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We're going to learn about eternity. I want to live with Jesus forever.

There are many ways we can worship Jesus. We will talk about four special ways.

God loves us and always keeps His promises.



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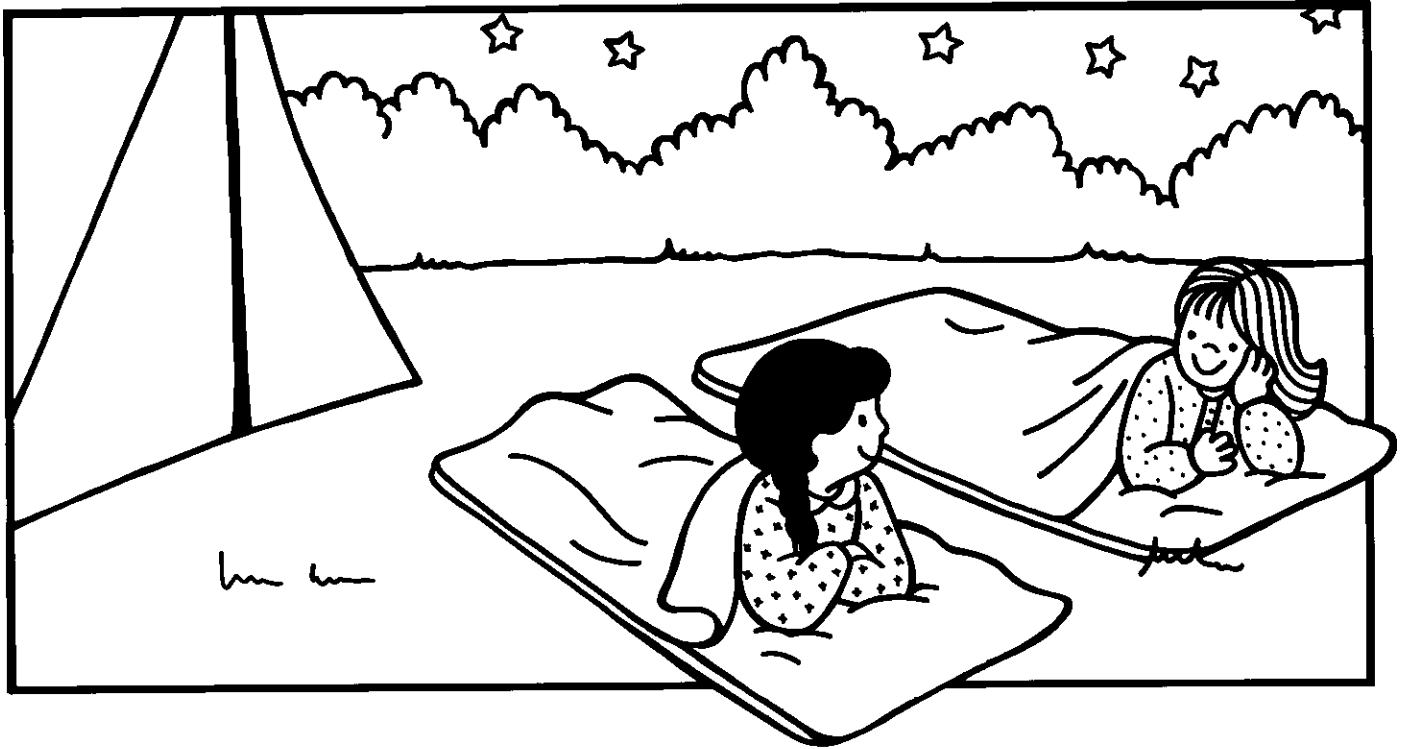
Our course of study with your child this spring focuses on three fundamental truths of the Christian faith. We'd like to encourage you to spend some time discussing the thoughts brought out in each unit with your child, making sure that his understanding is complete. The one hour in Sunday school each week can be reinforced and amplified by the time spent together at home talking about the same subjects.

Our first unit deals with eternity. The children will learn that the choices we make on earth will decide our eternal destination. The next unit will be about worshiping our King. We will use the Easter story as a basis for learning how we can worship Jesus with our words, by singing, through service to Him, and remembering that He will come again. The thrust of our concluding unit will be the thought that God keeps His promises. Various examples from the Bible will be used as illustrations.

We are looking forward to exploring these lessons with your child, and we pray that they will help him to grow spiritually.

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Far Beyond the Stars

The night air was cool, so Karen and Laura were happy to snuggle into their sleeping bags. The first day of their Sunday school camping trip had been fun. Everyone was tired but still excited about sleeping out-of-doors.

"Just look at the stars!" exclaimed Laura. "I didn't know there were so many, the sky is filled with them! Do you think there really is room for Heaven up there?"

"Oh, yes, there is plenty of room," said Karen.

Alice, their Sunday school teacher, said, "Heaven is far beyond the stars that we see, Laura. You have not been

coming to Sunday school for very long, but one thing Jesus wants you to know is that there really is a Heaven."

"The Bible tells us Heaven is a wonderful place," said Karen. "There is no darkness there, and the light will be even more beautiful than those stars," she said, pointing toward the sky. "And can you imagine golden streets that you can see through? Everything will be so good—no crying or sadness. And best of all, Jesus will be there!"

"Will everybody get to live there?" asked Laura.

"Only those who love Jesus and have

had their sins forgiven,” said Alice.

“What about the people who don’t love Jesus?” asked Laura. “Where will they live?”

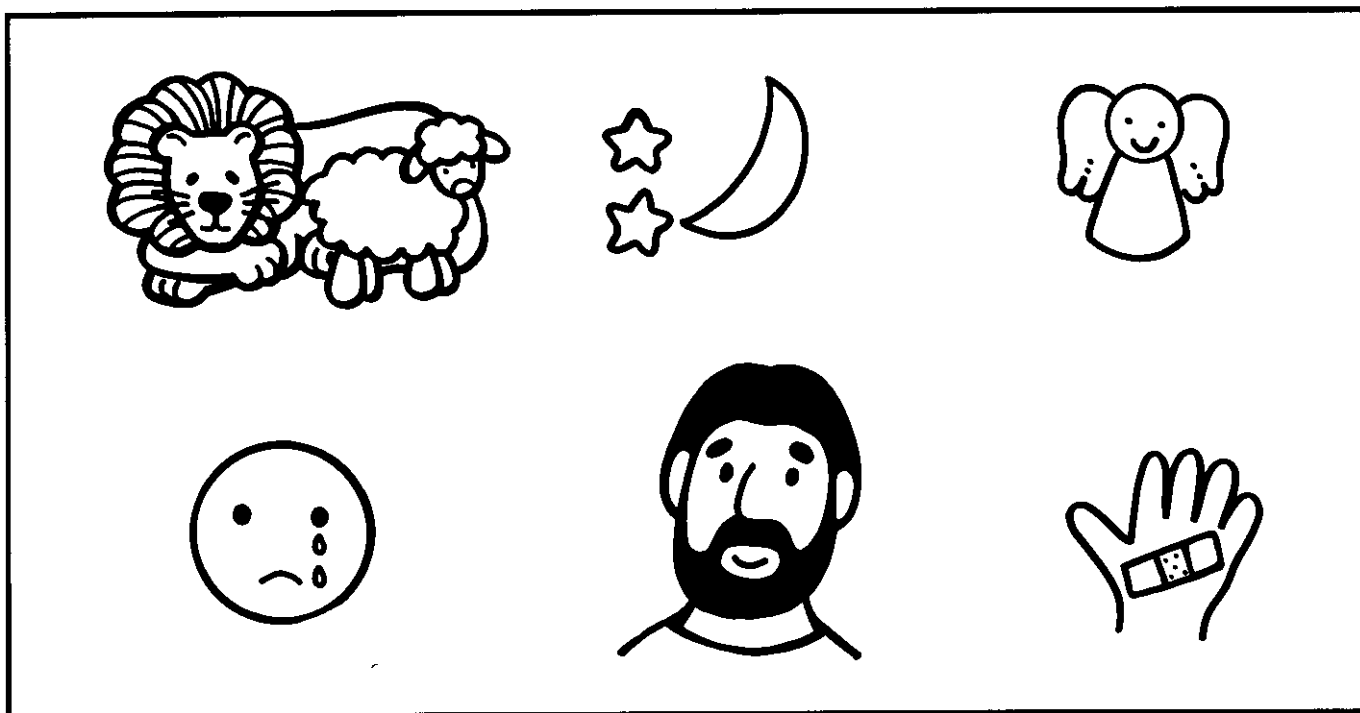
“They will all go to a very bad place called Hell,” said Karen.

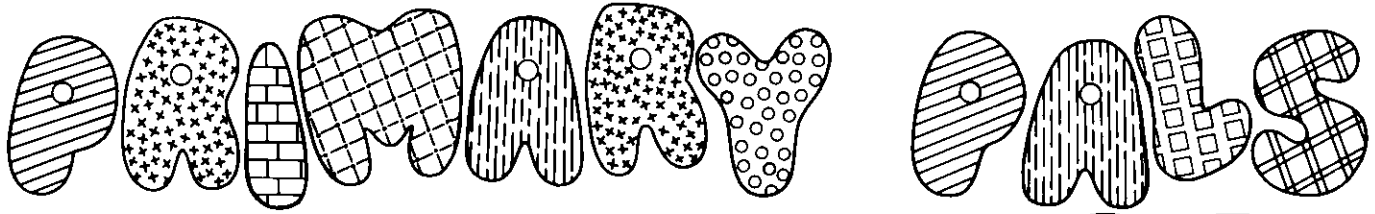
“But, isn’t it exciting to know that we don’t have to go to a bad place? Jesus loves us so much that He is preparing a special place for those

who love Him,” said Alice. “We just need to tell Jesus we are sorry for our sins. He will give us a special love in our hearts for Him. He wants us to tell others what He has done for us. Then someday we can go even farther than the astronauts have gone—beyond the moon, the stars, and the planets. We can go to Heaven! Won’t that be wonderful?”

What Will Be in Heaven?

Circle the things that will be in Heaven. Draw an X through the things that will not be in Heaven.





The Right Choice

"Why would God want to send people to Hell?" Jimmy asked his Sunday school teacher.

"Oh, Jimmy," she quickly replied, "God doesn't want to send anyone to Hell. He wants everybody to be with Him in Heaven. But there can be no sin in Heaven. If people want to go to Heaven they must not have any sin in their hearts. And Jesus made a way for all people to have clean hearts so they can be ready for Heaven."

"I remember that lesson from Easter time," said Jimmy. "Jesus died so that if a person is sorry for his sins and asks Jesus to forgive him, then he is

ready for Heaven. But, Teacher, what if someone dies and then he is sorry? Will Jesus help him then?"

"There is a story in our Bible about that very thing. Jesus told it to some men who didn't love Him. The story goes like this:

"There was once a very rich man who wore only the finest clothes. He ate the best food and lived in a beautiful mansion. He had many friends who helped him enjoy his riches, but he did not love God.

"There was another man whose name was Lazarus. He was a poor beggar who could be found sitting

outside the front gate of the rich man's house. Lazarus was so poor that many times he would have loved just to have the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. It seemed that Lazarus had no friends on earth, but he loved God.

"One day Lazarus died and right away he was in Heaven. How happy he was to be there! He was no longer sick or poor. He could share all the riches and good things that were in Heaven. He forgot all about his sad life on this earth—it did not matter anymore. He was safe with Jesus forever!"

"What about the rich man who did not love God?" asked Jimmy. "What

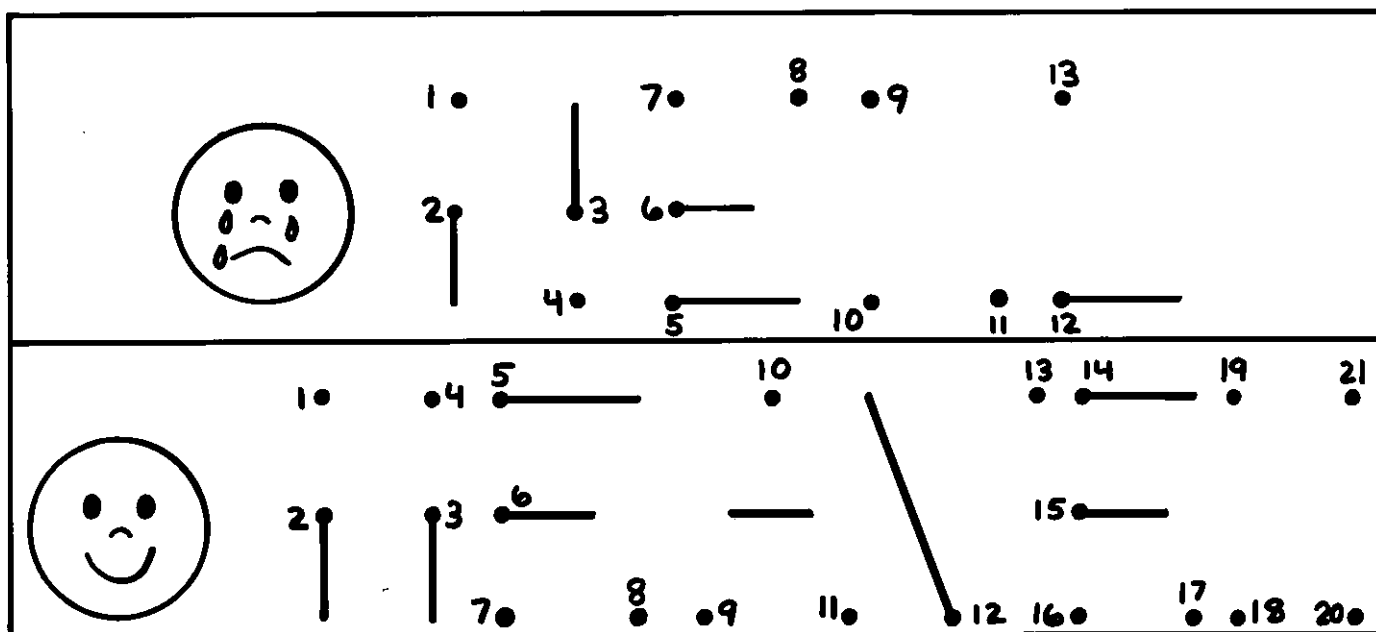
happened to him?"

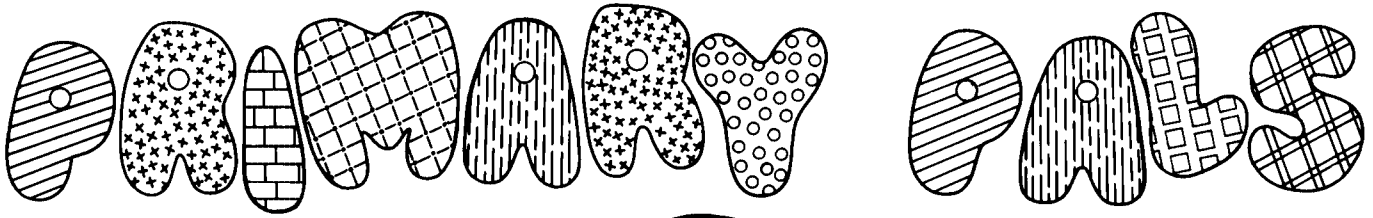
"The rich man died also. How sad for him to find himself in Hell. It was awful. He was burning in the flames and he was very thirsty. But there was no water in Hell. Oh, how he wished that he had asked God to make him ready for Heaven! Now he was very sorry but it was too late. He should have made the right choice before he died. He had lived a selfish life while he was on earth. If only he had loved God.

"So you see, Jimmy, we have to choose now where we want to go when we die. With Jesus in our hearts we can know that we will spend eternity with Him in Heaven."

Where Did They Go?

Connect the dots to find the names of the places in which the rich man and Lazarus will spend eternity.





Doing Special Things

Coming home from school one day, Sammy noticed that Mrs. Johnson, his neighbor, was trying to get her newspaper from off the top of her camellia bush. He asked his friend, Jeff, to help boost him up so he could get it down for her. Jeff said he didn't want to because he was in a hurry to go home. So Sammy climbed onto the porch rail and got the newspaper down by himself.

About two weeks after that, Sammy's mother told him that Mrs. Johnson was going to be moving away. Before she moved she wanted to give a neighborhood party.

On the day of the party, almost all the neighbors were at Mrs. Johnson's house. After they visited for a while she asked them to be very quiet because she had something important to say. "At most parties," she said, "there is usually a special guest. Cake, presents, and especially friends are a welcome treat for that person. Well, I want to thank all of you for being good friends and neighbors to me. But today I want to honor a young man who has treated me extra special for a long time.

"He has been a great help to me," continued Mrs. Johnson. "When I

needed him to do errands for me, he always said yes. On hot summer days he often brought cold lemonade over to my house. When I was sick he would visit me. And just the other day he saw another little thing he could do—get my newspaper off the top of a bush.” She smiled at Sammy. “These may not sound like much to some people but they were a great help to me.”

Sammy blushed. He said, “I was just doing what Jesus said to do—help others. I really didn’t do much.”

“Yes you did, Sammy,” said Mrs. Johnson. “Whatever you do for others really counts. And because you have been so good to me I want to give you a gift. It will make me happy.” She handed him a gift-wrapped package. Then she said, “Okay, everybody, it’s

time for some cake and ice cream. Help yourself.”

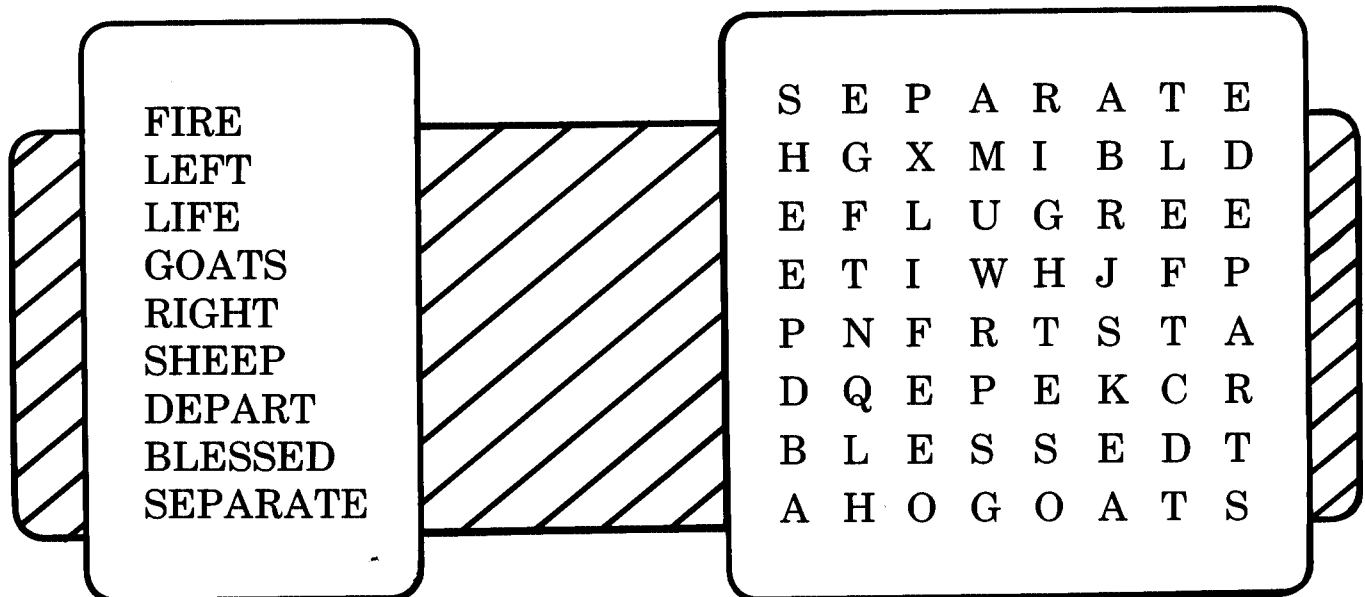
While everyone was eating and visiting, Jeff came to Sammy and said, “I don’t think Mrs. Johnson was very fair. We were always together, so why didn’t I get a gift too?”

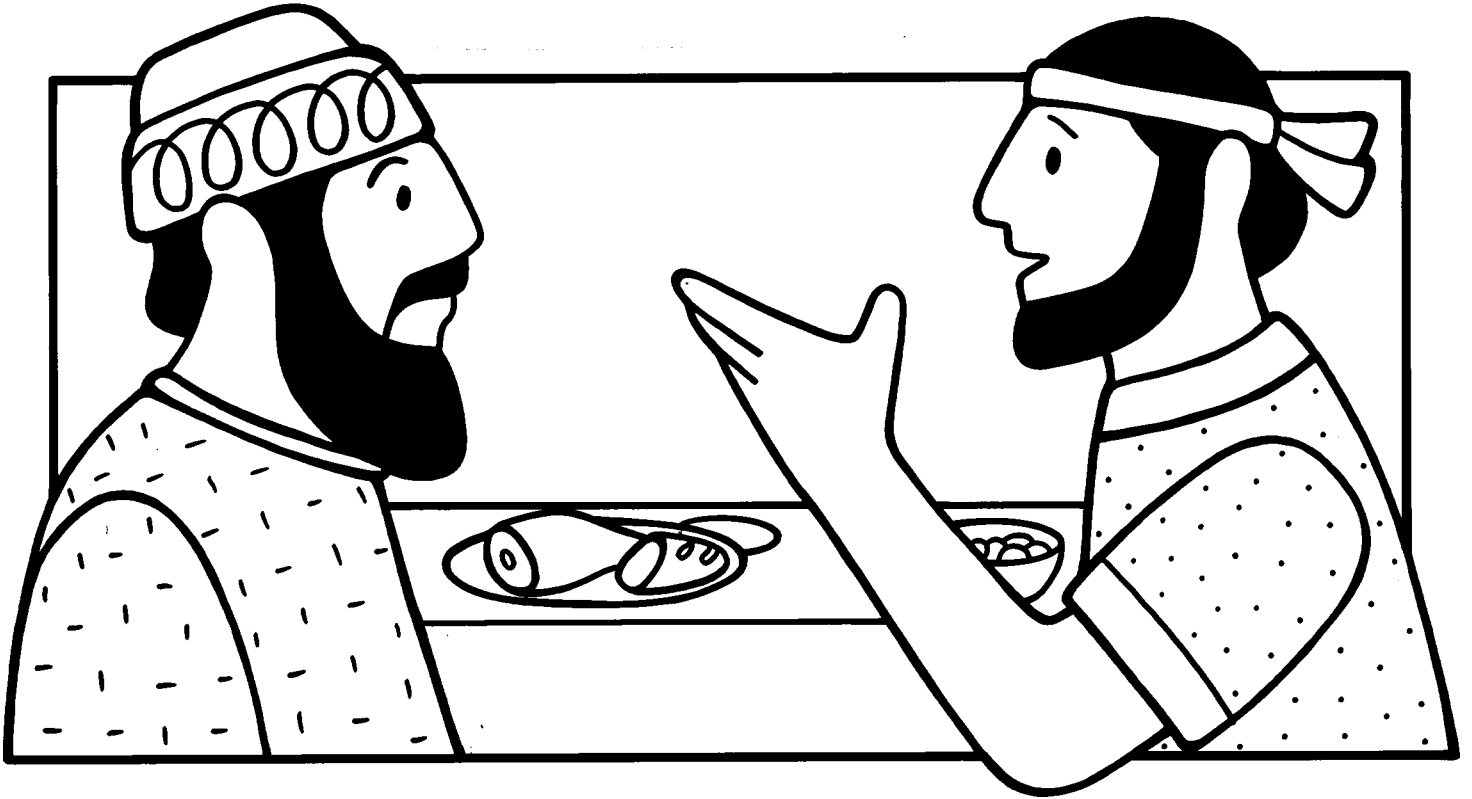
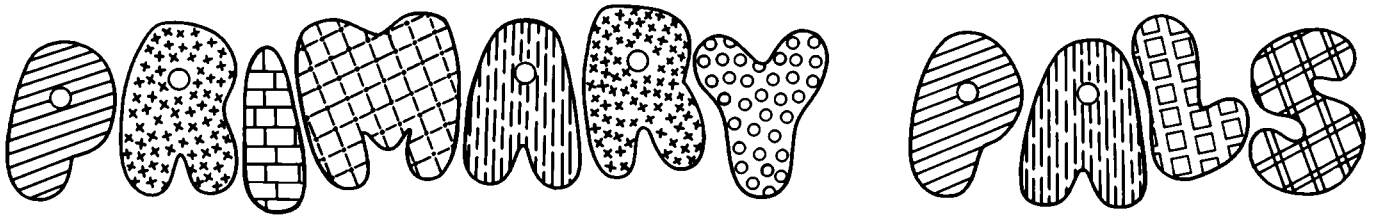
Behind them, Mrs. Johnson spoke, “Jeff, you were with Sammy a lot but you never helped him to help me. You always made an excuse to do something else.

“Jesus said that whatever you do for other people you are really doing for Him. Sammy has helped me and made me happy, so he has made Jesus happy too. Someday Sammy will receive a reward in Heaven because he has chosen to do what Jesus wants him to do. What will you do, Jeff?”

Hidden Words

The words listed below are from the lesson. Find each one in the puzzle and circle it.





Excuses, Excuses!

One story in our Bible is about a man who was going to have a big supper. He was so excited when the supper was finally ready. The very best food had been prepared. Many special people had been invited and his servant had gone to tell them, "The supper is ready. Come."

But wait! What message did the servant bring back to the man? No one was coming! Why?

One man would not come because he had bought some property and wanted to go and see it.

Another man wanted to see about some oxen which he had bought.

Still another man had just married a wife and said he could not come.

Everyone the servant spoke to made an excuse not to come.

The man had gone to a lot of work to prepare the supper and now that it was finally ready, not one of his friends wanted to come!

The man was very angry. He did not want this special supper to be wasted! He told his servant to go out and invite other people to his great supper. They were not to invite just the beautiful, smart, rich people. They were to invite everyone who would come. That meant they were to invite

the poor people and those who were blind or crippled. There was room for many people at the supper. But there was no room for anyone who made excuses.

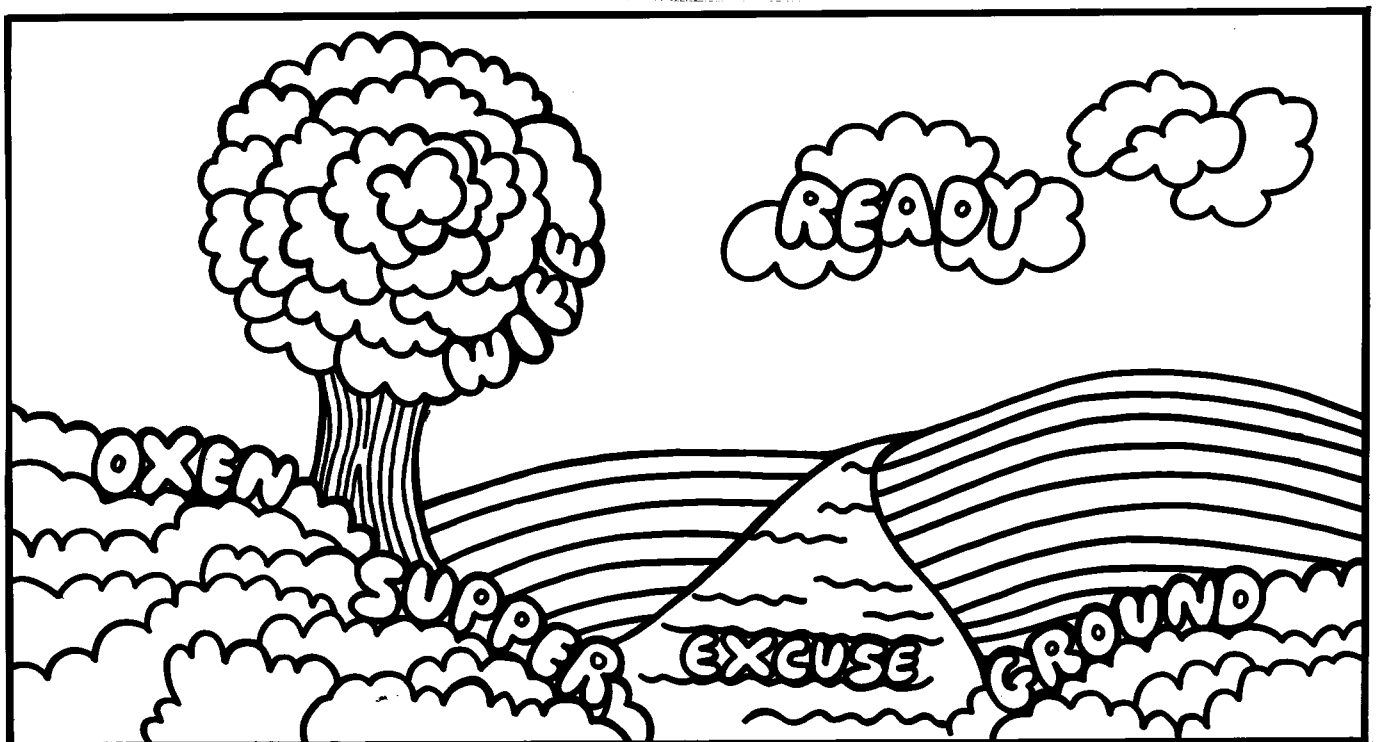
Many people came to that rich man's great supper. But there was no one there who had made an excuse.

Jesus is preparing a special supper for us. It will be in Heaven. Sometime

very soon He will come back and take us to that special supper. He has invited everyone! But just like the story in our Bible, if we make excuses we will not be able to go. We can accept the invitation by telling Jesus that we love Him. We must ask Him to take all the sin out of our heart. Then we will be ready to go to His special supper when He comes for us.

Find the Words

Some words from the text are hidden in the picture. Can you find them? They are: Supper, Ready, Excuse, Ground, Oxen, and Wife.



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Jesus Is King

“Jesus, we love You! Jesus, we praise You! Hosanna, Hosanna!” Many people were standing beside the road. They were clapping their hands and singing praises to the Lord. People had come from all around to see Jesus. They were happy because Jesus had come to their city of Jerusalem. Some of the people spread out their coats on the dusty road. Others cut down palm branches from nearby trees and waved them in the air as Jesus rode by on a donkey.

Two of Jesus’ disciples had borrowed the donkey from a man who lived in a small village. They had told the man

that the Lord needed it, so he let them use it. He was happy to do this for Jesus. The disciples put their coats on the donkey’s back so Jesus would have a nice place to sit. They wanted to do whatever they could for Jesus.

As He rode through the city, Jesus could see how excited the people were. He could hear them praising God for all the miracles they had seen. They were filled with joy. The people who loved Jesus were praising Him and saying, “Blessed is the King! Peace on earth.” They wanted Jesus to be their King.

Some of the Pharisees complained to Jesus. They told Jesus to tell His

friends to stop saying these things. The Pharisees were important people in Jerusalem and they thought Jesus should do whatever they said. But Jesus knew that this was a very important time. He told the Pharisees, "These people need to praise Me. If they don't, then the stones will praise Me."

What a strange thing for Jesus to

say. Have you ever heard a stone talk? That would certainly be an amazing thing to hear. But why should the stones have to praise Jesus when we can praise Him? Aren't you glad that Jesus made us so we could love Him and praise Him in everything we say? And just like those people so many years ago, we can say, "Jesus, we love You! Jesus, we praise You! Hosanna!"

Hosanna!

Color the picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem!



GRANDPA'S



Because He Loves Us

"Grandpa," Sally touched him softly to get his attention, "why are you crying?"

Grandpa put his arm around Sally and said, "I'm reading the Easter story in the Bible, Honey."

"But, Grandpa, if it makes you cry why do you want to read it?" Sally asked.

"That's a good question, Sally. But, before I answer it, let me ask you a question. Okay?" asked Grandpa.

Sally giggled. "Okay, Grandpa, ask me anything you want."

Grandpa's face grew serious as he looked at her. "Do you remember the day your mother's beautiful vase fell off

the table? She had told you never to touch it because it was very expensive and that it could break easily."

"I remember, Grandpa. But I really didn't think it would hurt anything if I just felt the design on it," Sally said. "I had just reached up to touch it when Uncle Andy suddenly came into the living room. I jumped because I thought it was Mommy. I accidentally hit the vase and it fell off the table and broke into tiny pieces. Oh, I was so scared! I ran to my room and hid!"

"Do you remember what Uncle Andy did for you?" asked Grandpa.

Sally was quiet for a moment. "Yes,

Grandpa, I sure do. When Mommy came to my room to find me, I thought I would really be in trouble. But she said that Uncle Andy had asked her to forgive me! He said he knew I was wrong to touch that vase but he wanted to pay for it because he loved me very much. Oh, Grandpa, I love Uncle Andy so much. When Mommy brought the new vase home and put it on the table, I promised her I would never touch it. I had learned my lesson. It makes me almost cry whenever I think of what Uncle Andy did for me. It cost him a lot of money but he did it because he loves me!"

"Now can you see why I cry when I read the Easter story?" asked Grandpa. "I love Jesus so much for what He did for me and all the other people of the world. God knew that people were sinful and should be punished. But He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us so we could be free from sin.

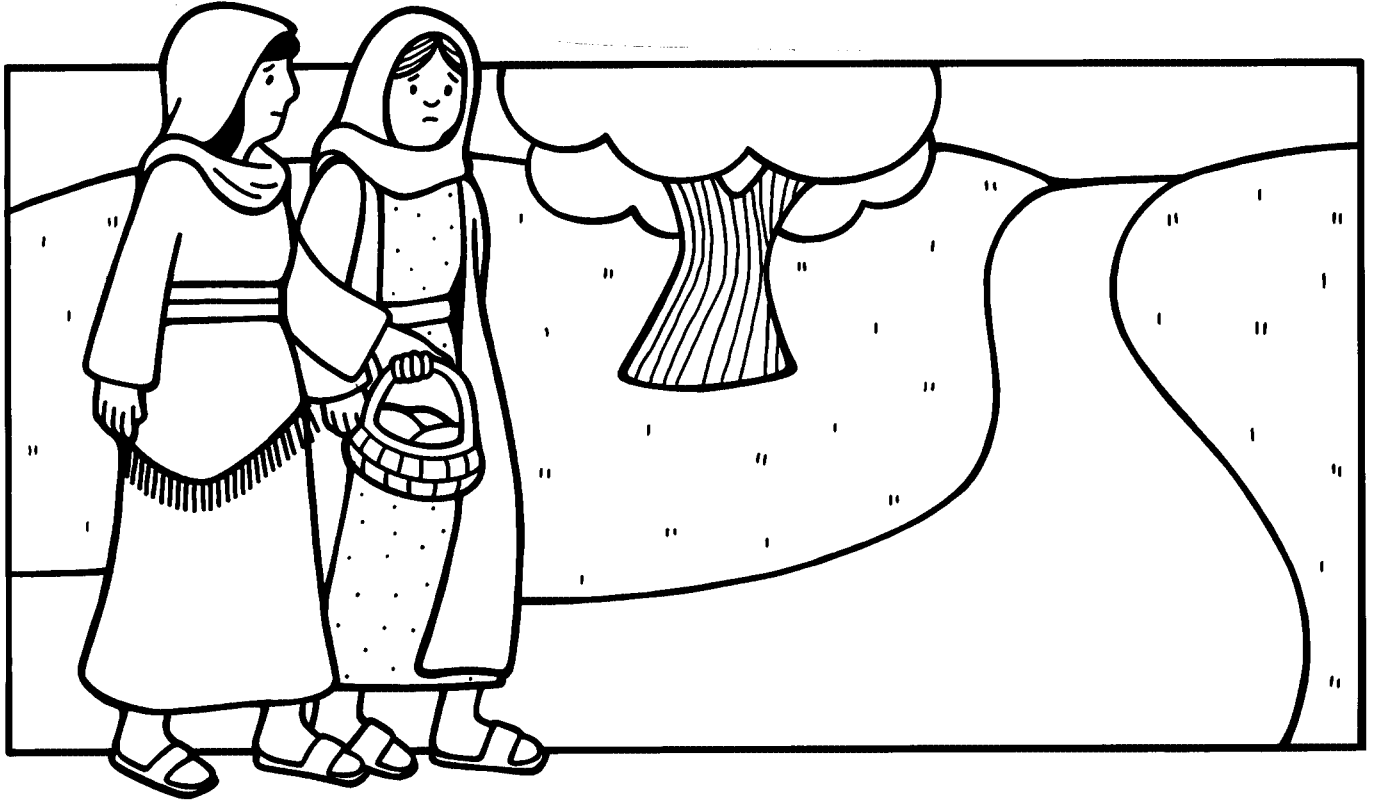
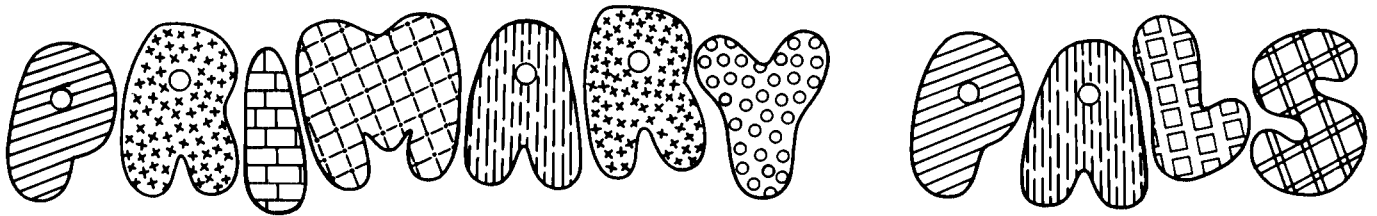
"The people who did not love Jesus were mean to Him. They nailed Him to that cross. They called Him bad names and said terrible things about Him. Still, Jesus was willing to die for our sins because He loves us."

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.

KING
JESUS
MOCKED
PRAYED
CALVARY
FORGIVE
VINEGAR
CRUCIFIED

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A Day to Remember

When Mary Magdalene and her friend, who was also named Mary, started down the road that morning they were very sad. They didn't know that this would turn out to be a wonderful day they would never forget.

Just three days before, they had been with Jesus' friends as they laid Him in a borrowed tomb. He had suffered a terrible death on the cross. Jesus was good, but the angry crowd that had been at the cross that day did not think so. And now Jesus was dead.

Mary Magdalene and Mary were going to the tomb to put sweet spices

on Jesus' body. They were glad they could do at least one more thing for Him.

As they started on their way, they worried about how they would move the huge stone away from the opening of the tomb. Perhaps the soldiers who were guarding the tomb would help them.

All of a sudden there was an earthquake! The two friends hurried to the tomb to see what had happened. When they arrived they saw that the stone had been rolled back from the opening. An angel was sitting on top of the stone. The soldiers who had been

guarding the tomb were so afraid, they fainted!

What a sight! What was happening? The women did not know what to think. The angel looked at them and told them not to be afraid. He said, "Jesus is not here. He is alive, just as He said He would be! Come here and see the place where the Lord lay."

The women looked into the tomb and the angel said, "Go quickly and tell His disciples that Jesus is alive. You will see Him soon."

Both Marys were thrilled. Their hearts were filled with joy. They ran as fast as they could. They wanted to tell His disciples the good news. Jesus was alive!

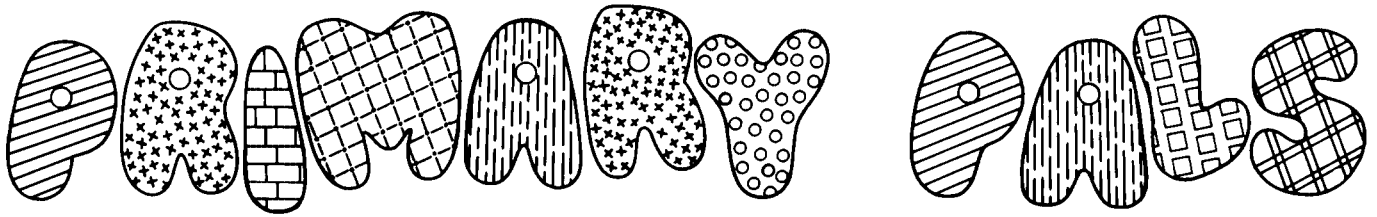
Jesus is still alive today. He loves all people and wants us to show our love for Him. Many years ago, Jesus' friends sang songs of joy and they worshiped and praised Him. These are still good ways to show Jesus we love Him. Will you remember to praise Jesus for what He has done for you?

Rainbow Colors

Jesus promised that He would rise again, and He did! Since rainbows remind us of promises, color the words below in rainbow colors. Praise Jesus for the joy He gave to us at Easter!



EASTER
JOY



A Fishing Trip

Several of Jesus' disciples were down by the Sea of Galilee.

"I'm going fishing," Peter called.

"We'll go with you," said his friends.

Peter, James, Thomas, Nathanael, John, and two others, got into a ship and pulled away from the shore. They fished all night.

As morning started to dawn, the disciples were quite discouraged because there was nothing in their nets, not even one fish! Suddenly they heard a voice calling to them from the shore. "Do you have any fish?"

They answered, "No." They did not know it was Jesus speaking to them.

He told them, "Put your net on the right side of the ship and you will catch some."

They pulled their net to the right side of the ship and put it down into the water. At once the net was filled with fish—so many fish that they couldn't even pull the net into the ship!

John said, "It is the Lord!" Now they knew it was Jesus who was on the shore!

Peter was so excited he pulled his coat around himself, jumped into the sea, and swam as fast as he could to shore. He wanted to see Jesus!

The other disciples followed behind him in the ship, dragging the net full of fish.

As soon as they reached the shore they saw that Jesus had built a fire. He had also prepared a breakfast of fish and bread for them.

Peter helped them pull the net of fish onto the shore. When they counted the fish they found 153 in the net!

Jesus had certainly blessed them, but He wanted them to do more than just catch fish all their lives. He asked Peter, "Do you love Me more than these?"

Of course Peter said He loved Jesus. Then Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Jesus asked him two more times if he loved Him. Each time, Peter told Jesus that he loved Him. What more did Jesus want?

Peter said, "Jesus, You know everything. You know that I love You."

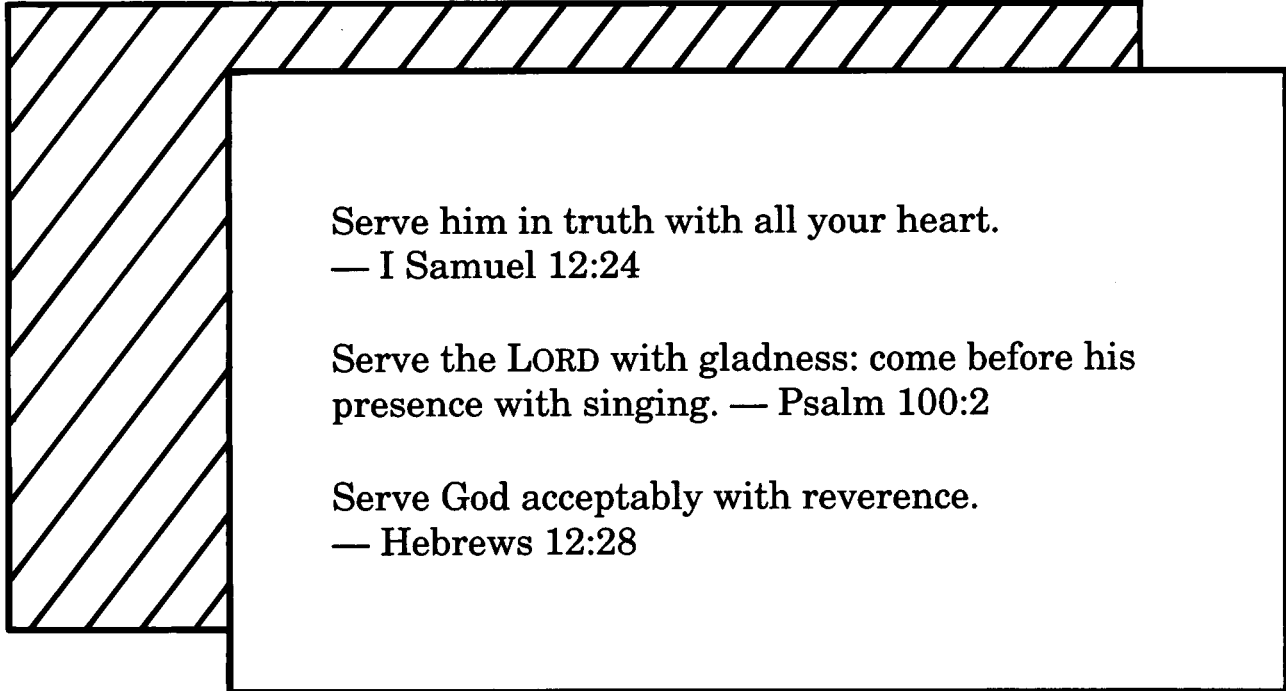
Jesus said again as He had said before, "Feed my sheep."

Then Peter understood that he should give up his regular job of fishing. He was to tell people about Jesus.

Peter would no longer catch fish in the sea. He would work for Jesus and be a fisher of men.

How to Serve

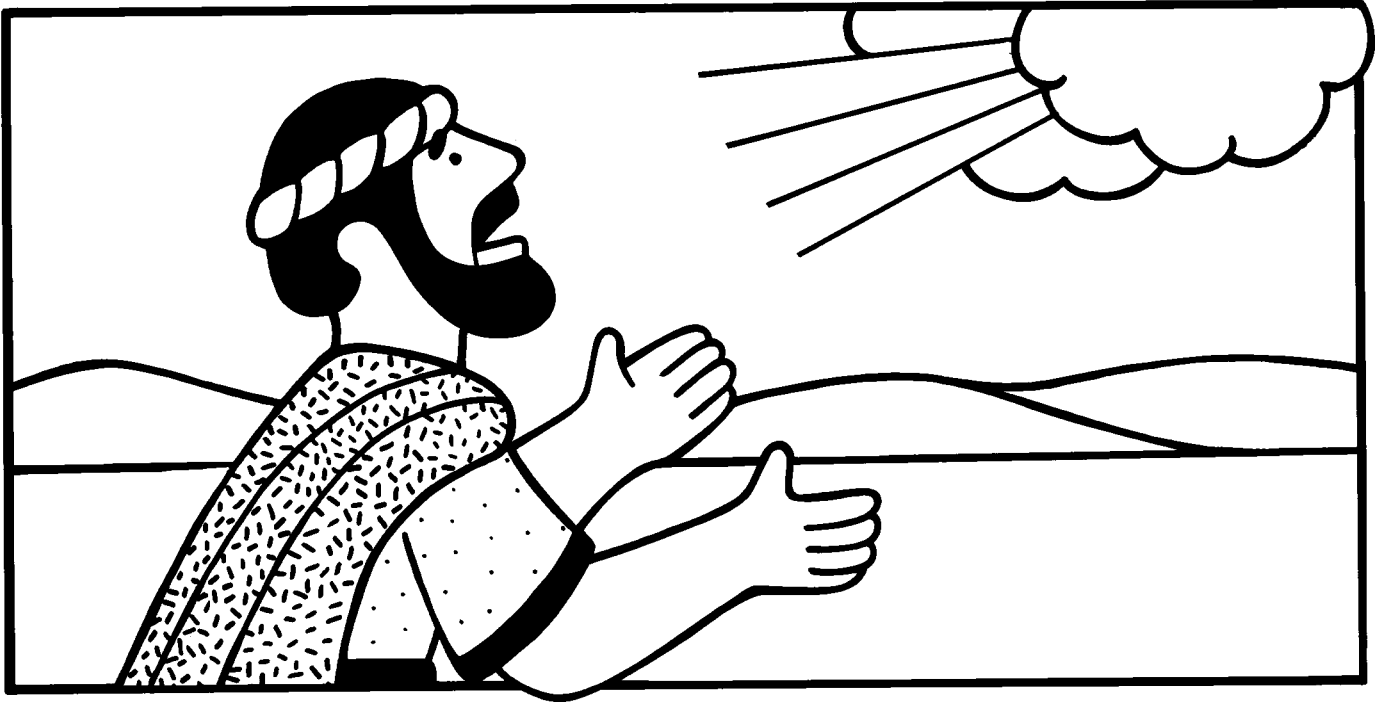
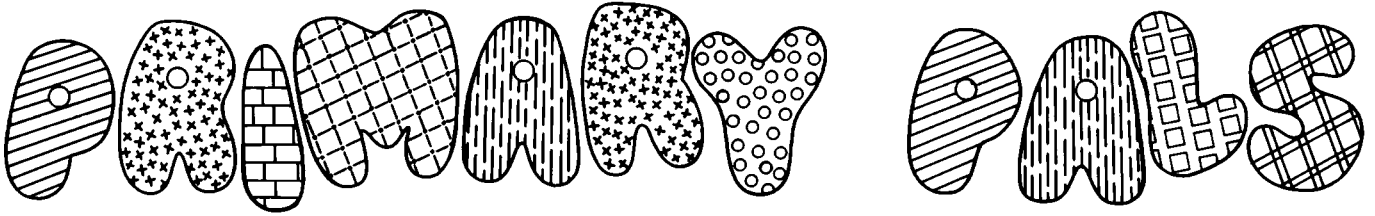
The three verses below are about service to the Lord. Circle the words in each verse that tell how we should serve Him.



Serve him in truth with all your heart.
— I Samuel 12:24

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his
presence with singing. — Psalm 100:2

Serve God acceptably with reverence.
— Hebrews 12:28



God's Promise

Many years ago God asked a man named Isaiah, "Whom shall I send? Who will go?"

God wanted Isaiah to be His helper. Isaiah felt unworthy when he thought about how great and holy God is. But he answered, "Here am I; send me."

From that time on, Isaiah gave God's words to the people. He even told four different kings what God wanted them to hear!

When Ahaz was king of Judah, some other kings wanted to have a war with him. God sent Isaiah to tell the people not to worry — He would take care of them.

God also sent the people a wonderful promise. He said that someday a special Baby would be born. The Baby would be called Immanuel. But He would be known by other names also: Wonderful, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, and many more. He would be a Savior to the people. That means He would save them from their sins and protect them.

Isaiah loved God and was happy to be His messenger. He did as God said, and told the people that someday this special Child would come. He knew God would keep His promise. God's promise was written down, and now we can read it in our Bible.

Many years later, long after Isaiah had died, God's promise did come true. Jesus was born just as Isaiah had said so many years before. And Jesus is known as Wonderful, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace, and many more good names.

Just as He had said, God chose a special young woman to be the mother

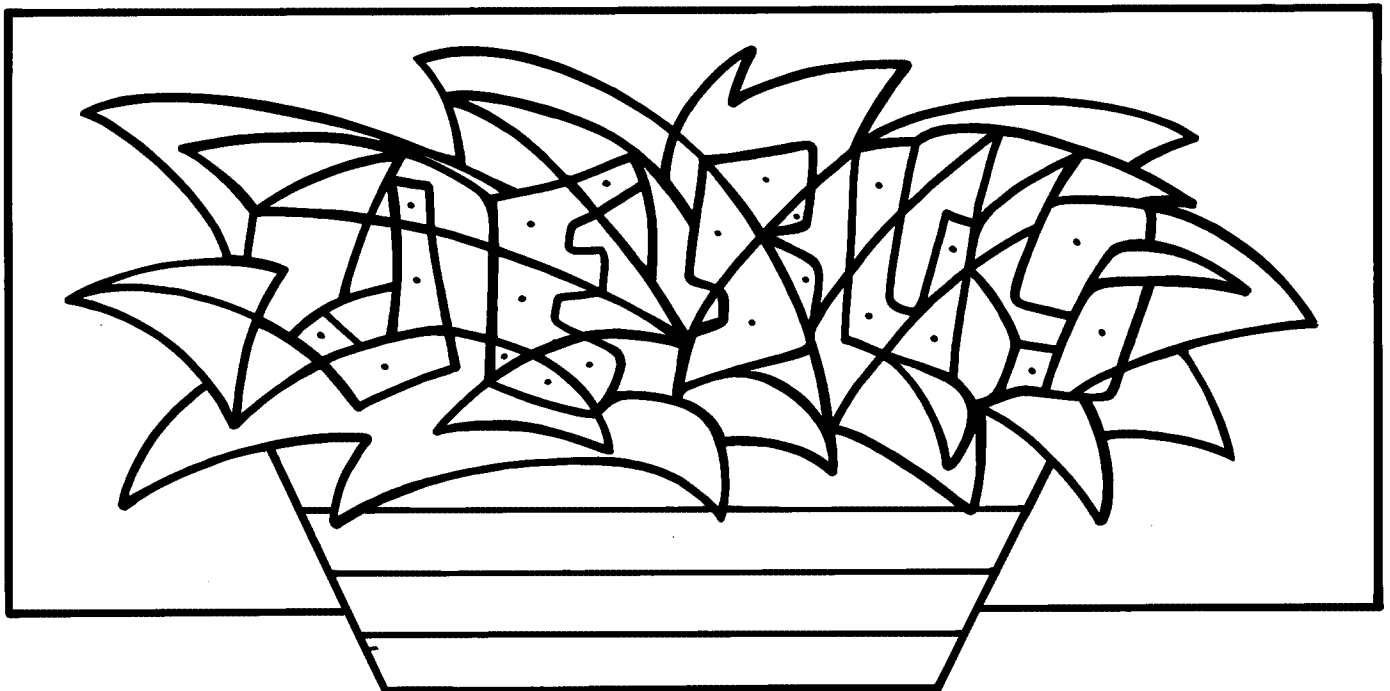
of Jesus. Her name was Mary. She was a part of God's promise.

Every year, at Christmas time, we celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is an important day to us because Jesus is our Savior. And if we love Him, someday we will live with Him in Heaven.

Aren't you glad God keeps His promises?

God's Special Promise

God's promise is hidden in the picture below. Color in each space that has a dot inside.



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I Will Be With You

Moses was on a quiet mountainside. Suddenly a bush crackled into flame, but it did not burn up! He was amazed when God spoke to him from the bush, “Go to Pharaoh and tell him to let My people go. I will be with you.”

Pharaoh was the most important man in the whole country. Why should he listen to Moses? But Moses did as God said. What would you have done?

The Jordan River was in front of Joshua. God wanted him to lead His people, the Children of Israel, to the other side of the river. Only when they had crossed the river could they conquer the walled city of Jericho.

God reminded Joshua that He had been with Moses, and He said, “I will be with you also.”

The waters looked deep and wide. But Joshua did as God said. What would you have done?

God told a man named Gideon to lead the army of Israel into battle with just 300 men. They were to fight against a great army of 135,000! God said, “Go and save Israel. I will be with you.”

Why would God want them to fight with so few men in their army? Gideon did not understand, but he did as God said. What would you have done?

Do you know why Moses, Joshua, and Gideon obeyed God? They obeyed because God made a promise to each of them. He said, "I will be with you." They had faith in God's words. They knew God would keep His promise.

God was with Moses, and he led the people out of Egypt.

God was with Joshua, and the waters of Jordan parted.

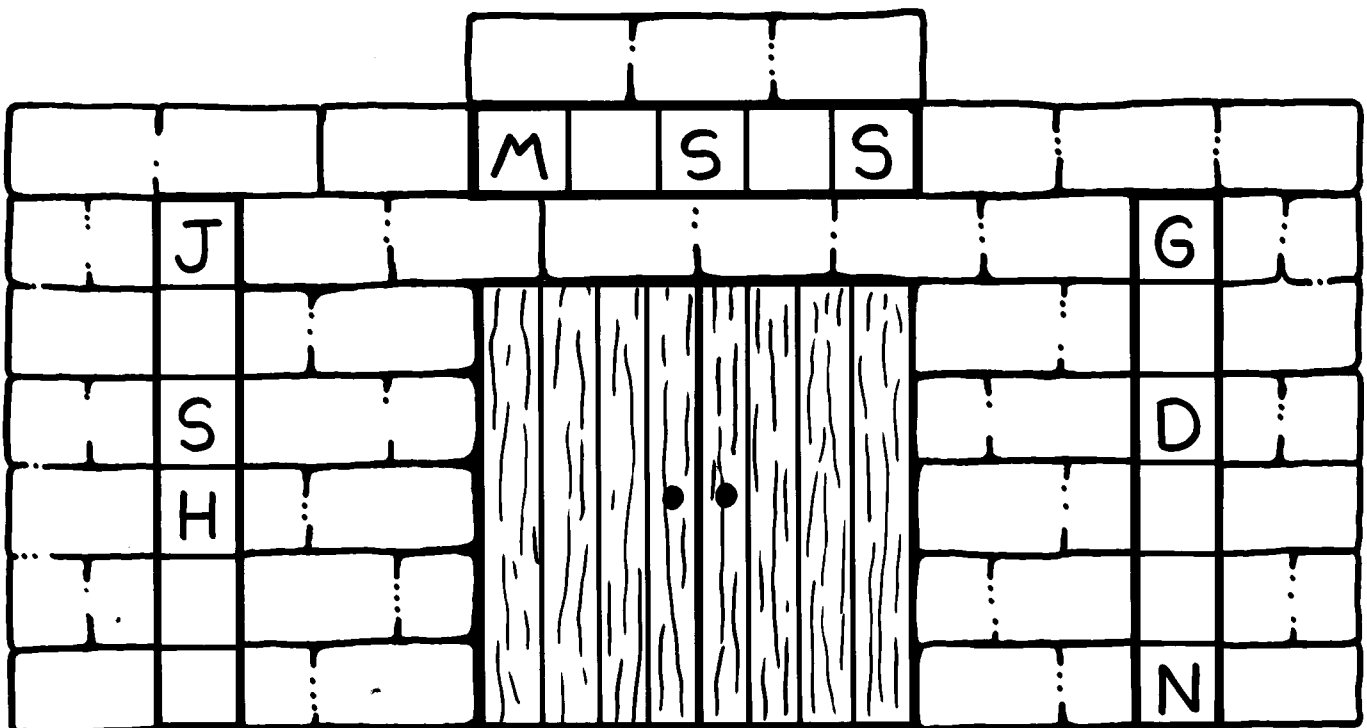
God was with Gideon, and his few men won the battle against the large army.

God has something for each of us to do. And no matter what it is or how difficult it looks, He promises to be with us.

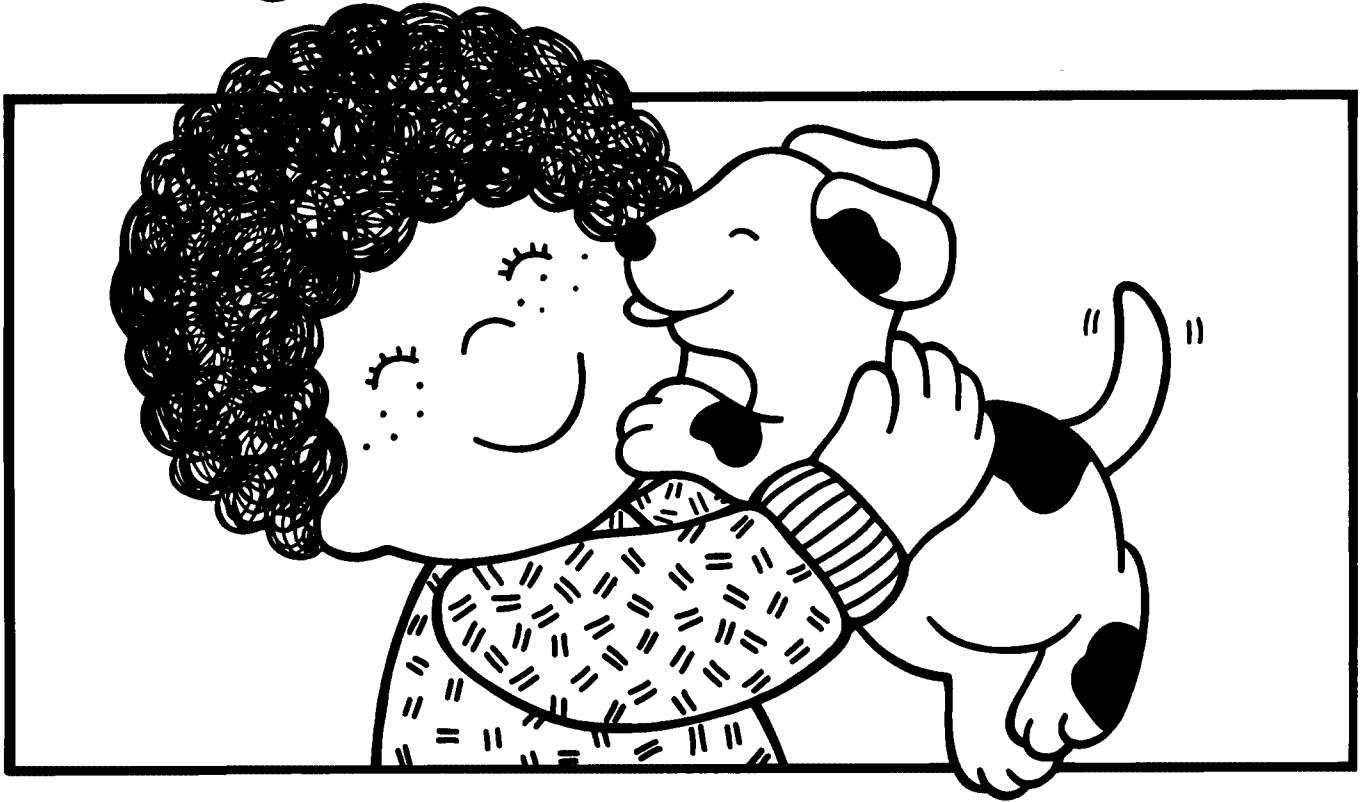
Do you believe that God keeps His promises? Will you obey Him? What will you do?

Missing Vowels

On the wall below, fill in the vowels — A, E, I, O, U — to find the names of three men who worked for God. God promised to be with them.



PUPPILARY PALS



The Best of Care

"Oh, Dad, is he really mine?" Dustin shouted with delight. He bent to scoop the wiggling puppy from the box on the floor. "This is the best birthday present ever!"

His dad grinned. "Yes, Dustin, he's all yours."

Dustin patted the puppy's head. "Dad, we'll have to build a little doghouse for him. And I'll get him his own feeding dish. And I want to get him a leather collar and a leash so I can take him for walks . . ."

"Hey, slow down!" his Dad chuckled. "I can see you're already full of plans for taking care of him. That's great,

because I was just going to tell you that this puppy will be all your responsibility. You will have to see that he is fed every day and that all his needs are taken care of."

"Oh, I will, Dad!" Dustin promised. "I'll take really good care of him."

Each morning, as soon as he was dressed, Dustin took his puppy for a walk. He carefully filled the puppy's dish with food and made sure he had plenty of water. He brushed him and played with him and even taught him some tricks. The puppy never needed to worry about anything.

Why did Dustin take such good care

of his puppy? That's easy to answer. It was because he loved him. Dustin promised to give his puppy food and water and everything he needed. And he kept his promise.

Did you know that God has promised to take care of you? He has promised to give you what you need. You don't have to be worried about whether you will have food to eat, or a place to sleep, or clothes to wear.

Jesus told us to look at the birds and to see how well God takes care of them. The birds never worry about

food because God always makes sure they have something to eat.

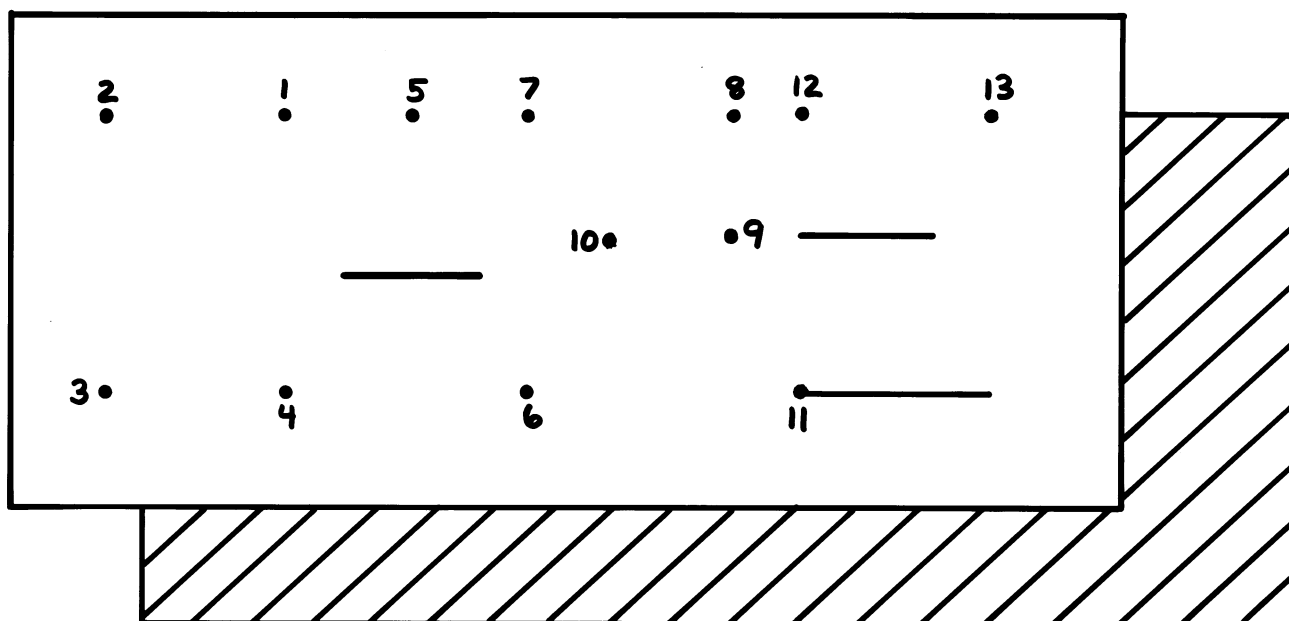
What about the beautiful flowers in the field, the lilies? Jesus told us they just grow where they are planted and never worry about how they do it. Yet they are more beautiful than even King Solomon when he was dressed in his most beautiful robe and crown.

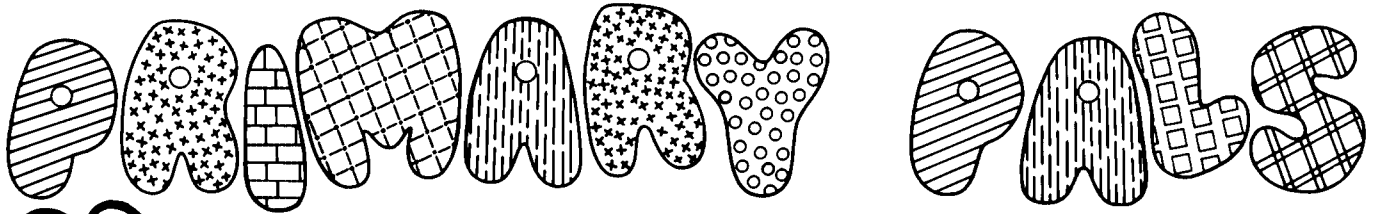
God promised in the Bible that if we would love Him and try to do the things that make Him happy, He would take care of all our needs.

God always keeps His promises.

Dot to Dot

Below is a word which tells what God promises to do for those who seek Him with all their hearts. Connect the dots to see what that word is.





A Real Winner

“Mom! Mom, I won!” Jeremy shouted as he ran up the front steps.

“Jeremy, that’s great!” his mother said. “You have been practicing so hard for this race.”

“Look! Here’s the mitt I won! Isn’t it super?” The words tumbled out of Jeremy as he waved the mitt in the air.

“Wow, that’s really a nice one!” his mother exclaimed.

“Besides the mitt, my name will be put on an award and hung on the wall at school!” Jeremy went on. “Please, may I go over to Tim’s house and tell him that I won?”

As soon as his mother said yes, he was out the door. He could hardly wait to tell his cousin. He knew Tim would be proud of him.

Tim was eleven years older than Jeremy, but he had always listened when Jeremy shared the important things with him — things like camping, new puppies, and even this race.

“Hey, that’s great,” Tim exclaimed when he had heard the news. “Who came in second place?”

Jeremy answered, “Mary Jo did.” He stopped, then went on. “But she wasn’t happy. In fact, she cried. She

was just a second or so too late. I felt so bad for her. She tried real hard. I used to see her practicing whenever I was running in the park. It's too bad everybody can't win."

They sat quietly for a while then Jeremy asked, "Tim, why is there always just one winner? Everyone works so hard and then just the winner feels good. You'd think they would make different rules so everyone could feel this happy."

"That would be nice, Jer, but that's not the way life is," Tim replied. "Hey,

I know of a race where everybody who crosses the finish line will be a winner. The race to Heaven!"

"Oh, Tim, I'm talking about a race where you run every day to keep in shape," argued Jeremy. "One where you win a prize at the end."

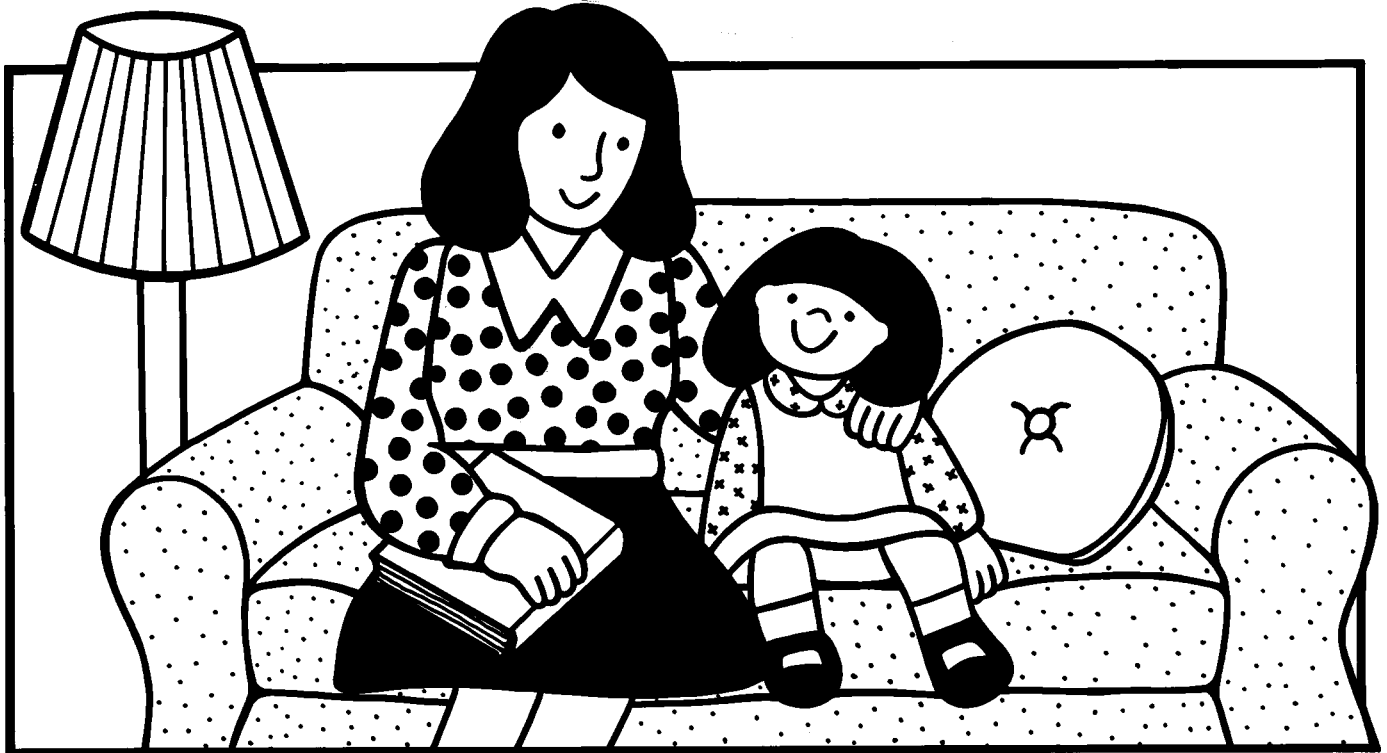
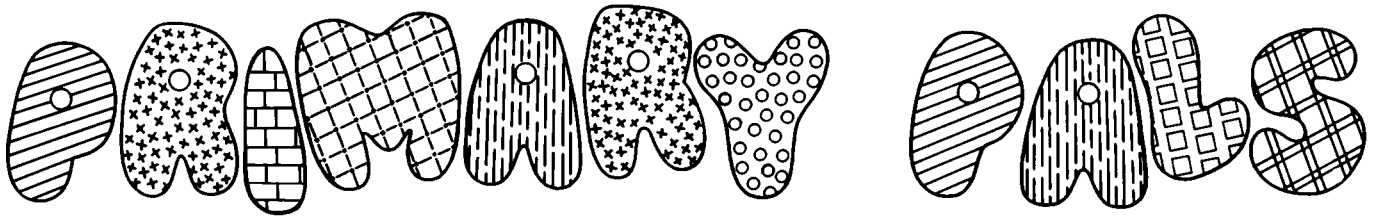
"That's what you do in the race to Heaven," Tim said. "If you want to reach Heaven, you must love Jesus and obey Him all the time. And if you do that, Jesus has promised you a prize at the end — you will live with Him in Heaven forever!"

Hidden Words

Find and circle the hidden words in the puzzle below.

RUN
LIFE
LOVE
RACE
CROWN
GLORY
PRIZE
WATCH
ENDURE
RIGHTEOUS

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



A Real Princess

“A princess,” Christy whispered to herself. “Oh, how wonderful that would be.”

She was thinking of the story her mother had just read to her. It was about a little princess who was loved by everyone.

“Mommy, I wish Daddy were a king so I could be a princess,” Christy said. “I would wear a crown made of diamonds. My robe would be pure white with lots and lots of lace and ribbon. We could all live in a beautiful palace.”

Her mother gave her a big hug and said, “Christy, you are a princess.”

“Me? A princess? Mommy, how can that be? Are you sure?” Christy asked.

“I am very sure,” her mother replied. “Remember, Jesus is the King. When you told Him you loved Him and you were sorry for your sins, you became His child. He made you a real princess.”

“But what about a palace to live in and . . .” Christy started.

“Wait, I’m not through,” said her mother. “Jesus said He would prepare a place for you — a mansion. There will be many beautiful things for you in Heaven.”

“He promised that someday He will

come back to earth. When He does, He will take you and all the rest of His princesses and princes to Heaven. You will live with Him forever!"

"Did He really promise that, Mommy? When will He come back? When will He take us to Heaven?" Christy wanted to know.

"We don't know the exact time when He is coming back," her mother answered. "The Bible tells us that Jesus said, 'Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth

come.' To *watch* means that we must always obey God's Word. And we must love other people and tell them that Jesus is coming back someday. We need to tell them that they must pray now if they want to be ready to go to Heaven with Jesus.

"And even though we don't know when He will return, we do know that Jesus will come again because He always keeps His promise. We just need to make sure we are ready when He comes."

Jesus Will Return

God has promised us that Jesus will come again. God always keeps His promises. Fill in the missing words from the verse below.

ALL
NOT
LORD
WORD
PROMISE

Blessed be the _____ . . . there hath

_____ failed one _____ of

_____ his good _____.

— I Kings 8:56

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

The final promise of God to be studied in this unit is one which has not yet been fulfilled. Still, your child should be assured that it will come to pass just as surely as the other promises in God's Word. This is God's promise that He will come again to this earth, and one of the most important points your child needs to learn in Sunday school is the necessity of being ready for this event.

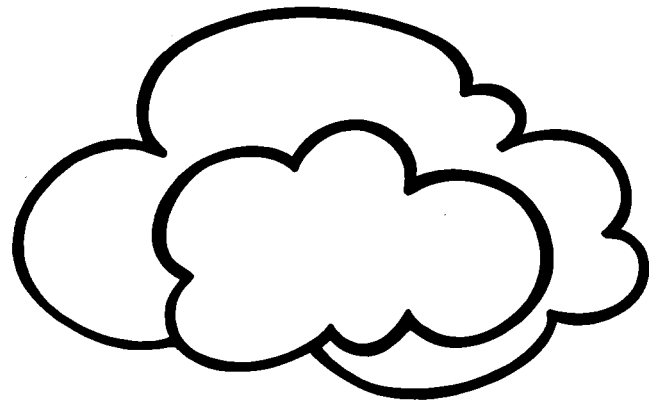
The Bible tells us that Christ's second coming will take place as quickly as a flash of lightning, and this thought is also brought out in our memory verse for this lesson. To visualize this thought, help your child draw several bolts of lightning on a paper or styrofoam tray (the type used by butchers for packing meat). Poke holes at regular intervals around the lines with a thick nail.

Reinforce the end of a length of yellow or orange yarn with a piece of tape, and let your child sew around the design. If he wishes, he could fill in the outline with crayons or marking pens.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 24:27
MONDAY: Matthew 26:64
TUESDAY: I Thessalonians 4:17
WEDNESDAY: Luke 21:27
THURSDAY: Colossians 3:4
FRIDAY: I John 3:2
SATURDAY: II Timothy 4:8



Bible Text

John 14:1-3
I Corinthians 15:51-53
Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:27-31

Memory Verse

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. — Matthew 24:27

Are You Ready?

We must have clean hearts if we want to go to Heaven. The people below, all want to go to Heaven but only some of them are ready. Circle the ones who will not go to Heaven when Jesus comes.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Children of primary age are very tuned in to rewards, so this lesson will be of great interest to them. We will learn that each one who is saved and in the "race" toward Heaven has been promised a reward if he finishes the race.

Your child will learn that to stay in the race takes effort, but one of the rewards promised is a crown, and to illustrate this, allow your child to make lollipop crowns for each member of your family. Purchase flat lollipops, and draw a simple, crown pattern a little larger than the candy. Let your child use this pattern to draw paper crowns which can be colored and decorated however he wishes. Have him cut them out and tape them to the lollipops. Encourage him to present the lollipops to the family after dinner time, with an explanation of what they represent.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: I Peter 5:4

MONDAY: Matthew 10:42

TUESDAY: Philippians 3:14

WEDNESDAY: Colossians 3:23,24

THURSDAY: I John 2:25

FRIDAY: Revelation 22:14

SATURDAY: Hebrews 11:6

Bible Text

I Corinthians 9:24-26

Hebrews 12:1,2

II Timothy 4:7,8

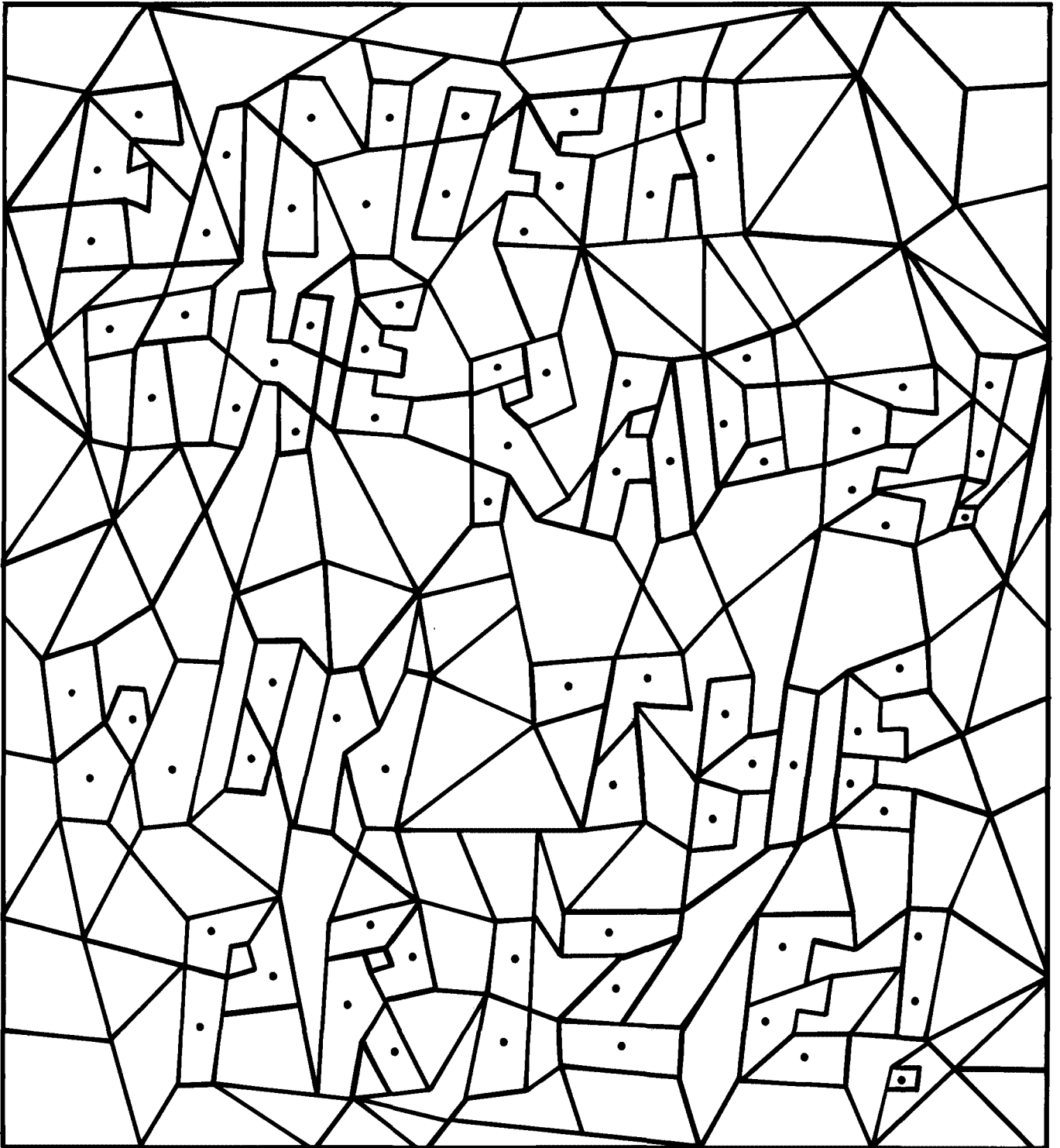


Memory Verse

Ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. — I Peter 5:4

Run the Race

Color the spaces with the dots inside. Find out what Jesus wants you to do.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

In this lesson your child will be studying God's promise to take care of our physical needs when we seek Him and make Him most important in our lives. While he perhaps has never thought about this in specific terms, he needs to recognize that whatever we have is the provision of God.

To visualize this thought, provide him with the materials needed to make a collage illustrating some of the gifts God has given us. Title the collage, "God Provides My Needs," placing these words in large, block letters on a sheet of heavy paper or posterboard. Around the words, let him paste pictures cut from magazines or catalogs showing things God gives us.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:33

MONDAY: Psalm 34:7,8

TUESDAY: John 16:33

WEDNESDAY: II Timothy 1:12

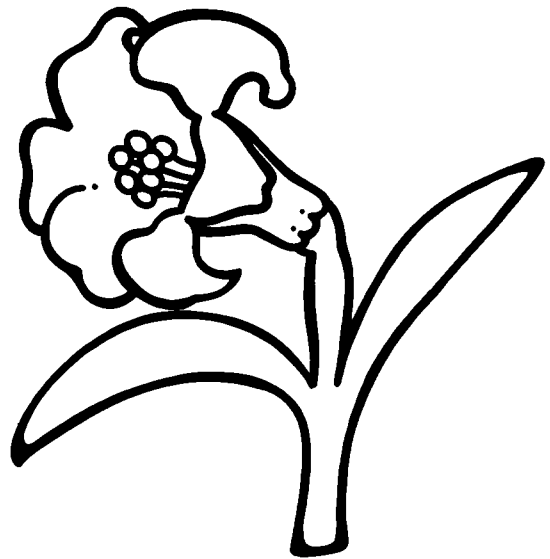
THURSDAY: I Peter 5:7

FRIDAY: Isaiah 41:10

SATURDAY: Psalm 68:19

Bible Text

Matthew 6:25-34

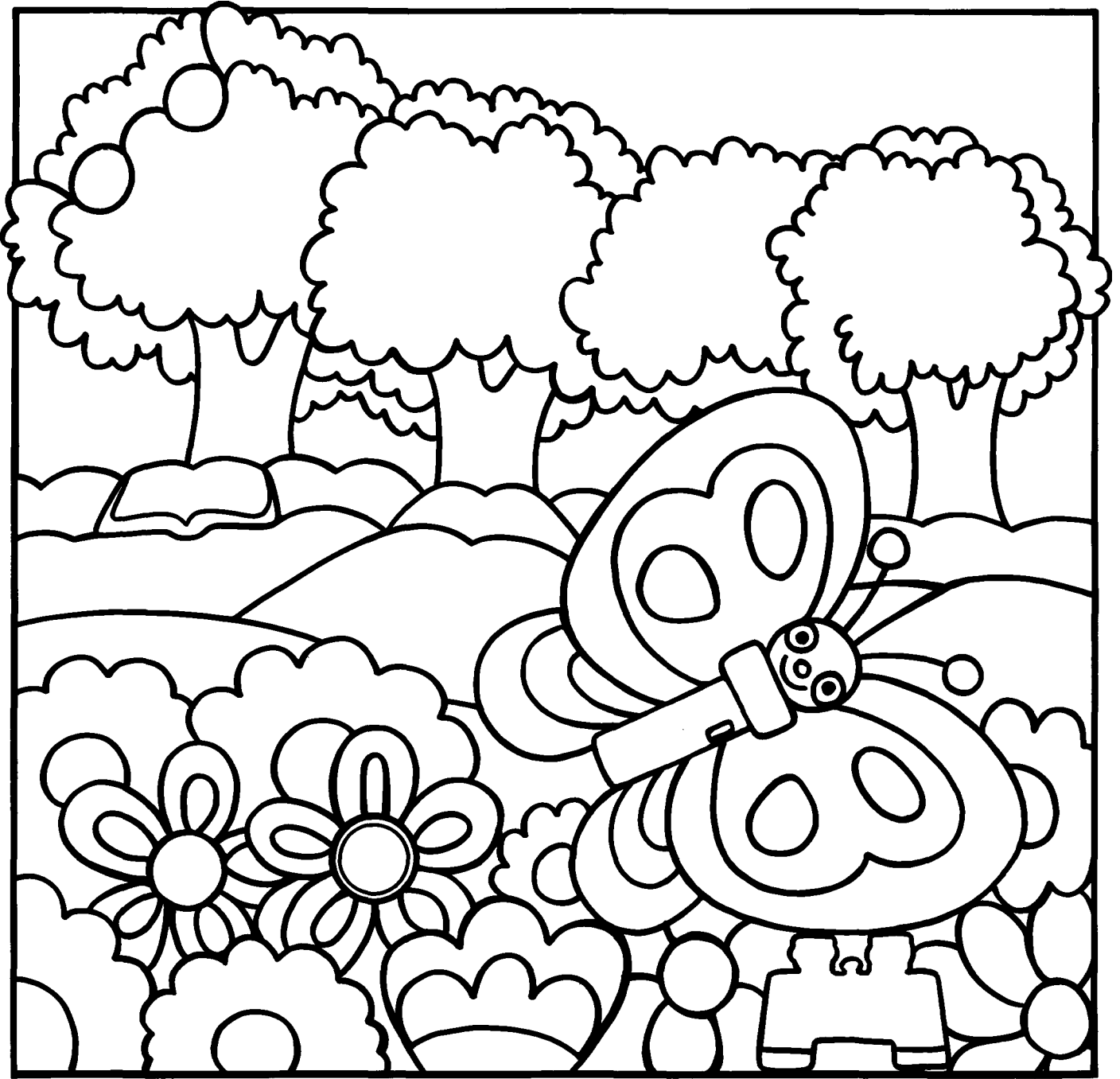


Memory Verse

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. — Matthew 6:33

God's Care

Hidden in the picture below are some objects that help you when you are looking for things. As you find each object, tell what it might help you to find; for example, a flashlight helps you find your way in the dark. The hidden objects are: flashlight, magnifying glass, glasses, Bible, binoculars.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Most children are subject to fears, among these the fear of separation or of being alone. It will be a real source of reassurance and comfort to your child to realize that God has promised to be with us. This lesson is about how God was with several notable characters of the Bible, and your child will learn that God will be with him also.

To illustrate that God is with us, even though we can't see Him, write your child an invisible message on a card. Use a clean pin or toothpick to write your message with lemon or grapefruit juice. Dip the pin in the juice after every three or four letters. Use matte (not shiny) paper so the juice soaks in and disappears.

To make the juice visible, help your child press the paper with a warm iron or move it around close to an electric light bulb. Heat makes the message appear. Point out that the words were there, even when your child couldn't see them, and in the same way, God is with us even when we can't see Him with our physical eyes.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 28:20

MONDAY: Romans 8:28

TUESDAY: Exodus 19:5

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 6:8

THURSDAY: Isaiah 1:19

FRIDAY: Psalm 16:11

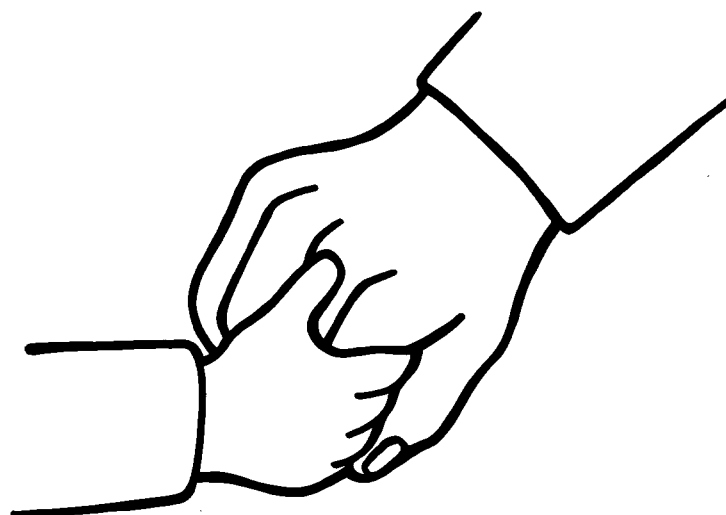
SATURDAY: Psalm 37:3

Bible Text

Exodus 3:10-12

Joshua 3:7

Judges 6:14-16



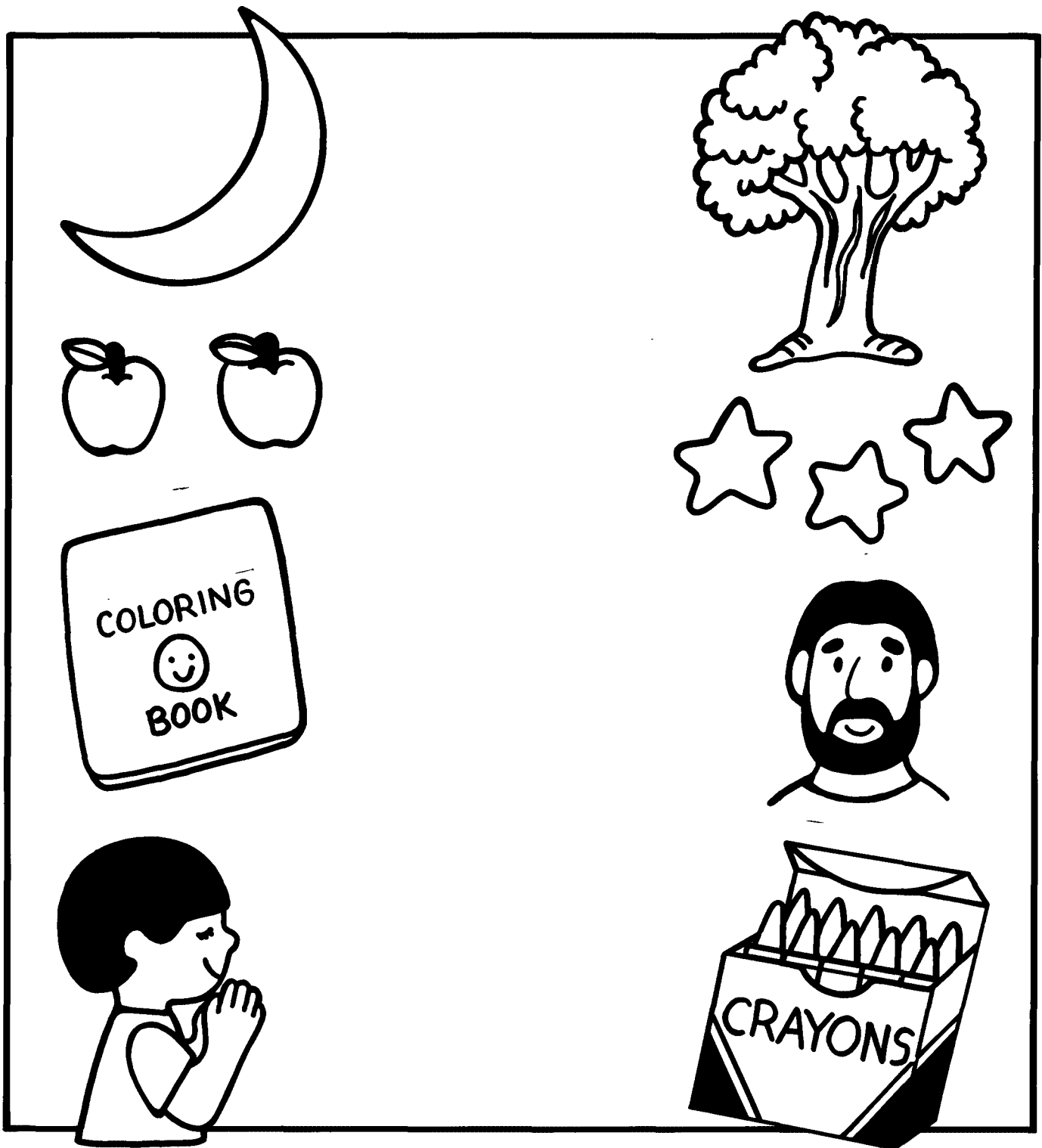
Memory Verse

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

— Matthew 28:20

God Is With Us

Below are some things that work best when they are working together. Draw a line and match up the pairs of things that go together.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

As your primary-age child continues his schooling and begins to learn many of the theories and suppositions of man, it is vital that he also learn there are some things that can be absolutely relied upon. With that thought in mind, we begin a five-part series of lessons on God's promises.

To reinforce the basic principle to be taught in this set of lessons, help your child design and create a "Promise Banner." Cut a banner shape from felt, and draw out a simple, bold design featuring the words, "God Keeps His Promises." Using fabric scraps, bits of trim, and glue, fill in the letters and decorate the banner.

Put up the banner where it can be noticed and commented on often throughout the month.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: I Kings 8:56

MONDAY: Isaiah 7:14

TUESDAY: Isaiah 9:6

WEDNESDAY: Micah 5:2

THURSDAY: Romans 4:21

FRIDAY: John 12:46

SATURDAY: John 3:16

Bible Text

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6,7

Matthew 1:21-23

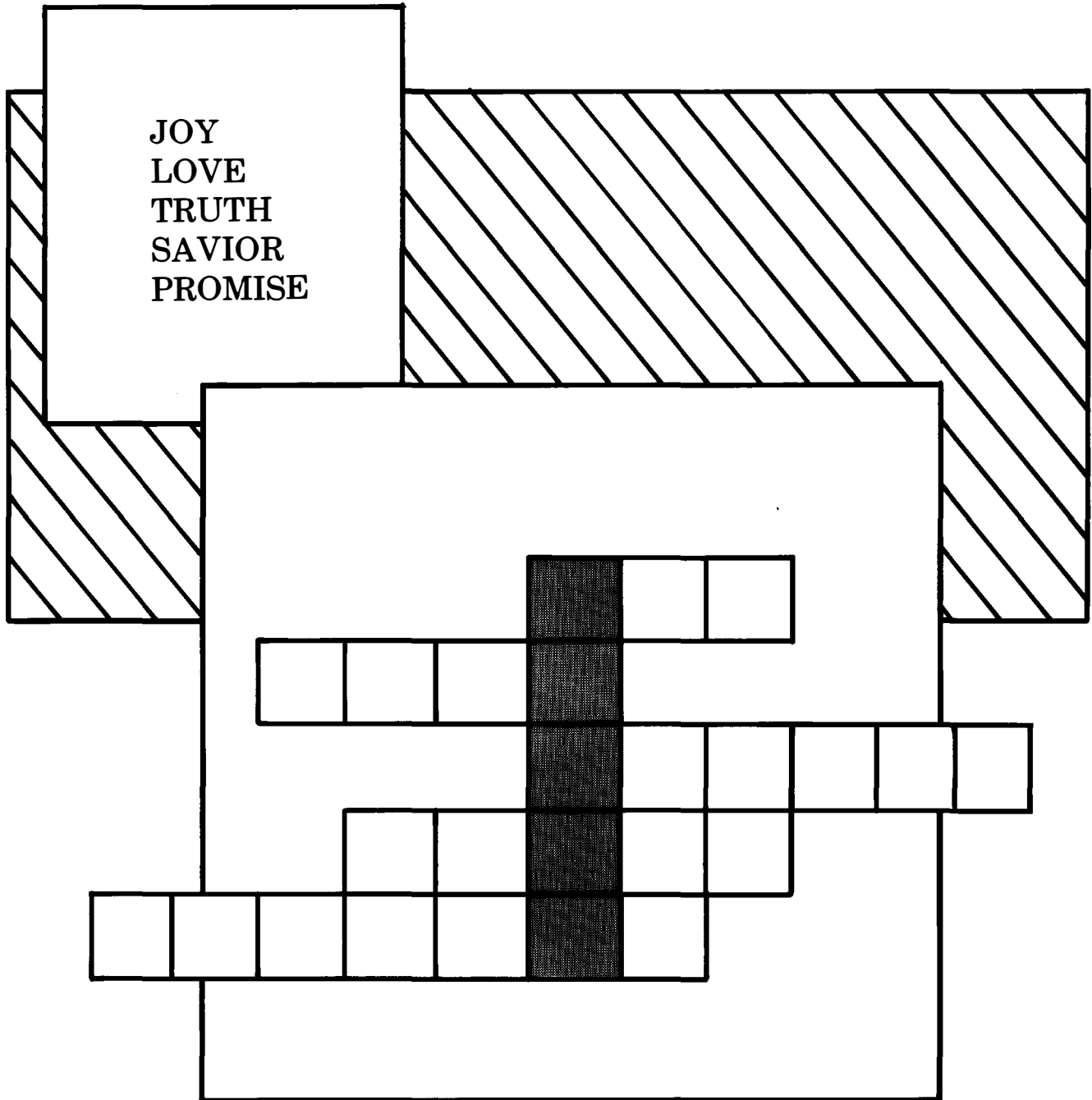


Memory Verse

Blessed be the LORD, . . . there hath not failed one word of all his good promise. — I Kings 8:56

Good Promises

God sent us many things when He sent Jesus. Use the words from the list to fill in the puzzle grid. When you are done, you will find that they are all a part of Jesus.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This lesson teaches your child that he can worship Jesus through service to Him. As your child learns how God called Peter to tell others the message of the Gospel, he will find that there are things he can do for God too.

To reinforce the thought that God calls us to work for Him, invite someone you know who is in full-time Christian service — pastor, missionary, or youth worker — to share dinner or dessert with your family and tell you how God called him or her into Christian service. Or you might wish to invite someone who does a great deal of service for the Lord while still working at a regular job.

Encourage your child to ask questions about how this person became involved in the Lord's work. Plan some follow-up time together for family discussion in which you can talk about the points made.

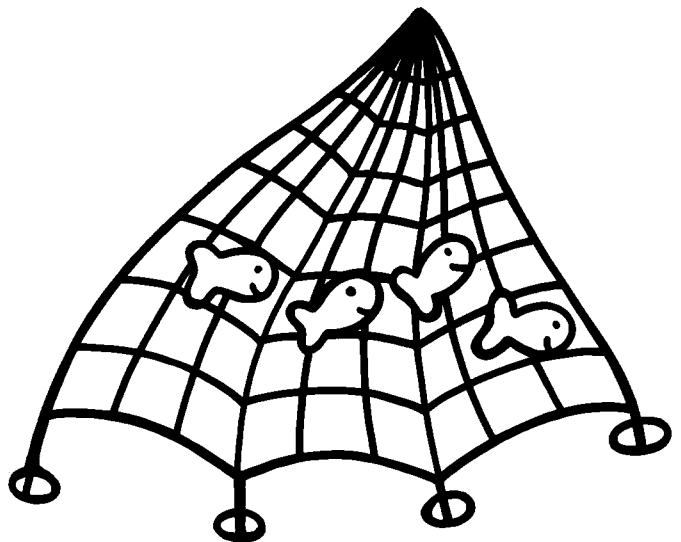
Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: John 21:16
MONDAY: Colossians 1:10
TUESDAY: Proverbs 11:30
WEDNESDAY: Daniel 12:3
THURSDAY: Titus 2:7
FRIDAY: I Corinthians 15:58
SATURDAY: Matthew 5:16

Bible Text

John 21:1-19

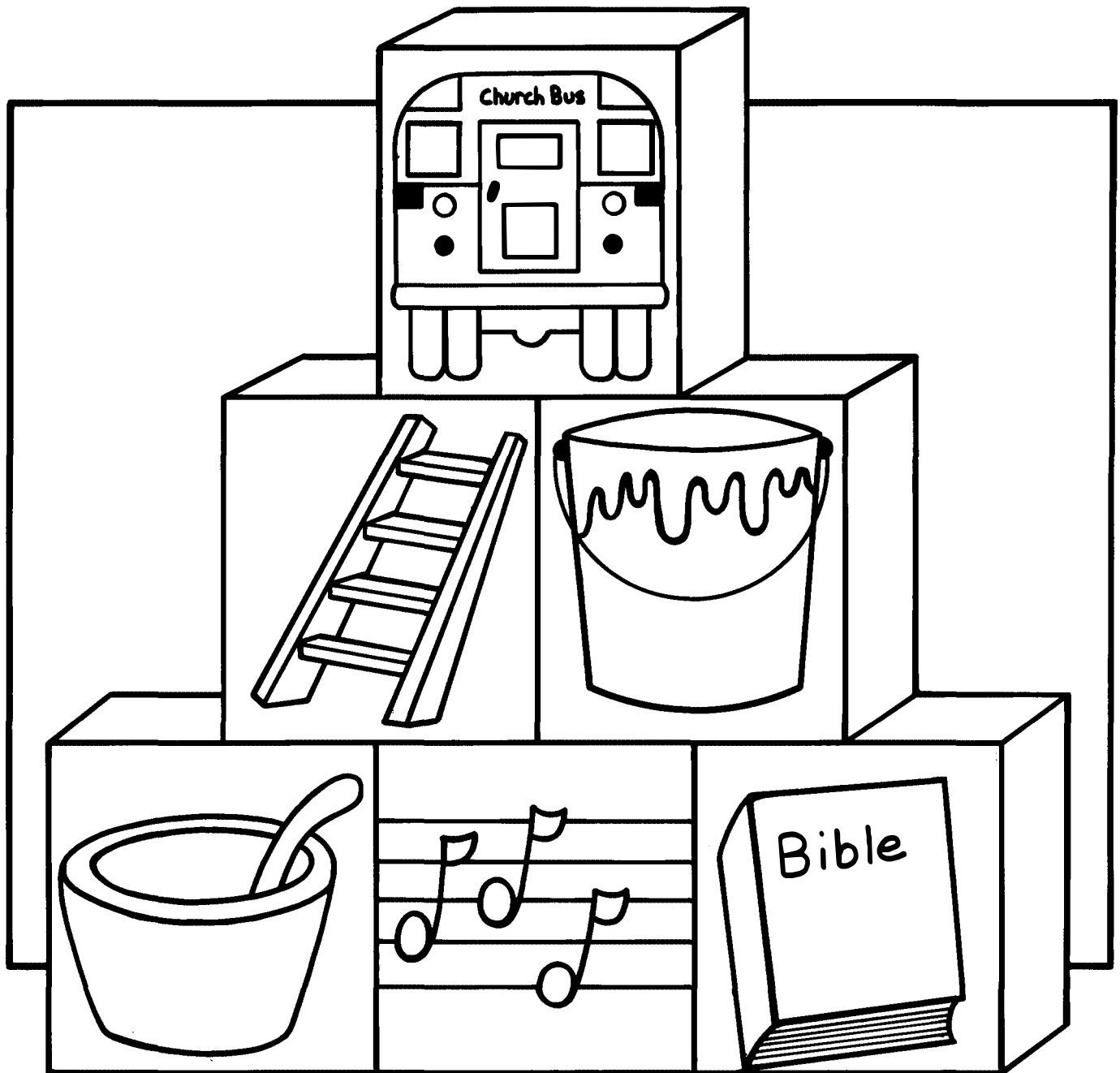


Memory Verse

Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.
He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. — John 21:16

What Can You Do?

Look at the blocks below. Point to each picture and tell what it might represent in service to Jesus. Example: You can climb a ladder to wash the church windows. Color each block as you think of some way to serve Jesus.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Invite two or three of your child's friends to an Easter Joy Hunt sometime during this week. Purchase brightly colored plastic eggs which open up, revealing a hollow inside. In each egg place a piece of paper on which you have written a simple Easter message or Bible verse. Some examples: Jesus arose! Jesus loves you. Jesus is alive. Jesus takes care of us.

Place one message in each egg and add a small trinket such as a balloon or sticker. Hide the filled eggs for the children to hunt. After the eggs have all been found, help each child open his eggs and read his messages.

Follow the hunt with a reading of the Easter story from a children's storybook.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 28:6

MONDAY: Psalm 100:4

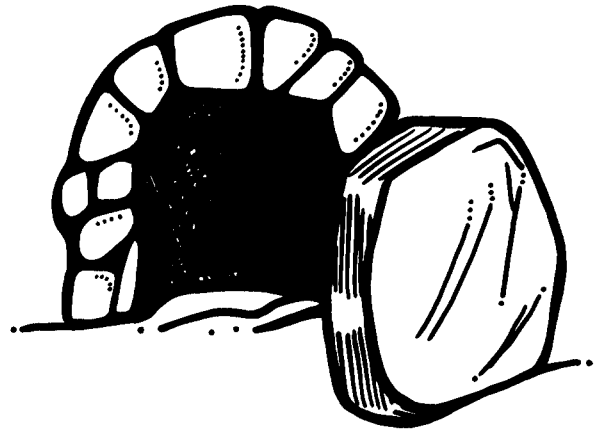
TUESDAY: Psalm 50:23

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 95:1

THURSDAY: I Chronicles 16:29

FRIDAY: Psalm 35:28

SATURDAY: Colossians 3:16



Bible Text

Matthew 28:1-8

Memory Verse

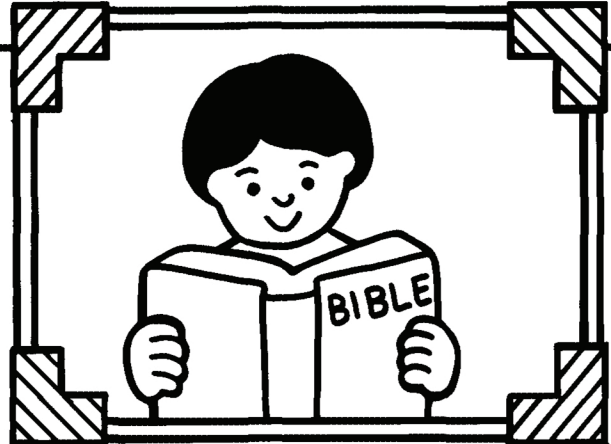
He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. — Matthew 28:6

Ways to Worship

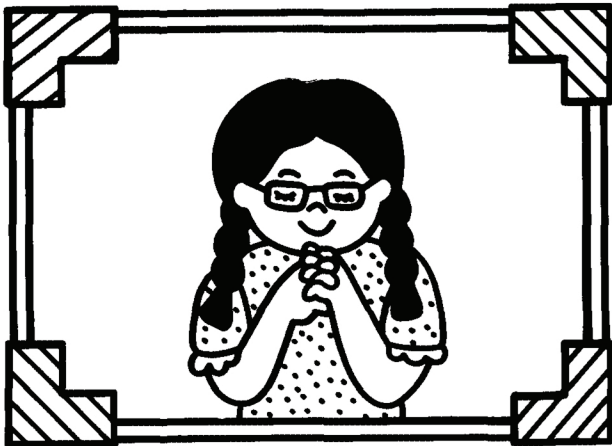
Below each picture is a poem. The last word of each poem is missing. Can you guess what the words should be? Write them on the empty lines. The last set of lines and picture are for you to fill in. Write your own poem about worship and draw a picture to match.



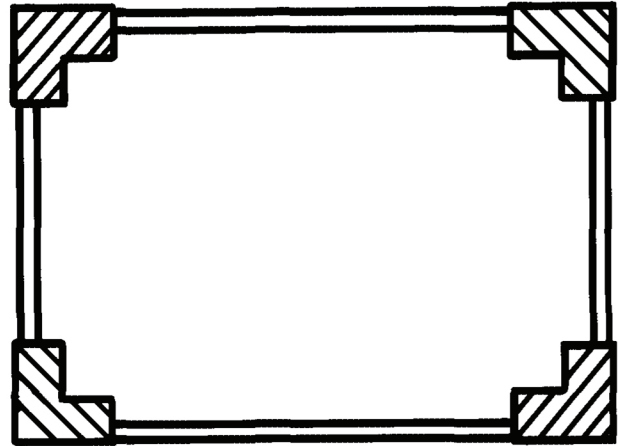
I'll worship Jesus all day long;
Praise Him when I sing a _____.



You'll find the truth if you will look
in the Bible, God's own _____.



I talk to Jesus every day
When I bow my head to
_____.



Name: _____

Preparing for Next Sunday!

Parent's Corner

The narrative telling what Jesus went through on Calvary for us is a story that is very touching to young children, and this is the lesson we will be studying next Sunday. We want each child to realize that one of the ways we can worship our King is by remembering His suffering.

Our memory verse for this week reflects the reason why we worship Him — because He carried our griefs and sorrows to Calvary. To reinforce this verse in your child's mind, study it carefully together.

As an activity, write out each word of the verse on a separate piece of paper, scrambling the letters. Let your child unscramble each word and then arrange the verse in its proper order.

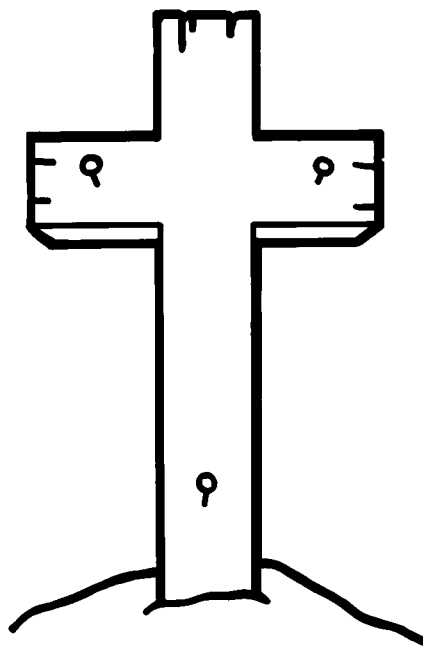
Time Together for Family Devotions

SUNDAY: Isaiah 53:4
MONDAY: Hebrews 2:9
TUESDAY: I Peter 3:18
WEDNESDAY: I Peter 2:24
THURSDAY: Ephesians 5:2
FRIDAY: II Corinthians 5:15
SATURDAY: John 15:13

Verses to help your child understand the next Bible lesson.

Next Sunday's Bible Text

Luke 22:39-44; 23:33-38

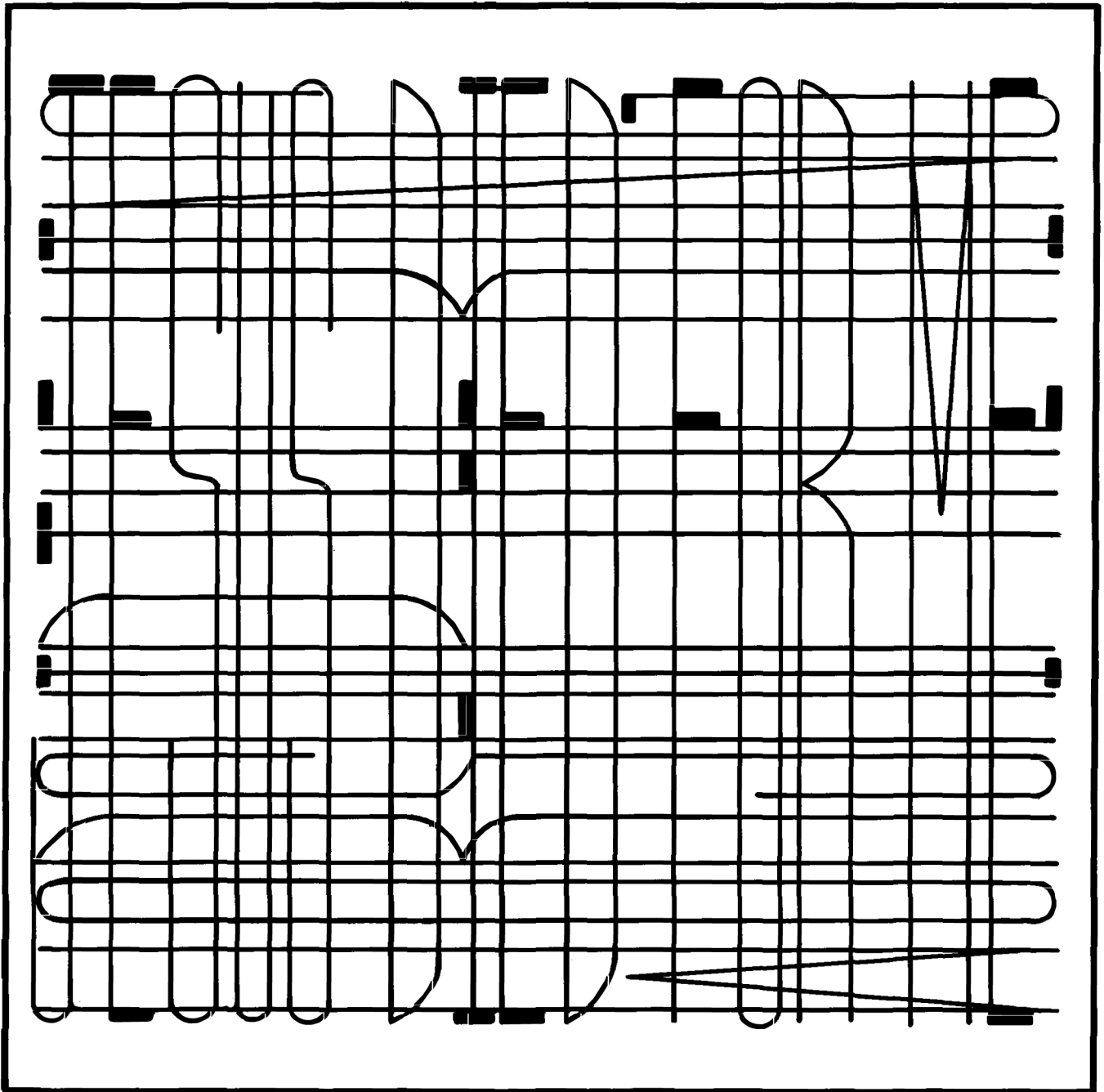


Next Sunday's Memory Verse

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. — Isaiah 53:4

What We Did Today!

Can you read the two important messages below? One tells what Jesus did for you, and the other tells what you should do for Jesus. If you need help, try tilting the paper so it is almost flat and at eye level. Sometimes it helps to close one eye. After you have read the first message turn the page clockwise and read the second message in the same way.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

As the Easter season approaches, we begin a unit emphasizing ways we worship our King. This lesson deals specifically with ways we worship Jesus with our words.

If your child has mastered his writing skills sufficiently, he may enjoy doing some activities with words which focus on this theme. Prepare a simple word-find for your child, arranging the letters to "praise words" or words descriptive of Jesus [love, good, blessed, special, kind, tender, etc.], arranging the words so they go forward, backward, and diagonally.

Or you might wish to take the words, "We Praise Our King," and write them down the left margin of the paper. Encourage your child to write words which begin with each of the letters and tell of things for which he praises Jesus.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 21:9

MONDAY: Romans 15:6

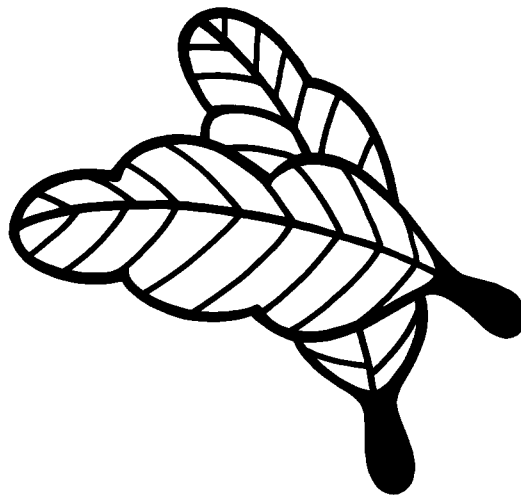
TUESDAY: Psalm 145:11

WEDNESDAY: I Peter 3:15

THURSDAY: Hebrews 13:15

FRIDAY: Psalm 19:14

SATURDAY: Ephesians 5:19,20



Bible Text

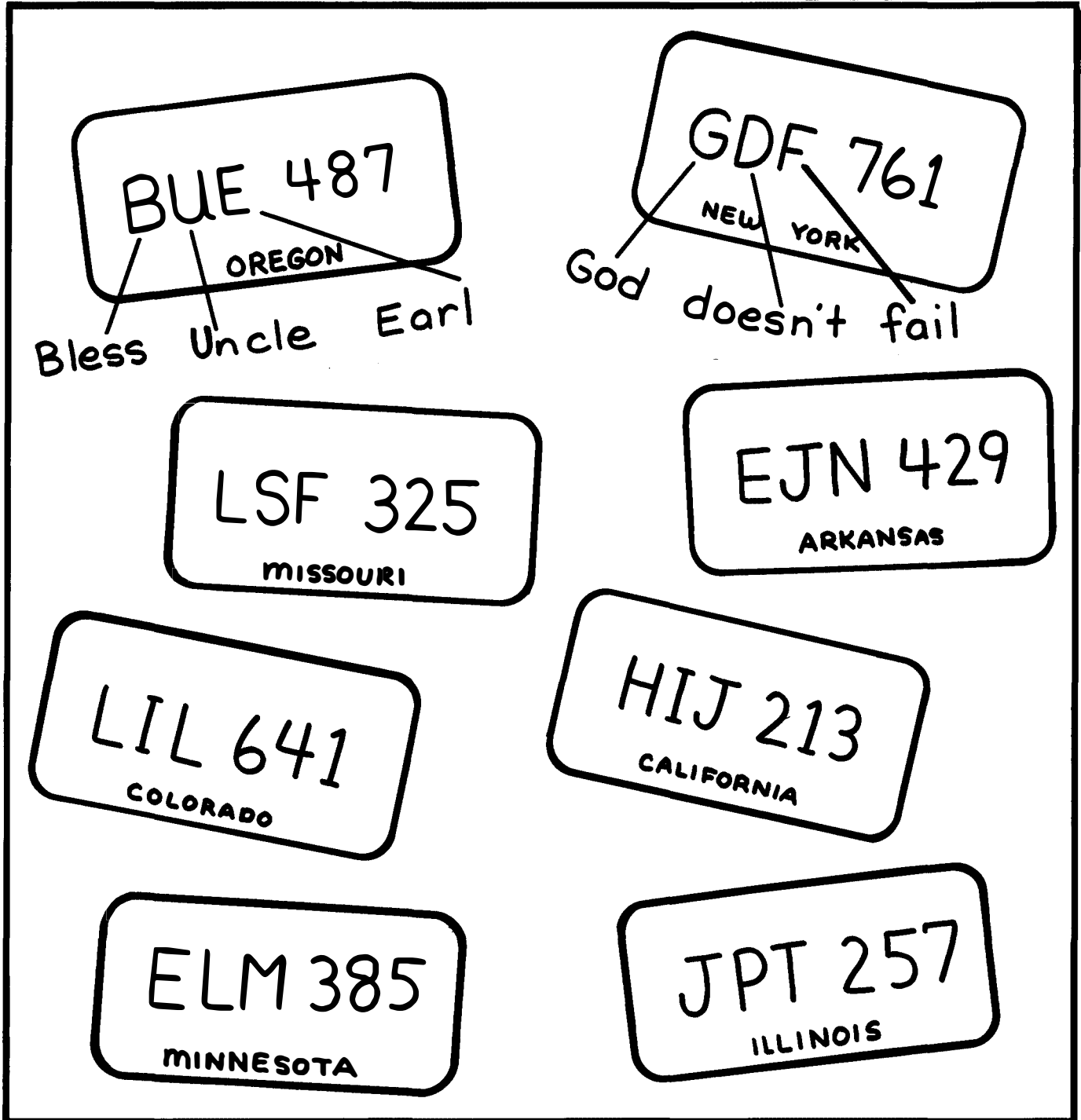
Luke 19:29-40

Memory Verse

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest. — Matthew 21:9

Praises for Jesus

We can praise God through the words we say. Here is a fun game to play. Practice with the license plates on this page, then the next time you are riding in a car you can play it for real. (License plates are different in each state.) Using just the letters, think of a sentence that says something good that God would like to hear. Two are done as samples. Have fun.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Primary-age children have already learned—and in some cases perfected—the art of making excuses. While this is a normal phase of childhood, this lesson should make clear to your child the danger of offering excuses to God. Our story tells of a man who made a great supper, but those invited made excuses. Because of this they missed their only opportunity to attend the great supper.

Help your child make two paper-bag puppets that can be used to illustrate the story, or perhaps to dramatize some excuses in present-day situations. Place two lunch sacks in front of him with the bottoms of the bags facing up. Let him draw a face on each sack, placing the mouth of his puppet so part of it is above the fold and part of it below. As you use the puppets, guide him in making up situations which illustrate unwise excuses.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Luke 14:17

MONDAY: Matthew 7:26

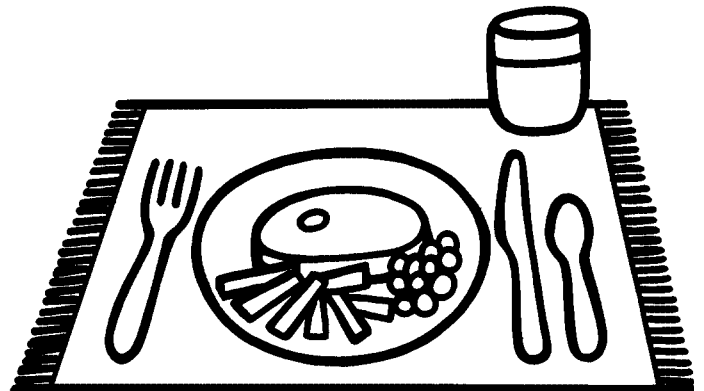
TUESDAY: Acts 24:25

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 2:3

THURSDAY: II Corinthians 10:12

FRIDAY: Proverbs 21:2

SATURDAY: Hebrews 12:25



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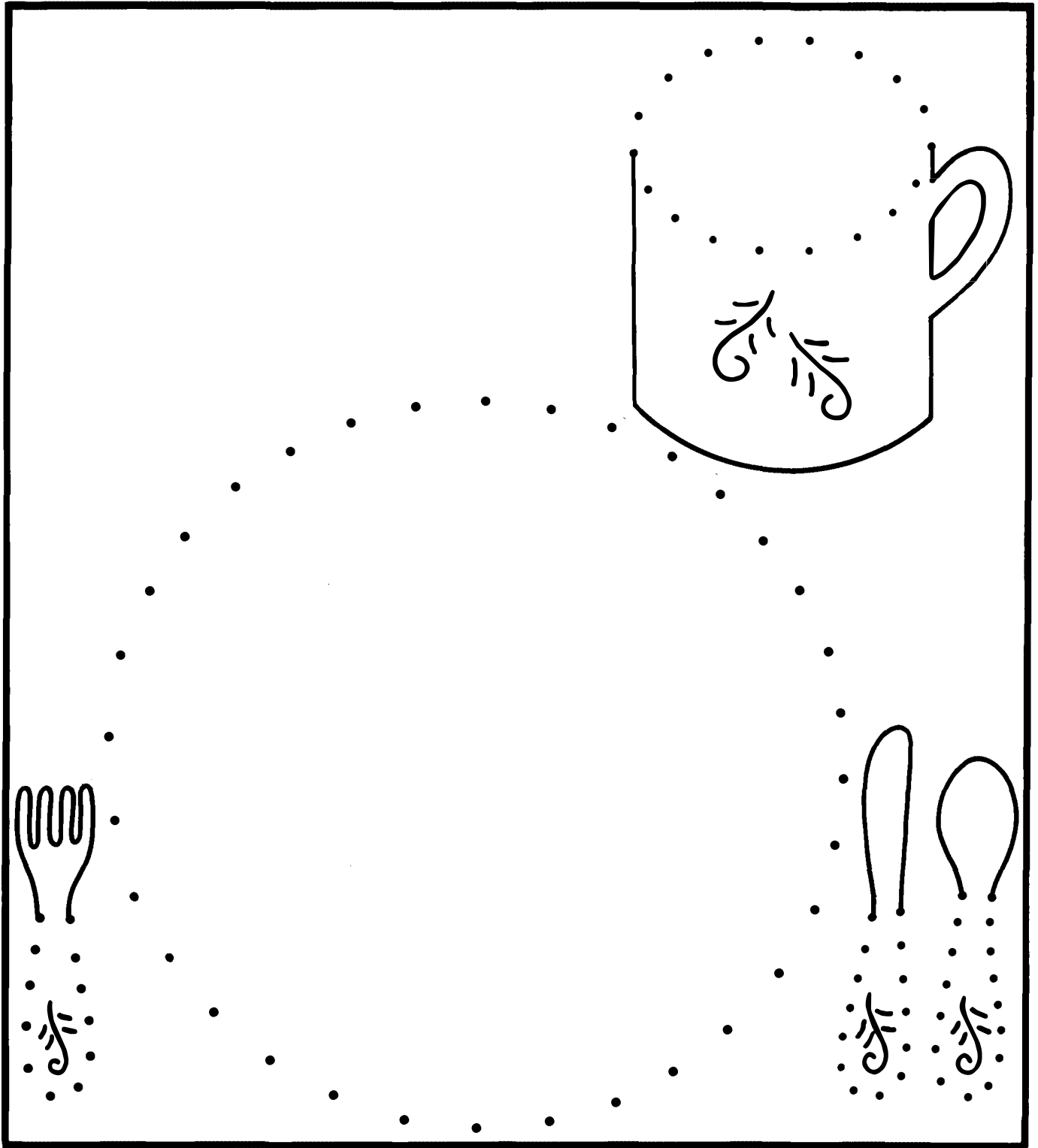
Luke 14:15-24

Memory Verse

Come; for all things are now ready. — Luke 14:17

You Are Invited

The people who made excuses missed a great supper. Connect the dots in the picture below. Then draw what you think the man served to his guests.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Our lesson focuses on the thought that we choose where we will spend eternity by what we choose to do here on earth. As you talk this over with your child, begin by discussing some of the choices he makes every day.

You might find it interesting to prepare a chart which would outline some of the things about which he makes decisions. Then let him circle in red the choices he makes. Write down such things as: Will I wear a red shirt or my blue plaid? Will I eat a peanut butter sandwich or a tuna sandwich? Will I color a picture or play with my Lego blocks?

Develop this concept by talking about behavioral choices. If we choose to do what God says is right, we are making the right choice for eternity.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Joshua 24:15

MONDAY: Deuteronomy 30:19

TUESDAY: Hebrews 11:24,25

WEDNESDAY: II Peter 2:9

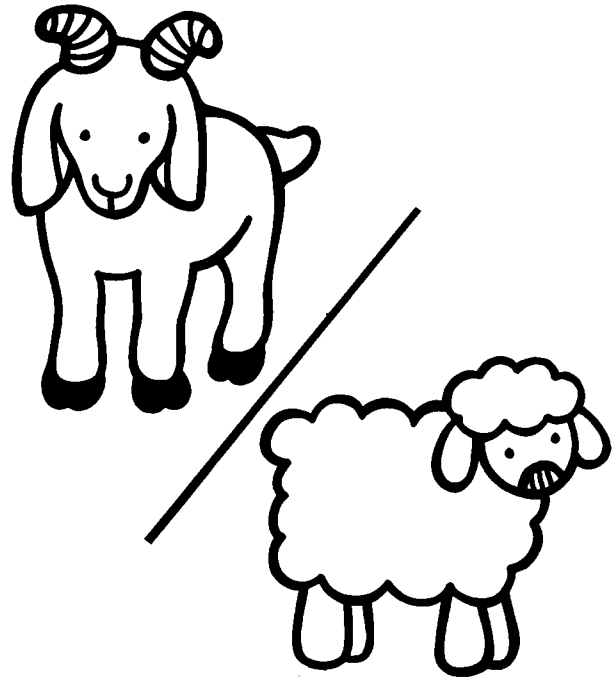
THURSDAY: Matthew 13:49

FRIDAY: Psalm 119:30

SATURDAY: I John 2:28

Bible Text

Matthew 25:31-46

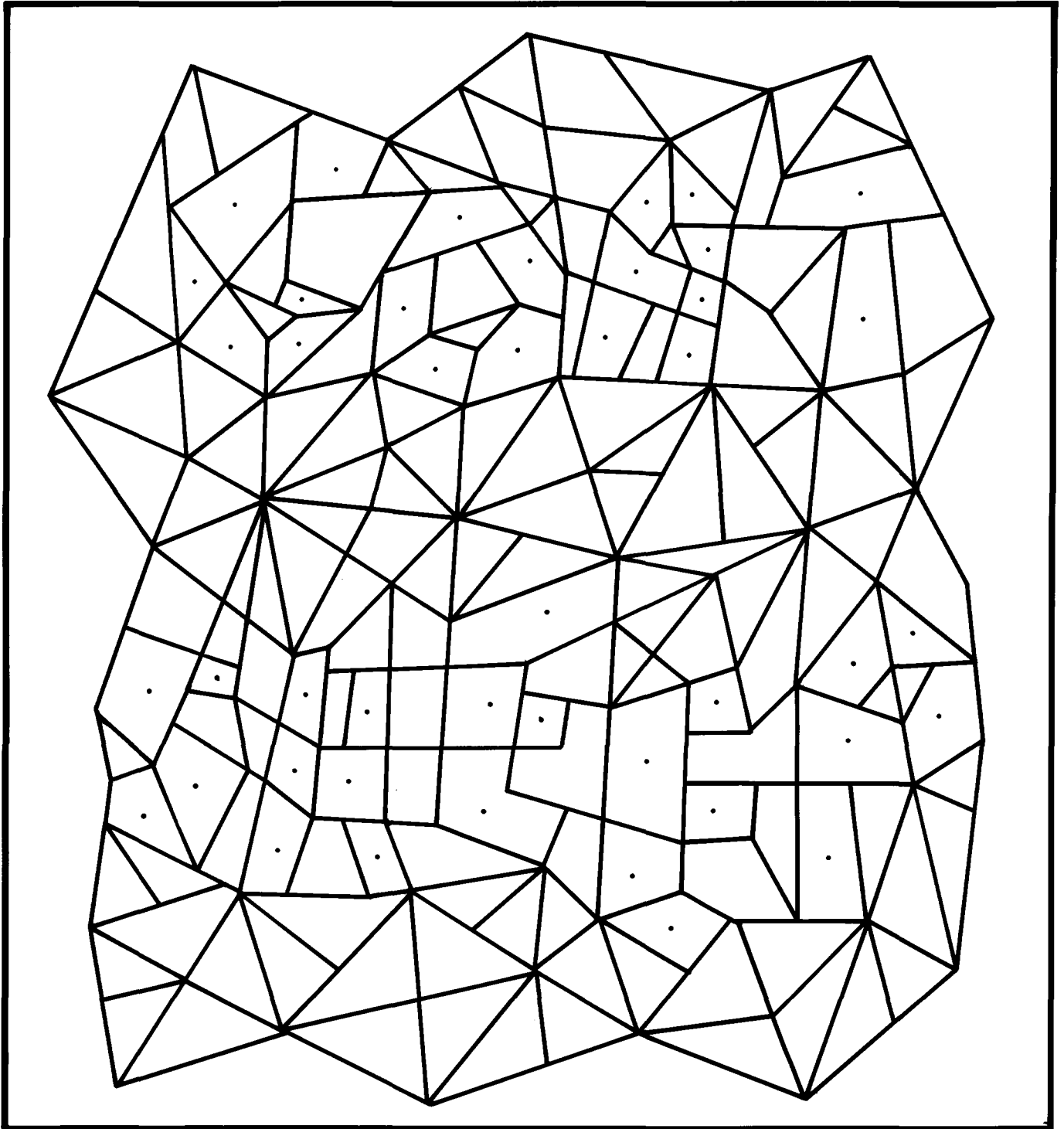


Memory Verse

Choose you this day whom ye will serve. — Joshua 24:15

You Must Choose

Color blue in all the spaces that have a dot in them. Two words are in the puzzle.
Which one do you want to be?



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Children of primary age often are becoming very interested in money. As they learn the aspects of saving and spending, this lesson is a perfect opportunity to illustrate that accumulation of great wealth is not necessarily a key to happiness.

Our story compares the earthly existence of a rich man with that of the beggar Lazarus. While the rich man had money enough on this earth to purchase anything he wanted, your child should understand that it did not bring him happiness in eternity.

As you talk about this point, let your child make crayon rubbings of a number of coins. Place the coins on a flat surface and lay a piece of white paper over them. Rubbing the crayon over the coin will produce its image on the paper. Let your child cut out the coins. Then ask him how much they are worth. When he replies that they have no value because they are only made of paper, help him see that even "real" money will have no value in eternity.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 25:46

MONDAY: Daniel 12:2

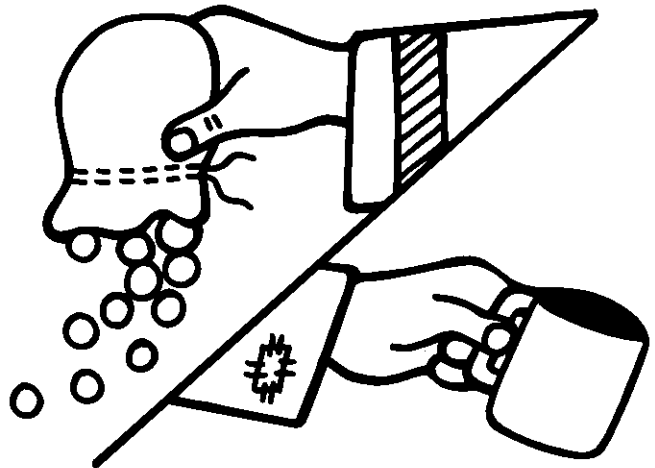
TUESDAY: Romans 6:23

WEDNESDAY: John 17:3

THURSDAY: Revelation 21:8

FRIDAY: John 3:36

SATURDAY: I Timothy 6:19



Bible Text

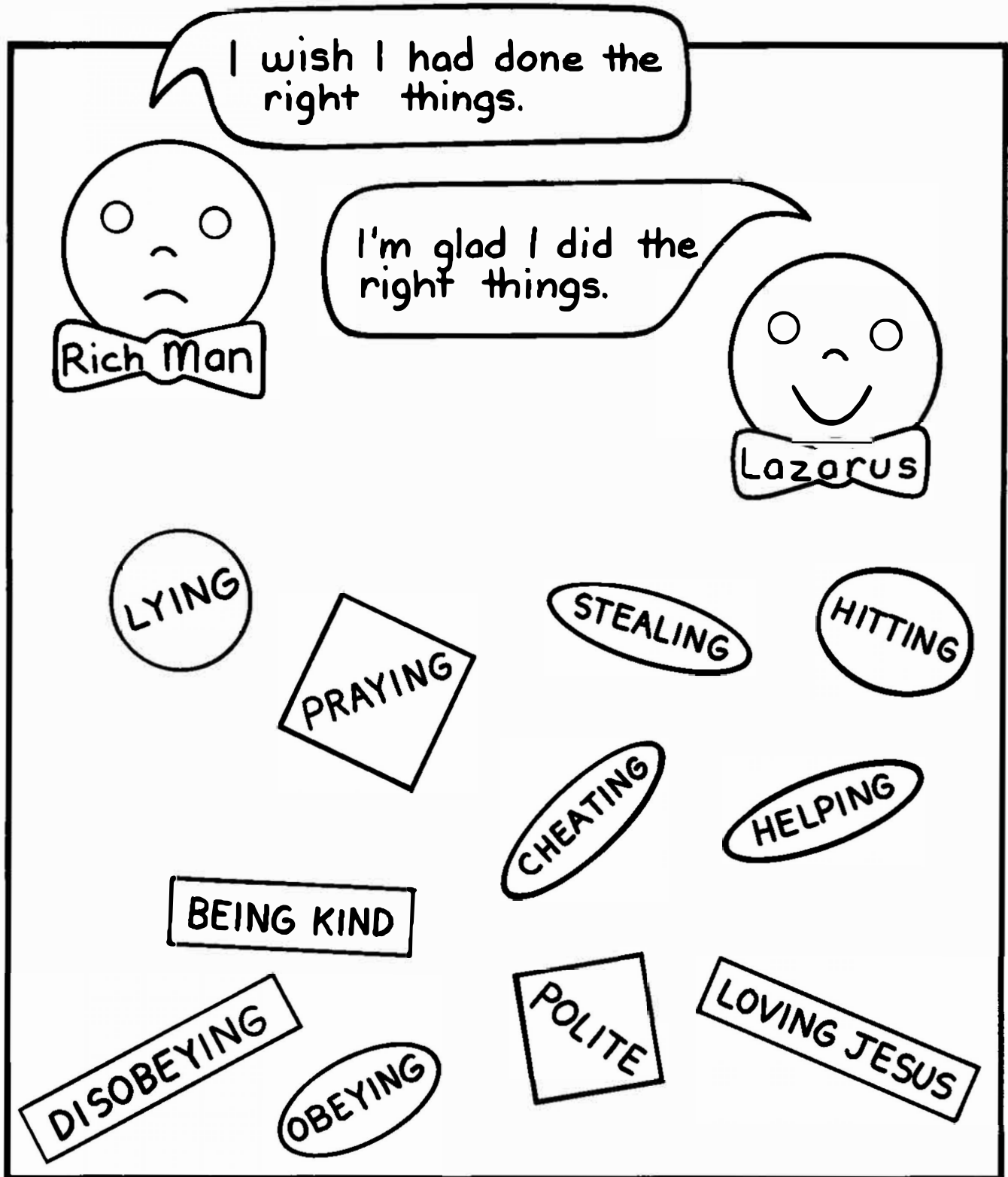
Luke 16:19-31

Memory Verse

These shall go away into everlasting punishment:
but the righteous into life eternal. — Matthew 25:46

Do the Right Thing

Draw a line from the rich man to the things he did. Could he change things after he died? Draw a line from Lazarus to the things he did.



Name: _____

Preparing for This Bible Lesson

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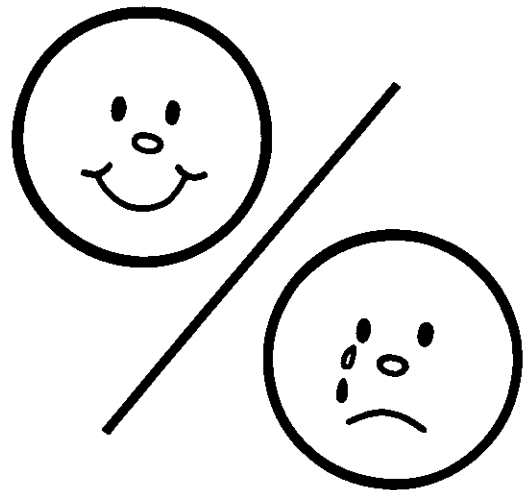
God's Word teaches that there are two places in which eternity can be spent—in Heaven or in Hell. This unit will focus on that reality.

To help your child visualize Heaven, help him create a three-dimensional scene picturing it. Give him a shoe box and help him glue light blue paper to the inside and bottom of the box. Turn the box on one side. Let him cut out mansions, golden streets, a river of life, etc., from gold foil paper. Angels, bells, and other decorative features may be cut from Christmas cards. Cut out people, leaving a tab at the bottom of each. Bend tab and glue to the bottom of the Heaven scene. Add clouds made from cotton and sprinkle on glitter.

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Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:20
MONDAY: Revelation 22:14
TUESDAY: Revelation 20:15
WEDNESDAY: II Peter 2:9
THURSDAY: John 14:2
FRIDAY: Revelation 21:4
SATURDAY: I Thessalonians 4:17



Bible Text

Revelation 21:10-27; 22:1-5
Mark 9:42-48

Memory Verse

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. — Matthew 6:20

I Want to Go to Heaven!

Use the words in the box to fill in your answers to the crossword puzzle.

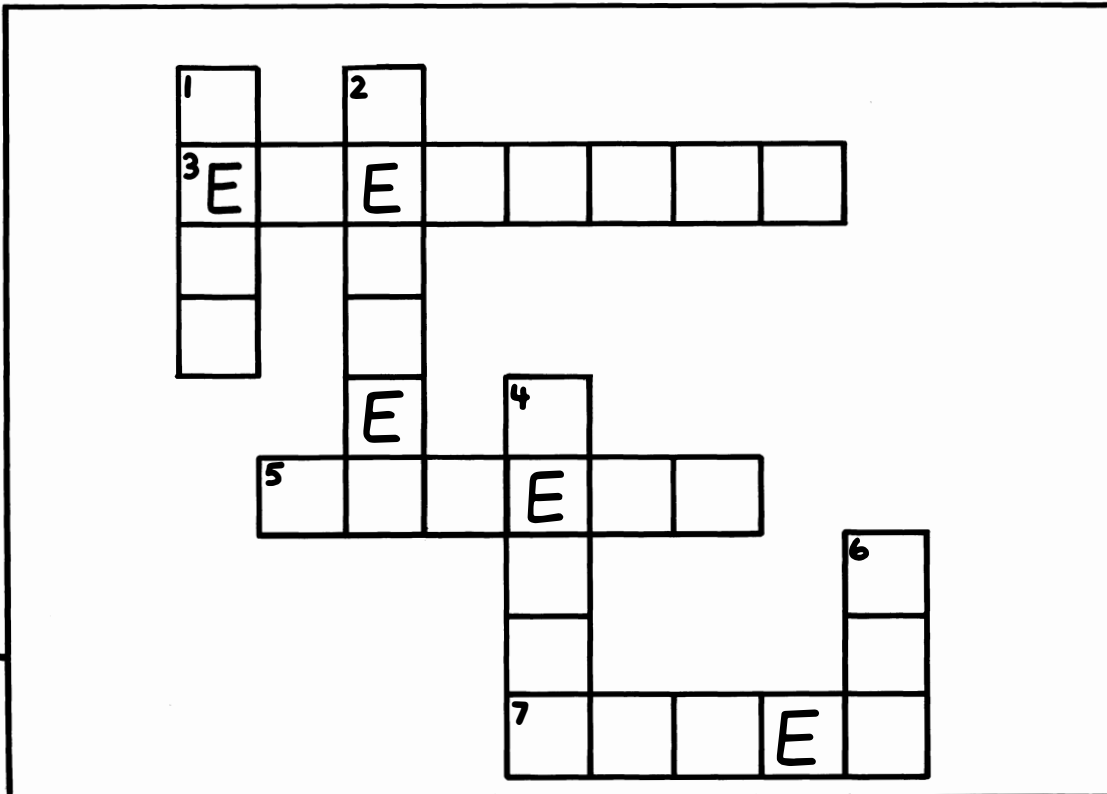
GOD
ANGELS
HELL
SAVED
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ETERNITY
JESUS

ACROSS:

3. Time in Heaven will last for _____.
5. They live in Heaven and work for Jesus.
7. You must be _____ if you want to go to Heaven.

DOWN:

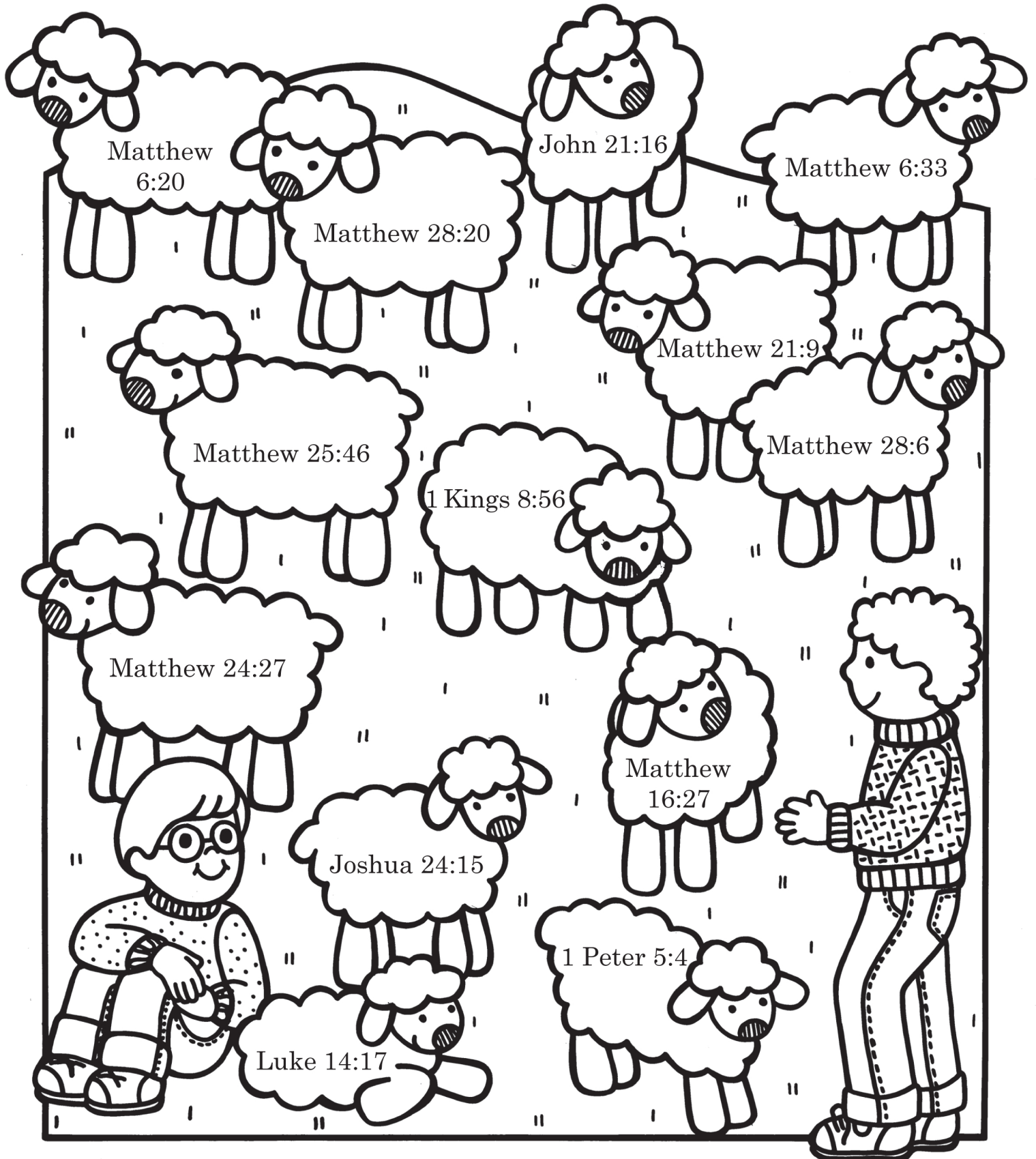
1. People who don't love Jesus will live forever in _____.
2. We want to spend eternity in _____.
4. Who is waiting for us in Heaven?
6. Who is Jesus' Father?



Name: _____

Bible Memory Verses

Color each sheep as you learn the verse. Make these sheep colorful by using a different color for each verse.



Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

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