

Memory Verse 2:

The law of the LORD  
is perfect.

*Psalms 19:7*



*Truth To Remember:*

**The Bible Is God's Holy Word.**



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LESSON 1

## THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD FOR US

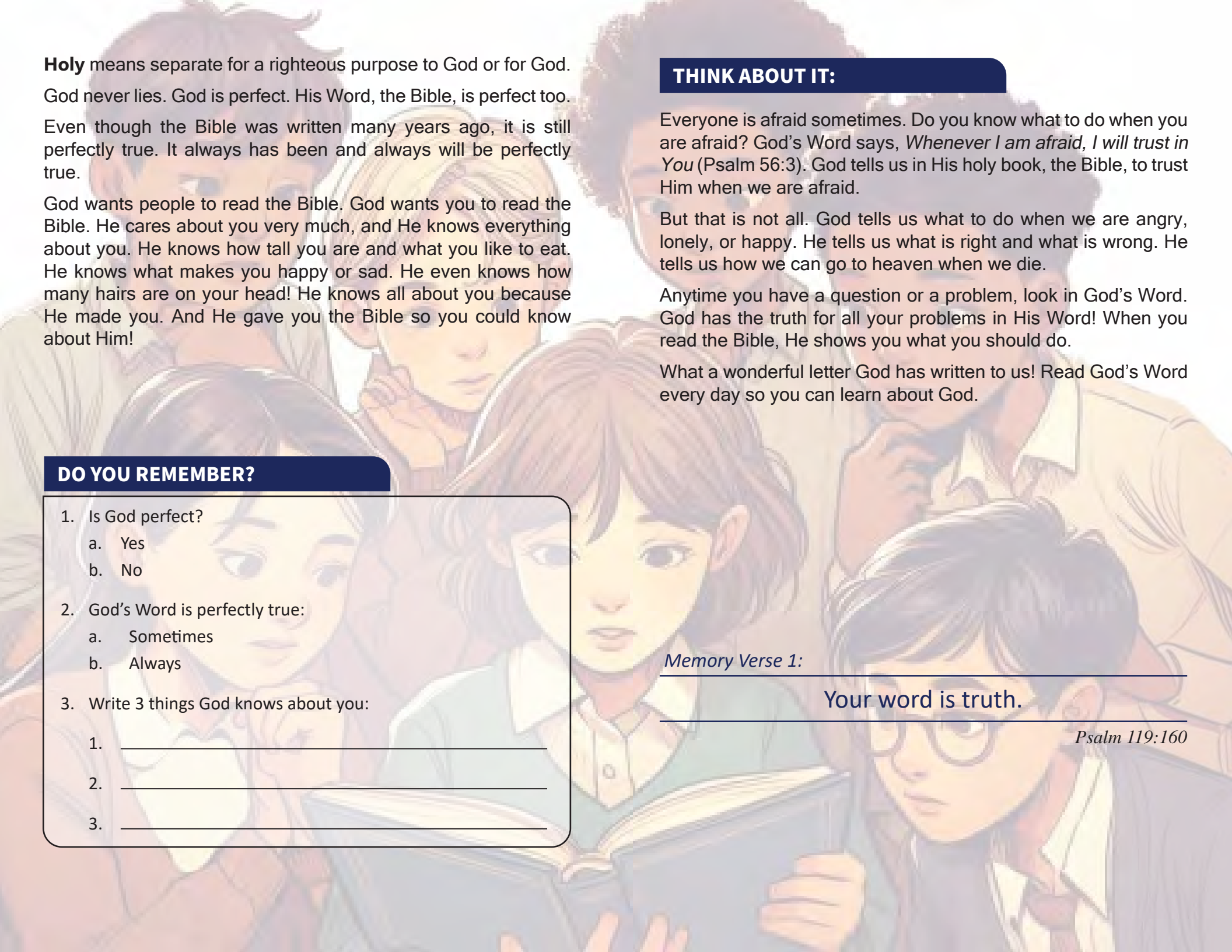
**T**he Bible is the most special book in the world. It is a book from God to people.

God wrote about Himself in the Bible. He wants us to know who He is and what He is like. He tells us many things about Himself in the Bible. God also tells us about us, about where we came from and why we are here.

God used many men to write the words in the Bible. He inspired men what to write, and they wrote what God wanted. We call the Bible **God's Word** because it is our book from God.

We call God's Word the **Holy Bible** because it is different from any other book or letter ever written.





**Holy** means separate for a righteous purpose to God or for God. God never lies. God is perfect. His Word, the Bible, is perfect too. Even though the Bible was written many years ago, it is still perfectly true. It always has been and always will be perfectly true.

God wants people to read the Bible. God wants you to read the Bible. He cares about you very much, and He knows everything about you. He knows how tall you are and what you like to eat. He knows what makes you happy or sad. He even knows how many hairs are on your head! He knows all about you because He made you. And He gave you the Bible so you could know about Him!

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Is God perfect?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
2. God's Word is perfectly true:
  - a. Sometimes
  - b. Always
3. Write 3 things God knows about you:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Everyone is afraid sometimes. Do you know what to do when you are afraid? God's Word says, *Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You* (Psalm 56:3). God tells us in His holy book, the Bible, to trust Him when we are afraid.

But that is not all. God tells us what to do when we are angry, lonely, or happy. He tells us what is right and what is wrong. He tells us how we can go to heaven when we die.

Anytime you have a question or a problem, look in God's Word. God has the truth for all your problems in His Word! When you read the Bible, He shows you what you should do.

What a wonderful letter God has written to us! Read God's Word every day so you can learn about God.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Your word is truth.**

*Psalm 119:160*



Memory Verse 2:

Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;  
His understanding is infinite.

*Psalm 147:5*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Is Eternal, All-Knowing,  
All-Powerful, And Loves Me!**



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LESSON 2

## WHO IS GOD?

**T**he Bible is God's book for us. In the Bible, we learn who God is and what He is like.

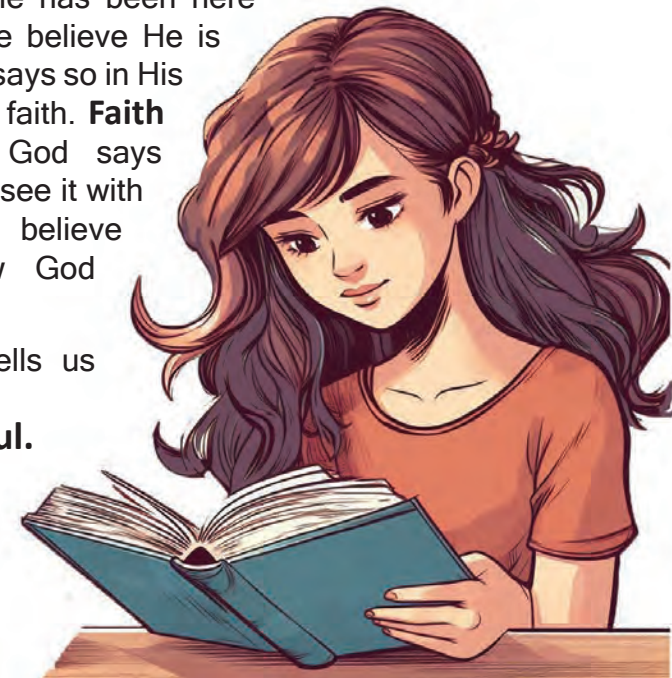
The Bible tells us that **God is eternal**. That means that He was never born and He will never die. He has always been. That is hard for people to understand because people are born and people die.

But not God. No one has been here forever but God. We believe He is eternal because He says so in His Word. This is called faith. **Faith** is believing what God says even when we can't see it with our own eyes. We believe because we know God never lies.

God's Word also tells us what God is like.

**God is all-powerful.**

There is nothing God cannot do.





### **God is everywhere.**

He sees everything and He knows everything.  
That is how He knows all about you.  
He knows all about everything!

### **God is perfect.**

He is perfectly holy and has no sin.

### **God is love.**

God loves people very much. God loves you!

### **God is good.**

Everything He does is right. He gave us the Bible so we can know Him. What a wonderful, powerful God He is! Let's thank Him for giving us His Word.

### **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

1. God is eternal. That means that:
  - a. He will die when He is very old.
  - b. He was never born and He will never die.
2. What is believing what God says even when we can't see it with our own eyes?
  - a. Faith
  - b. Fear

3. Circle the ones that are true.

God is all-powerful.

God is everywhere.

God is sinful.

God knows everything about me.

God does not love people.

### **THINK ABOUT IT:**

God never changes. He has always been all-powerful. He is all-powerful now. He always will be all-powerful. God has always known all things. He knows all things right now. He always will know all things. God is and always will be perfect. God never lies. He never has lied before, and He never will.

God says in His Word that He loves you. That means He always has loved you and He always will love you!

People sometimes change. Maybe you had a friend who decided not to be your friend anymore. Or someone promised to give you something but then that person changed his mind. You may think that since the Bible was written so long ago, maybe God has changed since then.

You never need to be afraid of that. God never changes. He says so in His Word, and God never lies. He says He loves you, so you can be sure He always will love you. He says He will never forget you. That will never change.

God is eternal. He never changes.

*Memory Verse 1:*

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From everlasting to everlasting,  
You are God.

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*Psalms 90:2*



Memory Verse 2:

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,  
and cannot look on wickedness.

*Habakkuk 1:13*



*Truth To Remember:*

**There Is Only One True God.**



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LESSON 3

### WHERE DID EVIL COME FROM?

*From Isaiah 14:12-15; Luke 10:18*

**G**od lives in heaven. He does not live alone in heaven. There are many angels that live there also. God created angels to serve Him and praise Him.

But one angel did not want to serve God or praise God. This angel wanted to be God. This angel's name was Lucifer, or Satan. Lucifer was very proud. He wanted to be lifted up with the glory that only belongs to God. He wanted God's power and position.

No one is worthy to be lifted up with all glory but God. God is the ruler over all things because He is eternal and He is perfect.





God will not share His power and position as the Most High God with any created thing. He is the only God.

Lucifer and his angels chose to go against the perfect God. They chose to disobey God. This is called **sin**.

God hates sin. He is holy and has no sin in Him at all. Because God is all-powerful, Lucifer could not win. Lucifer and the angels who followed him were defeated. God cast Lucifer and his angels out of heaven. Heaven is a perfect place. No sin can be in heaven.

God made a huge lake of fire called hell to punish Lucifer and his angels. God judged them because they had sinned. Now there are angels who serve God and there are angels who serve Satan. One group of angels obeys God and one group fights God.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who is the angel that fought against God?
  - a. Michael
  - b. Lucifer
2. What is another name for Lucifer?
  - a. Satan
  - b. Adam
3. Circle the ones that are true. Cross out the ones that are false.

Lucifer was very proud.

Lucifer defeated God.

No one can defeat God. He is all-powerful.

No sin can be in heaven.

Hell is a lake of fire made for Lucifer and his demons.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

When we disobey God, that is called sin. When we sin, we are going against God.

When Satan fought against God, that was the first time anything God created had disobeyed God. That was the very first sin. That was when evil began.

Anytime we choose to disobey God, it is sin.

God is holy and He hates sin. He wrote about sin in His Bible. He wrote this so we could learn what sin is and why God hates it.

God did not make evil. He did not make sin. God is perfect and everything He does is perfect. Sin began when Satan tried to take God's place and be God. There is only one God. He is all-powerful. He will not share His place with any created thing.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**You alone are God.**

*Psalms 86:10*



*Memory Verse 2:*

For by Him all things were created that are  
in heaven and that are on earth ... through  
Him and for Him.

*Colossians 1:16*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Created All Things.**



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LESSON 4

### GOD CREATED THE WORLD

*From Genesis 1:1-2:3*

**T**here was a time when there were no people. There were no trees, no sky, no sunshine. There was no world. There was only God.

God wanted to create a world. The Bible tells us about it. The very first words of the Bible are, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

God began by making the world. It was covered in darkness.

Then God said, “Let there be light.” And light was suddenly there! Just by speaking, God made it happen.

What a powerful God He is!

Next, God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness He named Night. This was the very first day and the very first night in the new world God had made.



On the second day, God made the sky.

God created dry ground on the third day. He named it Earth. He named the waters Seas. God also made plants and trees to grow on the land.

The fourth day, God made the sun and the moon and the stars. He put them in just the right places so we could have days and months and years and seasons.

Birds and fish were made on the fifth day. God blessed them and told them to fill up the skies and the oceans.

On the sixth day, God created all the other animals. He made cows and tigers and elephants and all other animals that live on land. God also made people on this day.

God looked at the beautiful world He had made. Fish were swimming. Birds were flying. Trees and plants were growing in the sunshine. God saw that all of His world was very, very good.

The seventh day, God rested from all the work that He had done. He did not rest because He was tired. He rested because the work was finished and it was all good.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Write the things God created on each day.

1. Day 1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Day 2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Day 3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Day 4 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Day 5 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Day 6 \_\_\_\_\_
7. What did God do on the 7th day? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINK ABOUT IT:

“In the beginning” means the very beginning of time. Do you know what it was like before there was a world? Do you know what it was like before there was a sky, moon, or time? No one can tell you what it was like because no one was there! There were no people. Only God was there.

God is eternal. God is the One who created the beginning. That is when time began. No one was there to see it, so God wrote about it in His Word, the Bible. How wonderful that God tells us about the beginning of the world in His book, the Bible. If He had not done that, we would never know the truth about how God created all things. God expects us to believe it. He wants us to have faith and believe what He says.

God does not want you to believe what He says because someone saw it. He wants you to believe it happened because He says it did!

It is not hard to believe what God says, because we know that God never lies. Everything He says in His Word is perfectly true.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**In the beginning God created the heavens  
and the earth.**

*Genesis 1:1*



*Memory Verse 2:*

He gives to all life, breath, and all things ... for in Him we live and move and have our being.

*Acts 17:25,28*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Created People To Fellowship With Him.**



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LESSON 5

## GOD MAKES MAN AND WOMAN

*From Genesis 1:26-27; 2:15-25*

God had made a wonderful world, full of plants and animals. But one thing was missing. There were no people for God to know and love. God said, “Let Us make man.”

Then God did something very special. God reached down and took some dirt in His own hands. He shaped it until it was a man. But the man was not alive.

God breathed life into the man, and man became a living soul! God named him Adam. Adam was created in a special way because he was special to God. God made man in His own likeness.

God put Adam into a beautiful garden and gave him a job. Adam’s job was to rule over the earth. Adam was busy taking care of God’s world and naming all the animals.

But God saw that Adam was alone. God said that was not good.





He decided to make a helper just right for Adam.

One day, while Adam was sleeping, God took out one of Adam's ribs. He used that rib to make a woman.

God brought the woman to Adam and he was very glad. Adam named the woman Eve.

Of all the things God had made, people were the most special. Only people were created in God's image.

Adam and Eve were very happy in God's new world. God would come and talk to them and they could talk to God. It was a wonderful time.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. God created the world just by speaking. How did God create man?
  - a. He sang.
  - b. He shouted.
  - c. He used His own hands.
2. How did Adam become alive?
  - a. Adam made himself come alive.
  - b. An explosion brought him to life.
  - c. God breathed into him.
3. What did Adam do in the garden?
  - a. He hunted animals
  - b. He took care of God's world and named the animals.
4. Who was the helper just right for Adam?
  - a. Eve
  - b. Mary

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God's Word says that everything was created by God and for God. Everything on the earth was made to please God and to praise God. Look around you. What do you see? You may see trees or birds or flowers. All the things you see were made by God and for God. They show us how wonderful God is.

We look at the things God created and are amazed at how powerful He is. Look at how beautiful colors are. Feel the soft fur of a baby animal. Watch the sunset. Listen to the sounds animals make. God's creation praises Him. The sun gives light. The wind blows. Fish swim. Birds sing. Flowers bloom. Everything does what God created it to do.

But what about people? Did you ever want to know why you were born or why you are here? Why did God make us? People were made for a special reason. Men and women were made to **fellowship** with God.

To have fellowship with someone means to be together. We fellowship with our friends when we talk with each other and spend time with each other. God made us to praise Him and to spend time with Him. We talk to God when we pray. He talks to us through His Word when we read the Bible.

How wonderful it is that God wants you to know Him! He loves to hear you talk to Him. He is happy when you read and obey His Word. What an amazing God!

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Your hands have made me and fashioned me.**

*Psalms 119:73*



Memory Verse 2:

For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.

*Ecclesiastes 7:20*



*Truth To Remember:*

**All People Have Sinned.**



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LESSON 6

## GOD GIVES ADAM AND EVE A CHOICE

*From Genesis 3:1-13*

God's world was perfect. There was no evil in it. Adam and Eve were very happy in God's world. There was no sadness or anger or pain or death.

God made a beautiful place for Adam and Eve to live called the Garden of Eden. God told them that they could eat fruit from any tree in the garden except one—the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God said that if they ate the fruit from that one tree, they would die.

One day, Satan disguised as a serpent came to Eve. He asked her if God really said they couldn't eat from every tree in the garden.

Eve told the Serpent that God said they could eat from the trees of the garden. But if they ate from the tree in the middle of





the garden, or even touched it, they would die.

“You will not surely die,” the Serpent lied. He told Eve that God did not want them to eat the fruit because it would make them as wise as God.

Eve did not know what to do. Should she obey God? Or should she believe what the Serpent said? Eve looked at the fruit. It did look good. Eve took a piece of fruit from the tree and took a bite. Then she gave some to her husband, Adam. He ate some too.

Adam and Eve suddenly realized they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together to try to cover themselves. When God came to talk with them, they hid from God in fear and shame.

God knew what had happened because God knows all things. But still He called to Adam and asked, “Where are you?”

Adam told God he was hiding because he was afraid.

God knew that Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit. He knew they had disobeyed and done wrong. Adam and Eve had sinned.

What would God do?

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What would happen if Adam and Eve ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?
  - a. They would be happy.
  - b. They would die.
2. Who lied to Eve?
  - a. The Serpent
  - b. God
3. Who sinned?
  - a. Adam
  - b. Eve
  - c. Both Adam and Eve

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God created a perfect world. There was no sin in it. But God gave man and woman a choice. This choice was to obey God or disobey God. Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s rule. The world has never been perfect again. And no people are perfect either.

The Bible says that all people have sinned. Everyone has disobeyed God’s commands. No one is perfect without any sin.

Think about your life. You may try to do good, but then something happens and you get angry. Or maybe you find something that does not belong to you and you steal it. You have sinned. Everyone has sinned.

God is holy and He is perfect. He has never sinned, but we have all sinned. We cannot make our sins go away by ourselves. We cannot be holy without God’s help.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**For all have sinned and fall short of the  
glory of God.**

*Romans 3:23*



Memory Verse 2:

... and thus death spread to all men,  
because all sinned.

*Romans 5:12b*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Promised A Savior.**



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LESSON 7

### GOD GIVES ADAM AND EVE A PROMISE

*From Genesis 3:14-24*

God had given Adam and Eve one rule to obey. They disobeyed God and ate the fruit. That was the very first sin in God's perfect world. It was not perfect anymore.

Sin changed the world forever. Sin brought in fear and shame and anger and pain. Now, animals would hunt and kill other animals. Plants would wilt in the sun. And everything would get old and die.

God came to the garden to find Adam. He asked Adam if he had eaten fruit from the tree that God told him not to eat from.

Adam blamed Eve. Eve blamed the Serpent. Because God is holy, He must punish sin.

First, He punished the Serpent. He cursed the Serpent and said he would have to crawl on his belly with no legs forever.



God then had to punish Adam and Eve because they had sinned. Men would have to work very hard to get food to eat. Women would have pain when they have babies.

And everyone would get old and die. How terrible Adam and Eve felt. God sent them away from the beautiful garden He had made for them, and they could never come back. They could not talk with God like they did before. What could they do to make things perfect again?

They knew they could not do anything. They had disobeyed God and their sin had changed everything in God's perfect world.

But God loved Adam and Eve. They had sinned, but God still cared about them.

God was merciful. He told them about His plan. God promised that one day Someone special would come and crush the head of the Serpent. That Someone would win the fight over evil in the world. Adam and Eve now had hope again. God would do what He promised.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who did Adam blame?
  - a. Eve
  - b. The Serpent
2. Who did Eve blame?
  - a. Adam
  - b. The Serpent
3. Why did Adam and Eve have to be punished?
  - a. Because God did not love them anymore.
  - b. Because God is holy.
4. What did God promise Adam and Eve?
  - a. To send Someone to win over evil.
  - b. To make a new garden for them.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

All those terrible things happened after Adam and Eve sinned! They must have been very sad they had disobeyed God. But they could not change it. They could not go back and undo what they had done. They could not give anything or do anything to make the sin go away. God had given them a choice and they chose to do wrong.

God must punish sin because He is holy. Adam and Eve were not able to spend time with God as they did in the beautiful garden. Would they ever fellowship with God again like they did before?

God knew that Adam and Eve would sin. He knew that everyone would sin. Sin comes from Satan. Now that people had sinned, Satan had power in their lives.

Satan hates God. He tries to get people to go against God. He wants people to disobey God and follow him instead.

But God had a plan of salvation. God made this plan so people would be able to fellowship with Him like He created them to do. He made a plan that would win the fight over Satan.

This plan was a **Savior** who would win over evil. The Savior would break Satan's power over man.

God hates sin, but He does not hate people. Even though we all sin, God loves people very much. He loves you. Thank Him for His plan of salvation.

*Memory Verse 1:*

Through one man sin entered the world,  
and death through sin ...

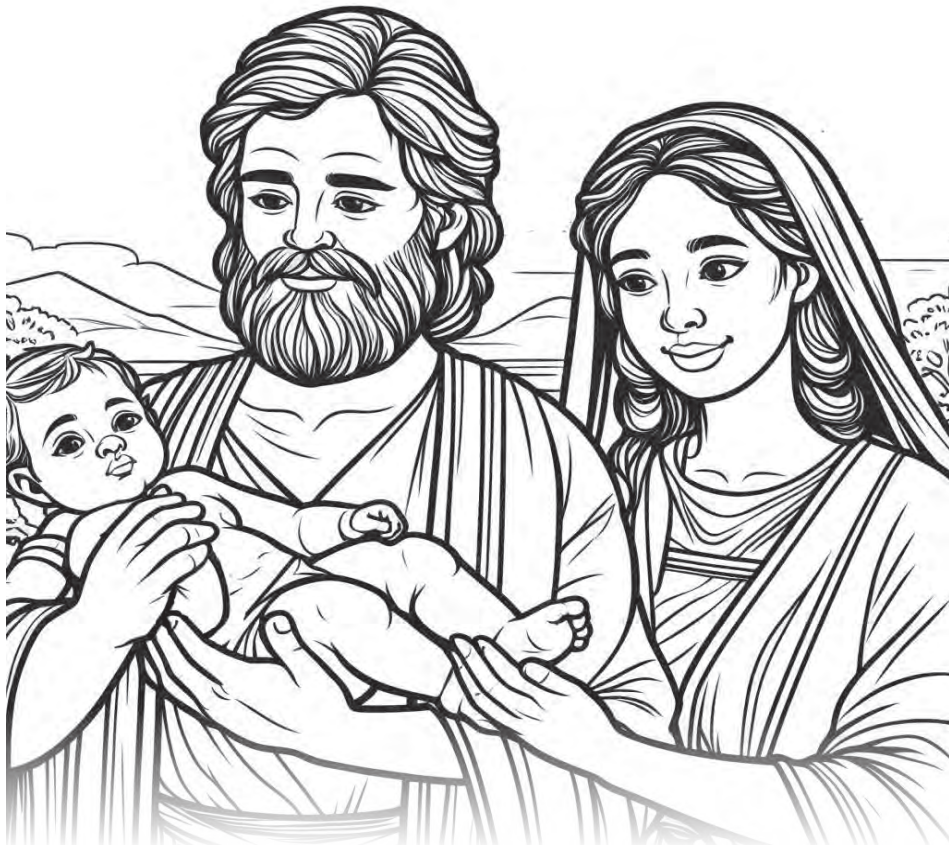
*Romans 5:12a*



Memory Verse 2:

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice.

*1 Samuel 15:22*



*Truth To Remember:*

**People Can Only Come  
To God God's Way.**



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LESSON 8

## CAIN AND ABEL GIVE GOD A SACRIFICE

*From Genesis 4:1-16*

Adam and Eve had 2 sons. One son was named Cain and the other son was named Abel. Cain was a farmer. He grew fruits and vegetables. Abel was a shepherd. He took care of the sheep.

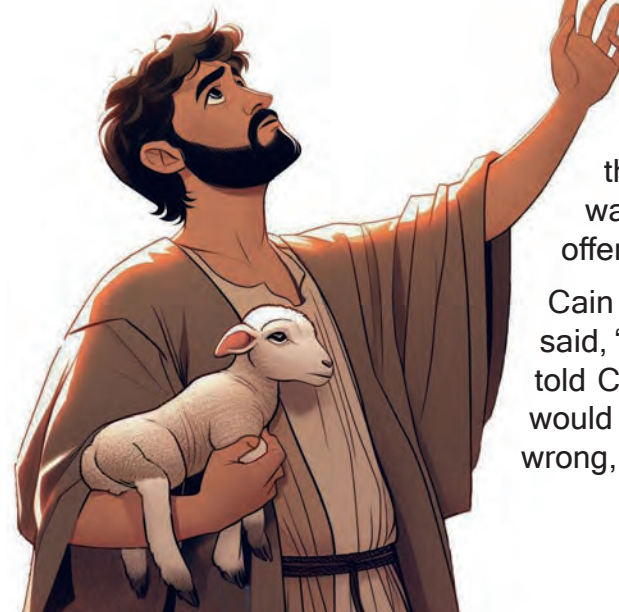
Cain and Abel each gave an offering to the Lord. Cain brought an offering of fruits that he had

grown. Abel brought a

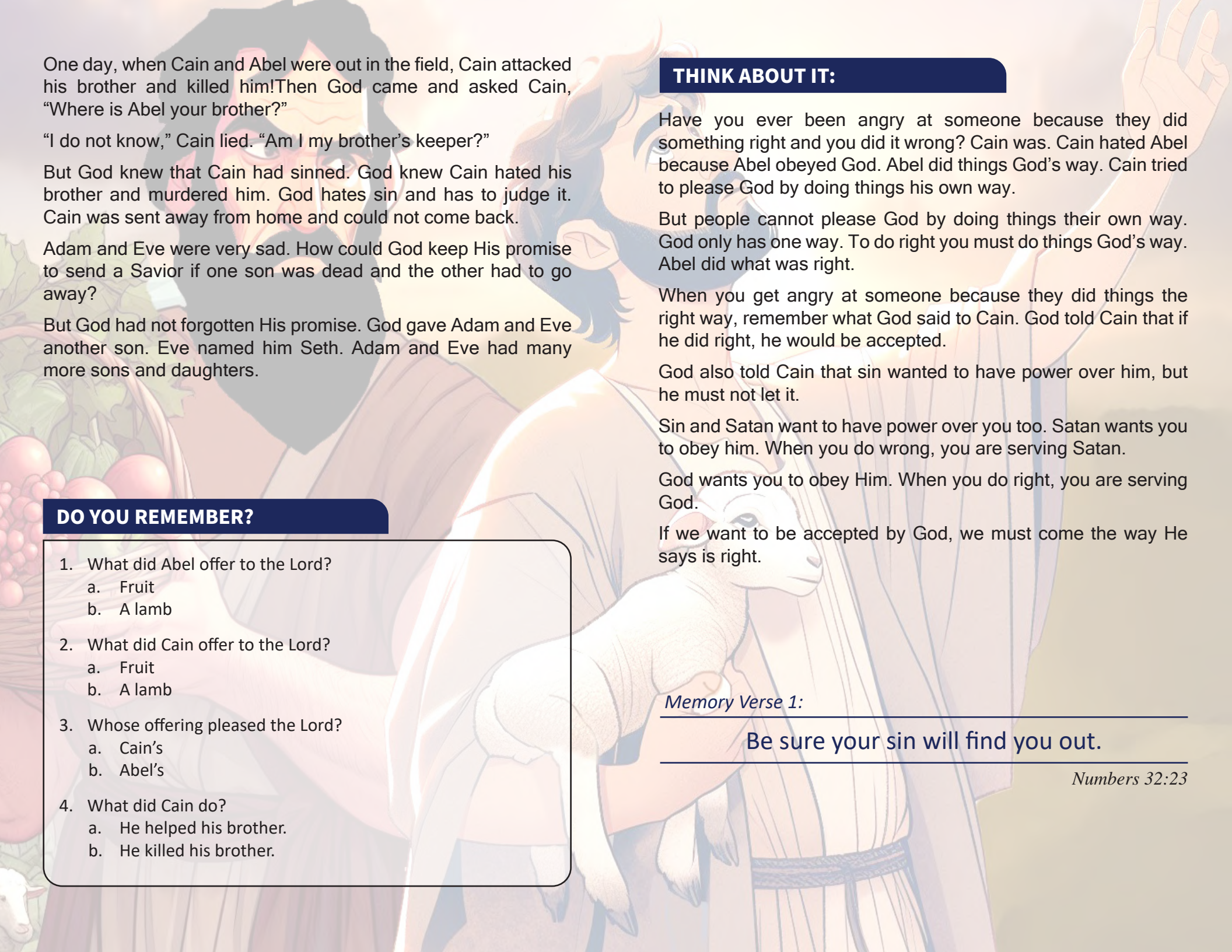
lamb from his flock.

God was pleased with Abel's offering. Abel had given his offering the way God wanted. God was not pleased with Cain's offering.

Cain became very angry. God said, "Why are you angry?" God told Cain that if he did right, he would be accepted. But if he did wrong, sin was waiting to get him.







One day, when Cain and Abel were out in the field, Cain attacked his brother and killed him! Then God came and asked Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"

"I do not know," Cain lied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

But God knew that Cain had sinned. God knew Cain hated his brother and murdered him. God hates sin and has to judge it. Cain was sent away from home and could not come back.

Adam and Eve were very sad. How could God keep His promise to send a Savior if one son was dead and the other had to go away?

But God had not forgotten His promise. God gave Adam and Eve another son. Eve named him Seth. Adam and Eve had many more sons and daughters.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Abel offer to the Lord?
  - a. Fruit
  - b. A lamb
2. What did Cain offer to the Lord?
  - a. Fruit
  - b. A lamb
3. Whose offering pleased the Lord?
  - a. Cain's
  - b. Abel's
4. What did Cain do?
  - a. He helped his brother.
  - b. He killed his brother.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Have you ever been angry at someone because they did something right and you did it wrong? Cain was. Cain hated Abel because Abel obeyed God. Abel did things God's way. Cain tried to please God by doing things his own way.

But people cannot please God by doing things their own way. God only has one way. To do right you must do things God's way. Abel did what was right.

When you get angry at someone because they did things the right way, remember what God said to Cain. God told Cain that if he did right, he would be accepted.

God also told Cain that sin wanted to have power over him, but he must not let it.

Sin and Satan want to have power over you too. Satan wants you to obey him. When you do wrong, you are serving Satan.

God wants you to obey Him. When you do right, you are serving God.

If we want to be accepted by God, we must come the way He says is right.

*Memory Verse 1:*

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**Be sure your sin will find you out.**

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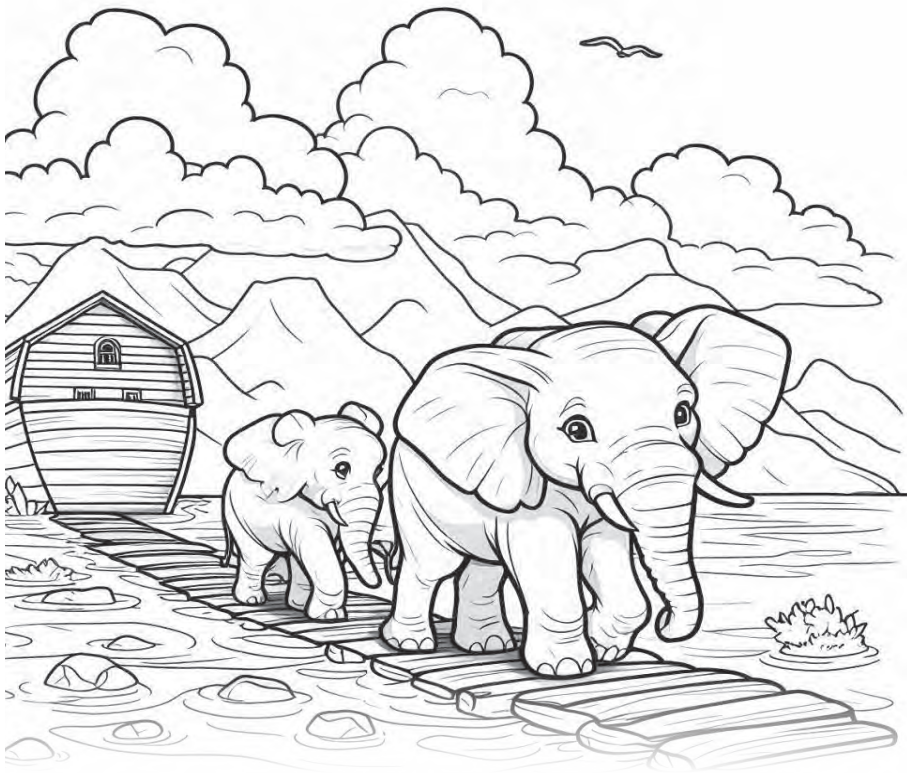
*Numbers 32:23*



Memory Verse 2:

But without faith it is impossible to please Him,  
for he who comes to God must believe that  
He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who  
diligently seek Him.

*Hebrews 11:6*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Have Faith In God.**



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LESSON 9

## A FLOOD COVERS THE WHOLE WORLD

*From Genesis 6:1-9:17*

**M**ore and more people were born. Soon there were many people on the earth. The people were very sinful. They did things their own way. They did not serve God. They were full of wicked thoughts. God planned to punish the people by sending a great flood over the whole earth.

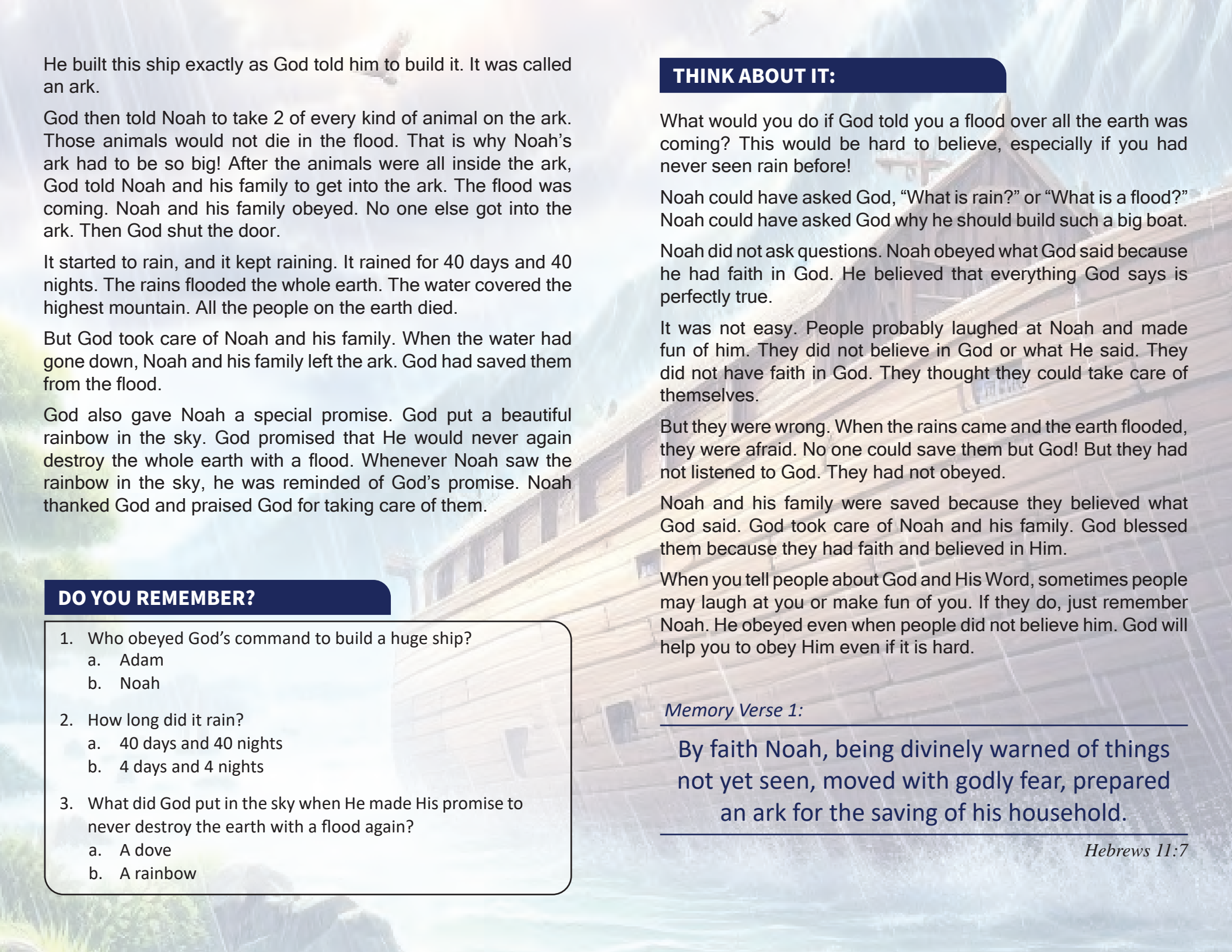
But there was one man who did right. His name was Noah. God chose to keep Noah safe.

God told Noah that great rains would come. The whole earth would be flooded. Noah did not even know what rain was! It had never rained on the earth before.

But Noah believed God. When God told Noah to build a huge ship, Noah obeyed.







He built this ship exactly as God told him to build it. It was called an ark.

God then told Noah to take 2 of every kind of animal on the ark. Those animals would not die in the flood. That is why Noah's ark had to be so big! After the animals were all inside the ark, God told Noah and his family to get into the ark. The flood was coming. Noah and his family obeyed. No one else got into the ark. Then God shut the door.

It started to rain, and it kept raining. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights. The rains flooded the whole earth. The water covered the highest mountain. All the people on the earth died.

But God took care of Noah and his family. When the water had gone down, Noah and his family left the ark. God had saved them from the flood.

God also gave Noah a special promise. God put a beautiful rainbow in the sky. God promised that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Whenever Noah saw the rainbow in the sky, he was reminded of God's promise. Noah thanked God and praised God for taking care of them.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who obeyed God's command to build a huge ship?
  - a. Adam
  - b. Noah
2. How long did it rain?
  - a. 40 days and 40 nights
  - b. 4 days and 4 nights
3. What did God put in the sky when He made His promise to never destroy the earth with a flood again?
  - a. A dove
  - b. A rainbow

### THINK ABOUT IT:

What would you do if God told you a flood over all the earth was coming? This would be hard to believe, especially if you had never seen rain before!

Noah could have asked God, "What is rain?" or "What is a flood?" Noah could have asked God why he should build such a big boat.

Noah did not ask questions. Noah obeyed what God said because he had faith in God. He believed that everything God says is perfectly true.

It was not easy. People probably laughed at Noah and made fun of him. They did not believe in God or what He said. They did not have faith in God. They thought they could take care of themselves.

But they were wrong. When the rains came and the earth flooded, they were afraid. No one could save them but God! But they had not listened to God. They had not obeyed.

Noah and his family were saved because they believed what God said. God took care of Noah and his family. God blessed them because they had faith and believed in Him.

When you tell people about God and His Word, sometimes people may laugh at you or make fun of you. If they do, just remember Noah. He obeyed even when people did not believe him. God will help you to obey Him even if it is hard.

### Memory Verse 1:

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household.

*Hebrews 11:7*



Memory Verse 2:

God has power to help and to overthrow.

2 Chronicles 25:8



*Truth To Remember:*

**No One Is More Powerful Than God.**



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LESSON 10

## **GOD MAKES MANY LANGUAGES**

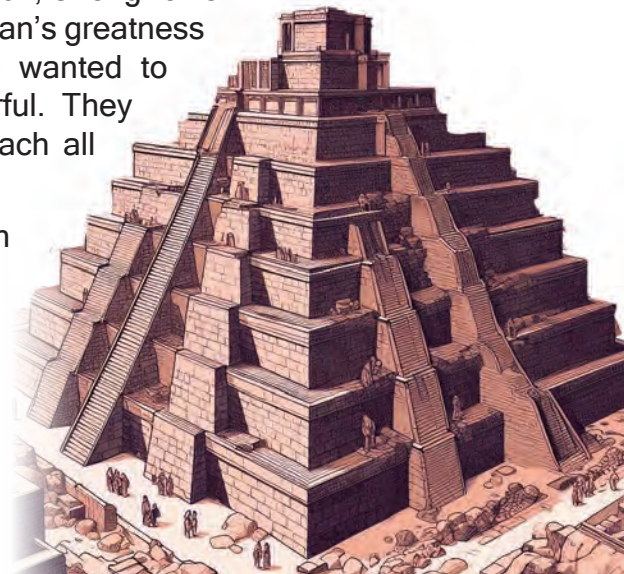
*From Genesis 11:1-9*

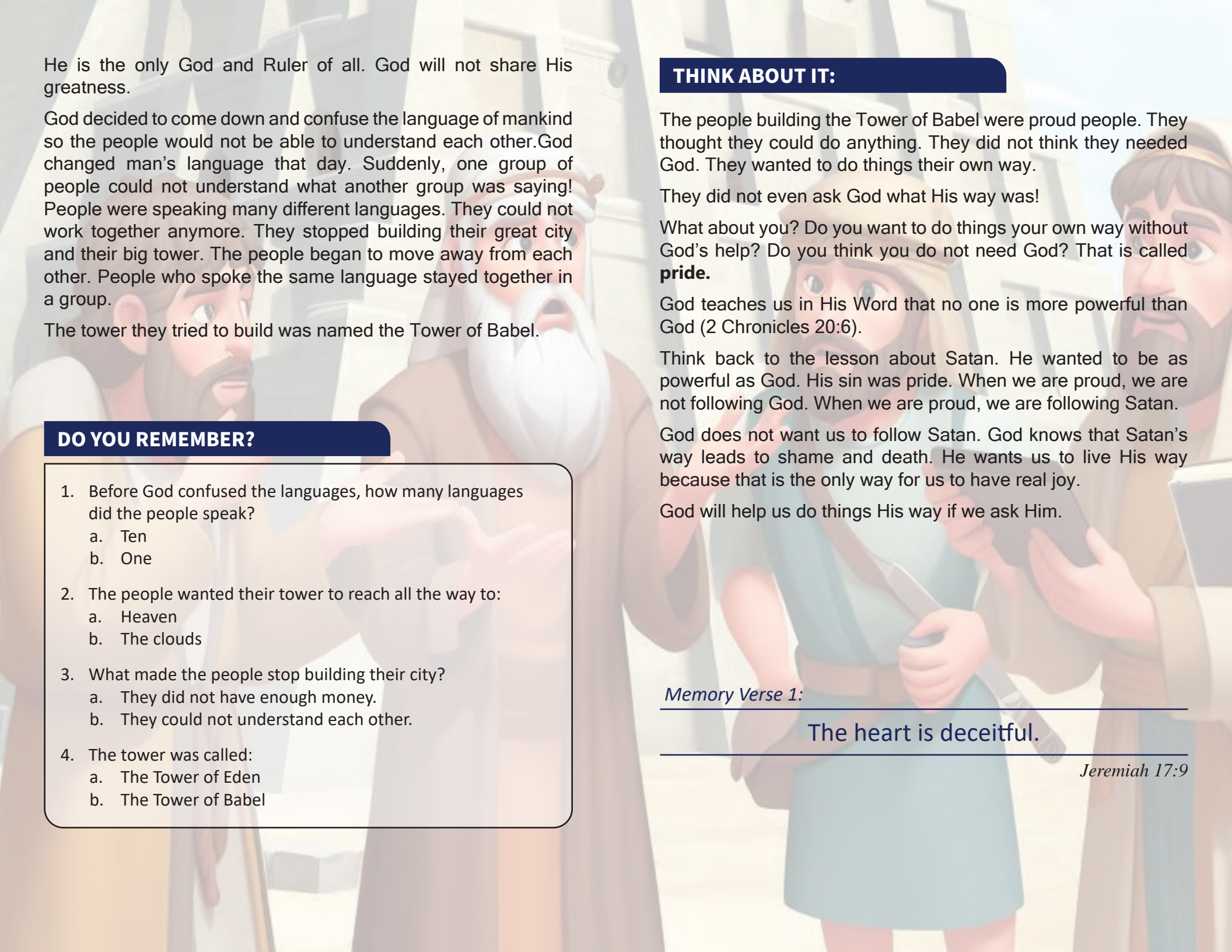
**A**fter the flood, Noah's sons and their wives had many sons and daughters. Many people were born and were living on the earth again.

All the people of the world spoke the same language. One day, they got together and decided to build a great city. The people began to make bricks to build this great city.

They decided to build a tall, strong tower. This tower would show man's greatness and power. The people wanted to be important and powerful. They wanted their tower to reach all the way to heaven.

God looked down on earth. He did not like what the people were doing. God is the only One who is all-mighty and all-powerful.





He is the only God and Ruler of all. God will not share His greatness.

God decided to come down and confuse the language of mankind so the people would not be able to understand each other. God changed man's language that day. Suddenly, one group of people could not understand what another group was saying! People were speaking many different languages. They could not work together anymore. They stopped building their great city and their big tower. The people began to move away from each other. People who spoke the same language stayed together in a group.

The tower they tried to build was named the Tower of Babel.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Before God confused the languages, how many languages did the people speak?
  - a. Ten
  - b. One
2. The people wanted their tower to reach all the way to:
  - a. Heaven
  - b. The clouds
3. What made the people stop building their city?
  - a. They did not have enough money.
  - b. They could not understand each other.
4. The tower was called:
  - a. The Tower of Eden
  - b. The Tower of Babel

### THINK ABOUT IT:

The people building the Tower of Babel were proud people. They thought they could do anything. They did not think they needed God. They wanted to do things their own way.

They did not even ask God what His way was!

What about you? Do you want to do things your own way without God's help? Do you think you do not need God? That is called **pride**.

God teaches us in His Word that no one is more powerful than God (2 Chronicles 20:6).

Think back to the lesson about Satan. He wanted to be as powerful as God. His sin was pride. When we are proud, we are not following God. When we are proud, we are following Satan.

God does not want us to follow Satan. God knows that Satan's way leads to shame and death. He wants us to live His way because that is the only way for us to have real joy.

God will help us do things His way if we ask Him.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**The heart is deceitful.**

*Jeremiah 17:9*



Memory Verse 2:

For the LORD your God is with you  
wherever you go.

*Joshua 1:9*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Takes Care Of Those  
Who Obey Him.**



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LESSON 11

## ABRAM LEAVES HOME TO FOLLOW GOD

*From Genesis 12:1-9, 13:1-18*

One day, God talked to a man named Abram. God told Abram to leave his country and his friends and family. God was going to show Abram a new land. Abram did not know how to get there, but God did.

So, Abram packed up his things and left. His wife and his nephew, Lot, went with him. They traveled until they got to the place where God wanted Abram to live. It was called Canaan.

Abram and his nephew, Lot, both became very rich in this new land. They had many animals. In a few years, they had so many flocks and herds that they needed more room. The land was getting too crowded and the people in charge of the animals were getting angry with each other.



Abram was wise. He told Lot that they should separate. But he did not want to fight over the best land. Abram said that Lot could choose first. If Lot went to the left side, Abram would go to the right side. If Lot went to the right side, Abram would go to the left.

Lot looked all around him. He saw that one place was beautiful and green. The other place was a mountain. It would be hard to live there. Lot chose the easy, beautiful place to live. Abram went to the mountain to live.

God came to Abram and blessed him. God promised that all the land Abram could see would one day be his. God promised that Abram would have so many sons and grandsons and great-grandsons and their descendants, no one would be able to count them all. God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of a multitude."

Abraham believed God. He built an altar and praised God.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who knew the way to the new land?
  - a. Abram
  - b. Lot
  - c. God
2. Why were the people in charge of the animals getting angry with each other?
  - a. They did not speak the same language.
  - b. The land was too crowded.
3. Which place did Lot choose for his own?
  - a. The beautiful and green land
  - b. The mountain
4. What did God promise Abram?
  - a. That he would always be rich.
  - b. That he would have so many descendants, no one would be able to count them all.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God told Abram to go away from his home and his family.

God told him to go to a place he had never seen before!

Abram's friends and relatives probably did not understand why Abram was leaving. They did not believe in the one true God. It did not make any sense.

Abram may have been afraid to go, but he trusted God. Abram had faith in God. He believed God would take care of him.

And God did. God was with Abram and took care of Abram. God kept His promise.

Sometimes God may want you to do something that does not seem to make sense. Other people may not understand. If they do not believe in God, then they will not understand why you want to obey Him.

But do not let that make you afraid to obey God. God always does what is best for the people who love and obey Him (Romans 8:28). He took care of Abram, just as He promised.

God will take care of you too. He always keeps His promises.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**So then those who are of faith are blessed  
with believing Abraham.**

*Galatians 3:9*



Memory Verse 2:

Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

*Jeremiah 32:17*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Nothing Is Too Hard For God.**



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LESSON 12

### ABRAHAM HAS THREE VISITORS

*From Genesis 18:1-15*

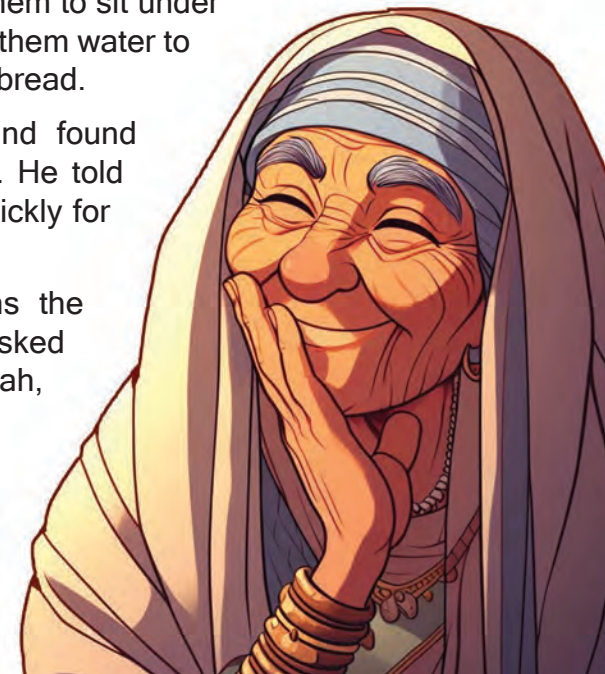
**M**any years passed after Lot moved away. God appeared to Abraham one day while he was sitting near some trees by his tent.

Abraham looked up and saw 3 men. He quickly went to them and invited them to sit under a tree and rest. He offered them water to wash their feet, and some bread.

Then Abraham hurried and found Sarah his wife in the tent. He told her to make some food quickly for the visitors.

Abraham stood nearby as the men ate. The men asked Abraham, "Where is Sarah, your wife?"

"In the tent," Abraham answered.





Then the Lord told Abraham that one year later, Abraham and Sarah would have a son.

Sarah was inside the tent listening. She laughed inside herself when she heard this. She and Abraham were very old.

Sarah was too old to have a baby.

The Lord asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh ...? Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Sarah was afraid. She lied and said, "I did not laugh."

But the Lord said, "No, but you did laugh!"

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Where was Sarah when the visitors came?
  - a. Out in the field.
  - b. Inside the tent.
2. What did the Lord tell Abraham?
  - a. That he and Sarah would have a son.
  - b. That he and Sarah would move away.
3. What did Sarah do when she heard?
  - a. She prayed inside.
  - b. She laughed inside.
4. Fill in the blank with what the Lord said.

"Is anything too \_\_\_\_\_ for the LORD?"

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Do you believe God's promises?

Sometimes God promises to do things that seem impossible. Sometimes it is hard to believe that God can keep His promises. But God can. He is all-powerful. Nothing is impossible for Him.

Sarah did not believe God at first. She laughed when God told her she would have a baby. She was too old to have a baby. It was impossible!

God had to remind Sarah that nothing is impossible for God.

When you remember all that we have learned about God in His Word, it should be easy to believe that God can do anything. God created all things. He created the world just by speaking! God is all-powerful. He knows everything. He sees everything, everywhere. He knows all about us and what we need. He is perfect.

Think of how wonderful and powerful God is. When you do, it is not hard to believe that nothing is impossible for God!

Look at your memory verses. God wrote these in His Word. He wrote these to remind you that nothing is impossible for Him.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**The things which are impossible with men  
are possible with God.**

*Luke 18:27*



Memory Verse 2:

You who love the LORD, hate evil!

*Psalm 97:10*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Is Merciful.**



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LESSON 13

## **SODOM AND GOMORRAH ARE DESTROYED**

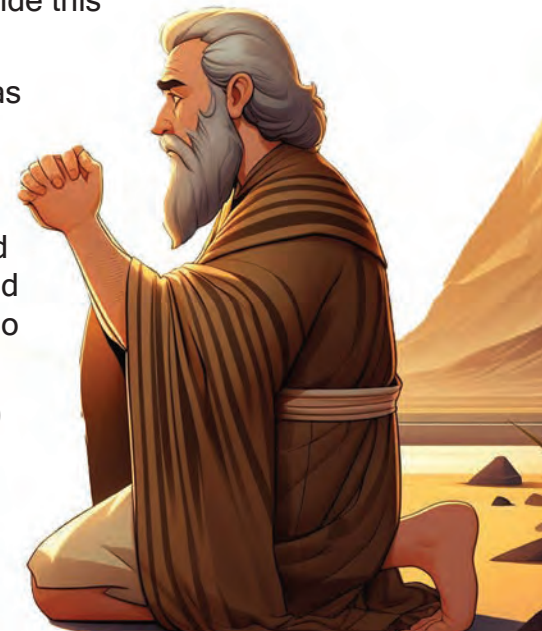
*From Genesis 18:16-19:29*

**W**hen Lot moved away from Abraham, he went to live in a nice, green land. It was pretty, but it was not a good place. Lot had moved close to a very bad city. This city was called Sodom. The people there were very wicked.

Lot did not move away from the bad city. Instead, he moved closer and closer. Then he moved inside this wicked city.

God told Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom and another city called Gomorrah because the people were so wicked. Abraham asked God not to destroy Sodom if He could find 50 people in the city who were not wicked.

God said, "If I find in Sodom 50 righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."





What if there were only 45? God said He would not destroy it for 45. Abraham then asked about 40, then 30, then 20, then all the way down to 10. God said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of 10.”

But there were not even 10 people in the city who obeyed God. But God still loved Lot. He sent 2 angels to Lot’s house. They told Lot to get his family out of the city because God was going to destroy it.

Lot went to his daughters’ husbands. He told them what the angels said. They did not believe Lot.

God was going to destroy the city with fire very soon. The 2 angels took Lot and his wife and his 2 daughters out of the city. The angels said, “Escape for your life! Do not look behind you.”

Lot and his family left the city. But Lot’s wife stopped. She looked back. Right then, Lot’s wife turned into a pillar of salt. She should have obeyed God.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What was the name of the wicked city?
  - a. Sodom
  - b. Canaan
2. Did Lot move away from the bad city?
  - a. Yes, he went far away.
  - b. No, he moved closer and closer.
3. Were there even 10 righteous people in Sodom?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
4. Who looked back?
  - a. Lot
  - b. Lot’s wife

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God could have destroyed Lot and his family when He destroyed the wicked city. Lot should not have moved there. He should have stayed far away from that evil place.

But God was merciful to Lot. Mercy is doing good to others when they do not deserve it. Lot had done wrong. He deserved to be punished. But God had mercy and saved Lot’s life.

God is merciful to us too. Many times we do wrong. We do not deserve God’s forgiveness. We do not deserve God’s plan of salvation.

God did not make His plan of salvation because we deserved it. God made this plan because He loves us.

But we must follow God’s way. Lot’s wife disobeyed. The angels told them not to look back. She looked back and turned into salt. But Lot and his daughters were safe because they obeyed. God was merciful to them.

Imagine that you saw someone drowning. You go to help them. You hold out your hand and shout, “Grab my hand!” The person does not want to die, but if he does not grab your hand, he will drown. If he tries to save himself his own way, he will drown. He must do what you tell him to do.

God has made a way to give mercy to all people. He tells us in His Word how we can be forgiven of our sins. He made His plan of salvation so we could be saved from sin. His mercy is there for us if we will take it. When we come to God His way, we are saved.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**A wise man fears and departs from evil.**

*Proverbs 14:16*



Memory Verse 2:

Whoever trusts in the LORD,  
happy is he.

*Proverbs 16:20*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Blesses Obedience.**



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LESSON 14

## **GOD ASKS ABRAHAM TO GIVE UP HIS SON**

*From Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17-19*

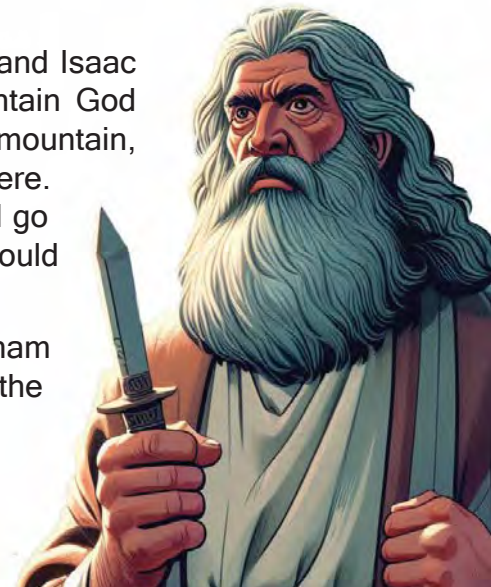
**G**od had made a special promise to Abraham that his descendants would be more than anyone could count.

God had given Abraham and Sarah a son, just as He promised. His name was Isaac. Abraham loved Isaac very much.

But one day, God gave Abraham a test. He told Abraham that He wanted a sacrifice. God told Abraham to take his only son, Isaac, and sacrifice him to God.

Early the next morning, Abraham and Isaac and 2 servants went to the mountain God had chosen. When they got to the mountain, Abraham told his servants to wait there. He said that he and the boy would go and worship God, and then they would come back.

Isaac carried the wood and Abraham carried the knife and the fire for the offering.



Isaac saw that they had no lamb to sacrifice and asked his father where the lamb was.

“My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering,” Abraham said.

When they got to the top of the mountain, Abraham built an altar. He put the son he loved on the altar. He lifted the knife to kill his son. Then he heard a voice say, “Abraham! Abraham!”

Abraham stopped. The Lord told Abraham not to sacrifice his son. Abraham had passed the test. He looked up and saw a ram caught in the bushes. He sacrificed the ram as an offering to God. Abraham praised God. He named the place,

## The Lord Will Provide.

God blessed Abraham because he obeyed God.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What was the name of the son God had promised to Abraham and Sarah?
  - a. Isaac
  - b. Lot
2. What did Isaac notice was missing for the offering?
  - a. The wood
  - b. The fire
  - c. The lamb
3. What did Abraham sacrifice as an offering to God?
  - a. Isaac
  - b. A ram caught in the bushes
4. What did Abraham name the place?
  - a. The Lord Will Provide.
  - b. The Lord is Good.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Why did God test Abraham? Why did God ask Abraham to give up the one thing he loved most?

When Abraham put Isaac on the altar and picked up the knife, he showed God that he valued and loved God more than anything, even his only son. He showed he would trust God even when he did not understand.

God had promised that Abraham would have many sons, grandsons and great-grandsons. If Isaac died, God would have to do a miracle. God would have to raise Isaac from the dead if He was going to keep His promise to Abraham. Abraham had to believe that God would keep His promise. He did not know how God would, but Abraham still believed.

God did not want Isaac to die. He wanted to know if Abraham would have a holy and reverent fear of God that meant obeying no matter what. Abraham obeyed, and God gave him a ram as a substitute sacrifice. God blessed Abraham for obeying. God promised that the whole earth would be blessed because Abraham obeyed. God was still working His plan of salvation for a Savior to come. Abraham and Isaac were part of the plan.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**God will provide for Himself the lamb.**

*Genesis 22:8*



Memory Verse 2:

Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD  
for His goodness, and for His wonderful works  
to the children of men!

*Psalm 107:8*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Cares About You.**



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### ISAAC NEEDS A WIFE

*From Genesis 24*

**A**braham was getting very old. His son, Isaac, had grown up. It was time for Isaac to have a wife.

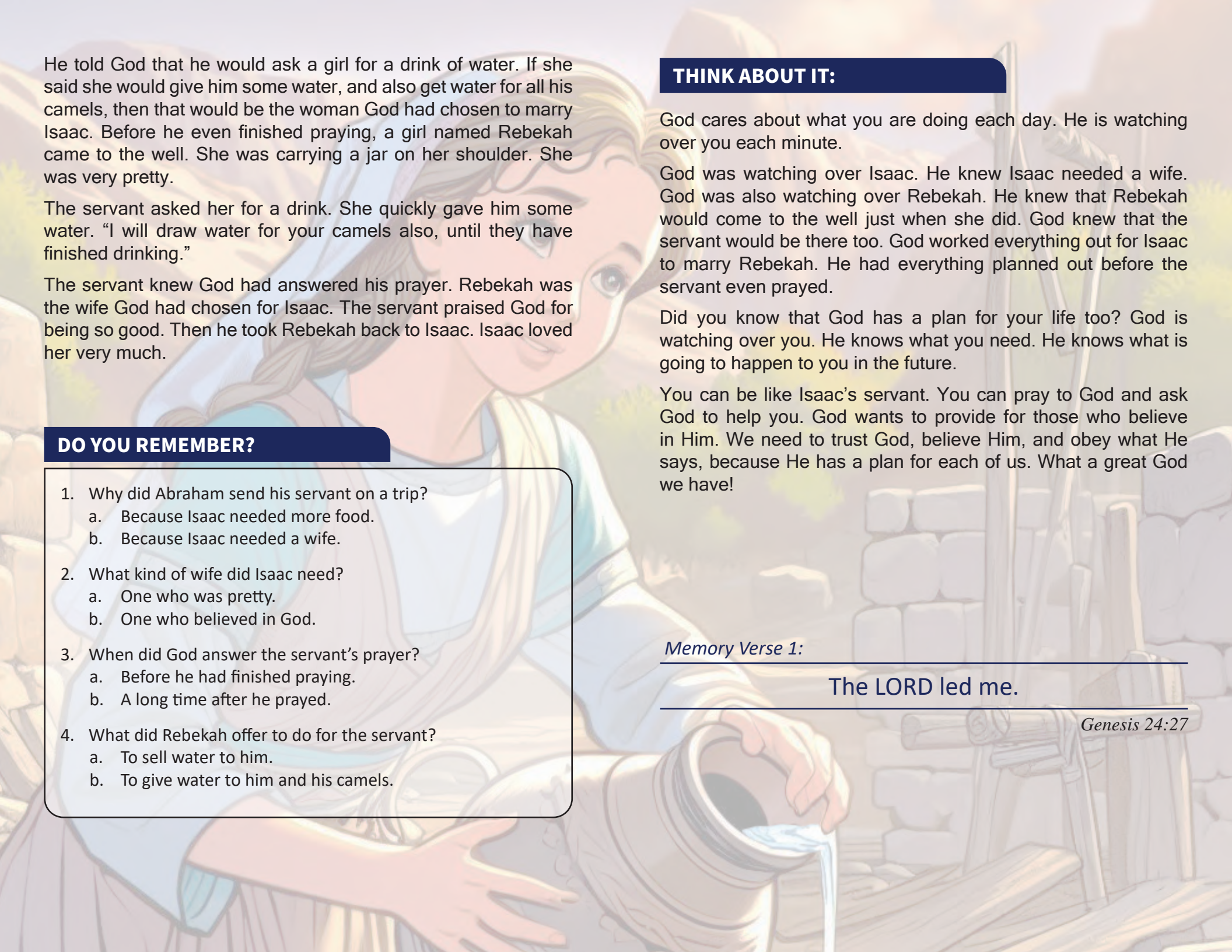
Abraham called his most trusted servant to him. He told his servant to go find a wife for Isaac from people who believed in God. He told him to go back to the land where Abraham was from and bring back a wife for Isaac.

The servant packed up many good things. He put them on top of 10 camels and left on his trip. Finally, he got to the land Abraham had come from. He sat down near a well to rest. It was in the evening when the women were coming to get water from the well.

The servant began praying to ask God to show him who would be Isaac's wife.





A soft-focus illustration of a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a light blue tunic and a yellow sash. She is holding a large, light-colored earthenware jar and pouring water from it. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with faint outlines of trees and a stone wall.

He told God that he would ask a girl for a drink of water. If she said she would give him some water, and also get water for all his camels, then that would be the woman God had chosen to marry Isaac. Before he even finished praying, a girl named Rebekah came to the well. She was carrying a jar on her shoulder. She was very pretty.

The servant asked her for a drink. She quickly gave him some water. “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.”

The servant knew God had answered his prayer. Rebekah was the wife God had chosen for Isaac. The servant praised God for being so good. Then he took Rebekah back to Isaac. Isaac loved her very much.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Why did Abraham send his servant on a trip?
  - a. Because Isaac needed more food.
  - b. Because Isaac needed a wife.
2. What kind of wife did Isaac need?
  - a. One who was pretty.
  - b. One who believed in God.
3. When did God answer the servant’s prayer?
  - a. Before he had finished praying.
  - b. A long time after he prayed.
4. What did Rebekah offer to do for the servant?
  - a. To sell water to him.
  - b. To give water to him and his camels.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God cares about what you are doing each day. He is watching over you each minute.

God was watching over Isaac. He knew Isaac needed a wife. God was also watching over Rebekah. He knew that Rebekah would come to the well just when she did. God knew that the servant would be there too. God worked everything out for Isaac to marry Rebekah. He had everything planned out before the servant even prayed.

Did you know that God has a plan for your life too? God is watching over you. He knows what you need. He knows what is going to happen to you in the future.

You can be like Isaac’s servant. You can pray to God and ask God to help you. God wants to provide for those who believe in Him. We need to trust God, believe Him, and obey what He says, because He has a plan for each of us. What a great God we have!

Memory Verse 1:

**The LORD led me.**

*Genesis 24:27*



Memory Verse 2:

You shall not ... lie to one another.

*Leviticus 19:11*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Tell The Truth.**



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LESSON 16

## JACOB STEALS THE BLESSING

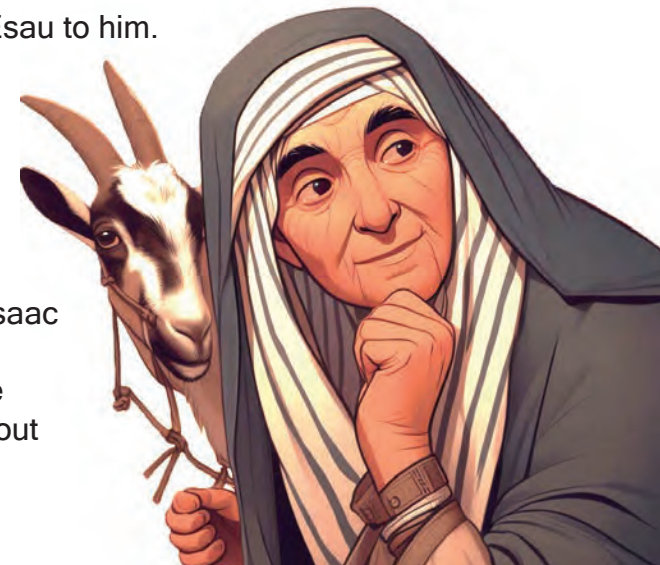
*From Genesis 25:23-34, 27:1-45*

Isaac and Rebekah had 2 sons. The first son was named Esau. The second son was named Jacob. Isaac loved Esau most, but Rebekah loved Jacob most.

Since Esau was born first, he would someday get his father's inheritance. This was called the birthright. But one day, Esau was so hungry that he traded his birthright to Jacob for some stew.

When Isaac was old and could no longer see, he called Esau to him. He told Esau to go and cook his favorite meal. Then Isaac would give Esau the birthright and blessing before he died.

Rebekah heard what Isaac had said. She quickly cooked Isaac's favorite food. While Esau was out





hunting, Rebekah told Jacob to take the food in to his father.

Jacob knew that Isaac, his father, would know he was not Esau. He said, “Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth-skinned man.” So, Rebekah put the skins of goats on the backs of his hands and on his neck.

Isaac could not see if it was Jacob or Esau. He asked who was there. Jacob said, “I am Esau your firstborn.”

Isaac felt the hairy skin on Jacob and thought it was Esau. He gave Jacob the blessing. Jacob had deceived his father. Jacob had made his father think something that was not true.

When Esau came back with the food, Isaac had already given his blessing to Jacob!

Esau was very angry. He was so angry he wanted to kill Jacob. Jacob had to run away. He had to leave his family.

Would Jacob ever be able to come back home again?

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What was the name of Isaac and Rebekah’s second son?
  - a. Esau
  - b. Jacob
2. Who traded his birthright for some stew?
  - a. Esau
  - b. Jacob
3. What did Rebekah use to cover Jacob’s hands and neck?
  - a. The skins of goats
  - b. The wool of sheep
4. How did Jacob get the blessing?
  - a. He deceived his brother, Esau.
  - b. He deceived his father, Isaac.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Have you ever made someone believe what is not true? That is called **deceit**. Deceiving is not good. It is lying. You may not have said the lie with your mouth, but you did something to make people believe a lie.

Jacob deceived his father. If God had wanted Jacob to have the blessing, God could have given it to him. But Jacob did not wait for God to give it to him. He got the blessing by deceiving his father.

If Jacob had waited for God, maybe he would not have had to leave his home and run away.

It is the same with you. Maybe there is something that you want very much. You want it so much that maybe you even want to lie or deceive to get it.

Deceiving is sin. Do not lie or deceive. Pray to God instead. Tell God all about it. If God wants you to have that thing, He will make a way for you to have it without deceiving. If He does not make a way for you to have it, He has a good reason why you should not have it. Trust Him and do what is right.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,  
but those who deal truthfully are His delight.**

*Proverbs 12:22*



Memory Verse 2:

I will not leave you until I have done what  
I have spoken to you.

Genesis 28:15



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Never Forgets His Promises.**



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LESSON 17

### JACOB HAS A DREAM

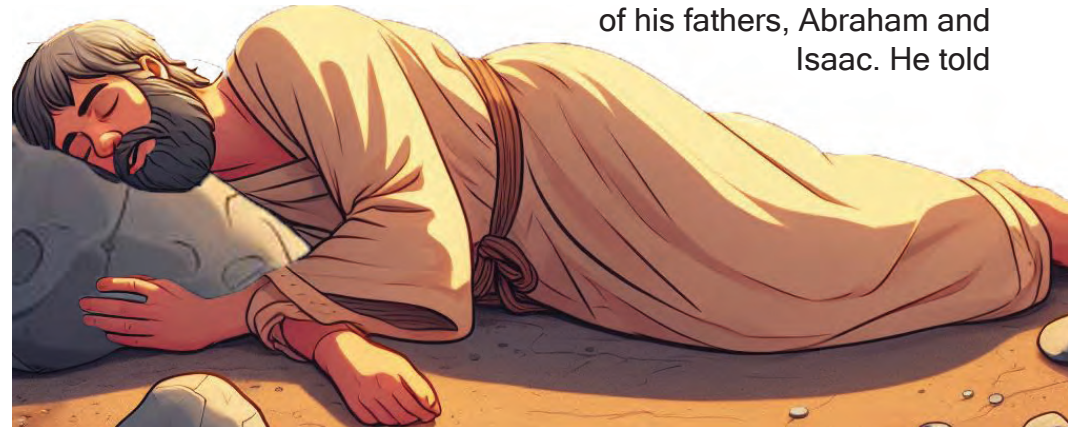
*From Genesis 28:10-22*

Jacob had run away from his home and his family. He was going far away. He was going to live in the place where his uncle lived.

It was a long trip. At night, Jacob was tired. He stopped to rest. Jacob found a stone and used it as his pillow. He fell asleep.

Jacob had a dream. He dreamed of a long ladder. The bottom of the ladder was on earth, and the top went into heaven. Angels of God were walking up and down this ladder. The Lord stood at the very top.

The Lord spoke to Jacob. He told Jacob that He was the God of his fathers, Abraham and Isaac. He told



Jacob that He had chosen to bless him.

God was going to give Jacob and his sons and grandsons and great-grandsons the land He had promised Abraham. God was giving the same promise He gave to Abraham because Jacob was Abraham's grandson. God also told Jacob that He would be with him. God promised He would watch over him all the time.

Jacob woke up. He knew God had talked to him. He took the stone that had been his pillow and used it to make an altar to worship God.

Jacob made a promise to God. He said that if God did watch over him as He said He would, then God would be Jacob's God always.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Jacob use for his pillow?
  - a. His coat
  - b. A stone
2. What did Jacob dream of?
  - a. A long ladder
  - b. A large stone
3. Where did the top of the ladder reach?
  - a. To a cloud
  - b. To heaven
4. Who spoke to Jacob from the top of the ladder?
  - a. An angel
  - b. The Lord
5. What did Jacob do with his stone pillow?
  - a. He used it to make an altar.
  - b. He took it with him.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God chose to bless Jacob even though Jacob did not deserve it. God had mercy on Jacob.

Do you remember the promise God gave to Abraham? God told Abraham that all the earth would be blessed by his descendants. That is the same promise He made to Abraham's grandson, Jacob!

God had not forgotten His promise. God never forgets His promises.

Jacob made a promise too. He said if God really did keep His promise to him, then he would worship God as his God always.

Most of the people in Jacob's land, even some of his family, worshipped **idols**. Idols are statues of wood or gold or anything that people worship instead of God. Jacob was saying he would not pray to those idols, these false gods. He would only worship the one true God.

You already know that God keeps His promises. You have seen it in the Bible many times. Maybe it is time for you to make a promise to God, that God will be your God always.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**The LORD our God we will serve, and  
His voice we will obey!**

*Joshua 24:24*



Memory Verse 2:

A good name is to be chosen rather  
than great riches.

*Proverbs 22:1*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Can Change People  
If They Let Him.**



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LESSON 18

## JACOB GETS A NEW FAMILY

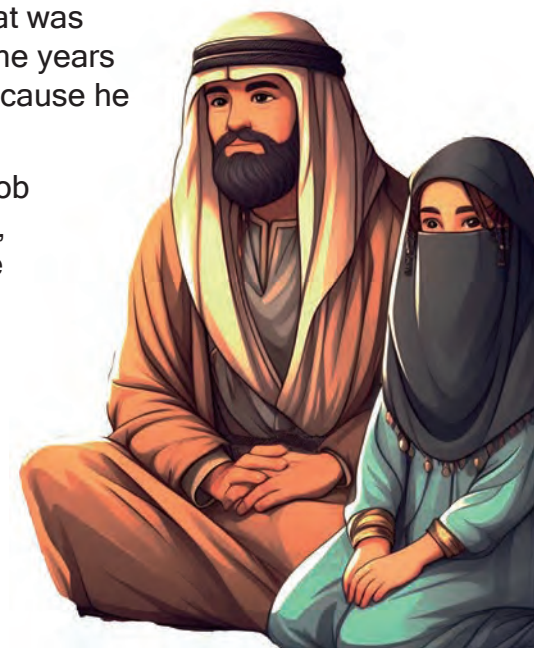
*From Genesis 29-33*

**J**acob found his uncle's house. His uncle, Laban, let him stay there and gave him a job.

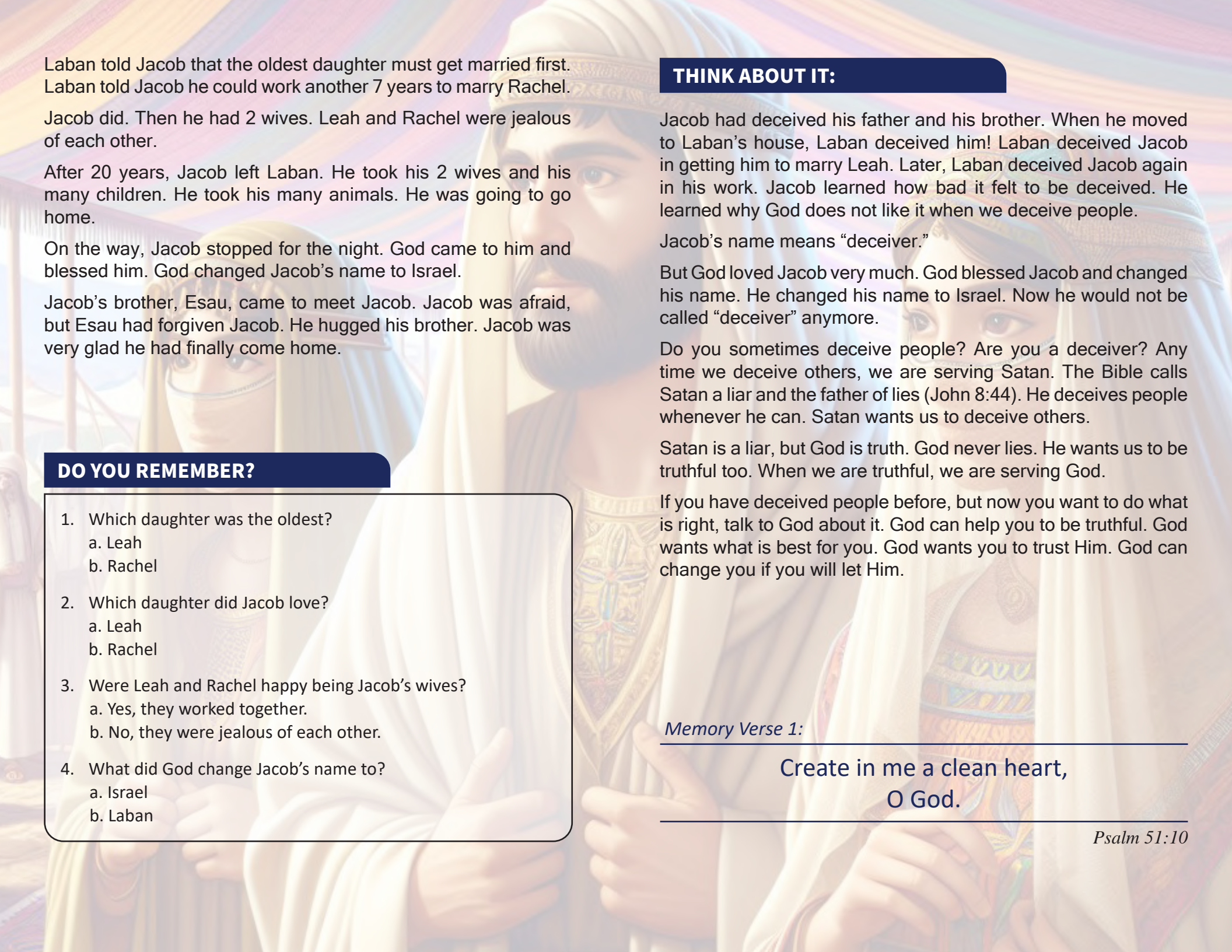
Laban had 2 daughters. The older daughter was Leah and the younger daughter was Rachel. Jacob loved Rachel. Jacob told Laban he would work 7 years to get to marry Rachel. Laban said that was good. Jacob worked 7 years. The years seemed like only a few days because he loved Rachel so much.

Finally, the wedding came. Jacob was married. The next morning, Jacob woke up and saw that he had married Leah!

Jacob was angry. He went to Laban and said, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"





A background illustration of Jacob and Leah. Jacob is a man with a beard and a white head covering, looking towards the right. Leah is a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a white head covering and a patterned garment, looking towards the left.

Laban told Jacob that the oldest daughter must get married first. Laban told Jacob he could work another 7 years to marry Rachel.

Jacob did. Then he had 2 wives. Leah and Rachel were jealous of each other.

After 20 years, Jacob left Laban. He took his 2 wives and his many children. He took his many animals. He was going to go home.

On the way, Jacob stopped for the night. God came to him and blessed him. God changed Jacob's name to Israel.

Jacob's brother, Esau, came to meet Jacob. Jacob was afraid, but Esau had forgiven Jacob. He hugged his brother. Jacob was very glad he had finally come home.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Which daughter was the oldest?
  - a. Leah
  - b. Rachel
2. Which daughter did Jacob love?
  - a. Leah
  - b. Rachel
3. Were Leah and Rachel happy being Jacob's wives?
  - a. Yes, they worked together.
  - b. No, they were jealous of each other.
4. What did God change Jacob's name to?
  - a. Israel
  - b. Laban

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Jacob had deceived his father and his brother. When he moved to Laban's house, Laban deceived him! Laban deceived Jacob in getting him to marry Leah. Later, Laban deceived Jacob again in his work. Jacob learned how bad it felt to be deceived. He learned why God does not like it when we deceive people.

Jacob's name means "deceiver."

But God loved Jacob very much. God blessed Jacob and changed his name. He changed his name to Israel. Now he would not be called "deceiver" anymore.

Do you sometimes deceive people? Are you a deceiver? Any time we deceive others, we are serving Satan. The Bible calls Satan a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). He deceives people whenever he can. Satan wants us to deceive others.

Satan is a liar, but God is truth. God never lies. He wants us to be truthful too. When we are truthful, we are serving God.

If you have deceived people before, but now you want to do what is right, talk to God about it. God can help you to be truthful. God wants what is best for you. God wants you to trust Him. God can change you if you will let Him.

*Memory Verse 1:*

Create in me a clean heart,  
O God.

*Psalms 51:10*



Memory Verse 2:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present  
help in trouble.

*Psalm 46:1*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Is Always Watching  
Over You.**



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LESSON 19

### JOSEPH IS SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

*From Genesis 37*

Jacob had many sons. His favorite son was named Joseph. Jacob gave Joseph a very special tunic of many colors.

Joseph's brothers were jealous because their father loved Joseph more than them. They hated Joseph.

One day, Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had. He dreamed that the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed down to him. Joseph's brothers and his father did not like the dream. Did it mean that one day Joseph's father, mother, and 11 brothers would bow down to him? Joseph's brothers hated Joseph even more because of his dreams.

Jacob sent Joseph one day to find his brothers. They had taken the flocks and herds to a place far away.



When Joseph's brothers saw Joseph coming, they said, "Look, this dreamer is coming." They decided to kill him!

They planned to kill Joseph and say a wild animal had gotten him, but one brother said they should not. This brother told them to throw Joseph into a big pit. This brother planned to come back and take Joseph out of the pit and back to his father.

The brothers threw Joseph into the pit. They sat and thought of what they could do to Joseph. Then some men on camels came by. They were going to a country far away called Egypt. Joseph's brothers decided not to kill Joseph. "Let us sell him," they said.

Joseph's brothers sold Joseph as a slave. Then his brothers dipped Joseph's coat in goat's blood and took it to their father. Their father thought a wild animal had killed Joseph. He was very sad.

But God was watching over Joseph. He was sold as a slave to an important man named Potiphar. Potiphar saw that God took care of Joseph and that Joseph did what was right. He made Joseph ruler over his whole house.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Joseph dream?
  - a. That he would be sold.
  - b. That the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed to him.
2. What did Joseph's brothers decide to do with Joseph?
  - a. Sell him as a slave.
  - b. Apologize and take him back home.
3. Where was Joseph taken?
  - a. Canaan
  - b. Egypt

## THINK ABOUT IT:

It was probably very dark in the hole the brothers threw Joseph into. There may have been bugs in it, or rats, or worse. Joseph was probably afraid. His brothers wanted to kill him! He did not know what was going to happen to him.

And then suddenly Joseph was on his way to a different country. He was going to be a slave. Joseph did not want to be a slave. Now there was even more to be afraid about.

But Joseph knew what to do when he was afraid. He trusted God. Joseph knew God would take care of him. God could take care of him at home. God could take care of him in Egypt. God could take care of him even when he was a slave.

Are you ever afraid? Every person is afraid sometimes. But now you know what to do. When you are afraid, trust God. God can take care of you, no matter what is happening. God wants you to trust Him, because He is always watching over you.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Whenever I am afraid, I will  
trust in You.**

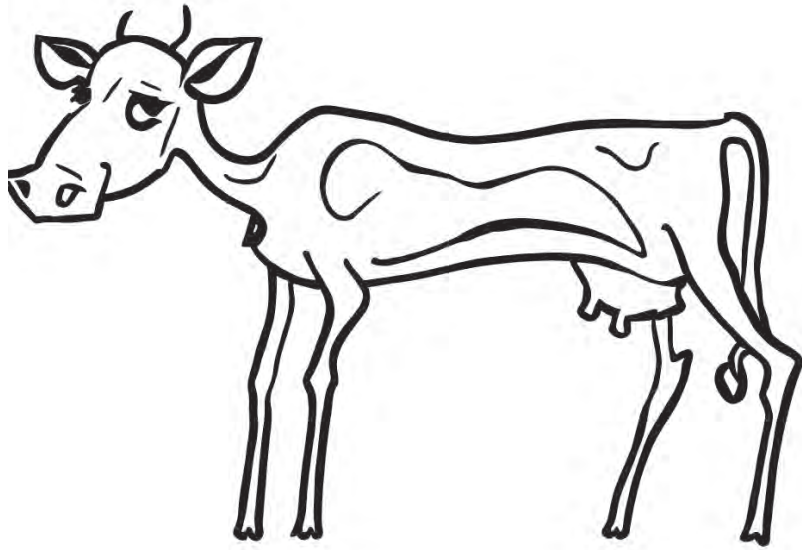
*Psalms 56:3*



Memory Verse 2:

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

*Romans 8:28*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Is In Control Of Everything  
That Happens To Us.**



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LESSON 20

### JOSEPH IS PUT IN PRISON

*From Genesis 39-41*

Joseph was doing very well in Potiphar's house. He was in charge of everything.

But Potiphar's wife was an evil woman. She wanted Joseph to do a wicked thing. She tried to trick Joseph, but he told her that he would not do this sin against God. This made her angry. She told a lie about Joseph, and Potiphar put Joseph into prison.

But God was watching over him in prison. The keeper of the prison saw how God took care of Joseph and blessed him. He put Joseph in charge of all the people in prison!

One day the Pharaoh, who was the king of Egypt, sent 2 of his servants to prison. Joseph saw their sad faces. When he asked them what was wrong, they told him about dreams they had.

With God's help, Joseph told them what the





dreams meant. One servant would go back to work. The other would die. Everything happened just like Joseph said.

Two years later, Pharaoh had a dream. He was worried and wanted to know what the dream meant. The servant remembered Joseph. He told Pharaoh how Joseph had helped him when he was in prison. Pharaoh quickly called Joseph.

Pharaoh told Joseph he dreamed of 7 fat cows and then 7 skinny cows. The skinny cows ate up the fat cows.

Joseph told Pharaoh that only God could tell what the dream meant. God helped Joseph understand the dream.

Joseph said the dream meant that for 7 years there would be plenty of food to eat. Then for 7 years after that, there would be no rain. There would be no food. Joseph told Pharaoh to save food during the good years. He told Pharaoh to put someone wise in charge of saving food.

Pharaoh thought that Joseph was the best man to do this job. Once again, God had taken care of Joseph. Now Joseph was the most important man in Egypt except for the Pharaoh.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Was Potiphar's wife a good woman or an evil woman?
  - a. Good
  - b. Evil
2. What was Joseph's job in the prison?
  - a. He was in charge of all the people.
  - b. He cleaned the floors.
3. Who helped Joseph interpret the dreams?
  - a. Potiphar
  - b. Pharaoh
  - c. God
4. How many years would have no rain?
  - a. 1
  - b. 7

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Just when things were going well, something bad happened again! Why did God let Potiphar put Joseph in prison? Joseph did not do anything wrong. Didn't God care about Joseph?

Yes, God cared about Joseph very much. God watched over him in prison. God used bad things to teach Joseph to trust Him.

Joseph did trust God and he did what was right. It seemed that everything was going wrong, but Joseph knew that God was with him.

Bad things happen sometimes. You may get sick. Maybe you do not have enough food to eat. Maybe, like Joseph, someone lies about you and you get unfairly punished. Bad things happen even when you do what is right.

The next time bad things happen to you, remember Joseph. Think about how God had a plan for Joseph, even in the bad times. Trust God and do not be afraid. God does not want you to be afraid.

God is watching over you. He is in control, and He can turn bad things into good.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Fear not, for I am with you.**

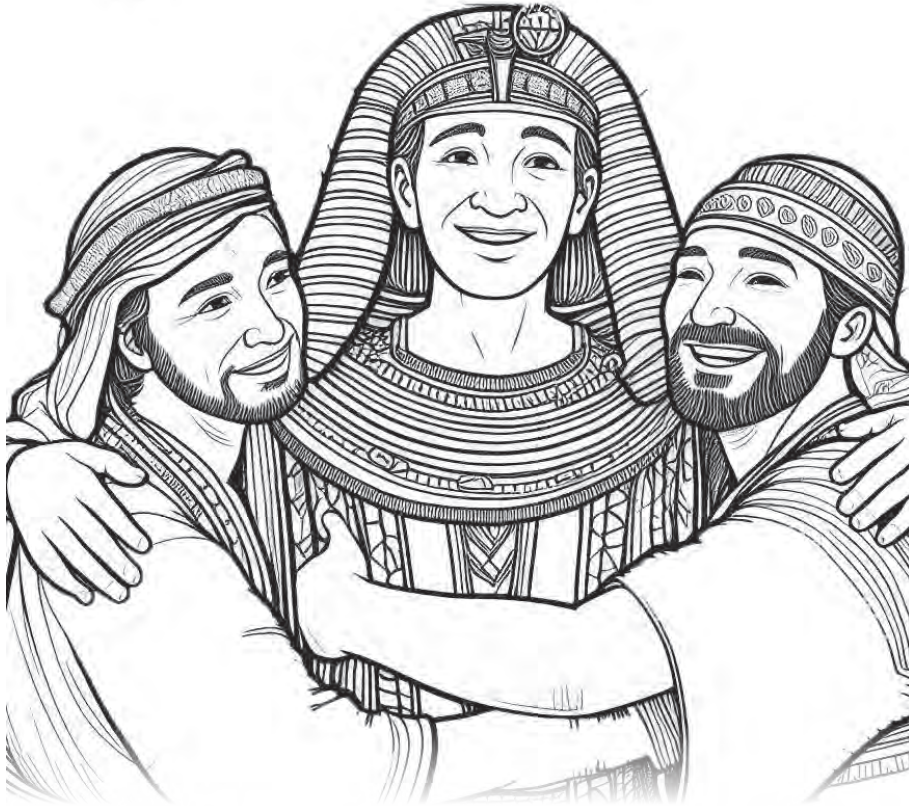
*Isaiah 41:10*



Memory Verse 2:

Do not say, I will recompense [return] evil;  
wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

*Proverbs 20:22*



**Truth To Remember:**

**God Can Turn Even Bad  
Things Into Good.**



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LESSON 21

## JOSEPH'S BROTHERS COME TO EGYPT

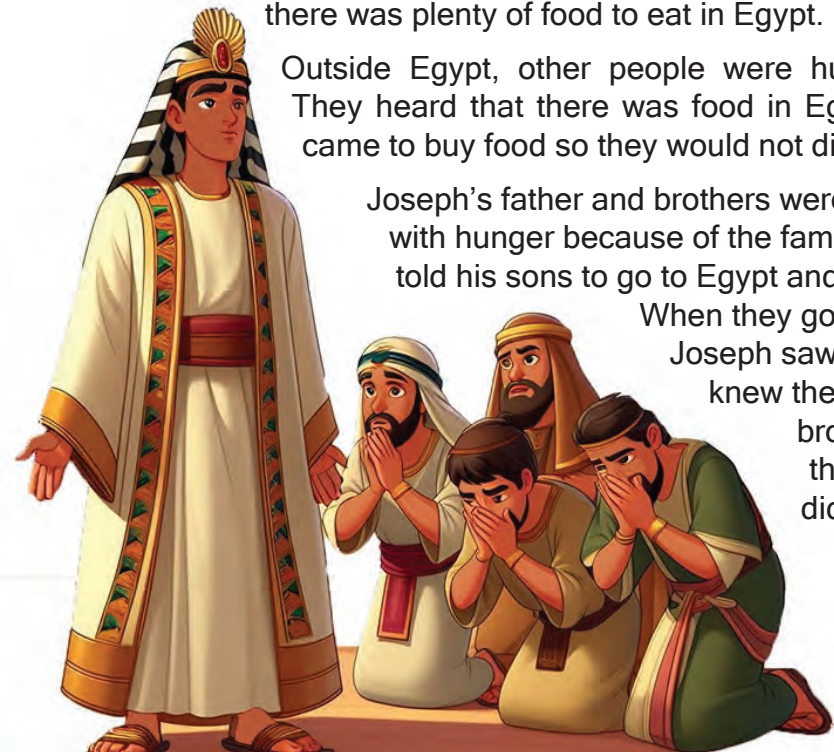
*From Genesis 42-45, 50:15-21*

Joseph was a good leader. He told the people to bring in some of their food each year to save. He helped build huge storage buildings to keep the food in. When the time of no rain came, there was plenty of food to eat in Egypt.

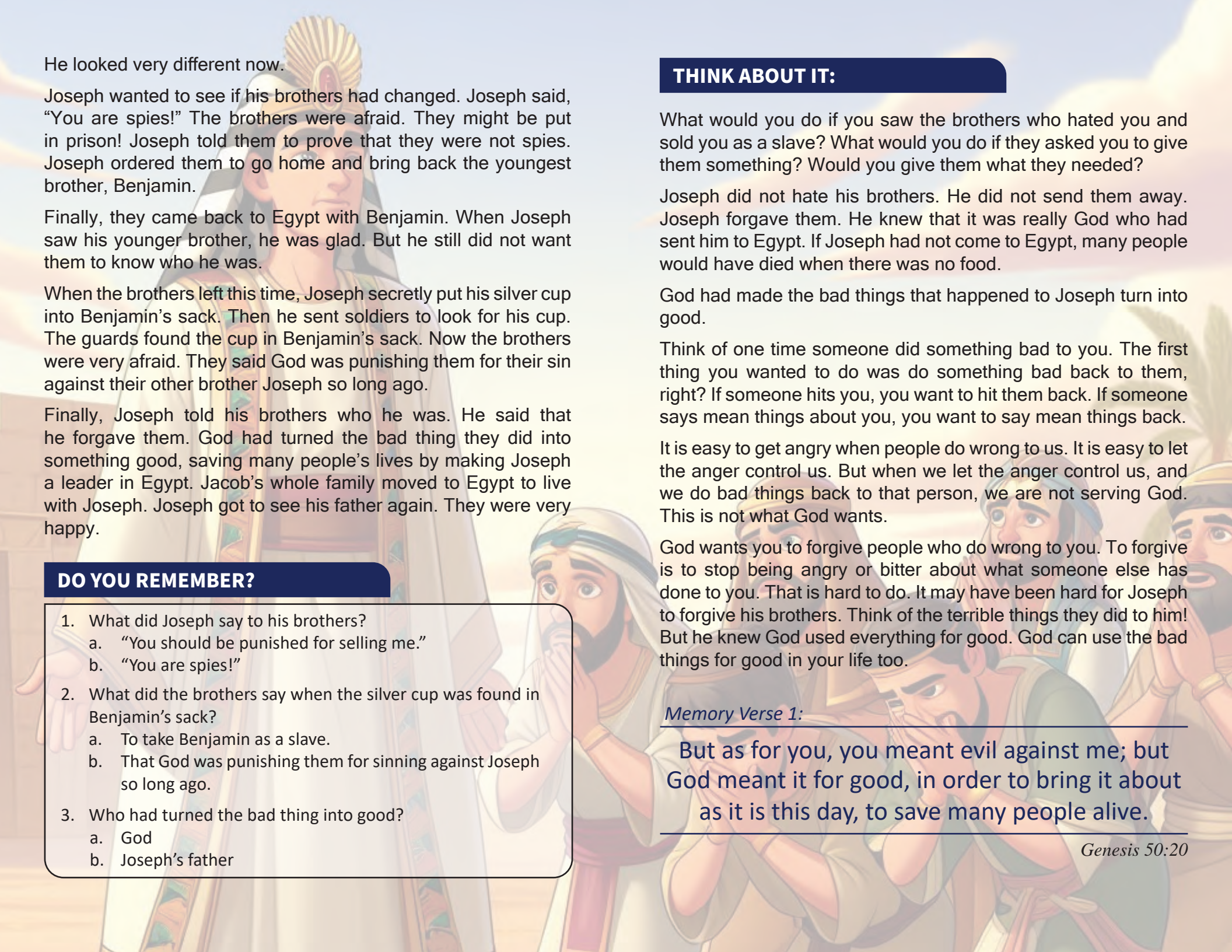
Outside Egypt, other people were hungry too. They heard that there was food in Egypt. They came to buy food so they would not die.

Joseph's father and brothers were suffering with hunger because of the famine. Jacob told his sons to go to Egypt and buy food.

When they got to Egypt, Joseph saw them and knew they were his brothers. But the brothers did not know Joseph.







He looked very different now.

Joseph wanted to see if his brothers had changed. Joseph said, “You are spies!” The brothers were afraid. They might be put in prison! Joseph told them to prove that they were not spies. Joseph ordered them to go home and bring back the youngest brother, Benjamin.

Finally, they came back to Egypt with Benjamin. When Joseph saw his younger brother, he was glad. But he still did not want them to know who he was.

When the brothers left this time, Joseph secretly put his silver cup into Benjamin’s sack. Then he sent soldiers to look for his cup. The guards found the cup in Benjamin’s sack. Now the brothers were very afraid. They said God was punishing them for their sin against their other brother Joseph so long ago.

Finally, Joseph told his brothers who he was. He said that he forgave them. God had turned the bad thing they did into something good, saving many people’s lives by making Joseph a leader in Egypt. Jacob’s whole family moved to Egypt to live with Joseph. Joseph got to see his father again. They were very happy.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Joseph say to his brothers?
  - a. “You should be punished for selling me.”
  - b. “You are spies!”
2. What did the brothers say when the silver cup was found in Benjamin’s sack?
  - a. To take Benjamin as a slave.
  - b. That God was punishing them for sinning against Joseph so long ago.
3. Who had turned the bad thing into good?
  - a. God
  - b. Joseph’s father

### THINK ABOUT IT:

What would you do if you saw the brothers who hated you and sold you as a slave? What would you do if they asked you to give them something? Would you give them what they needed?

Joseph did not hate his brothers. He did not send them away. Joseph forgave them. He knew that it was really God who had sent him to Egypt. If Joseph had not come to Egypt, many people would have died when there was no food.

God had made the bad things that happened to Joseph turn into good.

Think of one time someone did something bad to you. The first thing you wanted to do was do something bad back to them, right? If someone hits you, you want to hit them back. If someone says mean things about you, you want to say mean things back.

It is easy to get angry when people do wrong to us. It is easy to let the anger control us. But when we let the anger control us, and we do bad things back to that person, we are not serving God. This is not what God wants.

God wants you to forgive people who do wrong to you. To forgive is to stop being angry or bitter about what someone else has done to you. That is hard to do. It may have been hard for Joseph to forgive his brothers. Think of the terrible things they did to him! But he knew God used everything for good. God can use the bad things for good in your life too.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.**

*Genesis 50:20*



Memory Verse 2:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

*Psalms 27:1*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Obey God Over Man.**



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LESSON 22

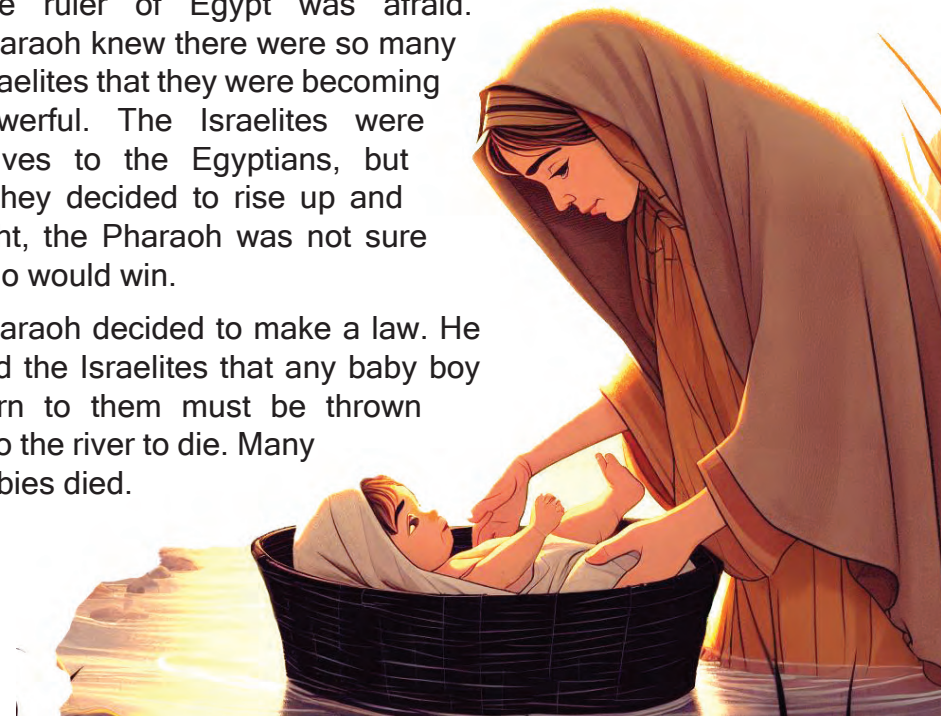
### BABY MOSES IS PUT IN THE RIVER

*From Exodus 2:1-10*

**M**any years went by. More and more Israelites were born in Egypt. There were hundreds of them, then thousands, then many, many thousands.

The ruler of Egypt was afraid. Pharaoh knew there were so many Israelites that they were becoming powerful. The Israelites were slaves to the Egyptians, but if they decided to rise up and fight, the Pharaoh was not sure who would win.

Pharaoh decided to make a law. He told the Israelites that any baby boy born to them must be thrown into the river to die. Many babies died.





One lady had a baby boy. She did not want her baby to die. She hid him for 3 months.

When she could hide him no longer, she made a basket and put the baby in it.

Then she put the basket in the river. It floated! Her daughter, Miriam, followed the basket to see what would happen to the baby. Pharaoh's daughter had come down to the river to take a bath. She saw the basket and had one of her servants get it. When they opened the basket, she saw the baby. He was crying and she felt sorry for him.

Just then, Miriam came out from where she was hiding. She asked if Pharaoh's daughter wanted her to get a woman to take care of the baby. Pharaoh's daughter said yes, and Miriam ran and got her mother. The baby's mother took care of him until he was old enough to live with Pharaoh's daughter. He became her son. He grew up in Pharaoh's house. Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. How long did Moses' mother hide Moses?
  - a. 3 months
  - b. 3 years
  - c. 3 days
2. What was the name of Moses' sister?
  - a. Ruth
  - b. Esther
  - c. Miriam
3. Who found Moses in the river?
  - a. Pharaoh
  - b. Pharaoh's daughter
4. Who got to take care of baby Moses?
  - a. Pharaoh's servants
  - b. Moses' mother
  - c. A prophet

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Moses' mother was very brave to keep her baby. If Pharaoh found out, she could have been killed! But God's law was more important than Pharaoh's law. She knew that it would be wrong to kill her baby.

She believed God would take care of her and her baby. When she put Moses in the basket and set him on the river, she had to trust God. Only God could take care of him out on that big river.

God did take care of baby Moses. God had a special plan for him. How surprised the mother must have been when Miriam told her that Pharaoh's daughter wanted to keep the baby. He was going to live, and he would grow up in the Pharaoh's house.

She trusted God, and God took care of her and her baby.

It is never right to do wrong. God wants us to obey the laws. But if there is a law that tells us to sin against God, we should not do it. A law a person gives is never greater than God's laws. If you have to choose to either obey God's laws or man's laws, obey God. God is greater. His laws are perfect. Obey Him and trust Him to take care of you.

#### *Memory Verse 1:*

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.**

*Proverbs 3:5-6*



Memory Verse 2:

You did not choose Me, but I chose you.

John 15:16



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Will Give You Everything  
You Need to Obey Him.**



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LESSON 23

## MOSES SEES A BURNING BUSH

*From Exodus 2:11-4:17*

**M**oses had grown into a man. He was outside one day and saw one of the Israelites being beaten. He wanted to help one of his own people. Moses killed the Egyptian who had hurt the Israelite.

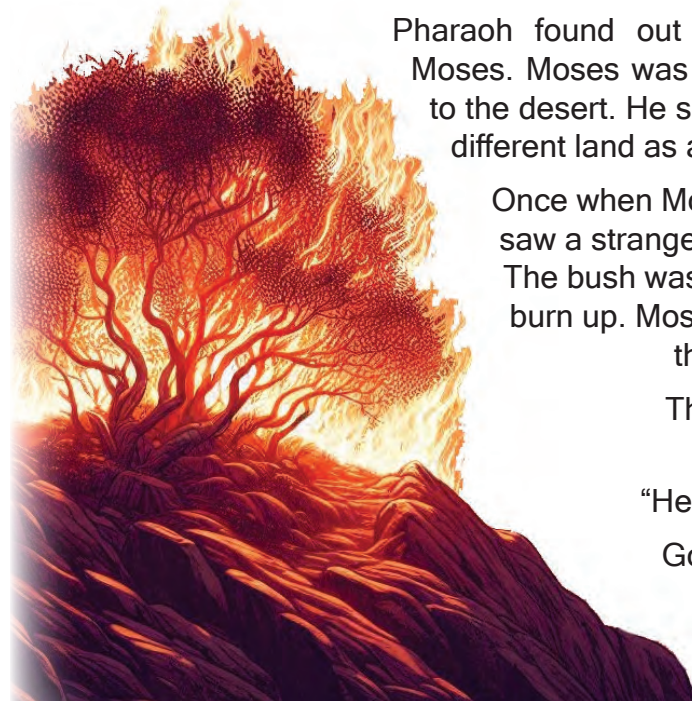
Pharaoh found out and wanted to kill Moses. Moses was afraid and ran away to the desert. He spent many years in a different land as a shepherd.

Once when Moses was walking, he saw a strange thing. It was a bush. The bush was on fire, but it did not burn up. Moses stopped to look at this. He moved closer.

The Lord called to him,  
“Moses! Moses!”

“Here I am,” Moses said.

God told Moses to take  
off his sandals





because he was standing on holy ground. He told Moses that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

God said, "I have surely seen the oppression of My people." God had heard their cry and cared about their suffering.

God told Moses He had a plan. God said, "I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Moses was very surprised. "Who am I?" he asked the Lord. He was afraid. He said he did not speak well. He asked God to send someone else.

But God had chosen Moses. He told Moses He would be with him. God said, "Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth, and teach you what you shall say."

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What was on fire?
  - a. The ground
  - b. The bush
2. Who called out to Moses and said his name?
  - a. The Lord
  - b. A ghost
  - c. His friend
3. Why did God tell Moses to take off his sandals?
  - a. Because his feet were dirty
  - b. Because he was standing on holy ground
4. Why was Moses afraid to go to Pharaoh?
  - a. He did not speak well.
  - b. He was too old.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God had chosen Moses. But Moses did not want to be chosen! He was afraid to go back to Egypt. He told God that he did not know what to say. He asked God to find someone else.

Moses was not a perfect man. He was not a hero. God did not choose Moses because of any great thing he had done or any great power that he had.

But God had made His choice. Moses was the one He would use to set the Israelites free. God told Moses He would be with him and show him what to do. He gave Moses all that he needed to do this hard job.

You may think God can never use you. You are not a hero. You have not done great things. Look at the memory verse below. God said He made you as you are. Whatever He wants you to do, He will give you all you need to do it.

#### *Memory Verse 1:*

Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes  
the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind?  
Have not I, the LORD?

*Exodus 4:11*



Memory Verse 2:

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

*Proverbs 8:13*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Resists The Proud But  
Gives Grace To The Humble.**



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LESSON 24

### PHARAOH WILL NOT LET THE PEOPLE GO

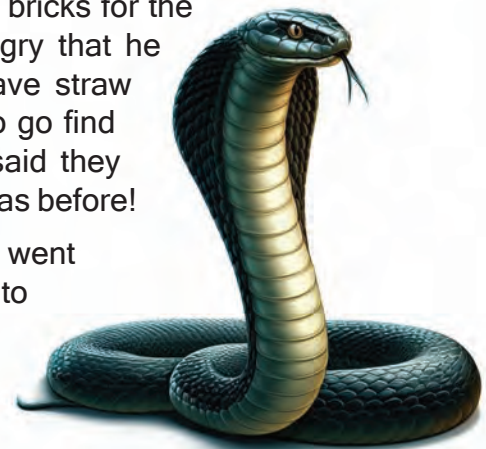
*From Exodus 4:27-7:25*

**M**oses obeyed God and went back to Egypt. His brother, Aaron, went with him to help him. Moses and Aaron went to the Pharaoh, who was the king of Egypt. Moses told Pharaoh that God had sent him. He told Pharaoh that God wanted him to let the Israelites go.

Pharaoh did not believe in the one true God. He was angry. He said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."

The Israelites had been making bricks for the Egyptians. Pharaoh was so angry that he said the Israelites could not have straw to make the bricks. They had to go find their own straw. But Pharaoh said they still had to make as many bricks as before!

The next time Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, God allowed Aaron to do an amazing thing to show Pharaoh God's power.





Aaron threw down his staff, and it became a snake!

Pharaoh told his magic men to do this. They threw down their staffs and they became snakes also. But then Aaron's snake ate up all the other snakes! Pharaoh did not change his mind. He made his heart hard to God. He would not let the Israelites go.

God told Moses to go to the river the next morning. The Egyptians worshipped the Nile River. Moses told Aaron to hold his staff over the water. All the water turned to blood! The water in the river and streams and ponds all became blood. The fish died and the river smelled terrible. The Egyptians could not drink the water.

But Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go. God knew that Pharaoh would have a hard heart and not obey. God would do more things to show Pharaoh and all of Egypt that He is the only God and He is to be obeyed.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What happened when Aaron threw down his staff?
  - a. It made a loud noise.
  - b. It became a snake.
2. What did Aaron's snake do to the magic men's snakes?
  - a. It ate them up.
  - b. It slithered away from them.
3. What did the Nile River turn into?
  - a. Salt
  - b. Fire
  - c. Blood
4. Whose power did these miracles?
  - a. Aaron's
  - b. God's

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God is all-powerful. He is mighty and He is holy. He is to be obeyed.

Pharaoh did not fear God. He did not think God was all-powerful and all-mighty. He did not listen to God or obey God. God punished Pharaoh and all the Egyptians because they did not fear God.

God is to be feared. To fear God is to have a holy reverence, or respect, for Who He is. Yes, He loves people very much and takes care of the people who love Him. But God is holy. His Word must be obeyed. He is perfect and any disobedience must be punished.

Pharaoh was proud. He thought he was so powerful that he did not have to listen to God. Pride is sin.

God hates pride. He says in His Word in Proverbs 29:23 that, "A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor."

Proverbs 16:5 says that, "Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though they join forces, none will go unpunished."

And 1 Peter 5:5-6 says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.**

*Proverbs 16:18*



Memory Verse 2:

For the LORD is the great God, and the  
great King above all gods.

*Psalms 95:3*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Is The Only True God.  
He Is Above All Gods.**



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YEAR 1

LESSON 25

## **GOD SHOWS HIS GREAT POWER**

*From Exodus 8-11*

**G**od had shown Pharaoh mighty things. He had let Aaron's staff turn into a snake. Then God turned the water of the Nile River into blood.

But Pharaoh was proud. He had a hard heart and would not let the Israelites leave Egypt as God commanded.

God sent more mighty miracles to show Pharaoh and all Egypt that He is the one true, all-powerful God. He sent thousands of frogs.

Frogs were everywhere, even in their beds and ovens! People were stepping on them.

Pharaoh told Moses to ask God to





stop this terrible thing. God made all the frogs die. But even when the frogs were dead, Pharaoh would not let the people go. He would not humble himself before God.

Next, God sent gnats. Gnats were everywhere, on the people and on the animals. Pharaoh's magic men tried to do this also, but they could not.

They told Pharaoh that God was doing these powerful things. But Pharaoh would not listen. He would not let the people go. He would not obey God.

God sent more terrible things. He sent flies that ruined the land. He sent a disease on their animals and the animals died. He sent boils on the people. He rained hail down from the sky. He sent millions of locusts, and then He sent a terrible darkness.

Pharaoh still would not listen, and he would not obey. God had one more thing He would do. After that, God knew Pharaoh would let the Israelites go.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Name 3 terrible things God sent to change Pharaoh's mind.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blanks.

4. The magicians told Pharaoh that \_\_\_\_\_ was doing these powerful things.
5. Pharaoh would not \_\_\_\_\_ himself before God.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

The Egyptians worshipped many, many idols. They had idols in the shapes of people and animals. They even worshipped the sun and the river. They were very religious people.

But their religion did not help them. None of their gods could keep these bad things from happening to them. None of their idols could stop God from showing His great power. None of the things the Egyptians worshipped did anything to help them. Pharaoh's magic men could not do what God did. Even they finally said that these things were coming from God.

God is not an idol, a statue, or a carving. He is the living God. He cannot be put into a statue for He is everywhere. He cannot be made into an idol for He is a Spirit. He is greater than the carvings people make. Idols cannot answer prayers or help people. God showed the Egyptians that they were wrong.

God showed all of Egypt and all of Israel that He is the one true God. He is above all gods. Only the Creator God is to be worshipped. No one and nothing else. God defeated the idols of the Egyptians and showed that He has all power.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Blessed is the man who fears the LORD.**

*Psalm 112:1*

Memory Verse 2:

Without shedding of blood there is no remission  
[forgiveness].

Hebrews 9:22



*Truth To Remember:*

**The Passover Is A Small Picture  
Of God's Big Plan Of Salvation.**



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LESSON 26

## THE VERY FIRST PASSOVER

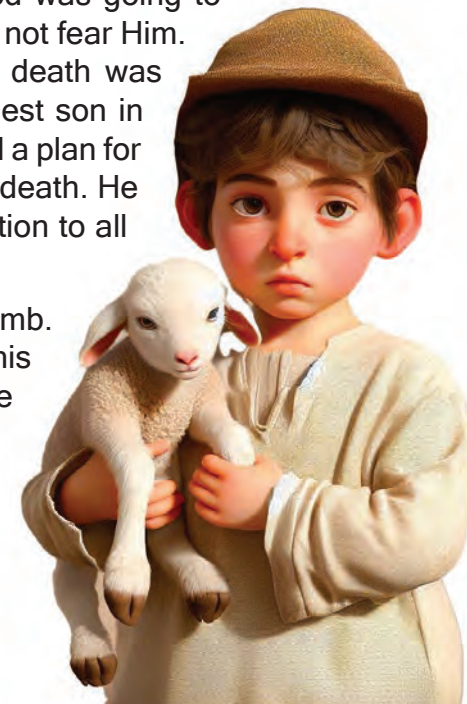
*From Exodus 12:1-30*

**P**haraoh had not obeyed God. He had not listened to God's command to let the Israelites go. He did not fear God even when God gave Egypt much trouble.

One terrible thing was coming. God was going to judge all of Egypt because they did not fear Him. God told Moses that the angel of death was coming on a certain night. The oldest son in every family would die. But God had a plan for the Israelites to be saved from this death. He told Moses to tell this plan of salvation to all the people of Israel.

Moses told the Israelites to get a lamb. One lamb for each family. On this certain night, they were to kill the lamb. Then they were to put some of the lamb's blood on the sides and tops of the doors of their houses.

After they put the blood on the doors, they would cook the





lamb and eat it.

The angel of death would come that certain night to kill every oldest Egyptian son. But if he saw the blood on the door of a house, he would pass over that house. Their oldest son would not die.

Every Israelite who believed what God said obeyed. They killed a lamb and put its blood on the sides and top of the doors of their houses. The angel of death came and killed the oldest son of every Egyptian family. But the Israelites had been saved, because the angel saw the blood and knew they had obeyed God.

Now all of Egypt knew that God was the only true God and He was all-powerful. Pharaoh called for Moses. He told him to take all the Israelites and leave Egypt. God had saved the Israelites from slavery. They were free! God told the Israelites to keep this Passover celebration every year to remember how God saved the Israelites and set them free from the Egyptians.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. After all God's miracles, had Pharaoh humbled himself and obeyed?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

Fill in the blanks of what the Israelites had to do

2. Get one \_\_\_\_\_ for each family.
3. Kill the lamb and put some of its \_\_\_\_\_ on the sides and tops of the doors of their houses.
4. Cook the lamb and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
5. Why did the people obey?
  - a. Because they wanted to kill the lamb.
  - b. Because they believed what God said.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

There are many times recorded in the Bible where God had people do something special as a symbol or a picture of something else.

The Passover was one of these times. The Israelites were miserable. They were slaves. Only God could set them free. God sent judgment on every person who did not obey. But He saved every person who did obey. It did not matter how many good or bad things they had done. All that mattered was if they had the blood on the doors. The blood saved them from death. It showed their faith.

This was a picture of God's plan of salvation. All people on earth are slaves to sin. No one can set us free from sin but God.

God would send the Perfect Lamb one day as a sacrifice for sin. This Lamb's blood saves anyone who believes. It does not matter how many good or bad things you have done. What matters is if you turn from your sin, believe, and accept the blood of the Perfect Lamb of God to pay for your sins. The perfect One to come and give salvation was called the **Messiah**, which means God's Anointed One. The Passover lamb was a symbol of the Perfect Lamb, the Messiah, whom God would send to save people from their sin.

Just like with the Passover, every person who obeys God's plan is saved for all eternity. Every person who does not obey God's plan will be judged and punished for all eternity.

*Memory Verse 1:*

When I see the blood,  
I will pass over you.

*Exodus 12:13*

Memory Verse 2:

What god is there in heaven or on earth who  
can do anything like Your works and Your  
mighty deeds?

*Deuteronomy 3:24*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Is Never Afraid Of Any Problem.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

YEAR 1

LESSON 27

### THE ISRAELITES CROSS THE RED SEA

*From Exodus 13:17-14:31*

The Israelites had been set free! God had delivered them. They packed up their things and left Egypt. There were 600,000 men, plus all the women and children. Moses was the leader of all these people. God showed them where to go. God led them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night.

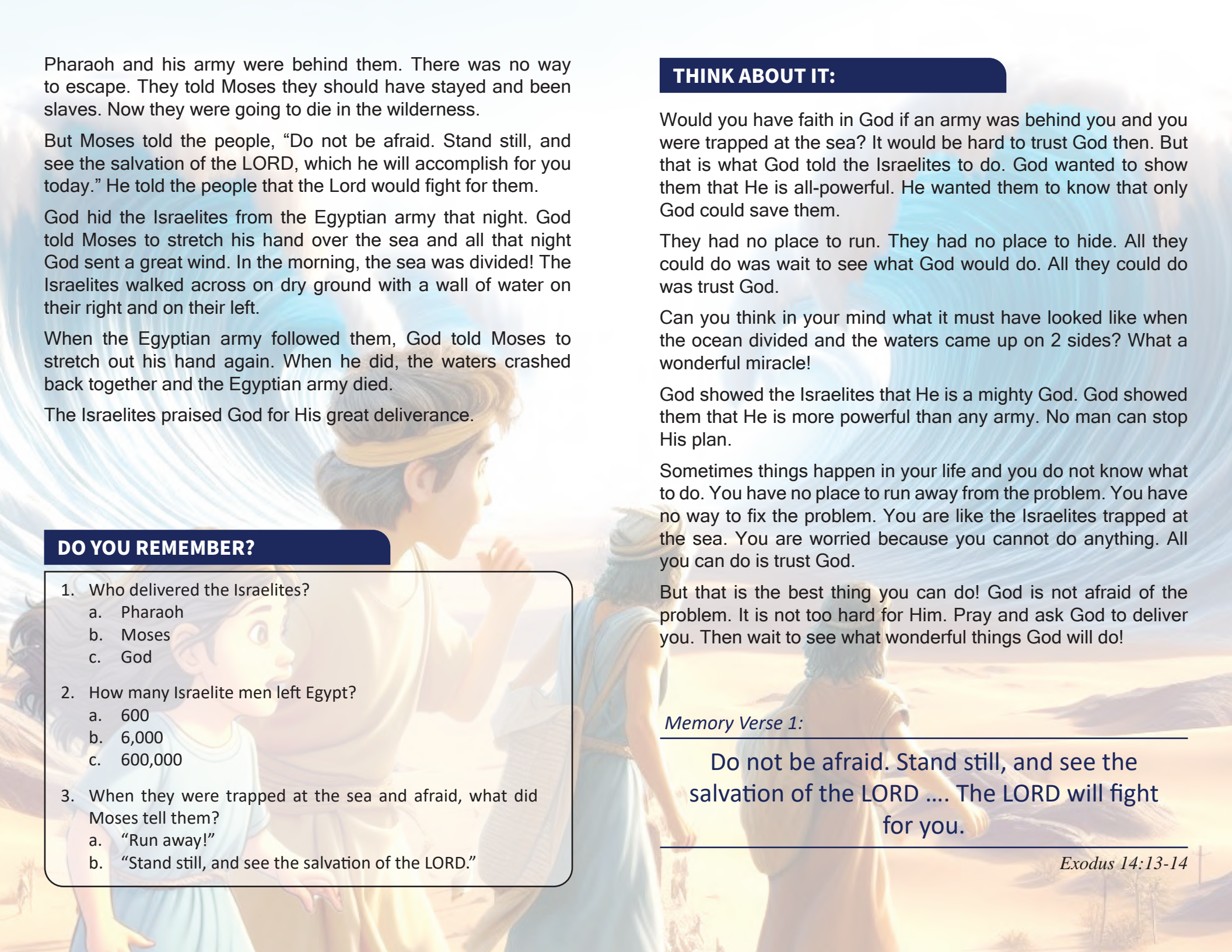
When someone told Pharaoh the Israelites had left, Pharaoh changed his mind and said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" He got his army together and chased the Israelites.

It was not long before the Israelites could see the huge army coming. They were very afraid.

The Israelites were trapped at the sea!







Pharaoh and his army were behind them. There was no way to escape. They told Moses they should have stayed and been slaves. Now they were going to die in the wilderness.

But Moses told the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will accomplish for you today.” He told the people that the Lord would fight for them.

God hid the Israelites from the Egyptian army that night. God told Moses to stretch his hand over the sea and all that night God sent a great wind. In the morning, the sea was divided! The Israelites walked across on dry ground with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

When the Egyptian army followed them, God told Moses to stretch out his hand again. When he did, the waters crashed back together and the Egyptian army died.

The Israelites praised God for His great deliverance.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who delivered the Israelites?
  - a. Pharaoh
  - b. Moses
  - c. God
2. How many Israelite men left Egypt?
  - a. 600
  - b. 6,000
  - c. 600,000
3. When they were trapped at the sea and afraid, what did Moses tell them?
  - a. “Run away!”
  - b. “Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD.”

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Would you have faith in God if an army was behind you and you were trapped at the sea? It would be hard to trust God then. But that is what God told the Israelites to do. God wanted to show them that He is all-powerful. He wanted them to know that only God could save them.

They had no place to run. They had no place to hide. All they could do was wait to see what God would do. All they could do was trust God.

Can you think in your mind what it must have looked like when the ocean divided and the waters came up on 2 sides? What a wonderful miracle!

God showed the Israelites that He is a mighty God. God showed them that He is more powerful than any army. No man can stop His plan.

Sometimes things happen in your life and you do not know what to do. You have no place to run away from the problem. You have no way to fix the problem. You are like the Israelites trapped at the sea. You are worried because you cannot do anything. All you can do is trust God.

But that is the best thing you can do! God is not afraid of the problem. It is not too hard for Him. Pray and ask God to deliver you. Then wait to see what wonderful things God will do!

*Memory Verse 1:*

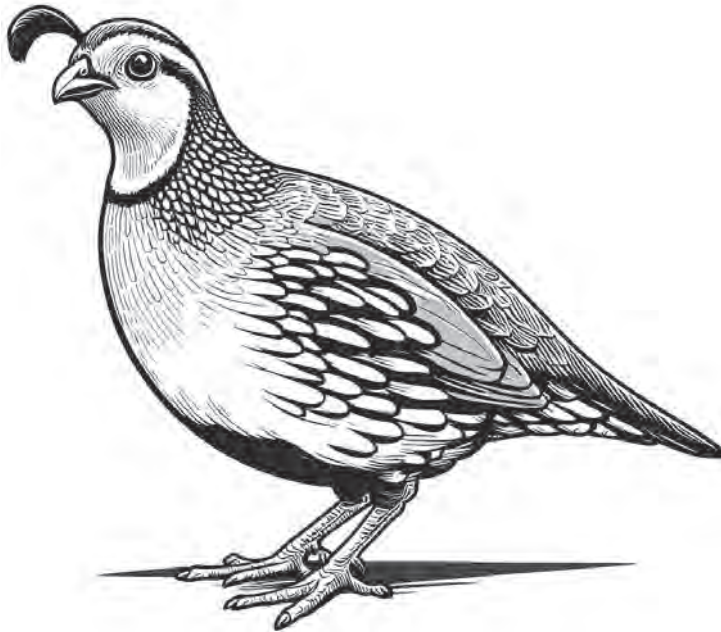
**Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD .... The LORD will fight for you.**

*Exodus 14:13-14*

*Memory Verse 2:*

Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for  
His goodness, and for His wonderful works to  
the children of men!

*Psalms 107:8-9*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Trust God To Give You What  
You Need And Be Thankful.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

YEAR 1

LESSON 28

### GOD TAKES CARE OF HIS PEOPLE

*From Exodus 16:1-17:7*

The Israelites traveled in the desert for a long time. They were tired and hot. They complained to Moses. They said they were starving. They said they wished they were back in Egypt.

The Lord told Moses that He would make it rain. It would rain bread! God would give them rules about the bread to see if they would obey.

Moses gathered the people together. He told them that God had heard their grumbling. Moses said, "Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD."

Moses gave the people God's rules. When the bread came, they should only take what they needed for one day and nothing more.





They were not to keep any extra for the next day.

In the morning, there were flakes all over the ground. God had rained down bread from heaven! They called it **manna**.

Everyone took what they needed for one day.

But some people disobeyed. They kept some until the next morning. When they got up, the bread was full of bugs and it stank.

On the 6th day of the week, God's rules said to take enough bread for 2 days so they could rest on the seventh day as God had said. No manna came to the ground on the seventh day. All the Israelites who obeyed and kept some had food to eat. There were no bugs in it.

God took care of the Israelites. He also gave them water. He gave them quail to eat. He protected them and provided for them all the time they were in the desert.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who did Moses say the people's complaints were against?
  - a. The Lord
  - b. Moses
2. What did God promise He would do for the people?
  - a. He would give them money to buy food.
  - b. He would rain bread.
3. How much should the people take?
  - a. Enough for a whole week.
  - b. Enough for only that day.
4. What happened when some people disobeyed?
  - a. Nothing. The bread was fine.
  - b. The bread was full of bugs and stank.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

What a terrible thing had happened!

God had done miracles to set the Israelites free. God had divided the ocean for the Israelites to walk through on dry land. After all these wonderful things, they grumbled and complained because they didn't have any food.

They did not remember to have faith in God. They forgot that God could take care of them.

The Israelites saw God do great big miracles, but then they did not think God would take care of their everyday needs in the desert. The Israelites needed to trust God in all things, not just the big things.

God does not like complaining. Complaining does not honor God or lift God up.

God has done so much for you. You should not grumble and complain about what you do not have. Think of all you do have! You can be glad for sunshine and flowers and your heart beating and lungs breathing air. You can thank God for your friends and your family.

We should be so glad for what God has done for us that we do not even think about complaining.

God promises to give you everything you need. He has never lied before. You can trust Him to keep this promise too.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Do all things without complaining  
and disputing.**

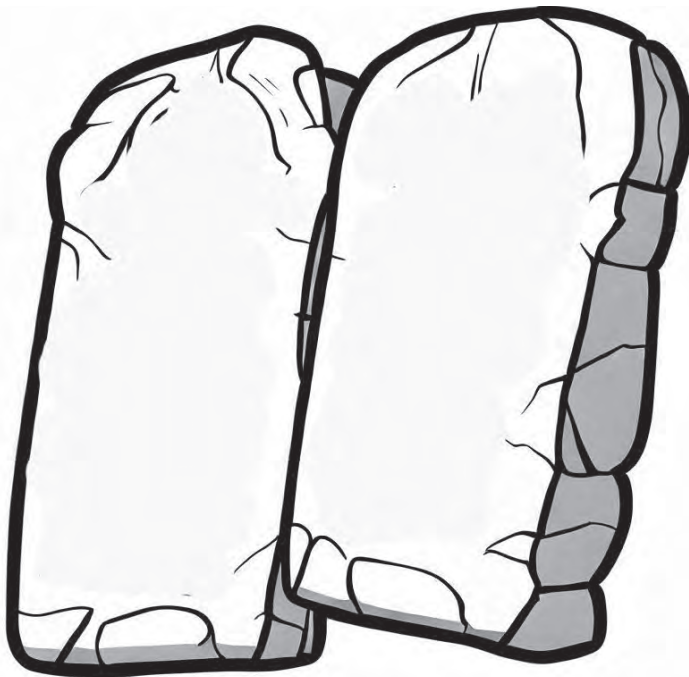
*Philippians 2:14*

Memory Verse 2:

All that the LORD has spoken  
we will do.

*Exodus 19:8*

Write some of God's 10 Commandments on the tablets.



***Truth To Remember:***

**Everyone Has Broken God's  
Law And Needs God's Grace.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

YEAR 1

LESSON 29

### GOD GIVES TEN COMMANDMENTS

*From Exodus 19-20*

**T**he Israelites came to a mountain called Sinai. God told Moses to go up the mountain. He was going to give Moses the laws for the Israelites to obey. Moses told the people and the people said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Moses went up Mount Sinai and God talked with him. God gave Moses 10 Commandments for the people to obey. God told Moses:

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage [slavery]."

Here are God's 10 commands:

1. Do not have any other gods except me.
2. Do not make any idols.
3. Do not use the name of





the Lord your God in an unholy way.

4. Remember the Sabbath day. Keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie about your neighbor.
10. Do not covet.

God talked with Moses about many things. God wrote His 10 Commandments on 2 stone tablets. He gave them to Moses.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks from God's commandments.

1. Commandment 2:  
Do not make any \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Commandment 5:  
Honor your \_\_\_\_\_  
and your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Commandment 8:  
Do not \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Commandment 9:  
Do not \_\_\_\_\_  
about your neighbor.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

You may be thinking that no one could keep all those laws. Everyone is going to break one of the laws sometime.

You are right.

God gave the law and the law must be perfectly obeyed. But no one can perfectly obey all the laws God gave to us. That is because no one is perfect.

You are not perfect. Even if you break only one commandment, you are not perfect. Even if you only do one bad thing your whole life, you are a sinner.

God wanted the Israelites to know that they could never be good enough. They could never be perfect like God. He knew the Israelites were sinners, but now they knew it too. They saw the law and knew they could not keep it. If we break one commandment, we have broken the law. We must keep the law in the things we think and the things we do. It is impossible! There is no way we can please the Holy God.

That is why all people need God's mercy. We need God's help, but we do not deserve God's help. The Bible calls this grace. Grace is love and care from God that we do not deserve. Grace would come in God's perfect plan of salvation. God gave us the law to show us that we need God's grace.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**If you love Me, keep My commandments.**

*John 14:15*



Memory Verse 2:

The LORD Himself is God in heaven above and  
on the earth beneath; there is no other.

*Deuteronomy 4:39*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Never Put Anything In God's Place.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

YEAR 1

LESSON 30

### THE PEOPLE WORSHIP A GOLDEN CALF

*From Exodus 32*

Moses had been up on the mountain for a long time. The people came to Aaron, Moses' brother. They told Aaron to make them gods to lead them. They didn't know what had happened to Moses.

Aaron told the people to give him all their gold jewelry. He used the gold to make a golden calf. He told the people this was their god who had brought them out of Egypt.

The Israelites worshipped the golden calf. They danced around it and sang.





Moses was coming down the mountain when he heard the singing. Then he saw the golden calf and the people dancing and running wild around it. He was very angry.

He threw the stone tablets down and they broke into pieces. He took down the golden calf and ground it into powder. He put the powder into the water and made the Israelites drink it.

Moses called out, “Whoever is on the LORD’s side—come to me!”

One of the tribes, the Levites, stood with Moses. Moses told the Levites to go kill people with their swords. About 3,000 people died that day.

God also made the people sick because they worshipped the golden calf.

Then God called Moses back to the mountain. He gave him 2 more stone tablets with the 10 Commandments on them. Moses was on the mountain with God for 40 days and 40 nights.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did the people give Aaron to make an idol with?
  - a. Their money
  - b. Their gold jewelry.
2. What did Aaron make with the jewelry?
  - a. A golden calf
  - b. A golden altar
3. What did Moses do when he saw the people dancing and running wild around the calf?
  - a. He danced with them.
  - b. He became very angry.
4. What did Moses do with the golden calf?
  - a. He kept it.
  - b. He ground it into powder and made the Israelites drink it.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

While God was giving His law to Moses, the Israelites were making a god out of gold! This was the very first law God gave to Moses. God said He was the only true God. They were not to have any other gods. God’s second law was to never make any idols. The Israelites broke that law too. They dishonored God by making an idol. They mocked God by worshipping this golden calf.

What they did was very evil.

What would you have done if you had been an Israelite? Would you have worshipped the golden calf because everyone else was? Or would you tell them that there is only one true God and He is the only One to be worshipped? Which do you think would please God?

Sometime in your life, you will be around people who are doing things that are wrong. You need to decide if you will do what the others are doing, or if you will say no. Think right now of some things people around you might do: lying, stealing, cheating. You can think of others. Do any of your friends do these things? If you did these things with them, it would mean you care more about what others think than about what God thinks. You would be putting someone or something in God’s place. The Bible says in Proverbs 1:10 that if sinners tempt us, we should not give in. Do not spend time with people who are on an evil path. Stay on God’s path.

God wants each of us to follow Him with our whole heart. That means that we follow Him even when no one else does. This is pleasing to God.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**You shall have no other gods  
before Me.**

*Exodus 20:3*

Memory Verse 2:

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9



**Truth To Remember:**

**The Lamb Of God, The Messiah, Would Be God's Perfect Sacrifice For Sin.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

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LESSON 31

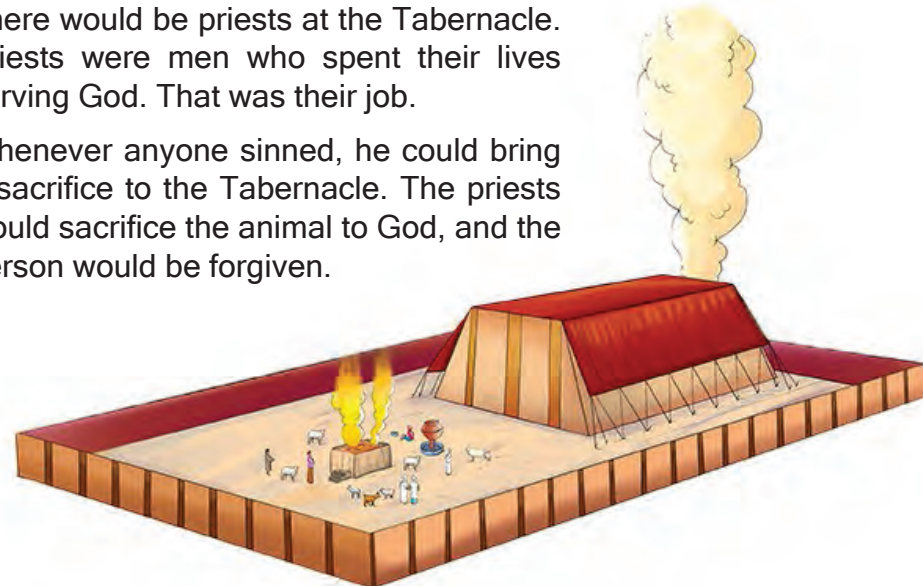
### GOD TELLS MOSES TO MAKE A TABERNACLE

*From Exodus 40*

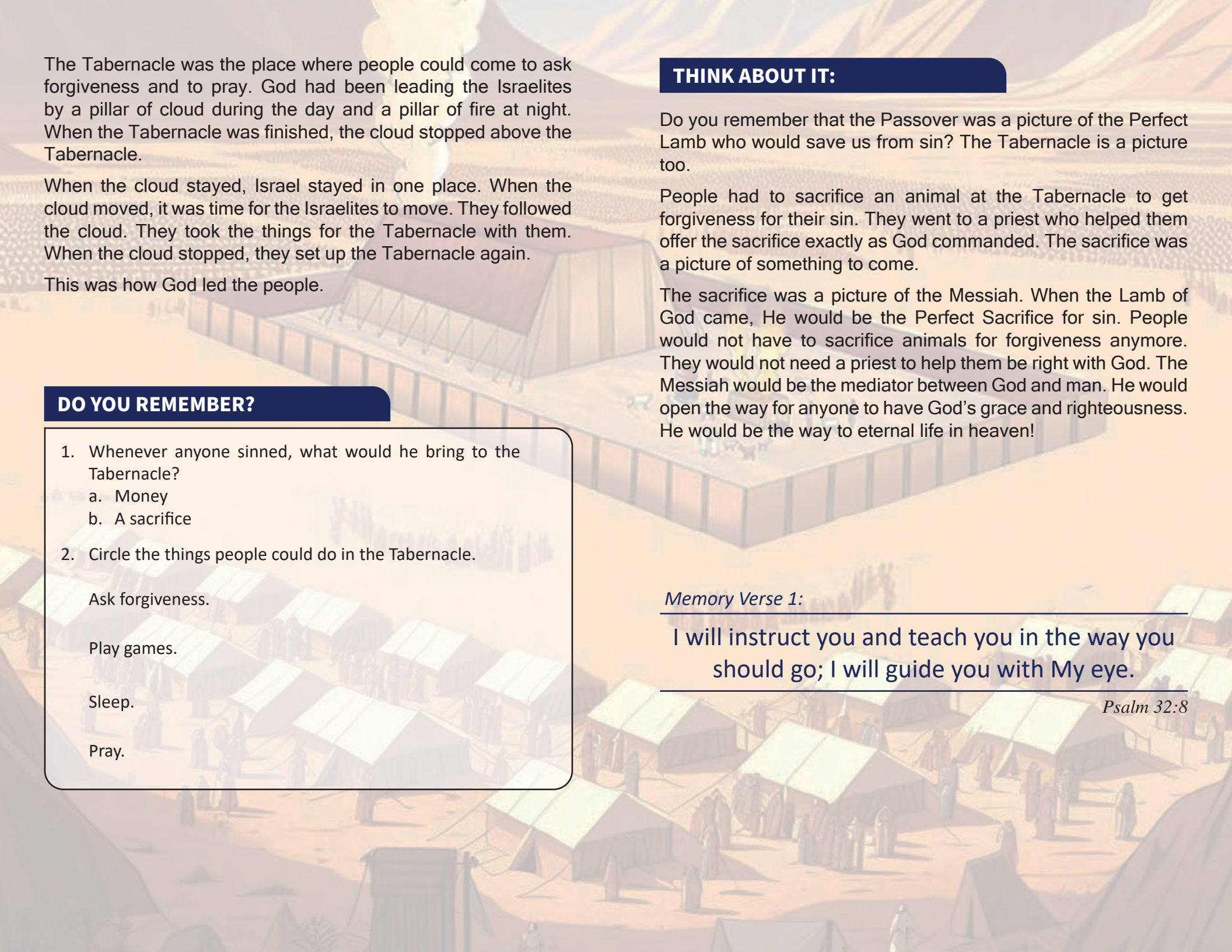
God told Moses to make a special place. It would be called the Tabernacle. It was a place where people could come to worship God. God's presence would be there.

God gave Moses exact plans for this Tabernacle. Each item in the Tabernacle was designed by God and had important meaning. There would be priests at the Tabernacle. Priests were men who spent their lives serving God. That was their job.

Whenever anyone sinned, he could bring a sacrifice to the Tabernacle. The priests would sacrifice the animal to God, and the person would be forgiven.







The Tabernacle was the place where people could come to ask forgiveness and to pray. God had been leading the Israelites by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. When the Tabernacle was finished, the cloud stopped above the Tabernacle.

When the cloud stayed, Israel stayed in one place. When the cloud moved, it was time for the Israelites to move. They followed the cloud. They took the things for the Tabernacle with them. When the cloud stopped, they set up the Tabernacle again.

This was how God led the people.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Whenever anyone sinned, what would he bring to the Tabernacle?
  - a. Money
  - b. A sacrifice
2. Circle the things people could do in the Tabernacle.

Ask forgiveness.

Play games.

Sleep.

Pray.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Do you remember that the Passover was a picture of the Perfect Lamb who would save us from sin? The Tabernacle is a picture too.

People had to sacrifice an animal at the Tabernacle to get forgiveness for their sin. They went to a priest who helped them offer the sacrifice exactly as God commanded. The sacrifice was a picture of something to come.

The sacrifice was a picture of the Messiah. When the Lamb of God came, He would be the Perfect Sacrifice for sin. People would not have to sacrifice animals for forgiveness anymore. They would not need a priest to help them be right with God. The Messiah would be the mediator between God and man. He would open the way for anyone to have God's grace and righteousness. He would be the way to eternal life in heaven!

*Memory Verse 1:*

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**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.**

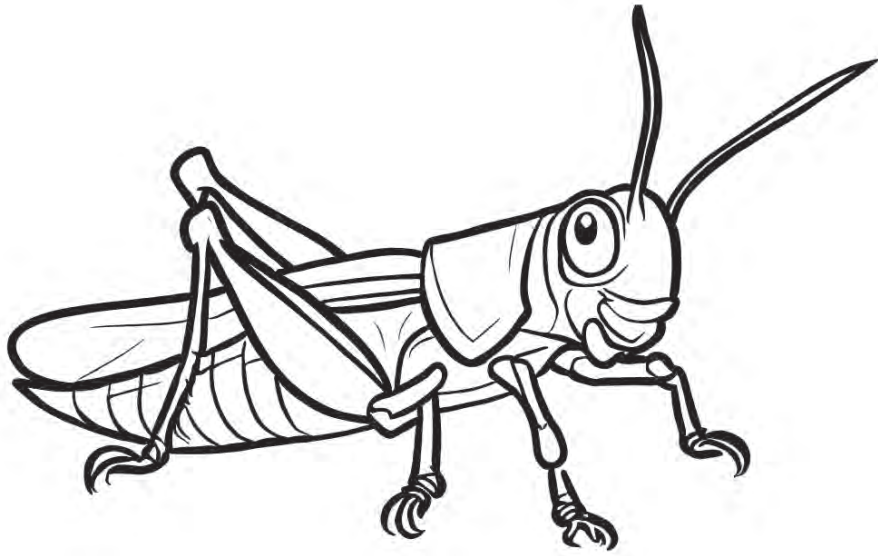
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*Psalms 32:8*

*Memory Verse 2:*

Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with  
all your heart; for consider what great things  
He has done for you.

*1 Samuel 12:24*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Rewards Those Who  
Have Faith In Him.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

YEAR 1

LESSON 32

### TWELVE MEN SPY ON THE LAND

*From Numbers 13:16-14:24*

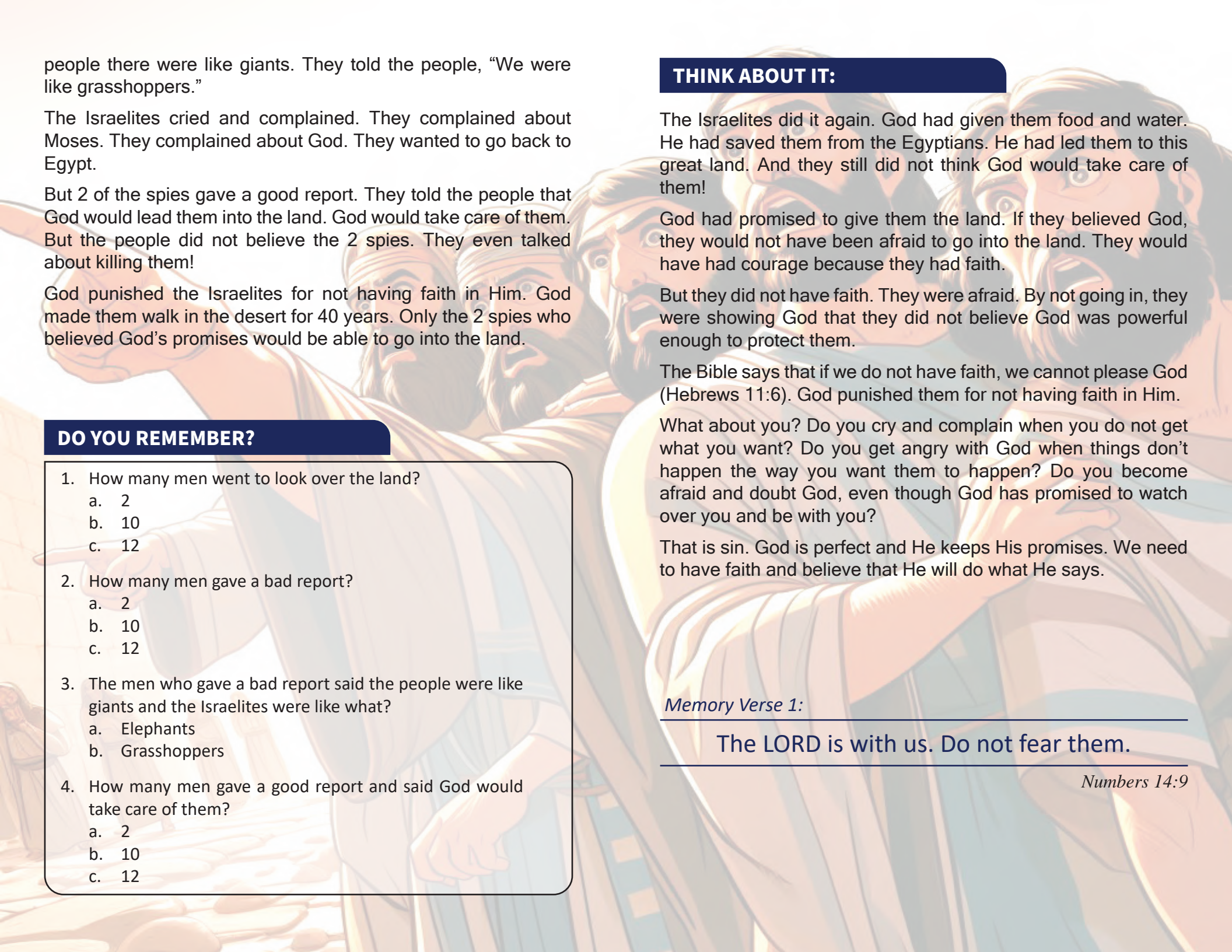
The Israelites were getting close to the land God had promised to give them. The land was called Canaan. God had promised this land to Abraham many years before. God was keeping His promise.

Moses sent 12 men to look over the land. They were to see what it was like and what kind of people lived there. When the men came back, they had a bunch of grapes. The bunch was so big, it had to be carried by 2 people! They said that the land was very good, just as God had said.

But 10 of the men told the Israelites that they should not go into this land. They gave a bad report. They said all the







people there were like giants. They told the people, “We were like grasshoppers.”

The Israelites cried and complained. They complained about Moses. They complained about God. They wanted to go back to Egypt.

But 2 of the spies gave a good report. They told the people that God would lead them into the land. God would take care of them. But the people did not believe the 2 spies. They even talked about killing them!

God punished the Israelites for not having faith in Him. God made them walk in the desert for 40 years. Only the 2 spies who believed God’s promises would be able to go into the land.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. How many men went to look over the land?
  - a. 2
  - b. 10
  - c. 12
2. How many men gave a bad report?
  - a. 2
  - b. 10
  - c. 12
3. The men who gave a bad report said the people were like giants and the Israelites were like what?
  - a. Elephants
  - b. Grasshoppers
4. How many men gave a good report and said God would take care of them?
  - a. 2
  - b. 10
  - c. 12

### THINK ABOUT IT:

The Israelites did it again. God had given them food and water. He had saved them from the Egyptians. He had led them to this great land. And they still did not think God would take care of them!

God had promised to give them the land. If they believed God, they would not have been afraid to go into the land. They would have had courage because they had faith.

But they did not have faith. They were afraid. By not going in, they were showing God that they did not believe God was powerful enough to protect them.

The Bible says that if we do not have faith, we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6). God punished them for not having faith in Him.

What about you? Do you cry and complain when you do not get what you want? Do you get angry with God when things don’t happen the way you want them to happen? Do you become afraid and doubt God, even though God has promised to watch over you and be with you?

That is sin. God is perfect and He keeps His promises. We need to have faith and believe that He will do what He says.

*Memory Verse 1:*

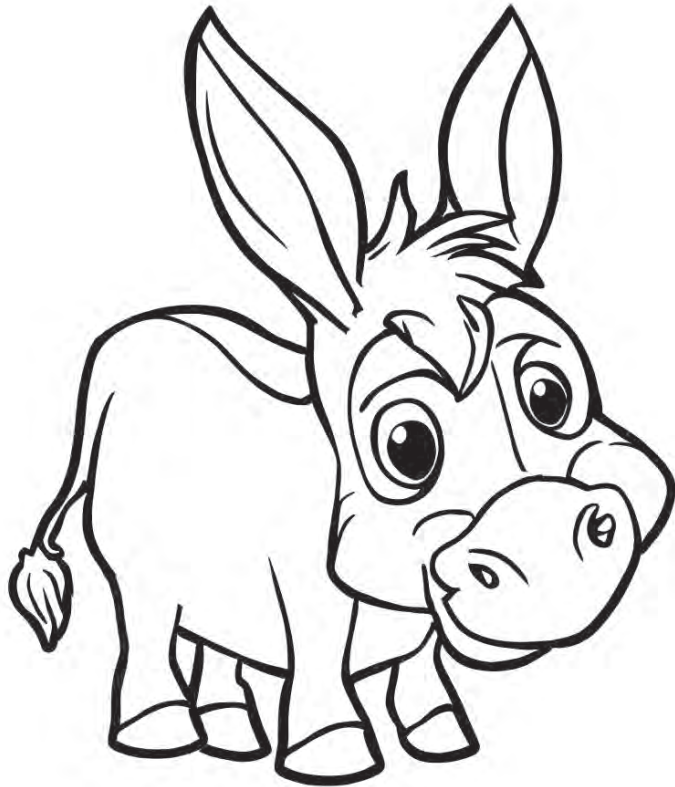
**The LORD is with us. Do not fear them.**

*Numbers 14:9*

Memory Verse 2:

There is no wisdom or understanding or  
counsel against the LORD.

*Proverbs 21:30*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Ask God For Wisdom And Guidance.**



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## BIBLE STORY SERIES

YEAR 1

LESSON 33

### THE DAY A DONKEY TALKED

*From Numbers 22-23*

Wherever the Israelites went, God protected them. He made all the people in the lands around them afraid of the Israelites.

One man named Balak saw how God was defeating the Israelites' enemies. Balak was the king of Moab, and he was worried. He did not want the Israelites to defeat him.

He called to a man named Balaam. He told Balaam to come and put a curse on the Israelites, so they could not hurt him.

Balaam got on his donkey and rode to see King Balak. On the way, God sent an angel to stop him. The angel stood in the road.

The donkey saw the angel and turned away. Balaam hit the donkey.





The angel still stood in the way. Balaam's donkey ran into the wall on the side of the road. Balaam hit his donkey again.

When the angel stopped them again, the donkey lay down in the road. Balaam was very angry. He started beating the donkey.

God opened the donkey's mouth and she talked! The donkey said, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these 3 times?"

Then God let Balaam see the angel. Balaam knew that the donkey had saved his life. The angel had a sword. He would have killed Balaam! The angel told Balaam to go see Balak, but Balaam must only say what God told him to say.

Balaam met with King Balak. Balak told him to curse the Israelites, but he blessed them many times instead. Balak was angry, but Balaam said, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'All that the LORD speaks, that I must do'?"

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who did King Balak call to come put a curse on the Israelites?
  - a. Balaam
  - b. Jacob
2. What did God send to stop Balaam?
  - a. An angel
  - b. A storm
3. What did the donkey do after Balaam had beaten her 3 times?
  - a. She ran away.
  - b. She talked!
4. Did Balaam curse the Israelites?
  - a. Yes, he cursed them.
  - b. No, he blessed them instead.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

A donkey talked! God had done a miracle!

Balaam must have been very surprised when his donkey talked to him. He probably also felt sad, because he had beaten his donkey when she was trying to help him. He must have felt shame that God was angry with him.

God would not let Balaam curse Israel. God did not let Balaam stop His plan. Even Satan cannot stop God's plans. God used Balaam to do a good thing instead. He used him to bless the Israelites.

Balaam was not a wise man. It seems Balaam made his decisions based on what he wanted instead of what God wanted.

God wants to help us make decisions. He wants to show us the best way to do things. He will help us, if we ask Him.

When you must make a decision about something, pray to God about it first. Ask God to give you wisdom. Then read God's Holy Word. God will guide you. God will watch over you. No decision is too hard to make with God's help!

### Memory Verse 1:

Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

*Numbers 22:18*

Memory Verse 2:

The LORD your God is He who fights for you,  
as He promised you.

*Joshua 23:10*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Obey God No Matter What  
Other People Think Or Say.**



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YEAR 1

LESSON 34

### THE GREAT WALLS OF JERICHO COME DOWN

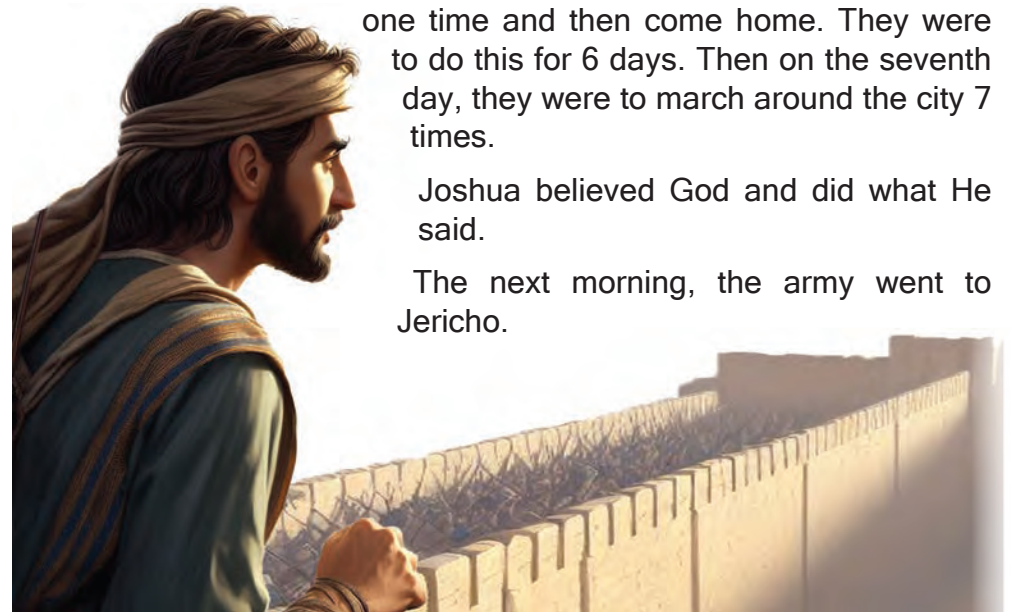
*From Joshua 5:13-6:23*

The gates of Jericho were tightly closed because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one could come in and no one could go out.

But God told a man named Joshua that He was going to give the Israelites that city. He told Joshua to tell the Israelite army to go to Jericho the next day. He told them to march around the city one time and then come home. They were to do this for 6 days. Then on the seventh day, they were to march around the city 7 times.

Joshua believed God and did what He said.

The next morning, the army went to Jericho.





Joshua told them not to say anything while they marched. They marched around the big walls of the city. The priests blew their trumpets, but the soldiers did not say one word. Then they went home.

They did this the next day and the next. They did it for 6 days. On the seventh day, the Israelites obeyed what God had said and marched around the great city 7 times. When they had finished, Joshua yelled, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!"

The priests blew their trumpets and the army shouted a great shout. When they shouted, the walls of Jericho fell down! The army walked right into the city. Now Jericho belonged to the Israelites.

God had helped them win a great victory!

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What city was tightly closed up?
  - a. Israel
  - b. Jericho
2. Who did God command to tell the army what to do?
  - a. Moses
  - b. Joshua
3. How many times were they commanded to march around the city on the seventh day?
  - a. 7
  - b. 6
4. What happened after the Israelites obeyed God's commands and then shouted on the seventh day?
  - a. The people of Jericho laughed at them.
  - b. The walls of the city fell down.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

How do you think the people inside Jericho felt when they saw the Israelites marching around their city? They were probably afraid at first. But the Israelites did not fight. They did not even talk. They just marched and went home.

Perhaps after the second and third days, the people of Jericho were not afraid anymore. Maybe they laughed at the army and called them bad names. Maybe they threw things at them.

Some of the Israelites may have become angry. It would have been easy to stop and yell in anger. Some of them may have wanted to give up and go back. It would have been easy to run away. But God would not have been pleased.

The Israelites did not yell at the people or give up and go back. They did not understand why they were marching, but they obeyed.

Maybe you are doing something God taught you is right, but other people are laughing at you and making fun of you. They may even say bad things about you and about God.

It would be easy to get angry at them and say bad things back. It would be easy to give up. But this would not please God.

God wants you to obey Him no matter what other people think or say. What God thinks and says is the most important.

The Israelites obeyed, and God gave them a great victory.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Through God we will do valiantly.**

*Psalms 60:12*



*Memory Verse 2:*

God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

*1 Corinthians 10:13*



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Sees All Things.**



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YEAR 1

LESSON 35

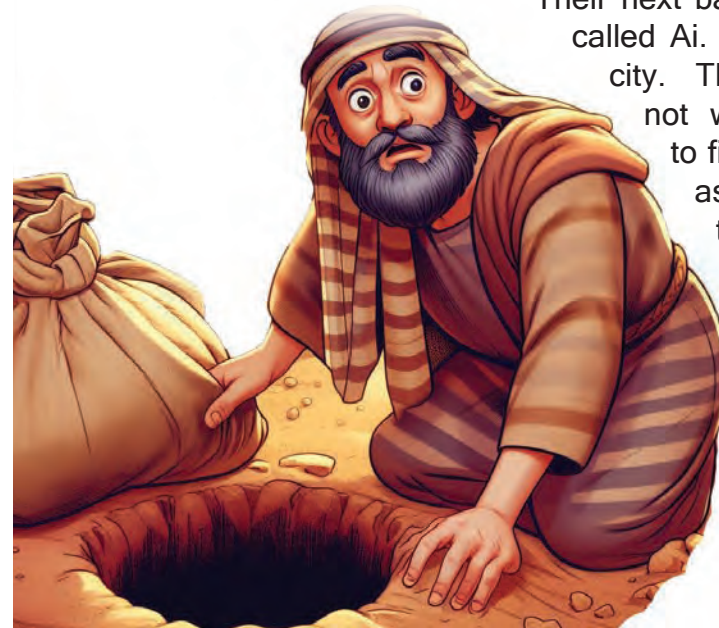
### ACHAN SINS AGAINST GOD

*From Joshua 7*

The Israelites defeated the city of Jericho. Joshua told the army not to take things from the city because everything in it belonged to the Lord. But a man named Achan disobeyed. He took a beautiful robe, some silver, and a large block of gold. Achan buried the things in the ground under his tent.

Their next battle was with a city called Ai. It was a very small city. The Israelites were not worried. They went to fight Ai. They did not ask God if He wanted them to do this.

The Israelites did not win the battle that day. Ai defeated them and 36 of their men were killed.





Joshua prayed to God. He asked why God let this happen. Joshua could not understand.

God told Joshua, "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? Israel has sinned." God told Joshua that sin was the reason they lost the battle. Someone had stolen things from Jericho when God said not to take anything.

God showed Joshua who had sinned. It was Achan.

Achan said, "I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel." Achan told Joshua that he had seen the rich things, wanted them, and took them.

Achan had disobeyed God. He and his family died that day because of Achan's sin.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who disobeyed and took things from Jericho?
  - a. Joshua
  - b. Achan
2. What did Achan do with the things he stole?
  - a. He buried them under his tent.
  - b. He wore the robe and spent the money.
3. Why did God say the Israelites lost the battle with Ai?
  - a. They were too weak.
  - b. The people of Ai were giants.
  - c. Israel had sinned.
4. Fill in the blanks of what Achan told Joshua he did.

He had seen the rich things, \_\_\_\_\_

them and \_\_\_\_\_ them.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Achan stole what belonged to God. Then he hid what he stole. No one had seen him. He thought no one would know.

But God saw. God knew. Achan could not hide from God.

God knows all things. He sees you all day long and all night too. He knows what you do when no one else is there. He even knows what you think.

If you steal something, God sees you. If you lie to your parents, God knows. If you love God and do right, He knows that too.

God does not give you rules to keep good things out of your life. He does it because He wants what is best for you.

Joshua and the Israelites fought another city after Ai. This time, God said they could take the good things of the land and keep them. Achan should have waited! If he had waited for God's timing, he could have had many wonderful things.

When Satan tempts you to do something wrong, think about Achan. He did what Satan tempted him to do, and he was punished. But if he had waited for God's time, he could have had many good things and not have had to hide them.

When Satan tempts you, do not give in. Do what is right and remember that God wants what is best for you.

### Memory Verse 1:

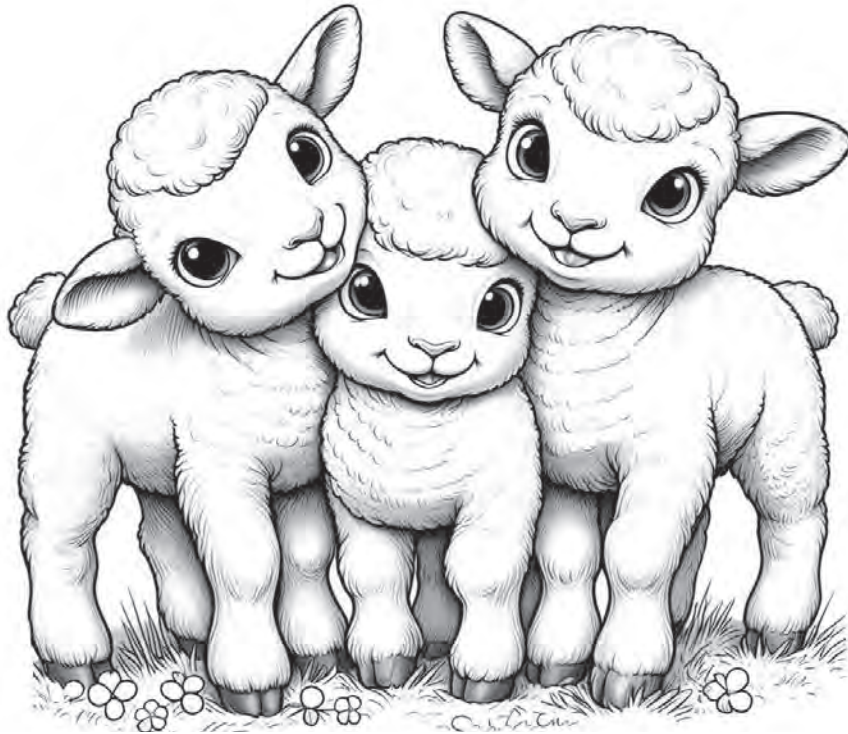
The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping  
watch on the evil and the good.

*Proverbs 15:3*

Memory Verse 2:

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world!

John 1:29



*Truth To Remember:*

**Only Someone Perfect  
Could Pay For Sin.**



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YEAR 1

LESSON 36

## **GOD'S PERFECT LAMB**

*From Genesis 3:15; Exodus 20; Isaiah 53*

**A**s many years passed, God took care of the Israelites, the descendants of Abraham. God gave them rules to follow. God said that when they obeyed the rules, He would be pleased and they would be blessed.

Many times, the Israelites disobeyed God's rules. God sent them prophets, men to tell them that they needed to turn around and do right. Sometimes, the people changed. Many times, they did not. Some even hurt God's prophets for preaching the truth.

God knew the Israelites would sin. All people sin.  
Sin must be punished.

God says the  
punishment for  
sin is death.  
That is what  
He told Adam  
and Eve  
back in the  
beginning.





Remember the Tabernacle and the sacrifices God required? God chose a lamb sacrifice as the payment for sin. In God's system, when a person sinned, they could offer a lamb to pay the price of their sin. This lamb had to be perfect, with no spots or marks. But the Israelites knew that a lamb could not really take away their sins. Only someone perfect could make things right between God and man again. But no person on earth is perfect. Israel had to trust in God's promise.

God promised to send a Savior. God promised that this Perfect One would take the punishment for sin and then people could fellowship with God again. This perfect Someone was the Messiah, the Lamb of God.

The Israelites waited for this Savior, this Perfect One. When would He come? Would He really be able to pay for sin?

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. In the Tabernacle, what kind of sacrifice did God choose for the payment for sin?
  - a. Money
  - b. A lamb
2. Could a lamb really take away their sins?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
3. Who did God promise to send to take the punishment for sin?
  - a. A Savior
  - b. An angel
4. What was the perfect Someone called?
  - a. The Messiah
  - b. The Lamb of God
  - c. The Messiah and the Lamb of God

### THINK ABOUT IT:

No animal sacrifice can truly take away sin. The Bible says so. No animal can pay the full price for us to be right with God again. The animal sacrifices were just a picture.

Since God is perfectly holy, the true Lamb of God who could pay the penalty for sin had to be perfect. He had to have never sinned.

Many years passed, and still the Messiah did not come. Some of the Israelites probably asked God if He had forgotten His promise. Some of them probably asked if God had changed His mind.

But God never forgets His promises. He never changes. He knew He would send the Savior from the very beginning. He would send Him when it was the right time. The Israelites had to wait and have faith.

*Memory Verse 1:*

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**For it is not possible that the blood of bulls  
and goats could take away sins.**

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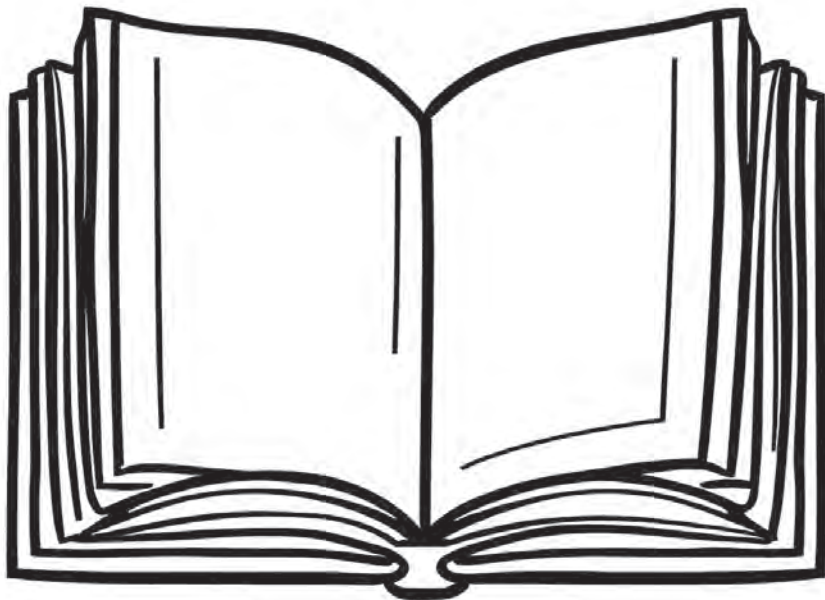
*Hebrews 10:4*

Memory Verse 2:

But He was wounded for our transgressions,  
He was bruised for our iniquities.

Isaiah 53:5

Write one of God's prophecies in the book.



*Truth To Remember:*

**God Made Many Promises About  
The Messiah Before He Came.**



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LESSON 37

### GOD GIVES MANY PROPHECIES

God's Word tells us about the promised Savior, the Messiah. God told things about the Messiah before He came. This is called **prophecy**. People who tell about things before they happen are called prophets. God could give true prophecies through His prophets because He knows everything. He knows all things before they happen.

Some of the things God said about the Messiah are in these verses:

Isaiah 7:14	The Messiah would be born of a virgin woman.
Micah 5:2	He would be born in a town called Bethlehem.
Isaiah 11:2	He would be very wise.
Psalms 41:9	A friend would turn against Him.
Zechariah 11:12-13	He would be arrested for 30 pieces of silver.
Psalms 69:4	Many people would hate Him for no reason.
Psalms 22:16	His hands and His feet would be pierced.
Isaiah 53:5	He would take the punishment for our sins.



Of course, the people did not understand all of these things. Why would the Messiah be hated? What did it mean that His hands and feet would be pierced? Why would people hurt Him?

Many people thought the Messiah would start an army and take over the government.

God did not explain everything to them. God knew that when the Messiah came, He would explain the truth to them. Then each person would have to choose if they would believe Him or not.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks.

1. Micah 5:2: The Messiah would be born in a town called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Zechariah 11:12-13: He would be arrested for \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver.
3. Psalm 22:16: His hands and His feet would be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Isaiah 53:5: He would take the punishment for our \_\_\_\_\_.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Sometimes people read the Bible and try to change what it means. Sometimes they ignore parts or only believe certain parts. Sometimes they try to put new things in. The Israelites found verses about the Messiah's great kingdom. They read about the Savior's might and power. They decided it meant that He would come to take over the government.

The Israelites wanted that very much. Their rulers were not kind rulers. They wanted the Messiah to be their new ruler. But God wanted more for people. Taking over the government may have helped their country right then, but it would not fix the real problem. The real problem was their sin. They needed much more than a political leader. They needed a Savior to forgive their sins and make it possible to be right with God.

Many, many years had gone by since God made His first promise to Adam and Eve. But God had not forgotten. God knew when the perfect time was. The Messiah would be coming soon.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.**

*John 4:25*

Memory Verse 2:

The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*Isaiah 40:5*



**Truth To Remember:**

**God's Plans Always Happen  
In His Perfect Time.**



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LESSON 38

### ZACHARIAS SEES AN ANGEL

*From Luke 1:1-15, 57-80*

Zacharias was a priest. He and his wife loved God and did what was right. They had lived for many years but had no children.

One day, Zacharias was working in the Temple of God. Suddenly, he saw an angel! Zacharias was afraid.

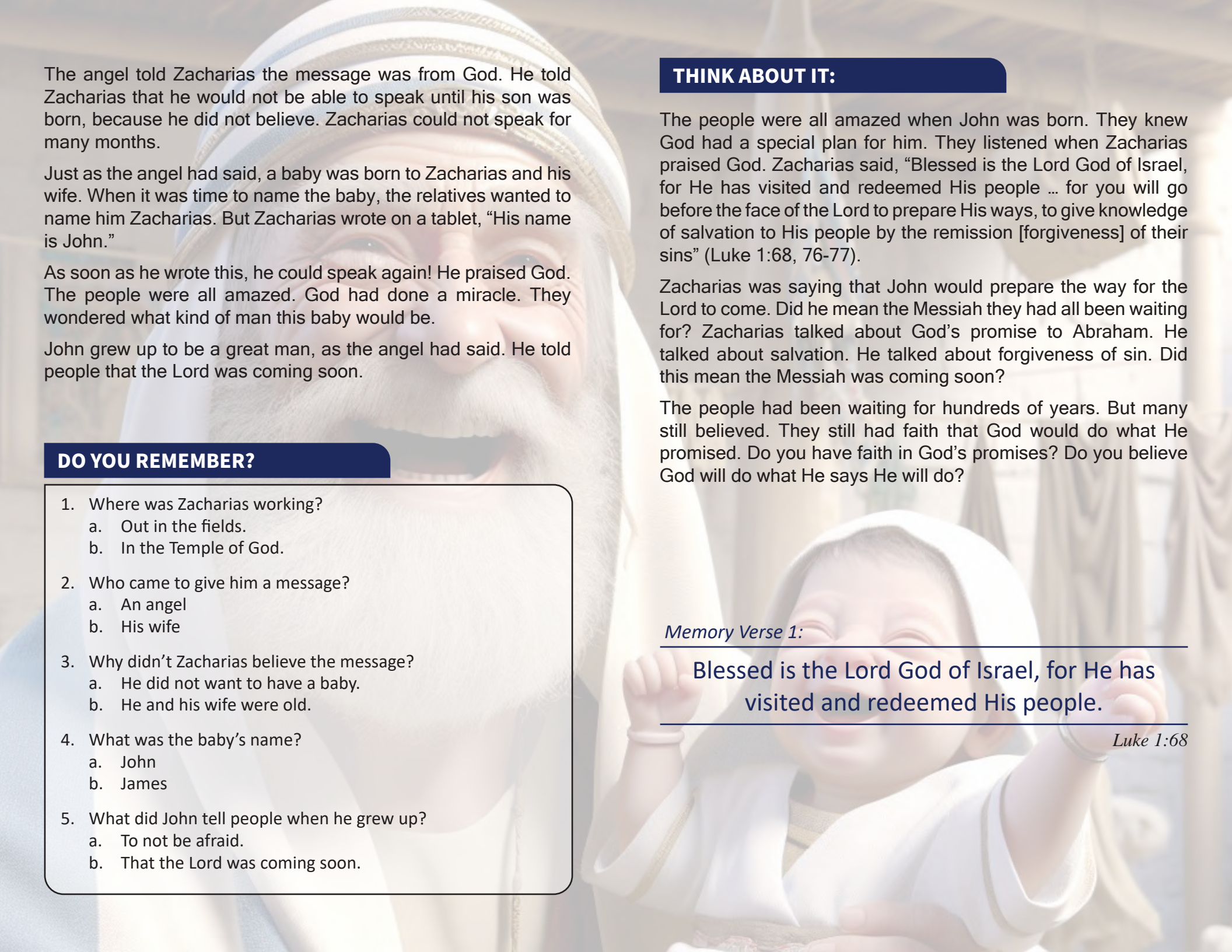
“Do not be afraid, Zacharias,” the angel said, “for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.”

The angel told Zacharias that the new baby would make things ready for the Lord to come.

Zacharias told the angel that he and his wife were old. How could he believe this would happen?







The angel told Zacharias the message was from God. He told Zacharias that he would not be able to speak until his son was born, because he did not believe. Zacharias could not speak for many months.

Just as the angel had said, a baby was born to Zacharias and his wife. When it was time to name the baby, the relatives wanted to name him Zacharias. But Zacharias wrote on a tablet, “His name is John.”

As soon as he wrote this, he could speak again! He praised God. The people were all amazed. God had done a miracle. They wondered what kind of man this baby would be.

John grew up to be a great man, as the angel had said. He told people that the Lord was coming soon.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Where was Zacharias working?
  - a. Out in the fields.
  - b. In the Temple of God.
2. Who came to give him a message?
  - a. An angel
  - b. His wife
3. Why didn't Zacharias believe the message?
  - a. He did not want to have a baby.
  - b. He and his wife were old.
4. What was the baby's name?
  - a. John
  - b. James
5. What did John tell people when he grew up?
  - a. To not be afraid.
  - b. That the Lord was coming soon.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

The people were all amazed when John was born. They knew God had a special plan for him. They listened when Zacharias praised God. Zacharias said, “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people ... for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission [forgiveness] of their sins” (Luke 1:68, 76-77).

Zacharias was saying that John would prepare the way for the Lord to come. Did he mean the Messiah they had all been waiting for? Zacharias talked about God's promise to Abraham. He talked about salvation. He talked about forgiveness of sin. Did this mean the Messiah was coming soon?

The people had been waiting for hundreds of years. But many still believed. They still had faith that God would do what He promised. Do you have faith in God's promises? Do you believe God will do what He says He will do?

### *Memory Verse 1:*

**Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.**

*Luke 1:68*

*Memory Verse 2:*

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

*Matthew 1:22-23*



*Truth To Remember:*

**The Name Jesus Means Savior.**



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LESSON 39

### AN ANGEL VISITS MARY

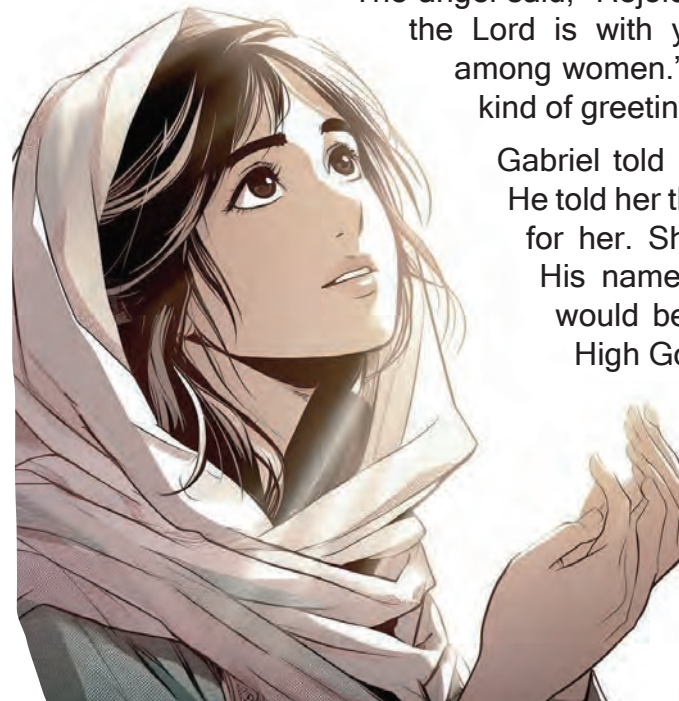
*From Luke 1:26-38*

**G**abriel, an angel of God, came to a city called Nazareth to the home of a girl named Mary. Mary was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. The arrangements had all been made.

The angel said, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women." Mary wondered what kind of greeting this was.

Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid. He told her that God had a surprise for her. She would have a son. His name would be Jesus. He would be the Son of the Most High God.

"How can this be?" asked Mary. She had not married Joseph, or been together with him





like a wife and husband. She could not have a baby.

The angel told her that the Holy Spirit of God would do this miracle.

He told her that this baby would not be the son of a man but the Son of God. The angel told her that nothing is impossible with God.

Mary told the angel, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

Then Gabriel left. Mary sat alone, thinking about this wonderful promise.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who did the angel come to visit?
  - a. Anna
  - b. Mary
2. What did the angel tell Mary her baby's name would be?
  - a. Jesus
  - b. Joseph
3. Who would this baby be?
  - a. The son of Joseph
  - b. The Son of the Most High God
4. Who would do this miracle?
  - a. The Holy Spirit of God
  - b. The angel Gabriel

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Nothing is impossible with God! He created the whole earth. He could certainly make a virgin have a baby.

The good news had finally come! For so many years the Israelites had waited for the Savior, the Perfect Messiah, to come. The Bible had promised hundreds of years before in Isaiah 7:14 that this Messiah would be born of a virgin. Now it was finally time.

But God did not announce this great news to the whole world. He did not light up the sky and show everyone that a baby would be born. Instead, He sent Gabriel to tell one girl the news.

Mary's baby would be called the Son of the Most High God! This baby was to be named Jesus, which means Savior!

Mary did not know everything that would happen, but she trusted God. She knew God was keeping His promise to send a Messiah. How happy Mary must have been that God chose her to be the mother of the Promised One. Later, she praised God for being so good to her.

#### *Memory Verse 1:*

**And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.**

*Matthew 1:21*

*Memory Verse 2:*

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given ... and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Isaiah 9:6*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Jesus Was Born For All People.  
Jesus Was Born For You And Me.**



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LESSON 40

## JESUS IS BORN

*From Luke 2:1-20*

It was almost time for Mary's baby to be born. The government said everyone must pay a tax. People had to go back to their hometowns. Mary and Joseph were from a city called Bethlehem. They traveled a very long way. When they finally got to Bethlehem, it was full of people.

They went to an inn, but it was full. There was no room for them. Finally, the innkeeper let them stay in a stable.

That night, out in the stable, Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him up in cloths and laid him in a feeding box called a manger.

Out in the nearby fields, there were shepherds watching their





sheep. Suddenly, the angel of God came, and the glory of God shone brightly around them. The shepherds were very afraid!

But the angel said, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

Then suddenly there were many angels! They praised God, saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.”

The shepherds were so excited. They said, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”

They found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was wrapped in cloths and lying in the feeding box, just as the angel had said.

The shepherds praised God. They told people about the wonderful things they had seen and heard.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Where was Jesus born?
  - a. In the inn
  - b. In the stable
2. Who did the angels visit with the good news?
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. The king
3. Who would this baby be?
  - a. The son of Joseph
  - b. The Son of the Most High God
4. Fill in the blanks for what the angel said.  
“I bring you good tidings of great \_\_\_\_\_  
which will be to \_\_\_\_\_ people.”

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Jesus was born into a poor family. He was born in a humble place, in a stable. He shared His first night on earth with animals.

But could the shepherds come to see Jesus if He had been born in a palace? No! When God sent the Savior, He sent Him to all people, rich and poor, powerful and weak. He was born in a place so humble, even the poorest people would not be afraid to come see Him.

God knew just what He was doing. No rich king could be proud that Jesus was born in his palace. No one could talk proudly about giving the Savior a nice place to stay or a soft bed to sleep in.

God did not want people to believe Jesus was the Savior because He was rich or powerful. God wanted them to believe by faith. God’s plan was perfect.

Those shepherds were so happy! They had seen angels. They had seen the Promised Savior. What a wonderful night that was! As they went back, they praised God for how wonderful He is. They thanked Him for letting them see the promised Messiah. They knew Jesus had come for them.

But Jesus did not come just for them. The angel said the good, joyful news was for all people. Jesus came for everyone!

#### *Memory Verse 1:*

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

*Luke 2:10-11*



Memory Verse 2:

I am God, and there is none like Me. I have  
purposed it; I will also do it.

*Isaiah 46:9,11*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Jesus Is The Promised Savior.**



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LESSON 41

## SIMEON AND ANNA SEE JESUS

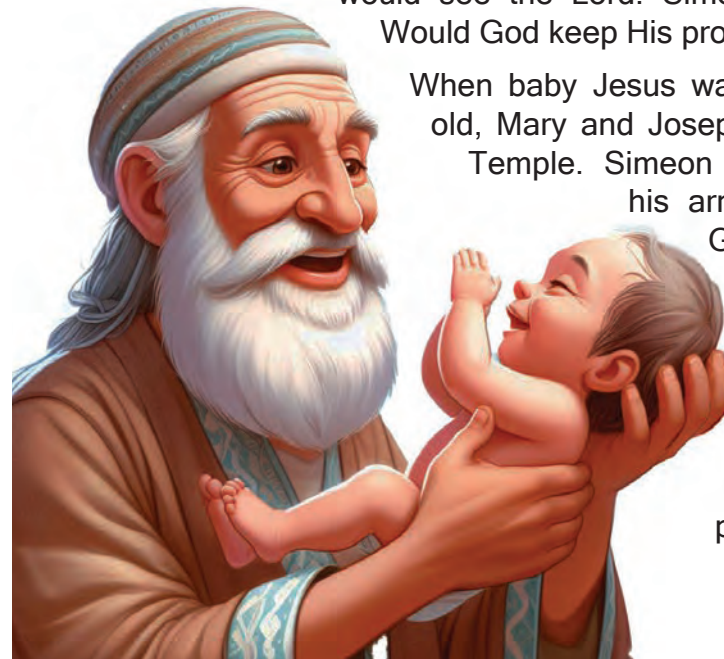
*From Luke 2:21-40*

**T**here was a man in the Temple named Simeon. Simeon loved God very much. He had been waiting for the promised Messiah for a long time.

The Holy Spirit of God had told Simeon that before he died he would see the Lord. Simeon was very old. Would God keep His promise?

When baby Jesus was just a few days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple. Simeon held the baby in his arms. He knew that God had kept His promise.

He praised God. He said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;





For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples.”

Mary and Joseph were amazed.

They had not told Simeon who Jesus was. But Simeon knew. God had told him.

A lady named Anna was also in the Temple. Anna had served God in the Temple for many, many years. She was very old.

She came up to Mary and Joseph and gave thanks to God for the Savior. Mary and Joseph had not told Anna who Jesus was either. But Anna was a prophetess who served God by fasting and praying day and night. God had shown Anna that this was the Savior God had promised.

After Mary and Joseph left, Anna told people about Jesus. The Bible says that she “gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”

Anna and Simeon were very happy that the Messiah had come.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What had the Holy Spirit of God promised Simeon that he would see before he died?
  - a. Heaven
  - b. The Lord
2. Who told Simeon who Jesus was?
  - a. God
  - b. Mary and Joseph
3. Who was the prophetess who served God by fasting and praying?
  - a. Mary
  - b. Anna
4. After Mary and Joseph left, what did Anna do?
  - a. She died.
  - b. She told people about Jesus.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Simeon had great faith in God. Even though he was very old, he still believed God would do what He had promised.

And God did. Simeon knew that the tiny baby Mary had was not an ordinary baby. This baby was very special. This baby was the One they had waited for!

Things God said hundreds of years before were coming true. Jesus was born of a virgin as the prophet Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 7:14. Even though Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, God worked it out so Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, as the prophet Micah had prophesied in Micah 5:2.

God was working out His plan of salvation just as He said He would.

Isn't it wonderful that God showed the Savior to people who loved Him and were waiting in hope for Him to fulfill His promise? And Anna did not keep this wonderful news to herself. She told others about the Savior sent by God.

When you have good news, you want to tell other people, don't you? Jesus the Savior coming here to earth, sent by God for us, is the best news of all!

### *Memory Verse 1:*

**We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*John 1:14*



Memory Verse 2:

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

*Psalm 13:5*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Jesus Christ Is The Savior God  
Promised Through His Prophets.**



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LESSON 42

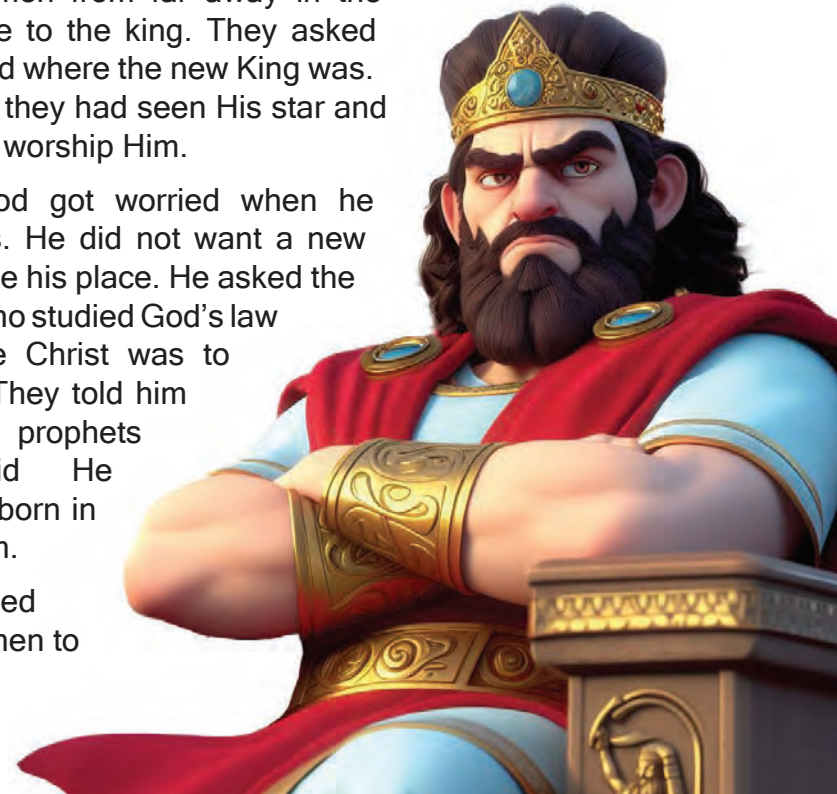
## **MEN FROM THE EAST COME TO SEE JESUS**

*From Matthew 2:1-12*

**H**erod was the king who ruled when Jesus was born. One day wise men from far away in the East came to the king. They asked King Herod where the new King was. They said they had seen His star and wanted to worship Him.

King Herod got worried when he heard this. He did not want a new king to take his place. He asked the experts who studied God's law where the Christ was to be born. They told him that the prophets had said He would be born in Bethlehem.

Herod called the wise men to him.





He told them to go to Bethlehem. “Go and search carefully for the young Child,” Herod said, “and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

The wise men left. They followed the star they had seen. The star led them to where Jesus was. The men were very happy.

They went inside and saw Mary and Jesus. They bowed down and worshipped Jesus. They brought Him precious gifts from the East of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

God warned the wise men not to go back to king Herod. Herod did not want to worship Jesus. He wanted to kill Him. The wise men listened to God and went home another way.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did the wise men say they had seen?
  - a. A star
  - b. A prophet
2. How did King Herod feel when he heard about the new king?
  - a. He was happy.
  - b. He was worried.
3. Where did the prophets say the new king would be born?
  - a. In a palace
  - b. In Bethlehem
  - c. In the East
4. When the wise men saw Jesus, what did they do?
  - a. They bowed down and worshipped Jesus.
  - b. They told King Herod so he could kill Him.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

God was spreading the Good News. God sent an angel to tell shepherds that Jesus was born. God told Simeon and Anna that the Messiah had come. Now He used a star to show men very far away that the **Christ** had been born.

Christ is another word for the Anointed One, just like Messiah.

God is so wonderful! He used many ways to show people about Jesus. It was not hard for God to do these things. God can do anything. He showed people about the very special baby that had come to the world. These people believed God and got to see God's promised Savior.

The wise men traveled far to see Christ. They knew this child was very special. He was the Savior that had been promised for many years. That is why they worshipped Him.

God's promise to Adam and Eve years and years ago had been kept.

### *Memory Verse 1:*

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For the grace of God that brings salvation has  
appeared to all men.

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*Titus 2:11*

Memory Verse 2:

And we have seen and testify that the Father  
has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

1 John 4:14



**Truth To Remember:**

**Jesus Is The Son Of God.**



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LESSON 43

## JESUS TALKS IN THE TEMPLE

*From Luke 2:41-52*

Jesus was growing up. When He was 12 years old, his parents took Him to Jerusalem for a holy day. They did this every year.

There was a great feast. After the feast, the group that Mary and Joseph were with left Jerusalem. Jesus was still in Jerusalem, but Mary and Joseph did not know this. They traveled for a whole day.

In the evening, Mary and Joseph started to look for Jesus. They asked their relatives and friends, but no one had seen Him. They could not find Jesus anywhere.

Mary and Joseph had to go back. They went back to Jerusalem and looked and looked for Jesus.





After 3 days, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was sitting with the great teachers of the Law. He was listening to them and asking them questions.

All the people around were amazed. This boy was so wise! He had great understanding and His answers were very good. His parents were surprised too. Mary went up to Jesus. She said, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

"Why did you seek Me?" Jesus asked. "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

They did not understand what He was saying, but Mary wondered about these things in her heart.

Jesus went home with them and submitted to them. The Bible says He grew not just taller physically but also in wisdom. People liked Him.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. How old was Jesus when He stayed in Jerusalem?
  - a. 8
  - b. 12
  - c. 15
2. How many days did Mary and Joseph look for Him?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
3. Where did they find Jesus?
  - a. In the Temple
  - b. In a field with sheep
4. What did Jesus say He was doing?
  - a. Telling the teachers stories
  - b. His Father's business

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Do you understand what Jesus meant? He said He had to be doing His Father's business. He was not talking about Joseph. Jesus was in the Temple. The Temple is Whose house? The Temple is God's house. Jesus was saying His Father is God.

That is what the angel had said too. When Gabriel told Mary she would have a baby, he said Jesus would be called "the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:32). He also said that the Holy One to be born would "be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

We know from what the angel said that Jesus being God's Son does not mean God is an earthly father who had an earthly baby. The relationship of God the Father and Jesus the Son is a heavenly relationship.

Jesus was in heaven with God before God sent Jesus to earth (John 1:1-2). In fact, Jesus is eternal along with God the Father. The Bible calls Jesus the Creator (Colossians 1:16). Remember in the beginning, in Genesis 1:26 when God said, "Let Us make man"? Jesus was there!

*Memory Verse 1:*

**But when the fullness of the time had come,  
God sent forth His Son.**

*Galatians 4:4*

*Memory Verse 2:*

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

*John 1:29*



***Truth To Remember:***

**Jesus Deserves The Highest Honor.**



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LESSON 44

### JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

*From Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:26-34*

**T**he baby born to Zacharias and his wife was now grown. John was a great man who made things ready for the Lord, just as God said.

John told people about the coming Messiah. He told them that the Messiah was so important that John was not important enough to untie His sandals!

Many people believed what John said. They told God they were sorry for their sins and John baptized them in the river.





One day Jesus, who was now a grown man, came to the river to be baptized. John did not want to baptize Jesus. He told Jesus that it was Jesus who should baptize John!

But Jesus told him that this was the way it must be. John baptized Jesus in the water. Suddenly, the clouds opened and the Holy Spirit of God came down. He looked like a dove.

A great voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John told other people about Jesus, saying, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who did John tell people about?
  - a. Joshua
  - b. The coming Messiah
2. John said the Messiah was so important that:
  - a. John was not important enough to untie His sandals.
  - b. John was going to make Him king.
3. What did Jesus want John to do?
  - a. Baptize Him.
  - b. Go on a trip with Him.
4. When the Holy Spirit came down, what did He look like?
  - a. A lion
  - b. A dove
5. What did John call Jesus?
  - a. The Lamb of God
  - b. The Lion of God

### THINK ABOUT IT:

When John started teaching, some people thought he might be the Promised One. They wanted to know if he was the Messiah.

John could have lied. He would have been famous. He would have been powerful and important.

But John did not want to be those things. He told everyone right then that he was not the Messiah. But the Messiah was coming soon!

When Jesus did come, John told people about Him. John wanted those who had followed John to go follow Jesus and listen to Him. John said in John 3:30, "He must increase, but I must decrease." He also said in verse 31, "He who comes from above is above all." John wanted Jesus to have the highest honor because Jesus is the Son of God.

What about you? When you do good things, do you want other people to look at you instead of God? Do you want them to praise you more than you want them to praise God?

John knew that this was not what God wanted. John did not want people to praise him and say he was very special and important. John wanted people to praise Jesus.

We should be like John. We should want people to praise Jesus instead of us.

Give the highest praise and honor to Jesus, because Jesus is the Son of God. He deserves all praise!

*Memory Verse 1:*

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I have seen and testified that this is the  
Son of God.

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*John 1:34*



Memory Verse 2:

You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

*John 6:68-69*



***Truth To Remember:***

**Jesus Has The Power To Do Miracles.**



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LESSON 45

### JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES

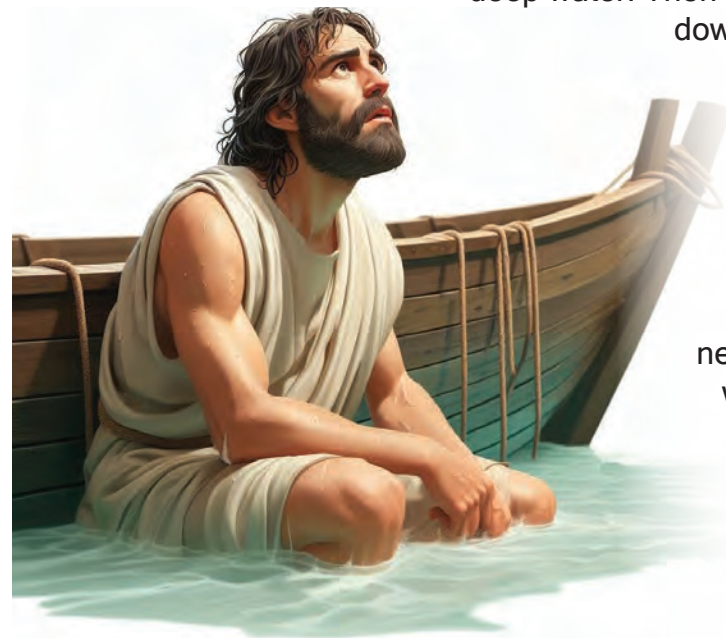
*From Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:35-51*

Jesus was teaching people by the lake. There were so many people! He got in a boat and asked the owner, named Peter, to sail out a little so He could talk to the crowd.

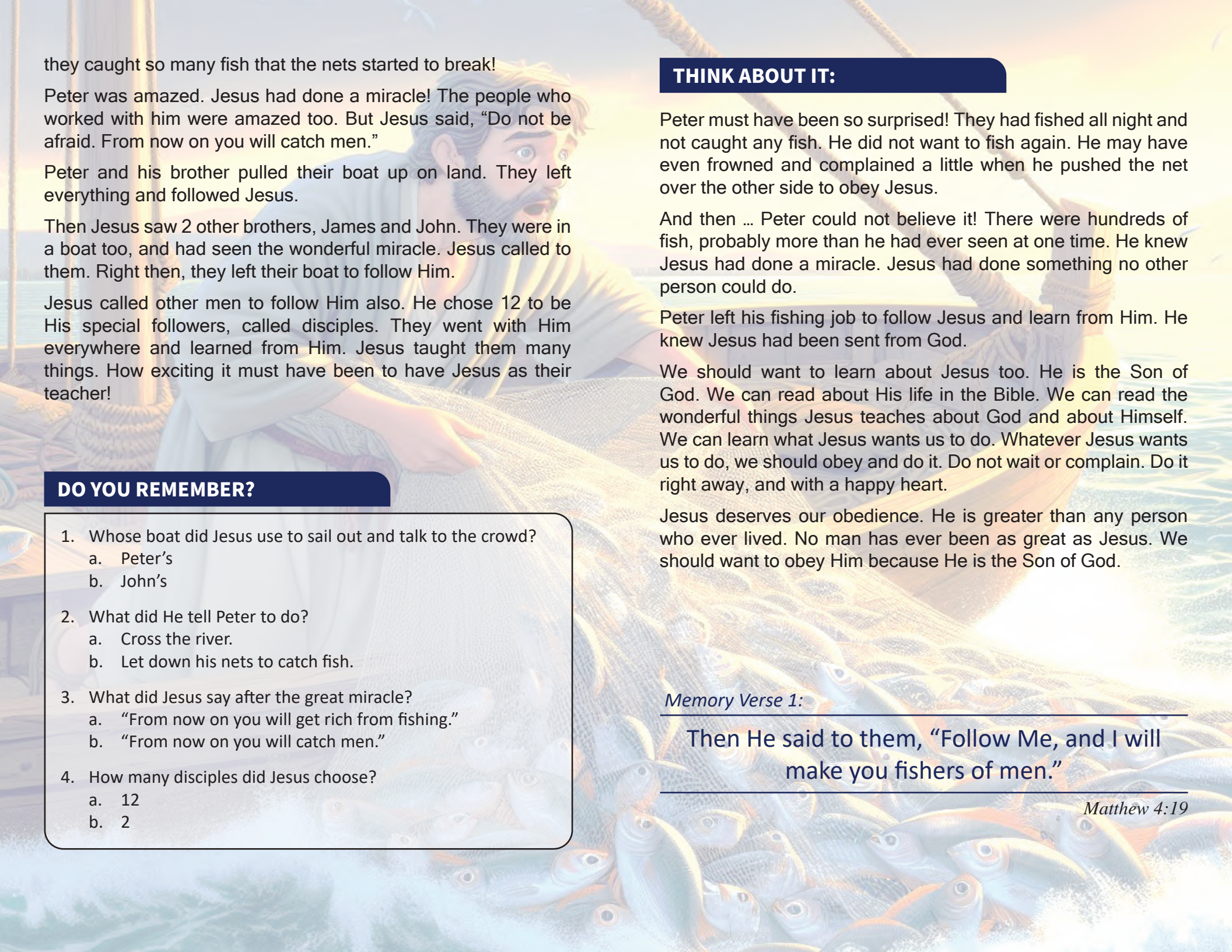
When He had finished teaching, He told Peter to sail out into deep water. Then He told Peter to let down his nets to catch fish.

Peter told Jesus, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

When Peter let the nets down,







they caught so many fish that the nets started to break!

Peter was amazed. Jesus had done a miracle! The people who worked with him were amazed too. But Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.”

Peter and his brother pulled their boat up on land. They left everything and followed Jesus.

Then Jesus saw 2 other brothers, James and John. They were in a boat too, and had seen the wonderful miracle. Jesus called to them. Right then, they left their boat to follow Him.

Jesus called other men to follow Him also. He chose 12 to be His special followers, called disciples. They went with Him everywhere and learned from Him. Jesus taught them many things. How exciting it must have been to have Jesus as their teacher!

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Whose boat did Jesus use to sail out and talk to the crowd?
  - a. Peter’s
  - b. John’s
2. What did He tell Peter to do?
  - a. Cross the river.
  - b. Let down his nets to catch fish.
3. What did Jesus say after the great miracle?
  - a. “From now on you will get rich from fishing.”
  - b. “From now on you will catch men.”
4. How many disciples did Jesus choose?
  - a. 12
  - b. 2

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Peter must have been so surprised! They had fished all night and not caught any fish. He did not want to fish again. He may have even frowned and complained a little when he pushed the net over the other side to obey Jesus.

And then ... Peter could not believe it! There were hundreds of fish, probably more than he had ever seen at one time. He knew Jesus had done a miracle. Jesus had done something no other person could do.

Peter left his fishing job to follow Jesus and learn from Him. He knew Jesus had been sent from God.

We should want to learn about Jesus too. He is the Son of God. We can read about His life in the Bible. We can read the wonderful things Jesus teaches about God and about Himself. We can learn what Jesus wants us to do. Whatever Jesus wants us to do, we should obey and do it. Do not wait or complain. Do it right away, and with a happy heart.

Jesus deserves our obedience. He is greater than any person who ever lived. No man has ever been as great as Jesus. We should want to obey Him because He is the Son of God.

*Memory Verse 1:*

Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

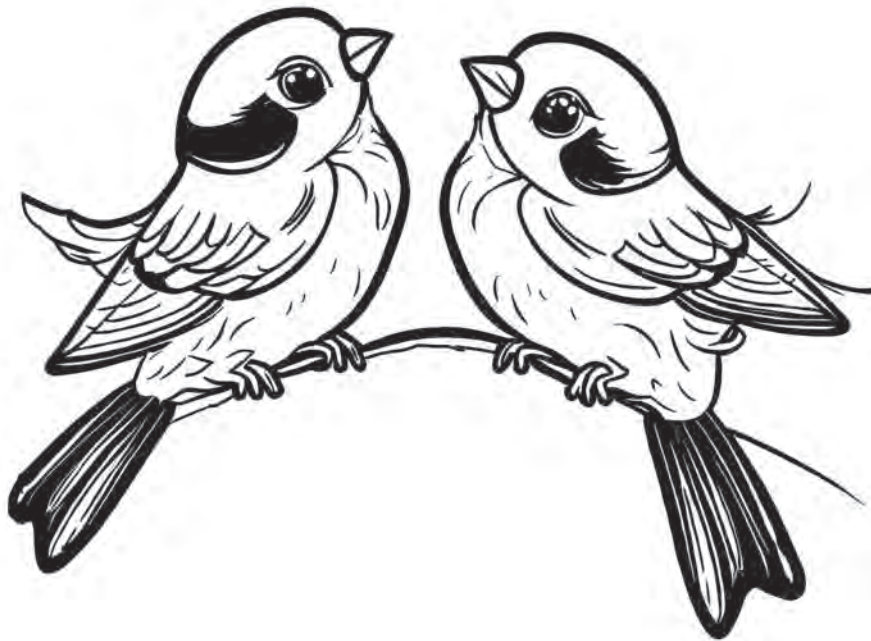
*Matthew 4:19*



*Memory Verse 2:*

Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins?  
And not one of them is forgotten before God.  
But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.  
Do not fear therefore; you are of more value  
than many sparrows.

*Luke 12:6-7*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Do Not Worry. Trust God.**



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LESSON 46

## JESUS TEACHES US NOT TO WORRY

*From Matthew 6:25-33; Luke 12:6-7*

**D**id you know we can learn about God from birds and flowers? We can. Jesus talked about them in the Bible. He used birds and flowers to teach us about God and about ourselves.

Jesus taught the people how not to worry about things. Jesus said to look at the birds. Birds are small and not worth much money, but God watches over them. They do not plant food or gather food into barns for later, but God gives them food.

When one little bird falls down, God knows it. Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all





numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

Then Jesus said to look at the flowers. The lilies do not work all day to make beautiful clothes. But God takes care of them. Jesus said that even the great and rich King Solomon did not have clothes as beautiful as the lilies.

Jesus says that our heavenly Father gives food to the birds and takes care of the flowers. He will take care of us too. We should not worry. He values us more than birds and flowers. We can trust Him to take very good care of us.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What animal did Jesus say God watches over even though they are small and not worth much money?
  - a. Lizards
  - b. Birds
2. What did Jesus say that God clothed more beautifully than rich King Solomon?
  - a. Flowers
  - b. Birds
3. Why does Jesus not want us to worry?
  - a. God will give us birds and flowers.
  - b. God will take care of us like He takes care of the birds and flowers.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Sometimes it is hard not to worry. People worry about what might happen. What if they do not have food? What if they do not have clothes? What if bad things happen to them?

Jesus knew people worried about these things. That is why He told them to look at the birds and the flowers. He wanted them to see that God takes care of the little things in the world. He will certainly take care of His people too. It is not hard for God to give people what they need.

Jesus said to stop worrying and have faith. Next time you are outside, stop to look at some flowers. See how beautiful God made them. He gives them sunshine and rain to help them grow. They cannot get what they need by themselves. But they have what they need because God gives it to them.

Listen to the birds singing. They sound so happy. They do not sound worried. They praise God with their songs.

You should not worry either. God can take care of you, just like He takes care of the flowers. You can have a song in your heart each day, just like the birds do.

Today, spend time reading God’s Word and praying. Praise God for the wonderful things He has given you. Tell God you trust Him. God will take care of you.

*Memory Verse 1:*

**Casting all your care upon Him,  
for He cares for you.**

*1 Peter 5:7*



Memory Verse 2:

We know that You are a teacher come from God;  
for no one can do these signs that You do unless  
God is with him.

John 3:2



**Truth To Remember:**

**Jesus Can Use Little Things  
To Do Great Things.**



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LESSON 47

### JESUS FEEDS 5,000 PEOPLE

*From Matthew 14:14-21; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:11-17; John 6:5-14*

Jesus had been teaching a big crowd of people all day. They were far away from any town. By the evening, Jesus knew everyone was very hungry.



The disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to get food in the villages.

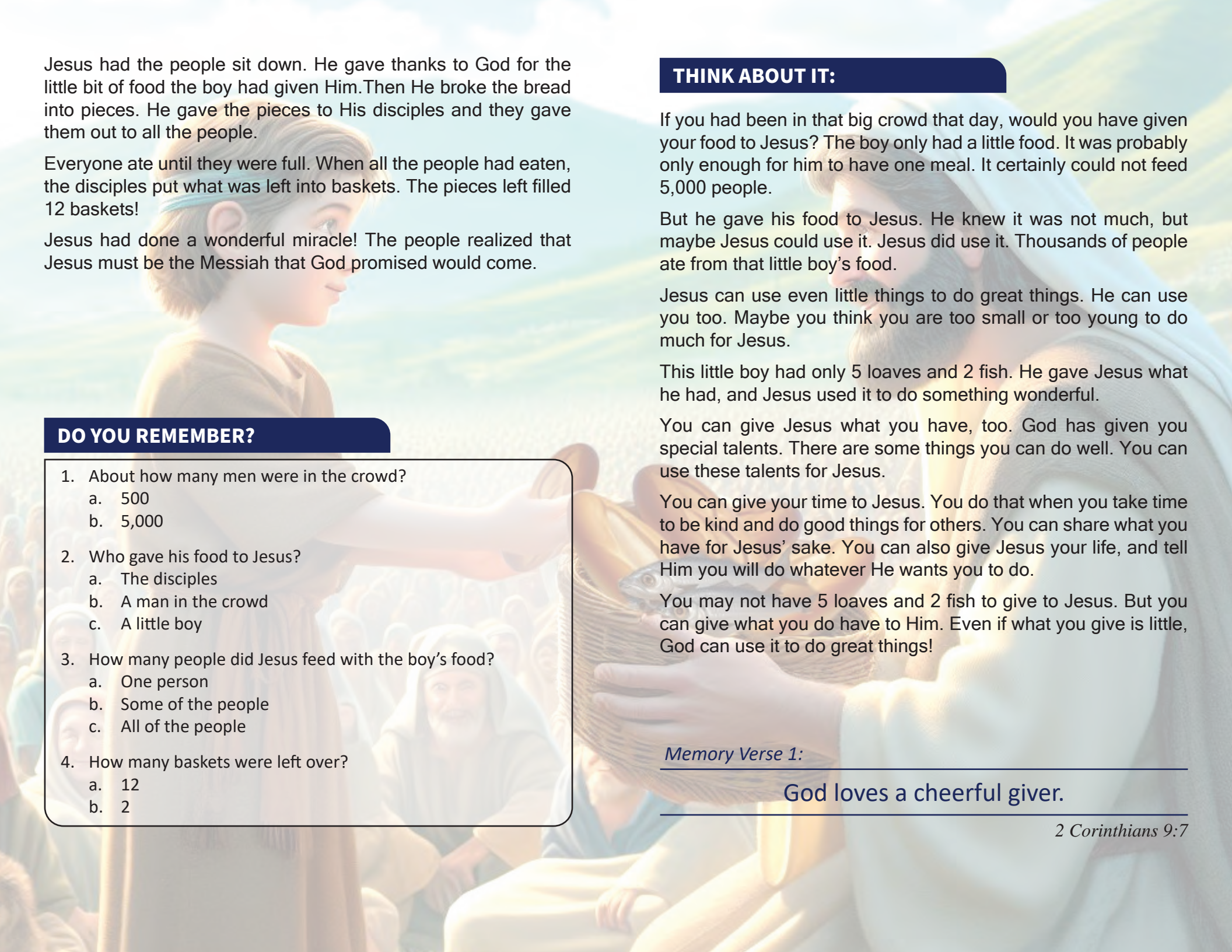
Jesus told the disciples, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

The disciples did not have any food. They could not feed such a huge crowd. There were about 5,000 men there, plus women and children!

The disciples did not know what to do.

One little boy had some food. He had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. He gave them to Jesus.





Jesus had the people sit down. He gave thanks to God for the little bit of food the boy had given Him. Then He broke the bread into pieces. He gave the pieces to His disciples and they gave them out to all the people.

Everyone ate until they were full. When all the people had eaten, the disciples put what was left into baskets. The pieces left filled 12 baskets!

Jesus had done a wonderful miracle! The people realized that Jesus must be the Messiah that God promised would come.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. About how many men were in the crowd?
  - a. 500
  - b. 5,000
2. Who gave his food to Jesus?
  - a. The disciples
  - b. A man in the crowd
  - c. A little boy
3. How many people did Jesus feed with the boy's food?
  - a. One person
  - b. Some of the people
  - c. All of the people
4. How many baskets were left over?
  - a. 12
  - b. 2

### THINK ABOUT IT:

If you had been in that big crowd that day, would you have given your food to Jesus? The boy only had a little food. It was probably only enough for him to have one meal. It certainly could not feed 5,000 people.

But he gave his food to Jesus. He knew it was not much, but maybe Jesus could use it. Jesus did use it. Thousands of people ate from that little boy's food.

Jesus can use even little things to do great things. He can use you too. Maybe you think you are too small or too young to do much for Jesus.

This little boy had only 5 loaves and 2 fish. He gave Jesus what he had, and Jesus used it to do something wonderful.

You can give Jesus what you have, too. God has given you special talents. There are some things you can do well. You can use these talents for Jesus.

You can give your time to Jesus. You do that when you take time to be kind and do good things for others. You can share what you have for Jesus' sake. You can also give Jesus your life, and tell Him you will do whatever He wants you to do.

You may not have 5 loaves and 2 fish to give to Jesus. But you can give what you do have to Him. Even if what you give is little, God can use it to do great things!

*Memory Verse 1:*

**God loves a cheerful giver.**

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Memory Verse 2:*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

*Isaiah 53:6*



***Truth To Remember:***

**Jesus Is Eternal And One  
With God The Father.**



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LESSON 48

### JESUS IS ARRESTED

*From Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18:1-13*

**T**he Pharisees and the Scribes were religious groups that hated Jesus. They wanted to kill Jesus.

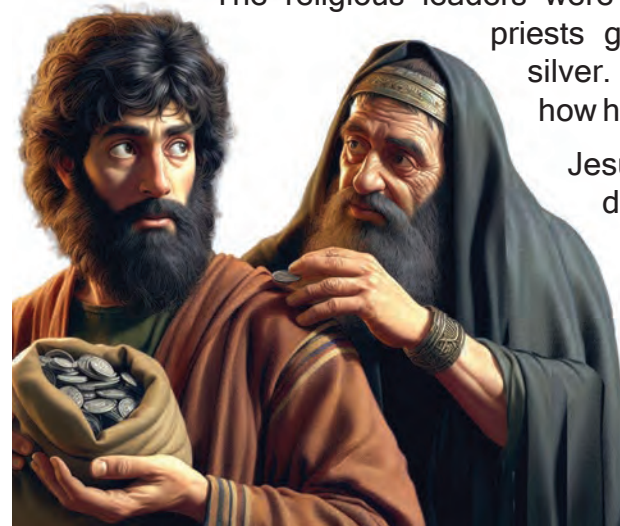
One of Jesus' disciples was a man named Judas Iscariot. Judas kept the money bag, but he was a thief. Sometimes he stole the money and used it for himself.

Judas went to see the religious leaders. Judas told them he would help them arrest Jesus.

The religious leaders were happy to hear this. The priests gave Judas 30 pieces of silver. After that, Judas planned how he could get Jesus arrested.

Jesus took some of His disciples up on a mountain one night. He left them and went to pray by Himself.

When He came back, soldiers and a crowd of people came.





The man in front was Judas. Judas had told the men that the One he greeted in a special way was the One to take.

Judas walked up to Jesus and greeted Him. Jesus knew what Judas was doing, but He did not run away. He said, "Friend, why have you come?"

The soldiers were going to arrest Jesus! Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, pulled out his sword and cut off one man's ear. But Jesus told Peter to put his sword away. It was not the time to fight. If they fought, how could Jesus fulfill all that the Bible promised must happen? Jesus healed the man's ear.

The disciples were afraid of the soldiers. Even though they had promised to be with Jesus even to death, they all left Him and ran away.

When the soldiers took Jesus away to the governor for trial, Judas felt bad for what he did. He went to the religious leaders and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

They said, "What is that to us?"

Judas threw the 30 pieces of silver down. He ran from there and hanged himself.

Now one disciple was dead and the others were hiding. Jesus was on trial and His enemies wanted Him to die. What would happen?

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who was the thief who agreed to betray Jesus?
  - a. Peter
  - b. Judas
2. How much did the religious leaders give Judas?
  - a. 30 pieces of silver
  - b. 300 pieces of silver
3. What did the disciples do when Jesus was arrested?
  - a. They stayed with Him like they promised.
  - b. They all left Him and ran away.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

Jesus knew that Judas would betray Him. Hundreds of years before, God said this would happen through His prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 53) and His prophet David (Psalm 41:9). In many, many other places, like Psalm 22 by the prophet David, God gave very clear information about what would happen to His promised Messiah.

Jesus is one with God the Father and He knows everything. Nothing is a surprise to Jesus. He could have hidden in a place where Judas could not find Him. He could have gone back to heaven and never been arrested. But He knew all along that this was why God had sent Him to earth. He did not want to be hated and arrested and suffer, but He did want to do God the Father's will.

Jesus told His disciples that He would be betrayed before it happened. In Luke 18:31-33, He told His 12 disciples, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

Jesus knew about all the prophets for He is eternal and created them! He knew what they had prophesied about the Messiah. He knew this was God's perfect plan of salvation, and He obeyed it willingly.

#### *Memory Verse 1:*

**He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He  
opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to  
the slaughter.**

*Isaiah 53:7*

*Memory Verse 2:*

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son ... for our sins.

*1 John 4:10*



***Truth To Remember:***

**Jesus Is The Lamb Of God, God's  
Perfect Sacrifice For Sin.**



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LESSON 49

## **JESUS DIES FOR US**

*From Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19*

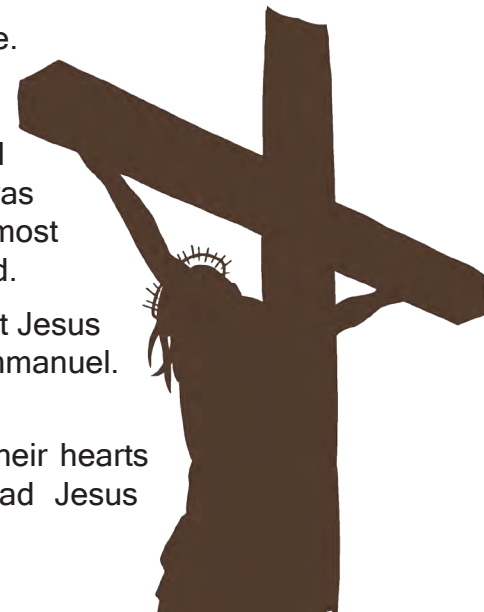
Jesus had done many wonderful things. He had done many miracles. He healed sick people. He even brought dead people to life again!

Many people believed that Jesus was the Son of God. They believed that Jesus was the Messiah sent to earth. They believed He had come to be the Savior of the world.

But some people did not believe. These people hated Jesus. They hated Him because He said He was the Son of God. They hated Him because He said that He was one with God. They hated Him most because that meant Jesus is God.

These people did not believe that Jesus was the One the Bible called Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us."

Jesus' enemies, with Satan in their hearts and his lies in their minds, had Jesus





arrested and brought to trial. They lied about Jesus and said many bad things about Him. They beat Jesus and made fun of Him. They whipped Him and made a crown out of thorns to put on His head.

After that, they crucified Jesus. They made 2 beams of wood into a cross. Then they nailed Jesus to this cross.

The people who loved Jesus could not understand. Jesus was the Savior! He was the Son of God! Why didn't He call angels to come down and fight these evil people?

But Jesus stayed on the cross. He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

The Bible says that "Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled ... said 'It is finished.'"

Then Jesus died.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Circle the things that really happened.

Jesus' enemies lied about Jesus.

After they beat Jesus, they let Him go.

They put a crown of thorns on His head.

Jesus was nailed to a cross.

2. What did Jesus pray?
  - a. "Father, forgive them."
  - b. "Father, punish them."
3. What did Jesus say just before He died?
  - a. "I'm innocent."
  - b. "It is finished."

### THINK ABOUT IT:

How could this happen? Jesus said He was the Son of God. How could He die? He said He was the Savior of the world.

Think back to what God said about His plan of salvation. Do you remember that people had to sacrifice a lamb when they had sinned? Do you remember that no animal could really take away sin, but only a Perfect One could pay the price for sin? The price for sin is death. John had called Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

Jesus could have stopped His enemies at any time. After Peter cut off the man's ear, Jesus said, "Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" (Matthew 26:53-54).

What looked like a terrible tragedy was the very reason Jesus came. He had to die to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

But how could He be the Savior if He was dead? How could God's Son be dead?

The disciples did not know what to think. They were very afraid. And they were very sad. Was their hope and faith for nothing?

What would happen?

*Memory Verse 1:*

**So Christ was offered once to bear the  
sins of many.**

*Hebrews 9:28*

*Memory Verse 2:*

Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am  
He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am  
alive for evermore. Amen. And I have the keys of  
Hades and of Death.

*Revelation 1:17-18*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Jesus Is More Powerful Than Death.**



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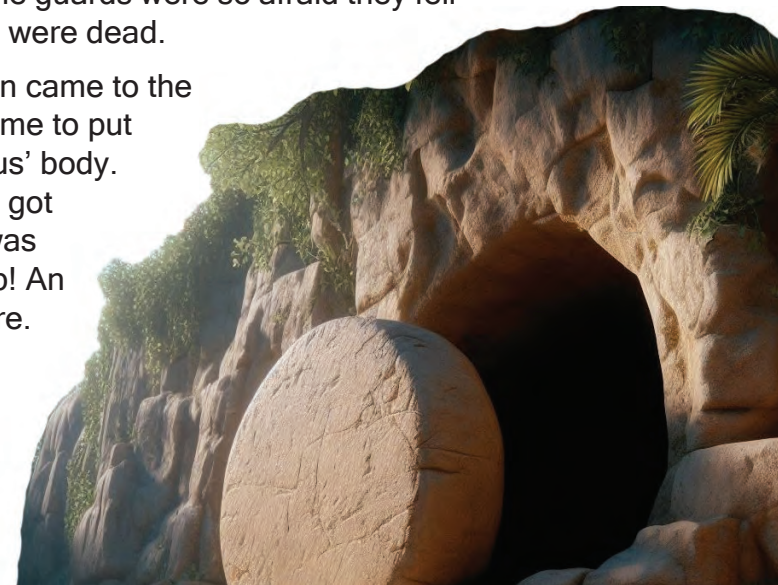
### JESUS LIVES!

*From Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20*

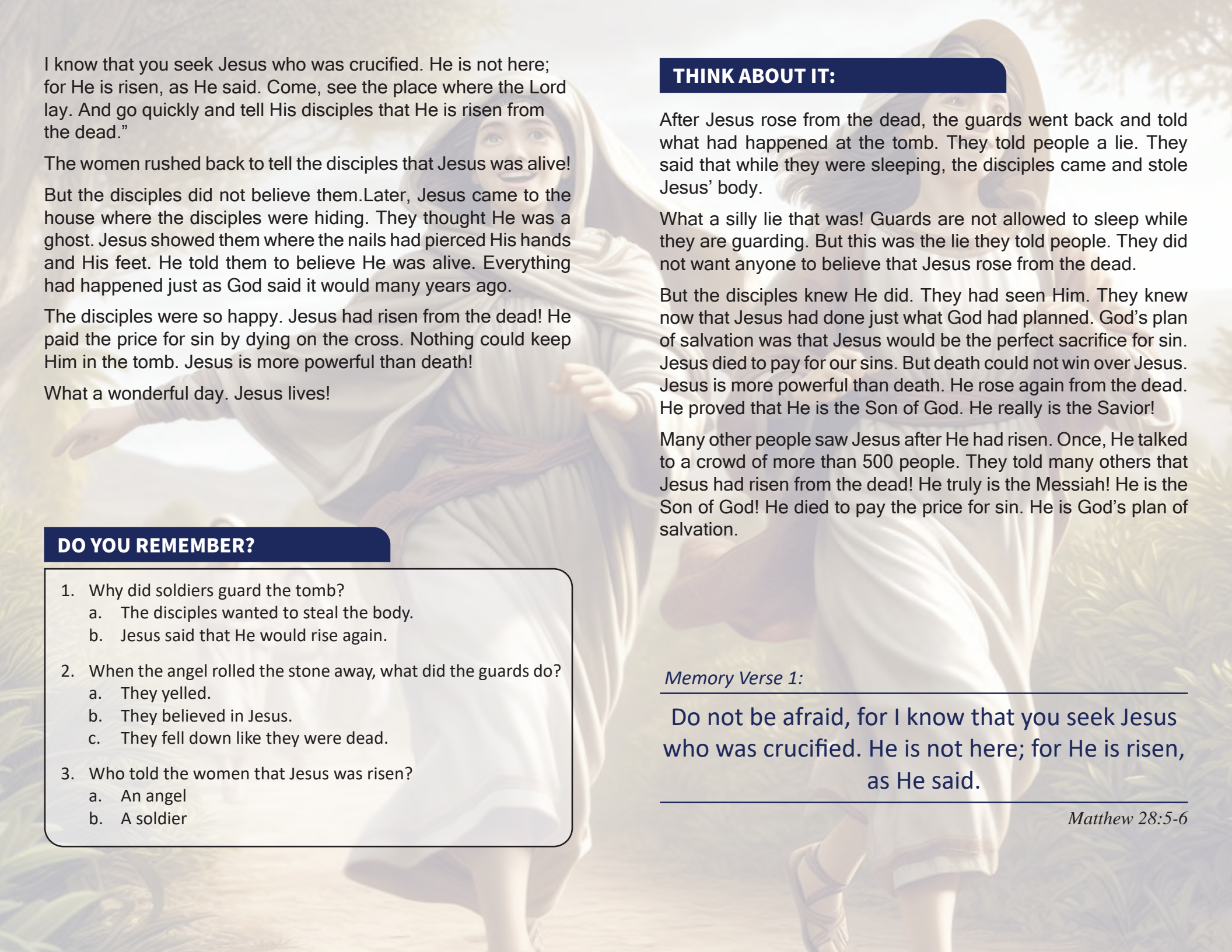
Jesus, the Lamb of God, had died on a cross. After He was buried, the people who hated Jesus put soldiers outside the tomb where Jesus was. They guarded the tomb because Jesus had said that after 3 days He would rise again.

On the third day, an angel came to the tomb. There was a great earthquake when the angel rolled the stone away from the front of the tomb. The guards were so afraid they fell down like they were dead.

Later, 3 women came to the tomb. They came to put spices on Jesus' body. But when they got there, Jesus was not in the tomb! An angel was there. He told them, "Do not be afraid, for







I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead.”

The women rushed back to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive!

But the disciples did not believe them. Later, Jesus came to the house where the disciples were hiding. They thought He was a ghost. Jesus showed them where the nails had pierced His hands and His feet. He told them to believe He was alive. Everything had happened just as God said it would many years ago.

The disciples were so happy. Jesus had risen from the dead! He paid the price for sin by dying on the cross. Nothing could keep Him in the tomb. Jesus is more powerful than death!

What a wonderful day. Jesus lives!

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Why did soldiers guard the tomb?
  - a. The disciples wanted to steal the body.
  - b. Jesus said that He would rise again.
2. When the angel rolled the stone away, what did the guards do?
  - a. They yelled.
  - b. They believed in Jesus.
  - c. They fell down like they were dead.
3. Who told the women that Jesus was risen?
  - a. An angel
  - b. A soldier

### THINK ABOUT IT:

After Jesus rose from the dead, the guards went back and told what had happened at the tomb. They told people a lie. They said that while they were sleeping, the disciples came and stole Jesus' body.

What a silly lie that was! Guards are not allowed to sleep while they are guarding. But this was the lie they told people. They did not want anyone to believe that Jesus rose from the dead.

But the disciples knew He did. They had seen Him. They knew now that Jesus had done just what God had planned. God's plan of salvation was that Jesus would be the perfect sacrifice for sin. Jesus died to pay for our sins. But death could not win over Jesus. Jesus is more powerful than death. He rose again from the dead. He proved that He is the Son of God. He really is the Savior!

Many other people saw Jesus after He had risen. Once, He talked to a crowd of more than 500 people. They told many others that Jesus had risen from the dead! He truly is the Messiah! He is the Son of God! He died to pay the price for sin. He is God's plan of salvation.

### *Memory Verse 1:*

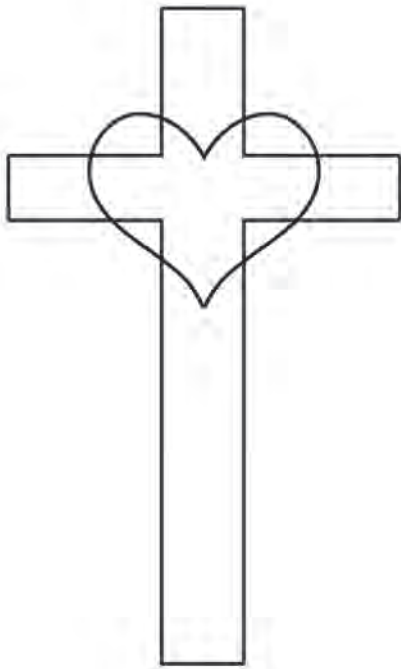
**Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.**

*Matthew 28:5-6*

*Memory Verse 2:*

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

*John 14:2-3*



***Truth To Remember:***

**Jesus Gives Eternal Life In Heaven To Whoever Believes In Him As Savior.**



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LESSON 51

## **JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN**

*From Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53*

**A**fter Jesus rose from the dead, He taught His disciples many things. Then after 40 days, Jesus went back to heaven.

Before He left, Jesus told the disciples that they should tell the whole world about Him. He told them that the Holy Spirit of God would help them do this. Then they saw Him begin to float up from the ground. They kept watching Him go up until a cloud





came and they could not see Jesus anymore. Jesus had gone back to heaven to be with God His Father.

As the disciples stared at the sky, 2 angels came. They asked the disciples, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Jesus had gone to heaven, but they knew that someday He would come back. He promised that when He came back, He would take those who believe in Him to heaven.

The disciples started to tell people about God's plan of salvation. They told people that everyone had sinned and the price for sin is death. They told them that God sent His Son to die for the sins of the world.

They told people that if they believed Jesus died for their sins, and that He rose from the dead, then they could go to heaven too! Jesus gives eternal life in heaven to any person who believes in Him as their Savior.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. How many days did Jesus stay on earth before He went back to heaven?
  - a. 4
  - b. 40
2. Who would help the disciples tell the world about Jesus?
  - a. The Holy Spirit
  - b. The angel
3. What did the angel promise?
  - a. That Jesus would not care about them anymore.
  - b. The Jesus would come back again.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

The punishment for your sins has been paid. Jesus paid it on the cross. He wants to forgive you of all your sins. If you ask Him for forgiveness, He will forgive you. He will be your Savior if you believe in Him. He will give you eternal life in heaven if you accept this wonderful gift.

It is called salvation, because Jesus saves any person who believes on Him from eternity in hell separated from God forever and ever.

Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe that He died for you? If you were the only person on earth, Jesus still would have died to take away your sins. He loves you so much!

If you want this wonderful gift called salvation, you can be saved today. You can pray right now. Ask Jesus to be your Savior and He will.

If you do not understand yet about salvation, here is how to be saved:

1. Admit you are a sinner.
2. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead.
3. Ask Him to forgive your sins and save you.
4. Accept His gift of salvation and eternal life.

Jesus gives salvation to every person who believes in Him as Savior. If you have believed in Jesus, then you are saved forever. Now you can live for Him, and someday He'll take you to heaven to live with Him forever.

### *Memory Verse 1:*

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

*Memory Verse 2:*

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

*Acts 4:12*



*Truth To Remember:*

**Jesus Wants To Be Your Savior And Live with You Forever In Heaven!**



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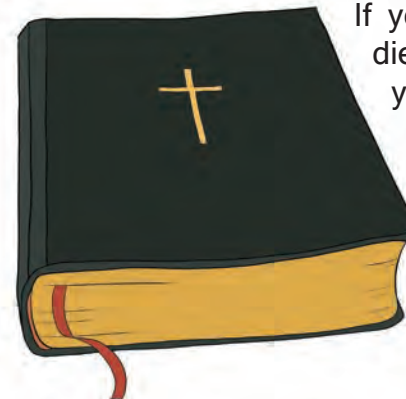
LESSON 52

### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION IS FOR YOU!

God made His plan of salvation so people could have their sins forgiven and live with Him forever in heaven. God was thinking about all the people of the world when He made His plan of salvation. That includes you! He wants you to live in heaven with Him.

God tells us all about His plan in His book, the Bible.

No one can be good enough to go to heaven. No one can give enough money. No one can make enough sacrifices. No one can be perfect. There is only one way we can live forever in heaven with God.



If you believe that Jesus, God's Son, died to pay for your sins, God gives you a gift. That gift is living forever in heaven with Him.

If you believe that Jesus paid for your sins, you are forgiven. God looks at you and says that you



are clean (Isaiah 1:18; Hebrews 8:12). You can go to heaven when you die. That is a promise. God always keeps His promises.

No one can do this for you. Your mother and father cannot do it for you. Your teacher cannot do it for you. You must do it yourself.

If you have believed in Jesus, you are one of God's children. God says He adopts you into His great family (Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:15).

If you have not believed in Jesus, you can do it today!

God's Words for you:

But God demonstrates  
His own love toward us,  
in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8

For all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God.  
Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but  
the gift of God is eternal life in Christ  
Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:23

For whoever calls on the name of the  
LORD shall be saved.  
Romans 10:13

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks.

1. For the wages of sin is \_\_\_\_\_,  
but the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
is \_\_\_\_\_ life in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

## THINK ABOUT IT:

Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior? If you have, then you are God's child. You never have to ask again because He will always be your Savior.

If you have not asked Jesus to be your Savior, you can pray right now. Do you remember the steps from the last lesson? Here they are again:

1. Admit you are a sinner.
2. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead.
3. Ask Him to forgive your sins and save you.
4. Accept His gift of salvation and eternal life.

You can say something like this:

*Dear God,*

*Your Bible says that you love me and you sent Jesus to die for my sins. I know I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus died and rose again, and He is in heaven now. Please forgive me of my sins and make me clean inside. I want Your free gift of eternal life, and I want Jesus to be my Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Memory Verse 1:*

**That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

*Romans 10:9*