

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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In the Beginning

In the beginning of time, God made the heavens and the earth. The earth had no shape. It was dark. The Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters.

"Let there be light," God commanded. There was light. God saw that it was good. He divided the light from the darkness. God called the light "Day", and the darkness "Night." The evening and morning were the first day.

On the second day, God created the sky. He called it the "heavens." The evening and morning were the second day.

On the third day, God created land. The waters were brought together to form oceans, rivers, lakes, and seas. "Let grass grow on the earth," God said. God made the trees and things that grow in the earth.

On the fourth day, God said, "Let there be lights to divide the day from night. Let them change for the seasons, for days and years. Let the lights in the heavens give light on the earth." The greater light, the sun, rose during the day. The lesser light, the moon, came up at night. He made the stars also. God set them in the heaven. He saw that His work was good.

The next day, God created the fish and the birds. God saw that His work was good. The evening and morning were the fifth day.

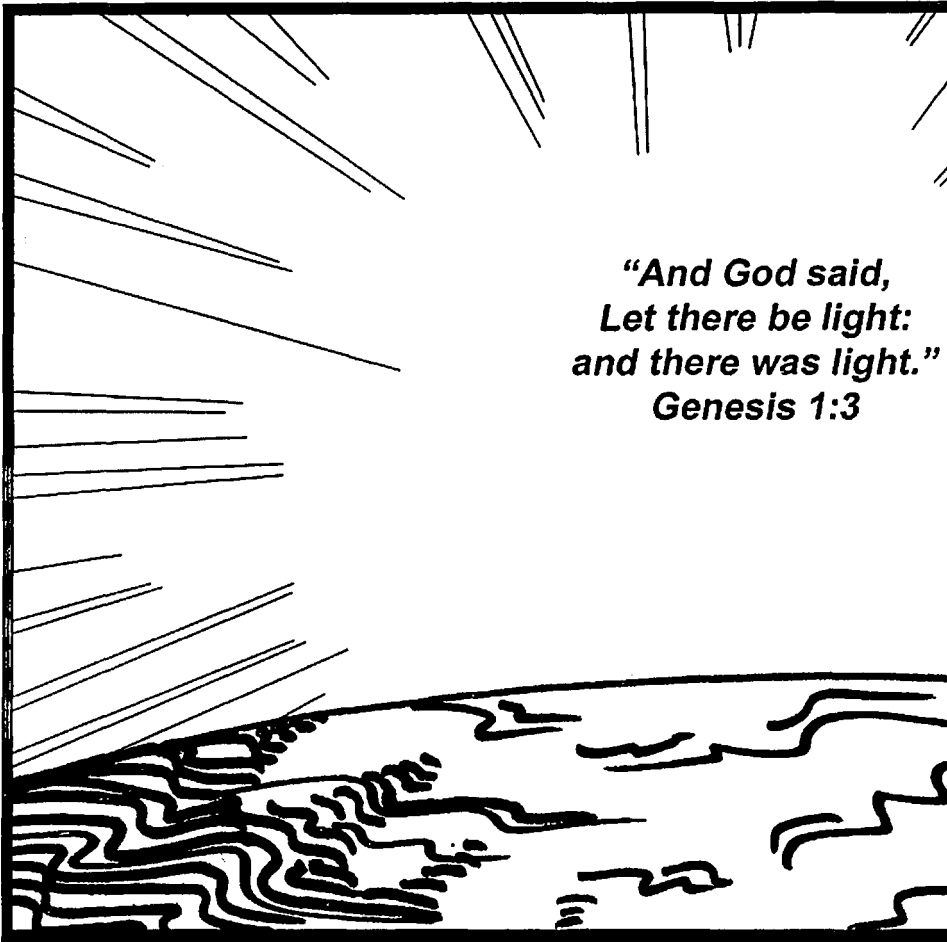
On the sixth day, living creatures were created. Cows and creeping things and beasts now roamed the earth.

The skies and the earth were finished. On the seventh day, God rested. God blessed the seventh day. —Sis. Monica Murphey

The First Six Days on Earth

Draw a picture in each box of what God created that day.

Day 1	Day 2
Day 3	Day 4
Day 5	Day 6



***“And God said,
Let there be light:
and there was light.”
Genesis 1:3***



Brian, an Extraordinary Boy

Eleven year old Brian was very excited as he stepped up to the podium to speak before a crowd of 6,000 people. He was talking to adults, business men and women, but he knew what he was talking about and they wanted to hear him. How did Brian get to this place of importance so young in life?

It wasn't easy.

When Brian was a four month old baby, he suffered from a breathing illness which caused him to stop breathing. The Lord spared his life, but the doctors told his parents that from then on, Brian would not be able to learn very many things. He had Williams syndrome.

Brian's parents loved him and they believed God allowed him to live for a reason. In spite of what the doctors said, they hoped their son would learn to talk and read. His mother, Valerie, read little books to him every night for six years. She showed him letters and made the sound each letter represented.

By the time Brian was seven years old, he could talk, but he could not read one word or even give the sound for one letter. His mother was a school teacher so she went to classes to learn how to teach her son to read. She was sure that God could help him learn if only she knew how to teach him.

Brian's dad would take the car to the local car wash each Saturday to have it clean for church on Sunday. Brian became very excited about going through the automatic car wash. He loved to watch the roller come down on the car hood and roll over the windshield, over the car top, over the back window and over the trunk.

"How does that roller work, Daddy?" Brian asked.

"You need to read about it," replied his father.

Soon Brian's mother wrote and hid flash cards through the house that had words on them like: free, car, wash, soap, enter and exit.

Brian loved to find these cards. He would bring them to his mother or father and read them. They would talk about the car wash which Brian loved to watch.

Learning became a game to Brian because he liked what he was studying. His mother would help him write a sentence with the car wash words, and then Brian would read the sentence back to her. After he had these words memorized, she wrote new ones on flash cards and hid them in the house.

Because Brian's parents loved him and loved the Lord, they wanted him to learn and be happy as the beautiful person God had made him.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Before long, Brian was reading bigger words like: rinse, automatic, conveyerized, tunnel, and other words connected with the car wash.

Questions:

1. When did God create the earth?
2. Did the earth have any shape?
3. What did God create the first day?
4. What did God call the darkness?
5. What did God create on the second day?
6. What did God create on the third day?
7. What did God make for the day and night?
8. What did God do on the seventh day?

Answers: 1. In the beginning. 2. No. 3. Light. 4. Night. 5. The sky. 6. Land. 7. The sun & moon. 8. Rested.

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The First Couple

God had created many beautiful plants and animals, but there was no man to enjoy them. There was no man on the earth to till the ground.

"Let us make man in our image," God said. "He will rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds in the air, over the cattle, and over everything that creeps on the earth."

God formed man out of the dirt in the ground. He breathed into his nose and life came into the man. The Lord planted a garden in Eden. Many beautiful trees were growing in the garden. Not only were the trees beautiful, but they were also good for food. The Tree of Life was in the middle of the garden. So was the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden. God put the man in the garden to take care of it. The man's name was Adam.

The Lord created many beasts and birds and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. Adam named all of the creatures, birds of the air and beasts of the field. Adam had no other human being who could help him with any of these things. God saw that Adam needed someone special to help him.

"It is not good for man to be alone," God decided. "I will make a helpmeet for him."

The Lord caused Adam to fall asleep. As Adam slept, God opened Adam's side and took one of his ribs. Then He closed up the flesh. He made a woman out of the rib and brought her to Adam.

"This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She will be called Woman, because she was taken out of man," Adam said.

"A man should leave his father and mother and be one with his wife," Adam decided.

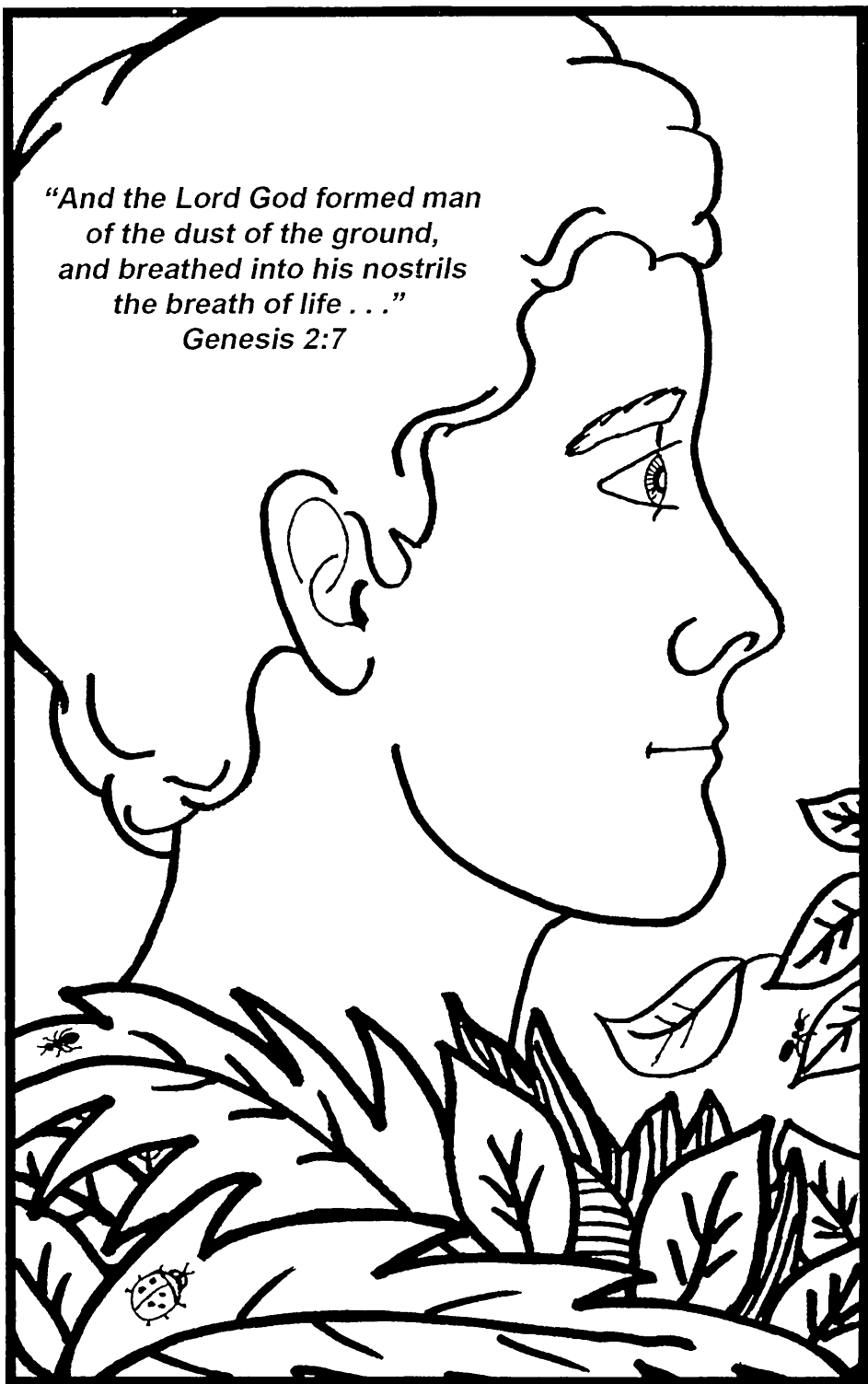
—Sis. Monica Murphey

I Spy Things God Created

Color the names of the things God created. Think of some more things God created to write down on the lines below. See who can think of the most things. God did create man, who made some of these things, but for this worksheet things that man created don't count.

trees	cows	rocks	flowers	schools
birds	corn	bread	turkeys	computers
cars	man	books	pencils	Birthday cakes
lakes	sky	zoos	stars	buffalo
bees	paper	moon	pillows	monkeys
trains	sun	fruit	snails	airplanes
shoes	gold	money	pearls	mountains

*"And the Lord God formed man
of the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life . . ."
Genesis 2:7*



Brian, an Extraordinary Boy

(Part 2)

Brian was so interested in car wash garages that he loved to go to one on Saturdays with his dad. He would sit in their car and watch the big roller come down and tumble over the car.

He liked the side sprayers that would swish the car. Soapy water rippled down the windows, blocking the view of the machinery for a moment. Then the machinery engines would revive up and stronger blasts of water washed off the soapy white waves.

Next the green light would come on and his dad drove the car through the warm air blower, drying off their clean car. As soon as the dryer clicked off, Brian wished his dad would drive back through again. He just loved the way the car wash worked!

One day a car wash magazine arrived at Brian's house. A car washer owner who had met Bran had it sent to him. Brian was so excited that he followed his mother around the house asking her to read what each page said.

"Say the words with me," said his mother. She wanted Brian to learn how to read the words himself. Soon she was putting bigger words on index cards and hiding them. When Brian would find one, he would hurry to his mother so they could read and talk about the word. The words were from his car wash magazines. Words like: automatic, conveyerized, tunnel, machinery, and other big words.

Brian learned to read and talk as his mother patiently guided him

through words, sentences and paragraphs in his treasured magazines.

Brian's parents were so thankful that he was finally reading! Their prayers were being answered through his car wash addiction. He would study how car washes were built and how the machinery worked. In four years time Brian was an expert on the operation of car wash machinery.

That is why he was asked to speak before an audience of 6,000 people. They wanted to know what he had learned worked the best and what did not work so well.

It was a happy time for Brian and his parents!

Even though the doctors had said Brian would never walk or talk properly, he had blown away their predictions. Now Brian is interested in computers and how they work.

The moral of the story: The Lord has given each of us a talent, so learn how he wants you to use yours.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What was needed to till the earth?
2. Whose image did God make man of?
3. What was man formed out of?
4. Where did God place the man he had formed?
5. What was the man's name?
6. What did God take out of Adam's side?
7. What did God make with it?
8. Who did Adam say a man should leave to be one with his wife?

Answers: 1. A man. 2. God's. 3. Dust. 4. In the Garden of Eden. 5. Adam. 6. A rib. 7. Woman. 8. His father and mother.

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The First Deception

Adam and Eve were the first man and woman on the earth. God planted a beautiful garden in Eden and placed Adam and Eve there. A river flowed through the garden. Pleasant fruit trees blossomed and grew. Among these trees was the Tree of Life. There was also a tree called "The Knowledge of Good and Evil."

"You may eat anything off of any of the trees in the garden except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," the Lord commanded Adam and Eve. "If you eat fruit from this tree, you will die."

The serpent was more cunning and crafty than any other animal of the field that God had made. One day, the evil serpent paid Eve a visit. "Has God said you should not eat of every tree in the garden?" the serpent asked.

"We may eat the fruit from any of the trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said we should not eat it or touch it, or we would die," Eve explained.

"Surely you will not die," the serpent replied. "God knows that when you eat the fruit from the tree your eyes will be opened and you will know as much as the gods and know all about good and evil."

Eve examined the fruit and saw that it would be good for food. She wanted to be wise, so she took a piece of fruit from the tree and ate it. Eve gave some of the fruit to Adam, and he ate it too. Their eyes were opened. They knew they had done wrong.

During the cool of the day, Adam and Eve heard the Lord walking in the garden. They hid among the trees. "Where are you?" the Lord called. "I heard your voice and I was afraid. I hid myself," Adam replied. "Have you eaten of the tree after I commanded you not to?" the Lord asked. "The woman that you gave to me gave me fruit from the tree and I ate it," Adam answered. "The serpent tempted me, and I ate," Eve told him. "Because you have done this," the Lord told the serpent. "You are cursed above every animal. You will crawl around on your belly in the dust for the rest of your life." Adam and Eve were sent from the garden because of their sin. They had to work hard for their food and for their lives.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Bible Drill!!

The first student to find all of the verses and write them down is the winner!!

What is sin?

James 4:17 _____

1 John 5:17 _____

What are the consequences of sin?

Isaiah 59:2 _____

Revelation 20:15 _____

What can we do to get forgiveness for sins?

1 John 1:9 _____

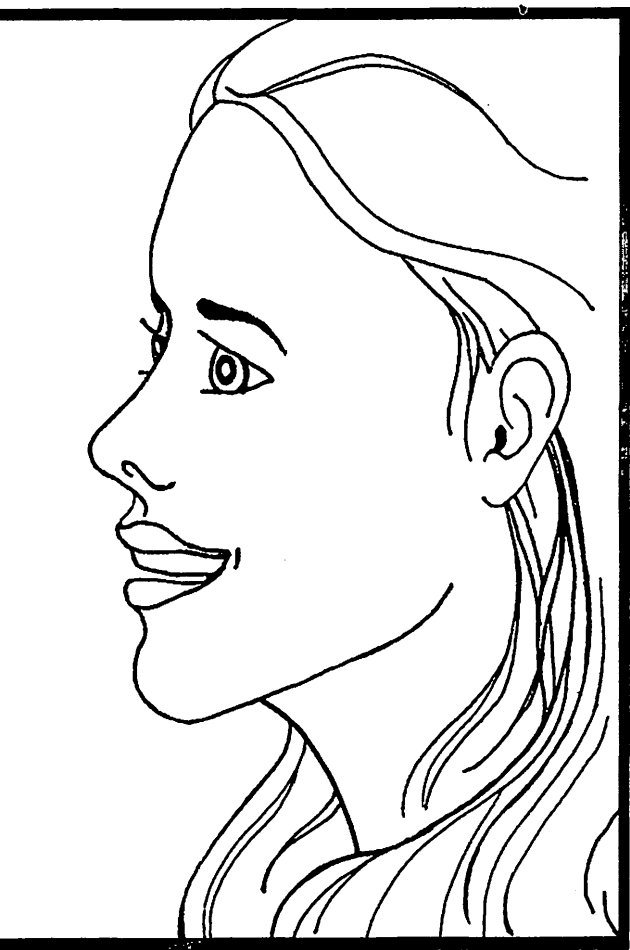
What do we need to do after we are saved?

Romans 6:4 _____

***“... she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat,
and gave also unto her husband . . .”***

Genesis 3:6





Barnaby, the Gelada Baboon

Barnaby was a Gelada baboon born in a zoo in California. His fur was dark brown and shiny because he ate his fruits, vegetables and meat every day. Weighing forty pounds at the age of three years old, he looked small compared to his father, Ho Chi Minh, who weighed a hundred and twenty pounds, but he was growing fast and was very smart.

Living in a troop with his mother and father, Barnaby felt very safe. At night he would lie in his mother's arms and let her comb her fingers through his long, silky hair. He would pat her arm and they would hum loving tunes to each other.

One day a zoo keeper left the cage door slightly open. Barnaby's quick eye saw through the crack beyond the door. In a flash he pushed open the door and rushed into the great outside. His head turned this way and that—where could he hide?

A grove of trees were in sight; Barnaby ran to them and swung up into the branches of a good size tree. The zoo keepers were not very concerned about Barnaby's escape because they thought he would miss his mother and come back to her soon.

Barnaby did miss his mother. In the night, he crept out of the tree, went to the chain-link fence, and called to her. They spent the night patting each other through the fence.

The next morning Barnaby was hungry, but he did not want to return to his cage for food. He was determined to explore and have fun. So he roamed through the zoo, climbing in and out of cages to grab food or to investigate.

He quickly learned that the mama mountain lion did not want to share her meal with him like his mama would do. She growled and slapped at him with her big paw. Only his quick reflex and speed at climbing saved him from being her dinner instead!

That night Barnaby leaned closer to the chain-link fence, patted his

mama more, and had bad dreams about the long teeth of a mountain lion.

If Barnaby wanted, he could have come back home. Instead he wanted to roam more and go farther away from home. He learned that the zoo had a big park nearby. Parents took their children there to have picnics and that meant food was there for the asking.

The first boy he met was eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Barnaby hid in the bushes and watched the boy until the boy suddenly saw Barnaby. Then the boy stopped eating and watched Barnaby who yelped a greeting. This pleased the boy and he smiled.

In baboon language, showing your teeth was asking for a fight. Barnaby came out of the bushes, and the little boy laughed again, and threw his sandwich to Barnaby.

The baboon grabbed the sandwich, licked it, then ate it in one gulp. The little boy hollered and Barnaby ran. He was very naughty.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who were the first people on earth?
2. Where did God put them?
3. What tree could they not eat from?
4. Who tempted Eve to eat the fruit?
5. Who did Adam and Eve hear in the garden?
6. What did they do when they heard the Lord?
7. What happened to the serpent because of his evil?
8. What happened to Adam and Eve because of their sin?

Answers: 1. Adam and Eve. 2. Garden of Eden. 3. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 4. The serpent. 5. The Lord. 6. They hid. 7. He has to crawl on his belly in the dust. 8. They had to work hard for their food and lives.

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The First Murder

After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they had to leave their beautiful home in the Garden of Eden. God placed cherubims and a flaming sword to watch over the tree of life.

Adam and Eve had to live a hard life because of their sin. Thorns and thistles now grew in the earth. They could not just pick fruit from the beautiful trees in the garden. They had to work hard to grow and harvest their food. Soon, Adam and Eve began having children. First, Adam and Eve had a son they named Cain. Then they had another son named Abel. Cain worked hard to till the ground and plant foods in the fields. Abel was a shepherd.

Abel brought the best of his flock to sacrifice to God. The lamb he brought was the fattest and best. Cain brought fruit as an offering to the Lord. The Lord was pleased with Abel's offering, but was not satisfied with the offering Cain brought to him. This made Cain very angry and his face fell.

"Why are you upset?" The Lord asked. "If you do well, shouldn't you be accepted? If you do not do well, doesn't that show that sin is in your heart?"

Cain smoldered in anger and his resentment grew toward Abel. While Cain and Abel were in the field, Cain killed his brother. "Where is your brother Abel?" the Lord asked Cain. "I do not know," Cain answered. "Am I my brother's keeper?" "What have you done?" the Lord asked. "The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. Now you are cursed from the earth. When you till the ground it will be hard and tough. You will be a wanderer on the earth.

"My pain is greater than I can bear," Cain protested. "You have driven me away from the earth and I will be hid, and everyone that finds me will kill me."

"If anyone kills you," the Lord promised. "Vengeance will be taken on him. I will set a mark on you so that no one will kill you."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Hidden Bible Verse

Make a slash over all of the Ks, Qs, and Zs. Write down the letters that are left to find out what the verse is.

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***“And Abel, he also brought
of the firstlings of his flock . . .”
Genesis 4:4***



Barnaby, the Gelada Baboon

(Part 2)

Barnaby, the run-away Gelada baboon, thought he was smart in asking for food at the park. He would come out of the bushes, and watch closely as these humans took food out of baskets. He felt comfortable in seeing them lay out food on tables because his mama put their food on flat rocks.

Soon one of the children would see Barnaby, point at him and smile, which were bad manners to a baboon. Barnaby would rise to his full three foot height and bark back a challenge. Usually the mama would say something like, "Oh, see, he wants something to eat. Let's give him some of our sandwich!"

Barnaby would take the sandwich tossed his way, eat it while the humans watched, and leave to find another mother having a picnic with her children. Eating meals this way made Barnaby fat.

Every evening at 7:00, Barnaby would go back to the chain link fence to be near his mama, but he did not want to go back home because he liked eating at the park.

The zoo keepers knew where Barnaby was going, but they were not worried about him. He was little, timid and amusing the children at the park.

Time passed. Barnaby grew bigger each day. In a few weeks he had gained up to eighty pounds. By now at the park, mamas were telling their children to leave the baboon alone. He was coming right to the tables and taking things without asking.

When Barnaby grabbed a sandwich from a lady who was reading a book, she screamed, showed her teeth and hit at him with her book. That was very bad manners to a baboon. He was bigger now and ready to take on a fight.

A park ranger saw the disturbance

and rushed to stop the fight before it started. When the man hollered, Barnaby ran into the bushes, which relieved the lady, but angered Barnaby. He felt he was not a baby anymore and he was not going to be told what to do.

The ranger called the zoo keepers. "If you don't come and get this wild baboon while he is alive, you will be digging him a grave soon," he said.

The zoo keepers knew it was time to put Barnaby back in his home. The doctor prepared a tranquilizer dart and put it into a dart gun. That evening when Barnaby leaned against the chain-link fence by his mama, he felt a sharp sting in his hip. He went to sleep and woke up to feel his mama combing her fingers through his hair.

He weighed ninety pounds now, and was as big as his mama, but he felt so safe in her arms. He decided the best place to be was with someone who loved him, and who he loved, too. Never again did Barnaby try to run away from home.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did Adam and Eve leave the garden?
2. Who did God put to watch over the tree of life?
3. What kind of life did Adam and Eve have?
4. What was the name of their first son?
5. What was the name of their second son?
6. What did Abel bring as a sacrifice to God?
7. What did Cain bring as a sacrifice to God?
8. What made Cain angry?

Answers: 1. They disobeyed God & had to leave. 2. Cherubims and a fiery sword. 3. A hard one. 4. Cain. 5. Abel. 6. His best lamb. 7. Fruit. 8. God was not pleased with his offering.

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Destroyed by a Flood

People began to multiply on the earth. There were giants on the earth. They had children who grew to become mighty men who were well known.

God saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth. Men were using their imaginations to continually think of evil things. They had forgotten their Creator. The Lord was sorry he had ever made man. His heart was heavy. "I will destroy the men who I have created. I will wipe every man, beast, creeping thing, and bird from the earth. I am sorry I have made them," the Lord reflected.

The Lord found one man who pleased him. This man's name was Noah. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was perfect. He walked with God. Noah had three sons named Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The earth was filled with violence and evil. God saw that men had brought this on earth and were not following the Lord's plan.

"I am going to destroy all of the earth," the Lord informed Noah. "The earth is filled with violence. Make an ark out of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark. Build the ark thirty cubits high. Put one window in the ark. Put a door in the side of the ark. It should have three stories. I will destroy all flesh on the earth. But I will make a covenant with you. You will go into the ark. You will take your wife and your sons and their wives with you. Keep two of every living thing alive in the ark with you. Take food for you and the animals to eat."

Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Word Search

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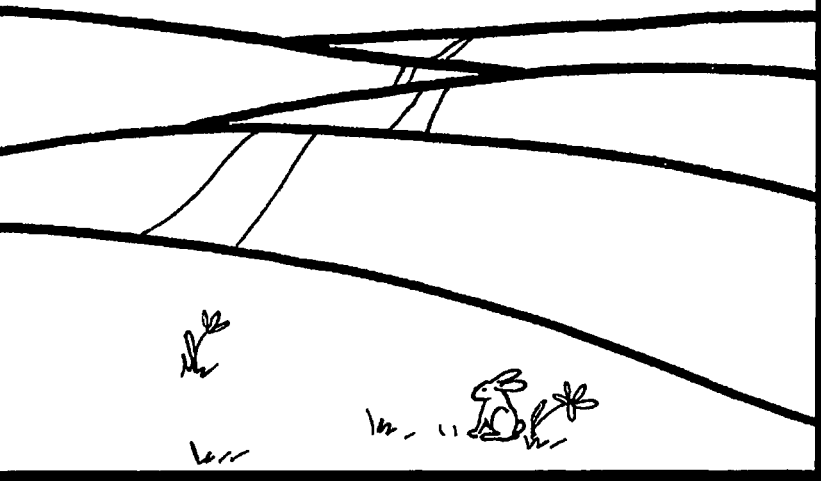
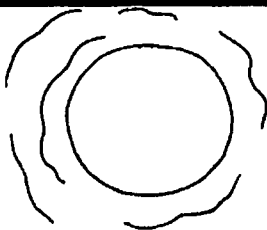
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***.. Noah walked with God.”
Genesis 6:9***



Christine, Living with Blindness

Christine is a bouncy girl with the nickname of Tigger, because Tiggers like to bounce. At six-years-old, she had lived through several eye surgeries and still she is only able to see dark shadows without color or details.

However, Christine is a happy girl who loves to sing and play pranks on her mother, daddy and sister. She knows where each one sits at the supper table. Christine loves to hide an ice cube in her hand and when she thinks no one is looking, she sneaks behind someone and puts an ice cube down that person's back.

Christine has many imaginary friends: her dolls and her stuffed animals. They all have names and different personalities according to Christine. She doesn't have too many live friends, and she would like to have more real persons as friends. You see, it takes more effort for Christine to reach out to others, because she can't see who she is talking too, or where they are going, or what they are doing. Because Christine is special, it takes a special person to reach out and make friends with Christine.

Her mother takes her to piano lessons, gymnastics and swimming classes where Christine enjoys being with other girls her age. They giggle over silly things and tell nonsense jokes. If Christine needs to feel something to know what it is, her friends are patient with her.

Her mother said, "I believe God has gifted Christine with the strengths she has to help her overcome her visual disability. It is important that her father and I help her develop those strengths."

Yes, Christine has many good strong talents.

One Sunday morning she was helping her mother lay papers on each chair for the primary Sunday school lesson when she asked, "Mama, when can I sing my song? Could I sing my song for church? I made it up my-

self and I know it very well," insisted Christine.

Her mother was only half listening. "Not today, Christine," she said. "We aren't prepared. Besides Sis. Bonnie takes care of the special singing and we have not told her about your song."

While her mother finished reading the lesson, Christine went down the hall and found Sis. Bonnie.

"Hello, Sis. Bonnie," said Christine. "I made up a song about Jesus—would you like to hear it?"

Sis. Bonnie put her hand on Christine's shoulder. "Indeed, I would," she replied.

Christine cleared her throat, then she sang, "Thank you, God, for the world so sweet, thank you for all the friends I meet; You made my life so good, I wouldn't change it if I could!"

"That is a beautiful song!" said Sis. Bonnie. "I will have you sing it right after the lesson review before the congregation."

Christine's parents were so surprised when she stood up and Sis. Bonnie helped her to the front where she sang her lovely song unto the Lord.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did God see was great on the earth?
2. What was man's imagination always thinking?
3. Why was the Lord sorry he had created man?
4. Who pleased the Lord?
5. Noah found ____ in the eyes of the Lord.
6. What did the Lord decide to do to the earth?
7. What did the Lord tell Noah to build?
8. Who was Noah supposed to take onto the ark?

Answers: 1. The wickedness of man. 2. Evil things. 3. They were violent and evil. 4. Noah. 5. Grace. 6. Destroy it. 7. An ark. 8. His family and two of every living thing.

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Alone on the Earth

The Lord told Noah to build an ark. Noah was supposed to find two of every unclean animal to take on the ark with him and his family. The Lord told Noah to take seven males and females of the clean animals and birds. Clean animals are animals that have divided hooves and chew their cud. Cows, sheep, goats, and deer are examples of animals that are clean. Camels, rabbits, and pigs are some of the animals that God considered unclean.

It took Noah one hundred and twenty years to build the ark and prepare for the flood. Before this, no one had ever seen rain.

"Come and bring your family in the ark," the Lord told Noah. "I have seen that you are righteous. Bring the animals onto the ark."

"It will be seven days before it rains. Then I will cause it to rain for forty days and forty nights. Every living thing that I have made will be destroyed from the earth."

Noah did everything that the Lord commanded. All of the animals were in the ark. Noah and his family went into the ark and waited. The Lord shut the door behind them. Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters covered the earth.

After seven days, the windows of heaven were opened and rain began to pour down and cover the earth. The waters rose and lifted the ark high above the earth. The ark moved about on the waters.

All of the hills were covered with water. The mountains were covered with water. All of the living things that moved about on the earth were destroyed by the water. Only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark remained alive.

The waters stayed on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Some are vowels; some are consonants. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Bible verse is.

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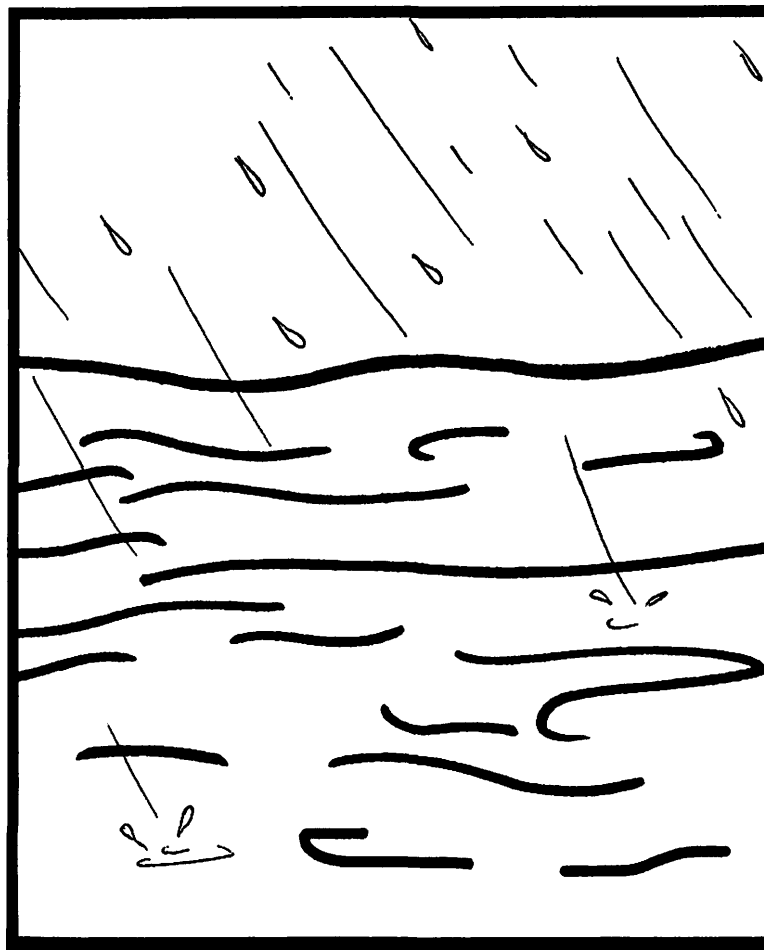
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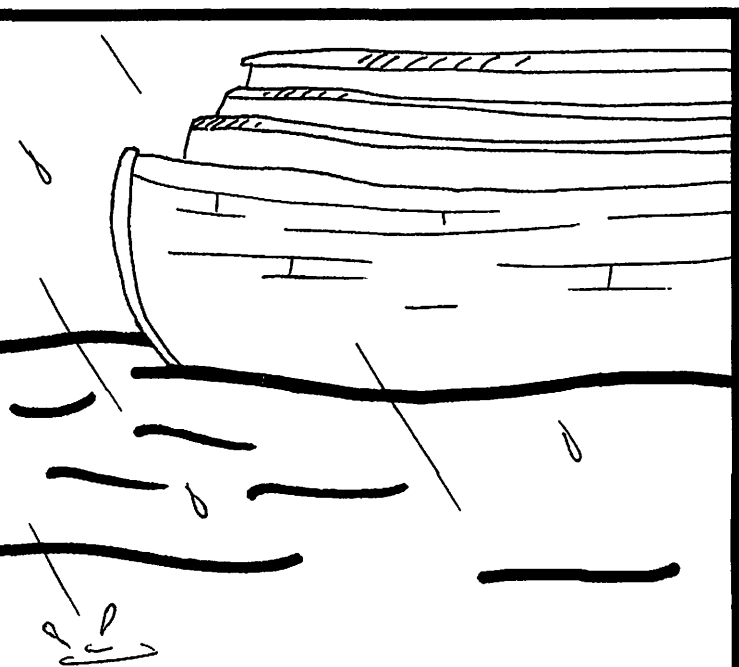
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Clue: Hebrews 11:7





***“... and Noah only remained alive,
and they that were with him in the ark.”
Genesis 7:23***

Do I Have Friends?

Twilla knew by seeing the red hearts in the store that Valentine's Day was soon to come. She also saw the many colorful packages of candy and wondered if she would get any herself.

"I LOVE candy," Twilla hinted to the supervisor at the restaurant where she worked.

Mrs. Thomas smiled and hugged Twilla. "You LOVE candy, do you? Well, I LOVE the neat way you fold napkins with the folk, spoon and butter knife tucked inside."

"Oh, thank you, Mrs. Thomas," said Twilla with a shy smile. Her fingers gained more speed as she saw Mrs. Thomas looking at her hands. Maybe her hands were shaky and her fingers bent crooked, but she could still help others. Twilla tilted herself forward in her motor chair and reached for another stack of napkins to fold.

As she carefully did her work, Twilla enjoyed hearing the kitchen talk behind her. The top chief teased his helpers and they often were laughing over some funny joke. In front of the table where she sat, customers walked past to the dining room where they were seated by a waitress. This location let Twilla be a part of both the working team and the customer group.

"Hello, Twilla, how are you today?" a regular customer would say.

"Just fine, thank you," Twilla would reply with a smile.

"Hey, Twilla, are you folding two napkins at a time to get done sooner?" would tease a waiter.

Twilla would laugh. "Do you want to help me?" she would tease back.

It seemed Twilla had many friends, but she always wondered if they really did like her, and special days like Valentine's Day made her nervous. Would anyone care enough to give her something like a box of candy, or flowers, or even a nice card?

Well, she wanted to give her friends something! Her sister took her to a candy store where she bought with her own money several boxes of good chocolate candy.

"Twilla, you spend most of your money on your friends!" teased her sister.

Twilla giggled. "I like to make others happy," she replied.

On Valentine's Day, she was ready to give out candy to the kitchen crew and to customers who spoke to her.

Her kindness did make others happy. Not only was she blessed in hearing them thank her, but they gave to her also. She received roses from the kitchen crew, candy from Mrs. Thomas and from several others.

Some customers gave her sweet cards that said they appreciated her friendly smile and cheery attitude at work.

That night Twilla thanked the Lord for caring people who inspire her. They looked beyond her physical differences and liked her for who she was. For Twilla, this meant so much

—Sis Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How many of each kind of clean animal was Noah supposed to bring on the ark?
2. What are clean animals?
3. How many years did it take Noah to build the ark?
4. Had it ever rained before this?
5. Where did the Lord tell Noah to go?
6. How old was Noah at the time of the flood?
7. Who shut the door of the ark behind Noah's family?
8. How many days did they wait in the ark before the rain started?

Answers: 1. Seven males and females. 2. Animals that have divided hooves and chew their cud. 3. 120 years. 4. No. 5. Into the ark. 6. Six hundred years old. 7. The Lord. 8. Seven.

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Language Barriers

Several generations after the flood, everyone on the earth spoke the same language. People could visit from any part of the earth and understand each other's speech. The people found a plain in the land of Shinar to live in. All of the people on the earth lived in the same area and spoke the same language. They were united.

Nimrod was one of Noah's grandchildren. He became a mighty leader in the land. Nimrod was a great hunter. He reigned over many cities in the land of Shinar, including the city that would be called Babel.

One day, some of the people had an idea. "Let's make brick," someone suggested. They developed a system to make bricks and used slime as a mortar to hold the bricks together.

"Let's build a city and a tower whose top reaches all of the way up to heaven. In case we get scattered on the earth, we will see the tower and always remember the city is here," they decided.

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building.

"All of the people are united. They have one language. Now, nothing will stop them from what they have decided to do," the Lord said. "Let us go down and confuse their language so that they will not understand each other."

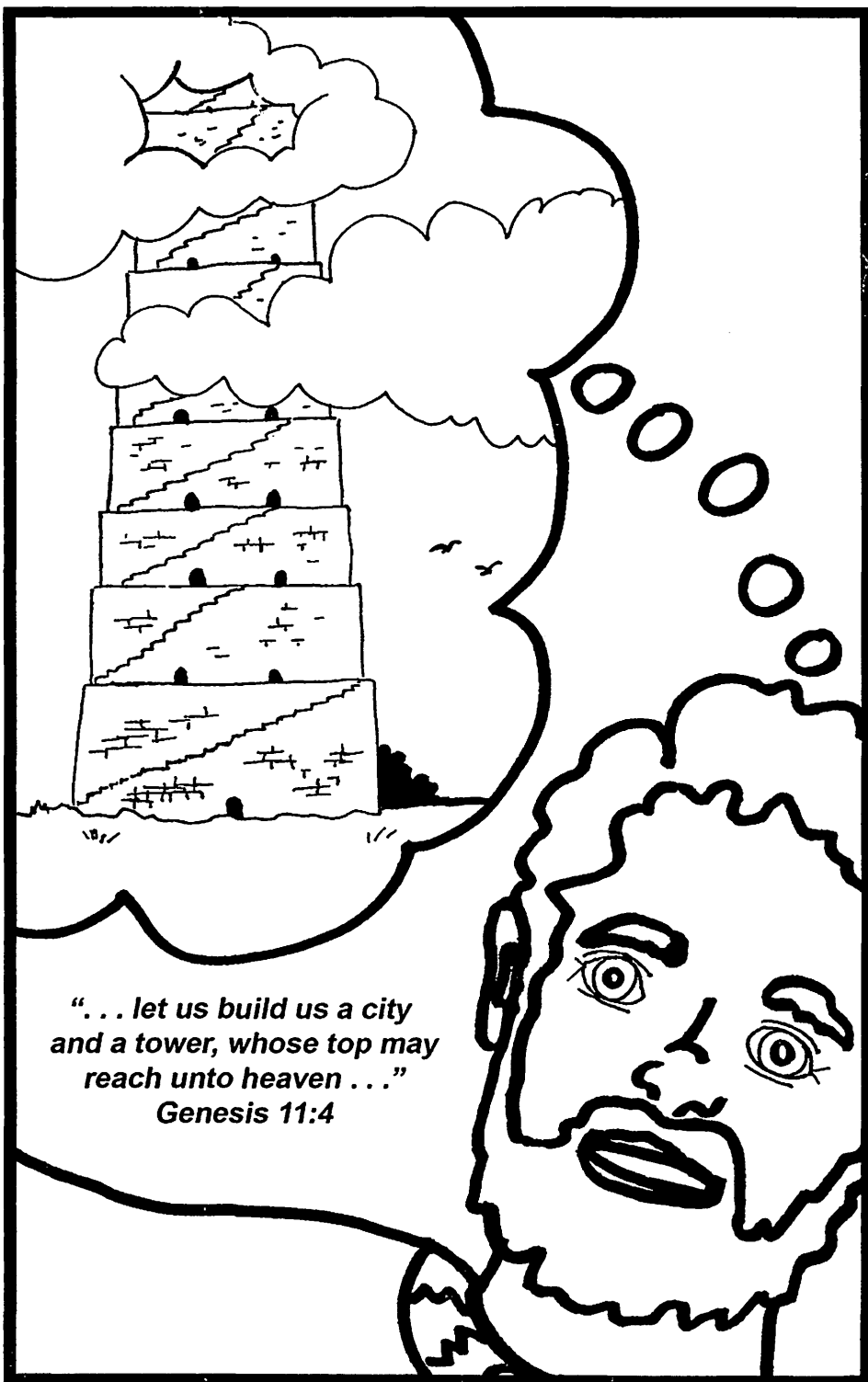
How surprised the people were when they suddenly couldn't understand their friends and neighbors! The people were frustrated because they could not understand each other. They scattered to different places around the world. Their fabulous tower remained unfinished.

The name of the city was called Babel, because it was at this city that the Lord caused people to begin speaking in different languages, and because it was from this city that the Lord scattered people and caused them to live in different regions on the earth.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

True/False

1. No one spoke the same language.	True	False
2. Everyone on earth lived in the plain of Shinar.	True	False
3. Nimrod was King David's grandson.	True	False
4. Nimrod was a horrible hunter.	True	False
5. The people learned how to make bricks.	True	False
6. They decided to make a pyramid with bricks.	True	False
7. The people made a tower with bricks.	True	False
8. The Lord didn't like to see them making the tower.	True	False
9. God sent a storm to blow the tower down.	True	False
10. God caused everyone to speak different languages.	True	False
11. The people decided to stay in one place.	True	False
12. They finally finished their tower.	True	False
13. The city was named Babel.	True	False
14. The people scattered and lived in other places.	True	False



***"... let us build us a city
and a tower, whose top may
reach unto heaven ..."***

Genesis 11:4

Please Ask First

(Based on actual events)

Do you think animals at the zoo looked bored? It does appear that way. They just lie around, or walk up and down, or sleep most all the time. Mrs. Dillard, an elderly lady, visited the local zoo often and she decided the animals were bored and needed something to play with.

One sunny day she came to the zoo wearing her usual long black dress and wide brim straw hat but this time she had two big shopping bags on each arm. Her usual cheery greeting allowed her to pass quickly through the ticket booth and security. They didn't look inside her fat bags.

Mrs. Dillard had a plan. She had brought twenty some balls of different shapes, sizes and textures. She was going to treat these bored animals to new toys!

First, she threw two red rubber balls to the monkeys. She laughed as they threw the balls to each other, but she did not have time to stand and watch them all day.

Mrs. Dillard threw a big plastic ball to the black bears. She saw them paw it, bite at it and push it around. She thought they were having fun so she hurried on to another cage. She threw a hard, dark blue rubber ball to the lioness.

Within two hours she had given all her balls away to what she thought were playful animals needing some fun. However, she really left behind trouble.

The monkeys ate their balls which gave them belly aches and diarrhea. The bears squished their balls, chewed on them, and their keeper took out the ball remains before the bears choked on them. Most of the animals ate all or part of the ball given to them.

The lioness had the worst trouble. When she bit down on her ball, her long right canine tooth became stuck into the ball. The lion pawed at her face, scraped her face against the rock floor and walls, but she could not get the ball loose. Her keeper found her with a bleeding mouth, scraped muzzle and very angry about the stuck ball.

Right away her keeper called the vet department to help the lion. By the time the vet and his assistant arrived, the lion was roaring in pain and anger so that it shook the cage she was waiting inside.

"Better hurry and shoot her with a tranquilizer dart," said the keeper. "She is scaring all the other animals with her roars of pain."

When the lion fell asleep, the keeper pried the troublesome ball out of her mouth.

The next day, Mrs. Dillard called to see if the animals were still having fun with her balls. When she was told the trouble the balls had caused, she angrily hung up the phone. She should have asked the zoo keepers about the risk in giving balls to the animals before just doing what she thought was a good idea.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How were all of the people alike?
2. What plain did all of the people live in?
3. Who was a leader in this region?
4. What did the people decide to make?
5. How high was the building to be?
6. Who came down to see the city?
7. What did the Lord do?
8. What was the city called?

Answers: 1. They had the same language & lived in the same area. 2. Shinar. 3. Nimrod. 4. A city and a tower. 5. High enough to reach into heaven. 6. The Lord. 7. Confused their languages. 8. Babel.

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Abram Leaves His Home

"Leave your country, your family, and your father's home. Come to a land that I will show you," the Lord told Abram. God made a promise to Abram, "I will make your name great. I will bless them that bless you and curse them that curse you. Through you, all of the families of the earth will be blessed."

Abram left his home and took his nephew Lot with him. Abram was seventy five years old when he left the land of Haran. Abram also took his wife, Sarai. They brought all of their possessions that they had obtained while staying in Haran and left their home. Abram and his caravan came to the land of Canaan.

"I will give your offspring this land," the Lord promised Abram. Abram built an altar in Canaan to the Lord.

Abram went on his journey, continuing to go southward. There was a famine in the land that forced Abram to stay in Egypt for a little while.

"You are a beautiful woman," Abram told Sarai. "When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife,' and they will kill me, but will keep you alive. Please tell them that you are my sister, so that I will be spared from death."

Abram's prophesy came to pass. The Egyptians did notice Sarai's beauty. The princes of Pharaoh also saw Sarai and told the ruler about the beautiful woman in his land. Sarai was taken to Pharaoh's house. Abram was well treated because of Sarai. He owned sheep, oxen, donkeys, servants, and camels.

During Sarai's stay at the home of the Pharaoh, the Lord caused several people in the Pharaoh's home to become sick. Somehow, Pharaoh figured out that Sarai was not Abram's sister, but his wife. "Why did you not tell me she was your wife instead of your sister? Take her and leave," Pharaoh commanded Abram. Abram took all of his things and left Egypt.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Obedying God's Call

These men in the Bible obeyed God's call. Some of them did NOT obey God's call. Draw a line from the man's/woman's name to their story.

Noah

He asked Jesus what he could do to have eternal life. "There is still one thing you haven't done," Jesus told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." He went away sadly, because he had great riches.

Peter and Andrew

God called him to preach to his enemies. He did not want to go, so he took a boat going the opposite direction.

Rich Young Ruler

"Do not be afraid," the angel said. "You have found favor with God. You will have a son and call His name Jesus." "Let it be according to your word," she said.

Abram

Even though he had never seen rain, when God said He was sending a flood to destroy the world, he built a boat, exactly the way God told him. The boat ended up saving the lives of his family.

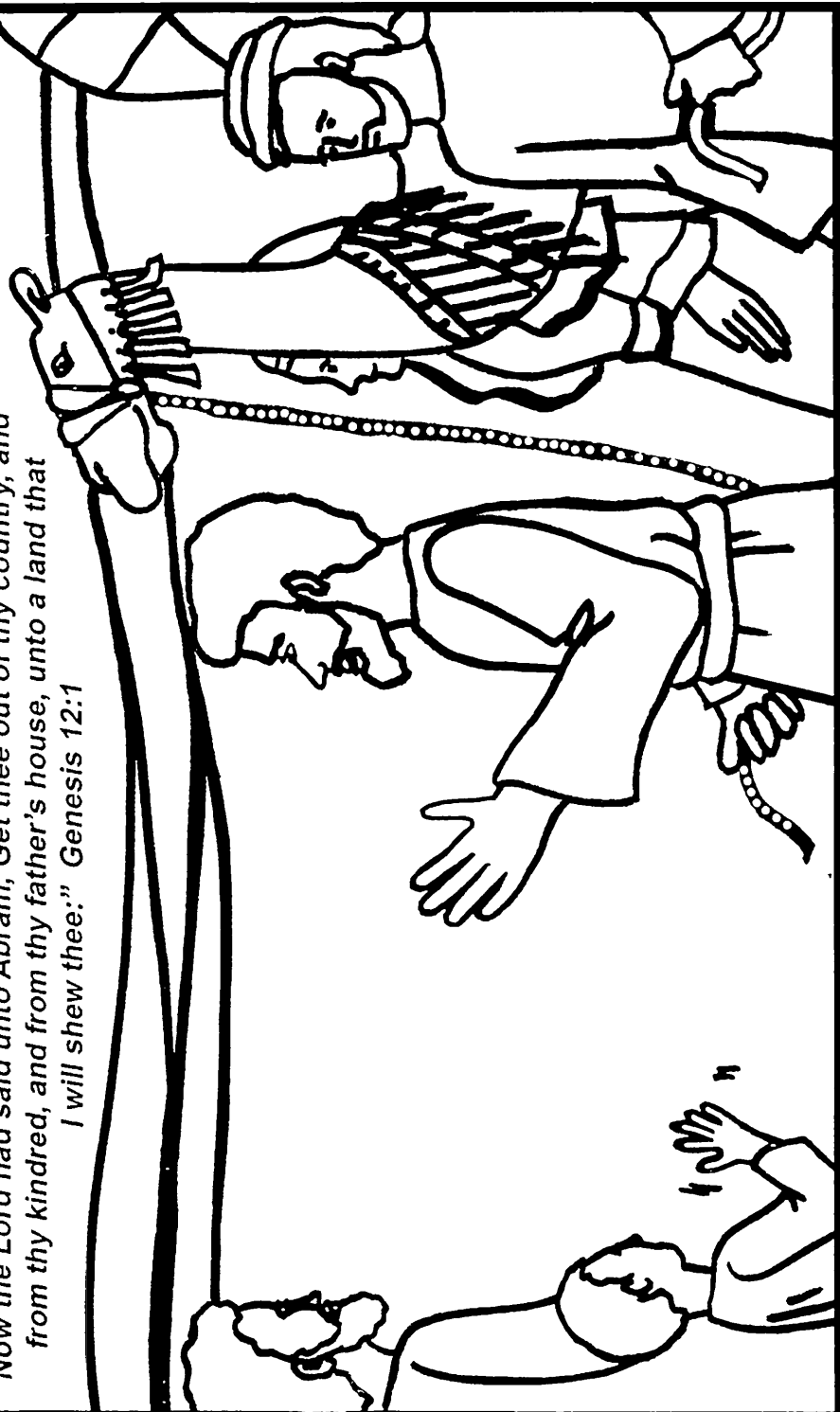
Jonah

Jesus saw the brothers casting a net into the lake. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him.

Mary

He left his homeland to follow God's call into an unknown land.

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and
from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that
I will shew thee:" Genesis 12:1



Signing in Class

When Chris was a baby, he was sick with spinal meningitis. The high fever caused Chris to have hearing loss so badly that he learned to communicate with his hands by sign language.

For his first years in school, Chris attended a special school for the deaf. There he learned reading, writing, math and other ways to communicate. He was very quick to learn and he liked to learn.

When it was time for Chris to attend junior high, his parents decided he should go to the same school where his older brother went to classes. They asked for an assistant to sign for Chris while he was in class.

Chris liked the idea as much as his family, but the school staff did not like it. They did not like the idea of an interpreter with Chris in every class and they did not think Chris could keep up with the other students in his lessons.

Convinced that Chris could accept the challenge of being different than others and yet learn, his mother found an older missionary friend who was willing to attend school with Chris.

Finally the school staff agreed to let Chris take math and social studies in regular classroom with students who can hear.

"We will try this out for one semester," said the school principal. "We will see if Chris likes it and can learn this way."

Well, Chris was determined to prove he could keep up in his lessons. He and his interrupter quickly became a team, learning how to communicate by body language and hand signs. His interpreter was his ears and Chris watched his every move carefully, sometimes writing notes to read later.

By the end of the first semester, the principal admitted that he was

surprised at the learning abilities Chris had in spite of not hearing what was said to him. "We will enroll Chris in more classes because he has proven that he can learn and wants to excel," He said. "He is making good scores on his tests."

When Chris turned sixteen, he passed his driving test and took to the road on his own, using his five other senses to help him drive safe.

"My way of communicating is different than talking with the mouth," signs Chris, "and I appreciate anyone who learns how to sign so they can talk with me. It is like learning another language, and there are many people who use sign language as their only way to communicate."

"There are many ways to learn how to sign if you ever want to know how. Check at your local library for books or DVD's that teach sign. It is always nice to know there are people who can talk your talk when you say something!"

Is there any special person like Chris in your life?

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the Lord tell Abram to leave?
2. Who did Abram take with him?
3. What land did the Lord promise to Abram's offspring?
4. Why did Abram stay in Egypt?
5. What lie did Abram ask Sarai to tell?
6. Where was Sarai taken?
7. What did the Lord cause to happen at Pharaoh's home?
8. What did Pharaoh tell Abram to do?

Answers: 1. His home and his family. 2. Sarai and Lot. 3. Canaan. 4. A famine. 5. She was his sister. 6. Pharaoh's house. 7. Sickness. 8. Leave.

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Lot's Choice

Abram left Egypt and continued to travel into the south. He was a very rich man. Abram had many heads of cattle, silver, and gold. Abram's nephew, Lot, also had flocks and herds of animals. Abram and Lot came to the land of Canaan. When they set up their tents close beside each other so that their families could be together, Abram and Lot began having problems. There was simply not enough land to hold all of their herds.

Lot's servants began to fight with Abram's servants over whose animals should graze where. The conflicts between Abram's servants and Lot's servants bothered Abram. He loved Lot and did not want walls to form between them or their servants.

"Do not let there be hard feelings between us or our servants," Abram pleaded to Lot. "We are family. Do you not see all of this land before us? Let's separate. If you take the land on the left, I will take the land on the right. If you prefer the land on the right, I will take the land on the left."

Lot looked around at the plains of Jordan. It was well watered. It reminded Lot of the land of Egypt, or of a beautiful garden. Lot chose to live in all of the plain of Jordan. He took his belongings and journeyed to the east.

Abram let Lot go his way and stayed in the land of Canaan. Lot set up his tent facing the land of Sodom. The men that lived in the city of Sodom were very wicked.

"Look to the north, and the south, and the east, and the west," the Lord told Abram. "I will give all of the land that you see to you and your offspring. You will have as many descendants as the dust on the earth. Walk through the land that I will give to you."

Abram moved his tent to the land of Hebron and built an altar there to the Lord.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Disagreements: Bible Drill!

Abram and Lot's servants were fighting. Abram chose to compromise, letting Lot choose which land he wanted to live in. This way, their servants would be separated. Look up the following verses that give us some ideas of how to act towards our brothers and sisters that we may disagree with. The first student to find all of the verses is the winner!

Romans 12:8 _____

Matthew 5:24 _____

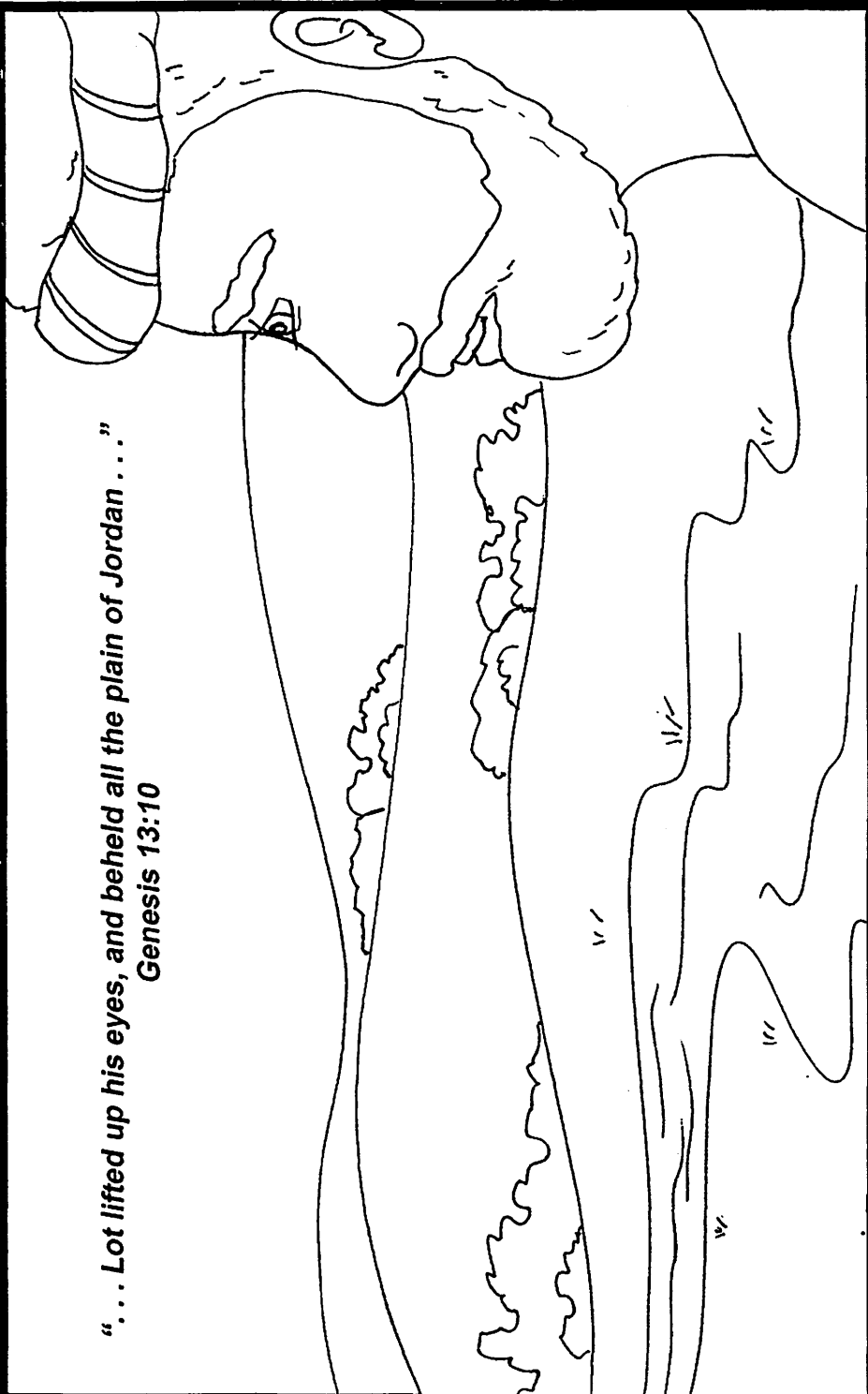
Proverbs 25:21 _____

Proverbs 25:22 _____

Matthew 5:44 _____

1 John 4:20 _____

“... Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan ...”
Genesis 13:10



A Bad Example

People respect the giant cobra snake. His quick movement and deadly venom makes him a sure killer when he strikes a victim. No one wants to see a cobra coming at him and very few persons would want to grab one.

But one curator decided to grab this thirteen foot cobra so the snake could have eye surgery. This cobra had been injured over one eye, and the scar kept the scale from sliding off when the snake shed his skin every year.

If the eye became infected, the infection would spread and kill the snake.

The keeper called the vet, "Would you please come down and clean the king cobra's eye? It looks infected again."

"Get me some back up help for tomorrow morning," replied the vet.

"Will do," answered the keeper. "There will be at least three of us and your assistant. We have the holding equipment ready."

The next morning, the five men went over what each one was responsible to do. The curator, head of the reptiles, was to grab the head and the two reptile keepers were to hold down his body. The vet would inject a medicine to subdue the snake and slow down his thrashing.

Everyone took their position and moved in on the cobra. When the cobra saw his cage door open and five men coming at him, he was furious. He raised up his head, opened his neck cape and struck at the curator who grabbed him behind his cape. The zoo keepers grabbed his thrashing body. The vet inserted the sleeping medicine but the snake kept moving even as the surgery over his eye was done.

"Finished!" said the vet. "Let the snake go!"

Everyone was sweating as the sleepy snake kept flicking his tongue, trying to strike flesh.

The curator looked at the vet's assistant. "Get a wad of paper towels quick," he said.

The assistant grabbed some and obeyed the curator. "Put the wad in the cobra's mouth."

The cobra watched the paper towels. He snapped his head and bit into them, turning them yellow with venom. As the snake chewed the paper towels, the curator let go of the snake's neck and moved out of his reach.

Everyone was relieved to see the door swing shut and the lock fastened to keep that snake inside his cage. These five men had risked their lives to help the snake, but the snake did not say "Thank you". Instead, he was angry at them and would have harmed them if he could have.

The king cobra doesn't control his temper and so no one likes to be around him. It is hard to help a snake, and no one wants to be his friend. Let's learn from the snake, and not be like him in any way.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Was Abram a poor man?
2. What did Lot own?
3. What problem did Abram and Lot have?
4. What bothered Abram?
5. What did Abram tell Lot to choose?
6. Where did Lot choose to live?
7. Where did Abram live?
8. What did the Lord promise Abram?

Answers: 1. No. 2. Herds & flocks of animals. 3. There was not enough land for all of their animals. 4. The fighting between Abram's & Lot's servants. 5. Land to live in. 6. The plain of Jordan. 7. Canaan. 8. All of the land he saw, and many descendants.

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Saved from Captivity!

When Lot and Abram decided to separate their families and possessions, Lot chose to move into the plains of Jordan. He set up his tent close to the city of Sodom. Later, he and his family moved into the city of Sodom.

Several kings of the nearby cities, including Sodom and Gomorrah were at war. After an intense battle, these kings were beaten. The kings of Sodom and Gomorrah were afraid and ran away. The soldiers that were left fled to the mountains.

Soldiers from the winning kingdoms came into the cities they had conquered, taking whatever they found that they wanted. They also took people to be their servants and slaves. Lot and his family were among the people that were captured. They took all of Lot's possessions and left for their own camp.

One of the people that had been captured escaped, and ran quickly to tell the horrible news to Abram. Several of the people involved in the conflict were friends with Abram. When Abram heard that his family had been captured, he called his servants and gave them weapons. Abram led three hundred and eighteen servants across the plains to the enemy's camp.

When the darkness of night covered the earth, Abram was ready. He and his servants attacked the camp. They caught their enemies by surprise and were able to retrieve Lot and his family as well as all of their belongings.

The kings who had been defeated in the battle came to meet Abram. Melchizedek, the king of Salem, was one of the kings who met Abram after the battle. He served God and was a respected priest. "Blessed be Abram, a follower of the most high God, who has delivered the enemies into your hand," Melchizedek proclaimed.

Lot and his family stayed in Sodom and enjoyed their restored home and belongings.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Saved from Captivity: Word Search

KINGDOMS
CAPTURED
SURPRISE

JORDAN
SLAVES
ATTACK

BATTLE
SODOM
SAVED

SOLDIERS
DARKNESS
ENEMIES

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*"And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah,
and all their victuals, and went their way."*

Genesis 14:11



Baby Abby

As soon as Abby was born, the doctor knew this sweet little girl was not well. She had a weak cry that sounded like she was hurting. Her lips were bluish because her breathing was shallow.

"Check her heart right away," the doctor told the attending nurse.

"Yes, sir," replied the nurse as she took Abby to a warm lighted bed. In a few minutes the nurse reported to the doctor, "She is a big girl—nine pounds and three ounces! This is good for her because she will need the hole in her heart repaired right away."

Right away the doctor told Abby's mama and daddy about her heart condition.

"She needs surgery in the next few hours," the doctor said.

"How high are the risks?" asked Abby's daddy.

"About fifty-fifty," replied the doctor. "Abby has some weight which will help her but we won't know until after surgery and during recovery how strong she will be to heal properly. I am very sorry, but we can hope for the best."

"We will PRAY for the best," replied Abby's daddy. He kissed his wife who was laying on the hospital bed. Then he stepped out into the hall and started calling people on his cell phone. He asked for prayer. Soon family, church family, friends and their friends were praying for baby Abby.

In spite of the oxygen tube running to Abby's nose, her mama and daddy would hold her in the nursery unit. No one else was allowed to hold her because she did not need any sickness from someone's germs.

When the nurses took Abby through the big double doors and into the surgery room, her daddy and mama held hands and bowed their

heads in prayer. They so wanted Abby to live!

The Lord was hearing all the prayers said for Abby. He wanted Abby to live and bless her family. He knew she would be His child of peacemaking among His family on earth.

After surgery Abby began to heal so quickly that the doctors were amazed. Within a few days, she was able to go home with her parents. When her daddy drove their car into the home driveway, there was a nice welcome party to greet them.

"Welcome home!" cheered all fourteen persons as Abby's mama held her up for everyone to see.

Abby slept through all the cheering, but she felt the outpouring of love and care. Soon she was gaining weight. Her checkups showed she was growing physically, but Abby was slower in her development. She did not learn to crawl until a year old, and then to walk at twenty months old.

Before she was born, Abby's parents knew she would need special patience. The medical staff labeled her as a baby with Down Syndrome, but her family called her their Up Standing baby. She was just as the Lord had planned her to be—happy, loving and a blessing to her parents and family. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where did Lot live?
2. Who was beaten in the war?
3. Who was captured?
4. Who told Abram the news?
5. How many servants went with Abram to battle?
6. When did Abram attack?
7. Were they able to rescue Lot?
8. Who blessed Abram?

Answers: 1. Sodom. 2. The kings of Sodom & Gomorrah. 3. Lot & many others in these cities. 4. One who had escaped. 5. 318. 6. At night. 7. Yes. 8. Melchizedek.

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Promise of a Son

Abram had a vision. "Fear not, Abram," God told him in the vision. "I am your shield and your reward."

"Lord, what will you give me? I am childless. You have not given me a child to inherit my position, and I do not have a heir in our house," Abram replied.

"You will have a son," the Lord promised Abram. "Look up at the sky. Try to count all of the stars. You will have so many descendants that they cannot be numbered. I have brought you out of the land of Ur to inherit this land."

Sarai, Abram's wife had not had any children. She had a servant named Hagar. Hagar and Sarai did not get along very well. One day, Sarai became so angry at Hagar that Hagar fled from their home in fear.

Hagar was alone, wandering about in the wilderness when an angel found her by a fountain.

"Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where will you go?" the angel asked.

"I have fled from the face of my mistress, Sarai," Hagar replied.

"Return to your mistress, and obey her," the angel commanded. "You will have many descendants. You will have a son, and will call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has heard your affliction."

Hagar called the name of the Lord that spoke to her, "Thou God seest me." The fountain where Hagar met the Lord was called Beer-lahairoi. This means "a well of the Living One who sees me."

Hagar had a son. Abram called him Ishmael, which means, "God hears". Abram was eighty-six years old when his son, Ishmael, was born, but Ishmael was not the son that God had promised Abram.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

By Faith, Abraham: Hidden Bible Verse!

Mark out the Qs, Xs, and Zs. Write the other letters on the line. Put a line between words for a space. See if you can figure out these verses that talk about the faithfulness of Abraham. Use Hebrews 11:8-10 for help if you struggle to figure it out on your own.

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"Then Abraham fell
upon his face,
and laughed . . ."
Genesis 17:17





Lady Twinkle Toes

King Arthur, a healthy strong male rhinoceros, lived in the ideal rhino habitat of weeds, a large tank of water and mud. He liked his home and daily supply of hay and grain, but he was lonely.

The zoo keepers decided to solve his problem of loneliness. They bought a beautiful black girl rhino with lots of charm to cheer up King Arthur.

Lady Twinkle Toes arrived on a ship securely fastened inside a huge wooden crate. A gigantic crane lifted her crate from the ship and set her crate on the back of a semi truck. It was so large that it could not go through any tunnels or under any highway overpasses. The truck had to take a planned route to the zoo.

Upon arriving at the zoo, the huge crate was lifted from the semi-truck with another gigantic crane.

All of this moving and shifting caused Lady Twinkle Toes to be upset and stressed out. She could not see from inside her pitch black box what was going on, but then, she would not have liked to see all the changing scenery anyway. The strange sounds frightened her, and the different odors alarmed her rhino senses.

By the time her crate was lifted off the semi truck, Lady Twinkle Toes was ready to get out and run away, so she thought. The crane was holding her crate seventeen feet above her new zoo home, when she decided to bust out of her crate.

Several zoo people watched as Lady Twinkle Toes hit the door of her crate so hard that it splintered and broke open. The crane operator kept lowering her crate quickly, but he was not moving fast enough for this scared, stressed out rhino. Four feet from the ground she came charging

out of her crate and hit the ground with a loud THUD!

Lady Twinkle Toes staggered up on her four stout feet, tossed her hook nose in the air, and charged at a big rock inside her new home. BAM! She hit the rock, and the impact knocked her down on her knees. Tears flowed from her eyes. Her body perspired drops of blood from every pore of her huge body so that she was covered with a red glow.

Lady Twinkle Toes was angry, hurt, confused and revengeful, but no one was able to go near her and comfort her. She was destroying herself but good plans had been made for her, and she was to have a good life with King Arthur.

So often we can act this way to the Lord. He can have good plans in mind for us, but we don't understand them, so we act like Lady Twinkle Toes. Finally, Lady Twinkle Toes was able to calm down and appreciate her new home, and so we need to appreciate God's plans for us.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the Lord promise Abram in his vision?
2. How many descendants did God say Abram would have?
3. Why did Hagar run away from Abram's home?
4. Who met Hagar by a fountain?
5. Where did the angel tell Hagar to go?
6. What did the angel tell Hagar would happen?
7. What did Abram name his son?
8. What does the name Ishmael mean?

Answers: 1. That he would have a son. 2. Too many to count. 3. She was afraid of Sarai. 4. An angel. 5. Back to Sarai. 6. She would have a son. 7. Ishmael. 8. "God hears."

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A New Name

Abram was ninety-nine years old when the Lord appeared to him. "I am the Almighty God. Walk with me and be perfect," the Lord encouraged Abram. "I will make a covenant with you. You will have many descendants.

"Your name will no longer be Abram, but Abraham, because I will make you the father of many nations. Your descendants will be kings and the leader of nations. I will make my covenant with you and every generation in your family. I will be a God to you and to them. I will give you all of the land of Canaan for your possession. Your part of the covenant is to follow my commandments.

"You shall no longer call your wife Sarai. Her name will be Sarah, which means 'Princess.' I will bless her and you will have a son together. She will be a mother of nations."

Abraham fell on his face and laughed. "Shall a child be born to a man who is almost one hundred years old? Will a son be born to Sarah, who is ninety years old?" Abraham asked in his heart. Aloud, he said, "I wish Ishmael could be the one you speak of."

"Sarah will have a son," God replied. You will call him Isaac, which means 'laughter.' I will establish my covenant with him and his descendants, also.

"I have heard your wishes for Ishmael. He will also be blessed and will have many descendants. I will make him a great nation. But my covenant with you will be brought through Isaac. He will be born at this time next year."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

A New Name: Word Scramble

Some Bible characters received new names. Unscramble the letters on the right to discover that name. Write down their new name on the line.

1. SAUL ULAP _____
2. SIMON EEPTR _____
3. JACOB SRIELA _____
4. BELTESHAZZAR LADEIN _____
5. SARAI HAARS _____
6. AZARIAH ENDGOBEDA _____
7. ABRAM MBHAAAR _____
8. NAOMI ARAM _____

Each one of us is very important to God. See who can find this verse about names first:

Isaiah 43:1

***"And the angel of the LORD found her
by a fountain . . . in the wilderness . . ."***
Genesis 16:7



Good Rules Protect

Two rules that zoo keepers must follow is (1) never go into a cage alone without someone to help you in case of trouble and (2) always have a plan agreed upon before opening the cage. In other words, never just open up a cage door and casually walk inside like you are at home.

As a young zoo vet assistant, Richmond knew these rules, but one day someone convinced him to disobey. It was late afternoon. Richmond was writing out reports when a pretty young woman walked into the office.

"Hello, my name is Carrie," she said. "I am doing a scientific report on gibbons. I will be doing a behavioral study on the ones here in your exhibit so I need to mark each one to tell them apart."

"Hello, Carrie," said Richmond. "I would like to help you but I don't have any backup man right now to assist me."

Carrie's lovely lips pouted down. "Oh, I MUST have this done today! I'm starting late, and I need this report in two days! Please, help me."

"Well, I will call for backup help," said Richmond.

"Oh, I can be your back up person," said the charming young scientist. "I have read a lot about the gibbons and know how they behave."

"Then you must know that they will attack intruders and that they do eat meat," said Richmond. "I don't feel like being an ape's supper tonight."

A challenging look reflected from Carrie's big blue eyes. "Oh, you must not know how to handle them," she said. "At another zoo, we had no problem labeling their gibbons. I need two separate families to report about or I would not even bother you."

Richmond took her challenge. "Okay, I'll get the nets if you have the marker paint."

"You are a sweet dear!" exclaimed the lady with a pretty smile.

So it was that Richmond opened up the cage door where five gibbons lived. He entered the cage with the net behind his back but they saw it and ran in all directions.

WHOOSH! Richmond caught a gibbon in the net, but his cries for help brought the others to his rescue. Suddenly Richmond felt his body being pulled upon by four pairs of strong hands. One began to pull out what hair he had on his head. His two arms were yanked apart so that Richmond let go of the net to defend himself. Richmond raced backwards to the cage door, tumbled and rolled through the door. The young woman slammed the door shut just before the attacking gibbons could pounce on him and escape.

Richmond stood up and brushed off his torn clothes and bruised body while the pretty young woman turned her head and laughed. Right then, Richmond vowed to never break the rules for anyone, no matter how much they begged him to do so. Good rules are made to protect and to be obeyed.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How old was Abram in this story?
2. "Walk with me and be _____."
3. What covenant did the Lord make with Abram?
4. What land did the Lord promise Abram's family?
5. What was Sarai's new name?
6. What was Abram's new name?
7. What did the Lord tell Abram to name his son?
8. Which son was the Lord's covenant to be brought through?

Answers: 1. 99. 2. Perfect. 3. That he would have many descendants through his son. 4. Canaan. 5. Sarah. 6. Abraham. 7. Isaac. 8. Isaac.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WHY DO WE CELEBRATE EASTER?

Jesus, God's son, was born to Mary. He lived with His earthly parents for many years. Then Jesus began teaching and doing miracles.

One day Jesus came into the temple. Men had tables set up where they sold animals for people to sacrifice. It made Jesus very angry to see people using God's House as a market place. Jesus turned over the tables and got on to the men that were selling the animals. This made the religious leaders very angry. They also did not like to see all of the people that were following Jesus.

Jesus was arrested. Pilate, the governor, did not think Jesus had done anything wrong, but the religious leaders wanted Jesus killed. "Crucify Him," the angry mob yelled. Pilate gave the people a choice. Either Jesus could be freed or a very bad prisoner named Barabbas would be let go and Jesus would be killed. "Give us Barabbas!" the people cried.

Jesus was nailed to a cross. He died. Joseph of Arimathea came to Pilate and asked him for Jesus' body. Jesus was buried in a cave. The religious leaders put guards up in front of Jesus' tomb. They were afraid that some of Jesus' followers would steal His body.

Some of the disciples and people who believed in Jesus had thought Jesus would be king on earth. They were sad and confused. Two days later, some of the women went to the tomb, Mary Magdalene among them. The women were bringing perfumes and spices to put on Jesus' body.

When the women got to the tomb the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Sitting at one side of the tomb was a man in a long, white garment. They were afraid. The angel said, "Do not be afraid. Jesus was crucified, but now He is risen. Go tell Peter and the other disciples what I have told you."

The women ran and did as they were told.

Jesus arose from the dead many years ago on Easter Sunday. Jesus has victory over death. Now everyone that is saved will be able to live in Heaven with Him after they die. —Sis. Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Some are vowels; some are consonants. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Bible verse is.

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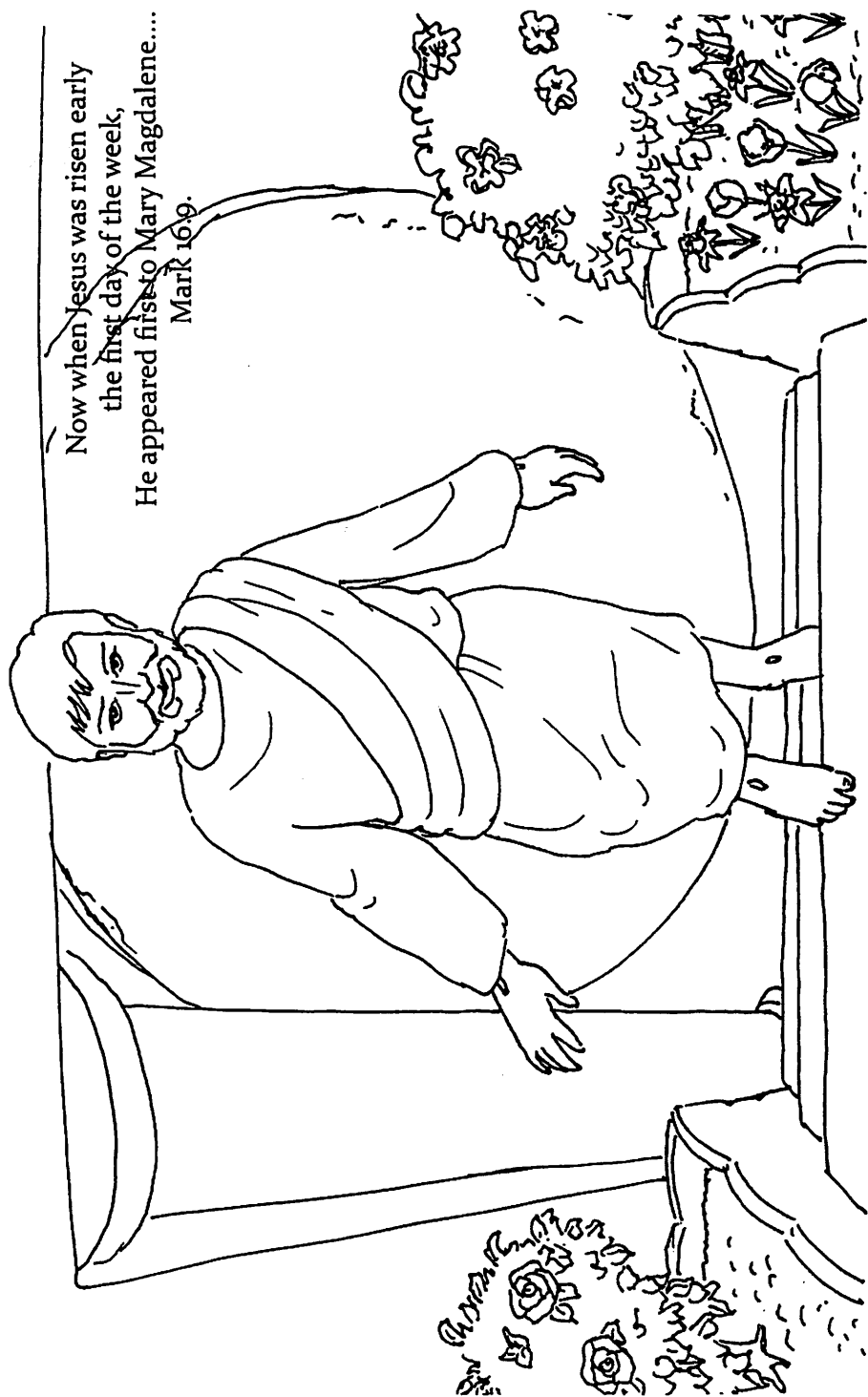
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Clue: John 11:25

Now when Jesus was risen early
the first day of the week,
He appeared first to Mary Magdalene....
Mark 16:9.



Those Two Rascals

Richmond answered the phone at the vet zoo office.

"Hello, Richmond," said the zoo keeper over the raccoons. "I know the doctor is at a conference today, but I need for you to come down and look at the raccoon kittens. Both of them are losing the use of their hind legs. I don't know what is wrong with them."

"Well, I can get them and bring them in for observation," replied Richmond. "The doc will be in later this afternoon."

"Good. Come and get them," said the zoo keeper.

When Richmond picked up the two little rascals, they were so playful and friendly that he did not think they acted very sick. Because they could not walk, Richmond put one in each of his big pockets of this white lab jacket.

Through the morning Richmond let the raccoons play with bits of string or his pen or paper. They scratched and chewed, but he didn't think their baby teeth hurt that much.

Finally, the vet arrived in the office. Richmond showed him the two little raccoons.

"We don't know why they are not walking," said Richmond. "They have been so playful and don't act sick."

"Put them in a holding pen right away," said the vet sternly. "You should not have carried them around like that until you knew what is making them sick. Have they bit or scratched you?"

Richmond realized the vet was serious and obeyed, putting his pocket buddies into a clean pen. He looked at his hands. Yes, they had nips and scrapes but nothing serious, so he thought.

The vet continued to talk. "It sounds like these little guys have come down with rabies. If tests show they do have rabies, you will need to go through treatment immediately."

A sick feeling made Richmond's

stomach turn and a warmth flashed over him. Oh, no! He did not want to be sick with rabies! He should have put those cute raccoons in the holding pen right away like he was supposed to do.

Tests came back that the little raccoons did have rabies which is deadly. The little raccoons were put to sleep, but Richmond began intensive treatments to prevent him from getting rabies. Even then he became so ill that his doctor and family worried he would not live.

Richmond prayed God would spare his life and the Lord heard his prayer. After a few weeks, he was back at the zoo working again.

From this experience Richmond learned to check out information and know what is causing the problem. Never assume a sickness is minor but think of it as serious until it is gone.

Preventing an illness is better than curing one. Be safe. Be clean. Be careful.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Jesus' mother?
2. What made Jesus angry?
3. What did Jesus do to make the religious leaders angry?
4. What choice did Pilate give the people?
5. Where was Jesus buried?
6. What happened when the women went to Jesus' tomb?
7. What did the angel tell the women to do?
8. What happened on Easter Sunday?
9. What prisoner was released instead of Jesus?

Answers: 1. Mary. 2. To see the people using God's temple for a market. 3. He turned the tables over. 4. They could release Jesus or Barabbas. 5. In Joseph of Arimathea's tomb. 6. The stone had been rolled away from the entrance, and an angel was sitting on it. 7. To tell the disciples that Jesus is risen. 8. Jesus rose from the dead. 9. Barabbas.

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Heavenly Visitors

One day Abraham was sitting in the cool shade underneath his tent, trying to escape the burning heat from the sun. He looked up from his seat and saw that he had three visitors. Abraham stood up and rushed to greet the strangers.

"My Lord, if I have pleased you, do not leave your servant," Abraham requested. "Let me get some water and wash your feet. Rest under the tree. I will bring some food for you and then you will be rested for your journey."

"Do as you have said," the visitors replied.

Abraham quickly returned to the tent. "Make three cakes for our visitors," Abraham told Sarah. Abraham ran to his herds of animals and brought a young calf. He had one of his servants prepare it for food. Abraham took the cakes that Sarah made, the meat from the calf, and butter and milk, and placed the meal before his visitors. Abraham stood by the tree and watched as the visitors enjoyed their meal.

"Where is Sarah?" the visitors inquired.

"She is in the tent," Abraham answered.

"By the time I come and visit you next, Sarah will have a son," one of the visitors prophesied.

Sarah heard what the man said and laughed to herself. "A woman of ninety years old, having a child! Who has ever heard of such a thing?" Sarah thought.

"Why did Sarah laugh?" one of the visitors, who was the Lord, asked. "She is thinking, 'How can I have a child when I am old.' Is anything too hard for the Lord? Sarah will have a son."

"I did not laugh," Sarah fibbed. She was afraid of this visitor who seemed to know so much about her.

"You did laugh," the Lord contradicted.

The men rose from their meal and Abraham walked with them for a little way beyond the tent.

—Sts. Monica Murphey

Nothing Is Too Hard for God: Crack the Code!

Sarah thought that having a child at the age of ninety was impossible. She laughed when the strange visitors prophesied that she would have a son. See if you can figure out this Bible verse about God's power.

Crack the Bible Verse Code!

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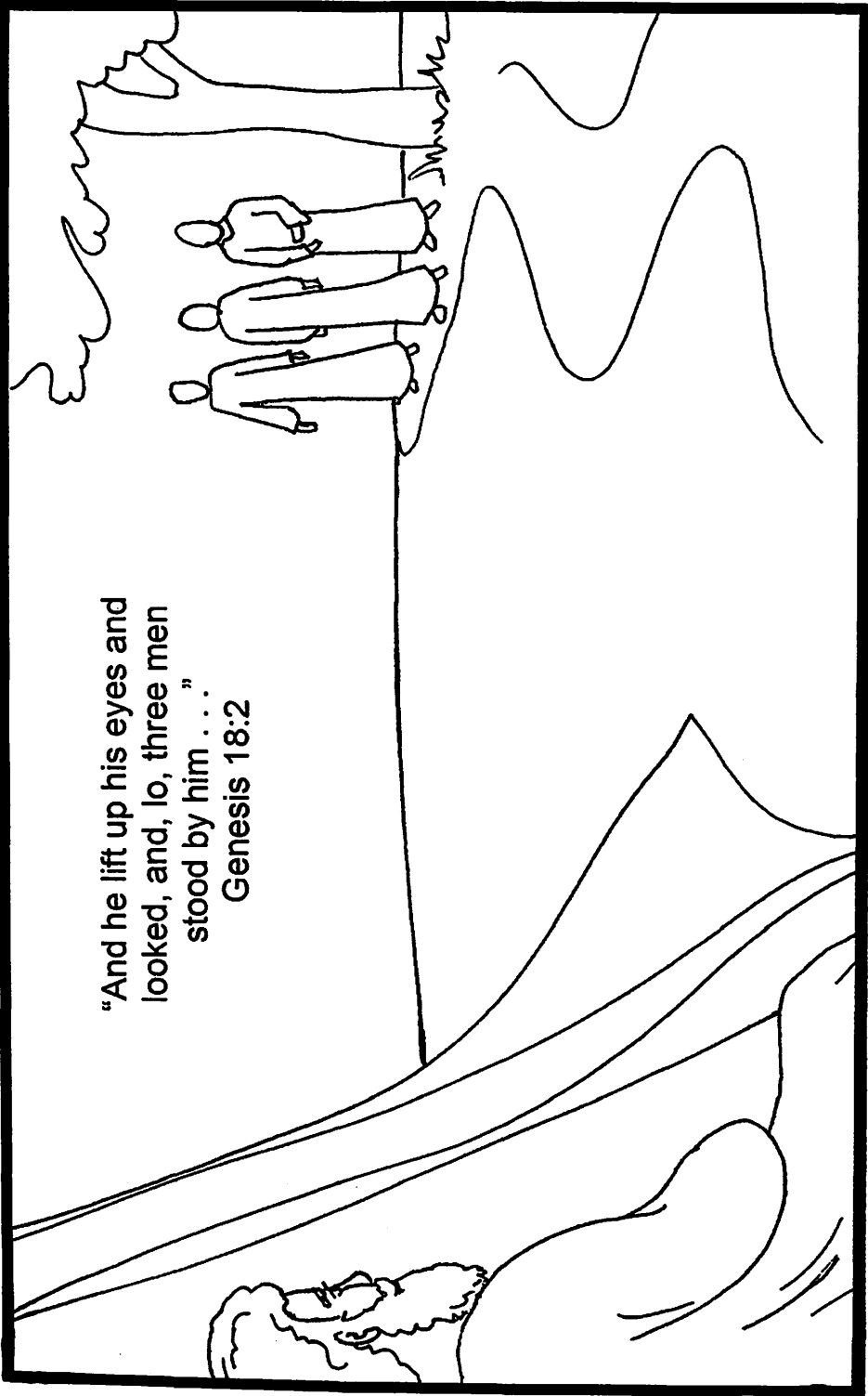
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Use your own code for your favorite Bible verse. See if your friend can figure it out.

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"And he lift up his eyes and
looked, and, lo, three men
stood by him . . ."
Genesis 18:2



Baseball Time

It was recess time at Banner School. Patches of grass on the playground were green, but most sixth graders wanted to play on the worn places. Why sit quietly on the grass and talk to a friend when nearby was a red dirt baseball diamond where a lot of action was taking place?

Playing baseball seemed a much healthier choice to Connie. She wasn't the greatest player, but she put her best efforts into the game.

Standing at home base, bat raised and ready, she saw the pitcher's hand throw the ball toward her. Was the ball too high or too low for her bat to hit? She was about to swing at the ball when THUMP! The ball was in the catcher mitt! How did it pass by her so fast?

"Strike one!" called the catcher.

Oh, no! thought Connie. I'd better strike next time!

She saw the pitcher's hand release the ball. It sailed toward her. She swung the bat—and missed the ball!

"Don't hit at low balls!" barked her team captain.

Connie made a practice swing with the bat to remind herself at what level the bat would connect with the ball. She could hear her team mates standing by the fence.

"She's going to strike out again!" complained a boy.

"She strikes at any ole throw!" said another.

"She doesn't know what a good throw looks like," agreed another.

The complaining behind her made Connie even more nervous. She saw the ball leave the pitcher's hand. Was the ball high, low or just right? Should she swing the bat or not?

Whack! The bat made contact with the ball! Up went the ball while Connie's legs ran toward first base! But the catcher had caught the ball!

"You're out!" called the pitcher.

"Get off my base!" said the first baseman.

Sad that she had failed her team, angry at the rudeness, Connie walked

toward her team mates and took her place at the end of the line.

"Next time I don't want you on my team," said an angry boy to her.

"Me neither!" said another boy. "Don't you know if you hit a ball straight up in the air, someone can catch it really easy? Don't be so stupid!"

The stinging comments made Connie angry. She was fighting back tears and did not want to cry when she yelled back at them. Then she saw Wade, her red haired friend, walking toward them.

"Shut up, you guys!" he said to the complainers. "You strike out too! She can't help it the ball went up in the air—your balls sometimes do the same thing! Just leave her alone!"

"She can be on YOUR team next time!" said one of the boys.

"Yes, she can be on my team," said Wade. "She is a good runner."

Wade's kind words were so soothing to Connie's aching heart. From then on, Connie was on Wade's team. Wade would stand behind Connie when it was her turn to bat, and he would tell her when to swing the bat.

With her good friend's help, Connie hit the ball and often made points for her team. She appreciated Wade's kindness to her. Encouragement helps teams work together better.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was Abraham resting?
2. Who did Abraham look up to see?
3. What did Abraham prepare for his visitors?
4. Who did the visitors ask about?
5. Who was one of the visitors?
6. What did the Lord say would happen?
7. What did Sarah do when she heard?
8. How old was Sarah?

Answers: 1. In the shade of his tent. 2. Three visitors. 3. A meal of meat, bread, milk, & butter. 4. Sarah. 5. The Lord. 6. Sarah would have a son. 7. Laughed. 8. Ninety.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Where Are the Righteous?

Abraham was sitting in his tent, resting during the heat of the day, when he looked up to find that he had three heavenly visitors. One of them was the Lord himself. After the visitors ate the meal Abraham and Sarah prepared for them, the men rose and walked away from the tent and looked toward the city of Sodom. Abraham joined them.

"Should I hide my plans from Abraham, who will become the father of a mighty nation?" the Lord asked. "I know him. He will teach his children to follow after the ways of the Lord, and because of this, all of my promises to Abraham and his family will come to pass. Because the wickedness in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and because of their sins, I will go down and see whether they have done everything I have heard about and destroy them."

After the Lord said this, his two companions left and headed toward Sodom. Abraham stayed to speak with the Lord. "Will you destroy the righteous with the wicked?" Abraham asked. "If you find fifty righteous people in the city, will you not spare it for their sake?" "If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, then I will spare the city for their sake," the Lord replied.

"I know I am speaking to a great Lord when I am as unworthy as the dust," Abraham said. "But if you find forty-five righteous people in the city, will you spare it for them?" "If I find forty-five righteous people, I will not destroy the city," the Lord replied.

"Please do not be angry with me, Oh, Lord," Abraham requested. "But what if only twenty righteous people are found. Would you spare the city for their sakes?" "I will not destroy the city if twenty righteous people are found," the Lord said.

"I only have one more thing to ask," Abraham said. "If there are only ten righteous people found, will you spare the city for the sake of ten?" "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten," the Lord replied.

The Lord left as soon as he finished his discussion with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his home. —Sis. Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

There are five vowels in the English alphabet: A, E, I, O, and U. Fill in the vowels that are missing in each word to complete these verses about the righteous.

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Psalms 34:17

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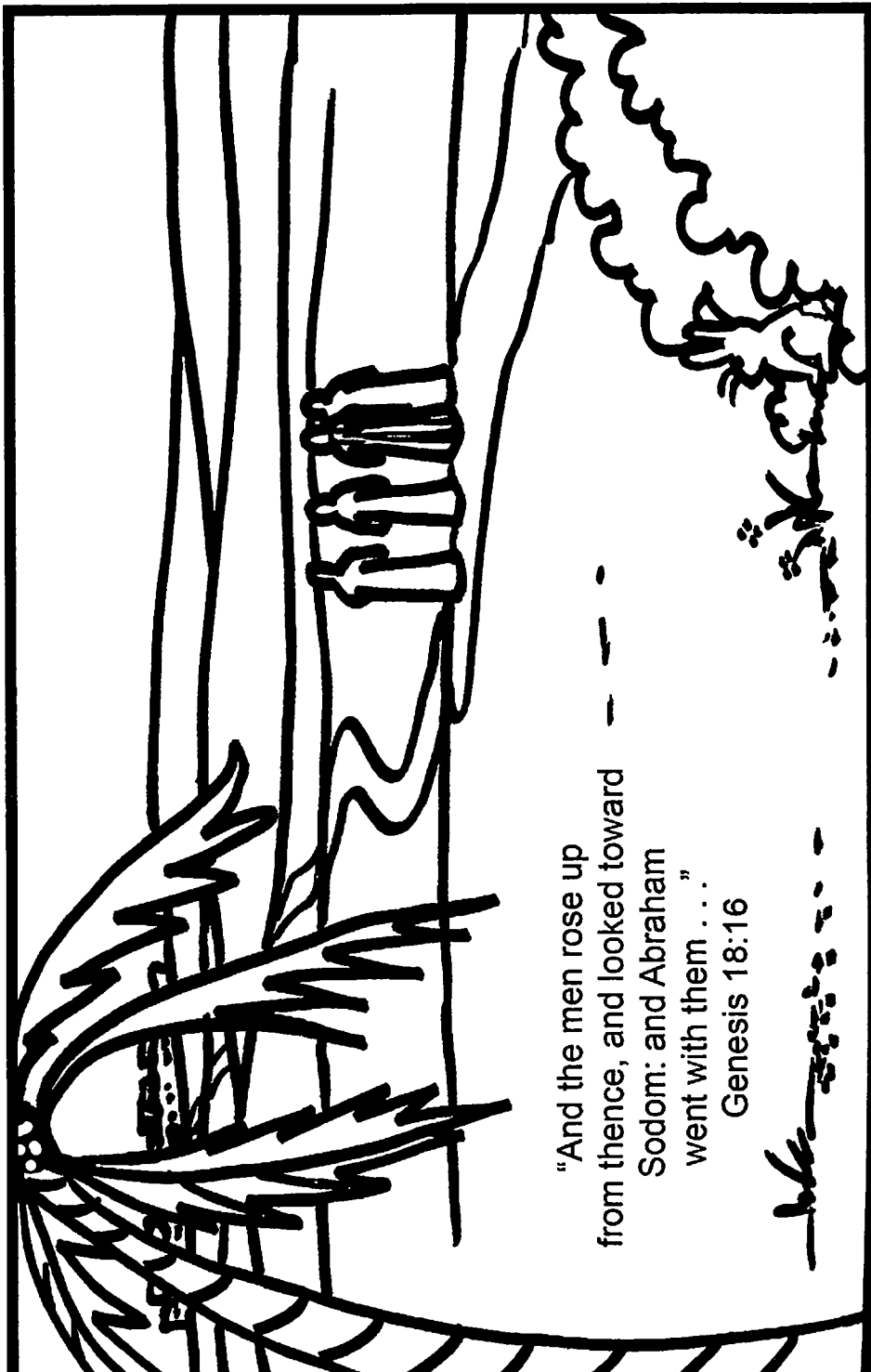
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Psalms 34:19



"And the men rose up
from thence, and looked toward
Sodom: and Abraham
went with them . . ."

Genesis 18:16

Good News in April

After a long hot day at school, Connie climbed aboard a yellow Guthrie school bus and took a seat. She saved a place for Lonnie, her brother, who would get on at Cotteral School. They rode the bus to Forgarty School, met Donnie and Cindy, and they walked home together.

Taking what they called the "short cut" through the woods, trimmed off twenty minutes of their walk time if they walked around the street way. They quickly walked past Furrows green houses and into the shady woods. The coolness from the leafy green made Connie sigh with relief. She loved the cozy quietness the canopy of trees made away from the outside noises of rushing cars and school buses.

This one April afternoon, they came in the back patio doors and their little cousin, Beverly Jan, came running to greet them. Though Connie was hot and tired, she swung Jannie into the air and carried her into the kitchen in search of Mama. "Did Aunt Berniece have her baby yet?" Connie asked when she saw her mother at the corner sink washing an apple.

"Hope it was a boy!" exclaimed Donnie. He picked up a cookie to eat. Connie asked him, "Did you wash your hands from school?"

"See," sighed Donnie. "We don't need any more girls in the family."

Mama opened the refrigerator for the milk pitcher. "All of you do need to wash your hands when you come home from school. I will have you a snack ready in a minute."

"I already washed my hands!" replied Lonnie whose damp hands were proof of the washing. He reached for a cookie and began to munch.

"I'll wash in a minute," said Connie. "I want to know if Jannie has a new sister yet?"

Mama looked at Connie with a smile. "The Lord creates each baby special, Connie. He plans whether the baby should be a boy or girl—"

"She had a BOY?" exclaimed Connie catching on to what her mother was saying.

Mama nodded. "Yes, Connie, Aunt Berniece and Uncle Ben-

nie have a new baby boy! He was a big boy—over eight pounds."

"Oh, I want to go see him!" exclaimed Connie.

"We can this evening when Daddy gets home from work," said Mama. "Right now you can play with Jannie. She has been watching for you to come home from school."

"Yes, of course," said Connie as she hugged Jannie again. "You have a new sweet baby brother!" she told Jannie.

"I have more good news," said Mama as she cut up the apple for everyone to eat. "Aunt Linda had her baby today also. Now they have four boys!"

"Four boys!" exclaimed Connie. "Poor Aunt Linda!"

"I'd say Uncle Hurley is happy," said Donnie. "There's bound to be something fun going on all the time with that many boys."

"Well, I'm sure he's cute," said Connie. "All of Aunt Linda and Uncle Hurley's boys are cute. Wish we could go see him out in Colorado."

"Me too," said Mama. "Two little nephews in one day is a double blessing from the Lord."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who was one of the visitors?
2. What cities was the Lord thinking of destroying?
3. Why was the Lord going to destroy the cities?
4. Where did the Lord's two companions head?
5. What was the lowest number of righteous the Lord agreed to spare the city for?
6. Why did the Lord tell Abraham of his plans?
7. Why did the Lord believe his promises to Abraham's family would happen?
8. "Will you destroy the ____ with the ____?"

Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. Sodom and Gomorrah. 3. The people were wicked and sinful. 4. Toward Sodom. 5. Ten. 6. Abraham obeyed him. 7. He knew Abraham would train his family to follow Him. 8. Righteous. Wicked.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Strangers in Sodom

The two angels left Abraham's tent to see the evil and wicked city of Sodom for themselves. The Lord sent them to destroy the city.

Lot sat inside the gates of that great city when the visitors arrived. "Come to my house and spend the night," Lot offered, bowing low to greet the visitors. "Wash your feet. Then you can get up early tomorrow morning and continue on your journey."

"No, we will stay in the streets all night," the two visitors replied.

Lot insisted that the visitors should stay with him, so the two men followed Lot to his home. Lot had a feast prepared for them, and they ate. Before the two strangers laid down to sleep, a mob of excited men surrounded Lot's house.

"Lot," the men cried. "Where are the men that you brought to your house? Bring them out to us."

Lot went outside and tightly closed his door. "Do not treat strangers so rudely," Lot said. "I have two daughters. Let me bring them out instead, but do not hurt these men. They are under the safety of my roof."

"Stand back," the men said. "We will deal with you later."

The men came to the door, getting ready to break it down. The two angels pulled Lot back into the house with them. Suddenly, the angry mob became confused. They could not see! No one in the crowd could find the door. The two angels had caused everyone in the crowd to become blind.

"Do you have any family in the house besides yourself?" the angels asked Lot. "If you do, take them out of the city. The Lord has sent us to destroy it."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Strangers in Sodom: Word Search

Each of the following words can be found in the lines below. Search for one word on each line. Circle the word that you find.

BLIND
ANGRY
SODOM
WICKED
ANGELS

DESTROY
VISITORS
CONFUSED
STRANGERS
RIGHTEOUS

P K L M A N G R Y G J K N B

U V I L P W Z D E S T R O Y

J V X C A N G E L S Y T B G

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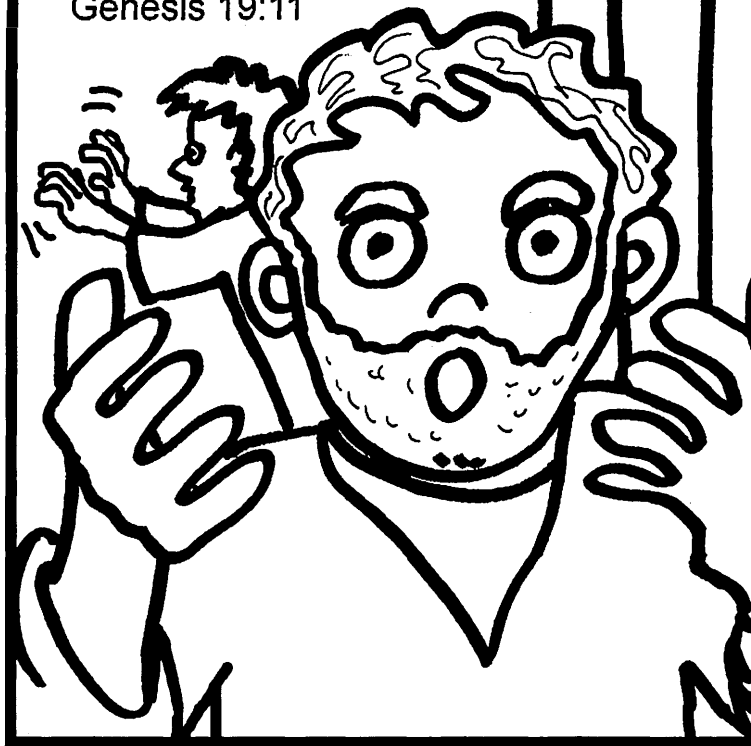
I T S T R A N G E R S P V M

X Y P S D R I G H T E O U S

C O N F U S E D P I O L M N

“ . . . they smote the men
that were at the door . . .
with blindness . . . ”

Genesis 19:11





Watching Mr. Johnson

Connie enjoyed playing the flute in the sixth grade band. When the bell rang for the last class hour of the day, Connie would get her small flute case out of her locker and hurry to the gym where the band class was held. Mr. Johnson would be waiting, smiling and greeting each one by name as they walked through the door.

"Hurry and get your instruments put together," Mr. Johnson said. "We have a concert coming up and we need all the hour to practice."

Connie did not waste any time putting the three pieces of her flute together. She sat on the first row with four other girls who also played flutes. She laid her flute in her lap, watching for Mr. Johnson to step up to the director stand. She did not have long to wait.

"Attention, Band!" called Mr. Johnson as he stepped up to the stand. "No talking! If you can't see me, move where you can." He tapped his director stick on the metal podium. "No talking! I demand your undivided attention! If you are not listening, you will mess us all up. Sit up straight, all of you! There that is better. Take a deep breath and look alive. There that is better. Now I'm going to step down, walk around and come back to this podium. Every eye better be watching me. No mouth should be running. Don't move a muscle. I demand your attention!"

Mr. Johnson's sharp eyes looked into the eyes of each band member's eyes as he spoke. A feeling of cooperation and unity spread from member to member. Each one knew they contributed a needed part in making the music sound good. It was important to be in tune with one another and to know when to play.

True to his word, Mr. Johnson went around the band, adjusting an instrument or correcting someone's posture as he walked. Then as he approached the director's stand, he gave a sharp whistle.

"I am right here," he said. "Keep your eyes on ME!" He called out a couple of names. "If you are talking now, I want it stopped. You can stay after school and talk all you want to in front of me. I'll stay and listen then. Right now, zip it up and watch ME!"

There was a quiet, respectful hush among the thirty some band members. All eyes were on Mr. Johnson as he walked to the podium. He stepped up on the raised box.

"Now when I pick up my baton, everyone of you need to put your hand on your instrument," instructed Mr. Johnson. "When I raise my hands, put your instruments into playing position."

Connie and all the other students obeyed. They knew Mr. Johnson's leadership was trustworthy.

They had to follow his lead to stay together and make the music sound good. Each one depended on the other players to do their part well, and Mr. Johnson helped connect them.

Many of the lessons Connie learned in band were a help to her later in life. She learned the strength of following a leader, and working together as a team. She came to realize that Jesus Christ is the best trustworthy leader for life.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who were the two visitors?
2. Why did they come to the city?
3. Who met the visitors at the gate?
4. Where did the visitors go to spend the night?
5. Who wanted the strangers to come outside?
6. What were the men going to do to the door?
7. What did the visitors cause to happen to the crowd?
8. What did the visitors warn Lot to do?

Answers: 1. Angels. 2. To destroy it. 3. Lot. 4. Lot's house. 5. A mob of men. 6. Break it down. 7. They all became blind. 8. Take his family and leave the city.

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The Fate of Sodom

When Lot and Abraham separated their families, Lot moved to the city of Sodom. One day, two angels came to the city. "Take your family and leave this city," the angels warned Lot. "We are going to destroy it because the people here are wicked and sinful."

Lot went out to his daughters and sons-in-law. "Get up and leave this city. The Lord is going to destroy it," Lot warned them. His sons-in-law thought he was joking.

When the sun came up the next morning, the angels rushed to Lot. "Get up," they insisted. "Take your wife and your two daughters that are still at home and leave so that they will not be destroyed with the city."

Lot was taking his time getting ready when the angels took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters. The angels hurried them out of the city.

Once they were outside of the city's gates, the angels warned, "Run for your life. Do not look back. Do not stay close to the city at all. Keep running until you get to the mountains so that you will not be destroyed."

"I cannot go to the mountains," Lot protested. "I am afraid something will happen to me there, and I will die. Let me go to Zoar. It is a city near here."

"I will allow you to do this," the angel consented. "And I will spare this city that you speak of. Run quickly, because I cannot do anything until you are gone."

Lot's family kept running as the Lord sent fire and brimstone from heaven to destroy the cities. Lot's wife looked back as they ran. Because of her disobedience, the Lord caused her to turn into a pillar of salt.

The sun had risen when Lot and his two daughters reached the city of Zoar. Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he stood before the Lord. He looked toward the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He saw the billowing smoke rising from the cities. God remembered Abraham and spared his family from the fate of the wicked cities.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Good Choices Vs. Bad Choices

Lot made a choice to settle in Sodom. However, when the Lord decided to destroy the city, Lot followed the angels' advice and fled. Lot's wife made a choice to look back at the city, and changed into a pillar of salt.

Praying	Not listening to God	Getting Saved
<p>1. I pray every day.</p> <p>2. I pray for my family.</p> <p>3. I pray for my friends.</p> <p>4. I pray for my country.</p> <p>5. I pray for the world.</p>	<p>1. I do not pray.</p> <p>2. I do not listen to God.</p> <p>3. I do not believe in God.</p> <p>4. I do not believe in Jesus.</p> <p>5. I do not believe in the Bible.</p>	<p>1. I believe in God.</p> <p>2. I believe in Jesus.</p> <p>3. I believe in the Bible.</p> <p>4. I believe in the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>5. I believe in the Kingdom of God.</p>

Disobeying your parents Telling others about Jesus

Cheating **Never asking Jesus in your heart**

Helping a friend Gossiping about others

Disobeying your parents Going to Sunday school

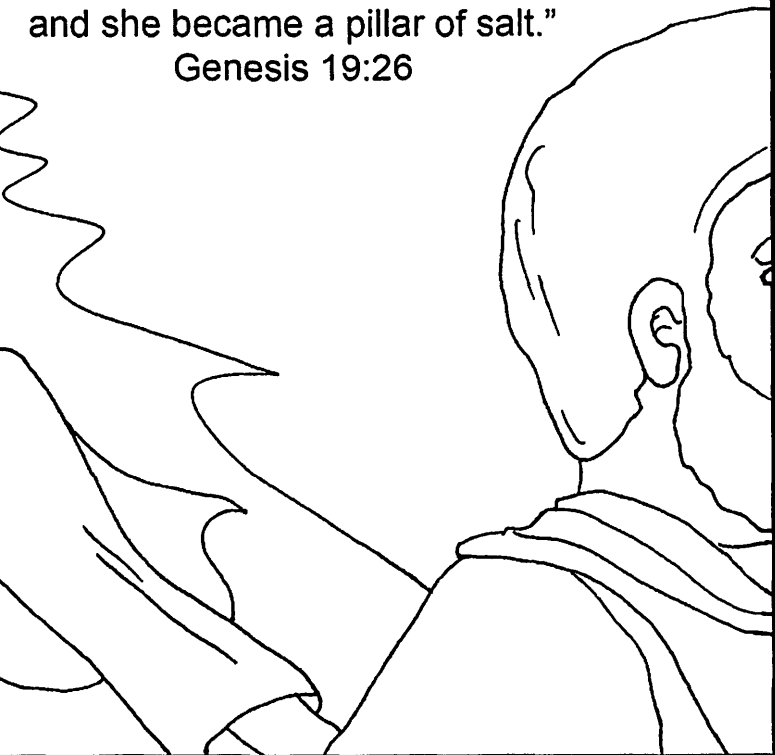
Good Choices

Bad Choices



7
“ . . . his wife looked back
from behind him,
and she became a pillar of salt.”

Genesis 19:26



Staying in Tune and Together

Connie and all the other players listened and obeyed Mr. Johnson, their band director. After a few months of working with Mr. Johnson, they had learned to obey and respect him. He had taught the clarinet players how to play a clarinet by playing the clarinet for them. He did the same for the cornet players. Mr. Johnson could play the oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trombone, tuba, drums, and, yes, the flute. He struggled playing the flute because it had a different mouth piece than any other instrument and it took more breath than even the tuba.

Sitting on the front row, Connie watched Mr. Johnson step up on his band box and pick up his baton. Every sixth grade band player put their instruments into playing position. As Mr. Johnson's right arm went downward, every band member played the tuning note for their instrument. He bent his head forward and listened carefully. Then he put down his arm and everyone quit playing.

"Let's tune up to the tuning machine today," he said. He turned and walked toward the front of the room where a little black box sat on a table. Mr. Johnson flicked on a switch and a light lit up the little glass window of the machine. Then he had each player blow the tuning note on his horn.

As the note was played the machine would show by a line if the note was sharp or flat. If the note played was sharp, the line made pointed spikes up. If the note was flat, the line pointed down. Every instrument can be tuned some way.

Connie played the note "C" on her flute when it was her turn. Mr. Johnson turned his thumb down. Her flute was flat. She pulled the mouth piece out a slight bit and blew again. This time he showed her a level hand. She was in tune.

When the tuning note and scale

were played again by all the band, there was a round, mellow sound. They were all in tune together. If one instrument was not in tune, it would cause an off vibration on the tuning machine, and for listening ears.

"Our concert is just a week away," said Mr. Johnson. "We need to practice through all three songs that we are to play. Let's get started now that we are in tune!"

Connie enjoyed learning the music and being a part of the band. She practiced every evening and received a good grade on her practice card. In time she earned first chair flute player. There was Cathy, Gagalene, and Pam who also played flutes in the sixth grade, but concert night, Connie met the other flute players in higher grades.

Before the concert, Connie prayed that the Lord would help her to not make a mistake nor play at the wrong time. Because she had obeyed during the rehearsal times, she was trained to watch Mr. Johnson which helped her during the stressful time of performing before an audience.

Through this training, Connie learned the importance of being in tune with other players, and how to obey the band director.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the angels warn Lot?
2. What did Lot's family think when he warned them?
3. Who hurried Lot's family out of the city?
4. "Do not look _____."
5. Who looked back?
6. What happened to Lot's wife?
7. What did the Lord send to destroy the cities?
8. What two cities were destroyed?

Answers: 1. To leave the city. 2. He was joking. 3. Angels. 4. Back. 5. Lot's wife. 6. Turned into a pillar of salt. 7. Sent fire and brimstone. 8. Sodom and Gomorrah.

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A Promise Fulfilled

Abraham was one hundred years old when he and Sarah had the son that the Lord had promised them. They named him Isaac, which means laughter. Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. All that hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have thought that Abraham and I would have a son in our old age?"

When Isaac was older, Abraham had a great feast prepared for him. Sarah saw Hagar with Isaac's half-brother Ishmael. It made her angry to think that someone besides Isaac had a right to inherit Abraham's belongings. "Make this woman leave," Sarah commanded. "Her son will not inherit your possessions like my son will."

Abraham was very sad. "Do not grieve," the Lord told Abraham. "Isaac will be the father of a great nation. I will also make Ishmael lead a nation, because he is your child."

Abraham woke up early the next morning and prepared bread and a bottle of water. He took them to Hagar, who carried them over her shoulder. Hagar and Ishmael left and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

They walked until there was no more water in Hagar's bottle. She placed Ishmael under the shade of a bush. Hagar sat down a little ways from Ishmael.

"Do not let me see my child die," Hagar cried, weeping and exhausted. The Lord heard the cries of Hagar and her son.

"What is wrong, Hagar?" the Lord asked. "Do not be afraid. I have heard your son's voice. Take his hand and lift him up. I will make him the leader of a great nation."

God caused Hagar to look up. She saw a well of water. Hagar filled her bottle and let her son drink.

God was with Ishmael. Ishmael grew up in the wilderness. He learned how to shoot with a bow and arrow. His mother found a wife for him in Egypt. They had many children and Ishmael became a mighty leader.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

A Promise Fulfilled: Bible Drill!

*See which student can find the following verses about
Abraham and the faithfulness of God the fastest.*

Hebrews 11:11-12 _____

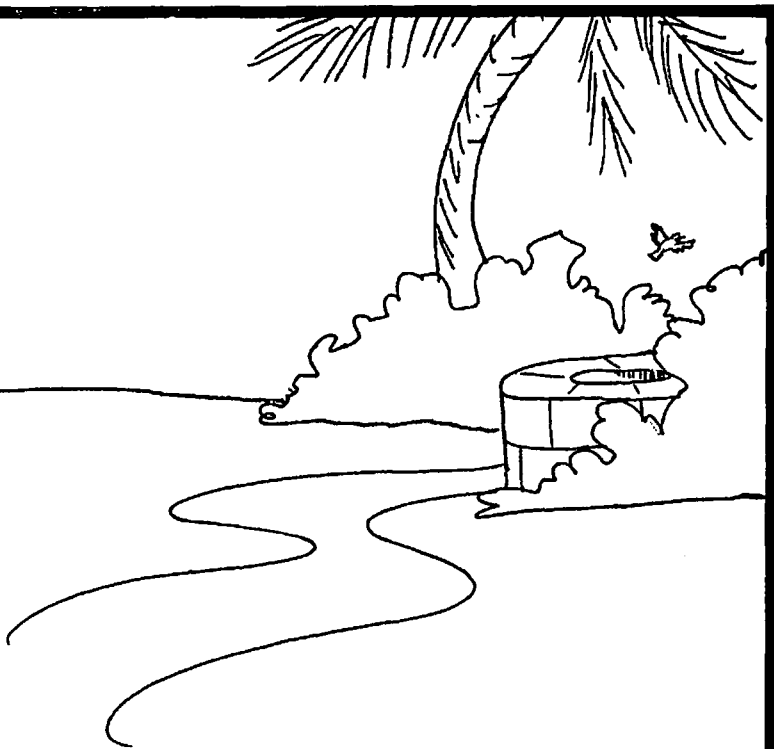
Hebrews 10:23 _____

Romans 4:13 _____

Galatians 4:28 _____

Galatians 3:29 _____





“... and she saw a well of water ...”
Genesis 21:19

Perfect Attendance

The second morning bell rang just as Connie sat down in her desk on the second row in Mrs. Strong's classroom. Mrs. Strong glanced at her and smiled. "On time again. You are one of my only students who has never been absent or tardy all year. That is commendable!"

"Thank you," replied Connie quietly. Thank you, Mama! She thought. It was Mama who turned on the bedroom lights in the morning and called all four children to "Rise and Shine!" Connie liked to get to the bathroom before the others, which usually made Donnie stand at the door and knock while she brushed her teeth. Then she went into the bedroom she shared with Cindy. If Cindy wasn't out of bed yet, Connie got her up because they had to make the bed before leaving the room. Then they shut the door and dressed in their bedroom.

Mama usually had their clothes pressed and ready to put on. She made a quick chocolate Ovaltine-egg-milk shake for them to drink with scrambled eggs or some other side item. In half an hour, if everyone kept moving, Mama would hand them a sack lunch, hug them good-bye, and give them advice as each one of them walked out the front door to meet the bus. They had to walk several blocks to Fogarty School to catch buses that went to Central, Cottal, and Banner schools. Donnie attended Fogarty so he went into class early.

There had been a few times in the cold winter when Grandma Miles offered to drive them to school. That was nice. Most of the time, they had to run or walk on busy streets to catch the right bus at the right time. Once in a while a bus driver would wait for them if he saw they were walking up the bus drive, out of breath from running.

Yes, it was work for them to all get

to school with their homework finished and in a folder, their lunch sacks in one piece and not squished, and to end up at the right school and in their desk before the last bell rang. Now Connie sat up straight and listened to Mrs. Strong who was the first black American teacher she had in school.

"Class, we are planning to have a big school picnic the last day of school," she said. "We will have our last tests on the Monday before the Wednesday that will be your last day this year."

"Ya-hoo!" cheered many of the students, Connie included. That would be a treat to look forward to during the next three weeks of hot school days. They were going to Highland Park, which was close to Connie's house. She knew this park well and rode her bike around its trails several times.

The time passed quicker than Connie thought it would. The last week of school came. Connie took the tests on Monday, learned on Tuesday that she made good grades, but on Wednesday morning, she woke up sick. She tried to get ready but after vomiting three times in thirty minutes, her mother made her go back to bed. She was disappointed in missing the picnic, but she still received her PERFECT ATTENDANCE award which she had worked hard to earn.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How old was Abraham when Sarah had a son?
2. What did they name their son?
3. What does Isaac mean?
4. Who wanted Hagar to leave?
5. Where did Hagar go?
6. Who spoke to Hagar?
7. What did Hagar see?
8. What happened to Ishmael?

Answers: 1. 100 years old. 2. Isaac. 3. Laughter. 4. Sarah. 5. The wilderness. 6. The Lord. 7. A well of water. 8. He grew to be a leader.

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GOD'S GIFT OF MOTHERHOOD

There was a man named Elkanah who had a wife named Hannah. Elkanah loved his wife, Hannah, very much. But, Hannah did not have any children and this made her very sad.

Every year Elkanah and Hannah went to the house of God to give their sacrifices to Him. One year Hannah was so sad that she cried and cried and would not eat. Elkanah said to her, "Why are you crying and why won't you eat? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Hannah went to the house of God to pray. She said to God, "If You will give me a son, I will give him back to You."

A man named Eli was the priest in the temple at that time. He sat by a post of the temple and as he sat there he saw Hannah. She was praying and her mouth was moving but no sounds were coming out. Eli thought she was drunk.

"How long will you be drunk?" he said to her.

"I am not drunk," Hannah said. "I am praying because I am so unhappy."

"Go in peace," Eli said to her. "May your prayer be answered."

So Hannah was not sad anymore. She ate and went home with her husband.

Later, Hannah had a son and named him Samuel. Samuel means "Asked of God," for, Hannah said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Hannah waited until Samuel was bigger than a baby and then took him to the temple. She said to Eli, "I am the woman that was crying and praying here. God has answered my prayer for a son and now I am giving him back. As long as he lives he will serve the Lord."

Hannah and Elkanah worshipped and then they went home. Samuel stayed and served the Lord in the temple. Every year Hannah and Elkanah came back to the temple and Hannah brought a new coat for her son, Samuel.

When Eli saw them, he blessed them and said, "Because you have given your son to the Lord, may you have many more children."

And Hannah and Elkanah did. Hannah had three sons and two daughters after that.

—Joanna Booher

Word Search

Each of the following words can be found in the lines below. Search for one word on each line. Circle the word that you find.

ELI	HANNAH
BABY	SAMUEL
PRIEST	ELKANAH
PRAYER	CHILDREN
TEMPLE	MOTHERHOOD

JPLHANNAHYOKET

CJKLOBABYRIOWS

DSIRMOTHERHOOD

PRIESTUYQRCPLIA

TUIAELKANAHONT

UBTEMPLEPLQYMJ

SAMUELGVWILXTM

ZXKLUCHILDRENW

LNBTROWYEURUELI

YTRPRAYEROKJLM

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 1:1-28, 2:18-21.



And she said, Oh
my lord,...I am the
woman that stood
by thee here, pray-
ing unto the Lord.
I Samuel 1:26.



Meet Jack, the Animal Lover

(To be continued)

From the beginning of his life, Jack loved animals. His family lived on a farm in the hills of Tennessee where they had horses, chickens, cows, pigs, and other animals as soon as Jack was old enough to collect them. His older brother, Bush, and his younger sister, Sue, liked animals also. Their parents named the animal farm Ba-Ja-Su, after their three children who added so much life on the place.

In the afternoons after school, Bush and Jack rushed up the hill to ole Ott's place to milk his cows. They would let the seven cows into the milk barn where the cows were fastened by a manger full of feed. Then the boys took their three-legged stools and sat down on them by the cow's udder. With a clean, damp cloth they cleaned each teat, then put a bucket under the udder to hold the milk. With patient, steady hands the boys would pull on the teats which released streams of milk into the bucket.

Bush and Jack named the cows and talked to them while they milked. This made the contented cows give more milk. Mr. Ott praised the boys for their hard work and taught them many things about cows which helped them all their lives.

The two farm Collies, Lance and Vandy, were Jack's constant companions on the farm and in the woods. They watched the boys fish in the clear, cool streams. On the trails they scared out rabbits and other little critters. They ran alongside the horses the boys rode in the pasture.

It was through the Collies that Jack met Dr. Roberts, the Knoxville veterinarian. Jack went with his dad when he took the dogs for their annual shots. Jack watched everything Dr. Roberts did and asked all sorts of questions about his care of animals, even the ones he took care of at the local zoo.

"Jack, don't wear out Dr. Roberts," said his dad. "He is a busy man."

"Oh, the boy has a good mind to learn," said Dr. Roberts. "If I don't know the answer, I will say so. Otherwise, I tell him what I can."

From then on, whenever Jack finished his chores in the summer, he would go to the Knoxville Animal Clinic and watch Dr. Roberts work with sick animals. The summer Jack was eleven, Dr. Roberts hired Jack to clean the animal cages. Though the work was smelly, Jack was proud to be employed. He learned how to be calm around animals in pain, how to be cautious and not get hurt when they were angry, and how to treat animals with respect. He found out if their cages were kept clean, they were easier to work with and more tame.

Dr. Roberts learned that Jack was trustworthy around animals. He started taking Jack with him to farms where they did services for a whole herd of cattle or to deliver a baby calf. There was nothing more satisfying to Jack than to know he had made life better for some person or animal that day.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What was Elkanah's wife's name?
2. Why was Hannah sad?
3. What did Hannah tell God she would do if He gave her a son?
4. What was Hannah doing in the temple?
5. Who saw Hannah praying?
6. What did Eli think Hannah was?
7. What did Hannah name her son?
8. What did Samuel do in the temple?
9. What did God do for Hannah since she gave her son to Him?

Answers: 1. Hannah. 2. Because she did not have any children. 3. She would give him back to God. 4. Praying. 5. Eli. 6. Drunk. 7. Samuel. 8. Served God. 9. He gave her more children.

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The Sacrificial Ram

Before Jesus died for us on the cross, people were required to offer up animals as a sacrifice to get forgiveness for their sins. Adam and Eve's own children were among the first to offer up sacrifices to the Lord.

One day, Abraham heard the Lord calling his name. "Here I am," Abraham answered. "Take your son Isaac, whom you love and go to the land of Moriah and offer him up for a burnt offering on one of the mountains there," the Lord told Abraham.

How brokenhearted and confused Abraham must have been! But Abraham was ready to obey God. Abraham woke up early the next morning and saddled his donkey. He selected two servants to attend him on his journey. Then, Abraham called for Isaac to join them. They gathered wood for the burnt offering and went towards the land of Moriah.

"Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told his servants. "Isaac and I will go up the mountain and worship. Then we will return to you."

Abraham took the fire for the burnt offering and a knife. He and Isaac left the others to make their sacrifice to God alone.

Isaac was confused. "I see the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

"God will send us a lamb for a burnt offering," Abraham replied.

Finally, they reached the place that God had told Abraham of. Abraham built the altar and laid down the wood. He tied Isaac's hands and legs and put him on the altar.

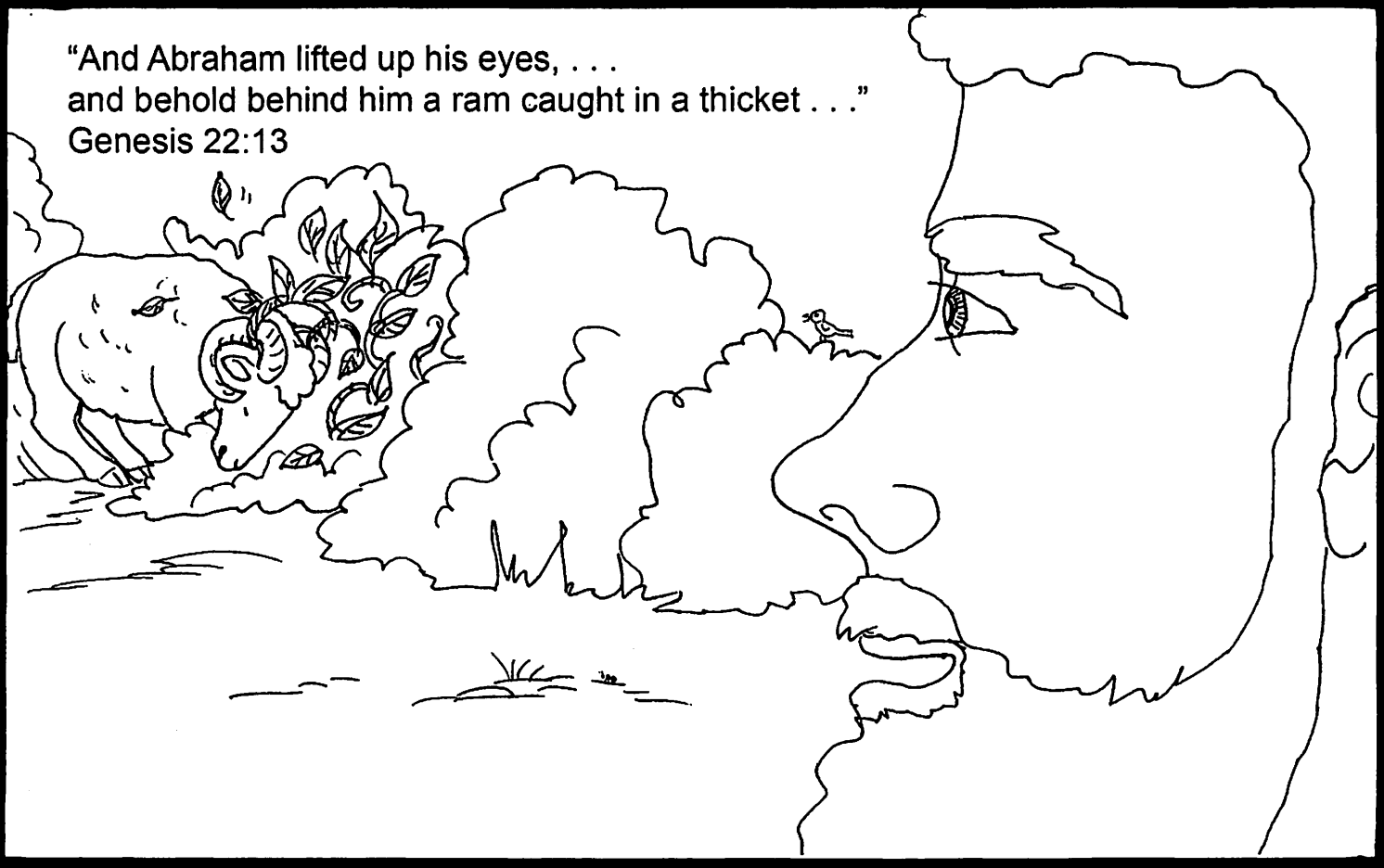
Abraham stretched out his hand and took up the knife he had brought. He raised it high over Isaac. Suddenly, Abraham heard a voice. It was an angel. "Abraham," the angel said. "Do not harm the boy. I know that you fear God, because you were willing to give your own son up for a sacrifice." Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. Abraham took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

A Sacrificial Ram: True Vs. False

1. People in the Old Testament never offered animals as sacrifices. True False
2. God told Abraham to go to the mountain and prepare to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. True False
3. Abraham took two servants and Isaac along. True False
4. Abraham forgot the fire and a knife for the sacrifice. True False
5. Abraham and Isaac gathered wood for the burnt offering. True False
6. The servants went with Abraham and Isaac up the mountain. True False
7. Abraham placed a cow on the altar to sacrifice. True False
8. Isaac wondered where the animal was they would sacrifice. True False
9. Abraham tied Isaac's hands and legs and put him on the altar. True False
10. A dove grabbed the knife from Abraham's hand. True False
11. God knew Abraham feared God, because he was willing to sacrifice his son. True False
12. Abraham saw a pig caught in a thicket. True False

"And Abraham lifted up his eyes, . . .
and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket . . ."
Genesis 22:13



Learning Responsibility, Earning Respect

(Continued)

On Jack's second summer of working for Dr. Roberts, the veterinarian of the Knoxville Animal Clinic, he was given \$10 ever two weeks. That was better than nothing, which is what he had earned the summer before when cleaning out sick animal cages. Jack was happy to work with animals and proud that he had a summer job.

By now Jack had earned more respect and more responsibility. He had the key to the clinic and would open the door first thing in the morning. Before Dr. Roberts arrived, Jack would have all the animals in the hospital fed and watered, and the cages clean.

Dr. Roberts would come into the office and ask Jack, "How do you think the Smith's dog is doing today? Does his stitches seem to be healing without infection?"

"Yes, sir," replied Jack. "I checked Nero this morning and he seems to be healing well."

"Good. I'll take a look at him later and call the Smiths to come and take him home," replied Dr. Roberts. "Get ready to go with me to the zoo, Jack," he continued. "We need to go there and help Ole Diamond out."

Jack's curiosity was captured. "What's wrong him? Just the two of us can't hold down that big bull elephant if he's in pain."

"You're right," agreed Dr. Roberts. "We aren't going to hold him down—he'd kill us all in the end. We have other means. Just come and do what I tell you to do."

They found Old Diamond in his cage pacing back and forth like usual. To the normal person, he looked okay. But the vet saw right away that one of his huge tusks was broken at the end and infected. Old Diamond was in mild pain, so his already bad disposition was even worse. He had bad memories of vets and the shots they gave, so Dr. Roberts kept out of the trunk's range.

Jack carried the three gallon bucket full of antibiotic liquid to the outside bars of the cage. He watched as Dr. Roberts moved in closer to Old Diamond, bars still between them. The elephant was swaying back and forth near a wall watching Dr. Roberts with his beady eye. Suddenly, Old Diamond raised his trunk, pointed it at Dr. Roberts, and blew his nose! A spray of spit sprinkled all over the vet. Jack couldn't help but laugh though it was not funny to the vet at the time.

"Ole boy, you've done it now," said Dr. Roberts. "Jack, bring me that bucket."

Jack stopped laughing now. What if Old Diamond still had more spit to blow out of his trunk?

He braced himself for that to happen as he took the bucket to Dr. Roberts. Together they fastened a sprayer hose to the top of the bucket. Then from behind the bars, Dr. Roberts sprayed Old Diamond's tusk with the antibiotic. He shook his massive head, shut his eyes and seemed to enjoy the "bath."

The tusk did heal. From this incident, Jack's love for elephants was born. He learned that even these big animals appreciated proper care and respect.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How did Abraham answer when God called his name?
2. Who did the Lord ask Abraham to sacrifice?
3. What land did the Lord tell Abraham to go to?
4. Who came along with Abraham on his journey?
5. Why was Isaac confused?
6. What did Abraham say God would send?
7. Who called out to Abraham to stop?
8. What did Abraham see in the thicket?

Answers: 1. "Here I am." 2. His son, Isaac. 3. Moriah. 4. Isaac and two servants. 5. They had no lamb to sacrifice. 6. A lamb. 7. An angel. 8. A ram.

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A Meeting at the Well

Abraham was old. His wife, Sarah was dead. Abraham began to think about finding a wife for Isaac. Abraham called for his oldest servant. "Promise me that you will not find a wife for my son among the Canaanites," Abraham said. "Even though the Canaanites are living all around us. You will go to my relatives and find a wife for my son."

The servant promised Abraham he would do what Abraham desired. He took ten camels and left for Mesopotamia. When he got there, the servant paused to let his camels drink at a well. "Lord, please help me this day and show kindness to my master Abraham. I stand here at the well, where the daughters of the men of the city come to get water. I will say to one of the girls, 'Let me drink from your pitcher.' She will say, 'Drink, and I will let your camels drink also.' Let this girl be the one that you have chosen for your servant Isaac. Then I will know that you have shown kindness to my master," the servant prayed.

Soon after the servant's prayer, Rebekah, the daughter of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came to get water from the well. Rebekah was a very pretty girl. She went down and filled her pitcher with water.

The servant ran to meet her. "Let me drink some of the water from your pitcher," the servant asked.

"Drink, please sir," Rebekah replied. "I will get water for your camels, also." Rebekah ran to the well again and drew water for all of the servant's animals. The servant stood, wondering if this was the chosen damsel for Isaac or not. "Whose daughter are you?" the servant asked. "Is there room in your home for me to stay?" "I am the daughter of Nahor," Rebekah answered. "We have plenty of room for you to stay."

The servant bowed his head and praised God. "Praise the Lord of my master Abraham, who has led me to the house of my master's brother." Rebekah ran to her mother's house to tell them the news.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

A Meeting At the Well: Hidden Bible Verse

Abraham's servant had the important job of finding a wife for Abraham's son. After praying for an answer, God sent Rebekah. Make a slash through the J's, Vs, and U's. Write down the remaining letters on the lines below to find out what the verse is.

VVJUAVNJDUUIUJVTJSHVJUJVAVJULLJJCUOMVJVEJU
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UJNVGJIUUUWJIVUJUVJUVVLJLJUVUJJHJJJEUUVJAJ
UVUJRVUJUVUJUVUVVVJJUU

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_____;

_____." Isaiah 65:24

“... she went down to the well,
and filled her pitcher ...”
Genesis 24:16



The Rabbit Exodus

(Continued)

Besides helping Dr. Roberts at the Knoxville Animal Clinic, Jack was collecting animals of his own on the Bu-Ja-Su Farm. His older brother, Bush, and younger sister, Sue, would help with the animals when he was working long hours in the summer, but Jack loved to care for them himself as well.

One favorite family animal were the rabbits. At first Jack had three female rabbits and two males. All three of the children loved these little fur balls and played with them. They learned quickly to not let the males be together—never—and to leave the females alone when they were birthing babies.

Bush and Jack kept busy making rabbit hutches and wire runs for the babies to be safe inside. At first their dad was amused at the boys' projects. "It keeps them busy and out of trouble," he told their mother.

Then the babies started eating rabbit feed. "You need to sell some of these rabbits, son," said his dad. "They are eating too much."

Sue helped the boys by gathering green grass and feeding lots of it to the growing bunnies. They enjoyed watching the babies grow up and soon they were having babies of their own. There came to be too many rabbits to name, but they knew which rabbits went with which mamas.

After the boys had built forty some hutches and several wire runs, their dad came to count the rabbits. "Boys!" he exclaimed. "You have over a hundred rabbits in here! We don't need to feed and care for that many rabbits! I'm going to have Lloyd help you out with these rabbits first thing in the morning."

Well, Jack knew what his dad meant by "Lloyd helping them out." The hired hand would kill and butcher them to put them in his freezer for his family to eat.

That night when all the family was asleep, Jack went outside. Sadly, he whispered "good-bye" to the first hutch of rabbits when he opened the door and watched them all hop out. Then he went to the second hutch and did the same, calling some of them by name as they began to hop into the garden and surrounding fields. By the time all forty hutches were empty, Jack felt like he had lost some good friends but he was relieved that he had saved over a hundred lives.

Maybe some of them would not survive, but they at least had a running chance. Jack felt they were safer in the garden and fields than close enough for Lloyd's hand to grab while they were innocently lying in a nest in the hutch.

The next morning when his dad found the hutches empty, Jack was the one who "got the hand" for letting "good food run away." For all Jack knew, the rabbit families lived happily ever after. Often through the years brown and white rabbits were seen in the garden, but they never ended up on the table.

However, when Jack was a dad himself, he realized his dad had been right about the reason for raising rabbits. He should have sold them to pay for their feed.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What was Abraham thinking of?
2. Where did Abraham ask the servant to go?
3. What did the servant stop to do?
4. Who came down to the well to get water?
5. Who was Nahor?
6. What did the servant ask Rebekah?
7. What did Rebekah offer the servant?
8. What did the servant thank God for?

Answers: 1. Finding a wife for Isaac. 2. Mesopotamia. 3. Water his camels. 4. Rebekah. 5. Abraham's brother. 6. For water & a place to stay. 7. Water for his camels. 8. Leading him to Abraham's brother.

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A Wife for Isaac

After meeting Abraham's servant at the well, Rebekah ran to tell her family of his arrival. Rebekah's brother, Laban, ran out with Rebekah to the well. He saw the gifts the servant had for his sister. Earrings dangled from her ears, and bracelets were placed on her hands. "This man is the man that spoke to me," Rebekah told Laban.

"Why are you standing here?" Laban asked. "I have a room ready for you at the house, and a place for your camels, also." The servant came into his house. The family gave him meat to eat. "I will not eat until I tell you why I have come," the servant said.

"Speak on," they urged him.

"I am Abraham's servant," he said. "The Lord has greatly blessed my master. The Lord has given him flocks, herds, silver, gold, servants, camels, and donkeys. Abraham's wife, Sarah gave him a son. My master asked me to find a wife for his son among his relatives. I came to the well today and prayed that the Lord would bring a wife for Isaac to the well. When I was finished praying, Rebekah came to the well. When I found out that she was the son of Abraham's brother, I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord who led me the right way. Now, please give a kind answer to my master and tell me if I need to stay or leave."

Rebekah's mother and Laban answered, "It is a thing of God. Take Rebekah and go. Let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken."

When Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord. The servant brought jewels of silver and gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave Rebekah's mother and brother valuable gifts.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

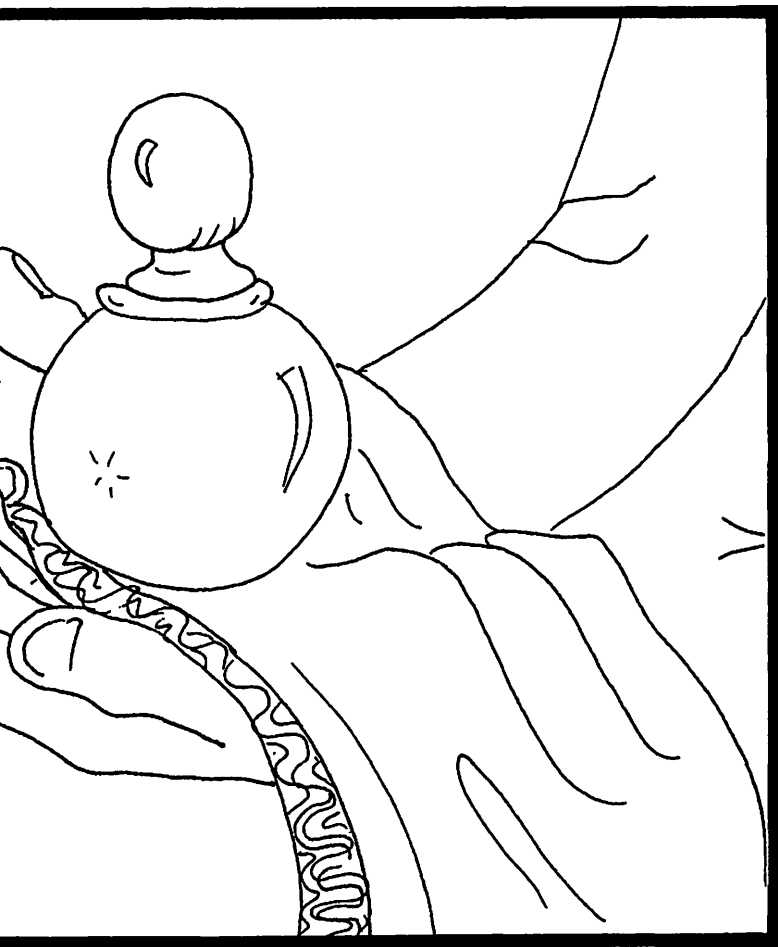
Unscramble

LABAN	PRAY
SERVANT	GIFTS
WORSHIP	WELL
REBEKAH	WIFE
ABRAHAM	ISAAC

1. ASACI _____
2. AABNL _____
3. RYAP _____
4. MARHBAA _____
5. IEFW _____
6. VTAENRS _____
7. LELW _____
8. BKEEAHR _____
9. RISPTWO _____
10. FSITG _____

“... he gave also to her brother
and to her mother precious things.”
Genesis 24:53





Weaned from Donkeys

(Continued)

For Christmas, Jack had only one thing on his list: two miniature donkeys from Sicily. Jack had read about them in a catalog: they looked beautiful beside a little donkey cart with brand-new harnesses. He pleaded with his parents and with God, thinking this would be the ultimate way to make money in a fun way.

So it was that at fourteen years old, Jack received the best Christmas gift in all his life—the donkeys, cart and harnesses. Right away Jack gave rides to his brother and sister, friends and neighbors, and anyone else who asked.

Jack was considerate of his donkeys and did not work them too hard. He fed them well and always kept fresh water in their tank. He kept the cart repaired and the harnesses clean. He was very proud of his donkeys and the business he was getting because of them.

However, there were three things that were not going so well for Jack.

Number one: The donkeys began to multiply. Someone offered to sell Jack two more donkeys for a very good price. He bought them and soon he was feeding 6 then 7 donkeys. He was attached to them and did not want to sell any, disagreeing with his parents on this matter.

Number two: Jack was spending much more money on the donkey business than he was making money. That was not exactly what he had planned at first when he had pleaded for the donkeys and a way to make money.

Number three: Jack's school grades were not looking too well because he was spending too much time with the animals and not enough time studying.

One summer day before school started, Jack's dad said, "Son, your mother and I have been talking and we think it is time for you to leave the animals and get serious about school work. I have been checking into a boys' boarding school in Pennsylvania and we think it may be a good choice for you this year."

"What?" exclaimed Jack. "How will I survive without an animal to feed?"

"You will soon find out," replied his dad in a determined voice.

Jack's father took him to meet the headmaster of Kiski Boys School. As they sat across the desk from Mr. Pedgeon, his head was down, looking at Jack's school records. He cleared his throat. "I don't know if we can admit Jack," he said. "Jack's grades are low and not up to the high standard that we hold here for our young men."

Now it was Jack's father who cleared his throat. "Jack is a hard worker, Mr. Pedgeon, and I am sure he will bring up his score with consistent studies and good teaching."

Finally, Mr. Pedgeon agreed to give Jack a chance. "Thank you, Mr. Pedgeon, thank you!" exclaimed Jack as he shook the headmaster's hand. "I noticed as we came through the back door that there is a nice shed out back. I have two of the cutest donkeys...!"

"Jack!" exclaimed his dad. "No donkeys!"

Mr. Pedgeon's chuckle relieved the father/son tension. "I agree with your father, Jack," he said. "Your donkeys wouldn't be happy here."

Neither was Jack, though he did study hard, learned better and made higher grades. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who did Rebekah meet at the well?
2. Who did Rebekah tell of the servant's arrival?
3. Who came out to greet the servant?
4. Why wouldn't the servant eat?
5. Why was the servant there?
6. Who agreed that Rebekah should go?
7. What did the servant give to Rebekah?
8. What did he give to her mother & brother?

Answers: 1. Abraham's servant. 2. Her family. 3. Laban. 4. He hadn't told of his errand. 5. To find a wife for Isaac. 6. Her mother & brother. 7. Jewels and clothing. 8. Valuable gifts.

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Birthright for Pottage

Abraham was very old. He was surrounded by family. He died when he was 175 years old. Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the field of Ephron. Sarah had already been buried there.

God blessed Isaac with many things. However, Isaac and Rebekah still hadn't had any children. Isaac prayed diligently for a child, and Isaac and Rebekah were excited to find out that one was on the way. The Lord came to Rebekah one day and spoke to her. "Two nations are growing. You will have two very different children. One of them will be stronger than the other, and the older shall be a servant to the younger."

Isaac and Rebekah named their sons Esau and Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when his children were born.

The boys grew. Esau was good at hunting. He worked hard in his father's fields. Jacob was not so fond of being out of doors. Isaac loved Esau because he liked to hunt. Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau was born first, so when their father died, Esau would receive the majority of Abraham's property. This was called the birthright. One day, after working hard in the field, Esau came in feeling very hungry. Jacob had made a pottage. It smelled so good to Esau.

"Please feed me. I am not feeling well. Give me some pottage," Esau pleaded.

"I will give you some pottage if you will give me your birthright," Isaac said.

"What will I have, if I die from hunger? What good will a birthright do me?" Esau asked.

"Promise me that I will have your birthright," Jacob insisted. Esau promised. Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

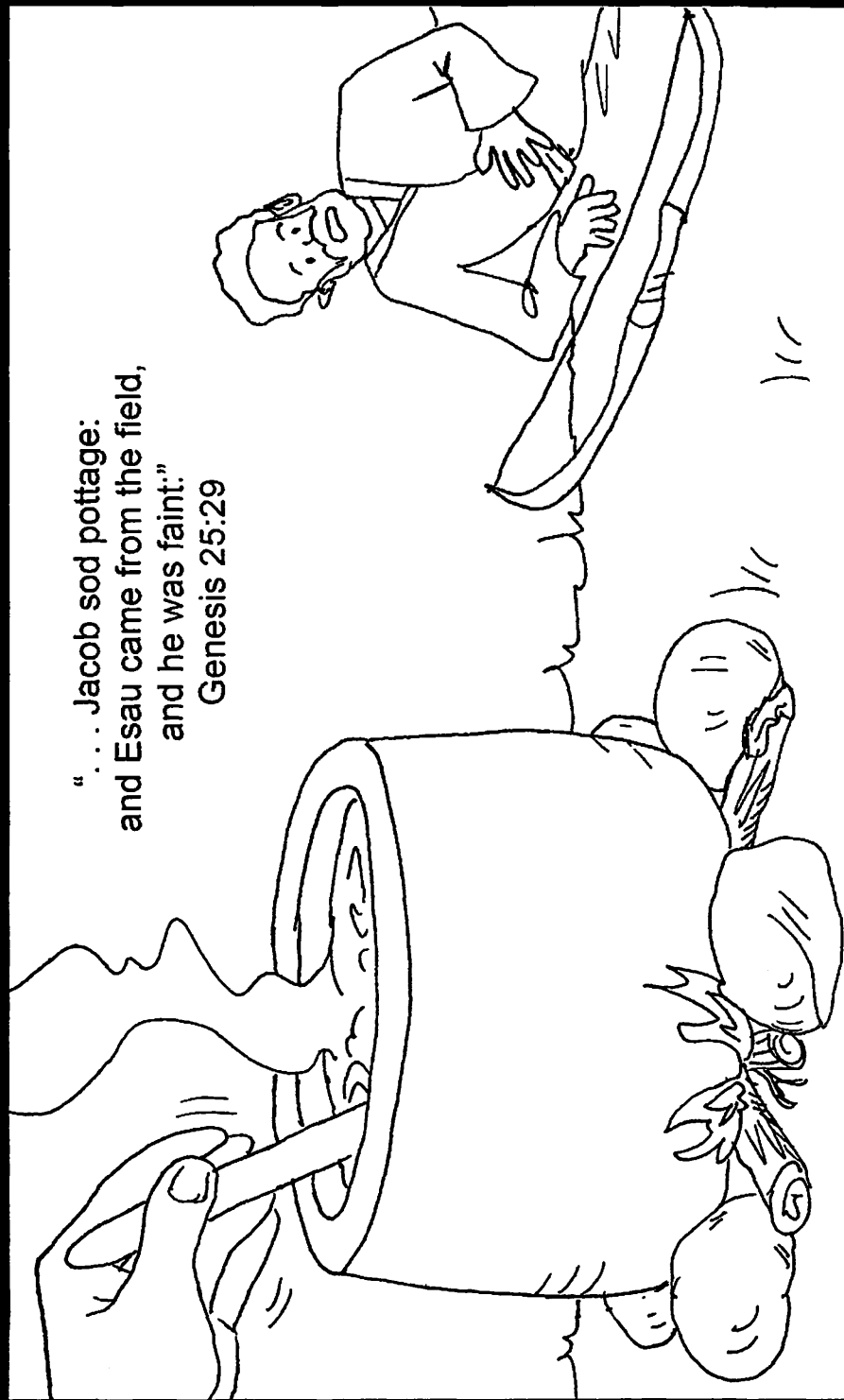
Fill in the Blank

Esau gave up his birthright for pottage because he was hungry. The following scriptures are about people who were invited to a wedding and gave up their invitations for several different reasons. Look up the reference and fill in the blanks to finish the story.

Matthew 22:1-5

"And _____ answered and spake unto them again by _____, and said, The _____ of _____ is like unto a certain _____, which made a _____ for his _____, And sent forth his _____ to _____ them that were bidden to the _____: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other _____, saying, Tell them which are _____, Behold, I have _____ my _____: my oxen and my fatlings are _____, and all things are _____: come unto the _____. But they made _____ of it, and went their _____, one to his _____ another to his _____:"

"... Jacob sod pottage:
and Esau came from the field,
and he was faint:"
Genesis 25:29



Animal and People Skill

(Continued)

While Jack was at Kiski Boys School, he found out that he was good at public speaking. He really liked to talk and with coaching from a teacher, Jack gave his first professional speech. Guess what his topic was about?

Rabbits!

The school staff agreed to let him have five or six rabbits as props for his speech. Having the live rabbits on stage with him, Jack felt at home and the butterflies in his tummy calmed down. When his time came to speak, Jack stood quietly in front of the staff and two hundred boys.

He spoke into the microphone. "Today I would like to introduce to you some friends of mine," he began. He reached into the wire cage and picked up one rabbit by the nap or loose skin of its neck. "This is the proper way to pick up a rabbit," Jack continued as he took that one out of the cage. Jack let it rest on his left arm while he stroked its soft fur.

"Rabbits are very nice pets to have," he continued. About that time he felt a warm wetness spread over his left arm. The rabbit was more nervous than Jack was! Jack tried to ignore the dripping wetness but the rabbit wasn't finished. It hunched up its back and little balls of poop dropped to the floor.

All the boys saw that and they began to laugh. At first Jack was embarrassed and nearly stopped speaking. Oh, dear Lord—Help! They think I am a nut! He thought. Then he felt impressed to make their laughter work for his good.

"This rabbit wouldn't pass for the Easter bunny; his 'eggs' aren't quite big enough," Jack said in time to bring a roar of laughter. Of course everyone knew that was not what they were, but Jack learned a valuable speaking lesson—laugh with the audience

when something unexpected happens while public speaking. Later in life, this lesson helped Jack earn money.

After graduating from Kiski, Jack was admitted to Muskingum, a small college in New Concord, Ohio. His grades were better by now, but he still loved animals more than school work. This time he did not ask the headmaster if he could bring a donkey—he just brought one and hid it behind the fraternity house.

Now Jack knew that a donkey's bray is very loud when it is hungry, upset or lonesome, so he knew sooner or later the staff would find out a donkey was around somewhere.

Within a week, he was called into the head dean's office. "I understand you are the owner of that loud mouth donkey anchored down in the back yard of our establishment," he asked Jack.

"Yes, sir," replied Jack. "I thought he would make a fine mascot for your great team here at Muskingum. He likes people and would draw a huge crowd to the games."

Believe it or not, he sold the school staff on the idea, though the donkey had to live on a nearby farm when not at the games. Jack learned that the same skills it took to work with animals also worked with people. Honest respect was a good key.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How old was Abraham when he died?
2. What did Isaac pray for?
3. Who spoke to Rebekah?
4. Who did Rebekah love?
5. Who did Isaac love?
6. What was Esau good at?
7. Who was born first?
8. What did Esau trade his birthright for?

Answers: 1. 175. 2. A child. 3. The Lord. 4. Jacob. 5. Esau. 6. Hunting and working outside. 7. Esau. 8. Pottage.

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Blessed by the Lord

When a famine struck the land, Isaac moved his family to Gerar, where the Philistines lived and Abimelech was king. "Because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my commandments, I will bless you while you stay in this land," the Lord told Isaac. "You will have many descendants and I will give all of these countries to them." Isaac obeyed the Lord and stayed in Gerar.

Abimelech commanded that no one in his kingdom should touch Isaac or Rebekah. Isaac planted fields in the land of the Philistines and gained one hundred times more than he began with. Isaac grew very famous in that land. He had many servants. The Philistines looked on and were jealous of all of Isaac's wealth.

Abraham's servants had dug several wells around Gerar. The Philistines had filled them up with dirt after Abraham's death. When Isaac became very rich and powerful, King Abimelech told him he had to leave. Isaac departed from King Abimelech and set up his tent in the valley of Gerar. Isaac redug the wells that his father had dug. Even though Isaac had dug the well, the herdsman in Gerar argued, "The water is ours." Isaac named the well Esek. Isaac and his men dug another well. The men of Gerar claimed that one too. Finally, Isaac dug a well he named Rehoboth. "Now the Lord has made room for us and we will be able to flourish in this land," Isaac declared.

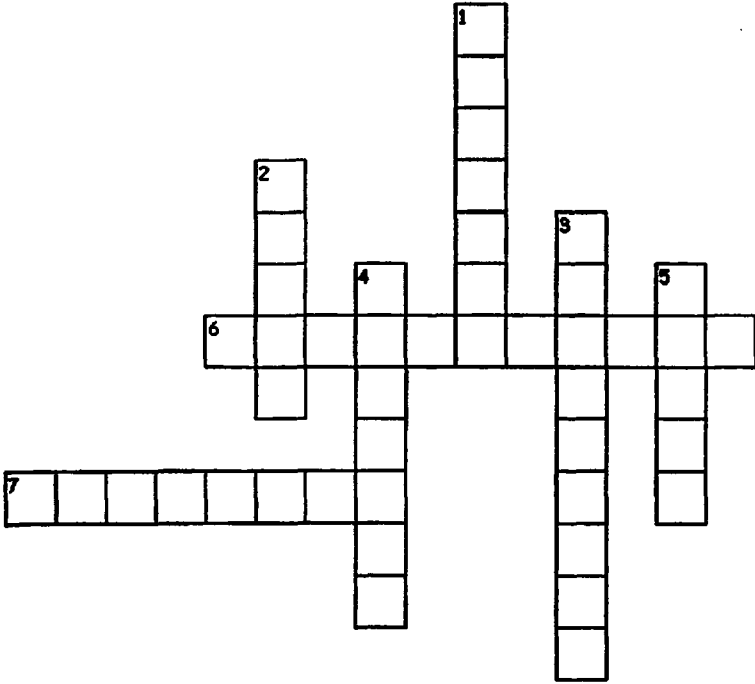
That night, the Lord appeared to Isaac. "I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid. I am with you, and I will bless you for Abraham's sake," the Lord told Isaac.

King Abimelech and several of his men came from Gerar to visit Isaac. "Why have you come?" Isaac asked. "You turned me away."

The king and his men replied, "We saw that the Lord was with you. We decided that we should promise that we will not hurt you, and only do you good. You are now blessed by the Lord."

Isaac made them a feast and they ate and drank. The men arose early the next morning and left in peace. —Sis. Monica Murphey

Blessed by the Lord: Crossword Puzzle



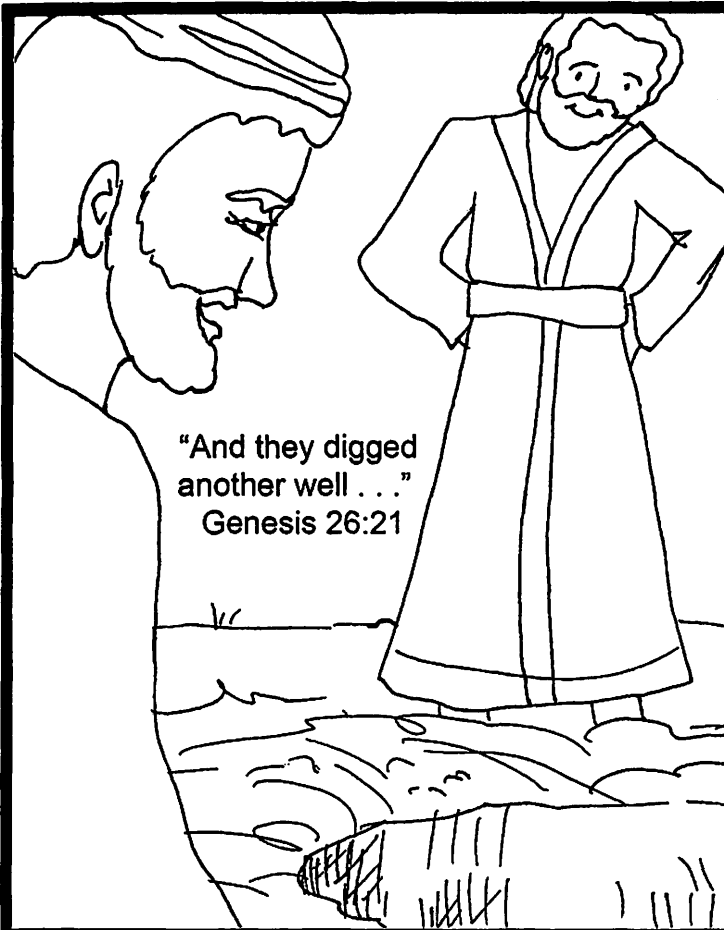
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6. Isaac lived with these people.
7. Something Isaac had many of.

Down

1. How the Philistines felt toward Isaac?
2. When the Lord appeared to Isaac.
3. The king.
4. What the Lord did for Isaac, that even Abimelech recognized (_____ by the Lord).
5. What Abraham had dug?

Answers to the crossword puzzle: 1. Jealous 2. Night 3. Abimelech
4. Blessed 5. Wells 6. Philistines 7. Servants



**"And they dugged
another well . . ."**
Genesis 26:21



Making Big Lifelong Decisions (Continued)

Soon everyone on the Muskingum College campus knew about Jack and his donkey, Doc. The most important person who thought Jack was so funny, was Suzi, the cutest girl in Jack's French class.

"What did your donkey do today, Jack?" she asked him before class.

Jack always had a story to tell about his animals so he entertained Suzi and her friends until the teacher caught his attention by correcting him in French. Jack and Suzi became friends, and began to meet at other times besides class so Jack could finish his stories.

Suzi also loved Doc, the donkey, which made Jack sure she was the girl after his own heart. She would help Jack care for Doc, who soon learned that Suzi liked him.

Suzi invited Jack to go with her when she went home on a school break. Suzi's father was a minister and a school principal who liked to fish for flounder on Long Island, New York. On the way home from the fishing trip, Jack and Mr. Egli stopped by a duck farm. These waddling fuzzy balls were so cute to watch!

"These are pet ducks, right?" Jack asked Mr. Egli.

"No," he replied. "These ducks are raised to be productive. They are raised for food and feathers."

Oh, no! thought Jack. I need to rescue some of these cute babies!

He asked, "How much are they?"

Mr. Egli convinced him to only buy three. "Where are you going to put them?" he asked Jack.

"In my room at the college," replied Jack as he cuddled his three baby fuzz balls. "When they get big, they can live on the college lake."

Suzi's mom thought it was funny. "I had pet ducks," she said, "but they never stayed in my bedroom!"

Suzi helped Jack name the babies. They were Aquaduck, Viaduck, and Ovaduck. Jack cared for them until they were big enough to live alone on the college lake. The ducks were a

blessing to many students who liked to relax by the little lake.

In the meantime, Jack and Suzi fell in love and got married in December, 1968. Jack convinced Suzi that the best place for a honeymoon was at the Lion Country Safari and Busch Gardens in Florida. Like usual, she agreed with him.

A week before their wedding, Jack was scheduled to graduate. Dr. Miller, the president of Muskingum, called Jack into his office. He was looking at some papers Jack had filled out.

"I see here that you want to be a zookeeper?" he asked Jack.

"Yes, sir, that's right," agreed Jack.

Mr. Miller straightened in his chair behind his desk. "Are you sure?" he asked.

"Positive," replied Jack.

"Well, in all my thirty-seven years here at the college, I have never had a student graduate to be a zookeeper."

"Well, sir, there is always a first. I guess the first for this is me."

Mr. Miller looked at Jack's cheery smile and smiled back. "Well, good luck with it," he said.

Later, Jack often thought back to Mr. Miller's words. He never regretted his decision, but he often needed more than good luck—he needed a Higher Power.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who was king of Gerar?
2. What group of people lived in Gerar?
3. Why were the Philistines jealous of Isaac?
4. What had Abraham's servants dug?
5. Why did Isaac not use the first well?
6. Who appeared to Isaac and told him not to be afraid?
7. Who came to see Isaac?
8. What promise did the men give to Isaac?

Answers: 1. King Abimelech. 2. Philistines. 3. He was wealthy and famous. 4. Wells. 5. The Philistines claimed it was theirs. 6. The Lord. 7. King Abimelech and his men. 8. They would not harm him.

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Isaac is Deceived

The years passed, and Isaac grew old. His eyesight grew dim. Isaac called his oldest son, Esau, to his side. "Here I am," Esau answered his father. "I am old," Isaac told him. "I do not know when I will die. Take your weapons and go out to the field and bring me some venison. Fix the meat the way I like it and bring it to me so that I can eat. Then I will bless you before I die."

Rebekah heard Isaac speaking to Jacob. Although Isaac loved Esau, Jacob was his mother's favorite. "Your father is planning to give Esau his blessing," Rebekah informed Jacob. "Go to the flock and bring in two goats. I will make meat for your father the way he likes it. You will bring it to your father so that he will bless you before he dies."

Jacob got the meat, and his mother cooked it. Rebekah put the goat skins on Jacob's skin so that he would feel like Esau. Jacob dressed in Esau's clothing. Rebekah gave him the meat and bread, and Jacob took it in to Esau.

"Here I am, Father," Jacob said. "Who are you?" Isaac asked.

"I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done everything you told me to do. Sit up and eat, so that you can bless me," Jacob replied.

"How did you find meat so quickly?" Isaac asked.

"The Lord your God brought it to me," Jacob answered. "Come near me, so that I can feel you and know for sure that you are my son Esau," Isaac commanded. Isaac felt Jacob's hands.

"The voice is Jacob's, but the hands are Esau's," Isaac said. "Are you Esau?" Once again, Jacob assured his father that he was Esau. "Bring the food to me. I will eat of my son's venison," Isaac said. "Then I will bless you." And he ate and drank.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Isaac is Deceived

BLESSED
FAVORITE
REBEKAH
TRICKED
VENISON

ESAU
ISAAC
JACOB
FATHER
OLDEST

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

Hint *Some of the words are backwards.



“ . . . he did eat . . . and he drank.”
Genesis 27:25



Rough Starts

(Continued)

After Jack and Suzi both graduated from college and were married, they moved back to Knoxville on Bu-Ja-Su Farm, in a cottage by Jack's parents' house. Kathaleen, their first daughter, was born that year while they were busy collecting animals.

Jack had a wonderful plan to make his father's farm into a zoo. His dad agreed to let him use some land for the project. Jack's brother helped him make pens and enclosures for all the animals he was buying. Suzi helped him care for the lions, llamas, deer, elk, a bear, a leopard, chimpanzees, a spider monkey, a mynah bird, macaws, parrots, goats and other assorted critters that came through the mail. Yes, in the 1960's and 70's, zoo animals could be ordered from a catalog and delivered to a family home. Jack mainly ordered from a man named Chase who lived in Miami, Florida.

In the meantime, Jack was told he had to get permission from the zoning committee in order to have a zoo in a residential/farm area. After giving several good speeches and with his father's help, too, the committee kept saying, NO! Finally, Jack had to give up the idea of having a zoo, but he had all these animals.

Jack and Suzi decided to build a house like an ark and call their farm, Hanna's Ark. That is what they did. While building the house, Jack started working at a pet shop in Knoxville a couple of months before Christmas. He was selling dogs, cats, fish and other common pets as fast as he could get them. The store owner was very impressed with Jack's ability to work with animals and people, but he did not want to give Jack better pay.

"Let's start our own pet shop," Jack said to Suzi. "I'll talk to my brother who is buying an old motel. He may have a space to rent."

Sure enough Bush was willing to help Jack. After a lot of hard work

building pens, cages, kennels, and fish tanks, Pet Kingdom was ready for business. Jack's rule was that all animals were kept clean, were well fed and watered, and had exercise every day. He treated all animals like family friends, because they were. Before he sold an animal, he explained the proper care for it and asked the new owner to call him if there were any questions later.

One night Jack was awakened by the phone ringing. "Jack, Pet Kingdom is on fire!" said the caller. In a hurry, Jack pulled on his clothes, grabbed his glasses and drove down the dark country road in Suzi's VW bug. Going too fast, he hit a slick spot causing the little car to sail through the air and hit a tree. Jack wasn't hurt but he had to take another vehicle to his burning store.

When he finally got there, the police and firefighters were doing all they could to save his store and the animals. One police car had puppies in it and one had kittens. The fire truck cab had lizards on the floor and parrots perched on the seats. The inside of the store had to be restored, but all the animals were saved, and to Jack that was the most important thing of all. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who did Isaac call to him?
2. Who overheard what Isaac wanted?
3. What did Rebekah want for Isaac?
4. What animals did Jacob get meat from?
5. What did Jacob put on to feel like Esau?
6. Why did Isaac want to feel Jacob?
7. The voice is _____, but the hands are _____.
8. Did Isaac finally believe Jacob was Esau?

Answers: 1. Esau. 2. Rebekah. 3. Esau's blessing. 4. Goats. 5. Goat skin. 6. To make sure he was Esau. 7. Jacob's. Esau's. 8. Yes.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Stolen Blessing

Isaac had given Esau some instructions and told him once they were filled, Esau would get a blessing. When Rebekah heard his words, she hurried to tell Jacob. She dressed Jacob like Esau and sent him in to his father.

After Isaac ate and drank the food Jacob brought him, he called his son near. Jacob bent and kissed his father. Isaac smelled the dirt and sweat that were on Esau's clothing. "God will give you plenty of corn and drink," Isaac prophesied. "Let people serve you. You will be master over your brothers. Your mother's sons will bow down to you. Everyone that curses you will be cursed, and everyone that blesses you will be blessed."

Isaac completed his blessing, and Jacob left the room. Hardly any time passed before Esau came in from hunting. He had also made meat and had brought it to his father. "Sit up, father, so you can eat this meat and bless me," Esau said.

"Who are you?" his father asked.

"I am Esau, your son," Esau replied.

Isaac shook, and inquired, "Then who was it that brought me meat? I have eaten all of it before you came, and blessed him."

When Esau heard his father's words, he cried a loud and bitter cry. "Bless me, father."

"Your brother has deceived me and taken your blessing," his father said.

"Jacob has had the upper hand over me two times. Once he took away my birthright, and now he has taken away my blessing," Esau said. "Do you not have any blessing reserved for me?"

"I have made him your master, and I have promised him corn and drink," Isaac replied. "What can I give you now?"

"Do you not even have one blessing?" Esau pleaded.

"You shall live by your sword. You will serve your brother," Isaac said.

From that moment on, Esau hated his brother. Esau said in his heart, "After my family has finished mourning the death of my father, I will kill my brother Jacob." —Sis. Monica Murphey

A Stolen Blessing: Word Search

Each of the following words can be found in the lines below. Search for one word on each line. Circle the word that you find.

ESAU	VENISON	BLESSING
ISAAC	HUNTING	BROTHER
SERVE	FATHER	REVENGE
SWORD	MASTER	BIRTHRIGHT

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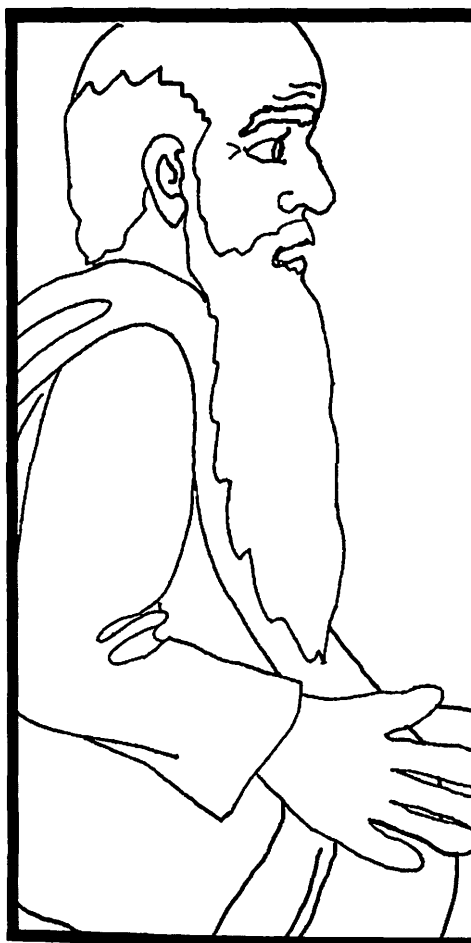
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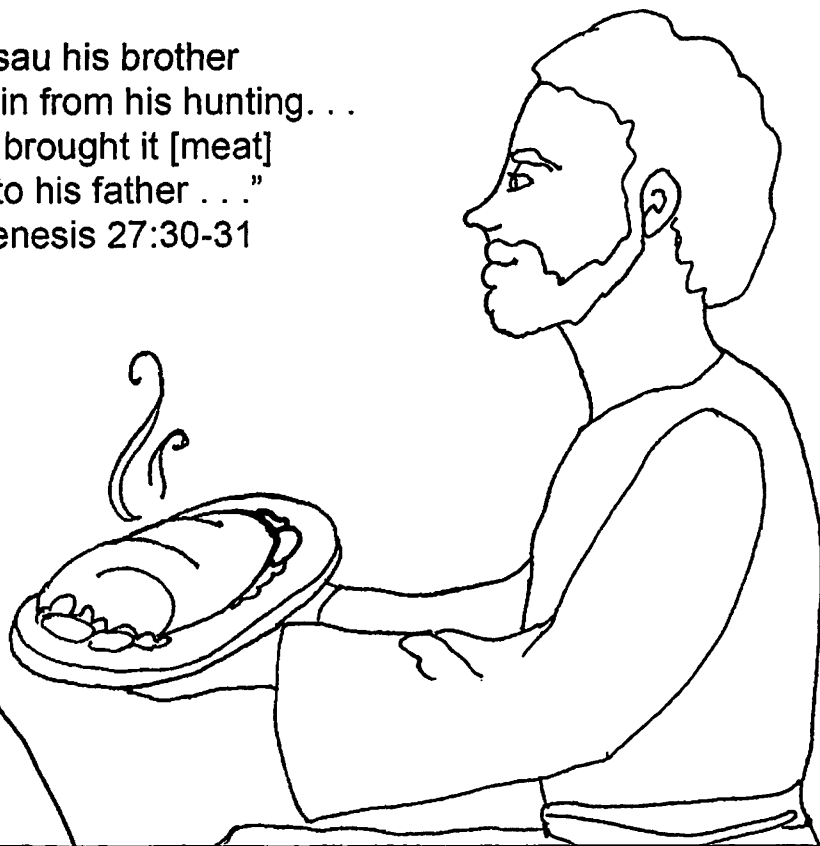
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F U E R S W O R D T R Y I B E



“... Esau his brother
came in from his hunting...
and brought it [meat]
unto his father...”
Genesis 27:30-31



A Sad Lesson

(Continued)

Pet Kingdom was restored after the fire and became a booming business for Jack and his family. Adults and children alike would come to pet the animals and visit with Jack. At the store in Knoxville, Jack had common pets such as dogs, cats, lizards, parrots, hamsters, fish, and so on.

It was different at Hanna's Ark where the family lived. They had built the house with rough wood. It was shaped like a huge two story boat. They made the back yard into an African plain. It was one large enclosure with several smaller ones within it. Sitting on their back porch, Jack and Suzi could watch llamas, elk, water buffalo, and other animals grazing on grass. In separate enclosed pens, they watched a bear, a leopard, an ocelot and different birds. Inside the house, they were constantly entertained by Jocamo, the spider monkey, Joe, the mynah bird, and talking parrots.

Jack took special pride in keeping his animals healthy and well-cared for. At this point in his life, he felt like he had a personal relationship with each animal. However, he was to learn a very serious lesson about wild animals in a very sad way.

One of Jack's favorite animals was Daisy, a baby lioness. She was a gentle kitten who loved to drink from the bottle. Her soft pink tongue lapped at the milk and licked the hand holding the bottle. She lived in the house with the family. Daisy played ball with Jack's young daughters, swatting at the rolling ball and chasing it. She also liked to ride in the car, looking out the side window at the passing scenery.

Time passed and suddenly Jack realized Daisy weighed three hundred pounds. Her jaws and paws were very powerful. They decided she needed to live outside. They made her a nice

den that went under their bedroom. She blessed them with a litter of cubs which the family eagerly held and loved with Daisy's permission.

One day at Pet Kingdom a lady come in with her three year old son. They looked at the animals there, then the mother asked Jack, "Do you mind if we visit the animals at your house?"

"No, you are welcome to go there," he replied. "My wife should be home to show you around."

The lady and her son left. Jack did not call home to check if Suzi was there. Other folks had gone to visit their animals many times before. About one o'clock that afternoon, Jack received a phone call from a neighbor. "Jack, come home! Daisy just took off a little boy's arm. The police are coming to get you!"

Jack was stunned. A police officer met him at the door. "Sir, come with us," he said and Jack got into the cruiser. They went to the farm so Jack could get the arm out of Daisy's pen. When the boy had put his arm through the fence to pet Daisy, she had torn it off in one quick yank.

Jack and Suzi cried for the boy's arm that could not be replaced. They cried about the trust that they lost in wild animals. And they cried when they took Daisy to a real zoo away from people. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who were to bow down to Jacob?
2. Who came in from hunting?
3. What did Esau want his father to do?
4. Who took Esau's blessing?
5. What did Isaac say Esau would live by?
6. Who would Esau have to serve?
7. Who did Esau hate?
8. What did Esau plan to do to Jacob?

Answers: 1. His brothers. 2. Esau. 3. Bless him. 4. Jacob. 5. His sword. 6. Jacob. 7. Jacob. 8. Kill him.