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The Bible stories in this book are retold from the original stories found in the Bible. Each telling focuses on making these stories accessible to new generations while perserving the authenticity and intent of the original. Modern stories based on Bible principles are indicated by a tag titled “Bible Principles” and are written to share the principles found in God’s Word even though the modern story is not in the Bible.

Are you a good person?

Many people think they are good because they compare themselves with others who have done obviously bad things. Here's the "Good Person Test":

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|-----|----|--|
| YES | NO | Have you ever told a lie? (Even a little one counts.) |
| YES | NO | Do you always respect and obey your parents? |
| YES | NO | Have you ever stolen something? Even a small thing counts. |
| YES | NO | Have you ever wanted what someone else has with envy? |

These questions touch on only four of the Ten Commandments that God gave us (Exodus 20 & Deuteronomy 5). If you had to say "yes" to even one of the questions above, then you didn't pass the test because someone who breaks God's rules has sinned. Yes. We all have. The Bible says, "There is no one righteous, not even one;" (Romans 3:10 NIV). When sinners die they will be separated from God and sent to Hell -- a terrible fiery place. That's very serious!

The Bible says, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23, NIV)

Jesus is the only son of God, but He came to this world, lived a perfect life. He never sinned, but jealous and angry people killed Jesus on a cross. Jesus didn't have to let them kill Him, but He did because He was dying to pay for the sins of everyone else--you and me (Romans 5:8). We have broken God's rules--the Ten Commandments--but Jesus paid our fine for sin by dying on the cross. His blood paid for our sins.

Isn't that nice to know all that? It is, but knowing something isn't enough. For information to help us, we have to use it. We need to be forgiven of our sins. This is how we can use what we know Jesus did for us:

1) **Admit** that you need a Savior. Ask God to forgive you for your sins. (1 John 1:9)

2) **Believe** Jesus died on the cross, and that God raised Him from the dead.

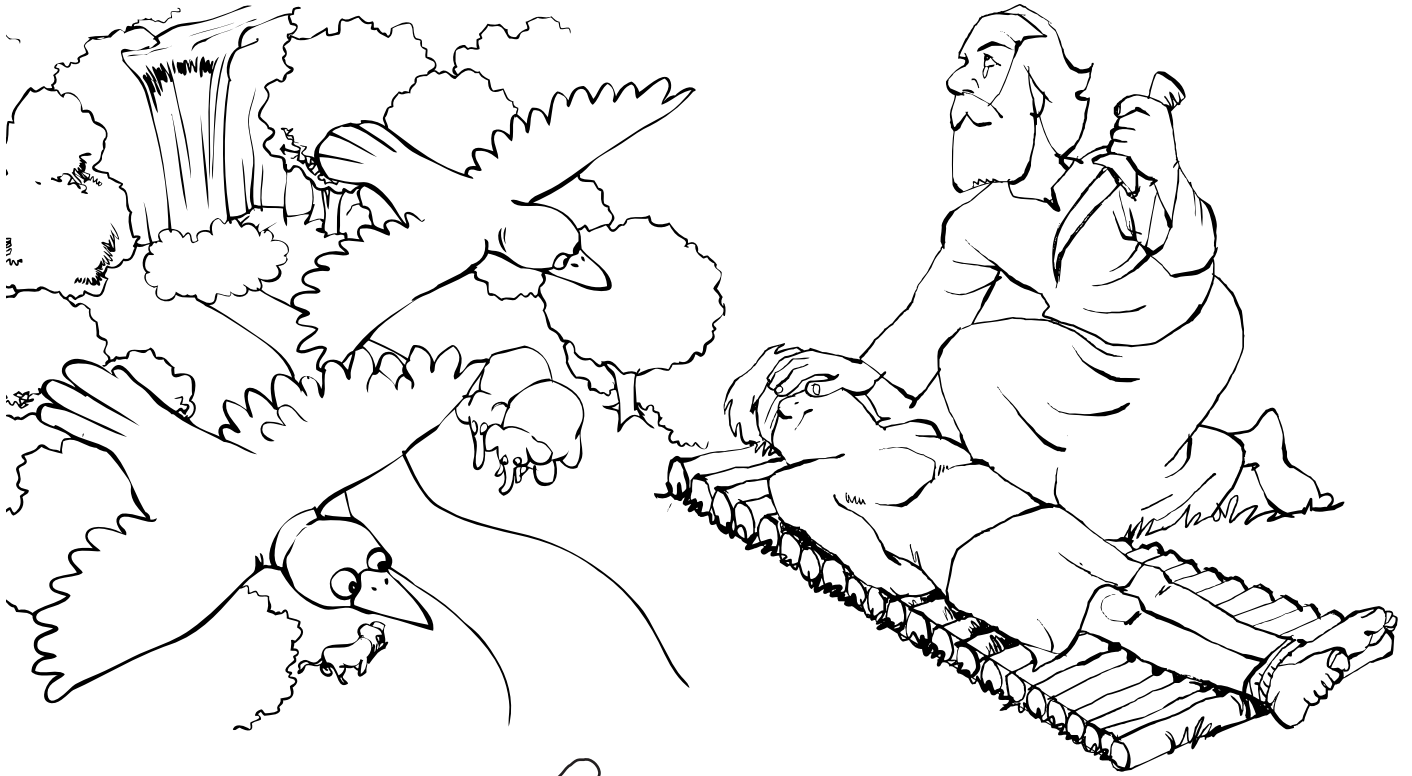
3) **Confess** that Jesus is your Lord -- the owner in charge of your life. (Romans 10:9)

Now, with Jesus in charge you should live differently and not keep doing the things that break God's rules. (2 Corinthians 5:17) For example, if you say, "I follow Jesus." but you keep lying on purpose. You're not really following Jesus. We won't be perfect or be able to do all this on our own, but with Jesus in charge of our lives our desire is to do the right things. With Jesus' help we can! (Romans 10:13) Here are some ideas to help as you follow Jesus:

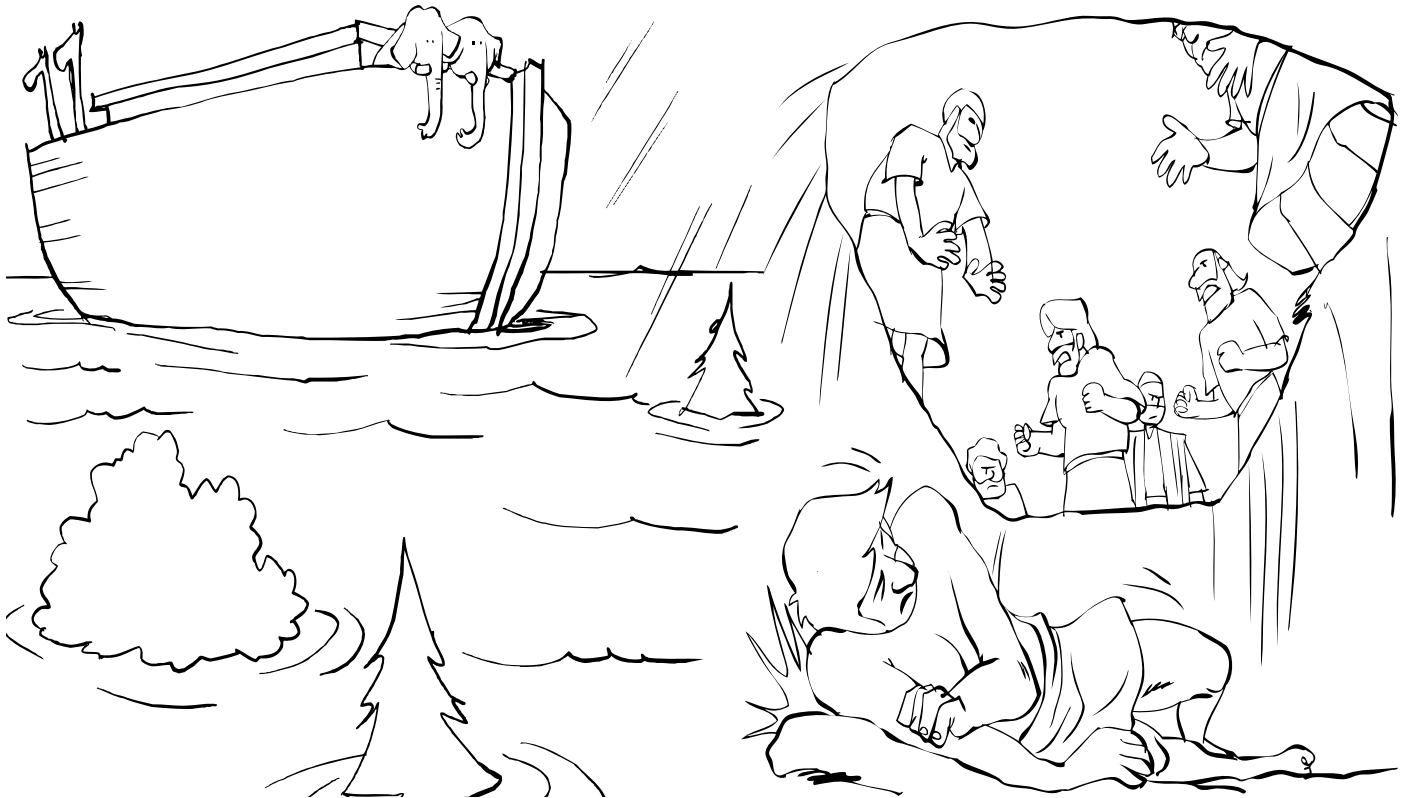
- > Read or listen to the Bible
- > Do what the Bible says. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15, NIV)
- > Talk with God about everything and ask Him for help.
- > Participate in a church where they teach the Bible.
- > Share with others what Jesus did for you so they can know too!

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (NIV)



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The Books of the Old Testament

Did you know that the Bible is a collection of 66 books? Yes, it is!

Those books are divided into two parts called “testaments”: The Old Testament has 39 books. The New Testament has 27 books.

The Bible was written by over 40 different writers who were inspired by God to write the instructions, stories, laws, and prophecies over more than 1,500 years.* Each one of these books has something amazing for us to discover.

These books tell us God’s stories about the past and the future, angels and beasts, kings and queens, poems and prophets, brave girls and strong boys, giants and spies, beautiful women and humble men, lions and fires, miracles and lies, great battles and destruction and many other things. Over all, the Bible shares the true stories of the real God who has a great plan to rescue people from sin. The Bible tells true stories full of wisdom that can change your life.



The 39 books of the Old Testament:

The Bible is like a treasure to those who read it, learn from it, and apply it in their

Genesis	2 Chronicles	Daniel
Exodus	Ezra	Hosea
Leviticus	Nehemiah	Joel
Numbers	Esther	Amos
Deuteronomy	Job	Obadiah
Joshua	Psalms	Jonah
Judges	Proverbs	Micah
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Nahum
1 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Habakkuk
2 Samuel	Isaiah	Zephaniah
1 Kings	Jeremiah	Haggai
2 Kings	Lamentations	Zacariah
1 Chronicles	Ezekiel	Malachi

lives. Read it yourself and enjoy each story from God’s Word!

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The Creation

Name: _____

1



All things were made by him [God]

John 1:3 (KJV)

God Made It All

Genesis 1 & 2

“Let there be light,” God said and light broke through the darkness!

When this world started, God was already there. He made everything in six days, like this:

The first day God created light.

The second day, He made the sky, clouds and air.

The third day, God made the earth, the oceans and the plants.

The fourth day, God made the sun, stars, planets and the moon.

The fifth day, God spoke and fish filled the oceans and birds filled the skies.

The sixth day, God spoke and the earth produced all the animals and insects that walk and crawl around. Then, God did something extra special. From the dirt, God formed something that looked like Him. It was the first human. His name was Adam. God breathed into him and man became a living soul.

God liked everything He had made, but there was a problem...Adam was alone. God said, “That’s not good.” So, God took one of Adam’s ribs and made a woman so Adam would have someone to be with him and to help him.

Then God looked over everything He’d made and said, “This is very good!”

On the seventh day, God rested from making everything.

That was just the beginning. Later on, God would bring the Light of the World, to darkened hearts so they can know the One who made them!

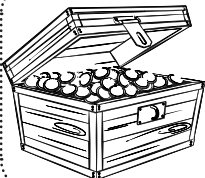


What did we discover?

- 1) Who was there before the world existed? _____
 NOBODY GOD ME
- 2) On what day did God create light? _____
 THE FIRST DAY THE SECOND DAY THE THIRD DAY
- 3) What did God make from the dirt? _____
 CATS ADAM TREES
- 4) What did God do on the seventh day? _____
 HE RESTED HOMEWORK CHORES



How can I thank God for all that He made?

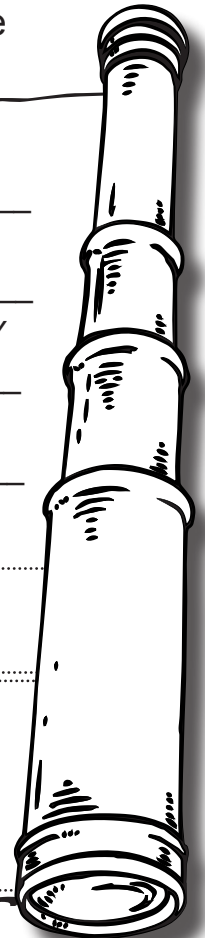


God made everything.

God made me
and He has a purpose
for my life.



**Father God,
What do You want
me to do today?**



Adam & Eve

Name: _____

2



...the wages of sin is death;
but the gift of God is eternal life
through Jesus Christ. . .

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

A Perfect Place

Genesis 2-3

“Take care of this garden,” God told Adam. “You can eat fruit from any of the trees, except the middle one--the tree of knowing good and evil. If you eat from that one, you will die.”

The garden God planted for Adam and Eve was so perfect, they didn’t even need clothes.

One day, a sly snake lied to Eve.

“God didn’t tell the truth,” the snake said. “If you eat from the tree in the middle, you won’t die. You’ll know more and be like God!”

Eve looked at the tree. The fruit sure looked good! She wanted to know more and be like God. So, Eve decided to do what the snake said. She ate the fruit and gave some to

Adam. He ate it too, even though he knew what God had said about that tree.

Right away, Adam and Eve knew they had done wrong. They had disobeyed God! They felt sad, ashamed and they wanted to hide. So they sewed some leaves together to try and cover up. Then they hid from God.

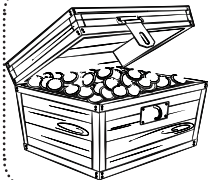
God found them and asked if they had eaten the forbidden fruit. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the snake, but God knew what they had done. They had to leave the beautiful garden. God still loved them, and He had a plan. God made them real clothes from animal skins and started His plan to take away the sin that was killing them, so people could live in a perfect place with Him again.



What did we discover?

- 1) Adam and Eve lived in a _____.
FIELD GARDEN TRASH DUMP
- 2) They could eat from all the trees except _____.
ONE THREE FIVE
- 3) They disobeyed God and ate the forbidden _____.
BREAD POTATO FRUIT
- 4) Even though they disobeyed, God still _____ them.
LEFT LOVED FORGOT

**When I’m tempted to do wrong,
how can I choose the right things?**



**Right or wrong,
what I do is important.**

I am responsible
for my actions.



**Father God,
Please forgive me
for doing wrong.**

Cain & Abel

Name: _____

3



The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,
keeping watch. . .

Proverbs 15:3 (NIV)

The Angry Brother

Genesis 4

“Cain, why do you look so upset and angry?” God asked.
“Do what is right, because sin wants to destroy you.”

Outside the garden Adam and Eve had two sons.
They named them Cain and Abel. Cain was a farmer. Abel raised animals.

One day, they both brought offerings for God.
Cain brought some of his crops. Abel brought part
the best and fattest of his animals to give to God.

God liked Abel’s offering, but not what Cain
brought. That made Cain mad and his face
looked really upset. God saw that and talked
with Cain about not letting anger control him,
but Cain ignored God and did something horrible:

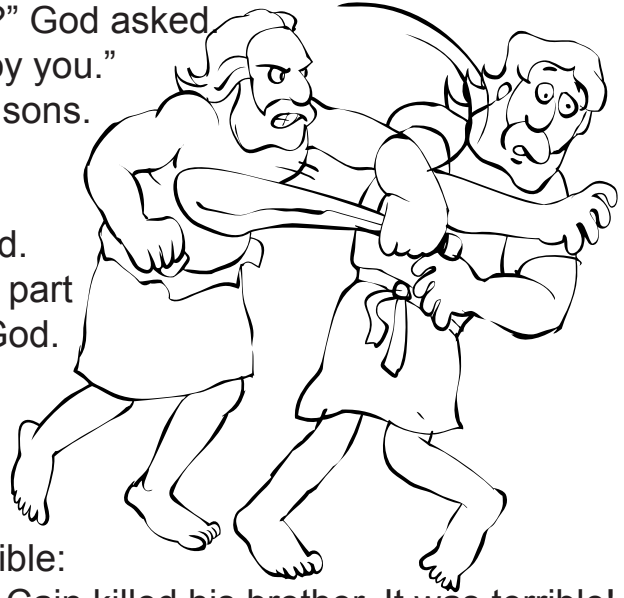
Cain invited Abel to go out to the field. There, Cain killed his brother. It was terrible!

God knew all about it, but He asked Cain, “Where’s your brother, Abel?”

“I don’t know,” Cain lied, “Do I have to take care of my brother?”

God explained to Cain that what he had done brought a curse on him and on the
ground. Now the seeds Cain planted wouldn’t grow for him like before, and Cain
would have to wander around for the rest of his life.

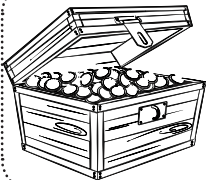
Now, Cain was afraid someone would kill him, but God had mercy and gave Cain
a special mark to protect him from others. God still cared about Cain. He
made a way to protect him.



What did we discover?

- 1) Who were Cain and Abel’s parents? _____
 MARY & JOSEPH ADAM & EVE DAVID & ABIGAIL
- 2) Who brought a good offering to God? _____
 ABEL CAIN ADAM
- 3) Cain _____ his brother Abel.
 TOOK CARE OF CARRIED KILLED
- 4 Even though Cain did wrong, how did God protect Cain? _____
 WITH A MARK WITH AN ANGEL WITH A SWORD

**God always sees what I do,
so how should I live this week?**



God sees everything.

God is everywhere
and knows everything.
He wants to help me do right.




**Father God,
Help me do
what is right.**



Enoch Walked with God

Name: _____

4



Let's Go!

Come near to God
and he will come near to you.

James 4:8 (NVI)

Walking with God

Genesis 5:21-24, Hebrews 11:5

"I love being with God," thought Enoch.

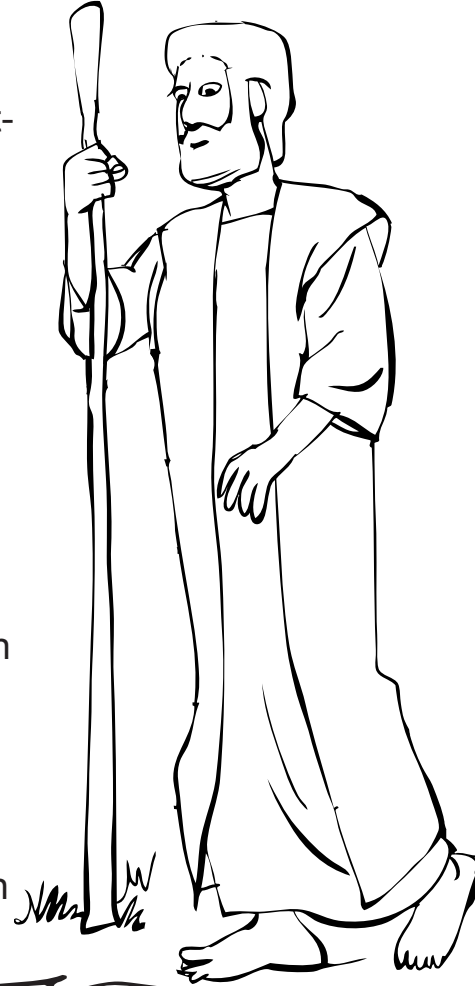
Enoch was Adam's great-great-great-great-grandson (the sixth generation). He was faithful to God.

Enoch enjoyed being with God and spending time with Him. We can imagine that Enoch liked walking with God, listening to Him, praying and talking with God.

In those days, people lived a really long time. One day when Enoch was 365 years old, he went with God. As they were walking together, maybe they were talking and talking and enjoying their time together when Enoch went to be with God and never came back home. Enoch never died!

God took Enoch because he was faithful and walked with Him.

When we have faith in Jesus and walk with Him, we can please God too!

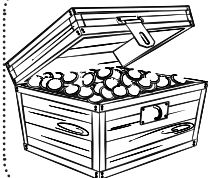


What did we discover?

- 1) Enoch _____ with God.
WALKED ATE SWAM
- 2) Enoch pleased _____.
THE ANGELS ADAM GOD
- 3) Enoch never died because he went to be with _____.
MOSES GOD ABRAHAM
- 4) Who else can please God and be with Him ? _____.
NOAH ME ENOCH



How can I walk with God today?

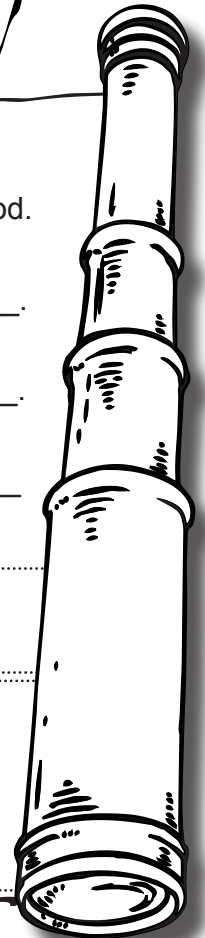


I can walk with God.

God wants me to walk with Him.



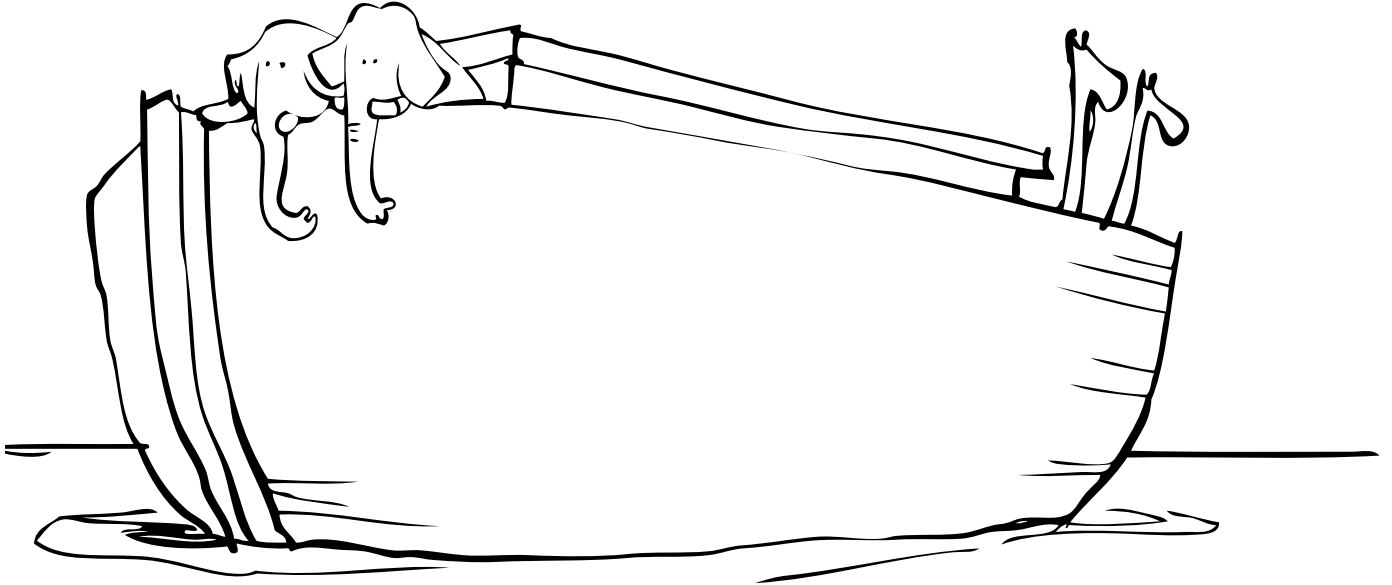
**Father God,
I want to be
with You.**



Noah's Ark

Name: _____

5



He saved us, . . . because of his mercy..

Titus 3:5 (NIV)

Noah and the Ark

Genesis 6-9, 2 Peter 2:5

“Stop and change!” preached Noah. “God doesn’t want the world to be like this!”

Noah did what was right, but the rest of the people did not. They did terrible, violent things and kept sinning against God.

God was sad about how the people He loved had turned out. He wanted things to be better.

God saw that Noah did right and chose to obey Him. So, God told Noah about the great flood that was coming to wash away the evil people. God gave Noah instructions on how to build a big boat to save his family and the animals from the flood. The boat was called the Ark. Noah built it just the way God said to do it.

When the flood started, Noah, his wife, his sons and their wives (8 people in all) along with some of every type of animal were safe inside the big ark. The rain fell and fell and fell for 40 days and nights and all the world was covered with water, even the highest mountains. Everyone outside the ark died. Inside, Noah, his family and the animals were safe.

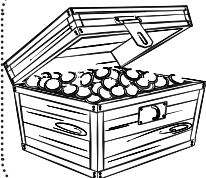
After almost a year the water began to dry out, and finally God told Noah and his family to leave the ark. They were saved! God put a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His promise to never again flood the world with water.



What did we discover?

- 1) The people did everything _____.
WELL AMAZINGLY BADLY
- 2) God had a plan to save Noah and his _____.
FAMILY FRIENDS PLANTS
- 3) Noah obeyed _____ of what God told him to do.
PART NOTHING ALL
- 4) Noah built a big _____ where God kept him and his family safe during the flood.
TOWER WALL BOAT

**If everyone else is doing wrong,
how can I follow God?**



God protects me.

God helps those
who follow Him.



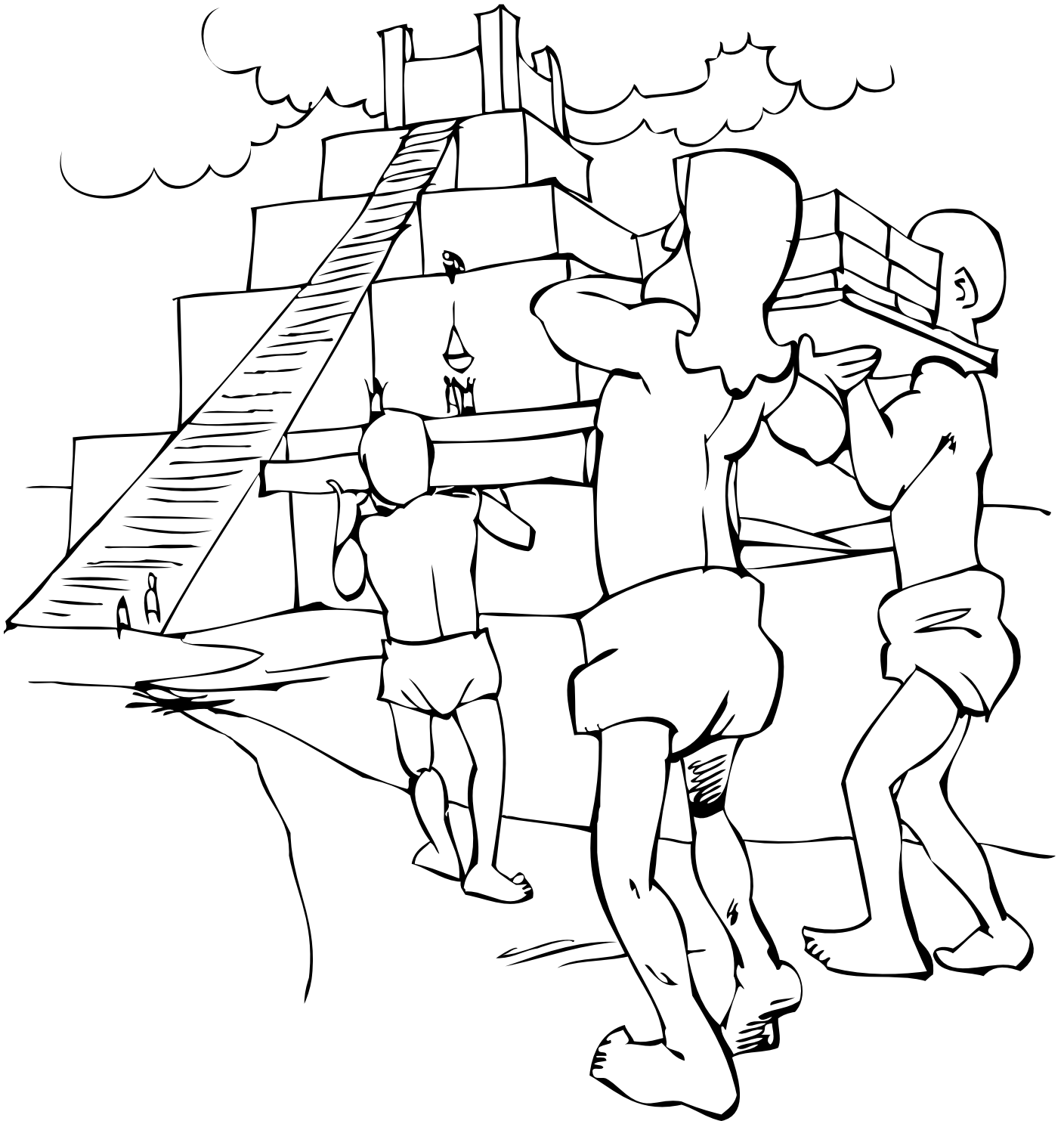
**Father God,
When all
is going wrong,
You protect me.**



The Tower of Babel

Name: _____

6



Walk in obedience to [God] . . .
so that you may prosper in all you do . . .

1 Kings 2:3 (NIV)

The Tower of Babel

Genesis 9:1; 11:1-9

“Hey! Let’s make bricks to build a city and a tall tower so we’ll be famous,” said the people. “We can stay there together.”

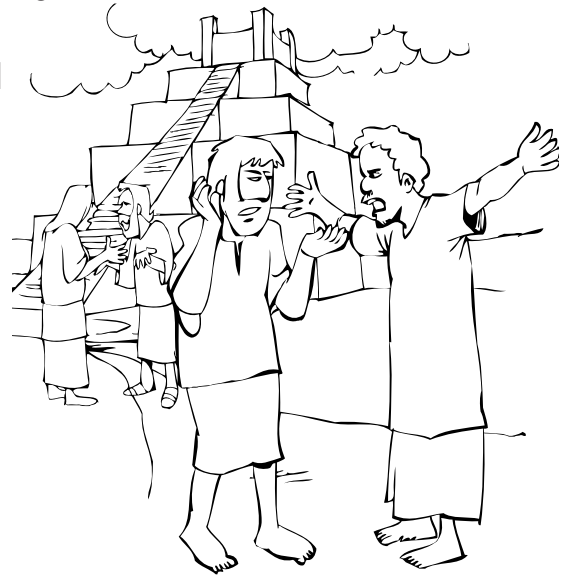
After Noah’s Flood, God told the people to multiply and spread out over the earth to fill it up again, but they didn’t want to do what He said.

In those days everyone spoke the same language. Together, they decided to build a city and a tall tower that reached up into the sky. They baked special bricks so they were strong and hard. Their goal was to make themselves famous and to stay together in one place, not to do what God had said.

They started the project in a place called Shinar. They were making good progress on their tower when God came to visit. He saw that they were all working together, but they were not obeying Him.

“If they keep going with this unity, nothing will be impossible for them,” God said.

God decided to mix up their language so they would have different languages. When He did, they couldn’t talk together like before and their unity and plans fell apart. Then they left the city and tower and spread out all over the world.

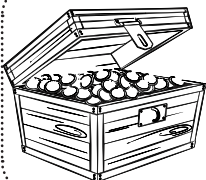


What did we discover?

- 1) The people decided to build a city and _____.
 A GARDEN A TOWER A BIG WALL
- 2) The people did not obey God’s instructions for them to _____.
 STAY TOGETHER TALK SPREAD OUT
- 3) God mixed up their _____.
 LANGUAGE BRICKS SOUP
- 4) Without finishing the tower, they spread out over all the _____.
 CITY WORLD VALLEY



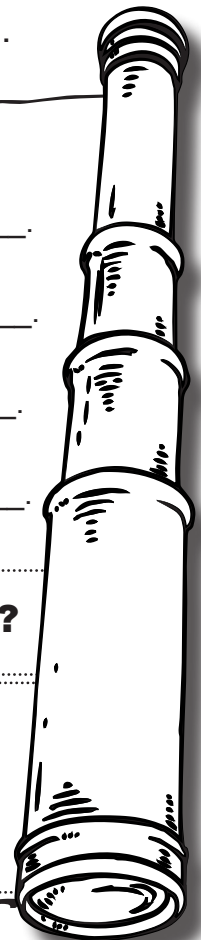
When God tells me to do something, what will I do?



**I do what
God’s Word says.**
What God tells me, I will do.



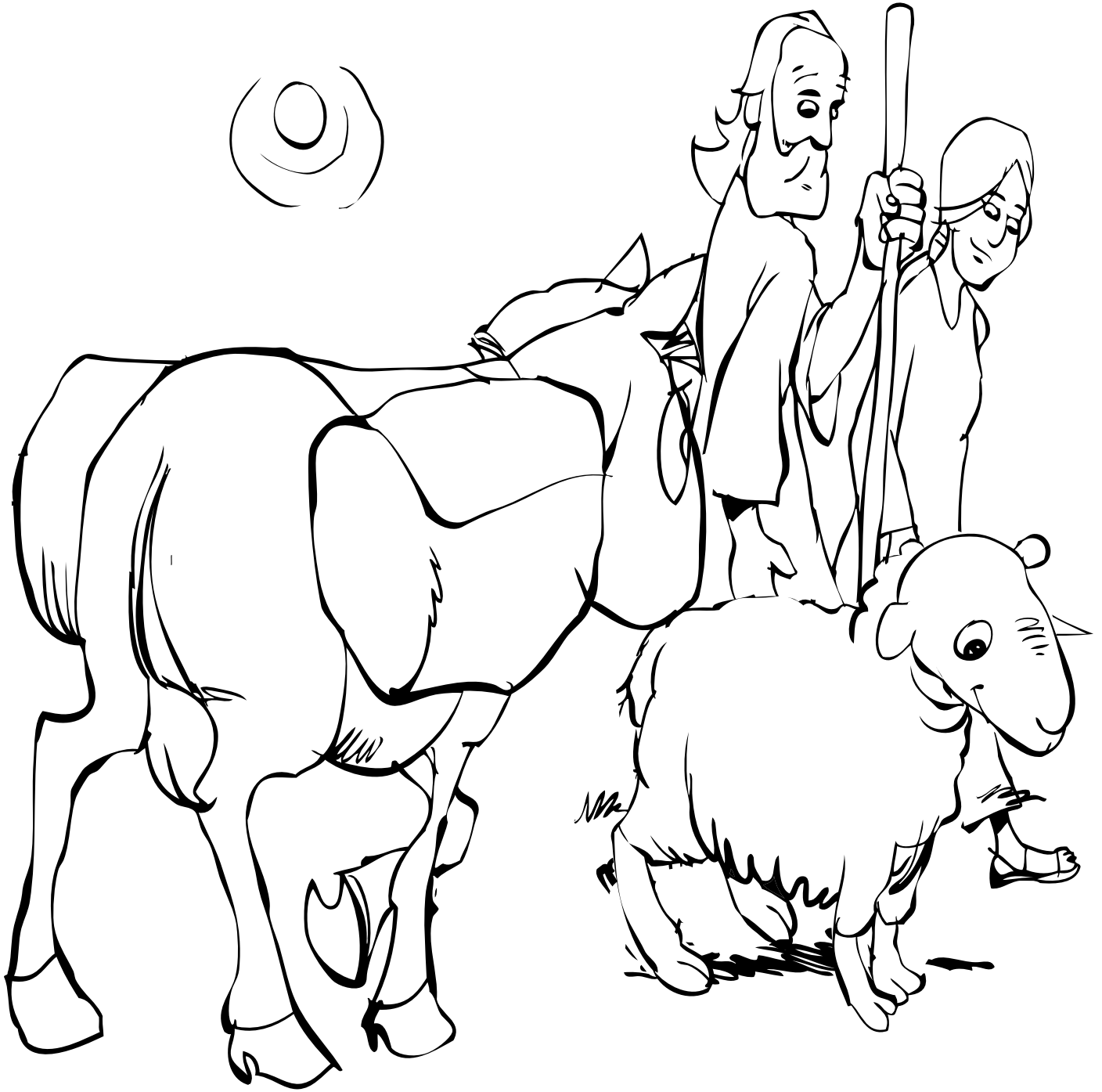
**Father God,
please make me
brave to follow
Your plan for me.**



Abram

Name: _____

7



...without faith it is impossible
to please God,...

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

The Father of the Faith

Genesis 12,13 & 15

“Leave your parent’s family and go to the place I’ll show you,” God told Abram.

God promised to bless Abram and make his family a special nation that would bless the world. Abram heard God’s voice and obeyed.

He was 75 years old when he took his wife, Sarai, his nephew, Lot, and all his servants and stuff and left the city of Haran to go to the land of Canaan where God led him.

In Canaan, Abram worshipped God and lived in tents on the land that God promised to give to his family. At this time, Abraham didn’t have any children of his own, but he trusted that God would bless him with children.

“Count the stars, if you can.” God told Abram, one night. “Your family will be so big, counting them would be like trying to count the stars.”

Abram believed what God said.

God changed Abram’s name to “Abraham” and Sarai to “Sarah”. These names reminded them of God’s promises.

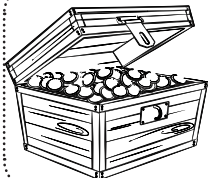
They had to wait a long time, but Abraham kept trusting God’s Word. Because of his faith in God, Abraham became known as the “Father of the Faith.”



What did we discover?

- 1) God told Abram to leave his _____.
CAMELS SERVANTS PARENT’S FAMILY
- 2) Abram and Sarai did not have any _____.
SHEEP CHILDREN MONEY
- 3) Abram had _____ in God’s promises.
FAITH DOUBTS WORRIES
- 4) God changed Abram’s name to “_____”.
JOHN ABRAHAM MOSES

How can I show my faith in God?



I can trust God.
With faith, I can do
what God tells me
in His Word.



Father God,
You are always
faithful to those
who trust You.

Abram & Lot

Name: _____

8



**Blessed are the peacemakers,
Matthew 5:9 (NIV)**

The Blessing of Peace

Genesis 13:5-18, Matthew 5:9

“This field and water is for Lot’s animals,” said the shepherd.

“No!, This is for Abram’s flock,” responded another. “Leave it or we’re going to fight!”

Abram and his nephew, Lot, were both very rich. They had many animals. Together, they wandered through the land of Canaan, but there wasn’t enough fields to feed all their animals. So, Abram spoke with Lot about it.

“Lot, we are family!” started Abram. “Let’s not let our shepherds fight over the fields. You pick which fields you want, and I’ll go the other way.”

This was a generous thing for Abram to do. Lot looked at the valley along the Jordan River. It had lots of water, grass and comfortable cities, but the proud people there did not honor God. Still, it looked good to Lot. So, he chose the valley and left the hills for Abram.

Maybe this looked like a good choice for Lot, but not for long. In the valley, Lot moved closer and closer to the evil people who lived there. Slowly, Lot’s own family was influenced to not follow God by the people there.

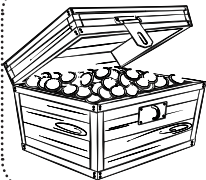
As he moved through the hills, Abram grew closer and closer to God. Abram chose to make peace with Lot and God blessed him for it.



What did we discover?

- 1) The conflict between the shepherds was over _____ for the animals.
TREES & ROCKS WOOL & LEATHER GRASS & WATER
- 2) Abram gave the _____ choice to his nephew, Lot.
FIRST SECOND THIRD
- 3) Lot’s decision affected his own _____.
FAMILY CAREER FATHER
- 4) Abram showed how to be a _____.
BOSS PEACEMAKER SHEPHERD

How can I be a peacemaker with my family and friends?



**I will help
bring peace.**

There is a blessing in keeping
the peace with others.



**“God,
Please help me
be a peacemaker.”**

Abraham & Sarah

Name: _____

9



Trust in the Lord with all your heart
Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

The Promised Son

Genesis 15:1-6; 18:10-15; 21

“I believe what God says,” said Abraham.
Abraham was a man who trusted God, and
God was faithful to him.

God told Abraham to go to a far away place
where he promised to give the land to Abraham
and his children. Today, we call this land, “The
Promised Land.”

God promised that Abraham and Sarah’s
children would be a blessing to the world. But
there was a problem: They didn’t have any
children. Many years passed by and it was all the
same--no children for Abraham and Sarah.

Finally, when Abraham was 100 years old and
Sarah was 90. A miracle happened: Sarah was
pregnant! She gave birth to a son and they gave
him the name, “Isaac.” It was just like God said it
would be.

Many years later, in the Promised Land,
another son was born in Abraham’s family. His
name is Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can all be
blessed when we trust in Him.



What did we discover?

- 1) In whom did Abraham trust? _____

IN GOD	IN SARAH	IN MOSES
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- 2) What did God promise to give to Abraham’s children? _____

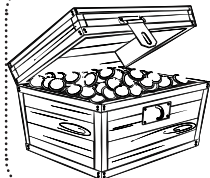
TREES	HORSES	THE PROMISED LAND
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- 3) God promised that Abraham and Sarah’s kids would be a _____.

BLESSING	CHALLENGE	GIANT
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- 4) What is the name of the greatest blessing in Abraham’s family? _____

MOSES	DAVID	JESUS
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**What can I do if God’s blessings
seem to take a long time to come?**



God is faithful.
God’s Word is true.
He always keeps His Word.



**Father God,
I trust
what You say.**



Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

Psalms 27:10 (NIV)

Rejected!

Genesis 16; 21:9-21

“Ishmael, you have to leave,” said Abraham sadly.
“You can’t stay with us anymore.”

It was a very sad day for Ishmael when his father sent him and his mother away with just some food and a water bag. Ishmael must have felt very rejected the day he was sent away from his home.

For a while Ishmael and his mother, Hagar, wandered around in the desert without knowing where to go. It didn’t take long until they ran out of water.

Ishmael was dying of thirst and his mother didn’t know what to do. Finally, she laid him down under a bush and walked away not wanting to see him die. They probably both felt very alone in that moment, but Someone was listening to them.

The Bible says that God heard Ishmael’s cries and He answered. An angel showed Hagar a well of water and promised that God would make Ishmael’s family grow and become a nation.

Hagar gave water to Ishmael and he lived to start a large family himself.

When his own family rejected Ishmael, God did not forget about him. Even in the desert, when he was all alone, God was listening to Ishmael.

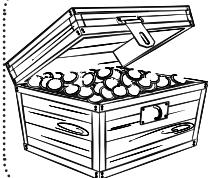
If you feel rejected, remember that God is listening and He has good plans for your life too.



What did we discover?

- 1) Ishmael’s _____ sent him away from home.
UNCLE GRANDFATHER FATHER
- 2) When Ishmael was dying of thirst, _____ was listening to him.
HIS GRANDFATHER HIS DAD GOD
- 3) God promised Ishmael that his family would be a _____.
NATION BUSINESS TEAM
- 4) When I feel rejected, _____ still hears me.
JOSHUA GOD SAMUEL

If everyone rejects me, who can help me?



God doesn’t reject me.

God hears me
and does not abandon me.



**Father Go d,
You receive me
with open arms.**





Bad company corrupts good character.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NVI)

Escape from Destruction

Genesis 19, 2 Peter 2:7-8

“Escape for your lives!” said the angels. “The Lord is going to destroy the city!”

Lot lived in the wicked city of Sodom where the people did many wrong things against God. Lot was a righteous man, and he was sad to see how the people lived, but the people in Sodom never stopped sinning. Because of this, God was about to destroy the city, but He wanted to protect Lot and his family. The angels took Lot, his wife and their two daughters out of the city.

“Run and don’t look back so you won’t be destroyed too!” said the angels.

Lot and his family made it safely to the small city called Zoar. When they got there, fire fell over Sodom and the other wicked cities in the plain. They were all destroyed. God saved the town of Zoar because Lot was there, but Lot’s wife looked back as Sodom was being destroyed. Maybe she was worried about what was happening to the city. We don’t know why, but she disobeyed what the angels said and suddenly, she turned into a statue of salt and died.

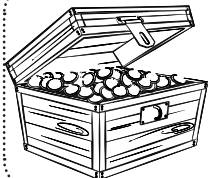
God had mercy on Lot and saved him from destruction, but while he lived in Sodom, his family was influenced by the wicked people there. Lot was saved, but he lost his home, his wife and ended up living in a cave with his two daughters.



What did we discover?

- 1) Lot and his family lived in _____.
 JERUSALEM EGYPT SODOM
- 2) God had mercy on Lot because he was _____.
 YOUNG RIGHTEOUS FRIENDLY
- 3) Lot’s wife _____ and changed into a statue of salt.
 LOOKED BACK ATE VEGETABLES YELLED ALOT
- 4) The sins of Sodom _____ Lot’s family and he lost everything.
 FOUND INFLUENCED HELPED

**Do my friends encourage me to do good or bad?
 What should I do about that?**



**My friends
 influence my life.**
 I am careful about who
 I let influence me.



**Father God,
 I want friends
 who love you too.**



Christ loved us and gave himself up
for us as a . . . sacrifice to God

Ephesians 5:2 (NVI)

A Precious Sacrifice

Genesis 22, Hebrews 11:17-19

“Take your only son, Isaac, and sacrifice him to me with fire,” God told Abraham. Abraham was very old when Isaac was born. He was very happy because Isaac was the special son God has promised to give him for the future of his family. Now God had told him to do something very hard.

What would Abraham do? Would he obey God?

It was hard, but Abraham knew God so well and trusted Him. He knew God could even raise Isaac from the dead if He had to, to keep His promise.

So, early the next morning, Abraham left with his son Isaac, the fire and the firewood. As they climbed up the mountain, Isaac said, “Papa, we forgot the lamb for the sacrifice to God!”

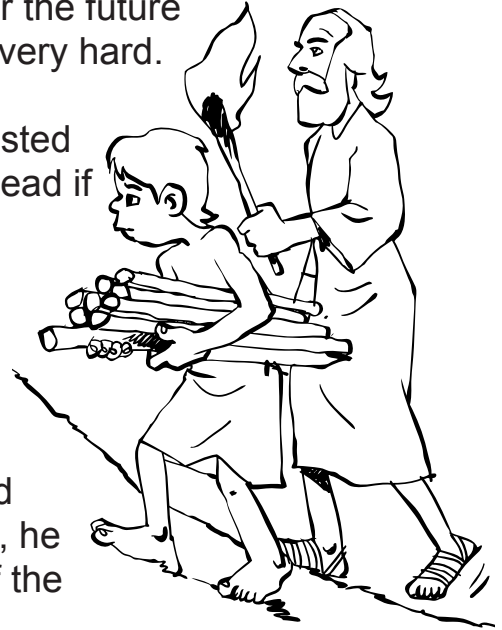
Abraham responded, “Son, God will provide.”

When they got to the right place. Abraham prepared the altar to sacrifice Isaac. With the knife in his hand, he raised it to kill Isaac, but, at that moment, an angel of the Lord stopped him!

“Don’t hurt the boy!” said the angel. “Now I know that you honor God.”

Isaac climbed off the altar and Abraham saw a big ram that was stuck in the bushes. They caught it and sacrificed it to the Lord. God had provided a sacrifice.

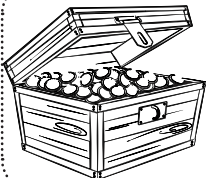
Many years later, God gave His son, Jesus, to take our place and forgive us for our sins when He died on the cross.



What did we discover?

- 1) Abraham was the father of _____.
JOHN ISAAC JOSEPH
- 2) God told Abraham to sacrifice his only _____.
SON LAMB GOAT
- 3) At the last moment, the angel of the Lord _____.
PUSHED HIM WATCHED HIM STOPPED HIM
- 4) In place of Isaac, Abraham sacrificed _____.
A GOAT A RAM A BIRD

**Do I have something precious to give to God?
What does God want me to do with that?**

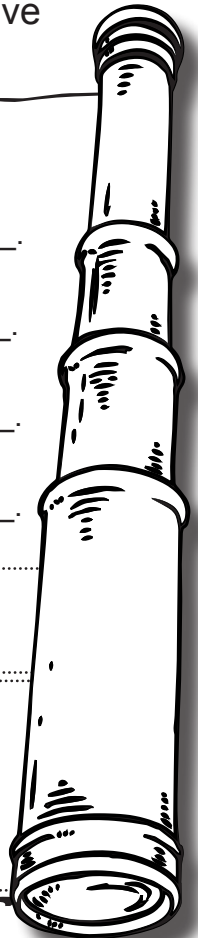


**I can give
my best to God.**

When I give my best, I can
trust God to provide for me.



**Father God,
Everything
I have is Yours.**





...whatever you do, do it all
for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

The Generous Girl

Genesis 24

“Isaac, my son,” said Abraham. “It’s time for you to get married.”

Abraham didn’t want Isaac to marry any of the Canaanite girls who worshipped idols or to leave the land God promised to give him.

So, Abraham sent his servant back to his hometown to find a wife for Isaac.

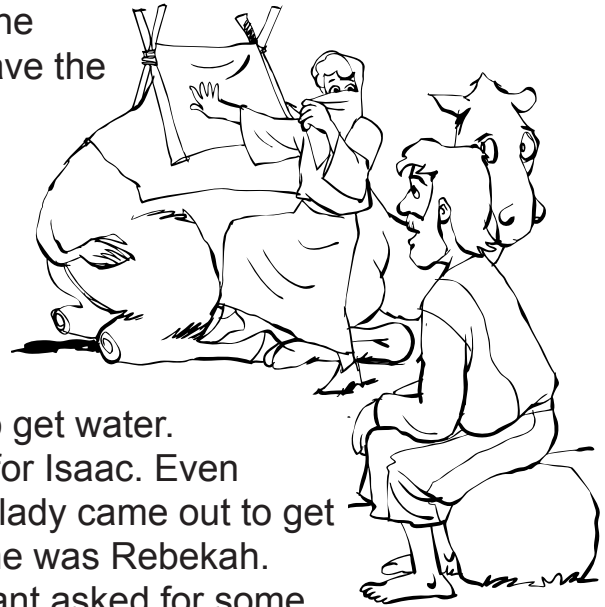
The servant took ten camels and lots of gifts with him. It was a long trip, but he finally arrived outside the town in Mesopotamia. The servant stopped his camels by the well where the young ladies from the town would come to get water.

He asked God to help him find the right girl for Isaac. Even before he finished praying, a beautiful, young lady came out to get water carrying a pot on her shoulder. Her name was Rebekah.

When she came up out of the well, the servant asked for some water. She said yes and added, “Let me get water for your camels too!”

What a surprise! She was generous, friendly and beautiful. (Can you imagine how many liters of water even one thirsty camel can drink? How about 10 of them!)

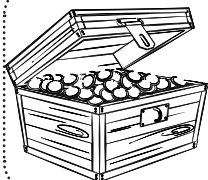
After she gave water to all the camels, the servant spoke with her and her family about Isaac. They asked Rebekah if she wanted to marry Isaac, and she said, “Yes!” They agreed and she went with the servant back to Canaan to marry Isaac and became part of God’s special plan.



What did we discover?

- 1) Abraham did not want Isaac to leave the _____.
LAKE PROMISED LAND DESERT
- 2) How many camels did the faithful servant take with him? _____
8 10 12
- 3) What did Rebekah say when the servant asked for water? _____
a) “I’M NOT YOUR SLAVE!”
b) “GO BUY SOMETHING IN THE MARKET!”
c) “YES! AND I’LL GET WATER FOR YOUR CAMELS TOO!”.

How can I serve others better today?



Serving shows trust!

When I serve others,
it shows I trust God.

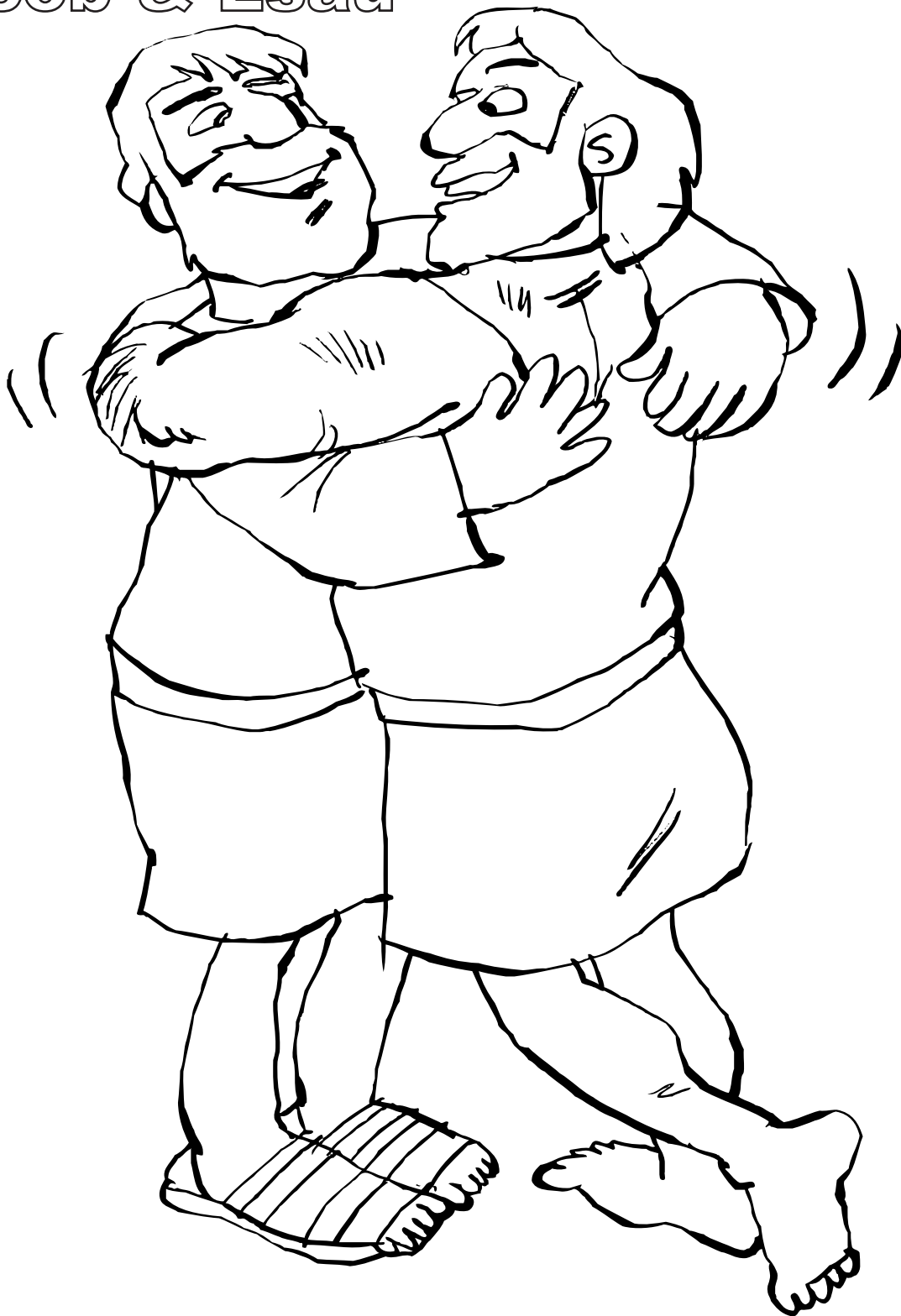


**Father God,
Give me a heart
to serve others.**

Jacob & Esau

Name: _____

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Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Luke 6:37 (NVI)

The Expensive Soup

Genesis 25-32

“I’m so hungry, I’d give anything for some food!” cried Esau.

As he arrived at the tent, Esau saw his younger twin brother, Jacob, was making lentil soup. It smelled good and Esau wanted it. “Give me some!” he said.

“You have to buy it,” responded Jacob selfishly. “Pay me your birthright as firstborn.”

Esau only thought about how hungry he was. He didn’t think this special right was important. So, he made the deal with Jacob and slurped up the soup.



Later on, Isaac, their old and blind father, was planning to give Esau the family blessing. Jacob wanted that blessing. While Esau was hunting, Jacob put on a disguise to lie and trick his father into blessing him instead of Esau. When Esau got back, he was mad about that. Really mad! He planned to attack Jacob! So, Jacob had to run!

With his parent’s permission, Jacob went to his cousins’ home in a far country. He never again saw his mother. His lying and stealing cost him a lot.

Years later, God sent Jacob back to his home again, but Esau was still there and Jacob was afraid. He sent special gifts to Esau, and when they met, God changed his heart. Esau forgave Jacob and gave him a friendly hug. They were brothers again!

What did we discover?

- 1) _____ took advantage of his brother’s hunger.

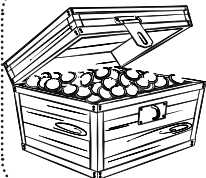
ESAU	JACOB	AARON
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- 2) Jacob _____ the blessing from his brother, Esau.

STOLE	LAUGHED	DROPPED
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- 3) Where did Jacob run to escape his brother? _____

A FAR COUNTRY	ACROSS TOWN	TO A TREE
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- 4) In the end, Esau _____ Jacob for what he did.

FORGAVE	ATTACKED	SLAPPED
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Is there anyone who has hurt me whom I can forgive?



**If I don’t forgive,
I can’t be forgiven.**
When I forgive others,
I can be forgiven too.



**Father God,
Help me
forgive others.**

Joseph & His Brothers

Name: _____

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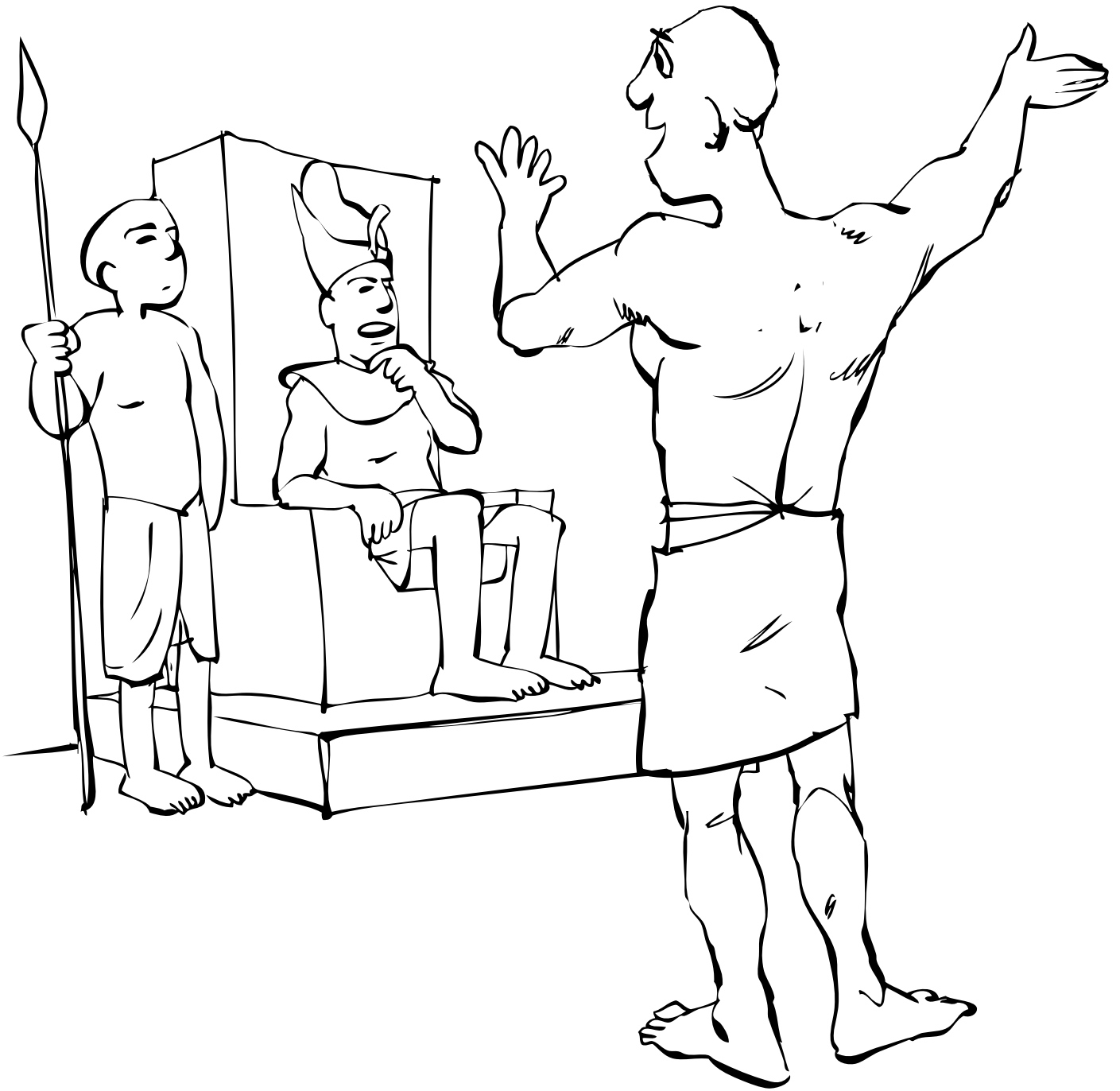
...the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Proverbs 19:21 (NVI)

Joseph in Egypt

Name: _____

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...Whatever you do, work at it with all
your heart, as working for the Lord,...

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

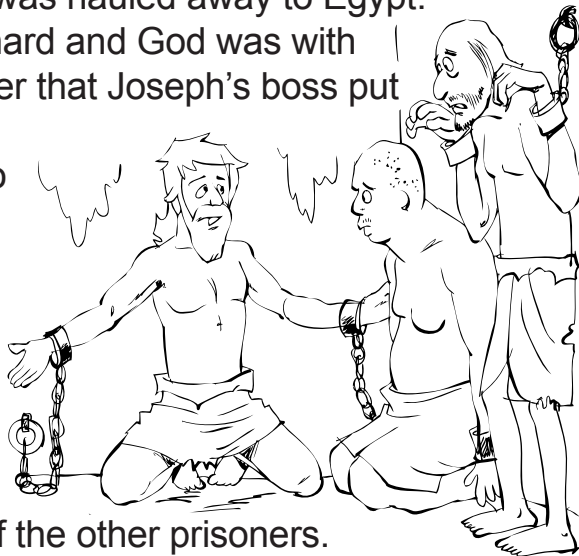
From Slave to Governor

Genesis 39-47

"I'm a slave now, but I can still serve God and my owner," thought Joseph. Sold into slavery by his own brothers, Joseph was hauled away to Egypt.

There, an officer bought him. Joseph worked hard and God was with him and blessed him. He was such a good worker that Joseph's boss put him in charge of all that he had.

Then the owner's wife tried to get Joseph to do something wrong. He refused and ran out of the house even though she pulled his robe right off of him as he ran! Then she lied about Joseph. She said he attacked her, but that wasn't true! When Joseph's owner heard this lie, he sent Joseph to prison.



Even in the prison, God was with Joseph.

Soon, the prison warden put Joseph in charge of the other prisoners.

When two of the other prisoners had important dreams, God showed Joseph what the dreams meant and he told them. Joseph was exactly right.

Later, Joseph was taken to the pharaoh, king of Egypt, because he had a dream too. Joseph said he couldn't explain it, but that God could. Then, with God's power, Joseph explained the dream to Pharaoh.

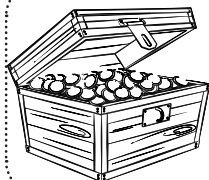
For his wisdom and because God's spirit was in him, the pharaoh put Joseph in charge as the governor of Egypt.

What did we discover?

- 1) Joseph was taken to Egypt as a _____.
 SLAVE CAPTAIN SOLDIER
- 2) Joseph was far from family, but _____ was with him.
 HIS MOTHER GOD HIS BROTHERS
- 3) Who has the power to explain what dreams mean? _____
 GOD BROTHERS PHAROAH
- 4) Joseph was a slave, but he became the governor of _____.
 CANAAN ALL EGYPT THE GARDEN



**How do I act when no one is watching me?
Do I live for God or for myself?**



I serve God.
I do what is right
not only for others but for God.



**Father God,
I want to work
for You!**

