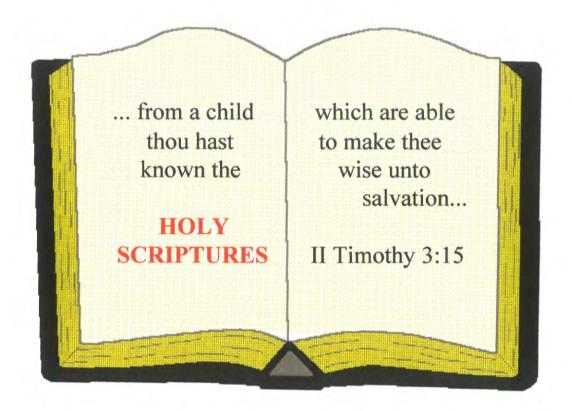
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TO THE TEACHER:

"And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked these that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

The lesson material in Volume I is designed to acquaint the child with the Bible, how it came to us, and what it teaches about specific things. The next volume will include lessons on the birth, life, and teachings of Jesus. It also includes Mother's Day, Father's Day and Thanksgiving lessons, and patterns for an attendance project for the month of November.

The activity pages are reproducible for classroom use. The three-ring binder format makes it easy to remove and copy pages, and can be easily added to with material you have collected from other sources.

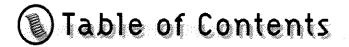
My intention and desire is to help you as you prepare to teach. Please do not use the printed lesson as an excuse to not have to study. Read the scriptures suggested for each lesson, study them, and be prepared before you enter the classroom. There is so much to teach and so little time available. Make good use of all your teaching time, maximize the teaching, and minimize the coloring. Do much of the activity preparation before class time so that you may use your time in teaching.

I express my appreciation to Cheryl Harris for her help with the artwork and illustrations.

May God bless you as you prepare, and as you teach children the eternal truths of God's Word.

Prayerfully submitted,

Betty Penn Betty Penn



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WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21; Revelation 1:9-11; Hebrews 1:1-2; Acts 1:16; I Corinthians 2:13;

In our lesson today we want to learn about the Bible. When we are asked, "What is the Bible?", we say, "It is God's Word". What do we mean by God's Word? The Bible is the message that God has given to man, so that we may know about God. The Bible tells us all we need to know about God to believe in Him. It tells us all we need to know about Jesus to believe in him. The Bible tells us how the world began, and why there is a sun in the sky, and a moon and stars at night. It tells us where we came from, and what will happen after we die. It tells us why we are sinful, and how Jesus came into the world to forgive our sins, so that when we die, we can go to be in the presence of God. It tells us of a wonderful place called heaven, where there will not be any sin, or sickness, or anything harmful. It tells us of God's love for us. It tells us how we should live our lives. The Bible is the most important book in the world.

II Timothy 3:16 tells us that the Bible was inspired by God. What do we mean by inspiration? We mean that God caused the men who wrote the Bible to know exactly what to write so that there would not be any errors. II Peter 1:21 tells us that men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit filled the minds of the men so that what they wrote down was what God wanted us to know.

The Bible is divided into two groups: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Bible is like a library. It has many books, but because of modern printing, we can have all of them bound into one 'book'. The Bible is made up of sixty-six books. The Old Testament has thirty-nine books in it, and the New Testament has twenty-seven books in it. All of them agree with one another. The Bible was written by about forty different men over a period of about sixteen hundred years. The prophets were men to whom God revealed things that would happen. In the Old Testament the prophets told of things that would happen in the future that only God could have told them about. The New Testament tells us about things that happened exactly as the prophets said.

The book of Genesis is the first book in the Bible. The word 'genesis' means 'beginning'. Genesis tells us of the beginnings of all things. Genesis 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Then it tells how God created the sun to rule the day, and put the moon and stars in the sky to shine at night, and how He created all the things that grow on the earth. He made them with seeds that fall to the ground so that new plants can grow from them, and things will keep on growing. Genesis tells us how God made the animals on the earth, the fish in the sea, and the birds that fly in the sky. Then it tells of His greatest creation, when He made man. Adam and Eve were the first two people who lived on the earth. God created them perfect, but they disobeyed God and sinned. This caused them to be imperfect, and separated from God, so He promised them a Saviour.

In the beginning man did not have a Bible, or the written Word of God, so God spoke directly to man or sent angels from heaven to bring messages to man. God spoke directly to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden when He promised to send His Son into the world to die for their sins. The prophets in the Old Testament prophesied of the coming of the Son of God. They told where he would be born, and why he would be born. In the New Testament the writers told of the birth of Jesus, and it was exactly as the prophets of old had prophesied. Everything in the Bible agrees. There were forty different men who wrote the Bible, but everything they said agrees with the others.

The Bible was not written all at one time. It came about slowly. Adam was created about four thousand years before Jesus was born. Adam did not write down the things that happened in the book of Genesis. It was not until the time of Moses, about two thousand five hundred years after Adam was created, that the events of the lives of the early people who lived on the earth were written down. God revealed to Moses, through the Holy Spirit, all the things that He wanted us to know. Then Moses wrote down the things that happened during his lifetime. So the first of the Bible as we know it today was written about fifteen hundred years before Jesus was born. The prophets and other writers added to these books, and they were kept at the temple. The scribes copied these writings so that more people could have them. It was a full-time job of the scribes to copy the scriptures. The leading men in the Jewish religion assembled these writings, and decided which should be included in what we know as the Old Testament. There were writings of the prophets that were not considered to be inspired writings, so these were not included. Credit is given to the prophet Ezra, along with the most intelligent men of his time, for making a final decision of the writings considered to be the sacred writings before the birth of Jesus. After the time of Ezra, no other books were added, and none were taken away from the ones he had assembled. Before the birth of Jesus, time was counted B.C., backward from his birth to the creation, which covered about four thousand years. After the birth of Jesus, we count time forward as A.D. (anno-domini), which means "the year of our Lord". So we live about two thousand after the time of Jesus' birth.

The first book of the New Testament was written about thirty-eight years after Jesus was born. It was the book of Matthew, and it tells about his birth, his life, and his death. The last book of the New Testament is the book of Revelation, and it was written about ninety-six years after the birth of Jesus. While the Old Testament took about fifteen hundred years to write, and covered four thousand years in history, the New Testament took only sixty years to write, and covered about one hundred years in time. The Old Testament tells the history of man from the beginning until God chose the nation of Israel as His special people. Then it covers the history of the Jewish nation until Jesus was born. The New Testament tells us of the birth and life of Jesus, and then it tells us about the church he organized while he was on the earth. Half of the books in the New Testament were letters that the apostle Paul wrote to churches telling them what they should believe, and how to conduct themselves as a church. This is where we get our instructions for our church today. There were other writings by good people during this time, but not all were considered to be inspired by God. They were not all written in the order in which they are found in the Bible. About three hundred years later, the

faithful and intelligent men of the early church took the writings of the men who had followed Jesus, and the letters that the apostle Paul had written to churches, and assembled them into what we now know as the Bible

In review, the Bible was written over a period of about sixteen hundred years, beginning about fifteen hundred years before Jesus was born, and finished about one hundred years after his birth. It was written by about forty different men, all of whom we believe to have been inspired by God. This means God caused them to be able to write everything correctly, so that there were no errors in the original writings of the Scriptures. These books considered to be inspired were, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, gathered together into one book.

The Old Testament was written mostly in Hebrew, the language of the Jewish nation. The New Testament was written mostly in Greek, the language spoken in that area of the world when Jesus was born. The Bible we use today is called "the King James authorized version". King James, king of England, appointed forty-seven men who were considered to be great scholars of England to translate the Bible from the Greek and Hebrew languages into the English language. It took five years, and was completed in 1611 A. D. When the early settlers came to America, they adopted English as the national language and brought with them the King James version of the Bible. There have been other translations made in recent years, but the King James version is the one used more than other versions. King James was not a Baptist, but for years his was the only translation in English. Perhaps some day we will have a translation made by Baptist people.

MEMORY VERSE: II Timothy 3:16

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

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Words to learn for today:

Write each word t	hree times.
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God	New Testament
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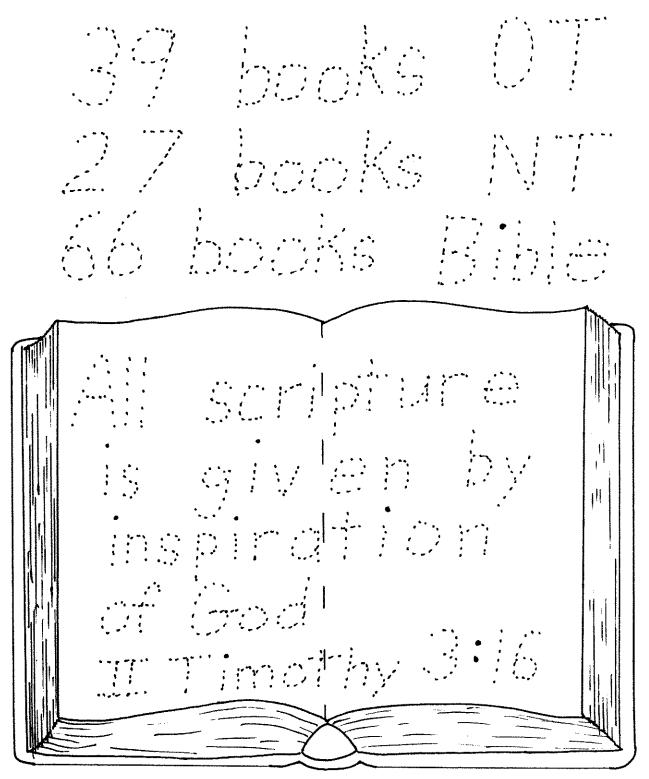


Many years ago God's Word was written on scrolls. They told of the prophecies that Jesus would come.



Today we have the complete Word of God - - - the Bible. It tells us that Jesus did come into the world to live.

Connect the dots:



WHAT ISTHE BIBLE?

This is what Luke 24:49-53 would look like if you read it in Greek:

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The text is Luke xxiv. 49-53.

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This is what Luke 24:49-53 looks like in your Bible:

- 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.
- 50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.
- 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.
- 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
- 53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

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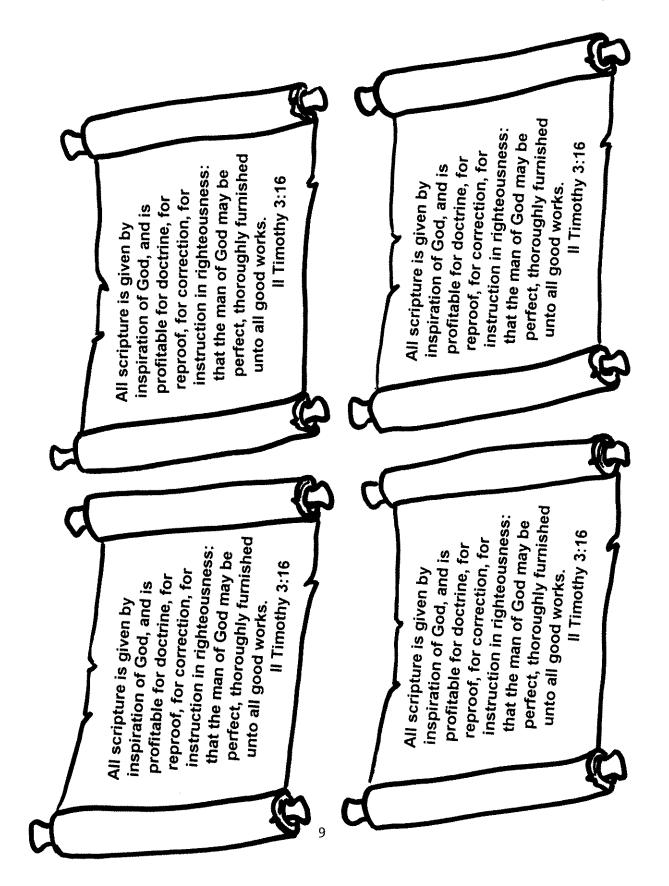
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2.	There are books in the Bible.
3.	There are books in the Old Testament.
4.	There are books in the New Testament.
5.	About men wrote the Bible.
6.	It took about years to write the Bible.
7.	The apostle wrote about half of the books in the New Testament.
8.	wrote the book of Genesis.
9.	The first book in the Bible is
10.	The last book in the Bible is
11.	King had the Bible translated into the English language.
12.	Our English Bible was translated in what year?
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Choose your answers from the words at the bottom:

1. The Bible has two parts: the <u>Old Testament</u> .
and the New Testament
2. There are 66 books in the Bible.
3. There are 39 books in the Old Testament.
4. There are <u>27</u> books in the New Testament.
5. About 40 men wrote the Bible.
6. It took about 1600 years to write the Bible.
7. The apostle Paul wrote about half of the books in the New Testament.
8. Moses wrote the book of Genesis.
9. The first book in the Bible is <u>Genesis</u>
10. The last book in the Bible is <u>Revelation</u> .
11. King <u>James</u> had the Bible translated into the English language.
12. Our English Bible was translated in what year? <u>1611 A. D.</u>
13. The Old Testament was written in the <u>Hebrew</u> language.
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II Peter 1:21; Deuteronomy 17:18-19; 31:9; I Samuel 10:25;

The Bible is God's Word---all of it. It was inspired by God and written by men. God caused men to know exactly what to write so there would be no errors. It was not written all at one time. It took about sixteen hundred years, and was written by about forty different men. Yet everything written during the last sixty years agrees with what was written by men who lived hundreds of years before.

The Bible has two parts: the Old Testament, and the New Testament. Today we will study about the Old Testament. It is made up of thirty-nine books. We call them the Jewish scriptures or the Jewish manuscripts. They were written by Jewish people, mostly in the Hebrew language because that is the language the people spoke. The Old Testament covers about four thousand years in time. The first book in the Old Testament was written by Moses about twenty-five hundred years after Adam and Eve were created. By this time God had chosen the descendants of Abraham to be His special people, and they spoke the Hebrew language. The scriptures were written on scrolls, and the originals were kept at the tabernacle and then at the temple by the priests. The scribes were men who served at the temple by copying the scrolls. They did not have computers, or typewriters, or the modern printing press, so all the copying was done by hand. It was very slow, and so there were several men who served as scribes. The scribes knew the scriptures better than anyone, because they spent hours and hours copying them by hand. They kept the originals at the temple so they could protect them, and the copies were used by the people. They were commanded to copy the laws and teach them to their children. Joshua erected a monument of stones and copied the laws God gave to Moses on the stones; then they were read to the people, including women and children: Joshua 8:32. When God told Moses that some day He would allow the Israelites to have a king, He commanded the king to copy the law in a book, from the writings in the scrolls which the Levites (the priests) kept. He was to keep it with him and read from it every day. so he would learn how to serve God and know what His commandments were: Deuteronomy 17:18-19.

There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament. The first book was written about fifteen hundred years before Jesus was born. The last book was written about four hundred years before Jesus was born. Before the time of Jesus, time is counted backward. So from 1500 to 400 B.C. was about eleven hundred years that it took for all of the Old Testament to be written. There were many more writings by good men, but only the thirty-nine books were determined to be inspired books, so they make up the Old Testament.

Moses wrote the first five books, and we call them the books of law. God revealed to Moses all the things that happened during the first twenty-five hundred years that people lived on the earth, and Moses wrote it down just as God wanted him to. The first book is the book of Genesis. It covers the creation of all things, and tells us about the people from Adam and

Eve to Noah, when the flood destroyed all the people except Noah's family, because of their disobedience to God. Many years later the people were once again so sinful God decided to raise up a new nation of people to be His special people, and teach them how to worship and serve Him. This new nation was the descendants of one man, Abraham. The book of Genesis ends with the story of Joseph, when the descendants of Abraham, called the Jewish people, or Hebrews, had gone to Egypt to live.

The second book, Exodus, tells about the Jewish people from the time of Moses, when they left Egypt to go back to the land God had chosen for them. These events happened during Moses' life, so he wrote down everything exactly as it happened. God told him all the laws to write down, and he wrote them in the book of Leviticus. The books of Numbers and Deuteronomy also tell about the nation of Israel and how God blessed them when they worshipped Him, and how He punished them when they disobeyed. These four books, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, cover less than two hundred years, and were written to and for the Jewish people. Very important information is in these books.

The next twelve books in the Old Testament are called the books of history. They were written by eight or more men. They tell us the history of the nation of Israel. They tell about their judges and their kings, and the building of the temple by Solomon. They teach us the history of the nation of Israel from Joshua to about four hundred and fifty years before Jesus was born. They are the books of Joshua through Esther.

There is also poetry in the Bible. The next five books, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, are called books of poetry. Moses wrote the book of Job before he wrote the book of Leviticus. It was probably the third book written, but it is the eighteenth book in the Old Testament. David wrote most of the Psalms about one thousand years before Jesus was born. Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived, and he wrote most of the Proverbs, which are wise sayings.

All of the remaining books in the Old Testament are books of prophecy and cover about four hundred and sixty-five years. The first five books are called major prophets because they prophesied more and greater things than the rest. The last twelve books are called minor prophets. Some of them are very short. Joel and Haggai are only two chapters. Obadiah is only one chapter. Nahum and Habakkuk are three chapters. Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament. There are no writings for the last four hundred years before Jesus was born.

In the Old Testament, the men first worshipped God at an altar they built out of stones, on which they offered sacrifices to show they believed God would send His Son as a sacrifice for all men. Each man was the priest for his family. Then God chose the nation of Israel, and told them to build the tabernacle for worship. God chose one man to be a high priest, and He also chose one of the tribes of Israel to be priests. They offered the sacrifices for the people at the tabernacle. Later the people worshipped at the temple until the birth of Jesus. Jesus started the church as we know it today, and did away with sacrifices at the temple.

MEMORY VERSE PATTERN PAGE

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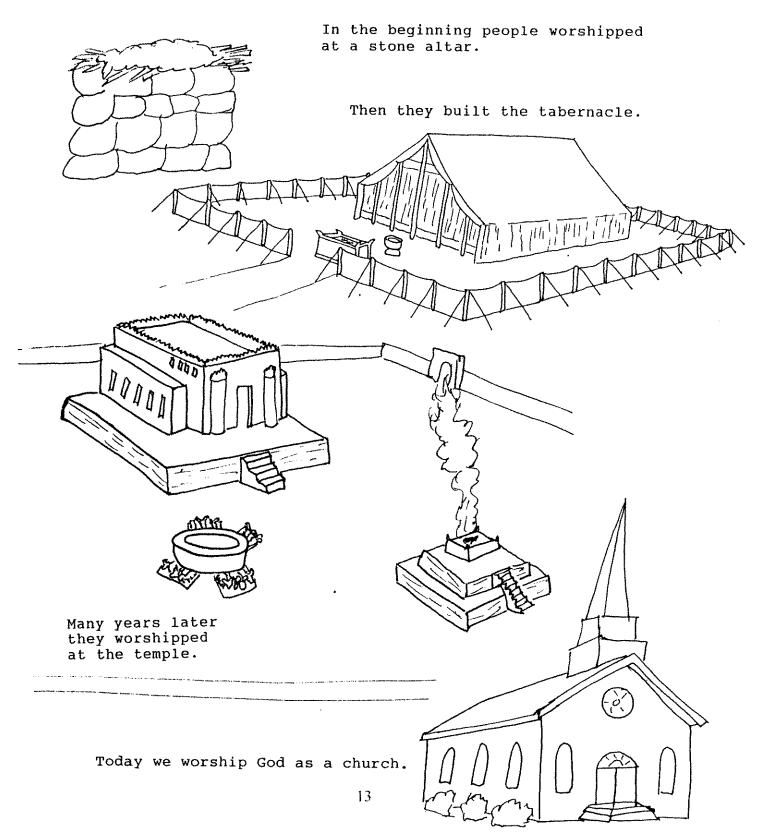
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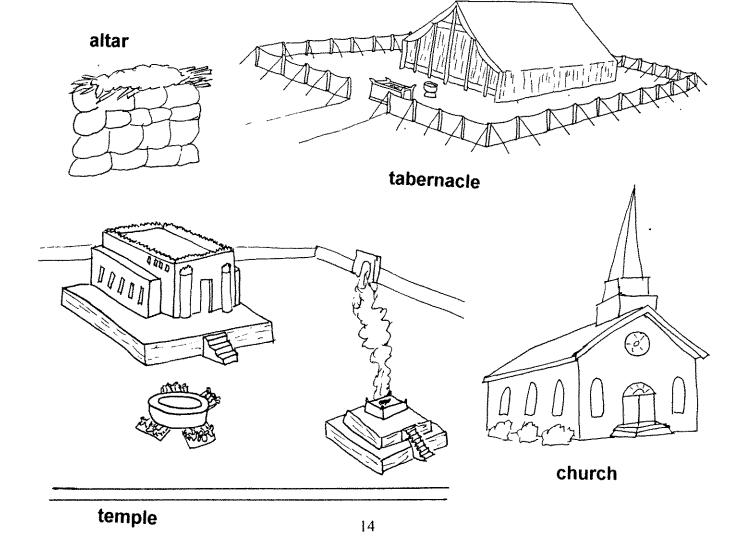
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You may use your Bible to answer the following questions:

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3.	Including the book of Job, how many books did Moses write?	
4.	The first 5 books are called the books of	
5.	The next 12 books are called the books of	
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7.	All the remaining books are books of	
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WORDS TO CHOOSE FROM: altar priests priest tabernacle church temple

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You may use your Bible to answer the following questions:

1. How many books are in the Old Testament?39	
2. What is the first book in the Bible? Genesis	
3. Including the book of Job, how many books did Moses write?6	
4. The first 5 books are called the books of <u>law</u> .	
5. The next 12 books are called the books of <u>history</u> .	
6. The next 5 books are called the books of	
7. All the remaining books are books of <u>prophecy</u> .	
8. The first 5 books of prophecy are called the <u>major</u> prophets.	
9. The last 12 books in the Old Testament are called the <u>minor</u> prophets.	
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Word Search: Find the names of the first 22 books of the Old Testament, forward, backward, upside down or diagonally.

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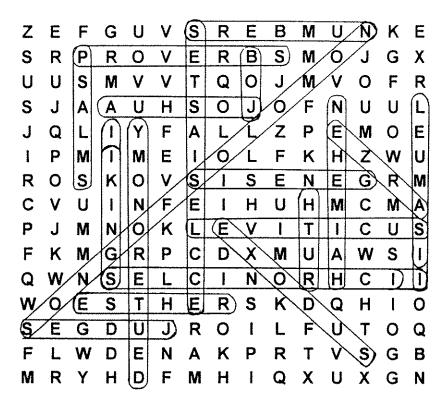
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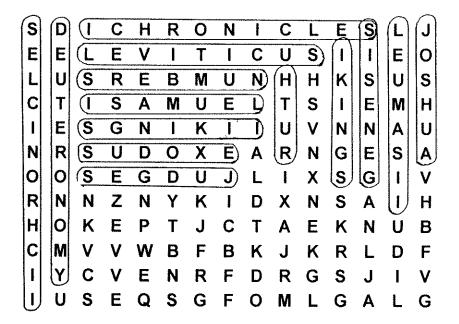
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WHAT IS THE NEW TESTAMENT?

II Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 1:9-11;

The Old Testament took much longer to write than the New Testament. It only took about sixty years to write the New Testament. It was written by eight different men. The New Testament begins with the birth of Jesus, and tells us about His life, His death, and His church. The last book, Revelation, was written by John when he was an old man. It is the last book written. It was a vision that God gave to John, and God told him to write down what he saw in a book. The book of Revelation tells us things that will come to pass in the future.

The New Testament is made up of twenty-seven books. When we study about the New Testament, we divide it into four parts. The first four books are called the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These four books tell us of the birth, life, and death of Jesus. All four do not tell exactly the same events, but when we study all of them, we learn about the life of Jesus, from the time the angel appeared to His mother, Mary, and told her Jesus would be born and would be the Son of God, to His ascension back into heaven. Apparently, the first book, the book of Matthew, was the first one written. The others do not follow in the order in which they were written. The gospels tell the world that Jesus was the Son of God that was promised in the very first book in the Bible, the book of Genesis. For four thousand years people had been waiting for the coming of the Son of God to pay the price of sin. For fifteen hundred years the Jewish people had been looking for the Messiah to come. They were looking for the descendant of David, who would be their righteous king, and would put down all their enemies and give them prosperity forever. The four gospels tell us that Jesus did not come as a prince, the son of a king, born in a palace. He was born in the small town of Bethlehem, not Jerusalem. He was a descendant of King David, but was not to immediately take possession of the throne and rule as king. He must first come as their Savior. The Jews were looking for a king, so they did not accept Jesus as the Messiah. These four books in the Bible tell us that He was God's Son, and He was the Messiah. They tell us how the Jews rejected Him, and had Him crucified because He acknowledged that He was the Son of God. From these four books we learn how Jesus was crucified, but after three days He arose from the dead. He stayed on the earth for forty more days, then ascended back into heaven to be with God, the Father, and prepare a place for us, so we may go to be with him when we die.

The third book in the New Testament is the book of Luke. It was written by Luke, and tells about the church that Jesus started when He was on the earth. Jesus called twelve men to be apostles, or preachers. The first church was at Jerusalem. John the Baptist was chosen by God to reveal to the world that this man named Jesus, of Nazareth, who was known as the son of Mary and a carpenter named Joseph, was really the Son of God, and the Messiah that the Jews had been looking for. When some of the Jews accepted the message John preached, John baptized them by immersing them in the Jordan River. Then Jesus took these people who had accepted Him, repented of their sins, and had been immersed by John, and He assembled them into the first church. The book of Acts tells us about this church, what they believed, and how

they were led by the Holy Spirit. All of the Bible had not been written yet, so this church depended on the apostles who had been with Jesus for three years and heard His teachings, to teach them the things that Jesus commanded them to teach.

The rest of the New Testament, except for the book of Revelation, is made up of epistles, or letters. Most of the epistles were written by the apostle Paul, and most of these were written to churches. When the Jews as a nation rejected Jesus, God turned to the Gentiles, or people who were not Jews, for His church. The people in the first church at Jerusalem were persecuted, or mistreated, because they had accepted Jesus as the Son of God, and many had to leave their homes and move to other places to live. When they moved they continued to preach the truth, so more churches were started. When the apostle Paul began preaching, he traveled to many places and preached the gospel of Jesus, and organized churches. He could not stay in one place all the time, so he wrote letters to the other churches instructing them in the truth. If they had a problem, they would send for Paul, and if he could not come, he would write them a letter. We have these letters today to teach us what we should believe, and how we should conduct our church. Paul wrote letters to the churches at Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse, and Thessalonica. Some of his letters were written to individuals, telling them how they should act, and what they should teach.

The book of James was written by James. I and II Peter were written by Peter. The book of Jude was written by Jude, and the books of John, I, II, and III John, and Revelation were all written by John.

When we read the New Testament we learn about Jesus. We learn what He taught the people while He lived on the earth. We learn about the miracles that He did to prove that He was the Son of God and had power from God. We learn how to be saved. We learn why we should be baptized. We learn what we should believe as a church. We learn where Jesus is now, and what will happen to us when we die.

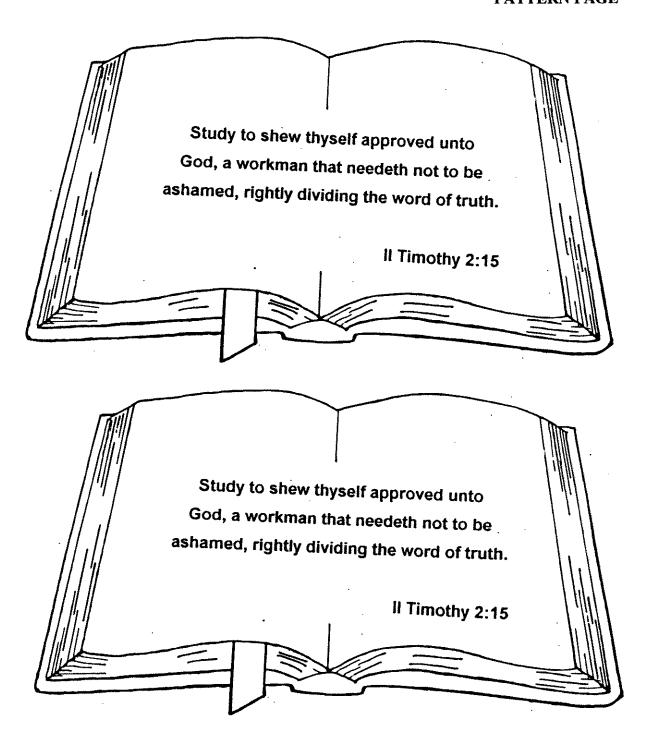
The Bible tells us that, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The Bible is all we need for our doctrines (the things we believe). It is all we need to correct us when we do wrong. It is all we need to instruct us in the ways of righteousness, and if we believe and follow its teachings, we will know everything we need to know to make our lives pleasing in the sight of God. If we don't, it is because we do not study and try to know.

The Bible is the most important book in the world. It is the one that we should love above all other books. It is God's Word written to us. It is the message from God to men. God does not need angels to tell His message anymore; He has written the Bible. More than anything else, the Bible tells us of the wonderful love that God has for us.

MEMORY VERSE: II Timothy 2:15

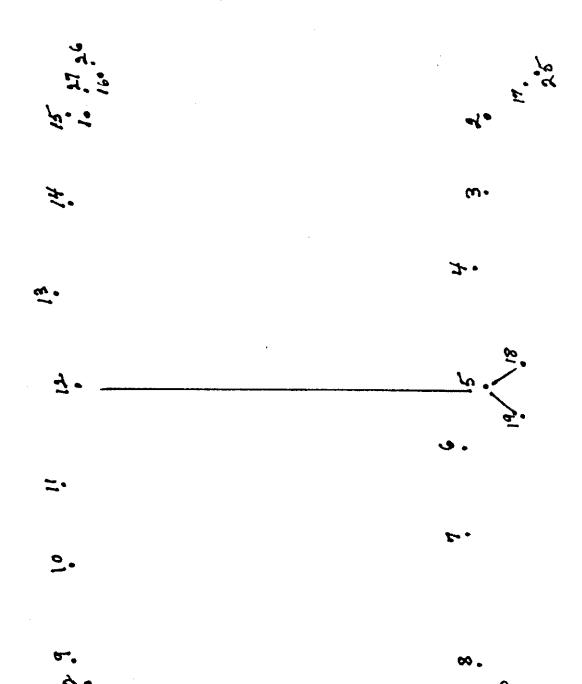
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Connect the dots and color the picture.



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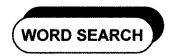
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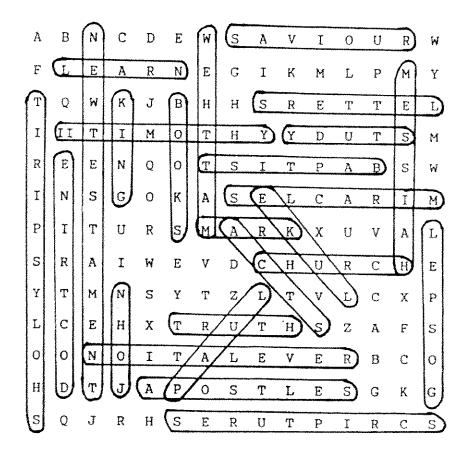
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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Matthew 4:18-22;10:1-7; 28:18-20; Mark 1:1-9; Acts 1:15;2:1-4,41,47; Ephesians 5:23,25

The first four books of the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell us about the coming of Jesus into the world. The Jews had been looking for a messiah for hundreds of years. Now the time had come that the messiah had been born. Most of the Jews rejected Jesus because they were looking for a king, and He came instead as their Savior. God sent a man, born a few months before Jesus, to announce to the world that Jesus was the Son of God; that Jesus was the messiah they had been looking for. This man's name was John. He came preaching in the wilderness area that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God. When the Jews who heard what John said, believed that Jesus was the Son of God, and they repented of their sins and accepted him as their Savior, John baptized them as a way of identifying them as followers of Jesus. God sent John for this purpose. Mark 1:5 tells us that John baptized them in the Jordan River after they had confessed their sins. When John baptized them, he placed them under the water and raised them up out of the water. This was a picture of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. When Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross, He was buried like any other person who died. But in three days He came back to life again, and came out of the grave. Baptism is a picture of His being buried and rising again. When the time came for Jesus to tell the world who He was, the first thing He did was come to John and be baptized. John was called 'John the Baptist' because he baptized people. God sent an angel to tell John's father that he would be born, and to name him 'John'. The people called him 'John the Baptist', or 'John, the one who baptizes', as a way of identifying him. We call our church a Baptist church because we believe in baptizing people like John did. What we believe about baptism makes us different from other denominations, or churches.

Some of the Jewish people believed that Jesus was the messiah, and came to John to be baptized. Jesus took these people and started the first church. We don't know the exact day he started the church, but it was while he was on the earth. Jesus began calling men to follow him when He called the four fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John. He told them to leave their occupation of fishing, and become preachers for Him. Jesus called twelve men to become the first twelve preachers. Before this time, the people had prophets to tell them about the will of God. Now that Jesus had come into the world, they did not need prophets anymore. The people today who tell about God's will are called preachers. The first twelve preachers were called apostles Jesus started the church with these twelve apostles and other people who had been baptized by John and followed him.

The definition we use today for a church is a group of people who are baptized believers, and have agreed to work together to carry out the 'great commission'. What is the great commission? Matthew 28:18-20 tells us of a command that Jesus gave to the apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel. When people were saved, they were to baptize them, then teach them all of the commands of God. After Jesus started the church, the apostles had the authority through the church to baptize people. The church is a special group of

people. They are special because they have been bought by the blood of Jesus. Ephesians 5:23 tells us Jesus is the head of the church. The pastor is not the head of our church. He is our leader. He has been chosen by God to be a preacher, and he has been selected by our church to be our pastor. Jesus is the head of the church. The church is referred to in the Bible as the bride of Christ. When Jesus comes back to the earth someday to rule as our king, the church will be in a place of rulership with Jesus. We will rule with Him for one thousand years. When we meet as a church to worship, we are following the commands of God. When we baptize people who come to us repenting of their sins, and confessing that Jesus is the Christ, and when we help men in other countries to preach the gospel and organize churches in other lands, we are following the command of God.

The Jewish people went to the temple to offer sacrifices and worship God. Jesus went there to preach and teach them. There was only one temple, but there were many synagogues. After the Jews were conquered by their enemies and scattered into many other nations, they did not have access to the temple at Jerusalem, so the custom of synagogue worship began. Wherever there were several Jews, they instituted a synagogue. Nearly every small town had at least one synagogue, and large towns had many synagogues. Jesus went into the synagogues on the Sabbath and read the scriptures and taught the people. We pattern our method of worship today after the synagogue worship. The synagogue had a ruler, one responsible for the activities that went on in the synagogue. There was a closet where the scrolls of the law and other sacred writings (prophesies) were kept. There was an elevated area with a table where the scrolls were brought and laid out. Someone was responsible for reading the scrolls to the people. After they were read, they were rolled back up and put away. After the scriptures were read, someone explained the reading to the people. They were taught the scriptures. The synagogue was a place of learning. The Bible tells us that many times Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the scriptures and explained what he read to the people. The Jews were already accustomed to synagogue worship, so they patterned their worship as a church after the synagogue. We continue this custom today. We come to church to study the Word of God. Our pastor reads the scriptures and explains them to us. There were those responsible for offering prayers at the synagogue. We have men who lead in public prayer in our church services. They sang, or chanted, the psalms at the synagogue. We sing songs of praise in our services. The apostles still went to the temple at the regular times to pray and worship God. After Jesus was crucified, when the apostles went to the temple they did not go to offer sacrifices. When they went to the temple to pray, they taught the people that Jesus, the messiah, had come.

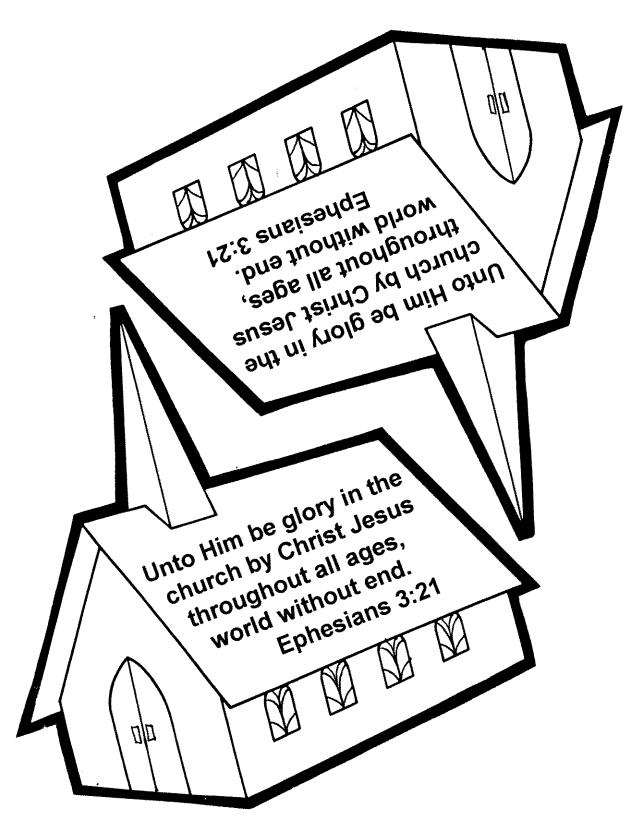
The first church did not have a building to meet in. They met in homes, or by the seashore, or wherever they could assemble as a group. For several hundred years churches did not have buildings. The church building is not the church. The church is the people who meet together. Many times in history people had to hide in order to meet as a church and worship God. They were persecuted, or killed because they believed what the Bible taught, and they had to meet in wooded areas, or meet at night in fields, or hide in caves to worship. We are thankful today that we can have a building and meet publicly without fear of being persecuted.

The book of Acts, the fifth book in the New Testament, tells us about the first church. They had been with Jesus for nearly three years as He traveled from place to place, preaching and making disciples. They came to Jerusalem with Him before his crucifixion. Jesus told the church to stay at Jerusalem until He sent the Holy Spirit to be in their midst. There were about one hundred and twenty people who believed that Jesus was the messiah and had been baptized by John. They met in a room, maybe in someone's home. After Jesus was crucified and arose from the dead, He stayed on the earth for forty days, appearing to people, and letting them know that He really was alive again. After Jesus went back to heaven, the church met every day, wondering what they should do now that their leader, Jesus, was gone. Before He left, He told them to stay at Jerusalem until He sent them power from God. Ten days after He left, He sent the Holy Spirit to be in their midst and guide them. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the church is called the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave them power to speak a language they had not learned. Jesus wanted the gospel spread to all nations, and when the Holy Spirit came upon the church, there were people at Jerusalem from different countries, and they spoke different languages. They could not understand the Hebrew language. Peter preached a great sermon that day, and every person heard his message in their own language. No matter what language they spoke, they understood what Peter said in their own language. About three thousand of the people who heard the message Peter preached believed what he said about Jesus, and were baptized and added to the church.

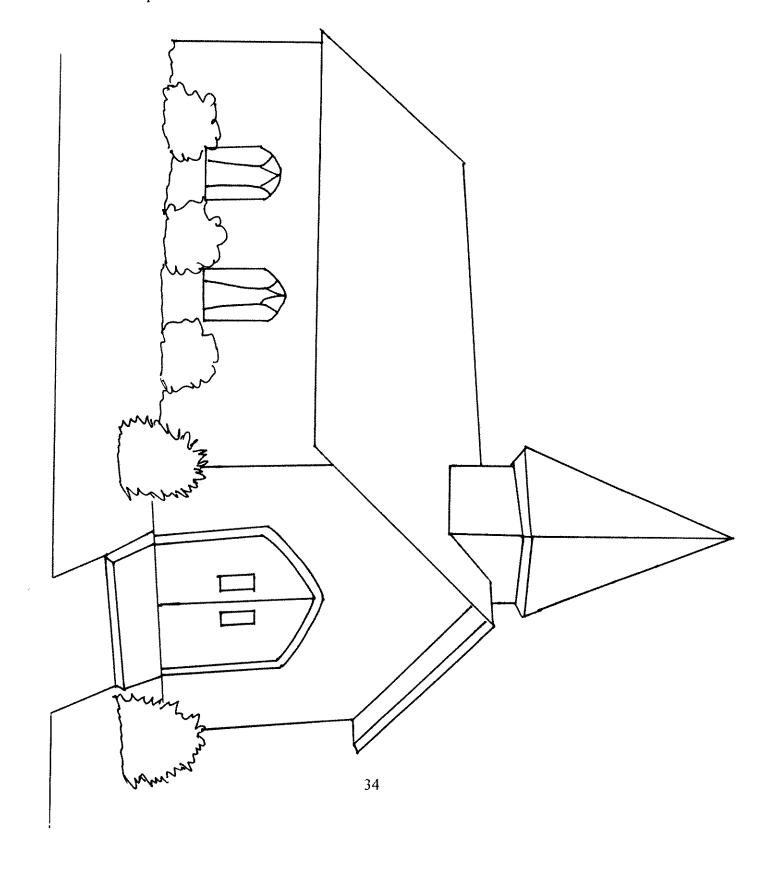
Now the church had over three thousand members. They continued to teach and preach every day. They sold their possessions and divided what they had among themselves so that everyone had what they needed. In Acts 2:47 we learn that the Lord added to the church daily those who were saved. As the people from other nations went back home, they carried the gospel with them. When the Jews from Jerusalem moved to other places, they took the gospel with them. The apostle Paul traveled around from town to town, and when the people accepted the message he preached, more and more churches were started. God promised that there would always be a church in existence somewhere in the world. We have a true church today because someone, somewhere, continued to believe what the Bible teaches, and passed it on to us. It is important that we come to church and learn the truth about God so that we can keep the church going for those who are born after us. Not every group that claims to be a church teaches the truth. We must study our Bibles and know what the truth is so that we can continue to be a true church that is pleasing to God.

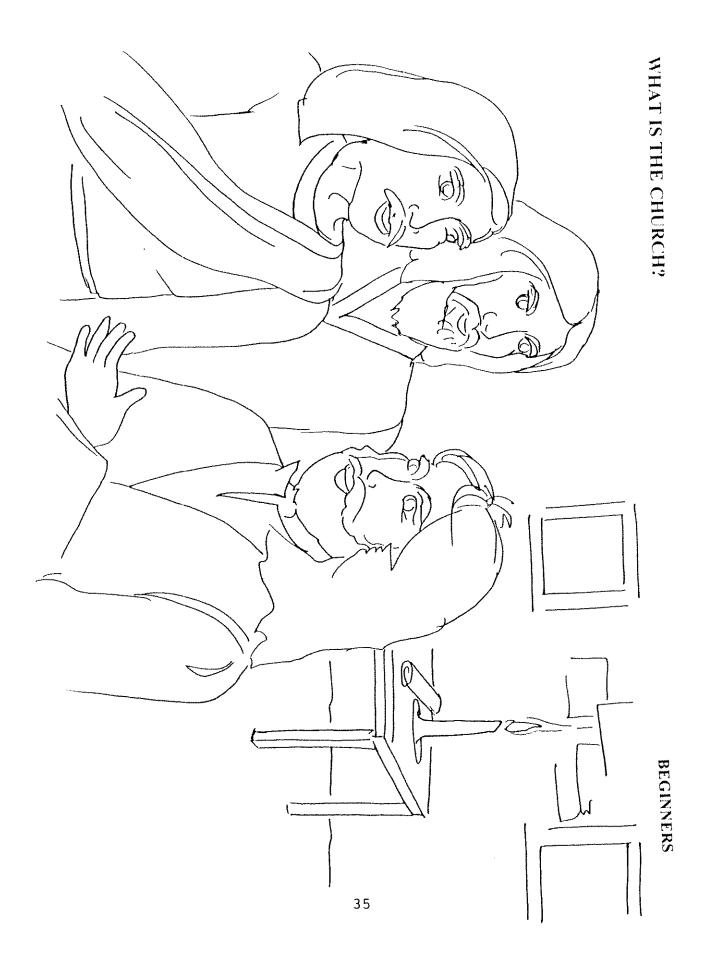
Why do we worship on Sunday and not on Saturday like the Jews did? We believe Jesus did away with the Sabbath as a day of worship when He did away with the law and the sacrifices. Jesus arose on the first day of the week, and we believe the early churches met on the first day of the week under the teaching of the apostle Paul. So we pattern our worship after the early churches. Any where and any day of the week that we meet as a group we are a church. We believe that Paul taught the church to assemble on the first day of the week, so our custom is to set aside the first day of the week for a day of rest and a day of worship.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 3:21



Draw yourself and your family going to church. Color the picture.





TO ASSEMBLE CHURCH

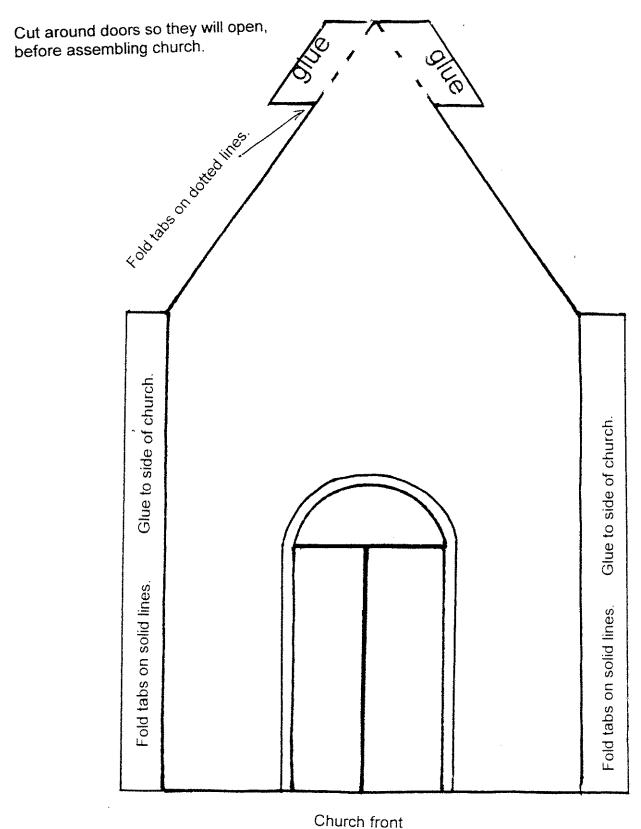
Copy all pieces on heavy paper, or copy and paste on cardboard before cutting out.

- 1. Cut out all pieces of church.
- 2. Cut out windows and doors before assembling.
- 3. Fold across top of one side piece on solid line. Cut slits in roof for steeple. Paste two side pieces together at the peak of roof. Fold on dotted lines.
- 4. Fold back tabs on sides of church front and back. Paste to inside on side pieces of church.
- 5. Fold under tabs at roof line and paste under roof.
- Fold steeple on all solid lines.
 Bring edges together and paste tab under side to form steeple.
 Insert tabs through slits in roof to position steeple and paste to inside.

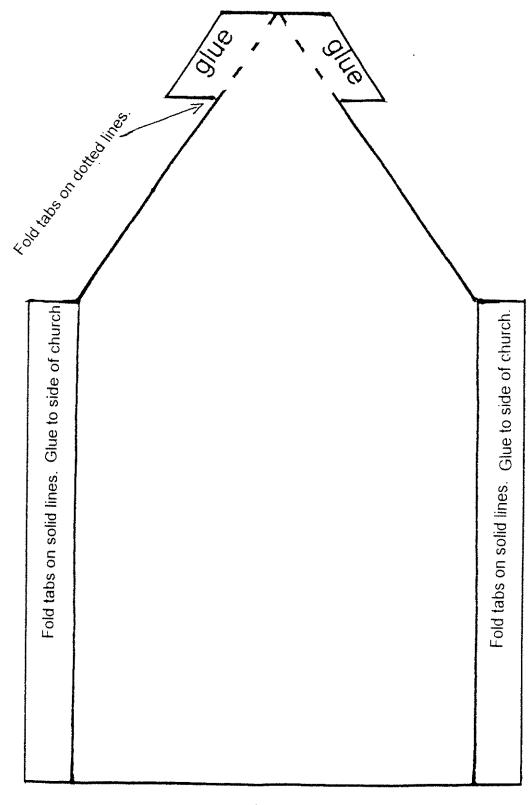
Assemble trees and bushes to stand outside of church.

Assemble pews and place inside church.

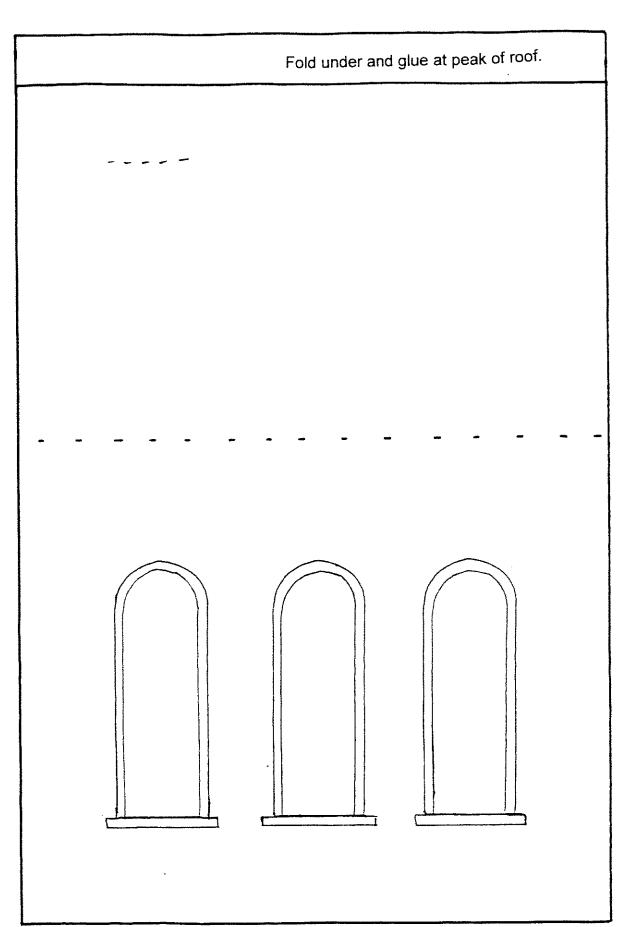
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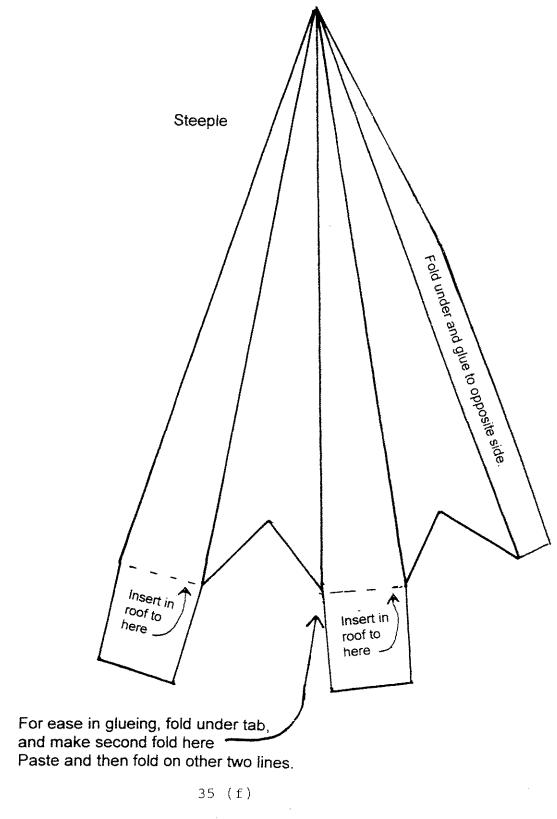


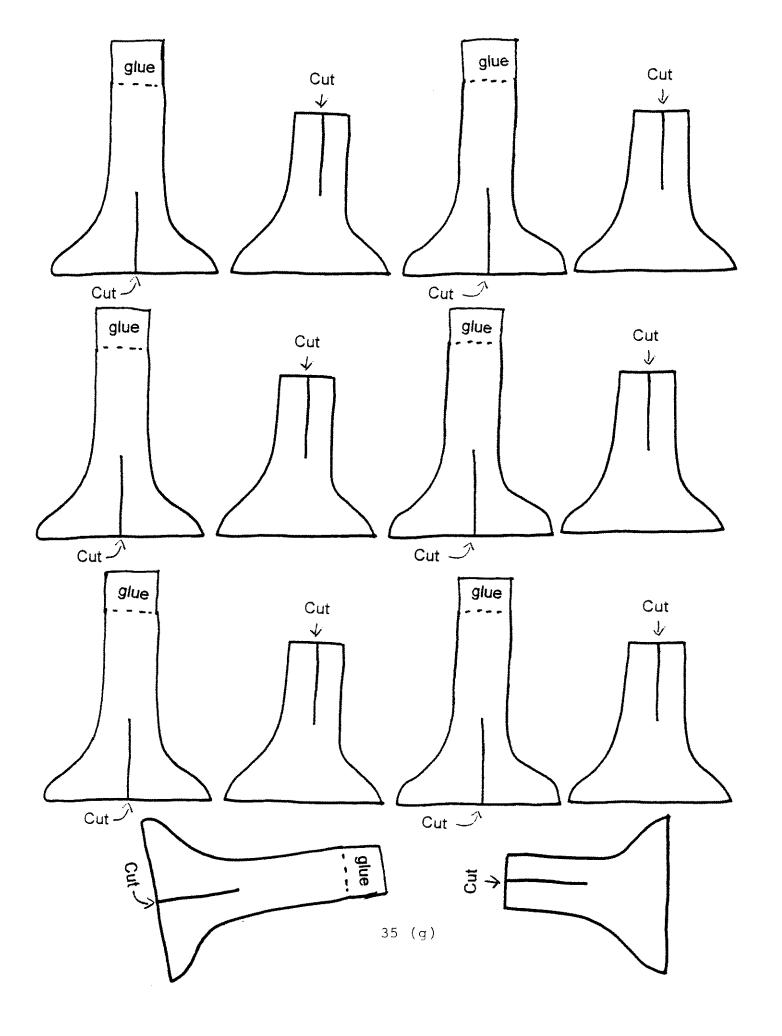
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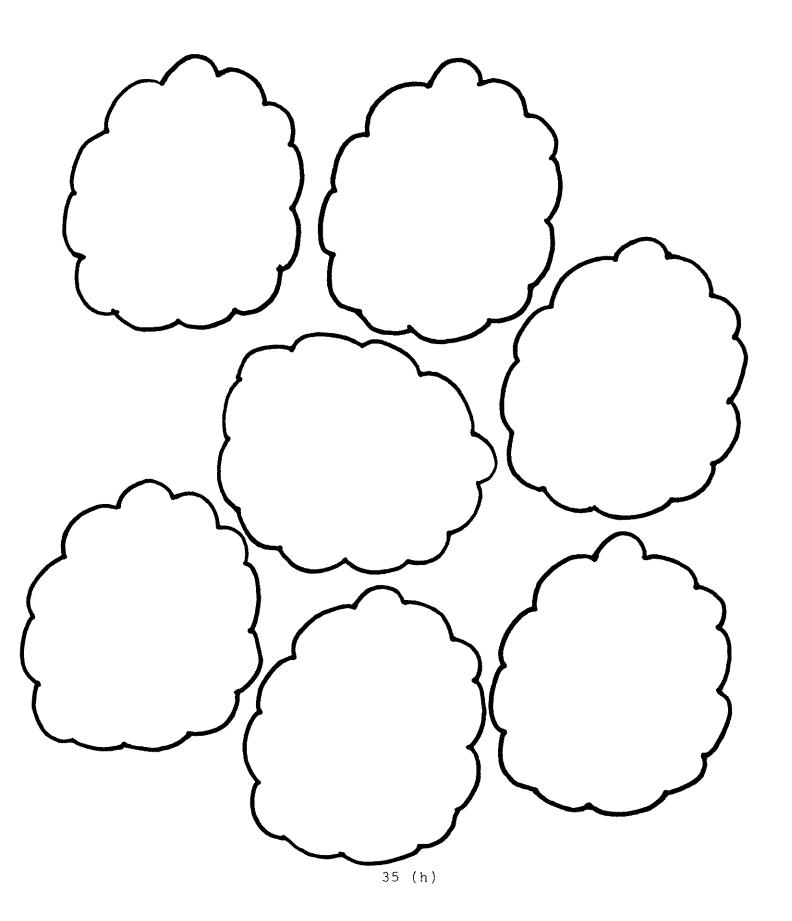


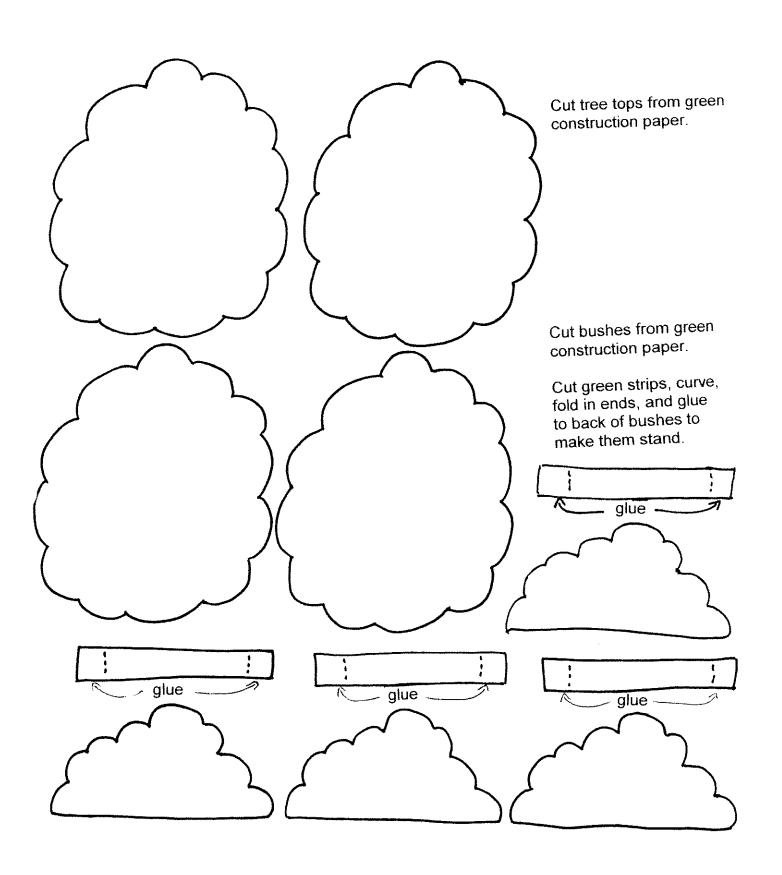
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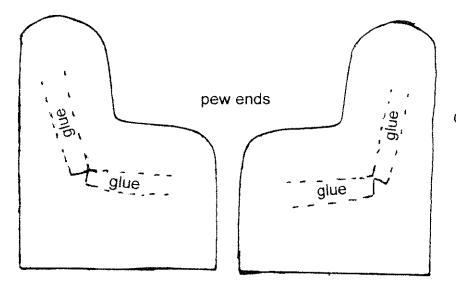






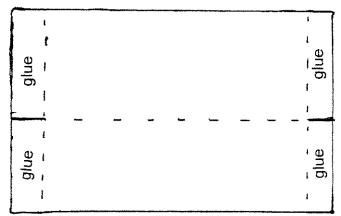






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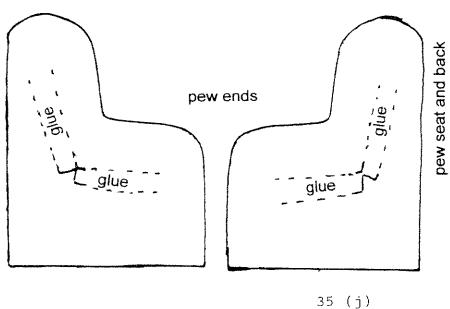
pew seat and back



Fold back edges on seat and glue to inside of each pew end along dotted lines.

Make as many as desired for each child.

Add chenille wire people.



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WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST? (HIS BIRTH)

Luke 1:5-25, 57-66, 80; Exodus 28:33-35, 30:1-10; I Chronicles 23:13;

The first chapter of the book of Luke tells us of a man named Zacharias. He was a descendant of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of priests in the Old Testament. It had been about 400 years since the last book in the Old Testament was written. It has been several hundred years since any prophesies had been made about the coming of the Son of God. Now, the time had come for Jesus to be born. God needed someone to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. He needed someone to announce to the world that this was the Messiah that had been promised.

Zacharias was a priest. His wife was also a descendant of the daughters of Aaron, who was the first high priest in the nation of Israel. The Bible tells us that they were both righteous people. No fault could be found in their service to God. They were both getting to be very old, and they had no children. They wanted a child very much, but did not have any. Zacharias' job at the temple was to burn the incense. Each family in the tribe of Levi had a certain part of the worship that they were responsible for. As a descendant of Aaron, his was to burn incense. The priest had special clothing that he wore when he went into the temple to serve God. On the hem of his robe there were pomegranates embroidered in blue and purple and scarlet. In between each pomegranate was a golden bell. The tinkling of the bells would sound while he was in the Holy Place, and the people outside would know that he was okay. No one went into the Holy Place when the priest went to burn incense except the priest. The people waited outside and prayed until he returned. If they could hear the sound of the bells, they knew that he had not gone in and died before the Lord.

One day when Zacharias went into the temple to burn incense, an angel of the Lord appeared, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. When Zacharias saw him, he became frightened. Zacharias was a man of faith, but he probably had not seen an angel before. Many Israelites believed that if they saw God, or an angel of God, they would die. So Zacharias was afraid. The angel said, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." Zacharias had prayed for many years for a son, and the angel said his prayers would be answered. This child would not be like other men; he would be different. He would bring gladness to his parents, and many people would rejoice at his birth. He would not drink wine or strong drink, and he would grow up to be great in the sight of the Lord. He would be filled with the Holy Spirit from the time he was born. He would be a very powerful man who would turn many to God. God had chosen the nation of Israel to be His special people, but He knew they would reject His Son as the messiah. The angel said that John would prepare a people for the Lord. This people would be the church.

Zacharias questioned the angel about this son that he had promised. He said he was an old man and his wife was an old woman. They had wanted a child for many years. How

they know that all of this had really happened? How could they know it was not just a dream? The angel said, "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings." He was Gabriel, the angel that God used to send messages to men. He stood in the presence of God, and God sent him to Zacharias to tell him this good news. Gabriel said because Zacharias did not believe him, in order to prove that this event really happened, he would not be able to speak until his son was born.

The people waited outside the temple for Zacharias. They could not understand why it took him so long. He usually came out much sooner than this. They wondered what was happening in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. All he could do was motion and make signs. The people assumed that he had seen a vision in the temple that had left him speechless. As soon as his time of service in the temple was finished, he went to his own house, and gave his wife, Elizabeth, the good news. He must have written down what had happened, because he could not speak a word until the child was born.

After several months the time came for Elizabeth's baby to be born. It was a little boy, just as the angel had said. The neighbors and relatives were all very excited. When a Jewish boy was born, they did not name him until he was 8 days old. When the time came to name him, the relatives all called him Zacharias after his father. Elizabeth said, "No, he will be called John." They could not understand. There had never been any family members named John. Where had they gotten this name? Why would they name him John? They made signs to Zacharias (even though he could hear, he had only lost his speech) asking him what he wanted to name the child. Zacharias asked for something to write on, and he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately he could speak, and he began to praise God. All the people were amazed, and fear came upon them. Word soon spread throughout all the hill country round about them. Everyone who heard wondered what kind of child this was.

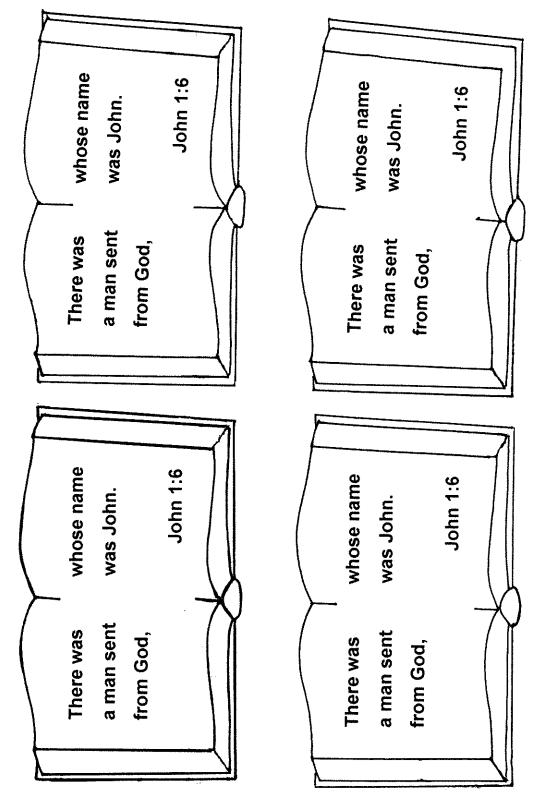
Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to prophesy concerning his son. He said that God would keep His promise to send the redeemer through the house of David. He said that this child would be a great prophet, and would go before the Lord to prepare the When a king traveled, he sat in a "seat" on a "platform" that was carried on the shoulders of many men. The roadways were rough, rocky, and crooked. Before the king traveled, they would send men before him to prepare the road for his safe passage. If the men carrying the king stepped in a hole, or stumbled over rocks, the king would be in danger. If there were large rocks, they would dig them up and remove them. They would fill in the holes left by the rocks, to make the ground level and smooth. Trees must be cut down to make the road straight. They would go before him and prepare the roadway so the men carrying him would not have anything over which to stumble. They would cut down the humps, and fill in the holes; make the crooked ways straight, and the rough ways smooth. This was the purpose of John; to prepare the way for the coming of the messiah. He must prepare the hearts of the people of the nation of Israel to receive the Saviour. He would give knowledge of salvation to the people of Israel by teaching them to repent of their sins. When they repented, John baptized them. Then they were ready to receive Jesus as the messiah, the Son of God.

The Bible tells us John grew up strong in the spirit of God, and stayed in the desert area until time for him to announce Jesus to the nation of Israel. John grew up in the wilderness area around Judea. He wore clothing made from camel's hair with a leather belt of the skin of an animal tied around him. He did not sleep in a soft bed, and wear fine clothes. He did not eat rich foods. He had clothing sufficient to keep his warm, and cover him as he slept at night. He ate what he found in the wilderness, sufficient to keep him filled and healthy. He lived in the world for one purpose, and that was to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus.

John did not begin preaching until God told him it was time. John was of the descendants of Aaron, the first high priest of Israel, which placed him in the priesthood. The priests began to serve in the priesthood when they were 30 years old. John was about 6 months older than Jesus, and Jesus was about 30 years old when he came to John to be baptized, (Luke 3:23), and began his ministry on earth. So John was about 30 years old when God sent him (Mark 1:2) to present Jesus to the nation of Israel as their messiah. He preached that this man from Nazareth named Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus said that besides himself, there had never been a greater man live than John the Baptist. Matthew 11:11, "Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

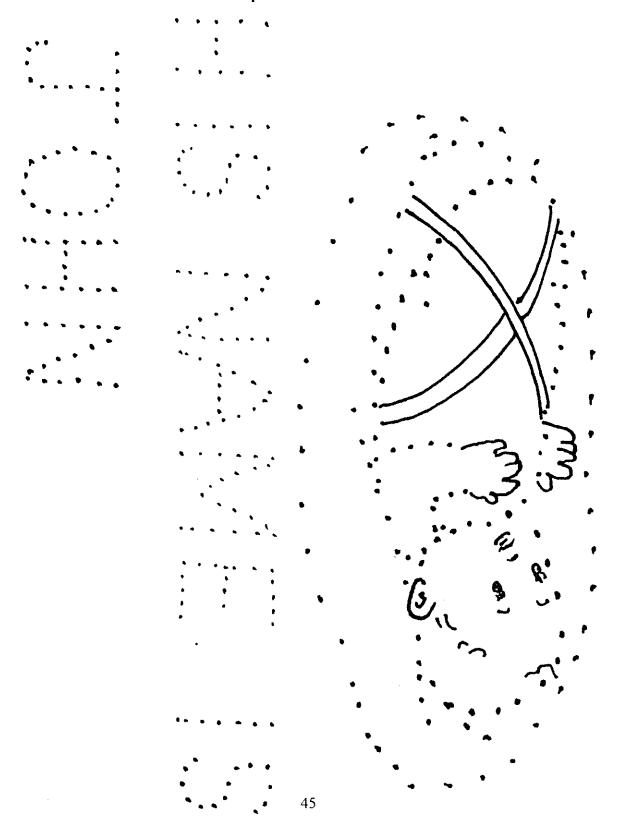
MEMORY VERSE: John 1:6 "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."



The angel, Gabriel, appeared to Zacharias while he was in the temple, and told him he and Elizabeth would have a son; and to name him John.



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WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST? HIS LIFE AND DEATH

Matthew 3:1-6, 13; 14:1-12 Mark 1:1-11; 6:17-29 Luke 3:1-6, 19 John 1:6-7, 15-28; 3:22, 28, 30; 4:1-2 Malachi 3:1 Isaiah 40:3

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." "The same came for a witness," "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord," These are all things said of John the Baptist. The great prophet, Isaiah, said, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." The last book of the Old Testament, the book of Malachi, says, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."

The time had come for God to send His Son into the world, but He needed someone to prepare the hearts of the people to receive him. God sent an angel to Zacharias, a priest at the temple, telling him that he would have a son that he had wanted for many years. This son would be different from other men. God had a special purpose for him. He would be the one to fulfill the prophecy of the voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord".

John was probably about 30 years old when he began preaching. He was born 6 months before Jesus was born. John grew up in the wilderness of the area around Judea. He wore clothing made from camel's hair, with a leather girdle, or belt, made from the skin of an animal about him. He ate locusts and wild honey. Locusts were not an unclean food. They were permitted under the law that God gave to Moses concerning the foods that the Israelite people could eat. John did not begin preaching until God told him to. Luke 3:2 tells us that the word of God came unto John in the wilderness, and John began preaching and baptizing those who repented of their sins. The people of Israel were looking for a king to come and set up his kingdom on the throne of David. For many years they had been under the rule of the Roman government, and they were anxious to have their own government. They believed that when the messiah came, he would rule in righteousness, and he would destroy their enemies. They wanted a time of prosperity like the rule of Solomon. They wanted a king as great as David, who conquered all the nations around them. They wanted this king to conquer the Roman Empire for them.

God needed someone to change the minds of the people. He needed someone to convince them that Jesus had come to be the Saviour of the people. The law was intended to teach them that they were sinful and in need of a Saviour. But the Jews thought that by keeping the laws they became righteous in the sight of God. John came to tell them that they were sinful, and in need of forgiveness. He taught them they needed to be baptized to show the great sacrifice that Jesus would make: his death, burial, and resurrection. When they offered animal sacrifices it taught them of the sacrifice of Jesus. This was all going to change. They would no longer make animal sacrifices, because Jesus would die, and there would be no need of the animal sacrifices. The law of Moses would be taken out of the way, and after the

crucifixion of Jesus, there would be no more animal sacrifices made at the temple. Their whole system of worship would change. They would not do the things they had always done, and their fathers before them had done. Their minds had to be changed. They had to be prepared for this change. They had to believe it was not being done away, but being fulfilled. The whole purpose of what their fathers had believed and taught was coming to pass. They had to accept this change of worship and not feel they were denying God, but were accepting the truth about God and about Jesus, God's Son.

John began baptizing people in the Jordan River, because there was enough water there to completely bury the person under the water. This pictured the burial of Jesus. When the person was raised up out of the water, this pictured Jesus coming back to life. John was called "the Baptist" because he was the first person to baptize people. This had not been done before. He gained a lot of attention, and many people came to see him out of curiosity. He would not baptize everyone who came to him. First, he made them prove by the way they lived that they had repented of their sins, then he baptized them because they had already repented.

John had probably been preaching and baptizing people for about 6 months when Jesus came to him to be baptized. John baptized Jesus as an example for us. Until he baptized Jesus, he did not know who the messiah was, just that God had sent him. God told John that the person he baptized on whom the Spirit of God came down would be His Son. When Jesus was raised up out of the water, the Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down and a voice spoke out from heaven and said, "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." Then John knew that this was the man who was God's Son; this man named Jesus, from the town of Nazareth. From that time on, John began to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. Many people thought that John was the Christ. He told them he was not the Christ, but only came to prepare the way for the Christ. He said there was one much greater than he who had come.

When Jesus called out some of the men whom John had baptized, to be apostles, or preachers, then they began to also baptize. Some of the Jews came to John and asked him why they were also baptizing, and John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." John knew what his purpose in the world was, and he knew that he had served that purpose. John probably only preached a few months, maybe a year. He was sent from God with authority to baptize, and that was his only purpose. When Jesus started his church, he gave them the authority to baptize, and so John's purpose was completed.

The ruler of the area was named Herod. He was not a godly man. He had taken his brother's wife to be his wife, and John told him this was wrong in the eyes of God. It was against the laws of the Jewish people. The woman's name was Herodias, and she had a daughter named Salome. Herodias hated John because he had condemned them for their sins, and would have had him killed, but Herod would not allow it. He feared John because he was a just and holy man. He was considered by the people to be a prophet. Instead of allowing Herodias to have him killed, Herod placed him in prison. After some time, the king had a

birthday. It was the custom for the king's birthday to prepare a huge feast and invite all of his important friends to attend. For entertainment, the daughter of Herodias came and danced before them, and pleased the king very much. In return for her entertainment by dancing before them, Herod asked what she would like to have as a reward. He promised her anything she asked for up to half of his kingdom. She went to her mother and asked her what she should ask for. Herodias saw this as an opportunity to get rid of John the Baptist, so she told her daughter to ask for his head on a charger. A charger was a tray, or large platter, on which they served their food at a feast. She came back to the king, and said, "I want the head of John the Baptist brought to me on a charger." The king was very sorry at her request, but because of the promise he had made to her before all of his guests, he could not refuse to grant her request. He immediately sent the executioner to the prison and had John beheaded. They brought the head on a charger and presented it to the young girl. She took it to her mother.

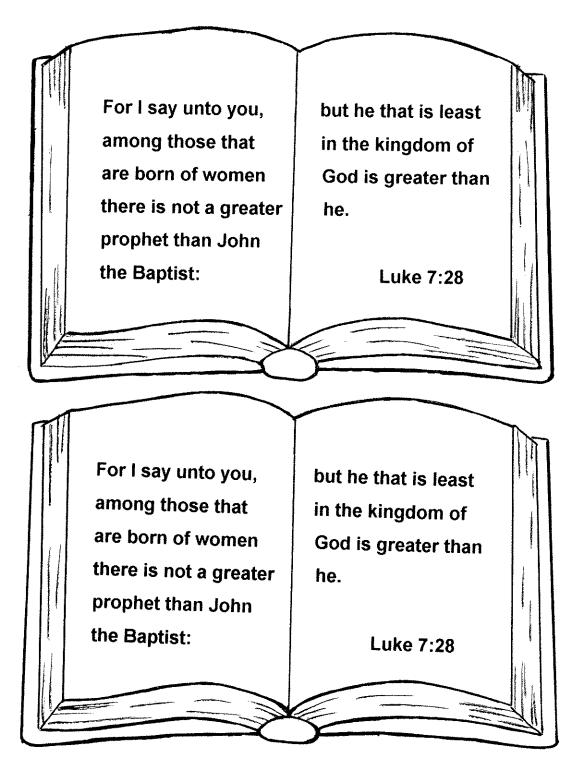
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In Luke 7:28, Jesus said that of all the men born into the world, besides himself, there was none greater than John the Baptist. Even though his life was short, and he had a very short ministry, Jesus considered him to be the greatest man that ever lived, other than himself.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 7:28 "For I say unto you, among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST? HIS LIFE AND DEATH

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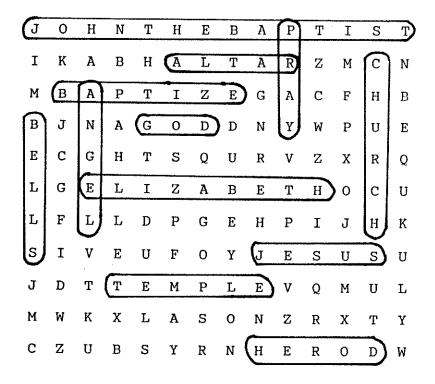
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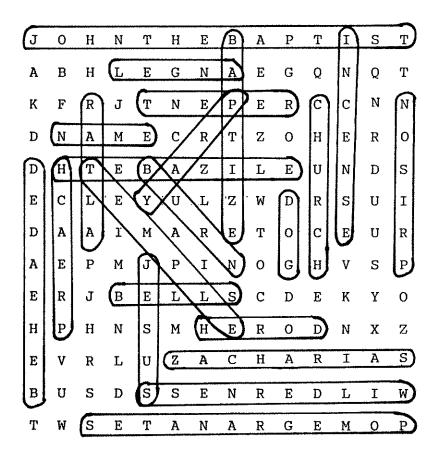
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Matthew 3:1-8, 13-17; 28:19 Mark 1:1-11 Luke 3:3, 7, 8, 16, 21-22 John 1:26-34 Acts 2:37-38, 41 Romans 6:4 Colossians 3:1-2, 8-10, 12-14, 17

The church has two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's supper. Today we will study about baptism. What is baptism, and why should we be baptized?

The first Baptist was a man named John. He was called John the Baptist because he baptized people. He was sent from God to baptize those people who repented of their sins and believed in Jesus as the promised Son of God, who came to forgive sins. His message was, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." God sent John for the specific purpose of baptizing. No one had baptized before. The Jews in the Old Testament did not worship like we do today. They had prophets rather than preachers. They were given the law. The law contained things they should not do, and things they should do. It told them how to worship. When they came to the tabernacle, and later the temple, they offered animal sacrifices to show that they had faith that God would send His Son into the world, and as the animal died, Jesus would die. As the animal's blood was shed, Jesus' blood would be shed. The blood of the animals did not forgive their sins. God was teaching them that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. God sent John to preach to the people that they must repent of their sins. It was the blood of Jesus that would soon be shed that would forgive their sins. John told them God had kept His promise and sent His Son into the world. Then he baptized those that received his message. In order for a person to be in the church, they must be baptized. John was to baptize those persons that Jesus would take and start His church. The method of worshipping God would change after the crucifixion of Jesus. John was to prepare them to accept the teachings of Jesus and become a part of the church.

What did John do when he baptized? He baptized in the Jordan River because there was enough water to completely bury the person under water. After a person had proven to John by his actions that he had repented of his sins, John took the person out into the river and placed him completely under the water as if to bury him, and then raised him up again. This pictured the burial and resurrection of Jesus. It pictured that the person had died to sin, and been made alive in Christ. It identified them as ones who followed Jesus. Baptism was necessary for them to be in the first church.

What do we do as a church when we baptize people? When someone comes to us and says they have been saved from their sins and wish to follow Jesus in baptism, our pastor, by the authority of the church, takes that person into the baptistery, and places them under the water to show Jesus' burial. Then he raises them up again, to show Jesus' resurrection. It identifies us as people who wish to follow Jesus. Baptism does not save us, but it shows we have been saved. After baptism we are to live a different life than before we were saved. We are to show by the way we live that we want to follow the teachings of Jesus.

The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 6:3-4, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

How do we walk a new life after baptism? Paul told the church at Colosse in the third chapter of Colossians that after baptism we should seek the things that are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. This means we should have a love for things of heaven, not things of the earth. Paul said to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth, and lies.

We should not become angry or do things to intentionally make other people angry. We should not have malice, or be mean to other people. We should not say things to intentionally hurt their feelings. We should not dislike someone so much that we get pleasure out of seeing them suffer. We should not have hatred or resentment toward others. We should watch what we say, and not let bad words come out of our mouths. We should not use filthy language, and we should not tell lies. All these are things we should not do, so what should we do? Paul said to have mercy, kindness, be humble (not proud or conceited), meekness (showing kindness, patience to others), longsuffering (having patience toward others and slow to get angry), helping one another, and forgiving one another. If someone hurts our feelings, we should forgive them. If someone says something bad about us, we should forgive them. Then Paul said the greatest of all was to have charity, or love; want to do good things for others, or want to be kind to others. How do we walk the new life? We walk the new life by letting the word of God dwell in our hearts, and by teaching others about the love of God by the way we live, and the things we say; by singing songs of praise with love in our hearts toward God. Paul said, "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

A little while after Jesus was crucified, before he ascended, he met with the apostles and told them that, as a church, they should go into all the world preaching the gospel,(telling people how to be saved). Then they should baptize them, and teach them all the things that Jesus had commanded them to do. This same commandment applies to us today. The apostles did go into other parts of the world and preach the gospel. People were saved, and they baptized them. The members of the church at Jerusalem were scattered into other areas because of persecution, and as they went, they preached the gospel, and people were saved and baptized. Churches were started in other areas as a result of them going and preaching wherever they went.

Jesus tried to prepare the apostles for his crucifixion. He told them the last time that he went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover that he would be arrested and crucified, but he would arise again. He told them he would go back into heaven to live, and they could not come with him at that time, but could come later. He said for them to stay at Jerusalem until they were given power from God. He said he would not leave them without guidance or power

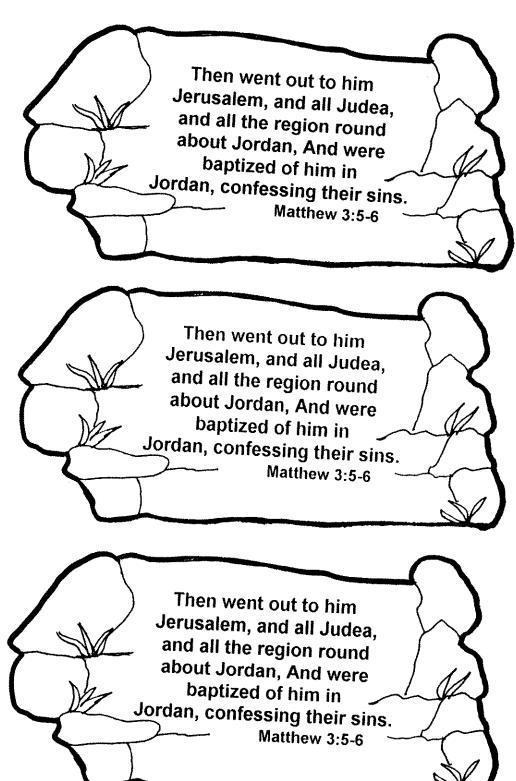
to know what to do. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to dwell with them, and give them the power they needed to function as a church, and do the things he had commanded them to do. Forty days after Jesus was crucified he ascended back into heaven to live. Ten days after he ascended, God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in the midst of the church and guide them. They were given the power to speak in languages they had not learned so that they could preach the gospel to anyone, no matter what language they spoke. We call the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the church the day of Pentecost. On this day Peter preached a great sermon. There were people in Jerusalem for the passover who spoke many different languages. Everyone who heard him speak understood what he said in their own language. He preached to them about the crucifixion and explained who Jesus was. He said, "repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, because your sins have been taken away." Acts 3:41 tells us that all those who gladly received the message that Peter preached were baptized, and there were about 3,000 people added to the church that day.

We must be true to the teachings of Jesus. We must preach the plan of salvation like the Bible teaches it. We must baptize people like the Bible teaches. If we do not baptize people correctly, we will no longer be a true church. We cannot decide how we want to baptize people. We must do it like Jesus did. Baptism is by 'immersion' after a person has repented of his sins. We must be baptized like Jesus was baptized.

Before Jesus began preaching and teaching that he was the Son of God, he came to John to be baptized. John placed him beneath the water, and raised him up again. This signified that he would die, be buried, and rise again from the dead. At this time God proclaimed to the world that Jesus was His Son. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down from heaven, and a voice spoke out from heaven. It was the voice of God, and he said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." John acknowledged to the people that this Jesus whom he baptized was indeed the Son of God that the Jews had been looking for to come as their Saviour.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 3:5-6

"Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."





The people who repented of their sins and came to John to be baptized, were baptized in the Jordan River because there was a lot of water there.

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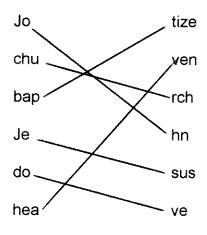
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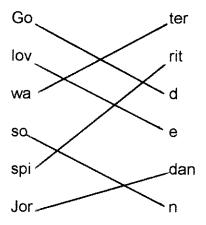
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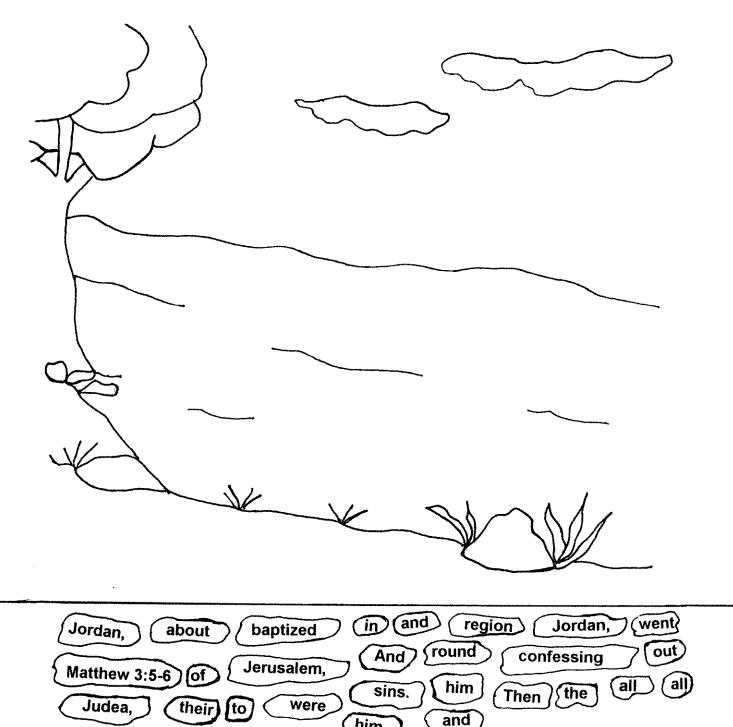
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4.	meekness	4.	blasphemy
5.	long suffering	5.	filthy talk
6.	helping one another	6.	lies
7.	forgiving		
8.	charity (love)		

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WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES? 2. THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:1-2, 17-20, 26-30 Mark 14:1-2, 12-17, 22-26 Luke 22:1-2, 7-20 John 13:1 Exodus 12:3, 6, 14, 15-20 Deuteronomy 16:1-8

The Bible teaches that there are two ordinances in the church: baptism and the Lord's supper. In our last lesson we studied about baptism. Today we will learn about the Lord's supper. When Jesus was about thirty years old, He came to John to be baptized. He began preaching and teaching the people about the kingdom of God. He began working miracles to prove to the people that He was the Son of God. God promised to send His Son to live in the world and die for the sins of the people. They knew He would be born someday, but they did not know when. Now that Jesus had come to live on the earth, He had to convince them that He was who He said He was. When He was baptized, God spoke out from heaven and declared to the world that this was the man who was His Son. For the next three years, Jesus preached and did miracles to show them that He had the power of God. Many of the Jews hated Jesus because He condemned them of their sins. They were looking for a king to come and set them free from Roman rule. They wanted a time of power over the nations around them. When Jesus did not declare himself an earthly king, they did not accept Him as God's Son. They followed Him, watching every move so they could catch Him breaking the law, and have Him put to death. They said He claimed to be the Son of God, but wasn't, because He was not a king. They said He blasphemed God when He claimed to be His Son.

Jesus knew all that was in their hearts. He knew they wanted to have Him killed. Jesus also knew that He must die in order for all the world to be saved. Jesus knew the reason He was born was to die for the sins of man. He knew that time had come. John 13;1 tells us, "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father,". In Matthew 26:2, Jesus told His disciples, "Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified." Jesus knew it was time for Him to die, and He knew it would be the Jews who would try to take Him secretly and kill Him. He also knew it would happen during this time of the feast of the passover. He was trying to prepare His disciples.

What was the feast of the passover? It was one of the feasts that the people observed each year. It was in the month of Abib, the first month of the Jewish year. On the fourteenth day of the month they killed the passover lamb, roasted it with fire, and ate it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Leaven is what makes bread rise. In their religion, leaven was a type of sin, so no leaven was allowed in the bread for their feasts. The lamb they sacrificed pictured the crucifixion of Jesus. The lamb did not die because of something it did wrong. Jesus did not die because of something He did wrong. He died for the sins of the world. He was without sin; the bread they used was without leaven. This symbolized the absence of sin in the life of Jesus. Since He was without sin, He could be sacrificed for our sins. He is the only person who has ever lived who could pay the price for the sins of the whole world.

Many years before, when the children of Israel lived in Egypt, they were slaves to the Egyptian people. They cried out to God for mercy. God raised up Moses to be their leader, and bring them out of Egyptian bondage, and take them back to the land of Canaan, which would belong to them forever. The pharaoh of Egypt would not let the people leave to go to their land and worship their God. The Egyptians worshiped idol gods, not the true God in heaven. They worshiped many things and had gods for everything. God sent punishment upon them. The river turned to blood, so they had no water to drink. Frogs overran the land; flies, pests, diseases, destruction of their crops, hailstorms, darkness covered the land. God sent all of these to show the people He was more powerful than the gods they worshiped. Each time something bad happened, the pharaoh became more determined to not let them leave. Finally God sent the death angel throughout the land. In order to be protected from death, the Israelites were to kill a lamb and take the blood and put it over the door and on the sides of the door to their houses. Then they were to roast the meat and eat it with unleavened bread, and have their shoes on their feet and their belongings ready to travel. At midnight God sent the death angel through the land taking the oldest child in every family where the blood was not applied to the door. When the angel saw the blood, he passed over that house and did not kill the oldest child. They were protected by the blood. Only the people who did not apply the blood to their doors (the Egyptians) were taken. This happened on the fourteenth day of the first month of the Jewish year. God told the people to remember this event every year with a special feast; a time of celebration. They were to teach their children that this was the time that God brought them out of Egyptian bondage, and freed them. It was called the passover, because the death angel passed over them and they did not die. As a Jewish boy, Jesus began going to the temple each year for the passover when He was twelve years old.

It was the first month, and time for the passover. Jesus and His disciples came to Jerusalem to observe the passover. Jesus told them this would be the last time He would observe the passover before He became the sacrifice that the passover lamb pictured. He sent his disciples to a certain house to prepare the feast. At evening He came and ate the passover with them. Then He took the bread and broke it in pieces and gave it to each of them. He said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you." Then He took the wine, (or the fruit of the vine), and gave to each of them, and said, "This is my blood which is shed for you. This do in remembrance of me."

Jesus instituted the Lord's supper with His disciples just before He was crucified. He told them to continue to observe this ritual in memory of Him. When He broke the bread and told them that this bread symbolized His body that would be broken for them, He was telling them that He would soon be crucified. His body would be broken, or killed, for their sins. When He gave them the fruit of the vine, He told them this was a symbol of His blood that would be shed for them, in payment for their sins. He did not say that this was actually His body and His blood. It was a symbol, or picture, of His body and His blood.

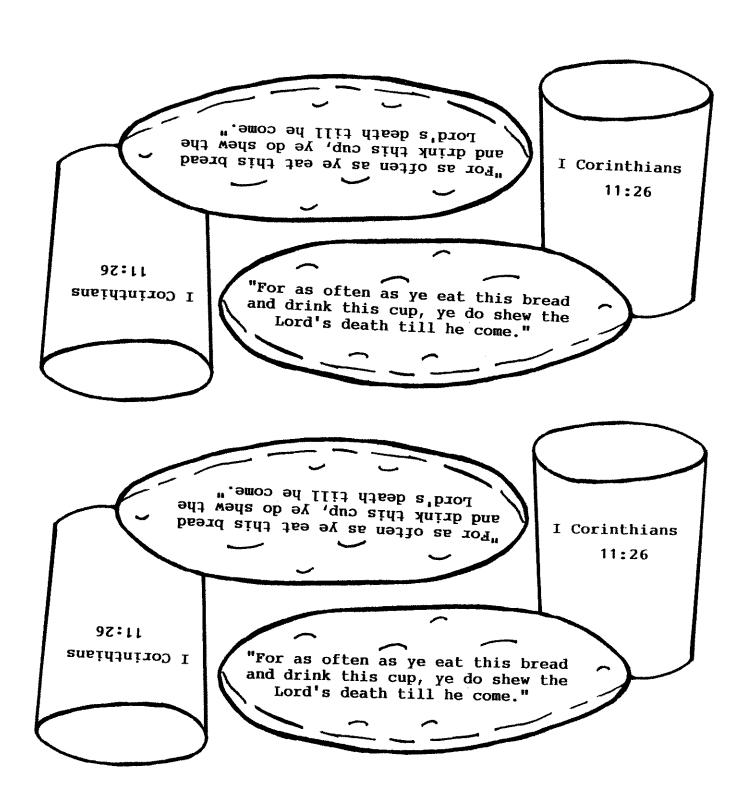
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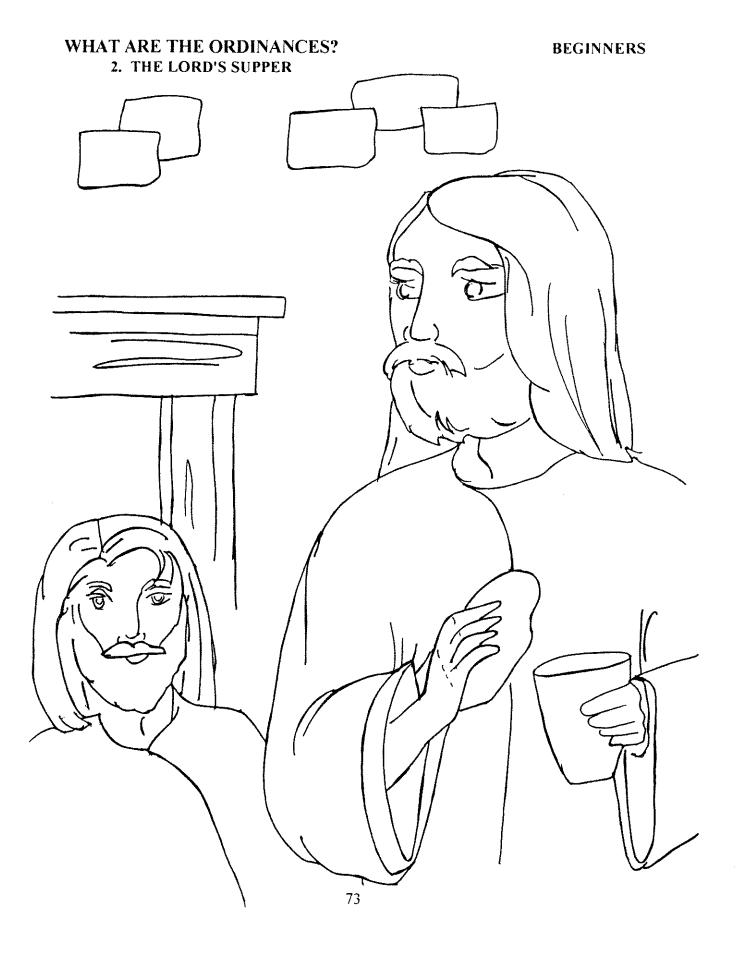
bread and eat it, it pictures that we have received the broken body of Jesus as a substitute for us dying for our own sins. When we drink the grape juice, it pictures we have accepted the shed blood of Jesus as payment for our sins. It is not and does not become the actual body and blood of Jesus. It represents the body and blood of Jesus. He said to do it in remembrance of him. We do it in memory of Jesus. In I Corinthians 11:23-26, the apostle Paul taught the church how to properly observe the Lord's supper. He told them that the same night Jesus was betrayed He took the bread and broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." Then He took the cup and said, "This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." Paul told the church, "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

When we observe the Lord's supper in our church, we do it in memory of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus, and to show forth His death until He returns to the earth.

MEMORY VERSE: I Corinthians 11:26

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."





WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES? 2. THE LORD'S SUPPER

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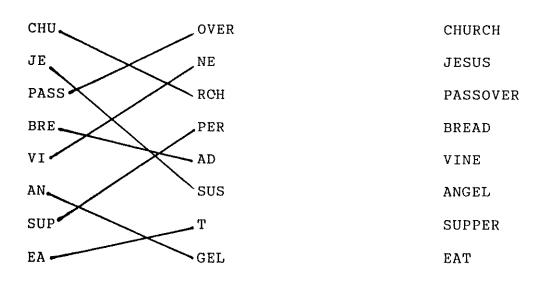
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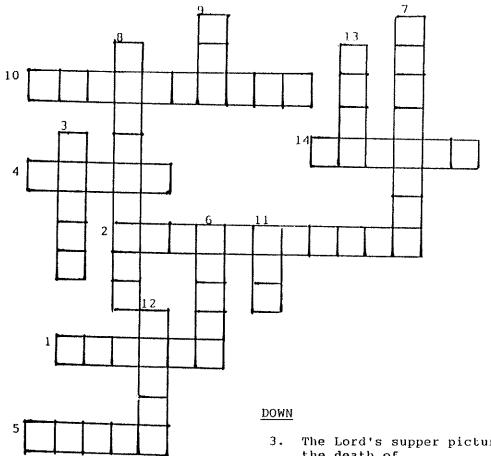
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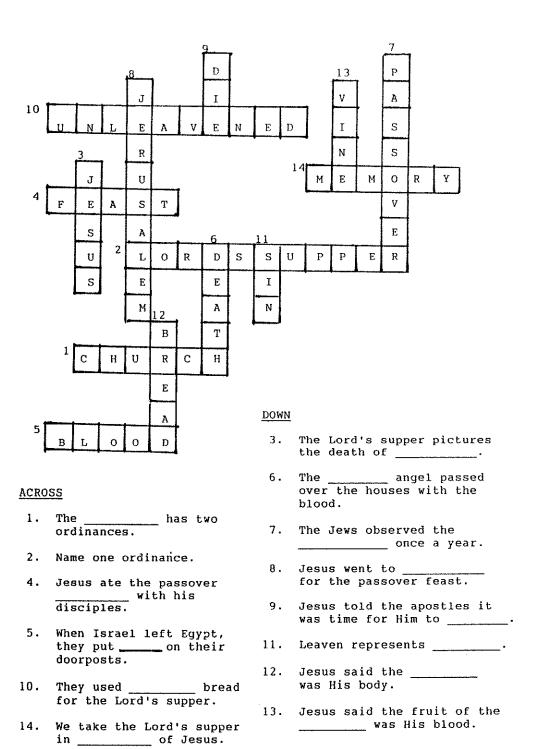
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- __ has two ordinances.
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- 5. When Israel left Egypt, they put _____ on their doorposts.
- 10. They used _____ bread for the Lord's supper.
- 14. We take the Lord's supper in _____ of Jesus.

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- The _____ angel passed 6. over the houses with the blood.
- 7. The Jews observed the _____once a year.
- 8. Jesus went to for the passover feast.
- 9. Jesus told the apostles it was time for Him to _____.
- 11. Leaven represents _____.
- Jesus said the _____ 12. was His body.
- 13. Jesus said the fruit of the _____ was His blood.

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WHAT ARE THE ORDINANCES? 2. THE LORD'S SUPPER

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WHO WERE THE APOSTLES?

Matthew 4:18-23; 9:9; 10:1-15 Mark 1:16-21; 2:14; 3:13-19 Luke 5:10-11, 27-28; 6:12-16 John 1:43 Romans 11:13

In the beginning of time, the father of the family was the patriarch, or the one responsible for teaching his family about God. He built an altar, and offered the animal sacrifices for his family. In this way he taught them about the blood of Jesus that would take away their sins. Later God chose the nation of Israel to be His special people. He gave them laws to live by which included the way they were to worship. They built a tabernacle (and later a temple), and the people came to the priests, who offered the sacrifices for them. When Jesus came, He was the supreme sacrifice for the sins of the world that the animal sacrifices pictured. When he was crucified, there was no need of the animal sacrifices any more.

The whole way of worship for the Jewish people would change when Jesus was crucified. God sent John the Baptist to prepare the hearts of the people to accept Jesus. He preached, "repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." After they repented of their sins, John baptized them. These people who repented of their sins and were baptized by John were called disciples. A disciple was a follower of Jesus. Anyone who followed Jesus was a disciple. Jesus took these disciples and started the first church. From these disciples Jesus chose twelve men to be apostles. The apostles were the first preachers. We do not have priests today, we have preachers. They took the place of John the Baptist. They preached and they baptized people by the authority that Jesus gave to the church.

Peter and Andrew were brothers who were fishermen. One day when Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw them fishing, the occupation by which they earned their living. He called them to leave their fishing and follow him. He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Instead of being fishermen, they would be preachers. Jesus went a little farther and saw James and John with their father. They were also fishermen. Jesus called them to leave their fishing and follow him. Matthew was a publican, or a tax collector. Jesus came by where Matthew was sitting at his table where the people came to pay their taxes. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Matthew immediately left his job as tax collector and followed Jesus.

The disciples of Jesus, the ones who believed he was the Son of God, followed him everywhere he went. They heard the message that he preached. They saw the miracles that he did in order to prove that he was the Son of God. He could not do these miracles unless God was with him. When he healed sick people, caused blind people to be able to see, straightened the legs of crippled people, made deaf people able to hear, and raised people who had died back to life again, it proved he had the power of God. No one but Jesus had this power. In order to be a disciple, a person had to be in the presence of Jesus all of the time. It was necessary to give up their occupation, leave their families and their homes, and go wherever Jesus went in order to hear his teachings, and learn.

The sabbath was the Jewish day of worship. The synagogue was where the people came to learn about God. The scrolls were laid out, and someone read from them so all the people could hear. Then someone explained what the scriptures meant. Jesus would go into the synagogue on the sabbath day and teach the people. He also worked miracles to confirm what he said was true. The Jews did not like this. They said it was against the law to do a miracle on the sabbath. They wanted to get rid of Jesus because so many people followed him, and this meant they would not be worshipping like the Jews had always worshipped. Many people followed Jesus wherever he went. Many Jews saw the miracles he did, and heard the message he preached. However, only a few believed what he preached. Only a few believed he was the Son of God. One sabbath Jesus spent all day teaching in the synagogue and working miracles. At the end of the day, he went up into a mountain and spent the night in prayer to God. Early the next morning he called his disciples to him, and chose twelve of them to be apostles.

These are the apostles that Jesus chose: Simon, whom he named Peter, his brother, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, the tax collector, James, the son of Alpheus, Simon, called Zelotes, Thaddeus (or Judas, called Jude), the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, the traitor. Some of these were brothers: Peter and Andrew, James and John, James and Jude. They came from different occupations. Peter Andrew, James and John were fishermen. Matthew was employed by the Roman government to collect taxes from the Jewish people for the Romans. Simon was a zealot, or a member of a Jewish group that strongly opposed the Roman rule over the nation of Israel. Then there was Judas Iscariot, who was a devil (or possessed of evil) from the beginning. He walked with Jesus, yet in his heart, he never accepted him. After Judas betrayed Jesus, the other apostles decided they needed to select someone to take his place as an apostle. They selected a man who had John's baptism and had kept company with them and Jesus while he was on the earth. They chose a man named Matthias. We do not read any more about him in the Bible. Jesus had not told them to select an apostle. Some time later, God chose Paul to be an apostle. Apparently the apostles took it upon themselves to make a decision that God made for them later. Paul was Saul of Tarsus, a well educated and powerful man in the Jewish courts. He had permission to arrest any person he found that had followed the teachings of Jesus, and have them punished. When God changed his heart, he became a powerful apostle. In Acts 9:15, God spoke about Paul and said, "for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and children of Israel." The apostle Paul wrote about half of the books of the New Testament. In Romans 11:13 he said, "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles;" When Paul wrote the book of Titus, he called himself a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ. So Paul became the twelfth apostle, even though he did not accept Jesus as the messiah until after he was crucified. After Paul was saved and baptized, he went away into a desert area and was taught by Jesus for three years, so he had the same preparation for preaching that the other apostles had. Paul preached to the Gentiles (the people who were not Jews). The other apostles preached mostly to the Jews. When Jesus first called the twelve apostles, he sent them out for a special purpose. That purpose was to preach to the Jews, not the Gentiles, and tell them he was the Son of God.

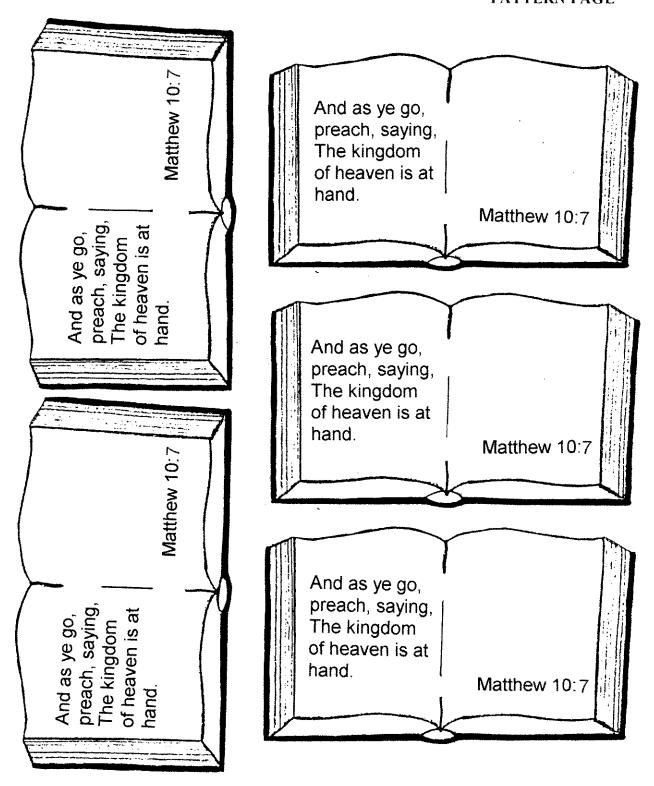
John the Baptist came to the Jewish nation to prepare them for the coming of Jesus. His message was for the Jewish people. When Jesus sent out the twelve apostles, he told them to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He said not to go to the Gentiles, or any cities of the Samaritans (who were part Jewish), but only to the Jews. "And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus gave them a special message, that the kingdom of heaven was at hand, or the Son of God had come. He had been promised to the Jewish nation, and he had come to the Jewish nation, so the message was for the Jewish nation. Jesus gave them the power to do miracles. He could do miracles because he was the Son of God. When they preached to the people that he was the Son of God, and then did miracles in his name, this proved that their message was true. He told them to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils." The Jews were the ones to whom God gave the laws for worship (sacrifices and burning of incense), so the Jews are the ones who will have to change their way of worship. It will be such a great change, they must be convinced it is right. God loved the Gentile people, and Jesus died for the Gentile people the same as for the Jews, but his message was to be preached first to the Jews.

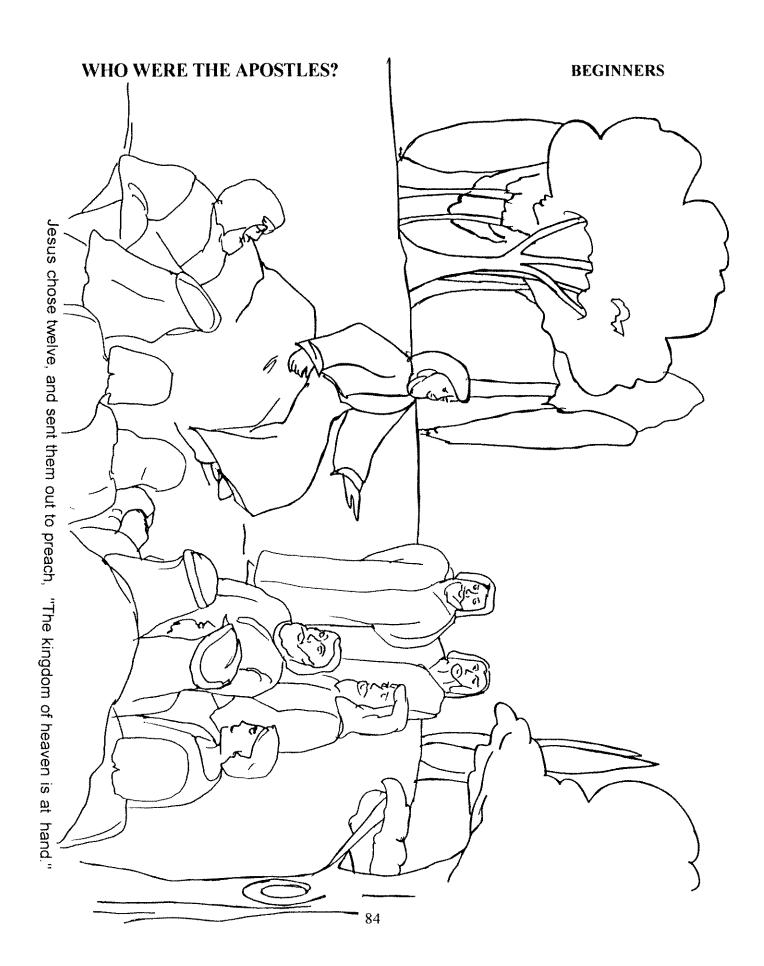
Jesus told the apostles not to take anything with them when they went out to preach; no money, no food, no change of clothes, no extra shoes or coats. They were to depend upon the people where they went to provide for them. When they went to the cities, they were to stay in the homes of the people who accepted their message. They would provide their food and a place to stay in return for learning the truth about Jesus. Jesus said when they came into a town, to ask if there were any believers, and if so, to stay with them. If there were not any who would receive their message, they were to shake the dust off their feet when they left the city as a sign that they were not responsible for the people not believing their message.

Just as today, not everyone believes the message of Jesus. Not everyone worships as the Bible teaches, but it is our duty as a church to take the message of salvation to the world. After the apostles took the message to the Jews, and they rejected Jesus, they had him crucified. After his crucifixion they preached to the Gentiles as well as the Jews. After his crucifixion, God called the apostle Paul to take the message to the Gentiles. The church today is made up of mostly Gentile people, because the Jews as a nation still reject Jesus as the messiah.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 10:7

"And as ye go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand."





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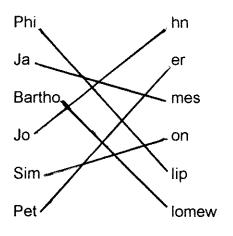
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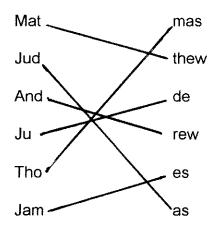
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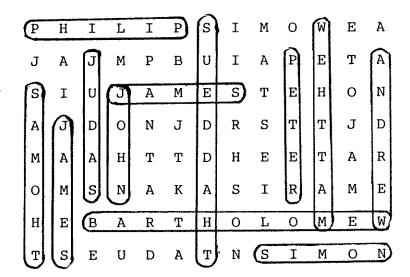
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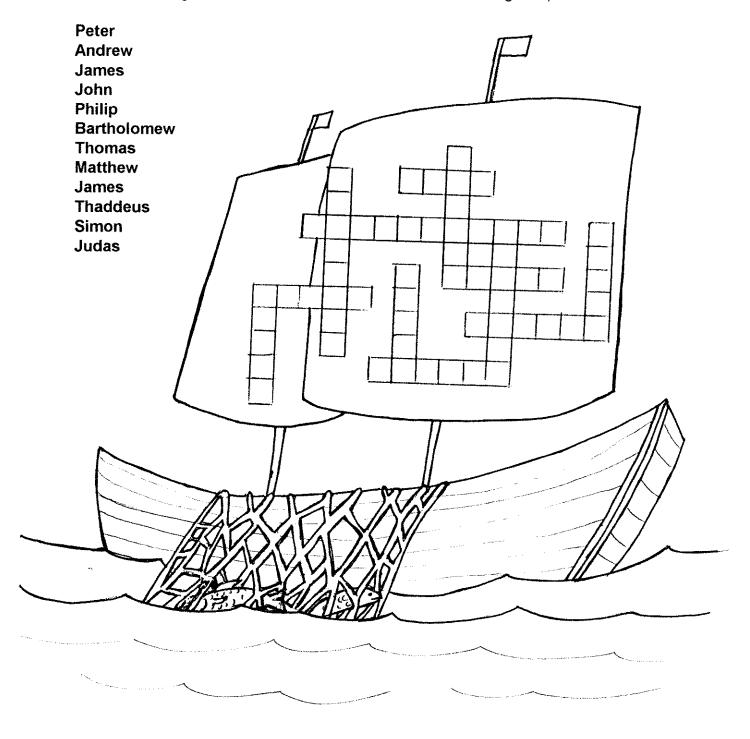
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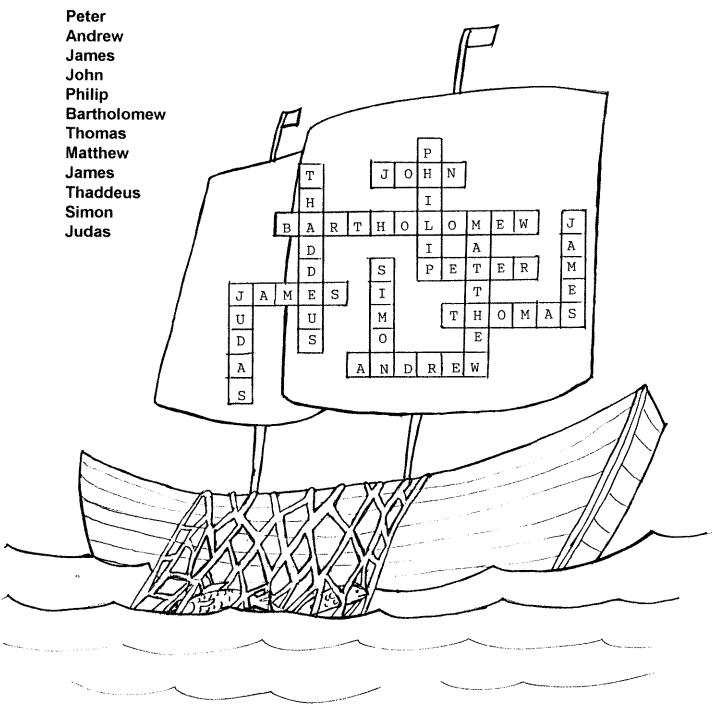
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WHAT IS PRAYER?

Matthew 6:5-13 Luke 11:1-4; 18:10-14

On one occasion Jesus went up into a mountain and his disciples came to him. He taught them how they, as his followers, should live their lives on this earth. When he got to the subject of prayer, he said, "When ye pray, don't be like the hypocrites." The word hypocrite means: one who plays a part; one who pretends to be something that he is not; a false pretender; one who pretends to be something better, or more than he is. Jesus said not to be like that. What does the word pray mean? It means to talk to God. What do we do when we pray? We talk to God. Jesus said the hypocrites love to pray standing in the synagogues where a lot of people are. They love to pray standing on a street corner where a lot of people are gathered around. They like for people to hear them when they pray. They don't just pray for God to hear. They like for other people to hear. They want to be seen of men. Jesus said, "They have their reward." When we pray to God for something, we like for God to answer our prayers. When the hypocrites stood on the street corners and a lot of people heard them, that was all the reward they would get. Jesus said, "When you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father in secret; and your Father which seeth in secret will reward you openly." This doesn't mean we have to go into our clothes closets and shut the door or we can't pray. A 'closet' means some place where we can shut out everything else from our hearts and minds, and concentrate on what we are saying to God. Our private prayers should be only between us and God.

There is a difference in public prayers and private prayers. When we pray in public, we don't pray our private prayers. When we pray in church, we pray for things that concern all of the people, not just ourselves. If we pray about things privately and God answers our prayers, other people will know that we have been praying. We don't have to tell them. God hears our prayers and God answers our prayers. If there is something we want to talk to God about that only concerns us, we don't pray about that in church; we pray about that privately. If there is something that concerns all of us, then we pray about that together. We don't pray for God to forgive our sins if we really don't mean it. That's being a hypocrite. We don't ask God to bless someone if we don't really want God to bless them; that's being a hypocrite. If we say the words because other people are listening, and we want them to think good of us, we are being a hypocrite, and God will not answer our prayers.

Jesus also said, "When you pray, don't use vain repetitions." We don't have to ask God over and over again for what we want. God knows what we need even before we ask. If we ask selfishly, God will not answer our prayers. The hypocrites think that if they ask over and over it makes them sound like they are really sincere. People hear them praying over and over for the same thing, and Jesus said that being heard was their reward. The fact that people heard them was all they got. One day, after Jesus had been praying, the disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus taught them what we call "the Lord's prayer". He said this is the way to pray; or this is a pattern to use to help you know what to pray for.

"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." God is our Father, our heavenly Father, our spiritual Father. We should consider His name as holy. The word hallowed means 'holy', or 'consecrated', 'held in respect'. We should never use God's name in a way that is not respectful. The law forbad the Israelites to use God's name in vain. This meant any way that was not with reverence. We should not use God's name when we get mad, but we also should not use God's name in a casual, or a mocking, or a joking way. Any way that we use God's name that is not in reverence and with respect, is taking God's name in vain.

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." When Jesus came, the Jews wanted him to be their king. They wanted him to sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem, and rule over their nation. If Jesus was king, everything would be good. He would conquer their enemies, and they would no longer be under the rule of the Roman Empire. Jesus would heal all their diseases. Jesus would give them plenty to eat. They were thinking of their physical comfort. They would never be sick. They would never be hungry. They would always have everything they wanted. And they would not have any enemies. Jesus will be king some day. He came the first time to be our Saviour. He will come back again to be our king. He will sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem and rule as king. We should pray for this time to come. When Jesus rules as king, his will will be done on earth like his will is done in heaven. For 1,000 years Jesus will rule as king, and sin will be put down during this time. The first thing we should do is acknowledge God as holy, and then pray for Jesus to return to the earth.

"Give us this day our daily bread." We need to depend upon God to provide for us. We do not have a right to ask and expect abundance. We only ask for food to eat one day at a time, so we can live. We do not expect God to give us more than we need, or give us enough for a month at a time. We do not ask Him for a big bank account so we can but anything we want. We should ask daily for enough to enable us to serve Him. God did not promise us if we serve Him He will give us luxury. We do not give our money to the church expecting God to give us back many times what we gave. We give according to our ability to give, not expecting something in return. We give because we love God. God said to give as He had prospered us, not so He will prosper us.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Forgive us of our wrong doings, our sins, as we forgive those who do wrong things to us. In Mark 11:25-26 we read, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." We cannot expect God to forgive us of doing wrong if we are not willing to forgive others of doing wrong to us. If someone says something or does something that we do not like, and they say they are sorry, we should forgive them. If we forgive them, it means we forget about it. We do not continue to stay mad at them. If someone does something to hurt us, and they do not ask our forgiveness, we cannot be their friend. If they ask our forgiveness, and we do not forgive them, we cannot be their friend. Hurt feelings cause us to have a bad attitude. We cannot have anger and love both in our hearts at the same time. If we do not forgive, we have no right to ask God to forgive us.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:" Sin is all around us in the world today. We cannot avoid sin. We are tempted to do wrong all the time. We are tempted to watch things on TV that we shouldn't watch. We are tempted to go places we shouldn't go. We are tempted to do things we shouldn't do, because all these look like things that are fun, and we think we are missing out if we don't do what others are doing. Things that hurt us or cause us harm later are not fun. Sin is deceiving; it makes things look harmless when they will destroy us later. We are tempted to steal things that do not belong to us. We are tempted to lie to keep from being punished for our actions. We are tempted to cheat at school. All these are things we face every day. We must pray every day and ask God to help us do what is right. We must ask Him to lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from the evil that is all around us. We cannot refuse to do wrong without the help of God. Just as we must pray, "forgive us of our sins", we must pray, "help us not to want to do bad things."

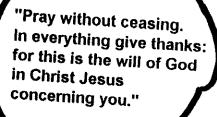
"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." God is an all-powerful God. His kingdom is forever, and all we do should bring Him glory. When we pray, we do so in the name of Jesus, who gave his life that we might be able to pray to God. Jesus gave his life so that we can be forgiven or our sins, and become a child of God, so everything we ask for is done in the name of Jesus. When we say "Amen" we mean "let it be so" or that we want these things that we asked for to happen as we asked.

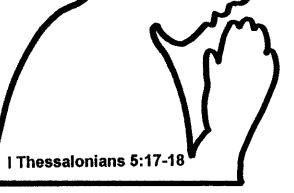
When we pray, we talk to God. God hears us in heaven. The Bible tells us to pray. Jesus set the example by praying while he was on the earth. Many times he went all alone into the mountains and prayed all night to God, his Father. Luke 18:1 says, "men ought always to pray". We are to "pray without ceasing", or always to be in an attitude of prayer. We are to pray for one another.

Jesus taught a parable about two men who went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, a person who believed that he was pleasing to God because of the good things that he did. The other was a publican. The Pharisee stood and thanked God that he was not like other men; that he didn't do bad things that other men did, even this publican. Then he began to tell God all the good things he did: he fasted twice a week, and gave ten percent of all that he had to help other people. Then the publican prayed. He stood far off and would not even look up toward heaven. He felt so unimportant. He bowed his head and said, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus said God heard the publican's prayer, but did not hear the Pharisee's prayer. God forgave the publican but did not forgive the Pharisee because the Pharisee did not think he needed forgiveness, so he did not ask. Jesus said the publican went down to his house justified, or forgiven of his sins.

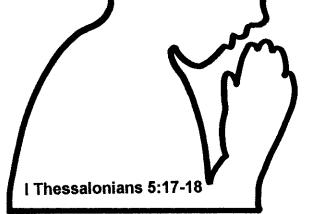
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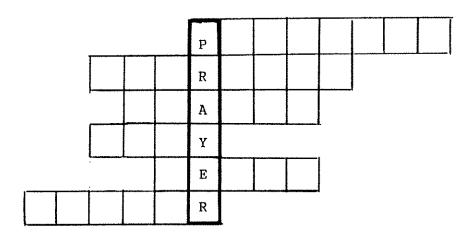
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BEGINNERS ANSWER PAGE

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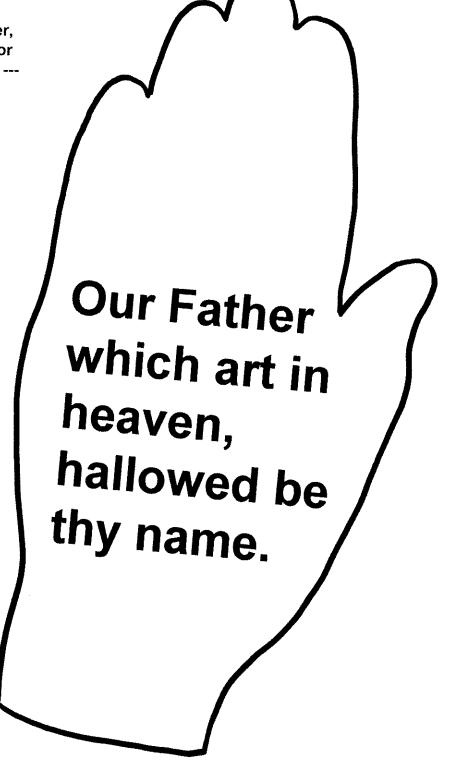
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WHAT ARE ANGELS?

Psalm 104:4 Hebrews 1:7, 13, 14; 2:5 Revelation 5:11 Luke 1:13

Angels are created beings. Angels are spirits. Man was created in the image of God, with a spirit, mind, and body. God is spiritual, intellectual, and physical: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The angels were not created in the image of God. They were created intelligent spirits. They do not have bodies. They were created to serve God. They serve God in three areas: spiritual, intellectual, and physical. We do not know how many angels God created, but they do not continue to be born like man. Revelation 5:11 speaks of ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. The angels were created long before man was created, and they were all created beings.

God created three groups of angels. Each group has a leader, or head angel, called an archangel. The three archangels are Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer. Michael is the helping and protecting angel. He and one-third of the angels serve God in the spiritual realm. Gabriel is the announcing angel. He and one third of the angels delivered messages for God. Lucifer served God in the physical realm. One-third of the angels served with Lucifer. Today we will learn about these three archangels.

LUCIFER: The name Lucifer means luminous, brilliant, bright and shining. Lucifer is said to be the most beautiful of all of God's creation. He was created to lead one-third of all the angels as they served God. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Lucifer and his angels were to care for this earth that God created. Read together Isaiah 14:12-14. Lucifer served God. Lucifer cared for this earth and all that was on it for God. Lucifer was in heaven with God. He had access to heaven and earth. Then why was Lucifer "fallen from heaven"? Why was Lucifer "cut down to the ground", or cast out to the earth? It was because of envy. Jesus existed in heaven with God before He was born to live on the earth. He was a part of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Lucifer was jealous of the relationship of God the Father, and Jesus, His Son. Lucifer said, "I will ascend into heaven. I will be higher (more important) than all the other angels. I will exalt my throne to be equal with God. I will be like God." Lucifer decided he would be greater than all the other angels. Lucifer decided he would be as great as God. He would no longer serve God, but he would be equal with, and be served as God. When he did this, he sinned. To be jealous is a sin. To be greedy is a sin. To rebel against the authority of God is a sin. To say one is as great as the God who created him is a sin. Lucifer caused sin to come into God's creation. Sin is evil. Evil cannot exist in the presence of God. Sin cannot be in heaven. Lucifer sinned; he could not stay in the presence of God in heaven. Lucifer's position in serving God was to care for the universe that God had made. The earth was a part of this universe. So when Lucifer sinned, and had to go from the presence of God, he was cast out of heaven to the earth. In his anger he destroyed what God had created perfect. This is when God's creation, the earth, became affected by sin.

Read together Revelation 12:7-9. Lucifer caused war in heaven. The war was between Lucifer and his angels, and Michael and his angels. Lucifer and his angels were not strong enough to win against Michael and his angels. Michael had not done wrong. Lucifer was the one who had sinned. The angels who served under Lucifer made their choice to follow Lucifer. Michael and his angels cast Lucifer and his angels out of heaven, into the earth. Lucifer became known by other names: "the dragon", "that old serpent", "the devil", "Satan". He is the one who deceives the whole world. If Lucifer could not rule as God, he would destroy what God had made. He destroyed God's creation. Genesis 1:2 tells us the earth had become "without form, and void, or useless." God had to reconstruct the earth. This is the account of the creation that we have in the book of Genesis. This is when God created the plants and animals as we know them today. This is when God created man. When God made man in His image, man was perfect. He had a close relationship with God. Once again Lucifer was envious. He set about to destroy man. He tempted Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and cause them to sin as he had done. Now they would be separated from God for eternity. Except, God, in His love for man, promised to send His Son, Jesus, to live on the earth and die to buy back what Lucifer had stolen.

MICHAEL: Michael was the helping, protecting archangel. When Moses sinned and disobeyed God in the wilderness by striking the rock to get water instead of speaking to it as God had said, God punished him by not allowing him to enter the promised land. When the people of Israel got ready to cross the Jordan River and go in to take the land, God took Moses up on a mountain and let him see the land. Then He caused Moses to die on the mountain. He buried him there, and no one knows the place where he was buried. We read this in Deuteronomy 34:5-6. Read Jude, verse 9. When Moses died, the devil came to claim his body. Michael protected the body of Moses from Satan. Michael did not protect him by his own power, but he "rebuked him in the name of God".

On other occasions Michael protected people who were living. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not worship the idol gods of King Nebuchadnezzar, nor bow down to the golden image he had made, so he placed them in a fiery furnace to be burned to death. God sent His angel to protect them from being burned by the fire. When Daniel prayed to God instead of praying to the king, King Darius had him thrown into the den of lions, to be eaten by them. God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths so they did not hurt him. Daniel 3:28 and 6:22. In Daniel 10:13, Daniel says he withstood the king of Persia twenty-one days, and Michael came to help him.

GABRIEL: Gabriel was the announcing angel, the one who brought messages from God. On one occasion Daniel heard a man's voice say, "Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." Later Daniel said he was praying, and Gabriel touched him and said, "I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding." Gabriel was also used in the New Testament times to bring messages from God. In Luke 1:19, Gabriel announced the coming birth of John to Zechariah. He said, "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings." The angel Gabriel

brought Mary the message that she would be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Luke 1:26, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph." Verse 28: "and the angel came in unto her, and said,". Verse 30: "And the angel said unto her, fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God." Gabriel also appeared to Joseph, and announced to him that Mary would be the mother of Jesus.

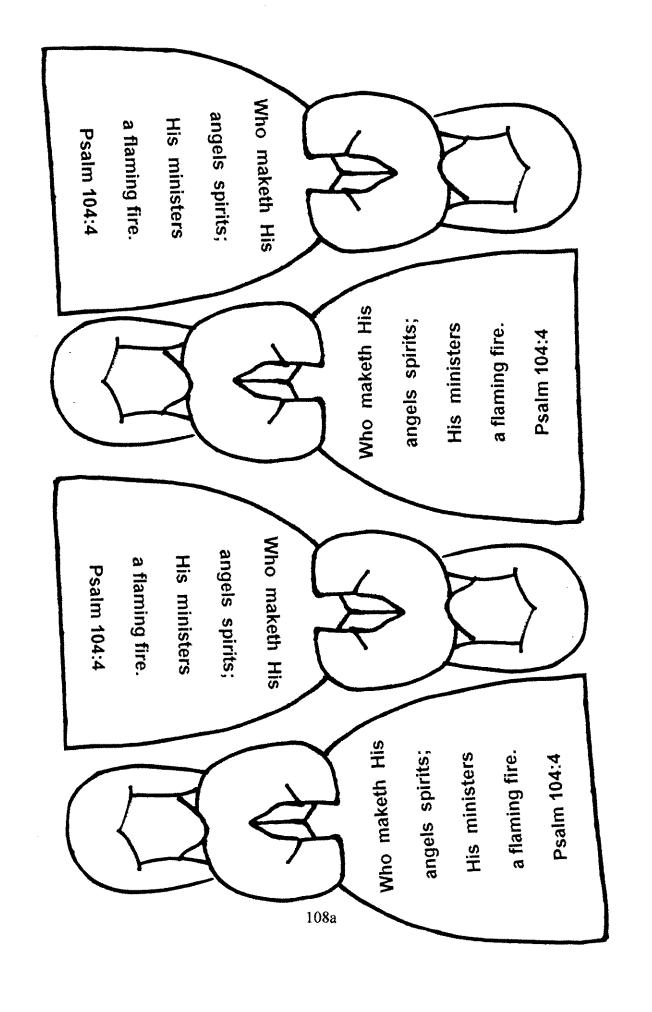
Angels are spirits; They do not have bodies. The only way God could send them to bring messages to man, was to give them a body to use for that occasion. They just appeared unto the person, and when they finished speaking, they disappeared. God does not use angels today to talk to people. We do not need messages from angels. We have the Word of God, the Bible. Before the Bible was written, God used angels to bring His messages. Now we are commanded to read God's Word and know His will in our lives. God used many means to make known His will. Angels brought messages, men were able to prophecy, they could speak languages they had never studied, they dreamed dreams and saw visions, but when the Word of God was completed all of this ceased. It was no longer necessary, for now man could read the Word of God and know His will in their lives.

God's angels are still in the world today. So are the evil spirits of Satan, the angels who fell from heaven with Lucifer. God's angels protect us, as His children, from the evil spirits that are present all around us. Evil spirits work miracles to imitate God. They will do miracles by the power of Satan and claim it to be the power of God, to try to confuse people and keep them from knowing the truth about God. The Bible tells us to "try the spirits to see if they are from God." We must read our Bibles and learn the truth in order not to believe everything we see and hear. Much of what we see and hear is false, but many people believe it to be true. God sent angels to many people in the Old Testament days, because they did not have His written word. God sent angels to many people in the New Testament days, because they did not have His written word. Today, we have the Word of God, so we do not need angels to reveal 'something new' to us. Angels are living today, but they do not speak to man, and are not seen by man.

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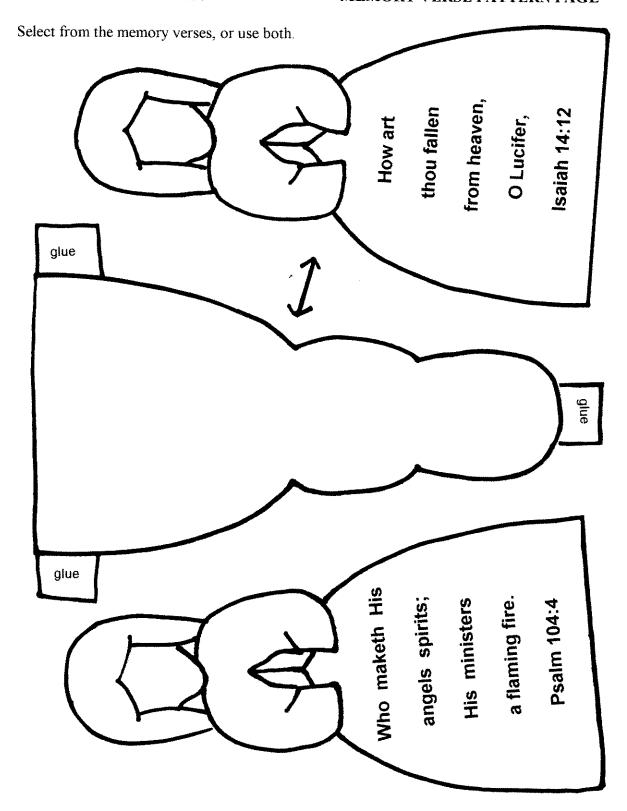
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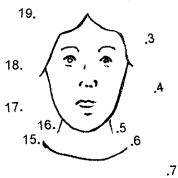


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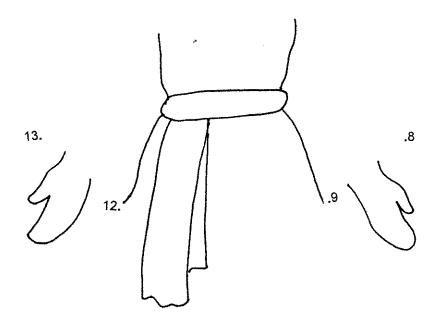
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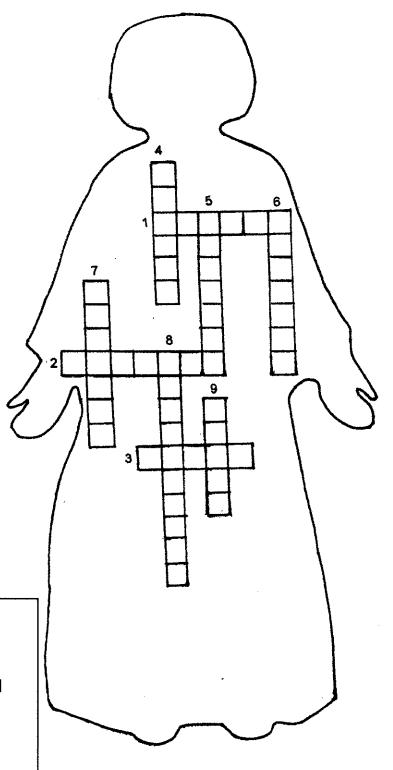
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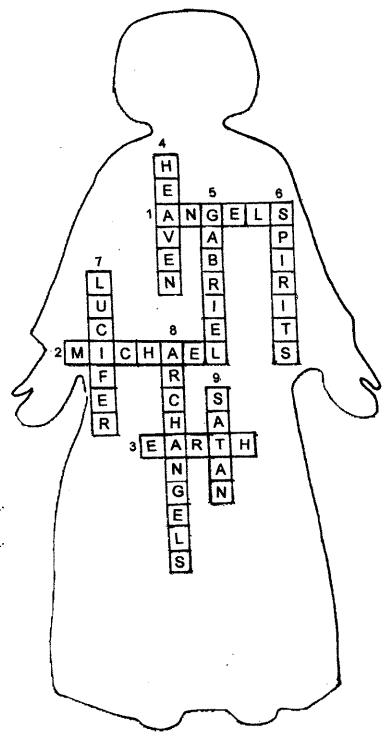
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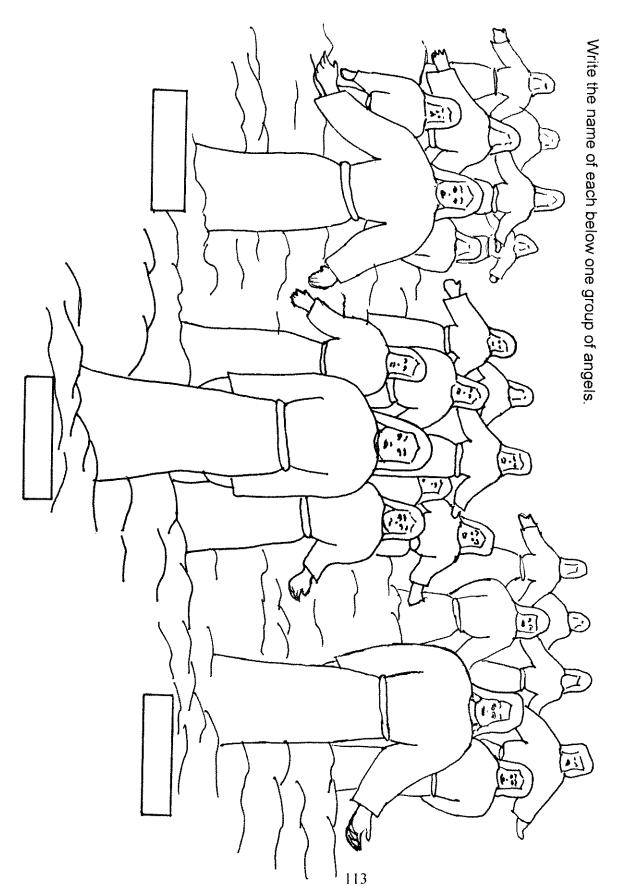
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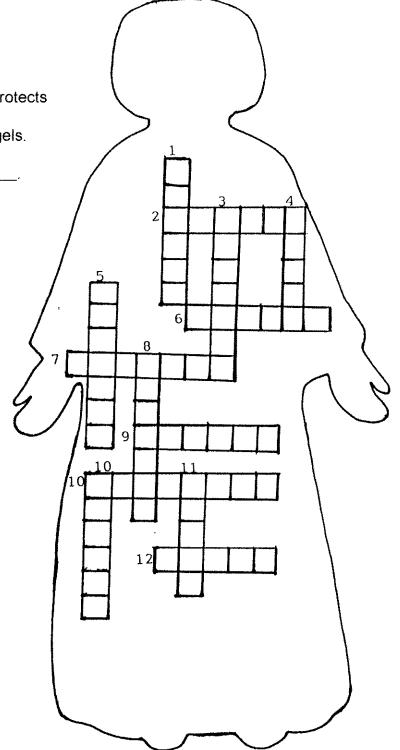


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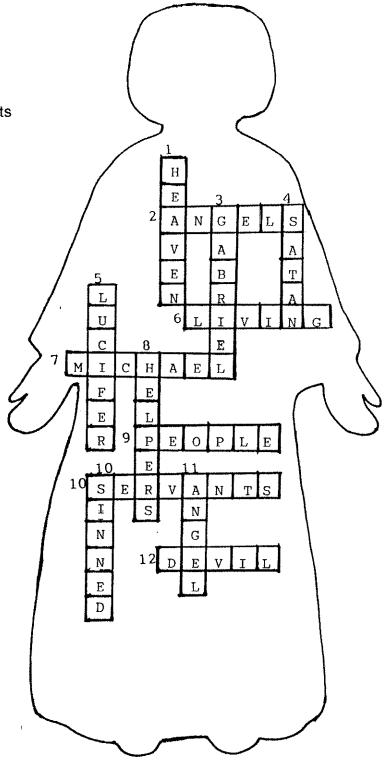


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PRIMARY / JUNIOR ANSWER PAGE

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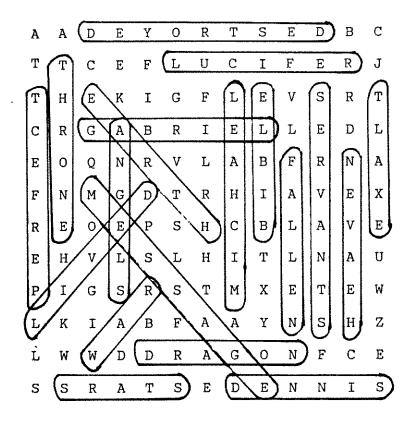
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MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL

Exodus 20:12

Ephesians 6:1-2

Colossians 3:20

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Then he made the first two people, Adam and Eve, to live on the earth. The very first mother was Eve. Genesis 3:20 tells us, "And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." It is according to God's plan for children to have fathers and mothers who love them, and provide for them. Children must have parents to take care of them until they are old enough to take care of themselves. It is also God's plan for parents to teach their children about God. Mothers are to love their children, take care of them, and teach them; and children are to love their mothers and obey them. This is what God teaches in His Word.

When God gave laws to the nation of Israel, one of the specific commands was for children to obey their parents and bring them honor all of their lives. In Exodus 20 we read what we call the "ten commandments". Along with the commands, "Thou shalt not kill", and "Thou shalt not steal", God said, "Honor thy father and thy mother:" We know it is wrong to kill someone, and we know it is wrong to take something that does not belong to us. It is just as wrong not to honor our parents. To honor means to have respect along with love and devotion. You should love your mother because she is your mother. You don't need any other reason. The Bible teaches you to honor your mother. To honor your mother, you must also obey her. The Bible gives only one reason for obeying your mother: "for this is right". That is the only reason you need for having to obey your mother: it is the right thing to do. The Bible doesn't say to obey her "because this" or "because that". It says to obey her because it is the right thing to do.

The Bible tells us about many good mothers who lived a long time ago. One mother that we know about was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was a young woman when God chose her to be the mother of His Son, Jesus. God honored her with the greatest obligation that any mother has ever had. He chose her above all other women on the earth to be the mother of Jesus. God knew that Mary was a godly woman. He knew that she would be a godly mother. God trusted her with the care of His Son. Mary knew from the very beginning that her son was the Son of God that had been promised for hundreds and hundreds of years. The time had now come for Him to be born, and the angel told Mary that she had been chosen above all other women on the earth to be His mother. When Jesus was born, the angels announced His birth to some shepherds who were out in the field watching their sheep. They hurriedly came to find Him. When they found Him, and told Mary and Joseph about the angels, Luke 2:19 tells us, "But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." She knew in her heart why the angels had announced the birth of her son.

Mary began immediately following the commands of God in raising her son. She took thim to the temple when he was forty days old, (Luke 2:21-33), to offer the sacrifices that were required by the law of Moses that God gave to the nation of Israel regarding the birth of

a baby boy. Mary was reassured that this was the Son of God, and she also knew the vast obligation that she had in caring for Him. Luke 2:41, "Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover." She was faithful in teaching Him to obey the commands of God. When Jesus was twelve years old he accompanied Mary and Joseph to the temple at Jerusalem. When they left to return home, He stayed behind and discussed things of God with the scribes and the teachers at the temple. When Mary and Joseph returned and found Him, she rebuked Him for causing them such anxiety and worry, but He only replied, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Jesus obeyed His mother and returned home with them to Nazareth. Verse 51 tells us, "He was subject (or obedient) unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart." Mary knew why He had stayed behind to discuss things of God with the teachers at the temple.

Many years earlier God had chosen another woman for a special purpose. Her name was Sarah. The people on the earth had become so sinful that God decided to make a new nation of people who would love and obey Him, and through this nation He would send His Son into the world. Abraham and Sarah were very old, and had never had any children. God promised them they would have a son, and through him their descendants would be as numerous as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand of the sea shore. Sarah at first laughed at the idea of becoming a mother because she was ninety years old. But then she laughed with joy when her son, Isaac, was born. After waiting many, many years, she was finally a mother.

Another special mother we read about in the Bible is Hannah. Hannah did not have any children, and she wanted a son more than any thing in all the world. One day when she came to the tabernacle to offer sacrifices according to the law of God, she prayed and asked God to give her a son. She promised if God would give her a son, she would give him back to God, to serve Him all of his life. God answered her prayer, and Hannah kept her promise. When her son was born, she named him Samuel. When Samuel was old enough she took him back to the tabernacle and gave him to the high priest, Eli, to help him serve at the house of God. God had a very special place in the history of the Jewish people for Samuel, and he chose to send him to Hannah to be her son, because He knew she would be a godly mother. She taught him to love and obey God. When Samuel grew up, he was a faithful servant of God.

God chose another woman named Jochebed to be a very special mother. She was the mother of Moses. God's people were slaves to another nation, the Egyptians. God wanted them to have their own country where they could serve Him as He commanded them. He needed someone to lead them out of the nation of Egypt, and into their own land. This man had to be strong and powerful, and a great leader. The Egyptian pharaoh had commanded all of the Hebrew baby boys to be killed as soon as they were born, because he did not want them to grow up to be soldiers and rebel against the Egyptians. The baby girls could live, because they would grow up to be maids for the Egyptians. Jochebed had a little girl, and she was soon to have another baby. She was a godly mother, and trusted God to protect her baby. When she saw that it was a baby boy, she was afraid. She hid her little boy for three months, because

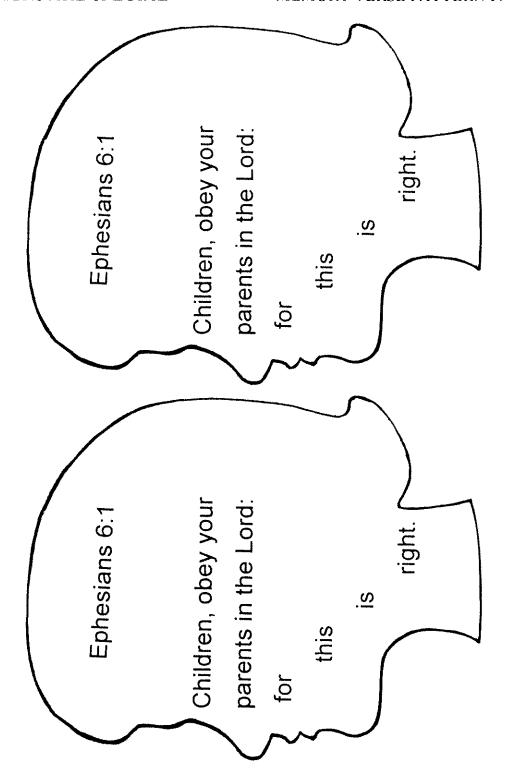
if the soldiers knew there was a baby in the house, they would come to see if it was a boy. If they found a baby boy, they were commanded to take him away and destroy him. When Moses was three months old, Jochebed knew she could not hide him any longer. She made a basket and water-proofed it so it would float like a little boat in the river. She placed her baby in the basket and took him to a place on the Nile River where she knew the princess, Pharaoh's daughter, came every day to bathe. She left his sister Miriam to watch and see what happened to him. She trusted God to protect him. Sure enough, the princess came to the river and found the baby. She knew that some Hebrew mother was hiding her baby from the cruel command of her father, the Pharaoh. When she saw Moses, she wanted to take him to be her baby so her father would not have him killed. She hired Jochebed to be a nurse for him until he was old enough to go to school. Then he went to live at the palace and be raised as the grandson of the Pharaoh and someday be ruler in Egypt. While Jochebed had Moses she taught him about the true God in heaven, and that he should always worship and serve Him. When Moses was grown he chose to be known as a Hebrew, and became the great leader of the nation of Israel rather than the Pharaoh of Egypt. Jochebed had been a godly mother, and taught her son about God when he was very young. He remembered what his mother taught him.

There are many other special mothers in the Bible. God chose Elizabeth, the wife of Zacharias, to be the mother of John the Baptist, who was sent into the world for a special purpose. Elizabeth was really too old to have children, so she knew this was indeed a blessing from God. When her son was born, Elizabeth named him John because this is what the angel told them to do. When the friends and relatives questioned why they chose such a name, and insisted he be named for his father, Zacharias wrote, "his name is John." (Zacharias was not able to speak until after his son was born as a sign that he really was sent from God.) God knew that Elizabeth would be a godly mother, and entrusted her with his care and teaching.

The apostle Paul commended Timothy for having unfeigned (real, genuine, not counterfeit) faith, and said it was because of the faith of his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice. Lois taught her daughter, Eunice, and they both taught Timothy the things of God. II Timothy 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." II Timothy 3:14-15, "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures." Lois and Eunice taught Timothy from the time he was a very small child. They taught him the things of God. They taught him that salvation was through faith in Jesus Christ. Timothy remembered all these things when he was a grown man. He remembered what his mother had taught him.

Proverbs 31:10-31 gives the characteristics of a godly woman. The greatest compliment that came be made to a mother is verse 28, "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." It is pleasing to God to honor your mother.

Memory verse: Ephesians 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."



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MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL

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Rebekah (Genesis 27:6)	1	2.
Rachel (Genesis 46:19)	1.	2.
Leah (Genesis 29:32-35) (30:17-21)	1.	2.
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Eunice (II Timothy 1:5)	Timothy
Sarah (Genesis 21:3)	Isaac
Jochebed (Numbers 26:59)	1. <u>Miriam</u> 2. <u>Aaron</u>
	3. Moses
Hannah (I Samuel 1:20)	Samuel
Bathsheba (I Kings 1:11)	Solomon
Rebekah (Genesis 27:6)	1. <u>Jacob</u> 2. <u>Esau</u>
Rachel (Genesis 46:19)	1. <u>Joseph</u> 2. <u>Benjamin</u>
Leah (Genesis 29:32-35)	1. Reuben 2. Simeon
(30:17-21)	3. <u>Levi</u> 4. <u>Judah</u>
	5. <u>Issachar</u> 6. <u>Zebulun</u>
	7. <u>Dinah</u>
Naomi (Ruth 1:2)	1. <u>Mahlon</u> 2. <u>Chilion</u>

HONOR THY FATHER

Exodus 20:12, 21:17 Leviticus 19:3 Ephesians 6:1-4 Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19, 13:11, 21:18, 27:16

One of the specific commands that God gave to Israel, that we call the Ten Commandments, says, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." This command was given to the Jewish people. There was punishment for breaking this law. The children had an obligation to obey their parents. The parents had an obligation to teach their children the things of God. The children were to be taught to have respect for their parents. If they did not, the punishment was death. This did not mean small children. It meant sons and daughters who had grown up and were old enough to be responsible for their own decisions and actions. Exodus 21:15, "He that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death." Verse 17, "And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death."

The fathers had an obligation unto God to teach their children the commands of God. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says the words that God commanded them should be in their hearts, and they should teach them to think highly of the commands; to be very particular in what they taught; to be careful that they taught exactly what God had said, and everything that God had said. They were to recite them, and rehearse them with their children. They were to talk about them when they sat in their houses; talk about them when they were walking along (traveling); talk about them when they went to bed at night, and when they got up in the morning. The reason they were to be so strict in teaching their children was so the children would respect their parents when they were grown, and in return, God promised to bless them with long life and prosperity in the land that He would give them.

Many Old Testament fathers taught their sons the ways of God; many did not. Abraham was a faithful father. He taught his son, Isaac, by word and by example. God promised Abraham He would give him a son, (this son was Isaac), but later called upon him to offer him as a sacrifice unto God. Abraham wanted a son very much, and he was thankful when God blessed him with a son. Abraham taught his son about God from the time he was a small child. Abraham taught his son by his actions to obey whatever God commands without question. He prepared the fire and the wood and went where God told him to go to make the sacrifice. When the time came and God saw that Abraham would obey him no matter what He commanded, He provided a ram for a sacrifice in the place of Isaac. When Isaac said, "Here is the wood and the fire, but where is the sacrifice?", Abraham answered, "God will provide it." (Genesis chapter 22) God told Abraham that because he did this, and did not withhold his son, He would multiply his descendants as the stars in the sky and the sand of the sea shore. They would be so many in number that they could not be counted. Abraham loved his son very much, but he also loved God. He believed God had given him this son, and he trusted God to protect his son. Abraham was willing to give his son to God if that was what God asked.

Abraham wanted Isaac to serve God when he became a man and was responsible for his own family. Abraham loved his son so much he wanted him to have a good wife. He knew that in order for Isaac to live a godly life he must have a good wife. He sent back to his family to get a wife for Isaac so he would not have to marry one of the women from the people who lived around them, and did not worship God. Abraham wanted Isaac to have a godly wife who would serve God with him and teach his children the commands of God. Abraham taught Isaac to obey him when he was small, so that he would honor him when he was a man.

The punishment for children not respecting, honoring, and providing for their parents was death by stoning. God said the reward for honoring their parents was so they would have a long life, and prosper in the land that He would give them. If they were stoned, they would not have a long life. They could not prosper in the land God gave them. In Deuteronomy 27:16, God says, "Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother." Deuteronomy 21:18-21 gives a very serious command. If a man had a "stubborn and rebellious" son, who would not obey his father or his mother, and when they rebuked and corrected him, he still would not listen and obey them, they were to take him to the elders of the city where they sat at the gate taking care of the official business. They were to say to the elders, "This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard." This is not a small child who disobeys. This is a grown man who willfully causes trouble, will not work, is a drunkard, and a threat to the well-being of other people. He will not listen to the instructions of his father who tries to get him to do what is right. Rather than let the son harm other people, the father has the obligation to take him to the authorities for punishment. The Bible says by doing so they "will put away evil from among them, and all Israel would hear and fear." The reason God's laws were so strict was to get rid of the evil that was among them, and make them realize they must obey God. They would do what was right because they feared the punishment.

Not all parents obeyed this command. Eli was a man of God. He was a high priest at the tabernacle. Eli had two sons who were not godly men. The Bible says they were "sons of Belial", or evil men. Even though they were priests who served with their father, they were ungodly. They sinned, and Eli did not punish them for it. He heard of their sins, and rebuked them for it. He told them it was wrong, and the people had complained about it, but he did not refuse to let them serve as priests because of their wrongdoing. Because Eli knew what they were doing was not right, and did not stop them, God punished Eli by taking away the priesthood from his family. Eli's sons both died as young men, and Samuel became the next high priest. Children were to listen to what their father taught them, and obey what he said, but fathers were also responsible to God for what they taught their children.

The law of Moses was done away with when Jesus was hanged on the cross. It was fulfilled when he was crucified. We are not Jewish people, and people who live today are not under the law of Moses, but we still have a responsibility to our parents. The New Testament teaches us to obey our parents. Paul wrote to the churches in the New Testament after Jesus was crucified. He taught that Jesus commanded children to be obedient to their parents.

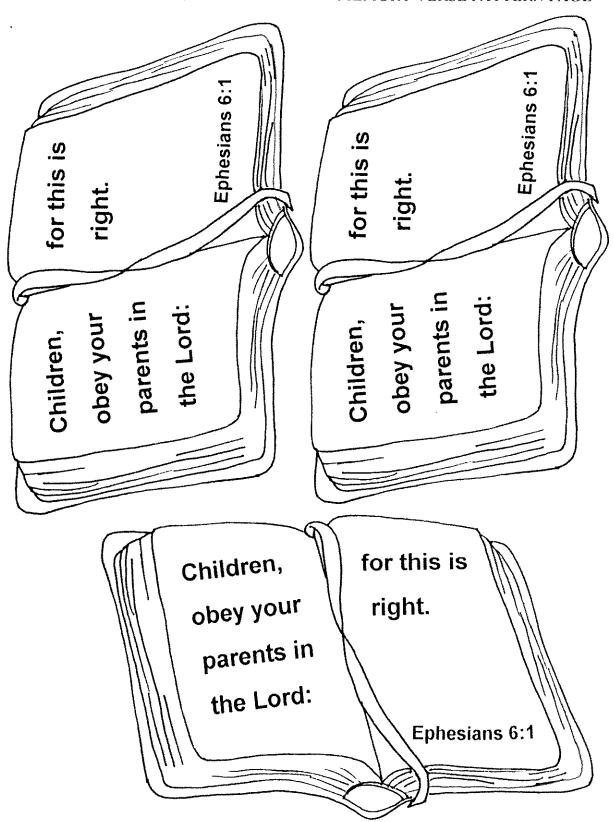
The command is given for us today in the sixth chapter of Ephesians. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." The only reason God gives for us respecting and obeying our parents is that it is the right thing to do. The command is to obey our parents "in the Lord". This means as long as our parents teach us the correct things about God, we are to believe their teaching, and respect them. God promises if we honor our parents, He will bless us. "Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Fathers have a responsibility to God to be good to their children. Fathers are commanded to teach their children the things of God. Fathers are not to mistreat and be mean to their children, and cause them to grow up to have an angry attitude. Fathers are taught to punish their children when they disobey, but not be mean to them. "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Colossians 3:21, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

Parents are to be good to their children and teach them the truth about God. If they do this, the children are to love their parents and obey them. Children are to honor and respect their parents because this is the plan of God.

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6:1

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."



HONOR THY FATHER

BEGINNER

Match the fathers and sons - - - some have 2 or more sons:

Genesis 4:1-2	1.	Adam	Shem
			Cain
Genesis 5:32	2.	Noah	Joseph
Genesis 37:2	3.	Jacob	Ham
			Abel
1 Kings 2:1	4.	David	Japheth
			Solomon
Genesis 25:26	5.	Isaac	John
1 Samuel 14:49	6.	Saul	Jacob
		•	Jonathan
Luke 1:13	7.	Zacharias	James
			Esau
Matthew 4:21	8.	Zebedee	John

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1 Kings 2:1

4. David Japheth

- Genesis 25:26
- 5. Isaac

- 1 Samuel 14:49
- 6. Saul

Luke 1:13

7. Zacharias James

Matthew 4:21

8. Zebedee John

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Write the name of the father by the name of the daughter:

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3.	Dinah		Genesis 30:19-21
4.	Leah		Genesis 29:16
5.	Tirzah		Numbers 27:1
6.	Michal		1 Samuel 14:49
7.	Rachel		Genesis 29:16
8.	Tamar		2 Samuel 13:1
9.	Johosheba		2 Kings 11:2
10.	Jezebel		1 Kings 16:31
11.	Miriam		Numbers 26:59
12.	Ahtaliah	-	2 Chronicles 22:2

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1.	Zipporah	Jethro	Exodus 18:2
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5.	Tirzah	Zelophehad	Numbers 27:1
6.	Michal	Saul	1 Samuel 14:49
7.	Rachel	Laban	Genesis 29:16
8.	Tamar	David	2 Samuel 13:1
9.	Johosheba	Joram	2 Kings 11:2
10.	Jezebel	Ethbaal	1 Kings 16:31
11.	Miriam	Amram	Numbers 26:59
12.	Ahtaliah	Omri	2 Chronicles 22:2

Write the name of the father by the name of the son:

If you need help, look up the scripture reference.

1.	Cain		Genesis 4:1
2.	Ahab		1Kings 16:28
3.	Shem		Genesis 5:32
4.	Abel		Genesis 4:2
5.	Solomon	***************************************	1 Kings 2:1
6.	Enoch		Genesis 4:17
7.	Seth		Genesis 4:25
8.	Ham		Genesis 5:32
9.	Isaac		Genesis 21:3
10.	Joseph		Genesis 37:2
11.	Noah		Genesis 5:30
12.	Japheth		Genesis 5:32
13.	Joram	-	2 Kings 8:25
14.	Jacob		Genesis 25:26
15.	Jonathan		1 Samuel 14:49
16.	Esau		Genesis 25:26
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7.	Seth	Adam	Genesis 4:25
8.	Ham	Noah	Genesis 5:32
9.	Isaac	Abraham	Genesis 21:3
10.	Joseph	Jacob	Genesis 37:2
11.	Noah	Lamech	Genesis 5:30
12.	Japheth	Noah	Genesis 5:32
13.	Joram	Ahab	2 Kings 8:25
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16.	Esau	Isaac	Genesis 25:26
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18.	John	Zacharias	Luke 1:13

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2.	Ahaziah		2 Chronicles 22:1
3.	Lot		Genesis 11:31
4.	Mahlon		Ruth 1:2
5.	Methuselah		Genesis 5:21
6.	Arphaxad		Genesis 11:10
7.	Chilion		Ruth 1:2
8.	Lamech		Genesis 5:25
9.	Hophni		1 Samuel 4:11
10.	Abraham		Genesis 11:31
11.	Aaron		Exodus 6:20
12.	Phinehas		1 Samuel 4:11
13.	Jeroboam		1 Kings 16:26
14.	Samuel		1 Samuel 1:19-20
15.	Enos		Genesis 5:6
16.	Saul		1 Samuel 14:51
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12.	Phinehas	Eli	1 Samuel 4:11
13.	Jeroboam	Nebat	1 Kings 16:26
14.	Samuel	Elkanah	1 Samuel 1:19-20
15.	Enos	Seth	Genesis 5:6
16.	Saul	Kish	1 Samuel 14:51
17.	Moses	Amram	Exodus 6:20
18.	David	Jesse	Ruth 4:17

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL

Psalm 100, 105:1-2, 95:1-3, 19:1, 75:1; 136:1-3; Matthew 26:26-27; Mark 6:41, 8:6; John 6:11; Acts 27:35; I Timothy 4:4; Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 4:6;

Psalm 92:1, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:"

We are taught throughout the Bible to give thanks unto God. Psalm 95:1-3, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Why should we give thanks unto God? Because He is a great God.

The word psalms in the Hebrew language means "praises". The book of Psalms contains 150 songs or poems about many different things. About half of them were written by David. Some are songs of rejoicing over the goodness of God to His people. Some are songs of sorrow, and some are songs of repentance. These were sung, or chanted, by the Hebrew people. The book of Psalms was to the Hebrew people what our hymnals are to us today. When we meet to worship, we sing songs of praise to God. The Hebrew people sang the Psalms as praise to God. We get our example of singing songs of praise in our worship service from the early church who apparently sang, or chanted, the Psalms when they met to worship. When Jesus ate the last supper with his disciples, the Bible tells us "they sang an hymn and went out into the Mount of Olives." This was apparently one of the Psalms that they sang. The Psalms teach us to worship God, praise God, and be thankful.

Why are we to give thanks unto God? We are to give thanks because He is such a great God and has done so many things for us. We are to talk of all the wonderful things He has done: Psalm 105:1-2, "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works." Psalm 19:1 tells us, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." The sun, the moon, the stars, the heavens make us know that there is a God. All the things in the earth, the mountains, trees, grass, food, animals, birds, are the things that He has made. When we look around us and see the things God has made, we know there is a God. We see that God is near. For this reason, Psalm 75:1 tells us, "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare." The wondrous works of God declare there is a God, and we are to give thanks unto Him. We are to tell the wonderful things that God does for us. The remainder of Psalm 105 tells of all the wonderful things that God did for the nation of Israel from the time he made a covenant with Abraham to make of his descendants a new nation, until He brought them into the land of Canaan. This is a song of praise and thanksgiving for His blessings.

The Israelites did not always obey God. Many times they sinned, disobeyed His commands, and even worshipped idol gods, but God did not deny them. They did wrong, God punished them, they repented, and God was good to them. They did wrong again, God punished them again, and when they repented again, God forgave them and showed them mercy. Psalm 106:1 says, "Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." Even though Israel sinned, God's mercy endured forever. Psalm 107:1 repeats the same verse: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." We find these same words in the first and last verses of Psalm 118: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." The first three verses of Psalm 136 repeat this same verse three times. So we are not only to thank God for the things He has made, and His goodness to us, but also because He shows mercy to us, and forgives us when we do wrong. We are thankful His mercy endures forever. We are told in Psalm 50:14-15 to offer unto God thanksgiving and keep the promises we have made to Him, and when we are in trouble, we can call on Him and He will help us.

The New Testament also teaches us to be thankful. When Jesus ate the last supper with his disciples he gave thanks for the bread and the wine before they took it. When Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, he took it, gave thanks, and broke it. As he broke it, it multiplied so that all the people were fed, and there were twelve basketsful left over. On another occasion he fed four thousand people with seven loaves and a few fish. He took the bread and the fish, and gave thanks. Then as he broke it, it multiplied until all the people were fed, and there were seven basketsful left over.

In the 27th chapter of Acts we read of the time when the apostle Paul was in a terrible storm, and was shipwrecked. The owners of the ship and the other passengers were frightened. It looked as if they ship would sink and all their lives were in danger. Paul assured them that they would all be safe, because an angel had appeared to him the night before and told him that God would protect them. After many days of fierce weather, Paul continued to encourage them by saying that he believed God, and they would all be safe. When they had not eaten for fourteen days, Paul "took bread, and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat." This encouraged the other men, and they also ate. The ship was destroyed, but God saved the lives of all the people.

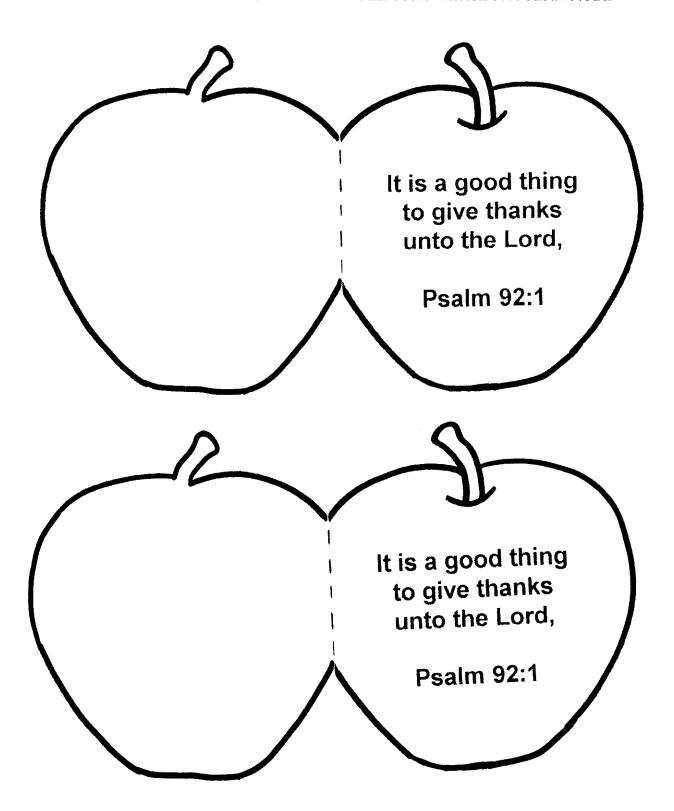
The Jewish people had certain things they were forbidden to eat under the law, but after Jesus came and died, these laws were removed. Paul told Timothy in I Timothy 4:4 that all food was good, and should not be refused as long as they "received it with thanksgiving." The only thing required of the people was to be thankful.

What should we be thankful for? Philippians 4:6, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Whatever it is we ask for, we should thank God. We should thank God for everything He gives us. James 1:17 tells us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of

turning." All of the good things we enjoy are blessings from God for which we should be thankful. God made the earth on which we live; we should be thankful. God gives us our parents to care for us. We should thank Him for them. Our parents provide a good home for us to live in. We are warm in the winter, and protected from the rain. We should thank God for this. We have plenty of food to eat so that we are healthy, and not hungry. Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." We should thank God for our food, because He sends the sunshine and the rain to make it grow. Then God blesses us with jobs to provide the money to buy the food. We should be thankful we have enough money to buy the clothes we need. We have medicine to make us well when we are sick. All of these are blessings from God for which we should always be thankful. Most of all, we should be thankful for the love of God, and for Jesus who died for us. Can you think of something else you should be thankful for?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 92:1

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,"

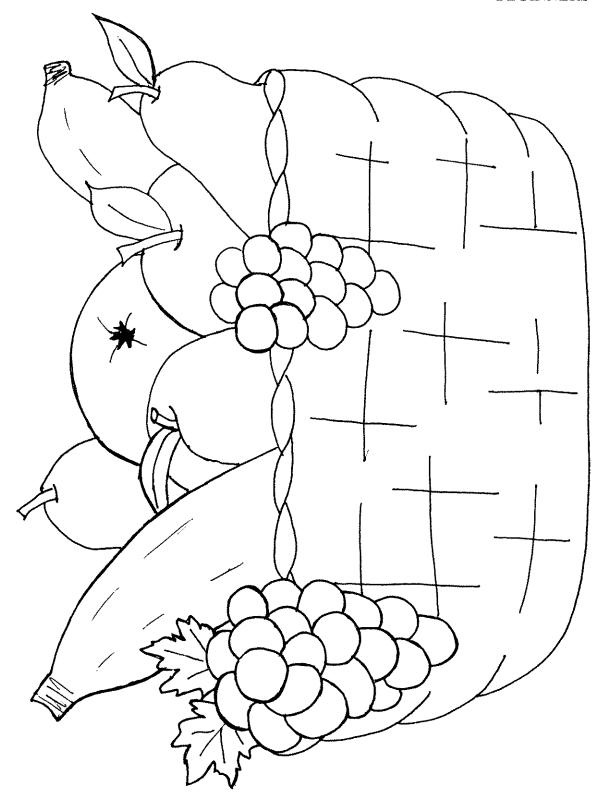




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BEGINNERS



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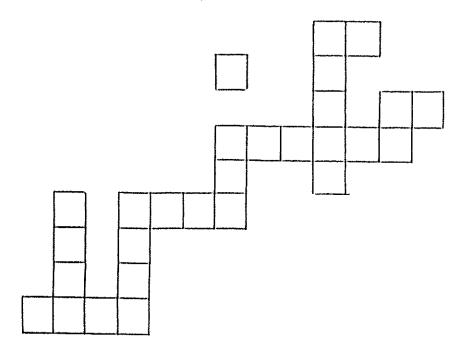
Ps_lm 106:1 "Praise ye the L_rd. O give th_nks unto the L_rd; for h_
is g__d: for h_s mercy endureth for ever."

Ps_lm 107:1 "O g_ve th_nks unto the L_rd, for h_ is g_ _d: for h_s mercy endureth for ever."

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Make the words of the memory verse fit in the spaces of the puzzle:

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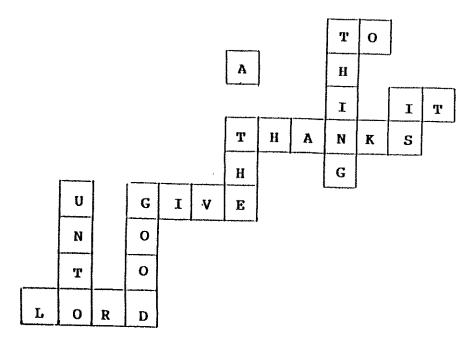
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ADD THE MISSING VOWELS:

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S_rv_ th_ L_rd w_th gl_dn_ss: c_m_ b_f_r_ H_s
pr_sc_nc_ w_th s_ng_ng. Kn_w y_ th_t th_ L_rd Hs
Gd:ts H tht hth mds,nd nt w
rs_lv_s; wr_h_s ppl,nd th shpf Hs
p_st_rnt_r _nt_ H_s g_t_s w_th th_nksg_v_ng, _nd
nt Hs crts wth _prs_: b thnkflnt Hm
nd blss Hs nm Fr th Lrd _s gd; Hs mrcy
_s _v_rl_st_ng; _nd H_s tr_th _nd_r_th tII
g_n_r_tns. Psms 100.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

"O give	unto the	; call upon His	~
make known His	among the _	." Psa	lm 105:1
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Psalm 136:1-3			

ADD THE MISSING VOWELS:

Make a joyful no ise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His prescence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. Psalms 100.

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THANKSGIVING

Suggested Attendance Project:

Copy baskets on brown or tan construction paper.

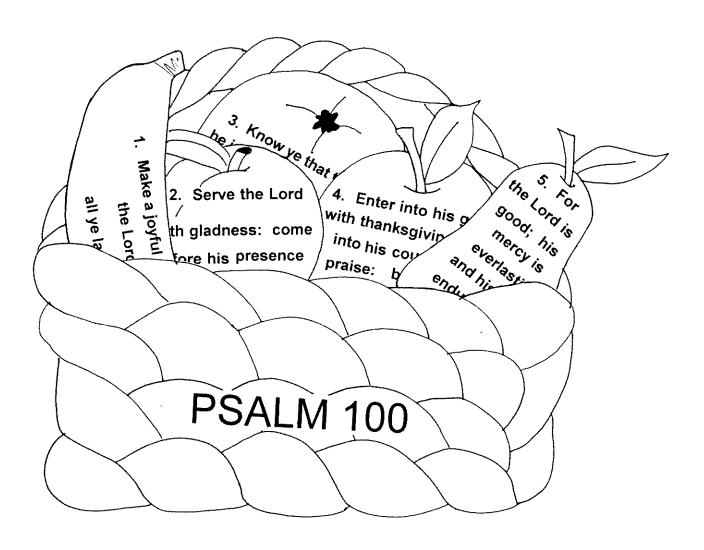
Cut out and cut slit for opening to insert fruits.

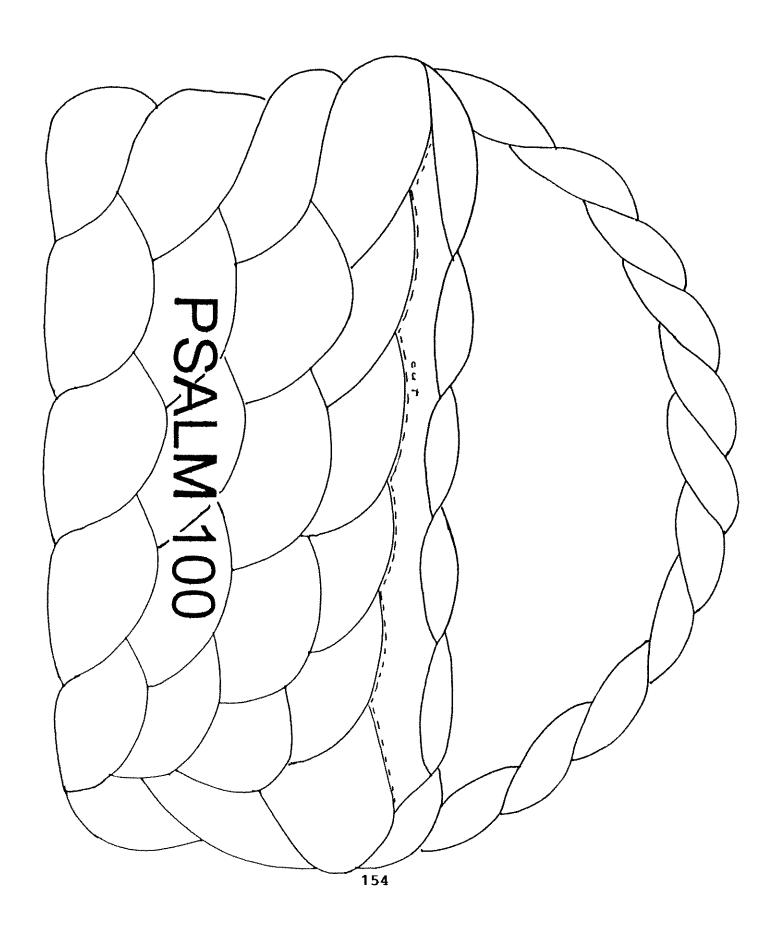
Cut back out of heavy paper or cardboard.

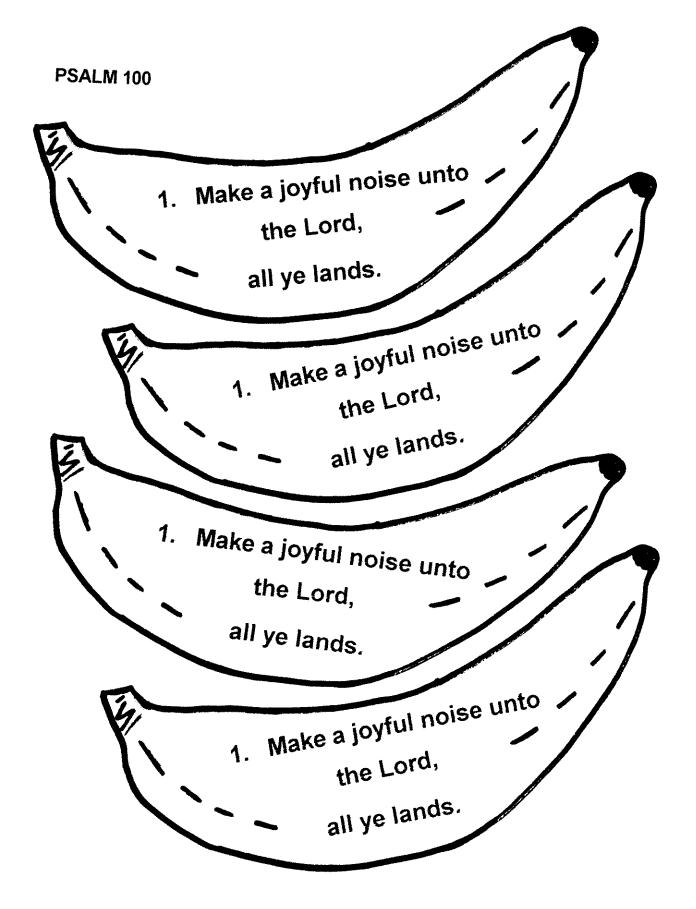
Glue together at edges and handles, being careful not to close up opening.

Copy fruit on appropriate colors of construction paper.

Cut out one for each Sunday and insert into opening in top of basket.









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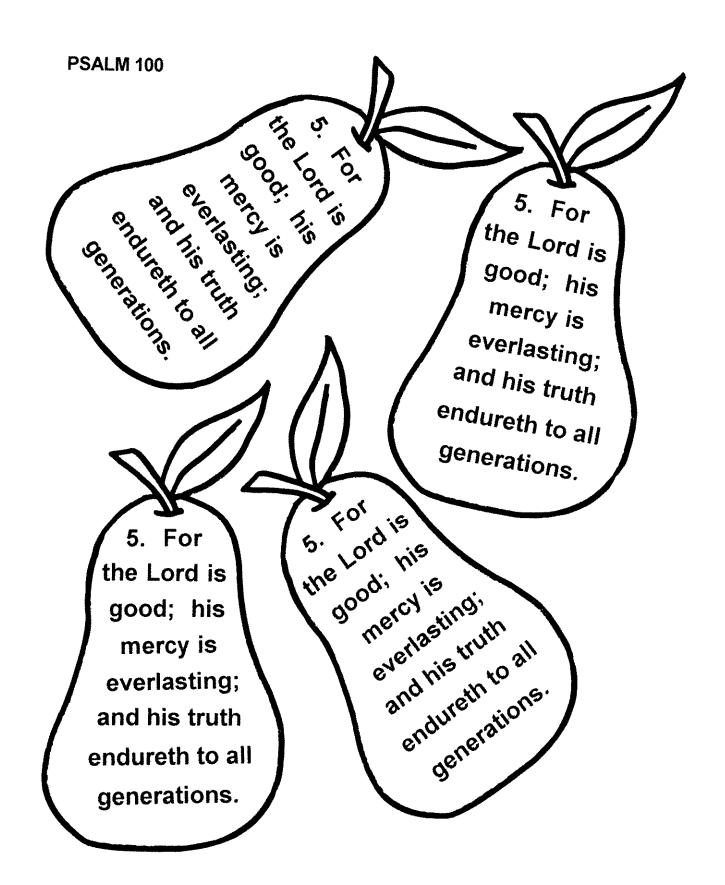
PSALM 100

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List something you are thankful for that begins with each letter of the alphabet:

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e	r
f	S
g	t
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	X
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	Z