

PRIMARY PAIRS



Noah's Big Boat

Many, many years ago a man named Noah built a huge boat. Other people have built boats, but that one was very special. God told Noah to build that one. God even told him what size to make it, and what kind of wood to use.

Do you know why God wanted Noah to build that big boat? God knew Noah would need it when the Flood came. Do you know what a flood is? That is when all the ground is covered with water. God was going to send so much rain that the whole earth would be covered with water. He was going to do that because all the people in the

world were being very bad—all the people except Noah and his family. Noah loved God. The other people didn't love God.

No one had ever seen a flood before. They did not believe it would really happen. But Noah believed God. He and his family started right away to build the big boat.

When Noah's boat was finished, God told him to take at least two of every kind of animal into the boat. I wonder what the people thought when they saw all the bears and lions and elephants and monkeys and other animals go into the boat.

When Noah and his family and the animals were all inside the boat, God shut the door. Then He sent rain. It rained and rained all day and all night for forty days and nights! It rained until all the bushes and trees and houses and mountains and people were covered with water.

Noah and all that were in the boat with him were dry. Noah trusted God and knew He would keep them safe.

Finally the rain stopped, but for a long time the water stayed on the earth. Perhaps Noah looked out the window many times and wondered when they would be able to leave the

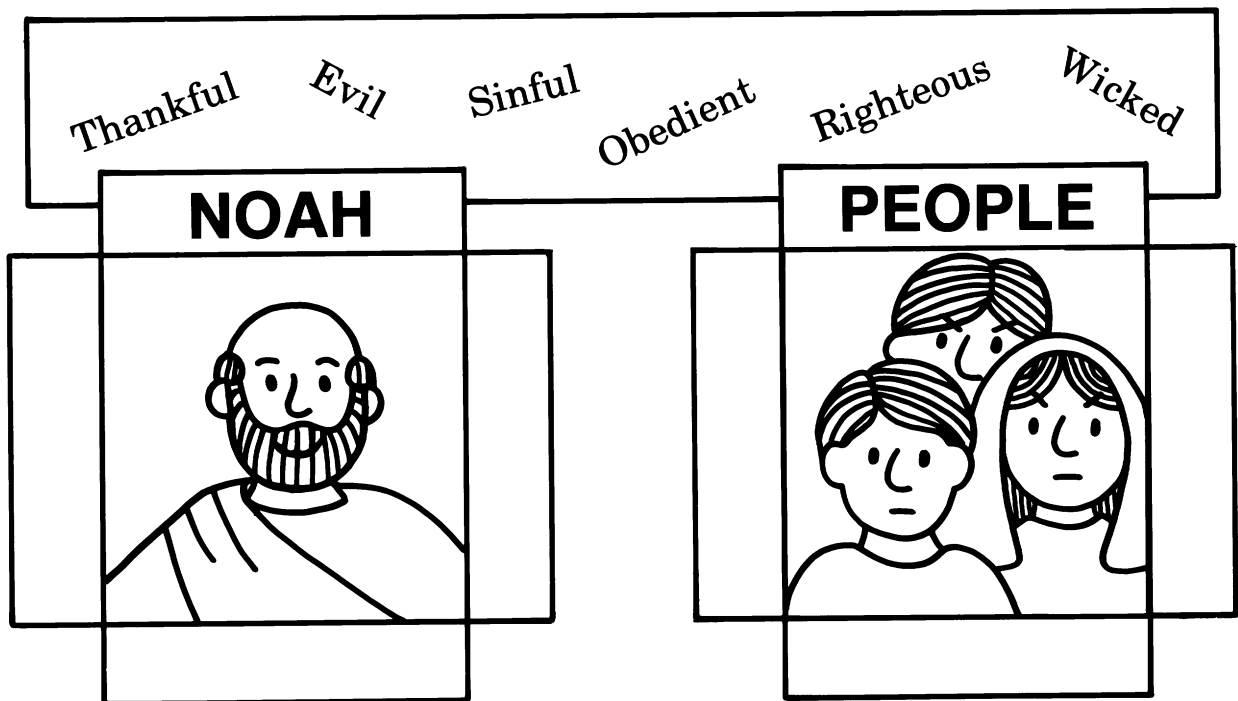
boat. It was many more days before the land was dry again. When it was time for Noah and his family to leave the boat, they were so happy. Noah built an altar so they could pray and thank God for keeping them safe.

God was happy to hear Noah's prayer. He promised that the whole world would never again be destroyed by a flood. He sent a special sign of His promise. It was a beautiful rainbow!

Now whenever we see a rainbow in the sky we can remember the story of Noah. Noah trusted God and we can trust God too. We know God always keeps His promises. He loves us.

God's Choice

Choose the words below which describe Noah and the people. Write the correct words in the flaps around the boxes.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Our lesson on Noah's Ark provides an opportunity for a fun game that can be played in pairs or teams, using family members. Give each team or individual a bag containing three unrelated items. For example: a toy boat, a whisk broom, and a picture of an animal; or a paintbrush, the word "sunshine," and a book.

The teams must use the pictures, objects, or words as the basis for making up a story about Noah and what they would do in the ark during all that rain. They may practice telling it before acting it out. Emphasize that they should mention each item at least twice during their storytelling.

The other teams then try to guess the three key words. The children might choose to show the contents of their bags before beginning, instead of making it a guessing game.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Proverbs 29:25

MONDAY: Psalm 40:4

TUESDAY: Proverbs 14:26

WEDNESDAY: Nahum 1:7

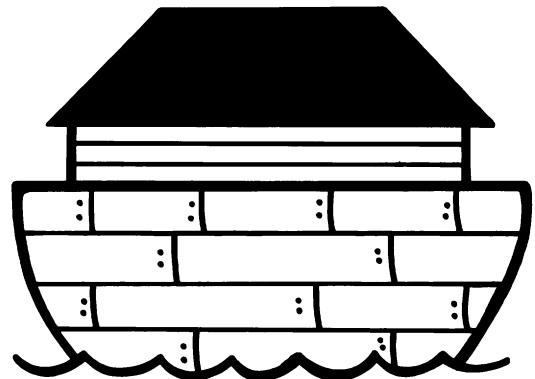
THURSDAY: Hebrews 11:7

FRIDAY: II Chronicles 16:9

SATURDAY: Psalm 46:1-3

Bible Text

Genesis 6:8,13-22;
7:11-17,23,24; 8:13,14; 9:11-17

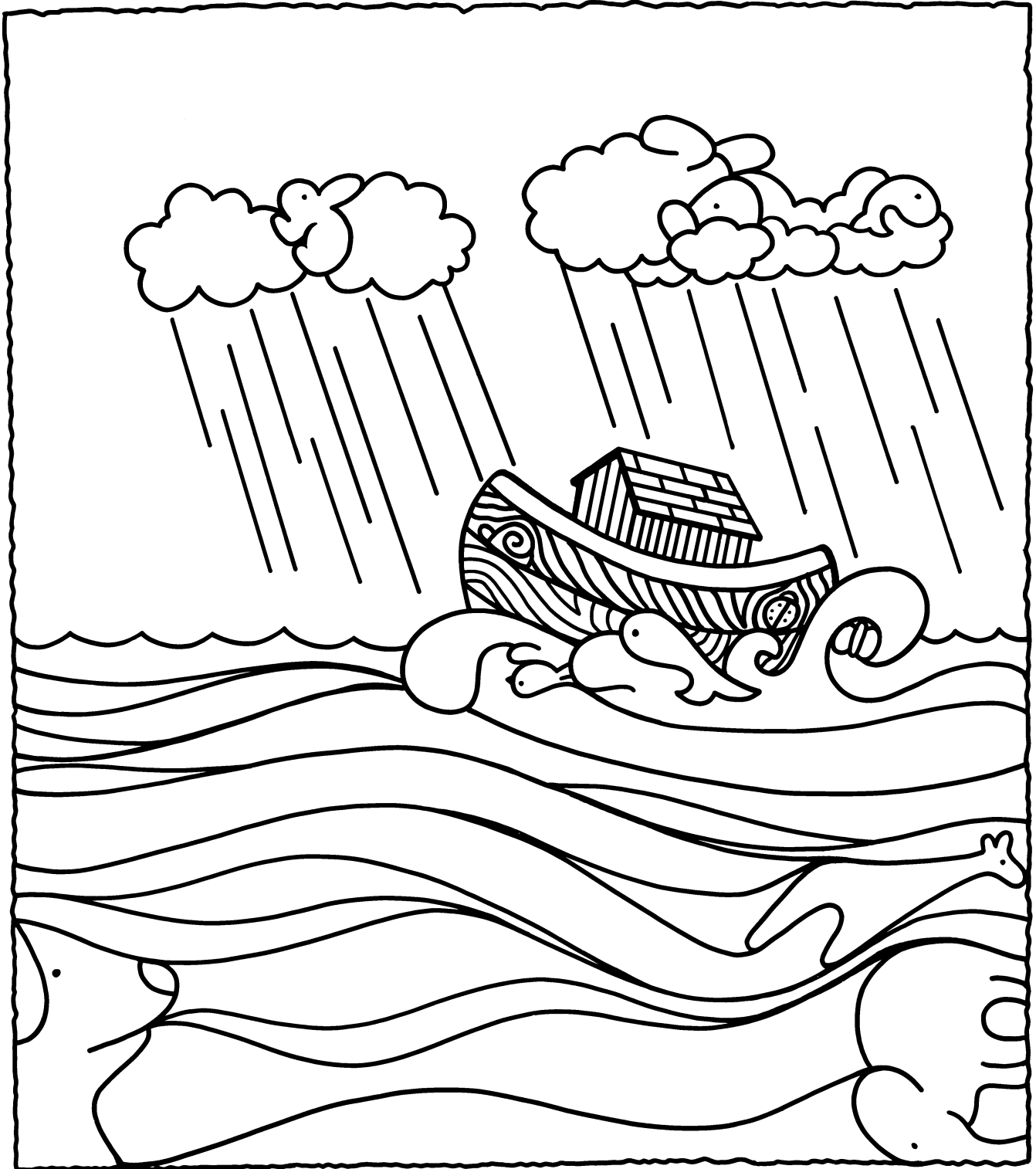


Memory Verse

Whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. — Proverbs 29:25

Here Comes the Rain!

Help Noah to find the rabbit, dog, lamb, fish, snail, bird, whale, ladybug, butterfly, giraffe, and elephant. They are hidden in the picture below.



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Abraham Trusted God

One day God looked down from Heaven and saw a man named Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham. He lived in a tent in the land of Ur. Most of the people who lived in that country prayed to idols. They didn't love God. But Abraham loved God. He prayed to God and tried to do God's will.

God could see that Abraham loved Him, even though sinful people lived all around him. Because Abraham was faithful, God chose him to be part of a very important plan. God was going to send Jesus to this earth so that people could be saved from their sins. He

wanted Jesus to be born into a special family. Abraham was chosen to be the father of this special family because he believed and trusted God. He would do whatever God said.

"Take your family and leave this place," God told Abraham. "Go to a land far away that I will show you. I will make your family a great people. All the families of the earth will be blessed because of you."

Abraham obeyed God. He called his whole family together. They helped him gather his sheep and his cattle. They helped him pack his tents and everything else that he owned. Then

they all started on a long journey.

At last they came to the land of Canaan. It was a beautiful land. There were wonderful fields where the sheep and cattle could eat. God spoke to Abraham again. He said He would give all that land to Abraham, and to his children, and to their children.

Abraham and his wife had no children. But God now promised them that they would have a son. God told them to name their son Isaac. God also told Abraham that he would have many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And there would be so many more that they could not even be counted.

Now, Abraham loved God more than ever before. He built an altar and made an offering to God. He was thankful that God trusted him to be part of His wonderful plan.

All the promises that God gave to Abraham came true! The special family that God promised to him, later became known as the Jewish nation. And on the very first Christmas night, near where Abraham had once lived, Jesus was born into that family.

God has a plan for each of us too. But, like Abraham, we must obey God. If we do this, God will know that we love and trust Him. I wonder what special plan God has for you?

Many Words

How many different words can you make from the letters in the following title? Write them on the lines below. Use extra paper if more space is needed.

ABRAHAM — FATHER OF MANY NATIONS

1. _____	7. _____	13. _____
2. _____	8. _____	14. _____
3. _____	9. _____	15. _____
4. _____	10. _____	16. _____
5. _____	11. _____	17. _____
6. _____	12. _____	18. _____

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Parent's Corner

This lesson is about Abraham and how he trusted God and obeyed His commands. Because of this, God made him the father of His chosen people and promised him that his descendants would be as the sand of the sea. Look at a handful of sand with your child. Can he count the grains?

As an activity with your child this week, make a sand painting. Mix clean dry sand with small amounts of liquid poster paints to make a variety of different colors. Spread colored sand on sheets of newspaper to dry. Paint the inside and lip of a shoe box lid with poster paint and let it dry.

Using large block letters, help your child print on the inside of the lid the words, "Abraham Trusted God." Cover one letter with white glue, and sprinkle the glue with one color of sand. Repeat for remaining letters. When the glue has dried, spray the finished picture with varnish or lacquer.

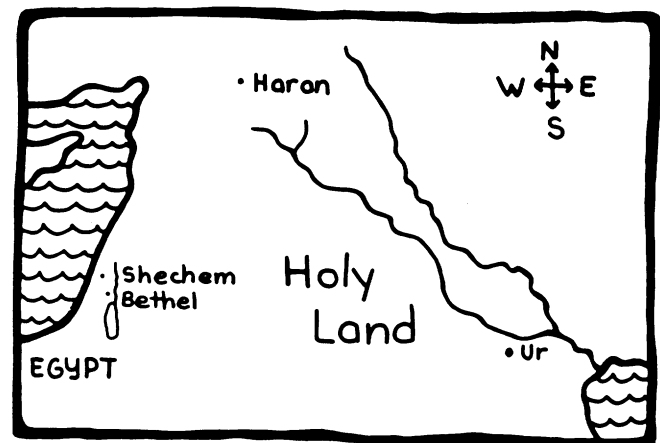
Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Psalm 37:3
MONDAY: II Samuel 22:31
TUESDAY: Psalm 64:10
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 26:4
THURSDAY: Psalm 18:2
FRIDAY: Romans 4:20,21
SATURDAY: Isaiah 57:13

Bible Text

Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-18

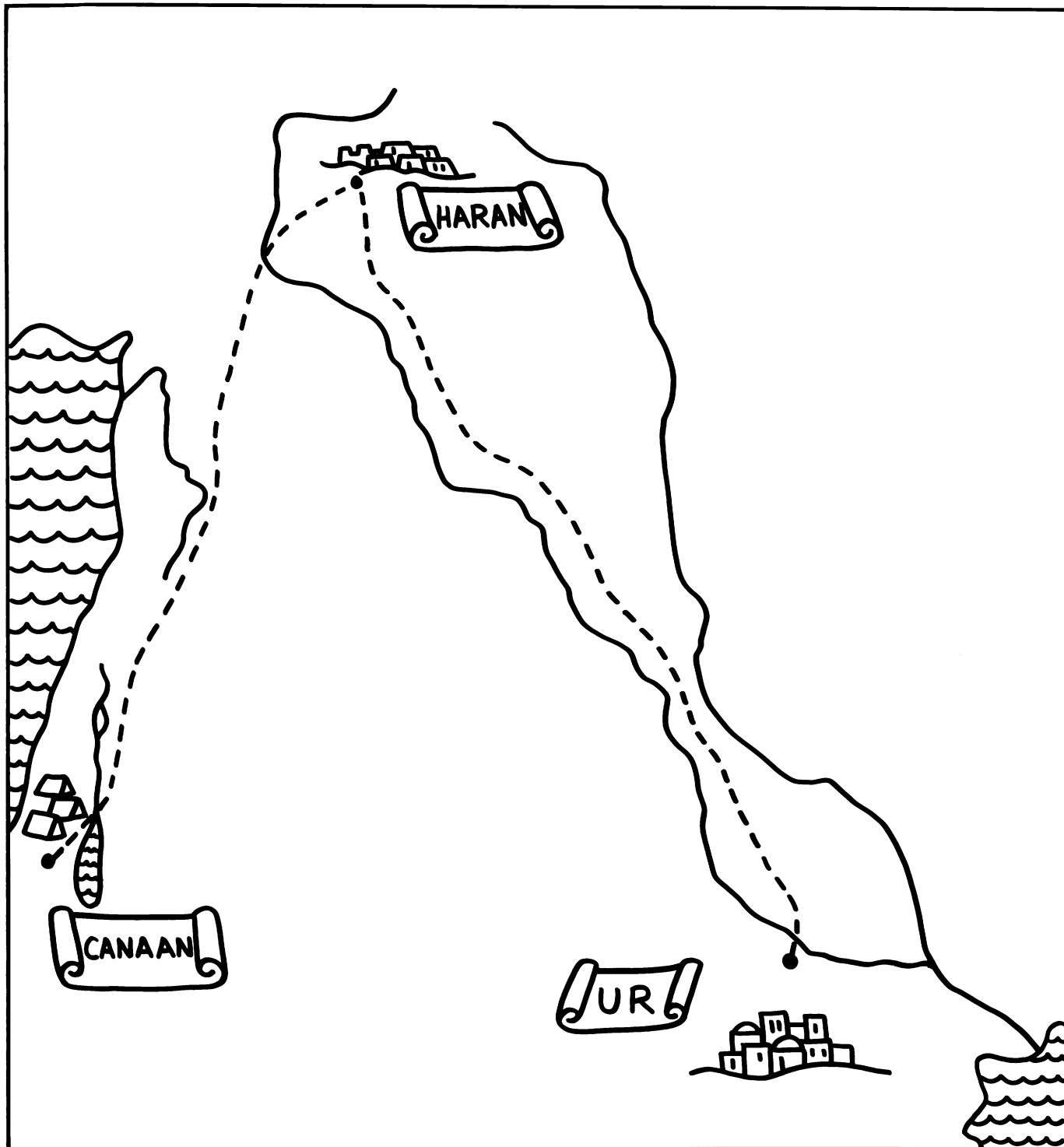


Memory Verse

Trust in the LORD, and do good. — Psalm 37:3

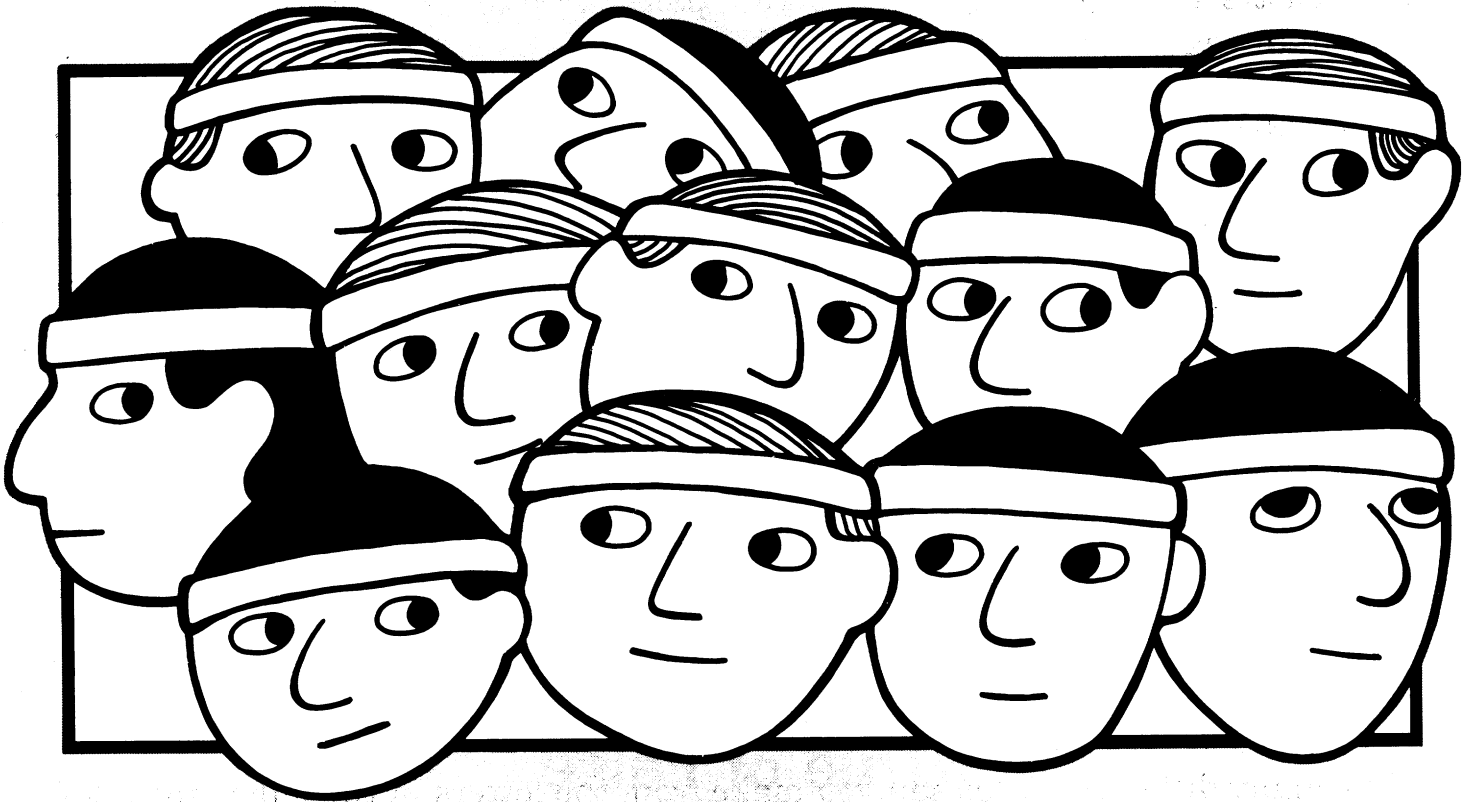
A Long Journey

This map can help you understand Abraham's journey when God told him to leave his homeland. Use a crayon to mark the way as you follow the route Abraham used.



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Two Brave Spies

How would you like to be a spy? Wouldn't it be exciting to be sent on a secret mission? What if you were sent to a faraway place and told to search through the land? You would have to take notes and then report back to the person who sent you. That person would expect you to tell carefully about everything that you had seen and heard. Do you think you would have a hard time remembering everything?

A spy has to be a very special person. He must be someone who can be trusted, someone who will obey orders and bring back a true report. A

spy must be brave and strong, not afraid and weak.

Many years ago, God gave special instructions to Moses, the leader of the Children of Israel. Moses was to choose twelve spies to go into the land of Canaan and look all around. Their job would be to find out all about the country. Was it a good land or bad? How large were the cities? How many people lived in the land? The spies were also told to bring back some of the fruit that was grown in Canaan. They were to show this fruit to Moses and the people.

Among the twelve spies chosen by

Moses, were Joshua and Caleb. Both were men who loved and trusted God. They believed God and obeyed Him.

For forty days the spies searched through the land of Canaan. They must have been excited by what they found. The land was beautiful. It had flowing rivers and lots of trees and good fruit. When it was time to leave, the men cut down one cluster of grapes to take back to Moses. That cluster was so big that it took two strong men to carry it!

The twelve spies told Moses that everything was exactly like God had said it would be. But ten of the spies were afraid. When they looked at the land they saw the high-walled cities and the people of the land who looked

like giants. Those ten spies said, “We cannot take this land! We are not able to do it.” They forgot that God had promised to help them. They forgot that God had said the land would be theirs.

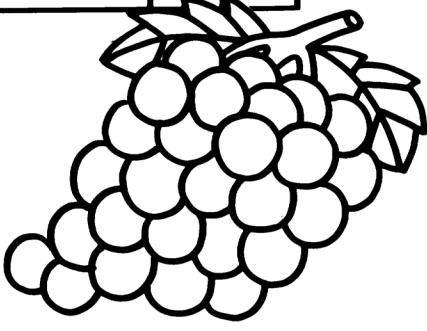
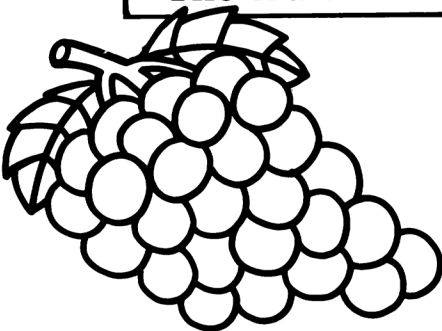
Joshua and Caleb didn’t forget. They trusted God and knew He would give them the land. Caleb told Moses and the people, “We can take this land! God is on our side.” But the people were afraid. They listened to the other ten spies. They didn’t believe Joshua and Caleb. They, too, forgot God’s promise.

Many years later Joshua and Caleb were the only two of those twelve spies who went into the promised land with the Children of Israel.

True or False

What information did the spies bring back about Canaan? Mark the sentences below either true or false.

	T	F
There were only a few people in Canaan.		
The people were strong.		
The people did not live in a city.		
The land was good.		
There were giants in the land.		
The fruit was spoiled.		



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Parent's Corner

Joshua and Caleb were the two brave spies who brought back a good report of the promised land. Even though the other ten spies were fearful of the high-walled cities and the giants who inhabited the land, these two men had the courage to say that they knew that with God's help the land could be taken.

Discuss with your child the fact that sometimes things look difficult or impossible by man's judgment. But God has all power, and we should trust Him.

To reinforce this thought, let your child make a heart puzzle. Draw a large heart shape on a piece of construction paper. Tell your child to mark it into sixteen puzzle pieces. On each piece have him write one word from the memory verse, including the reference. He can cut the puzzle apart on the lines he has drawn, and then reassemble it as he learns the verse.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Proverbs 3:5

MONDAY: Psalm 37:3

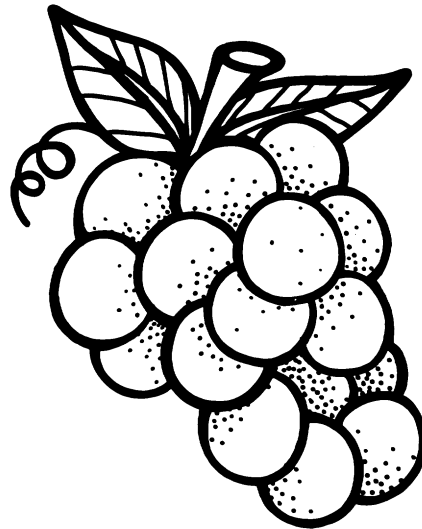
TUESDAY: Psalm 115:11

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 26:4

THURSDAY: Psalm 37:5

FRIDAY: Psalm 118:8

SATURDAY: Psalm 3:6



Bible Text

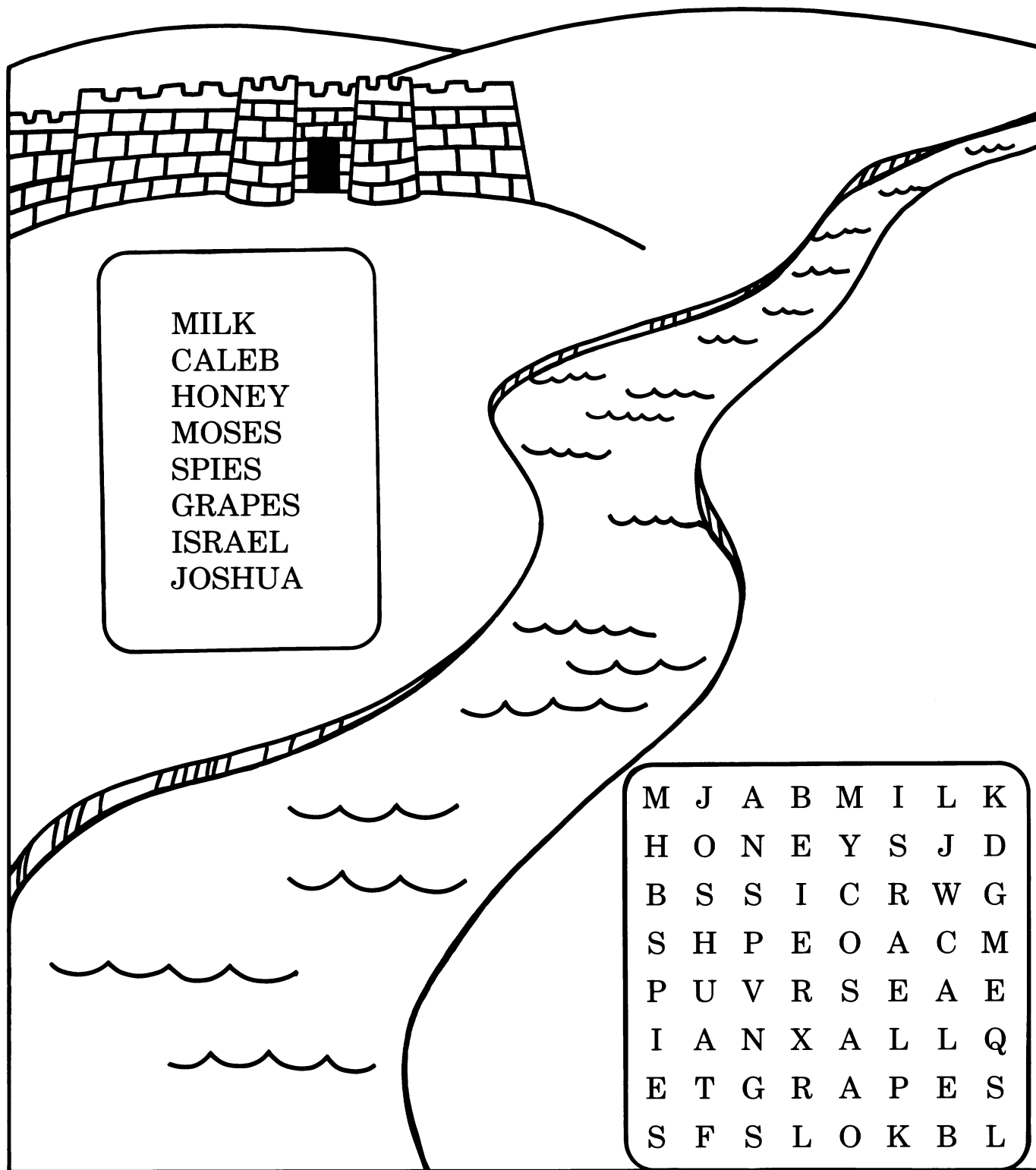
Numbers 13:17-33;
14:1-9,36-38

Memory Verse

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto
thine own understanding. — Proverbs 3:5

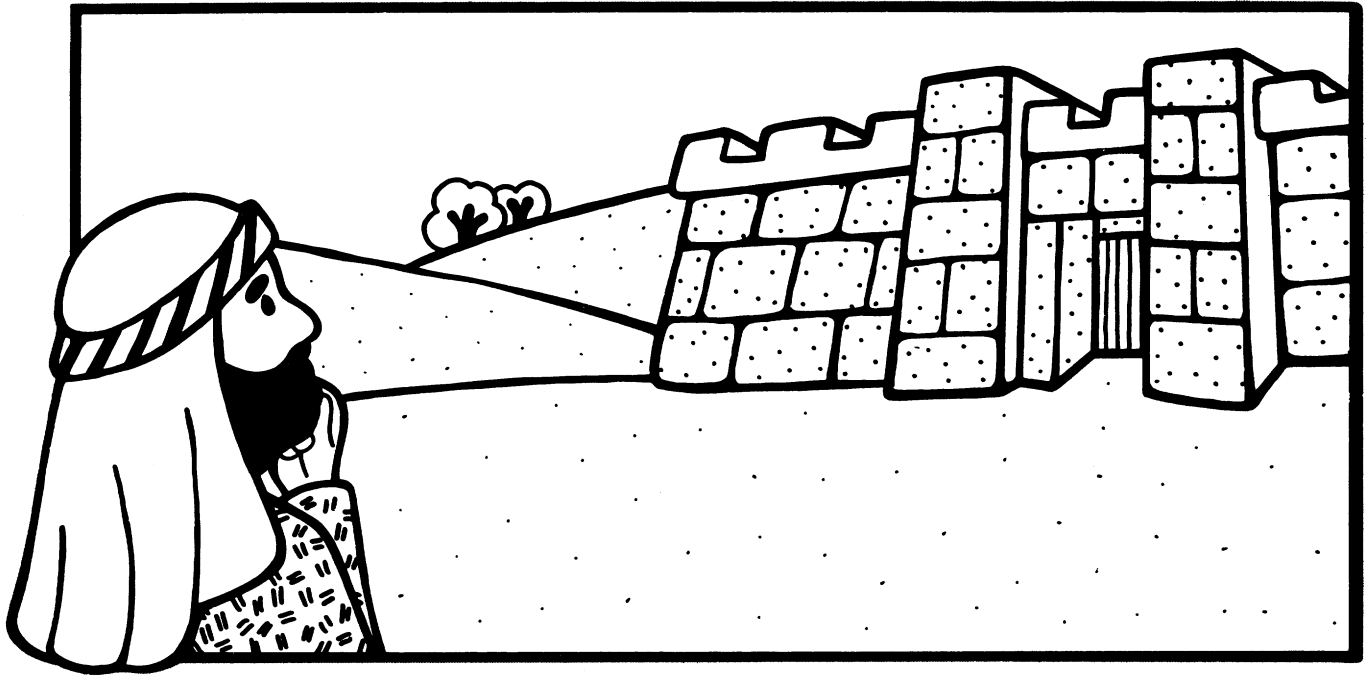
A Spy Story

Find and circle the hidden words in the puzzle. They are all from the story of the spies in Canaan.



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The Day the Walls Fell

Moses had been a great leader of God's people. But when Moses died Joshua became the new leader. God had chosen Joshua and promised to always be with him.

God told Joshua that he was to lead the people into the land of Canaan. This was the land that God had promised to His people many years before. Now it was time for them to go and live in the land. Jericho was the first city that the people came to in the land of Canaan. It had to be captured!

Jericho was a strong city that was surrounded by high walls. How was Joshua going to capture that city? He

was glad he didn't have to figure it out all by himself. He trusted God to help him. God gave Joshua a plan. The plan sounded very strange. It wasn't the kind of plan you or I would have thought of.

This is what God told Joshua to do. For six days Joshua was to have the people of Israel march silently around Jericho. The only sound that would be heard each day, was the sound of seven trumpets. The trumpets would be blown by seven priests. On the seventh day they were to march around the city seven times. And on the seventh time everyone was to

shout when they heard the sound of the trumpets.

Joshua didn't argue with God. He didn't say, "This doesn't make sense. I can think of a better plan than that!"

No, he didn't say any of those things. He trusted God. And the people of Israel wanted to do what Joshua told them. They didn't understand, but they knew that if God told them to do something, He would help them to do it.

I wonder what the people of Jericho thought on that first day as they watched the people of Israel march around their city? They probably wondered what was going to happen. No doubt they grew more worried as each day went by.

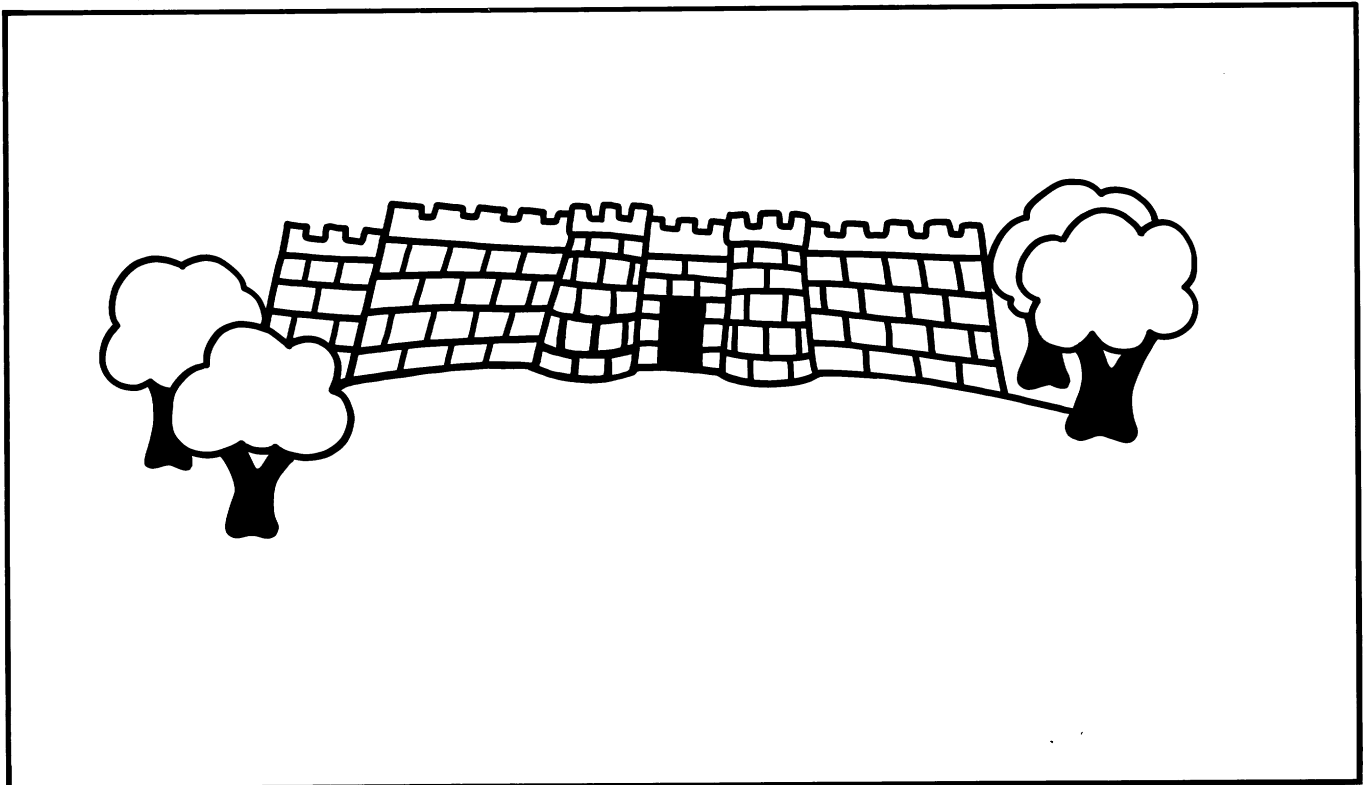
Day after day the people of Israel

marched around Jericho. On the seventh day, the people of Jericho again heard the sound of the seven trumpets. But the people of Israel marched quietly around the city. One time. Two times. Three. Four. Five. Six. Then on the seventh time, when the priests blew their trumpets, Joshua commanded the people to shout! He said, "The Lord has given you the city!" At that moment, giant cracks appeared in those huge walls. Then, with a mighty crash, the walls fell to the ground!

Joshua and the people of Israel took over the city of Jericho. God was able to help them win the battle because Joshua trusted God and did exactly what God had told him to do.

Where Is the Army?

Draw people marching around the walls of Jericho.



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Parent's Corner

In this lesson is another dramatic event in Biblical history — the falling of the walls of Jericho. Your child will learn in class that because Joshua trusted and obeyed God, he was able to win the victory in this spectacular way.

As you talk about this with your child, explain that when we trust and obey God, we will have victory over the problems that come our way. Ask your child to list some of the problems he faces. Note each one briefly on a small piece of paper, and tape the paper to a building block.

When you have a number of blocks with problems taped to them, allow your child to build a “wall.” Show how easy it is to knock that wall over. In the same way, our problems are not too big or too difficult for God. If we trust and obey Him, He will give us the victory.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Psalm 37:5

MONDAY: Psalm 5:11

TUESDAY: Psalm 27:1

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 57:13

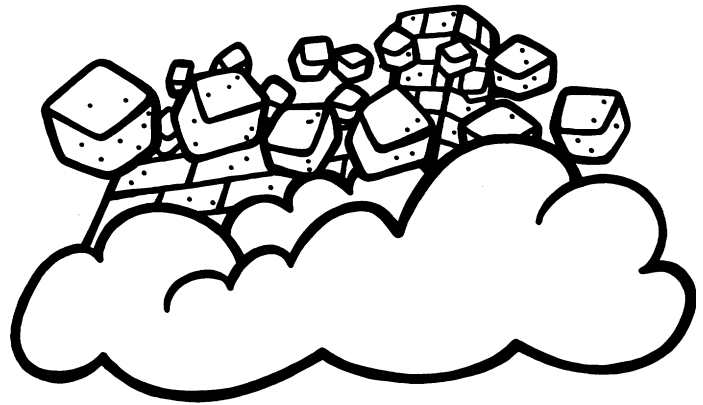
THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 20:1

FRIDAY: Joshua 1:9

SATURDAY: Isaiah 41:10

Bible Text

Joshua 6:1-27



Memory Verse

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him;
and he shall bring it to pass. — Psalm 37:5

The Jericho Walls

Complete the story of Israel's victory at Jericho. Use the words in the top box to finish the sentences below.

God

seven

fell

noise

Jericho

seven

shouted

once

1. The name of the city was _____ .
2. There were _____ priests.
3. For six days the people were not to make any _____ .
4. They marched around the city _____ a day for six days.
5. On the seventh day they marched around _____ times.
6. The priests blew the trumpets and the people _____ .
7. The walls of the city _____ down flat.
8. _____ gave them the victory.

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A Witness for Jesus

John the Baptist was a special person. To look at him, you might not think so because he did not dress like other people. His clothes were made from camel's hair and leather. His food was locusts (those are very large grasshoppers) and wild honey. He didn't have time to worry about the fancy things of life. He had a very important message to tell everyone—"Get ready because the Savior has come!"

John preached to large crowds of people. Many of them had sin in their hearts. They needed to change. But there were also some people who

already loved God. They didn't like all the sin that was going on around them. They were praying for a Savior to come. They wanted Someone who would make everything better.

Well, the Savior had come. Jesus was the Savior. But the people thought that Jesus was only a carpenter from Nazareth. He was just thirty years old. He lived quietly at home with His family. The people had never seen Jesus do any miracles yet. They had never heard Him preach. How could He, just a carpenter's son, be their Savior? They didn't know that He was really God's Son.

God sent John the Baptist to tell the people all about the Savior. God wanted the people to be ready for His Son.

Hundreds of people went to hear John the Baptist preach. John spoke to them about their sins. He told them they should be sorry that they had done wrong. He told them that very soon the Savior would come.

Many of the people began to see how wrong they had been. They asked God to forgive their sins. Then John baptized them in the river. This was a sign to others that they had given up their sins, and that God had forgiven them.

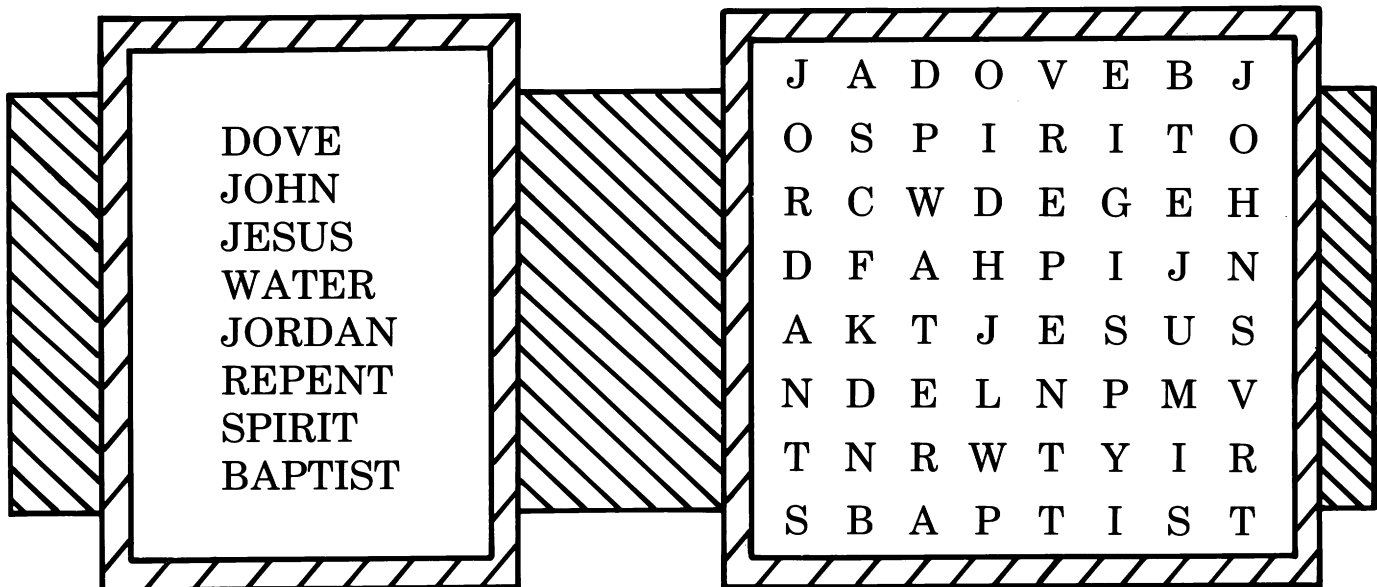
One day, when John was preaching and baptizing at the Jordan River,

Jesus came to be baptized. John knew that there was something very special about Jesus. He said that Jesus should baptize him. But Jesus said John must baptize Him because that was God's plan. So John baptized Jesus.

And as soon as Jesus came up out of the water a wonderful thing happened. The sky was opened and the Spirit of God came down. He appeared like a dove and came to rest on Jesus. Then the people heard a Voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." That was God's voice. John knew that Jesus was the Savior. He was very happy that God had chosen him to tell the people to get ready.

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle.



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Parent's Corner

This lesson is about John the Baptist and how he was used of God to tell people about the Savior, thus preparing the way for Jesus' ministry. John performed his appointed task well, and many came to know Jesus because of his efforts.

Explain to your child that John's special job, given by God, was to tell about the Savior who was to come. Liken this to a menu. It prepares the people who are going to eat the meal by telling them what is coming, perhaps even describing how the dish is fixed or the ingredients used.

Let your child prepare the family for their evening meal by making an advertisement or menu for the planned meal. He might cut out pictures of food or write a brief description of each dish. Allow him to present his creation to the family at mealtime.

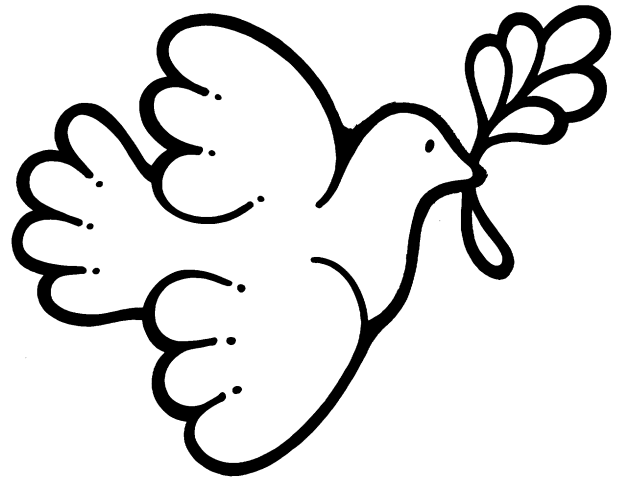
Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Acts 22:15
MONDAY: Psalm 40:4
TUESDAY: Isaiah 26:3
WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 17:7
THURSDAY: Psalm 84:12
FRIDAY: Psalm 32:10
SATURDAY: Proverbs 30:5

Bible Text

Matthew 3:1-17

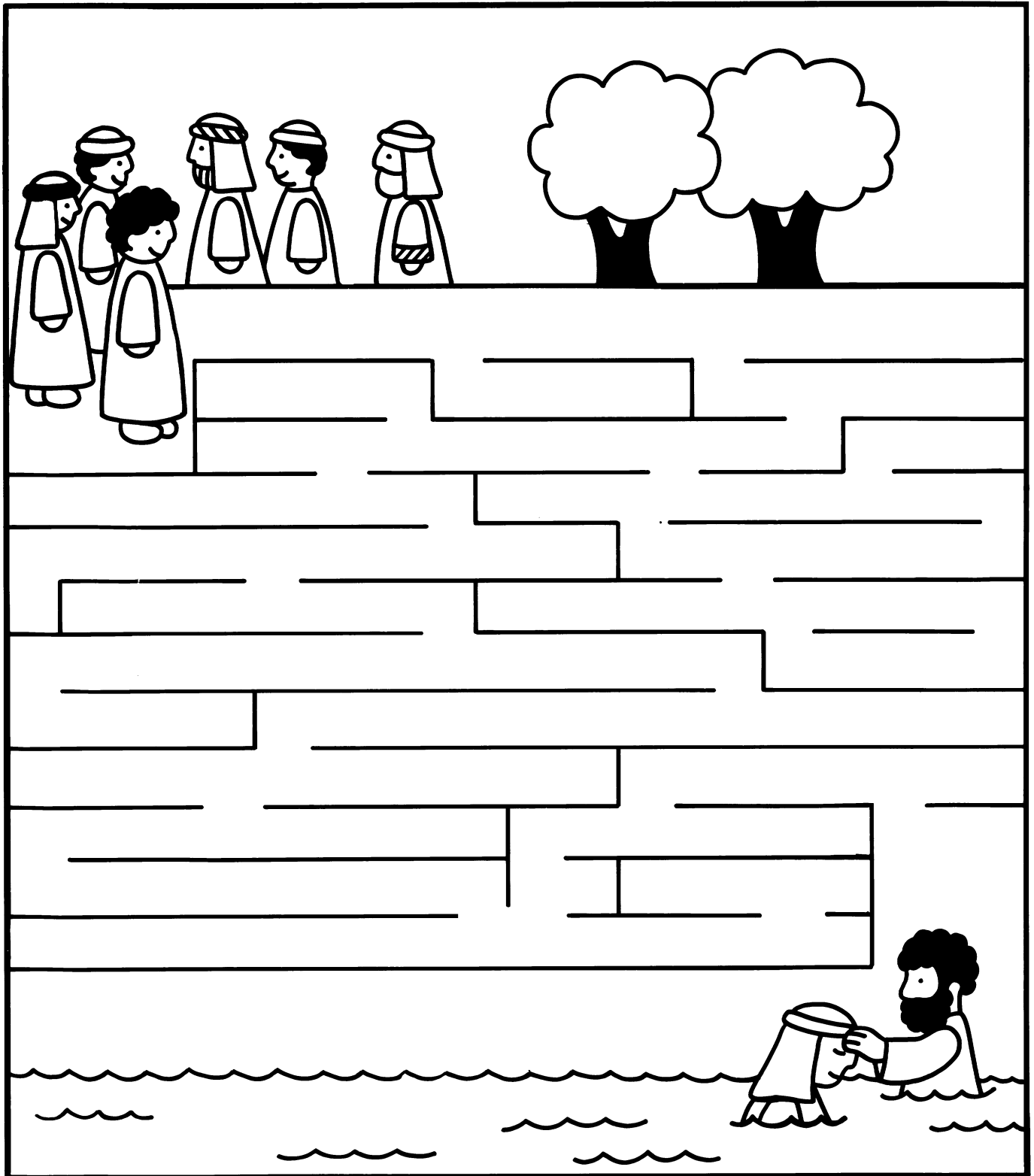


Memory Verse

Thou shalt be his witness unto all men. — Acts 22:15

Baptized By John

Help the crowd of people find their way to the Jordan River where John is baptizing people.



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