



PRIMARY PAWS


Units 13,14,15 — Fall



I love to go to Sunday school. God's plan for Joseph's life is just one of the many things we study about.



We also learn that God always answers prayer.



Thanksgiving will be here soon. I am thankful for everything God made.

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Dear Parents,

As we begin this quarter, you will see that we have three interesting and varied units to study with your child during the upcoming Sundays. Our first set of lessons will deal with the life of Joseph, one of the most beautiful stories in all Scripture. In learning how God's providence directed this man's life, your child will realize that God also cares about what happens to him.

Our second unit of lessons focuses on the different ways God answers our prayers. The first lesson gives a broad view of the subject of prayer. Succeeding lessons deal with the answers—Yes, No, and Wait—in detail, using Biblical incidents as examples of each.

The final unit is titled, "Thankful for God's Creation." As your child learns about God creating all things, he will also see why it is important to be thankful for each of them.

Help reinforce your child's learning experience by following the suggestions given in the Parent's Corner of each week's take-home paper. We want to make this unit of study as beneficial as possible.

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Joseph's Dreams

"Oh, Father!" Joseph exclaimed. "I have never seen a coat like this! How beautiful!" As Joseph took the coat in his hands, the many colors woven into it caught the gleam of the sun.

Jacob smiled at his son. "Joseph, you are very special to me. You have given me much joy in my old age. This coat is a gift to you. I want you to know how much I love you."

Joseph had ten brothers who were not happy when they saw the coat. They already thought that their father loved Joseph the most. This special gift made them sure. They became very angry. After that, they wouldn't even speak nicely to Joseph.

Soon after he received the beautiful coat, Joseph had a dream. This dream was from God.

When Joseph awoke he went to his brothers and told them all about the dream. "We were tying bunches of wheat together in the field to make sheaves," Joseph said. "All of a sudden each of your sheaves of wheat bowed down to my sheaf of wheat."

Oh, that made his brothers ever so angry! They said to Joseph, "Do you think we are going to bow down to you?" They hated him even more because of the dream he had told them!

A little later Joseph had another

dream. This one was also from God.

When he woke up, he again went to his brothers and his father. He told them that in this dream the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed to him.

Jacob did not like what Joseph told them. He asked, "What kind of a dream is this? Do you think your mother and brothers and I should bow down to you?" But even though he didn't understand Joseph's dream, Jacob kept thinking about it. He knew there must be a reason that God had

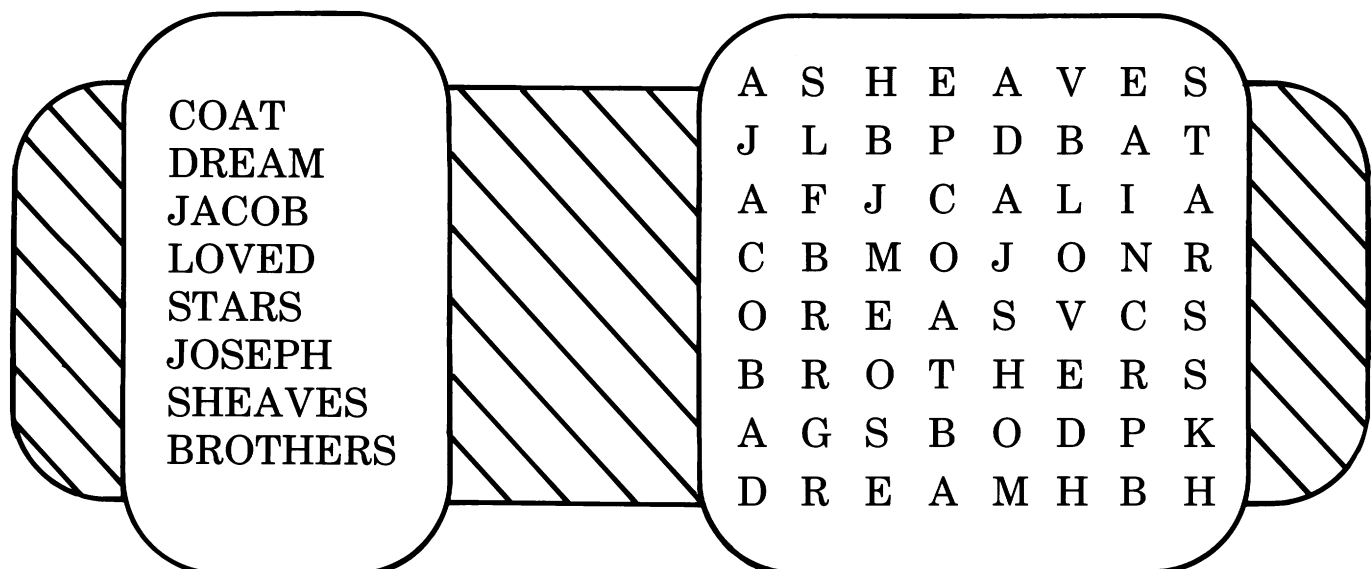
sent the dreams.

This second dream made Joseph's brothers even more angry. They were jealous of their younger brother. They did not know that someday they would no longer hate Joseph. Someday they would love him and be very thankful for him.

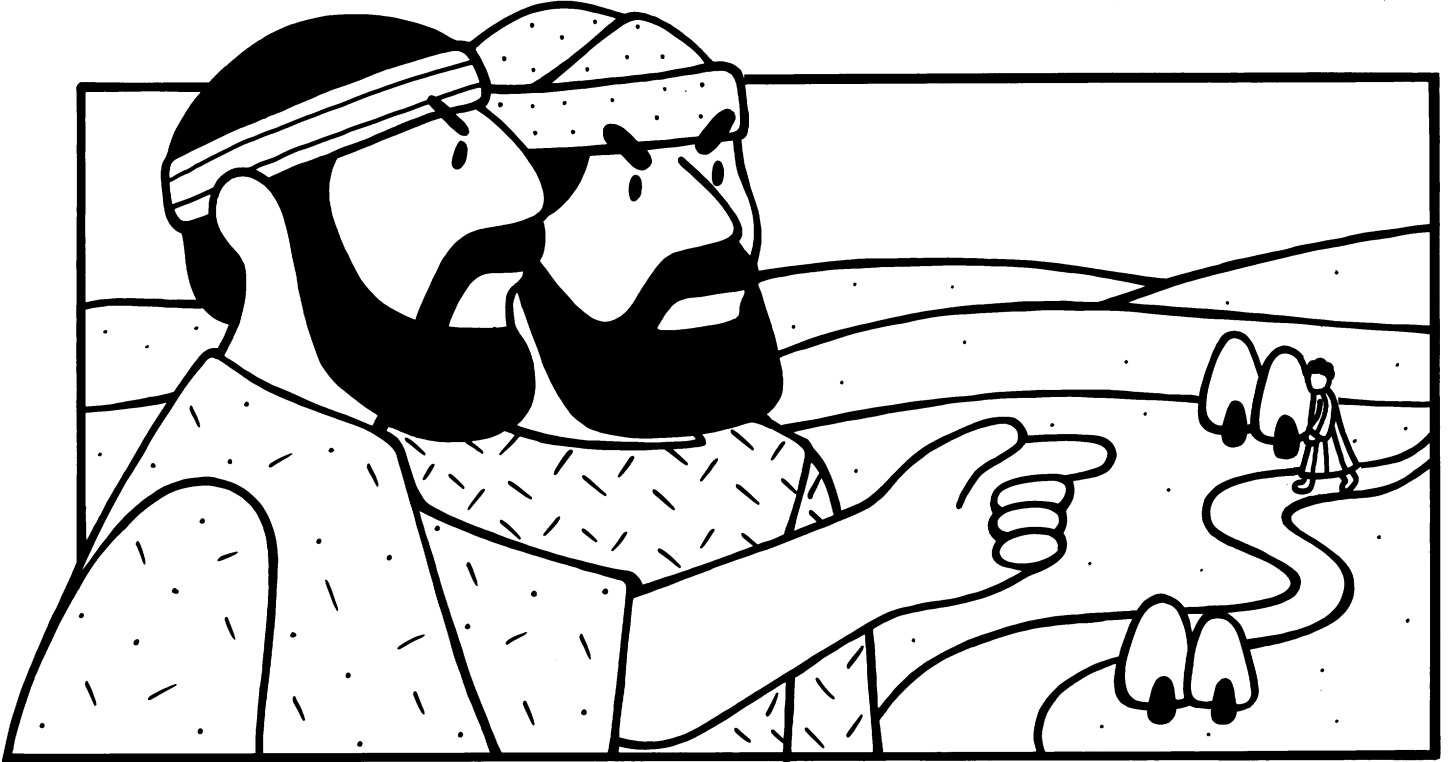
Joseph was only seventeen years old when God gave him these dreams. But God wanted to prepare Joseph for the special plan He had for his life. God's plan for Joseph was very real. And one day his dreams would come true.

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.



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Sold As a Slave!

Jacob's older sons had been gone for several days. They had taken the sheep and gone to a faraway place to find good grass for them to eat. One day Jacob asked Joseph to go and find his brothers. He said, "See how your brothers are doing. Ask them if everything is going well with the sheep. Then hurry home because I am anxious to hear about them." So Joseph started out.

Joseph's brothers saw him coming while he was still far down the road. They knew it was Joseph because of the coat of many colors that he was wearing. That reminded them of the

dreams he had told them about.

"Look, the dreamer is coming!" they said. They hated Joseph and wanted to put an end to him and his dreams once and for all. One of the brothers even said they should kill Joseph!

Reuben, the oldest brother, said, "Oh, no! Let's not kill him. Let's just throw him into this deep hole."

Joseph finally came to the place where his brothers were. Instead of receiving a friendly greeting, his brothers tore off his beautiful coat. Then they threw him into the hole!

After that the brothers sat down to eat their lunch. As they ate they

looked up and saw a group of men coming with camels. They were merchants who were taking spices and other things to sell in Egypt.

One of the brothers said, "I know what we should do! Let's sell Joseph to those men. That way we won't be guilty of killing our brother, and we will still be rid of him."

The men bought Joseph for twenty pieces of silver. Then they took Joseph with them to Egypt where, later, they would sell him as a slave.

After Joseph was gone, the brothers thought about their father. They knew he would be waiting at home for Joseph's return. What were they going to tell him? They were afraid to tell him the truth, so they thought of a plan. They killed a young goat and put

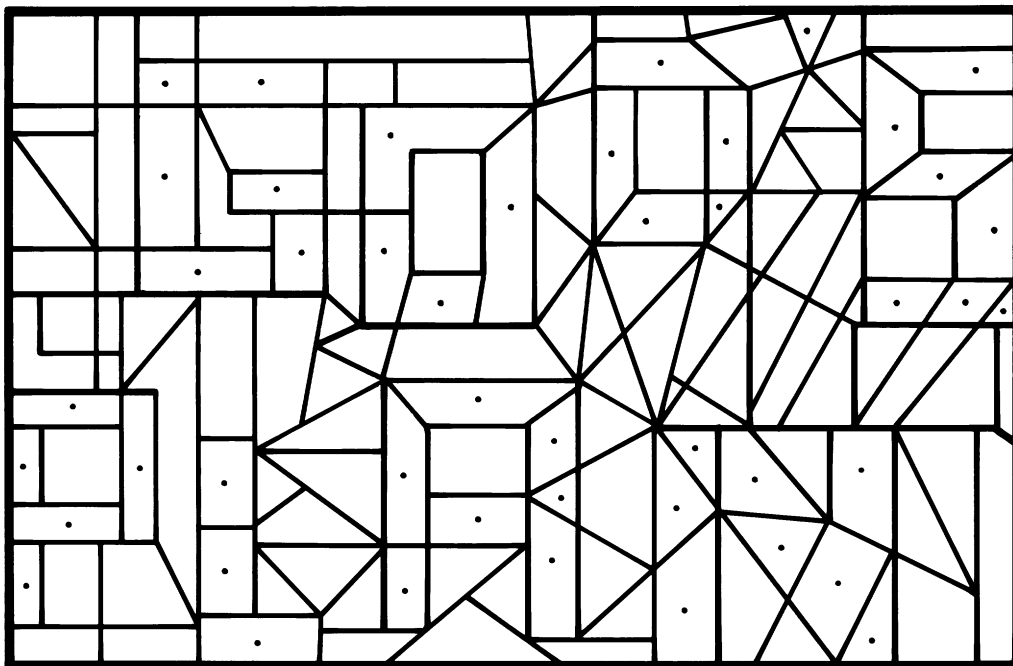
its blood all over Joseph's beautiful coat. Then they took the coat home to their father.

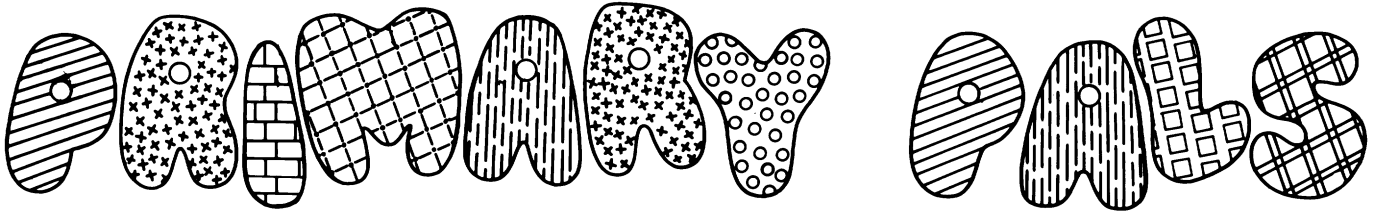
When Jacob saw the coat he said, "That is Joseph's coat. A wild animal must have killed him." Oh, Jacob was so sad. He cried and cried for his son. He thought Joseph was dead and he would never see him again.

The brothers had not only sold Joseph, but they had lied to their father! They were sure Jacob would never know the truth about their wicked deed. They thought they were rid of their brother forever. They were sure that would be the last they heard of Joseph's dreams. But they didn't know that God was watching over Joseph. This was all a part of God's plan for him.

Color the Dots

Color all the spaces that have a dot in them. Find out why Joseph was sold by his brothers.





Trouble for Joseph

Not everyone was happy to see the pyramids of Egypt as they came into view. Joseph was now far away from his home. He knew that when they reached the marketplaces in Egypt he would be sold as a slave. Sadness filled his heart when he thought about what his brothers had done to him. Oh, how they must have hated him to sell their very own brother as a slave! He wondered what his father Jacob was feeling. He had loved Joseph as a favorite son. What story had his brothers told their father? Surely not the truth!

When they finally arrived in the land of Egypt, Joseph was sold as a

slave. The man who bought him was named Potiphar. Potiphar was a very important man. He was the captain of the guards for the king of Egypt. There was much work to be done and Potiphar needed a person to help him.

Joseph was a good helper for Potiphar. He was faithful and honest. Everything he did turned out well. Potiphar liked Joseph very much. He could see that God blessed Joseph, so he made him the head man in his home. Potiphar was very happy that he had bought Joseph.

Then troubles began. One day Potiphar's wife got upset with Joseph. She told some lies about him to

Potiphar to get Joseph into trouble. Potiphar believed his wife's story, and he became very angry with Joseph. He forgot all about what a good person Joseph was. Instead of listening to Joseph, he ordered him to be put into prison!

Joseph probably wondered why this had happened to him. But he knew God would take care of him. He hadn't done anything wrong. He had been a faithful servant and Potiphar should have believed him. But even though he was in prison he did not become mean and hateful. And even though he had been treated badly he still did what he knew was right. Joseph knew

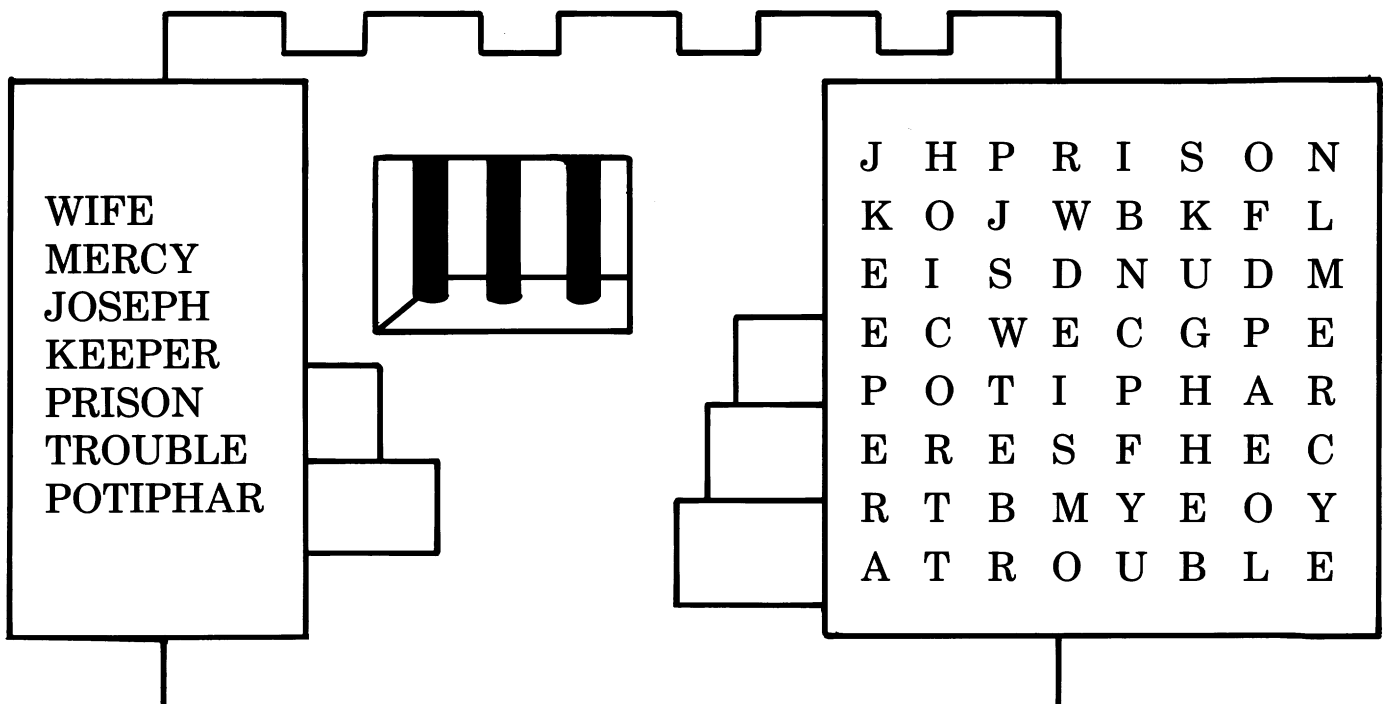
that God loved him and would always be with him.

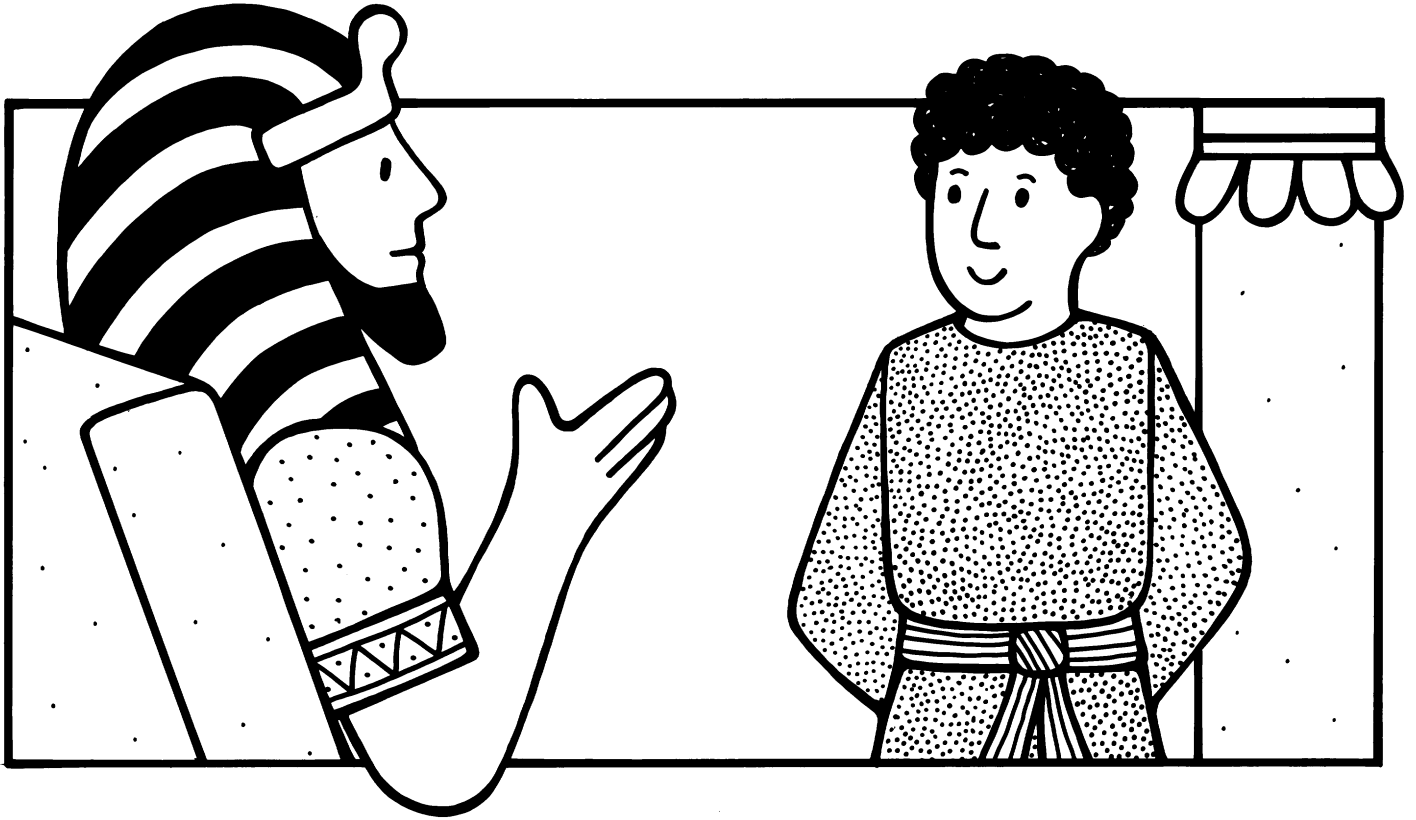
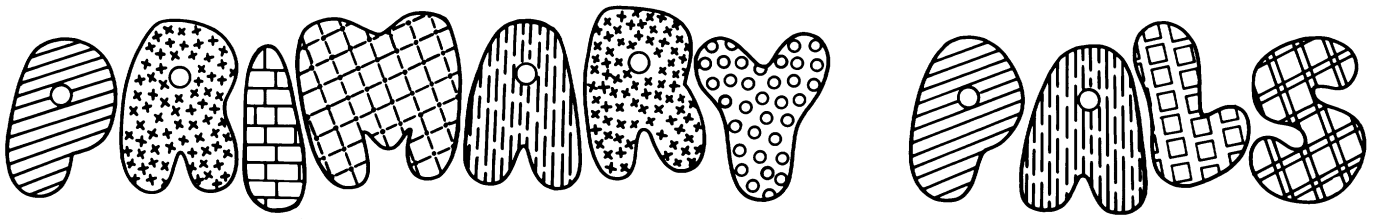
While he was in prison, Joseph was good and helpful. The head jailer liked him and put him in charge of the other prisoners! They all did whatever Joseph told them to do. And everything they did turned out well. All of this happened because God was with Joseph.

Potiphar and his wife had tried to punish Joseph for something he didn't do. Sometimes Joseph must have wondered what would happen to him. But Joseph knew that God still loved him. He knew that God's plan was still working. God had not forgotten him. Someday Joseph would be free again.

In Prison

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.





A Dream Come True

“Joseph!” said the prison keeper. “The king wants to see you! News has reached him that you can tell the meanings of dreams.”

Quickly, Joseph was taken from the jail. He shaved and changed his clothes. Then he was taken to see the king.

“I had a dream,” the king said to Joseph. “But no one is able to tell me what it means. Then someone said that you are able to tell the meanings of dreams. I want you to tell me about my dream,” the king urged.

Joseph said, “I am not the one who knows the meanings of dreams. It is

God who will give me the answer to tell you.”

So, the king told Joseph all about his dream. And God did give Joseph the answer!

“For the next seven years there will be plenty of food to eat in Egypt,” Joseph said to the king. “But then there will be seven more years when none of the crops will grow.” Joseph told the king to find a man who was very wise and give him charge over all of Egypt. This man would have the people of Egypt gather food during the first seven years. That food would be put into storage. Then there would be

food for all the people of Egypt during the years when no crops would grow.

The king was pleased with Joseph's answer. He thought that was a very good idea. He said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all of this, you must be the wisest man in Egypt. I will appoint you to rule over my house and my people."

Joseph was a good ruler. He planned ahead for the seven hard years. When that time finally came, many people traveled to Egypt for food.

One day a group of men came to Joseph to ask for food. They were Joseph's brothers! They didn't know that he was the brother they had sold to be a slave many years before. They bowed down in front of him. Joseph knew this was his very own dreams

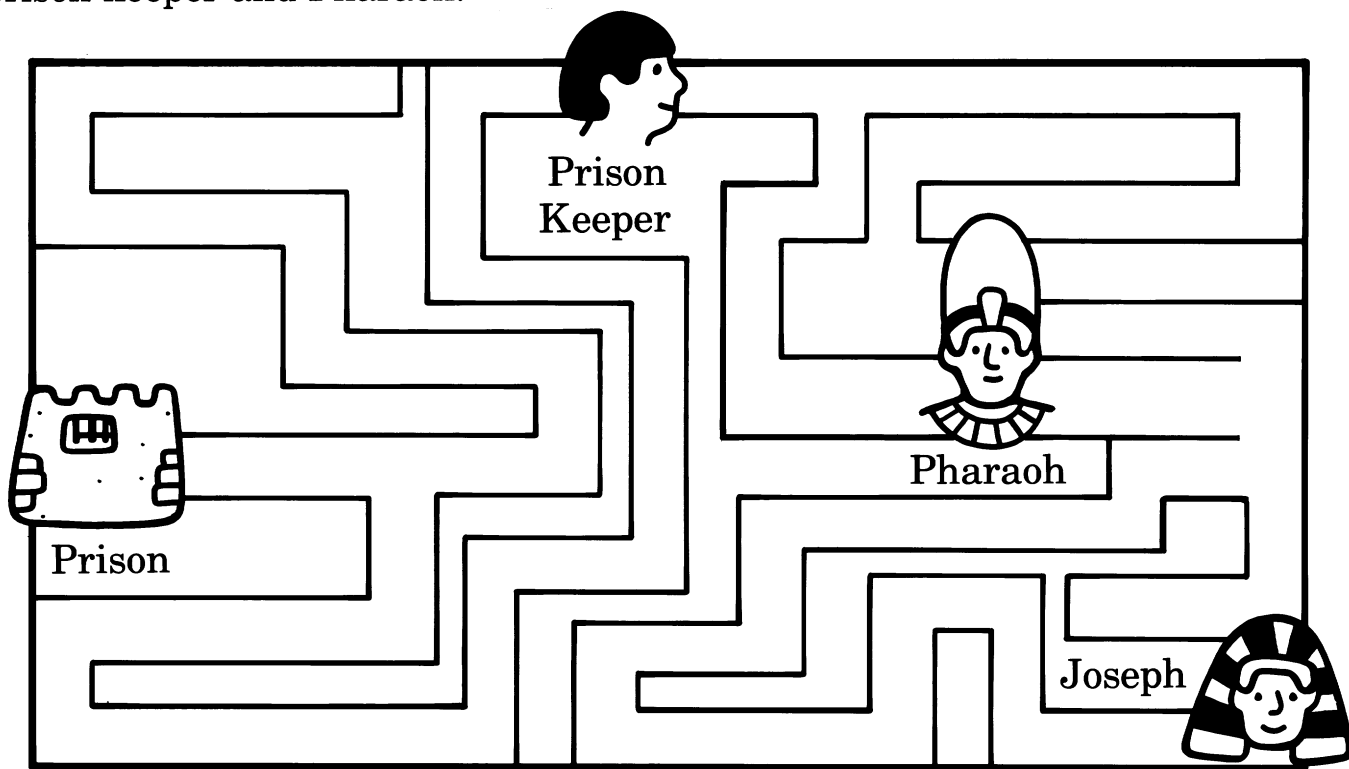
coming true. This was just like the dreams he had dreamed as a boy.

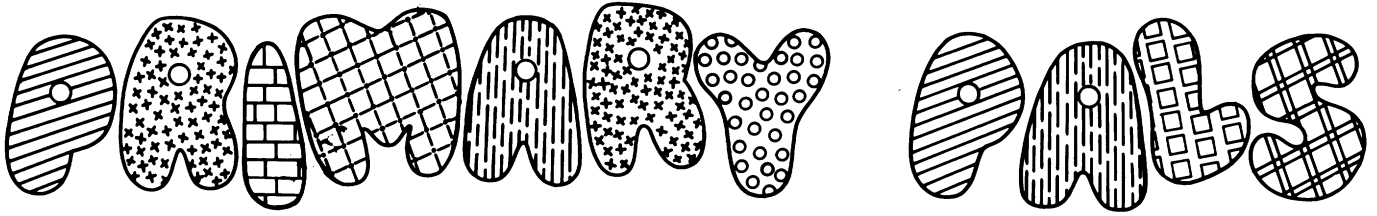
He gave his brothers the food they asked for, but he didn't tell them he was their brother Joseph. He waited until they came to Egypt a second time and brought their younger brother with them. Then he told them who he really was. At first they were afraid he would punish them. But Joseph told them that it had been God's plan for him to be sent to Egypt. God did that so their lives would be saved. Joseph's father and all his family were invited to live in Egypt.

God's plan for Joseph had come to pass. Joseph, who had been sold as a slave and made a prisoner, was now ruler over Egypt! How wonderfully God's plan had worked out!

God Planned It

Help Joseph find his way from prison to ruler of Egypt. He must first pass the prison keeper and Pharaoh.





Watch the Signals

Jeff opened the envelope his dad had just handed him as they walked out of the post office. “Look what my Sunday school teacher mailed to me. It looks just like a traffic light,” Jeff said. He held up a small, black piece of paper that had three circles glued onto it—green, yellow, and red.

“It sure does,” said Mr. Andersen. “With those three colors it has to be a traffic light.”

Jeff took another piece of paper out of the envelope and read it. Then he said to his dad, “We’re right! This note that came with it says, ‘Don’t miss next Sunday. We’ll learn how a traffic light can remind us of the different

ways God answers our prayers.’ I wonder what Teacher Dave means by that, Dad? How can traffic lights be like answers to prayers?”

Just then they came to the corner where they stopped and waited for the light to change before they crossed the street. Mr. Andersen said, “Jeff, this red light tells us that it is not safe to cross the street right now. That is sort of like God’s saying no when we ask for something that He knows is not good for us.

“Look at the light that just changed to yellow for the cars going the other way. That is a warning to them that they had better get ready to stop

because their light is going to change to red. They are going to have to wait for a little bit before it will be safe for them to go again. Sometimes when we pray, God tells us that we will have to wait. And it is a good thing for us if we do wait. We have to remember that God knows when it is the best time for us.

“Now look at our light. It just turned green,” said Mr. Andersen. He and Jeff started to walk across the street as he said, “A green light means we can go. When we pray and God answers yes, we can be sure that we have His blessing. We can know that it is a good thing and the right time for that answer.”

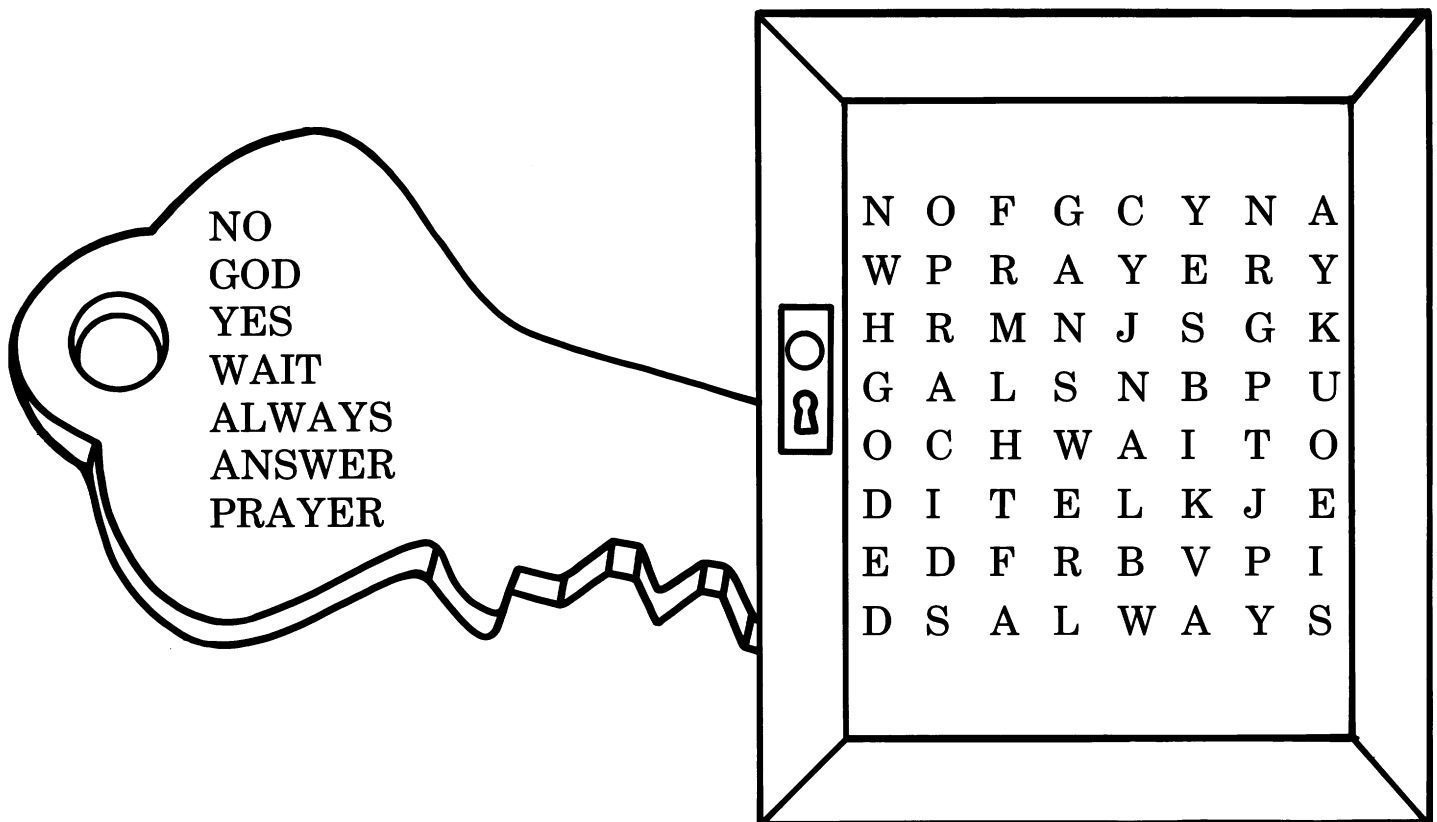
“It feels good when we know that God will give the right answer for each of our prayers,” said Jeff. “This will be a fun lesson in Sunday school. And now that we have talked about it, I’ll be able to answer a lot of the teacher’s questions.

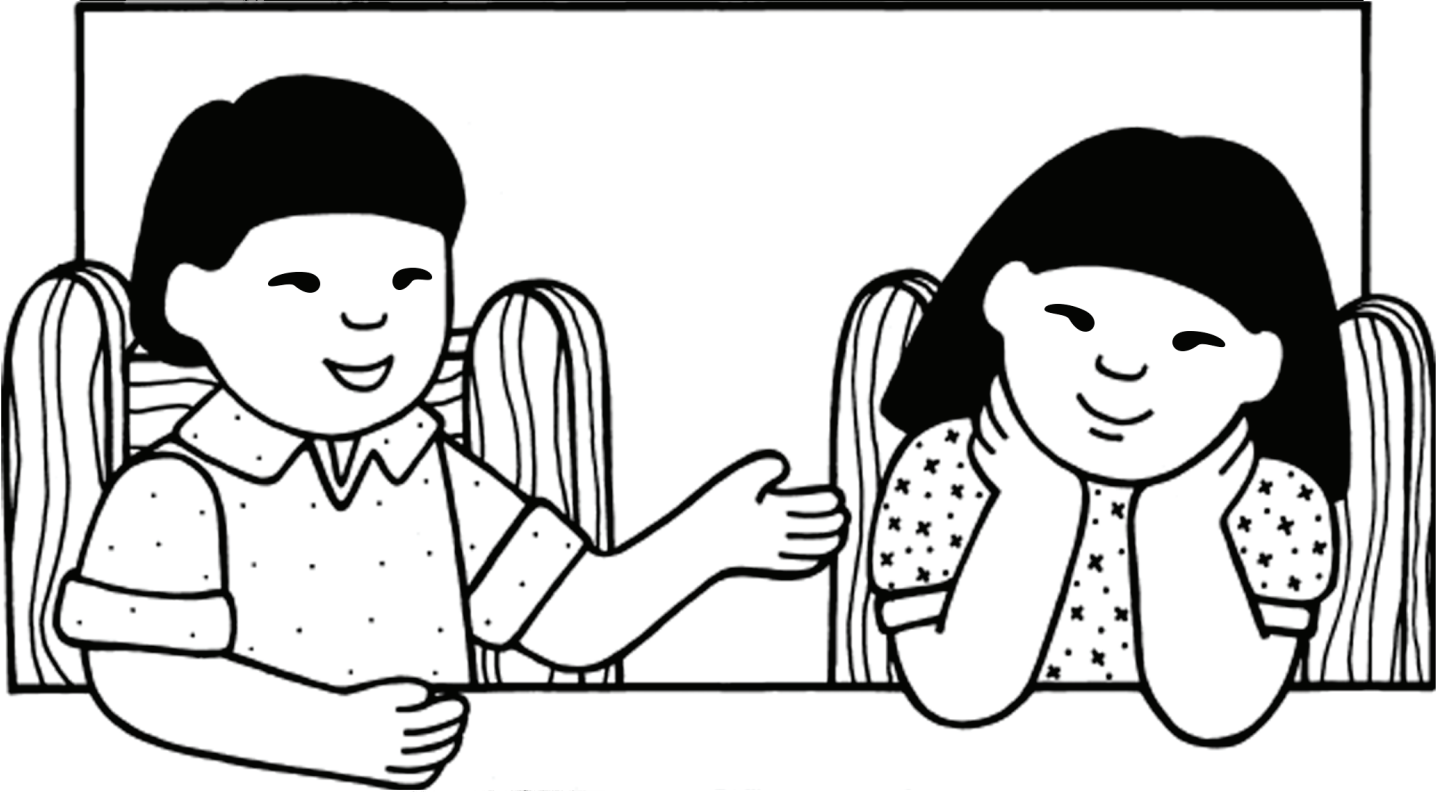
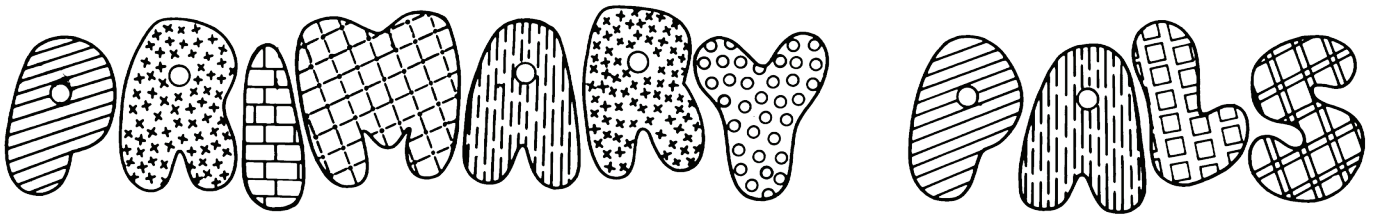
“You know, Dad,” Jeff added quietly, “sometimes I have thought that God didn’t hear some of my prayers. Now I know that He was just saying no or wait.”

“That’s right,” said Mr. Andersen. “God loves and cares for us. He wants to protect us. It’s just like that traffic light. We can be safe as long as we pay attention to the signals.”

Prayer Is the Key

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.





The Right Answer!

“... So when Joshua told the sun to stand still, that’s just what God made it do!” said Andy. “And it stayed that way for about one whole day!”

Beth listened closely to every word her brother was telling her. She had been thinking that God didn’t always hear her prayers. But this story from the Bible was proof that God really did listen to her when she talked to Him. And Beth’s prayers seemed so much simpler than Joshua’s!

Just then Andy said to her, “Beth, don’t ever be afraid to pray and ask God for anything. Remember, if it is good for us He will say yes.”

A few days later their Aunt Sue told the family that the date for her wedding had been set. That very same night, as Beth knelt by her bed to pray, she thought about how God had answered Joshua’s prayer. She wondered if God would also say yes to her prayer. I know God can’t always say yes, she thought. But He knows when something we pray for is right for us and He lets it happen. Andy had said that God always answers our prayers in the way that is best for us.

Beth bowed her head and prayed. “Please, dear God, let me do something special for Aunt Sue at her

wedding. Maybe I could give out the groom's cake or something like that. Amen."

Beth never even dreamed that she could be the flower girl! But just two weeks later Aunt Sue called her on the telephone. She asked, "Beth, do you think you would like to be the flower girl in my wedding?"

Beth squealed with delight, "Oh, Aunt Sue, I would love it! Oh, thank you for asking me!"

The big day finally came. Beth had never been in a wedding before and she wanted to do her very best. She looked down at the beautiful, pink dress she was wearing. There were so many ruffles and lots of pretty white

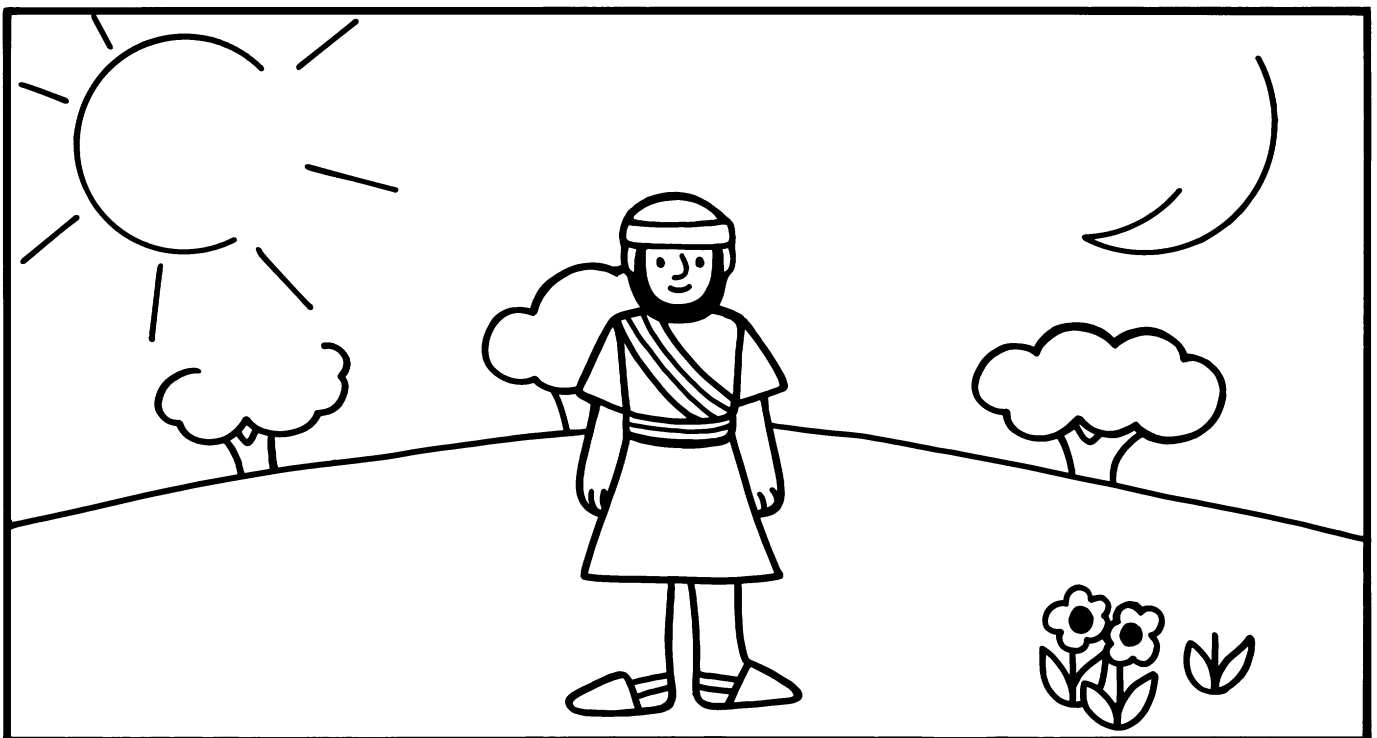
lace. She thought this must be the most beautiful dress at the wedding—except Aunt Sue's dress, of course! She looked behind her at Aunt Sue. She looked so pretty in her long, lacy, white wedding dress! Beth was so excited!

There was a lady telling each of them when it was their turn to walk down the aisle. Suddenly, Beth felt a hand gently nudge her toward the aisle. It was her turn.

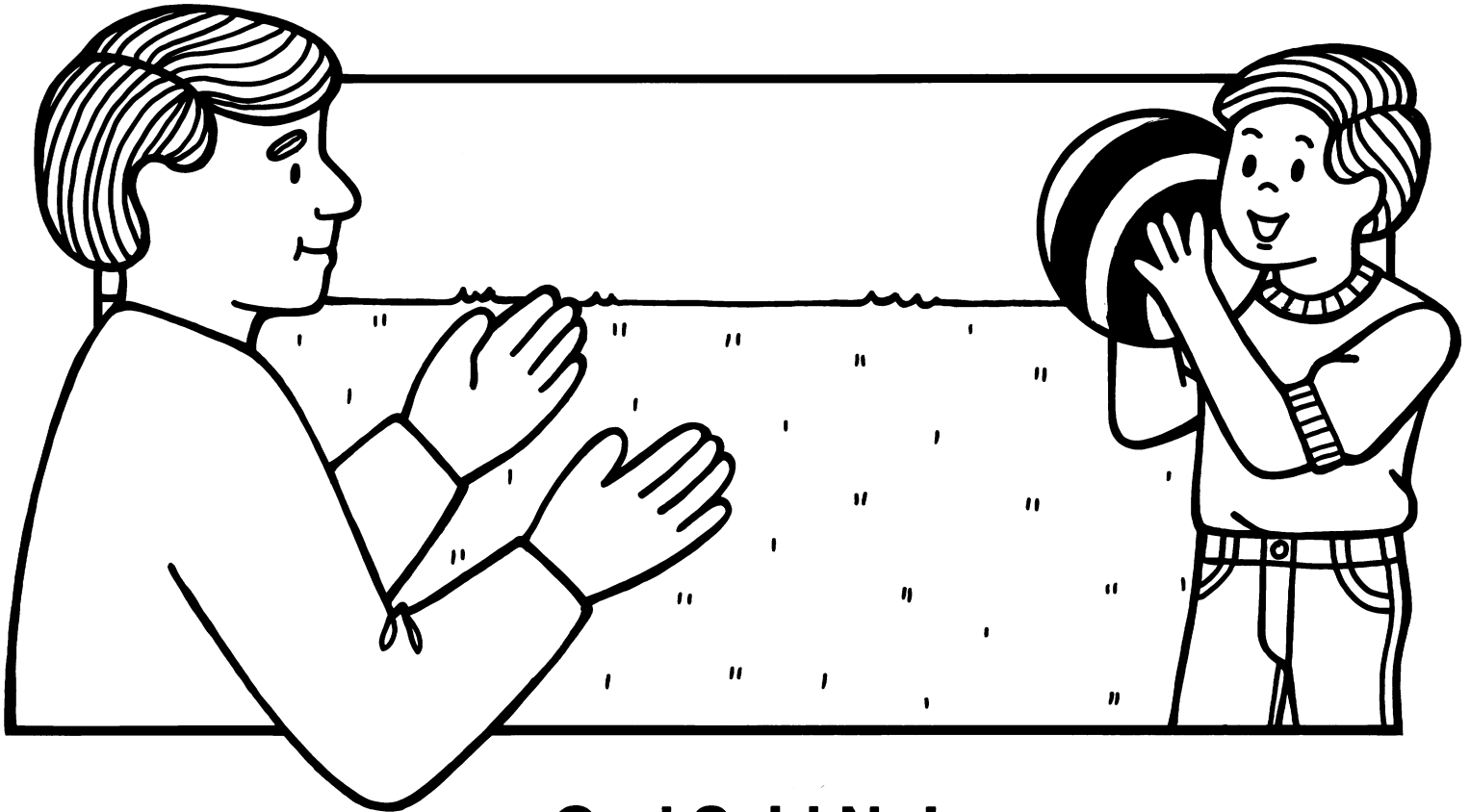
"Go!" the lady whispered, and Beth stepped out, her heart beating fast. She looked up toward Heaven and said, "Thank You, God." She was so happy He had answered her prayer with a yes.

Finish the Picture

Finish drawing the picture of Joshua when the sun and moon stood still.
There are five places that are unfinished



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God Said No!

"But I've been praying and praying to go fishing with Sam and his dad," David said as he tossed the ball to his father. "And I've even hinted to Sam that I want to go. Why won't God answer my prayer?"

Suddenly a loud squeal of brakes split the air. Crash! David and his father raced around the side of the house. Doors slammed and people came running from all directions to see what had happened. Down at the corner of the block two cars had crashed into each other.

David felt his father's hand on his shoulder. He looked up and asked, "Dad, what happened?"

"It looks like one of those cars went through a red light," his dad answered. "The driver must not have been paying attention. Or maybe he thought it would be okay for him to disobey just this one time. He should have stopped, but he didn't."

"Wow, what a mess!" David said. "Look at the side of the blue car. It's all smashed in and the window is broken. And the other car looks even worse. I hope nobody is hurt." He and his dad watched as a police car pulled up. An officer started to direct traffic around the two wrecked cars.

David and his father walked back to their house. They sat down on the

steps of the back porch and were quiet for a while. Then David said, "That was a pretty bad accident, wasn't it, Dad?"

"Yes, it was," said his dad. "That driver should have stopped for the red light. The traffic signal was placed there to help protect people from accidents such as this. You know, Son, a little while ago you asked me why God won't answer your prayer. I think He has answered you and you just weren't listening. God probably said no."

"But what's the problem? Why wouldn't God want me to go fishing?" David asked. "There's nothing wrong with fishing! I can't see why He would say no to me."

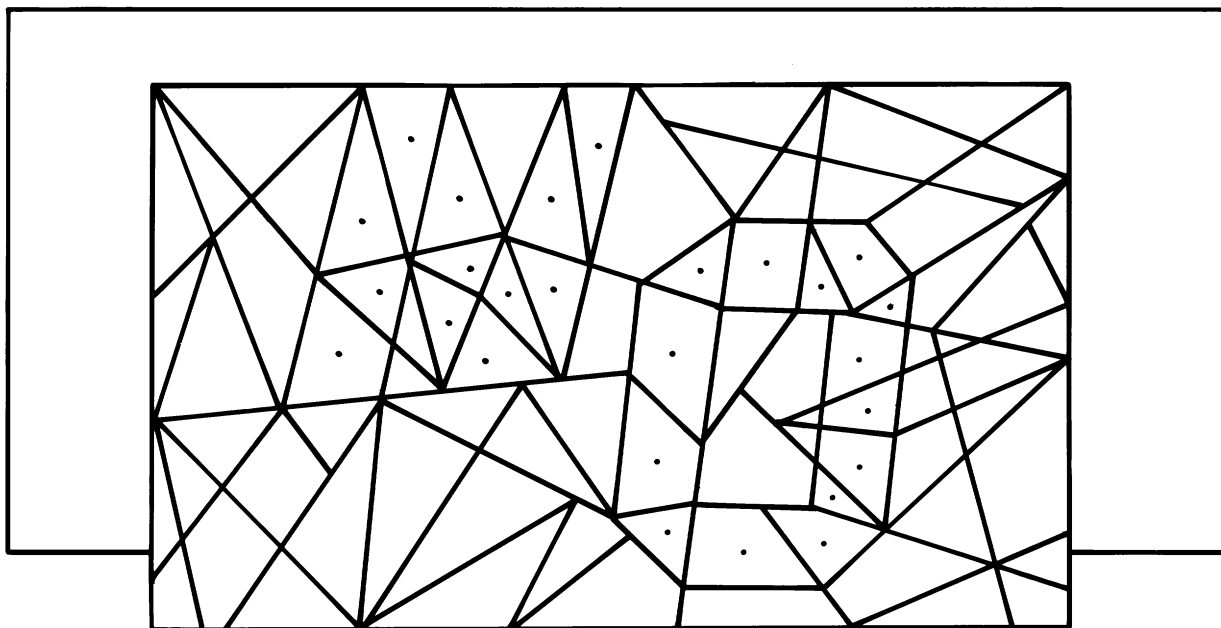
"No, there's nothing wrong with

fishing. There's nothing wrong with driving a car either. But the man who went through the red light knew the traffic signal said stop, and he didn't obey. Now he probably wishes he had. That signal was put at the corner for a good reason.

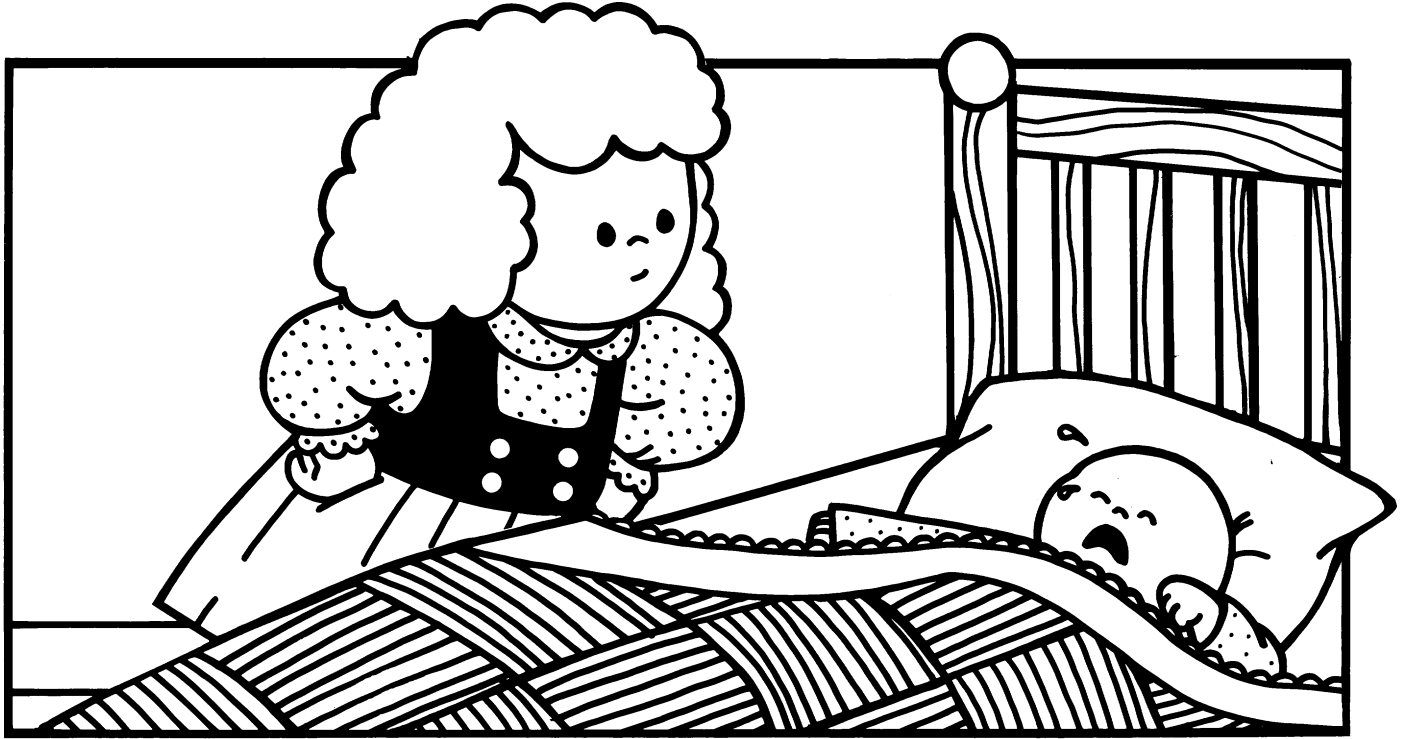
"We don't always understand why God says no to us, but we can be sure it is for a good reason too. And God doesn't always say no to some people and yes to others," David's dad continued. "Did you know that once He even said no to His very own Son, Jesus? It was the time when Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus ended His prayer He said that He would do whatever God wanted, even if God said no to Him. Aren't you glad that Jesus obeyed?"

Color the Dots

Color the spaces that have dots inside. You will see the answer God gave to Jesus.



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Allison's Crybaby

Allison had a new baby brother. Danny was cute and cuddly but could he ever cry! He cried in the morning before Allison left for school. He was crying when she came home in the afternoon. And it seemed to her he cried all night long!

"Won't Danny ever stop crying?" Allison asked one evening while her mother rocked the fretful baby. "Each night when I say my prayers I ask God to please help Danny stop crying. Why won't God answer my prayers?"

Her mother smiled. "I'm sure God will answer your prayer, Honey. Each day Danny cries less and less. You just wait and see—one of these days Danny will hardly cry at all."

"I'll believe that when I see it!" Allison sighed and turned back to her homework.

But what her mother said was true. A few weeks later Allison noticed that Danny wasn't crying very much anymore. In fact, he laughed quite a lot now. Whenever Allison would talk to him he would smile and kick his little feet. All we had to do was wait, thought Allison.

One day Allison reminded her mom of that earlier conversation. "I thought God wasn't answering my prayers. I was sure Danny would never stop crying, but you said I just had to wait. And you were right, Mom."

"That's the way God answers

prayers sometimes,” Allison’s mother told her. “He doesn’t always answer with a yes or no right away. Now and then He tells us to wait.

“Allison, do you remember the story you heard in Sunday school about the promise God gave to Abraham? Abraham was seventy-five years old when God told him that He would give him a son. But Abraham had to wait for a long time before that promised son was born. We don’t know why God waited so long, but God knew. And God’s time is always the right time.

“God is still the same today, Allison,” she continued. “Abraham

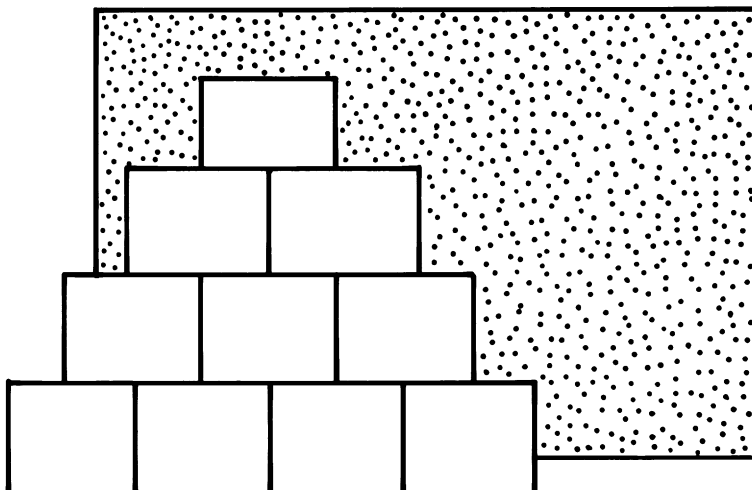
had to wait for twenty-five years before Isaac was born! But we only had to wait a few short weeks for Danny’s problem to be solved. We may not always understand why God wants us to wait. But if we are patient, He answers our prayers at just the right time—His time! He answered your prayer by telling you to wait.”

“You’re right again, Mom,” said Allison. “God always answers our prayers. And even though I don’t always understand why He tells us to wait, He does know what is best for us. I do believe God’s time is the right time.”

Wait!

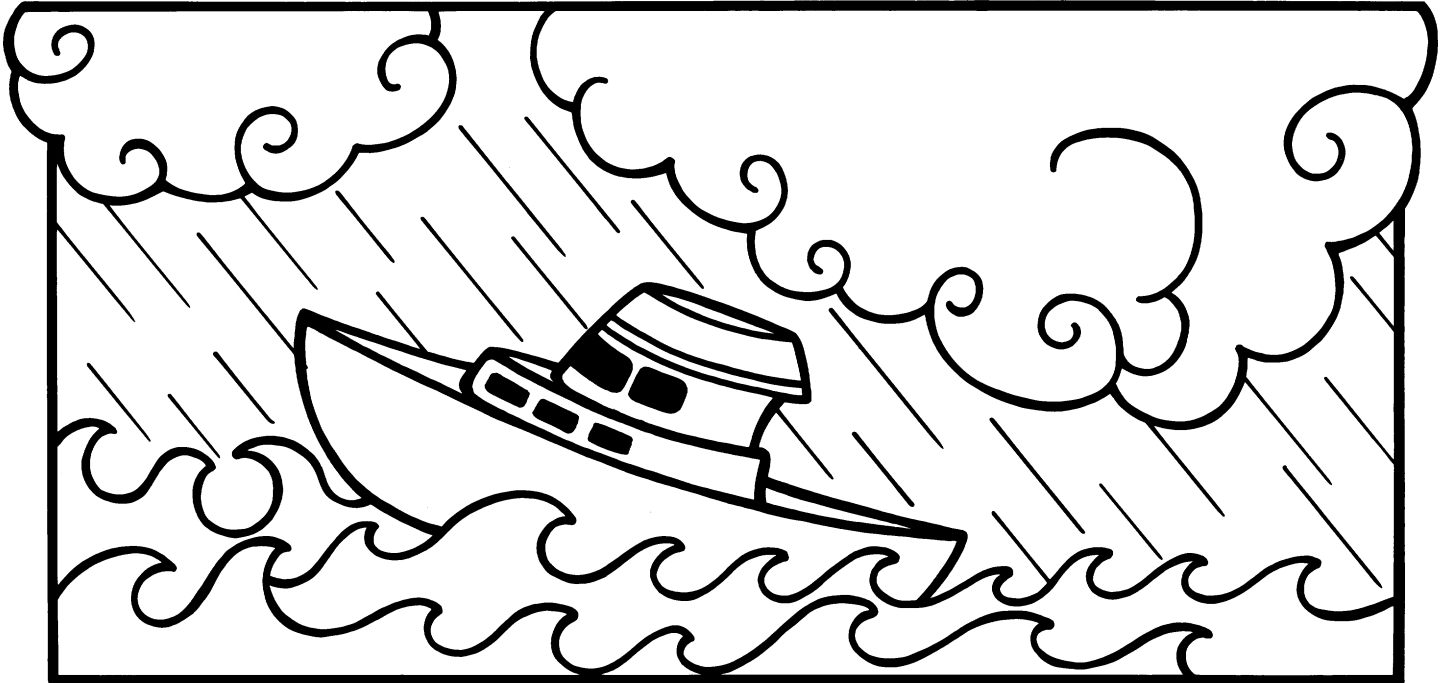
This is a tricky puzzle. The word WAIT is hidden ten times! It may read up or down or forward or backward. Find and circle each one.

Each time you find the word WAIT, color in a space of the pyramid below.



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Miracle in the Storm

Lost at sea! Seth and his grandfather seemed so helpless in the small fishing boat that tumbled up and down on the high waves. Just a short time ago the sea and sky had looked so beautiful, so peaceful, and now . . . If only the storm would go away and the clouds wouldn't hide the sky!

Seth shivered in the dark. "Grandpa!" he called out fearfully. "Grandpa, where are you?"

His grandfather appeared in the doorway of the small cabin. "I'm right here, Seth. Don't be afraid. God will help us. Why don't we pray together right now?"

Seth carefully edged his way to the cabin door. He took hold of his

grandfather's hand and bowed his head as his grandfather prayed. Seth heard him asking God to be with them and guide them through the storm. He could feel his fears leave as he listened to the quiet words. He felt such a peace down in his heart.

Inside the small cabin they sat quietly for a while. Through the windows they watched the storm. Then Seth's grandfather suddenly exclaimed, "We're going to make it!"

Seth followed his grandfather out of the cabin. As they stood on the deck, they watched a miracle happen! The dark clouds parted, and a brilliant stream of light from the moon fell across the troubled sea. Then one by

one the stars came out from their hiding places. And slowly the sea became calmer.

“Look, Grandpa!” Seth cried out excitedly. “Isn’t that the North Star?”

“It sure is,” his grandfather replied. “We are no longer lost. We can now use the stars in the heavens to guide us safely home!

“You know, Seth,” he continued, “after a storm like that we should be ever so grateful for God’s wonderful creation. Some people don’t realize that God placed those stars very carefully in space. He knew that each part of His universe would play a special part in the times and seasons

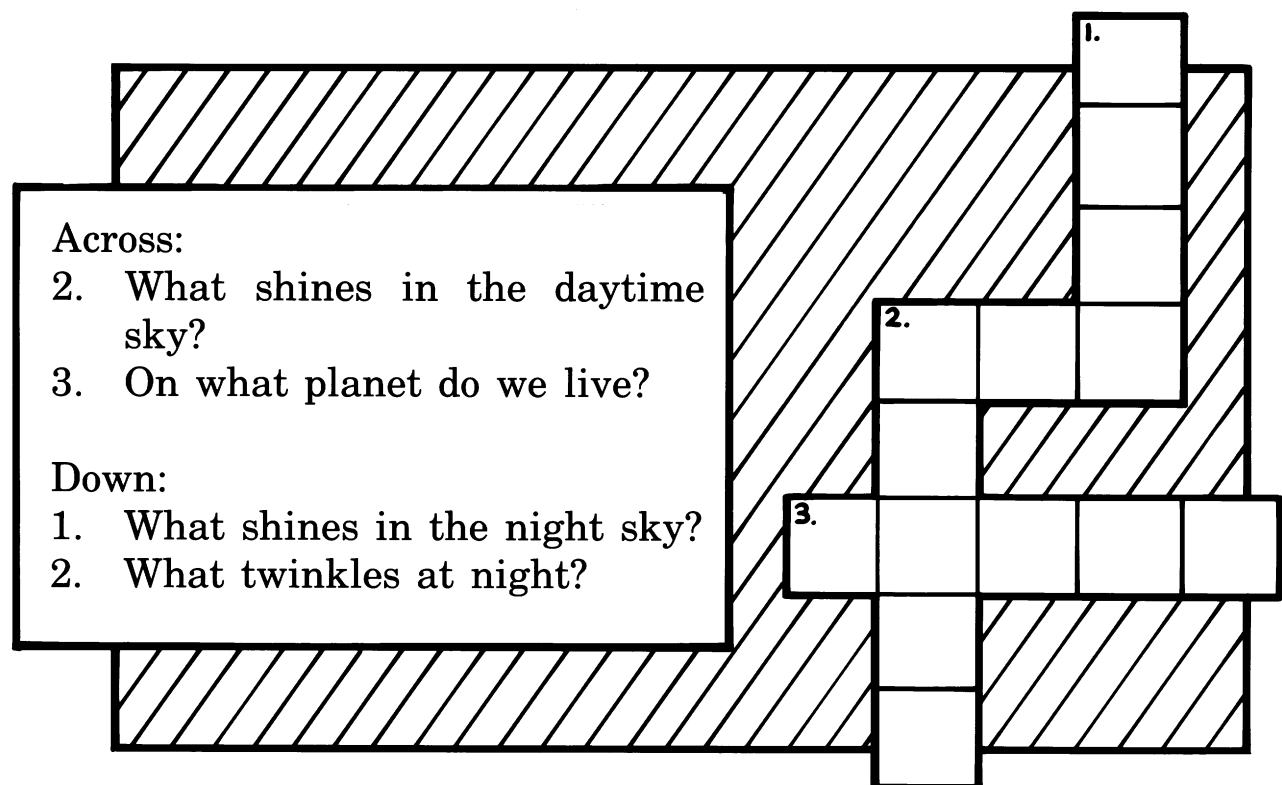
of each year. We should be very thankful for the sun and the moon. And right now, you and I should be especially thankful for those stars! Because of them we can know exactly which way to travel. Let’s just get this boat headed toward home.”

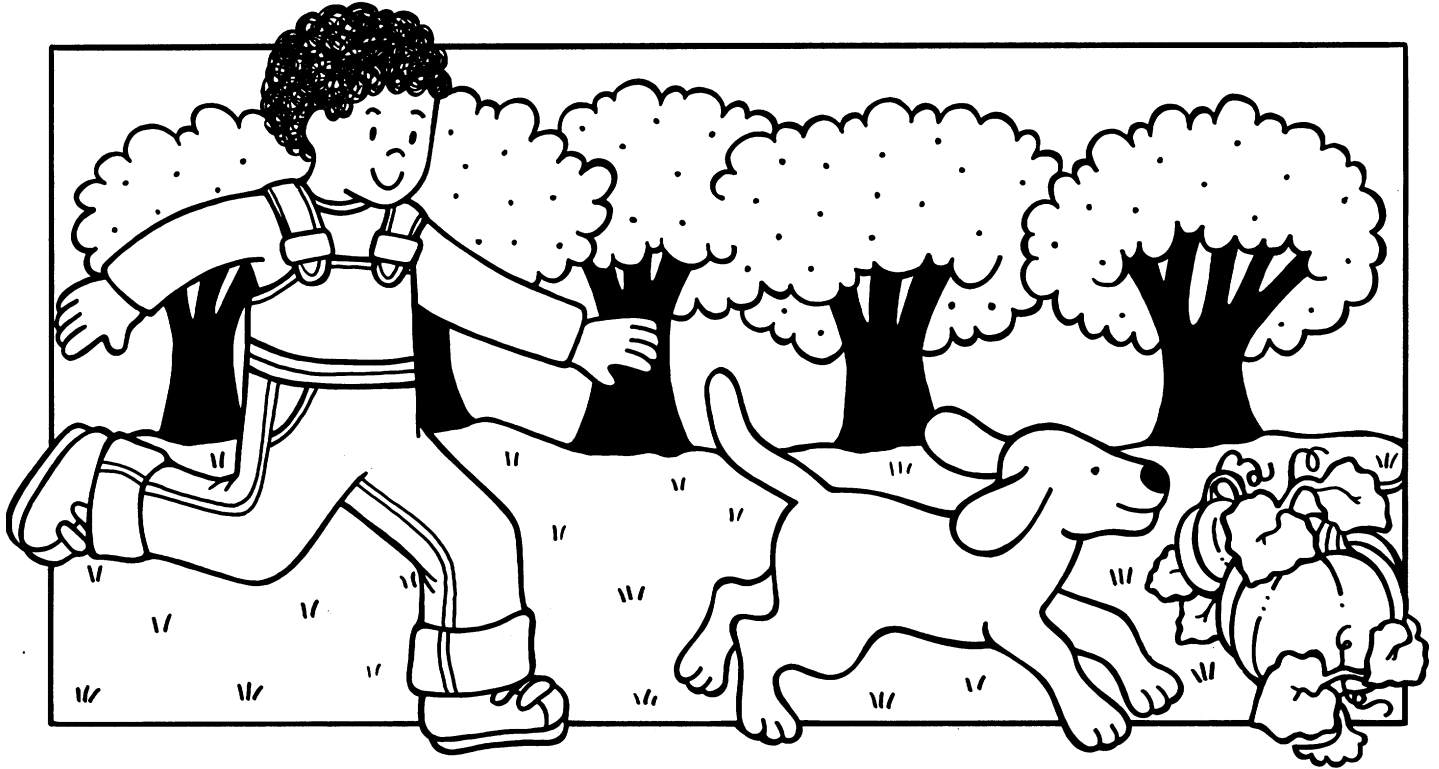
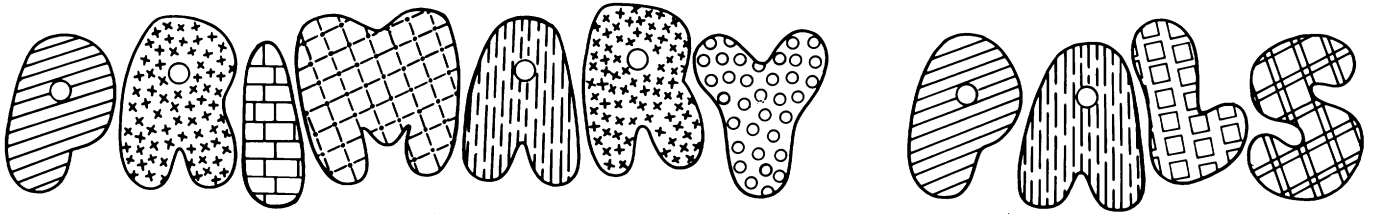
Seth followed his grandfather back into the cabin. He looked up at the sky through the cabin window. “Thank You, God,” he prayed, “for making all the stars. Thank You for putting them in the sky to guide us.”

Then he turned and said, “Grandpa, I can hardly wait to get home. I’m going to tell all my friends about this miracle in the storm.”

Crossword

Fill in the words on the puzzle below. They are words about God’s creation.





God Made It All

Up until his eighth birthday Troy had lived in the big city. How different the sights and sounds around the farm were compared to the loud jangle-bang he was used to. It was so quiet and peaceful here.

When his family had first moved to the country, Troy had been sure he would be bored forever! He had missed having neighbor kids who lived close by. He had even missed being able to run to the corner store to spend his allowance. But now Troy didn't think he would ever be bored again. There was just too much to explore and enjoy here in the country!

It was early morning and Troy was sitting on the front steps when he heard Simba barking. He laughed as the golden-colored spaniel stumbled and bumped her nose while running to meet him. He had been thrilled when his dad brought this new puppy home. They hadn't been able to have any pets in their apartment in the city.

"C'mon, girl!" Troy said, getting up off the porch steps. "Let's go check out the garden. Dad says my pumpkins are almost ready to pick."

Troy and Simba raced across the green lawn, through the barnyard, and down the hill to the spot Dad had

given him for his very own garden. It seemed like only yesterday he had planted those little seeds. Now there must be close to thirty pumpkins! Their round, orange shapes were scattered in the tangle of thick vines.

"They look really good, Simba," he said. "I think people will buy all of the ones I put out at our roadside stand. Thanksgiving is almost here, and they can't make a pumpkin pie without a pumpkin!"

Then Troy saw his dad coming out of the barn. He had just finished milking the cows. Troy and Simba ran back up the hill to meet him.

"Hey, Dad, will you be able to go down to the creek with me today?" he asked. "You said we should go before all the trout were gone."

His dad laughed. "I think today would be just fine. We'll go after lunch. Do you think you'll have your chores finished by then?" he asked.

"Sure I will. Come on Simba, let's get busy," Troy called over his shoulder as he ran toward the house. Even with chores to do, he still liked the country.

Later that afternoon, Troy and his dad returned from the creek with their catch of fish. "Dad, I love our new home in the country. It was fun helping to plant our garden and watching it grow. The fishing is great! And being able to have a puppy of my very own is super," Troy said as he knelt down to give Simba a hug.

"I'm so thankful God made such a beautiful world."

Riddles

Write in the missing words in the riddles below.

1. I live in the water.
I rhyme with tale.

I am a w_____.

4. I am round and red.
I am good in pies.

I am an a_____.

2. I live on a farm.
I give milk.

I am a c_____.

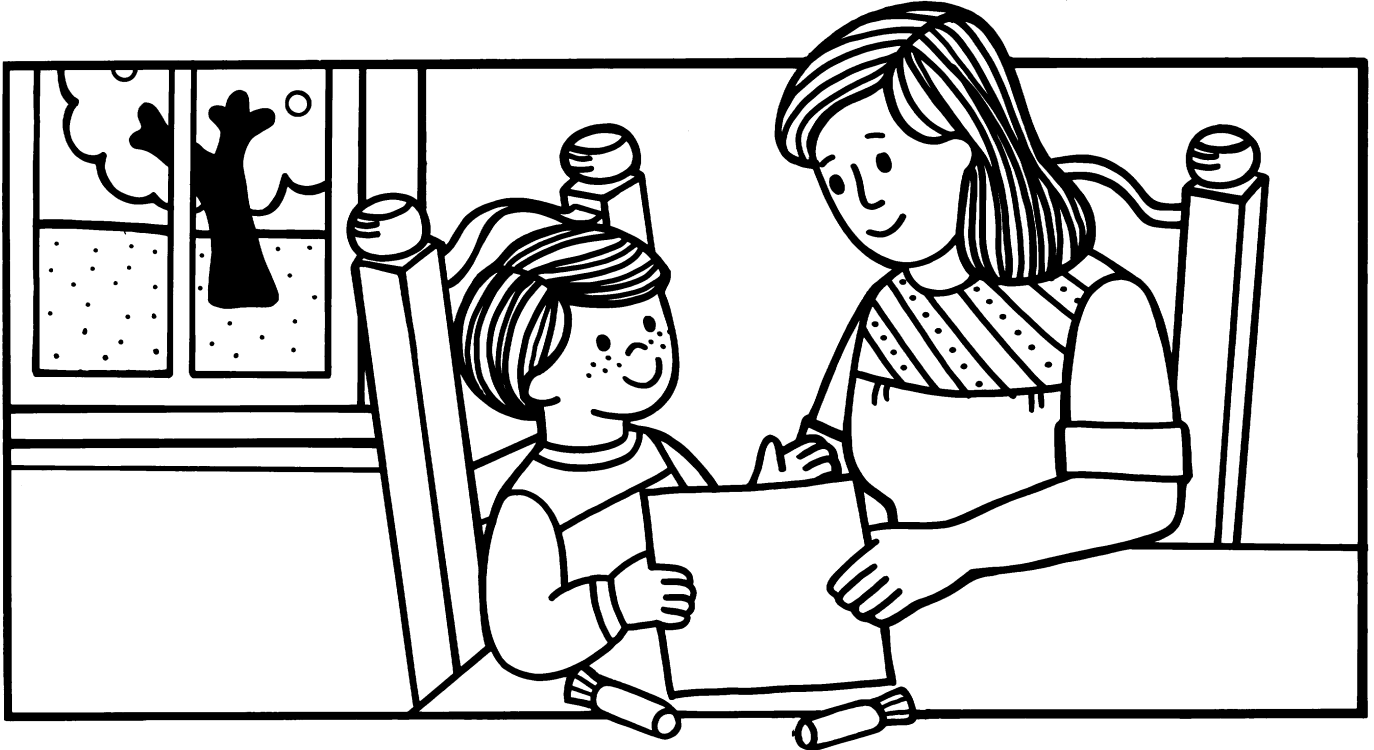
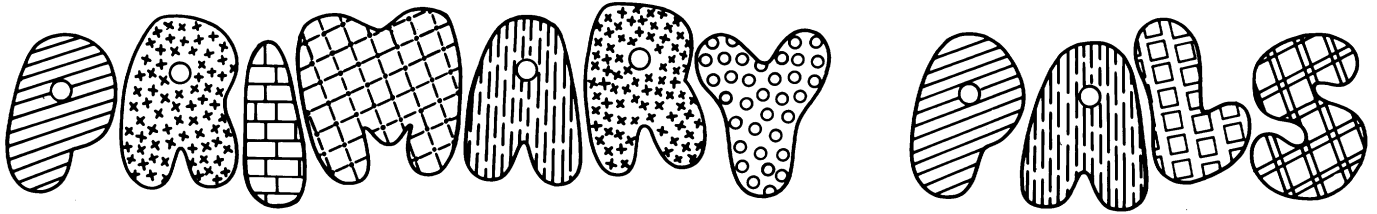
5. I live in the jungle.
I am king of the beasts.

I am a l_____.

3. I grow tall and green.
I help make a forest.

I am a t_____.

Can you make some riddles about God's creation? Share them with a friend.



God's Greatest Creation

Justin had been working for quite some time with a big drawing tablet and a set of marking pens. He was busy drawing some kind of plans. His mom looked over his shoulder and asked, "What are you drawing, Justin?"

Justin held up his drawing so his mother could see it better. "I'm inventing a robot, Mom! I still need to make a few changes on this, but when I'm done it's going to be the neatest machine ever made. See? It has arms that swing, legs that run and skip, and hands that write and carry things. It can see, and hear, and smell, and taste. When I finish, I'll call it 'Justin's

Greatest Creation.'"

His mother laughed, "Justin, your machine has already been invented!"

"Oh, c'mon, Mom!" Justin's look was disbelieving. "I've seen the kind of robots they sell at the stores. None of them can do the things my robot will do."

"Come here, Justin." His mother led him over to the mirror in the hallway. "Look there! Arms that swing, legs that run and skip, hands that write and carry things. You can see, hear, smell, and taste."

"You're right, Mom!" Justin grinned and said, "God is the greatest Inventor of all time!"

“And guess what?” his mother continued, “God’s robot comes in a whole bunch of different models. The one right next to you does all the same things, but it is taller and has brown hair instead of red.”

“And every model made is a special one-of-a-kind!” Justin said, “Right, Mom?”

“That’s right, Justin,” she nodded. “Now, it’s fun to think of us as robots that God created. But we are really more than that. We were made in the image of God. That is something very special because that makes us God’s

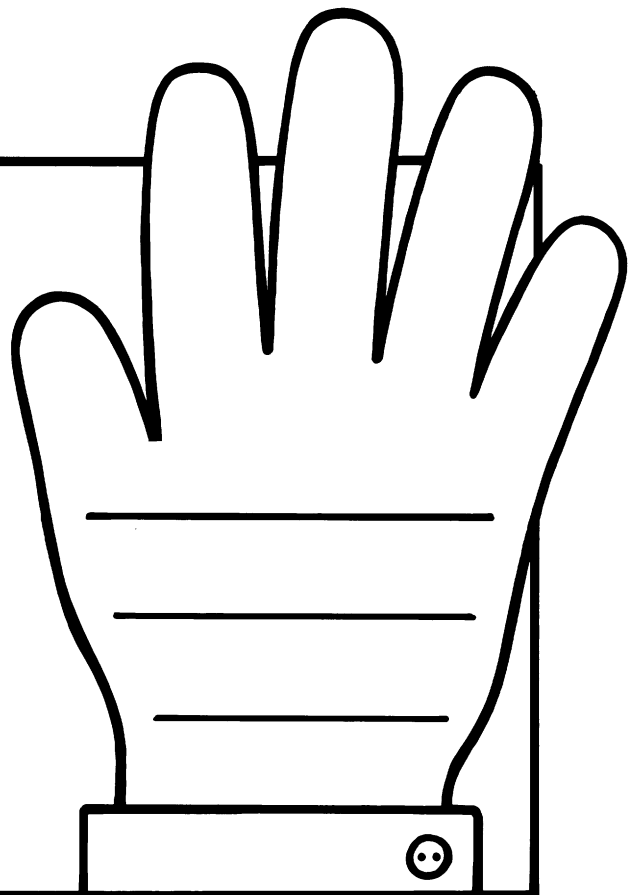
greatest creation. Everything else was made especially for us to enjoy. God said that man would be in charge of all the animals. Remember, God even told Adam to name each of them.

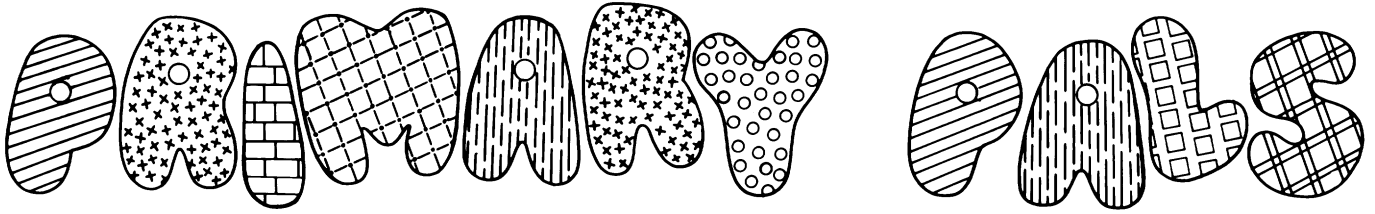
“And something very unique about each of us, Justin, is that we can worship and love God! None of the rest of God’s creation can do that.”

Justin held up his drawing again. “Well, it’s a pretty good drawing, but nobody can do a better job than God can,” he said. “I’m thankful that God was such a good inventor, aren’t you, Mom?”

My Hands

Hands are special. We can do many things that animals cannot do. We have fingers and thumbs. We can write. We can hold things. Some people even talk with their hands! On the lines in the hand write something special you can do with your hands. On each finger write words of thanks and praise to God who made you.





Something That Will Last Forever

“Mom, what’s a ‘living soul’?” Kelly asked. “Part of my memory verse for next Sunday says, ‘man became a living soul.’”

Kelly’s mother was mixing up some pancake batter for their breakfast. She paused for a moment, and then said, “Well, God gave each one of us a living soul. We can’t see a soul or touch it, but . . .” Her mother thought for a minute. Then she pointed to an egg on the counter. “Kelly, tell me what that egg looks like.”

Kelly looked puzzled but she said, “Well, it’s white, and kind of roundish, only not exactly . . .”

Her mother nodded. “That’s right. You are telling me what you see with your eyes. You are describing the shell of the egg. But the really important part of the egg is inside the shell, isn’t it? And you can’t see that, can you?”

“In a way, that is like a soul,” she continued. “Kelly, when I look at you I see a pretty girl, with freckles and strawberry blond braids. But I can’t see the real you with my eyes. That is your soul. But I know it is there because that is the way God talks to a person, through the soul. It is the most important part of you. And it will live forever and ever!”

“When your Sunday school teacher talked to you about giving your heart to Jesus, she was talking about your soul. If Jesus lives in your soul you are a Christian. You will feel a real love for Jesus and will live for Him here on earth. And, Kelly, when a Christian dies, his soul is the part that goes to live with Jesus in Heaven.”

Kelly nodded slowly. “I think I understand now, Mom. I love Jesus very much. He makes me feel happy deep inside. I love to sing the Sunday school songs about Jesus. And I feel good whenever I pray and talk to

Jesus. Is that my soul that wants to praise and sing about Jesus?” Kelly asked.

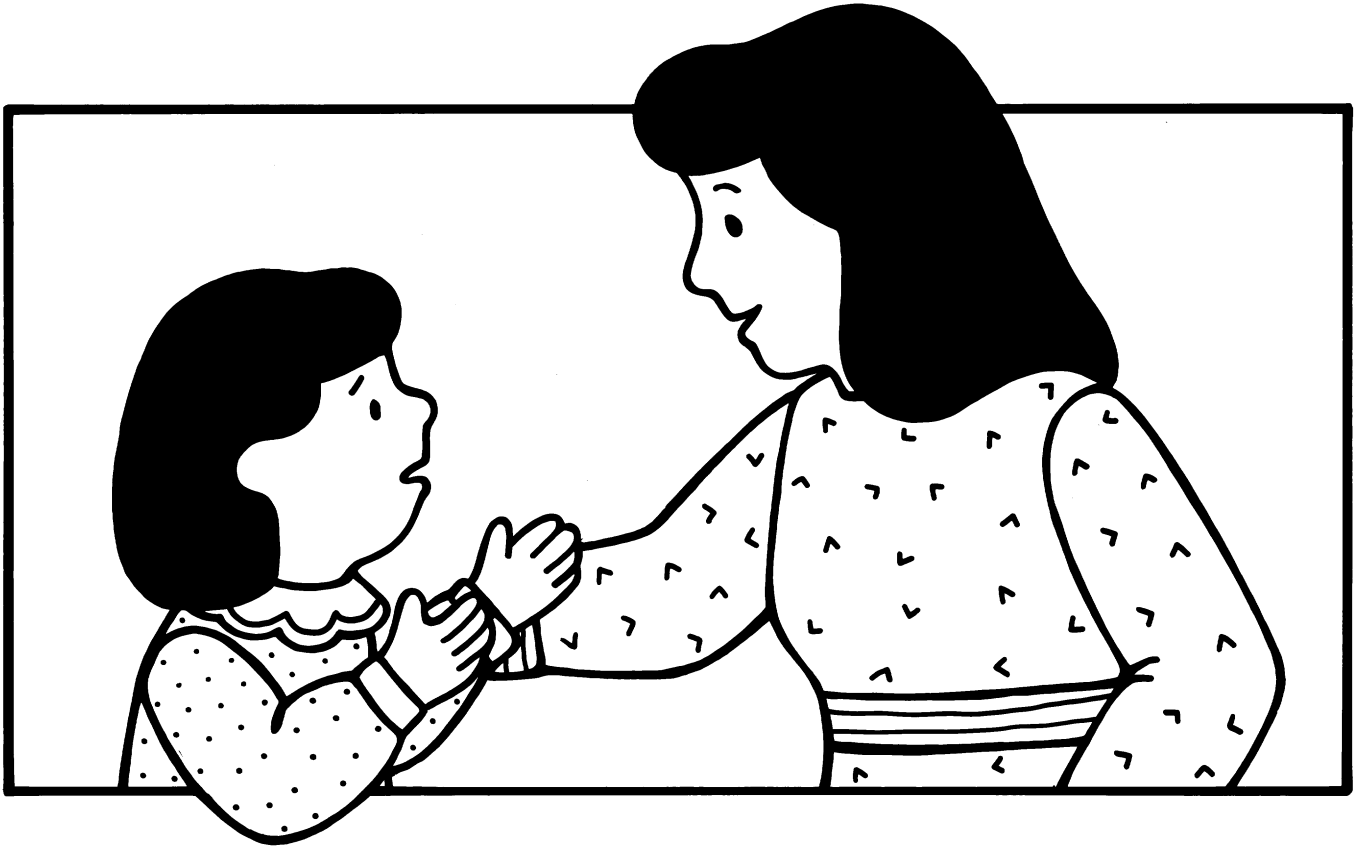
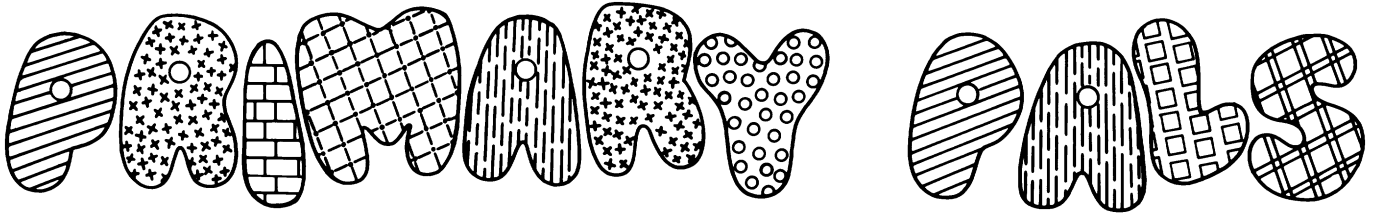
“That’s it, Kelly,” her mother answered. “Aren’t you glad that you gave your life to Jesus? Now you can work for Him while you live here on earth. You can tell all of your friends that Jesus loves them and that He can make them happy too.”

“Yes,” Kelly nodded. “And I’m even more happy that I will live with Jesus in Heaven someday! Mom, I’m so thankful Jesus gave me a soul that will last forever.”

In God’s Image

We are made in God’s image. He loves us and wants us to be like Him. We should love and help others. Read the list below. Check the things that you could do to help others.

- ☐ Talk to them if they are sad or lonely.
- ☐ Don’t help them with any of their chores.
- ☐ Imagine how they feel at certain times.
- ☐ Pray for them.
- ☐ Bother them when they need quiet time.
- ☐ Give them something to cheer them when they are sad.



What Do You Think?

“Charlie said I don’t have a brain in my head!” Janie stormed to her mother. “I do so, don’t I, Mom?”

“Yes, Janie,” her mother smiled. “Of course you do. Your brother was only teasing you.”

“Well, I told him I did have a brain, but he just laughed. How can I show him I do, Mom?”

“Well, calm down for now, Janie,” her mother said. “You can’t show him your brain. But all the things you are able to do prove that you have one.”

Janie looked puzzled. “What do you mean?”

“When God made us,” said her

mother, “He gave us a mind. That’s the most important part of our brain. Our mind is what helps us remember things. That is called our memory. That way we are able to learn things. We can learn to read and memorize Bible verses. We can learn to sing new songs. We can learn to tie our shoes and ride a bike.”

Her mother went on. “Sometimes you may feel sad—like when Charlie teases you. Sometimes you may feel happy—like when Daddy takes us to a park. We have feelings like that because God gave us a mind.

“And one very important part about

our mind is our thoughts,” she continued. “Sometimes you might think about sad things. You may even start to feel sorry for yourself. If that happens you had better be careful. The devil wants you to think about sad things. And sometimes he tries to give you scary thoughts. The devil likes it when you are scared. But in our Bible, the Apostle Paul says we should only think about things that are good.

“You already know, Janie, that you should always tell the truth. And you know that you should never say bad things about another person, even if they are true. But did you know that it isn’t even good for you to think about things that are false? And you should never think bad things about someone else. And if you ever feel scared, you

can start singing a good song, like ‘Jesus Loves Me.’ Or you can just start thanking Jesus for all the things He has done for you. If we will think about the good things, we will have perfect peace. That is a promise from God!”

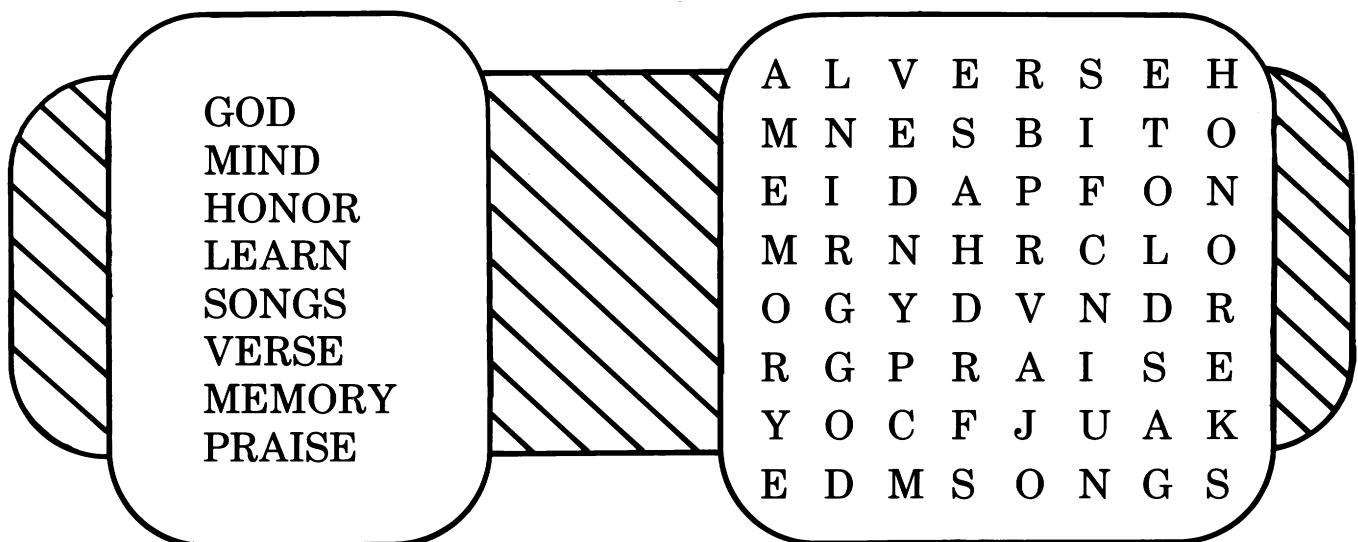
“Well, I feel happy right now,” laughed Janie. “I am thankful God gave me a mind. And Charlie will believe that I do have a brain when I thank him!”

“What do you mean?” asked her mother. “Why are you going to thank Charlie?”

“Well, I didn’t like him at all when he was teasing me. But now I’m glad he did,” replied Janie, “because I’ve learned that I’m much happier if I think only about good things! I’m going to go and find Charlie right now.”

I Remember

We can use our minds to honor God. We can learn to sing songs of praise to God. We can memorize Bible verses. Find and circle the words that are about honoring God with our minds.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This lesson will help your child understand that God gave each of us a great gift when He gave us a mind. It is marvelous and complex, and it gives us the ability to do many things.

To zero in on particular skills and functions of the mind, give your child a large piece of paper and a pile of colored squares cut from construction paper. Explain that this week he will build, on paper, as big a tower or building as he can, using the squares of paper. When he does something that his mind made possible (for example, ties his shoes), he may write that on one square and glue it onto his sheet of paper.

At the end of the week, look over the building he has glued together and reinforce once more what a wonderful gift from God our mind is.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 22:37

MONDAY: Daniel 2:23

TUESDAY: Proverbs 3:13

WEDNESDAY: Romans 8:6

THURSDAY: Philippians 2:5

FRIDAY: Psalm 19:14

SATURDAY: Psalm 104:34

Bible Text

Genesis 6:5-7; Psalm 119:113
Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:8

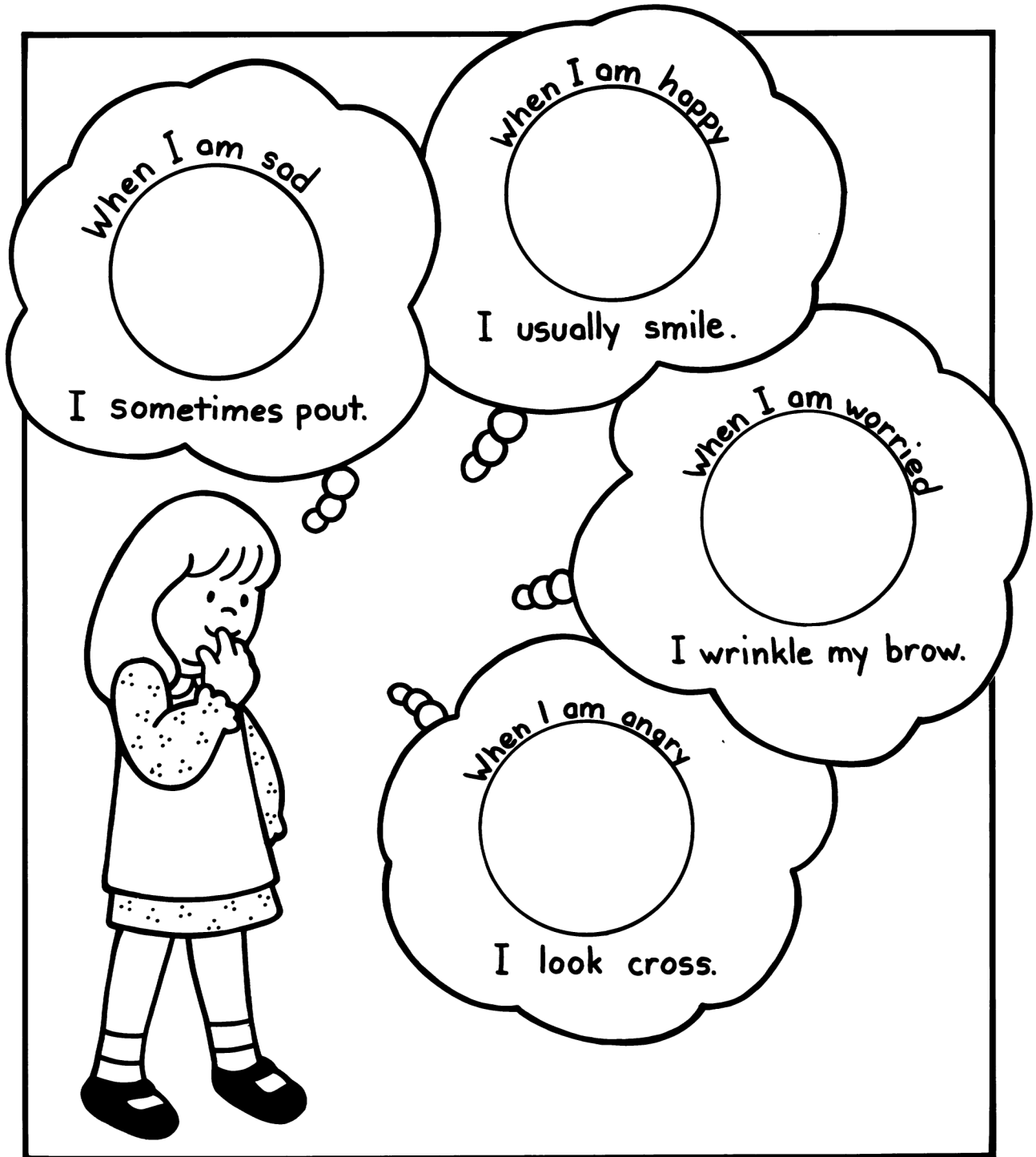
Thank
You
Jesus!

Memory Verse

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. — Matthew 22:37

How Do You Feel?

We have been studying about people—God’s special creation. God gave each person a mind. The mind controls the feelings and emotions. In the thought balloons below are several different feelings a person might have. Draw in the face to match each feeling.



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Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

In this lesson we will explore the fact that God gave man a living soul. This is something that is a bit difficult to explain to the primary-age child. Perhaps a definition your child could grasp is that your soul is the part of you created especially to love and worship God, and the part that will live on forever.

Our memory verse for this lesson is quite long. Work with your child so he will be able to say it from memory. Play some games together to achieve this goal. Divide the verse into six or seven sections (including the reference). Write each section of the verse on an index card. Arrange the cards in order. Say the verse together then remove a card or two and see if your child can still say the verse. Continue removing more and more of the cards.

For a variation, try shuffling the cards together and timing your child to see how long it takes him to put them into the proper sequence.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Genesis 2:7

MONDAY: Matthew 10:28

TUESDAY: Psalm 62:5

WEDNESDAY: Romans 13:1

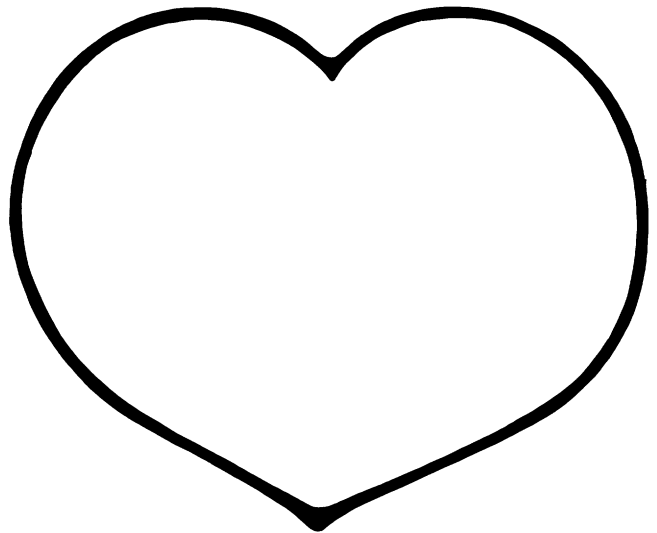
THURSDAY: Psalm 33:20

FRIDAY: Psalm 130:5,6

SATURDAY: Matthew 16:26

Bible Text

Genesis 2:7; John 3:3-7

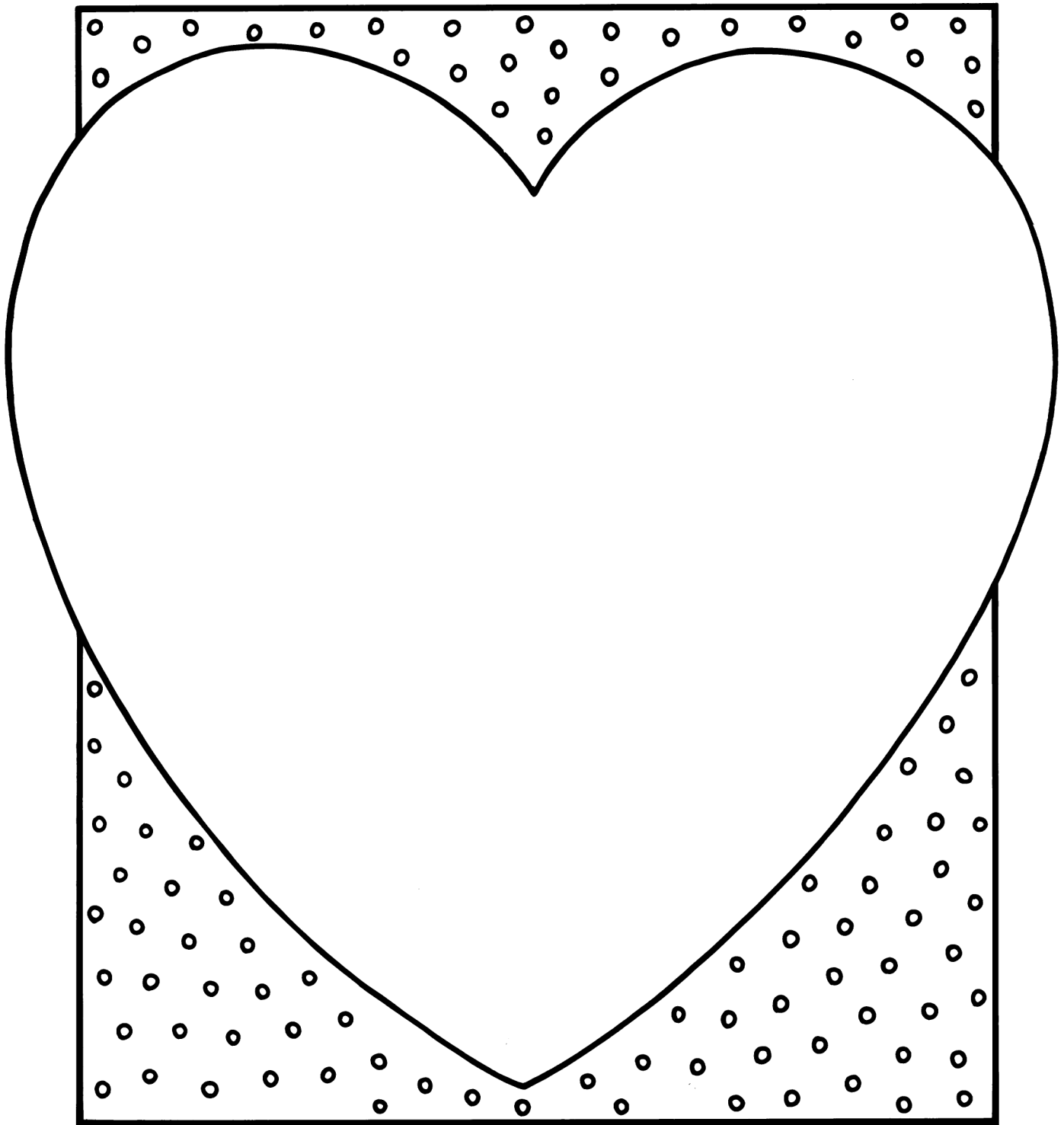


Memory Verse

The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. — Genesis 2:7

Thank You, Jesus

God loves us and shows His love in many ways. He gave everybody a living soul. The Bible says we should love God with all our souls. If we love God with all our souls we will live with Him forever. In the heart, draw a picture of where you want to live forever.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

The human body is one of the greatest wonders of God's creation, and in our next lesson we will be focusing on how God created us and breathed into us the breath of life. Emphasize to your child that we are the only living thing made in the image of God.

How thankful we should be for our bodies. Have your child examine his hand. Talk about the skin, the muscles, the blood, and the bones . . . how wonderfully they all work together.

Your child would enjoy making a life-sized portrait of himself. Spread a large piece of white butcher paper on the floor, and have your child lie down on it. Trace around him with a heavy black marking pen. Then allow him to draw in the details of his clothes and features, and color it.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Colossians 1:12

MONDAY: Psalm 139:14

TUESDAY: Job 33:4

WEDNESDAY: Genesis 5:1

THURSDAY: Psalm 100:3

FRIDAY: Genesis 1:26,27

SATURDAY: Isaiah 45:12



Bible Text

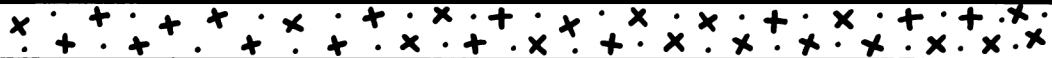
Genesis 1:26-31

Memory Verse

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us. — Colossians 1:12

I Am Special

Say to yourself, "I am special. God made me." It is true. There is no one just like you. Fill in the blank lines below as well as you can. You may have to have someone at your home help you finish.



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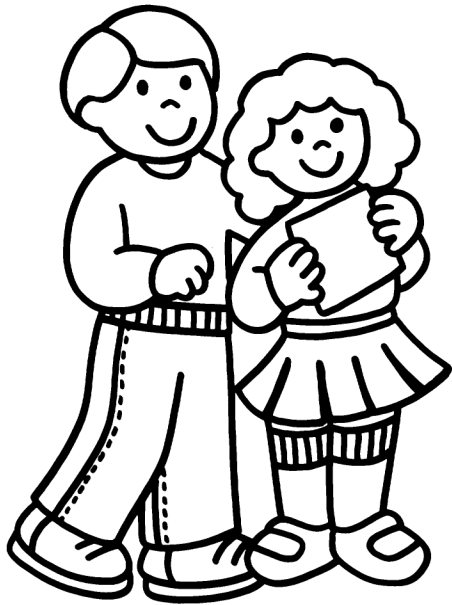
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GRADE _____

SCHOOL _____

Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

An awareness of the beautiful world God has created for us to enjoy is something that should be developed in every child. As we study how God created the plants and animals, it is a good time to talk about how thankful we should be for these things He has provided for us.

Take your child on a nature walk around your own neighborhood. Count the number of animals, birds, and insects you see. (He may enjoy keeping a tally sheet as you walk.) Also point out all the different kinds of trees and plants.

Have him pick up two or three leaves to use for making leaf prints when you get home. To make leaf prints, fold thin white paper in half. Place the leaf, face down, inside the fold. Peel paper from a scrap of crayon, and run the side of the crayon over the top layer of paper, leaving an imprint of the leaf.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Psalm 92:5

MONDAY: Psalm 68:19

TUESDAY: Psalm 104:24

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 6:7

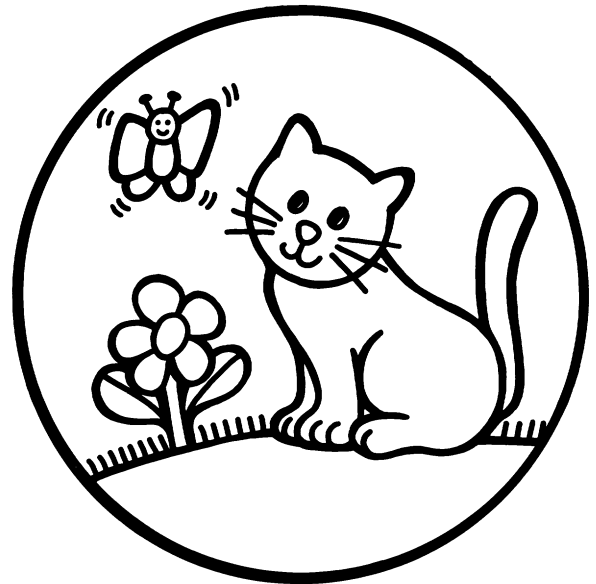
THURSDAY: Genesis 8:22

FRIDAY: Genesis 9:3

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 8:10

Bible Text

Genesis 1:9-13,20-25

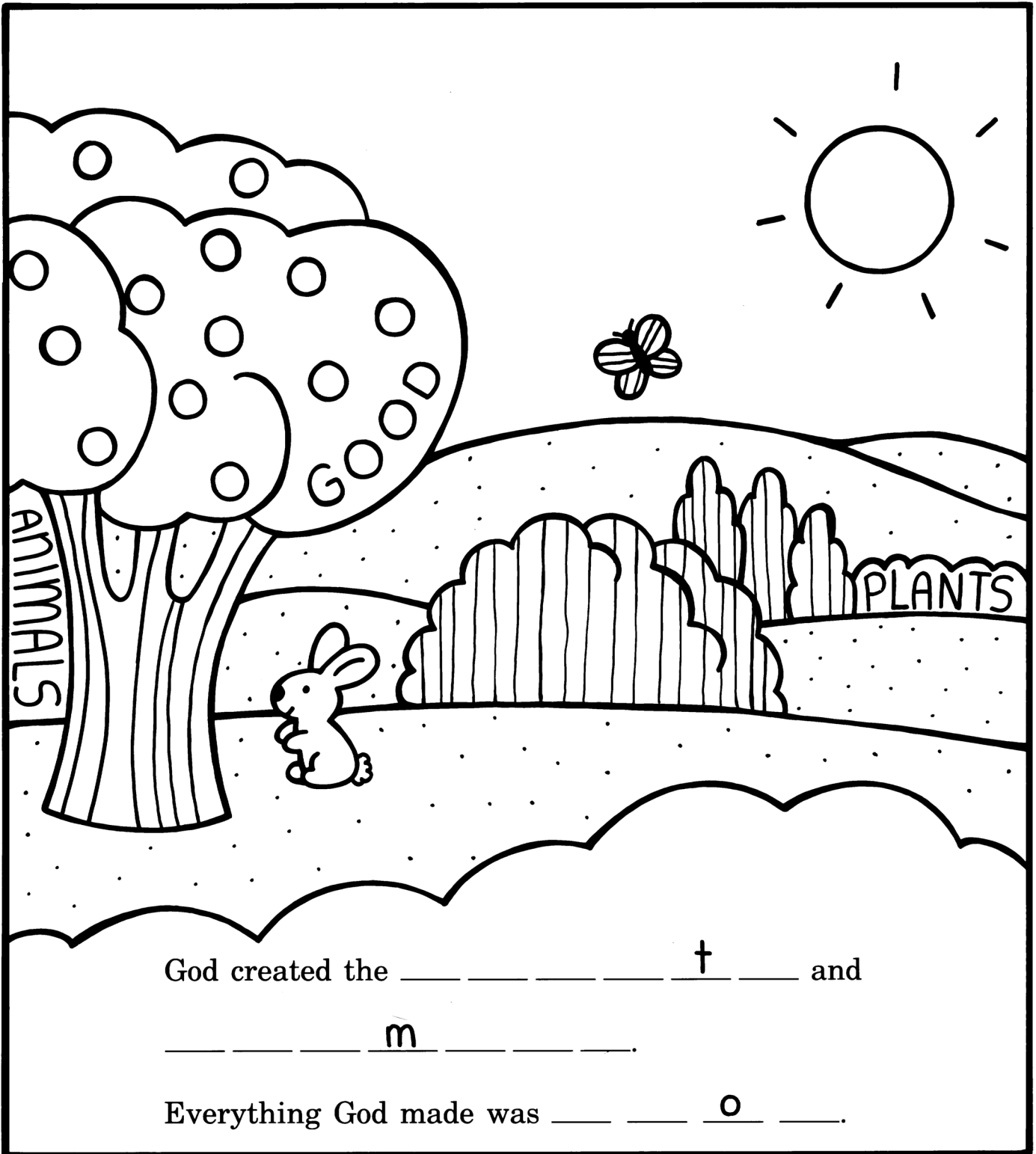


Memory Verse

O LORD, how great are thy works! — Psalm 92:5

God's Beautiful World

Find the words hidden in the picture. Write them on the lines below to complete the sentences.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

In this unit of lessons, we look toward the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, so for our theme we have chosen the topic of being thankful. Our first lesson focuses on God's creation of the earth, stars, moon, and sun.

For an activity you can share this week, cut a two-inch star-shaped pattern from a piece of cardboard. Allow your child to trace around it onto a piece of yellow felt, and then cut out the star he has drawn. The star can be decorated by gluing on little shapes cut from other colors of felt scraps.

If you wish, glue the star to a length of ribbon so it can be used as a bookmark. Down the ribbon write the words, God Made It!

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Psalm 97:6

MONDAY: Deuteronomy 8:10

TUESDAY: Psalm 19:1

WEDNESDAY: Acts 14:17

THURSDAY: Psalm 104:19

FRIDAY: Nehemiah 9:6

SATURDAY: Psalm 147:4



Bible Text

Genesis 1:1-8,14-19

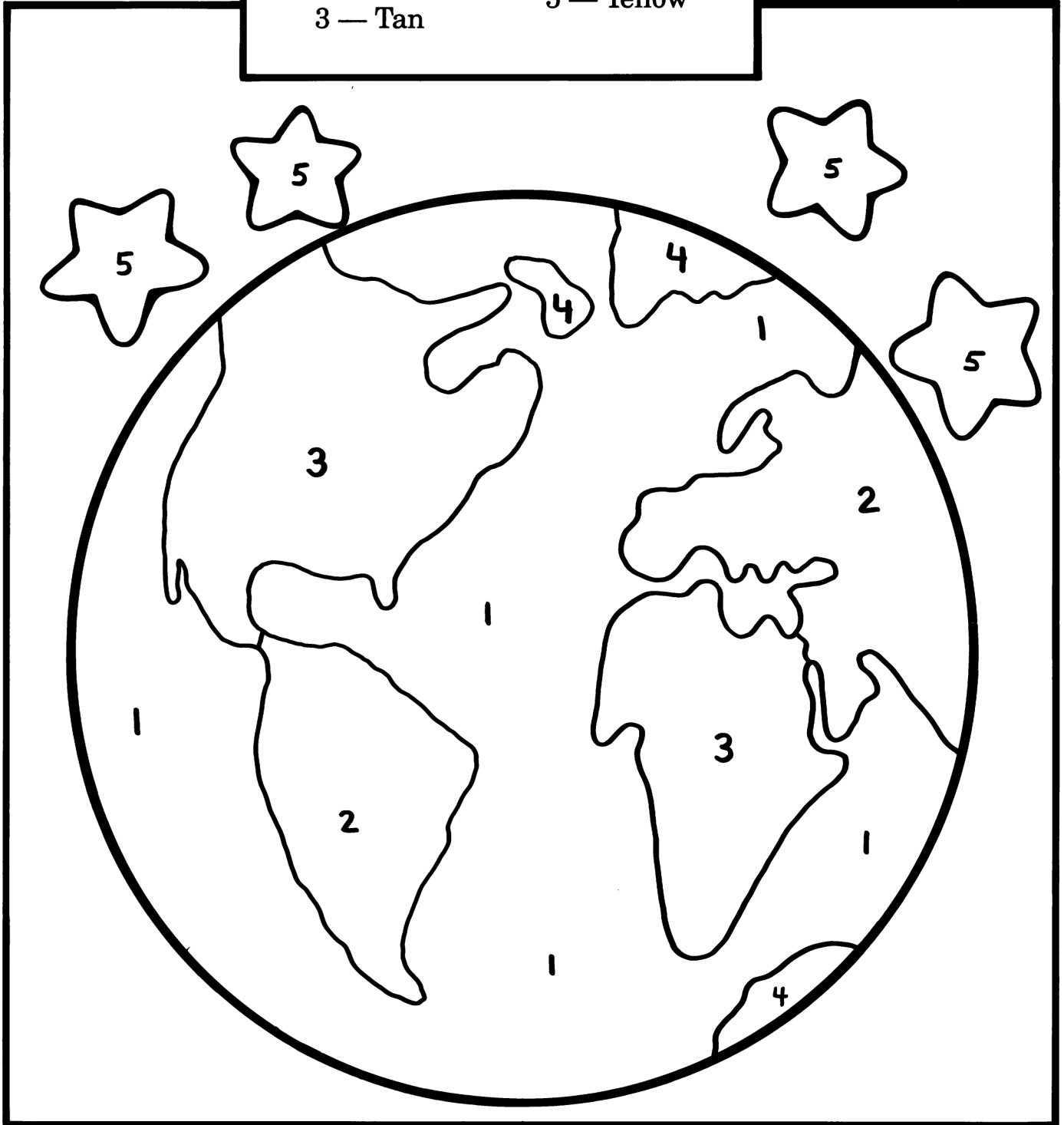
Memory Verse

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people
see his glory. — Psalm 97:6

See God's Glory

Use the correct color for each number as you color the picture of our world.

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|-----------|------------|
| 1 — Blue | 4 — Green |
| 2 — Brown | 5 — Yellow |
| 3 — Tan | |



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This lesson focuses on the times when God tells us to wait. God made a promise to Abraham, but he had to trust and believe—to wait—for quite some time before he received the promise.

Explain to your child that you will make him a promise, just as God did to Abraham. Abraham did not know an exact date when he would receive the promise, but you will choose a certain time. Look at a calendar, and pick out a date together on which a treat will be given by you (a small gift, a trip together, etc.). Be sure that nothing will interfere with what you plan!

Count the days intervening. Allow your child to mark a big red X through each day as it goes by. As he does this, reinforce the fact that you are waiting but that the promise will be fulfilled on the appointed day.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Micah 7:7

MONDAY: Isaiah 40:31

TUESDAY: Psalm 27:14

WEDNESDAY: Hosea 12:6

THURSDAY: Psalm 37:7

FRIDAY: Psalm 40:1

SATURDAY: II Thessalonians 3:5

Bible Text

Genesis 12:1-4;
17:1-4,19-21; 21:1-3

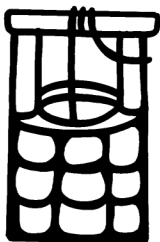


Memory Verse

I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. — Micah 7:7

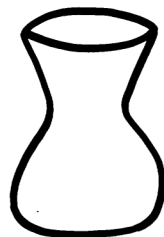
Have Patience

Finish the words on the lines next to the pictures. Then write those words in the squares below. Be sure to write the number 1 word on the number 1 squares, and so forth. God's answer to Abraham will be in the starred boxes.



1. W _ _ _

2. V _ _ _



3. R _ _ _

4. B _ _ _



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Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Our text for this lesson relates how Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He asked God to spare His life if it were God's will, yet He was willing to die if necessary. God answered Jesus' prayer with a no because God had a plan by which to save sinners. We realize this subject must be handled very gently with a child. If your child is afraid of the subject of death, stress that God said no to Jesus so we could all go to Heaven. Everything in Heaven is perfect, and everyone there feels good and is happy all the time.

Try to help your child see that sometimes God must answer no when we ask for something. He knows what is best for us. To illustrate this, tell some simple stories on your child's level: a mother's response to a child's wanting to cross a busy street alone, to a child's requesting a bowl of ice cream right before dinner, etc.

Pose some hypothetical situations and ask your child to provide a response for them. Help him see that the answer cannot always be yes.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: II Corinthians 12:9

MONDAY: Deuteronomy 32:4

TUESDAY: Exodus 33:18-20

WEDNESDAY: James 4:3

THURSDAY: James 1:6,7

FRIDAY: Ecclesiastes 3:14

SATURDAY: Deuteronomy 3:24-26

Bible Text

Matthew 26:36-46



Memory Verse

My grace is sufficient for thee. — II Corinthians 12:9

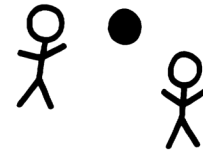
The Right Answer

Circle the things below to which your parents would probably say no.



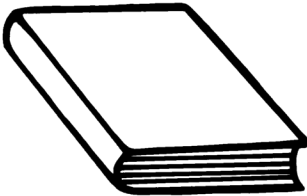
It is 4 o'clock and you want some candy.

Your friends ask you to play ball in the street.



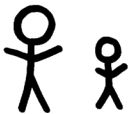
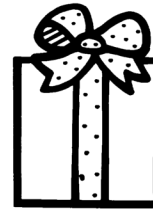
You want dessert after dinner.

You want to walk outdoors alone at night.



You want to read books at the library.

You want to open your gifts on your birthday.



A stranger wants to talk to you.

God loves us very much. Sometimes He has to say no because it is best for us.

Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This lesson gives two examples of times when God answered yes to a person's request. Read the Bible text together, being sure to explain any words your child may not understand.

To visually demonstrate the fact that even parents cannot always answer yes, tell your child that this week you are going to make three paper chains together — a Yes chain, a No chain, and a Wait chain.

Select three colors of construction paper and cut them into strips of equal length. Assign a color to each chain. Throughout the week, when your child asks for something, allow him to put one more link on one of the chains in accordance with your response. On Saturday, compare the three chains and review again the ways in which God answers our prayers.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

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MONDAY: Psalm 6:9

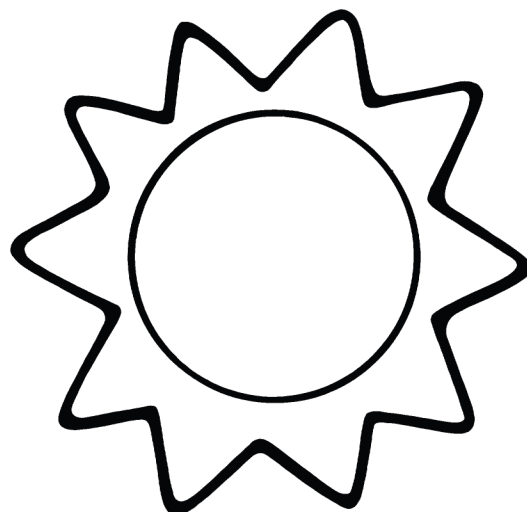
TUESDAY: Psalm 91:15

WEDNESDAY: John 15:7

THURSDAY: Mark 11:24

FRIDAY: James 5:16

SATURDAY: I John 5:14



Bible Text

Joshua 10:12-14

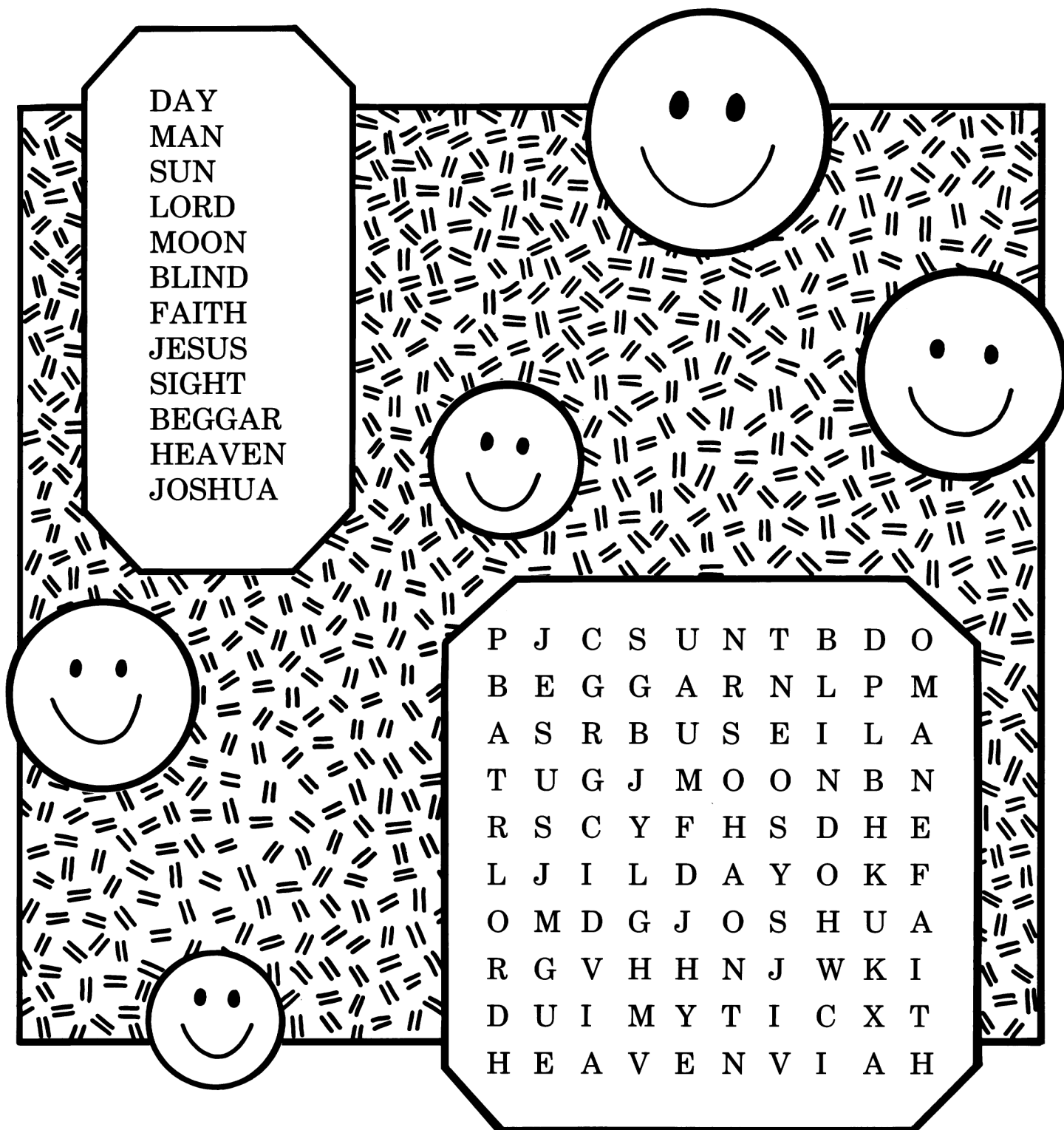
Luke 18: 35:43

Memory Verse

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. — John 14:14

God Will Do It

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

One of the most vital concepts a primary-age child needs to learn is that God cares about him and will answer his prayers. However, he also needs to understand that God does not always answer yes.

Our opening lesson for this unit presents the thought that there are three possible answers to prayer—yes, no, or wait. To illustrate this to your child, help him construct a traffic light from construction paper. Guide him in cutting out a black rectangle, and circles from red, yellow, and green paper.

As you assemble the traffic light, talk about what each color on the light means. Then relate the colors to the three ways God might answer our prayers.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Isaiah 65:24

MONDAY: Psalm 3:4

TUESDAY: Jeremiah 33:3

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 7:7

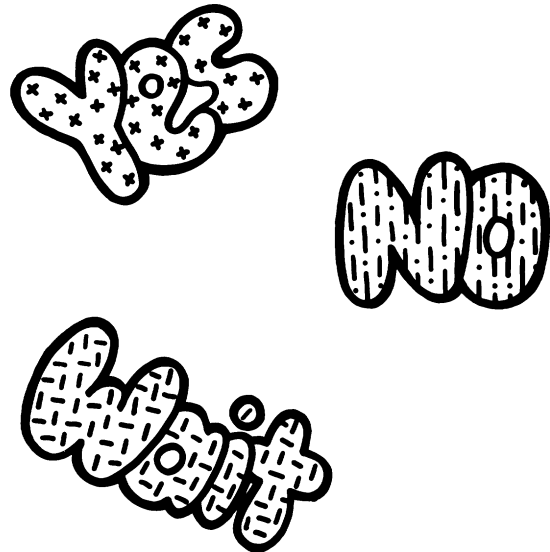
THURSDAY: Jeremiah 29:13

FRIDAY: John 15:7

SATURDAY: Isaiah 58:9

Bible Text

Joshua 10:12-14; Matthew
26:36-46; Genesis 12:1-4;
17:1-4,19-21; 21:1-3

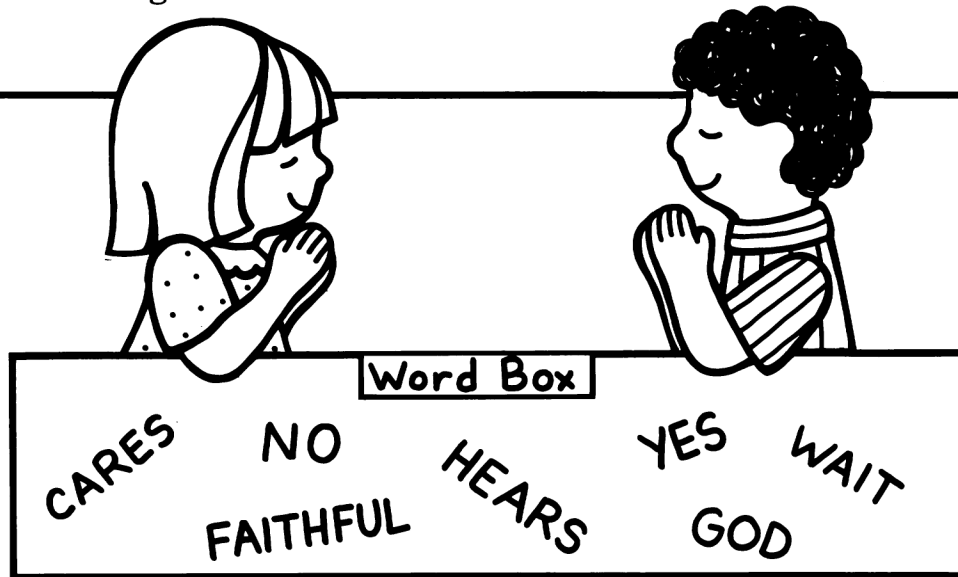


Memory Verse

Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking,
I will hear. — Isaiah 65:24

God Will Answer

Fill in the missing words in the sentences with words from the Word Box.



1. God _____ every prayer.
2. _____ always answers our prayers.
3. Sometimes God says _____.
4. Sometimes the answer is _____.
5. God often answers _____ for us.
6. God always _____ for us.
7. God is always _____.

Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

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This lesson shows how God brought Joseph through his troubles. In our text, we find how his God-given ability to interpret dreams caused him to be released from prison and established as ruler in Egypt. In being reunited with his family, we can see the fulfillment of Joseph's dreams.

To represent Joseph's position, help your child make a crown. Measure his head and cut a strip of paper that length, plus an inch or two so it can be taped together. The crown can be cut from gold paper or it can be colored with crayons. Scraps of foil can be cut into "jewels" and glued on. Sequins, beads, bits of lace, or other trim can be added. Help your child see that this end result in Joseph's life was also part of God's plan for him.

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Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Genesis 41:41

MONDAY: Psalm 91:14

TUESDAY: I Samuel 2:7

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 58:14

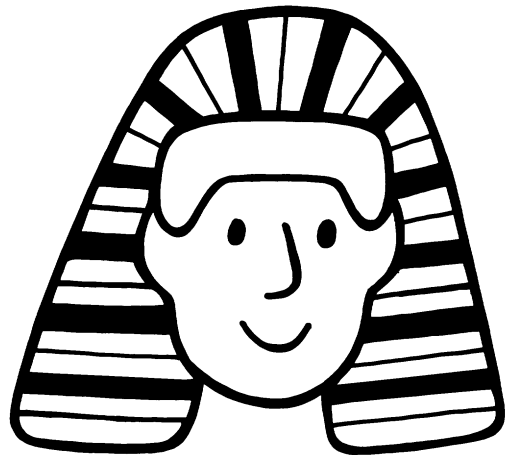
THURSDAY: Psalm 105:17-21

FRIDAY: Matthew 25:23

SATURDAY: Psalm 75:6,7

Bible Text

Genesis 41:14-16,28-43;
42:5,6; 45:4,7,8

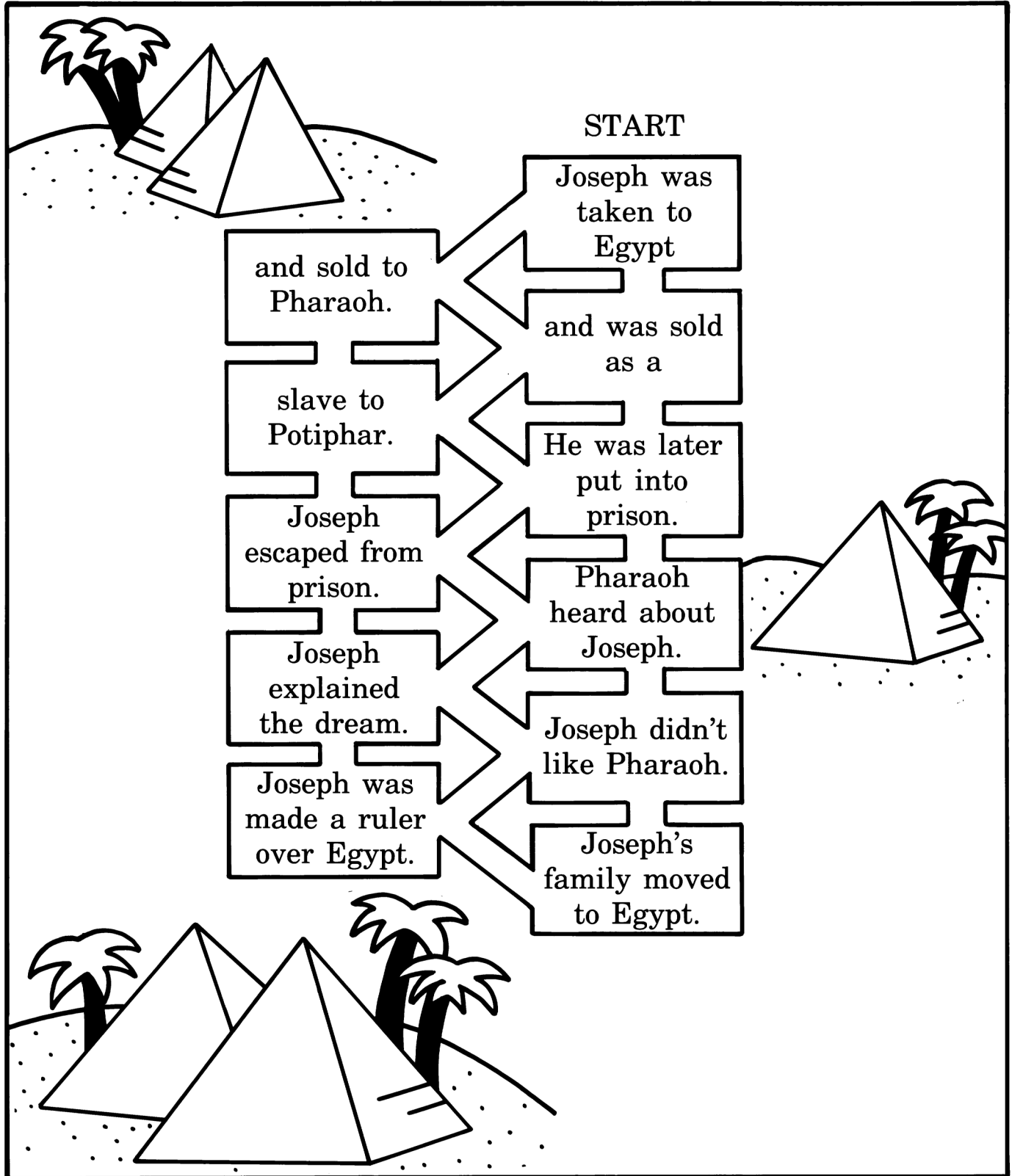


Memory Verse

See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. — Genesis 41:41

God's Plan Worked!

Begin at START and choose the right path to help Joseph complete his journey.



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In this lesson, we find Joseph working in Potiphar's house in Egypt. Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph and caused him to be put into prison. The important point to focus on with your child is that God was always with Joseph, even in all of these troubles.

What we want your child to realize is that God loves us, too, and will always watch over us if our trust is in Him. To reinforce this thought, cut a large double heart from a folded sheet of construction paper. When the two are folded together they make one heart hinged on the left.

Have your child print his own name on the front heart. Inside help him paste a picture or sticker of Jesus. Underneath he may print the words, "Jesus Is Always With Me."

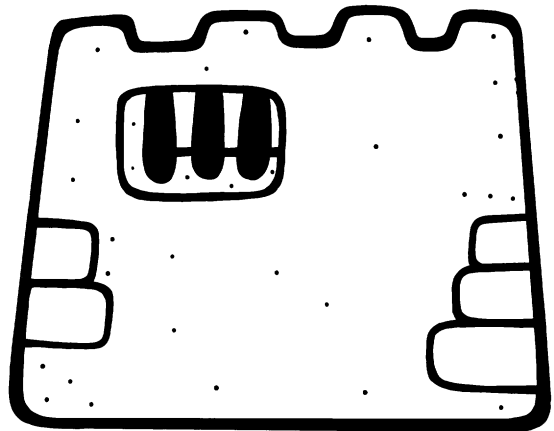
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Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Isaiah 43:5
MONDAY: Psalm 91:15
TUESDAY: Isaiah 41:13
WEDNESDAY: James 1:12
THURSDAY: Psalm 57:3
FRIDAY: Psalm 89:24
SATURDAY: Matthew 5:11

Bible Text

Genesis 39:1-6,19-23



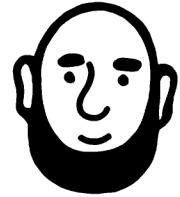
Memory Verse

Fear not: for I am with thee. — Isaiah 43:5

God Was with Joseph

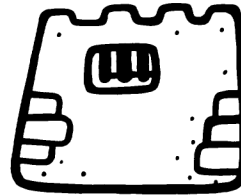
Read each question and draw a line to the picture that shows the correct answer.

To what country did the merchants take Joseph?



Potiphar

Who bought Joseph for a servant?



Prison

Who told a lie about Joseph?



Egypt

Where did they put Joseph for something he did not do?

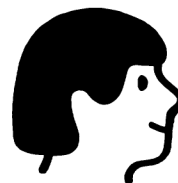


Potiphar's Wife

In whose sight did Joseph find favor?



Who was put in charge of all the prisoners?



Prison Keeper

Who showed mercy to Joseph and caused all he did to prosper?



Joseph

Name: _____

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In this lesson, your child will see that some difficult places came into Joseph's life. He was sold by his brothers and taken to Egypt as a slave. It is important to emphasize to your child that God had a plan in all of this.

On several sheets of colored construction paper draw circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles of various sizes. Let your child cut these out. The shapes can then be arranged in many ways to represent scenes from the lesson text.

Reminder: Help your child read the story in each of his Primary Pals handouts, as it reviews the actual Bible story, or presents a current story reinforcing the main thought.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Genesis 39:21

MONDAY: Psalm 56:1

TUESDAY: Psalm 30:10

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 4:31

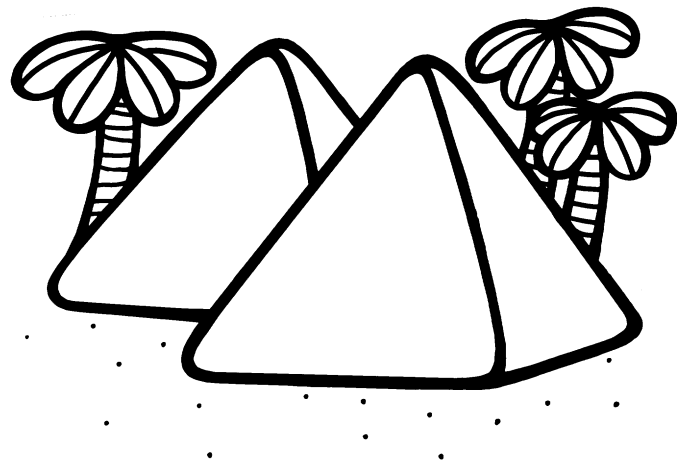
THURSDAY: Acts 7:9,10

FRIDAY: Isaiah 41:10

SATURDAY: Proverbs 3:5,6

Bible Text

Genesis 37:12-28

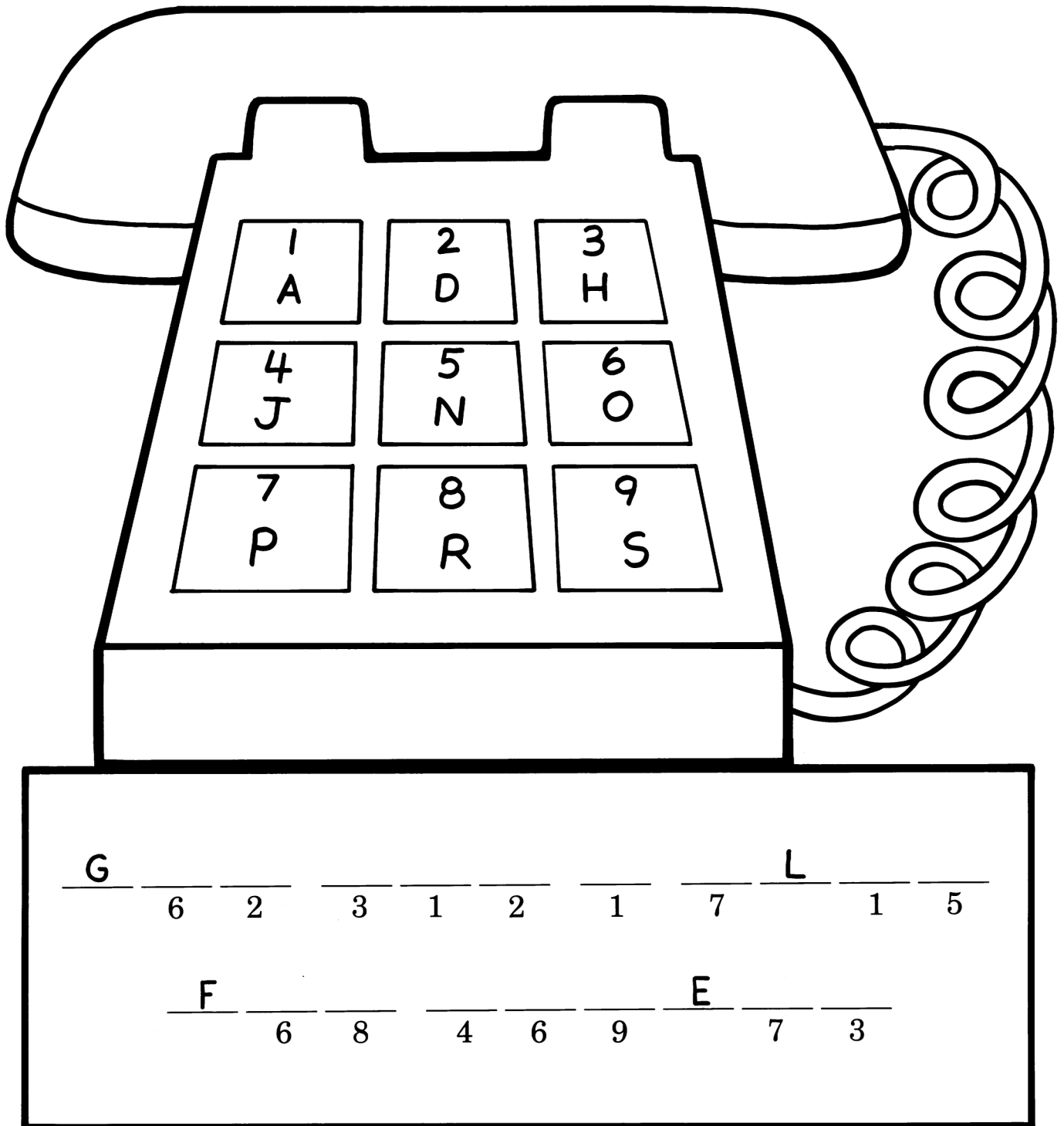


Memory Verse

The LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy. — Genesis 39:21

Why Did He Go?

Use the push-button phone code to find out why Joseph went to Egypt. Write the correct letters on the lines in the box below.



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Parent's Corner

This lesson begins a unit on the story of Joseph. It deals with Joseph's dreams, and the special coat that his father made for him.

Children are fascinated by dreams. Draw several simple speech-balloon shapes on paper. In two of the shapes, draw Joseph's dreams—the sheaves of grain bowing to his sheaf, and the sun, moon, and stars bowing to Joseph. Let your child illustrate a dream or two of his own in the remaining balloons. You may wish to explain to your child that all dreams do not have particular meanings. Joseph's dreams were special ones sent from God, and they gave a hint as to what was going to happen in the future.

For an activity concerning the special coat, draw the outline of a coat and allow your child to color in stripes of various colors, or paste strips of colored material into the outlined shape.

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Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Numbers 12:6

MONDAY: Genesis 37:5

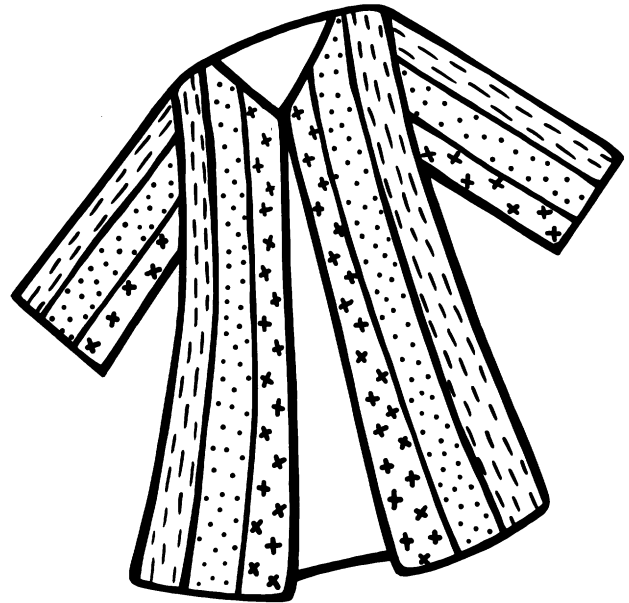
TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 4:35

WEDNESDAY: Daniel 2:22

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 23:28

FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 29:29

SATURDAY: Amos 3:7



Bible Text

Genesis 37:1-11

Memory Verse

I the LORD . . . will speak unto him in a dream. — Numbers 12:6

Joseph's Beautiful Coat

Color the picture below to show what colors you think were used in Joseph's coat of many colors.

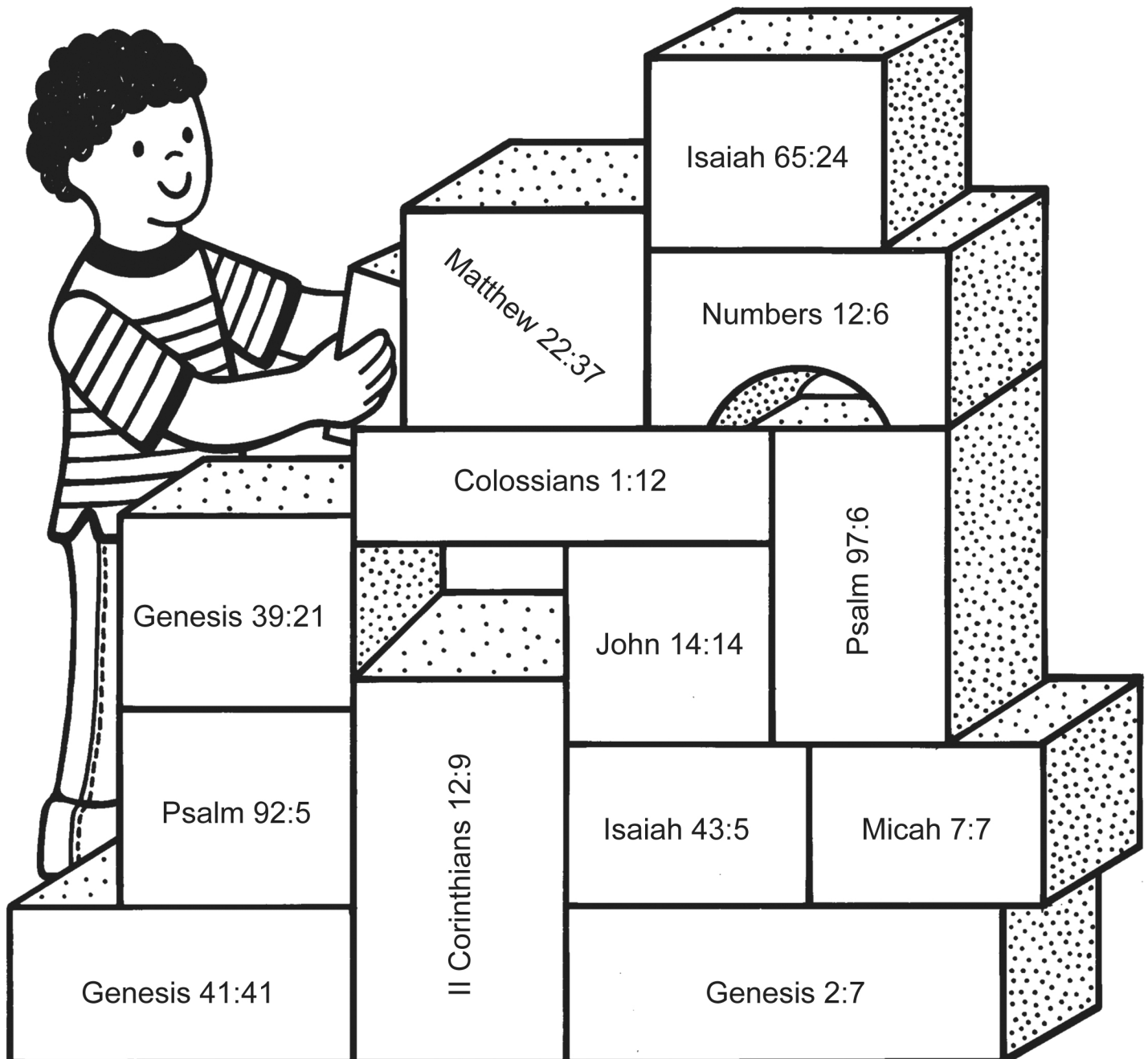


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Bible Memory Verses

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Color each building block as you learn the verse.



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