the third time?
10. Why did Samson finally tell her the truth?
11. What happened when Delilah cut his hair?
12. What did the Philistines do to Samson?
13. Why did the Philistines bring Samson to the feast?
14. What happened when God gave Samson his strength back on last time?

Samson, his hair, lion, so they could take over the Israelites, Delilah, find out Samson's secret and tell the Philistines, green ropes, new ropes, 7 braids in his hair, she was getting on his nerves, his strength was gone, captured him/poked out his eyes/threw him in jail, to laugh at him, he pushed down the pillars and the building collapsed killing himself and lots of the Philistines.

- I did not poke out Samson's eyes.
- Samson loved me.
- I tried to trick him into telling me his secret.
- Samson lied to me 3 times.
- The Philistines paid me lots of silver to tell them Samson's secret.
- I cut Samson's hair.

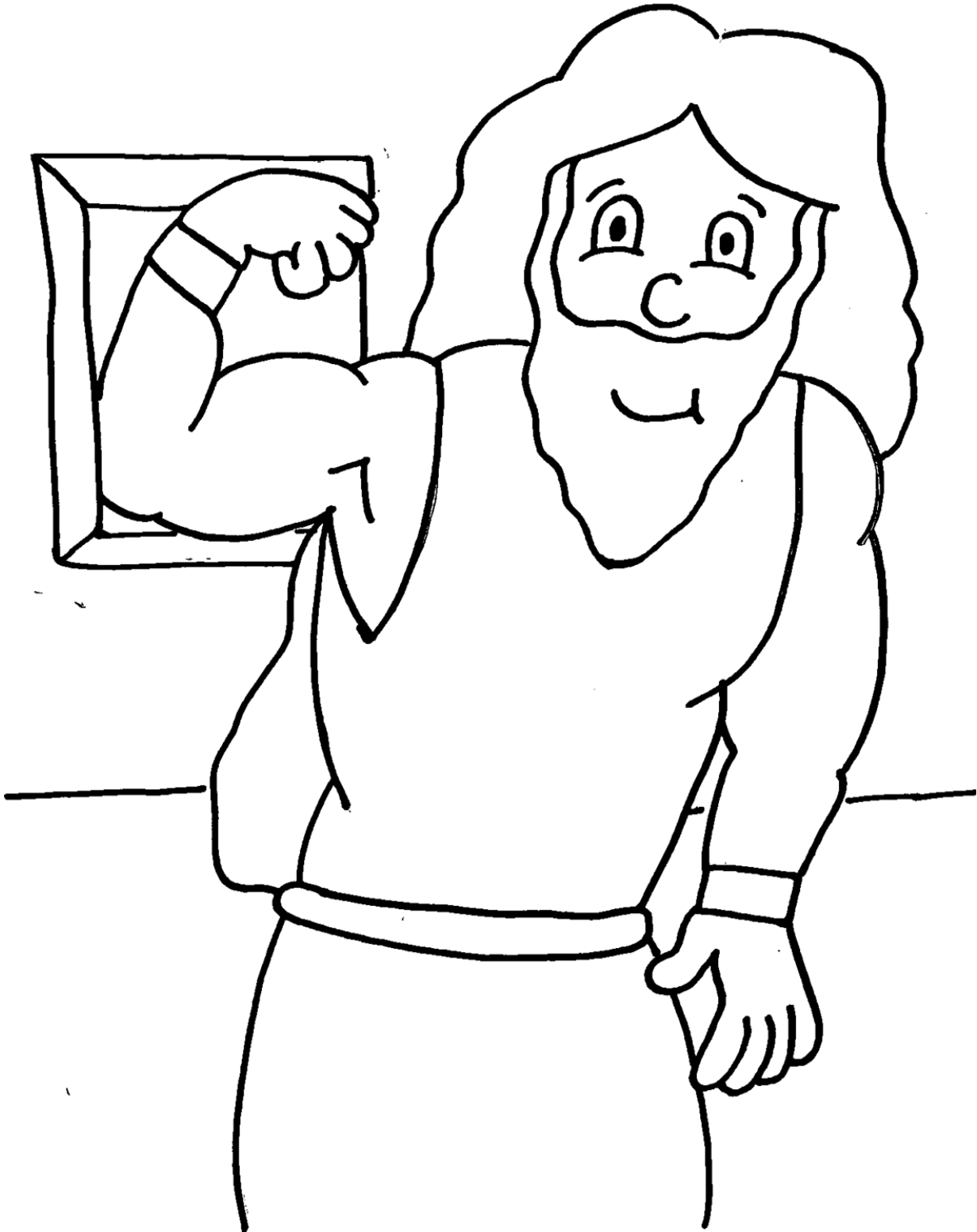
Who am I?

No razor shall come on his head.

Judges 13:5

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Timothy Teaches

Paul was a great man of God. He traveled to many places telling people about Jesus. Sometimes people were excited to learn about Jesus and God's love but sometimes people didn't want to hear about Jesus because they believed in other things. Sometimes people got very mad at Paul for trying to teach them about Jesus, so mad that they had him beaten or thrown into jail. But no matter what happened to Paul, he kept telling people and spreading God's love to everyone.

One day, Paul was telling people about Jesus in a city call Lystra. There in the crowd were two ladies named Lois and Eunice. Lois was Eunice's mother. They were Jews who loved God. They listened to Paul and believed what he told them about Jesus. They left that day and lived their life the way God wanted them to live, and they taught Eunice's son Timothy all about Jesus.

The next time Paul traveled to Lystra, Timothy was a little older. Lois and Eunice had been raising Timothy telling him the good news of Jesus and now Timothy was hearing it from Paul. Timothy knew in his heart that he needed to be telling people about Jesus just like Paul was doing so he became Paul's helper. He left his mother and grandmother and started to travel with Paul everywhere he went. He listened to Paul speak and he watched Paul as he kept telling people about Jesus. He watched as Paul kept loving people even when they did horrible things to him. Timothy learned about God just by being with Paul. Sometimes, Paul would even send Timothy on special missions. When Paul would travel to

1 Timothy – 2 Timothy, Acts 16:1-5

- Timothy doesn't have one big story or a great lump of verses to use as background. Timothy is mentioned a few times throughout scripture but most of what we know about Timothy comes from Paul's letters to him reminding him of their time together.
- was from the town of Lystra.
- Timothy's mother was Jewish, but his father was Greek.
- Timothy's mother and grandmother heard Paul preach the first time he was in Lystra. They then taught Timothy about Jesus.
- Timothy joined Paul the next time Paul was in Lystra.
- Timothy was not circumcised because his father was a Gentile. Timothy was raised Jewish but physically looked like a Gentile. When he joined Paul's ministry, Paul told him to be circumcised even though Paul had been preaching to the Jews that circumcision and sacrifices

Memory Verse

Let no man despise thy youth but be
thou an example of the believers. 1

Timothy 4:12

different places, he would help them to start churches. After he would leave those places, Paul would write letters to the people in the new churches to check on them and tell them he was praying for them and their new church. Sometimes Paul would send Timothy to deliver those letters or to check with the people to see that they received their letters.

After a while, Timothy was ready to start doing some of the things Paul was doing all by himself and there were times he had to do things by himself because Paul had been thrown in prison. Paul didn't want Timothy to wait for him to get out of prison so they could go places together. He wanted Timothy to keep going and keep telling people even though Paul himself wasn't able to go with him. When Paul was stuck in prison, he would write letters, he would pray, he would tell other prisoners and the guards about Jesus. From prison Paul wrote 2 very important letters to Timothy. Those letters became part of the bible. They are called 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy. In those letters Paul encouraged Timothy to do what God was calling him to do. Paul knew that some people would listen to Timothy and some people would not listen. Some people wouldn't like what Timothy had to say and be angry and some people would think Timothy was too young to know what he was talking about. Paul didn't want Timothy to get discouraged and want to quit. Paul's letters were to help Timothy stay strong and remember all the things that God had promised them.

Timothy started learning about Jesus at home from his mother and grandmother when he was very young. Then God had big plans to use

1 Timothy – 2 Timothy, Acts 16:1-5

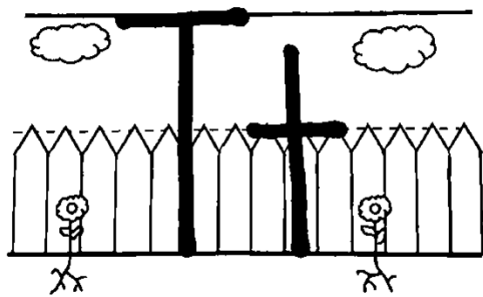
were under the old Jewish law and no longer necessary. Paul did this to better help Timothy relate to the Jewish people he was called to teach.

- Timothy traveled everywhere with Paul and sometimes Paul sent him to deliver letters or check on people and churches who had received letters. Sometimes Paul would send Timothy to travel ahead of him to places he would soon be going.
- Timothy was much more timid than Paul and often his age worked against him. In times when Timothy was alone without Paul, people were reluctant to hear the message he had to bring because of his age.
- Paul wrote letters to Timothy to encourage him to keep doing what God had called him to do. He warned him of the dangers in the job but reminded him that God promised to be there with him through it all. In Paul's letters he would remind Timothy of situation they had been

him to travel the world with Paul and then by himself. Because Timothy was willing to do what God wanted him to do, many people became part of the family of God.

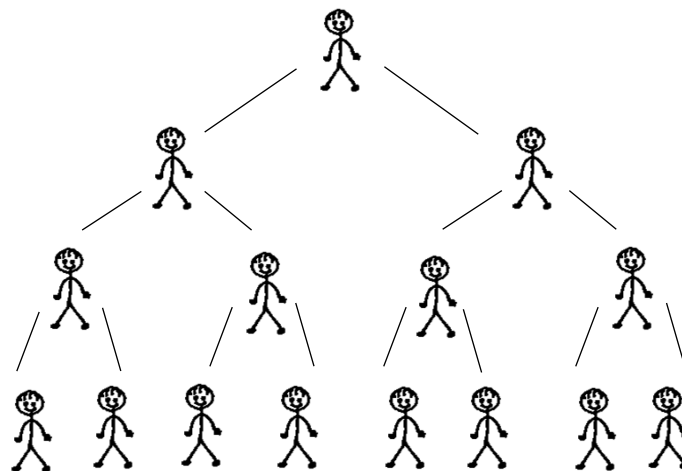
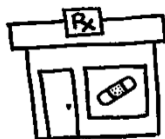
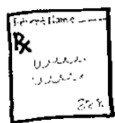
1 Timothy – 2 Timothy,
Acts 16:1-5

- through together to help give him strength and confidence to keep fighting the good fight.
- The letters Paul sent to Timothy are what is now the books of 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy.



Sometimes Paul sent Timothy with letters to faraway places and sometimes he sent him to make sure his message had been received from others. Look at the pictures below and be sure the paper on the left reaches the correct destination on the right.

Paul and Timothy were missionaries. They traveled to many places telling people about Jesus. Then the people who heard them would tell other others about Jesus. That is how the gospel is to be spread. Look at the pictures below. If everyone tells 2 people about Jesus. How many people will have heard about Jesus after 3 days?



Extra Activities

- Missionary Paper Dolls. Use about 3 ft of wrapping paper. Fold the paper in half. Continue folding it in half until it is the width of a gingerbread man cookie cutter. Trace the gingerbread man onto the folded wrapping paper. Be sure that the outstretched hands go beyond the edge of the folded paper. Cut out the gingerbread man. Unfold to demonstrate how one person can tell many people about Jesus.

In My World

Timothy was much younger than Paul, but God had a very important job for Timothy to do. Paul wrote letters to Timothy to encourage him to do what God was calling him to do. Just like Timothy, God has a special plan a purpose for you. It might be easy to think that someone else who is older or smarter would do a better job but if God is calling you to do it, He will help you do it, whatever the job may be. There is no one better suited for the job God has for you than you.

Missionary

A person who travels to different places telling others about Jesus and God's love for them

Timothy was like a son to Paul. Paul and Timothy did many things together until Timothy had learned enough to be doing things on his own. In the space below, draw a picture of something you like to do with your dad.

Question and Answer

1. Why did Paul travel to many places?
2. Where did Lois and Eunice first hear Paul preach?
3. Who was Eunice's son?
4. What did Timothy decide to do after he heard Paul for himself?
5. Why did Paul write letters to churches?
6. What kind of missions did Paul send Timothy to do?
7. Where would Paul write some of his letters?
8. Why did Paul try to encourage Timothy?
9. What happened to the letters that Paul wrote to Timothy?
10. Who taught Timothy about Jesus?

- I traveled to many places telling people about Jesus.
- I loved God.
- I sent letters to other cities and countries to help them start churches.
- I sent letters to other preachers, teachers, missionaries to encourage them.

Who am I?

Let no man despise thy youth but be thou an example of the believers.

1 Timothy 4:12

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Unloved Leah

There was once a man named Jacob. Jacob and his mother played a very mean trick on his father and his brother. When his brother found out what Jacob had done, their mother told Jacob to run away and go live with her brother Laban in a faraway land called Haran. Jacob listened to his mother, and he travelled many miles until he came to a place with lots of sheep and a well. He didn't know where he was so he went up to the people there watering their sheep and asked them. They told him he was in Haran. He asked if they knew Laban. They did know Laban! They told Jacob that Laban's daughter Rachel would soon be to the well to water his sheep. As they were talking Rachel walked up. Jacob took one look at Rachel and fell in love because she was very beautiful. He introduced himself and Rachel took him to meet her father, Laban. Laban was excited to meet him, and Jacob stayed with them.

Jacob worked as a helper for Laban for about a month and then Laban asked him how he could pay him for his work. Jacob said, "I will work for you for 7 years if at the end of the 7 years you let me marry your daughter, Rachel." Laban agreed so Jacob worked for him for 7 long years. He didn't mind the work because he loved Rachel. At the end of the 7 years, Laban gathered all his friends to have a big wedding feast for Jacob and his daughter but then Laban did a very mean, tricky thing. Laban had two daughters; Rachel was the younger daughter. The older daughter's name was Leah. Leah wasn't beautiful like Rachel and Jacob didn't not love her. He only loved Rachel. When it was time for the

Genesis 29-30:24

- Jacob is running away from his family to his uncle Laban's house because he has just tricked his brother out of his father's blessing.
- Jacob sees a well and shepherds watering their flock and approaches them to ask where he is and if they know Laban.
- Laban's daughter Rachel is at the well with her father's sheep. He instantly falls in love with her. She takes Jacob to her father.
- Laban is excited to meet Jacob and Jacob begins to work for Laban.
- Laban offers to pay Jacob for his work and Jacob tells him that he will work for him for 7 years if Laban will let him marry Rachel. Laban agrees.
- After the 7 years, there is a wedding but instead of offering Rachel, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying his older daughter, Leah.

Memory Verse

And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Genesis 29:16

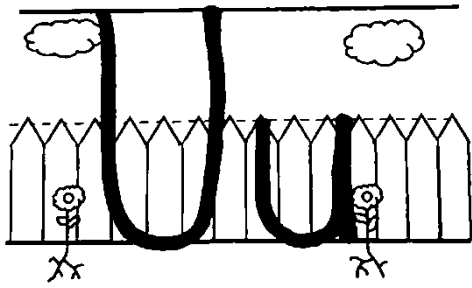
wedding. Laban dressed up Leah in the wedding clothes instead of Rachel. With all the special wedding clothes, maybe even a veil over her face, Jacob couldn't tell that it wasn't Rachel, and he married the wrong girl.

The next day when he realized what had happened, he was very angry. He went to Laban and said, "Did I not agree to work for you to marry Rachel?" Laban answered, "in this country we give our oldest daughter to be married before our younger daughters." He didn't tell Jacob that part until it was too late. Jacob still wanted to marry Rachel so he told Laban he would work for another 7 years to be able to marry Rachel too. In those days, lots of people had more than one wife even though God never liked that plan. So Joseph worked for another 7 years and finally got to marry the woman he loved, Rachel.

Getting married to sister was not a good plan. He only loved one of them, so Leah was stuck being married to someone who did not love her. God could see that people hated Leah, but He loved her. He loved her even though she wasn't beautiful like her sister. So, God blessed Leah. God gave Leah lots of babies to love and so she would be loved.

Genesis 29-30:24

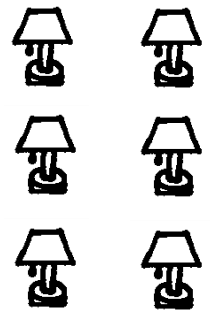
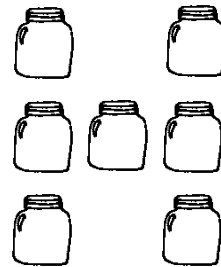
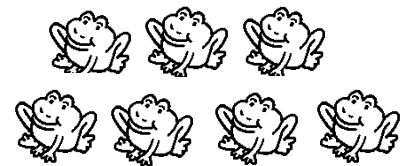
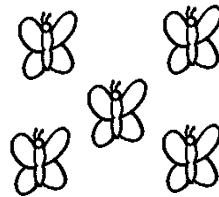
- By the time Jacob realizes it is Leah, he was already married.
- Laban justified his actions because it was the custom to marry off the oldest daughter first.
- Jacob worked for Laban for another 7 years so he could also marry Rachel.
- Having more than one wife was common but not of God.
- Jacob loved Rachel but he did not love Leah.
- God could see that Leah was hated so he blessed her with many children while Rachel remained barren for many years.
- There was much hatred and bitterness between Leah and Rachel because of the evil of their father.



Laban had two daughters. They did not look the same, but Jacob was still tricked into marrying the wrong daughter. Carefully look at the flower pictures below. Draw a line from the flower on the left to the flower on the right if they are exactly the same.



Jacob worked for Laban for 7 years before he could marry his daughter. Then he worked for Laban another 7 years so he could marry his other daughter. Trace the 7 below. Then circle the items that are in groups of 7.



Extra Activities

- Make a sheep. Trace the shape of a sheep onto construction paper. Allow the children to glue cotton balls onto the figure to create a fluffy sheep.
- It was possible that Leah was wearing a masked veil at the wedding and that is why Jacob didn't recognize her. Using paper plate, paper doilies, and lace. Allow the children to create wedding veils.

In My World

Jacob loved Rachel. He did not love Leah. What Leah's father did was very mean to Rachel, Leah, and to Jacob. Everyone in the story was sad or mad because of what Laban had done. Sometimes people are mean to us for no reason. Sometimes bad things happen even though we may not deserve it. When bad things happen, God knows exactly how we feel. He sees everything that is happening. Just as God blessed Leah in her pain, He can take the bad things that happen to us and use them for good.

Feast

-a big, fancy meal usually eaten at celebrations or weddings.

When Jacob first saw Rachel, she was taking care of her father's sheep. In the space below, draw a sheep.

Question and Answer

13. Why was Jacob travelling to Haran?
14. How did he know he was in Haran?
15. Who did he meet at the well that took him to meet his uncle?
16. What was Jacob's uncle's name?
17. What were the names of Laban's older daughter?
18. How did Jacob want his uncle to pay him for 7 years of work?
19. What mean trick did Laban do to Jacob at the wedding?
20. How much longer did Jacob have to work for Laban to be able to marry Rachel?
21. Which of Laban's daughter's did Jacob love the most?
22. How did God bless Leah because she was hated?

To escape his angry brother and live with his uncle, the men at the well told him he was in Haran, Rachel, Laban, Leah, let him marry Rachel, dressed up Leah instead of Rachel, 7 years, Rachel, He gave her many children to love.

- I lived in Haran.
- My father's name was Laban.
- Jacob worked for 7 years so he could marry me.
- My father used me to play a mean trick.
- God loved me.
- I am a girl.
- I wasn't as beautiful as my sister.
- God blessed me with lots of babies to love.

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Genesis 29:16



A Voice in the Night

There once was a boy named Samuel. Samuel didn't grow up like other children. Samuel lived in the temple with the High Priest whose name was Eli. Eli's sons were also priests who lived in the temple. Samuel lived there with them from a very young age. His mother, Hannah had been barren for many years. She came to the temple and prayed that God would give her a son that she might give him back to God so he could serve God all his life. God gave Samuel to Hannah and Hannah kept her promise and gave him back to God to grow and serve God in the temple.

Samuel loved God and helped Eli in the temple any way he could. Eli's sons did not love God the way they should. They were evil men who were supposed to help people who came to the temple to make a sacrifice to God, but instead, they took from their offerings and kept it for themselves. They also were not nice to a woman who came to the temple. Eli should have punished his sons for the things they were doing but instead he just let them keep doing bad things.

One night when Samuel was in his bed about to go to sleep, he heard someone call "Samuel." Samuel thought it was Eli calling him, so he jumped from his bed and ran to Eli's room. He said, "Here I am, you called me?" But Eli hadn't called Samuel. Eli told Samuel to go back to bed. A little while later, Samuel heard someone calling his name again. Once again, he jumped up and ran to Eli but once again Eli told him to go back to bed. Time passed and Samuel heard his name a third time. So, a third time, he jumped from his bed and ran to Eli's room. This time Eli had figured out what was going on. Eli knew that it was God calling

1 Samuel 2:12 – 3:21

- Samuel lived in the Temple with Eli.
- Samuel's mother was Hannah. Hannah was barren but prayed that God would send her a son that she might give him back to God for His service.
- Eli had two sons who were also priests. Eli's sons were evil and took advantage of people who brought sacrifice unto the Lord. They also took advantage of women in and around the temple.
- Eli, who was a very good priest, was not a good parent and allowed his sons to disrespect their positions in the temple. God punished Eli's sons for their evil living and Eli for not correcting them when they went astray.
- God called to Samuel just as he was about to fall asleep. Samuel jumped from his bed thinking it

Memory Verse

Speak: for thy servant heareth.
1 Samuel 3:10

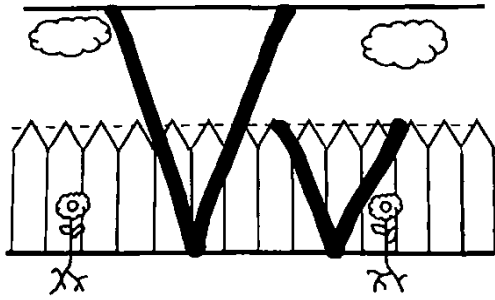
Samuel. Eli told Samuel to go back to his bed and if he heard someone calling again to stay in his bed and say “Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.” Samuel went back to his bed and soon he heard God calling his name a fourth time. This time he didn’t get out of his bed. This time he laid in his bed and said, “Speak: for thy servant heareth.” God had a very special message for Samuel. God was calling Samuel to be a prophet. God was going to speak to Samuel so Samuel could go out into the world and tell people the things that God wanted them to know. He was going to be a messenger for God and do great big, wonderful things for the people of Israel. Then God told Samuel some very sad news. God told Samuel that he was going to punish Eli’s sons for the bad things they had been doing. God was also going to punish Eli for letting them do those bad things.

The next day Eli asked Samuel to tell him all the things that had happened during the night. Samuel told Eli everything, even the sad news about him and his sons. Not long after that, both of Eli’s sons were killed in a battle against the Philistines. When Eli found out that his sons had died. He fell out of his chair, broke his neck, and he also died. Even after Eli had died, Samuel continued to grow closer to God doing whatever God was calling him to do.

1 Samuel 2:12 – 3:21

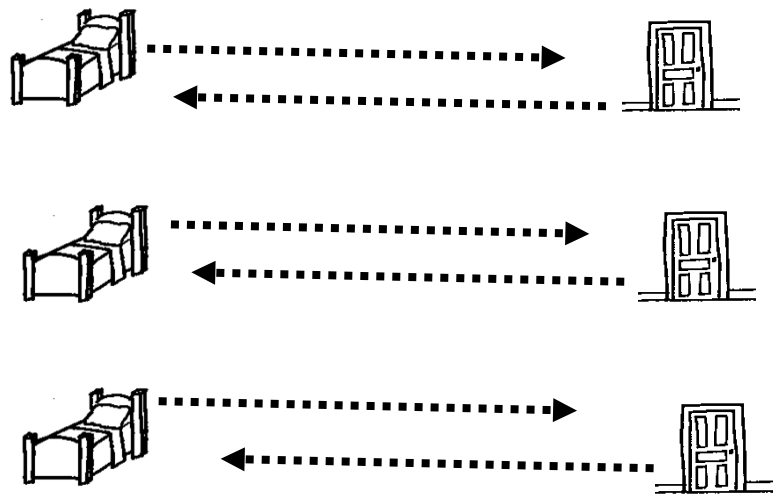
was Eli calling for him 3 different times.

- Eli recognized the situation as God calling Samuel and advised Samuel to stay in his bed and answer God.
- God revealed to Samuel that he be do great things for Israel. Samuel would be a prophet.
- God told Samuel that bad things were going to happen to Eli and his sons because of the son’s evil living and Eli’s lack of correcting them.
- The next morning Eli asked Samuel to tell him exactly what God had spoken to him. Samuel delivered the difficult, painful message to Eli just as God had spoken it to him.
- Eli’s sons were soon killed in battle and the Ark of the Lord was taken. Upon receiving the news of his sons an the Ark, Eli fell from his chair, broke his neck and died.



God spoke to Samuel in the night in a way that Samuel could hear Him, but Eli could not. Look at pictures below. Some items are louder than others. Draw a line separating the loud items from the quiet ones.

When God called to Samuel, Samuel thought it was Eli calling and he ran to him. Eli told Samuel to go back to bed 3 times. Trace the arrows below to see how many trips Samuel made between his bed and Eli's room. Write the number on the line at the bottom.



Extra Activities

-Make a blanket for Samuel's bed. Using 2 different colors of construction paper, help the children to weave a blanket. Fold one paper in half and make cuts from the folded edge to about an inch from the other side. Make cuts about 1 inch apart. Unfold. Cut the other paper into 1-inch strips. Weave the strips through the slit of the first paper. You may want to tape or glue the edges of the loose strips.

In My World

The morning after God called to Samuel, Eli asked Samuel what He said. Samuel told Eli all of what God had told him. That must have been very hard for Samuel to deliver such bad news to Eli but he was brave to do what he was supposed to do. Sometimes telling someone about God's love for them may be very hard to do because we don't know how the person will respond. We must always tell people the truth even when it is hard for us to say or may be hard for them to hear. God will take care of the rest.

Temple

-A building where people came to worship, pray, and offer sacrifices to God. Priest often lived in the temple.

God called to Samuel while he was laying in his bed. In the space below, draw a picture of a bed.

Question and Answer

1. Why did Samuel live at the temple?
2. Who was the High Priest?
3. Who else lived in the temple?
4. What bad things did Eli's sons do?
5. Who did Samuel think was calling him in the night?
6. How many times did Samuel go to Eli's room before Eli realized that it was God calling Samuel?
7. What did Eli tell Samuel to say if he heard the voice calling him again?
8. When Samuel answered God, what important message did God give to Samuel?
9. What did Samuel tell Eli the next morning?
10. What happened to Eli and his sons?

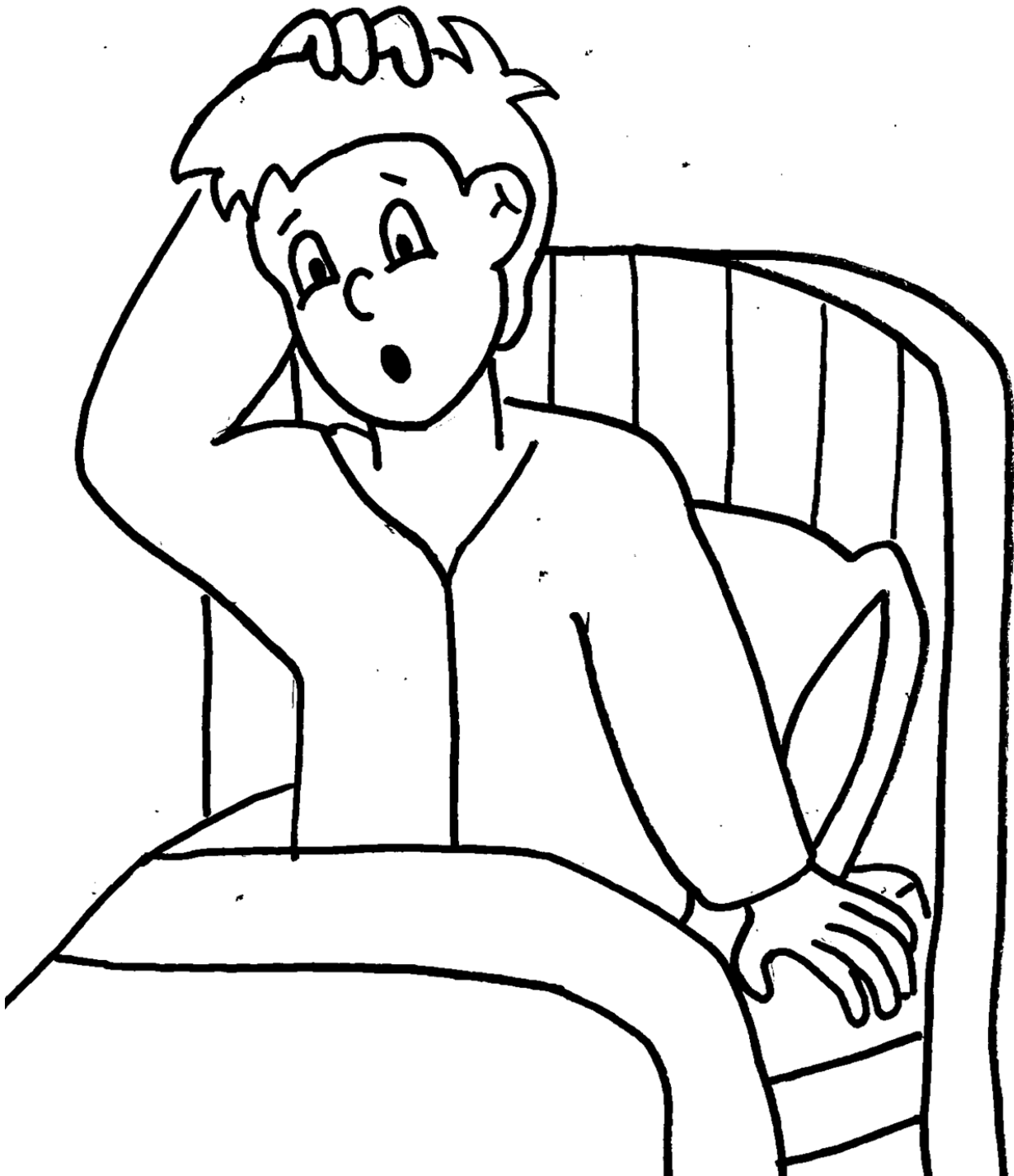
Samuel's mother promised to give her son back to God to serve him his whole life, Eli, Eli's sons who were also priests, cheated the people of their offerings and treated women badly, Eli, 3, "Speak: Lord for thy servant heareth, that he would be a prophet and that Eli and his sons would be punished, everything God had told him, they died.

- I lived in the temple.
- I loved God.
- Because God was calling, I was woken up from my sleep many times.
- I was the High Priest.
- I had two evil sons.
- I told Samuel to that God was calling him.
- I died from a broken neck.

Who am I?

Speak: for thy servant
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Jonah and the Whale

There once was a man named Jonah. Jonah was a prophet of God. God would speak to Jonah and Jonah would tell the people what God wanted them to know. One day, God called Jonah to go to a place called Ninevah to talk to the people. The people of Ninevah were wicked, evil people. God wanted Jonah to go to them and tell them to stop living their evil lives and turn to Him and live in a way that pleased Him. If they didn't, He would destroy them. Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah. The people in Ninevah were enemies to his people. He wanted God to destroy them. He didn't want to help them, so he ran away from God. Instead of going to Ninevah, Jonah got on a boat headed to a city called Tarshish in the other direction.

While Jonah was on the boat, he went down inside the boat and fell asleep. While he was sleeping, there came a great storm. The wind was whipping, and the waves were crashing into the boat. The sailors were afraid the boat was going to break. They started throwing all the heavy stuff out of the boat to keep it from sinking. The sailors started praying that the storm would stop but they were praying to fake gods not the real God. They were all very afraid and didn't know what to do. Then the shipmaster went down into the boat and woke up Jonah to ask him to pray to his God to save them.

Jonah knew that the storm was his fault. He knew that God had sent the storm because he was trying to run away. Jonah told the other sailors what he had done. Then he told them the only way the storm would stop was if they threw him out of the

Jonah 1:1 – 4:11

- Jonah was a prophet.
- God called Jonah to go to Ninevah to tell the people to repent and turn from their wicked ways.
- Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah, not because he was scared of the evil people, but because he didn't think they deserved God's grace.
- Instead of going to Ninevah, Jonah boarded a boat in Joppa headed towards Tarshish. He was running from God and his responsibility.
- God sent a horrible storm and the boat rocked to the point that the experienced sailors were afraid the boat was going to break. They started throwing things overboard to lighten the load. The sailors all cried out to their gods to save them in the storm. Jonah slept through the storm.
- The shipmaster woke Jonah up and told him to pray to his God.

Memory Verse

Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly. Jonah 2:1

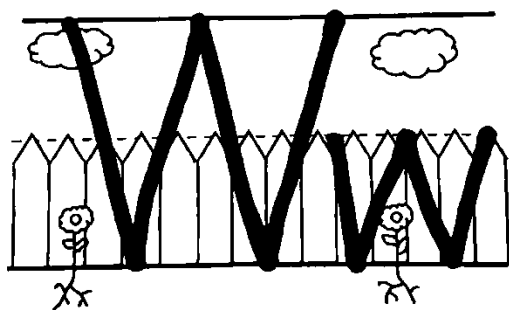
boat. At first, the other sailors didn't want to throw him out. They tried to fight the storm, but the waters were too rough. They decided it was best to toss Jonah overboard and that is just what they did. As soon as Jonah was out of the boat, the storm stopped. All the sailors knew that Jonah's God was the one true God and they prayed and worshipped Him.

When Jonah hit the water, God sent a great big fish. The fish swallowed Jonah whole, but Jonah didn't die. Jonah lived inside the whale's belly for 3 days and 3 nights. While he was in the belly of the fish, Jonah prayed. Jonah thanked God for saving his life during the storm and from the teeth of the big fish.

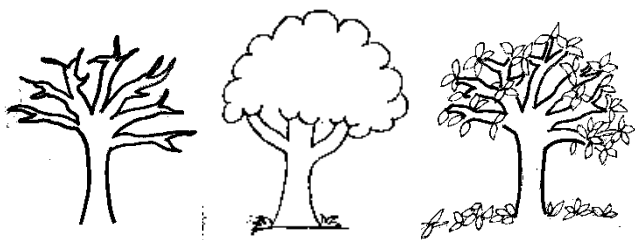
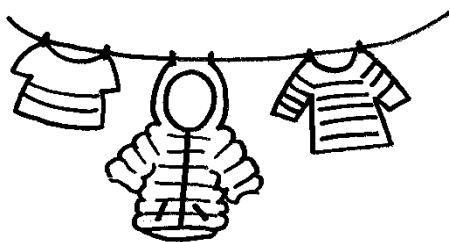
After the third day, the big fish vomited Jonah out of his belly and onto dry land. Once Jonah was on land, God told him again to go to Ninevah and warn the people. This time Jonah listened. He traveled to Ninevah and told the people about God and how they needed to change their ways and started living the way God wanted them to live and the people listened. Everyone, even the king of Ninevah, was very sorry for the way they had been living. They stopped doing the bad things they had been doing and started worshipping the one true God. God saved Ninevah, God saved the sailors, and God saved Jonah.

Jonah 1:1 – 4:11

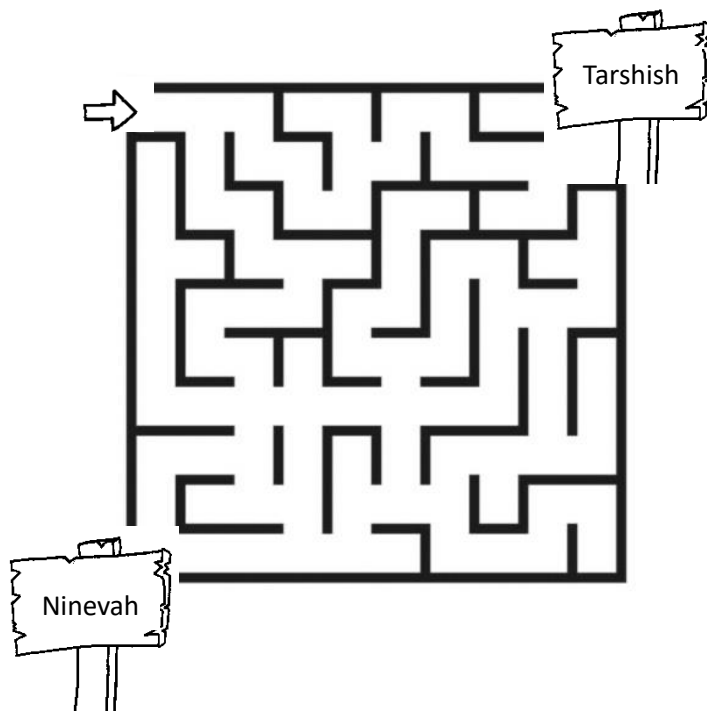
- The crew cast lots to try figure out who was to blame for the storm and the lots fell on Jonah. Jonah then confessed to the crew that he was running from God.
- The crew asked what they should do to calm the storm and Jonah told them to throw him out. At first, they tried to fight the storm but ultimately decided it was better to throw Jonah out then for all of them to die.
- God sent a large fish to swallow Jonah. He stayed in the belly of the fish for 3 days and nights.
- Jonah prayed while he was in the belly of the whale thanking God for saving his life.
- The fish vomited Jonah out onto dry land. Jonah went to Ninevah, and the people repented.



While Jonah was on the boat to Tarshish, there came a great storm. A storm is kind of weather. Each season brings a different kind of weather and different temperatures. Look at the tree pictures below. Then match the clothes that you might wear to match the weather during the season the tree would look like that.



God told Jonah to go to Ninevah, but Jonah decided to go to Tarshish instead. The maze below will lead to both Ninevah and Tarshish. Using a red crayon, the way to Tarshish. Using a green crayon, find the way to Ninevah.



Extra Activities

-Jonah praying in the whale craft. Using blue construction paper, cut out two whales exactly the same size. Place a picture of Jonah in the belly of one whale. Cut a flap on the belly of the other whale and glue the two whales together. Open the flap to reveal Jonah praying in the whale.

-Blindfolded scavenger hunt. Hide a small object in the room. Blindfold one child and give them clues leading them to the object but around any obstacles that may be in the way.

In My World

God called Jonah to go to Ninevah to warn the people what God would do if they didn't repent and turn to him. Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah. He didn't like the people of Ninevah. He knew God would save them, but he didn't want God to save them. He wanted God to punish them. Sometimes we might not want to help or show love to someone because we don't like them. Regardless of how we feel about someone, God loves them. God loves us on days when we are hard to love, and we need to share that love with all people.

Warning

-telling someone what might happen if they do or don't do something.

Jonah was swallowed by a big fish. In the space below, draw a big fish.

Question and Answer

1. What was Jonah's job?
2. Where did God tell Jonah to go?
3. Why didn't Jonah want to go to Ninevah?
4. What did Jonah do instead of going to Ninevah?
5. What happened while Jonah was asleep on the boat?
6. What did Jonah tell the sailors they needed to do so the storm would stop?
7. What happened to Jonah after he was thrown out of the boat?
8. How long did Jonah stay in the belly of the big fish?
9. What did Jonah do while he was in the fish's belly?
10. How did Jonah get out of the big fish?
11. What did Jonah do after he got out of the big fish.

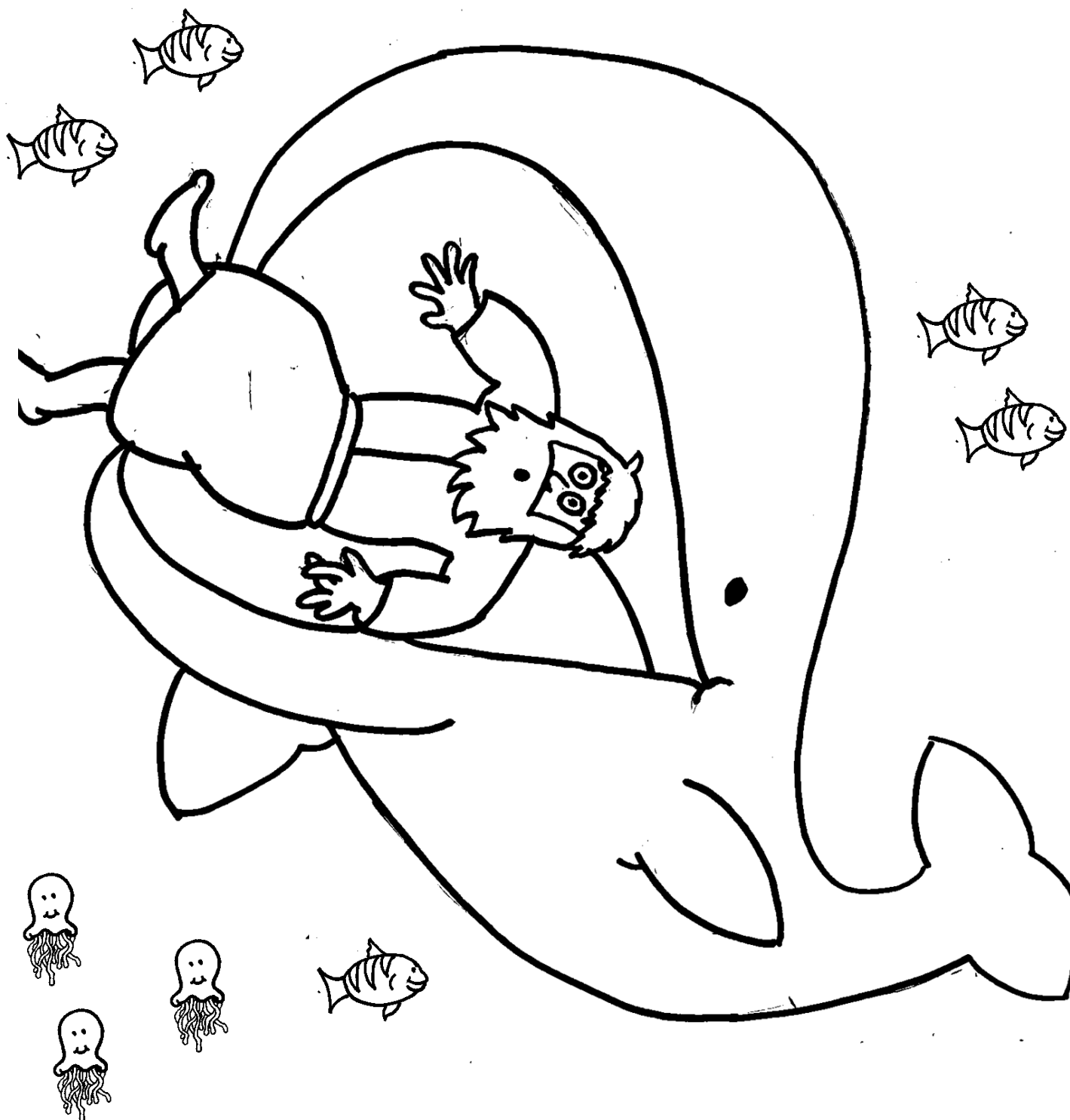
Prophet, Ninevah, he didn't want God to save the people of Ninevah, got on a boat going to Tarshish, there was a big storm, throw him out of the boat, he was swallowed by a whale, 3 days and 3 nights, prayed thanking God for saving him, the fish vomited Jonah out onto dry land, went to Ninevah and warned the people to turn back to God.

- I didn't like the people of Ninevah.
- I was a prophet.
- I tried to run away from God.
- I knew the storm was my fault.
- I was thrown out of the boat.
- I was swallowed by a big fish .
- I finally listened to God after I was vomited out of the big fish.

Who am I?

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eXtra Money in Fish

One day Jesus and his disciples were traveling through a place called Capernaum. As they entered the city, they passed men collecting money. They were tax collectors collecting money from every man to pay for things in the temple. As they passed by, one of the tax collectors called out to one of Jesus's disciples named Peter. The tax collector asked Peter if Jesus had to pay taxes. Peter said, "Yes, Jesus does pay taxes."

When Jesus heard Peter's answer, he corrected him. Jesus explained to Peter that he did not have to pay taxes. Jesus said, "A king would not make his own children pay taxes to live in his kingdom. That's the way it is for me. God is my father, so I do not have to pay taxes to be in His house." Jesus knew this answer would upset the tax collectors. Many people were already angry at Jesus because they did not believe he was the Son of God. This would make them even angrier so he said he would pay the tax even though he didn't have to. Jesus didn't have a job or anything to sell to get money. God provided Jesus and the disciples with everything they needed as they traveled. Jesus told Peter to go to the sea and cast out his line. The first fish he caught would have a coin inside its mouth that would be enough to pay the tax.

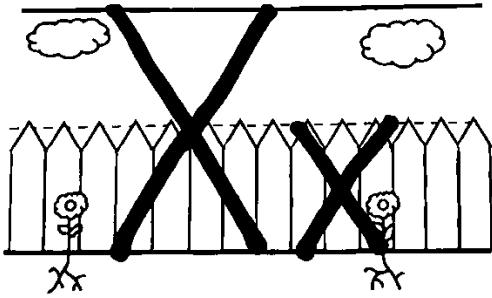
Peter did just as Jesus told him to do. He went to the sea and cast his line. When he caught a fish, he pulled it ashore and opened its mouth. There, just like Jesus said, he found enough money to pay the tax for Jesus and for himself. God provided exactly what they needed when they needed it.

Matthew 17:24-27

- Jesus and his disciples were in Capernaum.
- They walked by tax collectors. In that time all males were to pay a temple tax.
- As they walked by, one of the tax collectors asked Peter if Jesus did not pay taxes.
- Peter responded before checking with Jesus about the matter stating that Jesus did pay taxes.
- Jesus explained to Peter that he did not have to pay taxes. He used the example of how a king would not require his own children to pay taxes to live in his kingdom. In that same way he did not have to pay taxes to be in his father's house.
- Jesus did agree to pay the tax to keep peace. People were constantly trying to trick Jesus, and this would be yet another angle they may try to use if he didn't pay the tax.
- Jesus told Peter to go to the sea and catch a fish. The money he needed would be in the mouth of the fish.
- Peter did just as Jesus had told him to do and found the money in the mouth of the fish.
- The amount found was enough to cover the tax for Jesus and Peter.

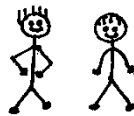
Memory Verse

But my God shall supply all your needs.
Philippians 4:19



Peter found the money in the fish's mouth just as Jesus had said. Money doesn't belong in a fish's mouth. Look at the picture below. Circle 7 things that are not where they belong.

Peter was able to pay the taxes for himself and for Jesus with one coin. If 1 coin will pay for 2 people, try to figure out how many coins will be needed to pay for the groups of people below.







Extra Activities

-Going fishing. Write the memory verse on construction paper and then cut out each word individually. Put all words in a box. Tie a string around a small stick or straw to make a fishing rod. Put sticky-tacky or a small ball of packing tape on the end of the string and have the children fish out a word from the memory verse. Have them put the words in the correct order.

-Money hunt. Hide chocolate coins around the room. Let the children see how many peculiar places they can find money.

In My World

Jesus did not have to pay the tax because the temple was his father's house. Jesus did pay the tax to keep people from getting angry. Sometimes in life we don't have to do things. Sometimes we don't have to share our candy or clean up messes we didn't make but by doing those things we may be able to help keep the peace. Sharing with someone even though you don't have to keeps them from feeling jealous and left out. Helping someone clean up when you don't have to is a great way to show someone you care. Sometimes we need to go out of our way and do the extra things that help others or help keep the peace.

Cast

- to throw a fishing line into the water
- a hard bandage for a broken bone
- the group of actors for a play or movie

Peter cast out his line to catch a fish. In the space below, draw a fishing rod.

Question and Answer

1. What was the name of the town where Jesus and his disciples were traveling?
2. Why were the men collecting money?
3. Who told the tax collectors that Jesus did pay taxes?
4. Why did Jesus say he didn't have to pay taxes?
5. Why did Jesus pay the tax anyway?
6. Where did Jesus tell Peter to go to get the money to pay the tax?
7. What did Peter find in the fish's mouth?
8. How much money was in the fish's mouth?

Capernaum, they were collecting a tax to pay for things in the temple, Peter, just as a king wouldn't make his children pay a tax to live in his kingdom he doesn't have to pay a tax for his father's house, to keep people from getting angry, the sea, a coin, enough to pay the tax for Jesus and Peter.

- I was traveling in Capernaum.
- I passed the tax collectors.
- My taxes were paid from the money found in the mouth of the fish.
- I told the tax collectors that Jesus did pay taxes.
- I went fishing in the sea.

Who am I?

But my God shall supply all your needs.

Philippians 4:19

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Your God Will Be My God

There once was a woman named Naomi. Naomi and her husband lived in Bethlehem and had two sons. Naomi's husband decided to move their family to a place called Moab so that they might have a better life. Their sons grew up and married women from Moab. Then Naomi's husband died. Naomi was very sad, but she had her sons and their wives to take care of her. Then one day both of her sons also died. Naomi was sad again. Her husband's wives were also sad. All three ladies were left with no one to take care of them. If they couldn't find someone to take care of them, they would become very poor and have to beg for food and a place to live. Naomi loved her daughters-in-law, but she didn't want them to live a life begging for food. She told them to leave her and go back to their families. One daughter-in-law named Orpah listened to Naomi and went back to her family. The other daughter-in-law was named Ruth. Ruth refused to leave Naomi. Ruth told Naomi, "Wherever you go, I will go, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." She wasn't going to leave Naomi to beg by herself. So, Naomi and Ruth left together to go back to Naomi's family in Bethlehem.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, Ruth decided to go glean in the fields to help provide food for them to eat. So, Ruth went out the fields where men were working, and she would pick up the grain that they dropped. This wasn't stealing, there was even a law that workers couldn't pick up what they dropped, they had to leave it for the poor. Ruth knew she wouldn't be able to get much grain this way, but

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- Naomi was married to Elimelech. They lived in Bethlehem and had two sons.
- Elimelech moved his family to Moab because of a famine in his homeland.
- Moabites were looked down upon by most Israelites and they did not serve the one true God.
- Naomi's sons married Moabite women; Ruth and Orpah
- Naomi's husband died and for ten years her sons took care of her and their wives.
- Naomi's sons died leaving all three women with no one to take care of them.
- Widows without family to take them in usually became very poverty stricken. Naomi loved Ruth and Orpah too much to force them into poverty, so she freed them to go back to their families who were in Moab.
- Orpah resisted at first but

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thy God my God. Ruth 1:16

she was going to work as hard as she could to help provide for herself and Naomi. The man who owned the field saw Ruth working. His name was Boaz, and he was impressed with her. He had heard all about Ruth and Naomi and how Ruth chose to stay with her mother-in-law instead of going back to her family. Boaz told his workers to drop a little extra for Ruth to pick up. Then he went and told Ruth to always come to his field and even eat with his workers.

When Ruth went home that evening with lots of grain, Naomi asked her where she got it. Ruth told Naomi all about Boaz and how nice he was to her. Naomi knew Boaz. Boaz was part of her husband's family, and he could take care of them! Naomi got so excited and told Ruth to go to him and let him know they would let him take care of them if he wanted to. Ruth did exactly what Naomi told her to do, and Boaz had already been thinking about it and he wanted to help them. In fact, after he met Ruth for the first time, he wanted to marry her. There was only one problem. Naomi's husband had a brother who was first in line to help them. If the brother took them in and helped them, Boaz couldn't marry Ruth. The very next day, Boaz went to talk to the brother. He told him about Naomi and the brother agreed to take care of her. Then Boaz told him about Ruth. The brother didn't want to have to take care of both ladies so he told Boaz he could take care of them.

Boaz was so excited. He returned and told Ruth and Naomi the good news. Soon he and Ruth got married. Ruth didn't have to work in the fields anymore and Naomi wouldn't have to beg for food or a place to live. God took care of Ruth and Naomi.

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then returned to her family. Ruth refused to leave Naomi and traveled with her to Bethlehem.

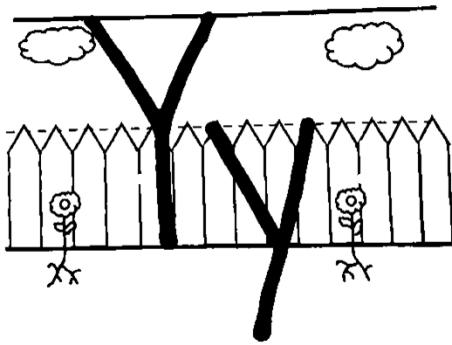
- Ruth humbled herself to glean in the fields to help provide for herself and Naomi.
- Ruth's reputation of a loyal daughter-in-law and a hard worker spread through Bethlehem.
- God led Ruth to glean in Boaz's field. Boaz was Naomi's family therefore making him a possibility to take them in and care for them.
- Boaz saw Ruth in the field and instructed his workers to drop extra for her to glean. He also told Ruth not to glean in other fields. He welcomed her to work just behind his men and along with his handmaidens and not as a lowly gleaner.
- There was one other person who was closer than Boaz who would have been available to take them in and might have if it were just Naomi but because of

Not long afterwards, Ruth had a baby. They named the baby boy Obed. Naomi once again had a family to love.

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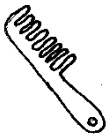
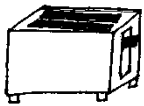
Ruth he declined the offer leaving Boaz next in line.

- Boaz jumped at the opportunity and married Ruth.
- Boaz and Ruth had a son, Obed who was grandfather to David thus putting them in the lineage of Jesus.



Naomi tried to get Ruth to go back to her family, but Ruth refused to leave and stayed with Naomi. Everywhere Naomi went, Ruth went. Look at the pictures below and match the items that go together.

Naomi's the size of Naomi's family kept changing. Look at the pictures below and figure out how many people were in Naomi's family throughout the story. Write the number on the blank line.



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Extra Activities

- Ruth did whatever Naomi did. Play a game of "Naomi Says" and see how long the children can do what do tell them to do but only if you say "Naomi Says"
- Ruth gleaned in the fields by picking up what was left behind. Play a game of pick-up sticks. Have the children carefully pick up sticks of their color without moving other sticks.

In My World

When Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah lost their husbands, they had no one to take care of them. Naomi told the others to move back to their families and she would travel back to her family alone. The journey and her new life might have been very hard for Naomi to do all by herself, but she loved her daughters-in law too much to expect them to be stuck with her and a hard life. She was willing to be all alone to give them a better life. Sometimes bad things happen. When they do, we need to be like Naomi and still want the best for other people even if it means things might be harder on us. Putting others above ourselves is a great way to show how much we love them.

Glean

- To go behind the workers in the field and pick up the grain that was dropped and left

Naomi and Ruth started the story with husbands they loved, then their hearts were broken when their husbands died. At the end of the story their hearts were once again filled with love for Boaz and Obed. In the space below draw a heart and a broken heart.

Question and Answer

11. What sad thing happened to Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah?
12. What did Naomi tell Ruth and Orpah to do?
13. Why didn't Naomi want Ruth and Naomi to come to Bethlehem with her?
14. Who refused to leave Naomi?
15. What did Ruth do to help provide food for herself and Naomi?
16. What was the name of the man who owned the field where Ruth was working?
17. What did Boaz tell his workers to do?
18. Why was Naomi excited to hear that Ruth was working in Boaz's field?
19. Why didn't Boaz take in Ruth and Naomi as soon as he met them?
20. What happened to Ruth and Naomi at the end of the story?

- I lived in Moab.
- My husband died.
- I traveled to Bethlehem.
- Boaz took me in to take care of me.
- I worked in the field to gather grain.
- I refused to leave my mother-in-law.
- I married Boaz.
- I am Obed's mom.

Who am I?

Their husbands died, go back to their families, she loved them too much to want them to have to be poor if she couldn't find someone to help her, Ruth, gleaned in the fields, Boaz, leave extra for Ruth to pick up, Boaz was her husband's brother and he could take care of them, Boaz had an older brother who was first in line to take them in, Ruth married Boaz and had a baby/they had a family again.

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Zacchaeus

There once was a man named Zacchaeus who lived in the town of Jericho. Zacchaeus was a very short man who didn't have many friends. In fact, most people didn't like Zacchaeus at all. He was a tax collector. Everyone had to give part of their money to the to the government and it was Zacchaeus's job to make them do it. Sometimes Zacchaeus would take too much money from the people and keep the extra for himself. He had made himself a very rich man by cheating other people out of their money. That was a very selfish thing to do and because of that many people hated Zacchaeus.

One day Jesus was passing through Jericho. Everyone had heard of the wonderful things Jesus had done so they gathered around him. Lots of people wanted to see Jesus, hear Jesus, and talk to Jesus so there were people everywhere. Zacchaeus had also heard about Jesus so he was in the crowd with all the other people but because Zacchaeus was such a short man, he couldn't see Jesus at all. Zacchaeus had an idea. He ran in front of the crowd in the direction Jesus was going and he climbed up in a sycamore tree. If he was up in the tree when Jesus came by, he would at least get to see him. He was right, he could see Jesus as he walked by, but Jesus didn't pass the tree. Jesus stopped at the tree. Jesus looked up in the tree and saw Zacchaeus. Jesus called him by name. He said, "Zacchaeus, you come down because I'm going to your house today." Zacchaeus was so excited to hear the news that he hurried down the tree and led Jesus to his house.

When the other people in the crowd heard Jesus say that he was going to Zacchaeus's house, it made them very upset. Zacchaeus was a bad guy in their minds, he was a sinner. Why would Jesus want to go hang out with such a

Luke 19:1-10

- Jesus was traveling through Jericho when crowds started to gather around him.
- Zacchaeus was in the crowd but because he was a short man, he could not see him.
- Zacchaeus ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up in a sycamore tree so he could get a glimpse of Jesus as Jesus passed by.
- When Jesus passed by the sycamore tree, he called Zacchaeus by name and told him to come down from the tree because he was going to his house.
- Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house upset a lot of people and they began to grumble. Zacchaeus was not well liked. He was the chief tax

Memory Verse

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God by faith in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:26

very bad man. The people began to talk bad about Zacchaeus and grumble and complain about what Jesus was doing. They didn't think someone like Zacchaeus deserved to get to spend time with someone like Jesus. They didn't understand what was going on, but they didn't like it.

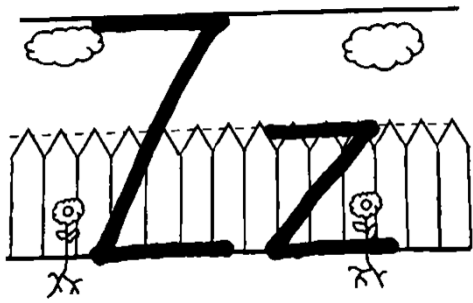
While Jesus was at Zacchaeus's house, something very wonderful happened. Jesus was talking to Zacchaeus about God's love and Jesus was treating Zacchaeus with love even though Zacchaeus had done a lot of very wrong things. Zacchaeus wasn't used to being loved; he was used to people hating him. When Zacchaeus started to feel and understand the love of Jesus, it changed him. He didn't want to be a bad guy anymore. He wanted to change the way he was living and start living in a way that would please God. Zacchaeus told Jesus he was going to take half of everything he had and give it to the poor. Zacchaeus had lots of money and lots of stuff and he wanted to share his stuff with others who needed it. Zacchaeus also said that he was going to go to all the people he had cheated and pay them back. He told Jesus that for every coin he took from someone, he was going to give them four coins to pay them back. Zacchaeus knew what he had been doing was wrong and now he wanted to do what was right. God's love changed Zacchaeus's heart that day and changing his heart changed his whole life.

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collector and he had become very rich by overcharging people on their taxes.

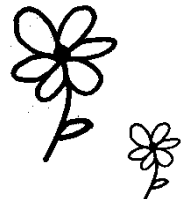
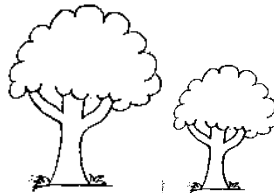
He was also a Jewish man who worked for the Roman government, so he was looked at as a traitor among his people.

- Zacchaeus repented of his sins and followed Jesus that day. He gave half of his riches to the poor and paid back all the people he had cheated fourfold.



People didn't like Zacchaeus because of the things he had done but when he put in his faith in Jesus, he changed. He became a new man. There are lots of things in God's creation that change from one thing into something else. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line from the item on the left to the item it will become on the right.

Zacchaeus was a short man. Most everyone in the crowd was taller than Zacchaeus. Look at the pictures below. Circle the item that is shorter.



Extra Activities

-Zacchaeus found himself in several different positions throughout the story. He probably started the story tiptoeing and jumping to try to see Jesus. Then he ran ahead. Then he climbed up the tree and back down. Then he walked to his house where he finally sat and talked to Jesus. Reenact the story having the children go through all the motions.

In My World

The other people didn't understand why Jesus would choose to go to the house of a sinner. They didn't understand that Jesus loves everyone. They didn't understand that in order for Zacchaeus to want to be a better person, living the way God wanted him to live, he first had to understand how much God loved him. Sometimes we look at people like they are bad people. Sometimes we remember the bad things people have done and we don't give them a chance to change. God has called us to share His love with everyone. God loves everyone and everyone messes up sometimes. Our job isn't to choose who we think is loveable enough to be loved. Our job is to love everyone the way God does.

Sinner

- Someone who does something God doesn't like.
- All of us

Zacchaeus climbed up in a tree so he could better see Jesus.
In the space below, draw a tree.

Question and Answer

1. What was the short man's name?
2. Where did Zacchaeus live?
3. Why didn't people like Zacchaeus?
4. Where did Zacchaeus go so he could see Jesus?
5. Why did Jesus stop at the bottom of the sycamore tree?
6. Why did it upset people that Jesus would hang out with Zacchaeus?
7. What did Zacchaeus do with half of his riches?
8. What did Zacchaeus promise to do to all the people who he had cheated.

Zacchaeus, Jericho, he was a tax collector who cheated people out of their money, he climbed up in a sycamore tree. He called Zacchaeus to come down because he was going to his house, they didn't think Zacchaeus was good enough to get to spend time with Jesus, give it to the poor, give it back times

- I was in Jericho
- People gathered around to see me.
- I love all people.
- I went to Zacchaeus's house.
- It made people upset that I spent time with Zacchaeus.
- I told Zacchaeus to come down out of the sycamore tree.

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