

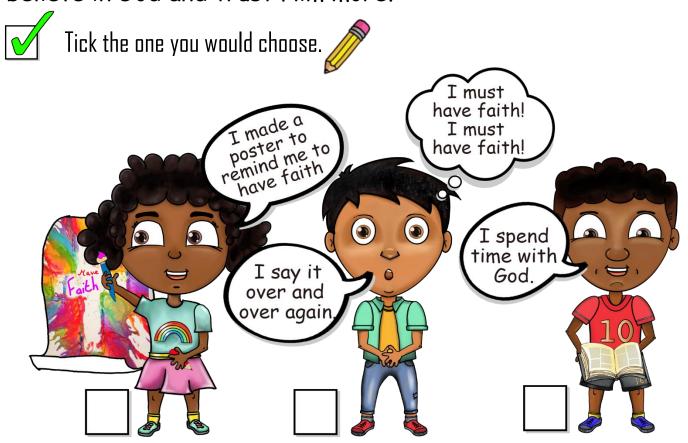
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THE STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO HAD FAITH IN OUR FAITHFUL GOD - Hebrews 11

FAITH IN OUR FAITHFUL GOD!

To have Faith in God means you trust MIM and Believe in MIM.

What do you think is the best thing we can do to help us believe in God and trust Him more?



A poster can help remind you to have faith and trust God. Saying it daily can also be good. But the best way is to spend time with God. Speaking to God, reading about Him in the Bible and learning more about Him at church, are all ways to find out how Falth God is.

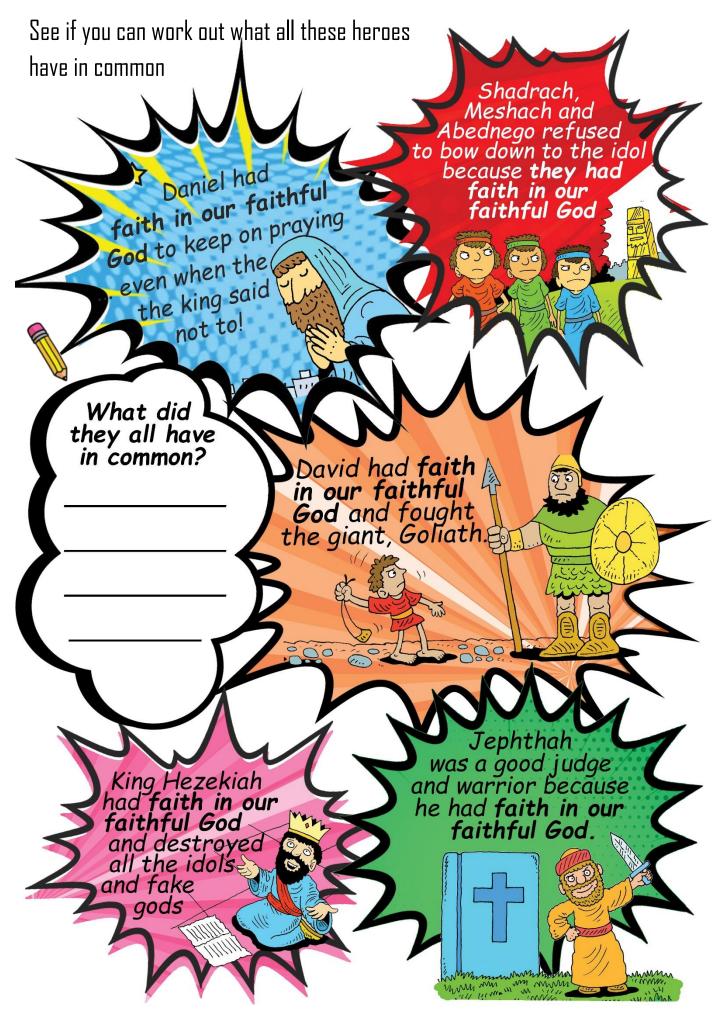
A person who is FAITHFUL is someone you can Trust, someone who Does what they say they are going to do, and someone who keeps their promises.

God has kept every promise He has ever made and He has made over 3000 of them! He always does what He says.

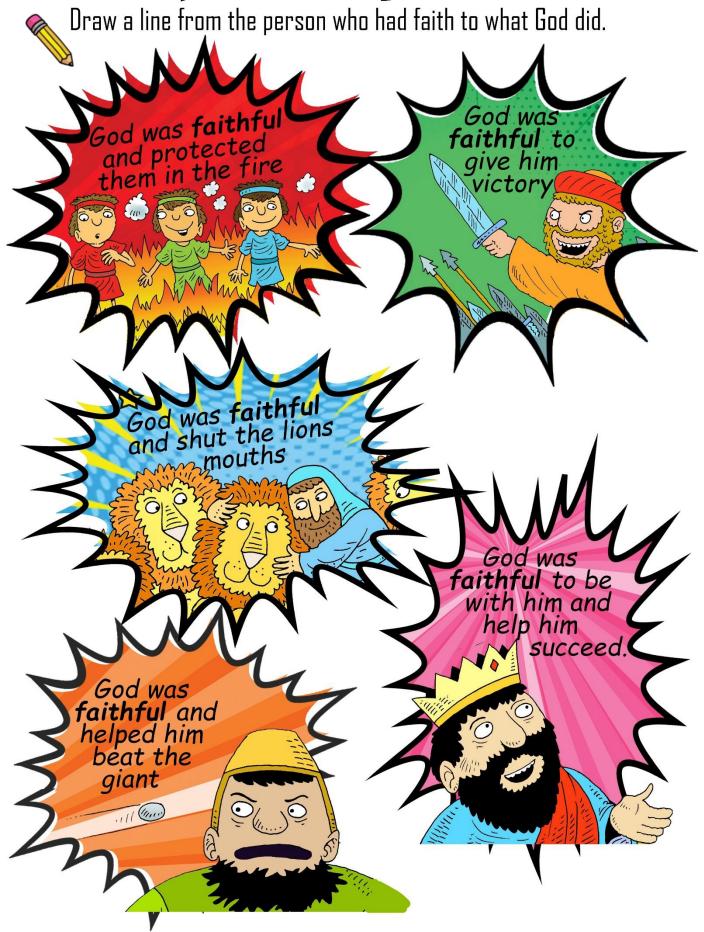
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In the Bible, Hebrews 11 names a whole list of people for their faith in God. Let's read some of their stories.

and how easy it is to trust Him)



AND GOD WAS FAITHFUL!



NOAH - FAITH TO OBEY!

These are some verses from the Bible.

Genesis 6:9 "This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he <u>walked in close fellowship with God</u>

Genesis 6:22 "So Noah <u>did everything exactly as God had</u> commanded him."

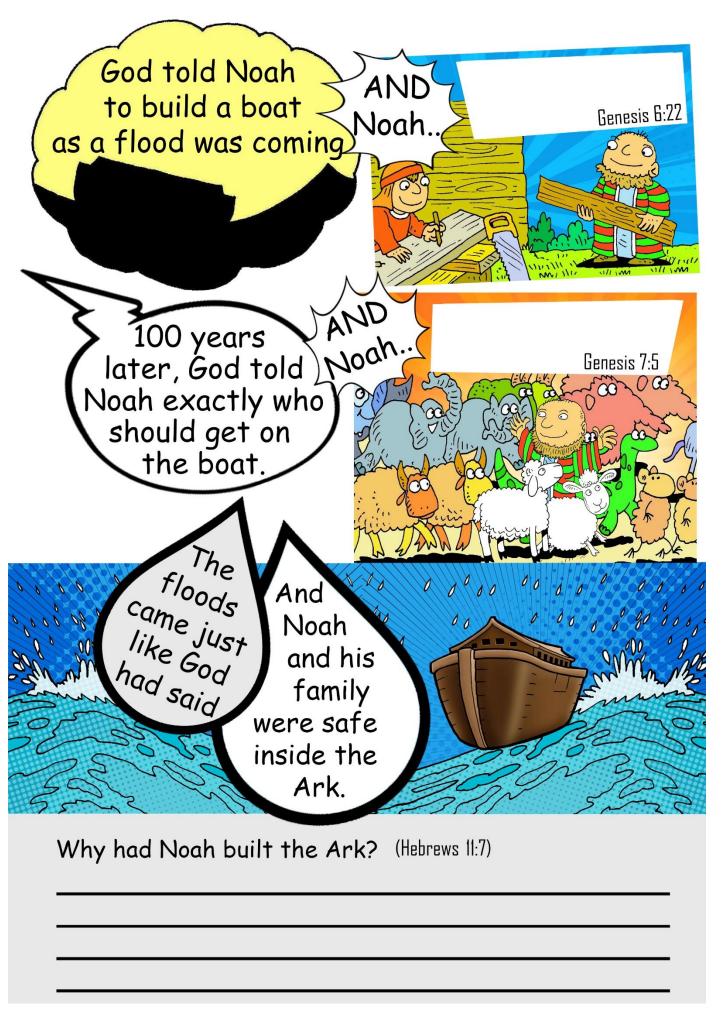
Genesis 7:5 "So Noah <u>did everything as the Lord commanded him."</u>

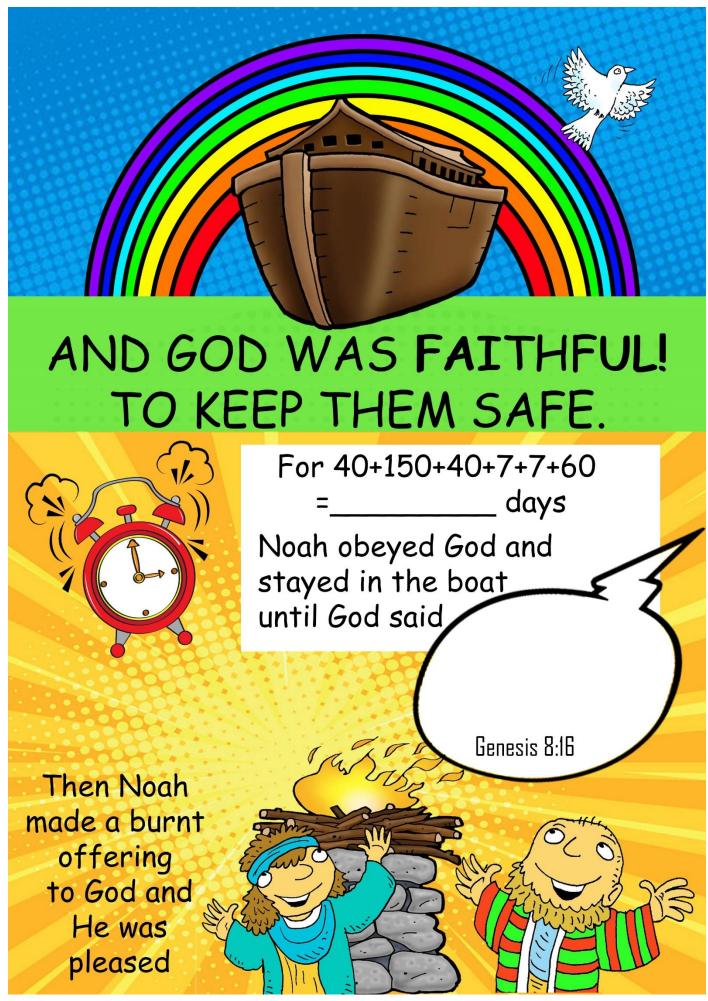
Hebrews 11:7 "It was <u>by faith</u> that <u>Noah built a large boat to save his family</u> from the flood. <u>He obeyed God</u>, who warned him about things that had never happened before."

Genesis 8:16 16 "Leave the boat, all of you

Add the <u>underlined</u> parts of the verses above to the comic and complete Noah's story of faith.

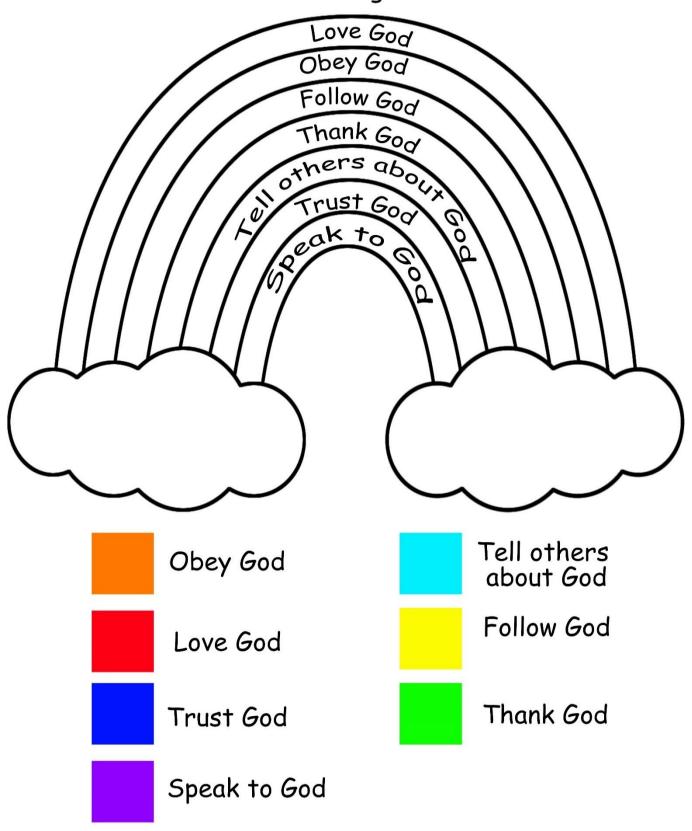






FOLLOW AND OBEY GOD'S COLOURFUL WAY

Colour the rainbow in the right colours by matching the words below. E.g. Love God is red



ABRAHAM - FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES!

Let's read about Abraham straight from Hebrews 11:8-12.

Fill in the verse with the words



and



8 It was by



that Abraham obeyed when God

called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. 9 And even when he reached the

land God



him, he lived there by



for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac

and Jacob, who inherited the same



¹⁰ Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

11 It was by -



that even Sarah was able to have a

child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed

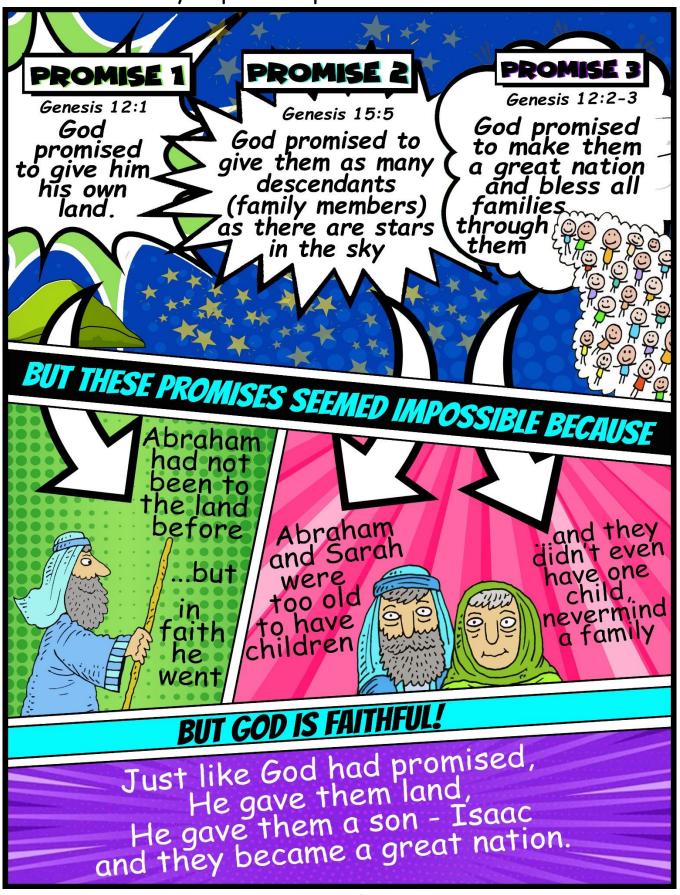
that God would keep His



¹² And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

Abraham's story is filled with promises from God, faith by Abraham AND GOD'S FAITHFULNESS!

These are 3 very important promises God made to Abraham...



Use the code below to work out the missing parts of the verse.

Romans 4:20 Abraham never wavered
in believing God's promise. In fact,







and in this he brought glory to God.

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is always faithful Draw yourself and colour in the promises God has made to you. God works all things together for the good of those who love him and are called 17M 5.3 Бу НіМ. **ROMANS 8:28** NO+hing can sepera+e us from God's love. ROMANS 8: 39 If you beleive in Jesus you will haue exernal GOd Will never life. leaue you. JOhn 3:36 **Deu+eronomy** 31:6 Care of all your needs. DO NO+ Fear, God is With you Isaiah 41:10 Matthew 6: 26-34

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MOSES: FAITH OVER FEAR

Sometimes we can be filled with fear but when we have faith in God, He is always faithful to help us overcome our fears.



Pharaoh was an evil ruler of Egypt who wanted to keep the Israelite people (God's people) as slaves. He didn't want them to become too strong, so he decided to have every

Israelite baby boy

killed!

Amram and Jochebed had a baby boy named Moses. Oh no! That meant Pharaoh would send the soldiers to have him killed.

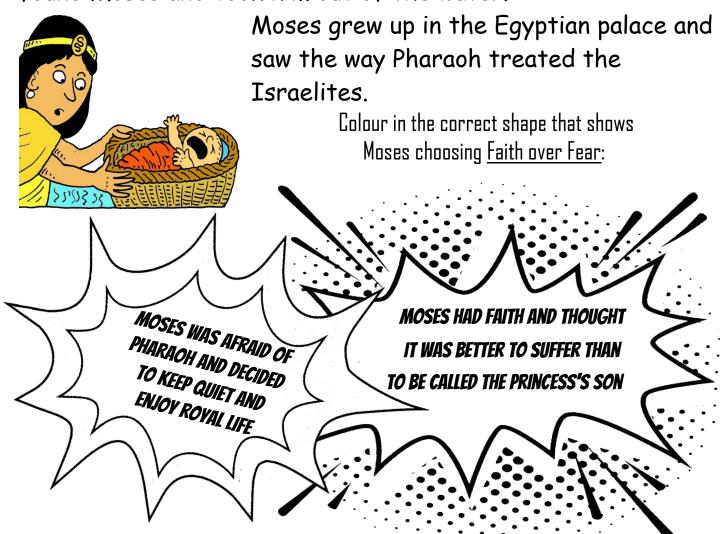
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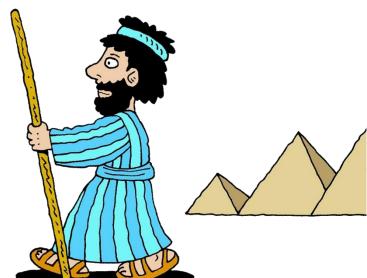
Moses' parents chose faith and hid him. Then they made a basket from reeds and tar, put Moses inside and set it in the Nile River.



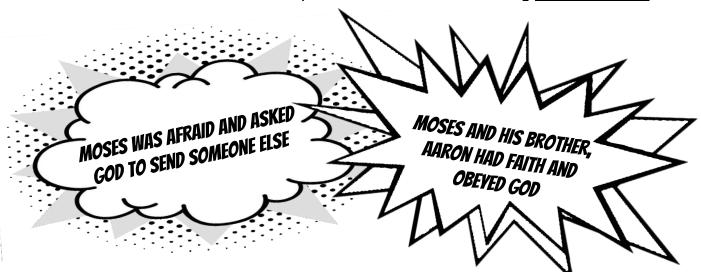
God was faithful and protected Moses! The Egyptian princess found Moses and took him out of the water.



Moses decided to leave
Egypt, but years later things
got worse for the Israelite
people and God told Moses to
go back to Egypt and save
the Israelites, by telling
Pharaoh to let the people go.

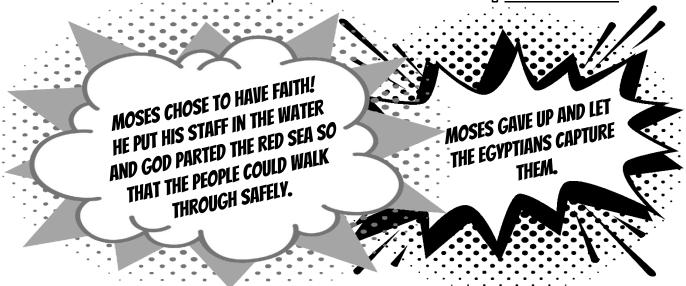


Colour in the correct shape that shows Moses choosing Faith over Fear:



After God sent 10 plagues, Pharaoh finally let them go. But soon he changed his mind. With the Egyptian soldiers close behind them, Moses and the Israelite found themselves standing with the Red Sea in front of them. It looked like they were trapped!

Colour in the correct shape that shows Moses choosing Faith over Fear:



God continued to show His faithfulness as He protected, provided and continued to carry out the plan for Moses and His people. Moses could have faith over all these fears because of God's faithfulness. We can also have faith in our faithful God even when we are afraid.

Faithful God

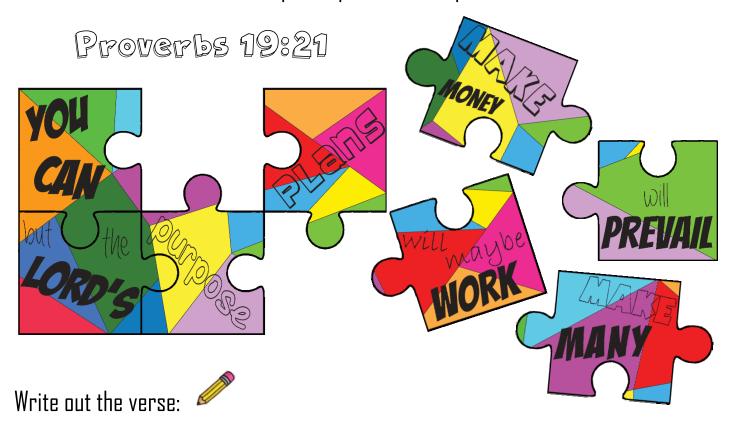
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RAHAB: SAVED BY FAITH!

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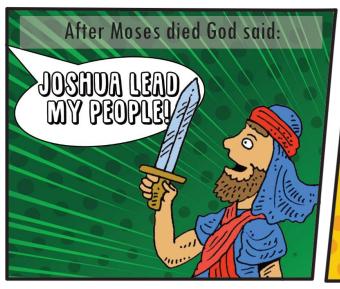


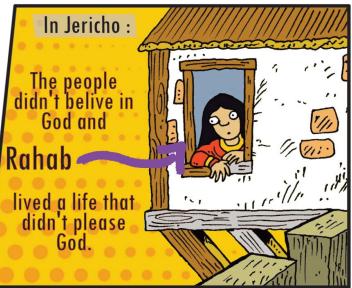
Prevails means it will Happen!

No matter how many plans we make or how hard we try, the plans God makes will ALWAYS prevail.

God wants us to be a part of His plan, but He never forces us. He asks us! He might simply ask you to tell a friend about Him or be kind to a stranger.

Sometimes we feel scared, we think we are too young, or we just don't feel like being a part of God's plan and so we don't do it.





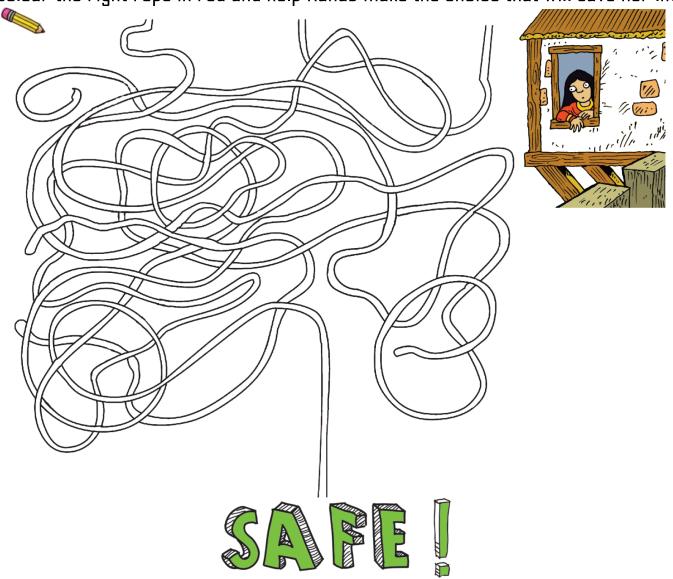


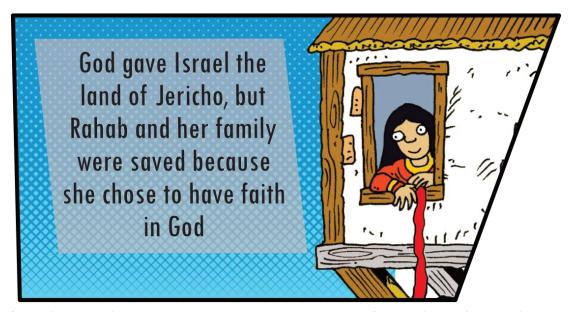
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Rahab heard the stories of what God had done for Israel, and she knew that He was powerful.

Colour the right rope in red and help Rahab make the choice that will save her life.





Even if Rahab chose not to be a part of God's plan, do you think His plan would have failed?

What does Proverbs 19:21 say?

Cross out the incorrect words.

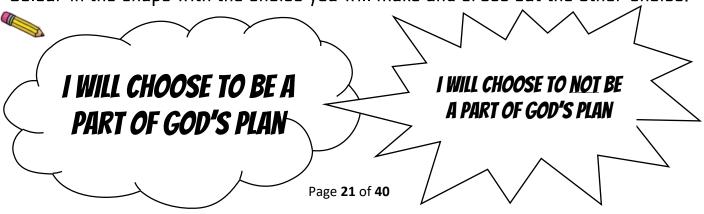


You can make (many plans/ good ideas), but the Lord's purpose (might work out/ will prevail).

It's **IMPORTANT** to know that you can't ruin or change God's plans. We can be a part of it and share in the goodness of it or we can miss out.

YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE!

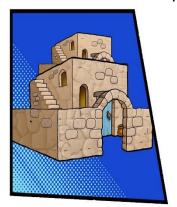
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GIDEON - SHIELD OF FAITH

God is faithful to choose us to be His heroes.

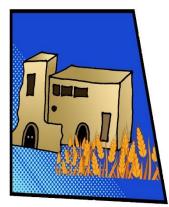
Circle where you think we can find our next hero, Gideon?



In a nice house?



Telling hero stories?



Hiding in the winepress?

Gideon is in the winepress separating wheat. He is hiding from the Midianites who having been hurting the Israelites and stealing their things. The Israelites have not been obeying God but still they ask God to help them!

Do you think God will answer them?

Yes, God is faithful to speak to us!

Trace over what
God said

Mighty warrior
I will give you
VICTORY!"

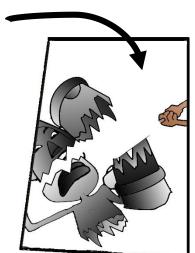
Write what you think Gideon should have answered Gideon says "I am from the weakest clan and the lowest in my family!"

Does this mighty hero sound like he is trusting God? _____

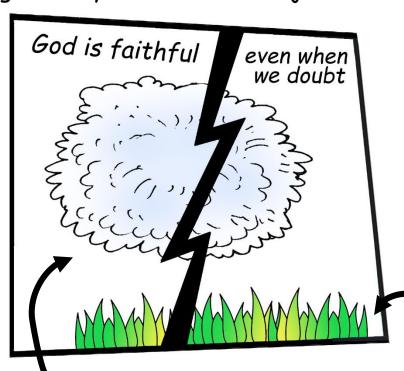
Draw an axe

Gideon leaves out some stew and bread and when God sends fire from Heaven to consume it – Gideon decides to obey God.

Still scared, Gideon sneaks out at night to destroy all the idols that the Israelites are praying to. And God is falthful to protect him!



Gideon asks again "Is this really God speaking to me?"
Gideon goes out at night and lays out a fluffy woollen rug on
the grass and asks God to make the rug wet with dew and the
grass dry ... and God does just that.



Still, Gideon doesn't trust God and again he lays out the rug and this time He asks for the rug to be dry and the grass wet!

Again, God does just that!

Draw water drops ONLY on the grass!

Draw water drops
ONLY on the rug!

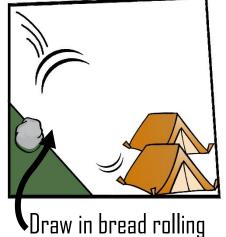
Wow! God is faithful even when we are faithless!

How many warriors do you think you would need to defeat a strong army like the Midianites? _

►Try draw in 32 000 warriors 32 000



Gideon has only 32 900 10 600 300 people in his army because God says He wants everyone to know it is Him that is faithful to give us victory and NOT because of a strong army.



down the hill

God is faithful to build our faith and so He has sent Gideon to the Midianite camp to hear how scared they are! They have dreamt a loaf of bread has crushed their camp and they know God will let the Israelites win!

Finally, God shows that He is follows to His promises.

Just by breaking jars, blowing a horn and waving fire torches, Gideon and the Israelites WIN!

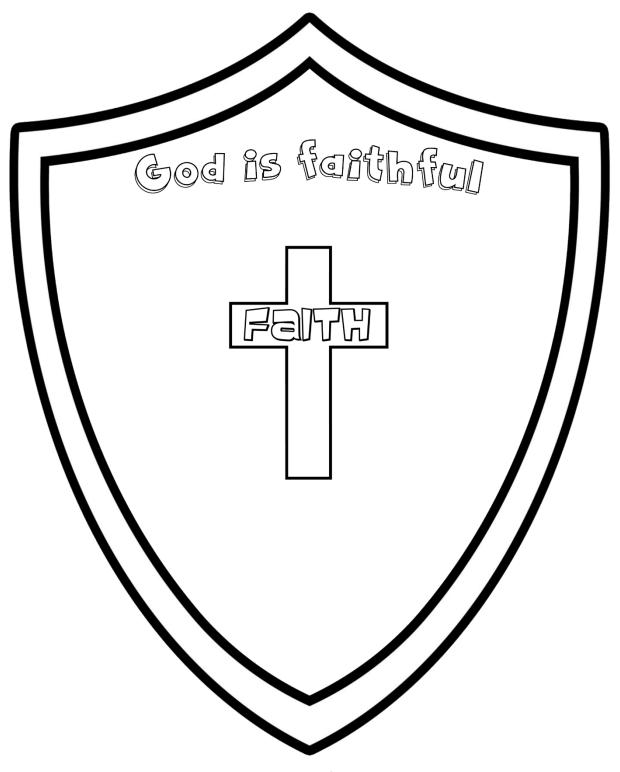
God has protected them and given them victory just like He promised!



Draw in the flame

God has given us a shield of faith. We can't see it but this shield protects us when the devil tries to lie to us and tell us that we can't be mighty heroes for God.

Decorate the shield and look through Gideon's story to fill in how follows:



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JOHN - SPEAK OUT





If you had to see this person walking down the street what would you say about him? If you look carefully you will see that he is eating a locust.

This man is dressed up as John the Baptiser from the Bible. The Bible describes him as a man that lived in the wilderness, who ate locusts and wild honey and who wore clothing made from camel hair.

John was chosen by God to "prepare the way" - that means get everyone ready - for when Jesus would come to save people from their sin.

He had a special message to tell everyone.

You can read more about his story in Matthew 3:4; Mark 1:2-3; Luke 3:1-20

John knew that he had a very important job for God - to prepare the way for JESUS!

So John lived in the wilderness, preaching to the people all along the Jordan River.

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Draw a speech bubble around the important things John taught about.



Write the name of the person you are going to tell this message to.

Did you know that JESUS WILL RETURN and that YOU have been chosen as a messenger to tell others!

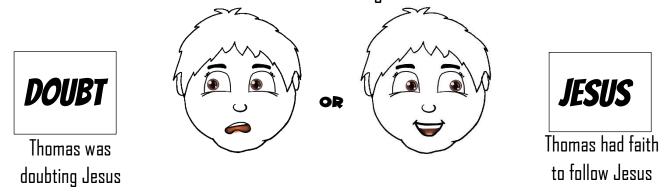
Decorate the billboard with a message you want everyone to know about Jesus.



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THOMAS - WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DOUBT?

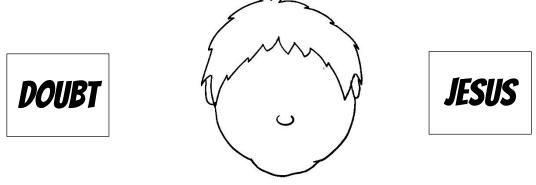
As you read the story, decide if Thomas was focussing on doubting or on Jesus. Each time make his face look like one of the following.



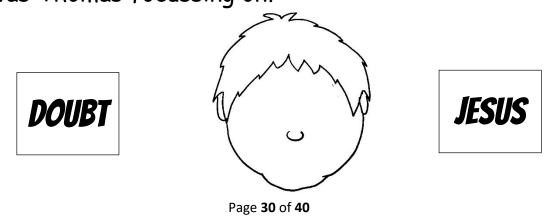
Jesus chose 12 men to be His disciples. Thomas chose to give up everything and follow Jesus and be His disciple.

What was Thomas focussing on?

Draw in the eyes and mouth to make him look at "doubt" or "Jesus".



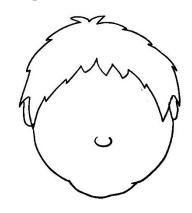
One day Jesus' friend Lazarus died and Jesus wanted to go to where the friend lived. The people there wanted to kill Jesus but Thomas said "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus." Thomas didn't care what would happen, he wanted to stay with Jesus. What was Thomas focussing on?



Eventually, the time came for Jesus to die on the cross. That sounds very sad but remember Jesus let this happen so that we can be forgiven of our sins and can have eternal life with God. Three days later Jesus came alive again and He went to visit the disciples. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, Thomas said "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

What was Thomas focussing on now?







Sometimes, like Thomas, we too can doubt. It's ok to have questions about God. In fact, God wants us to ask and seek Him for the answers. Where can we find out more about God?





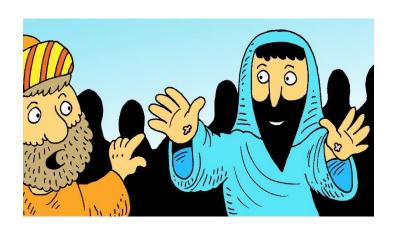




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Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. Use the code to work out what

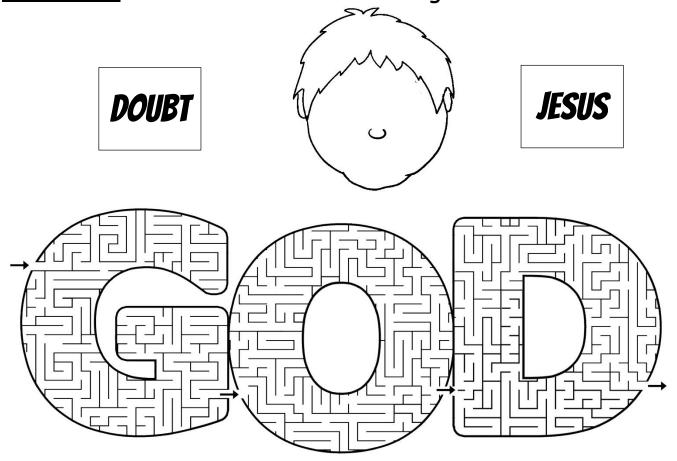
Jesus said to him.



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Thomas exclaimed "My Lord and my God!". Thomas believed it was Jesus! What was Thomas focussing on now?



Do you think you will be able to know everything about God? _____

The maze above is actually impossible to do. In the same way it is impossible for us to fully understand everything about God and the decisions He makes. (Romans 11:33)

The Bible however does tell us in Jeremiah 29:13 "13 If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me."

We don't understand and know God because we are smart, we get to know Him because He reveals Himself to us when we spend time with Him. All we have to do is search for Him and believe with all our hearts.

HEROES OF FAITH

Cut out the hero cards on the next page and have some fun playing the following games.

Variation 1: (2-4 players)

The cards are dealt out to the players. Player 1 reads the first clue on the back of the card (making sure player 2 can't see the front of the card) and Player 2 tries to guess who the hero is. If they get it correct they get to add the card to their "winnings" pile. If they get it wrong, Player 1 keeps the card. Player 2 now reads the first clue and Player 1 has a chance to answer. If the players don't get the answer right on the first clue, ask them the next clue in the next round. The person with the most cards in their "winnings" pile is the winner.

Variation 2: Snap. (2 sets needed)

Each child turns over a card one after the other. If they match the person who yells "snap" wins the set of the cards. Make it more difficult by saying only if they can name a fact about the hero can they win the cards. Or alternatively, only if they can identify who the hero is, they can win the set of cards.

Variation 3: Guess what's false.

Player 1 holds up a card so that the other players can see the picture but not the facts on the back. Player 1 then says 2 facts – one true about this character and the other false. They can make up the false fact or get ideas from another card. The first person to correctly guess which is true gets the card and play then passes to this person. If no one gets it correct then that same player gives another true and false clue.



W10 Am 1 ?

- I WAS AFRAID SO I DESTROYED THE IDOLS AT NIGHT. (JUDGES 6:27)
- I AM THE WEAKEST IN MY CLAN. BUT THE ANGEL CALLED ME A "MIGHTY WARRIOR". (JUDGES 6:12-15)
- I ASKED FOR A SIGN TO SHOW THAT IT WAS TRULY GOD SPEAKING. (JUDGES 6:17)
- I OVERHEARD A DREAM ABOUT BARLEY BREAD KNOCKING THE MIDIANITE CAMP FLAT. (JUDGES 7:13)
- O BY FAITH I WENT INTO BATTLE WITH JUST 300 MEN. (JUDGES 1:1)

Who Am 1?

- O BY FAITH I REFUSED TO BE CALLED THE SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER. (HEBREWS 11:24)
- I DIDN'T THINK THAT I COULD SPEAK VERY WELL. (EXODUS 4:10)
- GOD SENT MY BROTHER, AARON, WITH ME TO SPEAK TO PHARAOH. (EXODUS 4:16)
- GOD SPOKE TO ME FROM A BURNING BUSH. (EXODUS 3:3-4)
- I LEAD THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPT WHEN GOD TOLD ME TO. (HEBREWS 11:21)

WHO AM 1 ?

- I NEVER GAVE UP ON THE PROMISE THAT GOD MADE TO ME. (ROMANS 4:20)
- O BY FAITH I MOVED TO AN UNKNOWN LAND. (HEBREWS 11:8)
- GOD CHANGED MY NAME. (GENESIS 17:5)
- I WAS READY TO OBEY GOD AND SACRIFICE MY SON. (GENESIS 22:16)
- O GOD PROMISED ME MORE DESCENDANTS
 THAN THERE ARE STARS. (GENESIS 15:5)

Who Am 1?

- MY BIRTH WAS ALSO A MIRACLE. (LUKE 1:7)
- GOD CHOSE ME TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS. (MARK 1:2-3)
- I TOLD PEOPLE TO FOLLOW GOD AND BE BAPTIZED. (MATTHEW 3:2)
- I TRIED TO TALK JESUS OUR OF BEING BAPTIZED BY ME. (MATTHEW 3:14)
- I WORE CAMEL HAIR AND ATE LOCUSTS AND HONEY. (MATTHEW 3:4)



Who Am 1?

- I WALKED CLOSE TO GOD. (GENESIS 6:9)
- I LISTENED TO GOD'S PLAN AND DID EXACTLY WHAT I WAS TOLD. (GENESIS 7:5)
- I SAW THE FIRST RAINBOW AS A REMINDER OF GOD'S PROMISE, (GENESIS 9:17)
- I LIVED FOR 950 YEARS. (GENESIS 9:29)
- IN FAITH I BUILT AN ARK. (HEBREWS 11:7)

Who Am 1?

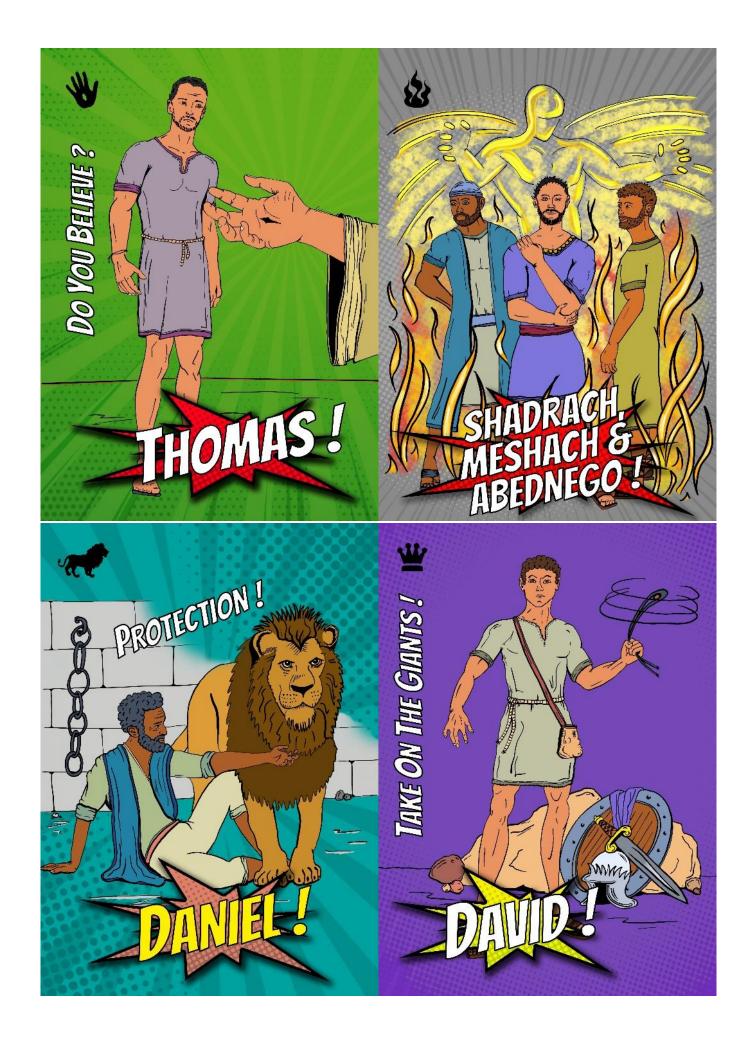
- GOD CHANGED MY NAME. (GENESIS 17:15)
- I LAUGHED WHEN GOD SAID I WOULD HAVE A CHILD AT MY AGE. (GENESIS 18:12)
- I SAID "GOD HAS BROUGHT ME LAUGHTER!" (GENESIS 21:6)
- O I AM VERY BEAUTIFUL. (GENESIS 12:14)
- I HAD MY FIRST BABY WHEN I WAS MORE THAN 90 YEARS OLD. (GENESIS 17:17)

MKO AM 1?

- WE LIVED FOR MANY YEARS AS SLAVES IN EGYPT. (EXODUS 1:11)
- IN FAITH WE WERE NOT AFRAID OF THE KING'S LAW. (HEBREWS 11:23)
- O IN FAITH WE HID OUR SON FROM PHARAOH FOR 3 MONTHS. (EXODUS 2:2)
- WE MADE A BASKET FOR OUR BABY AND LEFT HIM IN THE NILE RIVER. (EXODUS 2:3)
- THE PRINCESS ASKED ME TO LOOK AFTER BABY MOSES. (EXODUS 2:9)

MHO AM 1?

- I AM LISTED AS ONE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF JESUS. (MATTHEW 1:5)
- WE WERE AFRAID THAT GOD WOULD GIVE THE ISRAELITES OUR LAND. (JOSHUA 2:9)
- I LIVED A LIFE THAT DID NOT PLEASE GOD BUT BY FAITH I WELCOMED THE SPIES. (HEBREWS 11:31)
- I HID TWO ISRAELITE SPIES UNDER STALKS OF FLAX ON MY ROOF. (JOSHUA 2:6)
- I HUNG A RED ROPE OUT OF MY WINDOW & WE WERE SAVED. (JOSHUA 2:21 & 6:25)



WHO AM I?

- WE ARE STRONG, HEALTHY AND GOOD-LOOKING JEWISH BOYS. (DANIEL 1:4)
- WE CHOSE VEGETABLES OVER THE KING'S FOOD. (DANIEL 1:11-13)
- WE HAD FAITH THAT GOD COULD SAVE US. (DANIEL 3:17)
- WE REFUSED TO BOW TO THE KING'S STATUE. (DANIEL 3:12)
- GOD WAS WITH US IN THE FIERY FURNACE. (DANIEL 3:24-25)

MHO AM 12

- I ASKED GOD PERMISSION BEFORE I WENT TO BATTLE. (1 SAMUEL 23:2)
- I AM A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART. (ACTS 13:22)
- I PLAYED THE HARP AND MY SONGS CAN BE FOUND IN PSALMS. (1 SAMUEL 16:18)
- I WAS A SHEPHERD BOY. (1 SAMUEL 16:11)
- I TRUSTED THAT GOD WOULD KILL GOLIATH. (1 SAMUEL 17:46)

Mro Am 1?

- I AM NICKNAMED "THE TWIN," (JOHN 11:16)
- I TOLD THE OTHER DISCIPLES "LET'S GO WITH AND DIE WITH JESUS." (JOHN 11:16)
- I WANTED TO SEE JESUS' WOUNDS BEFORE I WOULD BELIEVE, (JOHN 20:25)
- I WAS ONE OF JESUS' DISCIPLES. (MARK 3:18)
- JESUS TOLD ME TO STOP DOUBTING AND BELIEVE, (JOHN 20:27)

MHO AM 1?

- O I CHOSE TO EAT VEGETABLES AND WATER TO HONOUR GOD. (DANIEL 1:12)
- O GOD GAVE ME THE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND DREAMS. (DANIEL 1:17)
- GOD MADE ME WISE. (DANIEL 5:12)
- O BY FAITH I PRAYED TO GOD EVEN WHEN THE LAW SAID NO. (DANIEL 6:10)
- O GOD SHUT THE MOUTHS OF HUNGRY LIONS TO KEEP ME SAFE, (DANIEL 6:22)