



# Stories of Hope

a Book for Families

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Dear Parents,

This book can help you and your child talk about God and life. It has things the entire family can do and talk about together. It will also help your child develop good behaviours.

Here are things you can do with this book:

- Talk about the pictures.
- Have your child tell you the Bible story they learned.
- Read the Bible passage.
- Discuss the questions.
- Help your child complete the activities.

At the bottom of every page is a place for you to sign. By signing you show that your child told you the stories on that page. Also, you show that you have discussed the questions.

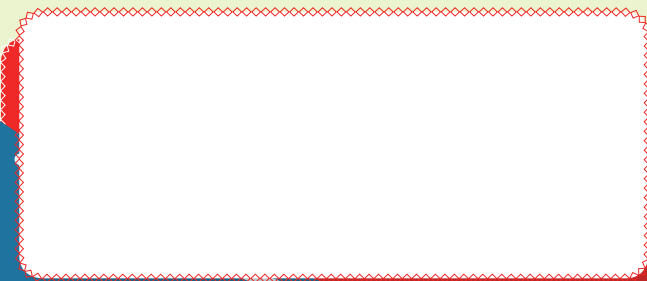
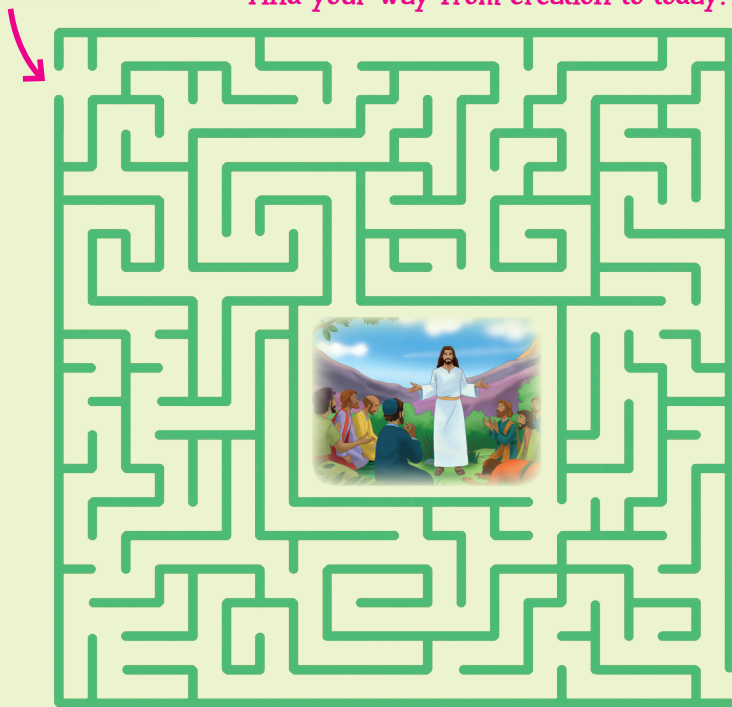
Enjoy the time you share with your child.

God bless!





Find your way from creation to today!



**D**raw a picture of your family in the frame.

# 1. Creation of the World (Genesis 1:1-25)

God created the world in six days. God made everything, and everything he made was good. God has no beginning and no end. He exists forever and ever.



## Talk About It

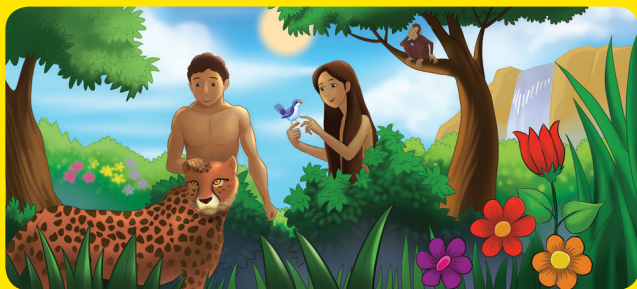
- What are some of the things God created?
- How can we take care of God's creation?

## Word Search

Circle the words found in the list.

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# 2. Creation of Man (Genesis 2:7-9, 18-24)



God created Adam and Eve. They were the very first people. God made people in his image. This

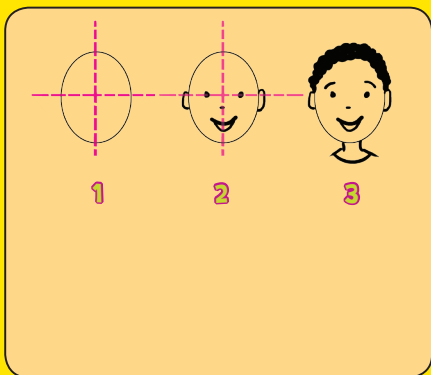
means we are like him in some ways. God demonstrated his love for us by giving us food to eat, animals to love and a beautiful world to enjoy. He wants to know us. We are very special to him.

## Talk About It

- How are we like God?
- Discuss some things that make each family member special and unique.

## Draw It

Follow these three steps to draw a face. Imagine what it was like for God to create the very first man and woman.



## 3. The Fall (Genesis 3:1-19)

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Because they disobeyed, they had to leave the garden and all people were separated from God. But God loves us. Through Jesus, he provided a way for us to know him.



## Talk About It

- What is sin?
- What are some consequences of sin?
- How did Jesus fix what Adam and Eve broke?



## Detective

Who ate the fruit? Find the path that leads from the fruit to the ones who ate it.

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# 4. Leaving the Garden

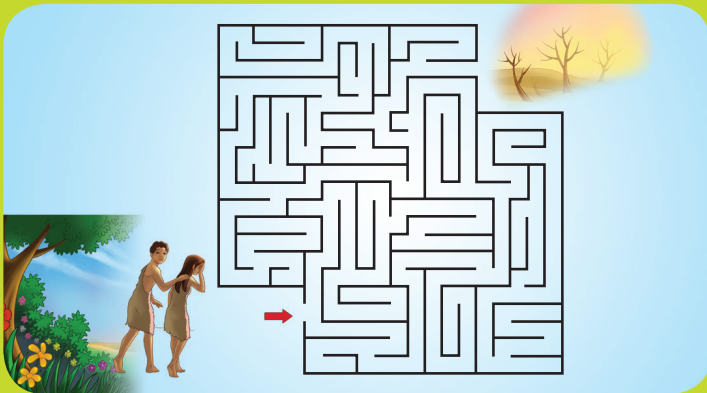
(Genesis 3:15-24)

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They ate the forbidden fruit. God was disappointed. As a result of their sin, God chased them from the Garden of Eden. Also, they had to work much harder.



## Talk About It

- What separated us from God?
- How can we come back to God?



## Maze

Lead Adam and Eve out of the garden.

# 5

## Cain and Abel (Genesis 3:15-24)

Cain and Abel brought gifts to give to God. Abel brought his best gift. Cain brought a gift that was not his best. God loved Abel's gift. Cain was jealous. He killed Abel. God sent Cain away to be alone.



### Talk About It

- Why did God like Abel's gift more than Cain's gift?
- Why did God punish Cain?

### Draw

Draw a picture of something you can do for God.

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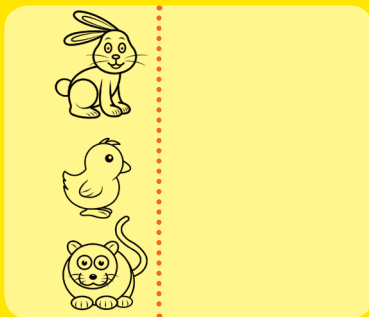
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## 6. The Flood (Genesis 6:11-22)

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They ate the forbidden fruit. God was disappointed.

As a result of their sin, God chased them from the Garden of Eden. Also, they had to work much harder. God was pleased with Noah. But everyone else was disobeying God. So God asked Noah to build an ark. Noah obeyed because he loved God. When the earth was flooded, Noah and his family were safe in the ark. God promised he would never flood the earth again. He showed Noah a rainbow as a sign of this promise.



### Talk About It

- How did Noah obey God?
- What does the rainbow remind us of?

### Two by Two

Noah took two of every kind of animal into the ark. Draw the second one to make the pairs complete.

## 7. Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

Everyone in the whole world spoke the same language.

They started to build a city together. They also built a tall tower. They wanted to stay together and become famous. God made them speak different languages. They could not understand each other. They stopped building the city. God spread them across the earth.





## Talk About It

- What did the people want to do?
- Why do you think God made them speak different languages?

## Word Search

Find the words listed on the left in the tower of words.

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FAMOUS  
BABEL  
BRICKS  
PEOPLE  
CITY  
CONFUSED  
LANGUAGES  
DIFFERENT  
EARTH  
SAME  
TOWER

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## 8. The Call of Abram (Genesis 12:1-9)

God told Abram to leave his home and go somewhere new. God also made a big promise to Abram. God promised Abram that his family would become a great nation. Abram trusted God. He left his home even though he did not know where God would lead him.



## Talk About It

- What did God ask Abram to do?
- What would you do if you were in Abram's place?



## Help Abram Leave Home

Lead Abram to the promise land.

Parents sign here.



## The Birth of Isaac (Genesis 17:1-6; 21:1-7)

When Abram was 99 years old, God changed his name to Abraham. The name Abraham means “father of many”. God gave him this name because Abraham’s family was going to become a great nation. God promised Abraham that he and Sarah would still have a son. God kept his promise. Abraham and Sarah had a son. They named him Isaac.



### Talk About It

- Why did God change Abram’s name to Abraham?
- What promise did God make to Abraham? How did he keep it?



### Count it

How many stars do you see in this picture?

# 10. Abraham and Isaac

(Genesis 22:1-18)

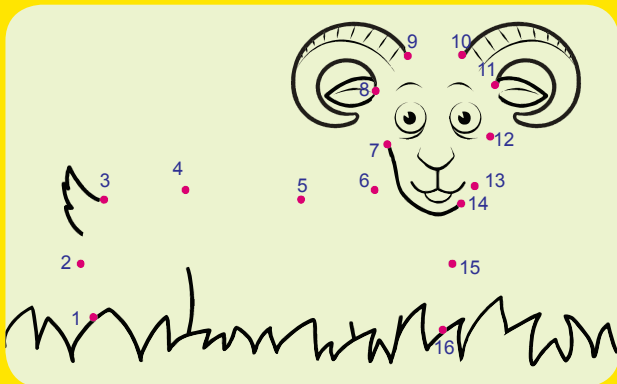
God tested Abraham. He asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Abraham was willing to obey God. God gave Abraham a ram



to sacrifice instead of Isaac. Abraham trusted God even when it was hard. Sometimes God's plan is not clear. But we can trust God. God loves us so much that he sacrificed his Son for us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

## Talk About It

- What did God ask Abraham to do?
- What did God do because of his love for us?



## Connect the Dots

Starting at 1, connect the dots to see a picture of the animal God provided to replace Isaac as the sacrifice.

# 11. Isaac and Rebekah

(Genesis 24:15-27, 62-67)

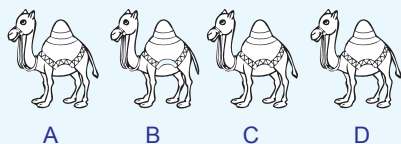


Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac. The servant prayed. He asked God to show him which woman to choose. God answered his prayer.

The servant asked Rebekah to marry Isaac. She said she would marry him. The servant thanked God. Rebekah left her home and went with the servant. She married Isaac.

## Talk About It

- How did the servant know that Rebekah should be Isaac's wife?
- Who put this marriage together?



## What is different?

Which camel is not like the others? \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle the differences.

# 12. Jacob and Esau

(Genesis 27:13-38)

Isaac was old. He decided to bless his oldest son, Esau. Isaac asked Esau to bring him food. After that, Isaac would bless

him. Esau's mother heard their conversation. She wanted her other son, Jacob, to receive the blessing. She told Jacob to pretend to be Esau. Jacob did so. He stole the blessing that was not his. When Esau found out, he was angry. He wanted to kill his brother. Jacob had to leave his home to save his life.



## Talk About It

- Why did Jacob lie to his father?
- Why was Esau so angry?
- Have you ever lied? What happened?

## Hidden Picture

Find the following items in the bowl of soup: ladybug, ant, fish, zebra, butterfly, shark, flowers, and bird.



## 13. Joseph Sold into Slavery (Genesis 37:12-28)

Joseph was Jacob's favourite son. He gave Joseph a special coat. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. They hated him. One day the brothers were feeding their sheep.



They threw Joseph into a pit. Then they sold him as a slave. They made Jacob think Joseph had been killed. Jacob was very sad. Many years later, Jesus was also treated poorly. Many people rejected him. He was beaten and killed. He asked God to forgive the people who hurt him. He died so that our sins could be forgiven.



## Talk About It

- What did Joseph's brothers do to him?
- Have you ever been rejected?
- What did Jesus do when he was rejected?

## Find the Gift

Colour the shapes marked with an "x" to find the gift that Jacob gave to Joseph. What was the gift?

Answer Key: Story 11 - B, Story 13 - a coat

Parents sign here.

# 14

## Joseph and Potiphar's Wife (Genesis 39:6-15)

Joseph was a slave, but God was with him. Joseph became very successful. He was put in charge of Potiphar's house. Potiphar's wife liked Joseph. She tempted him to do a bad thing. Joseph refused to do it. One day, she grabbed Joseph. She tried to make him do something bad. He ran away. When Potiphar came home, his wife lied about what had happened. She said Joseph had done something bad. Potiphar was very angry. He sent Joseph to prison. God helped Joseph even while he was in prison.



### Talk About It

- What did Joseph do when he was tempted?
- Have you ever been tempted?
- How do you respond when you are tempted?



### Maze

Help Joseph escape from Potiphar's wife.

# 15. Joseph's Rise to Power

(Genesis 39:20-23; 41:37-49)

God kept Joseph safe while he was in prison. He caused the prison guards to like him. God gave Joseph the ability to understand the

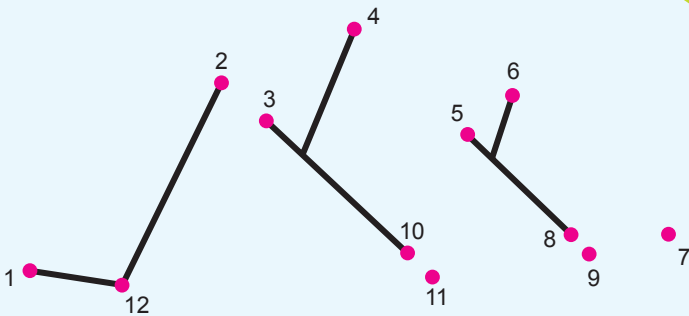


meaning of dreams. He had an opportunity to explain a dream for Pharaoh. Pharaoh was very pleased with Joseph. He put

him in charge of many things in Egypt. God was with Joseph, and he became a very powerful man.

## Talk About It

- How did God help Joseph while he was in prison?
- Does God help us in difficult times?
- How has God helped you?



## What is it?

Connect the dots to see the hidden picture. You can find these in Egypt. What are they?

Answer Key: Story 15 – pyramids

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# 16. Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt

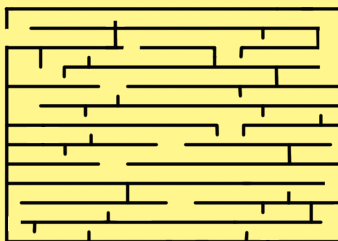
(Genesis 45:1-15)

There was a famine in the land. Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food. When they arrived, Joseph recognized them. When the brothers realized who Joseph was, they were afraid. Joseph told them not to be afraid. He said God had used the bad things they had done for good. Joseph was able to save their families from starving. He forgave his brothers and saved his family.



## Talk About It

- Why were Joseph's brothers afraid of him?
- How did Joseph react to his brothers?
- How can God bring good out of bad situations?



## Help!

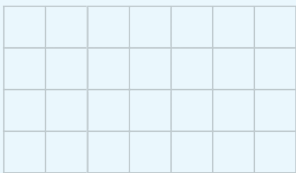
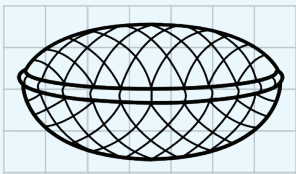
Help Joseph's brothers find their way to Joseph.



# 17. The Birth of Moses

(Exodus 2:1-10)

A new Pharaoh came into power. He was afraid of the many Israelites in Egypt. He thought they were too powerful. He was mean. He made them work very hard. He ordered that Israelite baby boys must be killed. One Israelite woman put her baby boy in a basket. She placed the basket in the river so he would not be killed. Pharaoh's daughter found him floating in the river. She adopted him as her son. She named him Moses.



## Talk About It

- Why did Pharaoh treat the Israelites badly?
- How did God protect Moses?

## A Basket for Moses

Draw a basket for Baby Moses.

Parents sign here.

# 18. The Burning Bush

(Exodus 3:1-10; 4:10-17)



God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. The bush was on fire. But it did not burn up. God told Moses that he was standing

on holy ground. He told Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery. Moses was scared. He did not speak well. God told Moses that he would help him. God would teach him what to say.

## Talk About It

- What does it mean that God is holy?
- Can God use you if you have a weakness?

## Leaves on Fire

How many leaves are on the burning bush?



# 19. The Plagues

(Exodus 7:1-13)

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They asked him to let the Israelites leave Egypt. Pharaoh told them to show him a miracle. Aaron threw down his walking stick.



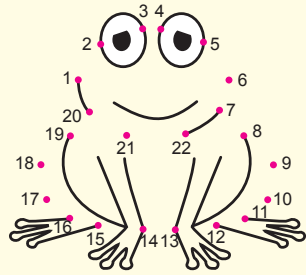
It became a snake. Pharaoh had his men do the same thing with their sticks. But Aaron's snake ate the other men's snakes. Pharaoh became angry and did not let the Israelites leave Egypt. God sent ten plagues on Egypt to punish Pharaoh.

## Talk About It

- Why did God punish Pharaoh and the Egyptian people?
- Why didn't Pharaoh let the Israelites leave Egypt?

## What is it?

Connect the dots to find an animal. This animal hopped all over Egypt during the second plague. What was it? \_\_\_\_\_



# 20

## The Passover (Exodus 12:12-13, 21-23, 29-30)

The final plague was the worst one. The firstborn son in every house died. God told every Israelite family to kill a lamb and eat it. He told them to mark their doors with the blood of the lamb. This was a sign for God to pass over the house and not kill the firstborn son. God did not kill the firstborn sons of the Israelite families. But he killed the firstborn son of every Egyptian family. When Pharaoh heard what had happened, he told Moses and Aaron to take the Israelites and leave Egypt. Many years later, Jesus came. He was called the Lamb of God. His blood covered our sins.



step 1

step 2

step 3

## Draw a Lamb

Follow these steps to draw a lamb on a piece of paper. Also, complete the lamb in step one.

## Talk About It

- What did the Israelites do to protect their families?
- How was the Passover lamb like Jesus?

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# 21. Parting of the Red Sea

(Exodus 14:8-31)

The Israelites left Egypt. Pharaoh and his army chased them. The Israelites were afraid. They cried out to God. Moses told them to not

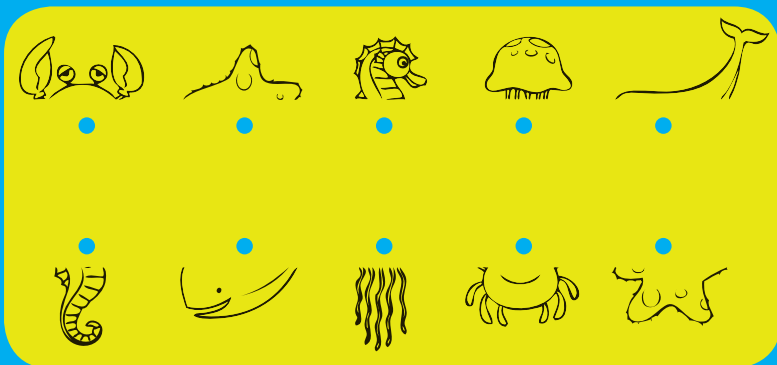


be afraid. He said that God would help them. Moses stretched his arm towards the Red Sea. God sent a strong wind and divided the sea. The Israelites

walked across on dry land. Pharaoh's army followed them. The Israelites reached the other side. Moses stretched his arm over the sea, and the waters covered Pharaoh's army. God saved his people.

## Talk About It

- Who rescued the Israelites?
- How did they cross the sea?



## Back Together Again

Put each sea creature back together by drawing a line between the top half and bottom half.

# 22. The Ten Commandments

(Exodus 19:16-25; 20:1-21)

The Israelites were in the desert. They arrived at Mount Sinai. God came down on the mountain. There was thunder and lightning. God shook the mountain. Moses went up the mountain to meet God. God spoke to Moses and gave him the Ten Commandments.



## Talk About It

- What happened on the mountain?
- What is the first commandment?



## Help!

Help Moses up the mountain to get the ten commandments.

Parents sign here.

## 23. The Golden Calf (Exodus 32:1-34)



Moses was on the mountain for a long time. The Israelites asked Aaron to make them an idol to lead and protect them. They gave Aaron their gold, and he made a golden calf.

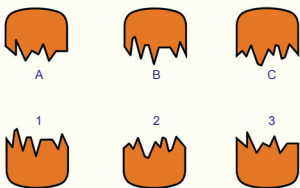
The people worshipped the golden calf. God told Moses what had happened. When Moses returned from the mountain, he was angry. He threw the stone tablets on the ground and they broke. God judged the people for their sin. Moses asked God to forgive the people.

### Talk About It

- Why was it a sin to worship the golden calf?
- What is an idol?

### Oh No!

The stone tablets split in two. Match together the different halves to put them back together again.



## 24. Rahab and the Spies (Joshua 2:1-24)

Joshua sent two spies to the town of Jericho. They stayed in the house of a woman named Rahab. The king of Jericho heard that the spies were there.



He sent soldiers to arrest the men. Rahab hid the spies on the roof of her house. She told the soldiers that the spies had already left. The soldiers left her house to search for the men. Rahab had heard about the power of the Israelites' God. She asked the spies to protect her family. They promised to spare her family when they returned.

## Talk About It

- Why did Rahab hide the spies?
- What did the spies promise Rahab?

## Can You See the Difference?

There are five things that are different. What are they?



# 25. Entering the Promised Land

(Joshua 3:9-17; 21:43-45)

God promised the Israelites that he would stop the Jordan River from flowing so they could cross it. The priests walked ahead of the rest of the people. When the priests' feet touched the edge of the water, the river stopped flowing. All of the people crossed over the river on dry land. God gave the Israelites the land he had promised them.



## Talk About It

- Why was the land called the Promise Land?
- How did God help them reach the Promise Land?
- Does God always keep his promises?

## Cross the Jordan

Help the Israelites find their way through the Jordan. To cross the river, follow the boxes with one drop of water in them. Be careful not to follow the boxes with two water droplets because it will lead you the wrong way.



# 26. Deborah's Courage

(Judges 4:1-16)

Deborah was the leader of Israel. Jabin was the enemy king of Canaan. He ruled over the Israelites for 20 years. His army was very powerful. God used Deborah to help the Israelites fight Jabin's army. Deborah believed that God would help them win the battle. She had great courage. She went out to battle with them. The Israelites defeated Jabin's army.



## Talk About It

- How did Deborah's courage help her?
- How did the Israelites win the battle?

## Solve the Problem

To solve this problem you will need to look at the picture and count each item listed below. Then do the math.

\_\_\_\_\_ Spears + \_\_\_\_\_ People -

\_\_\_\_\_ Clouds = \_\_\_\_\_



# 27. God Uses Gideon

(Judges 7:9-22)

The Midianites treated the Israelites badly for seven years. God appeared to a man named Gideon. He told Gideon to fight the



Midianites.

God promised that he would help the Israelites in battle. He told Gideon to choose only 300 men for

his army. Gideon was afraid. God encouraged him through a dream. Gideon believed that God would help his army win the battle. He told his soldiers to blow trumpets. God caused the Midianites to kill each other.

## Talk About It

- How did God encourage Gideon?
- What happened when Gideon's army blew their trumpets?



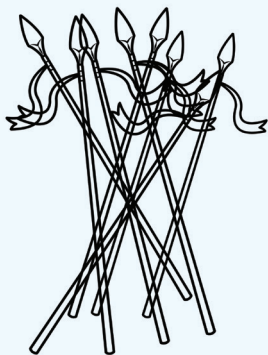
## Which One?

Help Gideon find his way to the battle. Trace the path he should take.

# 28. Samson

(Judges 16:4-22)

God made Samson very strong. Samson loved Delilah. The Philistines offered Delilah a lot of money to find Samson's weakness. She tried to trick him many times. Finally, Samson told her his weakness. He said that if someone cut his hair, his strength would disappear. Delilah told the Philistines. They cut Samson's hair. God took away Samson's strength. The Philistines captured him.



## Talk About It

- Why did Delilah trick Samson?
- What happened when Delilah cut Samson's hair?

## Look Out!

The Philistines have brought their spears. How many can you count?

# 29. Ruth

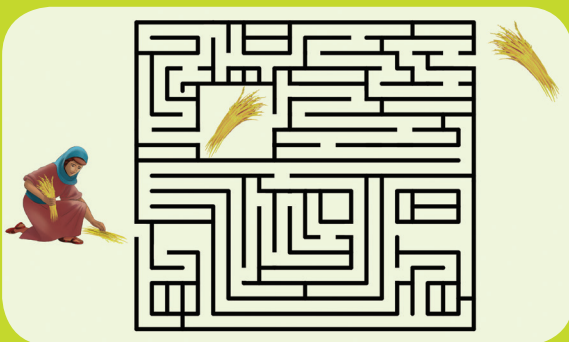
(Ruth 2:1-12; 3:1-13)



Naomi returned to her homeland with her daughter-in-law, Ruth. They were very poor. Ruth went to pick up grain from the field of a man named Boaz. He was Naomi's relative. Boaz was kind to Ruth. He told the workers to leave extra grain on the ground for her to pick up. Naomi instructed Ruth to go to Boaz. He was pleased with Ruth. He married her and helped Naomi.

## Talk About It

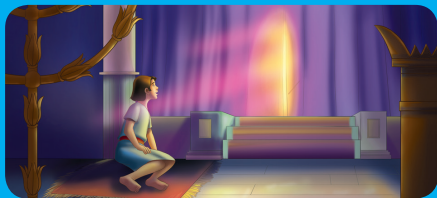
- Why did Ruth pick up grain in the field?
- How did Boaz help Ruth?



## Help!

Help Ruth collect wheat for her and Naomi.

## 30. The Calling of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-21)



One night while Samuel was sleeping, God spoke to him. Samuel heard God's voice and woke up. He thought that Eli had called him. This happened three times. Eli told him to

answer God. God spoke to Samuel. Samuel listened to what God said. Later, Samuel became God's prophet.

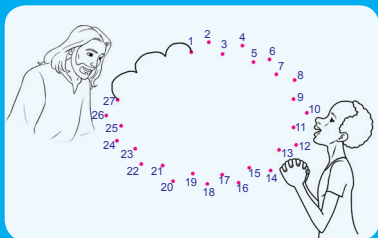
### Talk About It

- Who was calling Samuel?
- How does God speak to us today?

### What Do You Hear?

What is God saying to you?

Listen to God and hear what he says. Connect the dots for a space to write or draw what God is telling you.



## 31. David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:25-58)



Every day for 40 days, a giant named Goliath challenged the Israelite army. He wanted someone to fight him. All of the Israelite soldiers were afraid of him. David was a young

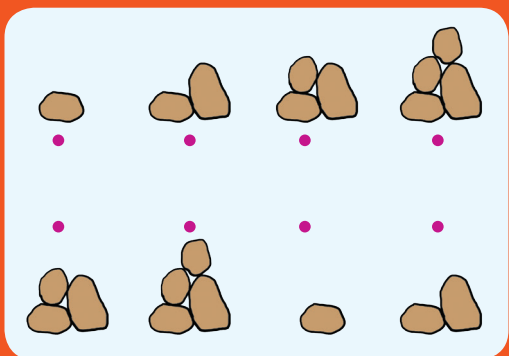
shepherd boy. One day, he brought food to his brothers at the battle. David wanted to fight Goliath. He knew God would help him kill him. When Goliath tried to attack David, David took one stone and put it in his sling. He threw the stone at Goliath. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead and killed him.

## Talk About It

- How did God protect David?
- How can you trust God more?

## Collect the Stones

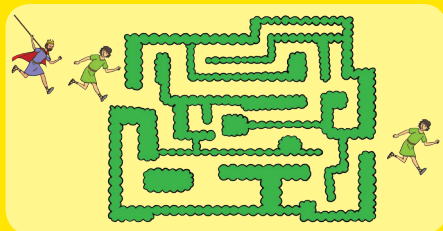
Help David collect five stones. Draw a line from the top row of rocks to the bottom row to make piles that have five rocks.



## 32. Saul Tries to Kill David (1 Samuel 18:1-16)



David was an officer in King Saul's army. One day after a battle, women sang about how David had killed more enemies than Saul had. This made Saul very angry. He was jealous of David. He tried to kill David with a spear. God helped David escape from Saul.



## Talk About It

- What did Saul do because he was jealous?
- How can jealousy hurt others?

## Run!

Saul wanted to kill David. Help David run to safety.

Parents sign here.

# 33

## David Spares Saul's Life (1 Samuel 26:5-14, 17-25)

David went to the desert to hide from Saul. Saul and his army chased him. One night, David and another man went to Saul's camp. They found Saul sleeping. The man who was with David wanted to kill Saul, but David would not let him. David took Saul's spear and water jug. He left the camp and called out to Saul's army. Saul knew that David could have killed him. Saul stopped chasing David and went home.



### Talk About It

- How did David treat Saul?
- How should we treat people in authority?



### Too Many Pieces!

Help put this picture back together by numbering the pieces 1-6.

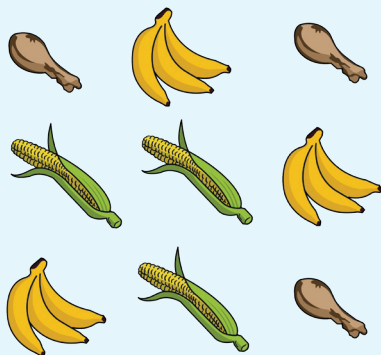
# 34. David and Mephibosheth

(2 Samuel 9:1-13)

David became king of Israel. He wanted to show kindness to Saul's family. Saul's grandson, Mephibosheth, was still alive. But he could not walk. David showed him kindness and compassion. He let him eat at the king's table for the rest of his life. He treated Mephibosheth like a son.

## Talk About It

- What did David do for Mephibosheth?
- How can we care for others?



## Caring

David cared for Mephibosheth. He gave him food to eat. Divide the food into three equal meals by drawing lines.

# 35. David and Bathsheba

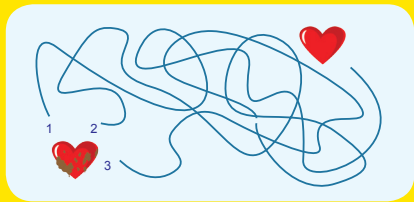
(2 Samuel 11:2-5;  
12:1-13)

One evening, King David saw a beautiful woman bathing. Her name was Bathsheba. She was the wife of one of David's soldiers. David sent for her, and he slept with her. She became pregnant. David tried to cover up his sin. He had Bathsheba's husband killed. God was angry with David. God sent the prophet Nathan to show David his sin. David was very sorry for what he had done. God forgave David.



## Talk About It

- How did God feel about David's sin?
- What does God do when we ask for forgiveness?



## What Do You See?

After David sinned, he prayed to God. He said, "Create in me a clean heart." Choose the path that will take you from the dirty heart to the clean heart.

# 36. Solomon Builds the Temple

(1 Chronicles 22:5-13; 1 Kings 8:22-30)

King David wanted to build a temple for God. He decided it should be the most beautiful building in the world. God was pleased that David wanted to build him a temple. But he said David could not build it.



David had killed too many people in battle. David's son, Solomon, built the temple instead. It was the most beautiful building. When it was finished, Solomon prayed and honoured God. He said that no building would ever be big enough for God to live in.



## Talk About It

- Why couldn't David build the temple?
- Where does God live?



## Where is the Temple?

The Bible says that each one of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit now. Connect the dots to make a picture frame. Then draw a picture of the place where the Holy Spirit lives. Hint: What do you look like?

## 37. Solomon Makes Bad Choices

(1 Kings 11:1-13)

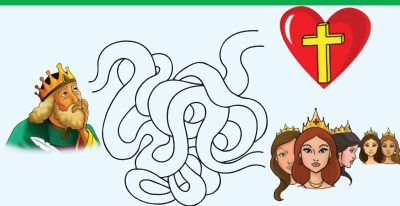


But Solomon disobeyed God. He married many foreign women who worshipped false gods. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines. When he was old, his wives turned

his heart away from God. God told him not to worship false gods. But Solomon continued to disobey. God was angry. He told Solomon that since he did not keep God's laws, the kingdom would be torn away from him and given to someone else.

## Talk About It

- Why did Solomon's heart turn away from God?
- What happened when Solomon disobeyed God?



## Wrong Way!

Solomon's wives influenced his choices. Follow the path he chose. Did it bring him closer to God or turn his heart away from God?

# 38

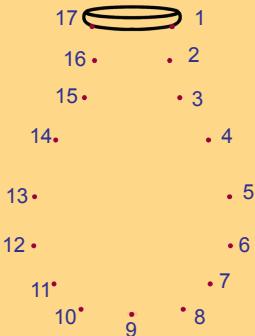
## Elijah (1 Kings 18:16-39)

Elijah told the people to gather on Mount Carmel. He told them to decide whether they would worship Baal or God. Elijah challenged the false prophets of Baal to a competition. The prophets of Baal made a sacrifice. They asked their god to start a fire. Nothing happened. Elijah also made a sacrifice. He prayed. God sent fire and it burned up the sacrifice. All the people worshipped God.



### Talk About It

- Why did Elijah challenge the false prophets?
- What happened when Elijah prayed to God?



### Prayer Jar

Maybe you have friends or family members who do not know God. You can pray for them. Connect the dots. Then, inside the jar, write the names of people you want to pray for.

# 39.

## Job

(Job 1:1-22; 2:7-13)

Job was a very good man. He had a large family. He had many possessions. Satan thought that if Job suffered he would stop worshipping God.

God allowed Satan to test Job.

Job lost all of his possessions, and he became very sick. All of Job's children died. Job

was very sad. But Job still worshipped God. After Job was tested, God blessed him with more children and many possessions.



### Talk About It

- What did Job do when he lost his possessions and his children?
- Did Job blame God?



### Happy. Sad. Happy.

At first, Job was happy. Then many sad things happened to him. Then God blessed him again. Complete Job's face in the pictures.

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# 40

## Jonah

(Jonah 1:1-17; 2:1-4,10; 3:1-10)

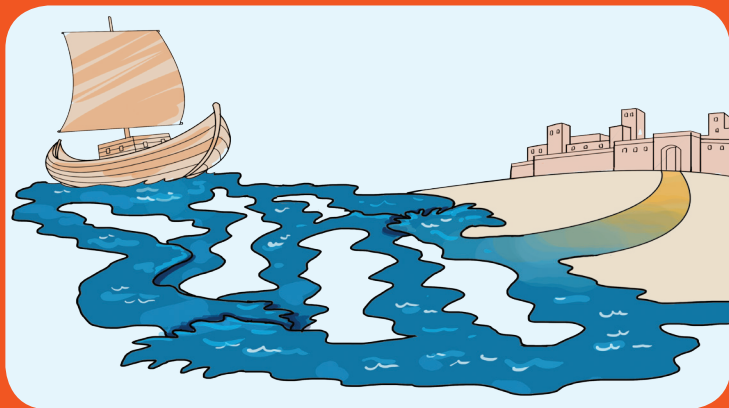
God wanted Jonah to preach to the people in Nineveh who were doing evil things. Jonah did not want to go. He got on a ship that was going in the other direction. God sent a great storm. The sailors realized that the storm was because of Jonah. They threw him into the sea. A big fish swallowed Jonah. He was in the fish for three days. Jonah prayed to God. God caused the fish to spit Jonah onto



land. Jonah obeyed God and went to Nineveh. The people believed God's message and stopped doing evil things.

### Talk About It

- Why did Jonah run from God?
- Why did God save the city?



### To Nineveh!

Lead the way to Nineveh so Jonah can deliver God's message to the people.

# 41. Daniel Refuses to Eat The King's Food

(Daniel 1:1-20)

Daniel and three of his friends were taken from Jerusalem to Babylon. They served the king of Babylon. The king gave them nice



food and wine. Daniel refused to take it. He asked to only eat vegetables and water for 10 days. After 10 days, Daniel and

his friends looked healthier than the young men who ate the king's food. God made Daniel and his friends smart and wise.

## Talk About It

- What did Daniel and his friends eat for 10 days?
- What happened after 10 days?



## Farmer

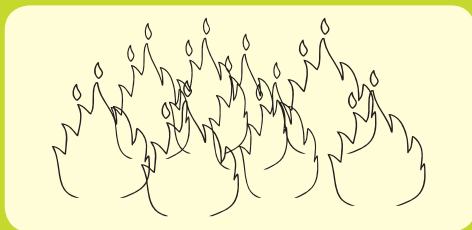
Daniel and his friends ate only vegetables. Circle the healthy vegetables below and cross out everything else.

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## 42. The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3:1-30)



King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue. He ordered that everyone had to worship the statue. Anyone who did not worship it would be thrown into a fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship the statue. The king was very angry. He ordered that they be thrown into the furnace. He heated it seven times hotter than normal. The fire killed the soldiers who threw them into the furnace. But the three young men did not burn. The king saw a fourth man in the fire with them. The fourth man looked like the Son of God. The king was amazed. He worshipped God.



### Talk About It

- Why did the three young men refuse to worship the statue?
- Who saved them in the furnace?

### Fire!

God rescued the three young men from the fire. How many flames are above?

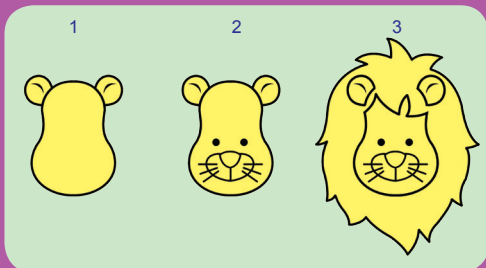
## 43. Daniel and the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:3-23)

Daniel was a governor. The king was very pleased with him. He did his job very well. The other leaders were jealous of Daniel. They made a plan to trap him. The leaders convinced the king to make a new law. The law said that no one could pray to any god or man other than the king for 30 days. The leaders found Daniel praying to God. The king had to throw Daniel into the den of lions. God protected Daniel. He did not let the lions hurt him.



## Talk About It

- Why did the king throw Daniel into the lions' den?
- Who saved Daniel from the lions?



## Draw a Lion!

Follow these steps to draw a lion on a separate piece of paper. Also, complete the lion in step one.

# 44

## Esther (Esther 5:1-7; 7:1-10)

Esther was an orphan. The king chose her to be queen. A government official called Haman hated Esther's people. He wanted them to be killed. Esther's cousin Mordecai asked her to speak to the king. Esther fasted and prayed. She went to the king and told him about Haman's plan to kill her people. The king was very angry with Haman. He had him killed. Esther's people were saved from Haman's evil plan.



## Talk About It

- What did Esther do when she heard about Haman's plan?
- How did God use Esther?

## Crown Creator

Design a beautiful crown for Esther.



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# 45. Nehemiah

(Nehemiah 1:1-4)



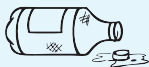
The Israelites living in Jerusalem were in a lot of trouble. The wall surrounding the city was

broken. When Nehemiah heard about the broken wall, he was very sad. He fasted and prayed to God. Nehemiah asked God for help. God helped Nehemiah and the people rebuild the wall.

## Talk About It

- What did Nehemiah do when he heard about the broken wall?
- What are some ways you can help your community?

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end

## Help Clean Up

Complete this maze by collecting the rubbish.



# 46. Birth of Christ

(Luke 2:1-20)

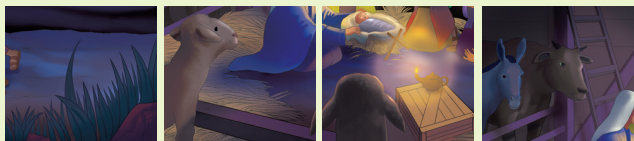
An angel came to Mary. He told her she was going to have a baby. The angel said the baby was God's Son and should be named Jesus. Mary said she would do whatever God wanted. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem. There was no place for them to stay. Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid him in a bed of hay. During the night, an angel



came to shepherds nearby. The angel told them that a Saviour had been born. Many more angels appeared. They praised God.

## Talk About It

- What did the angel tell Mary?
- Where did Mary lay baby Jesus after he was born?



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## Many Pieces!

Help put this picture back together by numbering the pieces 1-8? The first two have been done for you.

Answer key: Story 46 - 8,5,6,1,7,4,2,3

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# 47. John the Baptist

(Matthew 3:1-6, 11-17)

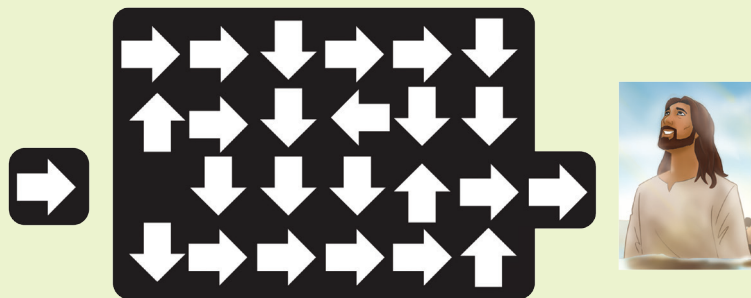


John the Baptist baptized many people in the Jordan River. Jesus came to the river

and asked John to baptize him. John did not want to baptize Jesus. But Jesus told him it was God's plan. After John baptized Jesus, the Spirit of God came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him."

## Talk About It

- What did Jesus tell John the Baptist?
- What happened after Jesus was baptized?



## Caring

John the Baptist pointed people to Jesus. Colour the arrows that lead to Jesus.

# 48. Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11)

God's Spirit led Jesus into the desert. Jesus did not eat for 40 days. He was very hungry. Satan came to him and tried to tempt him.

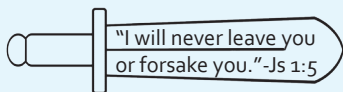
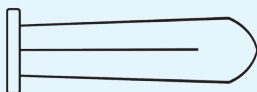


Satan tried to make Jesus turn rocks into bread. Then he dared Jesus to jump from the top of the temple. Finally, Satan tried to make Jesus worship

him. Each time Satan tried to tempt him, Jesus resisted. Jesus replied to Satan with God's Word. Satan left Jesus. Then angels came to Jesus and helped him.

## Talk About It

- What three ways did Satan tempt Jesus?
- What did Jesus do when he was tempted?



## Scripture Sword

Practice drawing a sword in the space provided. Draw another one on a piece of paper and add a verse.

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## 49. Calling of the First Disciples (Matthew 4:18-22)

Jesus was walking near the sea. He saw two brothers named Simon Peter and Andrew. They were fishermen. Jesus asked them to follow him. He told them he would teach them how to bring in people instead of fish. The two brothers dropped their nets and followed Jesus right away. Jesus kept walking, and he saw two more brothers named James and John. They were fishermen too. Jesus asked them to follow him. James and John left their boat and nets and followed Jesus.



### Solve this!

How many disciples are in the picture?

### Talk About It

- What job did the disciples do before they met Jesus?
- What did the disciples do when Jesus called them?

## 50. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12, 43-48; 6:9-15, 25-27; 7:24-27)

Jesus sat down on a mountain with his disciples. He taught them. He said:

- Blessed are the people who depend only on God. Heaven is theirs.
- Blessed are the sad. They will be comforted.
- Blessed are the humble ones. The earth is theirs.
- Blessed are those that want to be good. They will be filled with goodness.
- Blessed are kind people. They will be shown kindness.
- Blessed are the people that get hurt because they love God. Heaven is theirs.



Then Jesus told them to love their enemies. He also said not to worry about what they will eat or what they will wear. He told them that God would take care of them.

## Talk About It

- What did Jesus say about people who want to be good?
- Why do we not need to worry?



## Spot the differences

Find the five differences between the two pictures.

# 51. Nicodemus

(John 3:1-21)

Nicodemus was a religious leader. Jesus told him that no one can see God's kingdom unless they are born again. Nicodemus asked him how someone could be born again. Jesus answered that people must be born by the Spirit. He explained that only God's Spirit can change a person into a child of God. Jesus said "God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die."



## Foot Prints

Nicodemus visited Jesus at night. He did not want to be seen. The footprints show where he walked. Circle the footprints that are backwards.

Answer key: Story 49-4

## Talk About It

- How did Jesus answer Nicodemus' question?
- Why did God send Jesus to the earth?

Parents sign here.

## 52. Jesus Heals the Paralytic (Luke 5:17-26)

Jesus was teaching in a house. Many people were there. Some men carried their paralyzed friend to the house. He could not walk. Because of the crowd, they could not get to Jesus. They carried their

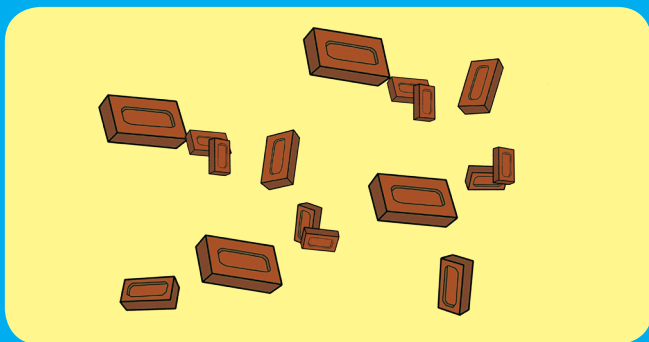


friend to the roof. The men lowered their friend through the roof. Jesus saw their faith. He told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven. The

teachers of the law thought, "Only God can forgive sins!" Jesus knew what they were thinking. He told the paralyzed man, "Stand up and walk." The man walked out of the house. Everyone was amazed.

### Talk About It

- What did the paralyzed man's friends do?
- What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?



### X Marks the Spot

Show the paralytic and his friends where to start digging. Divide the pieces of clay into four equal parts by drawing two straight lines. Hint: They will make an X.

# 53

## Woman at the Well (John 4:4-18, 25-30, 39-42)

Jesus sat down next to a well. A woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink. He told her that if she knew who he was she would ask him for the water that gives life. She asked him



for a drink of his living water. Jesus talked with the woman. He knew all about her life. She was shocked.

Jesus told her he was the Messiah. She ran back to her village to tell everyone about him. Many people put their faith in Jesus.

### Talk About It

- Who did Jesus say he was?
- What did the woman do after she talked with Jesus?



### Well Water

Circle the jar that leads to the well.  
How many can you count?

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# 54

## Casting Out of Evil Spirits

(Mark 5:1-13, 18-20)



Jesus met a man with evil spirits inside him. When the man saw Jesus he said, "Jesus, Son of God,

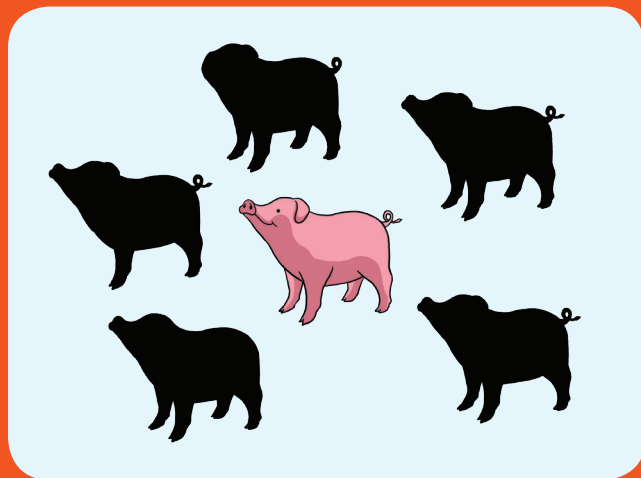
please do not hurt me!" He begged Jesus not to send the evil spirits away. There was a large herd of pigs nearby. The evil spirits asked Jesus to send them into the pigs. Jesus allowed the evil spirits to enter the pigs. Then the pigs ran down a hill into the sea and died. The healed man told others what Jesus had done.

### Talk About It

- What did the evil spirits do when Jesus talked to them?
- How powerful is Jesus?

### Shadows

Circle the shadow that matches the pig.





# 55. Jesus Feeds 5,000 (John 6:1-14)

Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. He saw a large crowd coming. Jesus wanted to feed the people. A boy brought the disciples two fish and five loaves of bread. All the

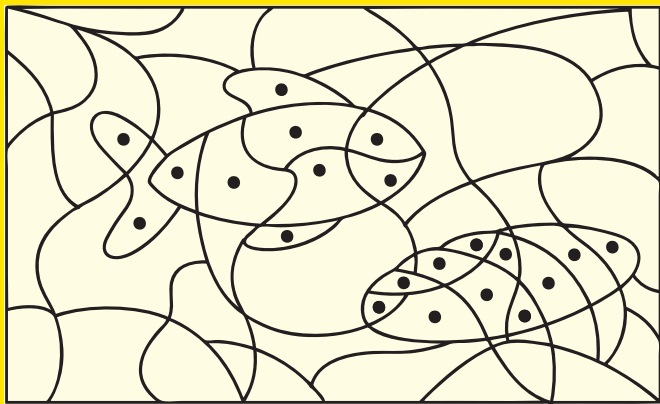


people sat down. There were 5,000 men. There were also many women and children. Jesus thanked God for the food. He gave each person

some bread and fish. After everyone had eaten, there were twelve baskets of leftovers. Everyone was amazed.

## Talk About It

- What did the boy bring to the disciples?
- What did Jesus do?



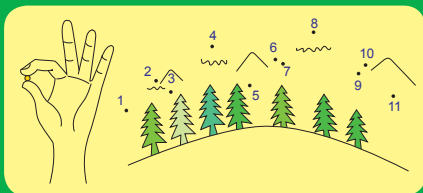
## It's a Miracle!

Shade all the shapes that have a dot to find the hidden images.

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## 56. Jesus Heals a Boy (Mark 9:17-27)

A man brought his son to Jesus. An evil spirit was inside the boy. The spirit controlled the boy's body and tried to hurt him. The boy's father asked Jesus to make the spirit leave his son. Jesus told the man to have faith. He said that anything is possible if you have faith. Then Jesus ordered the spirit to come out of the boy. The spirit left and the boy fell to the ground. Everyone thought he was dead. But Jesus helped him stand up. The boy was healed.



### Talk About It

- What did Jesus say to the boy's father?
- How did Jesus heal the boy?

### Move What?!

Jesus said, "If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell this \_\_\_\_\_ to move from here to there and it would."

Connect the dots to find out the missing word. Then compare it to the size of a mustard seed.

## 57. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)



Jesus told a story about a man who had two sons. The younger son asked his father to give him his inheritance. Then he left home and spent all of his money. He had no food to eat.

He was very hungry. He decided to go home. He hoped to work for his father. When he was near, his father saw him and ran to him. He was very happy to see his son. He had a party to celebrate his son's return. The father was glad that his younger son was home again.

## Home Sweet Home

Help guide the younger son home to his forgiving father.



## Talk About It

- What happened when the younger son returned home?
- How does this remind us of God?

# 58. The Good Samaritan

(Luke 10:24-37)

A man asked Jesus how to live forever. Jesus asked what the Bible said. The man answered that we must love God and love our neighbour. He asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus told him a story about a man who was attacked by robbers and almost died. A priest and a temple helper both walked past the man. But a Samaritan man stopped to help him. He brought him to an inn and took care of him. Jesus asked which of the three people was a neighbour to the man. The man answered, "The one who showed pity." Jesus told the man to go and do the same.



## Talk About It

- How did the Samaritan man love his neighbour?
- What are some ways you can love your neighbours?

## Help Your Neighbour

Just like the Good Samaritan, we need to help our neighbours. Match the people together with the things they need.



# 59. Peter Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-32)

Jesus' disciples were in a boat on a lake. The wind was strong and the waves were big. Jesus walked on the water towards them. The disciples were scared. They didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus told them not to be afraid. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water. When he saw how strong the wind was, he was afraid and started to sink. Jesus saved Peter. The wind stopped. All of the disciples were amazed. They worshipped Jesus.



## Talk About It

- Why was Jesus able to walk on water?
- Why was Peter afraid?

## Find the Objects!

See if you can find these images in the picture:  
chair, tree, sunshine, sweet, fish, and dog.



# 60.

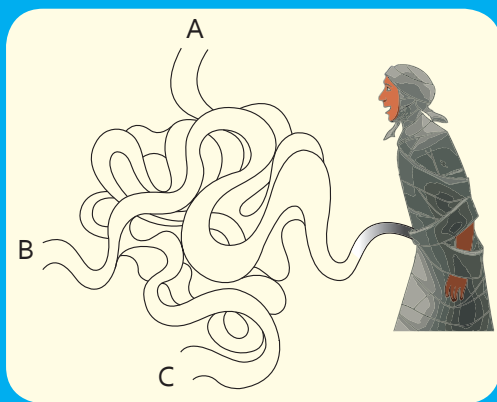
## Lazarus (John 11:1-6, 17-44)



Martha and Mary had a brother named Lazarus. Jesus loved all of them very much. The sisters sent a message to Jesus to let him know that Lazarus was sick. A few days later, Jesus came to see him. Lazarus had died. Jesus talked with Martha and Mary. Jesus cried. They went to the tomb where Lazarus was buried. Jesus prayed. Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus was raised from the dead. He walked out of the tomb.

### Talk About It

- Why do you think Jesus cried?
- What miracle did Jesus perform?



### Help!

Circle the path that will help Lazarus take off the strips of cloth he was buried in.

Answer Key: Story 60 - B

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## 61. The Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-11)



Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. He did this to fulfil a promise that God had made. A large crowd of people welcomed him. Many people put their clothes on the road in front

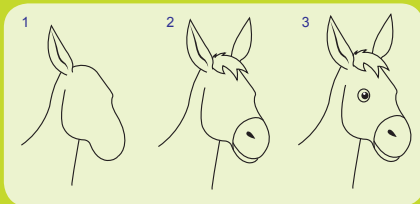
of him. Others put tree branches on the road. They worshipped Jesus. Some people asked who he was. The crowd said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

### Talk About It

- Why did Jesus ride a donkey?
- What did the people do when they saw Jesus?

### Draw a Donkey

Follow the steps to draw a donkey. Complete the first one.



## 62. The Last Supper (Matthew 26:14-35)

One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the chief priests. He told them he would help them arrest Jesus. The priests paid him 30 pieces of silver. Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples. He told them that one of them would betray him. They were all very sad. Then Jesus blessed the bread and wine. He said the bread was his body. He said the wine was his blood, which would be poured out so that people's sins could be forgiven. Jesus told them they would all reject him. Peter said he would never reject him.

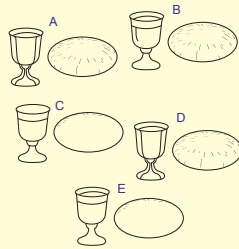


## Talk About It

- Who betrayed Jesus?
- What did the wine represent?

## Which Ones?

Which two are exactly alike?



## 63

### Jesus Arrested (Matthew 27:28-35, 45-61)



Jesus went with his disciples to a garden called Gethsemane. Jesus left his disciples and prayed. He told the Father that

he wanted to do his will. Judas arrived with a mob. Judas kissed Jesus to show the mob which man to arrest. The men arrested Jesus. One of Jesus' followers struck a man with his sword. Jesus told him to put his sword away. Later, many people asked Peter about Jesus. Three times Peter said he didn't know Jesus. Then he remembered that Jesus had said he would reject him. Peter cried.

## Talk About It

- How did the mob know who Jesus was?
- How did Peter deny Jesus?

## Solve it!

Solve the problem by filling in the number of objects from the picture in Story 63. Then do the math.

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# 64

## The Cross

(Matthew 27:28-35, 45-61)

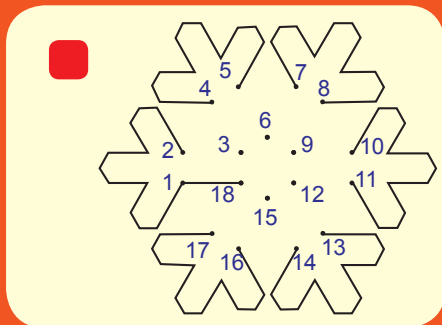


Pilate, the Roman Governor, questioned Jesus. Then the soldiers put a robe on him. They put a crown of thorns on his head. They made fun of him and beat him. Then they nailed Jesus to a cross. People shouted terrible things at Jesus. They made fun of him. Jesus cried out to God. Then he died. One of Jesus' followers took Jesus' body and wrapped it in cloth. Then he laid the body in a new tomb. He rolled a large stone against the entrance.

### Snow!

Try to erase the scarlet square. Is the square still there? Yes. This is like sin. You can't erase it. Only Jesus can take away our sin through his death on the cross.

The Bible says, "Your sins are scarlet red, but they will be whiter than snow or wool." Connect the numbers to draw a snowflake.



### Talk About It

- Who made fun of Jesus?
- Why did Jesus have to die?



# 65.

## The Empty Tomb

(Matthew 28:1-10, John 20:19-23)

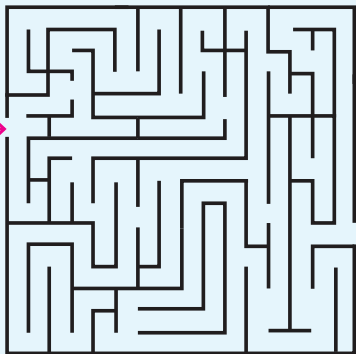
The women went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. An angel rolled away the stone from the tomb. He told the women that Jesus had risen from the dead! The women went to tell the disciples. On the way, Jesus met them. Jesus told them to tell the disciples where to meet



him. That night, Jesus came to the disciples. They were very happy to see him. Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

### Talk About It

- What did the angel say to the women?
- How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus?



### Help!

Help the women find their way to the empty tomb.

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# 66

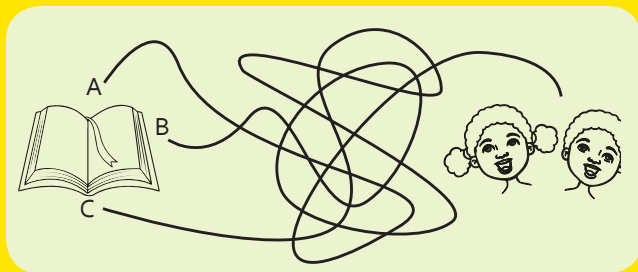
## The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:6-11)



Jesus met his disciples at a mountain. They worshipped him. Jesus told them to go to the people of all nations and make them his disciples. Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would come upon them and give them power. After he said these things, Jesus was taken up into a cloud. Two men dressed in white clothes appeared and told the disciples that Jesus would come back in the same way that they saw him go.

### Talk About It

- What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
- What happened after Jesus told his disciples these things?



### Go and Tell!

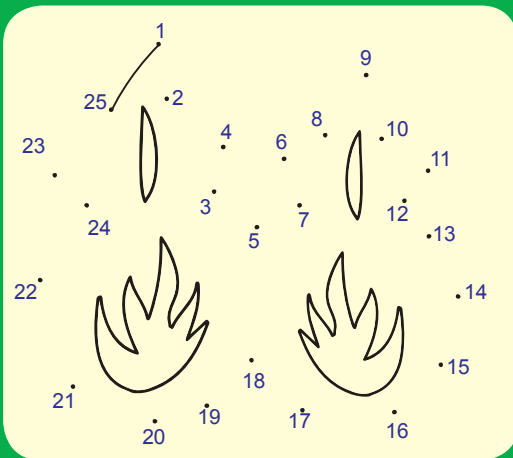
Jesus said to go and make disciples of all nations. Circle the path that will take the Bible to the children.

# 67. The Day of Pentecost

(Acts 2:1-13, 37-47)



Jesus' followers were together in one place. Suddenly they heard a loud noise like a strong wind. Fire appeared above each person. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. They began speaking in different languages. A crowd gathered around them. They were amazed. Then Peter stood up to speak. He preached the message of Jesus to the people. About 3,000 people believed in Jesus and were baptized.



## Talk About It

- What happened to the disciples?
- How did the people respond to Peter's preaching?

## What is it?

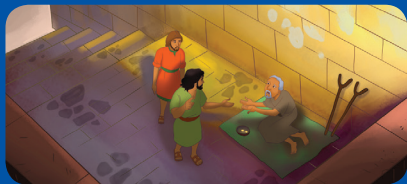
Connect the dots to see what appeared above the disciples.

Answer Key: Story 66 - A

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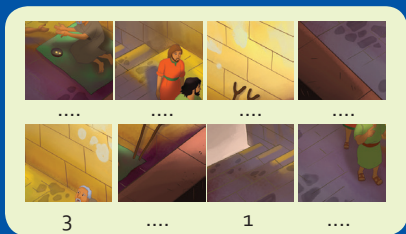
## 68. A Disabled Man Healed (Acts 3:1-10)

Peter and John were on their way to the temple to pray. They met a man who could not walk. He sat at the temple door every day and asked for money. He asked Peter and John for money. Peter told him he did not have money. He told the man, "In the name of Jesus Christ, get up and start walking." Peter took him by the hand and helped him up. The man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped up and started walking. He praised God.



### Talk About It

- What did Peter tell the crippled man?
- What did the man do when he was healed?



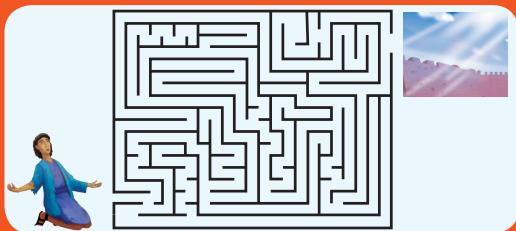
### Back Together!

Put the picture in Story 68 back together by numbering the pieces 1-8. The first few pieces have been done for you.

## 69. The Death of Stephen (Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60)

God gave Stephen the power to perform miracles. Some men were upset with Stephen. They argued with him. Stephen spoke to them with great wisdom. So they told lies about Stephen. Stephen spoke to all of the people and told them about Jesus. The Holy Spirit helped him know what to say. The religious leaders were very angry. They chased him out of the city and threw stones at him. Stephen asked God to forgive the men who were killing him. Then Stephen died.





## Talk About It

- How did Stephen know what to say to the religious leaders?
- What did Stephen ask God before he died?

## Seeing God

Before Stephen died, he saw the glory of God. Help him find his way to God's glory.

## 70. Paul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-19)

Saul wanted to kill the disciples. He tried to arrest them. One day, Saul was travelling to Damascus. Suddenly, he saw a bright light from heaven. A voice spoke to him and said, "Saul! Saul! Why are you so cruel to me?" It was the voice of Jesus. He told Saul to go into the city. The light made Saul blind. He could not see for three days. Then a man named Ananias prayed for Saul to receive his sight. Suddenly, Saul could see again. He believed in Jesus and was baptized.



## Talk About It

- Who appeared to Saul?
- What happened when Ananias prayed for Saul?

## Changed

Find the 4 differences between the images below.

Answer key: Story 68 - 7,2,4,5,3,8,1,6

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# 71.

## Philip and the Ethiopian

(Acts 8:26-40)



God told Philip to travel down a road. Philip obeyed God's directions. An Ethiopian man was on the same road. He was reading out loud from the Bible. But he did not understand it. Philip spoke to him about the book. The man invited Philip to sit in his chariot. Philip explained the good news about Jesus to him. The man saw some water by the road. He wanted to be baptized. They stopped the chariot. Philip and the man went to the river. Philip baptized him.

### Talk About It

- How did Philip know where to go?
- What did Philip do when he met the Ethiopian man?

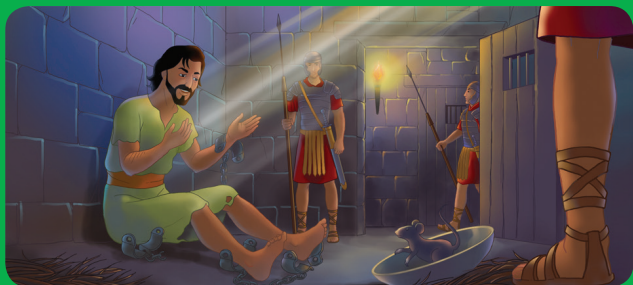


### Find the Object

Colour the shapes marked with an "x" to find out what the Ethiopian was reading.

# 72.

## Peter's Escape from Prison (Acts 12:1-19)

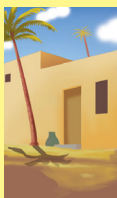
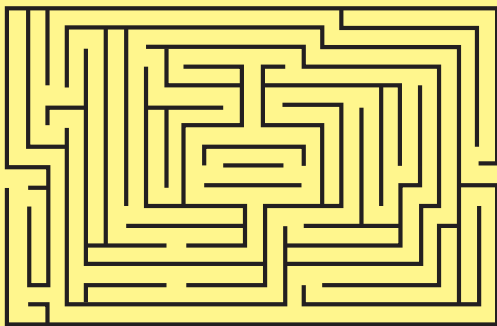


Peter was thrown into prison. While he was there, the church prayed for him. One night, an

angel appeared to Peter. The chains on Peter's hands fell off. The angel led him to safety. Peter went to a house where many of Jesus' followers were praying. They were amazed when they saw him. Peter told them about how the Lord had led him out of prison.

### Talk About It

- What did the church do while Peter was in prison?
- Who rescued Peter from prison?



### Hurray!

God saved Peter. An angel led him out of prison. Now lead him to the house where Jesus' followers are praying.

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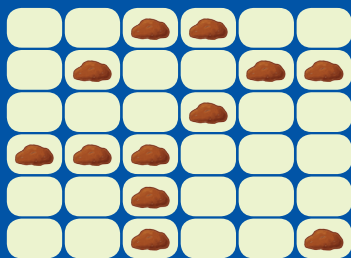
## 73. Paul's Journey (Acts 13:1-12)



The Holy Spirit told the church to send out Barnabas and Saul to preach the message of Jesus. Saul's name was changed to Paul. While they were traveling, they met a man named Bar-Jesus. He was a false prophet and practiced witchcraft. The governor of the island wanted to hear about God. But Bar-Jesus did not want Paul and Barnabas to tell him. Paul stood up to Bar-Jesus. God made the false prophet go blind. The governor saw this happen. He was amazed. He believed in Jesus.

### Talk About It

- Who told the church to send out Barnabas and Saul?
- Why did the governor believe in Jesus?



### Connect Four

Paul faced trials on his journey. But he did not let them stop him. Try to connect four empty squares in a straight line. Watch out! There will be some obstacles. Don't let them stop you.

## 74. Paul Shipwrecked (Acts 27:27-44; 28:1-10)

Paul was traveling on a boat to Rome as a prisoner. There was a bad storm. The boat crashed on an island. None of the people on the boat died in the shipwreck. The people of the island were kind to them. A snake bit Paul on the hand. He was not harmed. Everyone was amazed. Then Paul prayed for a man who was sick. The man was healed. After this happened, many more sick people were brought to Paul. They were all healed.





## Talk About It

- What happened to the ship?
- What happened when a snake bit Paul's hand?



## Shipwreck

Paul's boat crashed and broke into pieces. Try to collect some of the pieces of the boat. Circle the pieces that look exactly like this one.



# 75.

## The New Heaven and The New Earth (Revelations 21:1-7)

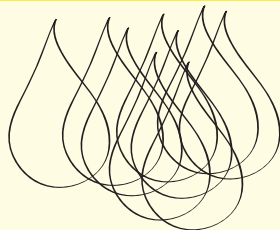


One day, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. There will be no more crying, no more pain, and no more death. God will make his home among his people.

He will make everything new. Everyone who believes in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour will live forever with him in heaven.

## Talk About It

- What will the new heaven and new earth be like?
- Who will be with God in heaven?



## No More Tears

In heaven, God will wipe every tear from our eyes. How many tears can you count?



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