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HAVING FAITH IN A MIGHTY GOD

Do you know that we serve a **MIGHTY** God?

We are going to discover what it means to have faith in our mighty God as we journey through the exciting Book of Joshua!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE FAITH?

Faith means trusting God, even when you can't see what is going to happen. In Hebrews 11:1 it says "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."

It's believing that God is with you, God loves you, and God will help you, even when something feels scary.

God had promised the Israelites a special land called the Promised Land. But before they could get there, they had to leave Egypt, where they had been slaves for many years.

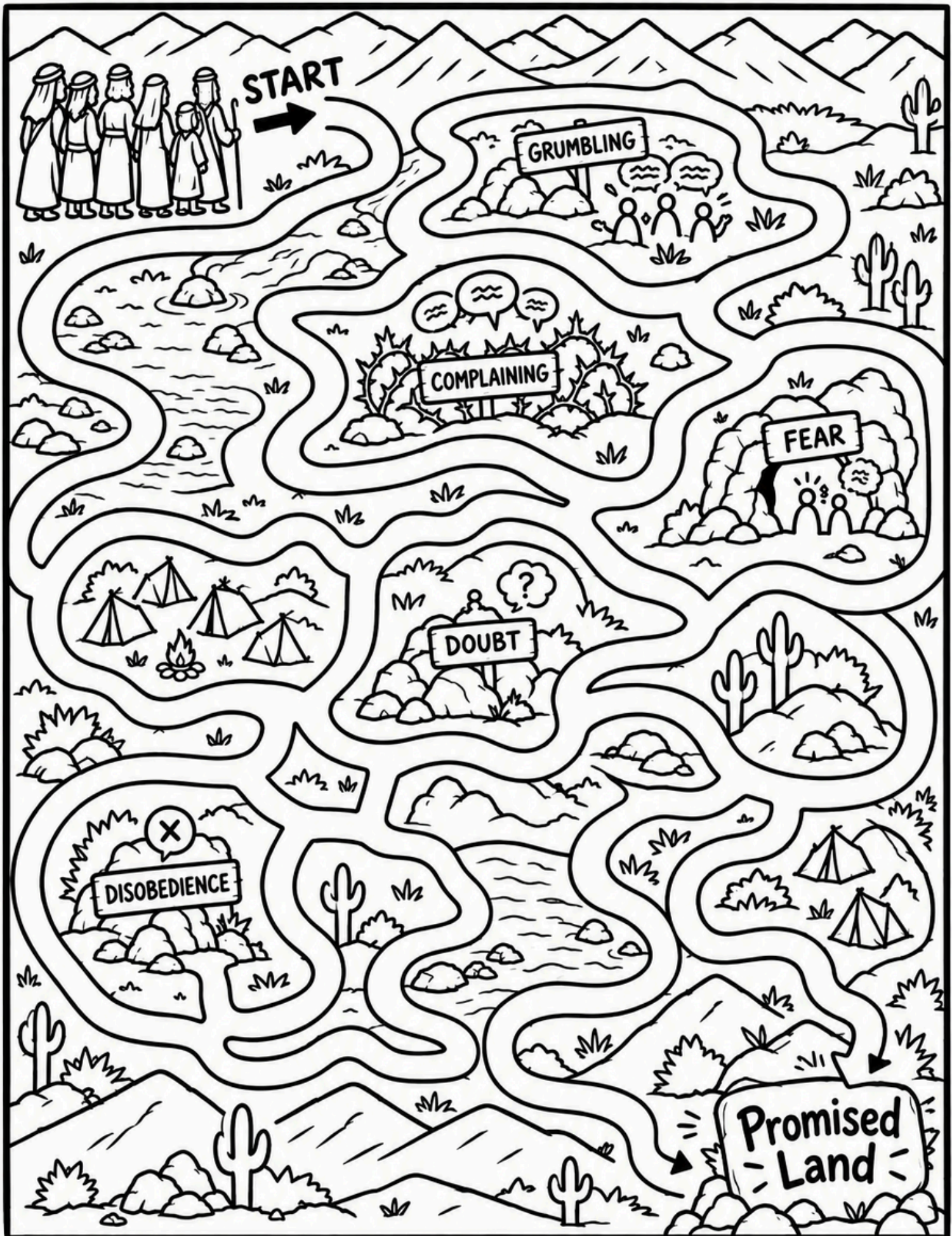
God rescued His people from Egypt and led them towards the Promised Land. However, when they reached the land, they became afraid and did not trust God. They were scared of the people living there and did not believe that God would help them. Because they did not trust and obey God, they had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land.

In the Book of Joshua, we see how the Israelites had to have faith and trust God. God told Joshua and the Israelites in Joshua 1:9 to "be strong and courageous" as they entered the Promised Land.

They didn't know everything that would happen, but they chose to trust God and follow His instructions. Their journey to the Promised Land teaches us an important lesson, to have faith and trust God, even when we are afraid or don't know what will happen. God is always faithful to His promises!



Draw a path to help the Israelites reach the Promised Land:



Turn to Joshua 1:9 in the Bible and fill in the missing words:

"Be _____ and _____. Do not be afraid; do not be _____, for the _____ your God is with you _____ you go."

STRONG

COURAGEOUS

DISCOURAGED

LORD

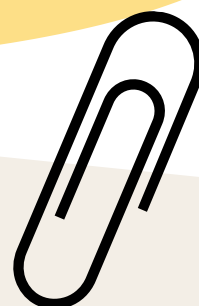
WHEREVER

Scratch the sticker to find out how many times in the Bible God tells us to not be afraid:

365

Wow! What a reminder that we don't have to be afraid we can trust God every day!

Think of a time when you needed to be brave and have faith, write it down here to remember...



FOR EACH SCENARIO BELOW CIRCLE WHETHER YOU WILL CHOOSE FAITH OR FEAR:

Faith: I don't know what will happen, but I know God is with me.

Fear: I don't know what will happen so I won't try.

Fear: This is too difficult. I should just give up.

Faith: This is difficult, but I know God will help me.

Faith: I'm nervous, but I'll pray and trust God.

Fear: I'm nervous so will worry about everything that could go wrong.

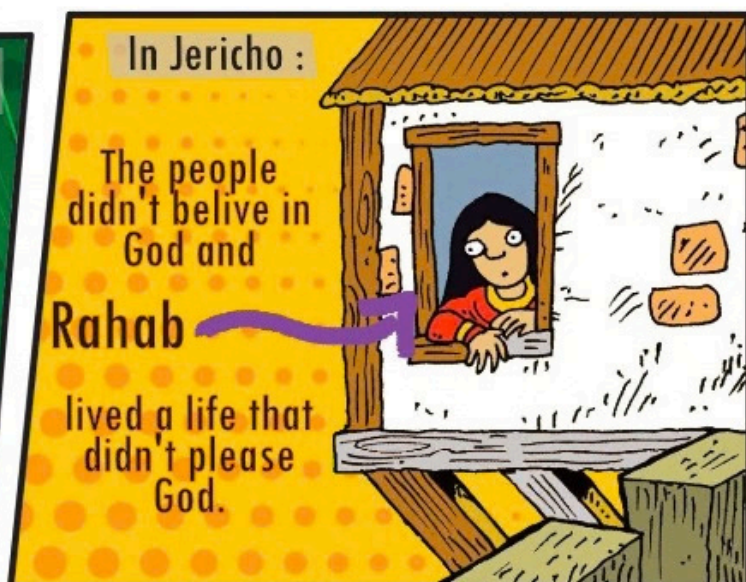
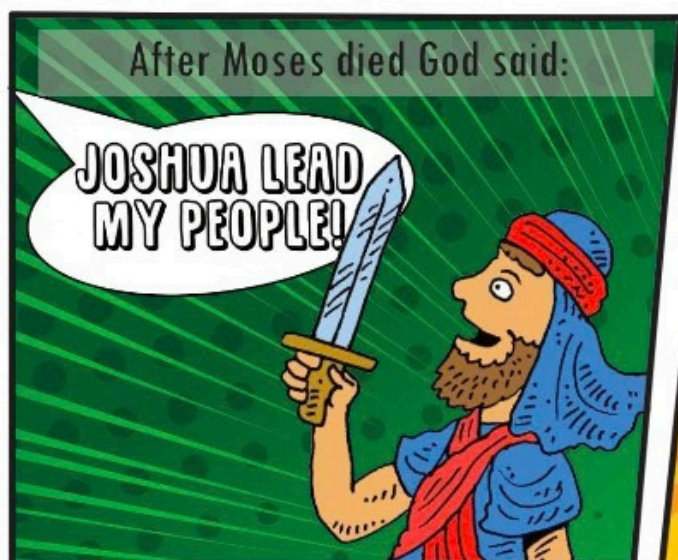
JOIN THE DOTS TO REVEAL A PICTURE THAT REMINDS US TO HAVE FAITH NOT FEAR:



"I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

Matthew 17:20

Read the story of Rahab from Joshua 2 in the comic strip below.





DU YOU THINK GOD WILL RESCUE HER AND HER FAMILY?

WHY WERE RAHAB AND THE PEOPLE OF JERICHO AFRAID OF THE ISRAELITES?

Read Joshua 2:9

"I (*know/hope/think*) that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you." Rahab had heard about the Israelites and knew that God had given them the Promised Land. She **knew** that the God of Israel was powerful, and this made the people of Jericho afraid.

Knowing that God gives us the victory can help our faith grow!

WHAT HAD RAHAB AND THE CANAANITES HEARD THAT GOD HAD DONE?

Read Joshua 2:10

"We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed."

They had heard how _____

They had also heard how _____

Rahab didn't just hear about what God had done she believed in who God was.

When we remember what God has done, it helps us trust Him with what He will do next.

WHO IS OUR GOD?

Read Joshua 2:11

"No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below."

Was God just great?

Was God just powerful?

No! He is **SUPREME!**



To be **SUPREME** means having the highest rank, power, status, or greatest possible degree. God is above everyone and everything. There is no one like Him!

So when we put our faith in God, we aren't putting our trust in just anyone.

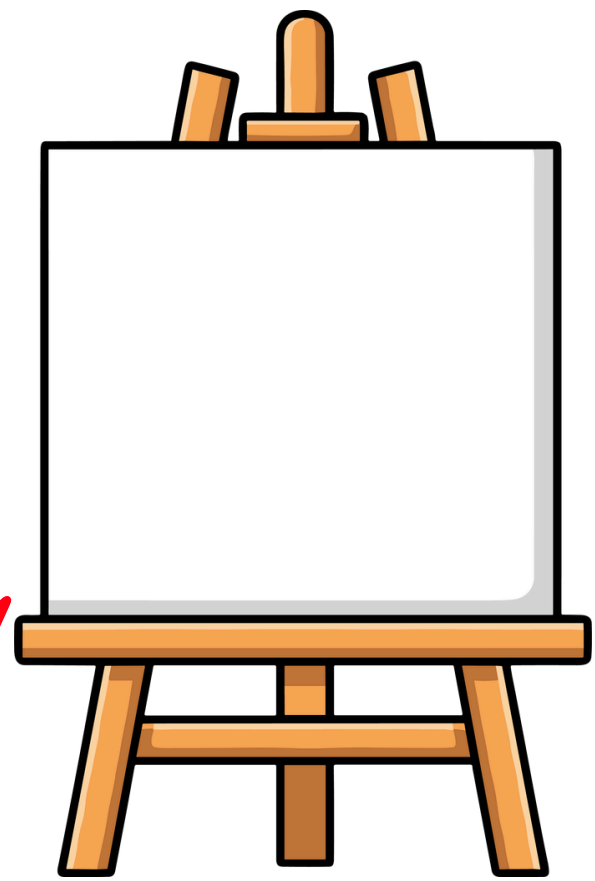
We are trusting the God who made heaven and earth, who keeps His promises, and who is greater than anything we could ever face.

Knowing who God is and remembering what He has done should make our faith grow!

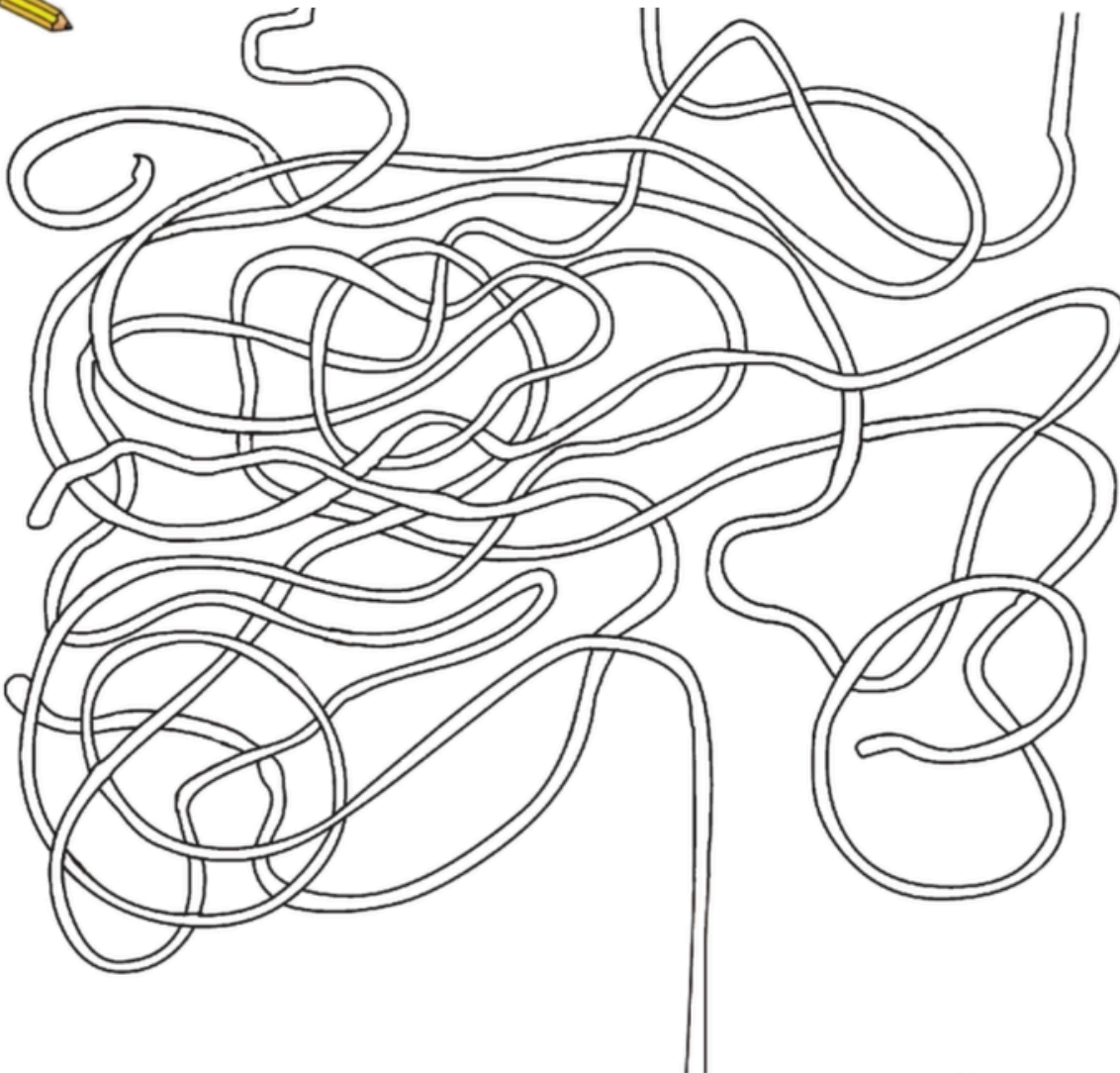
God gave Israel the land of Jericho, but Rahab and her family were saved because she chose to have faith in God



Rahab didn't live a perfect life, but she heard about God, believed in Him, and chose to trust Him. Her faith gave her the courage to help the Israelite spies, and God rescued her and her family when Jericho was destroyed. God had a special purpose for Rahab, and He has a purpose for you too! Rahab is even mentioned in the family line of Jesus. What an amazing reminder that God's plans are far greater than we can imagine and that He can use anyone for His purposes! Draw yourself doing something that could help someone else and show God's love!



COLOUR THE RIGHT ROPE IN AND HELP RAHAB MAKE THE CHOICE THAT WILL SAVE HER LIFE.



SAFE!

Rahab knew that she needed to be rescued.

She trusted that the God of Israel was powerful enough to save her and her family.

Do you think Rahab was right to have faith that God would rescue her?

Do you think that we need rescuing from anything?

We need rescuing from:

SIN

Sin is when we choose to do things our own way instead of God's way.

Maybe you tell a little lie because you don't want to get into trouble.

Maybe you disobey when your parents aren't looking.

Maybe you cheat because you really want to win.

You might think, It's okay. Nobody knows!

But God knows. And sin is a bigger problem than we sometimes realise. Sin separates us from God, and we cannot fix the problem of sin all by ourselves.

So who can rescue us?

Let's read Galatians 1:4 and fill in the missing words:

" _____ gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to _____ us from this evil world in which we live."



Jesus is our Rescuer!

Jesus took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. And then He came alive again! He defeated sin and death.

Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and brought back into a relationship with God.

When we put our faith in Jesus and choose to follow Him, we can trust Him to rescue us from our sin.

Wow! Jesus really is the greatest Rescuer!

The Bible is full of reminders that God is faithful!
Look up each verse below and fill in the missing words.

If you believe in
[redacted]
you will have
eternal life.
John 3:36

God will never
[redacted] you.
Deuteronomy 31:6

God works
[redacted] things
together for the good
of those who [redacted]
Him and are
called by Him.
Romans 8:28

God will
take care
of all your
[redacted]
Matthew 6:26-34

Do not
[redacted]
God is with you.
Isaiah 41:10

JESUS

LOVE

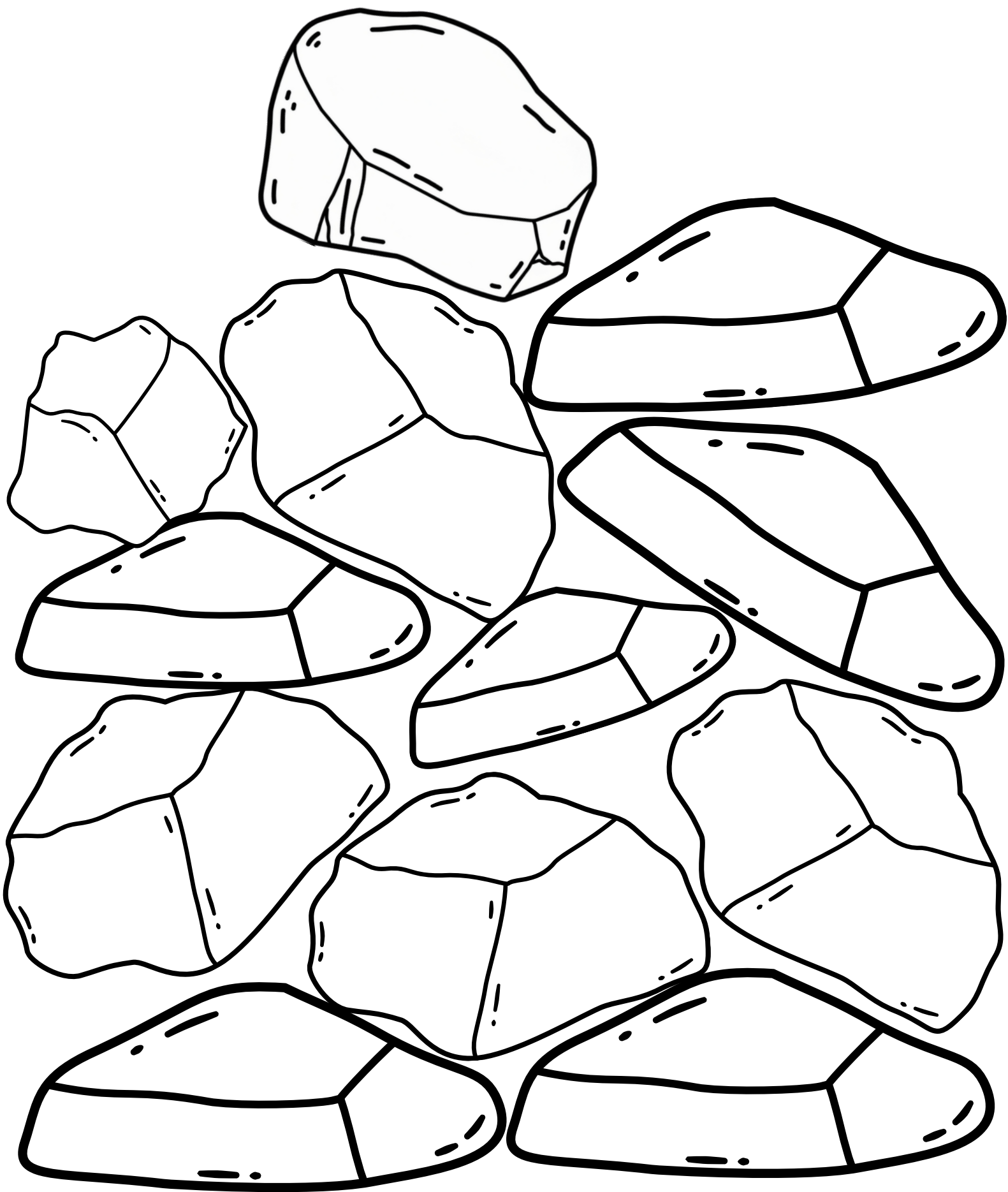
NEEDS

FEAR

LEAVE

ALL

Read Joshua 4: 1 - 9. We see that after God helped the Israelites cross the Jordan River, He told them to take 12 stones and set them up as a reminder of what He had done. When their children asked about the stones, they could tell them the story of God's faithfulness. Use the stones below to write or draw 12 things you are grateful to God for. Remember all the amazing things He has done for you!





THE FALL OF JERICHO

Read Joshua 6:1-17 to answer the following questions

1) What was God's battle plan? Circle what God told Joshua to do.



SHOUT



2) Is this how you normally win a battle?

3) Do you think Joshua should have faith in God that they will win this way? Why?

4) It wasn't the horn, shout or marching that would make them win it was ... (Joshua 6:2)

5) Complete the sentence: Joshua (obeyed/disobeyed) God (kind of/ completely) and God gave them (hope/victory) just like He promised.

Rahab's city had now been destroyed! She was right to have faith that God would rescue her!

COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY BELOW TO DISCOVER A BIBLE VERSE THAT REMINDS US EXACTLY WHAT WE SHOULD DO WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.



Clues:

SECRET CODE

Use the key below to work out the verse.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



PROVERBS 3:5



A PROMISE FOR US

Who did the
Israelites need to
have faith in?

Who helped them
defeat their
enemies?

Who kept His
promise and gave them
the Promised Land?

GOD DID IT ALL!

The Israelites needed to trust God and follow Him.

But what about us?

Has God promised us an inheritance too?

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and fill in what God has promised us:

God has promised us an inheritance that is even greater than the Promised Land!

Because of our sin, we are separated from God and cannot earn this inheritance on our own.

But Jesus changed everything!

Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we can have eternal life with God. Our inheritance is not a land filled with milk and honey it is life with God in His perfect Kingdom forever!

Just like the Israelites had to trust God, we can choose to put our faith in Jesus and follow Him.

WILL YOU TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS?

TICK THE BLOCK FOR WHICH WE CAN HAVE FAITH FOR



☐ I can trust God when I am scared.



☐ I can trust God even when I don't understand.



☐ I can follow God even when things are difficult.



☐ I can be brave because God is always with me.



☐ I can remember that God keeps His promises.

FIND ALL THE WORDS

D	P	H	G	O	D	P	R	A	Y	W	Q
W	U	X	M	I	G	H	T	Y	Z	O	F
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WORSHIP
OBEY
GOD
PROMISES
MIGHTY
FAITH
COURAGEOUS
PRAY
BRAVE
STRONG



Throughout the stories we have read in Joshua, we have seen that God is faithful. We can trust Him because He always keeps His promises.

Can you match each person or group of people to how God was faithful?
Draw a line to connect them!

THE
ISRAELITES

He trusted God and followed His instructions, and God was faithful to him by giving him the strength and courage to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land.

RAHAB

God brought them into the Promised Land, just as He had promised.

THE
ISRAELITES

They trusted God and followed His instructions, even when they couldn't see how the walls of Jericho would fall. and after seven days, the walls fell!

JOSHUA

She trusted God and kept her promise to protect the spies. God was faithful and saved her and her whole family when Jericho was destroyed.

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