# We Learn From the History Of Israel

Vacation

Bible

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples:

and they are written for our admonition,

I Corinthians 10:11

5chool

A series of lessons for Ages 4 & 5
Preschool / Kindergarten

## We Learn From the History Of Israel

A series of five lessons designed for

### Vacation Bible School

for

Preschool / Kindergarten Ages 4 & 5

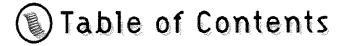
Author: Betty Penn

Artwork & Illustrations: Cheryl Harris & Betty Penn



#### We Learn From the History Of Israel

### VBS Series 5 Preschool / Kindergarten 4 and 5 years old



Overview	iii
Lesson 1: Moses Recorded the History Of Israel	1
Lesson 2: Joshua Warned Israel	. 25
Lesson 3: Peter Confirmed Jesus Was the Messiah	. 47
Lesson 4: Stephen Defended His Belief In Jesus	. 63
Lesson 5: Paul Preached To the Gentiles	. <i>77</i>

#### **OVERVIEW:**

It is strongly suggested that all teachers read Psalm 105 which speaks of all the things God did for the nation of Israel, and Psalm 106 which reveals their disobedience and rebellion and the resulting punishment of God upon them as a nation.

God created Adam perfect, and Adam brought the sin nature upon the human race by his disobedience. For about twenty-five hundred years there were none of the nations of the earth who worshiped and served God. God established the nation of Israel to have an institution of worship and witness on the earth. In order to understand the New Testament, Jesus' life on earth, and the establishment and work of the church, we must understand the history and purpose of the nation of Israel.

God raised them up for a two-fold purpose: He wanted a nation of people who would obey His commands so that He could have a close relationship with them as His creation, and He would be their God. They would be a nation through which He would send His Son into the world to be accepted as their Savior. They would understand the birth of Jesus, and would accept Him as the Messiah, the Son of God. Instead, they rejected Him.

Where are they today? God formed them into a nation during their 400 years in Egypt, then led them to the land of Canaan which He promised to give to them to be their land forever. Because of their disobedience, and because they worshiped idols like the nations around them, they lived in the land of Canaan for less than 750 years before God allowed them to be dispersed over all the earth.

About 517 years after they left Egypt the nation was divided into two kingdoms. Approximately 224 years later the northern ten tribes (Kingdom of Israel) were captured by the Assyrians, and after another 135 years the southern two tribes (Kingdom of Judah) were carried away captive by the Babylonians. Some Jews remained in Canaan at the time Jesus was born, but they were under the rule of the Roman Empire. It was over twenty-five hundred years before they regathered in Jerusalem and raised their flag as the nation of Israel. This was in 1948. They still have not been able to reclaim all of the land God gave to them.

What happened to Egypt? They were one of the earliest civilizations, a wealthy, prominent, and highly educated people. The Egyptians remained a nation. They were not dispersed nor destroyed, but they did not prosper. God promised Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3, "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." God did not bless the Egyptians because of the way they treated His people, the Israelites. They are now a poor and troubled nation.

#### Lesson 1 — Moses Recorded the History Of Israel

#### **MEMORY VERSE: Genesis 12:2-3**

"I will make of thee a great nation, - - - and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Moses wrote the history of the nation of Israel in the first 5 books of the Bible. God chose Moses to lead them out of Egypt as a nation and take them to a land where He would deal with them as His chosen people. God used Moses to institute the Judaic system of worship. He told them exactly how to worship. They were to make different sacrifices for different reasons. These sacrifices were to teach them the truths that He wanted them to practice. God instituted the priesthood and Tabernacle worship. Everything in Judaism pointed to the fulfillment of God's promise to send His Son into the world to die and pay the price for sin. Judaic worship continued until Jesus was crucified on the cross, thus fulfilling the law and the purpose of sacrifices. Judaism has no purpose today except for history.

#### Lesson 2 — Joshua Warned Israel

#### **MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 31:18**

"And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods."

#### or: Joshua 23:16

"When ye - - - have gone and served other gods, - - - then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which He hath given unto you."

Before Moses died he repeated the history of the Israelites and the law to the new generation of people. When Moses died, God gave charge of Israel to Joshua to lead them into the land of Canaan to possess it as God had promised to their forefathers. For 400 years they were ruled by many judges and one king (Saul) until David became the greatest king in the history of Israel. He conquered many nations and claimed nearly all of the land that God promised to them from Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea all the way to the Euphrates River. The next king, Solomon, was unfaithful to God and God allowed the kingdom to be divided during the reign of Solomon's son, Rehoboam. They were captured by the Assyrians about 700 years before Jesus was born. When He came, the Jews did not accept Him as the Messiah, but crucified him, which ended the Judaic system of worship and Christianity began.

The Jews who were in Palestine when Jesus was born should have recognized Him as the promised Son of God because of their history as His chosen people, but they did not because they had been a rebellious people and had turned from the worship of God to idols. They did not continue to teach each new generation of people what their purpose was as the chosen of God.

#### Lesson 3 — Peter Confirmed Jesus Was the Messiah

#### **MEMORY VERSE: Acts 2:36**

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Peter confirmed the purpose of the Jewish nation: for God to have a witness on earth and a nation of people through whom He could send His Son into the world. By faith they would understand about Jesus and recognize Him when He came. Peter was one of the first followers of Jesus and one of the apostles. On the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit empowered the church to speak in languages they had not before known so they could communicate with all nations, Peter preached a powerful sermon and many Jews realized their error in rejecting Him and repented, accepting Jesus as the Son of God.

#### Lesson 4 — Stephen Defended His Belief In Jesus

#### **MEMORY VERSE: Acts 7:56**

"Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Stephen defended what he believed before the Jewish council, and condemned the Jews for rejecting Jesus. Because he had turned from the Judaic system of worship and believed in the teachings of Jesus, and became a member of the church, he was hated by the rulers of the Jews. They set out to stop the spread of the belief that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, and that God raised Him from the dead after they had crucified Him. His death, burial, and resurrection fulfilled the purpose of the law and sacrifices, and the Jews were not willing to accept Jesus and the change in their way of worship. For this Stephen was put to death. As they dragged him outside the city to stone him, he witnessed one last time that God raised Jesus from the dead. He looked up into heaven and stated firmly that he saw Jesus, whom they rejected and crucified, alive and sitting on the right hand of God.

#### Lesson 5 — Paul Preached To the Gentiles

#### **MEMORY VERSE: Acts 13:46**

" - - - It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you:"

The Apostle Paul said he was the apostle to the Gentiles. He reinforced the history and purpose of the Jews on many occasions. Everywhere he went he entered the synagogues and preached to the Jews first; when they rejected his message he turned to the Gentiles with the message of repentance. When he preached in the synagogue at Antioch he told the Jews that God chose their forefathers and made of them a great nation so He could send His Son into the world, but they fulfilled the prophecies that they read every Sabbath when they rejected Him as the Messiah. Paul tried to reinforce the history of the Jews to their own people so they would

understand that He did not come to become King only, but came to fulfill the law and the prophecies of His death and offer them salvation.

Read I Corinthians 10:1-11. Verse 11, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

```
"ensamples" = "types"

"admonition" = "a putting unto the mind" — "instruction"
```

It is necessary for us to understand the history and purpose of the nation of Israel in order to understand the teachings in the New Testament. We must understand the history of Israel to understand the events that are happening in that part of the world today. Israel continues to fight for her land. This will not end until Jesus returns and sets up His kingdom on earth. Not until then will the Jews accept Him as the Savior, the Son of God.

#### Lesson 1 — Moses Recorded the History Of Israel

#### To the Teacher:

The introduction and background material that is a part of the lesson for the older students is included in all of these lessons for the younger children for the benefit of the teacher. Please study it carefully to prepare for the lesson material, which has emphasis on:

- God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to Mount Sinai where he
  prepared them to live as an independent nation with their own laws and instituted
  the priesthood as their way of worship.
- 2. Because of their lack of faith in the promise of God to drive out the inhabitants of the land and give it to His people, they wandered in the wilderness for forty years, until all of the first generation died and the second generation was allowed to claim the promise of God. In the wilderness God provided for them.
- 3. Moses warned them against becoming friends with the inhabitants of the land because of their idolatry. If they worshiped idols instead of God, He would destroy them from off the good land that He gave them and allow their enemies to inhabit it. This happened and they were scattered abroad where most of them remain today. There is constant war to try to reclaim their land.

The worksheets are inserted in the portions of lesson material so the teacher can select those to use as time permits, and according to the age and comprehension level of the students, or teach all of the lesson and then go back to the worksheets. Use your discretion in simplifying or adding more details.

#### Introduction:

God made Adam and Eve perfect beings and placed them in a perfect place on the earth to love and worship Him. (Genesis 1:17-29) They would bear perfect children who would also love and worship God. There would be a world filled with perfect people, and perfect companionship would exist between God and man. But they chose to sin and became separated from God. (Genesis 3:6) There was only one way for Him to reclaim them from their sinful condition. He promised to send His Son into the world as a perfect human to live a perfect life and give His life to pay the price for their sins. (Genesis 3:15)

#### Background material:

Adam taught his sons to offer blood sacrifices to show their faith in the coming Savior who would shed His blood as payment for their sins. (Genesis 3:6) After generations passed there were very few who worshiped God. (Genesis 6:5-8) God could not destroy them all and create another perfect man because He had promised Adam He would send His Son to die for his sins. God started over with Noah to raise up another generation that would worship Him. After several generations (about 100 years) mankind was once again wicked and sinful. He

could not destroy them all because He made a promise to Noah not to do so. To limit man's ability to accomplish anything man set his mind to do, and live his life totally without God, He caused them to speak different languages and scattered them over the earth to become different nations. (Genesis 11:4-8) There was not one nation among all of them who worshiped and served God. So God chose **Abraham** to begin a new nation. (Genesis 12:1-3). God called him to leave his home in Ur and took him to the land of Canaan. He promised to give this land to Abraham's descendants to be their's forever. God promised to make of him a great nation, (Genesis 22:17), and through them all the world would be blessed by the coming of Jesus to die and pay the price for the sins of all mankind.

#### Beginning and Purpose of Israel: Genesis 12:1-3

The history of the nation of Israel began with Abraham who left Ur and went to Canaan, and God promised him, "Unto thy seed will I give this land." God chose Abraham's son, Isaac, and Isaac's son, Jacob, to whom He renewed the promise, (Genesis 17:19, and 28:12-14). He promised Jacob that his descendants would become innumerable (Genesis 28:14) and through them all families of the earth would be blessed. It was from the twelve sons of Jacob that the nation of Israel, called Hebrews, developed. Jacob went to Haran and while there his first eleven sons were born. After twenty years in Haran God told him it was time to return to Canaan and begin to possess the land. Genesis 37:1 Jacob and his family were living in Canaan when a famine struck the land and they went into Egypt to find food. Because of intense jealousy on the part of his ten older brothers because their father seemed to love Joseph more than he loved them, when he was seventeen years old they sold him as a slave to a merchant caravan going to Egypt, thinking they would never see him again. (Genesis 37:20-28) Through the direction of God, Gen. 41:39-43, Joseph was made ruler in Egypt under Pharaoh. He controlled the storing of grain during seven years of plenty, so that there was food for the people during the seven years of drought and famine that followed. The famine also struck the land of Canaan and Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy food. Joseph sent for his father and all of his family to come Egypt to live until the famine was over. God told Jacob not to fear going down into Egypt, because while they were there He would make of them a great nation and would bring them back to the land of Canaan to live, (Gen. 46:3-4).

#### The Hebrews in Egypt:

The history of Israel as a nation began when Joseph became the first Israelite to go and live in the land of Egypt. This is when God began to make of the descendants of Abraham, the sons and grandsons of Jacob, a nation so large they could not be counted. There were 70 people who were direct descendants of Jacob who went into Egypt, (Genesis 46:27), and after four hundred years there were more than a million of them living there. The Egyptians became afraid of them and made them their slaves. The Israelites, called Hebrews, lived in Egypt and were slaves to the Egyptians for four hundred years. Exodus 1:9-14, the Pharaoh treated the Israelites very badly, and they prayed to God to bring them out of their slavery.

#### Moses, the Deliverer:

Pharaoh commanded that all the Hebrew baby boys should be killed so they could not

grow up to be soldiers and possibly conquer Egypt in case of war, (Exodus 1:10, 16). During this time **Moses** was born. God protected Moses, who was hidden by his mother for three months. Then she placed him in a basket to float in the river where the princess came every day to bathe. The princess found the Hebrew baby and adopted him as her own son so the Pharaoh would not have him killed, (Exodus 2:9-10). She named him Moses because it means "drawn out of the water", and that is where she found him. Moses was raised in the palace as an Egyptian prince, but he knew all of the time that he was really one of the Hebrews, God's chosen people.

When he was forty years old he killed an Egyptian because he was brutally beating one of the Hebrew slaves, Moses' own people. He ran away to the land of Midian to protect his life, and after forty years God spoke to him from a burning bush and told him to go back to Egypt and lead His people out of their bondage. (Exodus 3:7-10). The bush was at Mount Horeb (or Mt. Sinai). God told him He was the God of Moses' forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and had seen how badly the Egyptians treated His people. He was going to deliver them from their bondage. As a sign that He was sending Moses back to lead the Israelites out of bondage He promised to bring them back to this same place to worship Him, Exodus 3:12.

#### The History of the Hebrews:

The Book of Exodus tells the history of the Hebrew people from the time they left Egypt as a great nation. God did many miracles to convince the Egyptians to allow the Hebrews to leave Egypt, Exodus 6:1. His punishment upon the Egyptians was because they did not worship God, but worshiped idols, or statues, and they mistreated God's people. Moses led them to the Red Sea, and God provided a path through which they could cross safely and escape from the Egyptian army that was drowned when the waters returned to the Sea. God provided food and water for them in the wilderness as they traveled, and brought them to Mount Sinai (as He had promised Moses) where He gave them laws to live by and told them how He wanted them to worship Him. The reason He formed this nation was to have people who would worship and serve Him. They were His special people, chosen for a special purpose—through this nation He would send His Son to live on the earth and die for their sins, along with the sins of all people. God wanted a nation of people who would recognize Jesus as the Son of God when He came to live on the earth.

#### Lesson Material:

#### Abraham to Moses:

God taught Adam how He wanted them to worship Him. He wanted the people to show their faith in Him, but instead, after many years all of the nations in the world began to serve idol gods and worship statues and images. God promised Abraham that He would make a new nation of people from his descendants. He wanted this nation to serve Him and He would bless them in a way that all the world would see His power and come to a know Him as the true God. Jesus would be born through this nation, so they would understand who He was and why He came into the world.

This special nation of God's people were called Hebrews, or Israelites. They lived in Egypt for many years. The Egyptians were mean to the Hebrews and made them slaves. They had to work very hard and were mistreated when they did not work hard enough to please the Egyptians. God made plans to lead His people out of Egypt and take them to a land that would be their very own. He would bless them and give them all the things they needed. God protected Moses from the wicked king, Pharaoh, when he was born. Moses' mother hid him in a basket in the river where the Pharaoh's daughter, the princess of Egypt, would find Him. She knew he was a Hebrew baby, but she wanted to keep him for her own son so her father would not harm him.

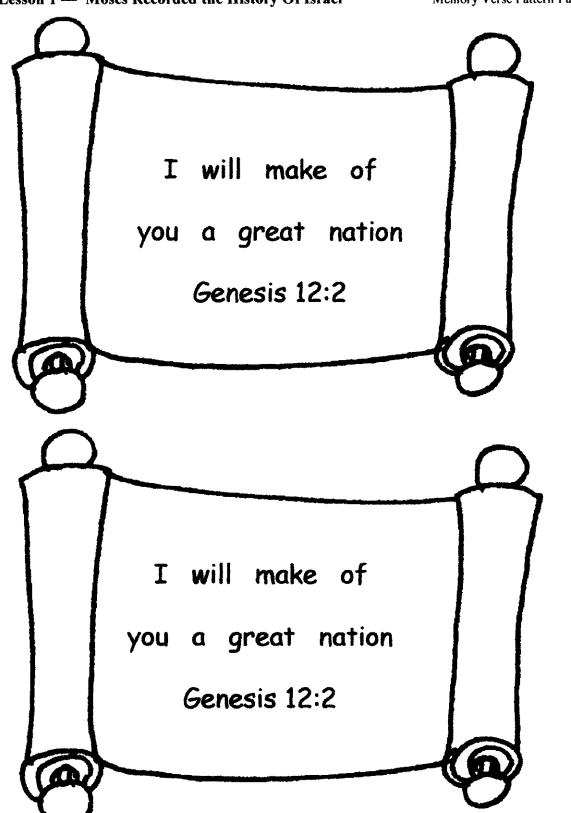
Moses grew up as an Egyptian, but he knew he was really one of the Hebrews. When he was a grown man the Pharaoh became angry at Moses because he wanted to be a friend to the Hebrews. He had to run away to another land to live.

While he was living in the land of Midian he saw a green bush that was burning but it did not burn up. He went closer to see why it did not burn up, and God spoke to him from the bush.

God told Moses He knew how badly the Hebrews were treated in Egypt, and told Moses to go back to Egypt and bring them out of their slavery. God would take them to the land of Canaan, and chase out the Canaanites who lived there because they did not love Him and they worshiped idols instead of God. God would give the land to His people, the Hebrews, or Israelites. The land would belong to them forever.

Lesson 1 — Moses Recorded the History Of Israel

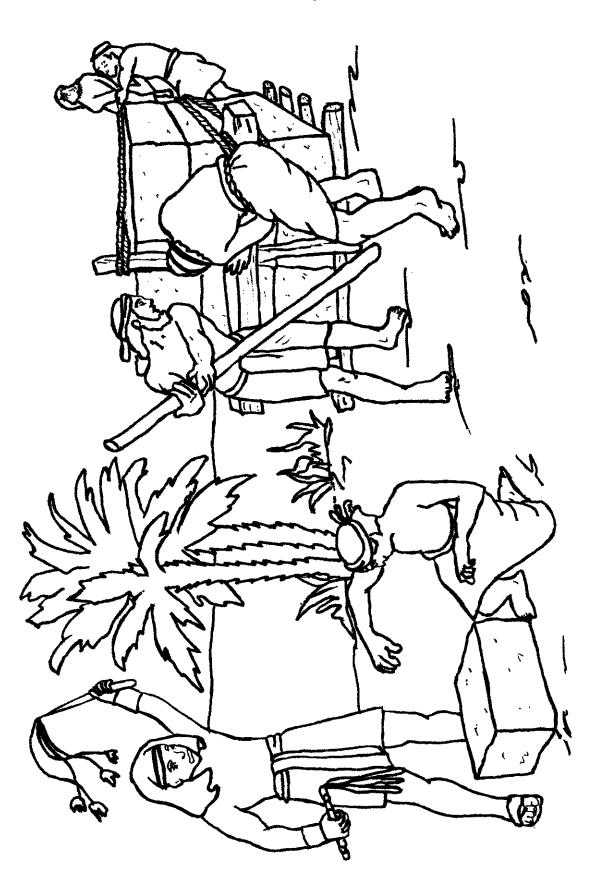
Memory Verse Pattern Page

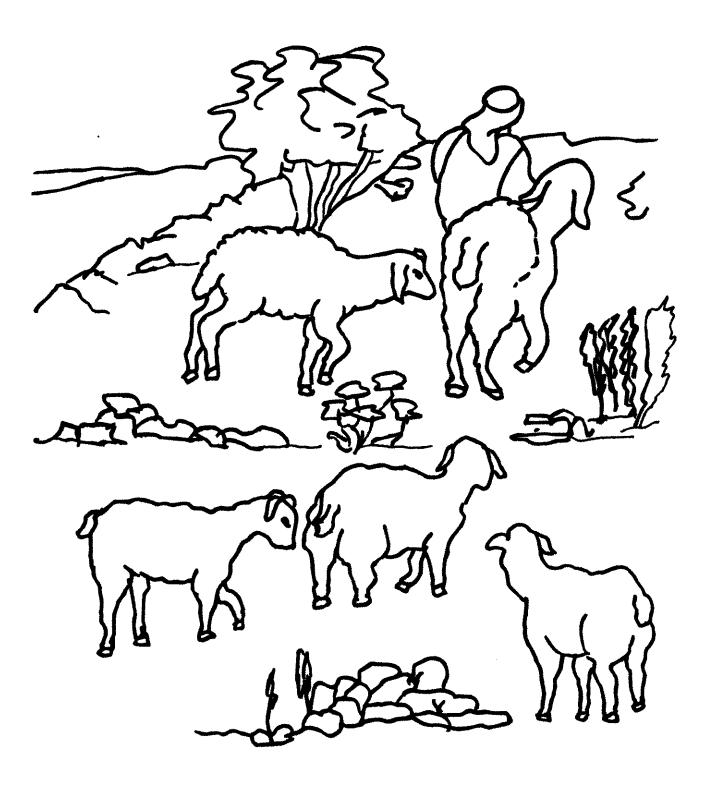




"And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water." Exodus 2:10



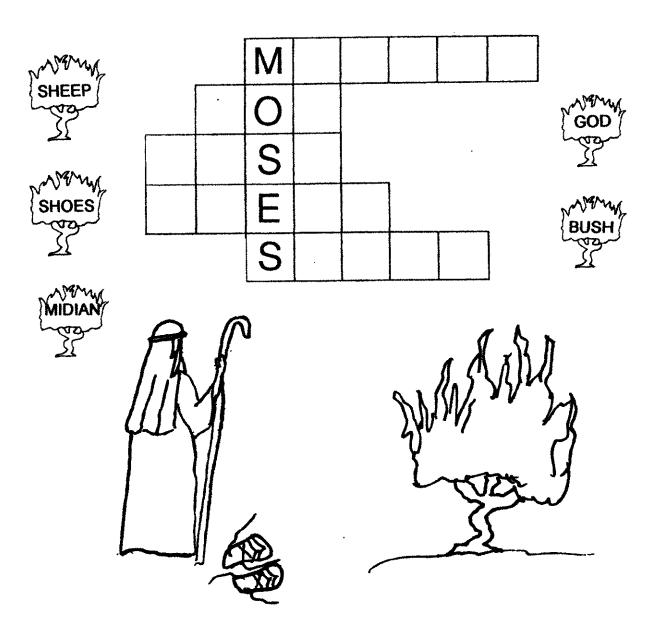




Moses lived in the land of Midian for forty years and took care of Jethro's sheep.

#### Use these hints to find the answers in the puzzle.

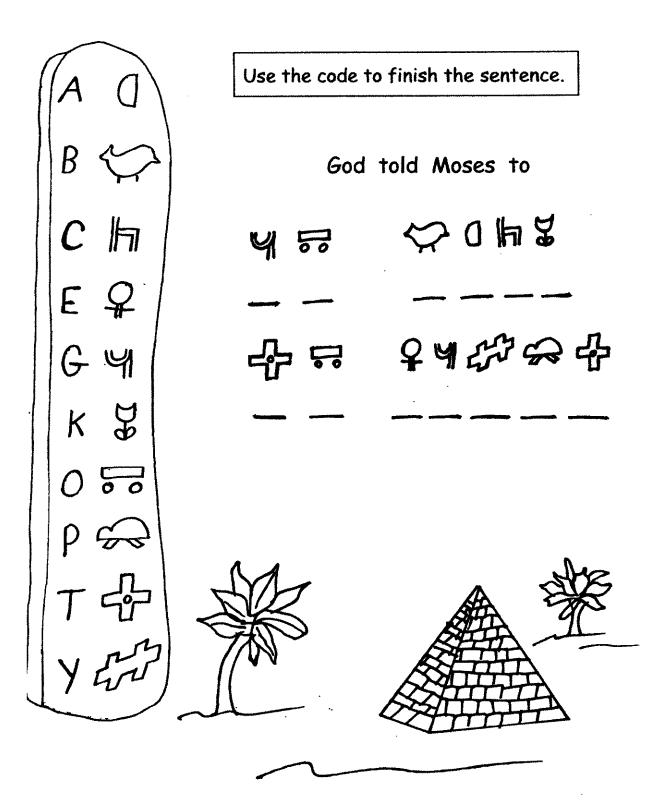
- 1. Moses ran away to this land.
- 2. He spoke to Moses from a bush.
- 3. This was on fire but did not burn up.
- 4. Moses was a shepherd. He took care of these.
- 5. God told him to take these off.

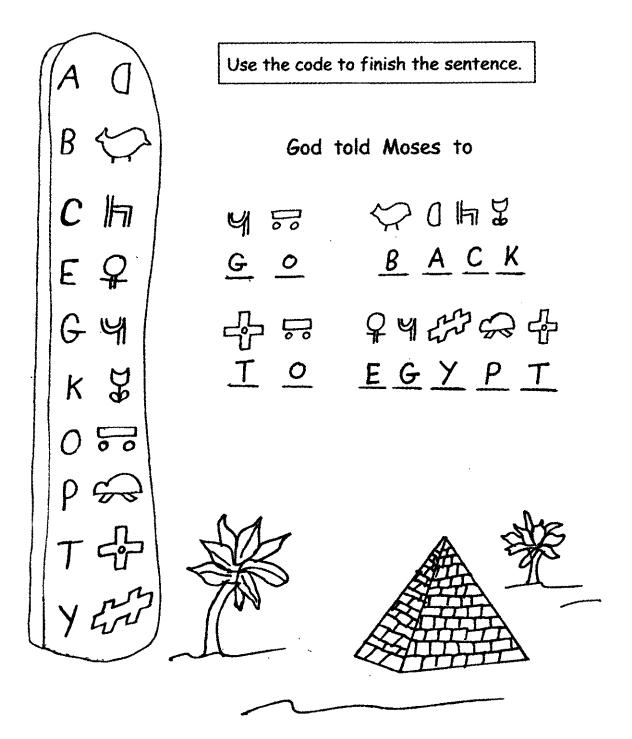


#### Use these hints to find the answers in the puzzle.

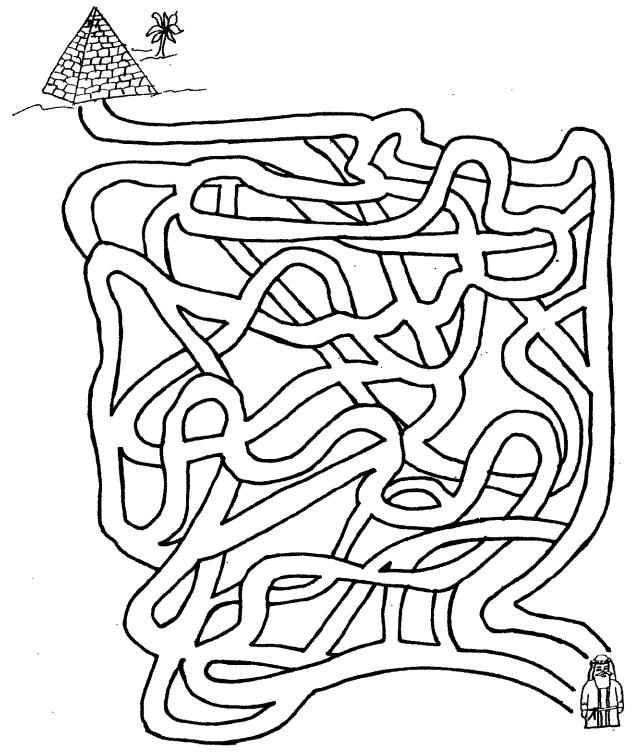
- 1. Moses ran away to this land.
- 2. He spoke to Moses from a bush.
- 3. This was on fire but did not burn up.
- 4. Moses was a shepherd. He took care of these.
- 5. God told him to take these off.

			М	1	D	1	Α	N	]
SHEEP		Ġ	O	D					GOD J
<u> </u>	В	U	S	Н					
SHOES	S	Н	E	E	Р				Mary
	1		S	Н	0	E	S		BUSH
MIDIAN									



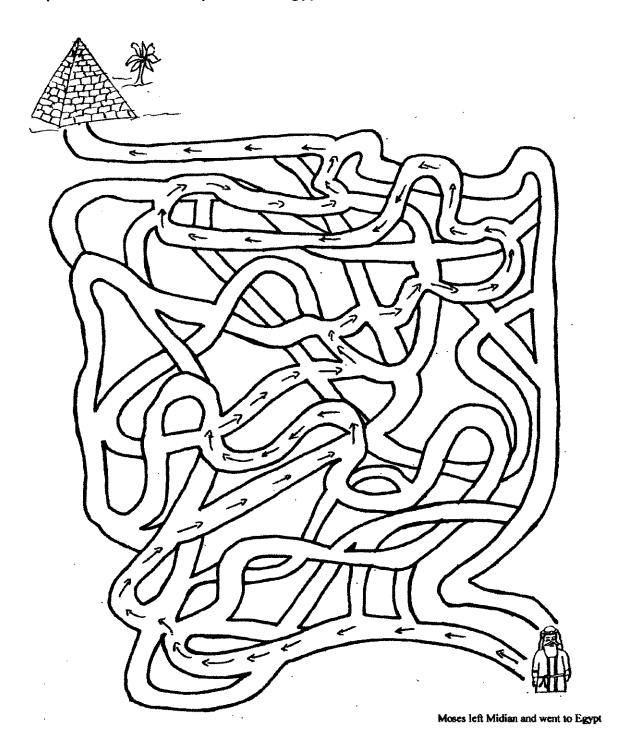


#### Help Moses find his way back to Egypt.



Moses left Midian and went to Egypt

#### Help Moses find his way back to Egypt



#### Forty Years In the Wilderness:

God used Moses to be the leader and bring His people, the Hebrews, out of Egypt. God sent a cloud in the daytime to lead the people where He wanted them to go. In the nighttime the cloud glowed as fire to give light for the people. He brought them back to Mount Sinai where Moses had seen the burning bush. Moses called all of the people to come close to the mountain because God was going to speak to them.

God gave them ten commandments that He wanted them to live by. They were things the people should do and things they should not do. (If you want to read and discuss the Ten Commandments they are found in Exodus 20:1-17.) When God spoke a large cloud covered the mountain and there was thunder and lightening to show His power. The people were afraid. Then God took Moses up on Mount Sinai and gave him laws for the people to live by. He told him how He wanted them to worship. Moses stayed up on the mountain with God for forty days and the Israelites thought something had happened to him and he was not coming back. In Egypt they had learned about worshiping idol gods, so they made an image of a golden calf from the jewelry they were wearing and began to worship it. God was displeased and punished them. Then they realized they were wrong and had disobeyed God. They were sorry for their sin and repented and God forgave them.

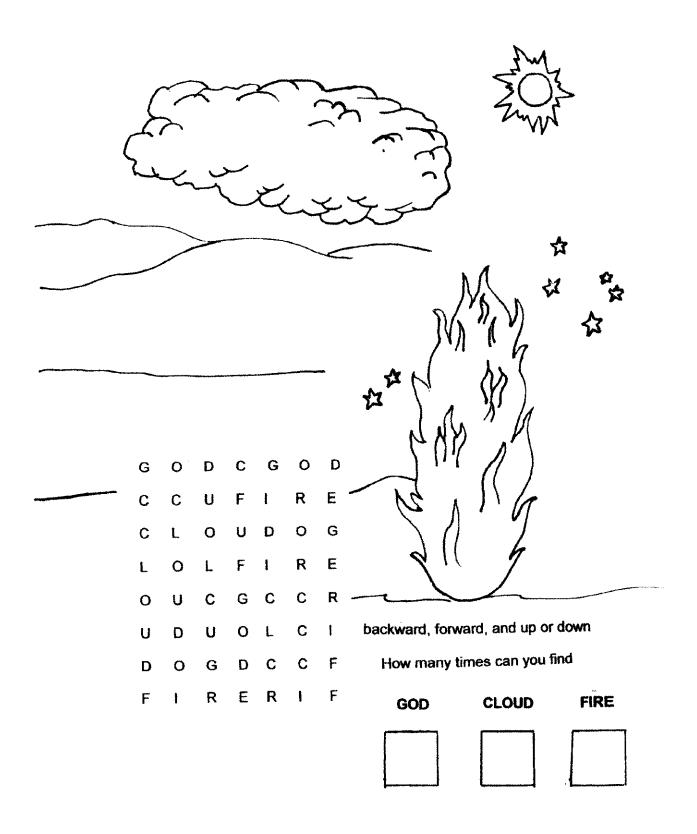
God told Moses exactly how to build a Tabernacle. This was where God would come down and live among them, and where they would go to worship. The people lived in tents while they were traveling to their new land. The Tabernacle was a very large, elaborate tent that could be moved from place to place as the people moved on their way to the land that God promised to give them. The tribe of Levi was responsible for moving the Tabernacle. They used six wagons pulled by twelve oxen to move the Tabernacle itself, and only the priests could move the furnishings, which they carried. These were not put on wagons.

The nation of Israel stayed at Mount Sinai about a year learning all the commands of God, and building the Tabernacle. They left Mount Sinai and traveled to edge of the land of Canaan. All they had to do was go in and take the land from the Canaanites. God promised to fight their battles for them, drive the people out of the land and give it to His people, with houses ready to live in, food growing in the fields, and flocks and herds of animals.

They lived in the wilderness for forty years before they went into the land of Canaan. While there God took care of them. Their clothes and their shoes did not wear out. Every morning God sent manna (small pieces for bread) down from heaven and in the evening he caused quail to fly into their camp so they had bread and meat to eat. When they were thirsty God sent water flowing down from a mountain to fill the low places and make streams and pools of water for them to have water to drink.

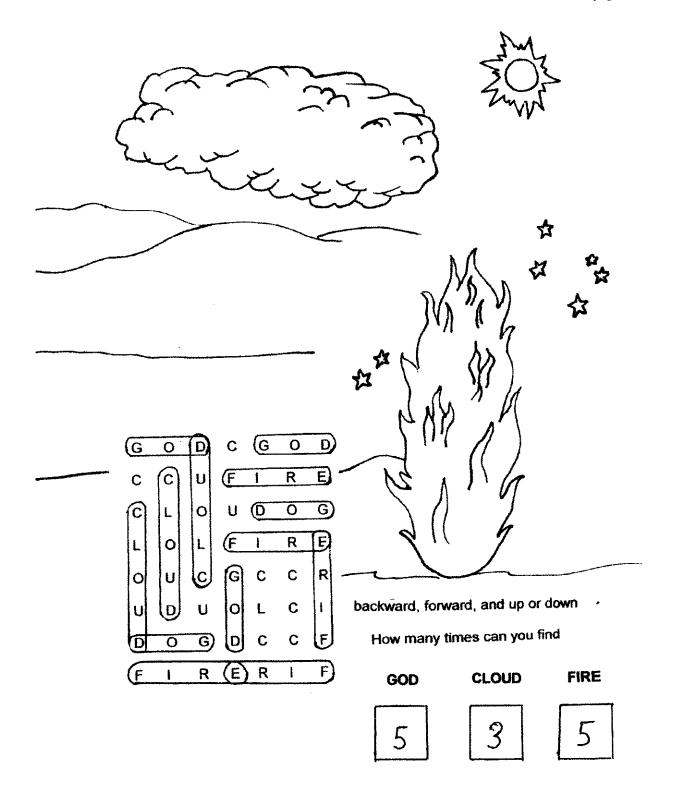
#### **MEMORY VERSE:** Genesis 12:2

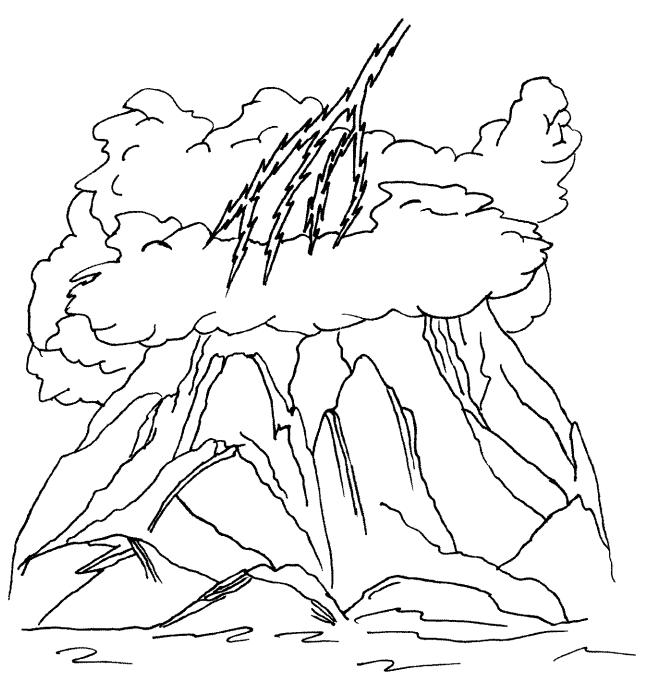
"I will make of you a great nation,



Lesson 1 — Moses Recorded the History Of Israel

Kindergarten worksheet 7 Answer page





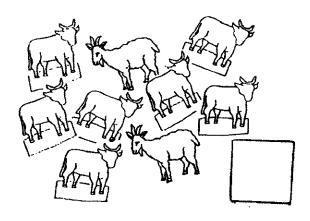
"--- there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, --- because the Lord descended upon it in fire:-- and the whole mount quaked greatly." Exodus19:16, 18

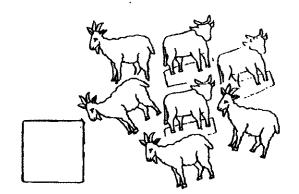
Count the golden calves in each group and write the number in the box.

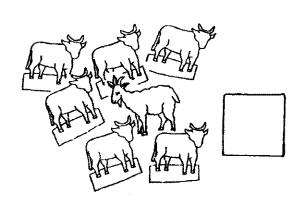


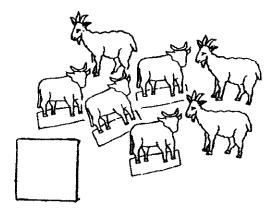
Calves

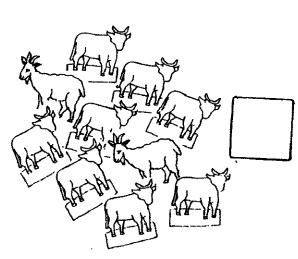


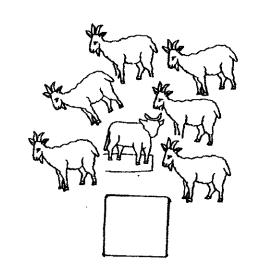










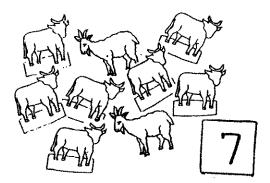


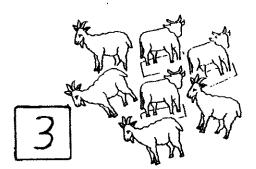
Count the golden calves in each group and write the number in the box.

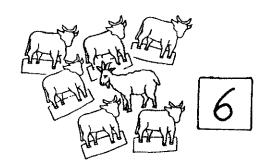


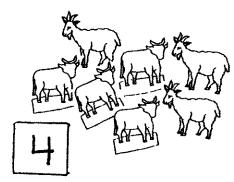
Calves

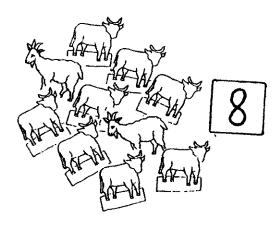


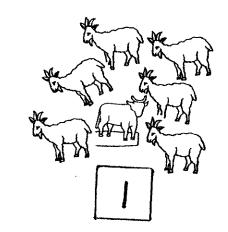




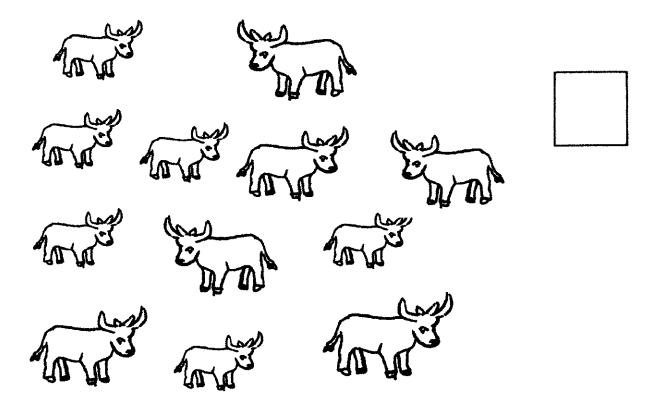




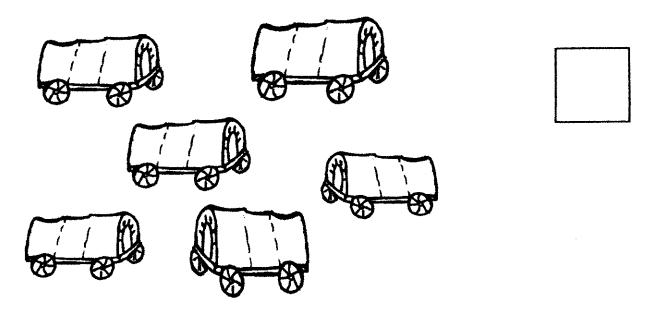




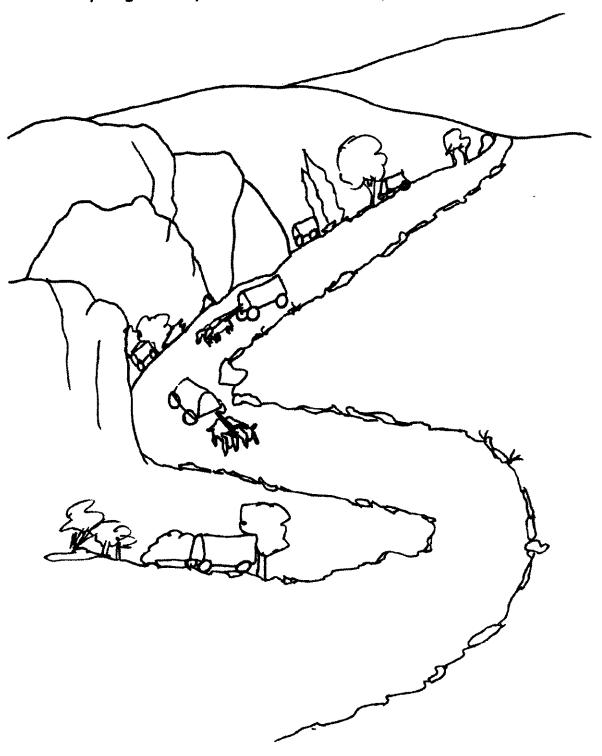
#### How many oxen did they use to move the Tabernacle?

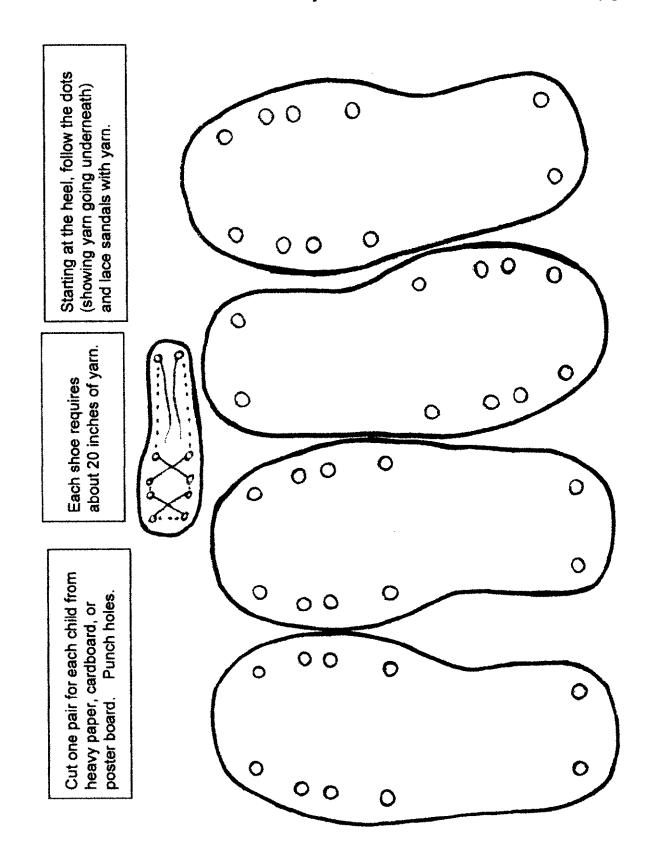


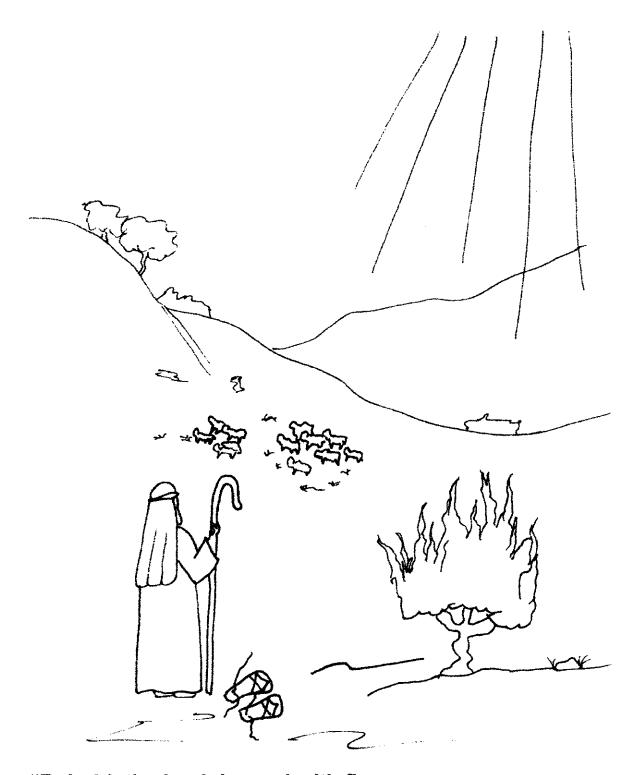
How many wagons did they use to move the Tabernacle?



How many wagons do you find hidden in the picture?







"Behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed." Genesis 3:2

#### Lesson 2 — Joshua Warned Israel

Deuteronomy 3:28, 31:17-23 Joshua 1:1-6, 23:2-5, 24:1-24

#### Introduction:

Who was Joshua? He was a young man born in Egypt, of the tribe of Ephraim. He knew what it was to be in slavery to another nation. He witnessed God's miracles when He released them from Egyptian bondage. He saw the Red Sea open for them to cross on dry land. He saw God provide food and water for them in the wilderness. Joshua became the leader of Israel after Moses died and led the people into battle with the inhabitants of the land, destroying them and conquering the land as a possession of the Israelites. Joshua, as an experienced army captain and with the help of God won victory after victory against the Canaanites, the idol worshiping heathens that lived in the land that God chose for His people. It was Joshua who allotted the divisions of the land to the individual tribes of Israel. After Moses had instructed this new generation of people who were born in the wilderness of the commands of God, Joshua reminded them repeatedly of their purpose and of their obligation to God. The Jews who remained in Palestine when Jesus was born should have recognized Him as the promised Son of God because of their history as His chosen people, but they did not because they had been a rebellious people and had turned from the worship of God to idols. They did not continue to teach each new generation of people what their purpose was as the chosen of God.

#### **Background material:**

The Israelites left Mount Sinai and camped at Kadesh-Barnea, an oasis in the desert at the edge of the land where God was taking them. God told them He would fight their battles for them and drive out the enemies from the land. All Israel had to do was go in and take it. Because they were afraid to trust God, they spent forty years in the wilderness. All of the generation that had been in Egypt died, and the younger generation grew up. All of the generation that had seen God open the Red Sea for them to cross on dry land, died. All of the generation that had been at Mt. Sinai and heard the voice of God as He spoke the Ten Commandments from the fire, the smoke and the cloud that covered the mountain, died. The new generation that was left had not seen the miracles of God in Egypt or at the Red Sea, and had not heard His voice as He spoke to them. They had not witnessed the giving of the Law and the building of the Tabernacle. All that was left of the older generation were Moses, Caleb, and Joshua. This was the group that Joshua led into the land God promised to Israel.

Everything God did was to teach the Israelites about His love and power, and about the purpose for Jesus coming into the world. Moses disobeyed God earlier when in his anger he struck the rock the second time to supply water for the people instead of speaking to it. God punished Moses by not allowing him to go into the promised land. Deuteronomy 3:25-28. He took him up on Mount Pisgah and let him look across and see the land before he died on the mountain. Moses repeated the law and their history as a nation to this new generation and told them Joshua was the one who would lead them in to possess the land where God wanted them. When the Israelites were traveling through the wilderness on their way to Mount Sinai they camped at Rephidim and a Bedouin tribe of Amalekites attacked the outermost edges of the

camp. Moses appointed Joshua military commander and instructed him to lead the Israelites into battle with Amalek. With the help of God he defeated the Amalekites and brought fear to the nations around them. Exodus 17:8, 13; Deuteronomy 25:17-18. God was the one who chose Joshua and told Moses to turn the nation of Israel over to Joshua and let him lead them into the promised land. Deuteronomy 31:7-8, 23; 34:9, and Moses laid his hands on him symbolically transferring his power with God to Joshua.

#### **Their History Repeated:**

Through Joshua, God repeated the history of the nation of Israel to this generation that Joshua had led into the promised land, chapter 24. He reminded them how their forefathers had lived in unbelief and perished in the flood and He raised up Abraham to lead him to a new land and to begin a new nation. He promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that through this nation He would send His Son into the world. He wanted a witness on earth to His power, a nation who would understand about Jesus and recognize Him when He came, and accept Him as the Son of God. God told them how Abraham's grandson, Jacob, and his descendants were in Egypt for four hundred years until He chose Moses and Aaron to head them out of bondage and into freedom in their own land. He reminded them of the plagues that He sent on the Egyptians, and how He opened the Red Sea and allowed them to escape and then destroyed the Egyptian army that followed them. After a long time in the wilderness, He brought them into the land.

God told them, "I brought you across Jordan, and the men of Jericho and then seven nations of people, the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites, and Jebusites fought against you and I delivered them into your hand. (24:12) I sent the hornet before you which drove them out. It was not with your sword, and it was not with your bow." God said, "I have given you a land for which you did not labor, cities to live in that you did not build, and you eat from vineyards and oliveyards which you did not plant." Because of all that God had done for them, Joshua commanded the people, (24:14) "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord." God wanted them to recognize His power, and that they were His special people.

Joshua told the Israelites, (Joshua 24:15) "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." "Do you want these people who live in the heathen nations around you to like you and be your friends, or do you want God to approve of you and bless you?" The people assured Joshua they would serve God, (v.16) "God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods." They acknowledged that the Lord was the one who brought them and their fathers up out of the land of Egypt, and preserved them in the wilderness, and the One who drove out the heathen nations and gave them the land. They said, (v.18) "Therefore will we also serve the Lord; for He is our God." But they didn't.

God used prophets to tell the people what He wanted them to know and do. He sent judges to settle their problems. Then they wanted a king like the nations around them. Their second king, David, did not lead them to worship idols. Under later kings the people began to

make and worship idols, and God did destroy them from off the good land that He had given them. They lost their land and became scattered among many nations.

About 500 years after they left Egypt the nation was divided into two kingdoms, the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of Judah, and they continually fought one another for about 224 years and the Assyrian army captured the northern kingdom, the Kingdom of Israel, and took them away as slaves to people beyond the Euphrates River. The southern kingdom, the Kingdom of Judah, existed for another 135 years and King Nebuchadnezzar and the army of Babylon captured them and took them away captives.

#### Where Is Israel Today?

The Jews remained scattered among all the nations of the earth for hundreds of years. In 1948 some of them returned to Jerusalem and raised their flag as a nation once more. They still do not own all of the land that God gave them. They live on a small portion of the land and are at war constantly with the other people in the land over what they consider theirs because God promised it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They do not own the city of Jerusalem. They do not have a king who sits on the throne of David in Jerusalem. Their temple was destroyed many years ago. Someday when Jesus returns, He will sit on the throne in Jerusalem as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and rule over all the earth. Someday every knee shall bow and every tongue confess before God. Until that day the Jews remain scattered.

Why did Israel not recognize Jesus as the Messiah when He came? — because they did not teach their children the truth about God from one generation to the next.

We must teach our children or they will not know.

#### Lesson Material:

#### Joshua Became Their Leader:

Joshua 1:1-5, God chose Joshua to take the people into the land of Canaan and conquer the people who lived there. God said, "I will be with you just like I was with Moses. I will not fail you nor forsake you." Joshua spoke to the people and said, "Get up and get ready, prepare food for a journey, because in three day we're going across the river and live in the land that God gave us."

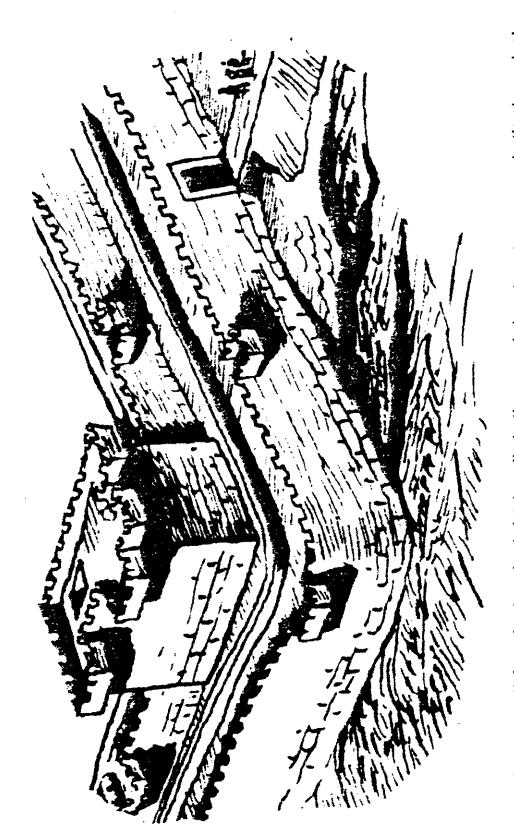
One of the first things God did to show them He was leading them was to dry up a part of the Jordan River, allowing the people to cross over on dry land.

Joshua's first great victory was conquering Jericho, the first city they came to in the new land. God told them to march around the city once each day for six days. On the seventh day, march around seven times and then the priests were to blow their trumpets. When the people heard the loud blast of the trumpets they were to shout very loudly. The army marched around the city seven times, the priests blew their trumpets and the people shouted. God caused the protective walls around the city to fall flat so the people could go in and take the city.

They conquered Jericho so easily they knew that God was with them and did not think they could lose no matter what happened. The next city they came to was Ai, Joshua chapters 7 & 8. It was a much smaller city so they didn't think they needed the whole army. They marched to Ai, and the army of Ai chased them all the way back to their camp. They were disappointed and humiliated, because they had conquered a large group at Jericho, but were defeated by the small city of Ai. Even Joshua questioned God, "Why did you bring us across the river to this area? Was it so the Amorites could destroy us?" He said he wished they had been happy to stay on the other side of Jordan in the little area that they had there, and just forget about the rest of the land. But God wanted them to have all of the land in a very large area.

God told them why they lost the battle. When they conquered Jericho He told them not to keep anything for themselves. All the gold, silver, iron and brass should be put in the treasury of the house of God, and destroy everything else. One man, Achan, disobeyed God and took some silver, gold, and a beautiful piece of clothing He hid it in his tent thinking no one would know he took it. But God knew, and He let the men of Ai defeat them to show them that they must obey every command that He gave them or he would not protect them.

Because one man was greedy and disobeyed God, they lost the battle. God wanted the nation of Israel to be His special people and obey Him so that He could be their God and show the rest of the world His power.

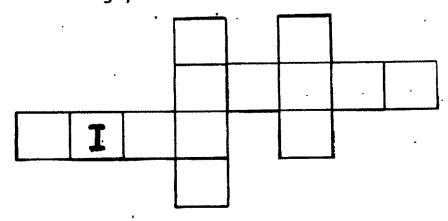


Jericho was well fortified. It had thick walls built around the city. A gate was built through the wall to allow people to enter or leave. The gate was closed at dark for protection from enemies.

Fit the following verse in the puzzle.

The first letter "I" is given for you.

"I will walk among you."

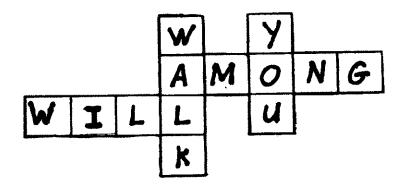


Find the verse in the	X	X	I	X	В	
WORD SEARCH	X	A	N	D	Ε	
going across or down.	W	I	L	L	×	
"I will walk among you	A	M	0	N	G	
and be your God."	L	X	У	X	0	
	K	X	0	X	D	
	У	0	U	R	X	

Fit the following verse in the puzzle.

The first letter "I" is given for you.

"I will walk among you."



Find the verse in the

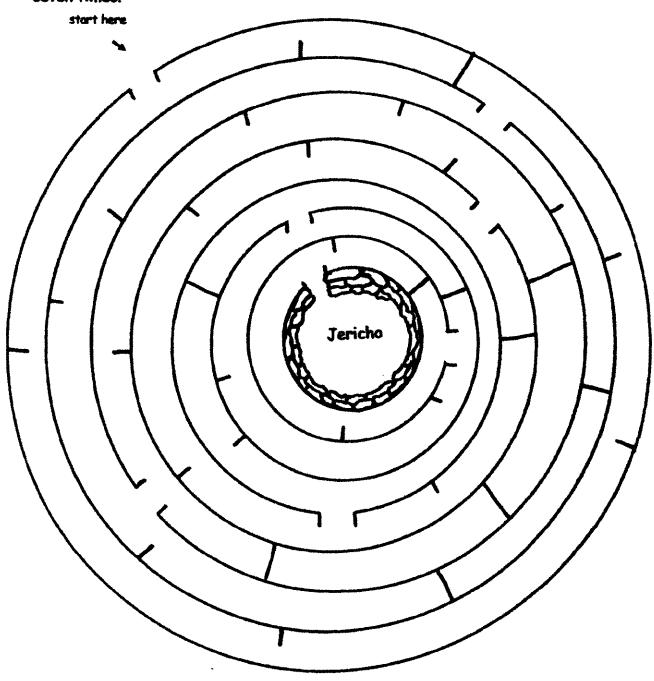
## WORD SEARCH

going across or down.
"I will walk among you

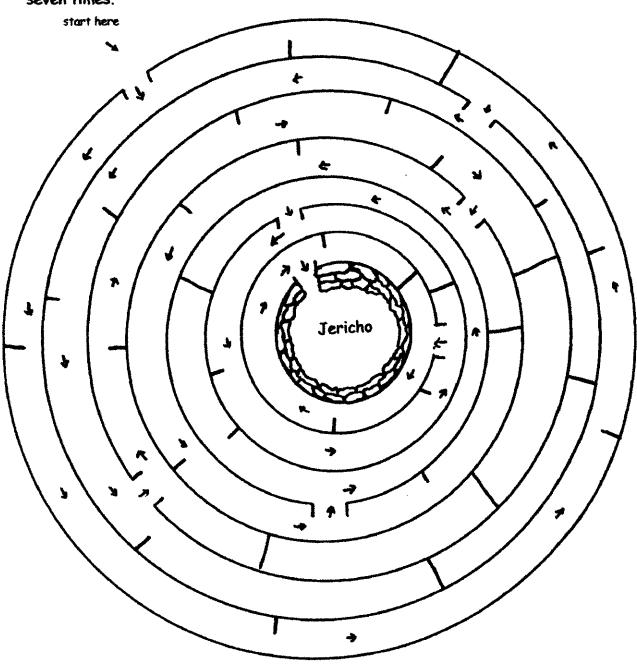
and be your God."

X	A	N	<u>D</u>	E
W	I	L	L	X
A	M	0	N	<b>G</b>
L	X	Y	X	0
K	X	0	x	٥
V	0	U	R	×

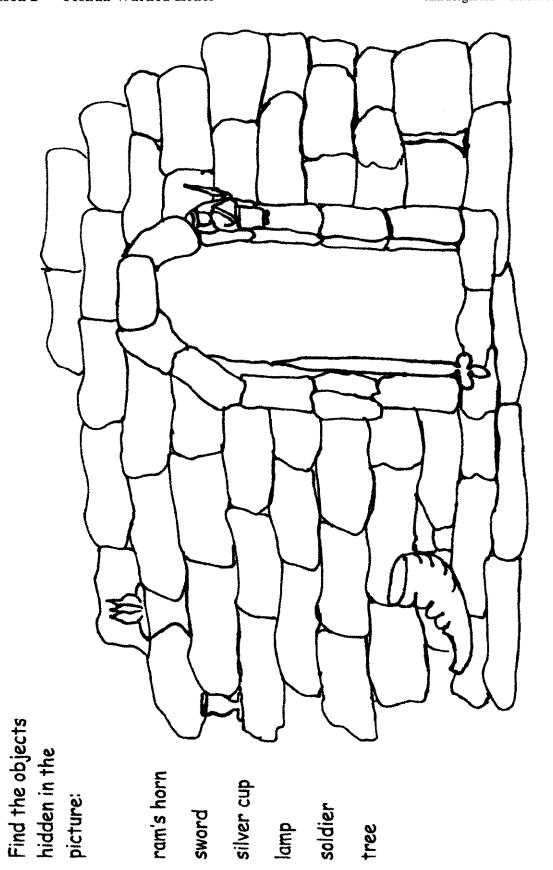
Help the Israelite army march around Jericho seven times.



Help the Israelite army march around Jericho seven times.

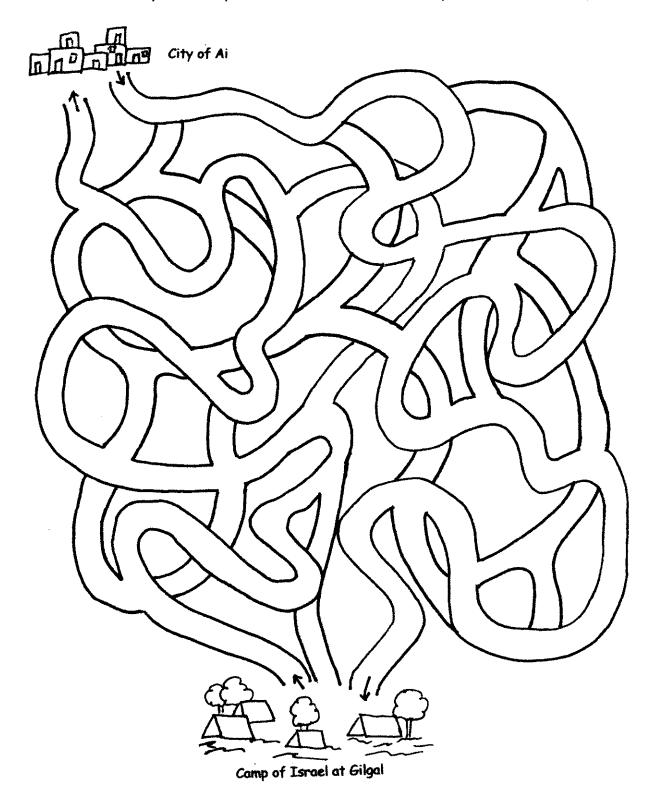


## Lesson 2 — Joshua Warned Israel

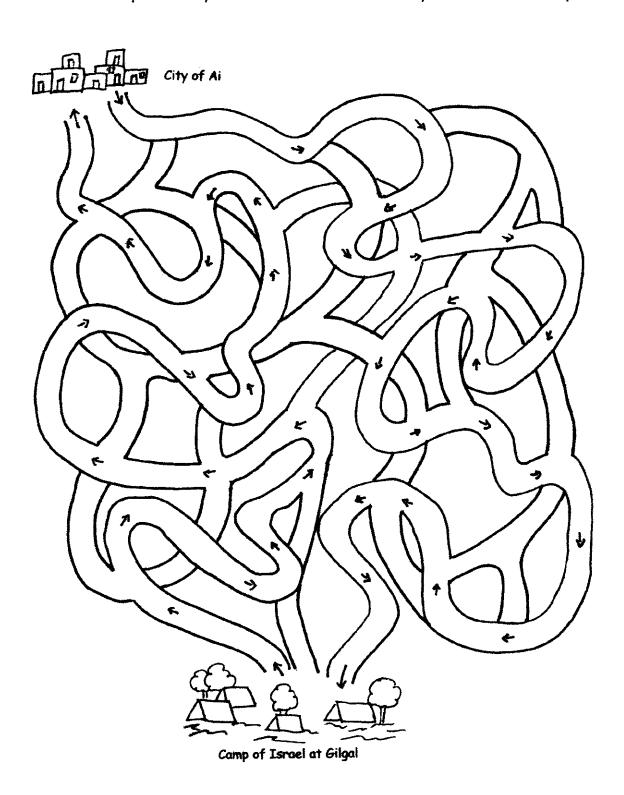




Start at the camp of Israel and help the Israelites find their way to the city of Ai. Then help the army of Ai chase them all the way back to their camp.



Start at the camp of Israel and help the Israelites find their way to the city of Ai. Then help the army of Ai chase them all the way back to their camp.



# Use the code

Find the letter in the first column and write the letter from the second column above it to solve the puzzle:

CODE					
A — N					
C - M					
E — U					
G —T					
H — S					
J — R					
к — о					
M — Y					
P — L					
Q — I					
R-F					
V — E					
X — D					
Z — B					

Z			<del></del>	E	 J	V	
M	K	E	J	H	Q		
C	Q	P	P	R	Q	A	X
M	K	E	K	E	G		

## Use the code

Find the letter in the first column and write the letter from the second column above it to solve the puzzle:

## CODE

A -- N

C - M

E -- U

G -T

H - S

J -- R

K -- 0

M — Y

P — L

0 -1

R - F

V — E

X — D

Z — B



The army of Ai defeated the Israelites and chased them all the way back to their camp at Gilgal.

## Joshua's Victories:

God wanted a nation of people through which He would send His Son into the world and they would understand the birth of Jesus, and would accept Him as the Messiah, the Son of God. God could not use a nation to be an example to the rest of the world if they did not obey Him and tried to hide things from Him. After Achan was punished by being put to death for his sin, God gave them victory over Ai. The people learned that they must obey God if they wanted Him to protect them.

Joshua led Israel into many more battles and conquered many more cities, "for the Lord fought for Israel." In one battle God caused hailstones to fall from heaven and killed more of the enemy that the Israelites killed with the sword, Joshua 10:11. Then God caused the sun to stand still for about a whole day giving them more daylight hours to defeat their enemies, Joshua 10:12-14.

## Joshua's Warning To Israel:

Joshua 23 and 24. Joshua warned Israel before he died (23:11-16) that God had brought them to the land, but God would allow them to be run off of the land if they did not worship and serve Him. Joshua warned them if they made friends with the people of the heathen nations and allowed their children to marry them, they would teach them to worship their idol gods and God would let their enemies drive them off the land that He had given them. Moses warned them in Numbers 33:55-56, and Joshua warned them again in Joshua 23:13.

## What Happened To Israel?

The Israelites disobeyed God and worshiped idols until God allowed their enemies to run them out of the good land that He gave them. They were scattered all over the world in many nations. Only a few Israelites live in the land God gave them today. They will not have all of their land until Jesus comes back to the earth to live and rule as king in Jerusalem.

## **MEMORY VERSE**: Deuteronomy 31:18

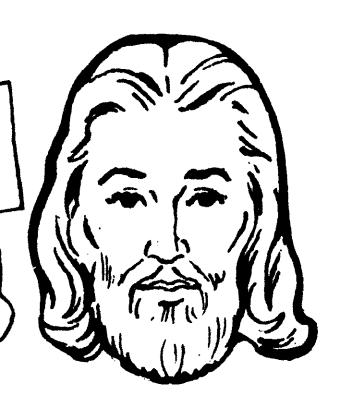
"And I will surely hide my face in that day - - - - in that they are turned unto other gods."

Fold tab to front side and put glue on back side of tab. Glue to back side of face (with verse facing back side of face). When verse is folded to front it hides the face.

And I will surely hide my face in that day - - -

in that they are turned unto other gods.

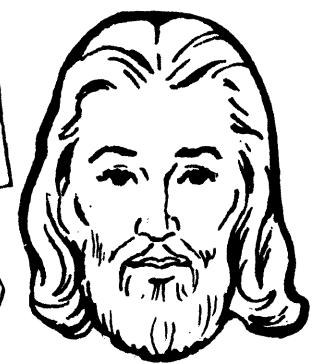
Deuteronomy 31:18



And I will surely hide my face in that day - - - -

in that they are turned unto other gods.

Deuteronomy 31:18



I will not fail you I will not fail you nor nor forsake you forsake you Joshua 1:5 Joshua 1:5 I will not fail you I will not fail you nor nor forsake you forsake you Joshua 1:5 Joshua 1:5

Be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers 32:23

Be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers 32:23

Be sure your sin will find you out.

**Numbers 32:23** 

Be sure your sin will find you out.

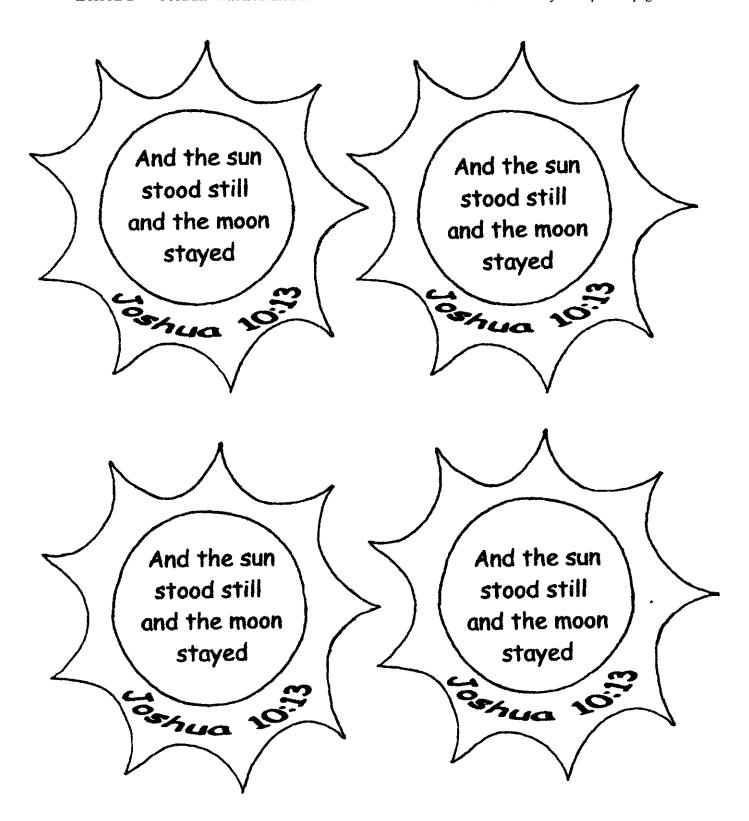
Numbers 32:23

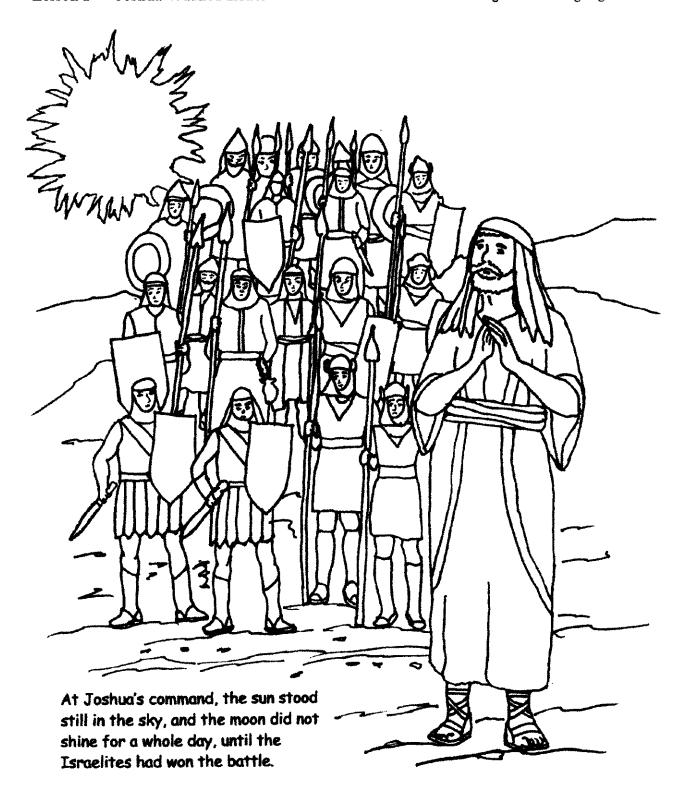
Be sure your sin will find you out.

Numbers 32:23

Be sure your sin will find you out.

**Numbers 32:23** 





#### Lesson 3 — Peter Confirmed Jesus Was the Messiah

Acts 1:3-4, 6-9, 12-15; 2:1-11, 22-23, 32, 37-38, 41, 46-47

#### Introduction:

God chose the nation of Israel to be His special people so He would have a witness for Him on earth, and He would have a group of people who would recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah, the Son of God. God intended for them to learn from the sacrifices they made that it took sinless blood to pay the price for sin. He wanted them to understand who Jesus was and why He came so they would be a witness of the saving power of Christ to the rest of the world. But they did not understand. Instead, they rejected Him as only a good man, a prophet, but not the Son of God, because they were looking for a king to free them from the Roman tyranny, not a Savior to free them from sin. They misapplied the law and trusted in keeping it to make them good in the eyes of God. Instead of the law showing them that they were sinful, they believed that if they did not break the law they were not guilty and did not need to repent. If they had been faithful to God in keeping His commands they would still be on their land in Israel, instead of being scattered among all the nations of the earth.

### **Background Material:**

God established His covenant, or testament, with Abraham when He promised to make of his descendants a great nation and through them He would send His Son into the world. He would be their God and they would be His people. He renewed this covenant with Isaac, and with Jacob, the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. He gave the laws to Israel that they were to live by, and established the Judaic system of worship. The Israelites worshiped under the old covenant by the High Priest offering the blood of bulls and goats as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When Jesus came the old covenant worship was to cease and the new covenant would be in force. The Jews were supposed to understand that Jesus instituted a new system of worship because His death, burial and resurrection fulfilled the old covenant of Israel. The church worships under the new covenant. Jesus, our High Priest, offered His blood to God as payment for our sins. The Jews as a nation did not understand the purpose of the law. They believed that they had to keep the law in order to be saved. They believed that God would send His Son to be their king and sit on the throne of David and rule from Jerusalem.

#### The Jews and the New Testament:

Thousands of Jews from all over the known world, Acts 2:9-11, were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, which occurred fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. This was one of the three feasts that God had commanded them to observe every year. Even though they were scattered abroad many returned at this time of year to thank God for His blessings at the time of the ingathering of the first fruits of the yearly crops. The first of the grain harvested was used to bake bread for an offering to God. The Jews who were in Jerusalem on this occasion had been born in captivity, raised in a land other than their own, and spoke the language of the nation in which they were born.

## The beginning of the church:

John the Baptist came to prepare the hearts of the Jewish people for the change in their way of worship that Jesus would institute after He was crucified. He preached, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Those who showed by their actions that they had repented were baptized to show they had faith in the coming One. Peter was a Jew and had accepted Jesus as the Messiah. He was one of the first to be baptized and follow Jesus. Jesus called him along with Andrew, James, and John to leave their occupation as fishermen and follow Him. They later became apostles. Peter remained with Jesus for three years and heard His teachings and saw His miracles. He was convinced without a doubt that Jesus was the Christ that the Jews had been expecting to come for centuries. When Jesus came, the Jews as a nation did not accept Him. They were still looking for a king. Only a few accepted Him and were willing to accept the change in their method of worship.

Jesus established His church while He was on the earth with those who believed that He was the Son of God, and were baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus traveled with the church, made up of the disciples who followed Him, from place to place for three years teaching and attempting to convince the Jews that He was the promised Messiah. Each year they came to Jerusalem three times to observe the feast days according to the Law of Moses. The Passover Feast commemorated their freedom from Egypt, and seven weeks, or fifty days later, they came to observe the Feast of Weeks, or the ingathering of the first of their crops for the year. They returned for the Feast of Tabernacles when all of the crops were harvested and stored as provisions for the coming year.

## The Jews in Jerusalem:

Before the disciples came to Jerusalem as they had done for the past two years for Jesus to eat the Passover Feast with them, He told them this would be the last time before He would be taken by the authorities and crucified, but He would rise again the third day, Matthew 16:21. Jesus knew that He would ascend back to heaven. He would not be among them to teach them personally. During the time that He had been with them He taught them the things they should know to carry on His work, this new method of worship, when He was gone. While they were in Jerusalem this time Jesus was arrested, tried, and crucified. In three days He arose from the grave. He appeared to people many times during the next forty days so they would see Him and know He was alive, Acts 1:3.

Forty days after His resurrection He appeared in a room where the eleven apostles were assembled. Luke 24:44-48, He explained to them that His death on the cross was the reason He came into the world, so He could provide salvation to all people. The apostles knew the history of Israel. They claimed Abraham as the father of their nation. They knew David was the greatest king in their history. They knew God had given them the land where they now lived and they had lost it by their sinfulness, unbelief, and because they worshiped idols. They believed God when He said if they repented He would forgive their sins and bring them back to this land. The law given to the Jews taught them that Jesus would come. The prophets said He would come and He would sit on the throne of His father, David, and rule from Jerusalem. They had one important question to ask Jesus: "Is now the time?" Acts 1:6, "-- They asked of Him, saying,

Lord, will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Was that why He had come? Now that He had been crucified and was alive again, was it time for Him to become king in Jerusalem? They were looking for and longing for the time that Jesus would be their king so they would have their land back and no longer be under the rule of the Roman Empire, or be captives in other nations. They asked Him, "Is it time now for you to be king and give us all of the things promised to our father Abraham?"

Jesus told them that they didn't need to know when He would return as king, only God knows. What they needed to do was preach the gospel to all the world until He comes back. Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4, He told them not to leave Jerusalem until He had sent the Holy Spirit to be with them, to guide them, and help them make the decisions that they would need to make as a true New Testament Church and be a true witness for Him on the earth. "- - - but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (1:8), "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:" He wanted them to be witnesses unto Him in Jerusalem, (where they lived), in Judea, (the surrounding area), in Samaria, (to those who were part Jewish but not accepted by the Jews), and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, (all the gentile nations, not just the Jews). Salvation is for everyone, but He came first to convince the Jews so they could teach the other nations. Jesus was taken up into heaven and disappeared from sight. He would not be among them to lead them and teach them personally. He left them on earth to carry on His work while He was gone. They obeyed His command and returned to Jerusalem where they stayed for ten more days until the Holy Spirit came down from heaven on the church on the Day of Pentecost and gave them power to witness to all the world by speaking languages other than their own.

## Lesson Material:

## Peter confirms what their history taught them about Jesus:

Jesus came to live on the earth as God's Son in a human body. He was a man, but He was also God. He was perfect. He had no sins of His own to die for, so He could die for our sins. When we believe in Him and repent of our sins we are saved. We become children of God and will go to heaven to live with God someday.

God told the Hebrew people, the Israelites that we have been studying about this week, that He would send His Son to their nation of people. He wanted them to recognize Jesus when He came and accept Him as the promised Messiah so they could teach the rest of the world how to be saved. But they did not believe Jesus was the Messiah because they were looking for a king to come who would make them free from the Romans who ruled over them. Hundreds of years before, God gave them a land to live in so they would be a free nation of people. All they had to do to stay in this good land was worship and serve God, and obey the laws that He gave them. He told them if they did not obey Him, He would let their enemies capture them and take them away from their home land. They didn't obey God. They didn't keep His commandments. They began to make images and statues of idol gods and worshiped them. God was displeased with them and allowed their enemies to take them away to other lands to live.

There were many Jews who did accept Jesus and were baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus took these people and started His church while He lived on the earth. They traveled everywhere Jesus went listening to Him teach and seeing miracles that He did to prove that He was the Son of God. Peter was one of these men. Peter believed John when He told him the man named Jesus, from the city of Nazareth, was the Son of God. Peter followed Him and became part of the first church. Twelve of the men in the first church became apostles. The apostles were the first preachers. Jesus wanted them to know what to preach and teach after He went back to heaven to live, so He taught them every day.

Each year the Hebrews, or Jews, who had been scattered into nations all over the world came back to Jerusalem for special celebrations. The first of these celebrations was the Feast of the Passover, a time to remember when their forefathers were freed from slavery in Egypt and brought to this land where Jesus was now living. The feast was also to teach them that when Jesus came He would be put to death for their sins. They killed the passover lamb, and when its blood was shed as a sacrifice because of their sins, it was meant to teach them that Jesus' blood would be shed to pay the price for their sins. Their faith in Jesus would bring them salvation from sin.

The time had come for Jesus to be crucified and go back to heaven to live, so He came and brought the church with Him to Jerusalem to observe the Feast of the Passover. While they were in Jerusalem the Jews took Jesus and had Him put to death because He claimed to be the Son of God. After three days Jesus came back to life again. God raised Him from the dead. He told the apostles that He would come back to life after He was crucified and would go back to heaven to live. Jesus told the church to stay in Jerusalem until He sent the Holy Spirit to be with them while He is gone, and guide them so they would do the right things as a church.

Forty days after Jesus was crucified He went back to heaven to live. The church stayed in Jerusalem for ten more days, and God sent the Holy Spirit to be with them. The day the Holy Spirit came is called the Day of Pentecost.

### The Day of Pentecost:

There had been a lot of excitement in Jerusalem for the past seven weeks. The Jews did not want people to believe in the man named Jesus from Nazareth, whom a lot of Jews claimed was the Messiah, so He had finally been put to death. Now the rulers and leaders of the Jews thought this would put an end to this new way of worship that Jesus taught. But His followers said that He had risen from the dead, and now many people were believing what they said. It had been fifty days since He was crucified and more and more Jews were believing in Him.

It was time for the second feast that the Jews came to Jerusalem for each year, so there were Jews from all the nations where they had been scattered that came to Jerusalem for this feast. (Acts 2:1-12) The church, of about 120 people, had obeyed Jesus and were gathered in a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly the Holy Spirit came into the room where they were. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. A glowing brightness shone over each one like flames of fire. Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The church members were given the power to speak languages they had not studied or spoken before.

(2:5) There were many Jews from all the nations where they had been scattered that spoke many different languages. They could not understand why they heard men speaking in their language. They said, "These men are from Galilee, so how can we understand what they say in our own language?" Peter explained that it was the power of God that had come upon them and caused them to be able to speak with all the different nationalities so they could witness to everyone that Jesus was the Christ. He took the opportunity to preach to them about Jesus, Acts 2:14. V. 21, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (vs. 22-24)

Peter told them that this man, Jesus of Nazareth, had done miracles in their sight to prove He was the Son of God, and they had Him crucified, but He did not stay in the grave. God raised Him from the dead.

They saw the miracles Jesus did, and some Jews believed because they said He could not do these miracles unless God was with Him, but as a nation they rejected Him and had Him crucified. Peter told them that God raised Him from the dead and He is sitting on the right hand of God in glory until God judges all those who rejected Him. Acts 2:36, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." When they heard what Peter said they realized they had been wrong. He had come, and they had rejected Him. They asked Peter, "What can we now?"

Peter told them to repent of their sins and be baptized to show that they believed in Him as their Savior. Salvation was promised to them and their children. All they had to do was accept it. There were many who listened and believed what Peter preached. They were

baptized, and about 3,000 were added to the church that day. They stayed in Jerusalem to be a part of the church and learn from the teachings of Peter and the other apostles. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

## Peter healed a man in the name of Jesus:

Acts chapter 3 tells about Peter and John going to the temple to pray where they met a man who was crippled when he was born. All of the Jews in Jerusalem knew the man had never been able to walk. Peter and John healed him in the name of Jesus, v.6. He walked into the temple leaping for joy and caused quite a stir among the people. Peter asked why they were surprised and why they looked at them as if they had done this by their own power. He gave God the glory. (4:10), "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole." The Jews crucified Jesus and Peter and John witnessed God raising Him back to life, and it was through their faith in Him that made this man well.

(3:25-26), Peter said they were the descendants of Abraham towhom God made the promise that He would send His Son first to them, but it was because of their ignorance (or not knowing) that they crucified Jesus. Why were they ignorant? Why did they not know the history of their people, the Israelites, and all the things God did for them? It was because they were not taught. They did not know the reason God raised up the nation of Israel, which was to be a witness that Jesus was the Christ. When God sent Him into the world they should have known He was God's Son. They knew at some time in the past God had given laws for them to live by, but they did not know and understand about Jesus because they had not been taught. They believed that God would send His Son, but they thought that when He came He would be their king, not their Savior. Jesus didn't immediately set up His throne in Jerusalem and become king, so they rejected Him.

During the time the Israelites were living in the land of Canaan, each generation failed to teach the next generation to worship and serve the only true God in heaven. They would begin to worship idols and God would punish them so severely they would repent and begin to worship Him. He would forgive them and bless them, and then another generation would grow up and commit the same sins of idolatry because their fathers did not teach them.

The Sadducees were a group of Jews who did not believe in the resurrection. When Peter preached that Jesus was resurrected they had him and John thrown in prison. However, about 5,000 men who heard what they preached and saw the man who was healed, believed what they said. When the rulers questioned they thought they were just simple uneducated fishermen until they heard what they said. Then they were amazed and admitted that they must have been with Jesus because they were so sure of preached. They also saw the man who had been crippled standing there and could not deny he was healed. They commanded them not to preach any more in the name of Jesus. Peter and John said, "we must obey God and not you. We must preach the truth and what God wants us to preach." (4:20) So they just threatened them and let them go because they could not decide how to punish them without making the large crowd of people angry.

We are not under the Law of Moses and the commands God gave to Israel, but we need know the history of the nation of Israel in order to understand about Jesus. We need to know the history of Israel to understand what the New Testament teaches. It is important that each generation be taught who the Israelites were and what happened to them because they did not worship God like He commanded them.

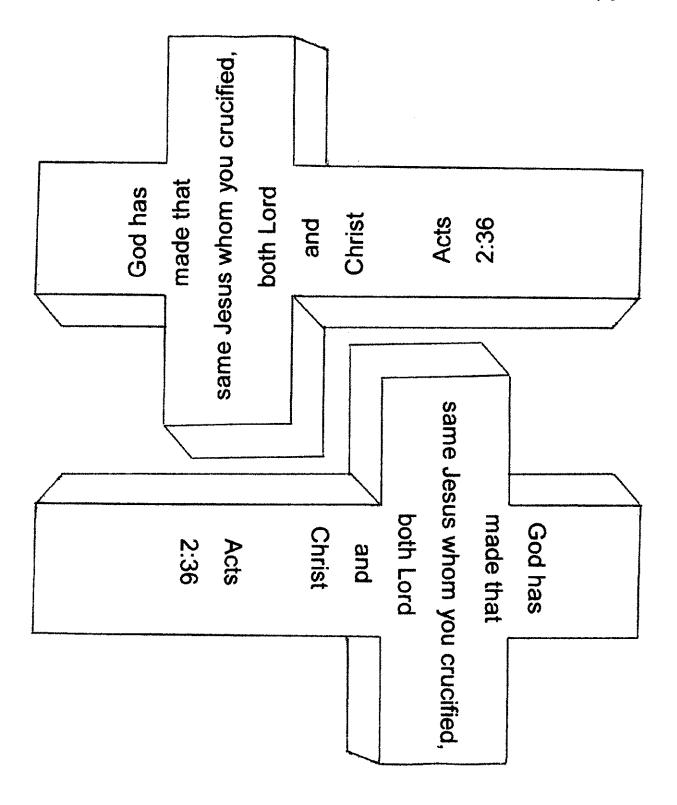
Salvation is for all, but Jesus came first to Israel because they were supposed to know who He was and understand the importance of His coming and the reason He came.

Because they were more interested in themselves than in obeying God, He took away the land that He had given them and they have had war over their land ever since. In order to understand about all of the wars in that part of the world today, we have to know the history of Israel.

## **MEMORY VERSE**: Acts 2:36

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

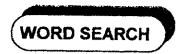
Peter said he was speaking to all of Israel, letting them know without a doubt (telling them for sure) that this same man, Jesus of Nazareth, whom they crucified, God had made Him Lord and Christ.



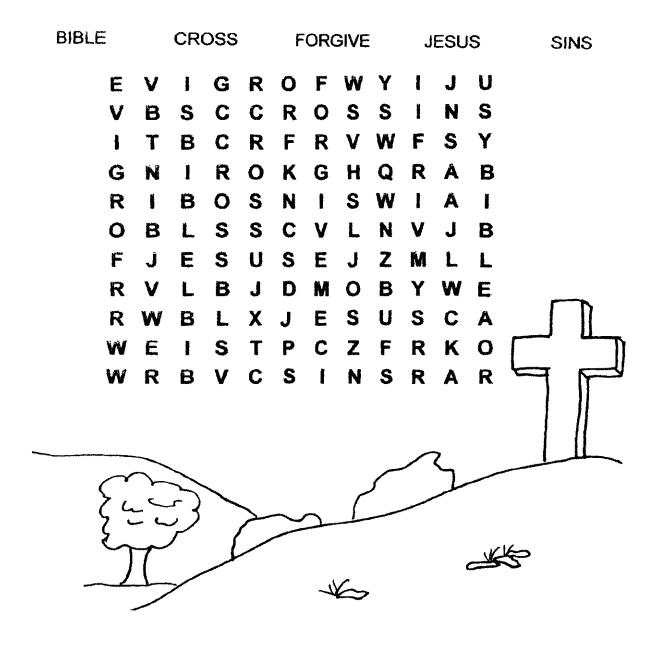
Lesson 3 — Pet	er Confirmed .	Jesus Was the N	<b>Aessiah</b>	Kindergarten Worksheet 1
How many me	n were put in	prison?		
How many me	n were healed	f?		
Circle the nar	mes of the tw	o men who pre	ached.	
Peter	John	Andrew	James	•
Circle the nar	ne of the boo	k where the le	sson is found	<b>d</b> .
Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Acts
Write these	words two ti	imes.		
Peter _	——————————————————————————————————————		war well food food of the food food for the food food food food food food food foo	
John _		destablisment of the second of		
Acts				

Lesson 3 — Peter Confirmed Jesus Was tl	1e Messiah	Kindergarte	n Worksheet 1 Answer page
How many men were put in prison?	2	¥5	*** *
How many men were healed?	1		
Circle the names of the two men who	) preached.		
Peter John An	drew	James	
Circle the name of the book where t	he lesson is fo	ound.	
Matthew Mark Luke	John	Acts	
Write these words two times.		·	
Peter			Market State Control of the Control
John			***************************************
Acts			

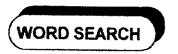
Peter preached that salvation is for everyone.



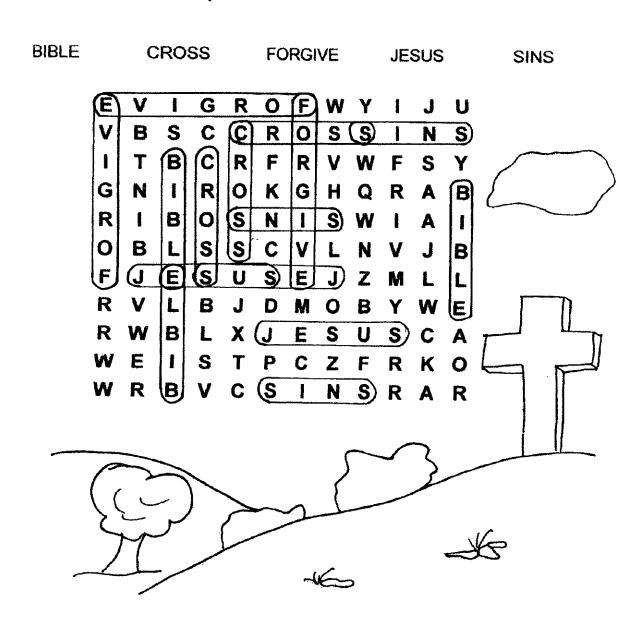
Find each word in the puzzle 3 times.



Peter preached that salvation is for everyone.



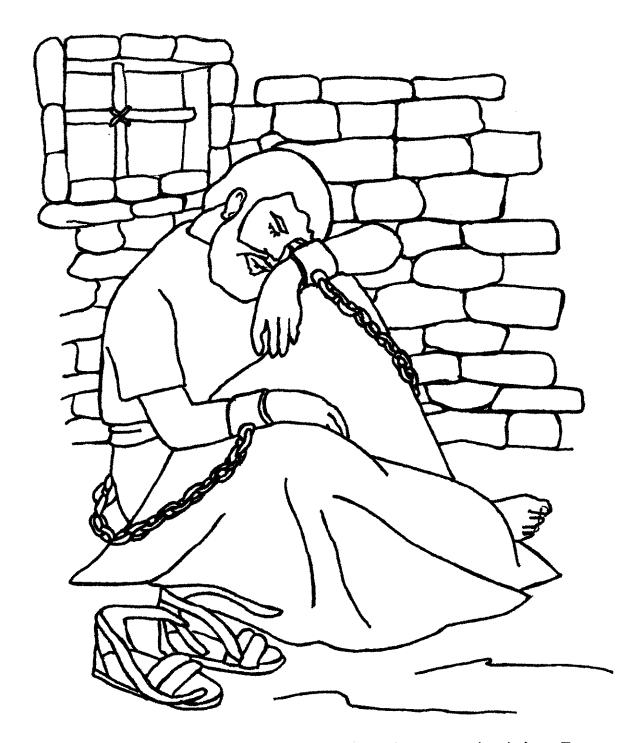
Find each word in the puzzle 3 times.



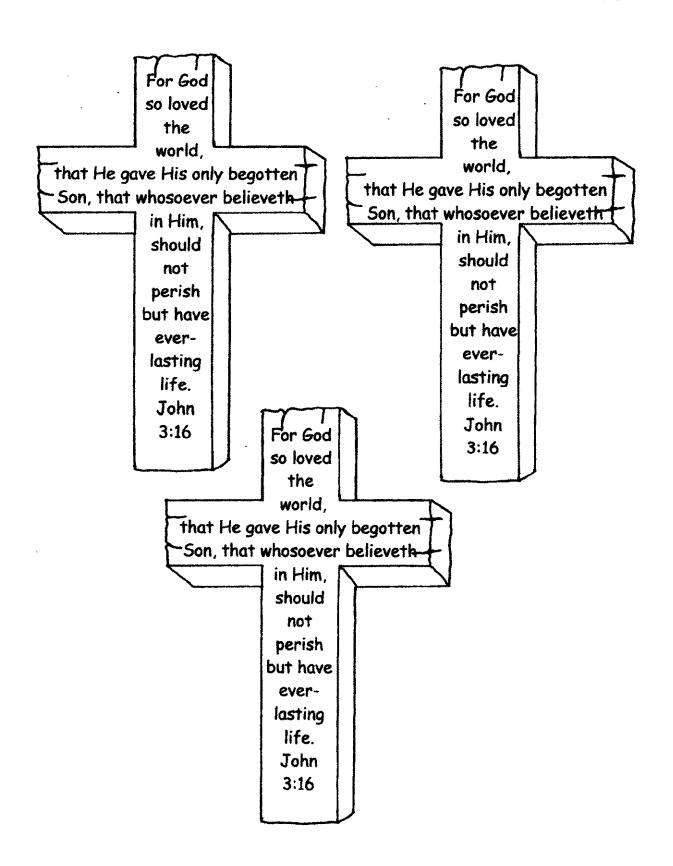


The Holy Spirit came upon the church and enabled them to speak languages they had not studied in order to preach to all nations.

Acts 2:1-4



Peter and John were put in prison because they preached that Jesus, whom the Jews crucified had been resurrected from the dead.





Make 1 cross out of light brown construction paper, and 1 earth out of light blue construction paper for each child.

Color the land green or brown and glue the cross on the earth.



## Lesson 4 — Stephen Defended His Belief In Jesus

## Acts chapters 6 & 7

## **Introduction:**

Stephen was the first deacon of the church at Jerusalem. He preached a great sermon in defense of Jesus and His claim of being the Son of God. For this he was stoned to death because the Jews considered it blasphemy against Moses and the law. Stephen defended what he believed, and defended the purpose of the law in pointing the Israelites to Jesus.

## **Background material:**

Many of the Jewish people were in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast at the time of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Having witnessed the events that happened, they changed their minds about Him and accepted Him as the Messiah. Fifty days later, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down to dwell in the church and guide them in their actions to help them be a true witness on earth. The church members spoke in languages they had not studied so they could witness to all of the Jews from other nations who spoke other languages. Peter preached a great sermon that Jesus was the Christ, the Jews crucified Him, but God raised Him from the dead, and about three thousand believed, were baptized and added to the church, Acts 2:41. The church continued to witness and others were added to the church daily as they were saved and baptized, Acts 2:47. When Peter and John healed the crippled man at the temple in the name of Jesus and were arrested, many people heard what happened and about five thousand more believed, Acts 4:4.

They were not all Palestinian Jews. Many of them were Grecians, also called Hellenists, or foreign born Hebrews, or Jews, who spoke the Greek language, and adopted many of the customs and the culture of the Greeks. The Greek language had become the language of the educated people throughout the known world, particularly in business. Some Grecians were Greeks who had converted to Judaism, the religion of the Jews.

#### Stephen, the first deacon:

Many of the foreign born Jews came to Jerusalem for the feast, heard the gospel preached and accepted Jesus as the promised Son of God. They left their homes and stayed in Jerusalem to be a part of the church and continue to learn from the apostles. Since they had left their homes they had to have help with their needs. There were many widows among the members who needed money for food. There were both Grecian widows, those born outside Palestine, and Hebrew widows, those born in Palestine, in the church. The Greeks began to complain that their widows were not treated as fairly as the Hebrew widows when the food was distributed. The apostles were Palestinian Jews, so the Greeks accused them of showing partiality to their own and neglecting the Grecian widows. The apostles were so busy taking care of problems that they did not have time for prayer and preaching. Acts 6:3-4, They told the church to choose seven good men from their membership who were honest, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and appoint them to take care of the physical needs of the congregation.

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." The more they preached, more people were added to the church. Even many of the priests believed in Jesus as the Son of God and forsook the old Judaic way of worship, and obeyed the teachings of Jesus, Acts 6:7.

A man named Stephen was the first one chosen to be a deacon. Acts 6:8, "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people." Stephen was evidently born outside Jerusalem and was a Hellenist (a Greek speaking Jew). He was a godly man and a devout Christian. He was not an apostle, but was a great speaker. He was one of the most respected men in the church. Stephen taught the people the things of God, and he possessed the power to do miracles in the name of Jesus. Stephen soon began to be persecuted, or punished, by the Jews because of what he believed and preached.

## Synagogue — the place of Jewish worship:

The only temple was in Jerusalem, but there were many synagogues. Any town where at least ten Jewish men lived could have a synagogue. It was their place of worship and learning on the Sabbath. They went to pray and chant the psalms. They took down the scrolls, read from the prophecies, and had someone explain the scriptures. Jews who lived in many different countries, each had their own synagogues in Jerusalem, Acts 6:9. They had come to Jerusalem to observe the feast of the first fruits. While there they worshiped in their synagogues. The Jews from these synagogues had not converted to Christianity, and they strongly disagreed with what Stephen preached. They believed in God, and in keeping the laws of the Old Testament, but did not believe in Jesus. They said He was a good man and a prophet, but not the Messiah because He did not come as a king. Jesus told the apostles to preach first to the Jews because He wanted them to recognize Him as the Son of God. So Jesus and the apostles taught in the synagogues because this was where the Jews went to worship.

They did not like this new religion that Stephen was preaching in Jerusalem. After Jesus was crucified the apostles continued to preach in the synagogues, and Stephen did also. He preached that Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise to the Jews. They argued with him, but could not match his wisdom and power. They disagreed that Jesus came and fulfilled the law, so they hired men to tell lies and say that Stephen spoke words of blasphemy against Moses and God. They stirred up the people against him, and the elders and scribes, who were the rulers of the Jews, arrested him and brought him before the council for trial. They secretly bribed men to say in court that they heard him speak blasphemy against God and Moses, (v.14) "For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us."

Moses taught the Israelites to obey the law and the Ten Commandments, to bring an animal to the priests, confess their sins, and offer it as a sacrifice. Jesus changed these customs when He came because He when he was crucified He fulfilled the Law and the purpose of sacrifices. Stephen did try to change the customs that Moses had taught the people because he wanted them to understand that Jesus fulfilled the purpose of the law and sacrifices, and they must now obey the teachings of Jesus.

When Moses received the law from God came down from Mt. Sinai, his face shone so brightly that the people could not look at him because he had been in the presence of God. When Stephen stood before the lawyers on the council his face shone as if it were the face of an angel. They did not see a man who was a troublemaker, but saw him as a man who stood in the presence of God.

## Lesson Material:

## Jewish worship:

During the time Jesus lived on the earth the Jews went to the synagogue to worship. They worshiped on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, because that was their day of rest. God commanded them in the Law of Moses to "keep the Sabbath as a holy day." We worship today on Sunday because that is when Jesus was resurrected. Worship at the synagogue was much like our worship in church. They met every Sabbath, prayed, chanted (or sung) the psalms (songs), and someone read from the scrolls and explained to the people what they read. We meet as a church, pray, and sing songs of praise to God. Our pastor reads from the Bible and explains to us what it means.

The Jews did not have Bibles printed like we have, but they had the Old Testament written on scrolls and these were kept at the synagogue. They read from the scrolls and studied the laws and the prophecies but did not worship Jesus because they did not believe He was the Son of God. They thought He was just a very good man and a prophet who could tell them about God.

When Jesus lived on the earth He preached in the Jewish synagogues and tried to get the Jews to understand He was the One they were reading about in the Old Testament law and prophecies. He wanted them to understand He was God's Son who came to earth to forgive their sins. But they did not understand and crucified Him.

### The church:

Jesus started the church when He was on the earth, and told them to keep preaching and teaching about Him after He went back to heaven. When Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, thousands of people were saved, baptized and added to the church. Later at the temple when he healed a man in the name of Jesus thousands more believed.

#### Deacons

The church grew so fast the apostles needed help in taking care of the needs of the people. The church chose seven good faithful men and ordained them as deacons to take care of things the people needed so the apostles could use their time studying, praying, and preaching so more people would be saved. A man named Stephen was the first one chosen to be a deacon. Stephen was a good speaker, so he also preached to the Jews in the synagogue.

#### Stephen's sermon:

Stephen told the Jews that Jesus was the Son of God, but they had rejected Him and crucified Him. Stephen said Jesus did not stay in the grave, but He came back to life, arose from the grave, and went back to heaven to live with God. The Jews did not agree with what Stephen preached and became very angry. They argued with him, and paid men to tell lies and say that Stephen spoke words against Moses and God. They caused the people to get angry, and brought him before the council for trial. They secretly bribed men to say in court that they heard him speak blasphemy against God and Moses.

The High Priest asked Stephen if this was true. Stephen began a long explanation of what he believed. He started with Abraham, whom all the Jews claimed as their "father". Stephen called them "his brethren", including himself as a Jew, and reminded them how God chose "our father Abraham" promised to make a new nation of people from his descendants. God told him his descendants would travel to a strange land where they would be treated with evil for four hundred years. This happened when the Jews were in Egypt. Then God would bring them out of that nation to worship Him in the place where these men were now living. Stephen told them they were living in the land where God brought their forefathers many hundreds of years earlier.

Stephen reminded them how Joseph was sold to be a slave in Egypt, but became the ruler of the land. He reminded them of all the history of their forefathers in Egypt, and how God brought them across the Red Sea and did many wonderful things for them on the way to live in their new land, the land of Canaan, where these Jews were now living.

Stephen continued by telling them about Moses and how God used him to be their leader. Stephen told the council that God brought them out of Egypt after He did many great miracles to prove He was the true God. Stephen said Moses was the one to whom God gave the laws to their fathers for them to obey, but they had rejected God and worshiped idols and that was why they were scattered into all nations where they now lived.

Then Stephen said, "You are a rebellious people. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who told of the coming of Jesus; the one whom you have now betrayed and murdered." Stephen said, "you, who have received the law of God, have not obeyed it." (Acts 7:54) This made the people so angry they ran to him and literally used their teeth to bite him.

Stephen defended his faith in Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise God made to Israel. So he remained calm. The Bible says in Acts 7:55, "He, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Because of Stephen's faith God allowed him to see into the glory of heaven, and he saw Jesus. Stephen was not afraid of what they could do to him, because he saw Jesus in the presence of God. He knew Jesus was watching.

Stephen told his enemies that he saw Jesus, whom they had crucified, and He was alive and was in heaven on the right hand of God the Father. This made them so mad they yelled loudly and stopped up their ears so they could not hear him. They dragged him out of the city, threw him down on the ground and threw stones at him until he died.

While they were stoning him he called out to God to forgive them for what they were doing. He knew it was because the did not know the truth. They had not been taught that Jesus was really God's Son.

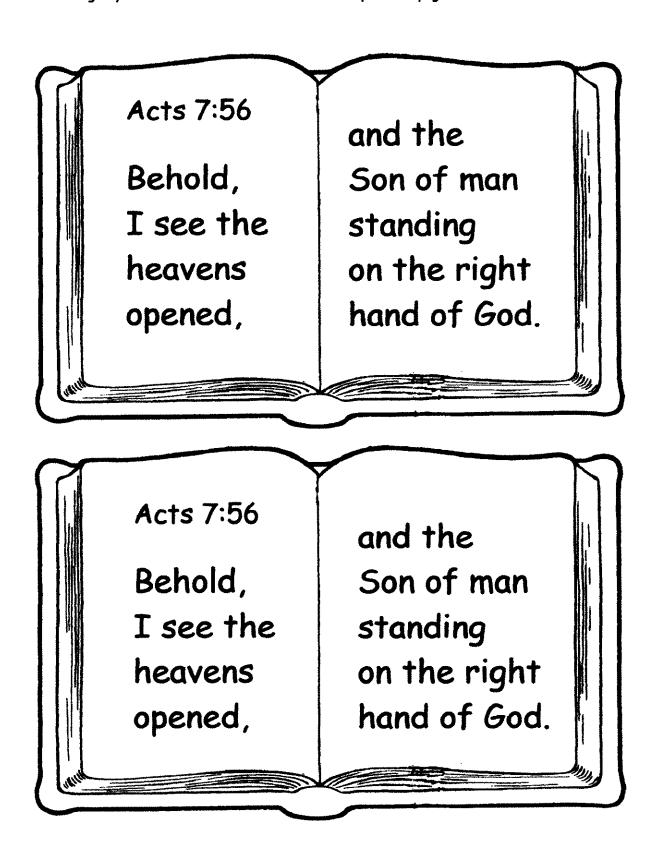
Stephen died because he defended what he knew was true. The Jews down through the centuries killed the prophets, then they killed the Son of God when He came. They rejected those who preached the gospel to them. They hear the gospel preached today and continue to reject it. So they remain scattered over all the earth. It will not be until the return of Christ when He sets up His kingdom on earth that the Jews will accept Jesus as the Son of God who died for their sins. Not until then will they have peace in their land.

#### **MEMORY VERSE:** Acts 7:56,

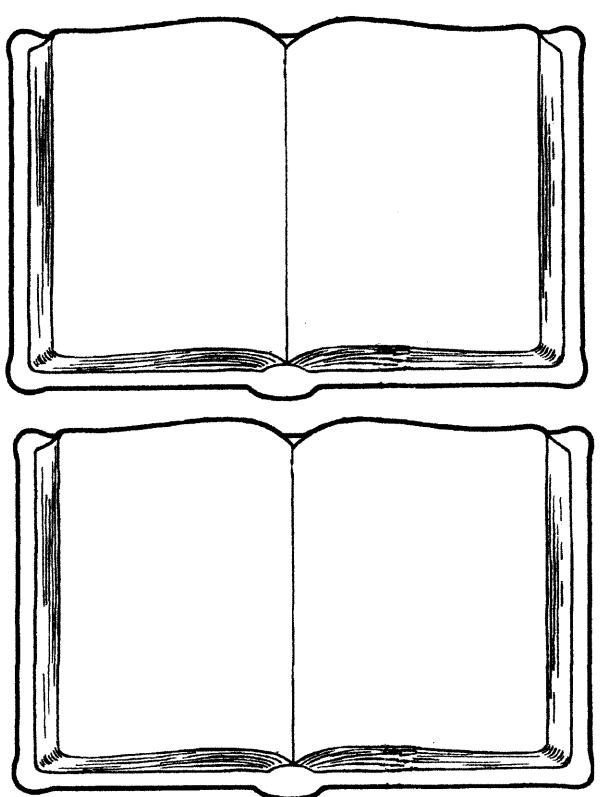
"Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

Cut one from white paper for each child. Cut off Bible cover leaving only pages with edges.

Color edges yellow. Paste on black Bible from previous page.

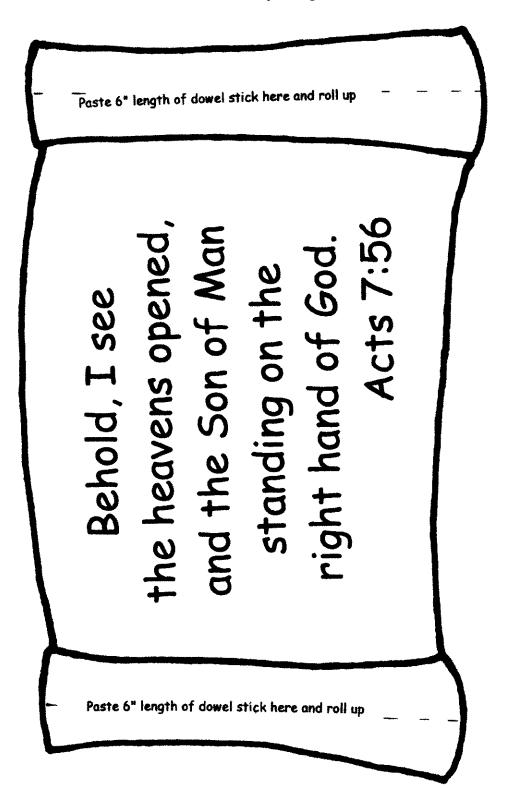


Cut one Bible from black for each child. Glue white Bible on black Bible. Fold.



Please be careful with sticks around small children.

DO NOT let them have them until they are glued on the scrolls.



Use the code to solve the puzzle:

### CODE:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

R Т U W Χ Υ Ζ 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

19 20 5 16 8 5 14 12 15 15 11 5 4

9 14 20 15 8 5 1 22 5 14

1 14 4 19 1 23 10 5 19 21 19

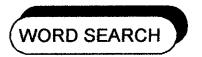
Use the code to solve the puzzle:

#### CODE:



# Find the words in the puzzle:

STEPHEN										
PREACH	С	Н	U	R	С	Н	Р	Χ	X	Q
CHURCH	М	Н	L	R	Υ	J	E	S	U	S
STONED	G	0	D	W	K	N	М	L	G	S
DEACON	D	Р	L	Z	K	Υ	Z	T	Н	T
GOD	E	G	N	W	Р	R	Р	K	F	0
JESUS	Α	Q	М	С	R	K	М	M	D	N
	С	R	S	T	Ε	Р	Н	E	N	E
	0	L	В	N	Α	G	J	L	Н	D
	N	Н	Q	Т	С	F	K	M	T	D
	Z	L	L	Υ	Н	М	Q	K	J	N



# Find the words in the puzzle:

#### **STEPHEN PREACH** C H Χ X H R P Q (C U **CHURCH** S M H R E **STONED** K N M G 0 D) W G Ζ Z K H **DEACON** W R P K F N 0 E G **GOD** M C R K M M N Α Q D **JESUS** E E P H R S E N) В N A D G Q F K M D T T Z Y M Q K J N



Stephen defended his belief that Jesus was alive even though the Jews had crucified Him, because he "saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

Acts 7:52-56



The Jews stoned Stephen, and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God."

Acts 7:52 - 60

#### Lesson 5 — Paul Preached To the Gentiles

Acts 7:58, 8:1-4, 13:14-50

#### Introduction:

The Apostle Paul, who was born Saul of Tarsus and later became known as Paul, was of pure Jewish descent, of the tribe of Benjamin. He was born in Tarsus, the capital city of Cilicia in Asia Minor. The Cilicians had a synagogue in Jerusalem. He was a Hebrew, but also a Roman citizen, the son of a Pharisee, and became a Pharisee himself, Acts 23:6. The Pharisees were very strict in keeping the laws and customs of the Jews. They did not accept Jesus as the Son of God, but believed that by keeping the law they did nothing wrong so they had nothing to repent of. They gloried in the history of the Jewish nation and considered themselves special because they were God's chosen, and thought themselves better than all other men. They were good in their own eyes and bragged about their righteousness. Paul, as Saul, was taught the Hebrew laws and adhered strictly to the Jewish customs.

#### Background material:

Paul had a Jewish name, Saul, which was changed to Paul when he converted to Christianity. He was born and lived in Tarsus until he was about thirteen years old, at which time he came to Jerusalem and studied under the most distinguished teacher of the law, Gamaliel. He became a great lawyer and sat on the Sanhedrid, the Jewish Supreme Court. He became a Pharisee in his strict outward observance of the law. Saul lived in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and had personal knowledge of His claim to being the Son of God, but did not accept Him as such. He probably gloried in His death as did the other Jews, thinking now that He was dead this new religion would diminish and die as well and Judaism would continue to flourish. He sat on the council that tried Stephen for blasphemy because he claimed Jesus rose from the dead and advocated change from Judaism to the teachings of Jesus.

The Jews were still God's chosen race of people, but they rejected His Son, so God turned to the Gentiles to make up His church. Saul was present when Stephen was stoned for preaching that Jesus was the Christ, was crucified by the Jews, but on the third day God raised Him from the dead, Acts 7:58. He heard Stephen's testimony that Jesus was alive and he saw him sitting on the right hand of God in heaven. Acts 8:1, When Stephen died, "Saul was consenting unto his death." There was great persecution against the church at Jerusalem, and Saul was one of the strongest in opposition to the church. The church members had to leave Jerusalem to protect their lives. They were scattered throughout regions of Judea and Samaria, except for the apostles, who remained in Jerusalem. V. 3, "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church." He went into the homes and arrested the church members and put them in prison simply because they were in this new cult that followed the teachings of Jesus.

Everywhere the church members went they continued to preach and teach about Jesus. As more and more Jews were converted, Saul began going to other areas looking for followers of Christ and placing them in prison. He heard of a group at Damascus and was headed there to arrest them when he was stricken down with a bright light from heaven and heard the voice of

Jesus asking him why he was persecuting Him. He realized that he had been wrong, that Jesus really was who He claimed to be. The Jews did not understand what God was teaching them by the law and the sacrifices, and did not recognize Jesus as the Son of God who came to fulfill the purpose of the law. Saul knew the law, and now he understood. Saul went on to Damascus but didn't arrest the church members; instead he was baptized and became one of them. He became known as Paul. Now the scribes and elders of the Jews began to hate him.

#### The apostle to the Gentiles:

Because the Jews rejected Jesus, God turned to the Gentiles to make up His church. Matthew 10:5-7, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two to witness for Him. He told them not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and preach that the kingdom of heaven had come. The apostles were to convince the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah that God had promised to send to their nation to bring them salvation.

#### What happened to the Jews?

The Jews remain scattered throughout all the earth and are a hated race of people. During World War II the Germans tried to get rid of the Jews by killing all those in that part of the world. America did not mistreat the Jews who lived here, and has been a friend to Israel. We have been blessed by being free of tyranny by other nations. We have prospered in the near two hundred fifty years that we have been a free nation. God promised Abraham and the sons of Jacob that He would bless those who blessed Israel, and curse those who cursed Israel.

What about the Egyptians? When the Israelites entered Egypt it was the most powerful nation and the richest people on earth. They were far greater than all others in knowledge and science. They had a powerful army that had marched all over the known world at that time. They mistreated the Jews and when the Jews left Egypt, according to God's will they took all of the riches of Egypt with them. Egypt remains a poor country today. God has not blessed and prospered them because of the way they treated His people. Over thirty-five hundred years later they remain a land of death, tombs, mummies, and deserted temples in testimony to what God can do to a defiant nation who does not worship God. The oil-rich nations are filled with poor people and violence. They are at war with each other continually.

In 70 A.D., about forty years after Jesus lived on the earth, the temple at Jerusalem was destroyed. It has not been rebuilt. A small number of Jews from around the world regathered in the land of Palestine in 1948 and raised their Israeli flag as a nation again. They do not possess all of the land that God gave to them. They are at war constantly over the land they try to claim. A Muslim temple stands on the hill where Solomon's temple once stood. As a nation they continue to reject Jesus as the Messiah and are still looking for their king to come. Some day Jesus will return to set up His kingdom and rule from the throne of David in Jerusalem and the church will be co-ruler with Him. Only then will the Jews accept Him as the Son of God.

We must learn the history of Israel and God's dealings with them in order to understand about Jesus and understand the teachings of the New Testament. It is important for us to know their history in order to understand what is happening in the world today.

#### Lesson Material

Paul lived in Jerusalem when Jesus was crucified and knew He claimed to be the Son of God. Paul was a Pharisee; that is a person who believed God accepted them because they kept the Law of Moses. They believed if they kept the laws they were good. If they did not break the laws they did not need to repent. God would love them because they were good. Paul was like the other Jews, he did not believe Jesus was God's Son, and he did not want other Jews believing in him, so he began to punish anyone who joined the church that Jesus started. He put many people in jail in Jerusalem just because they were Christians.

Then one day Paul realized he had been wrong, and Jesus really was the Son of God and had brought salvation to all the world when He died on the cross. Paul believed God did raise Jesus from the dead, and He was in heaven with God like Stephen said. Paul went to Damascus and was baptized and became a member of the church. He began to preach everywhere he went that the Jews were wrong, and Jesus was the Son of God and He did die for their sins.

Acts 13:14-50 — One day Paul went to the synagogue at Antioch on the Sabbath when the Jews had gathered to worship. As was the custom, they read the law of Moses from the scrolls. They read the prophecies about Jesus coming into the world that the prophets had written on the scrolls hundreds of years ago. Then the one in charge of the synagogue asked if anyone had any explanation of the scriptures. Paul stood up and began to preach. He spoke to them as, "men of Israel (the Jews) and you that fear God (anyone there who feared God)", and asked them to listen to what he had to say. Paul started with the history of Israel as a nation, and told them the purpose God had for them.

#### Paul's sermon:

Paul said the God of the people of Israel chose our (including himself) fathers (the twelve sons of Jacob) and made them into a great nation while they were strangers in Egypt, and used His power to bring them out of their slavery. He put up with their ways for forty years in the wilderness. He destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan and gave the land to them. He gave them judges to rule over them for about four hundred and fifty years. He sent Samuel as a prophet, but the people wanted a king, so God gave them Saul to be their king for forty years. He removed Saul because he was disobedient and chose David to be their king. God said, "David is a man after my own heart, who will fulfill all my will." He kept His promise and sent a Savior to Israel, Jesus, who was a descendant of King David. The Jews always thought that when God sent His Son He would be a king like David, so when He came they rejected Him.

Before Jesus came, John the Baptist preached repentance, (repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand) and baptism, (to show their faith in His coming), to prepare their hearts to receive Jesus as the Son of God, as their Savior, not as a king.

In his sermon, Paul again called them "Men and brethren, (including himself as one of them), children of Abraham, and whosoever among you fears God, (any Jews and Gentiles who were present). He said they were the ones to whom God sent Jesus. Paul said the reason the Jews who lived at Jerusalem did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah was because they did not

understand the words of the prophets that were read to them every Sabbath. Paul said, "You read the prophecies every Sabbath about Jesus coming but you don't understand what you read, so you have fulfilled those prophecies by putting Him to death." When they could find no reason to put Him to death by their laws, they asked Pilate, the Roman governor, to execute Him for claiming to be a king, which was against the Roman law. When they had fulfilled all the prophecies about the death of Jesus, and crucified Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a sepulchre. V. 30, "But God raised Him from the dead." After He was resurrected He was seen for many days by people all the way from Galilee, many, many miles away, to Jerusalem, and they told everyone they saw that He was alive. There was proof that He had been resurrected.

Paul told the Jews that God made the promise to their fathers that He would send Jesus into the world, but He fulfilled the promise to them, the children of their fathers. Paul used David as an example. David was a man faithful to the will of God, but he died, was buried, and he saw corruption; his body decayed in the grave. Acts 13:37, "But He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption." Jesus' body did not decay; it was raised to life and will never die again. He told them anyone who believed in Jesus could have forgiveness of sins, which they could not get by the law of Moses. Paul finished his sermon by telling them to be careful or they would perish because they did not believe this wonderful thing they saw God do.

After the service was over and the Jews left the synagogue, the Gentiles came to him and asked him to come back the next Sabbath and preach to them some more about Jesus. When all of the people were gone, many of the Jews and Greeks who had accepted the worship of the Jews followed him and begged him to preach to them some more. On the next Sabbath almost all of the entire city came to the synagogue to hear Paul preach again. When the Jews saw the large crowd they were jealous of Paul and began to deny the things he said.

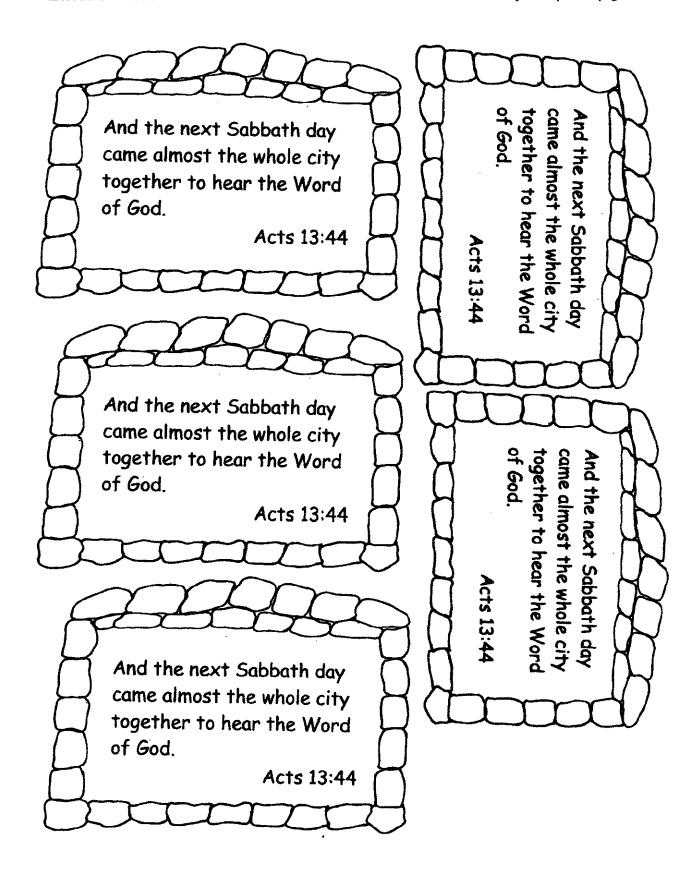
#### First to the Jews:

When the Jews argued with Paul it made him even more determined to keep preaching. He told them it was necessary that the word of God should be preached to them first, but after they refused it, Paul turned to the Gentiles, because God said, "I have set you to be a light of the Gentiles, that you should preach salvation unto all the earth." When the Gentiles heard this they were happy. They knew God loved them as much as He loved the Jews and wanted them to also hear about salvation. God wanted Paul to preach to everybody, so they could be saved.

As more people learned about God in Antioch the Jews became so angry they ran him off and would not let him preach in their town. The same thing happened in other places where Paul went. He made long trips and preached in every town he went to. He always went to the synagogue first and preached to the Jews. When they refused, he preached to the Gentiles. In some places many Jews accepted his message, but in many places they became angry because he condemned their self-righteousness and ran him out of town. Paul, who at one time arrested the Christians when he thought they were wrong, was now being arrested by the Jews for preaching that Jesus, whom they rejected, was the Christ. Paul was arrested many times, whipped publicly, beaten severely, stoned and left for dead — all of this by the Jews who rejected Jesus and did not want anyone to believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.

Paste 6" length of dowel stick here and roll up have been spoken to you: Acts 13:46 that the word of God should first It was necessary Paste 6" length of dowel stick here and roll up

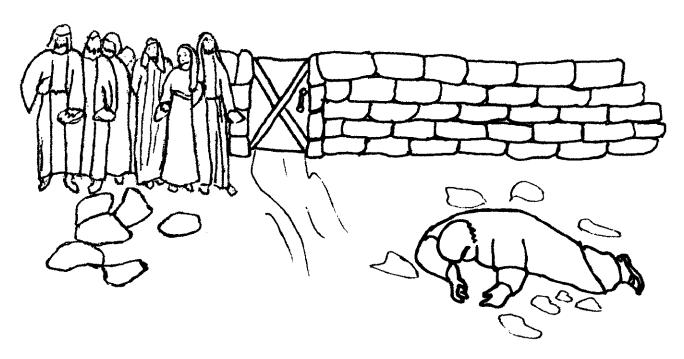
And straightway And straightway he preached he preached Christ in the Christ in the synagogues, that synagogues, that He is the Son of He is the Son of God. Acts 9:20 God. Acts 9:20 And straightway And straightway he preached he preached Christ in the Christ in the synagogues, that synagogues, that He is the Son of He is the Son of God. Acts 9:20 God. Acts 9:20 And straightway he preached And straightway Christ in the he preached synagogues, that Christ in the He is the Son of synagogues, that God. Acts 9:20 He is the Son of God. Acts 9:20



# Paul was stoned at Lystra

Find the words in the puzzle going ACROSS or DOWN

JESUS	J	R	Z	F	N	R	R	Υ	Υ
JEWS	Ε	В	Р	Α	U	L	L	S	j
LYSTRA	W	G	Н	X	L	N	Υ	T	W
PAUL	S	С	Р	Z	R	K	S	0	R
PREA CHED	R	Υ	F	В	X	М	T	Ν	L
STONED	Υ	ı	G	N	Т	J	R	Ε	С
SYNAGOGUE	•	<del>-</del>				-			_
	С	J	E	S	U	S	Α	D	С
	S	Υ	Ν	Α	G	0	G	U	E
	M	Р	R	E	Α	С	Н	E	D



# Paul was stoned at Lystra

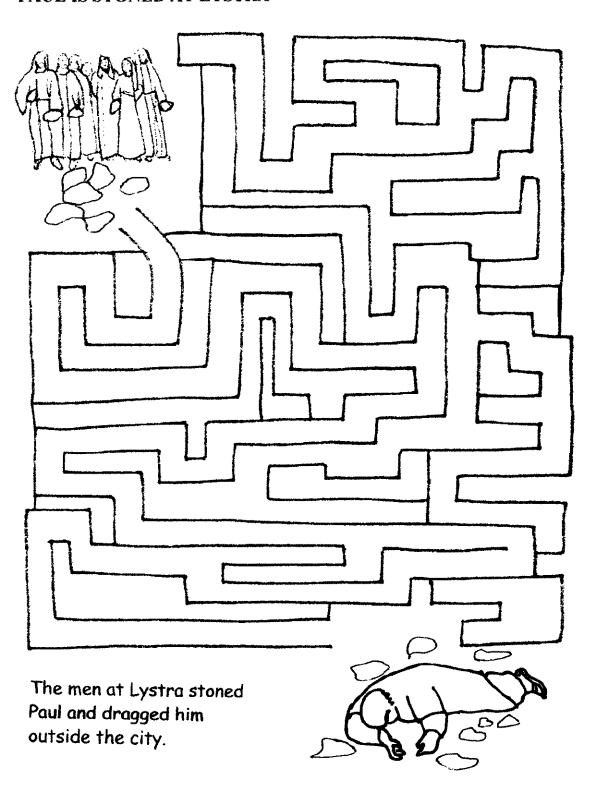
Find the words in the puzzle going ACROSS or DOWN

JESUS	J	R	Z	F	N	R	R	Υ	Υ
	L	В	P	A	U	D		S	J
JEWS	W	G	Н	Χ	L	N	Υ	T	W
LYSTRA	S	С	Р	Z	R	K	S	0	R
PAUL	R	Υ	F	В	Χ	М	T	N	L
PREA CHED	Υ	L	G	N	T	J	R		С
STONED	С	(J	E	S	U	S	A	D	С
SYNAGOGUE	S	Y	N	Α	G	O	G	U	B
	M	P	R		A	C	H		D

### Lesson 5 — Paul Preached To the Gentiles

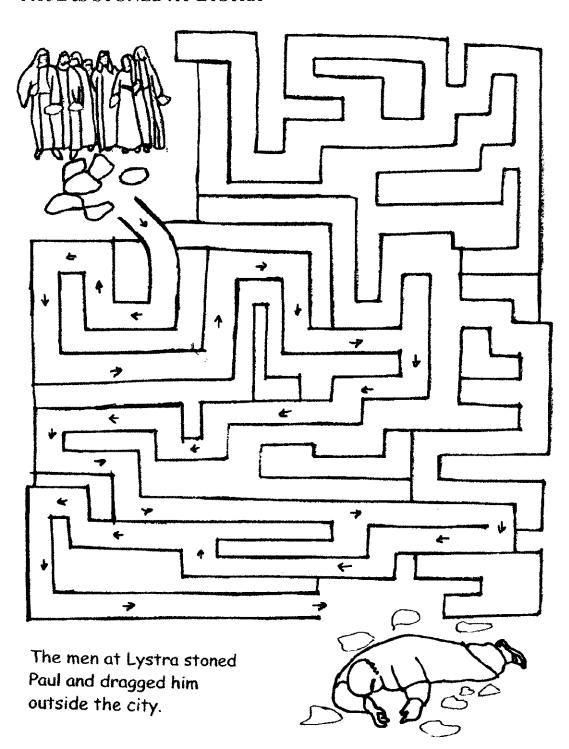
Go through the maze to find Paul:

## PAUL IS STONED AT LYSTRA

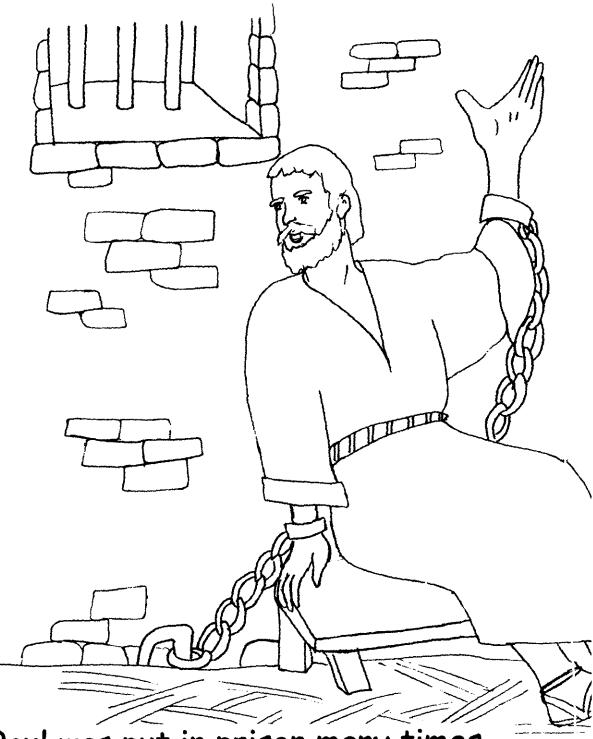


Go through the maze to find Paul:

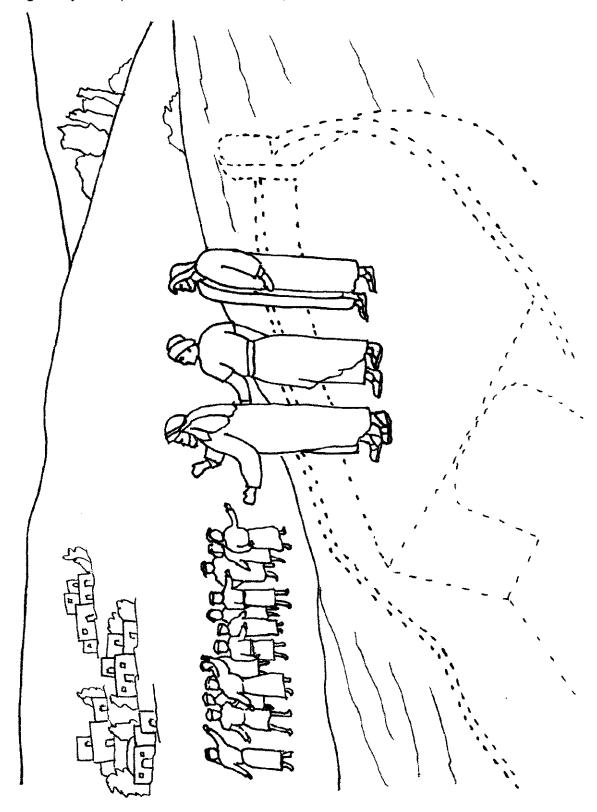
### PAUL IS STONED AT LYSTRA

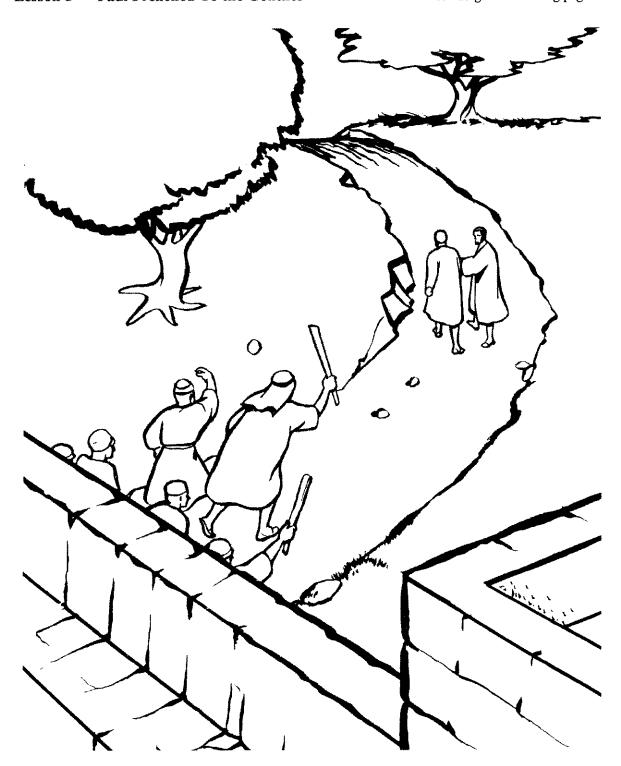


Lesson 5 — Paul Preached To the Gentiles

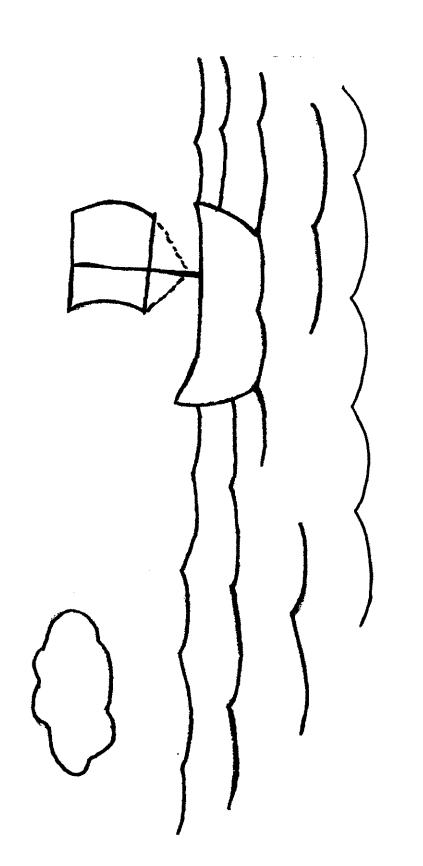


Paul was put in prison many times by the Jews who did not want him to preach about Jesus. Follow the dots and complete the mode of transportation Paul used when he told his friends goodbye at Ephesus . Color the picture.





The Gentiles accepted Paul but the Jews ran him out of town at Antioch.



Many times Paul traveled by boat to go and preach in far away towns.