



A Curious Dinner

There was a famine in the land. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, made Joseph a ruler. Joseph made sure that food was properly stored and distributed so everyone would have enough to eat when hard times came. Joseph's brothers came to Egypt for food. Joseph recognized his brothers but they did not recognize him. Joseph loved his brothers, but he wanted to know if they had changed since they sold him into slavery.

"I will believe you are spies from Goshen unless you bring the younger brother you have spoken of to Egypt. If you do not, I will not believe you are honest men!" Joseph told his brothers. Simeon was thrown into prison and wouldn't be released until they returned. "Benjamin cannot go," Jacob protested when his sons returned from Egypt. "I have already lost Joseph, and now Simeon. I couldn't bear to have something happen to Benjamin."

Soon, all of the corn the brothers had brought back from Egypt was gone. "Go and buy more food," Jacob told his sons. "I will take care of Benjamin," Simeon promised.

The men took presents, money, and their brother and went to Egypt. Once again, they stood before Joseph. "Bring these men to my home and prepare a dinner for them," Joseph commanded, after he had seen Benjamin. Simeon was released from prison, and all of the brothers were taken to Joseph's house. A servant washed their feet and fed their donkeys. "Is this your youngest brother that you spoke of?" Joseph asked, with the help of an interpreter.

"God bless you, my son," Joseph told Benjamin. Joseph wanted to tell Benjamin who he was. Instead, he left the room and wept. Joseph washed the traces of tears from his face and returned to his brothers.

Joseph had a meal prepared for the men. Joseph ate by himself, and the brothers ate separately. Because of their religion, Hebrews were not allowed to eat with Egyptians. The brothers noticed that he seated them in order from the oldest to the youngest. "How can this be?" they marveled. All of them had plenty of food, but Benjamin had five times as much food as the others. They ate and drank and enjoyed the dinner.

A CURIOUS DINNER: WORD UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following words.

JOSEPH RULER BROTHERS JACOB MONEY
SACKS EGYPT PRESENTS SIMEON BENJAMIN

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| 1. EPJHOS _____ | 6. MENSIO _____ |
| 2. MYNOE _____ | 7. EULRR _____ |
| 3. SSAKC _____ | 8. JNNMBAEI _____ |
| 4. GTPYE _____ | 9. SHOTBRER _____ |
| 5. SRENTPE _____ | 10. BOCAJ _____ |



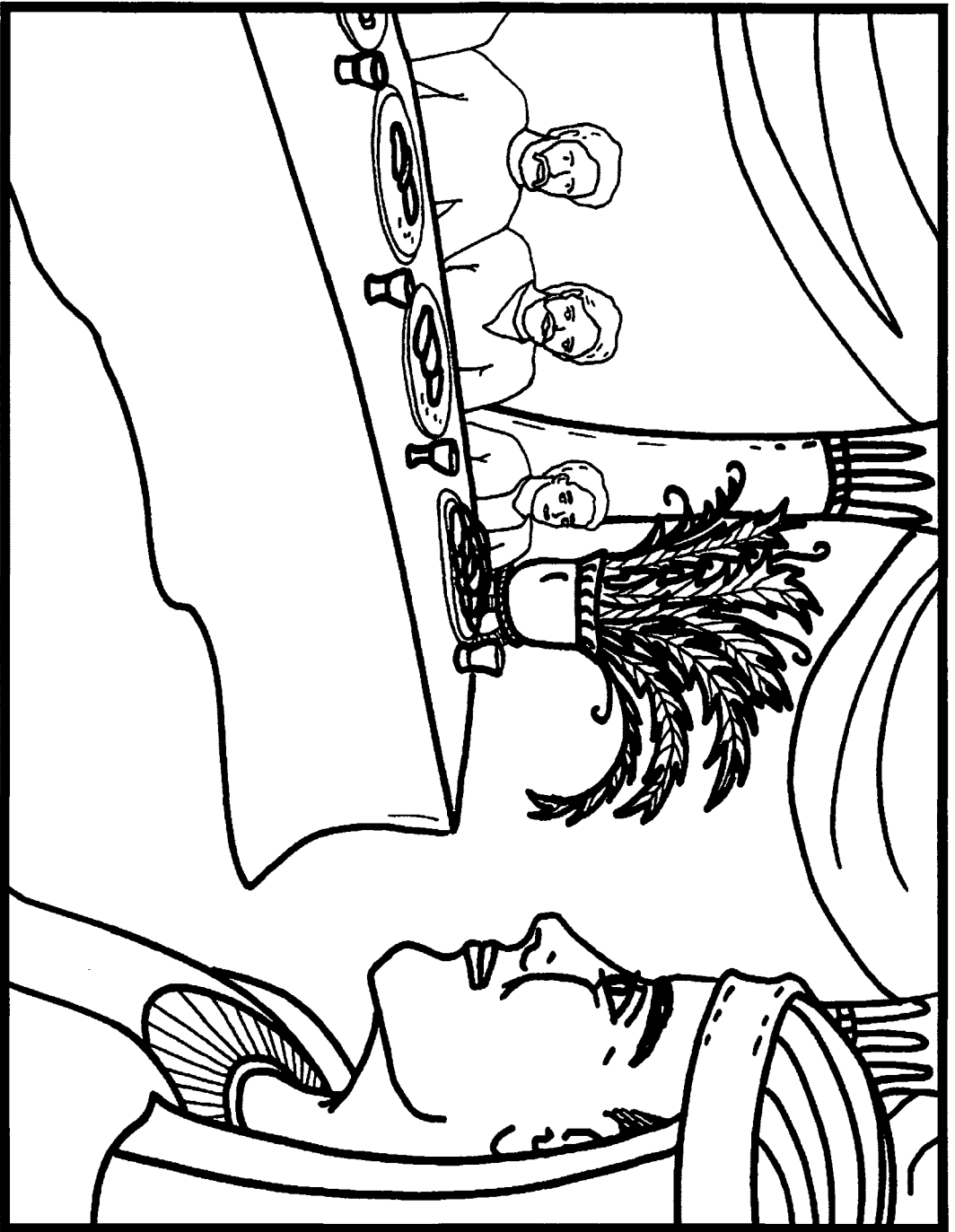
QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Why didn't Jacob want Benjamin to go to Egypt?
2. What did Jacob want his sons to do?
3. Who were they supposed to take to Egypt?
4. Who offered to take charge of Benjamin?
5. What did the brothers take to Egypt?
6. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin?
7. How were the brothers seated?
8. How much food did Benjamin get??

MEMORY VERSE:

IF THINE ENEMY BE HUNGRY,
GIVE HIM BREAD TO EAT;
AND IF HE BE THIRSTY,
GIVE HIM WATER TO DRINK:
PROVERBS 25: 21



Crossing the Ocean

On December 19, 1606, three ships left England to sail across the Atlantic Ocean to the shores of rugged land called "The New World." Besides the sailors, there were 104 men on the ships. The ships' names were *Susan Constant*, *Discovery* and the *Godspeed*.

Before boarding a ship, Robert Hunt kissed his wife, son and daughter. "Farewell," he said. "May our Heavenly Father watch over thee and keep thee in good health until I see thee again!"

Robert Hunt hid his tears until later that night when he laid on a hammock in the hold of the ship.

Stormy winds and high waves shook the little ships as they set their sails for the open ocean. Robert Hunt was not a weathered seaman and he became seasick and worse before the ships were twenty miles away from England. He had volunteered to go with these men and be their chaplain. Now he needed prayer.

"Aye, chaplain, ye must get well for we need thee to keep us straight," said one of the men.

"I will tell thee how to pray for me," quietly replied the chaplain. "Ask God to give me strength to live."

Without proper nursing, Robert seemed doomed to death. However, the Lord answered their humble prayers and healed him.

By the time the men had reached the shores of the New World, Robert Hunt had gained the respect of his fellow passengers. He had a calm patience about him that set at peace anyone in his presence.

As soon as the ships were anchored near the rocky shores of the New World, the men took small boats and rowed to land. Right away Robert Hunt took an old sail and threw it over some young trees to make a crude shelter.

"Come into this place of God," he called them. "Let us sing praises and worship the Savior who has protected us these last five months of voyage."

After a worship service, the men set up a wooden cross at Cape Henry. Robert Hunt wrote in his journal, "...we hope to bring light into the darkness of this New World wilderness..."

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. He was afraid something bad would happen to him.
2. Get more food in Egypt.
3. Benjamin.
4. Judah.
5. Presents & double the money for corn.
6. He wept.
7. In order from oldest to youngest.
8. 5 times as much as anyone else.



A Move to Egypt

“Joseph’s brothers have come,” Pharaoh heard someone say, and he was very pleased. “Tell your brothers to go to the land of Canaan and move to Egypt,” Pharaoh commanded. “I will give them the good of the land of Egypt. Take wagons for your families.” Jacob’s children did as Pharaoh commanded. “Joseph is alive,” they told their father. “He is governor over all of the land of Egypt.” Jacob did not believe them. They told him all of Joseph’s words. Jacob looked out and saw the wagons Joseph had sent. “It is true,” Jacob decided. So Jacob and his family moved to Egypt. They offered sacrifices to God on their journey. Joseph went in his chariot to meet his father. Joseph grabbed his father in a long embrace and wept. “I am so glad I was able to see you again before I died,” Jacob said.

Joseph brought five of his brothers to meet Pharaoh. “What kind of work do you do?” Pharaoh asked them. “We are shepherds,” Joseph’s brothers answered. “The land of Egypt is before you,” Pharaoh said. “Now you are rulers over my cattle.”

One day, Joseph brought Jacob in to meet Pharaoh. “How old are you?” Pharaoh asked Jacob. “I am one hundred and thirty-five years old,” Jacob answered. Jacob blessed Pharaoh before he departed from his presence. The famine was still causing hard times in Egypt. Soon, the Egyptians ran out of bread. People came to Joseph, begging, “Give us bread. We do not have the money to buy any.” “Sell your cattle to me,” Joseph suggested. Joseph gave the people of Egypt bread for their horses, cattle, flocks, and donkeys. The people soon came to Joseph again. “Not only are we out of bread,” they declared. “Now we are out of animals to sell to buy bread. Please buy our land, and let us be servants to you so that we will not starve.” Joseph bought all of the land in Egypt for Pharaoh. “Here is seed for you,” Joseph told the people. “I have bought your land. Now I want you to plant these seeds. You will give Pharaoh a part of everything that grows on your land.” Everyone was grateful for the wisdom that God gave Joseph. Through the provision of God, many people’s lives were spared of starvation.

MOVE TO EGYPT: BIBLE DRILL

Joseph forgave his brothers. Whoever can find the verses about forgiveness and write them on the lines below first is the winner!

Matthew 6:14 _____

Mark 11:25 _____

Ephesians 4:32 _____

Colossians 3:13 _____

Matthew 6:15 _____



QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Where were Joseph's brothers moving?
2. How many years of famine were left?
3. What did Pharaoh hear about?
4. What did Pharaoh offer?
5. Did Jacob believe the brothers?
6. What made Jacob believe them?
7. What did God promise Jacob?
8. What did Jacob say when he saw Joseph?

MEMORY VERSE:

I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen
the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. Ps. 37:25



Blessing the "New World"

Robert Hunt wrote a long letter to his wife, son and daughter and told them about his adventures in the New World. He loved his family and missed them very much. The captain would deliver it when the ships returned to England.

After the ships left, the men moved inland to build huts by a river they named James River. The land was rocky and grassy, but the warm Spring sunshine inspired them to plant a garden.

"We must plan for a plentiful harvest for Jamestown," said Captain John Smith. "If you don't work, you don't eat."

"Work indeed is necessary, indeed," agreed Chaplain Hunt, "but we must also plant the seeds of cooperation and goodwill in the hearts of the men so our labor will be blessed."

"Agreed!" Captain Smith replied. "Call the men to prayer in the early morning and before retiring at night. We shall take time from labor on Sunday to hear from the Lord's Word and to rest."

To try to keep peace with the natives living nearby, the men gave them gifts of beads, glass, and other small trinkets. Then without warning, the natives attacked

Jamestown, killing two of the men and wounding others. A fire broke out, burning Chaplain Hunt's clothes and his precious books, including his New Geneva Bible.

"Thank you, Father, for life and for the Word of God hidden in my heart," declared Chaplain Hunt as he helped the others rebuild what was damaged.

Summer passed quickly as the men cut down trees and made log houses; worked in the garden, and hunted deer, turkey and other game for meat.

When the cold winds of winter fell upon the small colony, sickness swept among the men. Chaplain Hunt nursed those who were ill and dying. At night he performed the burial services. The living did not mark the graves for fear the natives would see and attack them while they were weak.

Over half of the men died that winter. It was with sadness that Chaplain Hunt had prayer with each fellow colonist before he left his humble hut in the New World. In the early Spring, Chaplain Hunt became ill, and went to his eternal home. Such courageous men as Chaplain Robert Hunt left a godly blessing upon the New World we know as United States of America.

-Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. Egypt. 2. Five. 3. Joseph's brothers. 4. The goods of Egypt & wagons. 5. No. 6. Seeing the wagons. 7. He would be with them in Egypt. 8. "I am glad I got to see you before I died."

Answers:

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Treasure in the River

Many years passed. Jacob's descendants, the Hebrews, still lived in Egypt, in the land of Goshen. They were strong and mighty. There was a new Pharaoh in Egypt. He did not like it that these people were so many and so mighty. The great Israelite, Joseph, who was once an important ruler in Egypt, had been forgotten. Taskmasters made sure that all of the Hebrews living in Goshen worked hard and were not lazy. They brought suffering and affliction on the Hebrews. The Hebrews helped build towns for Pharaoh. They had to make bricks and mortar. But still the Hebrews had children and the number of Hebrews living in Goshen increased.

"Kill all of the baby boys that are born to Hebrews," Pharaoh ordered next. "Let only the girls live." The ladies Pharaoh had told to do this feared God. They did not follow Pharaoh's orders. God blessed them and their families for doing the right thing. When Pharaoh heard this, he commanded everyone to throw their baby boys in the river but to let their daughters live. One Hebrew woman found out she and her husband were going to have a baby. She did not want to throw her son in the river. After she had her baby, she hid him for three months. He was a strong and handsome child. She made a basket for him out of bulrushes. She put the baby in the basket and laid it in the river. The baby boy's big sister, Miriam, stood by the banks of the river and watched to make sure nothing bad would happen to the precious bundle.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river to bathe. Her servants were walking with her when they saw the basket floating down the river. She opened the basket and saw a crying baby boy. The princess felt compassion for the poor Hebrew child. Miriam was still watching from her spot beside the river. Now Miriam went up to the princess. "I can find a nurse for the child," Miriam offered. "Go," the princess agreed. After this, Miriam's mother nursed the adopted son of the Egyptian princess. "I will call him Moses," the princess said. "Because I took him from the water." Moses grew. He lived in the palace as part of Pharaoh's family. He grew up with many luxuries and was able to experience many of Egypt's treasures. He was a prince in Egypt.

TREASURE IN THE RIVER: WORD SEARCH

BABY
BULRUSHES

BASKET
HEBREW

BOYS
KILLED

PHARAOH
MOSES

PRINCESS
MOTHER

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



QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Where did the Hebrews live?
2. Why didn't Pharaoh like the Hebrews?
3. Who made the Hebrews work?
4. What kind of work did the Hebrews do?
5. What did Miriam watch in the river?
6. Who found Miriam's brother?
7. What did they name the baby?
8. Why did the princess choose that name?

MEMORY VERSE:

And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, even as God for
Christ's sake hath
forgiven you.
Eph. 4:32



Troubles at Jamestown

Only men from England were living in Jamestown. They missed their families who were across the Atlantic Ocean. It took four to five months to travel back "home" and the trip was dangerous.

"In order for our colony to prosper, we must stop making ale and gambling with dice and cards," decreed Sir Dale, governor of Jamestown. "On Sunday, all men must attend worship services and learn to honor the laws of our Creator. It is necessary for our survival."

The leaders of Jamestown were determined to keep law, order and justice among the men. The men built better houses, stores and a chapel. They began to buy and sell food, animal furs, wooden furniture and other things. When ships arrived at Jamestown, they would leave with food and products made there so the English could buy from them. Jamestown was prospering, but something was missing.

"I miss the laughter of little children," said one colonist. "If we had wives and children, life would be better."

"I agree," said the other man. "But it would take a lot of courage for a woman to live this type of rugged life. And it may not

be safe for children, with natives living nearby."

"We are trading with the natives," said the first colonist. "They seem to accept living by Jamestown."

"Yes, but they live by another law than the Word of God. It is hard to understand what they think because we don't speak the same language."

"I prefer to give them all the hunting ground they want, as long as I can get enough to eat."

"Oh, there is plenty for all of us—that's for sure!" agreed the other man.

In 1622, not long after such thoughts were shared, the natives, called Indians at the time, planned a night attack on Jamestown. Shooting arrows of fire from their bows, the natives started fires that burned down houses and killed many men.

On Sunday, the sorrowing men gathered in the large, newly built fifty-foot long meeting house to seek God for comfort and protection. The leaders asked God for wisdom to guide the rebuilding of Jamestown. As Pastor Bucke said, "...men's affairs do little prosper where God's service is neglected."

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. Egypt, in Goshen. 2. There were so many of them. 3. Taskmasters. 4. Made bricks and mortar. 5. Her baby brother. 6. The princess. 7. Moses. 8. Because she took him from the river.

Answers:

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Moses Leaves Egypt

Moses grew up living as the adopted son of a prince in Pharaoh's palace. Moses found out he was adopted and was curious to learn more about his people. One day, when Moses was grown, he went to visit the Hebrews. They worked so hard, making bricks in the hot sun. Suddenly, Moses stopped, horrified. There was an Egyptian beating a Hebrew! Moses looked around. He did not see anyone. Moses killed the Egyptian and buried him quickly in the sand.

Moses left the palace the next day and walked around among the Hebrews again. Two Hebrew men were arguing and fighting with each other. Moses looked at the man who was in the wrong.

"Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" Moses asked.

"Who made you a prince and judge over us?" the man asked. "Are you going to kill me, like you killed the Egyptian?"

This made Moses afraid. He said, "Surely everyone knows what I did." When Pharaoh found out what Moses had done, he planned to kill Moses. But Moses had already fled from Pharaoh's land.

Moses walked through the desert for a very long time. He grew hot and tired. Finally, he sat down by a well to rest. Suddenly, he was surrounded by seven girls, who had come to get water for their father's animals. Moses was in the land of Midian, and these girls were the daughters of the priest. Some shepherds came to the well and tried to make the girls leave. Moses stood up and helped the girls water their animals.

The girls' father was Jethro, but he was also called Reuel, which meant "friend of God." He asked Moses to stay for dinner. Moses liked this family. Jethro liked Moses, too, and let Moses marry Zipporah, one of his daughters. Moses and Zipporah had a son named Gershom. Moses helped his father-in-law with his flocks and learned a lot about living in the desert. Moses had another son named Eliezer. He lived in the land of Midian peacefully for many years.

MOSES LEAVES EGYPT

Unscramble the words.

ADOPTED
KILLED

MOSES
FLED

PHARAOH
DESERT

PALACE
WELL

BEATING
DAUGHTER

1. LELW _____
2. OHAHRAP _____
3. DILELK _____
4. THAGDURE _____
5. OSSEM _____
6. POTDDEA _____
7. GETBANI _____
8. DELF _____
9. ALCPEA _____
10. TREDSE _____



QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Where did Moses grow up?
2. What did Moses see happening?
3. What did Moses do to the Egyptian?
4. Why was Moses afraid?
5. What did Pharaoh decide to do?
6. What did Moses do?
7. Who did Moses stay with?
8. Who did Moses marry?

MEMORY VERSE:

...Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19



Establishing Peace at Jamestown

In England, Pastor William Crashaw was standing behind his pulpit, addressing his congregation. "I say," he preached, "we need to spread out to the New World just as the Israelites followed Moses into the Promised Land."

Pastor Crashaw's message was printed in newspapers across England. Several men answered the call to go across the Atlantic Ocean and help strengthen the struggling Jamestown in the New World. It was 1609, and travel was slow and dangerous. There was concern about storms at sea, diseases on the ship, and arriving at the right place on that far away distant shore.

Two men who were assigned to go on the leaving ships were Sir Thomas Gates and Sir Thomas Dale. Both were knighted English military officers who were sent by the London Company to preserve the peace at the Virginia Colony.

At Jamestown, the struggle for survival was hard work. Some of the settlers complained about the work and refused to do their part.

At first there was a common store with food and meat. Each person was given an equal share. The ones who were working the most began to complain that the ones

not working should not get as much to eat. Greed and desire for power made some of the men fight against other.

Captain Smith, a professional soldier, explorer, and first governor of Jamestown, changed the common store system. Based on II Thes. 3:10, Captain Smith made the decree: "If any would not work, neither should he eat." After Chaplain Hunt died, the men became more disorderly. The London Company sent two knights, Sir. Gates and Sir. Dale. Upon arriving at Jamestown, Sir Gates and Sir Dale set about to bring order by the law of the Bible. The first code of laws for Virginia was made and enforced.

The Laws Divine, Moral and Martial stated that: "we owe our highest and supreme duty, our greatest, and all our allegiance to him, from whom all power and authority is derived...the King of kings.." Their vision was right and their intentions were good, but sometimes they were harsh with their dealings with fellow colonists. Just as the law of Moses was necessary to the Children of Israel going to Canaan, so that same type of law was used to bring order to the New World and a new nation, United States of America.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. In Pharaoh's palace. 2. An Egyptian beating a Hebrew. 3. Killed him. 4. He thought everyone knew what he did. 5. Kill Moses. 6. Flee from Egypt. 7. Reuel in Midian. 8. Zipporah.

Answers:



Holy Ground

Pharaoh died while Moses lived in Midian. The Hebrews in Egypt worked hard and were beaten by the taskmasters Pharaoh put in charge of them. Moses was living in the wilderness with his wife and her family. He was a shepherd. One day Moses led the animals to the bottom of the mountain of God, called Horeb. Moses saw a strange sight. Fire was shooting from a bush, but the bush was not turning to ashes. Moses went closer to investigate. God called to Moses from the burning bush. "Moses," God said. "Here am I," Moses replied. "Do not come closer," God told Moses. "Take off your shoes. You are standing on holy ground." Moses hid his face, afraid to see God. "I have seen the afflictions of my people in Egypt," the Lord continued. "I will send you to Pharaoh so that you may help to bring my people out of Egypt."

"When I go to the children of Israel and say that the God of your fathers sent me to you and they ask, 'What is His name?' How shall I answer them?" Moses inquired.

"Tell them that I AM hath sent me to you," the Lord instructed.

"They will not believe me," Moses told the Lord. "What is in your hand?" the Lord asked Moses. "A rod," Moses replied. "Throw it on the ground," the Lord commanded. Moses threw his staff on the ground. It turned into a snake. "Put out your hand," the Lord said. "Take the snake by its tail." Moses did this, and the serpent was once again a staff in his hand. "Put your hand into your coat," God commanded. Moses put his hand into his coat and pulled it out. It was white with leprosy, a fatal disease. "Put it back into your coat," the Lord said. Moses' hand was healthy and normal when he pulled it out again. "If they do not believe these signs," the Lord said. "Then you will take water from the river and pour it onto the dry land. The water will turn to blood."

"Oh, Lord," Moses entreated. "I am not a good speaker. I am slow of speech."

"Who made man's mouth?" the Lord inquired. "Am I not the Lord? Go; I will be with you and teach you what to say. Your brother Aaron can speak well. You will tell him what to say, and I will be with both of you and teach you what to do."

NAMES OF GOD

God told Moses to call him "I AM." Fill in the blanks of the following verses to find other names that describe God.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an _____ with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

Revelation 1:8 I am _____ and _____, the _____ and _____, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the _____.

2 John 1:3 Grace, mercy and peace from God the _____ and from Jesus Christ, the _____ Son, will be with us in truth and love.

Can you think of any more names of God? _____



QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. What did Moses do for a living?
2. What did Moses see by the mountain?
3. How did Moses answer the Lord?
4. What did Moses take off?
5. Where was Moses standing?
6. What did God say His name was?
7. What did the rod turn into?
8. What happened to Moses' hand?

MEMORY VERSE:

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord...
Revelation 1:8



The Pilgrims Trusted God

Saying good-bye forever to their families in England, fathers, mothers and their children boarded the ship, *Mayflower*, which was ready to sail across the Atlantic Ocean to the New World. Most of them were Christians called Separatists because they had separated themselves from the Catholic and the Anglican churches of Europe. They wanted a place to live where they could worship God the way they felt the Bible taught them.

William Bradford was among them. He kept a daily diary of the journey. The tossing waves of the ocean during storms were frightening and made them pray on their knees for mercy from the Lord of who can calm the winds.

While sailing on the *Mayflower*, the Pilgrims organized and wrote a law they agreed to live by.

"We want just and equal laws for the good of our new Plymouth Colony," said Mr. Bradford. "We will establish our government by the Holy Word of God that we may promote the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."

"Aye! Aye!" agreed all adults. After much discussion, the Mayflower Compact was

signed. On November 6th, 1620, the Pilgrims arrived on the shores of New World, which became known as the United States of America. They landed 450 miles north of Jamestown, so the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock did not see or hear from the colonists at Jamestown.

Mr. Bradford said, "After passing over the great ocean, we have no friends to welcome us, or inns where in to refresh our weather beaten bodies, no towns, no houses. The whole country is full of woods and thickets, wild and savage. May our God help us!"

Making canvas shelters under trees, the Pilgrims spent their first night in America. The next day, the women and children hunted for berries and nuts while the men hunted for turkeys. Together they cut down trees, hewed them into logs and made houses to protect them from the bitter cold.

Some of the men went to the natives who lived nearby to give them small gifts and make friends. They could not speak the same language, but smiles of kindness can communicate when words are not able to do so. The Pilgrims came in peace, and they wanted their neighbors to be their friends.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. Watched his animals. 2. A burning bush. 3. "Here I am." 4. His shoes. 5. On holy ground. 6. "I AM" 7. A snake. 8. It had leprosy.

Answers:



First Encounter with Pharaoh

One day, the Lord met Moses on a mountain. "Go and help your people leave Egypt," the Lord told him.

So Moses put his wife and sons on his donkey and returned to Egypt. "Moses is coming," the Lord told Aaron. "Go to the wilderness to meet him. "Moses and Aaron had a joyful reunion. When they got to Egypt, Moses and Aaron met with the elders of the children of Israel and told them what the Lord had said. They watched in awe as Moses' rod turned into a snake. The people believed what Moses and Aaron said. They bowed their heads to worship the Lord.

Moses and Aaron went to ask Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. "The Lord says this, 'Let my people go, so that they can worship me in the wilderness.'" "Who is the Lord?" Pharaoh asked.

"Why should I obey Him? I do not know Him, and I will not let the children of Israel go."

Pharaoh saw that the people had stopped work to see what would happen. He did not like that. The children of Israel had helped build cities for Pharaoh. They made bricks from straw. Before this, they always had the straw brought to them for the bricks. "Do not give these people straw for their bricks anymore," Pharaoh commanded the overseers. "Make them gather their straw. Let there be more work for them."

"You must get the same amount of work done in a day's time as before," the overseers told the people. "Hurry along with your work." The people were beaten when this didn't happen. "You are lazy!" Pharaoh accused the Israelite overseers. "Making a sacrifice to the Lord is only an excuse to get out of work." "Lord," Moses entreated. "Since I spoke with Pharaoh, he has treated our people terribly. Why have I come here? So far I have only caused my people to get into trouble, and You haven't helped us."

"You will see what I will do with Pharaoh," the Lord replied. "He will drive your people out of his land. I am the Lord. I will bring you out from the burdens of Egypt and give you the land of Canaan."

MISSING VOWELS

There are 26 letters in the alphabet. Five of those letters are vowels. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Lord told Moses. Use the scripture reference if you need help.

EXODUS 6:1

Th__n th__ L__rd s____d __nt__ M__s__s,
 N__w sh__lt th__ s____ wh__t __w
 __ll d__ t__ Ph__r____h: f__r w__th
 __ str__ng h__nd sh__ll h__ l__t
 th__m g__ __nd w__th __ str__ng
 h__nd sh__ll h__ dr__v__ th__m
 __t __f h__s l__nd.

QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

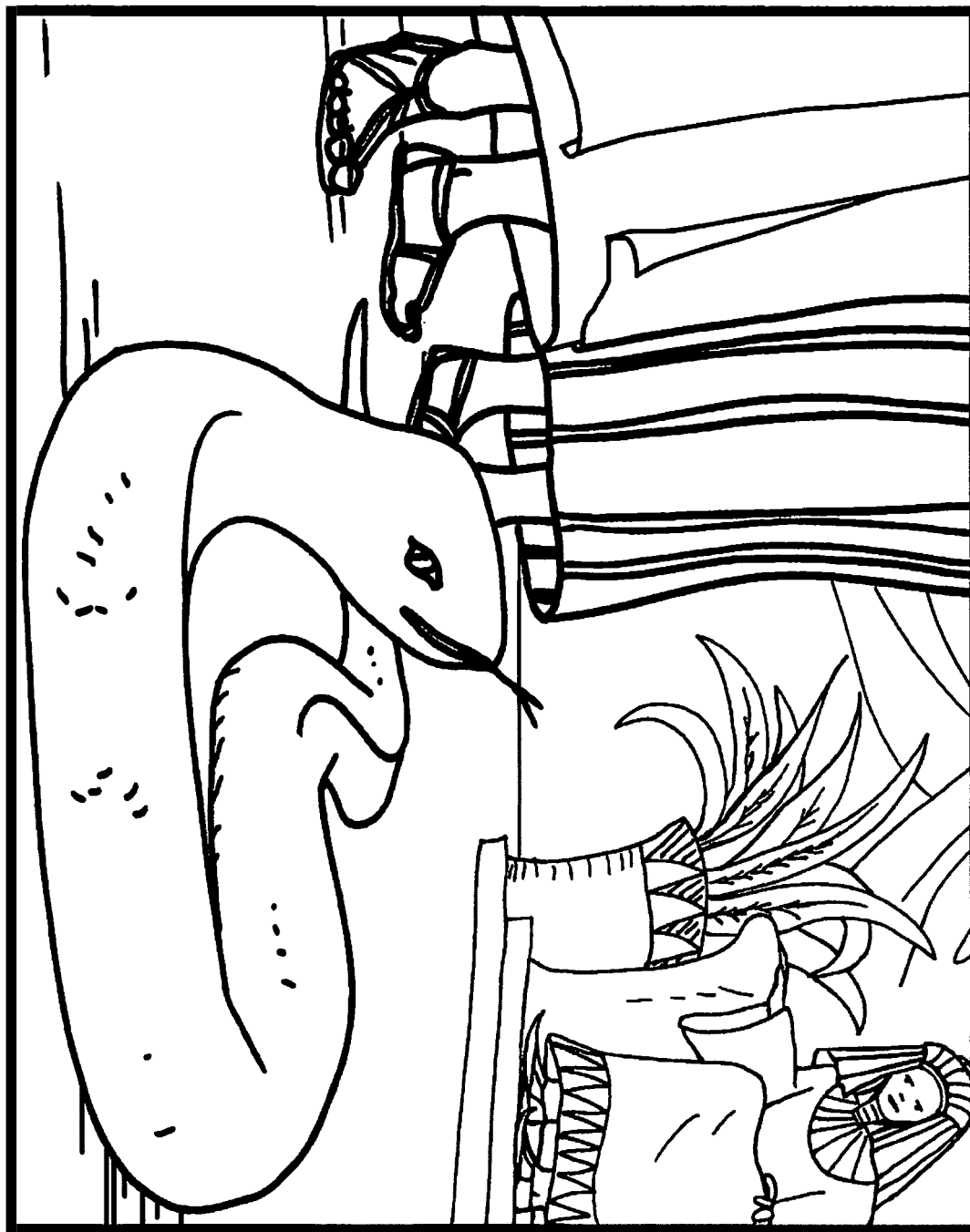
1. Where was Moses to go?
2. Who met Moses?
3. Did the people believe Moses?
4. Did Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?
5. What did Pharaoh take away from the people?
6. Why were the people upset?
7. What did Moses wonder?
8. Where will the Lord bring His people?



"Let my people go!"

MEMORY VERSE:

*The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth,
 and delivereth them out of all their troubles. Psalms 34:17*



Plymouth's Thanksgiving

Every day should be a day we thank the Lord for food, clothing, shelter, family and friends. These are blessings that everyone needs to feel secure in life. The first early Americans, called Pilgrims, felt the need for these things as they struggled to live through a cold winter.

Just like the colonists in Jamestown, people became sick. The healthiest people kept the fires burning and fed those who were too weak to care for themselves. More than fifty persons died during this long, cold winter.

When the warmer weather of Spring arrived, William Bradford visited a nearby native camp. He befriended a man named Squanto. This friend taught the Pilgrims how to catch fish and how to plant corn. Squanto learned English and Gov. Bradford worked to learn Squanto's language.

"Our friend, Squanto, has been sent to us by God so that we can improve our harvest and make better friends with our native neighbors," said Gov. Bradford. "Let us plow and plant twenty acres of Indian corn, six acres of barley and peas. We have no animals to help us with the plowing, so let us put our backs to the task."

Some of the men did not want to plow. They preferred to hunt for game and furs. So like Jamestown, the common store was started where the same ration of all things brought in was given to everyone equally.

The work and cooperation of all the Pilgrims was blessed by the Lord. By the autumn of 1621, a bountiful harvest was laid up for winter. Then Gov. Bradford proclaimed a week of Thanksgiving set for the first of November, celebrating the first year of their life in America.

Ninety Pokanoket natives joined the Pilgrims for the three days of feasting and games. The natives had never seen mirrors, pocket watches, cloth, and other strange things the Pilgrims had shared with them. Now they were fascinated that a person could look at marks on a thin paper inside a square thing and tell them what the marks meant.

"These are words from our Heavenly Father who created all of us," explained Gov. Bradford to the natives. "He tells us to be at peace with each other." He smiled at their Thanksgiving guests. "God is pleased with us being together and thanking Him for his goodness."

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. Egypt. 2. Aaron. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Straw to make bricks.
6. They suffered even more. 7. Why he was there. 8.
Canaan.

Answers:

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Rivers of Blood

“Go speak to Pharaoh again,” the Lord told Moses. “He will see My signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. He will not let you leave Egypt. I will stretch out my hand over Egypt and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord. Then they will ask that my people leave their land.” Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty three years old when they went to Pharaoh for the second time. Aaron threw his rod down in front of Pharaoh. It became a snake. Pharaoh did not think this was much of a trick. He called for his magicians. When they threw their rods down, they also turned into snakes. They were surprised, however, when Aaron’s snake ate all of the other snakes!

Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews leave Egypt. The Lord gave Moses more instructions. The next morning, Moses met Pharaoh by the river when he went to get a drink. He took up the rod that had turned into a snake and hit the water with it. Pharaoh and his servants watched as the water turned to blood. The river stank. All of the fish in the river died. Once again, Pharaoh was not impressed. His magicians turned water to blood also. Pharaoh’s heart was hardened once again. The Egyptians tried to dig around the river to find water, because they could not drink from the river. All of the water in Egypt had turned to blood. Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go. Aaron stretched his rod out over the streams, rivers and ponds and frogs began coming out of them. Frogs covered the land of Egypt. There were frogs in Pharaoh’s house. There were frogs on Pharaoh’s bed.

They were in the homes of Pharaoh’s servants and all of the Egyptians. Pharaoh called for his magicians. They also brought frogs out of the rivers. Finally, Pharaoh had enough of this plague. He called for Moses and Aaron. “Ask the Lord to take away the frogs from me and my people,” Pharaoh requested. “Then I will let your people go so that they may make sacrifices to the Lord.” “The frogs will leave your houses and return to the river,” Moses and Aaron said. “Then you will see that there is no other god like the Lord our God.” When Pharaoh saw that the trouble was ended, he hardened his heart toward the Hebrews once more. He would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt.

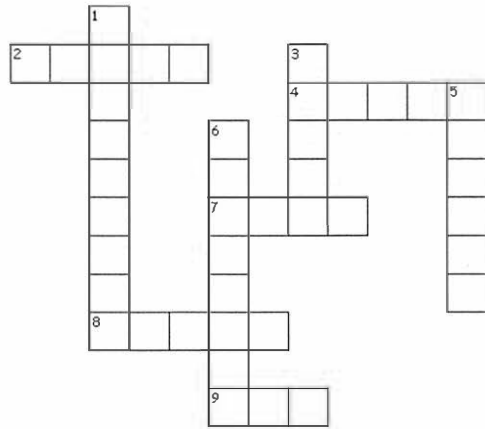
RIVERS OF BLOOD: CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

2. Moses' rod turned into this.
4. Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews ____.
7. The magicians also made snakes out of these.
8. How the river smelled.
9. The Egyptians tried to do this to find water.

Down

1. Pharaoh called for these people.
3. The river turned into ____.
5. Moses was _____ years old.
6. Pharaoh's heart was ____.



MEMORY VERSE:

QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. What did the rod turn into?
2. What happened to the magician's snakes?
3. What did Moses do to the river?
4. What happened to the water?
5. What happened to the fish?
6. What happened when Aaron stretched his rod over the water?
7. What did Pharaoh's magicians do next?
8. Why did Pharaoh call for Moses and Aaron?

Call unto me,
And I will answer thee,
and shew thee great
and mighty things which
thou knowest not.
Jeremiah 33:3



One Small Candle

The Plymouth Colony grew very slowly. English men back across the Atlantic Ocean in England were not eager to risk their lives under the hard struggles in the New World. Claiming and plowing more acres of rugged land was back breaking work, even for strong, young men.

The houses were made of rough logs and hard for the women to keep free from snakes, mice and other crawling critters. They planted and hoed vegetable gardens. They cooked, sewed, washed clothes and cared for the children.

Even children learned to help. They carried water from the nearby river for the household needs. Whenever they were asked to help an adult, the children were expected to do so. Every new baby born into the colony was welcomed with great love and tender care. Often the older children watched after the younger ones. Every life was valuable and every person's help was needed.

Then in 1623, new arrivals from England came to Plymouth. They came for freedom to worship the Lord as they felt led to do. Soon trouble broke out because the newcomers did not want to do much work. They still wanted equal shares of the

"We will let each one work for his own family," Gov. Bradford decided. "Trading food, work and other items of value with each other. We will survey land and those who have the means of buying land may do so." Replacing the common store with an each-man-work system really helped the colony. Later, Gov. Bradford wrote, "The free enterprise system brought much success for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted then otherwise would have been."

On Sunday, all of the Pilgrims stopped work and met together to worship God and call upon His name for grace and mercy.

"Truly we have much to thank the Lord for," said one Pilgrim. "He has given us plenty of food, clothing, and the friendship and love of family and friends."

Gov. Bradford wrote, "Thus, out of small beginnings, greater things have been produced by his hand that made all things of nothing. As one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone to many...let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise!"

This one small candle lit the flames for freedom that has spread down through the generations to US citizens today.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. A Snake. 2. They were eaten by Aaron's. 3. Hit it with his rod. 4. Turned to blood. 5. They died. 6. Frogs appeared. 7. They made frogs appear. 8. To get rid of the frogs.

Answers:



Lice and Flies

The Israelites were working hard as slaves in Egypt. They cried to God for help, and He answered through Moses, a former adopted prince of Egypt. Moses had run to the wilderness after killing an Egyptian. The Lord spoke to Moses, telling him to help his people in Egypt. Aaron, Moses' brother, went with Moses to speak to Pharaoh. "Let our people take a trip to worship and make sacrifices to our God," Aaron and Moses asked. But Pharaoh did not want the Israelites to leave. They did a lot of work in Egypt and built many cities.

The Lord told Aaron to stretch out his rod. Aaron stretched out his rod and hit the dust of the earth. All of the dust in Egypt turned into lice. The lice latched upon all of the people and animals that lived in Egypt. Pharaoh's magicians tried to turn dust into lice, but they could not. "This is the finger of God," the magicians told Pharaoh. Pharaoh would not listen to them. The Lord told Moses and Aaron what to do next. Moses got up early the next morning and stood by the place that Pharaoh went to get a drink of water. "Let my people go so that they may serve God," Moses entreated. "If you do not, God will send swarms of flies to you, your servants, and to all of your people. There will be no flies in the land of Goshen where the Hebrews dwell. When you see this, you will know that the Lord is God."

Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews go. Swarms of flies came into Pharaoh's house. They were in his servant's houses. The entire land of Egypt was covered with flies.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. "Go and make sacrifices to God here in the land," Pharaoh said. "That is not acceptable," Moses argued. "We will need to journey three days in the wilderness and make sacrifices to the Lord, as He commanded us."

"I will let you go," Pharaoh agreed. "Only do not go very far away. Ask the Lord to take away the flies." Moses left Pharaoh and asked the Lord to remove the flies from the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh once again hardened his heart toward the people and would not let them leave Egypt.

LICE AND FLIES: WORD UNSCRAMBLE

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FLIES

AARON
SACRIFICES

EARTH
LORD

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REMOVED

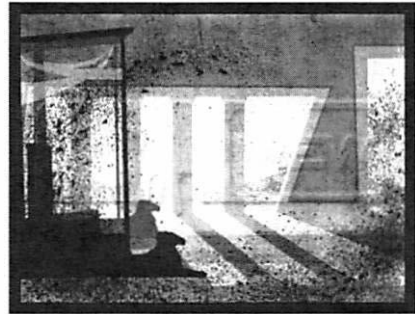
LICE
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| 3. ODR _____ | 8. LSFEI _____ |
| 4. EVOMEDR _____ | 9. RANAON _____ |
| 5. STUD _____ | 10. CRIESSAFIC _____ |

QUESTIONS

Answers on Back

1. What did Aaron hit?
2. What did the dust turn in to?
3. Where the magicians able to make lice?
4. Would Pharaoh let the people go?
5. Where did Moses meet Pharaoh?
6. What did God send next?
7. Did Pharaoh agree to let the people go?
8. Did the flies leave Egypt?



MEMORY VERSE:



And in very deed for this *cause*
have I raised thee up, for to shew
in thee my power; and that my name
may be declared throughout
all the earth. Exodus 9:16



The Beginning of Boston

From Europe to the New World, ships began to carry immigrants across the dangerous Atlantic Ocean. Most of them came to build a home for their families where they could freely worship the Lord. In Europe, the old governments were unstable and some of the rulers were killing Christians. The fathers and mothers who brought their children to the New World, which became United States, wanted the freedom to teach by the Bible about Jesus Christ and God, His Father.

Of such were the Puritans who believed salvation from sin came through a personal faith in Jesus Christ, not through confessing your sins to an earthly man like a priest. "Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness,...but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ," preached their leaders. "Whether ye be rich or poor of this world's goods, it matters not to our Lord, who walked with poor peasants when on earth. If ye have accepted Jesus Christ into thy heart, ye are a child of God, a prince or princess, born into His Kingdom through the royal blood of Jesus." This type of preaching made some Kings angry. They did not want the poor peasants feeling rich and royal.

These kings said such preaching must be stopped and ordered their soldiers to arrest preachers telling this truth to their congregations. To escape torture and death, Puritans sold their belongings, packed a few needed items, and boarded ships for the New World.

Seven hundred Puritans came to the New World in June, 1630, and founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony which was north from the Plymouth Colony. In spite of a sickness that took the lives of two hundred loved ones, they set to work to clear land and make houses for themselves. Most of them settled near a strong freshwater spring that flowed into the Atlantic Ocean. They called their village Boston.

Their governor, John Winthrop, encouraged them. "Let us not be slothful but busy about the Father's work," he said. "For we must consider that we are a City set upon a hill and the eyes of all people are upon us." Each day fathers were expected to read to their children from the Geneva translation of the Word of God. Sundays were set aside as days of rest and attending worship services. Children were taught to obey and work, and they respected their hard-working elders.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. dust. 2. Lice. 3. No. 4. No. 5. Where he got a drink. 6. Flies.
7. Yes, but he changed his mind. 8. No.

Answers:



Three More Plagues

Let my people go, so that we may serve our God," Moses and Aaron delivered God's words to Pharaoh. "If you refuse, the Lord will cause all of your livestock to be stricken with a terrible sickness. The Israelite's animals will not have this disease."

Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go. The next day, all of the Egyptians' cows, horses, and other livestock became very sick. Many died. Pharaoh sent messengers to see if any of the Israelites' animals were sick. None of the Israelites' animals were ill, Pharaoh heard. But Pharaoh would not let the Israelites leave Egypt.

The Lord gave Moses more instructions, and again, Moses and Aaron came before Pharaoh. Pharaoh watched in horror as Moses took handfuls of ashes out of the furnace and let the wind blow them to the heavens. "The ashes will become as dust, and each particle of dust will be a boil on every man and beast living in Egypt," Moses told him. Pharaoh called for his magicians to see if they could perform this trick, but they couldn't come. They were covered with boils.

"Get up early tomorrow morning," God dictated to Moses. "Go to Pharaoh and tell him to let my people go. I will cause an awful hailstorm to come to Egypt. No one has seen a storm as bad as this one will be. The people who fear me will gather up their animals and they will be safe."

Pharaoh would not listen to Moses' request. So Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven. The Lord sent hail, lightning and thunder. It struck the animals in the field. It ruined the Egyptian's crops. Trees bent over and broke under the power of the mighty wind and hail. There was no rain or hail in the land of Goshen. Their crops and animals were safe.

"This time I have sinned," Pharaoh said. "The Lord is righteous and my people are wicked. Ask the Lord to stop the hail, and I will let you go." "As soon as I leave the city, I will stretch out my hand," Moses replied. "The Lord will stop the thunder and hail. Then you will know He is God." It was so. But when the hail stopped, and the storms were over, Pharaoh changed his mind about letting the Israelites go and hardened his heart against the Lord.

DRAW A PICTURE OF EACH OF THE SEVEN PLAGUES WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT SO FAR.

1. Rivers of blood	2. Frogs	3. Lice
4. Flies	5. Sick livestock	6. Boils
7. Hail		

QUESTIONS:

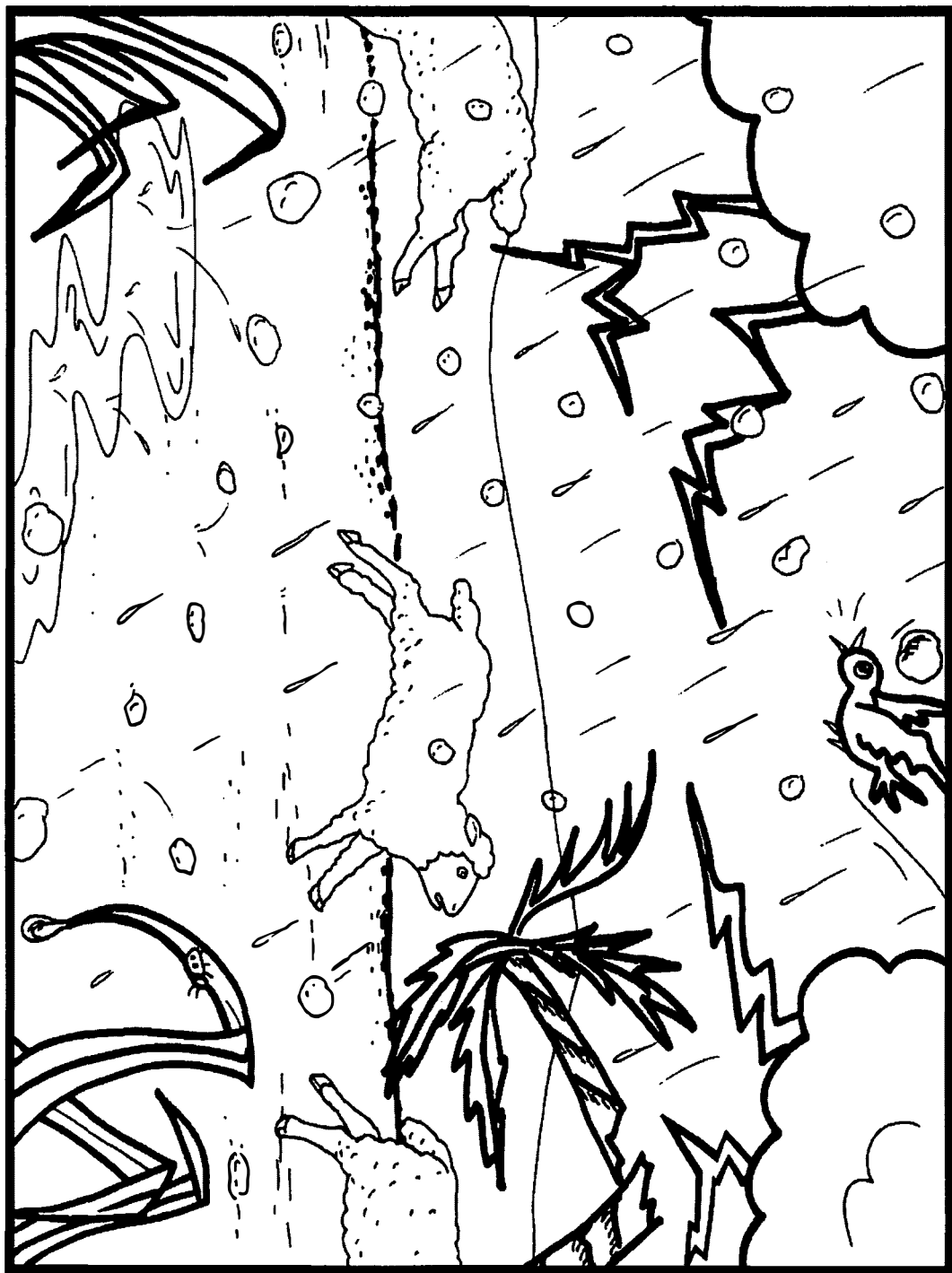
Answers on Back

1. What happened to the Egyptians' livestock?
2. What did the dust become?
3. Why didn't the magicians perform the trick?
4. What kind of storm did God send?
5. What damage did the storm cause?
6. Did the Israelites suffer any damage?
7. What did Pharaoh admit?
8. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go?



MEMORY VERSE:

*There is no peace,
saith the LORD,
unto the wicked.
Isaiah 48:22*



The Puritans Founded Harvard

The Boston settlement continued to grow as more Puritans fled from Europe, came across the Atlantic Ocean, and bought land for their home in the New World, later known as the United States of America.

Governor John Winthrop met with the leaders of incoming groups and they discussed and wrote laws that kept order among the people. The Bible was the foundation upon which all the law was based. The Puritans believed in hard work, honesty, love for your neighbors, but they also loved sports such as foot racing, archery, bowling, horse racing and other physical activities. Times were set aside for such recreation. One Puritan proverb was, "God would have our joys to be far more than our sorrows."

Fathers were instructed to be the head of the home. They were to read the Word of God to their children, pray with them and lead them by good example. Fathers were responsible for providing food, clothing, shelter and protection from evil for their wives and children.

Mothers were to be keepers of the home. They cooked meals, washed dishes and clothes, kept the vegetable gardens,

and cared for their babies. Because the Puritans taught and practiced correct Bible teachings about the home, children were secure, loved and prepared for adulthood.

A law was made that stated for every fifty families, a school house should be built and a teacher paid to teach their children to read, write, and learn math, grammar and history. The Puritans published the first book in America, called the *Bay Psalm Book* of 1640, and the first school textbook, the *New England Primer*. It taught children the alphabet by Christian values, stating: "A— In Adam's fall we sinned all to Z— Zacchaeus, he did climb the tree, the Lord to see." Middle schools and high schools were built, and then the Puritans built the first university in 1636, named Harvard University. One of the reasons for establishing Harvard was to: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3)...the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning."

God blessed the works of the Puritans because they honored him with their voice, their writings, and their resources and obeyed His Word.

- -Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. They got sick. 2. Boils on men and animals. 3. They were covered with boils. 4. Hail. 5. Ruined crops, dead animals & broken trees. 6. No. 7. That he had sinned. 8. No.



Invaded by Locusts

“The Lord is wondering how long it will take you to humble yourself before me and let our people go,” Moses and Aaron said to Pharaoh. “If you do not let us go, the Lord will send locusts throughout the coasts of Egypt.” “How long will we let this man trouble us?” Egyptian officials urged Pharaoh to let Moses and his people leave.

“Go, worship the Lord your God,” Pharaoh told Moses. “But tell me who will be going.” Moses answered, “We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the Lord.” “Only the men may go, that’s what you asked before,” Pharaoh said. “Get out of my sight.” “Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts swarm over the land and eat everything growing in the fields left by the hail,” the Lord instructed Moses. So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the Lord made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts, which settled down to devour whatever they could find in the land of Egypt. Not one single green tree or plant could be found in Egypt.

“I have sinned against you and God,” Pharaoh confessed. “Forgive me once more, and ask God to take the locusts away.” When Moses prayed, the Lord sent a west wind. The wind caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Once more, the trouble was gone, and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened.

“Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt.” Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and an inky blackness covered Egypt for three days. The people living in Egypt couldn’t see a thing! Yet the sun still shone in Goshen. Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, “Go, worship the Lord. The women and children may go with you, but leave your livestock behind.” Moses said, “Our livestock too must go with us. We have to use some of them for making sacrifices when we worship the Lord our God.” After the Lord took the darkness away, Pharaoh was not willing to let the Hebrews go. Pharaoh said to Moses, “Get out of my sight! I do not ever want to see you again!” “You are right,” Moses replied. “You will never see me again.”

HIDDEN BIBLE VERSE

Pharaoh was very hard hearted toward God. Make a slash through all of the P's, M's, and J's. Write the letters that are left on the lines to find out what this verse says about the way our hearts should be.

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ENJPPASMJGMMOJMPDFOPJRMCHPJMPRIIMPSTPPSSAPPJKEMHJAPTPPJHFMJOPJMPRGPI
VMENJYOPU

----- (Clue: Eph. 4:32)

QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Who urged Pharaoh to let the Hebrews go?
2. What did the wind bring into Egypt?
3. What green things were left?
4. What happened when Moses prayed?
5. How many days was Egypt dark?
6. What did Pharaoh want them to leave behind?
7. Why did Moses refuse?
8. What did Moses reply to Pharaoh?

MEMORY VERSE:

**Some *trust* in chariots,
and some in horses:
but we will remember
the name of the Lord
our God. Psalms 20:7**





The Beginning of the Quakers

Making shoes in England was a stable income for George Fox, a Puritan. He paid his share of taxes and obeyed the laws of the land. He loved his family very much.

However, he did not want his sons employed in the King's army and he felt it necessary to meet with like-minded friends and read God's Word together.

George Fox began to preach at secret meetings with his friends, and this made the King of England angry. He was arrested and brought before the king's judge.

"Why have ye disobeyed the laws of the land?" questioned the judge.

"Because the laws of God are higher," replied Mr. Fox calmly.

"Doth thou not know that I can have you imprisoned for preaching things contrary to the King of England?" asked the judge.

"Yea, sir, but I do not want to displease the King of Kings who holds life and death in his hands," boldly stated Mr. Fox.

"I sentence thee to spend time in the London Tower repenting of such disrespect to the king!" The judge pounded down his gavel in anger.

As soldiers grabbed George Fox, he said to the judge, "Thou should tremble in fear of God for persecuting his people!"

What the judge said to George Fox spread among his congregation and into the community. Soon those who believed like George Fox were called, "Quakers." A few wealthy Englishmen believed liked Mr. Fox. One of them was William Penn. William Penn's father, Roger Penn, was an admiral in the English navy who knew how to trade and make profits in a mercantile empire. One time when the duke of York needed a large amount of money, he borrowed it from William's father. Later, the duke of York became King Charles II, who had Mr. Fox put into prison.

Because William Penn believed Mr. Fox was right in his teachings, he felt it necessary to leave England before King Charles II was angry at him! William Penn brought his aging father to the New World so he could care for him. "Son, ye need to collect the money the King owes our family," said his father. "Do so before I die." "Father, instead of asking the king for money," replied William, "I want to ask him for a charter on unsettled land west of New England." "If that is what ye desire, may God grant it," replied his father. God desired it, and Pennsylvania was purchased.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. Egyptian officials. 2. Locusts. 3. Nothing. 4. A west wind took the locusts away. 5. 3. 6. Livestock. 7. They needed them for sacrifices. 8. "You will never see me again."



The Passover

The Hebrews were getting ready for the tenth and last plague that God was sending to Egypt. God had given Moses many instructions, and Moses had told God's words to the people. The Israelite men picked out lambs for their Passover meal. They killed the lamb and then spread the lamb's blood the top and sides of their doorframe. Israelite women were busy preparing unleavened bread for the Passover supper. Everyone was hastily packing their belongings for their long journey. When the Hebrew children asked their fathers, "Why are you putting blood on our door?" The fathers would reply, "God is sending an angel of death to strike the firstborn of every household that does not have blood on their doorframes. We will remember this night as the Passover many years to come and thank God that our lives were spared."

The Hebrews ate their Passover meals that night in a hurry, dressed and ready for their journey out of Egypt. At midnight, they were still ready and waiting to leave. The Hebrews heard terrible wails coming from their Egyptian neighbor's homes. The death angel had come, taking every firstborn child and the firstborn of the Egyptian's livestock. How sad the Egyptians were! Even Pharaoh's firstborn son was dead. Now Pharaoh wished he had let the Hebrews go.

Moses and Aaron finally heard the pounding on the door. "Pharaoh wishes to see you," the messenger told them. "Take all of your people and leave as quickly as you can," Pharaoh urged. "And ask God to bless me." "Leave us, or we will all die," other Egyptians pressured. The Egyptians gave them silver, clothing and gold.

After 430 years of oppression, the Israelites were finally leaving Egypt. A long line of six thousand men, with women and children, and livestock filed joyfully out of Egypt.

God led them on their journey. The Israelites had many miles to travel and many adventures ahead.

THE PASSOVER: WORD SEARCH

A	Z	N	D	O	L	D	O	V	W
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JOURNEY	BLOOD
UNLEAVENED	LEAVE
EGYPT	ANGEL
FIRSTBORN	DOORWAY

LAMB
PASSOVER
DEATH

QUESTIONS:

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MEMORY VERSE:

Much more then, being
now justified by his blood,
we shall be saved from
wrath through him.

Romans 5:9





Come to Pennsylvania!

William Penn was thankful for the charter of land he had bought from King Charles II of England. Penn wrote out a Charter of Liberties which gave freedom and made rules for people who wanted to live in Pennsylvania. He wanted everyone, men and women, boys and girls, to have freedom to sing praises to the Lord Jesus Christ and read God's Holy Word without fear of police arresting them and putting them in prison.

William Penn knew what it was like to be in a prison for serving God. When he lived in England, the King had him arrested and kept him in the Tower of London. While a prisoner, Penn spent much of his time writing like Apostle Paul did when he was in prison. Some good friends of Penn's helped set him free. Then he came to the America. He did not want anyone living in Pennsylvania to suffer whippings and imprisonments because they loved Jesus.

"Here we lay a foundation for after ages to come that they may understand their liberty as Christians and as men," wrote William Penn. Before settlers came to live in Pennsylvania, Penn went to visit different native tribes. He asked for peace

with the Chiefs and gave them gifts for living on the land. They learned to respect this quiet man who kept his word when he promised peace. "Come and buy two hundred acres of farm land for just a penny," he told people back in England. "Men, bring your wives and children! If you want to live in a city, we are selling town lots in Philadelphia, a city of brotherly love. We have surveyed the land and have it plotted for sale." Hundreds of families accepted Penn's invitation to come.

Christians who grouped themselves by different names came to live peacefully together and with the natives of the land. When there were arguments or disagreements, a judge in a court house would hear both sides of the argument. Sometimes the judge would have a jury help him settle the argument. This is the way American arguments have been settled since those days of the. Our Heavenly Father who created all men and women was pleased that the first American settlers respected Him and obeyed His Word as they felt they should. The United States of America has been blessed because her foundation was built on faith in God.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. The Passover. 2. Lambs. 3. Unleavened bread. 4. Blood. 5. The angel of death. 6. Firstborn children were killed in the homes of the Egyptians. 8. 430



The Red Sea

“Why did I let the Hebrews leave?” Pharaoh wondered. “I need them to make bricks for my cities. They were good hard workers. I should never have let them go.”

“The Hebrews are camped in front of the Red Sea,” a messenger told him. “With the Red Sea in front of them and surrounded by desert on the sides, the Israelites will be confused about where to go,” Pharaoh decided. “Quickly make my chariots ready. Gather the soldiers in my army to help me go after them.”

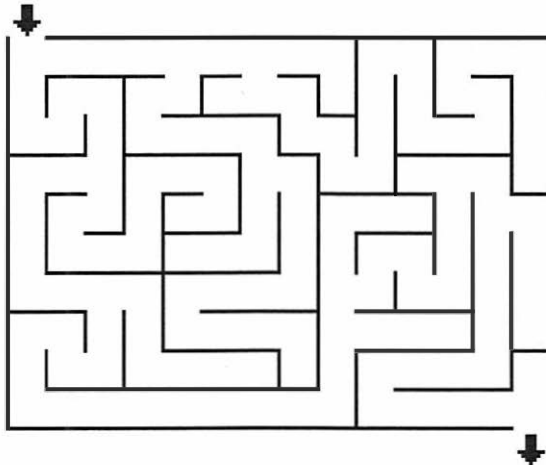
Pharaoh did not know that this was all part of the Lord’s plan. A pillar of cloud led the Israelites on their journey. God was in the cloud. At night, the cloud became a pillar of fire. Whenever the Israelites looked at the cloud, they knew God was with them and guiding them.

But now The Israelites trembled with fear when they saw the mighty army of Pharaoh bearing down upon them. When they looked ahead, they saw the great, vast Red Sea. “What shall we do?” they asked Moses. “It would have been better for us to be slaves in Egypt than to die in the wilderness.”

“Do not be afraid,” Moses assured them. “All you need to do is be still. The Lord will fight your battle for you. Then the Egyptians will never bother us again.” The pillar of cloud had moved between the Israelites and the Egyptian army. God caused the Egyptians to become confused. They had trouble driving their chariots. “Let’s get away from here,” the Egyptian soldiers said. “The Lord is fighting for the Israelites.”

Moses stretched his hand out over the Red Sea. The Lord caused a strong wind to blow all night. The Israelites were surprised to see that the water had risen like two walls and there was a dry pathway on the sea floor for them to walk across. How happy the Israelites were as they walked to safety. The Egyptians were coming after them. “Stretch out your hand again,” the Lord told Moses. When Moses stretched out his hand, the waters came over the Egyptians, covering the soldiers, their chariots and horses. No one in the Egyptian army survived. The Israelites knew the Lord had saved them and now they trusted Him to be their guide.

HELP THE ISRAELITES GET TO CANAAN



QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Why did Pharaoh regret letting the Hebrews leave?
2. Where were the Hebrews?
3. What did Pharaoh decide to do?
4. What/Who led the Israelites on their journey?
5. Why were the Israelites afraid?
6. What was between the Israelites and the army?
7. What happened to the Red Sea?
8. What happened to the Egyptian soldiers?

MEMORY VERSE:

... stand still, and see
the salvation of the
LORD, which he will
shew to you to day...."
Exodus 14:13



The Revival Begins

Not everyone wanted to hear Jonathan Edwards' booming voice telling them to repent from their wicked sins and ask Jesus Christ to guide their lives. His messages shook up the congregation at Northampton, Massachusetts.

"I have been a Christian since I was a child," said one wealthy elderly woman. "I have belonged to this church for years. Why do I need to ask Jesus Christ or this Holy Spirit to guide my life?"

"Being a Christian is more than belonging to a church," explained Edwards. "It is a personal relationship with Jesus. When Jesus left this earth, he sent his Holy Spirit to talk to men and women. In the book of St. John, chapters 14, 15, 16 and 17, we have recorded that the Holy Spirit will teach, correct and comfort those who accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior." "Young man!" exclaimed the lady. "I have known Jesus Christ for years, but this Holy Spirit talk is scary to me!" "No, ma'am," patiently explained Edwards. "It is nothing to be afraid of if you want to live for God. The Holy Spirit is a teacher, an inner voice inside that will help a person obey God. Obeying God is not just keeping a list of rules but He wants each of us to

know Him and obey his voice as He talks to us." "I don't know if I want the Holy Spirit to talk to me!" said the lady.

"Oh, but you should!" exclaimed Edwards. "The Holy Spirit wants to guide you to Heaven. He is the connector to Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father."

This lady was like hundreds of other church attending Christians in 1730's. Strong Biblical principles and rules had helped shape early America. Freedom to worship the Lord was accepted across the new nation. However, most people did not realize they were in bondage to church rules of do's and don'ts. This caused bickering among the people on what rules should be obeyed. Many people became discouraged with churches so they left. They started doing what the devil told them to do. Edwards and other preachers like him told the people that they needed to be saved from sin by the blood of Jesus, and let the Holy Spirit teach them to obey God because they loved Him. You should not be afraid of disobeying church leaders," he told people, "but you should obey the Word of God and respect the elders because you love God." Today we believe this same truth that Jesus taught.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. They were good workers. 2. In front of the Red Sea. 3. Go after them. 4. God, in a pillar of cloud. 5. Of the Egyptian army. 6. The pillar of cloud. 7. It separated to make a path. 8. They drowned.



Manna and Quail

“Why did we listen to Moses and Aaron?” the Israelites wondered. Their journey had brought them to the Desert of Sin. They were tired and had run out of food. “It would have been better if we had died in Egypt,” the Israelites complained to Moses and Aaron. “At least there we had pots of meat and all of the food we could eat. Now we will starve to death in this wilderness.”

When the sun was setting over the camp, the Lord sent flocks of quail. They covered the ground. The Israelites ate and ate. The Israelites slept well, and the next morning, they awoke to find a fine dew spread on the ground. When the dew was warmed by the sun and evaporated, the Israelites noticed that the ground was covered with small flakes that looked like frost. “What is it?” they wondered. “It is bread the Lord has sent us,” Moses told them. “The Lord says to gather as much as you need. Take a portion for each person in your tent. Eat it now. Do not save any for tomorrow.”

So the Israelites busily gathered the strange new bread to take back to their families. They enjoyed a good, hearty breakfast. “Moses told us not to save the bread, but I think I’ll save some so we can have food tomorrow,” some of the Israelites thought. How surprised they were to find the bread smelly and crawling with flies after it sat a few hours! Moses was angry they hadn’t listened to him.

Every morning the Israelites gathered what was needed. When the sun grew hot, the bread melted away. On the day before the Sabbath, they gathered twice as much as they needed, because the Lord had told them to do this. And the next morning, the bread still tasted and smelled good. Some Israelites went out to gather some on the Sabbath day, but were disappointed when they didn’t find anything. The Lord had said that the Sabbath day was a day for resting and worshipping the Lord.

The Israelites called the strange bread manna. It was white and tasted like wafers made with honey. “Save some manna,” the Lord instructed. “Then coming generations can see the bread I sent you in the wilderness.” So Aaron found a jar and put it by the stone tablets of law. The Israelites ate manna for the whole forty years as they travelled to Canaan.

GOD WILL PROVIDE: BIBLE DRILL

The first person to find all of the verses and write them on the lines is the winner!

MATTHEW 6:31-32 _____

PSALMS 111:5 _____

LUKE 12:24 _____

PSALMS 23:1 _____

PSALMS 34:10 _____

QUESTIONS

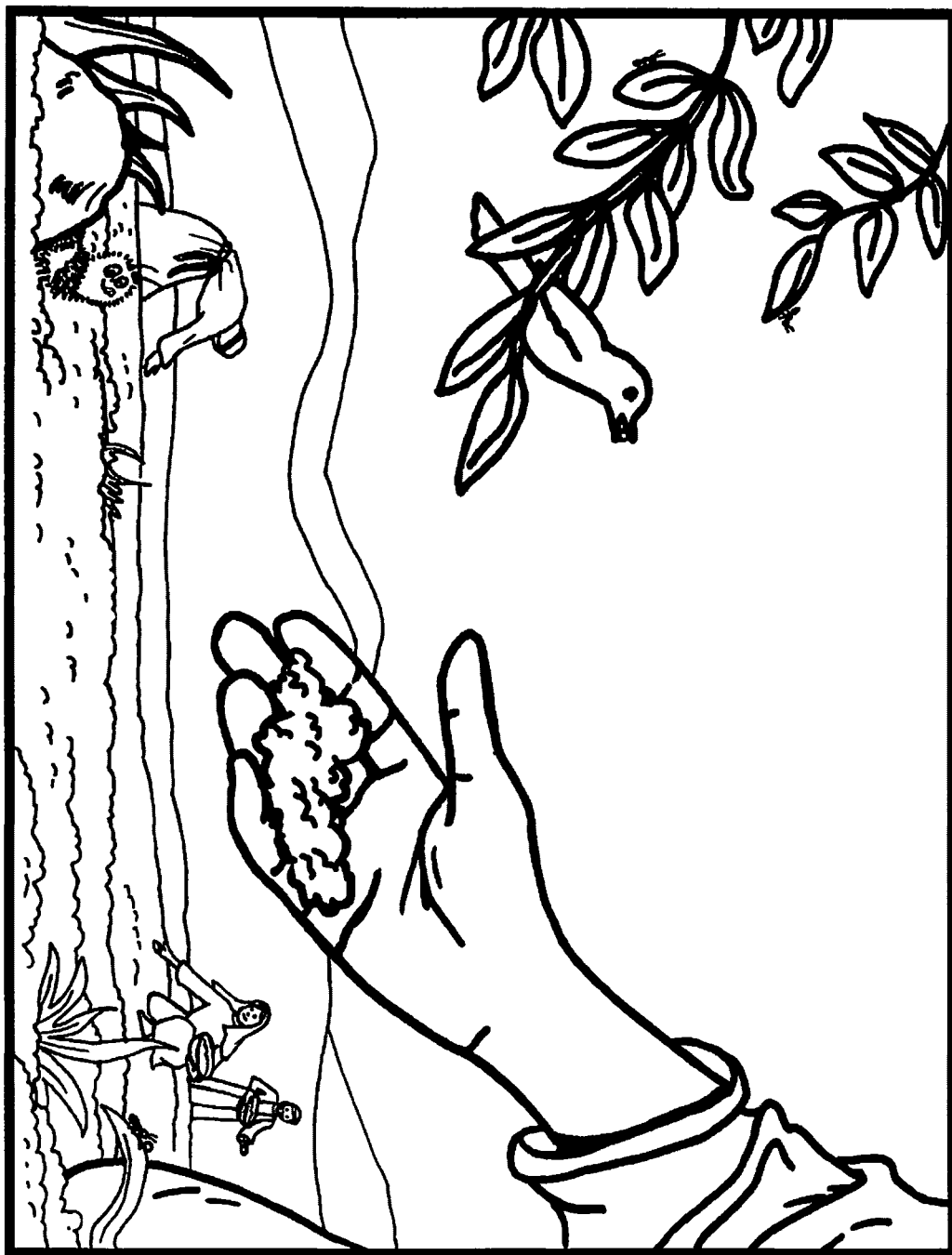
Answers on Back

1. Why did the Israelites complain?
2. What did the Lord send in the evening?
3. What did the Lord send in the morning?
4. What happened when the Israelites saved it?
5. Why didn't the Israelites gather it on the Sabbath?
6. What happened when some tried to gather it on the Sabbath?
7. What did manna look and taste like?
8. What did Aaron do with some of the manna?

MEMORY VERSE:



**But my God shall
supply all your need
according to his
riches in glory by
Christ Jesus.
Phil.4:10**



Praying for a Revival

The United States of America was built by two strong pillars—Christian faith in the Living God and the freedom to live without fear of government control over a person's life. In time, this freedom came to everyone in the USA.

Freedom is wonderful but it does put a responsibility on each citizen to make right decisions that will improve his life and help his family. When a person makes bad choices and harmful decisions, he will suffer from his sins and so will his family.

It was after a hundred and thirty years after the first settlers started Jamestown, that bad decisions made by some citizens in America began to really hurt people and families. Instead of sharing, these people were greedy and selfish. They mistreated some people, they lied and killed others. The bad ones seemed to be getting away with wicked living. Pastors in churches saw people sleep in worship services.

"Wake up!" one pastor in Pennsylvania told his congregation. "You are spending too much time dancing and feasting on Saturday, and then on Sunday you are too tired to hear from the Holy Word. Shame on you!" Pastors and God-fearing people were sad to see so much wickedness

about them. So they banded together in prayer for God to send a revival to change the drifters and backsliders. "Oh, Heavenly Father, have mercy on us and on this great nation," they prayed. "Send your Holy Spirit to convict and change the hearts of those who are destroying themselves and their families."

The Lord heard their prayers, and He prepared men who knew Him and how to preach His Word. Jonathan Edwards was one of them. "Ye must be born again!" Edwards booming voice told his congregation. "Salvation is not by good works or by signing a membership book to a church. You need to repent and ask Jesus Christ to wash away your wicked sins by his precious blood. Learn to know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and let his Holy Spirit teach you how to live godly."

Many people felt they were Christians because they attended church services on Sunday, paid money to the Church and obeyed the laws of the land. Jonathan Edwards studied the Word of God and he read that salvation was first repenting of sin and then asking His Holy Spirit to lead, guide and correct. He was right, and that is still truth for today.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. They were hungry. 2. Quail. 3. Manna. 4. It stank and flies covered it. 5. It was a day of rest. 6. There was none. 7. It was white. Wafers made with honey. 8. Saved it in a jar

Answers:

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God's Love Shown in Creation

In the beginning, God was there. He planned to create a man who would worship Him and honor Him. God created a wonderful world for man to live in. For seven days, God worked to get things ready. On the first day, God created light. He called the light day and the darkness night. On the second day, God created the sky, which He called the "heavens." The next day, God said, "Let the waters gather together, and let dry land appear." He called the waters "seas" and the dry land "earth." God caused grass and beautiful flowers, plants and trees to grow on the earth. He knew that His work was good. God wasn't finished with this new world yet. On the fourth day, he created the sun, moon, and stars. The sun was to rule over the day and the moon would take charge of night. Now it was the fifth day. This was the day God began making the living creatures: fish for the seas, birds for the skies. On the sixth day, God created many animals that explored this strange, beautiful new world. God needed people to take care of this wonderful earth that He had created. So God formed a body out of dust and breathed life into the body. It became a living man. God called him Adam. Adam named all of the animals. But Adam needed help. God said, "It is not good for man to live alone. I will make him a helpmeet."

God made a woman named Eve. She was a wife to Adam. The sixth day was ended. God was finished. On the seventh day, He rested. God loved Adam and Eve very much. He placed them in a beautiful garden called Eden. God came down and talked with Adam and Eve every evening. God wanted Adam and Eve to worship Him, but He gave mankind what is called "freewill." That means that men and women and boys and girls can choose to worship God. God put a special tree in the Garden of Eden. It was called "The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." "Do not eat of this tree," God told Adam and Eve. "It won't hurt to eat the fruit of this tree," a serpent tempted Eve one day. Eve tried the fruit, and then gave some to Adam. God was very disappointed in their sin, and Adam and Eve had to leave the garden. God loves us all very much, and has blessed us with many beautiful things, but the devil is also out there, trying to get us to sin and turn our backs to God.

GOD'S LOVE SHOWN IN CREATION

Theme: God has blessed us with so many wonderful things. He loves us no matter what we've done. He lets us choose whether or not to worship Him. What do you choose?

Draw in each box what happened during the first seven days on earth.

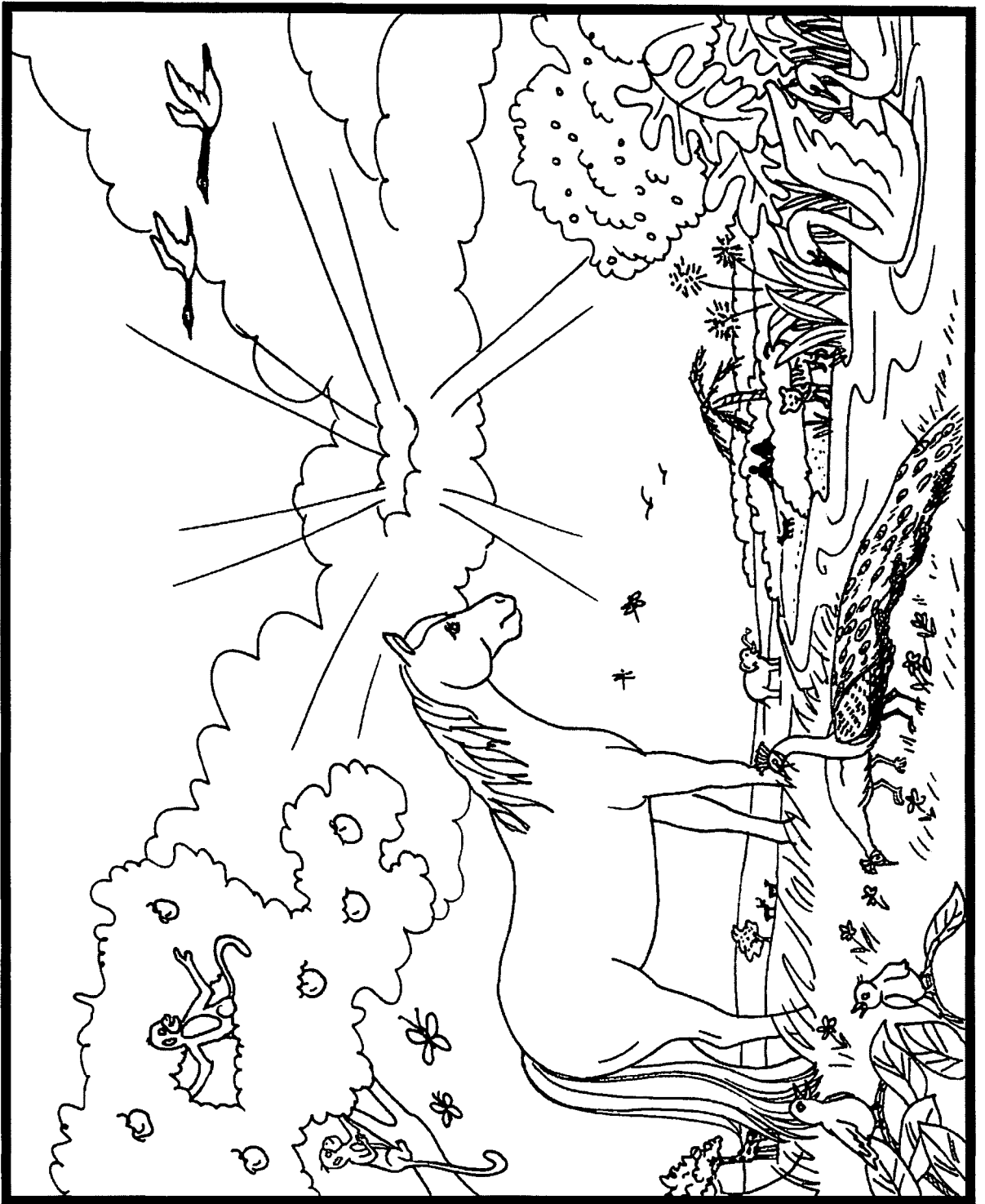


QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. What did God create on the first day?
2. When did God create animals?
3. How did God create people?
4. What was the first man's name?
5. What did God decide to make for the first man?
6. Where did Adam and Eve live?
7. Why did they have to leave?
8. How has God blessed you?

O give thanks unto
the LORD; for *he* is
good; for his mercy
endureth for ever.
1 Chronicles 16:34



Play Dough Creations

With her cell phone in her hand, Mama walked into the family room where her two children were rolling out play dough on their little table.

"Layla and Brad," she called to them.

Together they replied, "Yes, Mama?"

She continued, "I am going to be on my cell phone making a business call. I want you both to be quiet and keep that play dough on your table."

"Yes, Mama," they replied again. They were busy rolling and patting the play dough when Mama left the room.

"See the long snake I made," said Layla to her brother. "It can do tricks! It can wiggle into a W or a Z. Did you see that, Brad?"

"Uh-huh," replied Brad glancing at her bent snake. His hands were rolling three colors of play dough into a smooth round shape. "Guess what I am making?" he asked his sister.

"A boring ball," she replied.

"No, guess again," said Brad.

"A marble?"

"No, it's bigger than a marble."

"It's just an ugly ball," said Layla.

"It isn't just a ball," said Brad. "See it has green, blue and white on it. Doesn't it look like the earth?"

"No," said Layla. "It shouldn't have any white on it if it is the earth."

"Well, give me some of your green snake and I will cover up the white," said Brad.

"No, give me the white from your earth so I can make my snake longer," said Layla.

"Are there white snakes?" asked Brad.

"I don't think so," said Layla thoughtfully. "But let's take off the white from your ball."

"Okay," said Brad. Together they pinched little bits of white from the ball, not noticing that some of it dropped on the floor. Brad rolled his green and blue ball in his hands.

"I like my little earth," he said. "God said his earth was good, too."

"Yes, but He did not have to remake it," said Layla. "God did things perfect the first time."

"Well, I know why God made the earth round," said Brad.

"Why?" asked Layla.

"So He can better hold the earth in His hands," replied Brad.

(to be continued)

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. Day and night. 2. Day 6. 3. Out of dust. 4. Adam. 5. A wife.
6. The Garden of Eden. 7. They disobeyed God and ate the fruit of the tree. 8. Answers will vary. Think about it.

Answers:

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God's Unconditional Love

Jesus told several parables to help his disciples and others who gathered to listen to Him speak understand God's love. One was about a man who had two sons. "Father, may I have part of my inheritance now?" the younger son asked. The father divided his money between the two sons. The younger son left to seek adventure and experience the world. What fun he had, partying and making new friends. Soon, he had spent all of his money. Then there was a famine in the land. The younger son found a job feeding pigs. He still didn't have enough money for food. He longed for the slop the pigs were eating. "My father's servants are treated better than I am," he thought. "I will go home and apologize to my father. I will tell him I am not worthy to be his son, but instead I will be his servant."

The young man started on his journey. "Will my father ever forgive me for what I have done?" he wondered as he walked along. He was still a long way from his house when he saw his father running up the road to greet him. His father brought him fine clothing and prepared a feast in his honor. "My son was dead, and now he is alive!" the father exclaimed. "He was lost but now he is found. Let us rejoice!" The older son wasn't happy to see his brother treated so finely. "I have stayed here all of these years working for you," said the older son. "Why didn't I get a feast?" "Son, you are always with me, and whatever I have is yours to enjoy," the father said. Another time, Jesus talked about a shepherd who had one hundred sheep. "If one were lost, wouldn't he leave the 99 to go find it?" Jesus asked. "When he finds it, he will rejoice over it. In this same way, your Father in Heaven loves everyone and is not willing that anyone should perish."

There are many Bible verses and promises about God's love to us. One of the very last things Jesus told His followers before departing to heaven was, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world." In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul wrote, "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." No matter what we've done, God loves us. His love is always available to us. The only way for us to be separated from that love is to refuse to serve and worship God. Man may fail us and disappoint us, but God's love and mercy is unfailing, unconditional.

GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Theme: God loves us no matter what. He will always be there for us.

Match the scripture to the reference. Use your Bible if you need to.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

1 John 4:8

Matthew 28:20


Romans 5:5

Jeremiah 31:3

QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. What did the younger son ask?
2. What happened to the younger son?
3. Was his father happy to see him?
4. Why should his older brother have been happy?
5. What did Jesus say a shepherd would do if a sheep was lost?
6. What was one of the last things Jesus said?
7. What things did Paul say won't separate us from God's love?
8. Will God's love ever fail us?



**...God is
love...
1 John 4:16**



Explaining Their Creations

Layla was pleased with her play dough snake and held it up from the table for her brother to see. "If you don't watch out, my snake will eat your earth!" she threatened as she hissed and shook her snake at his green and blue ball.

"No way!" exclaimed Brad as he hid his earth in his hands. "Your wicked snake needs a stomp on the head!"

"So," retorted Layla, "I won't put him down on the floor for you to stomp because Mama said we must not get any play dough on the carpet." Then she glanced down at the floor. "Oh, my goodness!" she exclaimed. "We put chips of white play dough on the floor!"

Brad looked down, too. "Oh, we had better pick it up before Mama comes back into the room!" Both of the children slipped out of their chairs at their play table. They were busy picking up the white play dough when Mama came in from talking on her phone. Mama saw her children kneeling on the floor around their play table.

"Did you get play dough on the floor?" she asked. "We didn't mean for it to just fall on the floor, Mama," explained Layla.

"We are picking it all up right now,"

agreed Brad. "Thank you for obeying me," said Mama. "It makes my heart sing when I know you love me enough to obey me. What have you made with your play dough?"

"See I made a long, wiggly snake," Layla said eagerly. "Do you like it?"

"It's okay," said Mama as she stroked her finger down its back. "Is it a good snake?" "No," said Brad. "It hissed at my earth and I don't like it!"

"Oh, so this is earth?" asked Mama as she looked at the ball in Brad's hand. "Yes, can't you tell?" he asked. "I like your imaginations," said Mama. "You know, when God made the earth, he had a vision like an imagination. He loved his creation just like you like your earth, Brad. God wanted the best for his creation, but remember what happened?" "Yes, that's when a mean ol' snake like mine took over," said Layla.

Mama smiled. "The snake was just a mouth piece for Satan. He talked through the snake. Eve should have been scared to talk to a snake. Why did you make a snake, Layla?" "Because a snake bends into lots of different shapes," she replied.

Mama nodded. "Satan likes bendable characters, too." (to be continued)

-- Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. For his inheritance. 2. He spent his money. 3. Yes. 4. He had all his father had to enjoy. 5. Find the lost sheep. 6. "I am with you always.." 7. Life, death, angels, principalities, etc. 8. No.

Answers:

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God's Sacrificial Love

God created mankind with a freewill, which lets us choose whether or not we worship Him. For hundreds of years, the Israelites struggled to serve God. The punishment for sin was death, so they offered animal sacrifices to God, which was a way of asking forgiveness for their sins. Men called prophets had visions and told the people of a Savior, the Messiah, who would come and rescue them from bondage. The prophets told of many signs that would happen to prove who the Messiah was. Many Israelites thought the prophets were talking about a great leader who would raise an army to attack their enemies.

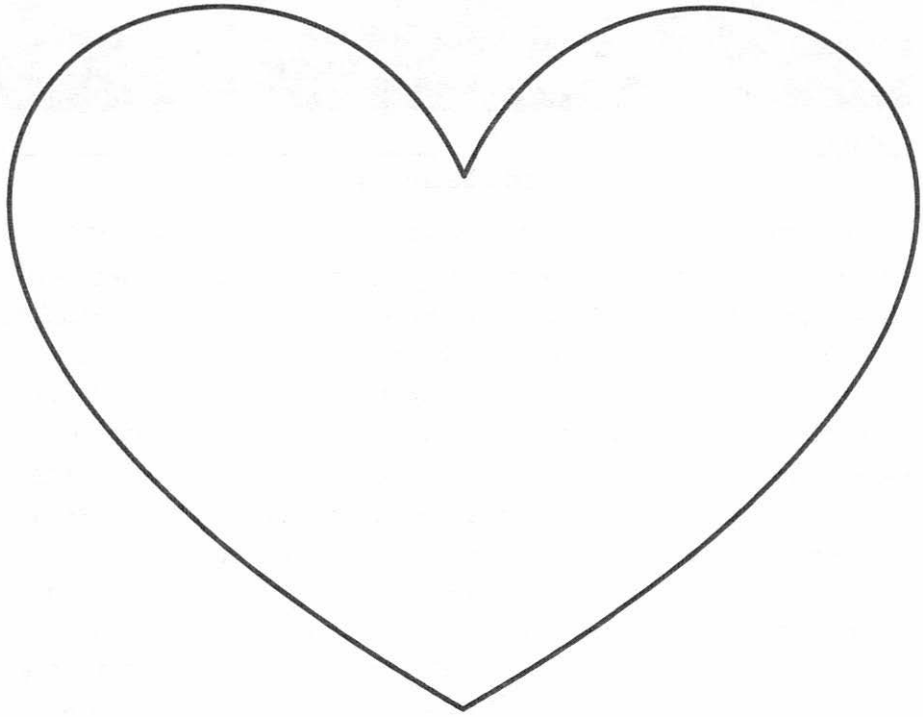
But God's Son didn't come to earth as a prince. When an angel appeared to a poor Jewish girl named Mary and told her she would have God's son, she was amazed. The angel also told Joseph, Jesus' earthly father, about His coming son. God's son was born at an inn, in a stable where the innkeeper kept his animals. Mary and Joseph named this special baby Jesus. Some of the Jews didn't believe that this man born into such a poor family was the Son of God, their Savior. He didn't march in on a white horse to raise armies to conquer their enemies. Instead, he rode on a donkey. He spoke quietly to his followers about God's love, grace, and forgiveness. He also tried to get the religious leaders to change their evil ways. They didn't care about keeping God's laws or about loving others. Jesus made them very angry by talking about things they didn't want to hear. So the Jewish leaders plotted to have Jesus killed. They enlisted one of Jesus' disciples (one of his 12 closest friends and followers) as a spy and paid him to help them identify Jesus. The disciple, Judas, led them to a garden, where Jesus was praying. After he kissed Jesus, the religious leaders had Him arrested. Jesus was beaten, thrown in jail, and accused of things He didn't do. Then, He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. Jesus died that day so our sins would be forgiven. He was the perfect sacrifice. Now we don't have to find a perfect animal to kill so we can get forgiveness. His love and forgiveness is free to anyone who asks.

Three days later, He arose. His disciples and followers were so happy! He had died, but now He was alive! He conquered sin and death, so we can have victory over sin in our own lives and live in Heaven with Jesus when we die, if we serve and worship Him with all of our hearts.

GOD'S SACRIFICIAL LOVE

Theme: God sent his son, Jesus, to die for our sins. He conquered sin and death, and if we ask Jesus into our hearts, we can have eternal life.

We are very special to God. He loves us very much. Draw the things that are special to you inside of the heart.



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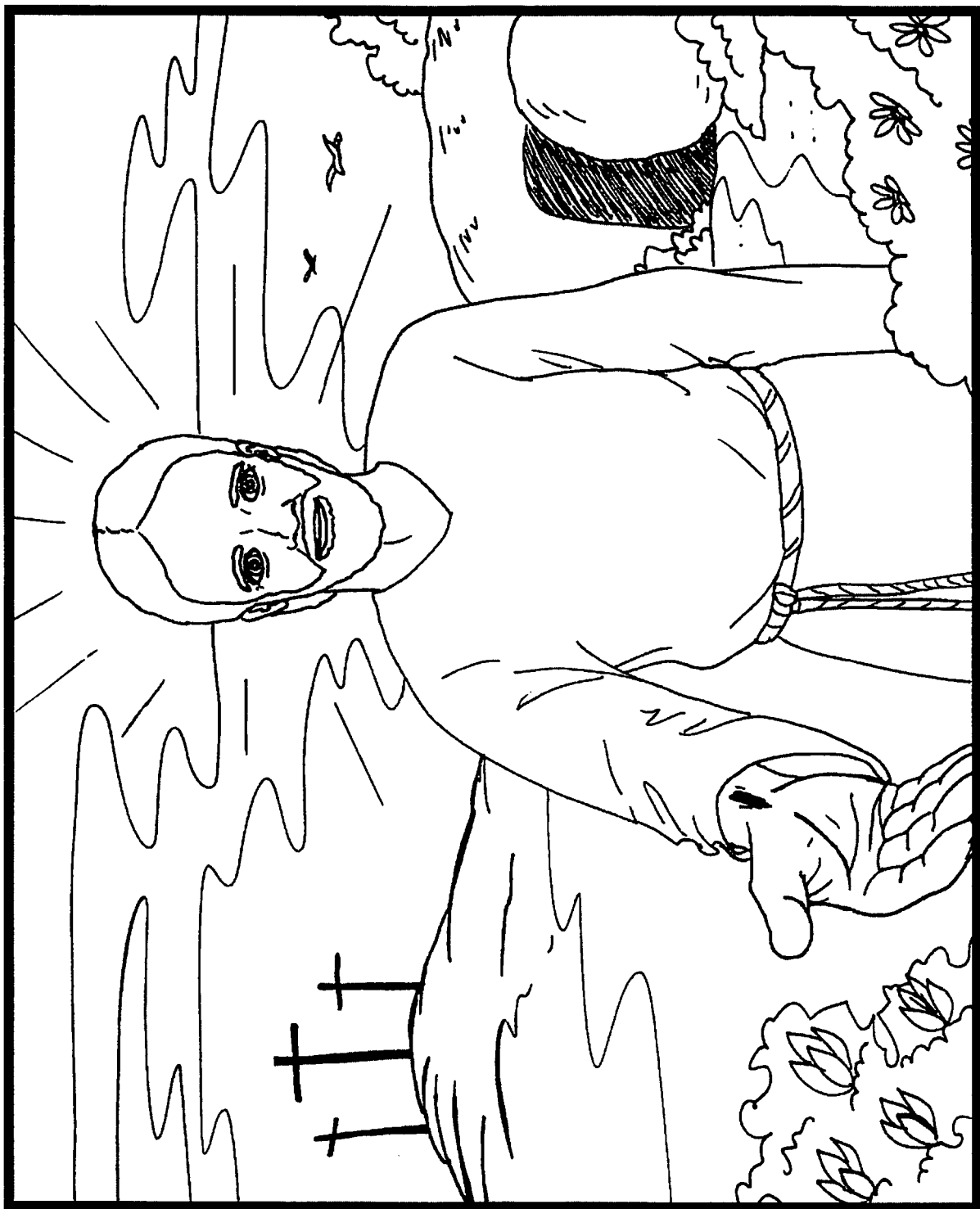
Answers on Back

1. What does freewill mean?
2. What did Jews used to have to do when they sinned?
3. What were the men called who had visions about a Savior?
4. Who were Jesus' earthly parents?
5. How was Jesus different from what some people expected?
6. Why did some people want to kill Jesus?
7. Why did Jesus have to die?
8. What happened three days later?

MEMORY VERSE:



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



The Reason For Jesus

"I like the creations that you made with your play dough," said Mama to Layla and Brad. "Are you tired of playing with it now?" "No," said Brad. "I want to make a man from this white play dough that came off of my earth."

"Here, you can have the play dough I got from the floor, too," said Layla.

"Thank you," said Brad. He took the pieces of play dough and squeezed all of them into one roll. With his fingers he pinched and pulled the play dough into a man figure.

"Very good!" exclaimed Mama, who was also watching. "I like to see what your hands and fingers can do."

"Now this man can stand on my earth," said Brad. He put the tall man on top of his round earth.

Layla giggled. "Your man is too big for your earth," she informed him. "You need to give me part of the play dough so I can make a woman. Then we will have Adam and Eve."

"Well, I don't know," said Brad. "Get other play dough of your own."

"Brad, you can share with your sister," said Mama. "Thank you," said Layla. "I will add it to this purple. I think I will make Eve purple because that is a beautiful

color and she was pretty."

"How do you know she was pretty?" asked Brad.

"Because Mama said God does the best at last and Eve was made last of all God's creation," replied Layla.

Mama laughed. "Yes, Layla, the woman was made last. She got herself and all of us into trouble by disobeying, but it was through a woman that we have been blessed, too."

"So how long did Eve live?" asked Brad.

Mama hugged her two children. "Eve was given the promise of Jesus, but Mary was the handmaiden who God asked to give birth to His Son."

"Oh, that makes me think of Christmas," said Layla.

"Yes," Mama nodded. "The reason why Jesus was born was to tell and show us who His Father was, and to die on the cross for our sins. He came to stomp on the head of Satan, that evil snake."

"Oh!" exclaimed Brad. "May I stomp on Layla's snake just to see how it would feel?"

"Well," Mama hesitated, "Let's go outside to try it!"

And they did.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. Being able to choose to serve God.
2. Kill animals for a sacrifice.
3. Prophets.
4. Mary & Joseph.
5. He wasn't a mighty warrior.
6. He tried to get them to change.
7. As a sacrifice for our sins.
8. He arose.



God, Our Loving Father

When we ask Jesus to come and live in our hearts, and to forgive us of our sins, we are adopted into the family of God. We become God's child. God is a loving father and will always hear us when we pray, but He may not answer our prayers in a way that we like. He can see what paths lay ahead of us, and He knows just what we need and when we need it. Sometimes, God may answer our prayers with "wait," or "no," instead of "yes," just like an earthly father might if we ask him for something. Whatever God's answer is to our prayers, we can be assured that it is the best answer for us.

One day, Jesus got a message that his friend, Lazarus, was sick. "This sickness will not result in his death, but in the glory of God," Jesus said. Jesus' disciples were surprised when they didn't go see Lazarus right away. For two days, they waited for Jesus to announce they were leaving. Finally, Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep. I will go wake him up." "If he is sleeping, he must be better," his disciples exclaimed. "Lazarus is dead," Jesus pronounced. "And I am glad for your sakes that he is, because it will help your faith grow."

Mary and Martha, Lazarus' sisters, were very sad. Their friends had come to comfort them. Martha heard Jesus was coming and she ran to meet Him. "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died," Martha cried. "Your brother will rise again," Jesus replied. "Yes, he will rise again, on the resurrection day," Martha said. "I am the resurrection, and the life," Jesus told her. "If you believe in me, you will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ," Martha confirmed. "Jesus has come," Martha told Mary. Mary hurried out to meet Him and fell at His feet. "If you had been here, my brother would not have died," Mary wept. Jesus wept with her.

"Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked. Mary took him to the tomb. Lazarus had been dead for four days. Jesus prayed, and then said, "Lazarus, come out!" The sisters were overjoyed to see their brother walk out of the tomb! Many people believed in Jesus after Lazarus was raised from the dead. God is good. Bad things may happen as a result of evil in this world. Sometimes God allows it. But if we pray and stay close to Him, He will help us through it and help good things come of it.

GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER

Theme: After we are saved, we become children of God. Like an earthly father, God doesn't necessarily give us what we want, but what we need.

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ALIVE
MARY

BELIEVE
REJOICE

DEAD
SICK

GLORY
TOMB

LAZARUS

MARTHA

QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. When do we become God's child?
2. What are the ways God answers prayers?
3. Will God always give us what we want?
4. "This sickness will not result in ____."
5. "I am the ____ and the life."
6. What did Jesus do when Mary wept?
7. How long had Lazarus been dead?
8. What should we do if bad things happen?

MEMORY VERSE:

If ye then, being evil, know how
to give good gifts unto your children:
how much more shall *your* heavenly
Father give the Holy Spirit to them
that ask him? Luke 11:13



A Cutting Lesson

Mama was busy stirring the gravy on the stove top when Layla walked into the kitchen. Mama glanced at her young daughter. "Layla, would you please set the table for me," she said. "We are about ready to eat."

"Yes, ma'am," replied Layla. She climbed on the step stool to get the four dinner plates from the cabinet. Then she found the glasses and put them on above the plates on the table. Next she pulled out the flatware drawer. Carefully she counted out four butter knives, four forks and four spoons. As she was putting a set by each plate, she asked Mama, "Do you need the sharp knives for meat?"

"Yes, please give one to Daddy and one to me," replied Mama. "Only pick them up by the black handles, please."

"Yes, Mama," said Layla. "Why can't I have a sharp knife too? I can cut my own meat now."

"Let Daddy cut your meat and that for Brad," said Mama. "When you get a little older I will help you cut your own meat. Daddy is fast and he likes to help you both with your meat."

"I'm four years old now," said Layla. "I can learn how to cut meat very fast." "You

need to be a little older before we give you a sharp knife. I don't trust the knife and I love you too much to let you get cut." Layla finished placing the flatware on the table. Then she went to the drawer to get two steak knives. She picked each one up by the black handle, and she looked at the blades on the knives. They did not seem so sharp. Their jagged edges looked like ruffles on ripple potato chips.

Layla ran her pointer finger along the ruffle of one of the knives. She felt a sting on that finger and then saw a thin red line. "Oh, no! I've cut myself!" she thought. She stuck her finger in her mouth and tasted her salty blood. She laid the knives on the table, one by Mama's place and one by Daddy's place. Then she quietly ran to get a band aid for her finger.

"I won't tell Mama," she thought, but now she was a believer of the sharpness of those knives. She was trying to get a big band aid to wrap around her little pointer finger when Mama called her. "Layla, thanks for setting the table, but please put out pot holders and napkins." Then Mama raised her voice, "Daddy! Brad! Come and eat!"

Layla obeyed Mama, and she was glad to let Daddy cut her meat.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. When we get saved. 2. Yes, no, or wait.
3. No. 4. Death. 5. Resurrection. 6. Wept too. 7. 4 days. 8. Pray and stay close to God.



God's Unfailing Love

"**Y**ou will all leave me by the end of this night," Jesus declared at the Passover supper. "It is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" "Others may leave, but I never will," Peter protested. "Before the rooster crows twice, you will have denied me three times," Jesus answered. "I will die with you, but I will never deny you," Peter said. The other disciples agreed.

After dinner, Jesus and some of the disciples went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. One of Jesus' disciples had left during dinner. He planned to help the religious leaders in Jerusalem arrest Jesus. "The one I kiss is Jesus," Judas told the priests and soldiers. They followed Judas into the garden and watched as he kissed Jesus. Then, they arrested Jesus. Peter tried to fight them and cut off one of the soldier's ears. Jesus healed it, and admonished Peter not to fight with swords. The disciples were scared. They ran away into the dark night. Peter hid, too. But he followed far behind the crowd around Jesus.

Jesus was taken to the high priest. Peter warmed himself by the fire. "You were with Jesus," one of the high priest's servants said. "I don't know Jesus," Peter denied. Peter left the fire to stand on the porch. He heard the rooster crow. "This is one of the Galileans," another servant gestured toward Peter. "No, no," Peter said. "But you must be!" someone else said. "You have a Galilean accent." "No, I don't know the man you are talking about!" Peter said angrily. When the rooster crowed again, Peter remembered Jesus words and wept. Jesus was killed that night. He was betrayed by a close friend, others ran away, and another close friend denied that he knew Jesus.

But Jesus still loved all of His disciples, and died on the cross so their sins, and everyone else's would be forgiven. As the Roman soldiers hammered nails into His hands and feet, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

It would be hard to still love your friends after experiences like Jesus had. But even though man may fail us, God's love never fails. No matter what we've done, Jesus will forgive us if we ask Him, and are willing to live for Him.

GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE

Theme: God's love is always available to us, no matter what we've done. All we need to do is ask Jesus into our hearts and be willing to serve him.

Mark out the B's, J's, and V's. Write the other letters on the lines below to find out the hidden Bible verse.

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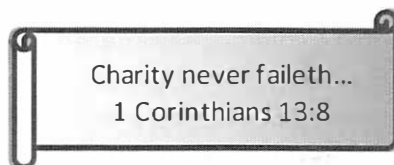
_____. Clue: Psalms 36:7

QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. Who said he would never leave Jesus?
2. "Before the rooster crows, you will have denied me _____ times."
3. Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss?
4. What did the other disciples do?
5. What happened when Peter fought the soldiers?
6. What happened the second time the rooster crowed?
7. What did Jesus say about the soldiers?
8. Does God's love ever fail?

MEMORY VERSE:





Jesus Loves Me

It was a starless, moonless night. The sailors were trying to navigate PT (Patrol Torpedo) boats through the dark waters around islands in the South Pacific. The United States and Japan were at war, and boats from the United States had set out to find boats transporting Japanese soldiers and stop them from coming to battle with the American troops on land.

One of the American boats was left behind and the others went farther on. At 2:30, Lieutenant Kennedy saw a big shape appear through the inky blackness. "Maybe another American boat has come to help us," the Lieutenant thought.

"It's a Japanese destroyer!" someone cried. The soldiers had no time to prepare to defend themselves, and the Japanese ship hit the American ship with a loud boom! Lieutenant Kennedy tried to keep hold on the ship, but he was thrown about the control room as the ship began bobbing in the water.

Kennedy found that many of his men were hurt. "Abandon ship! Abandon ship!" Lieutenant Kennedy ordered, afraid that the ship would burst into flames. Lieutenant Kennedy and his soldiers were able to swim three miles to an island. They wondered how to get help. Kennedy cut a

coconut open and wrote a message inside. "Nauro Island-11 soldiers stranded-Need small boat-Kennedy," the message read. Some friendly natives took the message through dangerous waters to the American troops. So, the troops and the natives they had befriended waited for help. The men had a hard time understanding each other. But they could all sing. So, to pass the time, they sang,

"Jesus loves me!

This I know, For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong;

They are weak but He is strong.

Chorus:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so."

Finally, a canoe arrived with help. President Kennedy always kept the coconut displayed in a glass jar on his desk in his oval office.

I'm sure the song, "Jesus Loves Me" helped the soldiers and the others with them to remember that no matter where we are, or what we have done, Jesus' love will be there for us. He wants all of us to be saved and live in Heaven with Him in Eternity.

--Monica Murphey

1. Peter. 2. Three. 3. Judas. 4. Ran away. 5. He cut off the soldier's ear. 6. Peter wept, knowing he had denied Jesus. 7. "Father, forgive them." 8. No.

Answers:

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Our Love for God

One day, Jesus was traveling from Judea to Galilee. To do this, He had to go through Samaria. Long ago, the land of Israel had been divided into a northern part and a southern part, by two kings who ruled the land. Jeroboam set up idols for the Israelites living in the northern part of Israel to worship. They began to marry people from Assyria, their neighboring country. God had warned the Israelites not to do this. The Jews living in the north were called Samaritans. The Jews from the south who continued to worship God hated the Samaritans and would not have anything to do with them.

Jesus came to the city of Samaria. He sat down to rest at a well that Jacob had dug many years ago. Soon a woman came to get water. "May I have a drink?" Jesus asked her. "Why do you, a Jew, ask me for a drink?" the woman asked. "If you knew who asked for a drink, you would ask him for living water," Jesus replied. "Where will you find this water?" the woman inquired. "Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again," Jesus told her. "But whoever drinks water I give them will never be thirsty and have eternal life." Jesus knew many things about the woman that surprised her. When she realized Jesus was the Messiah, she was so excited that she brought back friends and neighbors to listen to Jesus. Many Samaritans believed in Christ that day.

God has done so many things for us to show us His great love. He created us and provided us with a wonderful world to live in and has given us many blessings. God sent His only son to die for our sins so we could live with Him forever. Even now, He is preparing mansions for us in Heaven. What can we do for God? The woman in the story had not been living a godly life. God created us with the ability to choose whether or not we serve Him. "If you love me, keep my commandments," Jesus said. Jesus wants us to invite Him to live in our hearts so He can guide, comfort and help us. When the Samaritan woman, or when any of us, chose to serve and worship Jesus, there is much rejoicing in Heaven, and our Heavenly Father is pleased to welcome another child into His family.

OUR LOVE FOR GOD

Theme: Giving our hearts and trusting our lives to Jesus and keeping his commandments is the best way to show Him love.

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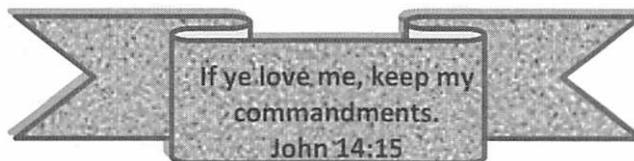
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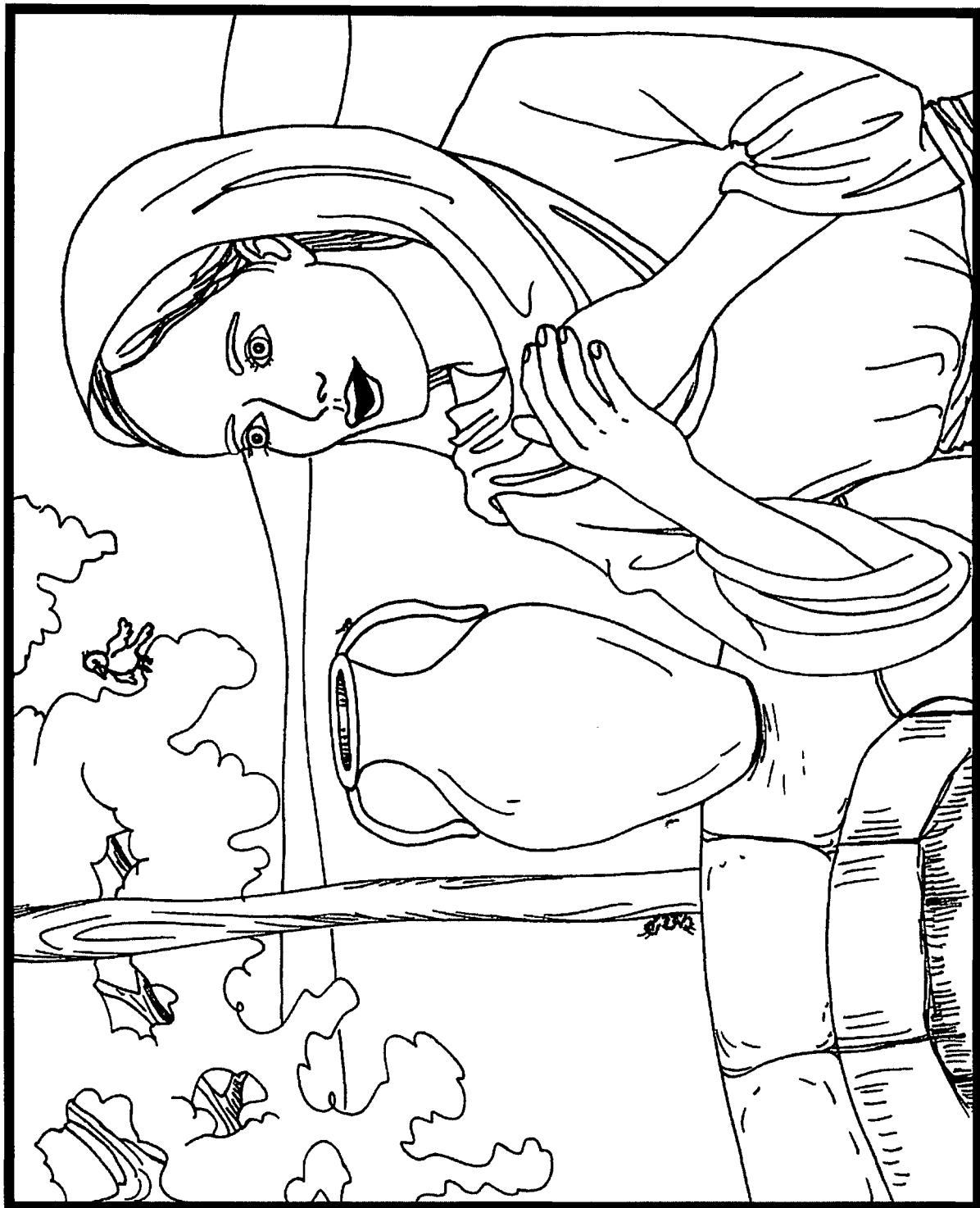
QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. What country was Jesus going through?
2. Where did Jesus stop to rest?
3. What did Jesus ask the woman?
4. What did Jesus offer the woman?
5. What are some ways God has shown us love?
6. "If you love me _____."
7. How can we show God love?
8. What happens when we invite Jesus into our hearts?

MEMORY VERSE:





John 3:16

In Chicago it was a cold, dark night. A little boy was selling newspapers on the corner. The little boy was so cold that he wasn't trying to sell many papers. He walked up to a policeman and said, "Mister, you wouldn't happen to know where a poor boy could find a warm place to sleep tonight would you? I sleep in a box up in the alley and it's awful cold in there at night. Sure would be nice to have a warm place to stay." The policeman looked down at the little boy. "You go down the street to that big white house and knock on the door," the policeman said. "When they open the door say John 3:16 and they will let you in." So the boy walked up the steps to the door and knocked. A lady answered. He said, "John 3:16." The lady said "Come on in, Son."

As he sat in front of a grand old fireplace, waiting for the lady, he thought to himself "John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a cold boy warm." Later she came back and asked him, "Are you hungry?" He said, "Well, just a little. I haven't eaten in a couple of days." The lady took him in the kitchen and sat him down to a table full of wonderful food. He ate and ate until he couldn't eat anymore. He thought to himself, "John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a hungry boy full." She took him upstairs to a bathroom to a huge bathtub filled with warm water. As he

soaked, he thought to himself, "John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a dirty boy clean. You know, I've not had a bath, a real bath, in my whole life." The lady took him to a room and tucked him into a big bed, pulled the covers up, kissed him goodnight and turned out the lights. As he laid in the darkness on that cold night he thought to himself, "John 3:16. I don't understand it, but it sure makes a tired boy rested."

The next morning she came back up and took him down again to a table full of food. After he ate she took a big old Bible and sat down in front of him. She looked up and asked, "Do you understand John 3:16?" He said, "No, Ma'am. The first time I heard it was last night when the policeman said it." She opened the Bible to John 3:16 and told him about Jesus. He gave his heart and life to Jesus right there. He sat there and thought, "John 3:16. I finally understand it, and it sure makes a lost boy feel safe."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

"What can I give Him, Poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man I would do my part,

Yet what can I give Him, I can give Him my heart."

--Selected

Answers:

1. Samaria. 2. Jacob's well. 3. "May I have a drink?" 4. Living water. 5. Creating us and the world, giving us blessings, sending his son to die for us. 6. Keep my commandments. 7. Asking Him to live in our hearts. 8. Rejoicing in Heaven.



Charity

I have heard charity described as our love and God's love combined. Charity is a love that may be hard to give on our own, without God's help. Jesus told a parable of a man who showed this kind of love. Jesus told this story after a man who was an expert in the law had asked, "Teacher, what can I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the law?" Jesus asked him. "'Love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength,'" the man answered. "And 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You are right," Jesus acknowledged. "Do these things and you will have eternal life."

The man was thinking that by "neighbor," Jesus meant other Israelites. "A man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked and beaten by robbers," Jesus replied by telling a story. "The robbers took his clothes, beat him, and left him dying by the road. A priest coming down the road saw the man. He pretended not to notice the man lying there and traveled as far on the other side of the road as possible. Soon, a Levite came by. He, too, passed by the man without helping him. Finally, a Samaritan traveling on the same road saw the man. He had compassion on him and bandaged his wounds. The Samaritan put the poor man on his donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of the man.

"The next day, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper some money. 'This money is for the care of this sick man,' the Samaritan told the innkeeper. 'I will repay you for any extra expenses you might have when I get back.'"

"Which of these three," Jesus inquired, "was a neighbor to the man who was injured?"

"The one who had mercy on him," the law expert replied.

"Then go and do the same," Jesus instructed.

Some of the Jews didn't like this story, because the Jews and the Samaritans had been enemies for generations. The Bible says, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven."

CHARITY

Bible Drill!! The student that finds the following verses about loving our neighbors is the winner.

Leviticus 19:18 _____

Mark 12:33 _____

John 15:13 _____

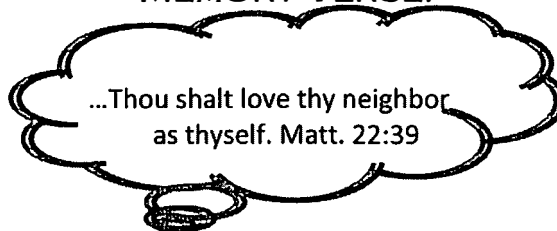
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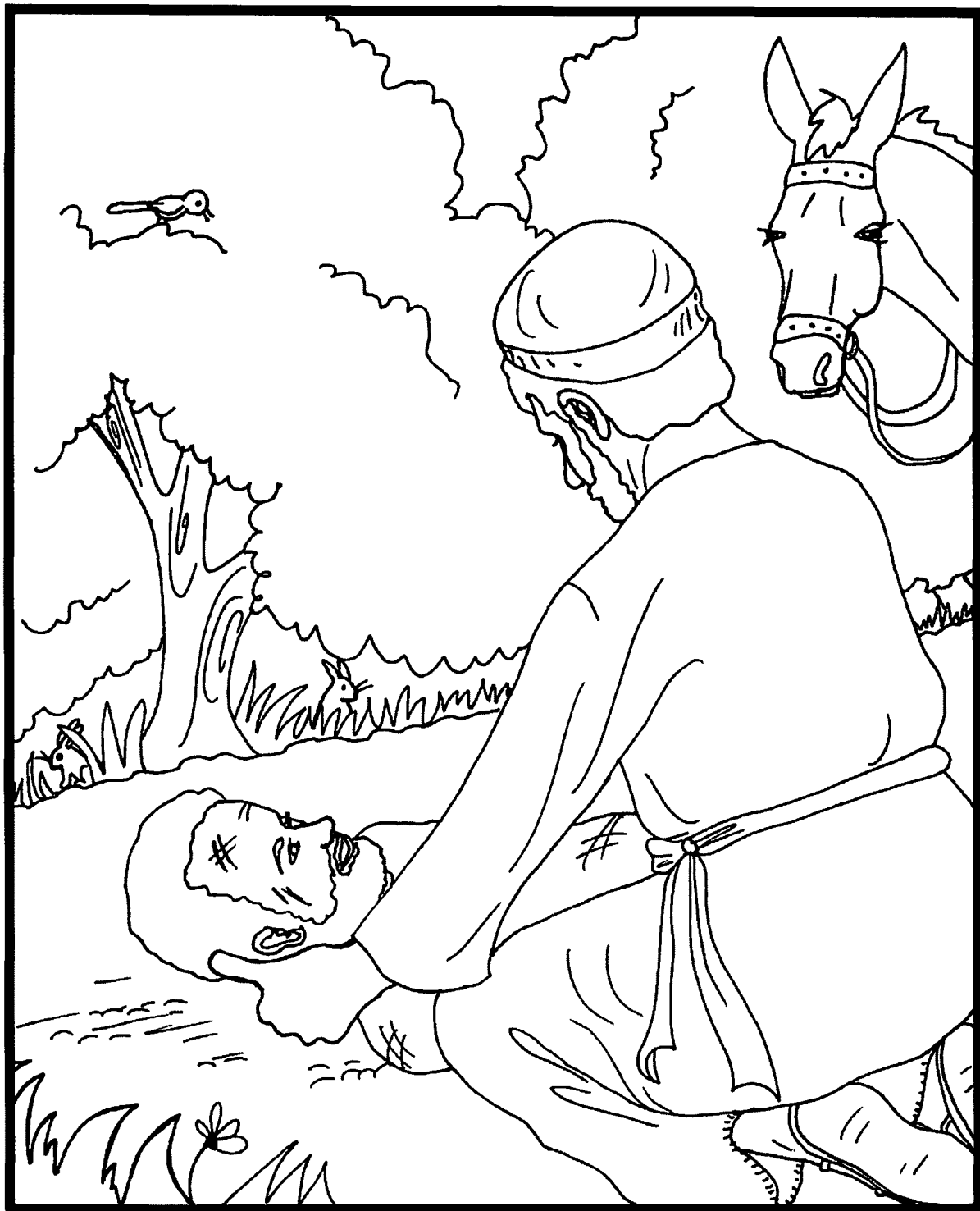
QUESTIONS:

Answers on Back

1. What is charity?
2. What did the man ask how to inherit?
3. What did the man say was written in the law?
4. The man asked, "Who is my _____?"
5. What happened to the man traveling to Jericho?
6. What did the priest and Levite do?
7. Did anyone stop to help him?
8. Who was a neighbor to the man?

MEMORY VERSE:





Be Kind

Jimmy and Ryan lived near each other and were great friends. One day, they were at the park when they saw a dirty little puppy. Ryan picked up some rocks and threw them at the puppy. One of the rocks hit the puppy's head. The puppy began turning around in circles, whining pitifully.

"Shame on you," Jimmy cried, "for treating a poor little puppy like that." "Why do you care," Ryan said. "You must be a sissy." "Call me whatever you want," Jimmy said. "But I would never hurt a poor little dog that can't help himself. Maybe he's lost." Jimmy lifted up the poor little dog and carried him home.

The puppy's head was bleeding where the rock had hit him. Jimmy washed the blood away and gave the puppy something to eat, talking kindly to him and petting him. "If you never find the owner, you can keep him," Jimmy's father said.

Jimmy was delighted! He named the dog Rex and began teaching him how to play 'dead', roll over, chase his tail and run through a hoop. In a few months Rex had grown to be quite a big dog. By this time Jimmy had taught him to swim. Jimmy would throw a stick into the water. "Go get it, Rex," he would say and the dog would bring the stick back in his mouth. All of the boys loved Rex and Rex liked them, too, but when Ryan

Ryan passed, Rex would growl and show his teeth. One day, Jimmy and Rex went to fish in the pond. Many neighbors fished in this pond and would leave their boats tied to the dock. Ryan had also gone to the pond. Ryan had untied one of the boats so that he could go for a ride. Jimmy saw the boat with Ryan in it turn over! He knew Ryan could not swim. "Help!" Jimmy cried. Rex ran back and forth, looking at Jimmy and the water. Jimmy had an idea. "Go get him, Rex!" Jimmy said. Rex jumped into the water. Ryan's head was bobbing in and out of the water. Soon, Rex had Ryan's collar between his teeth and was swimming for shore. It was hard to swim with such a heavy load, but at last Rex made it to shore with Ryan.

By now, several men who had heard Jimmy calling for help had run toward the pond. They worked on Ryan and soon he could speak. "Who helped me out of the water?" he asked. "Rex," Jimmy answered. Tears rolled down Ryan's face. "Just think," Ryan said. "I almost killed him when he was a little puppy! I know one thing- I'll never do such a thing again!" Everyone petted and praised Rex for what he had done. Ryan's father brought him a beautiful new collar. --Adapted from A Hive of Busy Bees by Effie M. Williams

1. Love, ours and God's.
2. Eternal life.
3. "Love God.. and your neighbor as yourself.
4. Neighbor.
5. He was attacked by robbers.
6. Passed him by.
7. Yes.
8. The one who showed mercy to him.

Answers:

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Charity Suffers Long

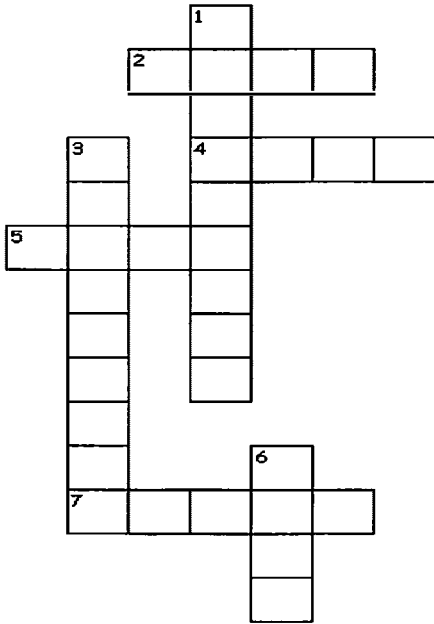
David ducked as the huge spear came hurling at him from King Saul's throne. "I will kill you with this," the king threatened. David hurried from the room. It was David's job to play the harp for King Saul when he became nervous or upset. Usually, King Saul loved to hear the soothing music, and it calmed his nerves. But King Saul had grown jealous of David. He knew God had left him and that his days of being king were numbered. "Saul has killed thousands, but David has killed ten thousands," King Saul had heard the women singing in the streets. Saul tried to kill David many different times. David's family and other men who were in debt or in trouble began to follow David. If the king found out where they were, he followed them, wanting to kill David. One day, King Saul heard that David and his men were camped in a desert. He took three thousand soldiers and went after them. They traveled for a long time, and King Saul became very tired. He went inside a cave to rest. King Saul didn't know that David and his men were camping far back in the cave. "God has delivered King Saul into our hands," one of David's men told him.

David crept over to King Saul and cut off a small piece of his robe. Then he quietly went farther back into the cave. King Saul woke up feeling rested and left to join his men. How surprised they were to hear David's voice! "Why are you trying to kill me, O King?" David asked respectfully. "Why would you think I am trying to harm you? I have here a piece of your robe that I got while you were sleeping. I could have killed you, but I have no desire to harm my king. May the Lord be the judge of which of us is wrong." "David, you are more righteous than I am," the king admitted. "I was wrong to try to harm you. And I know one day you will be king. When you are, please spare my descendants." So David gave his promise, and the king returned home.

Paul wrote many things about charity to the church in Corinth. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul says charity suffers long. You could also say, charity is longsuffering. Longsuffering means being patient, or suffering for a long time without complaining. People who are sick, or caring for someone who is sick may be longsuffering. But it also means being patient, even when someone may be trying to do you wrong, like the story of King Saul and David.

CHARITY IS LONGSUFFERING

Word Search



Across

2. "Why are you trying to ___ me, O King?"
4. David played the ___ for King Saul.
5. David cut a piece off of King Saul's ___.
7. King Saul threw this at David.

Down

1. "You are more ___ than I, David."
3. Saul killed ___ David killed ten ___.
6. King Saul went in here to rest.

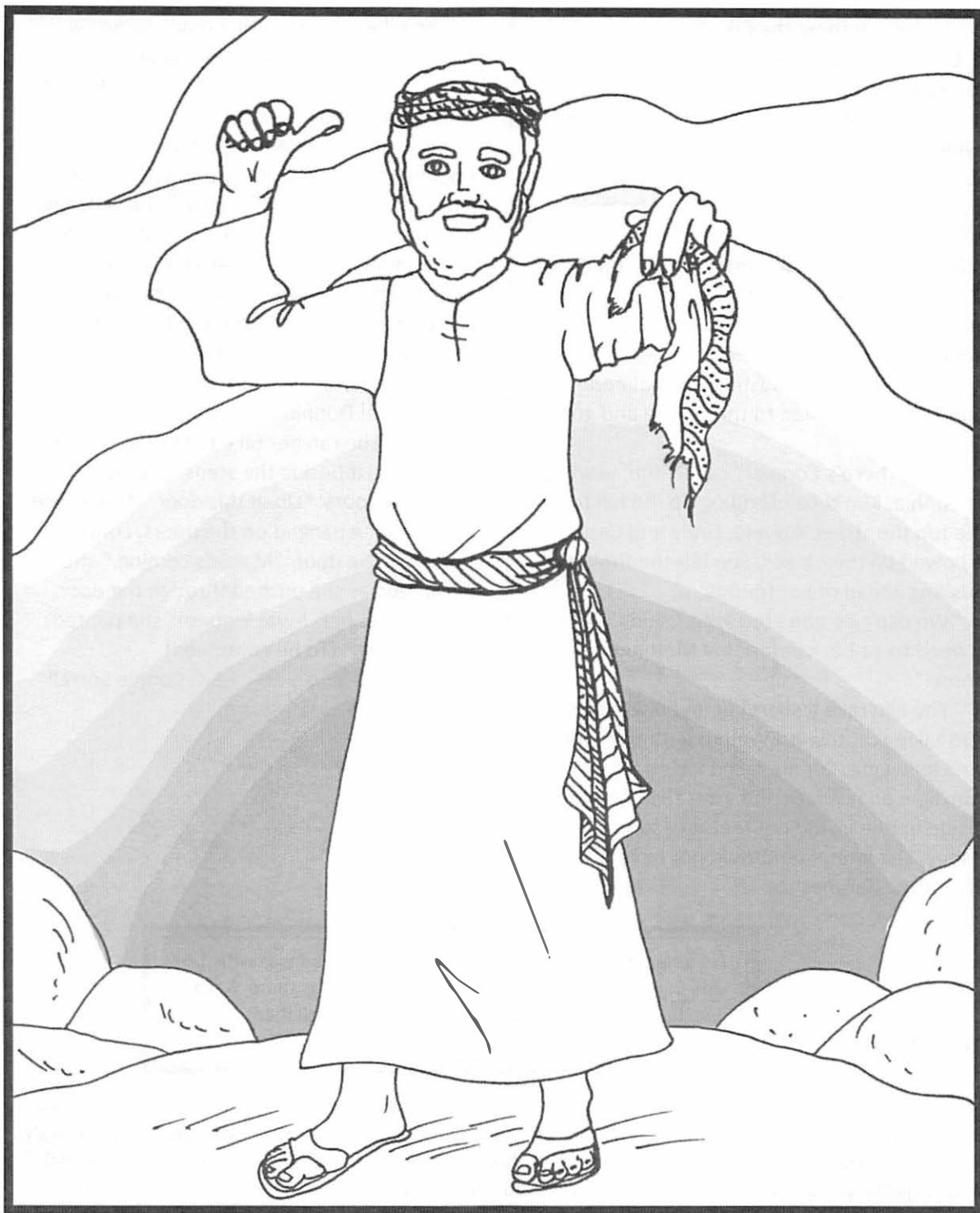
QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. Why did David play for King Saul?
2. Why was King Saul jealous of David?
3. Who were David's followers?
4. Why did King Saul take soldiers to the desert?
5. Why did King Saul go into the cave?
6. What did David's men want to do?
7. What did King Saul ask David?
8. What does longsuffering mean?

MEMORY VERSE

Charity suffereth long,
and is kind....
1 Corinthians 13:4



Joining the Bike Ride

Connie was in a hurry to finish the dusting so she could ride her bike with her friends.

"Mama told us to not go out of the house while she was gone," said Lonnie, her youngest brother. "She said to not let anyone in," said Connie. "Besides, I can be home before she comes back." "I don't think so," said Donnie. "You had better not tell on me, Donnie!" she said. "I can think of times when you were sneaky." "See! You know you are being sneaky," said Donnie.

"There! I finished dusting!" exclaimed Connie. She marched to the garage and got out her bike.

"Hey! There's Connie!" called Kim, waving at Connie. Kim took off riding up the hill to the top the street. Connie, Linda and Cara followed on their bikes. She felt the thrill of pushing ahead of her friends.

"We can't be gone too long," said Connie. "I need to go back before my Mother comes home."

"You can take a short cut if you want," said Kim taking off toward Walnut with the other girls following. Connie raced ahead. The sunshine on her face and arms felt good, but inside her heart did not feel very sunny nor happy. She knew she should not have disobeyed her mother.

The bikers were getting ready to turn a corner and climb another hill when Connie saw a very familiar car coming down Walnut. It was Aunt Thelma's car!

Connie turned her bike around quickly hoping her Mama would not recognize her from the back side. "Bye, girls!" she called to her friends. She sped back down Walnut as fast as her legs could pedal. Her bike wheels whistled into her driveway. She hopped off her bike and guided it to the side garage door. Her hand turned at the knob but it would not turn. She tried again. The door was locked! Donnie had locked it on purpose! She ran her bike to the back of the house, laid it beside the steps, then went to the patio doors. "Open this door—Now!" she called as she banged on the doors. Lonnie unlocked the door. "Mama's coming," she exclaimed as she pushed through the door. "Don't —tell-her- I-was — gone!" she panted.

(To be continued)

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. To calm his nerves. 2. David was popular. God was with him. 3. People in trouble. 4. He heard David was there. 5. To rest. 6. Kill him. 7. To spare his descendants. 8. Patient; suffering a long time without complaining.



Charity Does Not Envy

After they left the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve soon had two sons. Their names were Cain and Abel. Cain loved working outside and became a farmer. Abel was a shepherd. Cain and Abel both brought a portion of their worldly goods they had worked so hard for as gifts to please the Lord. Cain laid his fruit before the Lord and watched as Abel brought some of his very best sheep for his sacrifice. This pleased the Lord very much, but the Lord noticed Cain watching angrily.

"Why are you upset?" the Lord asked Cain. "If you do what is right, you will be accepted. Sin is at your door, wanting to control you, and you must learn to be master over it." Cain paid little heed to the Lord's warning and let his feelings of anger and bitterness grow against his brother. One day, while the brothers were talking in the field, Cain killed Abel. He did not realize that God knows everything. "Where is your brother, Abel?" God asked Cain. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain retorted.

"What have you done?" the Lord asked. "Your brother's blood is crying from the ground. From now on, my face will be hidden from you. The ground will be too tough for you to harvest and you will be forced to be a vagabond, roaming the earth."

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, "Charity is longsuffering, and is kind. It does not envy. It is not proud or selfish. Charity is never rude, and it doesn't keep record of other's wrongs. Charity doesn't think evil of others and rejoices in the truth. Charity is enduring, believes all things, and never gives up hope. Charity never fails." A synonym (a word with a similar meaning) of the word envy is covetousness. "Thou shalt not covet" is one of the Ten Commandments. "Evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness," Jesus said once. "All of these things come from within and defile a man." Besides the word love, or charity, some of the other antonyms (words of opposite meaning) of envy are kindness, friendliness, and good-will. If we ever feel the root of envy sprouting in our hearts, we need to pray for the Lord to give us charity.

CHARITY DOES NOT ENVY

Fill in the blank. Clue: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

_____ suffereth _____, *and* is _____; charity
envieth _____; charity _____ not itself, is not _____ up,
Doth not _____ itself _____, seeketh not her _____, is
not _____ provoked, thinketh no _____; _____ not
in _____, but rejoiceth in the _____; Beareth all
_____, _____ all things, hopeth _____ things, _____
all things.

QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. Who were Cain and Abel's parents?
2. Why was Cain jealous of Abel?
3. What did God warn Cain about?
4. What did Cain do to Abel?
5. What happened to Cain?
6. What were some of the things that Paul said charity is?
7. What are some things charity does not do?
8. What are some words that have opposite meanings of envy?

MEMORY VERSE

And now abideth faith,
hope, charity, these
three; but the greatest
of these *is* charity.
1 Corinthians 13:13



The Missing Pen

Long ago, there lived a little boy named Sammy. He was a good boy. He was good at school and at home, smarter than many other boys in his class and kind to everyone. Everyone loved him very much. But that aroused jealousy in many other boys who longed to be as loved as Sammy.

Now there was another boy named Timmy who was in the same class as Sammy. Unlike Sammy, he was not good at school work and always liked to play during school hours. He misbehaved at home, bullied his classmates and even ill-treated Sammy. He always tried to put Sammy down and belittled him before other kids in the class. But no matter what he did, Sammy's grades kept getting better and better. Whether in studies or in sports or from his classmates, Sammy was praised by everyone.

On his eighth birthday, Sammy got a nice pen as a gift from his parents. He brought it to school so that he could use it in class. This was a very beautiful pen. When Timmy saw it, he was very jealous of Sammy. He asked Sammy, "Hey, where did you get that? Did you buy it?"

"My parents gave it to me for my birthday," replied Sammy.

Timmy was overwhelmed with anger and jealousy. He decided to steal Sammy's pen. During recess, when everyone had gone

outside, Timmy opened Sammy's bag and took out his pen. Then he hid it inside his bag and went out to play.

"I can't find my pen," Sammy cried when the students came in from recess. There was a hunt for the missing pen and the teacher searched the bag of every child in the class. The missing pen was soon found in Timmy's bag and the teacher asked the boy, "Now Timmy, what do you have to say about it?"

Timmy was in tears. He had nothing to say. When Sammy saw Timmy cry, he took pity on the boy. The kind boy that he was, he had no ill-feeling against his classmate. He requested his class teacher not punish Timmy, now that his stolen pen was found.

This opened Timmy's eyes. He could now see what a good friend Sammy was. He asked for forgiveness from his teacher and Sammy. From that day, he became friends with Sammy and gradually changed himself to be as good as Sammy. Everyone began to love Timmy and Sammy was proud of his new friend.

Despite being hurt by Timmy, Sammy gave him back only love in return. This is how we should also treat our enemies. Who knows? One day, our behavior may just change them for the better.

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Answers:

1. Adam and Eve. 2. God was more pleased with Abel's sacrifice. 3. Sin was waiting at his door. 4. Killed him. 5. He was a vagabond. 6. Kill him. 7. Longsuffering, kind, enduring. 8. Rude, envious, proud, gives up hope, keeps record of wrongs.



Charity Is Not Selfish

"Let me have your vineyard," Ahab pleaded with Naboth. "It is close to our palace, and I could use it for an herb garden. I will give you an even better vineyard in return, or however much money you feel it's worth."

"I will never give up my family's inheritance," Naboth firmly refused.

"Come, my king," implored one of King Ahab's servants when he returned to the palace. "Eat some of this bread." But King Ahab was so unhappy that he hadn't been able to convince Naboth to sell his vineyard that he turned his face to the wall. "Why are you so sad, dear husband?" Queen Jezebel asked. "Because I offered to buy the vineyard from Naboth, and he refused to sell it to me," King Ahab said bitterly. "Aren't you the king of Israel?" Jezebel asked. "Get up and be happy. I will get Naboth's vineyard for you."

"Take these letters to the elders and nobles in the city," Jezebel instructed a servant, as she finished sealing a letter using the king's personal seal. The letter gave special instructions to these leaders of Israel. Naboth was surprised the next day to be invited to a public trial. He was even more surprised to hear two men accusing him of blaspheming God and the king. The crowd became very angry and took him out of the city to stone him.

"Naboth is dead," Queen Jezebel triumphantly reported to her husband. "Naboth's vineyard is now yours." King Ahab was happily walking in his new vineyard when he met an unexpected guest. It was the prophet that he despised. "The Lord has told me where to find you," Elijah told him. "You have sold yourself to evil. Because of your choices, you and your wife will die terrible deaths, and your wealth will be taken away from your descendants." "I'm sorry for my sins," Ahab repented, showing the Lord his sincerity by tearing his clothing, and wearing sackcloth. He fasted and prayed for forgiveness.

"Ahab has humbled himself before me," the Lord told Elijah. "Since he has done this, he will not see the evil that was to come during his lifetime."

Selfish people like King Ahab and Queen Jezebel only think of themselves, and never put others or God first. Paul wrote in his letter to the church at Corinth, "Charity seeketh not her own." That means, charity is not selfish. God can help us put other's needs before our own.

CHARITY IS NOT SELFISH

Color yellow the things that Paul wrote about charity in 1 Corinthians 13. Color black the things he did not write.

Charity takes vengeance on others	Charity suffereth long	Charity is selfish	Charity thinks evil thoughts
Charity is kind	Charity envieth not	Charity is proud	Charity hopeth all things
Charity always fails	Charity is envious	Charity vaunteth not herself	Charity rejoices in iniquity
Charity never fails	Charity seeketh not her own	Charity gets mad easily	Charity thinketh no evil
Charity keeps no record of wrongs	Charity gives up easily	Charity endureth all things	Charity believeth all things
Charity does not last	Charity rejoices in the truth	Charity is not puffed up	Charity does not hope

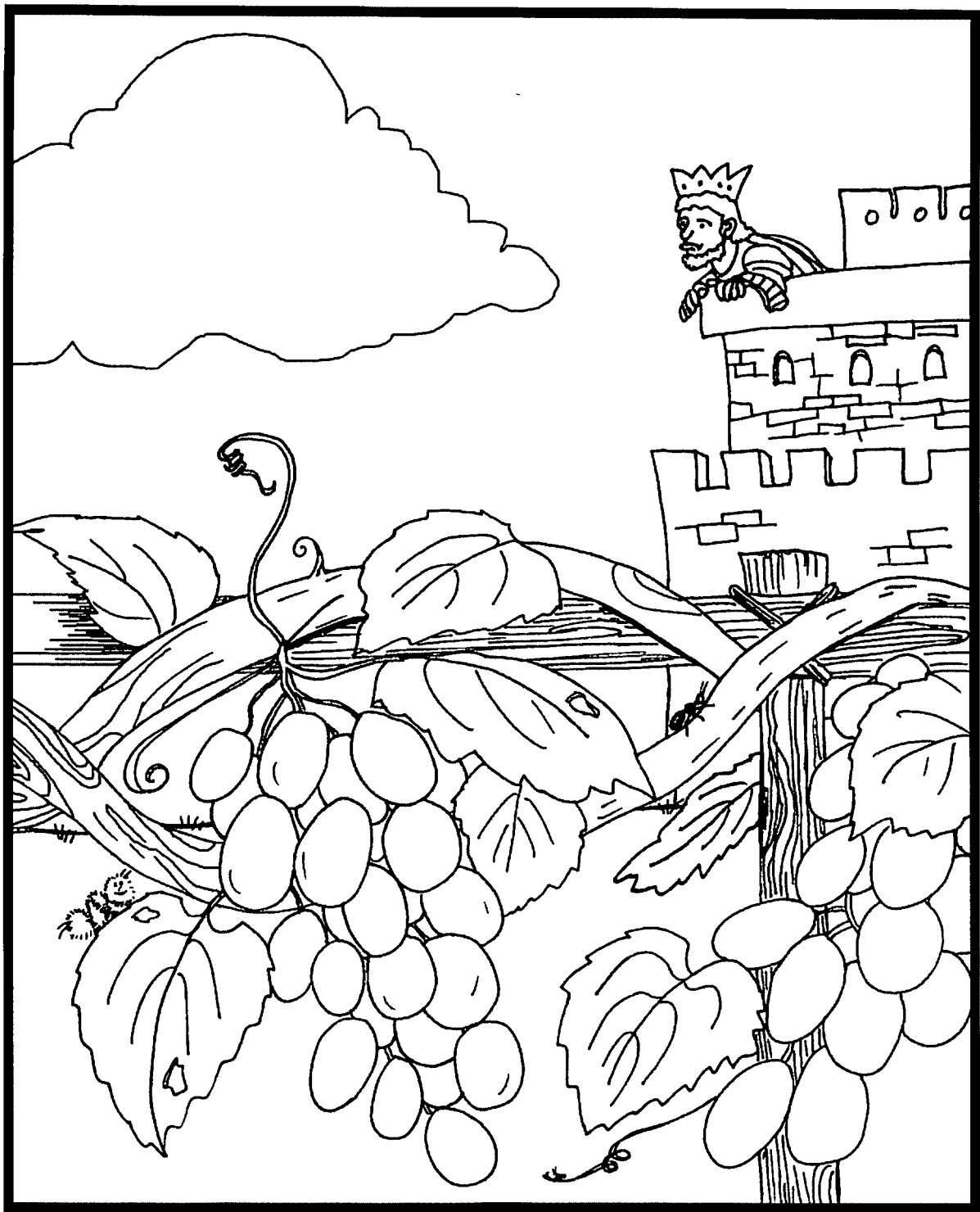
QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. What did King Ahab want?
2. Who said they would get it for him?
3. What happened the next day?
4. Who found Ahab in the vineyard?
5. What was going to happen to Ahab?
6. What did Ahab do after hearing this?
7. What did Paul write about being selfish?
8. How was King Ahab selfish?

MEMORY VERSE

Beareth all things,
believeth all things,
hopeth all things,
endureth all things.
1 Corinthians 13:7



Did Mama See Her?

(continued)

Connie hoped Mama had not seen her ride her bike on Walnut Street when she was supposed to be at home. Connie slipped in the house and heard Mama greeting her brothers and sister. "Did you get your work done?" Mama asked. "Yes," answered Donnie. "Where is Connie?" asked Mama. "I'm right here!" Connie exclaimed. She walked toward them. "Did you have a nice shopping trip, Mother?"

"Yes," replied Mama. "I brought each of you who obeyed a candy stick from Ben Franklin's. Did anyone break the rules?" Mama asked. Everyone was quiet, and Connie felt a warm flush in her cheeks. "I don't feel like having candy right now," she said. "Good idea!" agreed Mama. She passed out candy sticks to the other three. "Do you have something to tell me, Connie?" asked Mama. Connie shrugged her shoulders. "What do you want to know?" Connie replied. "Why were you out riding your bike?" Mama wanted to know. "Go to your bedroom. I am disappointed that you broke my trust in you."

Mama came in later and sat on the side of Connie's bed waiting for Connie to explain why she had disobeyed. "Do you remember our dog, Misty?" asked mama. "She was a

pretty dog and smart enough to learn tricks. She loved to dig. Remember how she dug up Mr. Billings flowers in his front yard? We never could trust Misty to obey us when we told her to stop digging. Do you think she couldn't learn to obey?" "Oh, no," smiled Connie. "She was smart. She just wanted her way." She stopped talking because she realized where Mama was going with the conversation.

"Finally, we had to give Misty away. Well, Connie," Mama covered Connie's hand with hers. "We won't ever give you away, but we will have to check on you or ask others if you obeyed, until we can trust you." Connie wanted to say I'm sorry, but the words stuck in her throat. *You do not need to apologize*, said a voice in her mind. *Mama will soon forget about this.*

Mama released Connie's hand and stood up. "From now on, Connie," said Mama. "When I am gone, I expect you to mind. I will have to ask your brothers and sister about you because I can't trust you now." "What!" cried Connie, angrily. "Look, I'm sorry, Okay?" Mama shook her head sadly. "No, you are sorry that you got caught, but you are not sorry that you disobeyed me. There is a difference. Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation."

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. Naboth's vineyard. 2. Queen Jezebel. 3. Naboth was falsely accused at trial & stoned. 4. Elijah. 5. Terrible deaths & loss of wealth. 6. Repented. 7. "Charity seeketh not her own." 8. He had someone killed (indirectly) to get what he wanted.



Charity Is Not Easily Provoked

Some synonyms (words of the same meaning) as “provoked” are anger, wrath, infuriate, enrage, and upset. The Bible tells of many people who could not control their anger.

Cain could not control his anger when he killed his brother, Abel. King Saul had trouble controlling his anger when he tried to kill David. When Jesus was arrested, Peter angrily cut off one of the soldier’s ears. Can you think of other Biblical characters who couldn’t control their anger?

There are many examples of people in the Bible who did control their anger. Jesus could have become very angry when false witnesses accused him of doing wrong, but instead he forgave even the Roman soldiers nailing Him to the cross. David was very patient and loving towards King Saul, even after King Saul had tried to kill him many times.

The Bible shows us ways we can control our anger, and also ways we can be an example to others who may be angry with us. Proverbs says, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.” Another verse in Proverbs explains, “A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention.”

James wrote, “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.” This is all very good advice in dealing with someone who is angry. The Bible has many verses about controlling our own tempers. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.” “A man of wrath stirs up strife, and one given to anger causes much transgression (sin),” is another verse in Proverbs.

The Bible also talks about self-control, or having control over these desires to be angry, selfish, proud, jealous, or impatient. Proverbs says, “A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.” Temperance, or self-control, is one of the fruits of the spirit Paul wrote about in Galatians. Timothy wrote, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

CHARITY IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED

Match the verse to the reference.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear;
but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Proverbs 29:22

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous
words stir up anger.

James 1:19

An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man
aboundeth in transgression.

Proverbs 15:1

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down
upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

1 Corinthians 13: 5

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man
be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 4:27

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own,
is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

2 Timothy 1:7

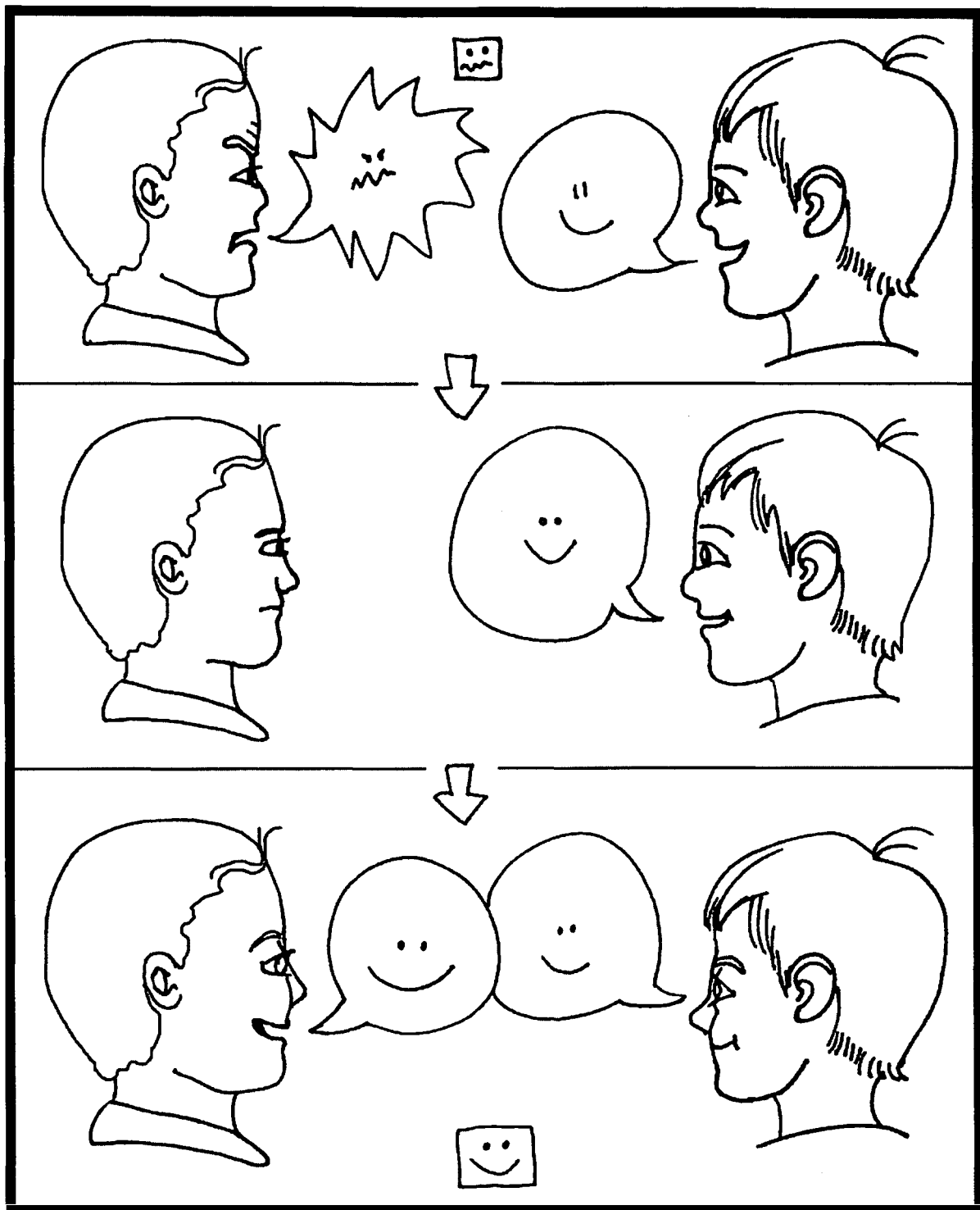
QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. What are some synonyms of the word provoked?
2. Who were some people who couldn't control their anger?
3. Who are examples of people who did control their anger?
4. A ____ answer turns away wrath.
5. Be quick to ____ slow to ____.
6. Be angry, but do not ____.
7. Temperance is one of the fruits of the ____.
8. Who wrote about the fruits of the spirit?

MEMORY VERSE

Doth not behave itself
unseemly, seeketh not
her own, is not easily
provoked, thinketh
no evil;
1 Corinthians 13:5



Shane's Problem

"What's the matter Shane?" Shane's teacher asked. All of the other first grade students in his class had lined up quickly at the door and were following another teacher excitedly out to recess. "Nothing," Shane told her and got up to follow his classmates. But Shane had not told his teacher the truth.

"Here comes shorty!" one of the bigger students on the playground cried, as they did every day at recess. Three of the bigger student's friends circled around Shane. "Give us your lunch money, and we won't use you for a punching bag," one of the boys threatened.

When the first grade students were back in their classrooms, Shane's teacher read them a story about a girl who always hogged the swings and was mean to everybody on the playground.

"If someone here at school is being mean on the playground, what should you do?" Shane's teacher asked.

"Hit them back!" a boy cried. "My mom says it's okay to defend yourself."

"But if you hit someone back, that would start a fight," the teacher said. "And at school, if you are caught fighting, you will both get in big trouble, no matter who started it. Does anyone else have any other

ideas?"

"You could try being nice," a girl suggested.

"That's a good idea," the teacher said. After getting several more suggestions from students, the teacher said, "There are several more things that you could do if someone is bullying you. First, you can try walking away. Hold up your hand and practice walking away with your fingers. You could also try to ignore the person bothering you. Another thing you could do is try being nice and ask if they want to play or talk about the problem. If none of those things work, you should find an adult."

When Shane got home that evening, he thought about what the teacher said. He told his mom the teacher's ideas about keeping people from bothering you. "Those are all great ideas," mom agreed. "The Bible says that we should control our anger, and when someone hits us on one cheek, we should turn our other cheek also. Many people think it's okay to defend ourselves, but the Bible tells us to be kind to everyone, even our enemies. Besides, Jesus is stronger than any bully. If you ever have bully trouble, remember to call on Jesus for help and tell a teacher if that and the things your teacher suggested to do don't help." Shane's mom and dad said prayers with him and Shane felt much better. He had Jesus on his side.

--Monica Murphey

Answers:

1. Anger, wrath infuriate, enrage, upset. 2. Cain, King Saul, Peter. 3. Jesus, David. 4. Soft. 5. Hear/speak. 6. Sin. 7. Spirit. 8. Paul.



Charity Thinketh No Evil

“We have to find a fault in this man,” one of the princes of Persia complained. He was talking to other princes and leaders about a Hebrew named Daniel. The other princes had watched jealously as King Darius placed Daniel in charge of most of the kingdom. “The only thing I can think of that we could possibly use against Daniel is his unwavering worship and devotion to that God of his,” another prince suggested. The leaders of Persia huddled together, devising an evil plot to discredit Daniel.

“O king, live forever,” the princes said. “We would like to suggest a new law that if anyone in the province should have a request or petition in the next thirty days they will ask it of you, not bowing down to any other god. Anyone who disobeys the law should be cast into a den of lions. We believe you should write the law according to the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed.” King Darius agreed to sign the law and it was put into effect immediately. Daniel heard about the new law, but knew that it is more important to obey God rather than man. That morning, he threw open his windows and knelt down to talk with God as he always did. Daniel didn’t know that the princes and other leaders of the province were listening outside the window. “We have him now,” they exulted, and once again they went to the king. “O king, live forever,” they said. “Have you not signed a decree that anyone who prayed to a god or anything other than you would be thrown into a den of lions?” “It is true,” the king agreed, “And it was signed and cannot be altered.” “Well, O king,” the leaders continued. “Daniel has disobeyed this law and prays to his God three times every day.” The king knew then that he had been tricked into signing a law that would result in trouble for his dear friend, Daniel. Sadly, the king ordered that his friend be cast into the den of lions. The king couldn’t eat or sleep that night. Early the next morning, he went to the den and called down, “Daniel, did your God save you from the lions?” How happy he was to hear Daniel reply, “Yes, my God sent an angel to shut the lions’ mouths!”

The king and Daniel had an excited reunion, and the evil men who thought of this evil plot were punished. Paul wrote that “charity thinks no evil.” The wicked leaders of Persia could not think of anything bad to use against Daniel, but they still came up with a plot to destroy him. They certainly didn’t follow Paul’s instructions to the Philippians, “Whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.”

CHARITY THINKETH NO EVIL

Another way to “think evil” of someone is to listen or participate in gossip. Mark through all of the Ks, Qs, and Xs. Write the other letters on the lines below to find out what one Proverb says about gossip.

HETHATGOETHABOUTASATALEBEARERREVEALETHSECRETSTHEREFOREMEDDLENOTWITHHIMTHATFLATTERETHWITHHISLIPS

_____. CLUE: Proverbs 20:19

QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. Why were the leaders jealous of Daniel?
2. What did they suggest the people do for 30 days?
3. What did Daniel do three times a day?
4. Who was listening at the window?
5. Where was Daniel thrown?
6. Why wasn't Daniel killed?
7. Charity thinketh no _____.
8. What are some of the things Paul wrote we should think about?

MEMORY VERSE

Doth not behave itself
unseemly, seeketh not
her own, is not easily
provoked, thinketh
no evil;
1 Corinthians 13:5



Living Out Love and Forgiveness

In the country of Indonesia, a hundred and fifty Christians bought some land to build a chapel. The law required them to get at least sixty nearby neighbors to sign a paper that it was alright for them to build a chapel there. One hundred and seventy people signed their paper! The mayor of Bogor wrote a permission paper stating that they could build a chapel on their land. Excited members gave money from their small wages and donated their time to get the chapel built! They sang songs as they worked!

By February 10, 2007, a roof was on the chapel. Soon, they would be singing inside a simple but solid building. But an angry mob of Muslims gathered in front of a government house and ordered the lawmakers to stop the building of this chapel.

Four days later, the church pastor was told by the lawmakers that the church could not use this chapel. It is against the law for this chapel to be finished, they were told. The pastor and other church members went to higher government lawmakers to ask permission to finish building their chapel. Every time a lawmaker said they could finish it, Muslims would threaten to hurt the lawmaker for agreeing with the Christians. The fearful lawmakers agreed with the

Muslims. The chapel is not finished today.

The Muslim police have put a fence and locked gate around the chapel. Every Sunday police guards come to keep the church members from climbing the fence and going into the chapel.

However, the pastor and this congregation of Christians gather every Sunday morning and night on the lawn outside the fence. While the guards watch, they sing praises to the Lord, quote scriptures (they do not bring Bibles so they will not be taken from them) and they pray. Neighbors often gather to watch, too.

The pastor says, "We are quietly witnessing to these guards and to the Muslim neighbors that God's love is boundless. By the Lord's help, we want to pray and sing down the angry, bitter fences that keep these guards and others like them in a prison of hatred and bitterness. They hear us pray for them and for God to open up their hearts to His love. We may be called upon to die for our Lord, but if it will bring more souls to Him, so be it."

This pastor and this congregation are living out God's love of forgiveness in spite of the bad things that are being done to them. The Lord can help us, too.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. He was put in charge of most of the kingdom. 2. Pray to the king. 3. Pray. 4. The other princes. 5. A den of lions. 6. An angel shut the lions' mouths. 7. Evil. 8. Good, true, lovely, etc.



Charity Doesn't Rejoice in Sin, But in the Truth

"Here are the best Israelites from the group of captives, O king," Ashpenaz boasted. "They are handsome, with no physical defects and very intelligent." "Teach them our language and literature," Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, commanded Ashpenaz. "And prepare them to serve in the king's palace." So for three years, these young men were trained for the king's service. Among the captives from different nations were four Hebrews: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. They obeyed the king's orders and were even given new names, to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

Then, the four young Hebrew captives were taken to a table laden with food from the king's own table. God had given the Israelites strict instructions about food. There were certain things that were considered unclean that the Hebrews could not eat. Daniel bravely stepped up to Ashpenaz. "May we please have something different to eat?" Daniel asked. "It is against Hebrew beliefs to eat food such as this." The chief official liked Daniel, and answered compassionately, "I am afraid the king himself assigned the food and drink. He wants you to be healthy and strong. If you do not eat it, he will have my head." "Then put it to the test," Daniel proposed. "For ten days, feed your servants nothing but vegetables and water. See if we aren't as strong and healthy as the others who have feasted on the king's food."

After ten days had passed, the four young men looked better nourished than any of the other captives. And when they were presented to the king, the king found Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be more knowledgeable than any other.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, "Charity does not rejoice in iniquity (sin), but it rejoiceth in the truth." Daniel and his three friends could have enjoyed the best that Babylon had to offer, but to the Israelites, partaking of this food would have gone against what God had instructed. James defines sin as "knowing to do something and doing it not." If Daniel had eaten the king's meat, for him, it would have been a sin, and he would have been enjoying, or rejoicing, in sin. Instead, Daniel stood up for his beliefs, the truth, and proved to the officials that God's way is best.

CHARITY REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH

We have been studying 1 Corinthians 13: 4-6. See how well you can remember the verses.
Fill in the blank.

Charity _____ long, *and* is _____; _____
not; charity _____ not _____, is _____ puffed _____, Doth
not _____ itself _____, _____ her _____,
is _____, thinketh _____; Rejoiceth
_____ in _____, but _____ in the _____

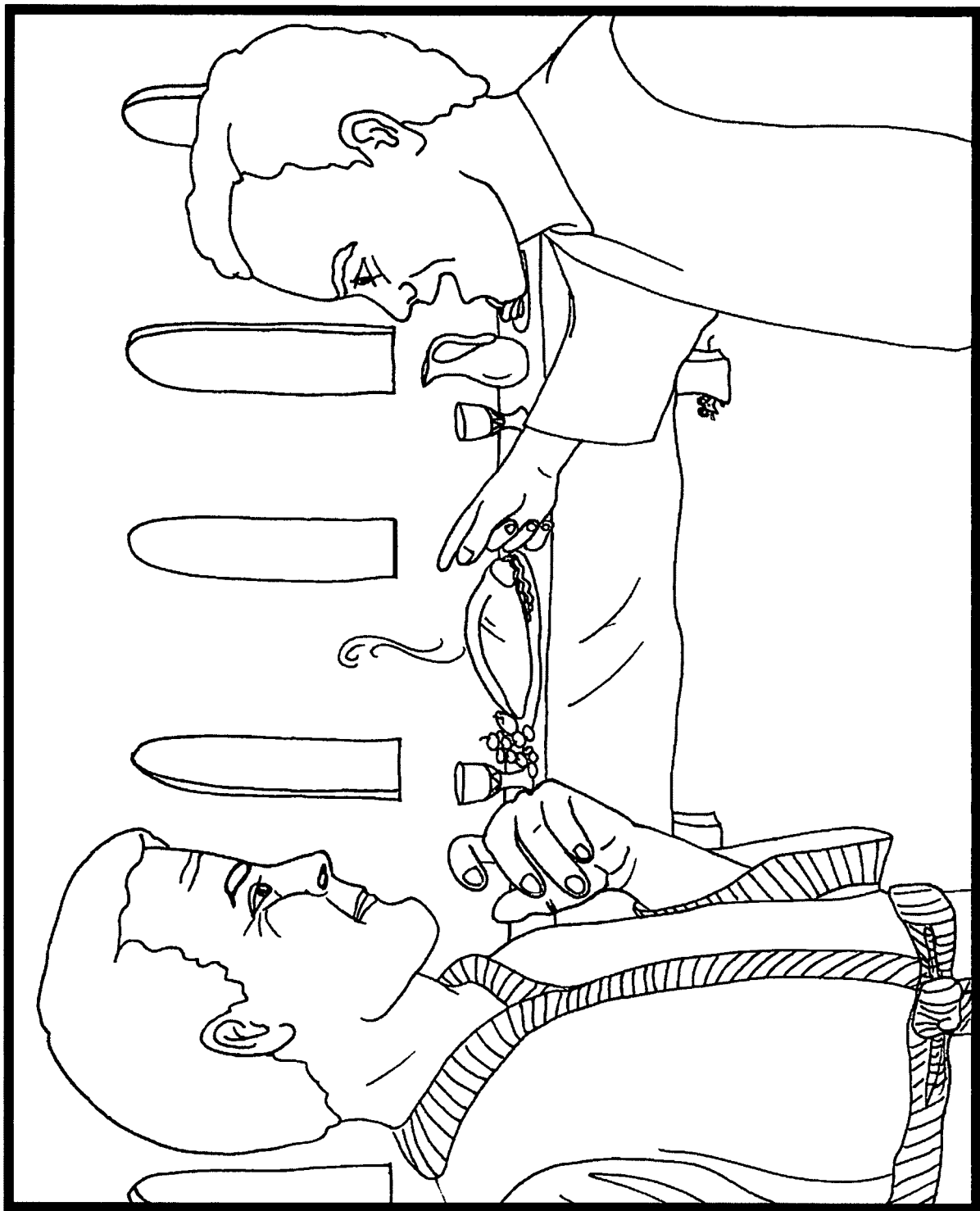
QUESTIONS

Answers on back

1. What were the captives training for?
2. Who was the king of Babylon?
3. What were the Hebrews given?
4. Why couldn't the Hebrews eat the king's food?
5. What did Daniel propose?
6. What happened when they were presented to the king?
7. Charity rejoiceth in the _____.
8. How did the Hebrews rejoice in the truth?

MEMORY VERSE

Rejoiceth not in iniquity,
but rejoiceth in the truth
1 Corinthians 13:6



Witnessing in Gaza

Pauline Ayyad and her husband lived in Gaza City by the Mediterranean Sea. In this little piece of country by Israel, there is much fighting over land ownership. The Jews claim this land and so do the Palestinians. Rami Ayyad was a Christian who sold Christian books from a Palestinian Bible Society Book Store. He did not fight or argue with others, but he quietly offered his neighbors The Word of God.

Sometimes Rami would witness to a troubled person that Jesus Christ was the way to God the Father. "I know Jesus can do for you what he has done for me," Rami would quietly say. "He can take away the anger and hatred from your heart and make you feel a satisfied peace within. Jesus has done this for me."

Rami was preparing to close the store on October 6, 2007, when three rough men burst through the door. They grabbed Rami, pushed him into a van and took him away. While the men were arguing, Rami was able to get his cell phone and call Pauline.

"I have been taken by three bearded men," he told her. "Please pray for me. I may never see you or the boys again, but know that I love you. Be strong and true to our Lord and Savior."

"Rami! No!" cried Pauline. "I will pray that you will escape and live!" "Pauline, I love you! I want to be faithful to our Lord no matter what happens. Please promise you will stay faithful to Jesus Christ so you will join me in Heaven some day....."

Pauline was crying, "Yes, Rami, I will be true, by God's help!"

The next day Rami's body was found lying on the book store steps.

Pauline was angry. She wanted those cruel men found and put in prison or killed themselves. "Oh, God, why did you let them kill my husband!" she cried in anger. "He loved You but You did not protect him!" For several months Pauline felt anger and hatred in her heart. It made her feel sick and she could not care for her children.

The Bible Society moved her and the children out of the Gaza Strip because the Muslim Hamas were gaining more power. She settled into a house in the West Bank city of Bethlehem.

The Lord began to talk to Pauline about her anger. She remembered what her husband had said about meeting him in heaven. She asked Jesus to help her release the anger and hatred because she knew it would keep her out of heaven. Jesus answered her prayer.

--Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. To be in service to the king. 2. Nebuchadnezzar. 3. New names. 4. It was against Hebrew beliefs. 5. That they only eat vegetables & drink water 10 days. 6. They were knowledgeable. 7. Truth. 8. By standing for it and against sin.