



One Who Is Like God

Micah was born in a small rural town nestled in the hills of Judea. Israelites saw it as a getaway in the hills and as part of an important trade route. The name Micah means, “one who is like God.” How can one be like God when he lives during a time of violence and evil? During Micah’s childhood, the King of Assyria, Sennacherib, marched through Micah’s hometown of Moresheth-Gath and destroyed it. Micah likely saw homes burned, people killed, friends and relatives taken into slavery, and family treasures plundered and stolen.

Micah did not let the evil things that he saw bring him down. Instead, Micah’s faith in God grew. Micah was sad as he watched his fellow Hebrews making bad choices. They were more interested in idol worship and following their own way instead of God’s way.

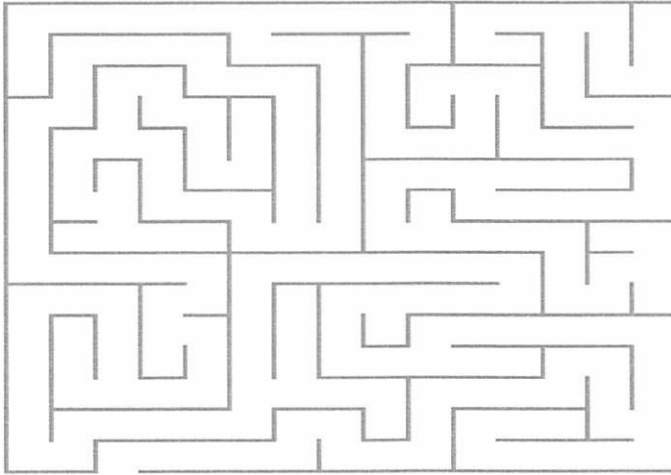
“Turn from your dishonesty,” Micah preached. Micah was disliked by the other prophets because of his plain speech. “Do not take money for doing what God wants you to give freely,” Micah rebuked them. “He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does the Lord seek from you but to do justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with God?” The people of Judah did not listen to Micah. They still followed after their own ways. Micah stayed faithful to God. God blessed him and gave him visions and dreams about the future that all came true. “Jerusalem, Samaria, and Judah will be destroyed at the hands of Sennacherib, King of Assyria,” Micah warned. And Jerusalem was destroyed three times in Biblical history. The first one was the fulfillment of Micah’s prophecy in 586 BC. The prophet Micah also prophesied that the Lord Jesus Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

Few people choose to follow Christ and live a Christian life. Jesus described the Christian journey as a pathway. “Straight is the gate,” He said “and narrow is the way to life. Few there be that find it.” Jesus was telling His followers that being a Christian wouldn’t be easy. Sometimes life will be hard, with the devil fighting for our souls. But Jesus also promises, “I will be with you always, even to the end of the world.” Let us be “one who is like God” as we journey to Heaven.

One Who Is Like God

Theme: Combating the Enemy (Satan, the Devil). Christians will face trials and temptations, but God is always with us.

Try to find the path from the straight gate to Heaven.



Memory Verse:

Because strait *is* the gate,
and narrow *is* the way,
which leadeth unto life,
and few there
be that find it.

Matthew 7:14

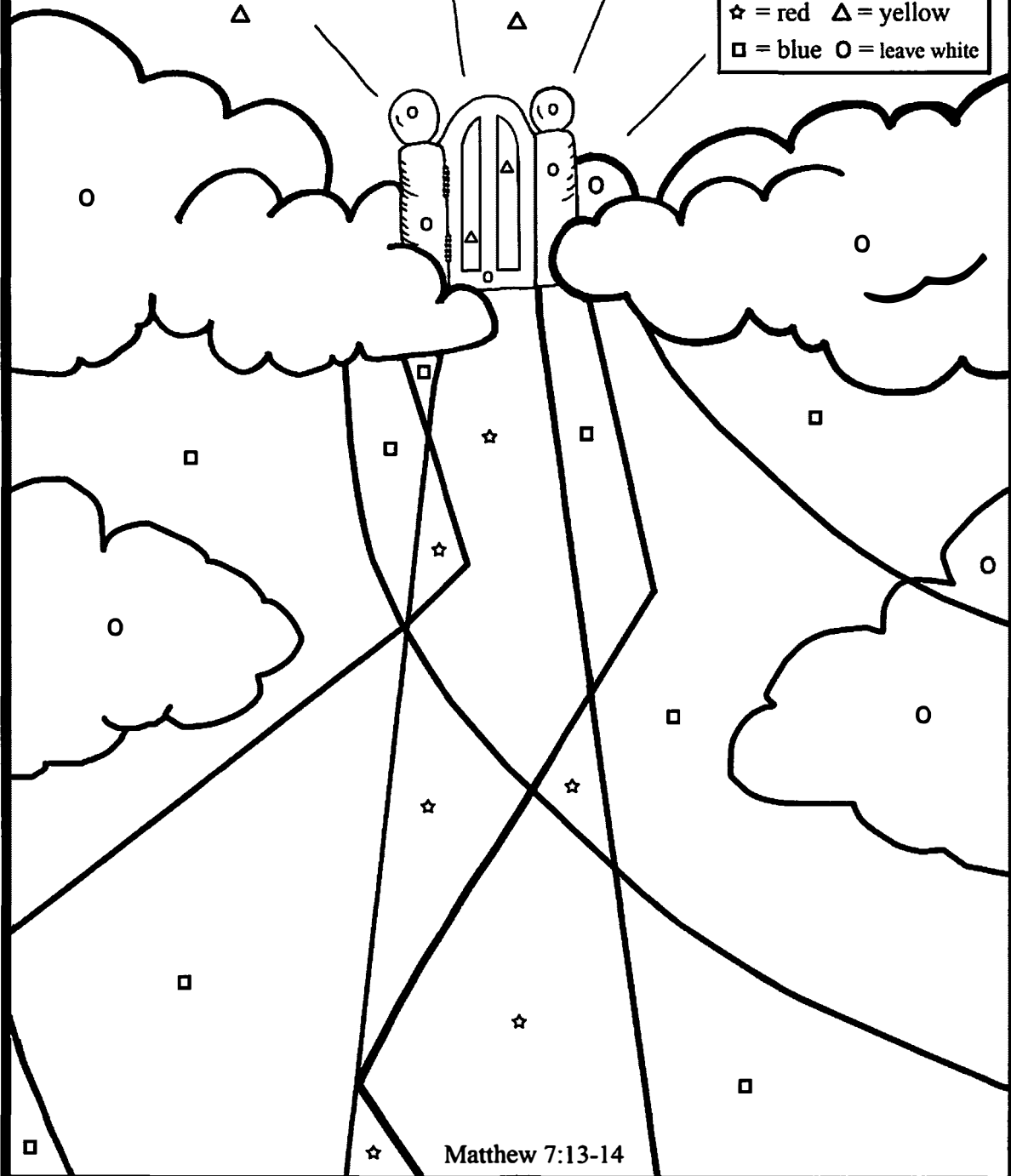
Questions

Answers on back

1. What does the name Micah mean?
2. What things happened that could have caused Micah to lose faith in God?
3. What made Micah sad?
4. Why didn't the other prophets like him?
5. What does the Lord seek from you, but to do _____...
6.love _____...
7. ... and to walk _____ with your God."
8. "____ is the gate, and ____ is the way that leads to life."

Color the picture according to the code to see what kind of path leads to LIFE.

☆ = red Δ = yellow
□ = blue ○ = leave white



A False God

Born into a family that taught him about the true God, Kim Il Sung of North Korea could have been a great leader. He could have established churches in every village of Korea and lead his nation toward peace with God.

Instead, Kim Il Sung chose to rebel against God. He wanted to be wealthy and powerful. He wanted people to worship him. When he was elected the Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in 1948, Kim Sung issued orders to have churches closed. He knew that Christians would not worship him, so he put them in prison. As many as 300,000 Christians disappeared.

Then Kim Sung made speeches to all the North Koreans that they were to worship him. "I will supply ALL your needs!" he told them. "I want my new plan of peace to be taught in schools so that the little ones can learn early to look to me for their needs."

By fear of harm or death, he made the Koreans obey him. Because he knew the Bible, Kim Sung mixed part truth with his plan toward peace.

Without the Lord in his plan, Kim Il Sung did not lead his nation to peace nor wealth. Instead, North Koreans have starved to death year after year. They are not happy nor at peace with each other.

When his son was old enough to be by his side, Kim Il Sung wrote into law that his son, Kim Jong Il, had divine power to interpret all the law according to his desires.

"I am the supreme god and my son does my commands," Kim Il Sung told the Koreans. Sad to say, they believed him.

For over 30 years they bowed to this wicked leader and obeyed his every wish. Then Kim Il Sung became ill. He had no power to stop death, and he died. His son put his father's body into a glass case with special gas flowing through it to keep his body from decaying.

Thousands of Koreans visit the guarded glass case where the lifeless body of Kim Il Sung lays on a red and black cushion. They still pray to him, but he cannot answer. Only the true God is alive to answer a prayer.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. One who is like God. 2. Enemies attacked his village. 3. Others turning to idols. 4. He told them they shouldn't take money for the Lord's work. 5. Justly. 6. Mercy. 7. Humbly. 8. Straight/narrow.



Not Against Flesh and Blood

The temple and synagogue played an important role in Jesus' life. A synagogue is a place where Jews worship. Mary and Joseph, Jesus' parents, were faithful to observe religious customs and laws written by Moses and others. One custom, described by Moses in the book of Leviticus, was to offer sacrifices for the firstborn son in the temple and dedicate him to God forty days after he was born. This was Jesus' first visit to the temple. When Jesus was twelve, his family went on a trip to Jerusalem to observe the Passover. On their way home, they discovered Jesus was missing! After searching and searching, Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple listening to the elders and asking them questions. They were amazed at Jesus' understanding.

The religious leaders disliked Jesus. A large crowd usually followed Him. Sometimes Jesus did things differently than what they had been taught. They asked Jesus questions, trying to trick Him into saying something that would turn His followers against Him. Jesus knew what they were thinking. Jesus offered the great gift of salvation and eternal life; but because it required humbleness and repentance, the self-righteous Jewish religious leaders scoffed and rejected His offering. Jesus told stories that the leaders did not like, knowing they were like the people Jesus was describing. Sometimes Jesus would speak more directly, urging them to come to repentance. He even called them "A generation of vipers" because of their hypocritical ways.

Jesus understood the truth in the verse that Paul wrote later in a letter to the Corinthians: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." This describes darkness caused by Satan. The devil will send temptations and trials to Christians to try to cause them to lose faith in God. Sometimes the devil uses other people to hurt us and cause us to sin. We need to always remember who our true enemy is and call on Jesus for help and direction.

Not Against Flesh and Blood

Theme: Combating the Enemy (Satan). It is not flesh and blood that we are wrestling against, but spiritual wickedness, powers, and darkness caused by Satan.

Bible Drill! See who is the first to find and write the following verses about combating the enemy.

Acts 26:18 _____

2 Thessalonians 3:3 _____

Ephesians 6:11 _____

James 4:7 _____

Ephesians 4:27 _____

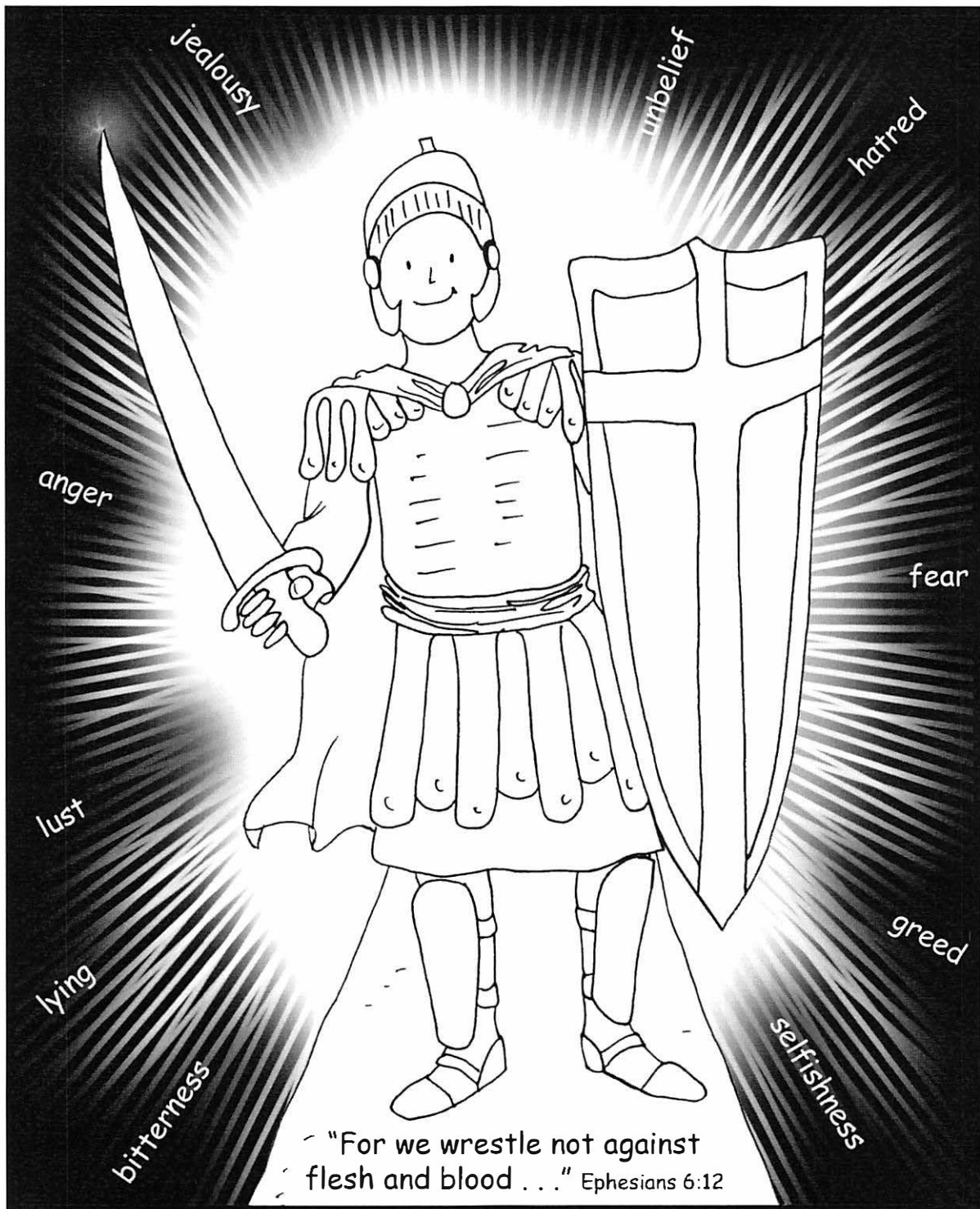
Questions

Answers on back

1. How old was Jesus on his first visit to the temple?
2. Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus?
3. Why did the religious leaders dislike Jesus?
4. Why would they try to trick Jesus?
5. What did Jesus call the religious leaders?
6. Who wrote a letter to the Corinthians?
7. For we wrestle not against _____ and _____.
8. Who is our real enemy?

Memory Verse

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Ephesians 6:12



Jealousy

unbelief

hatred

fear

greed

selfishness

"For we wrestle not against
flesh and blood . . ." Ephesians 6:12

bitterness

lying

lust

anger

Accused Falsely (*Continued*)

After his father's death, Kim Jong Il of North Korea proclaimed himself the great god who answered prayers. He followed his father's example and punished anyone who dared to disobey his commands.

A boy named Jo grew up under the leadership of Kim Jong Il. When he was in the third grade, he began to memorize the teaching of Kim Il Sung. He soon knew the Ten Principles of the Juche which begins: "I, Kim Il Sung, am the lord your god. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself any image in likeness of heaven or earth. You shall not bow down to any idol."

Jo read in his school books about how mean Christians were to Koreans. One story was about a boy who was starving. This boy picked up an apple from a missionary's property and the missionary caught him. The missionary grabbed the boy, took off his clothes, beat him, and tied him to the apple tree and then with acid wrote on the boy's forehead, THIEF.

Many stories like these are in the text books that North Korean children read. Jo and other children like him are made to fear Americans and Christian missionaries so that they will look to Kim Jong Il to protect them and keep them from evil.

When Jo became an adult, he wanted to be a Communist; but the leaders would not let him join the party because his father had worked in South Korea where Christians live. They thought he might be a spy for the Christians. Jo had never known a Christian, so this was false.

Jo became a very good tailor and made clothes for the leaders of the Communist party. He was such a good tailor that he was asked to make a garment for Kim Jong Il to wear when riding a horse. The leader really liked this garment, so he said, "You have done excellent work for me! I will let you join the Communist Party and give you a pound and a half of rice each month."

Jo smiled, but inside his heart he was not happy. He had a longing that only God could satisfy.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. 12 years old. 2. In the temple. 3. He did things differently from the way they were taught. 4. So He would make a mistake. 5. A generation of vipers. 6. Paul. 7. Flesh/blood. 8. Satan



Primary Papers

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A Way of Escape

After John baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit prompted Jesus to go into the desert to fast and pray. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. He was very hungry and probably very tired. A voice said, "If you are the son of God, make bread out of these stones." It was Satan. "It is written, 'Man should not live by bread alone, but by God's word,'" Jesus responded.

Satan took Jesus to the highest point in Jerusalem. Together they looked down at the city. "If you are the son of God," the devil ridiculed, "throw yourself down. The scriptures say that angels will watch over you and carry you in their hands." "Scripture says that we should not tempt the Lord our God," Jesus answered. The devil took Jesus to the peak of a high mountain. They looked at all of the kingdoms of the world in their beauty and glory. "I will give these to you if you worship me," Satan offered. "Away from me, Satan," Jesus commanded. "It is written, 'You should worship God alone. You should only serve Him.'" Finally, Satan left Jesus alone and angels ministered to Him.

Some of the scriptures about God and Jesus describe them as being love, good, and truth. These are the opposite of what the devil stands for. As long as we are alive, the devil will try to convince us to sin and reject God's calling. Peer pressure, hurt feelings, and lies are just some of the ways the devil will try to make us feel resentful toward God or other Christians. Going through these situations can be very hard. Jesus promised to be with us always. Jesus knows exactly what we are going through. One verse says that He was "tempted as we are yet without sin." Another verse in I Corinthians gives us hope for a way out of temptation: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*." Some good ways to resist the devil are using scripture like Jesus did, prayer, or praising the Lord through songs or testimonies.

Doubting God's Call

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. God will always provide a way of escape. Some ways to rebuke the devil include quoting scripture, praying, and praising God.

Fill in the blank

For we _____ an _____ priest which cannot be

_____ (have, have not) (high, low) (touched, seen)

with the feeling of our _____; but was in all _____ tempted

_____ (sin, infirmities) (places, points)

like as we are, yet _____ sin.

(without, with)

Questions

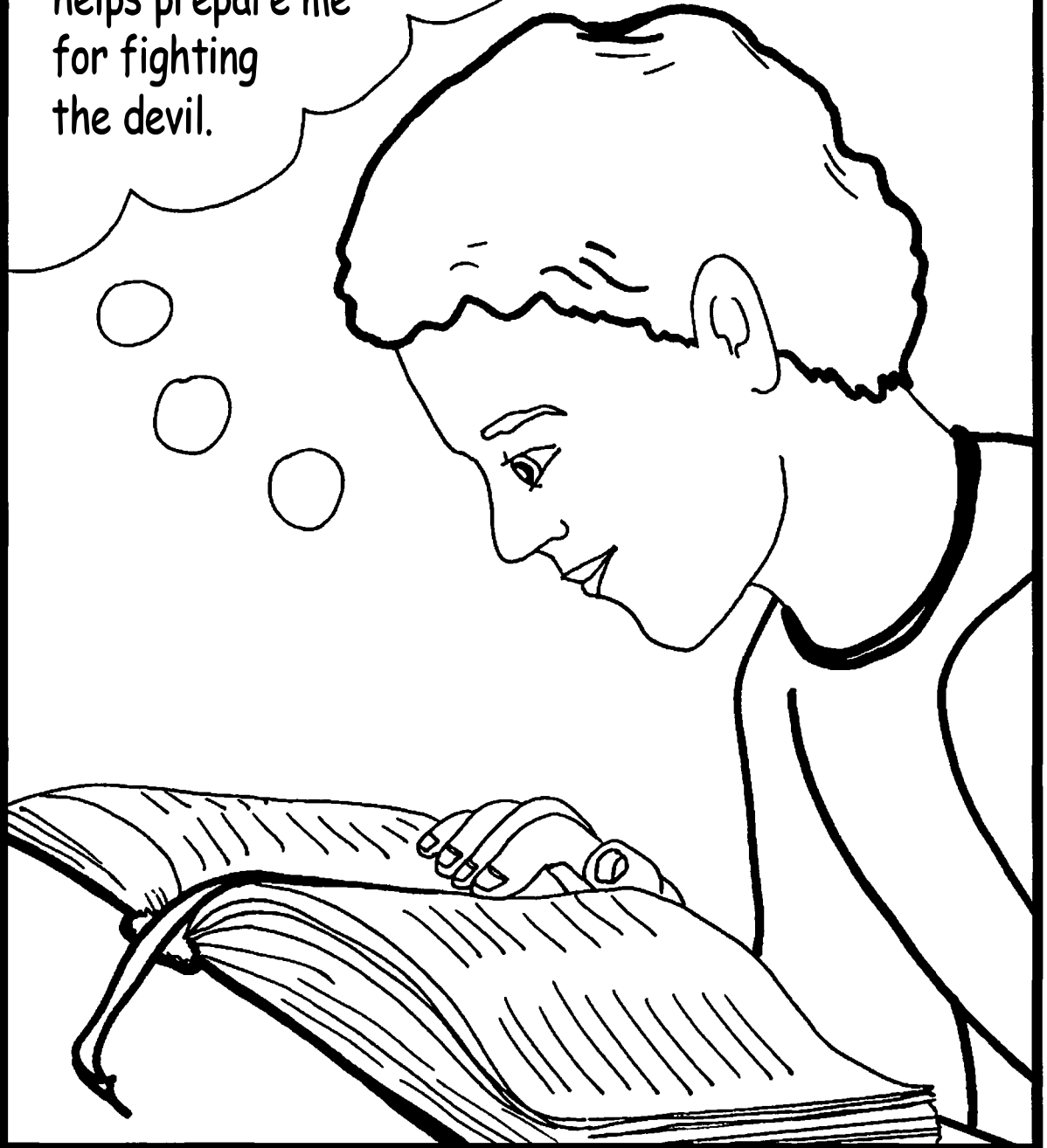
Answers on back

1. What prompted Jesus to go to the desert?
2. What did Jesus desire to do in the desert?
3. "If you are the Son of God, ____ yourself down."
4. "Thou shalt not ____ the Lord your God."
5. Where did the devil take Jesus?
6. What did the devil offer Jesus?
7. What are some words that describe God and Jesus?
8. What are some ways we can resist the devil?

Memory Verse

God is faithful, who will
not suffer you to be
tempted above that
ye are able; but will
with the temptation also
make a way to escape...
I Corinthians 10:13

Learning Bible verses
helps prepare me
for fighting
the devil.



Hoping for Something Better *(continued)*

In all his 25 years of life, Jo had never met a Christian. In North Korea all of the Christians had been killed. Like all the other North Koreans, he believed that Christians were mean, because that was what he was taught in school.

Jo applied for a job in Russia so he could make more money. Because Kim Jong Il liked Jo's work as a tailor, he let Jo have a visa to Russia. "Now I can make more money for my family!" said Jo when he got the visa. "Maybe after paying taxes to Kim Jong Il, I can give my family \$50 a month. This will be wonderful!"

Before he could leave North Korea, Jo was trained by strict rules. He was to never speak to a South Korean. He was forbidden to attend any church service. He was not ever to look at a Bible. He was not to accept food at the train station.

Jo agreed to all these rules without knowing the reason why the rules were put upon him. He had no intention of disobeying Kim Jong Il and being sent to a hard labor camp to work until death.

Jo told his family "good-bye" and

boarded a train for Russia. When he arrived in the Russian train depot, he saw kind-looking women handing out free food to everyone coming off the train. The food looked delicious—the best he had ever seen all his life! He wondered why he was not supposed to take any? He learned later that these kind women were Christians who he was supposed to be afraid of.

During this time, Jo got a job as a tailor in a factory. He was able to keep a little of his money to pay rent on a small room that he could sleep in. He worked hard; but if he received more money, his loyalty tax took it away. However, Jo was still living better than if he were in North Korea.

After three years of laboring for a Russian boss, Jo was suddenly dismissed from his work. A North Korean government official told him if he did not pay that month's loyalty tax, he would be put into a labor camp. Fearing for his life, Jo paid to get false ID papers so he could escape Russia.

He did not know it then, but God was protecting him and leading him into a

Answers:

1. The Holy Spirit. 2. To fast and pray. 3. Throw. 4. Tempt. 5. To the highest point in Jerusalem. 6. All of the world's kingdoms. 7. Good, love, truth. 8. Quote scripture, pray, testify to others, praise God.



Greater Is He That Is in Me

The religious leaders didn't like Stephen because he convinced many people to follow Christ and was full of Christ's power. They tried to argue with Stephen. The Holy Spirit gave him correct answers. The religious leaders were speechless. Stephen was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin. False witness charged Stephen with blasphemy. The members of the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen. They were surprised to see his face shone like an angel's. "Is this true?" the high priest asked. Stephen preached the gospel to the wicked religious leaders. He reminded them of the time Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. He reminded them of Moses' prophecy: "God will send you a prophet like me from your own people." "You stiff necked people!" Stephen continued. "You always resist the Holy Spirit! You have betrayed and murdered the Righteous One! You who have received the law that was put into effect through angels have not obeyed it."

At these words, the religious leaders grew angry, covering their ears and yelling. But Stephen didn't notice. He was looking toward heaven. "Look," he said. "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." The religious leaders yelled at the top of their lungs and charged over to him. They dragged Stephen out of the city and stoned him. A young man named Saul was standing by watching the event. Stephen's words angered him, too; but soon, his heart would turn to God. "Lord, receive my spirit," Stephen prayed while stones were hurling down on him. "Lord, don't hold this sin against them." After saying this, Stephen fell asleep, to wake no more on earth.

"You are God's, little children," one Bible verse says, "and have overcome them. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world." Stephen was given a vision of God that showed him the truth of this verse during his darkest hour on earth. When we ask Jesus into our hearts and the Holy Spirit to guide our lives, we have help available to gain the victory, to stop the darts of temptation the devil throws at us, and to help us through times of trial.

Doubting God's Call

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. Jesus power can conquer anything.

Use the code to find out the Bible verse.

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a b c d e f g h i j k l m

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_____ according as hls divine power _____

_____ hath given unto us all things _____

_____ that pertain unto life and _____

_____. Clue: 2 Peter 1:3

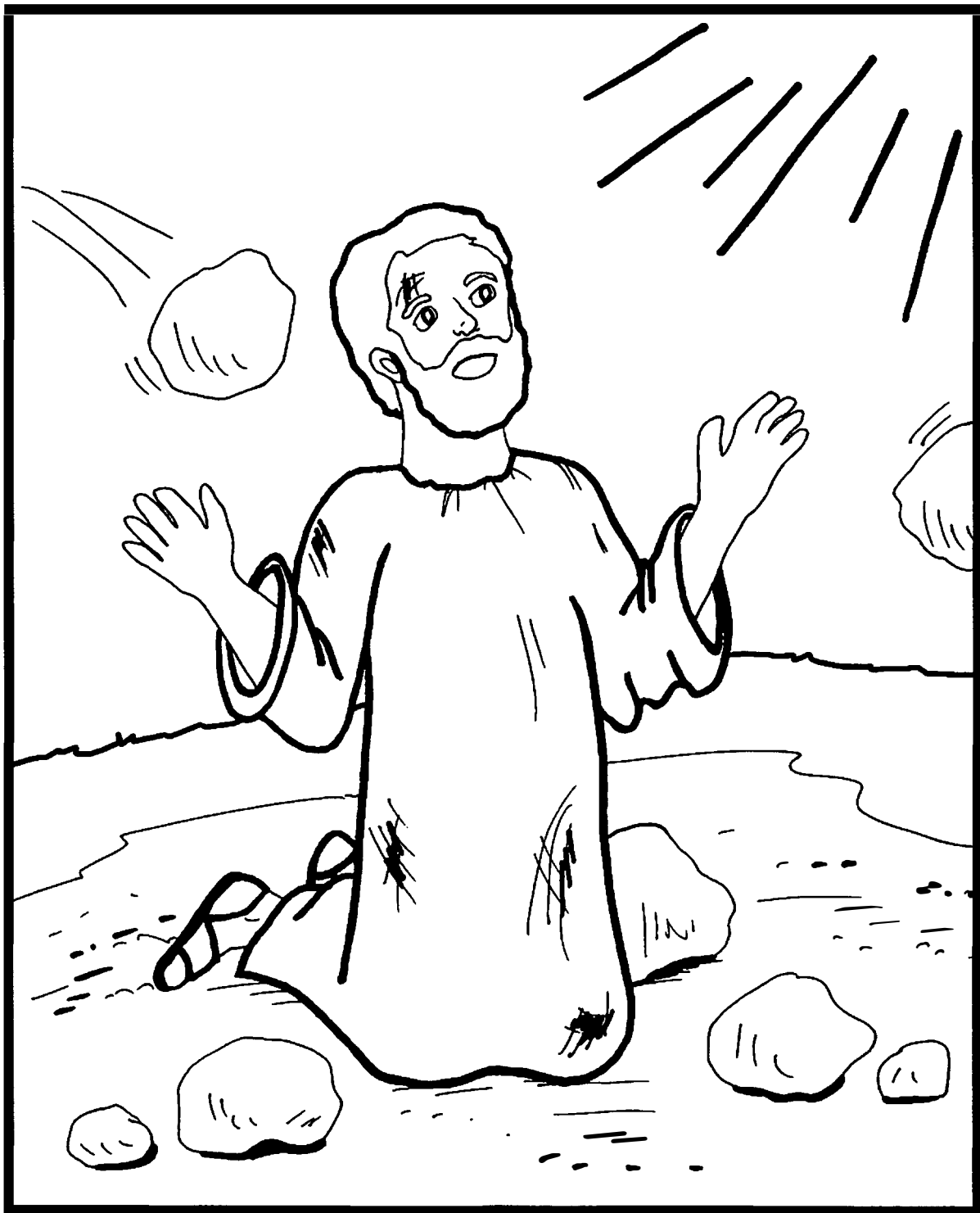
Questions

Answers on back

1. Why did the religious leaders not like Stephen?
2. What did Stephen do when confronted by the religious leaders?
3. What did Stephen see?
4. What happened to Stephen?
5. What young man was standing by, watching?
6. "Lord, don't _____ this sin _____ them."
7. "..._____ is he that is in you....."
8. "...than he that is in the _____."

Memory Verse

...greater is he that is in you,
than he that is in the world...



Jo Discovered the Truth *(continued)*

With a false ID, Jo boarded a train to leave Russia. He wanted to go to South Korea and escape the harsh living conditions of North Korea. Serving and worshiping the Supreme Leader, Kim Jong Il, did not make Jo happy, and he was poorer than when he had entered Russia three years ago.

Jo sat on the train, wondering how he was going to cross the border without any trouble. A woman came by and handed Jo a Christian wooden medallion. Jo had never seen one before.

When the border guards stopped Jo at the check point, he remembered the medallion and handed it to the guards. They looked at it and let him pass. Jo knew that it was a miracle. This made him eager to learn about a God who seemed to do impossible things. Jo disobeyed Kim Jong Il and went to a church in South Korea. He was amazed at the quiet, loving spirit that he felt there. For the first time, Jo saw a Bible that was shared by several families. Each family could have it for a week and then bring it back to the meeting and let another family have their turn.

Soon Jo began to realize that Christians were not mean like he had been told all his life in North Korea. His heart was hungry for the love of God, and he listened closely to every word said in the meeting. Someone told him about a school in Seoul, South Korea that he could attend and learn about God and Jesus Christ in his own dialect.

Right away Jo traveled to Seoul and enrolled in the Underground University. There he received his first Bible and he began to eagerly read. When he read the Ten Commandments, he realized they were similar to the Ten Principles of Kim Il Sung's *juche* plan.

Jo thought, "So that is where the Supreme Leader got his plan! He took it from the Bible!"

Remember, the Supreme Leader had been raised by Christian parents, but he rebelled against the Lord. Jo did not know this because he had been told so many lies. NEVER BELIEVE ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU THERE IS NO GOD AND THE BIBLE IS NOT TRUE. THEY ARE LYING.

—*Sis. Connie Sorrell*

Answers:

1. He convinced many to follow Christ. 2. Preached to them. 3. Jesus, on the right hand of God. 4. He was stoned. 5. Saul. 6. Hold/against. 7. Greater. 8. World.

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Belt of Truth

"Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God so you will be able to stand against the wiles [schemes] of the devil. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places... Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth [belt of truth], having on the breastplate of righteousness; your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you will quench the fiery darts of the wicked. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" Ephesians 6:10-17

John was Jesus' cousin. His job was to prepare the Israelites for the coming Messiah. He was careful to always speak the truth. People would flock to hear this strange man with the new ideas speak. "Repent!" John would cry. "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" John taught people to confess their sins. Then they were baptized in the Jordan River.

"It is against God's law for you to be married to your brother's wife," John told King Herod. King Herod respected John; but when he heard this, he had John thrown into prison. King Herod's wife, Herodias, was angry at John also. Finally, at King Herod's birthday party, Herodias had a chance to get back at John for the things he said about her and her husband. King Herod and his many guests watched with pleasure as his step-daughter danced. "Ask for whatever you wish," King Herod told Salome. "What should I ask for?" Salome asked her mother. After receiving directions from her, Salome returned to the banquet hall. "I want the head of John the Baptist on a platter," she requested. This made King Herod very upset, but he had promised to give Salome anything she wanted.

John and many other disciples and followers of Christ died for preaching the truth. It takes courage to stand up for unpopular beliefs. Even though John died because he spoke the truth, he and the other disciples knew that their reward of spending eternity with Jesus was worth it. We should always wear the belt of truth and be ready to spread the truths of Jesus' gospel.

Belt of Truth

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. Always wear the belt of truth.

Color the parts of the armor of God pink. Color the items that are not part of the armor of God brown.

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| Breastplate of Righteousness | Cloak of Hatred | Preparation of the Gospel of Peace | Boots of Jealousy |
| Bow of Bitterness | Shield of Faith | Sandals of Grace | Belt of Truth |
| Glasses of Indifference | Helmet of Salvation | Shoelaces of Forgetfulness | Cap of Helplessness |
| Sword of the Spirit | Basket of Neglect | Scarf of Pride | Bayonet of Bondage |



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Memory Verse

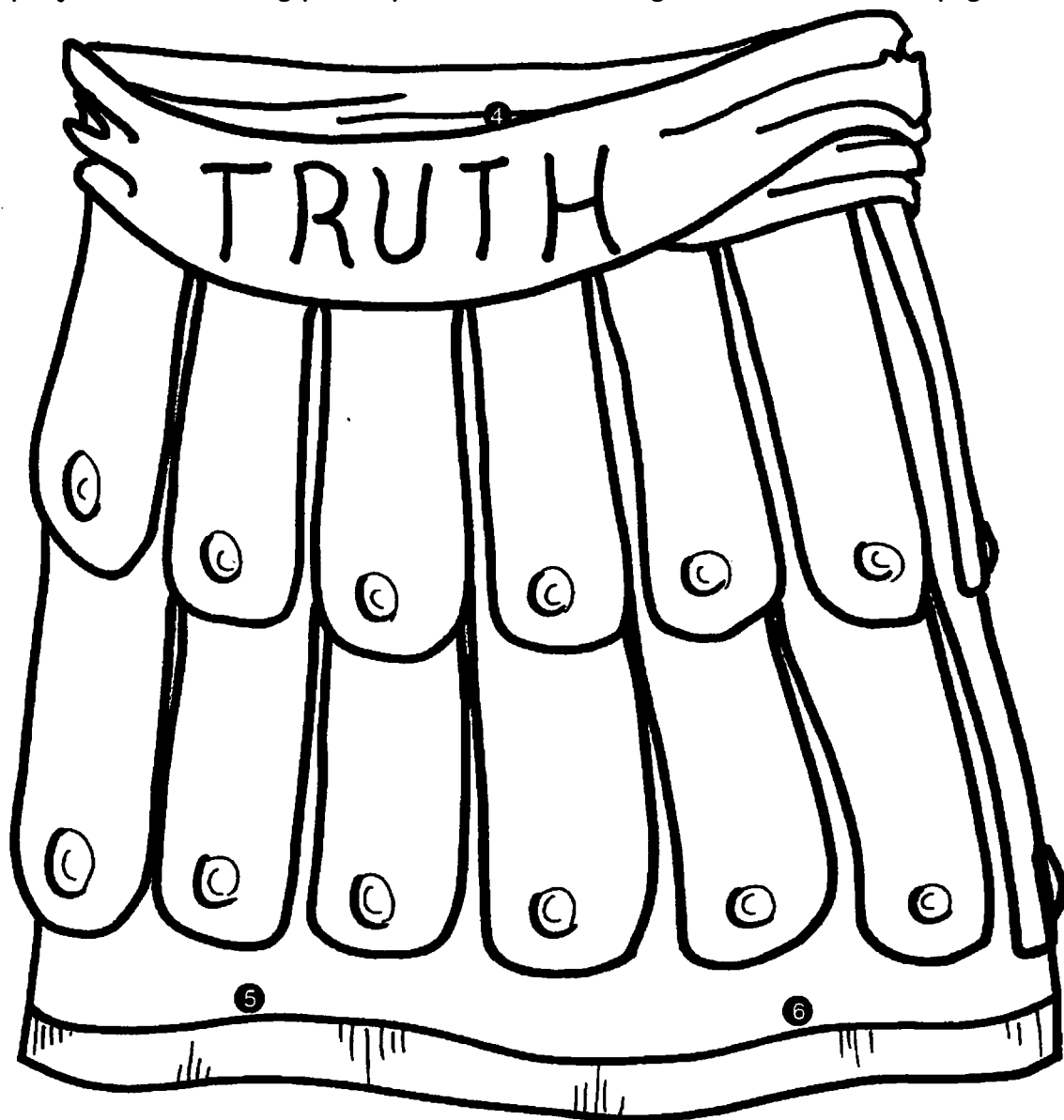
Stand therefore,
having your loins
girt about with truth...
Ephesians 6:14

Questions

Answers on back

1. "...Put on the whole _____"
2. Can you name all of the pieces of God's armor?
3. What was John careful to do?
4. Did King Herod like John?
5. What did the king enjoy on his birthday?
6. What did Salome ask for?
7. What will our reward be if we stay truthful and faithful?
8. What should we always be ready to do?

Color and cut out the picture. This piece along with those from other lessons (6 lessons total) can be joined to make a man in armor. **Using brads,** join the pieces together at the matching dots. Note: You may wish instead to use a copy of this image on thicker paper to produce a more sturdy project (also allowing you to preserve the writing on the back of this page).



Excited about the Truth! *(continued)*

As a boy in North Korea, Jo had been told that Christians were bad and hateful, that there was no other god but Kim Il Sung, and that they should never read a Bible. After living in South Korea, Jo found out that Christians were kind and thoughtful, that there was a living God, and that the Bible had helpful instructions for life.

Jo realized he had been lied to all his life by the government leaders of North Korea. A LIE IS NEVER TRUTH NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES IT IS TOLD AND NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT.

"I am so thankful to know the truth," Jo said to a friend at the Underground University. "I felt empty when I prayed to Kim Il Sung, because I knew he was dead—I have seen his preserved body in the glass case. But I did not know any other god to pray to until I read the Bible and heard about the true God."

"You need to see the film, 'He Lived Among Us,' It will tell you more about Jesus Christ," said his friend.

When Jo saw the film about the life of Jesus, he was amazed! In his school text books, he had heard stories very much like these about Jesus; but these stories were about Kim Jong Il, the son of the Supreme Leader of North Korea. Both leaders, the father and the son, were dead; but the laws of North Korea made all citizens worship these two leaders anyway.

"I want to serve the right God and His only Son," said Jo to a Christian friend. Together they knelt in prayer.

"Dear Jesus, thank you for shedding your blood for my sins," prayed Jo. "Please forgive me for being so ignorant in praying to a dead man and his son. Please forgive me of my sins. I want a clean heart and a new better life. I ask all this in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Right away Jo felt a peace and inner strength! He was so happy!

"It is real!" he exclaimed. "I have prayed to a living God and His Son has washed away my sins! Thank you, Jesus!"

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Answers:

1. Armor of God. 2. Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, preparation of the gospel, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the spirit. 3. Tell the truth. 4. No. 5. Watch Salome dance. 6. John the Baptist's Head. 7. Heaven. 8. Spread Jesus' truths.



Primary Papers

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Breastplate of Righteousness

Esther's parents were dead. She had been raised by her Uncle Mordecai. "Do not tell King Ahasuerus that you are a Jew," Mordecai had warned her after the beautiful young woman was queen. So the king did not know about his queen's Jewish heritage.

The king thought highly of his servant, Mordecai. Mordecai had saved his life by warning him about two men who planned to kill the king. There was another man who worked at the palace named Haman. He was one of the king's closest friends and held a position of authority. Everyone bowed in respect when Haman entered into the gate. Everyone, that is, except Mordecai. "Mordecai will not bow down to you because he is a Jew; and his laws forbid him to bow to anyone except his God," Haman learned.

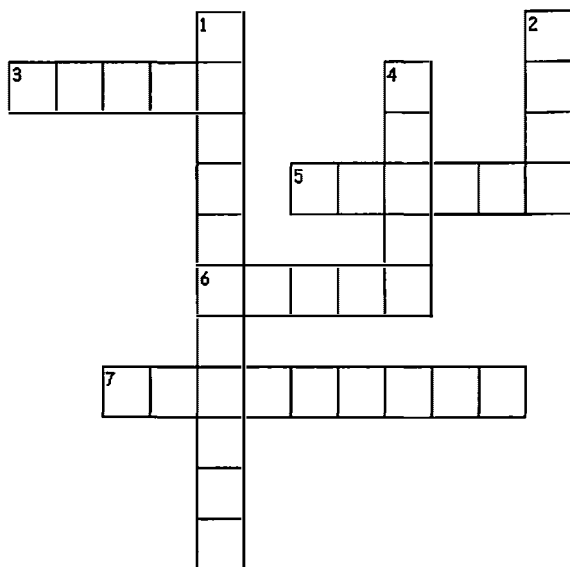
Filled with anger, Haman approached the king and requested that all Jews be destroyed. The king did as Haman asked. Mordecai learned of the plan and told Queen Esther. "Get the people to fast and pray for me," Esther asked. Esther invited the king to a banquet, planning to talk to him at the right time. Meanwhile, Haman prepared for the killing of the Jews and had a special gallows built for Mordecai. Queen Esther had asked Haman and the king to another feast. "What can I do for you Esther? You may have anything you request," the king offered generously. "Please save my people from death!" she pleaded. "Who dares kill the Queen's people?" King Ahasuerus asked. "This wicked Haman!" Queen Esther accused. "Haman, the gallows that you ordered built for Mordecai's hanging is complete," a servant interrupted. "Hang Haman on it!" King Ahasuerus commanded.

Paul mentions the breastplate of righteousness is a piece of the armor of God used to stop Satan's darts. A breastplate was armor soldiers wore to cover their chest. Righteousness means to be morally right or justifiable. Mordecai obeyed the laws of his God, even though others tried to change him and even tried to kill him. Mordecai helped his niece save the Jewish people. His righteousness helped stop evil schemes.

Breastplate of Righteousness

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. Put on the breastplate of righteousness.

Finish the crossword puzzle about the armor of God mentioned in Ephesians 6:14-17.



Clues:

Across

3. Put on the whole ____ of God...
5. sword of the ____
6. belt of ____
7. helmet of ____

Down

1. ____ of righteousness
2. ____ shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.
4. shield of ____

Questions

Answers on back

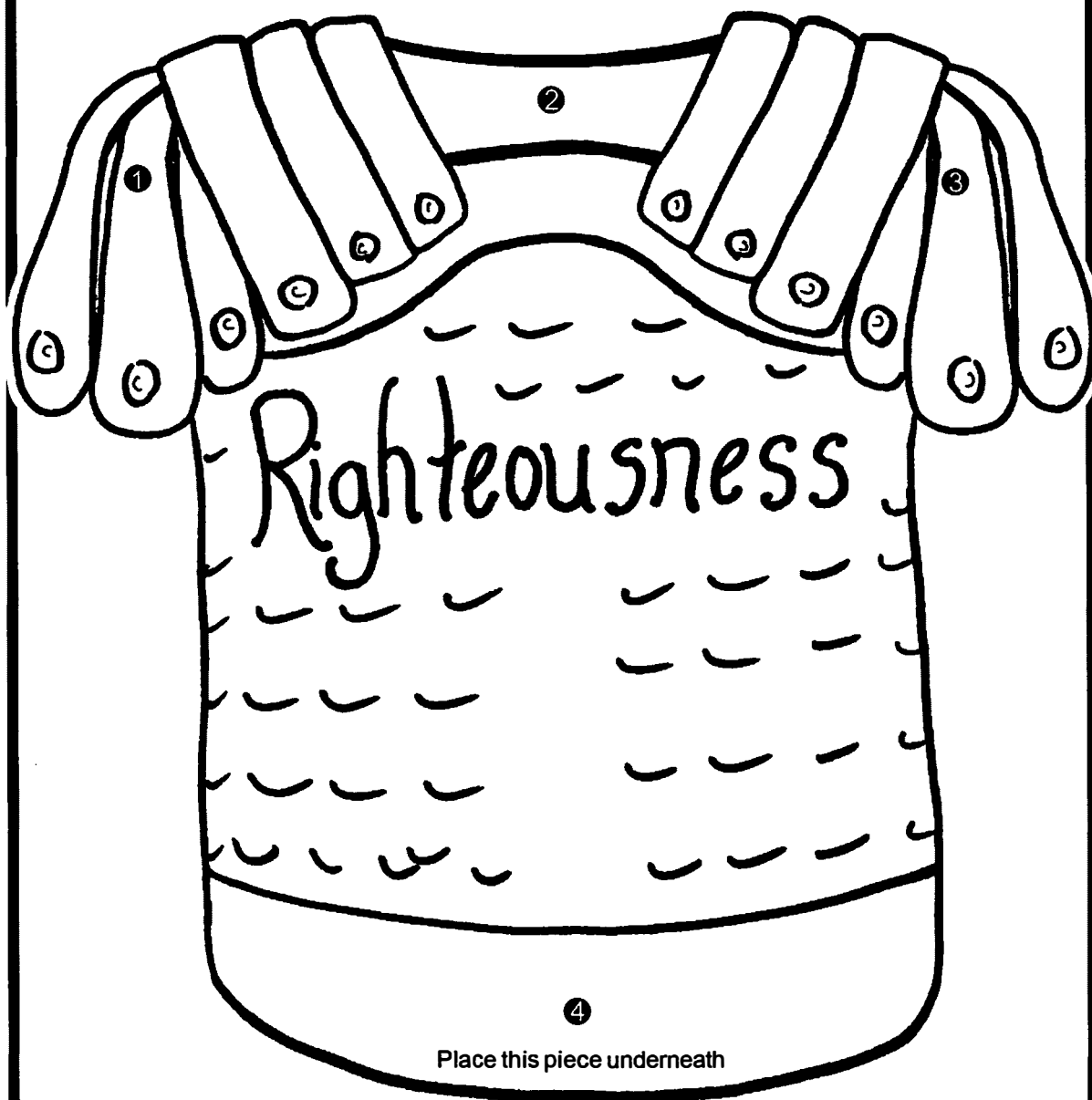
1. Who was Mordecai's niece?
2. What nationality was the queen?
3. How did Mordecai save the king's life?
4. What did Mordecai refuse to do?
5. What did Haman request from the king?
6. What did Haman have built?
7. What does a breastplate cover?
8. What does it mean to be righteous?

Memory Verse

Stand therefore,
having your loins
girt about with truth, and having
on the breastplate of
righteousness;

Ephesians 6:14

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Telling Others the Truth *(continued)*

After Jo had learned the truth about God and Jesus Christ, Jo cried. "It is so sad that my family and friends in North Korea are forbidden to learn this truth that would put peace into their hearts! I want to teach them this Truth so they will have hope, peace, and joy in their hearts, too."

He studied the Word of God in the Korean language and graduated from the Underground University with honor. Because of his love for poor North Koreans, Jo packed up his few belongings and went to Russia where he knew other North Koreans were working. There he found a job as a tailor sewing garments for people to wear, but quietly he worked for Jesus.

"Whenever I pray, I ask Jesus to direct me to a hungry soul who wants to know the truth like I did," Jo explained to an American missionary in Russia. He learned that these missionaries were good and kind, not mean and hateful like the school books in his country had taught him.

"Almost every day I get the chance to quietly hand a page from a Bible to a sad North Korean," he said.

"Please pray for me, because I could be arrested and sent to a concentration camp for sharing the truth. I want others to have the same peace from Jesus that I have."

Let us be very thankful that we have freedom to read the Bible without anyone stopping us. It is a wonderful privilege to know the truth about God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Every person has a desire in his heart to know who God is and worship him, but the enemy has told so many lies to make people worship other things. Some people worship beautiful movie stars, football players, kings or queens, or presidents. The first commandment of the Ten is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." If we put God first in our lives and worship Him with all our soul, mind, heart and strength, He will lead us into peace that only our Creator can give us.

—*Sis. Connie Sorrell*

Answers:

1. Queen Esther. 2. Jewish. 3. Telling him two men planned to kill him. 4. Bow down to Haman. 5. Kill the Jews. 6. A gallows. 7. The breast. 8. To be morally right or justifiable.



Primary Papers

February 15, 2015

Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

Paul was brought before Festus, the governor of Caesarea, and King Agrippa so they could hear his story. "You are allowed to speak in your defense," King Agrippa said. "I am happy to be able to answer all of the accusations made by these Jews," he answered. "I know you are an expert in all of the Jewish customs and questions." Paul told of his early childhood and how he had learned about the Jewish religion. He spoke of his persecution of the Christian people. He described the voice that convicted him to stop his evil ways on his journey to Damascus. He explained how this taught him how great God is.

"Since then, I obeyed the voice of God and told many people that they should repent and turn to the Lord," Paul told King Agrippa. "It was because I taught these things that the Jews have complained about me and would like to kill me. The only things I am preaching are that Christ has raised from the dead and will show light to the Jews and the Gentiles."

Festus cried in a loud voice, "Paul, you have learned too much. It has made you crazy." "I am not crazy," Paul returned. "I speak words of truth. The king knows that this happened." "You have almost persuaded me to be a Christian," King Agrippa said to Paul. Festus and the king discussed the situation. "Paul has done nothing worthy of imprisonment or death," they decided. "He might have been set free if he had not wanted to take his case before Caesar," King Agrippa informed Festus. Paul wanted to go to Rome and spread the gospel of Christ to the Emperor and anyone who would listen. On the way, Paul was able to tell others on the boat about Christ. Then, after being shipwrecked, Paul was able to tell the people living on the island about God's love and show them His power.

Paul wrote a letter to the Ephesians, encouraging them to put on the armor of God so they could fight Satan's attacks. One of the pieces of armor was feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Paul was certainly willing to share this gospel wherever and whenever he could.

Preparation of the Gospel of Peace

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. Always be ready to tell others about Jesus' gospel of peace.

Armor of God Word Search

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A drawing of Sis. Monica Murphey by Sis. Lisa Kelly. Sis. Monica has contributed Bible stories to the Beautiful Ways for ten years and has worked as editor of the children's papers for two years.

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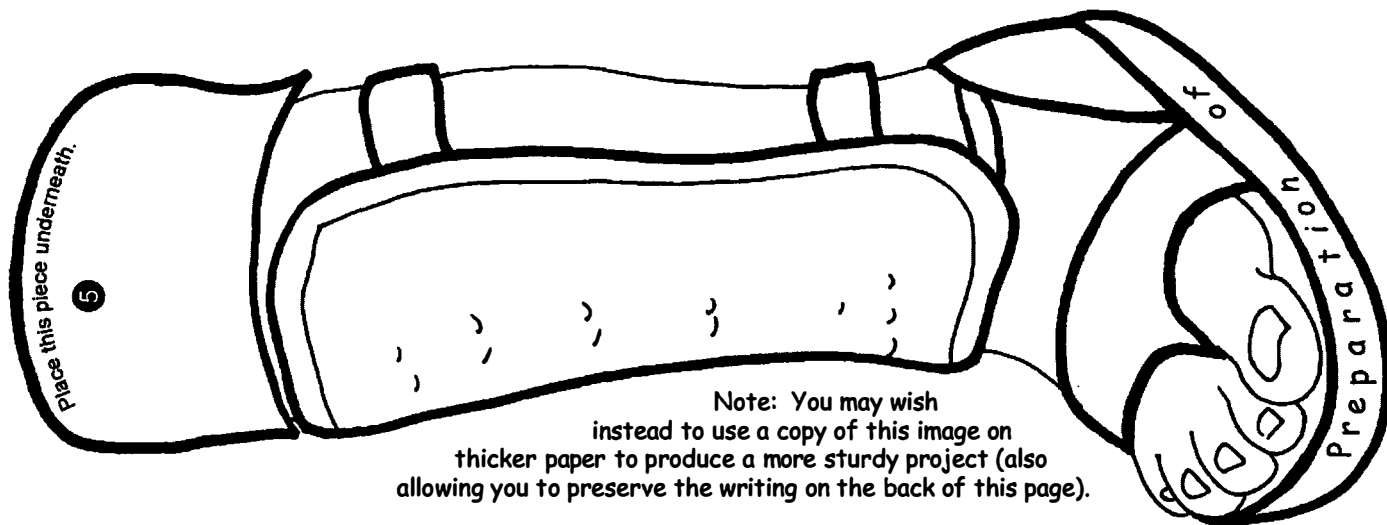
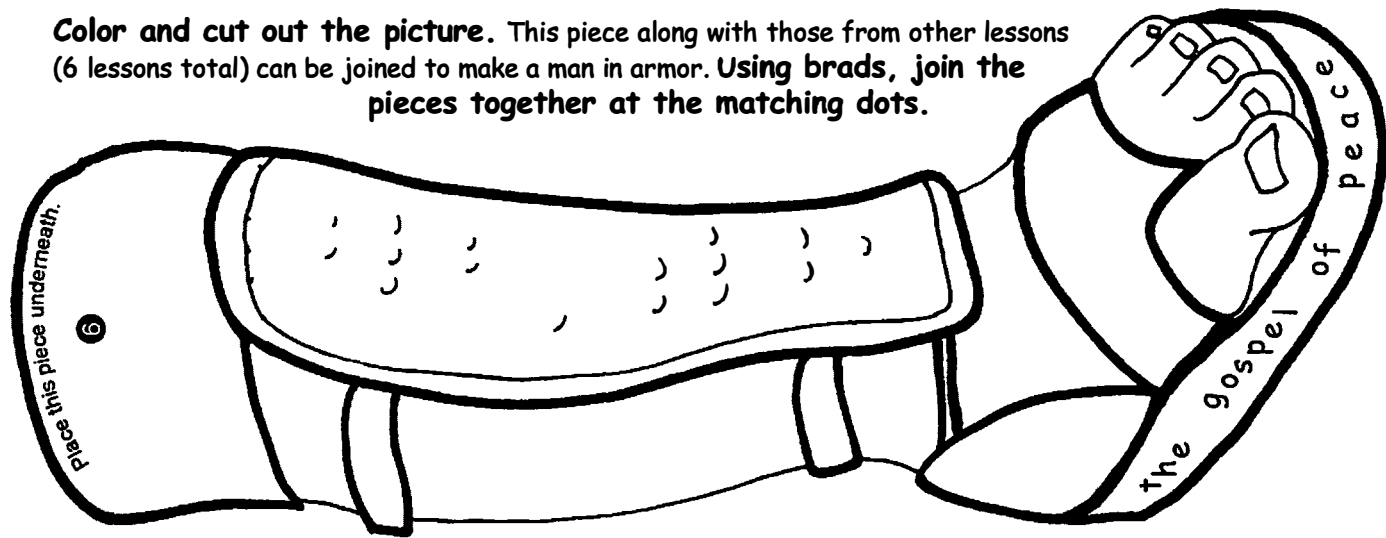
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1. Who was Paul brought before?
2. What did Festus accuse Paul of being?
3. Paul said, "I speak words of ____."
4. "You have almost ____ me to become a Christian."
5. Where did Paul want to go?
6. What happened to Paul on his journey?
7. What should Christians put on to fight Satan?
8. Our feet should be shod with the preparation of the _____. (3 words)

Memory Verse

And your feet shod
with the preparation
of the gospel of peace;
Ephesians 6:15

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Spreading God's Peace

Even though Eli was only 9 years old, he had a job. Eli worked with his father as a shepherd. Eli liked his work as a shepherd. He liked being outdoors. He liked his sheep with their woolly bodies and sweet faces.

Part of Eli's training as a shepherd was to practice using a slingshot every day so that it could be used effectively against a hungry wolf or bear when needed. Eli and his best friend, Micah, knew the story of David--a shepherd boy who killed Goliath with his slingshot and grew up to be king of Israel. Eli dreamed of being asked by God to do something really important someday--like David when he saved his people by killing Goliath.

One night, after a long and boring day, in a long and boring week--no lost sheep, no lambs in distress, no wolves ready to pounce--Eli, his father Micah and the other shepherds were finishing their supper around the campfire. "Please, Abba," he asked. "Tell us the story of David." Eli's Abba started the story, "It was during the reign of the first king of Israel, King Saul. Israel was at war against the Philistines..."

Suddenly, an angel stood before the shepherds, and the night sky was filled with the glory of the Lord. The shepherds were terrified! The angel said, "Do not be afraid! I bring to you the best news anyone has ever heard. This day in Bethlehem, the City of David, a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is because you will find him wrapped up in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Then, a host of angels appeared and sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men." Then the angels were gone. The shepherds sat in amazement for a few seconds, then they all said, "We *have* to go to Bethlehem to find the baby!"

So Eli hurried with the other shepherds to Bethlehem. There they found a cave, which was used to stable animals, and Mary and Joseph were in the cave. Lying in the manger was their new-born son, Jesus. Eli's greatest wish had come true. God had asked Eli to do a very important job. Eli told anyone who would listen about the day that he met Jesus! And even though this is only a story, that is the most important job of all. *-Author Unknown*

Answers:

1. Governor Festus and King Agrippa. 2. Crazy. 3. Truth. 4. Persuaded. 5. Rome. 6. He was shipwrecked. 7. The whole armor of God. 8. Gospel of Peace.



Shield of Faith

One of the chapters in the book of Hebrews talks about faith. "Faith," the writer says, "is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen. It gives us assurance about things we cannot see. By faith, we understand that the worlds were made. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. We must first believe that God is and that he will reward those who diligently seek Him." The writer gives examples of men of great faith. He mentions Abel's sacrifice and Enoch being taken up to Heaven. Then, he tells about Noah and many others. "By faith," the author writes, "Noah was warned by God of the coming rains, which had never been seen. He built an ark, which saved his family.

"By faith Abraham obeyed God when God told him to move to a different place where he would receive an inheritance. He left, not knowing where he was going. He lived in the land of promise, in a strange country. He looked for a city whose builder was God. By faith Sarah had the strength to have a child when she was old. Sarah knew God would be faithful to His promise. Many people were born from Abraham's seed. These all died in faith. They had not received all of the spiritual promises we have through Jesus, but they had a vision of what was to come and knew that they were only strangers and pilgrims on the earth. We can tell that the ones who say these things are looking for a heavenly country. God has prepared a city for them."

Many other heroes of the Bible are mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11; ordinary people, who by faith (complete trust that God is in control) conquered kingdoms, shut the mouths of lions, performed healings and brought the dead back to life. Worry, fear, doubt, and confusion are darts the enemy may throw at you that can be stopped by the shield of faith. The shield of faith is part of the armor of God that we should use to help fight the devil. Unlike these Old Testament heroes, we have the promise of salvation and sanctification, which enable us to have the Holy Spirit to prompt us and help us through trials and gives us hope of eternal life with Christ.

Shield of Faith

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. Take up the shield of faith to block the darts of the wicked.

See if you can fill in the blanks without looking up the verses. Look up Ephesians 6:10-17 to check your answers.

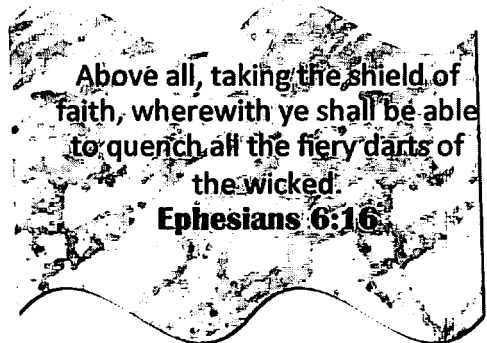
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the _____, and in the power of his _____. _____ on the whole _____ of _____, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the _____. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this _____, against spiritual wickedness in high _____. Wherefore take unto you the whole _____ of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil _____, and having done all, to _____. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with _____, and having on the breastplate of _____; And your _____ shod with the preparation of the _____ of peace; Above all, taking the shield of _____, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery _____ of the wicked. And take the _____ of salvation, and the sword of the _____, which is the word of _____:

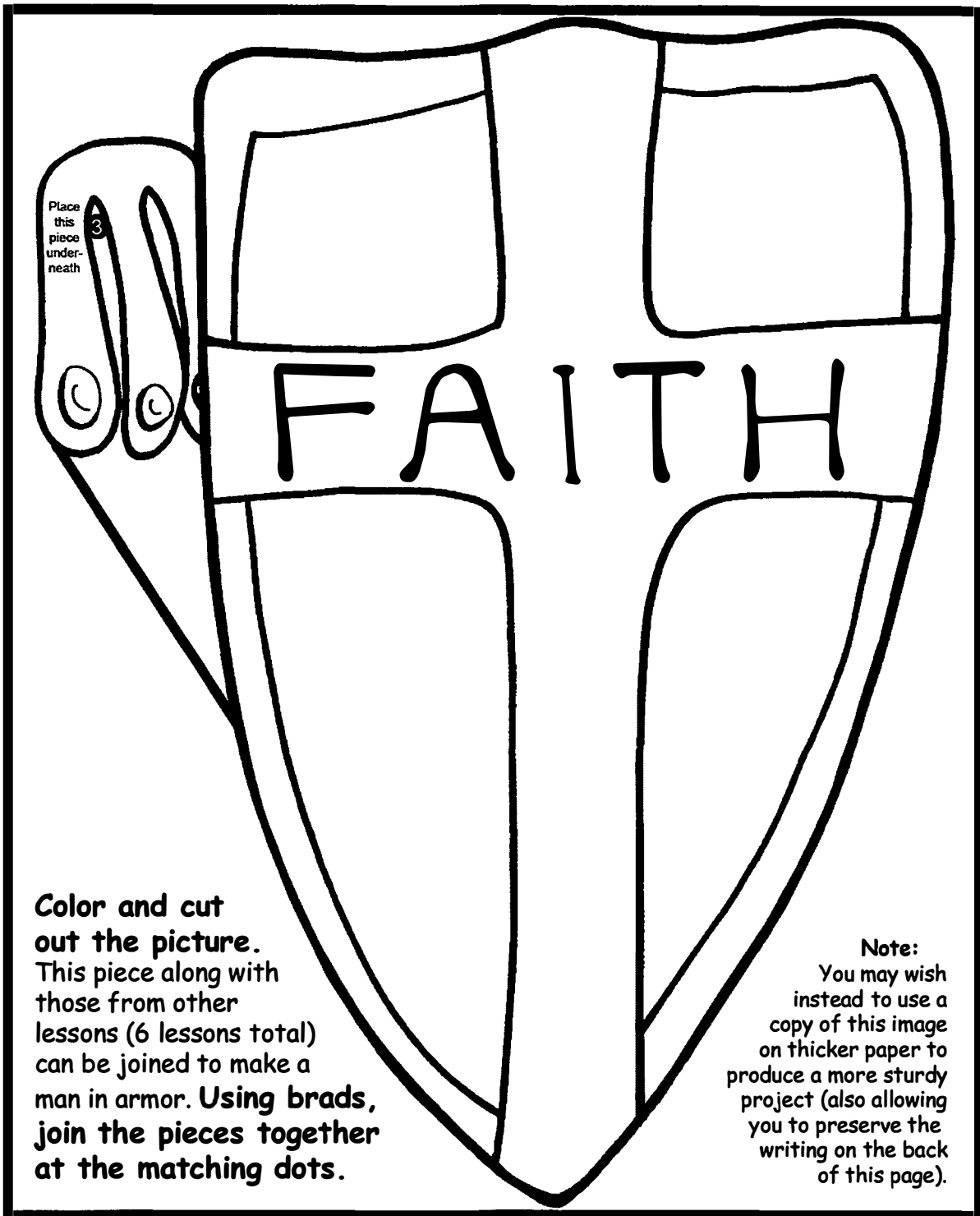
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Answers on back

1. What is faith?
2. What must we have to please God?
3. "We must first believe that God _____..."
4. "and that He is a _____ if them that diligently seek Him."
5. What kind of a city did Abraham look for?
6. Those that died in the faith knew they were _____ & _____ on this earth.
7. What are some darts the enemy can throw at Christians?
8. Who is there to prompt and teach us through trials?

Memory Verse





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Faith During Hard Times

Faith Stewart was a missionary in India. During the World War, there was much suffering on the mission fields. Nations were suspicious of each other, and this often brought hardships on the workers. Faith Stewart depended on the generous support of Christians that came by letters in the mail. But all of the mail was withheld from her. The mission began to suffer, and still no money was permitted to come through. They tried to think of ways to save money. All usable material was cut up to make garments for the children. But clothing grew thin, supplies grew smaller, and how they managed through those long hard months no one could ever tell after it was all over.

One day when they had eaten the small Indian cakes as thin as a wafer, made for breakfast, and drank a little tea, there was nothing in the house for food. They prayed very earnestly that God would provide. God had been sending means from America. Could not He send it from the very land in which they lived?

Later on in the morning, the vegetable man came walking down the street with

his great basket of wares on his head. In this instance, the basket was filled with fresh vegetables and other food as well. He came to the veranda and set down the huge basket.

"We have no money to buy vegetables today," Sister Stewart said. But the man insisted, and at last she sent inside for someone to come out and make this stranger understand.

"This man was selling vegetables and he came to the home of an Indian gentleman who bought the whole basket and has sent it to the Home for a gift," the translator explained.

How happy they were that day as the good dinner was being prepared, for the same God who could send money for supplies all the way from America had shown them that He could work on hearts in the homeland in such bad times as these. Also, this man was of another religious belief and not in sympathy with the Gospel message. What a mighty God we serve!

-Adapted from Highways and Hedges by Grace G. Henry

Answers:

1. Confidence that what we hope to happen will.
2. Faith.
3. Is.
4. Rewarder.
5. One whose builder and maker is God.
6. pilgrims & strangers.
7. Worry, fear, confusion, etc.
8. The Holy Spirit.



Primary Papers

March 1, 2015

Helmet of Salvation

The scriptures tell of a Messiah who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Jesus was beaten and bruised. He died on the cross for our sins and rose again after three days. I tell you that Jesus is the Messiah," Paul preached to the Thessalonians.

"We believe that Jesus is the Messiah," several Jews, Greeks and women who were great in the city decided. They began following Christ's teachings and believed Jesus died on the cross to save them from their sins. They no longer had to make yearly sacrifices of animals for the sins they committed. Jesus' death on the cross provided the blood needed to cover our sins.

Other Jews living in the same city didn't agree that Jesus was the Messiah. "The Messiah hasn't come yet," they reasoned. They found several men who were known troublemakers, and an angry mob began to form. "Where are Paul and Silas?" the furious crowd wanted to know. "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have come here. They are saying Jesus is king." They rushed into the home of Jason, a Christian, who had invited Paul and Silas to stay with him; but they did not find Paul and Silas. They dragged Jason and some of the other believers in front of the mob. "Jason invited these troublemakers to stay with him," they accused. The city officials weren't sure how to handle the crowd. "Pay a fine and you can go," they told the captive Christians.

After he became a Christian, Paul traveled to many cities and other countries spreading the news that Christ had died for our sins. He wanted other people to know the joy that he found when he repented of his sins, confessed that he was a sinner, and asked Jesus to come into his heart. Many people in all parts of the world were saved because Paul was willing to preach the gospel. These people knew the peace and joy of salvation and are spending eternity with Christ in Heaven.

Shield of Faith

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan.

Find the words about the helmet of Salvation in the Wordsearch below.

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SALVATION PAUL SILAS MOB CHRISTIAN MESSIAH REPENT CONFESS
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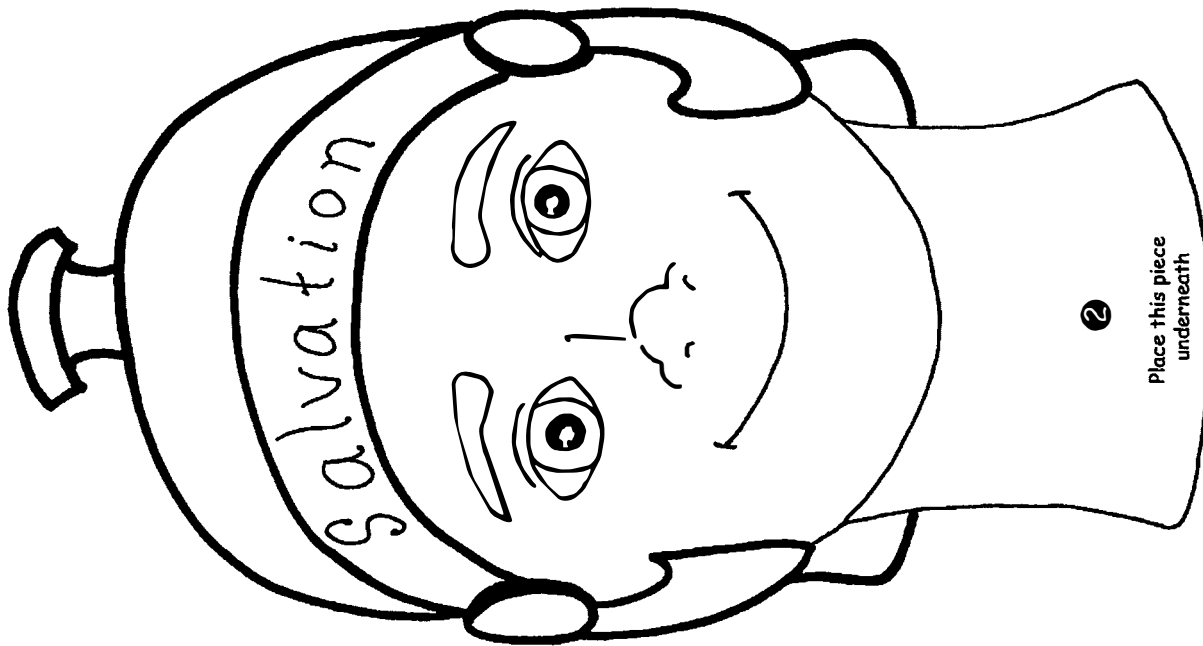
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1. Paul told the people Christ was the ____.
2. Why don't Christians need to make animal sacrifices?
3. Why were other Jews in the city angry?
4. What did the mob want to do?
5. Who did the crowd find?
6. What did the city officials tell the Christians?
7. How can we get saved?
8. Where are the people who accepted Christ into their hearts now?

Memory Verse

And take the helmet
of salvation, ...
Ephesians 6:17

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A 2000 Year Old Seed

A long long time ago, in a faraway land, there lived a king who built a mighty castle. The time was two thousand years ago, and the name of the king was Herod. King Herod was the ruler of Judea. His gigantic palace was built on a cliff towering high over the Dead Sea. This place was called Masada. King Herod built it for a place of refuge. The palace was kept in readiness with food in the huge storerooms in case the king needed a safe place to hide from his enemies.

People who lived during King Herod's time loved eating dates. But one type of palm tree that grew by King Herod's palace became extinct. This tree was a date palm tree. The people who lived in Judea had enjoyed the date palm trees for their food, shelter, and shade. Some people even thought the fruit from the tree helped them feel better when they were sick. At that time, there were many date palm trees. In fact, a picture of the date palm tree was stamped on the back of an ancient Hebrew coin. The Romans lived in a country nearby. They controlled many cities. They were afraid the people of

Judea would grow strong and be a threat to them. The Romans wiped out many of the date palm trees so the Hebrews wouldn't have their fruit and make money from them. They thought it would help make the Hebrews weak. Eventually, there were no more date palm trees left.

About 40 years ago, archaeologists began looking through the dirt and ruins at Masada for things that were important to people long ago. The archaeologists found some seeds from the extinct palm tree. The seeds were catalogued and filed away for many years. On January 29, 2005, scientists carefully planted the seeds. The scientists soaked the seed and mixed a special soil for the seed. Would the 2,000-year-old-seed grow? It did! In fact, it grew to over 8 feet tall! Someone named the tree Methuselah, for the oldest man in the Bible.

Even more amazing than a seed growing after 2,000 years is the salvation that we have through Jesus Christ. Humans do not live for 2,000 years; but after we die, we can live an eternity in Heaven if we have accepted Jesus into our hearts. —*Sis. Monica Murphey*

Answers:

1. Messiah. 2. Jesus' death covers our sins. 3. They didn't believe Jesus was Messiah. 4. Find Paul & Silas. 5. Jason & other Christians. 6. Pay a fine & go. 7. Believe, repent, confess sins. 8. In Heaven.



Primary Papers

March 8, 2015

Sword of the Spirit

The Israelites had been traveling for three months after leaving the land of Egypt when they reached Mount Sinai. The Lord descended on the mountain like a fire. Smoke poured out of the mountain as it shook and quaked. The Lord called Moses up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and nights receiving instructions from God. God Himself wrote ten of the most important commandments on stone tablets. Moses, who was raised and educated in Pharaoh's palace, wrote the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Writing in Moses' time consisted of etchings on stone. Then, people began using sharp instruments to make etchings on blocks of baked clay. The prophet Isaiah talks about writing scriptures in tablets made of wood and covered in wax. Egyptians discovered a way to make scrolls by using papyrus, reeds cut into long strips and beaten and pressed until they stuck together. Our English word, paper, comes from papyrus. Scrolls were formed by gluing papyrus sheets together and rolling them up with a stick.

Whether scripture was etched with a sharp instrument on stones or clay, or written on sheets of paper with a pen, one thing we can be sure of is that scripture was inspired by God. Many of the books in the Old Testament were written by prophets. Most of the books in the New Testament are letters written by people who had visions or inspiration from God. Some of Jesus' disciples, Matthew, Mark, John, Peter, and Jude wrote books in the New Testament.

The Bible is a very important tool we can use to fight the enemy. Jesus used it when the devil tempted Him in the wilderness. Paul tells us that one way we can combat the enemy is to "...take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." We can rely on the promises God left us in His word. "Your word is true from the beginning: and every one of your righteous judgments endures for ever," one writer says.

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Word of the Spirit — THE WORD of GOD



He's Able

The strange man was driving fast. Sean was scared. "Where were they going, and why had the man shoved him into his car?" Sean wondered. He had been playing with his dog in the yard when the man drove up.

"God please help me," Sean prayed under his breath. Sean gained courage and began singing softly. "He's able, He's able, I know He's able. I know my Lord is able to carry me through. He healed the broken-hearted and set the captive free, He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see. He's able, He's able, I know He's able. I know my Lord is able to carry me through."

The man swerved and almost hit a truck in the other lane. Tears coursed down Sean's cheeks and he held his hands tightly together in his lap. He sang a little louder. "Be quiet!" the man yelled. He shouted some other things that Sean didn't understand. But singing was helping Sean. It reminded Him that God is always there to help us.

For three hours, the man drove around town. For three hours, Sean sang praises to God. "I don't want to hear any more out of you," the man said roughly. But Sean

still sang. God helped him feel brave. Finally the man pulled to a stop. "Get out," he said. "Don't tell anyone about this." Sean got out. "Where am I?" He wondered. A nice man called the police, who called his parents. They had been worried and were so happy he was okay.

On Sunday, Sean told the story to the congregation at his church. Everyone laughed and cried and was amazed that Sean had been so brave. They knew it was a miracle that Sean hadn't been hurt. The whole congregation joined Sean in singing the praise songs that had helped comfort him when he was afraid.

Most hymns are based on Bible verses or experiences the songwriter had that helped him draw closer to God. There are verses in the Bible that can help us when we are scared or tempted, that can comfort us, and that can help us learn more about God and how we can help others. God's word contains promises that can help us in any situation. Many times God reminds His children of His love for them through these songs and scriptures. Was there ever a time when a scripture or a song helped you?

—Sis. Monica Murphey

This story is loosely based on a true story about a brave little boy named Willie.

Answers:

1. Mount Sanai. 2. 40. 3. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. 4. Papyrus. 5. Matthew, Mark, John, Jude, Peter. 6. Sword/Spirit. 7. God's promises. 8. word/beginning.



Primary Papers

March 15, 2015

Through Prayer and Song

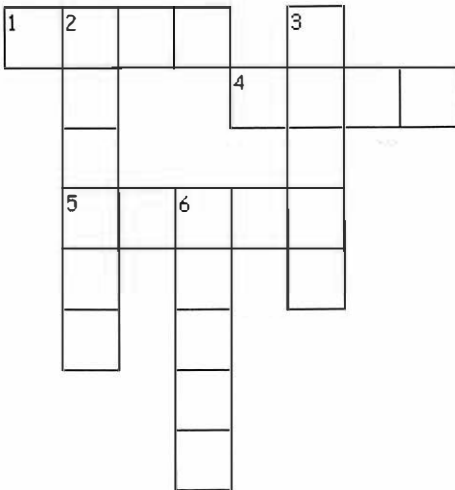
These men are servants of the most high God," the woman cried as Paul and Silas were trying to preach. "They show us the way to salvation." Paul moved along, preaching to anyone who would listen in Philippi. The next day, the same woman was in the crowd while Paul was preaching. "These men are servants of the most high God," she cried, "who show us the way to salvation." Day after day the woman followed Paul, repeating the same accusation. Finally, Paul turned to the woman. "Spirit, I command you to come out of her." And the evil spirit left the woman.

The woman was a slave to some very bad men who used her to make money telling the future. When her masters saw that the woman wouldn't tell fortunes any longer, they were extremely angry. They brought Paul and Silas to the magistrates of the city, who had them beaten and thrown into prison.

The other prisoners had never seen men like Paul and Silas. Men who had been whipped, with their feet fastened in stocks, were singing songs and praying through the night! They were surprised when the earth began to shake. The shaking caused the doors to open and the stocks binding the prisoners to break free. The jailor hurried to check on his prisoners when the quaking woke him up. He was astonished to see the door wide open. "I may as well kill myself, because I will be killed if all of the prisoners escaped," the poor jailor moaned. He had withdrawn his sword when he heard a voice. "Don't harm yourself," it said. "We're all here." It was Paul. How grateful the jailor was that the men were all there. He noticed the Spirit in Paul and Silas that made them different from anyone else he had ever met. "What must I do to be saved?" the jailor asked.

That night, the jailor and all of his household were saved after seeing the love of Christ shining through Paul and Silas. Instead of worrying and complaining about their circumstances, Paul and Silas sang and prayed. They combatted the enemy through prayer and praising God.

Through Prayer and Song
Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan.



Across

1. The prison doors were _____.
4. _____ cast a demon out of a woman.
5. The earth began to _____.

Down

2. Her masters had Paul and Silas thrown into _____.
3. What must I do to be _____?
6. The woman's masters were very _____.

Questions

Answers on back

1. The woman said, "These are servants of the _____."
2. What did Paul command the spirit to do?
3. Why were the woman's masters angry?
4. What did the magistrates do to Paul & Silas?
5. What did Paul & Silas do while in prison?
6. What caused the doors to open and the stocks to come unbound?
7. Why did the jailor want to be saved?
8. What did Paul and Silas do instead of worrying and complaining about their circumstances?

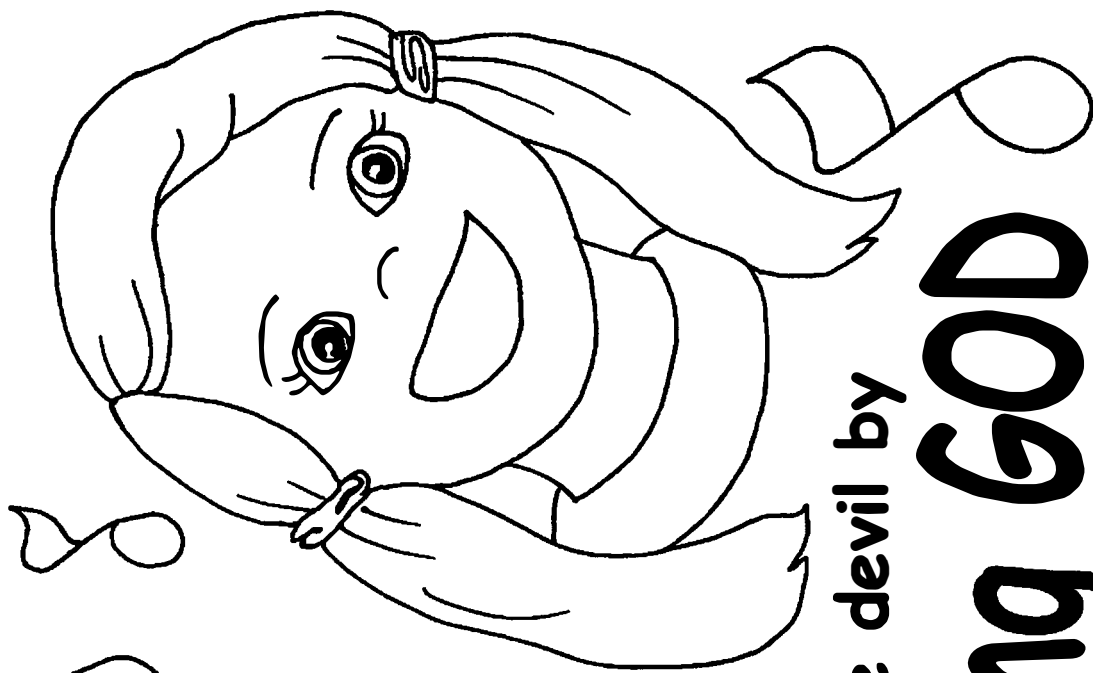


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Memory Verse

Is any among you afflicted?
let him pray. Is any merry?
Let him sing psalms.

James 5:13



Fight the devil by

Praising GOD



Melody for the Lord

Francis Ridley Havergal was born in England on December 14, 1836. Francis grew up in a Christian home. She learned to read at the age of three. When she was four years old, Francis was able to read the Bible. Francis' father enjoyed writing songs. On Sunday evenings, their whole family sang together. Francis' father passed his talent along to his daughter.

When Francis was 11 years old, something very sad happened. Her mother was dying. "You are my littlest girl," Francis' mother said. "I pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide you. And remember, nothing but the blood of Jesus can make you clean and lovely in God's sight." Francis remembered these words the rest of her life.

Francis was 14 years old when she gave her life to Christ. "Darkness is past forever," she wrote. "My heart is flowing with the peace and joy brought by the Holy Spirit."

Francis went on a trip to visit some friends. Some were loved ones she had prayed for who were not saved. Some were Christians but did not seem happy.

While she was there, she prayed for her friends. Some of them got saved; some made a deeper commitment for Christ. The last night of her visit, Francis was so happy about her friends' decisions. "Thank You, Lord!" she rejoiced; and as she rejoiced, the words to a poem began forming in her heart. You can find Francis' poem in The Evening Light Songs hymnal.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to
Thee. Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse
of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only for my
King. Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I
withhold. Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no
longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its
treasure store. Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

—*Sis. Monica Murphey*

Answers:

1. Most High God.
2. Come out.
3. She wouldn't tell fortunes.
4. Whipped them & threw them into prison.
5. Sang & prayed.
6. Earthquake.
7. Because of the love of God he saw in them.
8. Prayed & sang.



Primary Papers

March 22, 2015

The Battle Is the Lord's

“An army is marching this way from Syria,” messengers informed King Jehoshaphat. Several tribes from the northern and eastern coasts of the Red Sea were making progress toward Israel. King Jehoshaphat was afraid to hear the news, but he knew what to do. “Send word to all the cities of Judah that there is to be a fast,” he proclaimed. “We will seek God for help against our enemy.” All of Judah, even the women and their children, gathered together and listened as the king prayed for God’s protection.

The Spirit of God was witnessing to Jahaziel. “God says not to worry,” he told them. “This battle is not yours, but God’s. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Don’t be afraid. Go to battle tomorrow. The Lord is with you.”

Early the next morning, the Israelites prepared to march to battle. King Jehoshaphat had special instructions for some of his people. As they marched to battle, these people led the way. “We praise the Lord for the beauty of His holiness,” they sang. “Give thanks to the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.”

The Lord caused the Israelite’s enemies to be confused. They fought each other until the entire enemy army was destroyed. The Israelites rejoiced when they saw their enemy completely destroyed. They brought back many riches they found on the bodies of their enemies. One key element in winning the victory over our enemy (Satan) is realizing that the battle that we are fighting does not belong to us but to God. God is in control of every situation. He sees the big picture and knows what lies ahead. When we pray, “Do not let what I want happen; I want to see You to work out what is best,” the devil knows he is fighting against God and not us. God told the Israelites not to be afraid and that He would fight for them. The Israelites claimed that promise. When God tells us that He will do something, we can claim the promise and trust His word. We should give Him all of the glory and praise, even in the midst of our battles.

The Battle Is the Lord's

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan.

Crack the code to find out what David told Goliath before fighting him. Clue: 1 Sam.
17:47

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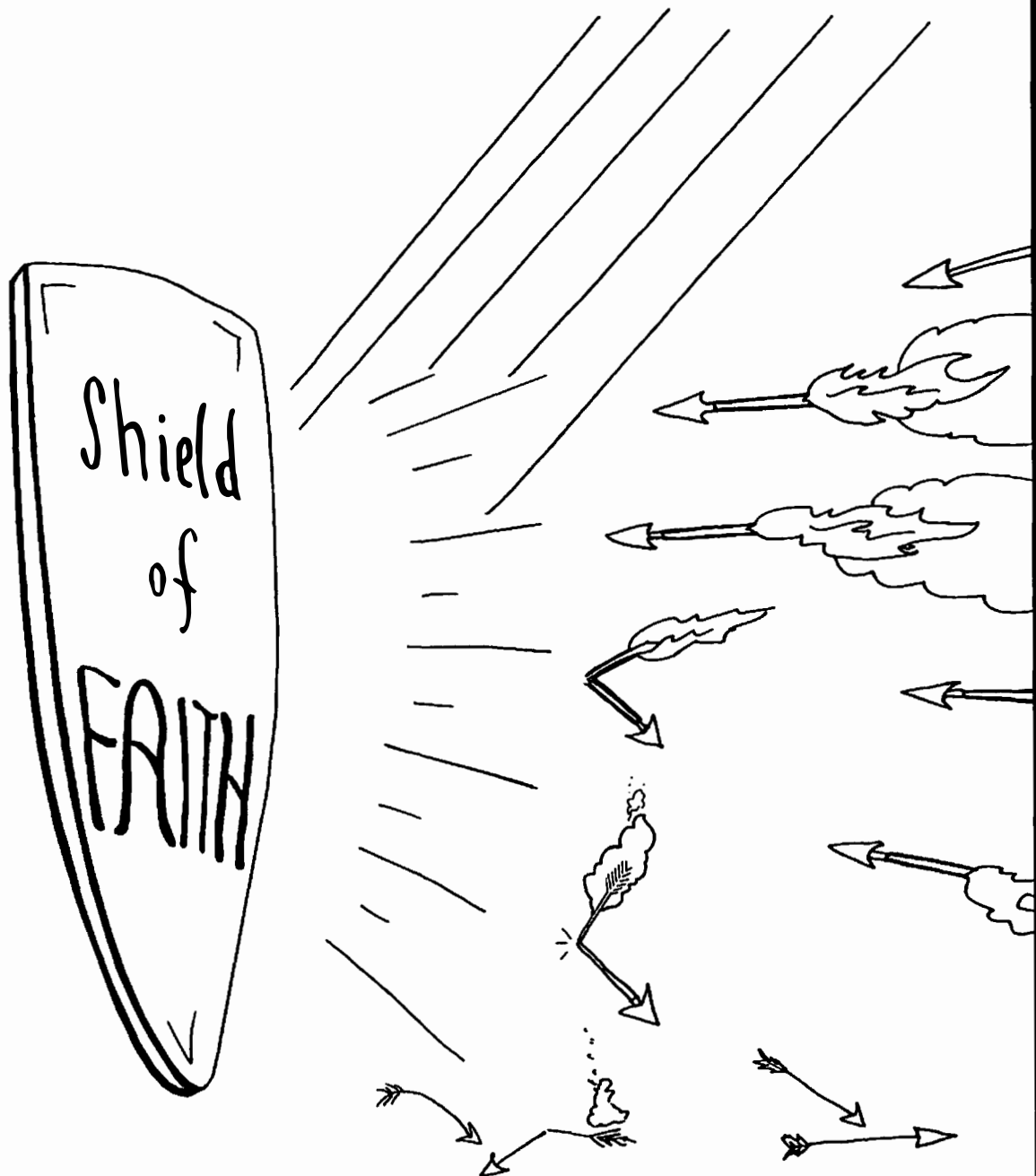
1. What did the king ask his people to do when he heard an army was marching toward them?
2. "The ____ is not yours, but ____."
3. "Stand ____ and see the ____ of the Lord."
4. What did the people leading the Israelite army into battle do?
5. What happened to their enemies?
6. Which situations is God in control of?
7. What did the Israelites claim?
8. What can we trust?

Memory Verse

stand ye *still*, and see
the salvation of the LORD...

2 Chronicles 20:17

Let God fight your battles. Faith allows God to work.
"...According to your faith be it unto you." Matthew 9:29



A Christmas Surprise

It was Christmas morning! Hamilton and his sister were unwrapping their presents. Exclamations of "This is awesome!" and "Wow, look what I got!" could be heard occasionally in the midst of the excitement.

"Hamilton, go change the kitty litter box," Hamilton's dad said.

Hamilton was having fun opening gifts. He didn't want to change the kitty litter box.

"I don't want to go," Hamilton whined. "Do I have to?"

"Yes," his dad said.

"No, I don't want to," Hamilton repeated.

Hamilton's daddy was very sad to have to punish him on Christmas morning, but Hamilton wasn't obeying him. After Hamilton received his punishment, he went into the mud room to complete the dreaded task. When he entered the doorway, he saw a huge, brand new radio.

What a surprise! Hamilton felt so sorry for disobeying his dad.

Just like an earthly father, sometimes our Heavenly Father will ask us to do something we don't like. Sometimes God may show us that we need to do something that might seem hard.

God loves us more than a human being can. God knows when we need something and when the best time will be for us to

receive it. When we want something, it's nice to get what we want at exactly the time that we want it. When we pray, God may not answer right away with a yes. The answer may be no or it may be to wait. Or, it may be to be still and let God work it



out.

Whether the answer is yes, no, or wait, we can trust our Heavenly Father to know what is best for us. He will be with us to help us through if the answer is no or wait.

*—Based on a true story told by
Bro. Hamilton Clark*

Answers:

1. To fast. 2. Battle/God's. 3. Still/salvation. 4. Sang praises.
5. Fought & killed each other. 6. Every one. 7. God's promise.
8. God's promises and His word.



Primary Papers

March 29, 2015

The Beautiful Way

I am thinking today of a beautiful way, it's the way that my dear Savior trod.

It leads us right by day or by night, for it leads us to Heaven and God.

Our sins we forsake this good way to take, then Jesus gives joy and sweet peace,

We walk every day in the beautiful way; His blessings shall ever increase.

So children, today take the beautiful way. Let Jesus come into your heart.

Forsake all your sin, let Jesus come in. Just decide NOW for Heaven to start.

Oh seek Him today; no longer delay. Yes, open your heart's door wide.

Say Jesus, come in and save me from sin, and in my heart ever abide.

This poem, written by someone with the initials B. M., was published in the Sunday school paper printed by the Faith Publishing House during the first year it opened. It talks about the pathway to Heaven that Jesus also talked about. "Enter in at the straight gate," Jesus told His followers. "For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction. That way looks easy and many people take it. Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life, and few people find it." Another time Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Although the narrow pathway may not look pretty or easy, Jesus is there to help us and bring beautiful things into our lives.

Paul likens the journey of Christians to Heaven as those who are running a race. "I don't run uncertainly, but as one who is running to win a prize," Paul wrote. At the end of the race, Paul said the prize he wanted was to hear his Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The author of Hebrews wrote that Christians are pilgrims and strangers on the earth. This world is not our home. Christians are trying to keep on the pathway to Heaven. Once we decide to journey on the straight way, the devil will try to make us leave the path. He knows our weaknesses and what will tempt us; but if we have accepted Jesus as our Savior, He will help us make it so we can spend eternity with Him.

The Beautiful Way

Theme: Combating the enemy, Satan. Choose the narrow pathway to Heaven.

Draw a picture of the broad road.

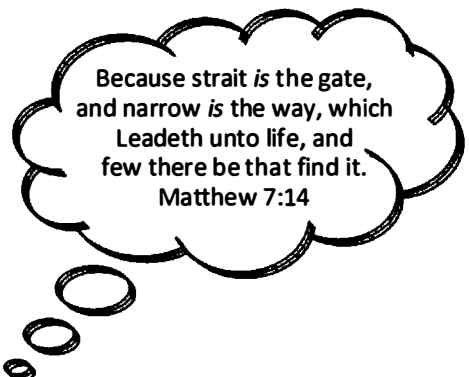
Draw a picture of the narrow road.

Questions

Answers on back

1. What does the poem say will happen if we forsake our sins?
2. When does the poem say we should decide to start for Heaven?
3. Enter in at the ____ gate.
4. Why do so many follow the broad pathway?
5. "____ am the way, the truth, and the life."
6. What did Paul say he was running to win?
7. "Well done, good and faithful ____."
8. What will the devil try to make us do?

Memory Verse



Because strait *is* the gate,
and narrow *is* the way, which
Leadeth unto life, and
few there be that find it.
Matthew 7:14



William and the Bible

William was going to school to be a priest. When he found out that there was not a class available to take that taught about the Holy Scriptures, he was very disappointed. William knew many different languages, so he could read the Greek version of the Scriptures that had been translated. However, he saw that most of the people from his country (England) could not read the Scriptures for themselves nor understand when the Scriptures were read to them. The Bible was not yet translated into English.

One day another priest told William, "We had better obey the Pope's laws rather than God's laws." This made William very angry. "I will not obey the Pope," William declared. "If God will allow me to live, I will make sure that the boy plowing in the field knows more about God than the Pope himself."

William was determined to translate the Scriptures into English so that everyone could read God's Word. William began his translations and also translated other stories into English. This made the

Catholic Church leaders very angry.

William went into hiding and tried to get more work done on his translation of the Scriptures.

Someone turned William in to the authorities. William was put into prison. While he was there, he preached to the people holding him captive. Eventually, William was put on trial. They decided that William must die. Before he died, William cried, "Oh, Lord, open the King of England's eyes." William's translation of the Bible inspired others to translate it also. In 1611, it inspired King James to work on a translation of the Bible. He called in many scholars who helped him translate the Greek version of the Bible into English. This is the King James Version of the Bible that we still use in our worship today, four centuries later.

The path that William chose to follow was not an easy one, and he died because he chose to follow Christ's way. Sometimes, making the right choices may seem hard, but Jesus will always be there to help you if He is living in your heart. Jesus wants us to make choices that will lead us to Heaven. —*Sis. Monica Murphey*

Answers:

1. Jesus will give joy & peace. 2. Now. 3. Straight. 4. It looks easy. 5. I. 6. A prize. 7. Servant. 8. Leave the pathway to Heaven.