

I AM A CHILD OF GOD



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Lesson 1: GOD IS A GOOD FATHER

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Draw a picture of 4 different fathers that you know.

Is every father exactly the same? _____

Are all fathers perfect? _____

When it comes to understanding what God means when He says He is our good Father we can't compare Him to fathers we know because...

- 1) All fathers are different
- 2) God is the only father that is perfect and has never sinned.

Let's look what the Bible tells us about God and you can decide if you want to be His child.

Count how many grains of sand there are in this picture. _____

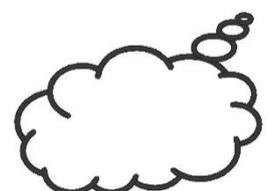


Psalm 139:17-18

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!

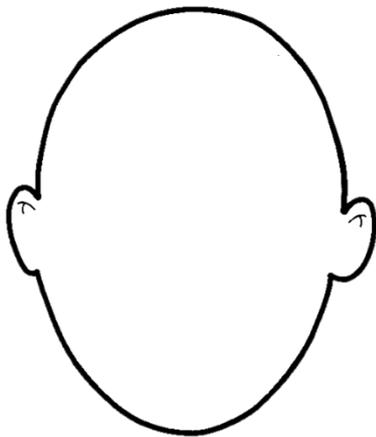
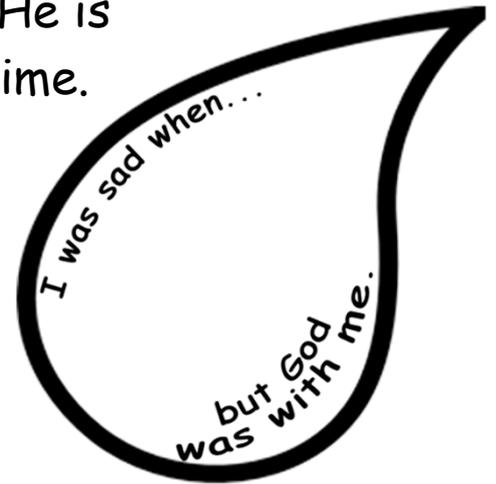
It is impossible for us to count all the grains of sand in the world but God can and that is how many times **He thinks about you!**





God also knows all the hard times you have gone through, it is like He has stored up all your tears in a bottle. But not only that, He is there to comfort you all the time.

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book. Psalm 56:8



Do you know how many hairs are on your head? _____.

Draw your hair 

God knows how many hairs you have and before you were even born He was there putting each delicate part of you together.



Matthew 10:30 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.



You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.
Psalm 139:13

You saw me before I was born. Psalm 139:16a

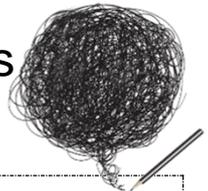
God made the whole world and is so great that He holds it in His hands. This great Father thinks about you, knows everything about you and wants you to be His child. WOW!



John 1:12 tells us what we need to do to be His child

All who believed Jesus and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.

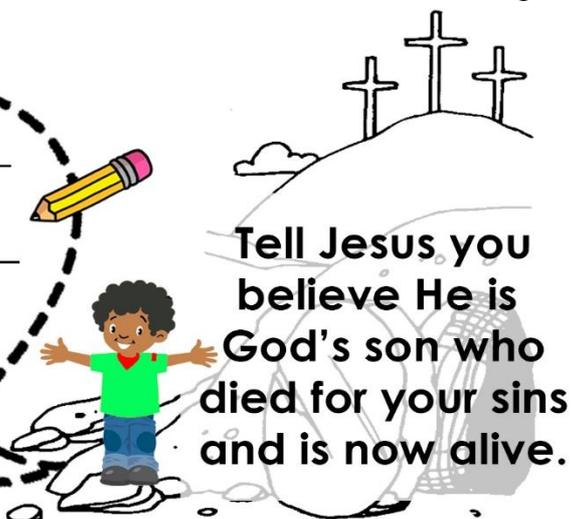
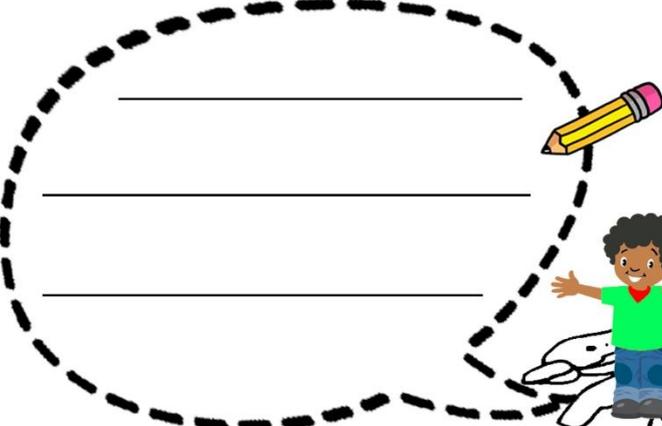
Use this verse to help you scribble out the wrong answers



I become a child of God by...

<p>doing a handstand</p> 	<p>being good</p> 	<p>believing and accepting Jesus</p> 	<p>paying money</p> 
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The only way is by **BELIEVING AND ACCEPTING JESUS**

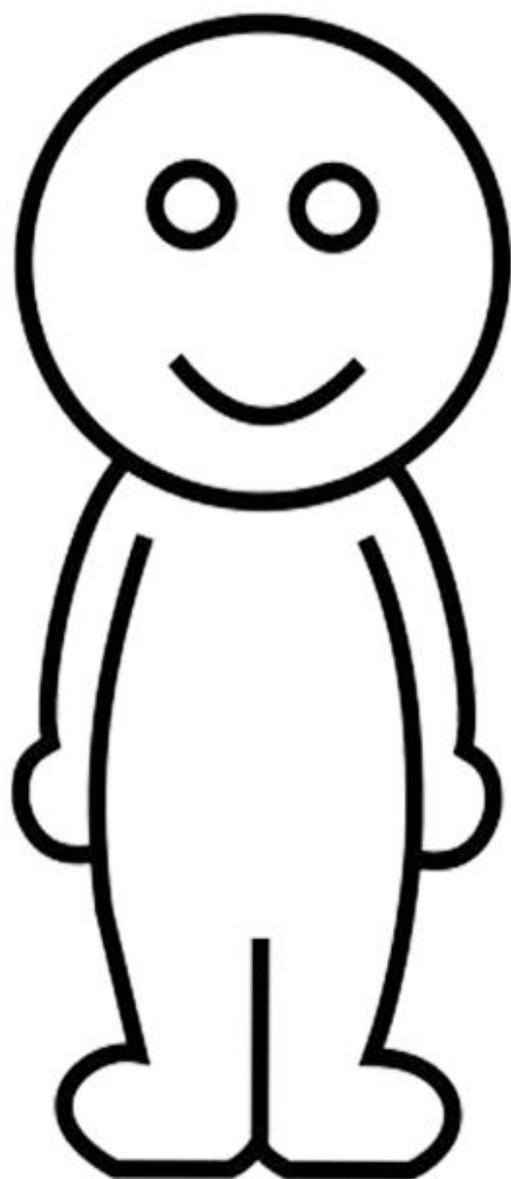


Tell Jesus you believe He is God's son who died for your sins and is now alive.

HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO BE HIS CHILD? _____

My name is _____

I AM A CHILD OF GOD



← This is what
I look like

**God is a good
Father because...**

**As a child of God
I can**

**I like knowing
that God...**

**All who believed Jesus and accepted Him,
He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12**

Lesson 2: GOD IS SPEAKING



Hi. My name is Samuel. I am 12 years old. I stay with Eli. He is an old priest and I try and help him the best I can. I sleep in the Tabernacle next to a beautiful box called the ARK OF GOD.



Inside the box are the very stones that God wrote on Himself. Wow, imagine being there when God spoke. I know I've never heard Him speak. Oh well, time to go to bed.



Yes Eli. How can I help you Eli?
What?
You didn't call me?



Yes Eli? What do you need?
Huh? Eli said he didn't call me.



Yes Eli.
Eli said it is God calling me. I am going back to bed
I hope He speaks again.



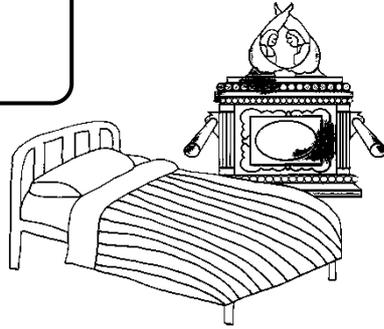
Mark the right answers with a tick ✓

Next to the  is what we can learn from this story

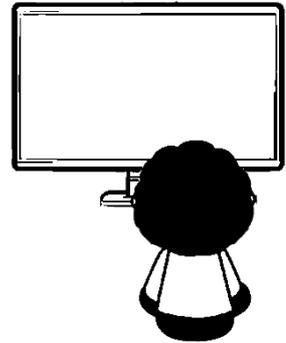
Where was Samuel when God spoke to him?



a) Robbing a bank



b) Laying in his bed in the tabernacle next to the Ark of God



c) Watching TV



We need to be in a place where God can talk to us!

How many times did God call Samuel?

1

a) Once

5

b) Five times

3

c) Three times



God keeps on speaking so don't stop listening.

What name did God use to call Samuel?

HEY YOU

a) Hey you

samuel

b) Samuel

PIET

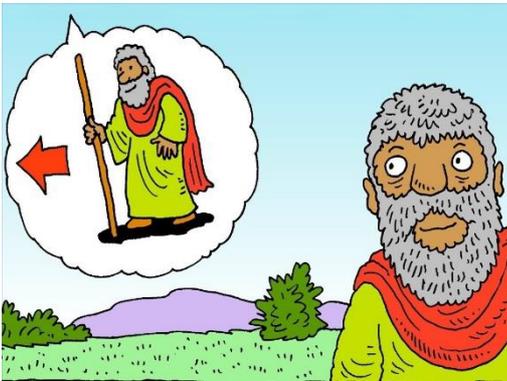
c) Piet



God knows your name and has a special message just for you.



Speak Lord,
your servant
is listening!



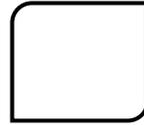
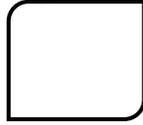
This wasn't the last time God spoke to me. He gave me many messages and each turned out to be true. One time God told me to go to Jesse's house and God was going to tell me which one of Jesse's sons was going

to be the next king. Now it's a good thing that I learnt how to listen to God speaking because when I got there I would have chosen Eliab, he was tall and strong and looked like a king should look.



But God said no. I listened to God that day and anointed the small shepherd boy, David, to one day be king. God's choice was much better than mine because David turned out to be a great king.

What did Samuel say when he realised it was God calling him?



a) Speak God I am listening

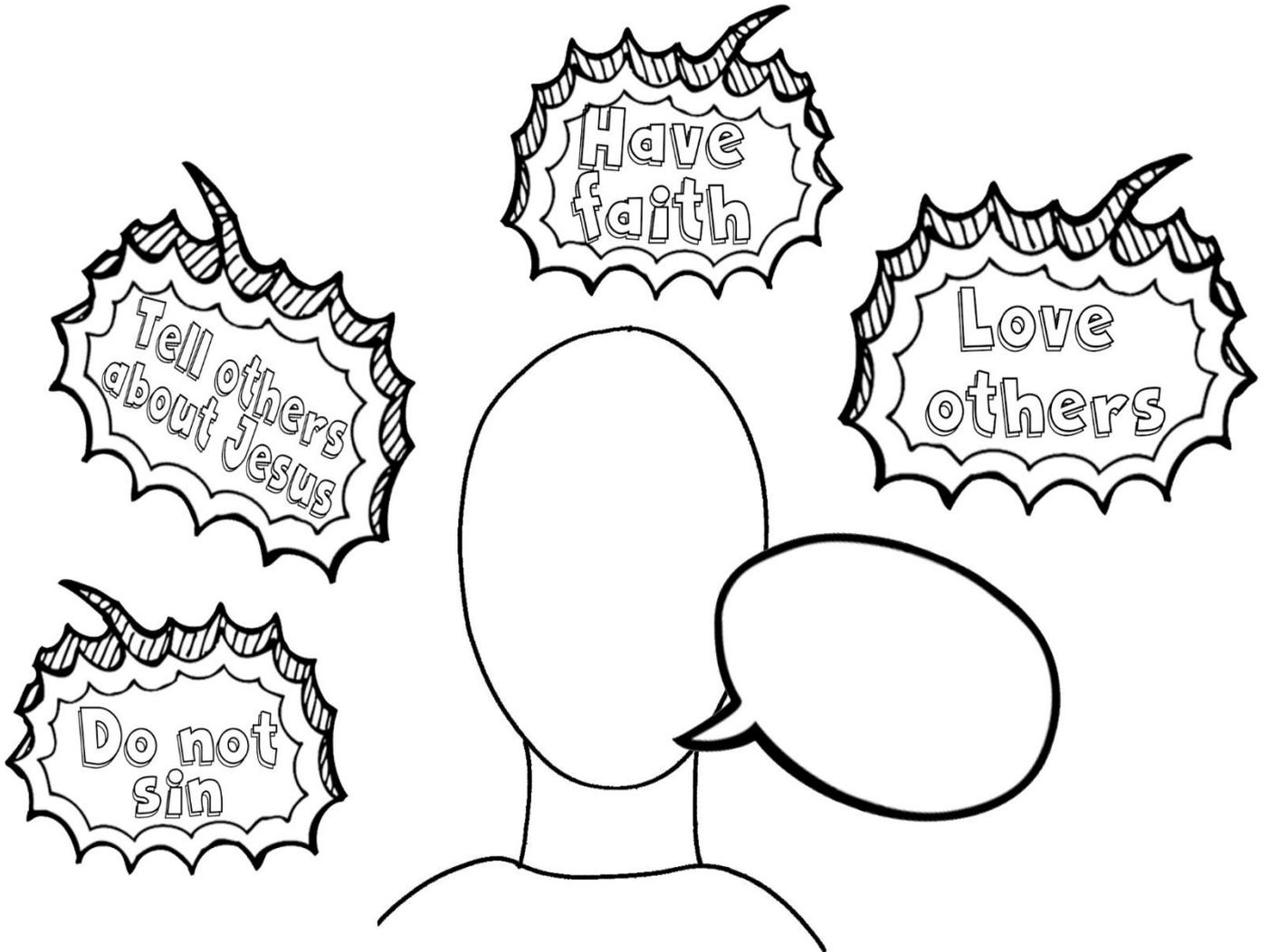
b) Speak God I am sleeping

c) Speak God I am eating



We have to hear what God says and then actually **do** what He says.

God is speaking to you. How will you answer Him?



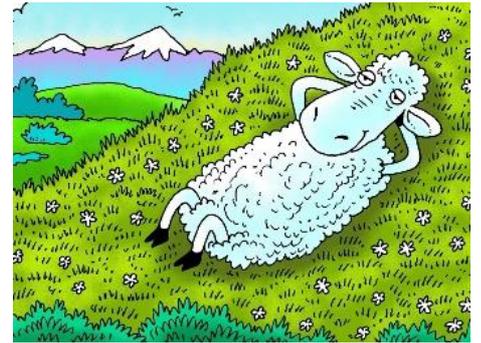
ARE YOU LISTENING TO GOD? _____

Lesson 3: GOD IS YOUR SHEPHERD

In the Bible, David wrote a Psalm about God being our Shepherd. Let's have a look at Psalm 23 and see all the things our good shepherd does for us.



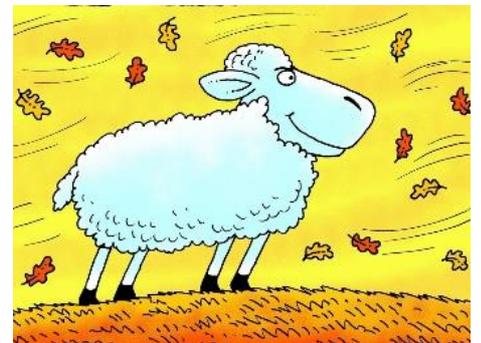
¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.



² He lets me rest in green meadows;



He leads me beside peaceful streams.



³ He renews my strength.



He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to His name.

⁴ Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me.





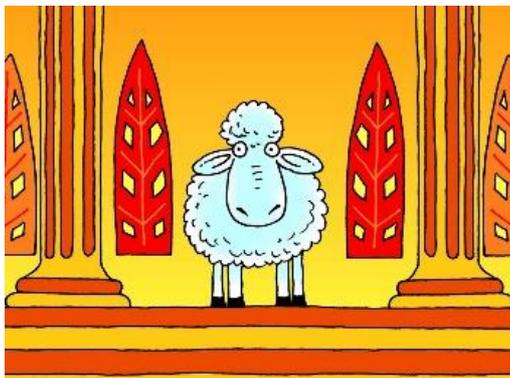
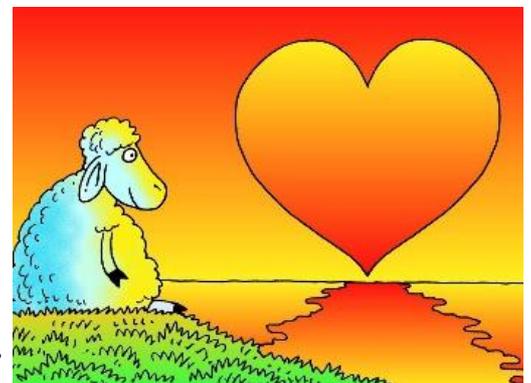
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.



You honour me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

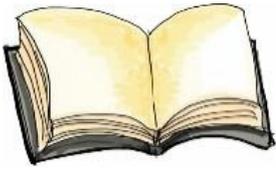
⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life



and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

HAVE YOU CHOSEN TO FOLLOW HIM? _____

When we have chosen to follow Him, these are things we should do:



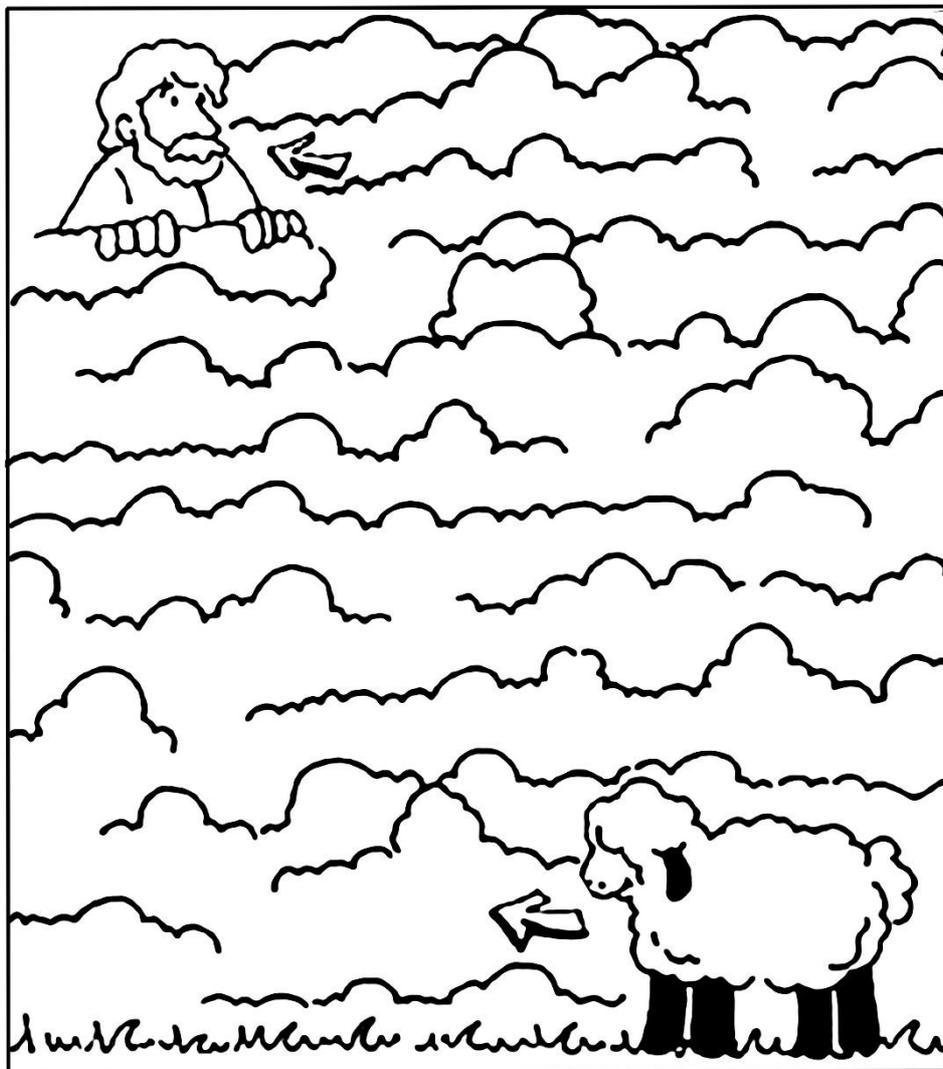
We need to **READ** God's word, the Bible. We can learn all about God and how to live for Him.

We need to **LISTEN** to God's voice when He speaks to us, through the Holy Spirit.



Then we need to **FOLLOW** God by going where He leads us.

Help the sheep to follow his shepherd.



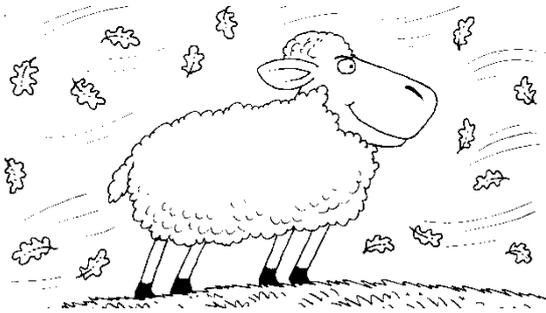
Jesus said

My sheep listen to my voice:

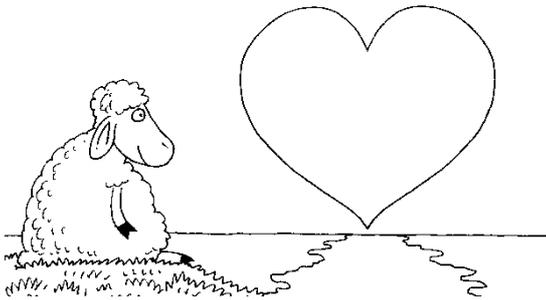
I know them,

and they follow me. John 10:27

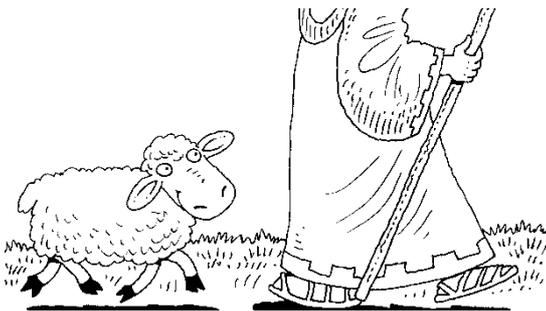
Draw a line to match the verse to the picture. Colour in.



Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life



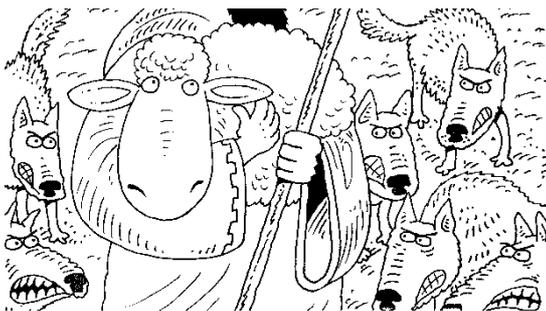
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.



He renews my strength.



The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.



He lets me rest in green meadows

Lesson 4: GOD IS YOUR CREATOR

Moses was a great man. God used him to do many amazing things for God's people. Here are just a few of the amazing things Moses did:

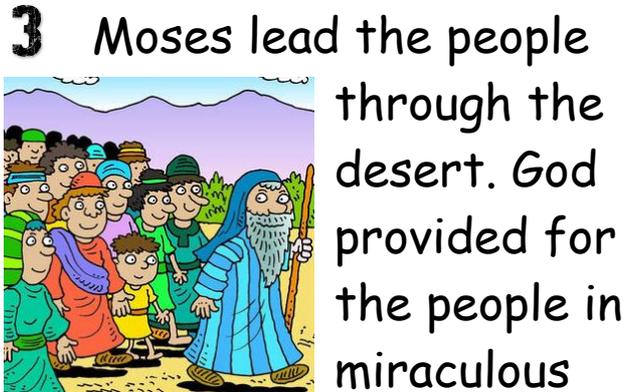
You can read all about it in the book of Exodus in the Bible.

1 God used Moses to



free the people of Israel from the evil

Pharaoh who was keeping them as slaves. He warned Pharaoh about God's power.



3 Moses lead the people through the desert. God provided for the people in miraculous ways. He gave them water from a rock, food from heaven and directions in the form of a cloud.

2 After Moses lead the

people out of Egypt, he lifted his staff and God parted the



Red Sea so that the people could walk through it to get away from the soldiers.

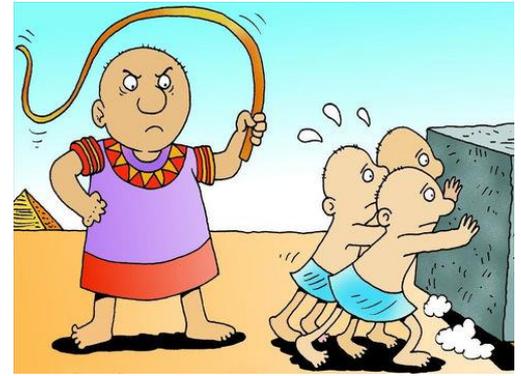
4 God met with Moses up on the mountain and gave him the Ten Commandments.



These were the rules God wanted the people to live by. Moses then took them to the people.

But did you know that at the beginning Moses didn't believe that he could do anything great for God? He made all sorts of excuses about why he wasn't good enough! Here's what happened...

Moses was living in the Pharaoh's palace where he grew up but hated the way the Egyptian people treated the Hebrew people.



One day he got so angry that he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave. He had to run away from the palace and hide in the desert. The Hebrew people were still slaves in Egypt and they cried out to God to free them. Even though Moses ran away, **GOD STILL HAD A PLAN FOR HIM!**



One day, Moses saw a burning bush. It was God, telling him that he needed to go back to Egypt and free His people. But Moses kept giving God excuses about why he couldn't be the one to carry out this

big job that God had for him.

In Exodus 3:11 Moses says that he did not feel that he was good enough. He spent a long time arguing with God.



In Exodus 3:13 he says that he doesn't have all the answers. And again in

Exodus 4:1 he argues that no one will listen to him.



In Exodus 4:10 he even tells God that he is a terrible public speaker and in verse 13 he says: **"I'm not qualified, send someone else."**

Moses made all these excuses because he didn't believe he was able to do what God asked.

BUT GOD HAD A PLAN FOR MOSES!

God didn't need Moses to be a good public speaker or have all the answers. He only needed Moses to be willing and obedient.

GOD TOLD MOSES:

I will be with you the whole time.

I am GOD!

I am always in control!

GOD HAD A PLAN FOR MOSES, HE WAS CREATED FOR A PURPOSE!

And so eventually Moses agreed to do what God wanted him to do. Moses went on to do all the things we learnt about at the beginning of today's lesson.



Sometimes we might also feel that we aren't good enough to do the things God has planned for us.



CROSS OUT THE LIES



FOR WE ARE GOD'S DISASTER PIECE. HE HAS CREATED US ANEW IN CHRIST JESUS, SO OTHERS CAN DO NOTHING HE PLANNED FOR US.

God has created YOU for a purpose too.

The things God said to Moses are the same things that God is saying to you. Can you remember them?

Unscramble the words in the speech bubbles and write what God is saying to you.

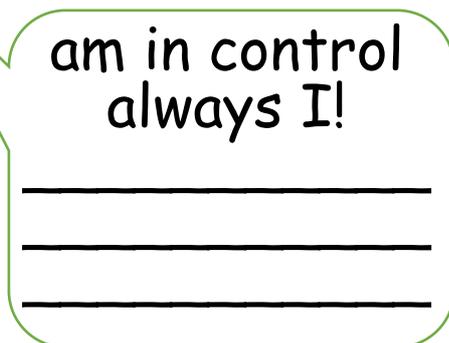
GOD TOLD MOSES AND IS TELLING YOU TOO:



I the whole
time will with
you be.



I GOD am!



am in control
always I!

Look up Ephesians 2:10 in the Bible and fill in the missing words to see what the Bible says about YOU!

GOOD THINGS

WE

MASTERPIECE



FOR WE ARE
GOD'S

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Ephesians 2:10

TRUTH



ARE YOU READY TO BE WHO HE CREATED YOU TO BE?

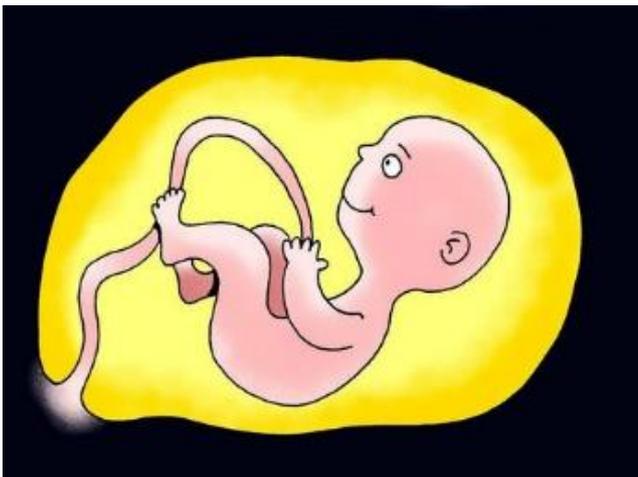
Lesson 5: GOD GIVES YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DO WHAT HE CALLS US TO DO.

The Bible tells us of a young man named Jeremiah. He actually has a whole book written about him. God gave Jeremiah a very special job to do, but he didn't think that he could do it.



Let's read how Jeremiah's story began.

God spoke to Jeremiah and said:



"Before I made you in your mother's womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I chose you for a special work. I chose you to speak to the nations for me."

How wonderful is that? God told Jeremiah that He knew him and that He made him.

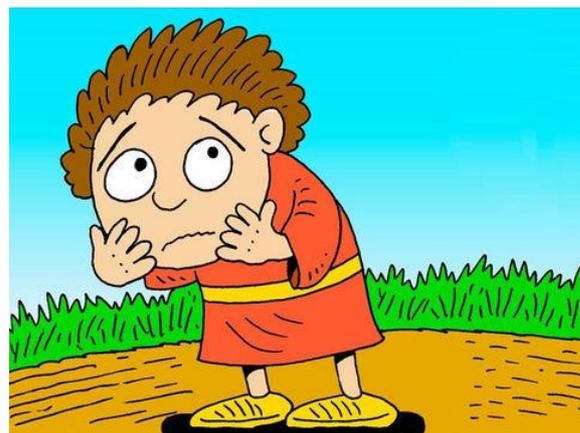
Do you know that God knows you too? He made you! He knows everything about you. Just like Jeremiah, God chooses each one of you for a special work too!

How do you think Jeremiah felt about being chosen to speak God's words to the nations?



Jeremiah was about 17 years old when God gave him his special work. Jeremiah thought that he was too young to speak to the nations. Jeremiah didn't feel like he was ready.

But that's not what God thought. God said: ***"Don't say, 'I am only a boy.' You must go everywhere I send you and say everything I tell you to say. Don't be afraid of anyone. I am with you, and I will protect you."***



Then the Lord reached out with His hand and touched my mouth.



He said to me, ***"Jeremiah, I am putting my words in your mouth. Today I have put you in charge of nations and kingdoms. You will pull up and tear down. You will destroy and overthrow. You will build up and plant."***

Even though Jeremiah was young, God used Him. Jeremiah didn't think that he was ready to be used by God, but God made him ready. God gave Jeremiah everything he needed to get the job done. He gave Jeremiah the instructions and all the right tools. So Jeremiah set off to speak God's words. Whatever God told him to say came true.



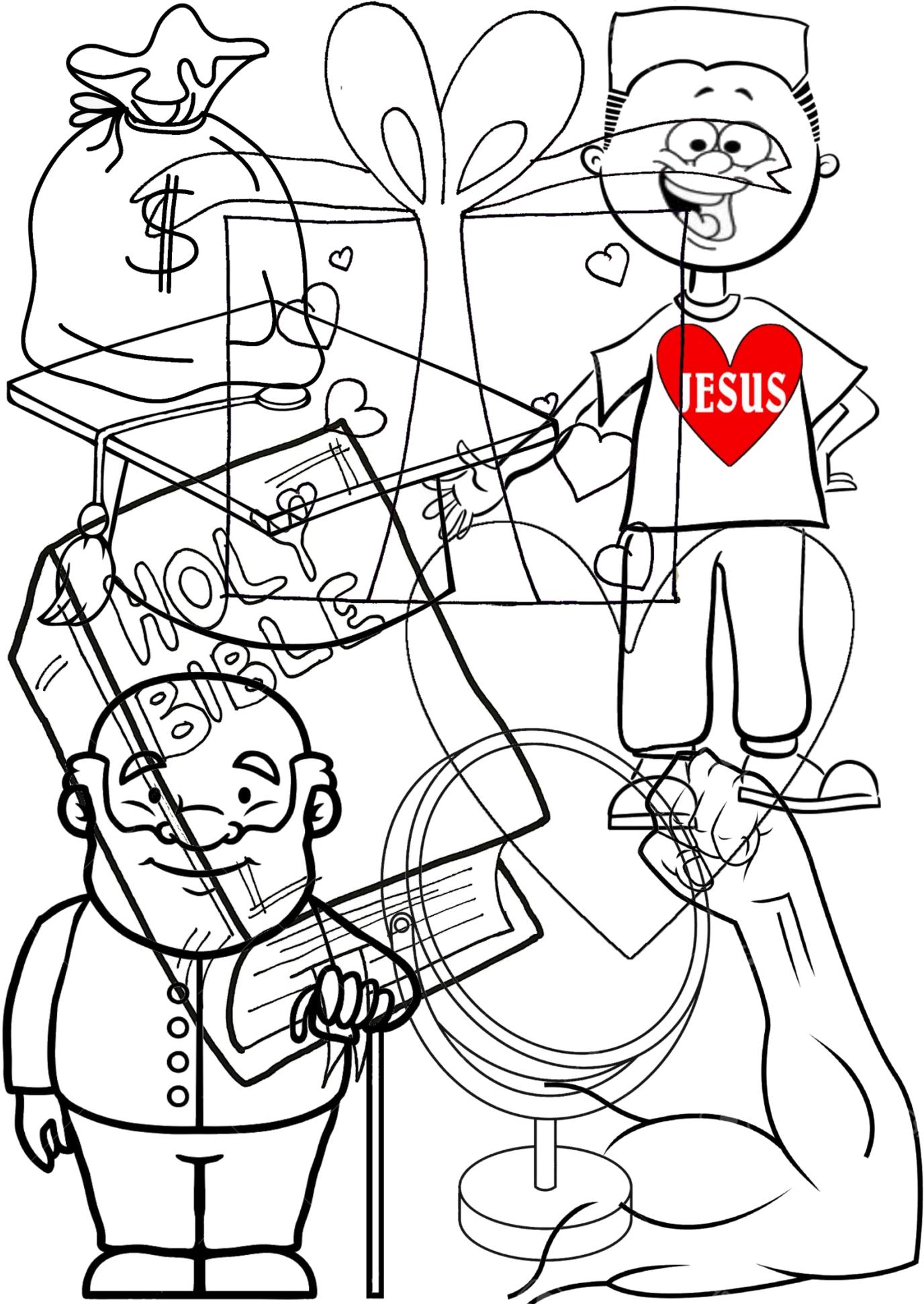
ARE YOU READY TO DO GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU?

God's word - the Bible - tells us what God's plan is for us and what He gives us to help do this plan. God also gives us His Holy Spirit to help us and guide us every day.

God gives us everything that we need to do what He wants us to do.

Read the sentences below and colour in the pictures of the tools God gives us to do the job.

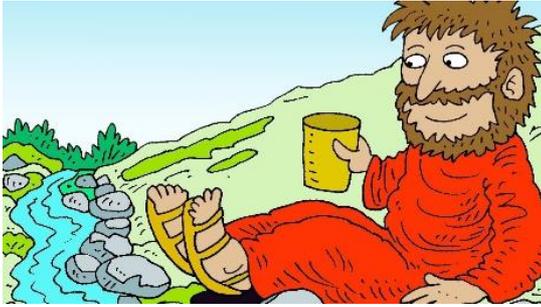
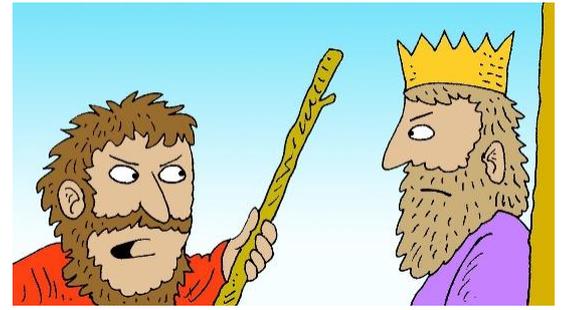
1. God wants us to love Him and people. *We can do this because He loved us first.* (1 John 4:19)
2. God wants us to be His witness - to tell others about Him. *We can do this because we have the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Acts 1:8)
3. God wants us to become more like Jesus. *We can do this because Jesus lives inside of us.*
(Galatians 2:20)
4. God wants us to serve one another. *We can do this because He has given us gifts to do it.* (1 Peter 4:10-11)
5. God wants us to do every good work. *He has given us His word so that we will be prepared.*(2 Timothy 3:17)



JESUS

Lesson 6: GOD IS YOUR PROVIDER

Elijah was a prophet in the Old Testament and he told King Ahab that there would be no rain for a few years, so there wouldn't be any food to eat or water to drink.



God told Elijah to go and hide in a place where he would have water to drink. God also told Elijah that ravens (birds) would bring food to him. Do you think Elijah trusted God to provide all his needs? Did Elijah obey God?



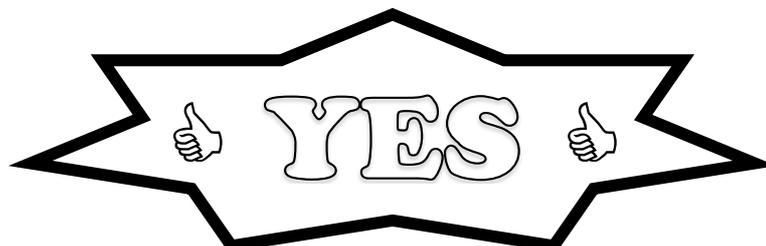
He did exactly what God told him to do.

There he had water to drink and ravens brought him food every morning and night.

But one day, because there hadn't been any rain, the stream dried up and Elijah didn't have any water left!



Do you think Elijah still trusted God to provide all his needs?



God spoke to Elijah and told him that he must go to Zarephath and that a widow there will look after him. **Elijah obeyed God.**

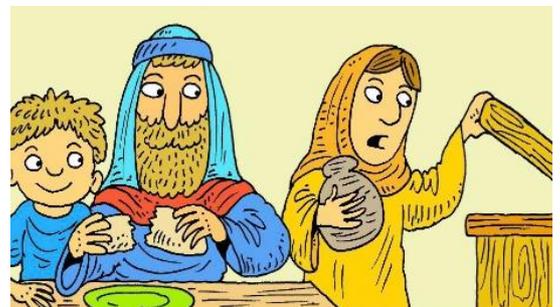


Elijah found the widow and asked her for water and bread. The widow said she only had enough flour and oil to make **one** last meal for her and her son.

Do you think Elijah still trusted God to provide all his needs even though the widow didn't have enough food?



Elijah told the widow that God had said that the jar of flour and jar of oil would **never be empty.**



Every day there was enough flour and oil to make the food they needed.

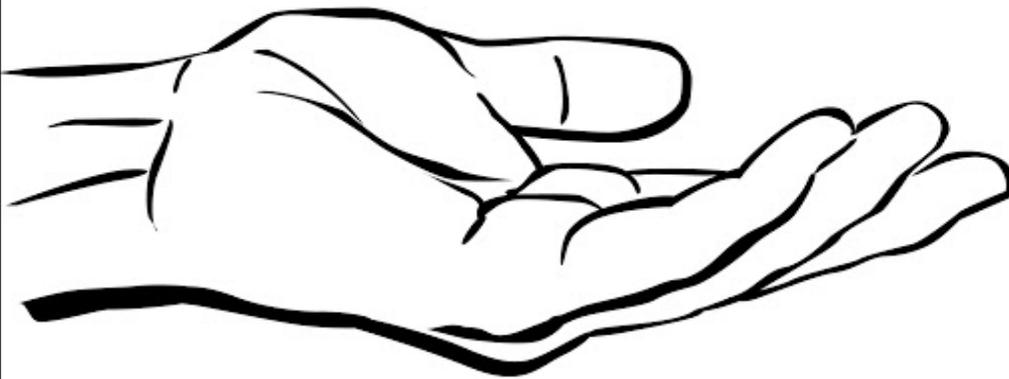
Elijah always obeyed and trusted God to provide for his needs.

DO YOU TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE ALL YOUR NEEDS?

👍 YES

👎 NO

Colour in the picture and draw the food the ravens gave Elijah.

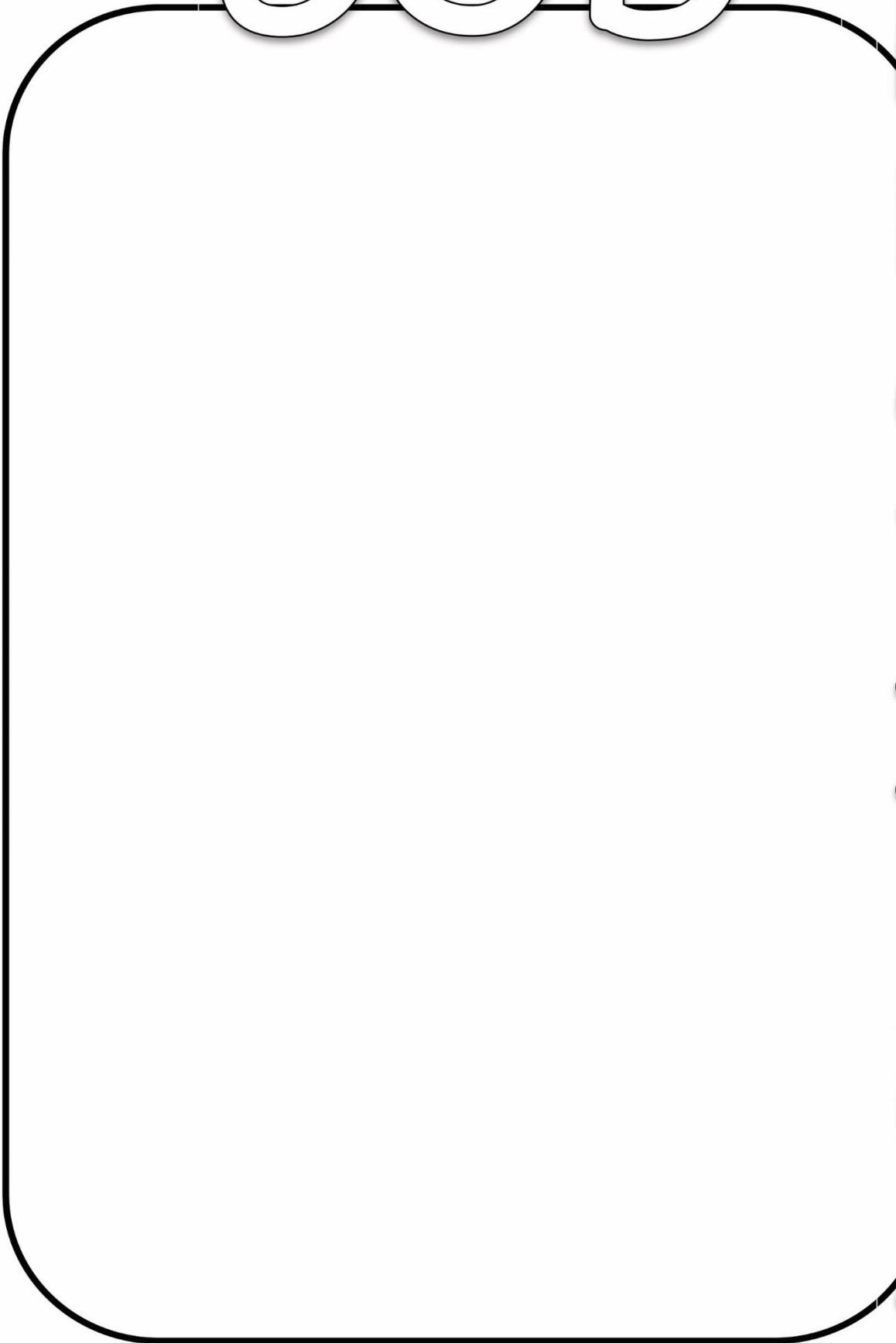


But my God shall supply all your needs
according to His riches in glory by Christ
Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*

Draw pictures of all the things that God has provided for YOU.

GOD

PROVIDES



Lesson 7: GOD IS FORGIVING

Let's learn about two of Jesus' disciples PETER and JUDAS

Peter (also known as Simon Peter)



- Peter was a fisherman, he left everything to follow Jesus. Jesus told Peter that he would build the church

- When Jesus asked the disciples who they thought He was, Peter's answer was the truth.

You are the Son of the Living God!

- Peter didn't want anything bad to happen to Jesus. He told Jesus that he would even go to prison with Jesus. He even tried to stop the soldiers from arresting Jesus.

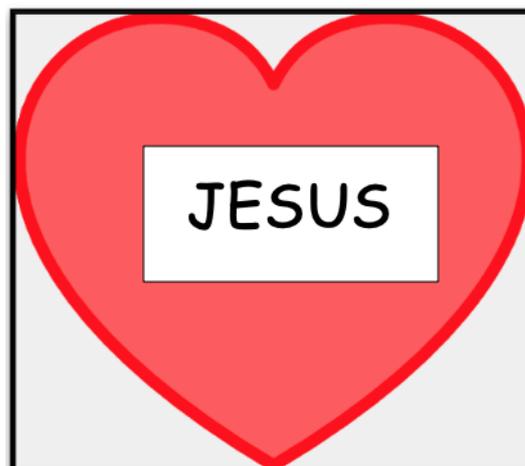


- **PETER MESSED UP!**

Jesus told Peter that he would deny knowing Him three times!
It happened just as Jesus said it would.
Peter cried bitterly when he realised how he had sinned.



- What does it look like Peter has in his heart?

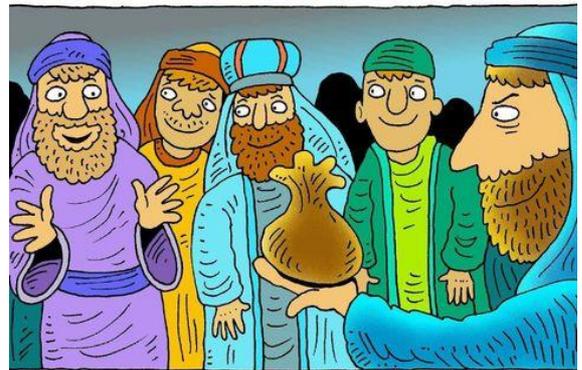


Judas (Iscariot)

- Judas stole some of the money that Jesus had asked him to look after.
- When a lady named Mary came to wash Jesus' feet with some expensive perfume it made Judas angry. He thought it was a waste. He thought the money could be used for something else and not to adore Jesus. Maybe he would have stolen that too.



- Judas took the money the soldiers offered him and told them where to find Jesus. They arrested and killed Jesus.



- Jesus knew all along that Judas would betray Him. **NOTHING** came as a surprise to Jesus. It was all part of His wonderful plan!
- What does it look like Judas has in his heart?



Jesus' disciples followed and talked with Jesus every day. Both Peter and Judas would have heard Jesus teach about God and how people should live. They all would have seen the miracles that Jesus did while He was on Earth.



And yet both Peter and Judas messed up. They both sinned.

When the disciples meet Jesus again after He comes alive Peter tells Jesus that he loves Him **3 times**. And Jesus tells Peter that now he is to go and start the church.



Sadly Judas never came back to Jesus.

So what does God say we must do when we sin?

Rewrite the verse leaving out all the "sin" words?

1 John 1:9

If we **selfish** confess our **swearing** sins, He is faithful **lying** and just **disobedient** and will **disrespect** forgive us.

1 John 1:9

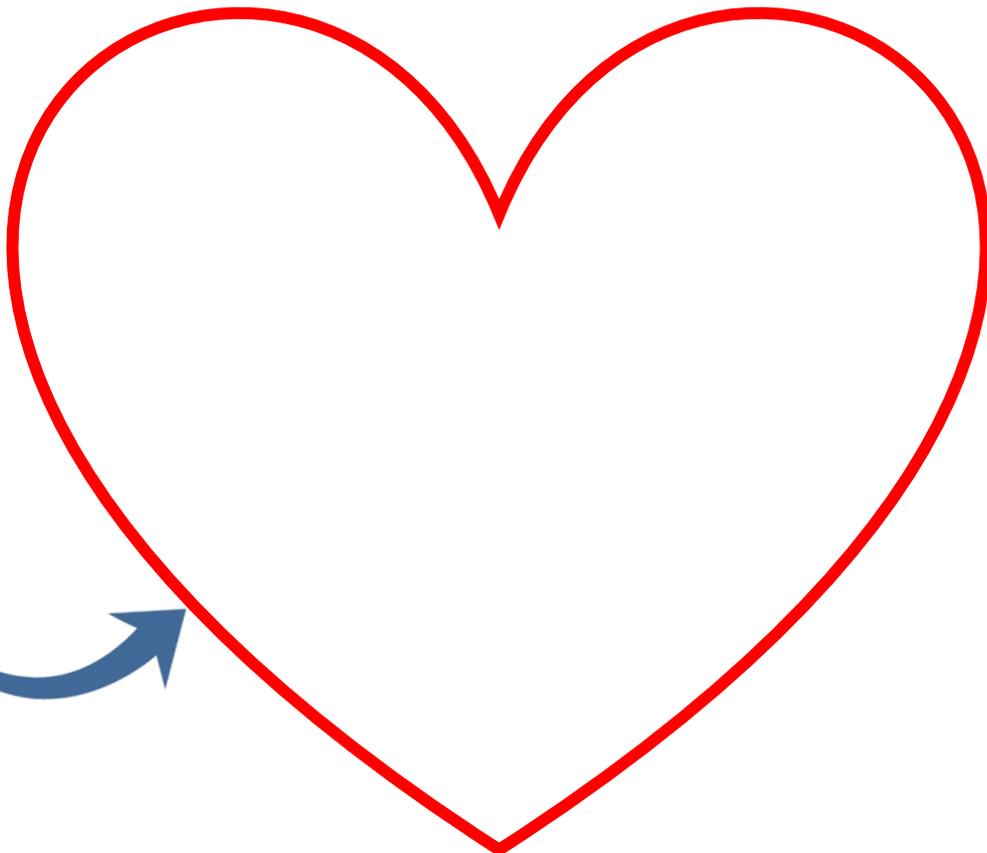
This verse is saying that when we are sorry for what we have done God wants us to tell Him about these wrong things and then He will forgive us.



Dear God I am sorry ...

It is important to always make Jesus the most important thing in your life.

Write or draw the things you love about Jesus in the heart.



Jesus will always forgive us. Isn't that wonderful news? We must try our best not to sin or mess up, but when we do He will forgive us.

ARE YOU READY TO SAY SORRY? _____

Lesson 8: GOD LOVES YOU

Write an 'O' inside each heart to figure out what the verse says.

Y♥ur l♥ve f♥r ♥ne
an♥ther will pr♥ve
t♥ the w♥rd that
y♥u are my d♥sciples.

J♥hn 13:35



Do you know what a disciple is?

Circle the correct answer

One of the 12
friends of Jesus

Me and You

Actually... both these answers are
correct.

"A disciple is someone that follows the
instructions and examples of another
person."

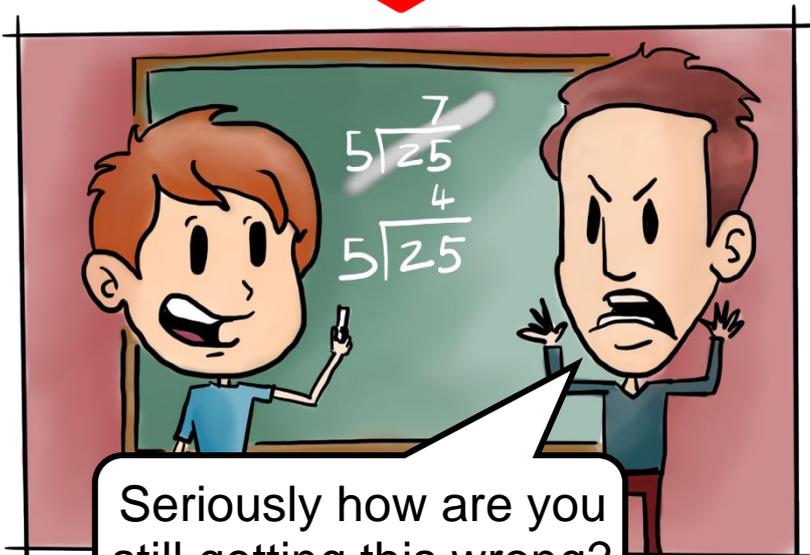
When we choose to accept Jesus into our hearts and follow and obey what He says, we are His disciples. The Bible tells us that when we become disciples of Jesus, we become a part of God's family, the church.

A lot of people in the world do not know about the love of Jesus and the family they can be a part of.

LOVE IS MORE THAN HUGS AND CUDDLES. IT'S THE WAY WE TREAT EACH OTHER AND TALK TO ONE ANOTHER EVERYDAY.

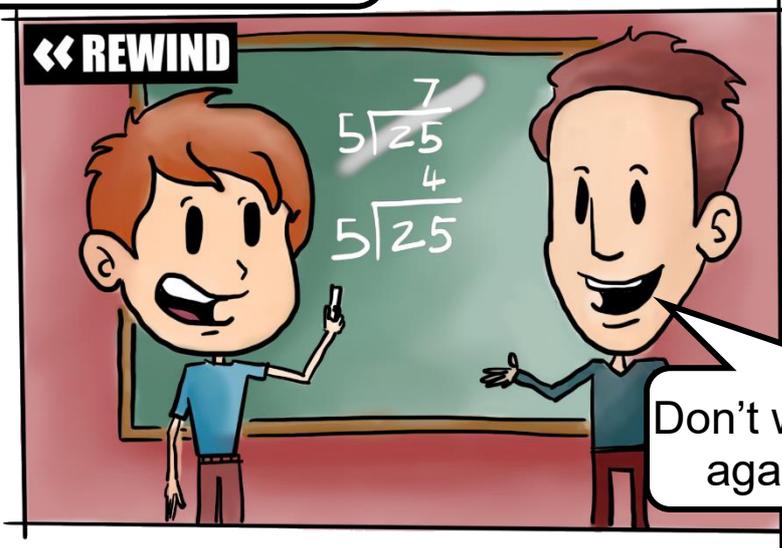
That's why we need to show people around us the love of Jesus through the way that we love each other.

Let's take a look at these 2 brothers and learn from the Bible how we can love those around us.



Seriously how are you still getting this wrong?

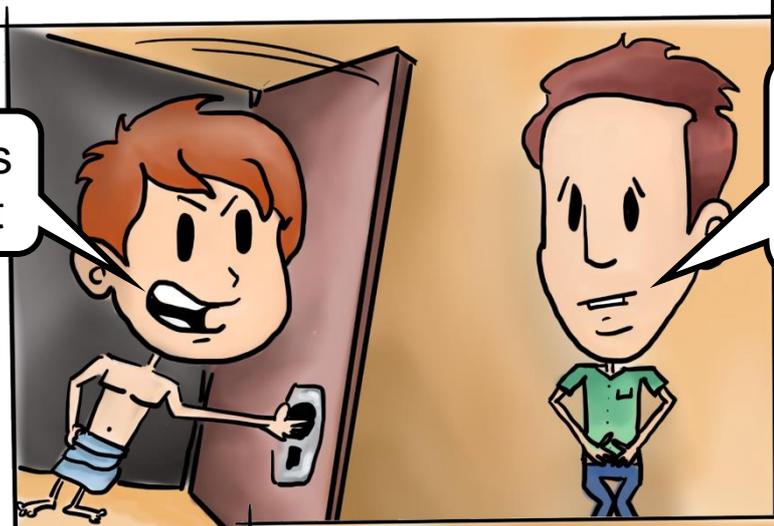
Love is patient. Don't be mean when someone gets something wrong.



Don't worry I'll explain it again. You'll get it.

NO! I was Here first

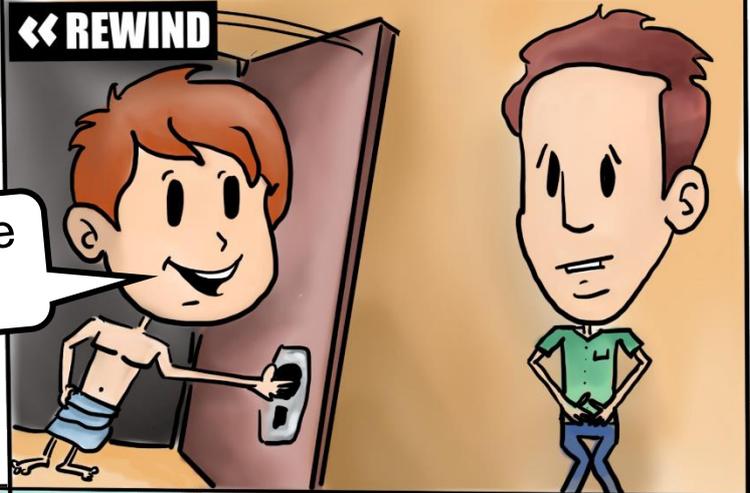
Can I please use the bathroom first?



Love is kind.

Of course. I've still got time.

◀◀ REWIND



You keep breaking my things. Look at this list I have of all my things you've broken.



Love keeps no record of wrong.



◀◀ REWIND

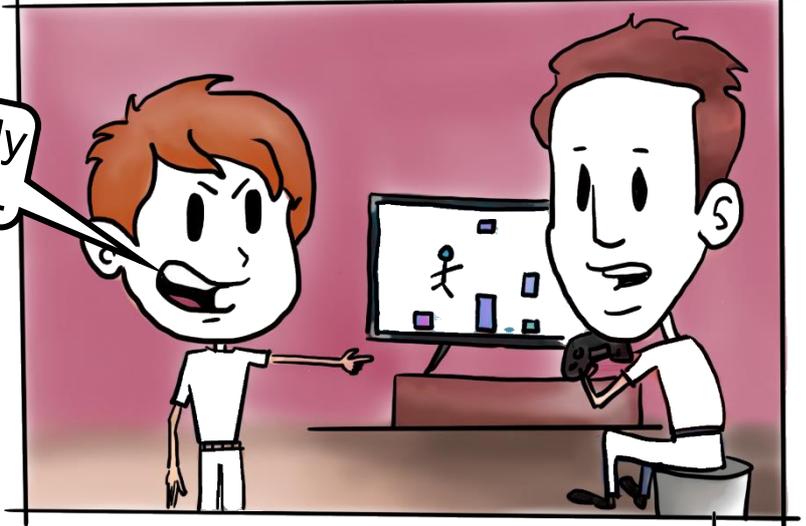


Write down what you think he could say out of love

Three horizontal lines for writing a response.

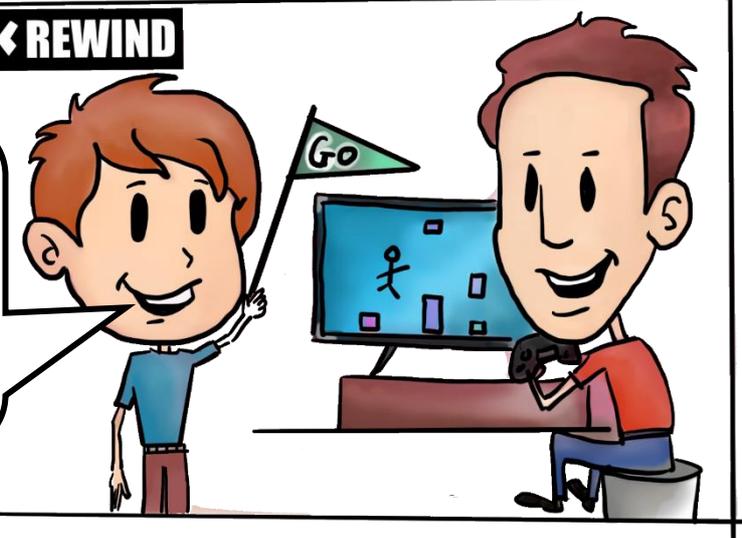
Colour in the missing parts of the pictures.

Wow you're really bad at this game.



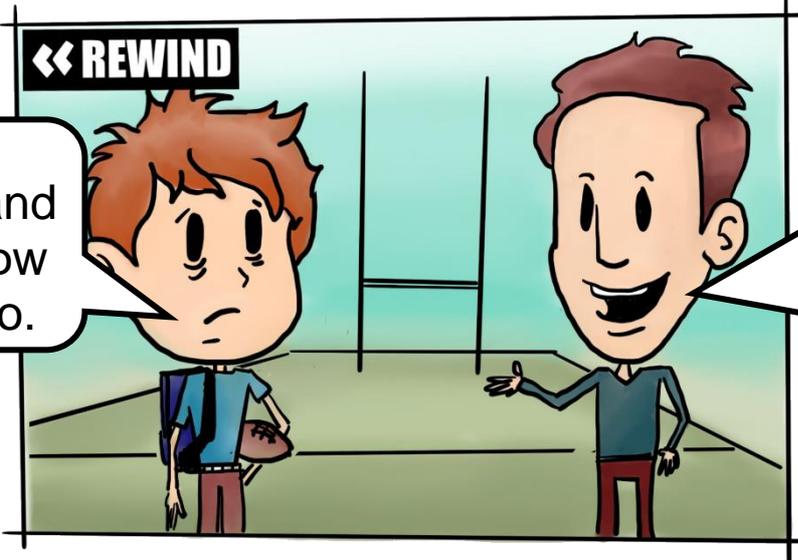
◀◀ REWIND

Write down an encouraging response



◀◀ REWIND

I'm so stressed and I don't know what to do.



I know what to do! I read in the Bible that loving others means praying for them.

What are some things you want to pray for?

Ask a friend to pray with you and pray for them too.

Lesson 9: GOD IS WITH YOU

Jesus said:

*"You can be **SURE** that I will be with you **always**.
I will continue with you until the **end** of time."*

Matthew 28:20b (ERV)

In the Bible, Jesus is also called Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us". When Jesus was on earth, He was God, the Son, with us on earth.



Jesus died on the cross for the sins of people, like you and me. Three days later Jesus came to life again. And then it was time for Him to go to Heaven to be with God the Father.

But didn't Jesus say that He would never leave us? That He would be with us **always**? So, how is God with us now?



Jesus promised that He would not leave us alone, but that God would send His Spirit to be with us.



After Jesus went to Heaven, His followers were gathered together. Suddenly they heard the sound of a strong wind that was blowing from Heaven and all the people were filled with God's Holy Spirit.

Many people chose to believe in Jesus that day.



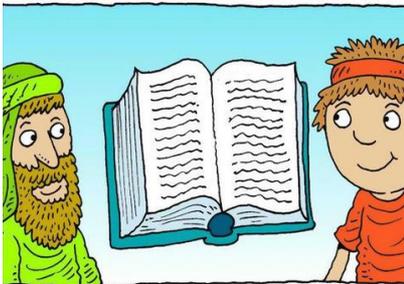
That was the first day the Holy Spirit came, just like Jesus had promised, but it was not the last!

God wants to be with you so much, that He gives you His Spirit too.

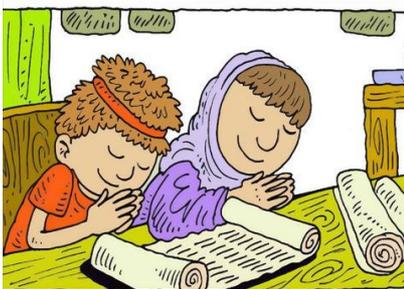
When you choose to believe that Jesus is God's son who died and came alive again to take away your sins, then you will receive the Holy Spirit and He will never leave you.

Isn't it wonderful that God has made a way for us to be close to Him. The Holy Spirit is with us always and He helps us know God more.

To know God more, we can also spend time with Him. Spend some time with God and write/draw what you learnt about Him.



Reading the Bible



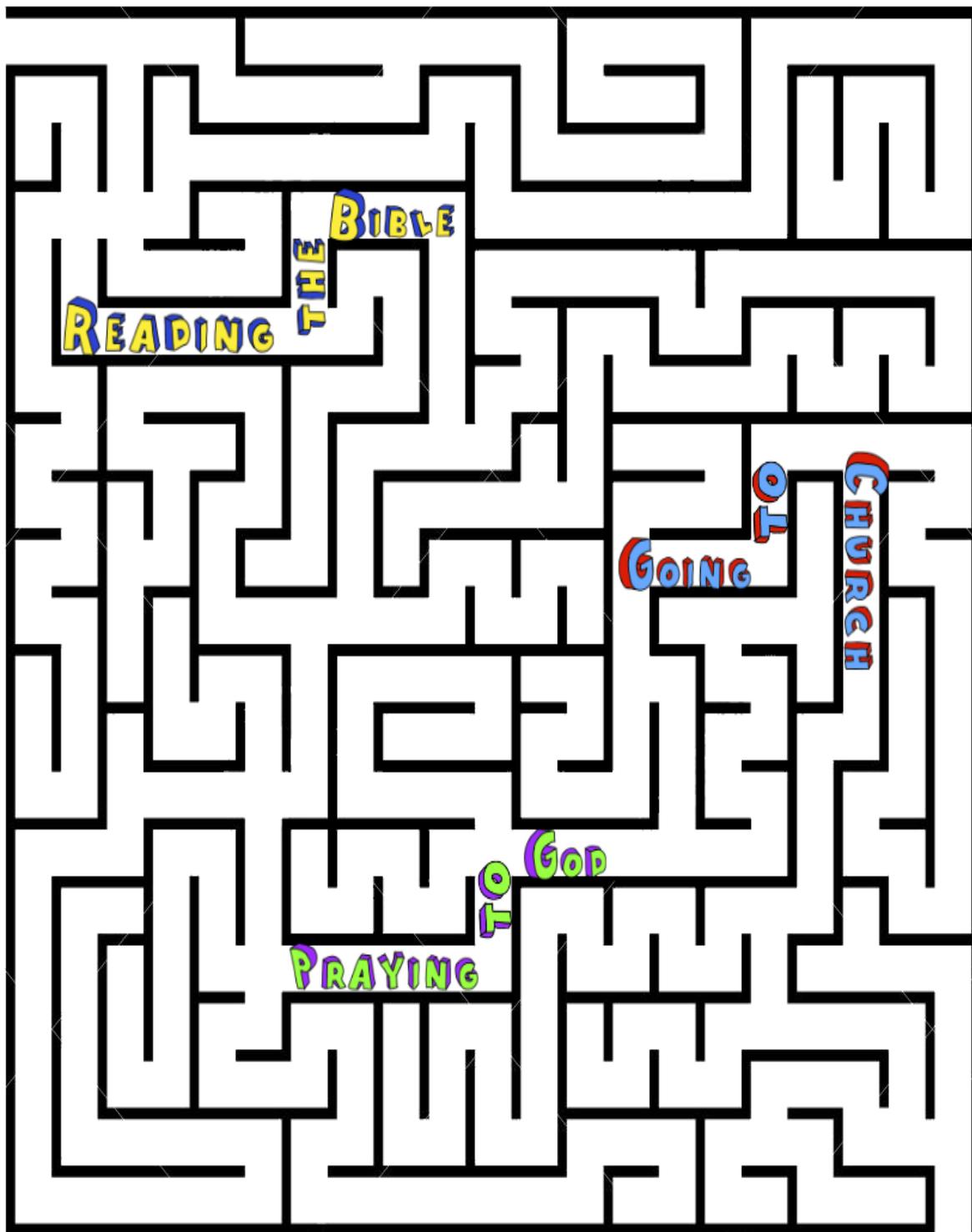
Talking to Him (pray)



Going to church

See if you can get closer to Jesus. To help you on your way following the things that help us get to know Him better.

ME



JESUS

ARE YOU SPENDING TIME WITH HIM?

Lesson 10: GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

God made  heaven and  earth, the  sea, and



everything

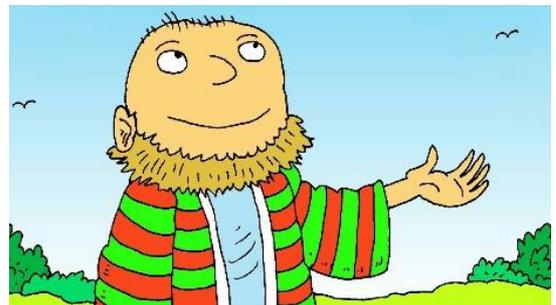
in them. He keeps every



promise

forever. Psalm 146:6

In the book of Genesis from chapter 6 to chapter 10, we read about a man named **Noah**. He was a man who worshiped **God**.

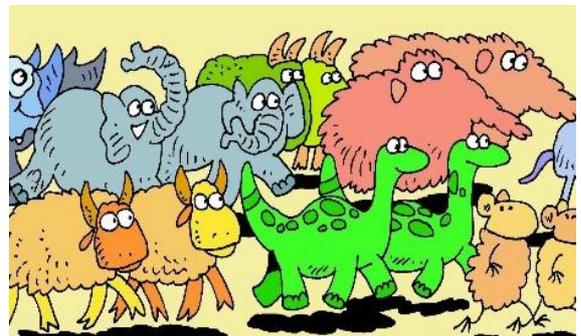


God said to Noah, 'It is going to rain and rain. Build a big boat with enough room for your family and two of every animal.' Noah did what God told him to do. It was a very, very big boat. Noah's family helped him too.



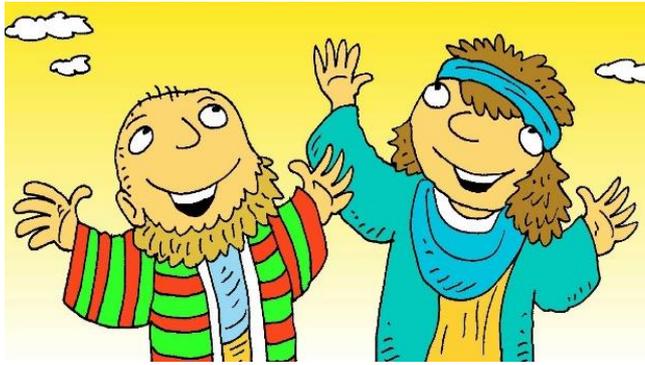
We call Noah's boat 'Noah's Ark.'

When Noah had finished, two of each animal went into Noah's Ark. What a noise! So many animals!



God shut the door and it began to rain. The water got deeper and deeper. But Noah, his family and the animals were safe and dry inside the Ark.

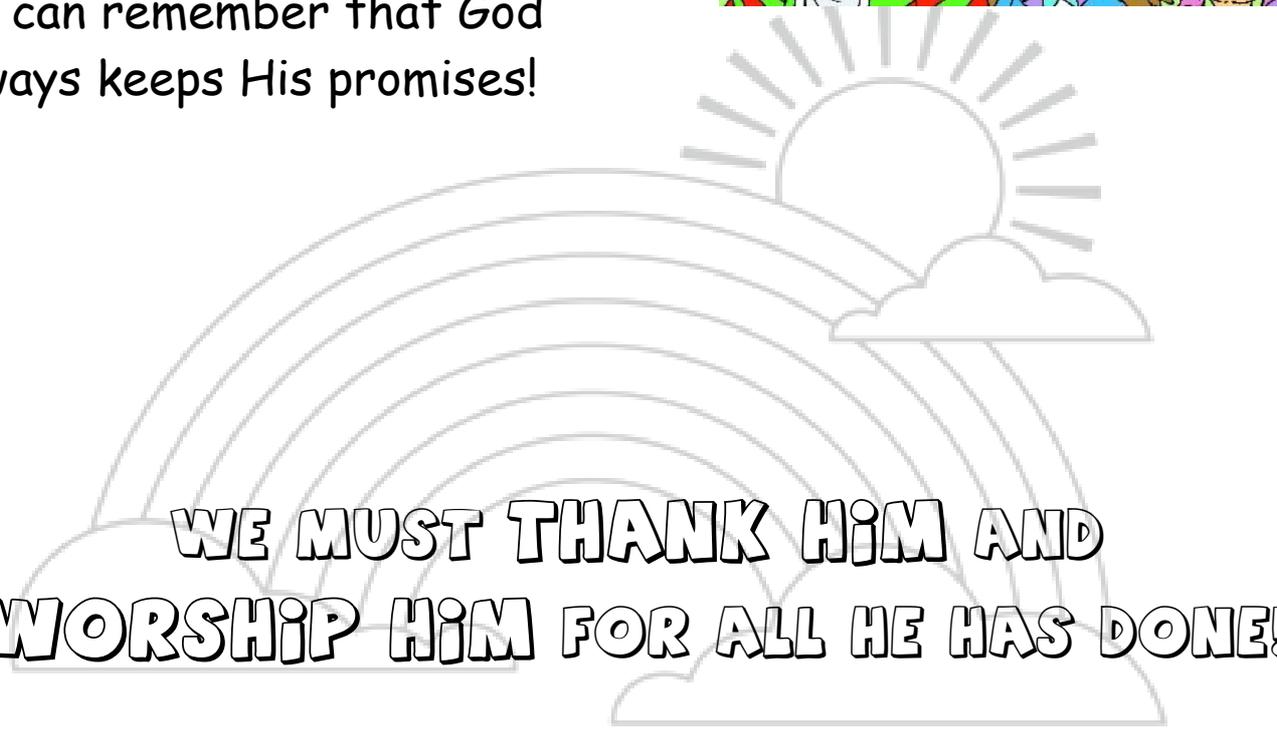
After 40 days and nights, the rain stopped. It took a long time for the water to go away and the ground to dry. Noah sent a bird to see if there was dry land.



At last the day came when everyone could go outside again! Noah and his family thanked God for keeping them safe and dry.

God then made a promise that He would never send such a big flood again. He gave a special reminder about His promise.

God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky. They had never seen a rainbow before! The flood happened a very long time ago and every time we see a rainbow; we can remember that God always keeps His promises!



**WE MUST THANK HIM AND
WORSHIP HIM FOR ALL HE HAS DONE!**

Find all the words listed below

H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T
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| ONE | CLUE | CREATOR |
| FATHER | FORGIVE | HOLY SPIRIT |
| JESUS | LOVE | PROVIDE |
| SHEEP | SHEPHERD | SPEAK |

After you have found all the words, use the remaining letters to spell out a sentence about God.

G	_____	_____	_____	A	_____	_____
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Write a letter to God thanking Him for all He has done for you.

Thank You

Dear God

From
