

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:89



Truth To Remember:

The Bible Is God's Holy Word.



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LESSON 1

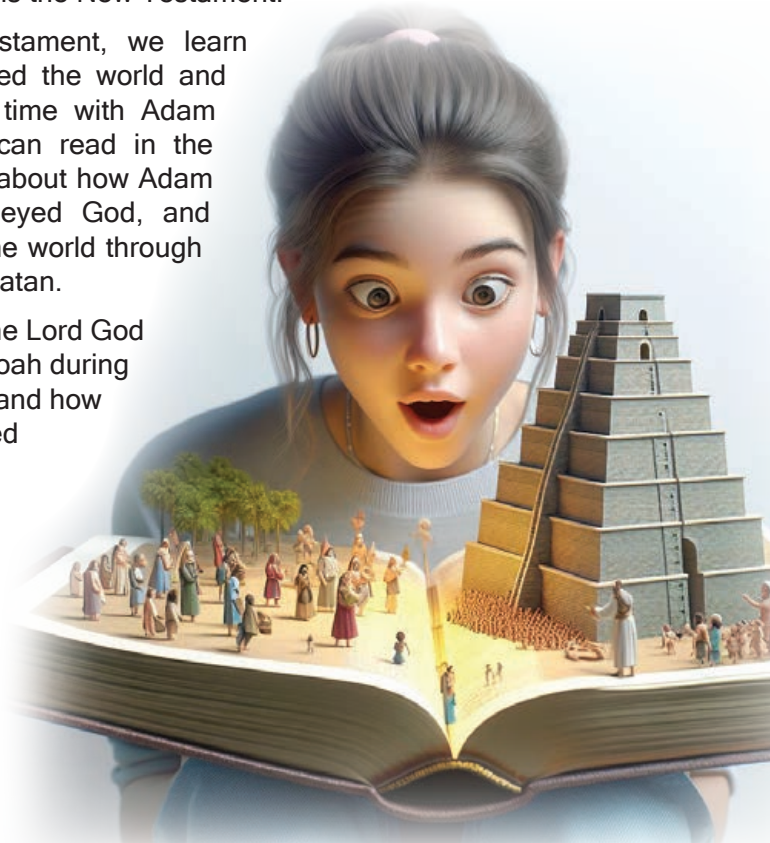
LET'S LEARN MORE FROM GOD'S WORD

The Bible is God's Holy Word. The Bible comes from God and is perfectly true. It teaches us about Who God is, and how much He loves us and wants us to be His children.

The Bible is separated into 2 parts. The first part is the Old Testament and the second part is the New Testament.

In the Old Testament, we learn how God created the world and how He spent time with Adam and Eve. We can read in the Old Testament about how Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sin came into the world through God's enemy, Satan.

We learn how the Lord God watched over Noah during the great flood, and how the Lord changed man's language from one to many. We can read about Abraham, his son Isaac, his son Jacob, his son Joseph,



and the many people born to them who became the Israelites. We read how God saved His people from slavery in Egypt and gave them His laws to live by.

The New Testament is about Jesus. We read in the New Testament how Jesus lived, why He died, and that He rose from the dead. There are also many letters in the New Testament written by people who believed in Jesus to His followers on how to live God's way.

This year you will read many more stories. These stories are all from God's Holy Bible. They are all true stories about people who really lived.

We can learn from these stories and the people in these stories. From the ones who did wrong, we learn what we should not do. From the ones who did right, we learn what we should do. We learn why we should obey God and what happens when we do not.

Most of all, we can learn more about God and His holy Son, Jesus Christ the Messiah. We can learn about how God loves all people very much, and how Jesus made a way so we could go to heaven. There are so many wonderful things in the Bible. Get each new lesson to learn more!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What are the 2 parts of the Bible?

The _____ Testament

The _____ Testament

Choose the right answer.

2. The Bible is:

- a. A nice book of fairy tales
- b. God's holy Word

3. The stories in the Bible are:

- a. True
- b. False
- c. No one knows.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Your memory verse says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." Inspired by God literally means "God-breathed." God breathed His message to about 40 different men who wrote down His Word, the Bible. If you and 39 other people wrote about someone, do you think you would all say the same things? Do you think you would all agree about what happened? Probably not. But all the men God used to write His Word tell the same big message. And even more amazing, these 40 men lived in different places during different times with different jobs. And they still agree!

This shows us that it was really God who wrote the Bible through men, and not just men writing their own thoughts.

God's Holy Bible is for you and all people. It was not just for one group or one type of people or one nation. It is for every person, everywhere. It was true 1,000 years ago. It was true before that. It is still true today. It is true for you.

Memory Verse 1:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.

2 Timothy 3:16

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

Colossians 1:16



Truth To Remember:

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



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LESSON 2

From Romans 1:19-23, Job 38, Psalm 139:1-18

GOD IS MY CREATOR

God knows your name and everything about you. He knows your favorite colors and what food you like and what makes you feel sad or happy. He knows because He made you! He chose if you would be a boy or a girl. He chose what color your hair would be and how tall you would grow. He chose for you to be just as you are, on purpose, and He loves you exactly as you are.

God knows what you are like, but do you know what is God like?

We learn about God in the 3 ways He shows Himself.

The first way God shows Himself is in **His creation**, the things He made. Just like a painting shows us things about who painted it, like what colors the artist likes or if he is a good painter or not, God's creation shows us many things about Him.

From His creation, we see that God is very powerful and very, very smart. He is creative and likes beauty.



From the seasons, we learn that He likes order. Can you think of things in creation that show that God likes music, and colors, and joy?

The second way God shows Himself to us is in **His Son**, Jesus. Jesus is called the living Word of God. He taught us that God is Light. God is love. God is merciful and good. God wants us to know Him.

The third way God shows Himself to us is in **His Word**, the Bible. In the Bible, we learn that God is eternal, everywhere, and made everything. He is more amazing than we can even understand. He has all power and all knowledge. He is holy, righteous, and will one day judge the world.

God knows you and He wants you to know Him. That is why we study the Bible!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

God knows my name.

God chose me to be a boy or girl.

God made me but doesn't really care about me.

God wants me to know Him.

Write the 3 ways God shows Himself.

In His _____

In His _____

In His _____

THINK ABOUT IT

Did you know that if you pick up one handful of dirt, there are millions of creatures in there so tiny you cannot see them without a special magnifying device? In space, there are billions and billions of stars, and more beyond where humans have ever been or can see even with their special scientific inventions. Deep in the sea where it is totally dark, so far down no human could survive, creatures have been discovered that live down there, and they have shiny lights that go up and down their little bodies in different colors!

Whether big or small, the universe has wonders that the smartest scientists have not discovered. God is amazing!

Some people think that the world happened by accident or made itself over a long time. It is very important that you know that this is not true.

Why? One reason is that God deserves the glory for what He made. You would not like it if you worked to build or paint or cook something and everyone said it just happened by itself.

Another reason it is important to believe that God created everything is that you were not an accident and God does not want you to think so! God made you and loves you. Accidents usually do not have any value. But God gave you great value by creating you with a spirit and soul to know Him, and sending His own Son to die for you. This makes you very, very special.

Memory Verse 1:

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

Psalm 139:14

Memory Verse 2:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion [fellowship] of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14



Truth To Remember:

God is 1 God in 3 Persons.



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LESSON 3

From John 1:1-4, John 8:51-58

ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS

God wrote His Word, the Bible, to tell us about Himself. In the Old Testament, God teaches us many things.

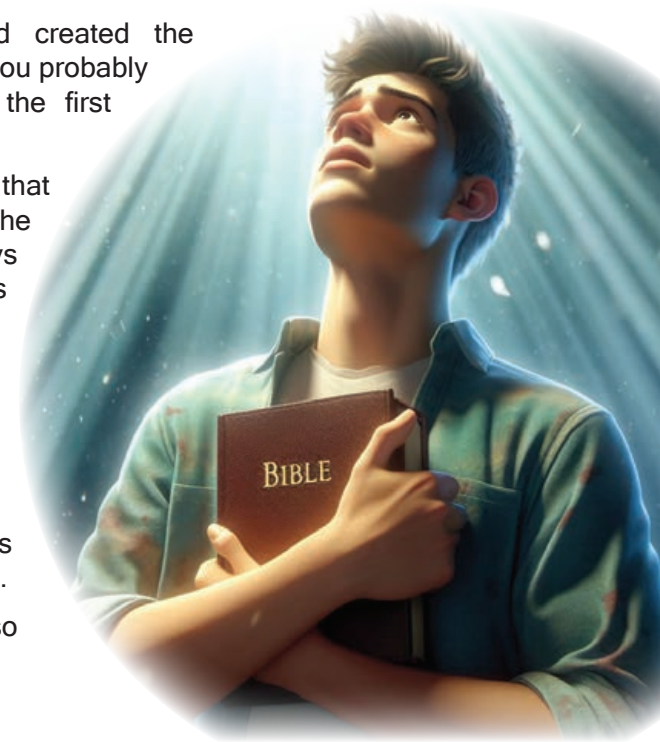
Most of the Old Testament tells us about God the Father and how God takes care of the people who believe in Him. He rewards those who do right and punishes those who do wrong. In the next few lessons, we will go back to the Old Testament to study more about how God works and who He is.

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” You probably remember that this is the first verse in the Bible.

But did you know that Jesus was with God in the beginning? The Bible says He was. The Bible says that Jesus created all things. He is eternal just like God the Father. He was there all the time in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

The Bible says Jesus is one with God and is God.

God’s Holy Spirit was also there at the beginning.



Through the Old Testament, God's Spirit would come to give people power for certain jobs. In the New Testament and ever since, God's Spirit would come to live inside every person who accepts God's salvation through Jesus.

There is only one God, but God is in 3 Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God the Father and His Son and His Holy Spirit are One. God has all power. He can be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all at once.

People cannot do this, but God can do this because He is God. This is hard for us humans to understand, but the Bible says it, and we believe it by faith. Everything God says is perfectly true.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

God is eternal.

God created Jesus later in the New Testament.

God has all power.

It can't be possible for God to be 3 Persons.

Everything God says is perfectly true.

Fill in the blanks.

God is One God in 3 Persons.

God the _____

God the _____

God the _____

THINK ABOUT IT

There are many times in the Bible when Jesus said that He and God the Father are One. Jesus also talked about the Holy Spirit of God. That means there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is called the **Trinity**.

This does not mean that there are 3 different Gods. The Bible says over and over again that there is only one God.

It is hard to understand how Jesus could be with God and be God at the same time. It is hard to understand how God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit could be One and still be in different places doing different things.

This is a truth that is not easy to understand, but God is not a human. He can do and be things that are impossible for humans. We may never completely understand this until we get to heaven. But we can believe it by faith.

Remember what faith means? **Faith** is believing even when we cannot see something for ourselves. We have faith that God can do and be whatever He wants. We have faith that the Bible is perfectly true because it is God's Word. Everything God says is perfectly true.

Memory Verse 1:

In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

**Blessed are those who hear
the word of God and keep it!**

Luke 11:28



Truth To Remember:

Have Faith And Obey.



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LESSON 4

From Hebrews 11

GOD BLESSES OBEDIENCE AND FAITH

You have read stories about many people in the Bible. Remember the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus and Jesus used it to feed 5,000 people? Remember the little girl who told Naaman's wife how Naaman could be healed of leprosy? God loves to use His people to do good work for Him.

Some people in the Bible obeyed God and were blessed by God. Other people did not obey God and were not blessed by God. Some people God could not use because they did not believe.

What kind of person does God use?

In Hebrews 11, God gives a list of people. They were different kinds of people who liked to do different things. But one thing was the same about them.



They had faith.

All the people in this list had faith in God. They believed in God and believed that God would reward them if they tried to know God and do His will. Some of the people in this list are:

Abel – He offered the right sacrifice to God.

Noah – He built an ark that saved his family.

Abraham – He believed God's promise about Isaac.

Moses' parents – They kept baby Moses alive.

Moses – He gave up life in Pharaoh's house to suffer with his own people, and led them out of Egypt.

Joshua – He led his army around Jericho and defeated the city.

None of these people were just like any of the others. God honored each one, even though they were all different, because they had faith. God used each of them in a special way.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Draw a line to match the person to what he or she did.

Abel	Kept baby Moses alive
Noah	Believed God's promise about Isaac
Joshua	Built an ark that saved his family
Moses' mom and dad	Offered the right sacrifice to God
Abraham	Led his army around Jericho and defeated the city

THINK ABOUT IT

God has a plan and a job for each person, but not every person lives God's good plan for them. Some people are too afraid. Some do not believe. Some choose Satan's plan instead.

But for every person who does have faith, God has a job for them to do for Him. He has different jobs for different people. God has a special plan for each person in His kingdom.

God has a special plan for you too! To do God's special plan, you will need to have faith and obey.

What kinds of things will you do? Only God knows! It is like a human body. Not every part does the same job. Your heart does not do what your legs do. Your eyes are not your ears. Each part has its own important job.

In 1 Corinthians 12, God says that the people who believe in Jesus as their Savior all make up one big body called the Body of Christ. This is not a physical body, but a spiritual body. All the believers working together are like Jesus' body here on earth. When we are kind, it is like being Jesus' hands for Him while He is in heaven. If we go to other places to tell about Jesus, it is like we are His feet.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, there is an important place in this great body for you. Have faith and obey, and God will use you to do great things for Him!

Memory Verse 1:

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

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6



Truth To Remember:

God helps us do great things for Him.



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LESSON 5

From Judges 6—8

GIDEON FIGHTS A BATTLE FOR GOD

Israel disobeyed God again and again for many years, so God did not bless their nation like He wanted to. Enemies came and the Israelites had many hard times. The Israelites were afraid because one enemy, the Moabites, kept stealing from them and destroying their land.

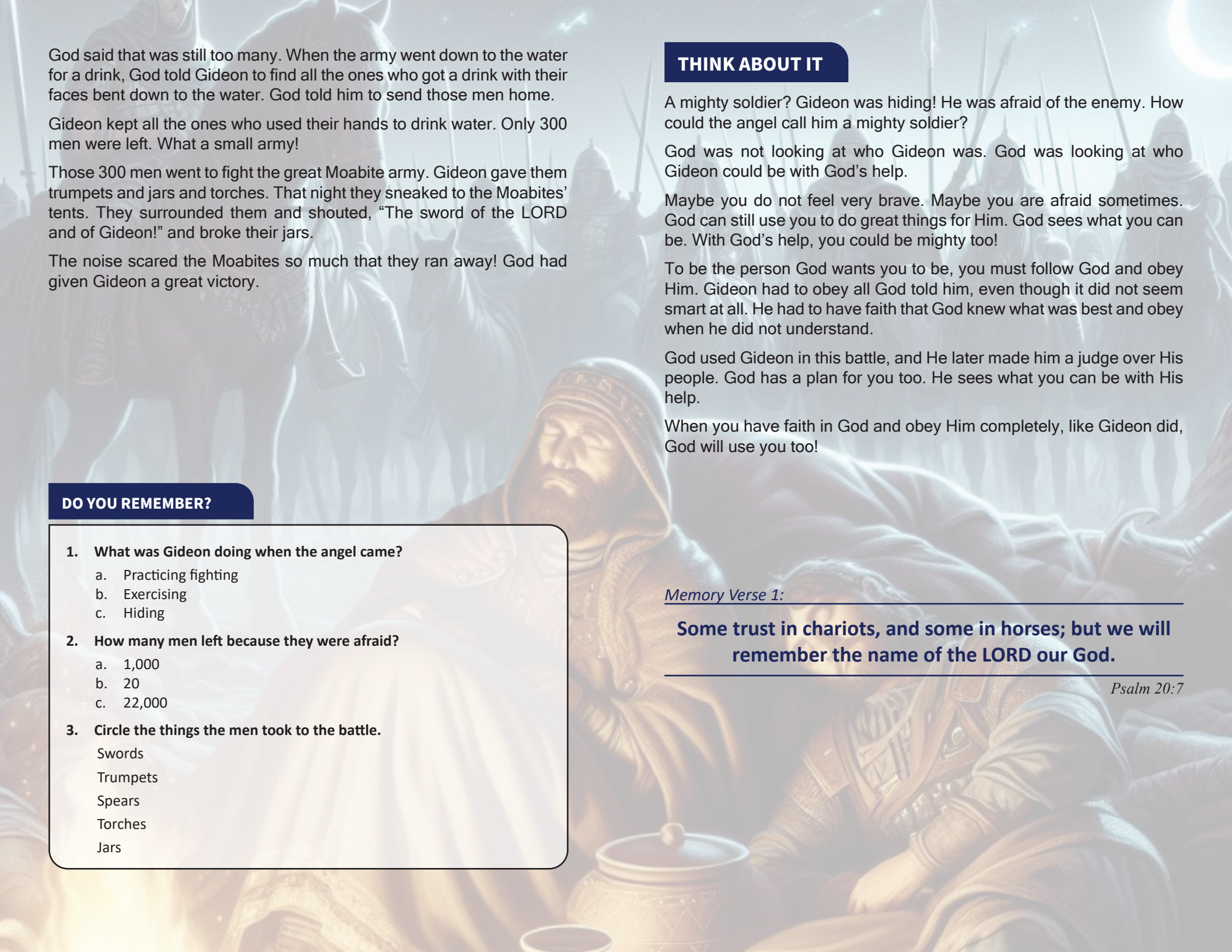
The angel of the Lord came to a man named Gideon. Gideon was working in hiding because he was afraid of the Moabites.

The angel said, “The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor.” He told Gideon that God would use him to fight the Moabites and win.

Gideon got an army together, but God said there were too many men. God wanted the glory for the victory. He did not want the Israelites to say they won because they were great soldiers.

He told Gideon to tell the men who were afraid to go home. There were 22,000 men who left. Only 10,000 men stayed.





God said that was still too many. When the army went down to the water for a drink, God told Gideon to find all the ones who got a drink with their faces bent down to the water. God told him to send those men home.

Gideon kept all the ones who used their hands to drink water. Only 300 men were left. What a small army!

Those 300 men went to fight the great Moabite army. Gideon gave them trumpets and jars and torches. That night they sneaked to the Moabites' tents. They surrounded them and shouted, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" and broke their jars.

The noise scared the Moabites so much that they ran away! God had given Gideon a great victory.

THINK ABOUT IT

A mighty soldier? Gideon was hiding! He was afraid of the enemy. How could the angel call him a mighty soldier?

God was not looking at who Gideon was. God was looking at who Gideon could be with God's help.

Maybe you do not feel very brave. Maybe you are afraid sometimes. God can still use you to do great things for Him. God sees what you can be. With God's help, you could be mighty too!

To be the person God wants you to be, you must follow God and obey Him. Gideon had to obey all God told him, even though it did not seem smart at all. He had to have faith that God knew what was best and obey when he did not understand.

God used Gideon in this battle, and He later made him a judge over His people. God has a plan for you too. He sees what you can be with His help.

When you have faith in God and obey Him completely, like Gideon did, God will use you too!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What was Gideon doing when the angel came?

- a. Practicing fighting
- b. Exercising
- c. Hiding

2. How many men left because they were afraid?

- a. 1,000
- b. 20
- c. 22,000

3. Circle the things the men took to the battle.

- Swords
- Trumpets
- Spears
- Torches
- Jars

Memory Verse 1:

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psalms 20:7

“... but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:24



Truth To Remember:

Our strength comes from God.



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LESSON 6

From Judges 13—16

SAMSON LOSES HIS STRENGTH

Before Samson was born, God told his parents that Samson would be special. He was to keep certain rules and be different from other people. God said this because He was going to use Samson to do great things. Samson was going to be the strongest man who ever lived.

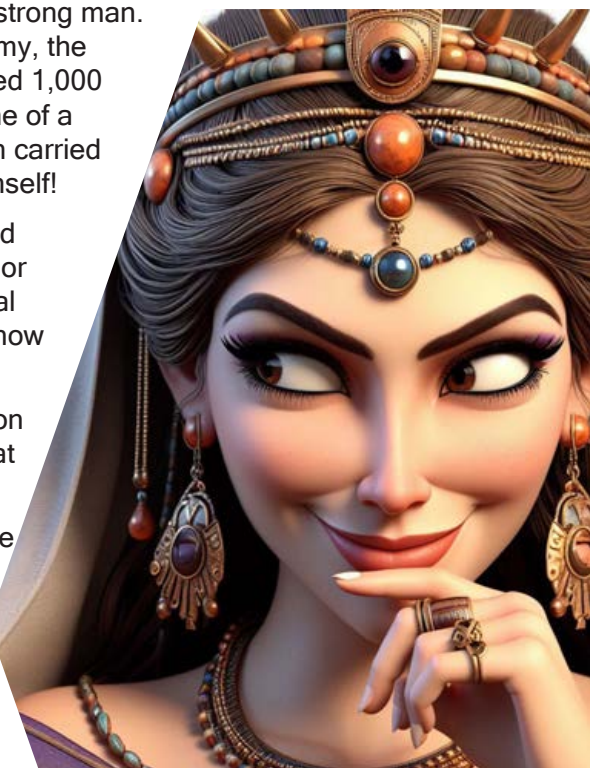
The main rule Samson had to keep was to never cut his hair. Samson's hair was the sign of God's strength in him.

Samson grew up to be a very strong man. He fought against Israel's enemy, the Philistines. Once, Samson killed 1,000 Philistines with just the jawbone of a donkey. Another time, Samson carried away the gates of a city by himself!

Samson loved a woman named Delilah. She did not love God or serve God. Delilah made a deal with the Philistines to find out how Samson got so strong.

One day, Delilah asked Samson to tell her the secret of his great strength.

Samson told Delilah that if he was tied up with new ropes, he would not be strong. When Samson was sleeping,



Delilah tied him up. But Samson broke free. Then he told her that if his hair was tied into a weaver's loom, he would not be strong. When he was sleeping, Delilah put his hair in a loom. Samson broke free again.

Delilah cried and said that Samson did not love her. Finally, after she had cried and cried, Samson told her that if his hair was cut he would not be strong.

That night, Delilah cut Samson's hair. The Philistines came, but Samson could not fight them. His strength was gone.

The Philistines poked out Samson's eyes and made him grind the grain like an animal.

One day, they had a party. They brought Samson in so they could laugh at him and praise their gods. They put Samson between the 2 biggest pillars of the building.

Samson's hair had grown again. He prayed and asked God for strength one more time. Samson pushed on the 2 pillars and they broke. The building fell down. Samson and many Philistines died.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What was the sign of God's strength in Samson?

- a. His donkey
- b. His parents
- c. His uncut hair

2. Who did Samson love?

- a. A woman who loved God and served God
- b. A woman who did not love God or serve God

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

Samson told Delilah the secret of his great strength.
The Philistines changed and worshipped God.
The Philistines poked out Samson's eyes.
Samson lived to be a happy old man.

THINK ABOUT IT

Samson became proud of his great strength. Maybe he thought he was strong all by himself. He forgot that it was God who made him strong.

When Delilah cut his hair and the Philistines came, Samson did not know his strength was gone until he tried to fight and couldn't. When he was beaten and forced to be a slave, Samson knew then that he should have followed God's rules. He knew that it had been God's strength in him. Now the Philistines were praising false gods. They thought their gods were more powerful than the one true God because they had captured Samson.

God was not honored by Samson's pride. God's name was shamed.

You may be brave and strong and good. You may be able to play sports well or sing or cook. You may be very smart or talented. Satan will tempt you to be proud just like he tempted Samson. Samson did what Satan tempted him to do, and terrible things happened in his life.

When Satan tempts you to be proud, you can remember that it is God who lets you be good at the things you do well. God has given you these talents. It is God who gives us strength.

When Satan tempts you, do not be like Samson. Do not listen to his lies. Say no to Satan. Keep obeying God and trusting what God's Word says.

Memory Verse 1:

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches ..."

Jeremiah 9:23

Memory Verse 2:

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests,
but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4



Truth To Remember:

God will take care of our needs.



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LESSON 7

From Ruth 1—4

RUTH GOES TO A NEW LAND

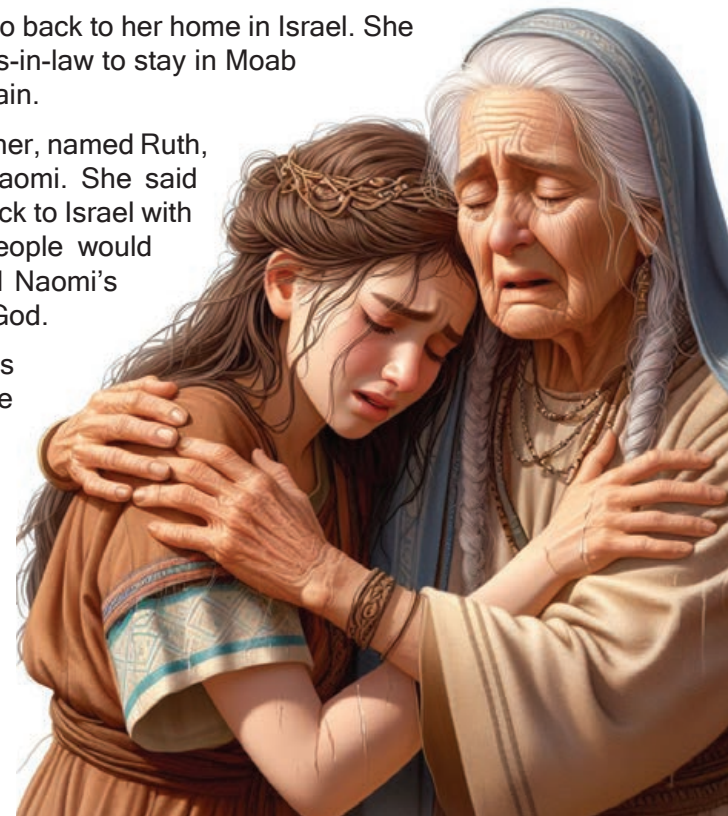
There was no rain in Israel, so there was no food. One woman named Naomi and her husband left Israel with their 2 sons and went to a land called Moab. There was food in Moab.

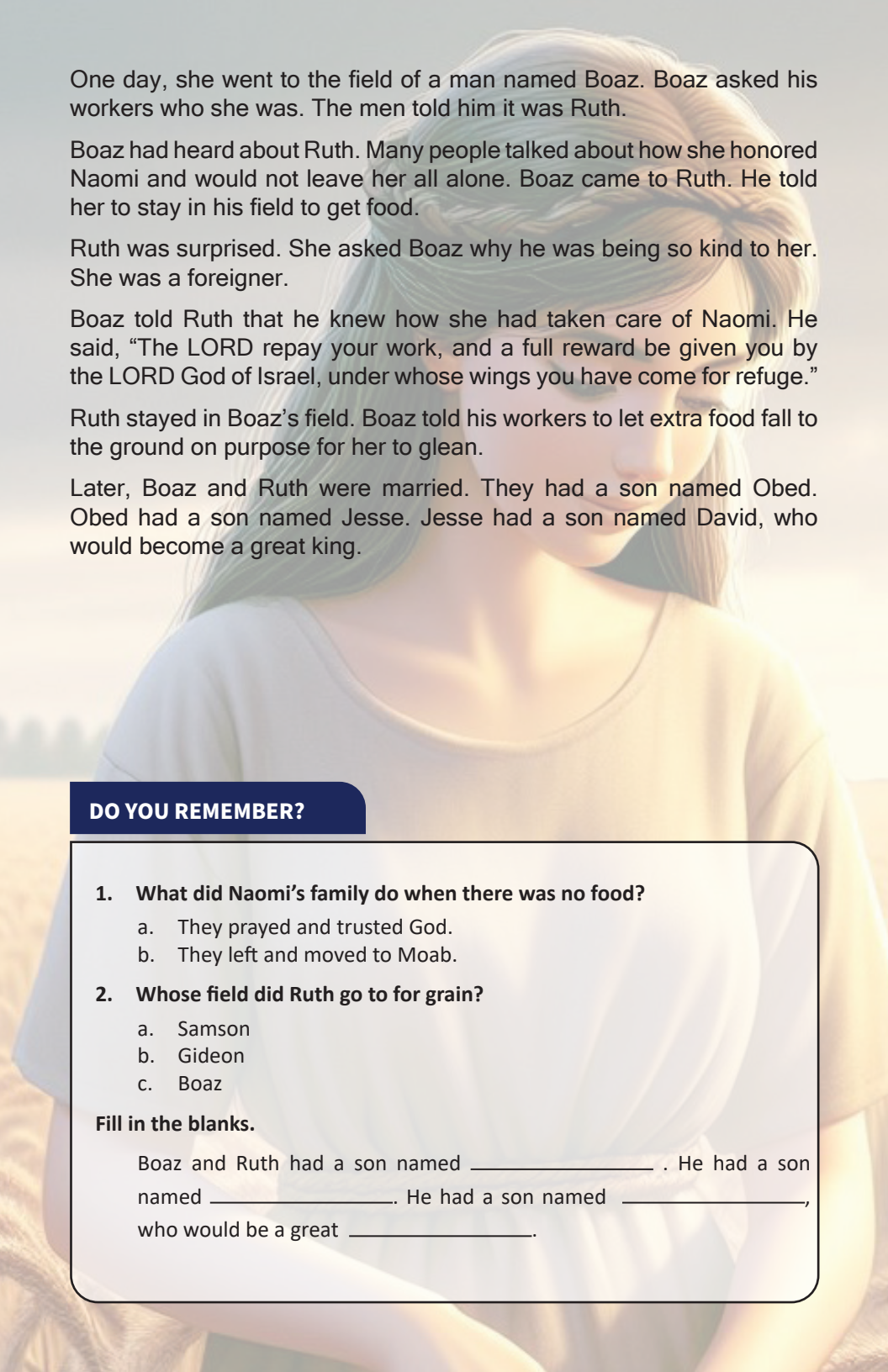
In Moab, Naomi's 2 sons were married. Then her husband got sick and he died. Her sons died too.

Naomi decided to go back to her home in Israel. She told her 2 daughters-in-law to stay in Moab and get married again.

One stayed. The other, named Ruth, would not leave Naomi. She said she would come back to Israel with Naomi. Naomi's people would be her people, and Naomi's God would be her God.

Back in Israel, it was harvest season. The harvesters left any food that fell to the ground for the poor people. God had told them to do this so the poor would have food to eat. So, Ruth went out to gather grain for herself and Naomi.





One day, she went to the field of a man named Boaz. Boaz asked his workers who she was. The men told him it was Ruth.

Boaz had heard about Ruth. Many people talked about how she honored Naomi and would not leave her all alone. Boaz came to Ruth. He told her to stay in his field to get food.

Ruth was surprised. She asked Boaz why he was being so kind to her. She was a foreigner.

Boaz told Ruth that he knew how she had taken care of Naomi. He said, “The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.”

Ruth stayed in Boaz’s field. Boaz told his workers to let extra food fall to the ground on purpose for her to glean.

Later, Boaz and Ruth were married. They had a son named Obed. Obed had a son named Jesse. Jesse had a son named David, who would become a great king.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Naomi’s family do when there was no food?

- a. They prayed and trusted God.
- b. They left and moved to Moab.

2. Whose field did Ruth go to for grain?

- a. Samson
- b. Gideon
- c. Boaz

Fill in the blanks.

Boaz and Ruth had a son named _____. He had a son named _____. He had a son named _____, who would be a great _____.

THINK ABOUT IT

It is scary to move away to a different country. Perhaps Ruth was a little afraid to go to this new land. But she wanted to take care of Naomi, so she left her home to go with her.

Ruth was doing a very brave thing. She was turning away from the idols of her people and turning to the one true God. Ruth had to have faith that God would take care of her and Naomi.

God did take care of them. God is not just the God of the Israelite people. He is the one true God who created all people. He accepts every person who comes to Him and believes in Him.

God blessed Ruth. Ruth’s kindness gave her a good **reputation**, which is when people know you do right in your life. Many people heard about Ruth’s kindness to her mother-in-law. They heard how unselfish Ruth was. She was a foreigner, but people thought highly of Ruth. Ruth had a good reputation in Israel because she put another person’s needs first. She did not just take care of herself. She took care of Naomi first.

And God took care of her. God helped Ruth and Naomi find food to eat. Later, He gave Ruth a kind husband and a good home.

Memory Verse 1:

**A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
loving favor rather than silver and gold.**

Proverbs 22:1

The LORD searches all hearts.

1 Chronicles 28:9



Truth To Remember:

God looks at what we are on the inside.



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LESSON 8

From 1 Samuel 16:1-13

GOD CHOOSES A NEW KING

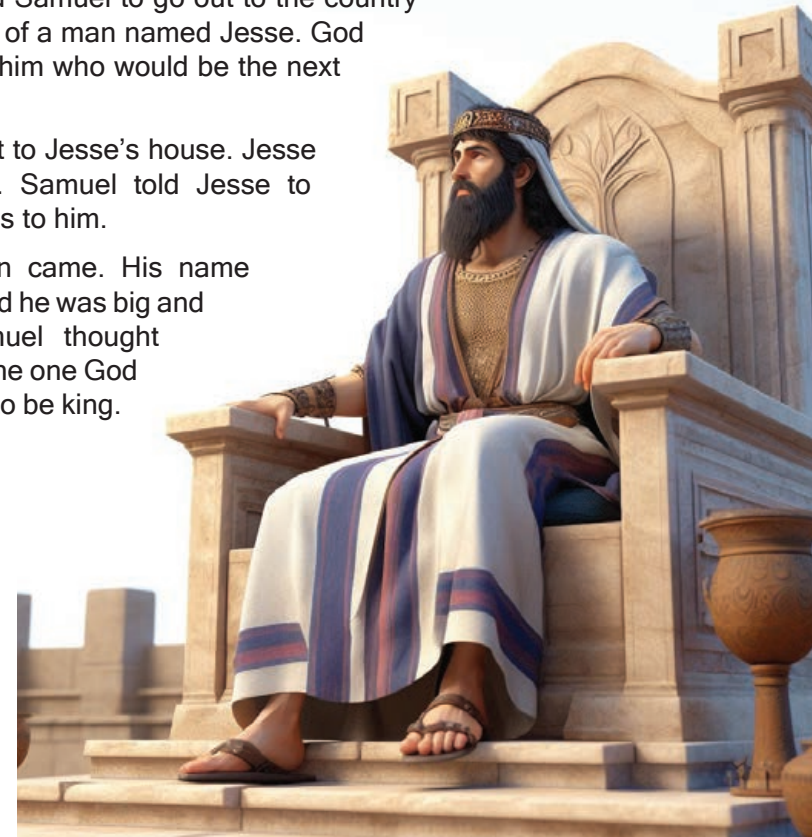
The very first king of the Israelites was a man named Saul. Saul disobeyed God and God was not pleased. God said He would take away Saul's crown and give it to someone else.

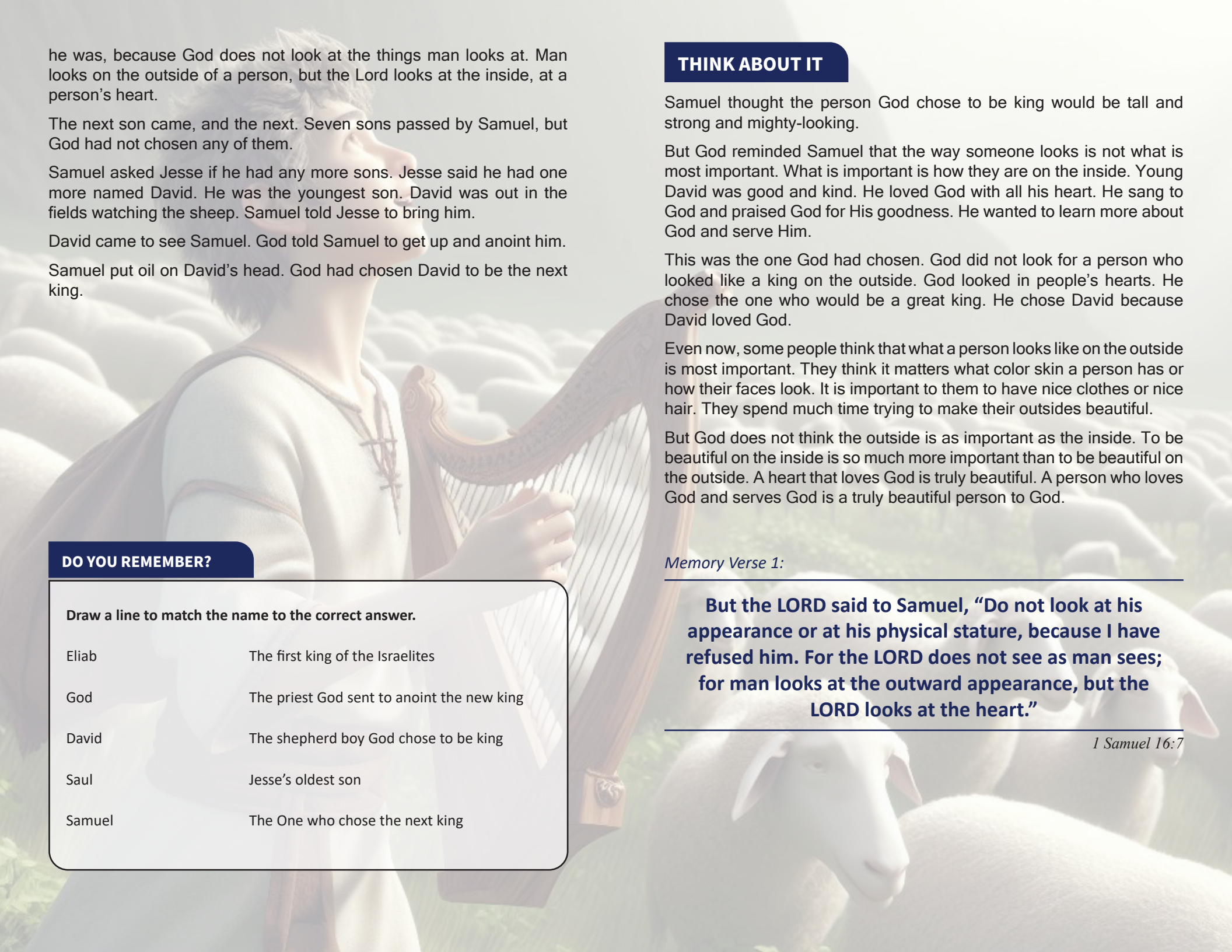
God decided who would be the next king. He told a priest named Samuel to go out to the country to the house of a man named Jesse. God would show him who would be the next king.

Samuel went to Jesse's house. Jesse had 8 sons. Samuel told Jesse to bring his sons to him.

The first son came. His name was Eliab and he was big and strong. Samuel thought he must be the one God had chosen to be king.

But God told Samuel not to look at how tall and handsome





he was, because God does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks on the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the inside, at a person's heart.

The next son came, and the next. Seven sons passed by Samuel, but God had not chosen any of them.

Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse said he had one more named David. He was the youngest son. David was out in the fields watching the sheep. Samuel told Jesse to bring him.

David came to see Samuel. God told Samuel to get up and anoint him.

Samuel put oil on David's head. God had chosen David to be the next king.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Draw a line to match the name to the correct answer.

Eliab	The first king of the Israelites
God	The priest God sent to anoint the new king
David	The shepherd boy God chose to be king
Saul	Jesse's oldest son
Samuel	The One who chose the next king

THINK ABOUT IT

Samuel thought the person God chose to be king would be tall and strong and mighty-looking.

But God reminded Samuel that the way someone looks is not what is most important. What is important is how they are on the inside. Young David was good and kind. He loved God with all his heart. He sang to God and praised God for His goodness. He wanted to learn more about God and serve Him.

This was the one God had chosen. God did not look for a person who looked like a king on the outside. God looked in people's hearts. He chose the one who would be a great king. He chose David because David loved God.

Even now, some people think that what a person looks like on the outside is most important. They think it matters what color skin a person has or how their faces look. It is important to them to have nice clothes or nice hair. They spend much time trying to make their outsides beautiful.

But God does not think the outside is as important as the inside. To be beautiful on the inside is so much more important than to be beautiful on the outside. A heart that loves God is truly beautiful. A person who loves God and serves God is a truly beautiful person to God.

Memory Verse 1:

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

“Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.”

1 Samuel 17:47



Truth To Remember:

God is more powerful than any person.



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LESSON 9

From 1 Samuel 17

DAVID FIGHTS A GIANT

The Israelites were at war with the Philistines. David’s brothers had gone to fight, but David was too young to go. He stayed at home and watched the sheep.

One day, David’s father told him to go to the battle where his brothers were. He told David to take food to them and see how they were doing.

David obeyed and went to where the Israelites were fighting.

When he got there, no one was fighting. All the Israelites were afraid.

A giant named Goliath came out. He was a Philistine.

He was over 9 feet tall and had a huge spear and shield!

He yelled out against Israel. He said bad things about the one true God.

Goliath told the Israelites to send one man out to fight him.

If this man won, the Philistines would be servants to the Israelites. But if Goliath won, the Israelites would have to be slaves to the



Philistines. No one in Israel wanted to fight this giant. All the soldiers were terrified!

David said that he would fight Goliath. He went to a brook and chose 5 smooth stones. He took his slingshot and went to fight Goliath.

Goliath saw David and he laughed. He said David was too small and he would kill him. But David said, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts." David told Goliath that he would defeat him and everybody there would know that the battle was the Lord's.

David ran to Goliath. He swung his sling and a rock flew into the air. The rock hit Goliath on the forehead and the giant fell face down. David took Goliath's big sword and used it to cut off the enemy's head. Goliath was dead. David had won!

When the Philistines saw that their great Goliath was dead, they ran away. The Israelites chased them. God let a young boy kill the great giant. Soon God would make David the king of Israel.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Draw an arrow from each thing to the side of the correct person it describes.

Goliath

David

Example:

9 feet tall

too young to fight

had a huge spear and shield

used a sling and stone

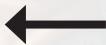
yelled bad things about God

said he came in the name of the Lord

cut off his enemy's head

would become king

thought he would win but didn't



THINK ABOUT IT

David was too young. David was too small. David had never fought a battle in a war before in his life!

There are many reasons why David should not have fought Goliath. But David had one reason why he should fight Goliath – the honor of God. That was the very best reason he could have.

When David heard Goliath say bad things about the one true God, David became angry. He would not let anyone say bad things about God. David knew God could help him win the battle against Goliath.

No one else had faith that God would help them. They were afraid of Goliath. They did not want to fight him. They did not want David to fight either. He was too young.

David was not afraid. He knew God was on his side. God would fight for him. God would not let His great name be shamed.

You are not too young to serve God either. If God is on your side, you should not be afraid. God is more powerful than any person. God always wins!

Memory Verse 1:

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand ..."

1 Samuel 17:45-46

Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and
the man who gains understanding; for her
proceeds are better than the profits of silver,
and her gain than fine gold.

Proverbs 3:13-14



Truth To Remember:

God is pleased when we are unselfish.



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LESSON 10

From 1 Kings 3:5-15; 4:30-32

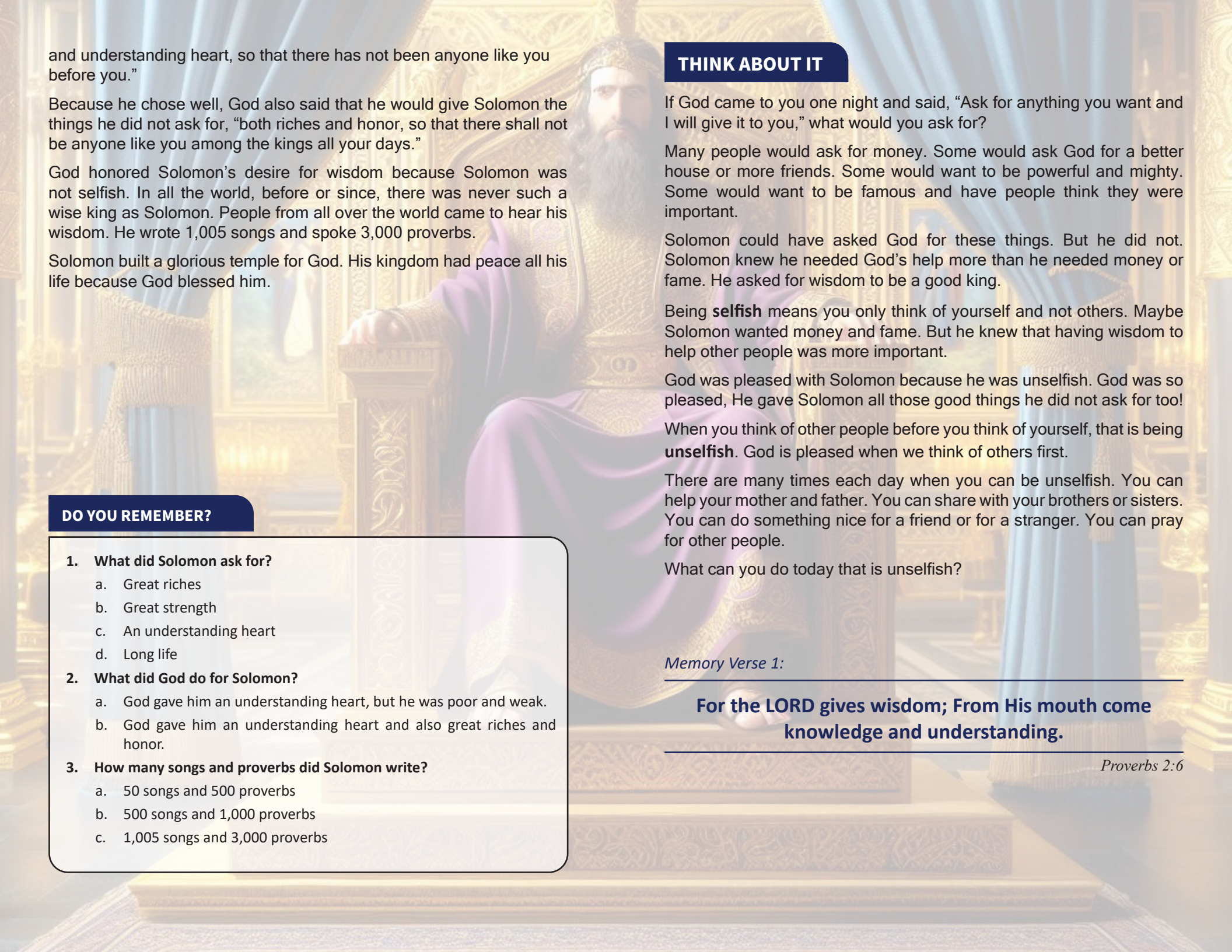
GOD ASKS SOLOMON A QUESTION

King David was getting older. Soon it would be time for a new king. God had chosen David's son, Solomon. When it was time for Solomon to be king, God came to him in a dream and said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

Solomon answered God, "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child ... And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

God was pleased that Solomon had asked for an understanding heart to judge the people well, instead of asking for long life, or riches, or power over his enemies. God told Solomon, "I have given you a wise





and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you.”

Because he chose well, God also said that he would give Solomon the things he did not ask for, “both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.”

God honored Solomon’s desire for wisdom because Solomon was not selfish. In all the world, before or since, there was never such a wise king as Solomon. People from all over the world came to hear his wisdom. He wrote 1,005 songs and spoke 3,000 proverbs.

Solomon built a glorious temple for God. His kingdom had peace all his life because God blessed him.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **What did Solomon ask for?**
 - a. Great riches
 - b. Great strength
 - c. An understanding heart
 - d. Long life
2. **What did God do for Solomon?**
 - a. God gave him an understanding heart, but he was poor and weak.
 - b. God gave him an understanding heart and also great riches and honor.
3. **How many songs and proverbs did Solomon write?**
 - a. 50 songs and 500 proverbs
 - b. 500 songs and 1,000 proverbs
 - c. 1,005 songs and 3,000 proverbs

THINK ABOUT IT

If God came to you one night and said, “Ask for anything you want and I will give it to you,” what would you ask for?

Many people would ask for money. Some would ask God for a better house or more friends. Some would want to be powerful and mighty. Some would want to be famous and have people think they were important.

Solomon could have asked God for these things. But he did not. Solomon knew he needed God’s help more than he needed money or fame. He asked for wisdom to be a good king.

Being **selfish** means you only think of yourself and not others. Maybe Solomon wanted money and fame. But he knew that having wisdom to help other people was more important.

God was pleased with Solomon because he was unselfish. God was so pleased, He gave Solomon all those good things he did not ask for too!

When you think of other people before you think of yourself, that is being **unselfish**. God is pleased when we think of others first.

There are many times each day when you can be unselfish. You can help your mother and father. You can share with your brothers or sisters. You can do something nice for a friend or for a stranger. You can pray for other people.

What can you do today that is unselfish?

Memory Verse 1:

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6

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

Psalm 32:8



Truth To Remember:

Get wisdom by studying God's Word.



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LESSON 11

From 1 Kings 3:16-28

SOLOMON MAKES A WISE CHOICE

Solomon became famous all over the world. Everyone knew of the great and wise king. People came to him for help. When someone had a problem, they could bring it to Solomon. He would tell them the wisest thing to do.

One day a very hard problem was brought to Solomon. Two women came to him. One was carrying a baby. One woman was very sad. She was crying. The other woman was angry.

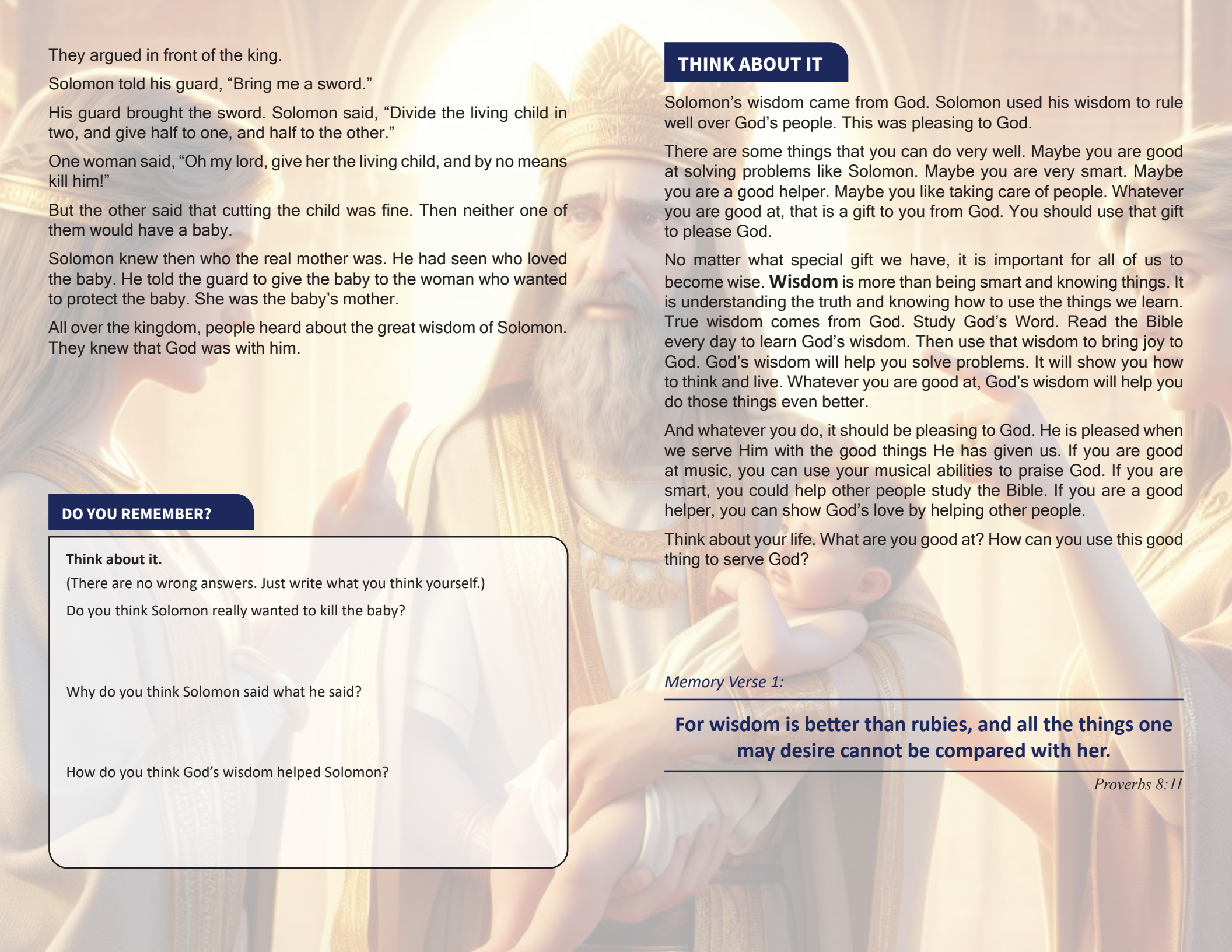
The first woman started to tell her story. She told Solomon that she and the other woman lived in the same house.

One night, the other woman's baby died. While she was sleeping, the other woman switched the babies. When she woke up, the baby was dead!

But she looked at him and saw that it was not her son but the other woman's son.

The other woman said, "No! But the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son."





They argued in front of the king.

Solomon told his guard, “Bring me a sword.”

His guard brought the sword. Solomon said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other.”

One woman said, “Oh my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!”

But the other said that cutting the child was fine. Then neither one of them would have a baby.

Solomon knew then who the real mother was. He had seen who loved the baby. He told the guard to give the baby to the woman who wanted to protect the baby. She was the baby’s mother.

All over the kingdom, people heard about the great wisdom of Solomon. They knew that God was with him.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Think about it.

(There are no wrong answers. Just write what you think yourself.)

Do you think Solomon really wanted to kill the baby?

Why do you think Solomon said what he said?

How do you think God’s wisdom helped Solomon?

THINK ABOUT IT

Solomon’s wisdom came from God. Solomon used his wisdom to rule well over God’s people. This was pleasing to God.

There are some things that you can do very well. Maybe you are good at solving problems like Solomon. Maybe you are very smart. Maybe you are a good helper. Maybe you like taking care of people. Whatever you are good at, that is a gift to you from God. You should use that gift to please God.

No matter what special gift we have, it is important for all of us to become wise. **Wisdom** is more than being smart and knowing things. It is understanding the truth and knowing how to use the things we learn. True wisdom comes from God. Study God’s Word. Read the Bible every day to learn God’s wisdom. Then use that wisdom to bring joy to God. God’s wisdom will help you solve problems. It will show you how to think and live. Whatever you are good at, God’s wisdom will help you do those things even better.

And whatever you do, it should be pleasing to God. He is pleased when we serve Him with the good things He has given us. If you are good at music, you can use your musical abilities to praise God. If you are smart, you could help other people study the Bible. If you are a good helper, you can show God’s love by helping other people.

Think about your life. What are you good at? How can you use this good thing to serve God?

Memory Verse 1:

For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her.

Proverbs 8:11

Memory Verse 2:

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



Truth To Remember:

God has all power. He can protect us from evil.



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LESSON 12

From 1 Kings 17:1-6

ELIJAH GETS FOOD FROM BIRDS

Many kings ruled over Israel after Solomon. Most of them were bad kings. They did not love God.

The very worst king was King Ahab. He was an evil man. He married a wicked woman named Jezebel. Ahab and Jezebel did not worship God. They worshipped idols. Ahab built a temple and put an altar in it for an idol called Baal. Ahab worshipped other false gods also.

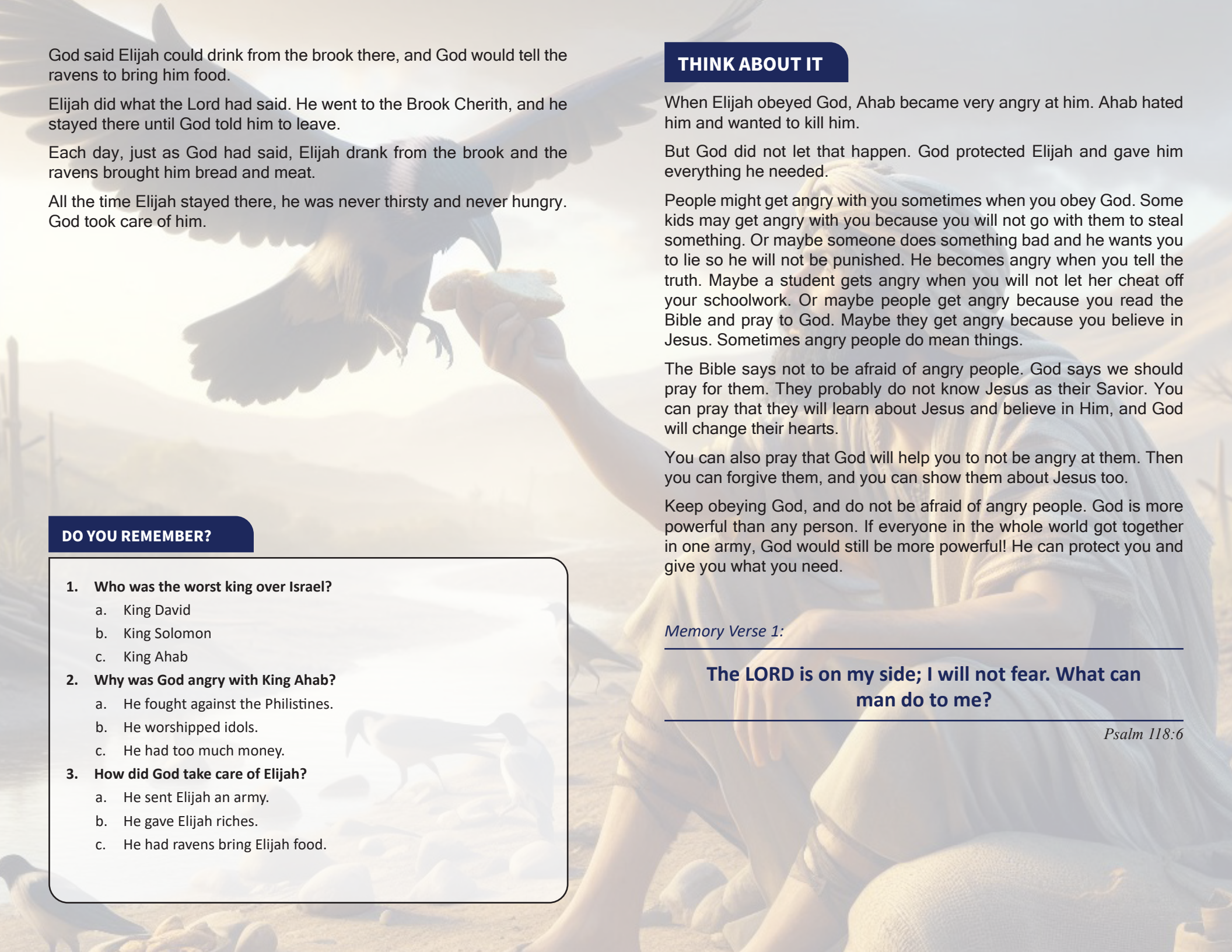
What King Ahab did made God angry with him.

There was a prophet in Israel named Elijah. He told the people God's words. Elijah went to see King Ahab. He told Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

Ahab was very angry with Elijah and wanted to kill him.

God sent Elijah to a place called the Brook Cherith.





God said Elijah could drink from the brook there, and God would tell the ravens to bring him food.

Elijah did what the Lord had said. He went to the Brook Cherith, and he stayed there until God told him to leave.

Each day, just as God had said, Elijah drank from the brook and the ravens brought him bread and meat.

All the time Elijah stayed there, he was never thirsty and never hungry. God took care of him.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who was the worst king over Israel?

- a. King David
- b. King Solomon
- c. King Ahab

2. Why was God angry with King Ahab?

- a. He fought against the Philistines.
- b. He worshipped idols.
- c. He had too much money.

3. How did God take care of Elijah?

- a. He sent Elijah an army.
- b. He gave Elijah riches.
- c. He had ravens bring Elijah food.

THINK ABOUT IT

When Elijah obeyed God, Ahab became very angry at him. Ahab hated him and wanted to kill him.

But God did not let that happen. God protected Elijah and gave him everything he needed.

People might get angry with you sometimes when you obey God. Some kids may get angry with you because you will not go with them to steal something. Or maybe someone does something bad and he wants you to lie so he will not be punished. He becomes angry when you tell the truth. Maybe a student gets angry when you will not let her cheat off your schoolwork. Or maybe people get angry because you read the Bible and pray to God. Maybe they get angry because you believe in Jesus. Sometimes angry people do mean things.

The Bible says not to be afraid of angry people. God says we should pray for them. They probably do not know Jesus as their Savior. You can pray that they will learn about Jesus and believe in Him, and God will change their hearts.

You can also pray that God will help you to not be angry at them. Then you can forgive them, and you can show them about Jesus too.

Keep obeying God, and do not be afraid of angry people. God is more powerful than any person. If everyone in the whole world got together in one army, God would still be more powerful! He can protect you and give you what you need.

Memory Verse 1:

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Psalms 118:6

Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and
He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:5



Truth To Remember:

God always does what He says He will do.



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LESSON 13

From 1 Kings 17:7-16

ELIJAH VISITS A WIDOW

Elijah, God's prophet, was staying near a stream because God had sent him there. It had not rained for a very long time. Finally, the stream dried up.

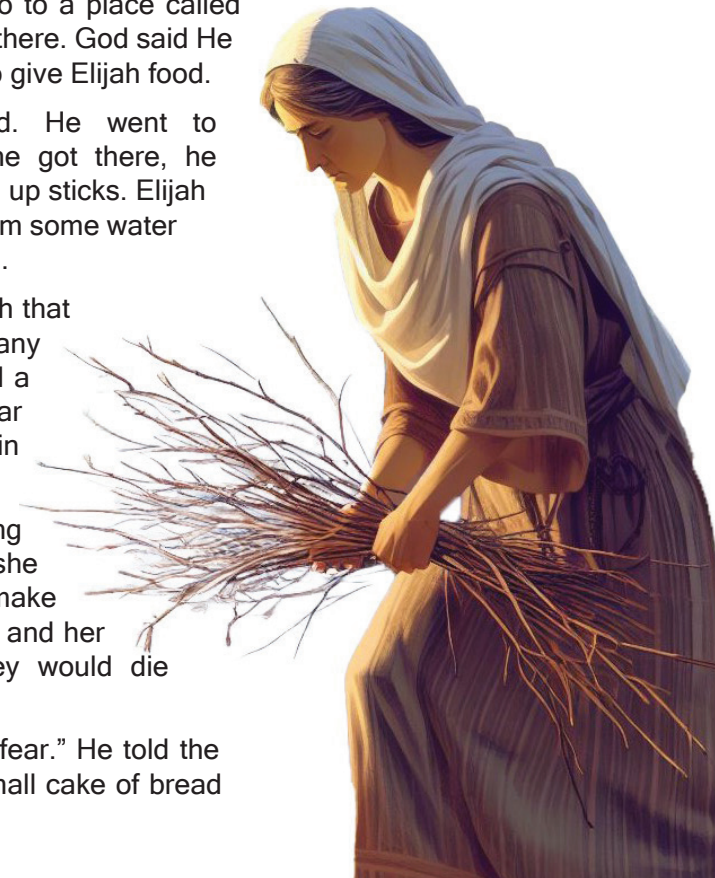
God told Elijah to go to a place called Zarephath and stay there. God said He told a widow there to give Elijah food.

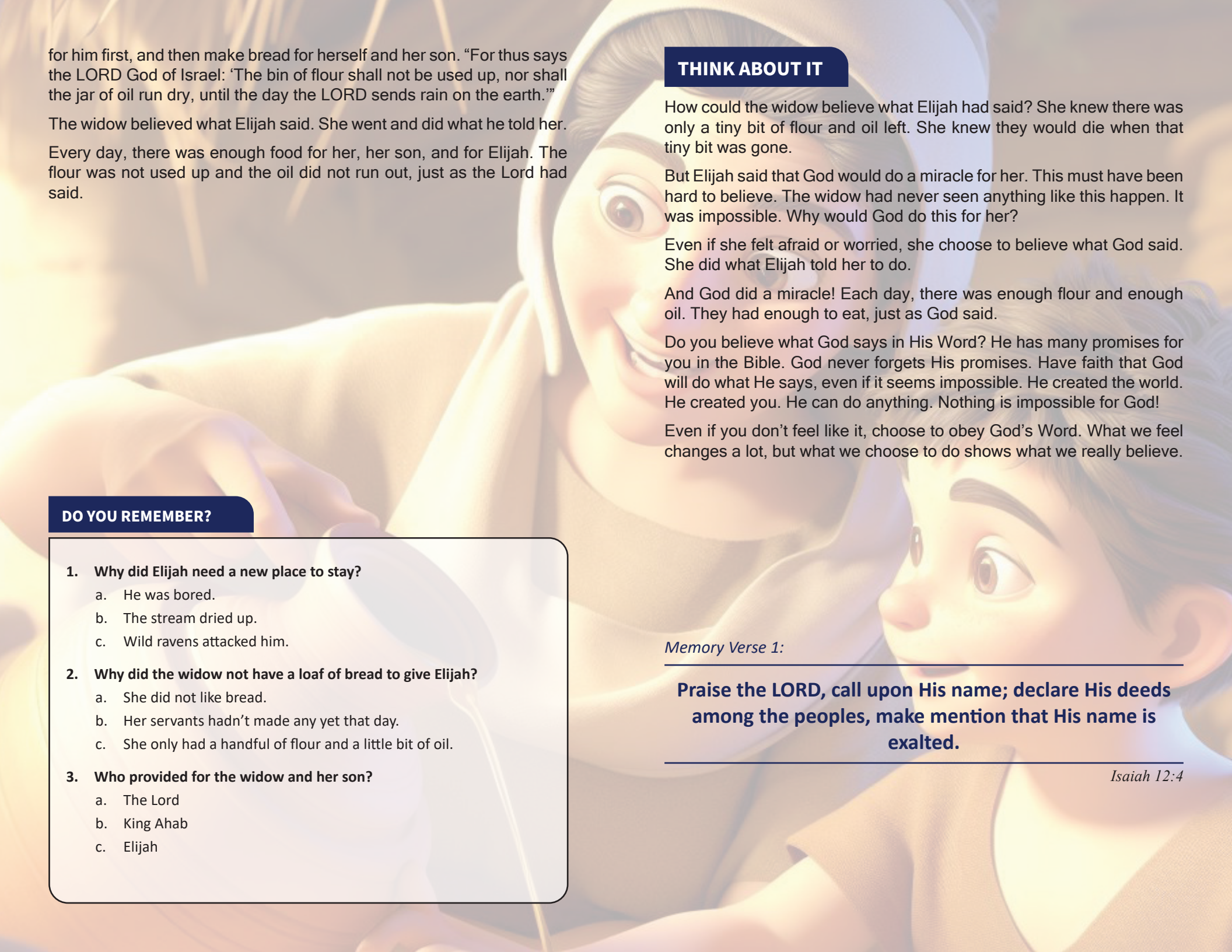
Elijah obeyed God. He went to Zarephath. When he got there, he saw a widow picking up sticks. Elijah asked her to bring him some water and a piece of bread.

The widow told Elijah that she did not have any bread. She only had a handful of flour in a jar and a little bit of oil in a jug.

The lady was picking up a few sticks so she could go home and make one meal for herself and her son. After that, they would die from hunger.

Elijah said, "Do not fear." He told the widow to make a small cake of bread





for him first, and then make bread for herself and her son. “For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’”

The widow believed what Elijah said. She went and did what he told her.

Every day, there was enough food for her, her son, and for Elijah. The flour was not used up and the oil did not run out, just as the Lord had said.

THINK ABOUT IT

How could the widow believe what Elijah had said? She knew there was only a tiny bit of flour and oil left. She knew they would die when that tiny bit was gone.

But Elijah said that God would do a miracle for her. This must have been hard to believe. The widow had never seen anything like this happen. It was impossible. Why would God do this for her?

Even if she felt afraid or worried, she choose to believe what God said. She did what Elijah told her to do.

And God did a miracle! Each day, there was enough flour and enough oil. They had enough to eat, just as God said.

Do you believe what God says in His Word? He has many promises for you in the Bible. God never forgets His promises. Have faith that God will do what He says, even if it seems impossible. He created the world. He created you. He can do anything. Nothing is impossible for God!

Even if you don't feel like it, choose to obey God's Word. What we feel changes a lot, but what we choose to do shows what we really believe.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Why did Elijah need a new place to stay?**
 - a. He was bored.
 - b. The stream dried up.
 - c. Wild ravens attacked him.
2. **Why did the widow not have a loaf of bread to give Elijah?**
 - a. She did not like bread.
 - b. Her servants hadn't made any yet that day.
 - c. She only had a handful of flour and a little bit of oil.
3. **Who provided for the widow and her son?**
 - a. The Lord
 - b. King Ahab
 - c. Elijah

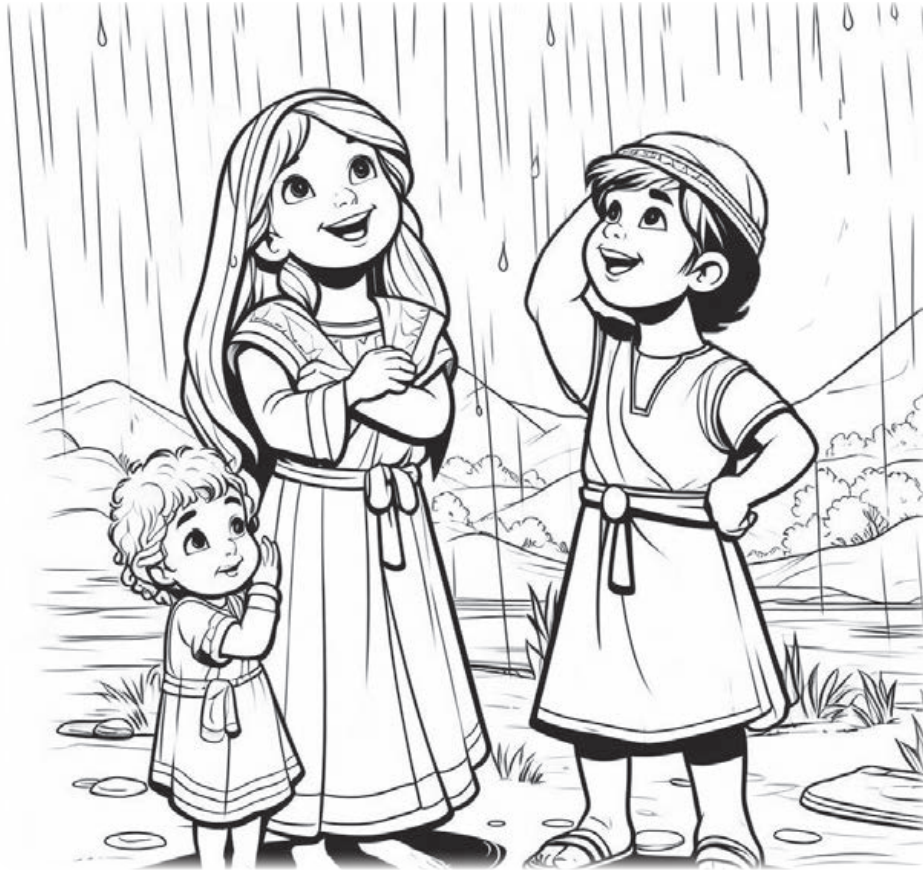
Memory Verse 1:

Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:4

Woe to him who says to wood, "Awake!" To silent stone, "Arise! It shall teach!" Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, yet in it there is no breath at all.

Habakkuk 2:19



Truth To Remember:

Only God deserves to be worshipped.



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LESSON 14

From 1 Kings 18:17-46

ELIJAH GIVES THE PROPHETS OF BAAL A TEST

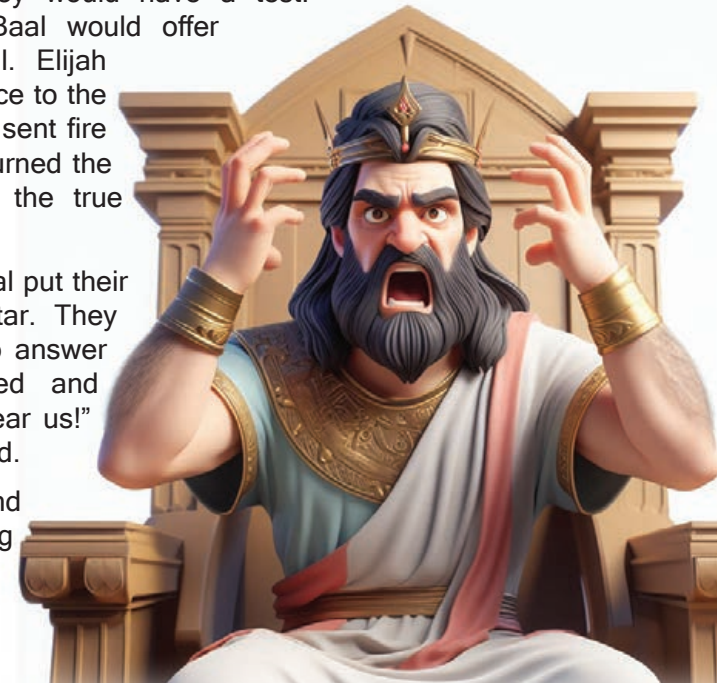
Wicked King Ahab hated God's prophet Elijah. He said Elijah made trouble for Israel.

But Elijah said it was Ahab who made trouble for Israel. Ahab had rejected God's commands and followed a false god named Baal. Elijah told Ahab to get all the people in Israel to come to a place called Mount Carmel. He told Ahab to bring the 450 prophets of Baal.

Elijah said that they would have a test. The prophets of Baal would offer a sacrifice to Baal. Elijah would offer a sacrifice to the Lord. The God that sent fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice would be the true God.

The prophets of Baal put their sacrifice on the altar. They cried out to Baal to answer them. They danced and prayed, "O Baal, hear us!" But no one answered.

They shouted and prayed from morning



until noon. They even cut themselves with swords and spears. But nothing happened.

Then it was Elijah's turn. He put his sacrifice on the altar. Then he dug a ditch around the altar. He had men pour 4 big jars of water over the sacrifice. He told them to do it 3 times. There was so much water, it filled up the ditch.

Then Elijah prayed. He asked God to prove to the people that the Lord was the one true God.

The fire of the Lord fell from heaven. It burned up the sacrifice. It burned the altar, the ground, and even burned up all the water in the ditch!

When the people saw this, they fell to the ground. They cried, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

Elijah had all the prophets of Baal killed.

The people began to worship the one true God. After many months with no rain, God sent rain for their land again.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **How many prophets of Baal came to Mount Carmel?**
 - a. 4
 - b. 45
 - c. 450
2. **What happened after the prophets sacrificed to Baal?**
 - a. Baal sent fire.
 - b. Baal spoke from heaven.
 - c. Nothing at all happened.
3. **What happened after Elijah sacrificed to the Lord?**
 - a. The Lord sent fire.
 - b. The prophets of Baal killed Elijah.
 - c. Nothing at all happened.

THINK ABOUT IT

God was so good to the Israelites. He loved them and protected them and took care of them. How could they reject their powerful and loving God and worship false gods?

Idols are statues made of wood or stone, or pictures on the wall that people worship. People pray to these statues. They bow to these statues or pictures and worship them.

If you took some wood and built a house with your own hands, would you worship the house and ask it to answer your prayers? No. Would you bow to wood you burned in the fire? Never. But an idol could have been made from the same wood that you made a house with. A statue could be made out of the firewood you did not use.

Can statues or idols talk? No! They are made of stone or wood. They cannot talk.

Can they hear? Can they see? Can they touch things? No, no, no! Everyone knows they cannot.

Can they answer people's prayers if they cannot hear? Can they help protect people if they cannot move? Do the statues and pictures love the people who worship them?

Statues or pictures cannot answer people's prayers or help the people who worship them. They can be knocked over or cut apart or destroyed. They cannot help people. They cannot even help themselves.

People make idols. It is wrong to worship anything people make instead of the great God who created all things.

Only God can hear prayers. Only God can help us. Only God deserves to be worshipped.

Memory Verse 1:

I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images.

Isaiah 42:8

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:

You can talk to God about everything.



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LESSON 15

From 2 Kings 4:1-7

A WIDOW NEEDS GOD'S HELP

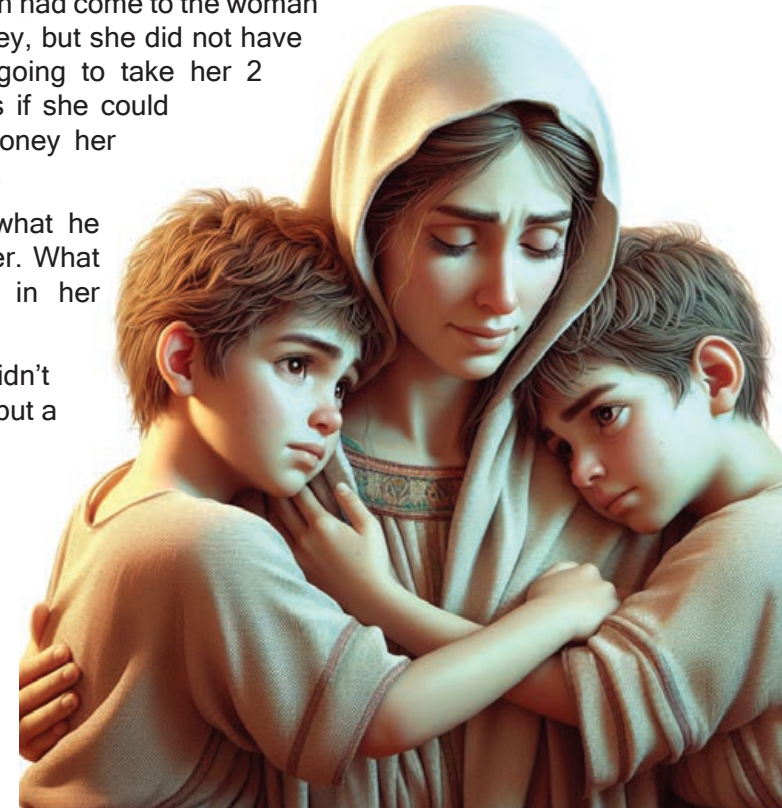
Elisha was a great prophet in Israel. He had been the helper and student of the prophet Elijah. Elijah had taught Elisha many things. Now Elisha served God and told people what God said.

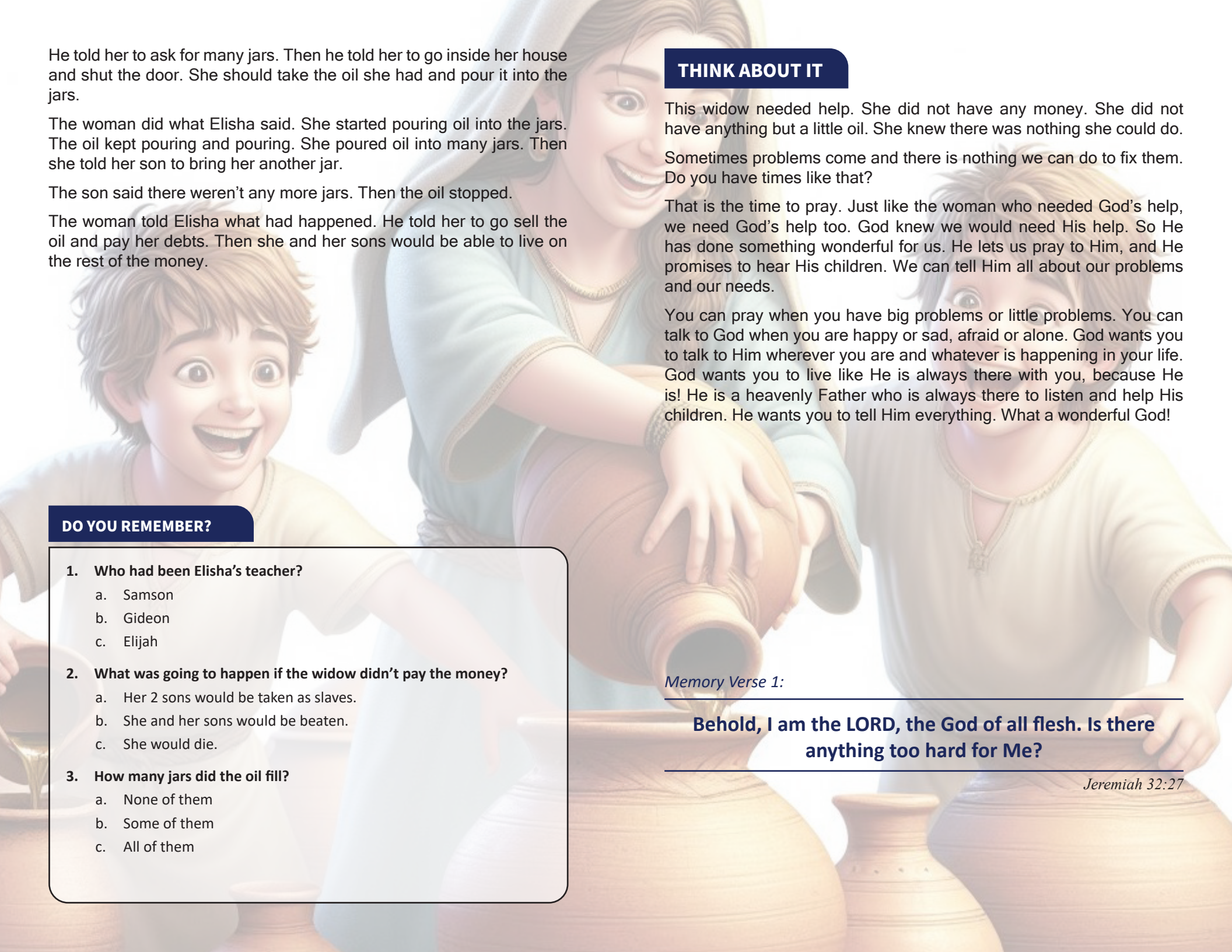
One day a very poor woman came to Elisha. She told him that her husband had died. He had owed money to a man. The man had come to the woman to get the money, but she did not have any. He was going to take her 2 sons as slaves if she could not pay the money her husband owed.

Elisha asked what he could do for her. What did she have in her house?

She said she didn't have anything but a little oil.

Elisha told the poor woman to go around and ask all her neighbors for empty jars.





He told her to ask for many jars. Then he told her to go inside her house and shut the door. She should take the oil she had and pour it into the jars.

The woman did what Elisha said. She started pouring oil into the jars. The oil kept pouring and pouring. She poured oil into many jars. Then she told her son to bring her another jar.

The son said there weren't any more jars. Then the oil stopped.

The woman told Elisha what had happened. He told her to go sell the oil and pay her debts. Then she and her sons would be able to live on the rest of the money.

THINK ABOUT IT

This widow needed help. She did not have any money. She did not have anything but a little oil. She knew there was nothing she could do.

Sometimes problems come and there is nothing we can do to fix them. Do you have times like that?

That is the time to pray. Just like the woman who needed God's help, we need God's help too. God knew we would need His help. So He has done something wonderful for us. He lets us pray to Him, and He promises to hear His children. We can tell Him all about our problems and our needs.

You can pray when you have big problems or little problems. You can talk to God when you are happy or sad, afraid or alone. God wants you to talk to Him wherever you are and whatever is happening in your life. God wants you to live like He is always there with you, because He is! He is a heavenly Father who is always there to listen and help His children. He wants you to tell Him everything. What a wonderful God!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who had been Elisha's teacher?
 - a. Samson
 - b. Gideon
 - c. Elijah
2. What was going to happen if the widow didn't pay the money?
 - a. Her 2 sons would be taken as slaves.
 - b. She and her sons would be beaten.
 - c. She would die.
3. How many jars did the oil fill?
 - a. None of them
 - b. Some of them
 - c. All of them

Memory Verse 1:

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

Jeremiah 32:27

Memory Verse 2:

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil
with good.**

Romans 12:21



Truth To Remember:

**Your life could make others want
to know about God.**



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LESSON 16

From 2 Kings 5:1-14

NAAMAN HAS LEPROSY

Soldiers from a place called Aram fought against Israel. They took some Israelites away and made them slaves. One little girl was sent to serve a woman whose husband was named Naaman.

Naaman was a mighty soldier. He was the leader of the army of Aram. But Naaman had a terrible disease called leprosy.

One day, the little girl told Naaman's wife that if Naaman could see the prophet in Israel, he could be cured of his leprosy.

The wife told Naaman and Naaman went to see the prophet Elisha. Naaman came with horses and chariots and servants.

When he got to Elisha's house, Elisha sent his servant to the



door. The servant gave the message that Naaman should go and wash in the Jordan River 7 times. Then he would be healed.

Naaman was angry. The muddy Jordan River? He wanted the prophet to come and stand before him, call to God, and heal him. But one of Naaman's servants was wise. He told Naaman, "If the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

So Naaman went down to the Jordan River.

He went under the water once. Nothing happened. Twice. Still nothing. Three times, 4, 5, 6 ...

Then Naaman went under the water the seventh time. When he came up, he was healed of his leprosy!

He went back to Elisha and said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. The little girl said that Naaman could be cured of his leprosy if he went to see:
 - a. The prophet Elisha
 - b. His daughter
 - c. King Solomon
2. How many times did Naaman have to wash in the river?
 - a. 1
 - b. 7
 - c. 12
3. What happened when Naaman obeyed and washed 7 times?
Write your answer.

THINK ABOUT IT

How would you feel if an army came and fought against your people? How would you feel if they stole you and took you to their country? What would you think about the people who took you to be their servant?

The little girl in Naaman's house could have been bitter. She had been taken away from her home. She was forced to be a servant. She could have hated Naaman and his wife.

But she did not. She did good to them. She told Naaman's wife how Naaman could be helped. Naaman would have died of leprosy if the little girl had not helped.

She was not selfish, so Naaman was healed. Then he knew that God was the only true God.

It is hard to forgive, but God can help you. It is hard to do good to people who have done wrong to you, but that is what God wants you to do. When you forgive and do good to others, people see that you are different.

People watch what you do. They listen to how you talk. When people see what you do and hear what you say, does it make them want to learn more about God? Your kindness and good works could help people know that there is only one true God.

Memory Verse 1:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

Psalm 144:15



Truth To Remember:

Do not put anything in God's place.



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LESSON 17

From 2 Kings 22:8—23:25

A KING FINDS THE LAW

Josiah was the king of Israel. He became king when he was only 8 years old! After he had been king for 18 years, Josiah sent a worker to the temple to do a job for him.

The worker went to the temple. He found the Book of the Law there.

No one had followed God's laws for a very long time. It had been so long, no one even knew the Book of the Law was there. The worker said, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD."

When King Josiah heard what God wrote in the Book of the Law, he was so upset he tore his robes. He knew that no one had been obeying God's laws.

God sent a message to Josiah.

God said that because Josiah's heart was tender and he humbled



himself before the LORD, God had heard him. God was going to let him live in peace.

King Josiah called all the people together. He read the Book of the Law to them. Then Josiah made a promise to the Lord. He promised that he would follow all the laws of God with all his heart and all his soul. All the people promised this to God also.

Then King Josiah broke down all the altars of the false gods. He smashed the idols into pieces.

The Bible says that Josiah was a very special king. No other king served the Lord like he did. He served with all his heart, soul, and strength.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. How old was Josiah when he became king?

- a. 8
- b. 18
- c. 80

2. What did Josiah's worker find in the temple?

- a. A priest
- b. Wild animals
- c. The Book of the Law

3. Fill in the blanks.

Josiah served the Lord with all his _____, _____, and _____.

THINK ABOUT IT

It is very sad when people worship idols instead of God. The idols cannot speak or hear or see or touch. God sees us always. He hears our prayers and answers them. He created us and knows everything about us. He speaks to us through His Word, the Bible. What a wonderful God He is!

People can love a piece of stone, or a piece of wood, but it cannot love them back. It does not care about them or want to make sure they have what they need. But God cares about His children and promises to provide what they need. God loves people very much. God loves you.

You may love God very much right now. But you may ask, "How do I keep from forgetting about God or turning away from God?"

God wants us to have a relationship with Him. He wants us to know Him. That is why it is so important to spend time with God each day. When we read the Bible, we learn more about God. When we pray, we are spending time with Him.

Do not ever turn from the one true God to worship idols, or put anything in the place of God, not a person or pet or sports or popularity or anything you are tempted to love more than God. Worship the one true God and, like the Bible says in Mark 12:30, love Him with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength.

Memory Verse 1:

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4



Truth To Remember:

God's answer to each prayer – yes,
no, or wait – is always best.



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LESSON 18

From Esther 1:1-13; 2:1-18; 3:12—5:8; 7:1-10

ESTHER SAVES HER PEOPLE

One day, a powerful king had a big party. Many people came. The king wanted them to see his queen because she was very beautiful. He sent his servants to tell her to come.

But the queen said she would not come. The king was so angry, he sent her away. She could never come back.

Then the king wanted a new queen. He sent his servants out to bring all the unmarried girls who were pretty. The servants took the girls and brought them to the king's palace.

One of the girls was named Esther. Esther was an Israelite, and she was very pretty. When the king saw her, he said that she would be the next queen.

But Esther was very sad. A wicked man named Haman wanted to kill the Israelite people. He had a plan to kill them all.

Queen Esther loved her people, but she was afraid to go to the king for help. If the king did not want to see her, she would be killed!





Esther asked many people to pray for her. Then she went to see the king. The king was glad to see Esther. He told her to ask for whatever she wanted.

Esther told the king about Haman's wicked plan to kill the Israelites. The king was very angry when he heard this. He had Haman hanged.

Then the king made a law that let the Israelites fight against Haman's men. The Israelites won a great victory. Esther and her people were safe!

Every year the Israelites celebrate and remember when God used Esther to save them from their enemies.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Who was the wicked man who wanted to kill all the Israelites?**
 - a. The king
 - b. Esther
 - c. Haman
2. **What would happen if the king did not want to see Esther?**
 - a. He would yell at her.
 - b. She would be killed.
 - c. She would be sent away.
3. **What did Esther ask people to do before she went to see the king?**
 - a. Pray for her
 - b. Get an army ready
 - c. Help her escape

THINK ABOUT IT

Esther knew that helping her people was the right thing to do. But it was dangerous. No one could see the king unless the king asked them to come. Esther knew if she went without being asked, the king could have her killed.

Esther asked God to help her. She needed God's help to do this hard thing. She asked other people to pray for her.

God answered their prayers. He helped Esther be brave and go see the king, even though she was afraid. And the king did not get angry with Esther. He told her to ask for whatever she wanted.

God always answers prayers. Sometimes He says no because He knows that what we are asking for is not what is best. Sometimes He wants us to wait. He might want to test us or to teach us something first. Sometimes God says yes to our prayers.

God said yes to Esther's prayers. He protected her and saved her people.

There will be times when you are afraid to do what you know is right. Pray before you do the right thing. Ask other people to pray for you. Ask God to help you do what is right.

If you are not sure what the right thing to do is, study God's Word. If you know something is right to do, pray, then do what is right with God's strength. God will help you. Remember Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Memory Verse 1:

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you."

Isaiah 35:4

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

1 Peter 5:8-9



Truth To Remember:

Satan will try to get you to turn away from God.



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LESSON 19

From Job 1,2, and 42

JOB TRUSTS IN GOD

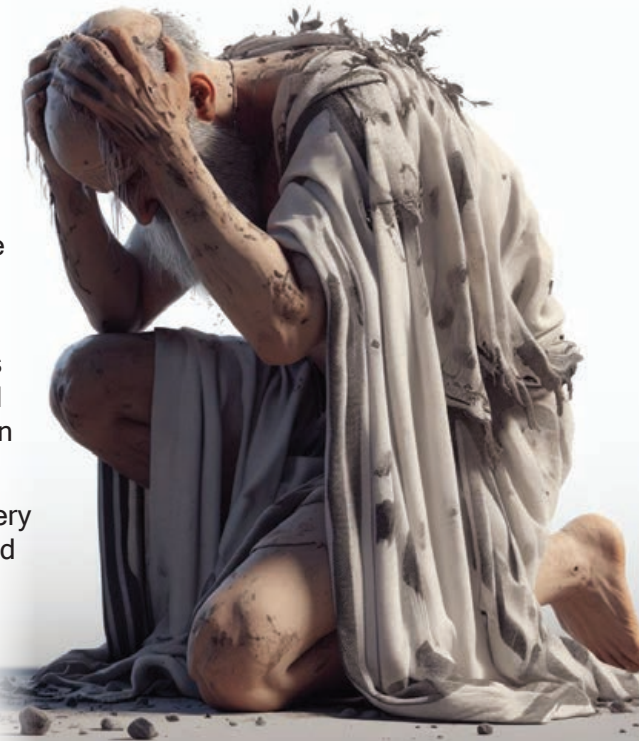
There was a man named Job. Job loved God and did what was right.

One day, Satan came to God. He told God that Job did what was right only because God protected him. Satan said that Job would curse God if God took away everything he had. God gave Satan permission to test Job.

Job was at his home. A servant came running to him. He said that all of Job's oxen had been killed. Another servant came and said all the sheep had died. Another servant ran to Job and said all his camels were stolen.

Then a servant came and told Job that all his sons and daughters had died because a house fell on them.

Job was very sad and very upset. He tore his robe and shaved his head.



But Job did not blame God.

Then Satan made Job sick. He had sores all over his body. Job was miserable.

But Job did not curse God. Job's wife told him he should curse God and die. But Job said that even if God killed him, he would still trust God.

God saw that Job still trusted in Him. God blessed Job. He gave Job twice as much as he had before. The second part of Job's life was better than the first. Job had seven more sons and three daughters.

Job lived a long time. He lived to see his children's children, and their children too.

THINK ABOUT IT

Terrible things were happening to Job. He was very, very sad. He did not know why any of these terrible things had happened.

Some people said Job must have sinned. They said God was punishing him for doing wrong.

But God was not punishing Job. Job had not done wrong.

Satan was doing the bad things to Job. Satan wanted Job to be angry with God.

But Job trusted in God in all those sad times. And God blessed Job.

Have sad times ever come in your life? When sad times come, first look at your life. Are you doing things that are against God? If you are, confess your sins to God. If you are not sinning, then these sad times are not a punishment to you. These may be times Satan is trying to get you to turn against God.

Satan wants you to be angry with God. He does not like it when you love and obey God. When you keep loving and trusting God, Satan loses and God is pleased. Do not let Satan win. Trust God always, no matter what happens.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Satan say that Job would do if God took away everything he had?

- a. He would still trust God.
- b. He would curse God.

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

Satan wanted Job to curse God.

God wanted Job to trust Him.

God was punishing Job because he had sinned.

Satan was the one who made Job sick.

Job cursed God.

Job trusted in God.

Memory Verse 1:

Does He not see my ways, and count all my steps?

Job 31:4

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you
nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5



Truth To Remember:

God gives us courage to do right.



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LESSON 20

From Daniel 3

THREE YOUNG MEN OBEY GOD

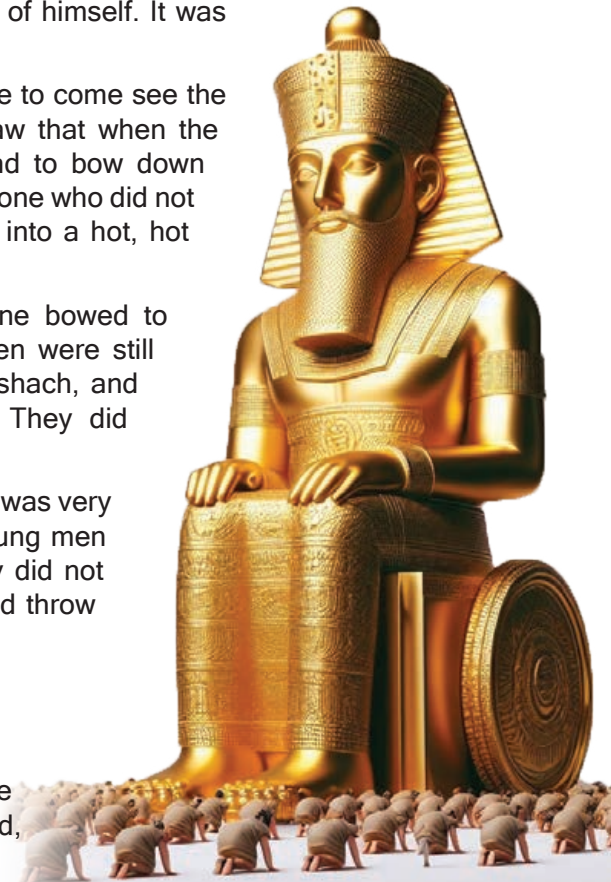
Many of the Israelites had been taken away to live in a land called Babylon. The king of Babylon built a huge statue of himself. It was made of gold.

The king called many people to come see the statue. The king made a law that when the music started, everyone had to bow down and worship this statue. Anyone who did not worship it would be thrown into a hot, hot furnace of fire!

The music started. Everyone bowed to the statue. But 3 young men were still standing up! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were Israelites. They did not worship the idol.

When the king found out, he was very angry. He brought the 3 young men to him. He told them if they did not worship the statue, he would throw them into the fire!

The 3 young men said,
"Our God whom we serve is
able to deliver us from the
burning fiery furnace, and He
will deliver us from your hand,



O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

The king was so angry, he made the fire 7 times hotter than before. He had his servants tie up the 3 young men and throw them in. The fire was so hot that the servants who threw them in died.

The king sat down to watch. Then he jumped to his feet. The king was amazed. He could not believe it. He saw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walking around in the fire! And there was a fourth person with them in the fire.

The king called to them and the 3 young men came out. They were not hurt. Their clothes were not burned. They did not even smell like smoke!

The king knew then that the one true God had protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He praised God.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **What was the king's law about the statue?**
 - a. Destroy the idol.
 - b. Bow down and worship it.
2. **Did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego bow down after the king said he would throw them into the fire?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego burned to death in the fire.
The 3 young men were not hurt by the fire.
The king saw a 4th person in the fire.
The king killed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
The king praised God.

THINK ABOUT IT

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew that they should not worship the statue of the king. They knew that the statue was an idol. It could not hear or see or talk. It could not answer anyone's prayers.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worshiped the one true God. They would not worship any idol.

They had **courage**. To have courage is to do right even if you are afraid. Bad things may happen. People may get angry with you, but you still do right. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego believed that God could save them from the fire. They knew that God could do anything, but they said they would obey God even if the king killed them.

God did not stop the young men from being thrown into the fire, but He kept it from hurting them. God was in the fire with them. And God showed the king that He was the one true and only God and He has all power.

Because He is the one true God, He is the only One who should be worshiped. He created all things. Is it better to worship the Creator or something He created? The Creator is greater than the things He creates.

It is God's power that created all people and all things. No man is greater than the God who made him. So we should never worship any person on earth. No animal is greater, so we should never worship animals. No idol or statue is greater than the God who made the trees and the stone the idol came from, so we should never worship idols or statues either. The only One worth worshiping is God. He is the King of kings. He is the one true God.

Memory Verse 1:

**Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid,
nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go.**

Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse 2:

So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Hebrews 13:6



Truth To Remember:

No law of man is higher than God’s law.



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LESSON 21

From Daniel 6

DANIEL WILL NOT PRAY TO THE KING

A man named Daniel lived in Babylon and worked for the king. Daniel loved God and worshiped God. He prayed to God every day.

Some wicked men hated Daniel. They wanted his high position with the king. They tried to catch Daniel doing wrong so they could tell the king.

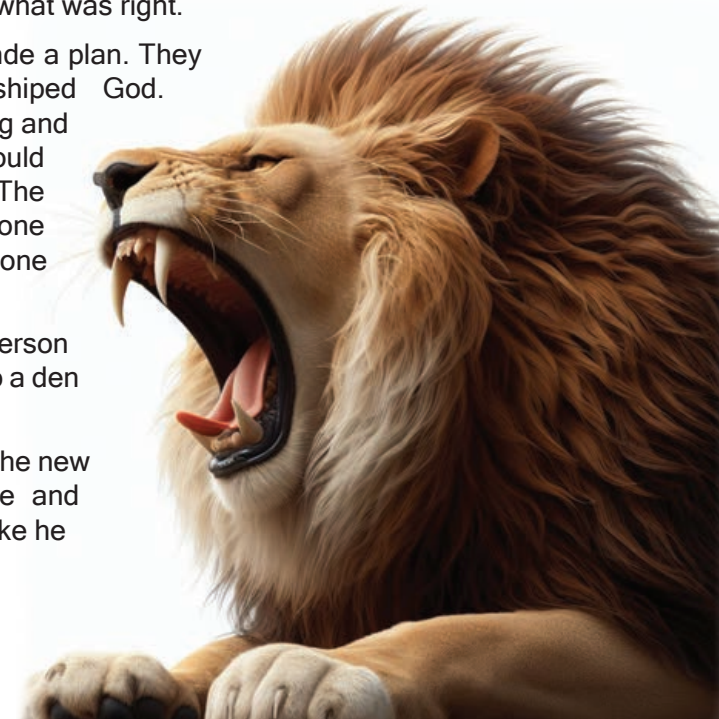
But they could never find Daniel doing wrong because Daniel obeyed God’s laws and did what was right.

The wicked men made a plan. They knew Daniel worshiped God.

They went to the king and told the king he should make a new law. The law was that no one could pray to anyone except the king.

If anyone did, that person would be thrown into a den of lions.

Daniel heard about the new law. He went home and prayed to God just like he did every day.



The wicked men saw him and told the king. The king was sad because he liked Daniel. He did not want to throw him to the lions. The king wanted to change the law, but he could not.

They threw Daniel into the den of lions.

The king worried all night. He did not eat or sleep.

Early in the morning, the king rushed to the den of lions. He called to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

And Daniel answered! He was still alive! Daniel told the king, “My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me.”

The king made a new law that everyone had to worship Daniel’s God. Daniel’s God was the one true God.

The wicked, jealous men who tricked the king were thrown into the den of lions. The hungry lions ate them up.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Match the person to what they did.

Daniel	Made a law that no one could pray to anyone but him. Didn’t eat or sleep all night.
The king	Tried to kill a good man but got eaten by lions themselves.
Wicked men	Prayed even after the new law said he couldn’t. Was thrown to the lions but lived!

THINK ABOUT IT

How would you feel if a law said you must obey or you would be thrown to hungry lions? What if the law was against God? It would be a very scary and important decision. You would have to decide whose law was more important – the king’s law or God’s law.

Daniel would not obey the king’s law. The king’s law disobeyed God’s law. God’s law is more important than any law any person can make. Daniel would not obey any law against the one true God. He chose to obey God.

Daniel worshiped and prayed to God just as God’s law said to do. He worshiped only God, not a man or idol. He would not pray to the king. He would not even pretend to pray to the king, or pray to God in secret, so he could stay safe.

It took faith to make that decision. Daniel kept obeying God, trusting God to take care of him. And God did!

God wants us to obey the people who rule over us. He said so in His Word. But if those people want us to disobey God, we should not obey them. Obey God always, no matter what. Keep doing what is right, trusting God to take care of you.

It might seem that a ruler or person with power has control of your situation, but they really do not. God is the Most High Ruler over all. He is over every human and can protect and guard His children.

Memory Verse 1:

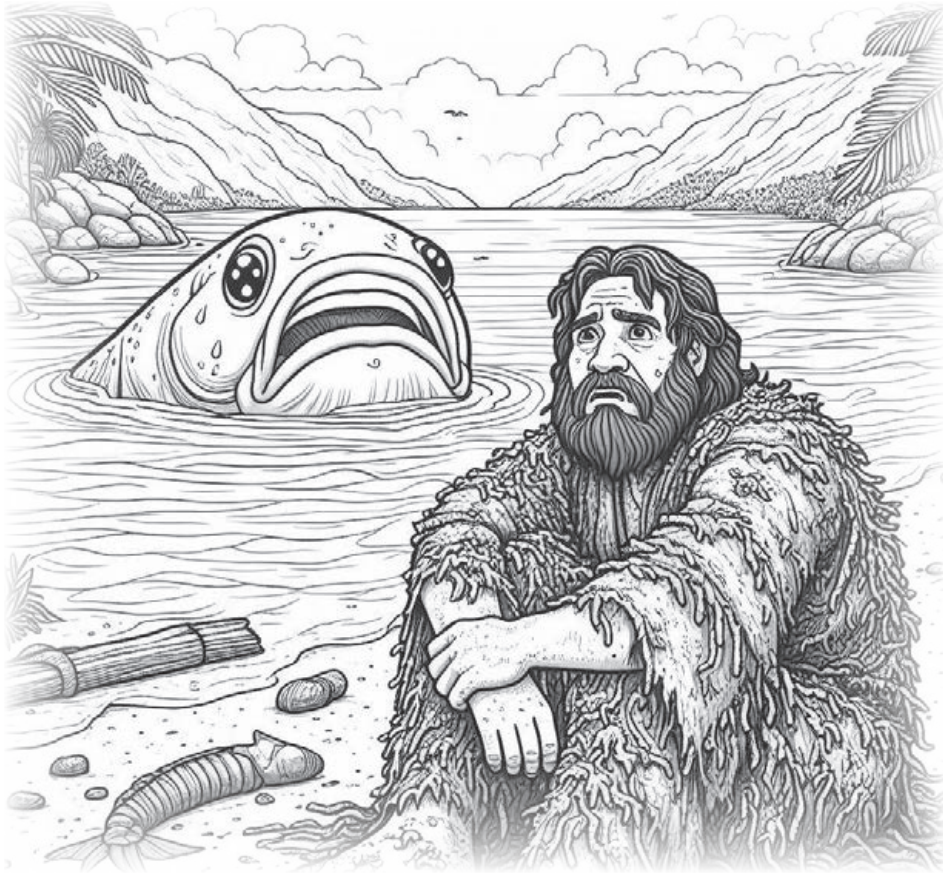
**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of His might.**

Ephesians 6:10

Memory Verse 2:

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee
from Your presence? If I ... dwell in the uttermost parts
of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and
Your right hand shall hold me.

Psalms 139:7, 9-10



Truth To Remember:

No one can run away from God.



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LESSON 22

From Jonah 1—4

JONAH RUNS AWAY FROM GOD

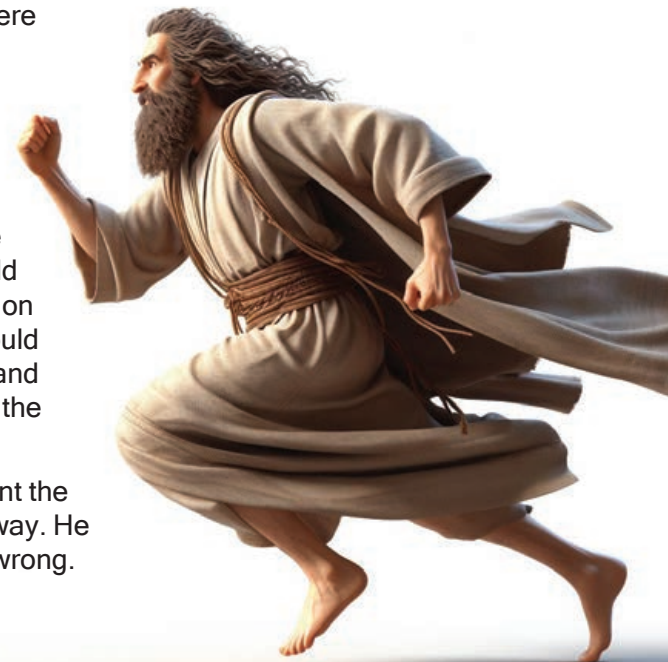
God told a man named Jonah to go to a city called Nineveh. The people in Nineveh were very wicked. God told Jonah to go and tell them to turn from their sins and obey God.

But Jonah ran away from the Lord. He got on a boat that was going another way.

Jonah and some other men were in the boat on the ocean. God sent a terrible storm. The wind was so strong, the ship was about to break! All the men were very afraid. They all prayed to their gods, but the storm did not stop.

Jonah had gone to sleep. The captain of the ship woke him up. He told Jonah to get up and call on his God. Maybe God would have mercy on them, and they would not die in the storm.

Jonah knew God had sent the storm because he ran away. He knew that he had done wrong.



Jonah told the men that they would have to throw him into the ocean. The men tried to get to land, but it was hopeless.

Finally, they threw Jonah into the ocean. As soon as they did, the storm stopped. The men were very afraid. They knew then that the Lord is most powerful.

Jonah was in the ocean, but God sent a big fish to swallow him. Inside the fish, dark and alone, Jonah prayed to God and worshiped God.

Jonah was in the fish for 3 days and 3 nights. Then God made the fish spit Jonah up on land.

God told Jonah to go and preach to the people in Nineveh. This time, Jonah obeyed. He went to Nineveh and told the people what God said.

All the people in the city told God they were sorry. They said they would obey God.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **What were the people of Ninevah like?**
 - a. Very good
 - b. Very friendly
 - c. Very wicked
2. **Did Jonah obey God's command the first time?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
3. **How long was Jonah in the fish?**
 - a. 3 days and nights
 - b. 3 hours and 30 minutes
 - c. 3 minutes
4. **Did Jonah obey God's command the second time?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

THINK ABOUT IT

God wants all the world to hear that they can be forgiven and go to heaven. He wants all people to accept Jesus as their Savior and become part of His family.

If you are God's child, God wants you to share the good news of Jesus with others. Maybe you are afraid to obey God, but do not be like Jonah. Do not try to run away. God is everywhere. Obey the first time!

How can you share the good news of God's forgiveness and salvation?

1. Pray for people who do not believe in Him. You can pray for God to help those people to understand that they are sinners and need Jesus' forgiveness.
2. Obey His Word and live a life that shows people God's way. You can live a holy life in your actions and words, and that shows the reverence God deserves. You can live with joy, no matter what happens, and that shows people how great God's power is. And you can love people and forgive people, which shows them God's love too.
3. Tell the people you know about Him. You can tell people what Jesus has done in your own life and how good it is to be God's child. You can tell them how they can be saved.
4. Go and tell people in other places about Him.

Memory Verse 1:

You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness.

Jonah 4:2

He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23



Truth To Remember:

God always keeps His promises.



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LESSON 23

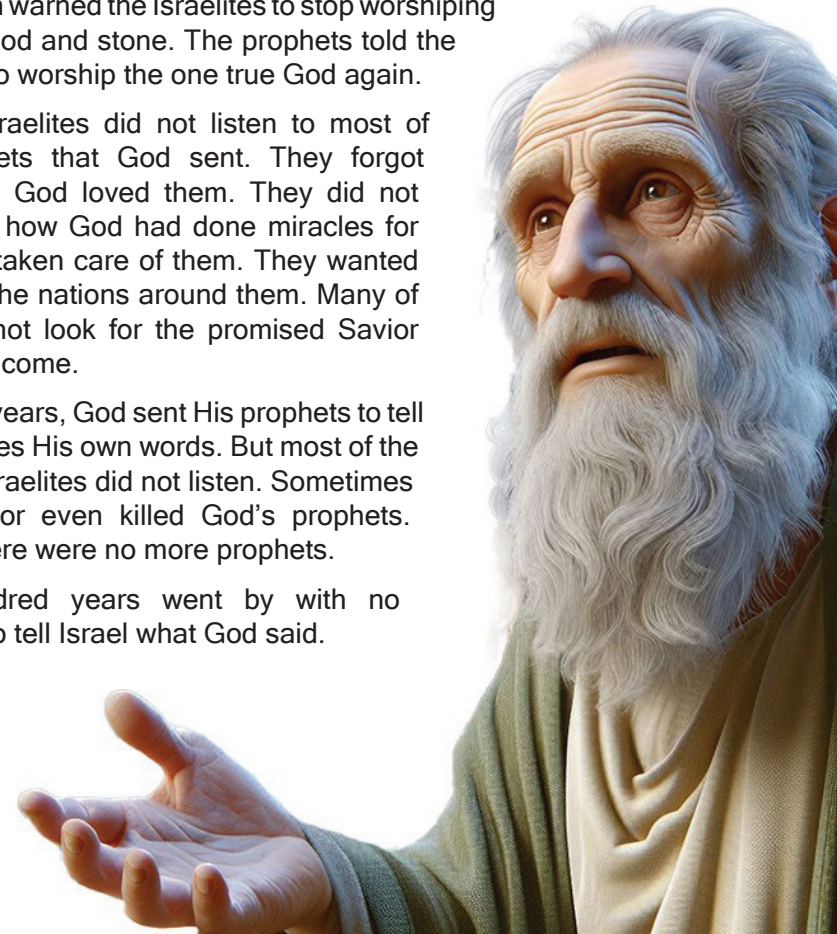
GOD SENDS PROPHETS TO ISRAEL

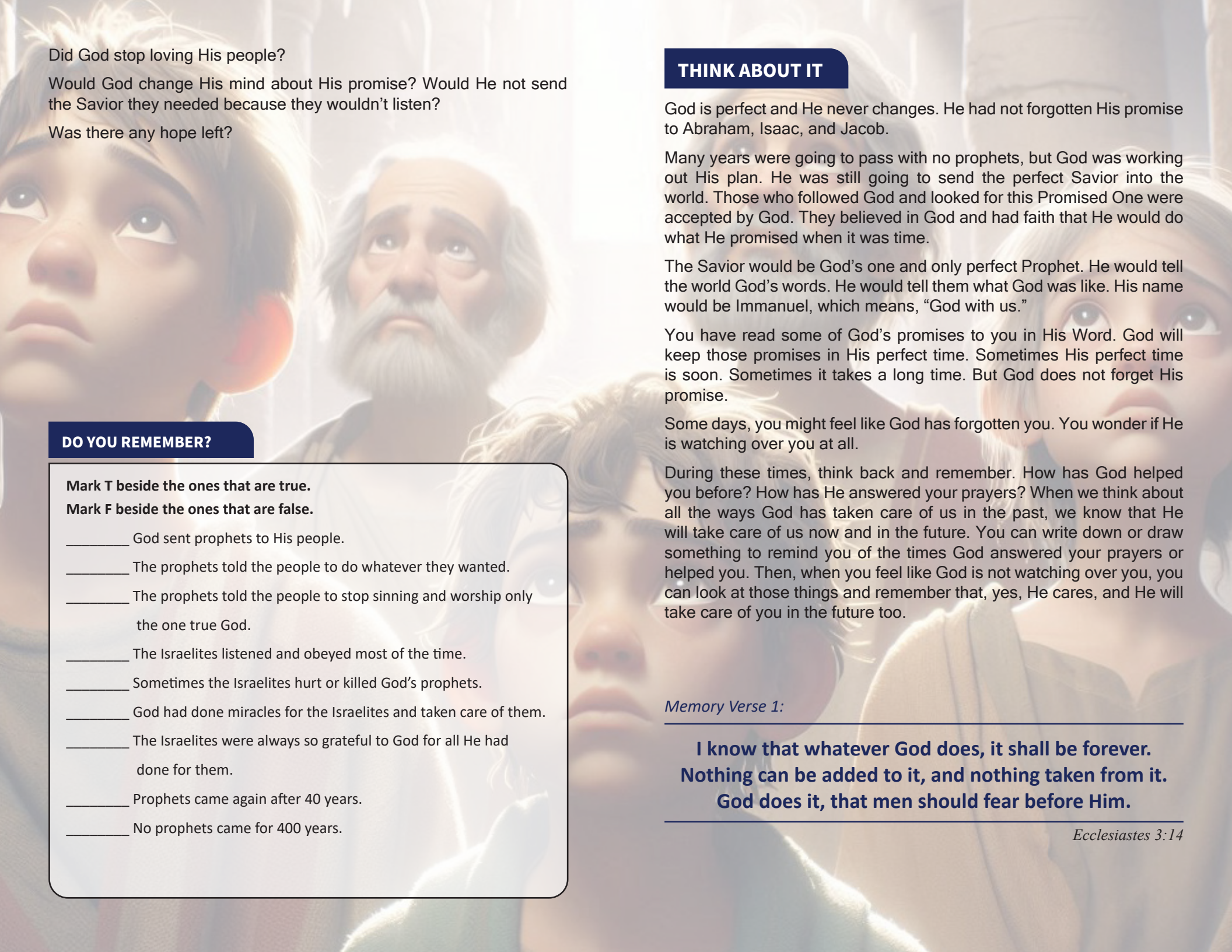
God sent many prophets to tell people that they should stop sinning and worship only the one true God. He sent Jonah to the Ninevites. He also sent prophets to His own people, the Israelites. These men warned the Israelites to stop worshipping idols of wood and stone. The prophets told the Israelites to worship the one true God again.

But the Israelites did not listen to most of the prophets that God sent. They forgot how much God loved them. They did not remember how God had done miracles for them and taken care of them. They wanted to be like the nations around them. Many of them did not look for the promised Savior that would come.

For many years, God sent His prophets to tell the Israelites His own words. But most of the time the Israelites did not listen. Sometimes they hurt or even killed God's prophets. Finally, there were no more prophets.

Four hundred years went by with no prophets to tell Israel what God said.





Did God stop loving His people?

Would God change His mind about His promise? Would He not send the Savior they needed because they wouldn't listen?

Was there any hope left?

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Mark T beside the ones that are true.

Mark F beside the ones that are false.

- _____ God sent prophets to His people.
- _____ The prophets told the people to do whatever they wanted.
- _____ The prophets told the people to stop sinning and worship only the one true God.
- _____ The Israelites listened and obeyed most of the time.
- _____ Sometimes the Israelites hurt or killed God's prophets.
- _____ God had done miracles for the Israelites and taken care of them.
- _____ The Israelites were always so grateful to God for all He had done for them.
- _____ Prophets came again after 40 years.
- _____ No prophets came for 400 years.

THINK ABOUT IT

God is perfect and He never changes. He had not forgotten His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Many years were going to pass with no prophets, but God was working out His plan. He was still going to send the perfect Savior into the world. Those who followed God and looked for this Promised One were accepted by God. They believed in God and had faith that He would do what He promised when it was time.

The Savior would be God's one and only perfect Prophet. He would tell the world God's words. He would tell them what God was like. His name would be Immanuel, which means, "God with us."

You have read some of God's promises to you in His Word. God will keep those promises in His perfect time. Sometimes His perfect time is soon. Sometimes it takes a long time. But God does not forget His promise.

Some days, you might feel like God has forgotten you. You wonder if He is watching over you at all.

During these times, think back and remember. How has God helped you before? How has He answered your prayers? When we think about all the ways God has taken care of us in the past, we know that He will take care of us now and in the future. You can write down or draw something to remind you of the times God answered your prayers or helped you. Then, when you feel like God is not watching over you, you can look at those things and remember that, yes, He cares, and He will take care of you in the future too.

Memory Verse 1:

**I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever.
Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it.
God does it, that men should fear before Him.**

Ecclesiastes 3:14

Memory Verse 2:

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down
one's life for his friends.

John 15:13



Truth To Remember:

Jesus came to earth because He loves you.



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LESSON 24

From Luke 2

JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Mary was a young woman. She was promised to marry a man named Joseph, who was a carpenter. Everything was settled.

Before they were married, an angel came to Mary. The angel told Mary that she would have a baby. This baby would not have an earthly father. This baby would be God's Son.

His name would be Jesus.

Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby. He decided to stop the marriage quietly so Mary would not be shamed or punished.

But God sent an angel to Joseph one night. The angel told Joseph not to be afraid to be married to Mary.



The angel said that the baby was in Mary by a miracle. The baby was sent by God.

The angel left and Joseph did what the angel told him. He did not reject Mary or send her away. After a while, Joseph and Mary had to go to a place called Bethlehem to pay taxes. When they got to Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay. There were no rooms to sleep in. Finally, someone let Mary and Joseph stay in a stable.

The time had come for Mary to have her baby. The baby was born in that stable in Bethlehem. They named Him Jesus, just like the angel said.

Joseph looked at the baby Jesus. He knew this was not his son. He knew this child was the Son of God.

Shepherds came to see them that night. An angel had told them that the Savior was born, and His name was Jesus. They worshiped Jesus. Then they went and told people about Him.

Joseph did not stop the shepherds. He knew what they were doing was good. They had worshiped God's Son.

It was a very special night!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks.

Mary was promised to marry a man named _____. Before they

were married, an _____ told Mary she would have a baby.

This baby would not have an _____ father. This baby would be _____ Son. His name would be _____.

This baby was in Mary by a _____. The baby was sent by _____.

Jesus was born in a stable in _____. Shepherds came to see them. They _____ the new baby.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Bible says that Jesus loves you. You probably knew that already. But do you know how much?

Jesus left His perfect home in heaven to come and live on earth. In heaven, Jesus is worshipped by all the angels because He is the Son of God. He left the angels to live with people. He came to earth where people sin. People become sick and die. Sad things happen. The King of kings was born as a little baby in a dirty stable. The Lord over all the universe went to sleep in a food box for animals.

Jesus gave up many wonderful things to come live on earth. Even though He created everything and has power over everything, Jesus came to live where many people would reject His gift of love to them. Many people would not believe that He is the Son of God.

But Jesus still came. He did this because He loves you. Jesus loves you so much that He lived on earth for you, and He died for you. Our verse today says, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Jesus has great love for you. Do you love Him?

Memory Verse 1:

**That Holy One who is to be born will be called
the Son of God.**

Luke 1:35

Memory Verse 2:

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

1 John 3:1



Truth To Remember:

You must be born twice!



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LESSON 25

From John 3:1-21

NICODEMUS COMES TO SEE JESUS

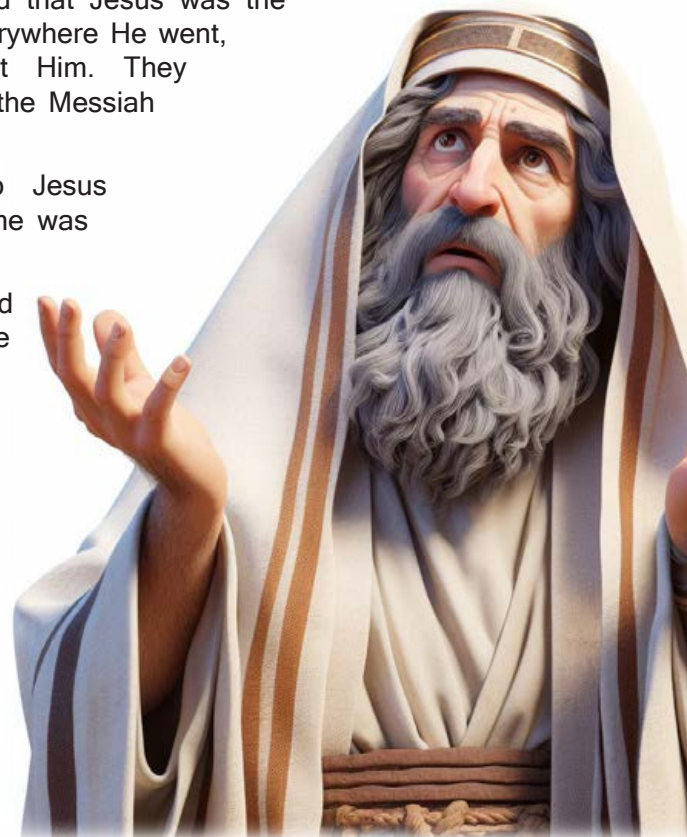
Jesus grew up to be a man. He went to towns and villages and cities. He told people about God and how they could have their sins forgiven. He healed many sick people. He raised people from the dead. Anyone could see that Jesus had been sent by God.

Many people believed that Jesus was the promised Savior. Everywhere He went, people talked about Him. They wondered if He was the Messiah they had waited for.

One man came to Jesus late at night. His name was Nicodemus.

Nicodemus was a good man who worked in the temple. He asked Jesus questions.

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."



Nicodemus did not understand. How could a person be born 2 times?

Jesus told Nicodemus that people are born one time into their earthly families. But every person needs to be born into God's family too. This is a different kind of birth, a spiritual birth. Nicodemus still did not understand.

Then Jesus told Nicodemus that God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son to them. God sent His Son into the world so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. People are born into God's family when they believe in Jesus.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

Jesus told people how to get rich.

Jesus told people how to have their sins forgiven.

Jesus healed many sick people.

Jesus told the people He was an angel.

Jesus raised people from the dead.

Jesus told Nicodemus he had to be born again.

Jesus told Nicodemus he would go to heaven because he was good.

People are born into God's family when they go to church a lot.

People are born into God's family when they believe in Jesus.

THINK ABOUT IT

When Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again, He was not talking about physical birth. He was speaking of a spiritual birth.

Everyone has a physical birth when they are born into the world. The people who accept God's gift of salvation also have a spiritual birth. They are born into God's family!

God says that the people who have asked Jesus to be their Savior are His children. You are God's child if you have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. You are part of God's family!

That is why, when we pray to God, we call Him our heavenly Father. God is not like an earthly father. Some fathers are not kind and loving. Sometimes they may do things that are not good. They are not perfect like God is. Even good fathers are not perfect.

But God is perfect. He is kind. He is love. He is the very best, most wonderful Father. He takes care of His children. He promises to always be with them. God loves His children very much.

Are you part of God's family?

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.

John 3:16

Memory Verse 2:

The floods lift up their waves. The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Psalm 93:3-4



Truth To Remember:

No problem is too big for God.



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LESSON 26

From Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

JESUS CALMS A STORM

Jesus and His disciples went many places. Jesus taught people about God and about God's plan.

One day, Jesus told His disciples, "Let us cross over to the other side." They left the crowd and got into a boat. They started sailing the boat to the other side.

Suddenly, a terrible storm came.

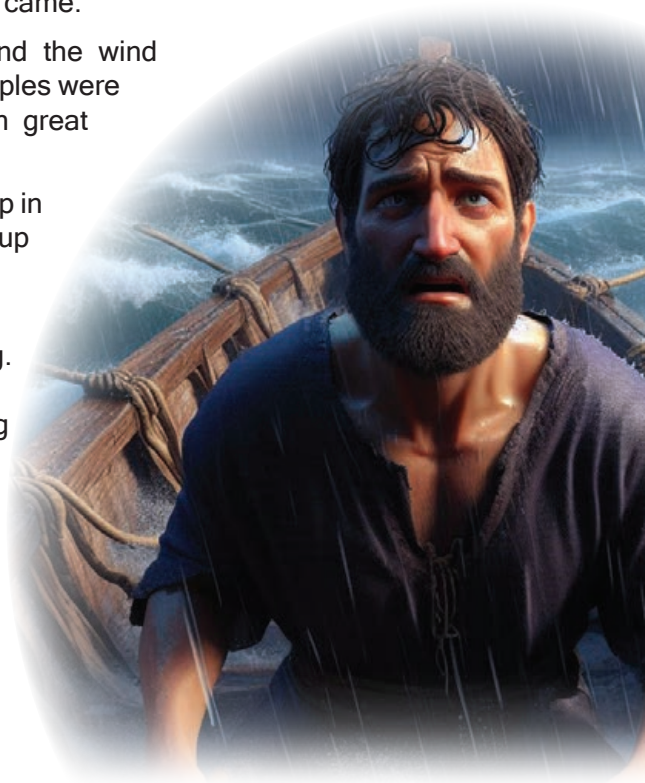
The waves were high and the wind was very strong. The disciples were very afraid. They were in great danger!

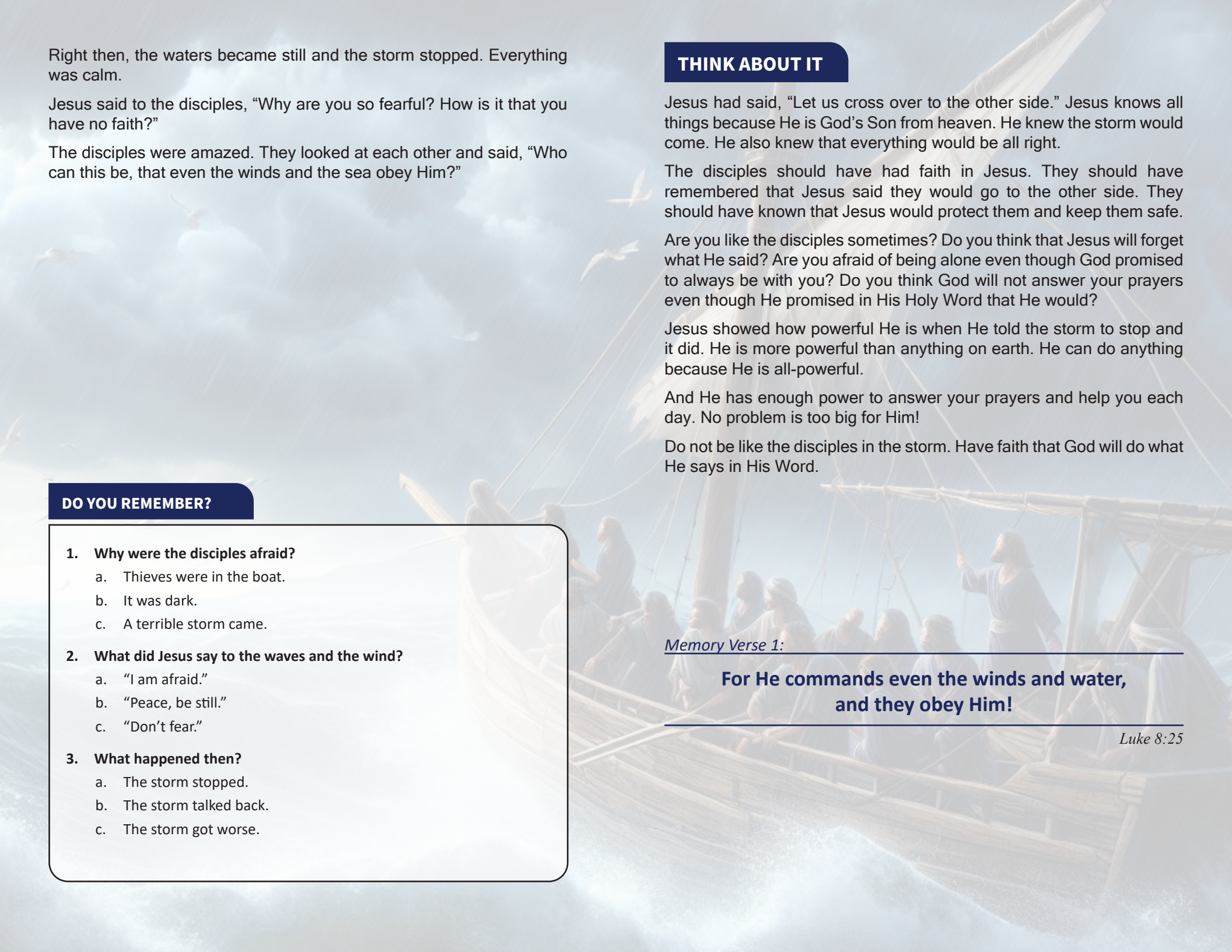
But Jesus had fallen asleep in the boat. He did not wake up when the storm came.

The disciples went to where Jesus was sleeping. They woke Him up. They told Jesus they were going to die!

"Lord, save us!" they said.

Jesus got up. He scolded the waves and the wind. He said, "Peace, be still!"





Right then, the waters became still and the storm stopped. Everything was calm.

Jesus said to the disciples, “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”

The disciples were amazed. They looked at each other and said, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Why were the disciples afraid?**
 - a. Thieves were in the boat.
 - b. It was dark.
 - c. A terrible storm came.
2. **What did Jesus say to the waves and the wind?**
 - a. “I am afraid.”
 - b. “Peace, be still.”
 - c. “Don’t fear.”
3. **What happened then?**
 - a. The storm stopped.
 - b. The storm talked back.
 - c. The storm got worse.

THINK ABOUT IT

Jesus had said, “Let us cross over to the other side.” Jesus knows all things because He is God’s Son from heaven. He knew the storm would come. He also knew that everything would be all right.

The disciples should have had faith in Jesus. They should have remembered that Jesus said they would go to the other side. They should have known that Jesus would protect them and keep them safe.

Are you like the disciples sometimes? Do you think that Jesus will forget what He said? Are you afraid of being alone even though God promised to always be with you? Do you think God will not answer your prayers even though He promised in His Holy Word that He would?

Jesus showed how powerful He is when He told the storm to stop and it did. He is more powerful than anything on earth. He can do anything because He is all-powerful.

And He has enough power to answer your prayers and help you each day. No problem is too big for Him!

Do not be like the disciples in the storm. Have faith that God will do what He says in His Word.

Memory Verse 1:

**For He commands even the winds and water,
and they obey Him!**

Luke 8:25

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

John 6:35



Truth To Remember:

Everyone needs God.



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LESSON 27

From John 4:4-42

JESUS TALKS TO A SAMARITAN WOMAN

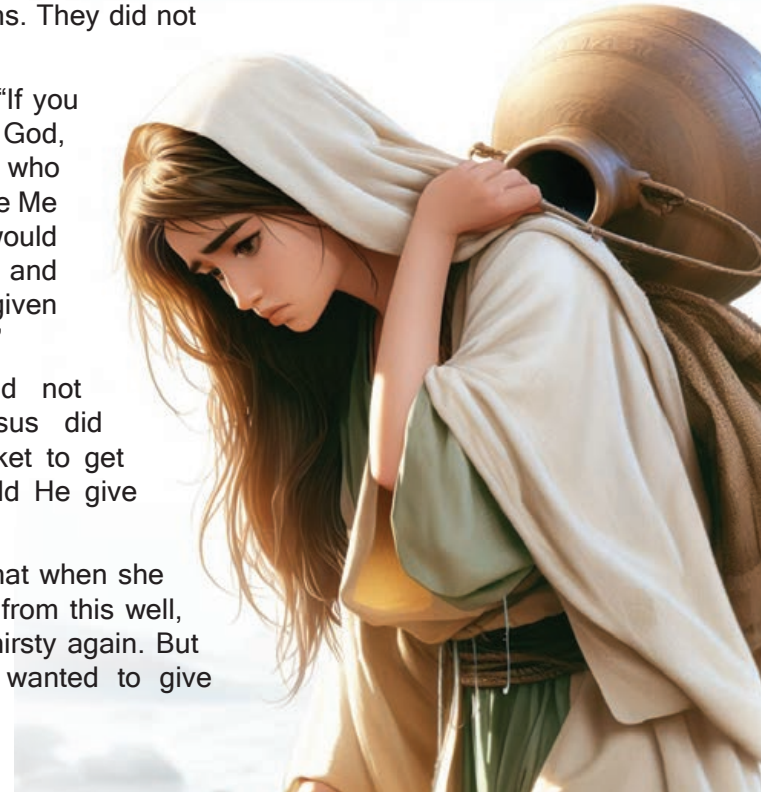
Jesus was walking through Samaria. He was tired so He stopped at a well. A woman came to the well to get water. When she got to the well, Jesus asked her to give Him a drink.

The woman was surprised. Jesus was a Jew and the Jews did not talk to Samaritans. They did not like each other.

But Jesus said, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

The woman did not understand. Jesus did not have a bucket to get water. How could He give her water?

Jesus told her that when she drank the water from this well, she would get thirsty again. But the water God wanted to give



her was special. If she drank it, she would never be thirsty again. The woman was excited. She asked Jesus to give her this special water.

She wanted physical water, but Jesus was talking about spiritual water.

Jesus talked more with the woman. She was surprised that Jesus knew so many things about her. How could He know these things? He knew because He is God's Son and God knows everything.

The woman ran into town and told people about the Man at the well. Many people came to listen to Jesus. He stayed for 2 days telling them about the kingdom of God. He told them about God's plan of salvation. Many people believed in Jesus. They told the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

THINK ABOUT IT

When you play hard in the hot sun, you get thirsty. You want water. So, you get some water and take a big drink. But what happens when you go back outside to play? Soon you need more water. No matter how much you drink today, you will need more tomorrow.

Jesus told the woman at the well that He could give her special water that would last forever. But Jesus did not mean earthly water that we can put in a container and drink. He meant spiritual water.

Every person wants to know about God. People want to know who made the trees, flowers, birds, and animals. People want to know what will happen when they die. People want to know if there is a God who loves them.

Wanting to know about God is like being spiritually thirsty. When we believe the truth about God and His Son, Jesus, it will be enough. We will KNOW who made everything. We will KNOW what will happen when we die. We will KNOW that God loves us. We will KNOW God.

When God comes to live inside a person, he or she gets filled up with Him, and it is like never being thirsty again. This is what Jesus meant when He told the woman about God's special water. Everyone needs this special water. Everyone needs God.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Choose the right answer underneath each blank.

A woman came to the _____. Jesus wanted to give her _____.
(river, well) (living water, wine)

She did not _____. She wanted _____ water, but Jesus was
(understand, like it) (flavored, physical)

talking about _____ water.
(spiritual, cold)

Memory Verse 1:

**And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him
take the water of life freely.**

Revelation 22:17

Memory Verse 2:

“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:39-40



Truth To Remember:

Love God and love others.



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LESSON 28

From Luke 10:25-37

JESUS TALKS ABOUT A GOOD SAMARITAN

One day, Jesus was talking to a man who knew many things about the law. The man wanted to test Jesus. He asked Jesus what he had to do to live forever.

Jesus said, “What is written in the law?”

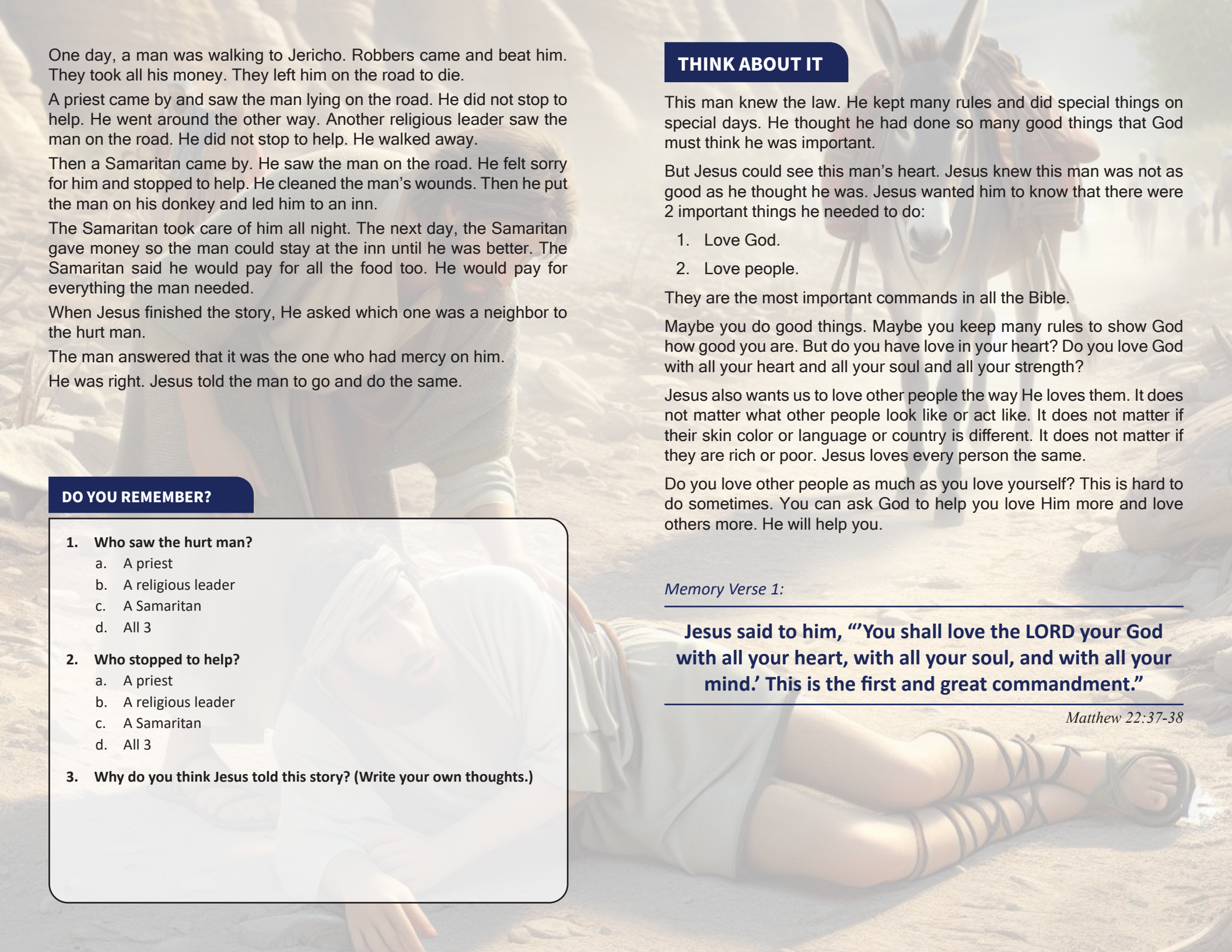
The man knew what the law said. He told Jesus the law said to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and to love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.

Jesus said he answered well. If he obeyed these laws, he would live.

But the man did not like that answer. He asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus told the man a story:





One day, a man was walking to Jericho. Robbers came and beat him. They took all his money. They left him on the road to die.

A priest came by and saw the man lying on the road. He did not stop to help. He went around the other way. Another religious leader saw the man on the road. He did not stop to help. He walked away.

Then a Samaritan came by. He saw the man on the road. He felt sorry for him and stopped to help. He cleaned the man's wounds. Then he put the man on his donkey and led him to an inn.

The Samaritan took care of him all night. The next day, the Samaritan gave money so the man could stay at the inn until he was better. The Samaritan said he would pay for all the food too. He would pay for everything the man needed.

When Jesus finished the story, He asked which one was a neighbor to the hurt man.

The man answered that it was the one who had mercy on him.

He was right. Jesus told the man to go and do the same.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who saw the hurt man?

- a. A priest
- b. A religious leader
- c. A Samaritan
- d. All 3

2. Who stopped to help?

- a. A priest
- b. A religious leader
- c. A Samaritan
- d. All 3

3. Why do you think Jesus told this story? (Write your own thoughts.)

THINK ABOUT IT

This man knew the law. He kept many rules and did special things on special days. He thought he had done so many good things that God must think he was important.

But Jesus could see this man's heart. Jesus knew this man was not as good as he thought he was. Jesus wanted him to know that there were 2 important things he needed to do:

- 1. Love God.
- 2. Love people.

They are the most important commands in all the Bible.

Maybe you do good things. Maybe you keep many rules to show God how good you are. But do you have love in your heart? Do you love God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength?

Jesus also wants us to love other people the way He loves them. It does not matter what other people look like or act like. It does not matter if their skin color or language or country is different. It does not matter if they are rich or poor. Jesus loves every person the same.

Do you love other people as much as you love yourself? This is hard to do sometimes. You can ask God to help you love Him more and love others more. He will help you.

Memory Verse 1:

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalms 23:1



Truth To Remember:

Follow the Good Shepherd.



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LESSON 29

From Psalm 23; John 10:1-16, 27-30

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM SHEEP?

Remember David in the Old Testament, the shepherd boy who became a great king? David wrote many poems and songs in the book of Psalms. He wrote in Psalm 23, “The LORD is my shepherd.”

Jesus called Himself the Good Shepherd. Jesus taught about how He takes care of His sheep. He said a shepherd knows his sheep, and the sheep know the shepherd’s voice.

We are like sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep.

Jesus said this to teach us. Sheep should always follow their shepherd. We should always follow Jesus.



The shepherd protects the sheep from wolves and thieves. Jesus protects us from Satan and evil.

The shepherd shows the sheep the best way to go. Jesus teaches us the best way to live. He teaches us in the Bible.

If a sheep goes the wrong way, the shepherd goes and finds it and brings it back. When we do wrong, Jesus' Holy Spirit **convicts** us in our hearts - makes us feel bad for doing wrong - to turn and come back to Him.

Sheep should stay close to the shepherd. We should stay close to Jesus. We do that by praying and reading God's Word and obeying His commands.

The sheep should listen and obey the shepherd's voice. When we read God's Word, we should obey what Jesus tells us to do.

A good shepherd loves his sheep so much, he would die to protect them. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, died for us so we could have life forever in heaven.

What a wonderful Shepherd He is!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Draw a line from the saying about sheep on the left to its match about us and our Good Shepherd on the right.

Sheep should always follow their shepherd.

The shepherd protects the sheep.

The shepherd shows the sheep the best way to go.

Sheep should listen and obey the shepherd's voice.

A good shepherd loves his sheep.

A good shepherd would die to protect his sheep.

Jesus loves us.

Jesus teaches us the best way to live.

Jesus died for us.

We should obey what God tells us in His Word.

Jesus protects us from Satan and evil.

We should always follow Jesus.

THINK ABOUT IT

If you have ever watched sheep, you know that sheep do not spend all their time worrying. Not if they have a good shepherd. They know their shepherd will take care of them. They follow him. They trust the shepherd. As long as they stay close to him, they do not have to worry about anything.

Our Good Shepherd is more wonderful than any earthly shepherd could be. He will take care of us. He will keep us safe. We do not have to worry about anything. We can trust our Good Shepherd. He will never leave us.

The Good Shepherd has also given us a very special promise. Read memory verse 1 below. Do you see the special promise at the end?

Jesus says that He gives eternal life to His own. No one can take them out of His hand.

That means that if you believe in Jesus, no one can take you away from Him. No one can take away your adoption as God's child. No one can take away your gift of heaven.

What a wonderful promise!

Memory Verse 1:

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:27-28

Memory Verse 2:

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 18:14



Truth To Remember:

Be humble before God.



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LESSON 30

From Luke 18:9-14

A PHARISEE AND A TAX COLLECTOR PRAY

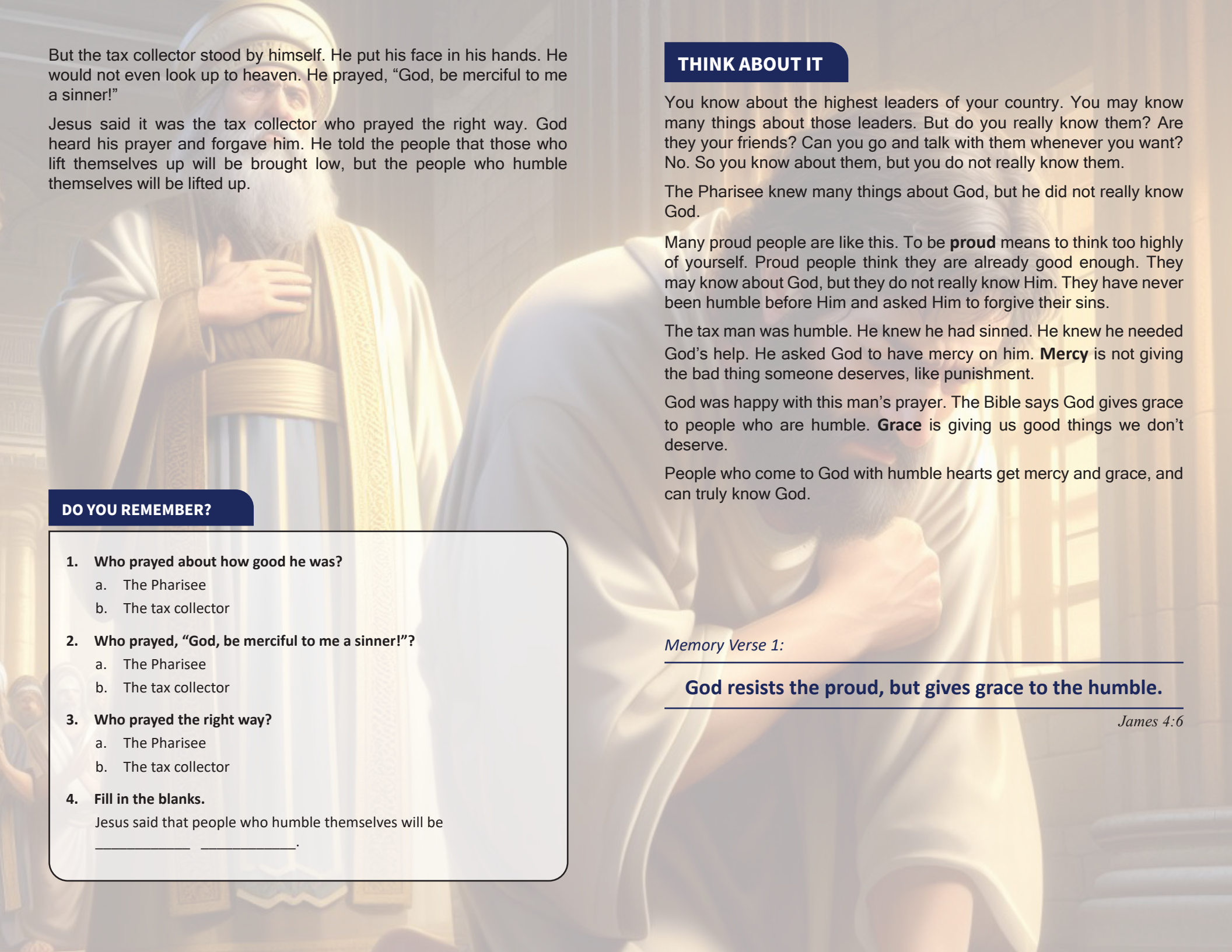
The Pharisees were religious leaders who loved to say loud prayers so everyone could hear them. They did good things so everyone could see them. They wanted everyone to know how good they were.

The Pharisees did not like tax collectors. Most tax collectors were not honest. They took taxes from people, but many times they took extra money and kept it.

One day, Jesus told a story. He said that 2 men went to pray. One was a Pharisee and one was a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood up and prayed to God about how good he was. He was not like robbers, bad men, or men who treat their wives badly. He was not like the tax collector. He skipped eating 2 times every week and gave part of his money away.





But the tax collector stood by himself. He put his face in his hands. He would not even look up to heaven. He prayed, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”

Jesus said it was the tax collector who prayed the right way. God heard his prayer and forgave him. He told the people that those who lift themselves up will be brought low, but the people who humble themselves will be lifted up.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Who prayed about how good he was?**

- a. The Pharisee
- b. The tax collector

2. **Who prayed, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!”?**

- a. The Pharisee
- b. The tax collector

3. **Who prayed the right way?**

- a. The Pharisee
- b. The tax collector

4. **Fill in the blanks.**

Jesus said that people who humble themselves will be

_____.

THINK ABOUT IT

You know about the highest leaders of your country. You may know many things about those leaders. But do you really know them? Are they your friends? Can you go and talk with them whenever you want? No. So you know about them, but you do not really know them.

The Pharisee knew many things about God, but he did not really know God.

Many proud people are like this. To be **proud** means to think too highly of yourself. Proud people think they are already good enough. They may know about God, but they do not really know Him. They have never been humble before Him and asked Him to forgive their sins.

The tax man was humble. He knew he had sinned. He knew he needed God’s help. He asked God to have mercy on him. **Mercy** is not giving the bad thing someone deserves, like punishment.

God was happy with this man’s prayer. The Bible says God gives grace to people who are humble. **Grace** is giving us good things we don’t deserve.

People who come to God with humble hearts get mercy and grace, and can truly know God.

Memory Verse 1:

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save
that which was lost.

Luke 19:10



Truth To Remember:

Jesus can save and change anyone.



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LESSON 31

From Luke 19:1-10

ZACCHAEUS WANTS TO SEE JESUS

Jesus went to a city called Jericho. He started walking through the city.

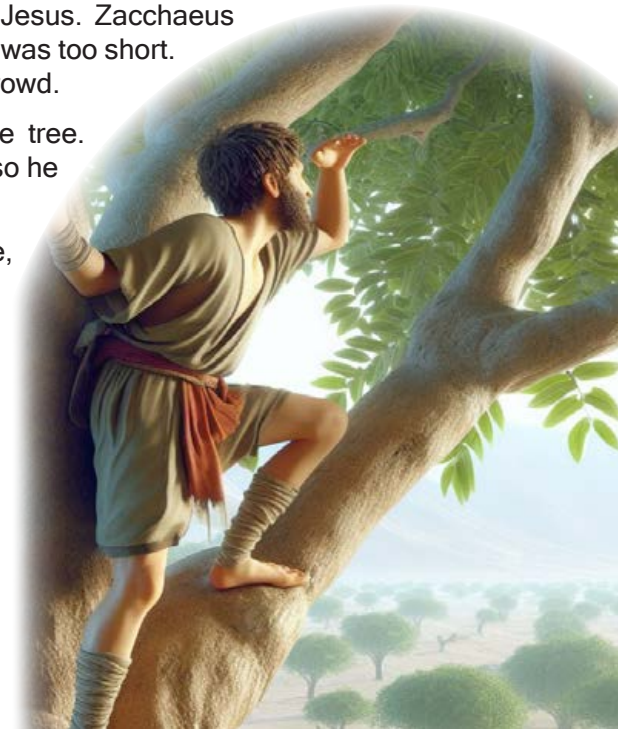
There was a man in Jericho named Zacchaeus. He took taxes from people for the government. He also took extra money for himself. He was very rich.

Many people came to see Jesus. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but he was too short. He could not see over the crowd.

Zacchaeus saw a sycamore tree. He climbed up into the tree so he could see Jesus walk by.

When Jesus got to the tree, He stopped. Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus in the tree. He told Zacchaeus to hurry down because Jesus was coming to his house that day.

Zacchaeus was very glad. He climbed down from the tree and took Jesus to his house.



But some people complained. Why was Jesus going to visit this bad man?

Zacchaeus told Jesus that he was going to give half of all his money to the poor. If he had cheated anyone, he would give them back 4 times more.

Everyone could see that Zacchaeus had changed. Jesus said salvation had come to Zacchaeus' house. He said, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

THINK ABOUT IT

Some people were angry that Jesus went to stay with Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was not a good person. Why would Jesus want to be around him?

Why did Jesus do that for this bad man? Remember the verse from last week? God gives grace to the humble. Zacchaeus humbled himself. He knew he could not pay for Jesus' mercy. He knew he was lost without Jesus.

The people who complained were proud. They thought they were so good that Jesus would want to be with them. But the Bible says that God is against the proud. These people never asked Jesus for mercy. So, Jesus did not give them mercy.

Jesus said that He came to look for people who were lost. People without Jesus are like sheep lost without a shepherd. Zacchaeus was saved that day because he believed in Jesus as his Savior. Now he had a Good Shepherd forever and his whole life changed!

Do you know a very bad person like Zacchaeus? Pray for that person. They are lost and need Jesus. Jesus can change them like He changed Zacchaeus. Jesus can save anyone!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Why couldn't Zacchaeus see Jesus?

- a. He was too short.
- b. He was too poor.

2. What did Zacchaeus tell Jesus he would do for anyone he had cheated?

- a. He would say he was sorry.
- b. He would take even more.
- c. He would give back 4 times more.

3. Fill in the blanks of what Jesus said.

"For the Son of Man has come to _____ and to _____ that which was _____."

Memory Verse 1:

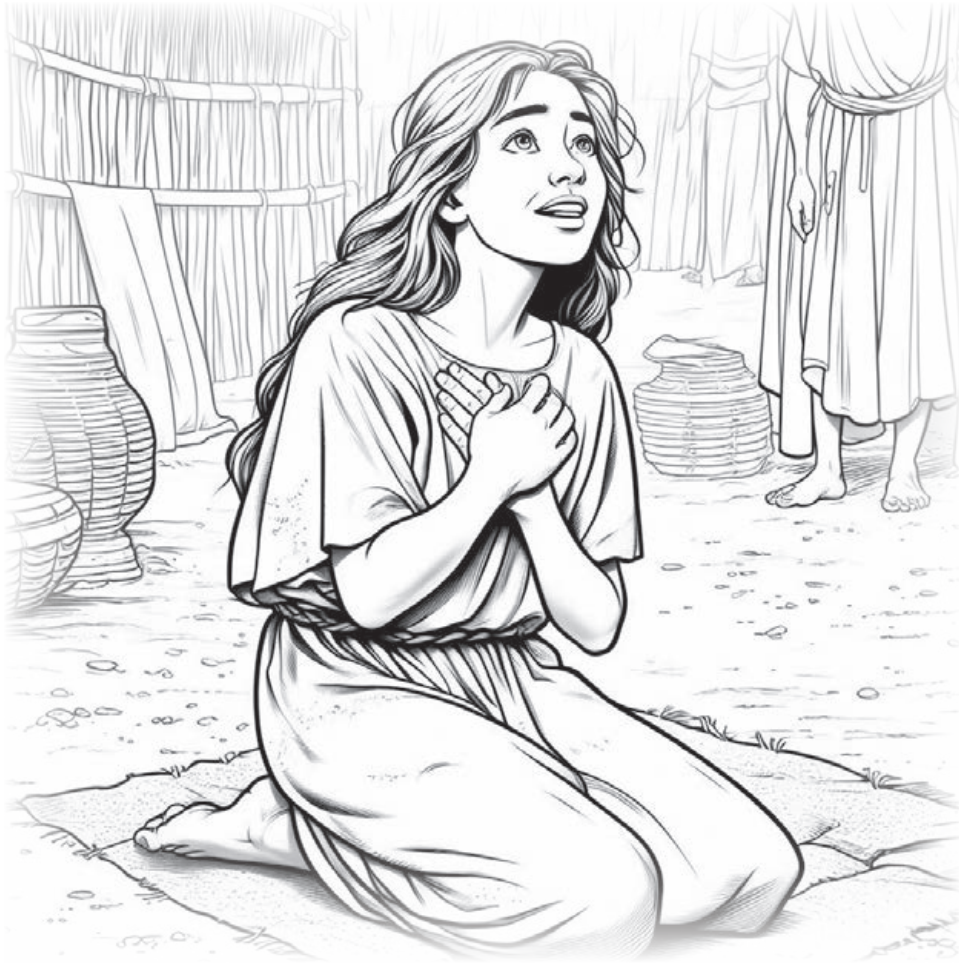
For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:17

Memory Verse 2:

**There is therefore now no condemnation to those
who are in Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:1



Truth To Remember:

Jesus came to give us mercy.



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YEAR TWO

LESSON 32

From John 8:1-11

THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES TEST JESUS

The scribes and Pharisees were religious leaders. They loved to have other people see the good things they did. They liked to hear people say they were good.

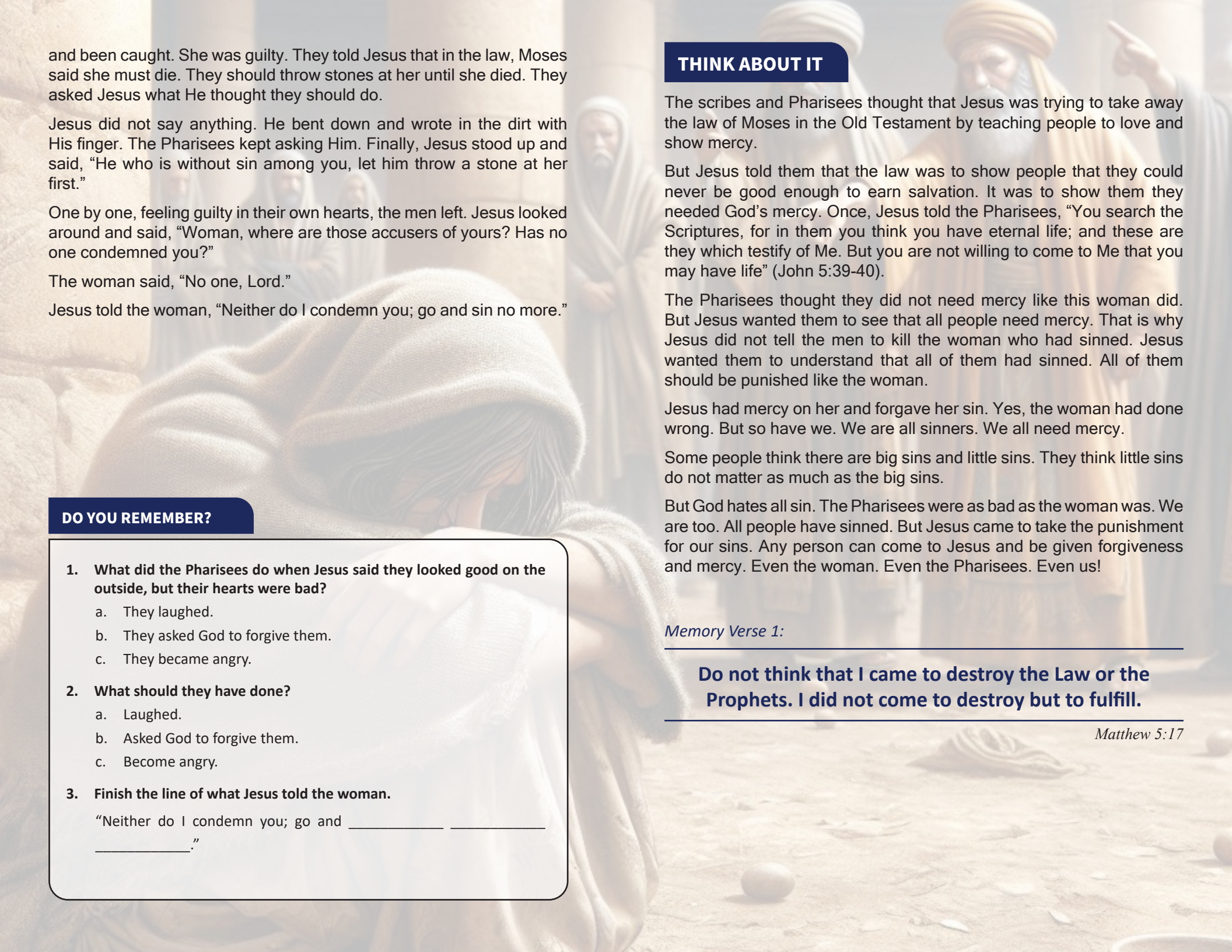
Many times, Jesus talked about these religious men. He said that they looked good on the outside, but inside their hearts were bad. They did not care about truly being right with God.

This made the scribes and Pharisees angry.

They listened carefully when Jesus talked. They wanted Him to say or do something wrong so they could have the soldiers arrest Him.

One day, the scribes and Pharisees tried to test Jesus. They brought a woman to Him. She had sinned





and been caught. She was guilty. They told Jesus that in the law, Moses said she must die. They should throw stones at her until she died. They asked Jesus what He thought they should do.

Jesus did not say anything. He bent down and wrote in the dirt with His finger. The Pharisees kept asking Him. Finally, Jesus stood up and said, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.”

One by one, feeling guilty in their own hearts, the men left. Jesus looked around and said, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

The woman said, “No one, Lord.”

Jesus told the woman, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **What did the Pharisees do when Jesus said they looked good on the outside, but their hearts were bad?**
 - a. They laughed.
 - b. They asked God to forgive them.
 - c. They became angry.
2. **What should they have done?**
 - a. Laughed.
 - b. Asked God to forgive them.
 - c. Become angry.
3. **Finish the line of what Jesus told the woman.**

“Neither do I condemn you; go and _____
_____.”

THINK ABOUT IT

The scribes and Pharisees thought that Jesus was trying to take away the law of Moses in the Old Testament by teaching people to love and show mercy.

But Jesus told them that the law was to show people that they could never be good enough to earn salvation. It was to show them they needed God’s mercy. Once, Jesus told the Pharisees, “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life” (John 5:39-40).

The Pharisees thought they did not need mercy like this woman did. But Jesus wanted them to see that all people need mercy. That is why Jesus did not tell the men to kill the woman who had sinned. Jesus wanted them to understand that all of them had sinned. All of them should be punished like the woman.

Jesus had mercy on her and forgave her sin. Yes, the woman had done wrong. But so have we. We are all sinners. We all need mercy.

Some people think there are big sins and little sins. They think little sins do not matter as much as the big sins.

But God hates all sin. The Pharisees were as bad as the woman was. We are too. All people have sinned. But Jesus came to take the punishment for our sins. Any person can come to Jesus and be given forgiveness and mercy. Even the woman. Even the Pharisees. Even us!

Memory Verse 1:

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Memory Verse 2:

If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD,
will hold me up.

Psalms 94:18



Truth To Remember:

When you are afraid, trust in God.



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LESSON 33

From Matthew 14:22-33

PETER WALKS ON WATER

Jesus had finished teaching the people. He had done a great miracle by feeding 5,000 people with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.

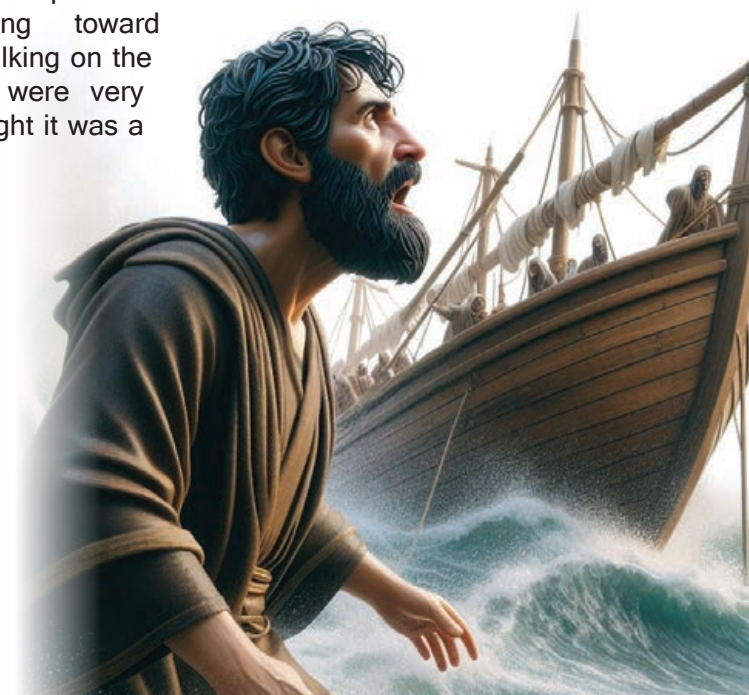
Jesus told His disciples to get in a boat and go to the other side of the lake. But Jesus did not go with them. He went somewhere by Himself and prayed to God His Father.

Late that night, a storm came. The little boat was pushed around hard by the waves.

One of the disciples saw someone walking toward them. He was walking on the water! They all were very afraid. They thought it was a ghost!

But Jesus said, "It is I; do not be afraid."

Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, told the Lord that if it was Him, He should call Peter to come to Him on the water.



Jesus said, "Come."

Peter stepped out of the boat and stood on top of the water. He started walking to Jesus.

But then Peter stopped looking at Jesus. He saw the big waves and heard the wind. He began to be afraid.

Peter started sinking. He cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Right then, Jesus reached and took Peter's hand. "O you of little faith," Jesus said, "why did you doubt?"

When they got back into the boat, the wind stopped. The men were amazed. Only God could calm a storm. The men in the boat worshiped Jesus. They said, "Truly You are the Son of God."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **What did the disciples think when they saw Jesus walking toward them?**
 - a. It was an angel.
 - b. It was a ghost.
 - c. It was a lightning bolt.
2. **Who started to walk on water toward Jesus?**
 - a. Joseph
 - b. Zacchaeus
 - c. Peter
3. **What happened when he saw the big waves and heard the wind?**
 - a. He trusted Jesus and was brave.
 - b. He was afraid and started sinking.
4. **What did Jesus do when Peter cried for help?**
 - a. He reached out right then and took Peter's hand.
 - b. He let Peter sink.

THINK ABOUT IT

What would it be like to walk on top of water? No one can do that! Jesus did a miracle when He let Peter walk on the water. Peter walked on the water because at first he had faith that Jesus could help him.

But then, Peter looked around him. He saw the huge waves. He felt the strong wind. Peter became afraid. He did not have faith anymore. That is when he sank.

Peter stopped looking at Jesus, and that is when he became afraid.

Sometimes, we say we have faith in God. We read God's Word and pray. We follow what Jesus says. But then, sometimes we stop looking at Jesus and His Word. We look around us. We see big problems. We see bad things. We see problems too big for us. We become afraid.

The Bible says that living the Christian life is like running a race in a contest. We need faith and courage to run this race and finish well. Hebrews 12:1-2 says, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares [traps] us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

We are to set aside all the things that would keep us from running the race well. These are things in your life that keep you from doing what God wants. They may be worry, or fear, or things we like to do that take up all our time. We should make sure God is most important in our lives as we run this race. And while we run, we should keep our eyes on Jesus. When we are looking to Him and trusting in Him, we have faith, and we will finish well.

Memory Verse 1:

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

Psalms 56:3

Memory Verse 2:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11



Truth To Remember:

Jesus is greater than any man.



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YEAR TWO

LESSON 34

From Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36

THE DISCIPLES HEAR GOD'S VOICE

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on a high mountain. Only these 3 disciples were allowed to come.

While they were there, the disciples saw that Jesus changed. His face was shining like the sun, and His clothes were as white as light.

Then the disciples saw Moses, who wrote God's laws hundreds of years before. They saw Elijah, a great prophet of God from hundreds of years before. The 2 men who had been dead for a long, long time were standing there with Jesus!

The 3 men were talking together.



The disciples were amazed. One disciple, Peter, said that it was good for them to be there. He said they should build 3 tabernacles. One would be for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

Suddenly a cloud came all around them. Out of the cloud, they heard a voice. The voice said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

When they could see, Moses and Elijah were gone and Jesus was alone again.

Jesus told His disciples not to tell anyone what had happened until He had risen from the dead.

The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant, but they obeyed.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks of the story.

Jesus took _____, _____, and _____ up on a mountain. On the mountain, Jesus' _____ was shining like the sun. His clothes were as white as _____.

He talked with _____, who wrote the law, and _____, a great prophet.

A voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased. _____!" Then Jesus was alone again.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Law and the Prophets were highly honored by the Israelite people. Everyone thought Moses was a very great man because he gave the people God's laws. Everyone thought Elijah was a very great man because he was a mighty and powerful prophet. These 2 men represented the Law and the Prophets.

God showed the 3 disciples that Jesus is greater than Moses and Elijah. Moses and Elijah were just men God used to do great things. Jesus is God's only Son, who was with God before the world was created. Jesus is the One who created Moses and Elijah! All people should highly honor Christ, much more than the Law and the Prophets.

God used Moses to give the Law. Jesus is greater than the Law. Jesus gives grace. Elijah was a great prophet. Jesus is greater than all the prophets. He is the Messiah their prophecies were about.

Jesus was soon going to become God's perfect sacrifice. The prophecies were coming true. Jesus would prove He is the Messiah sent from God. Only He can give salvation to whoever believes in Him.

Memory Verse 1:

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2:9

Memory Verse 2:

As the Father loved Me [Jesus], I also have loved you;
abide in My love.

John 15:9



Truth To Remember:

You are very special to Jesus!



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LESSON 35

From Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

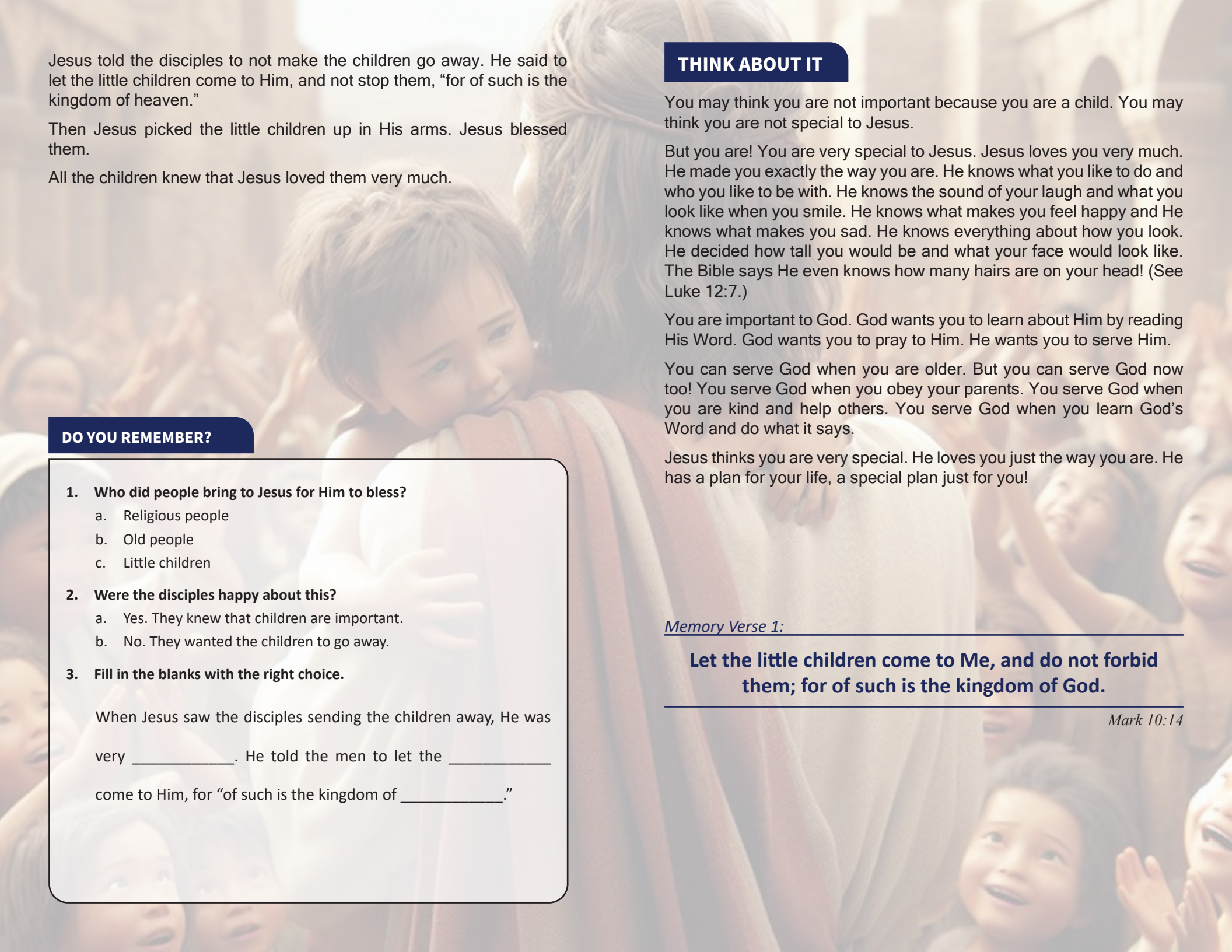
JESUS LOVES CHILDREN!

Jesus was teaching the people one day. He was telling people about God and His plan. Some of the people brought little children to Jesus. They wanted Jesus to bless the children.

The disciples who were with Jesus did not like this. They wanted the children to go away. Jesus had important things to do. They did not think that Jesus had time to spend with little children.

Jesus was very unhappy when He saw this.





Jesus told the disciples to not make the children go away. He said to let the little children come to Him, and not stop them, “for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Then Jesus picked the little children up in His arms. Jesus blessed them.

All the children knew that Jesus loved them very much.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who did people bring to Jesus for Him to bless?

- a. Religious people
- b. Old people
- c. Little children

2. Were the disciples happy about this?

- a. Yes. They knew that children are important.
- b. No. They wanted the children to go away.

3. Fill in the blanks with the right choice.

When Jesus saw the disciples sending the children away, He was very _____. He told the men to let the _____ come to Him, for “of such is the kingdom of _____.”

THINK ABOUT IT

You may think you are not important because you are a child. You may think you are not special to Jesus.

But you are! You are very special to Jesus. Jesus loves you very much. He made you exactly the way you are. He knows what you like to do and who you like to be with. He knows the sound of your laugh and what you look like when you smile. He knows what makes you feel happy and He knows what makes you sad. He knows everything about how you look. He decided how tall you would be and what your face would look like. The Bible says He even knows how many hairs are on your head! (See Luke 12:7.)

You are important to God. God wants you to learn about Him by reading His Word. God wants you to pray to Him. He wants you to serve Him.

You can serve God when you are older. But you can serve God now too! You serve God when you obey your parents. You serve God when you are kind and help others. You serve God when you learn God’s Word and do what it says.

Jesus thinks you are very special. He loves you just the way you are. He has a plan for your life, a special plan just for you!

Memory Verse 1:

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:14

Memory Verse 2:

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions [sins] from us.

Psalm 103:12



Truth To Remember:

God is love.



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LESSON 36

From Luke 15:11-32

A SON LEAVES HOME

One day, Jesus told a story. He said there was a man who had 2 sons. One son told the father that he wanted his part of the inheritance money right then. He did not want to wait. The father gave him the money.

The son left his father and went far away. He was not wise. He spent a lot of money by wild living. After a while, all of his money was gone. The son was poor. He was so poor he had to get a job feeding pigs. He was so hungry he wanted to eat the pig's food.

Then he thought about how his father's servants had plenty of food, while he was starving to death. He decided to go back to his father.

He knew he had done wrong. He



did not deserve to be called his father's son anymore. He would ask his father to let him be a servant.

The son walked home. When he was still a long way from the house, the father saw him. The father ran to his son and kissed him.

The son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father told his servants to bring him the very best robe, a ring for his finger, and sandals for his feet. He then told them to kill the fatted calf. They would have a great feast to celebrate.

The father said, "For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

THINK ABOUT IT

What the son did was very wrong. He left his father and spent all his money on foolish things.

He did not deserve to be forgiven. He did not deserve to be called his father's son anymore. He had shamed his family.

But the father loved his son. He forgave him and let him come home. He even had a feast to celebrate! The father was very glad that his son had come home.

Jesus told this story to tell people about God. God is like that father. Even when we sin and do wrong, God still loves us. He forgives us if we ask Him.

We do not deserve God's love. We do not deserve to be forgiven. But God forgives us because He loves us.

God is love.

And just like the father in the story, God celebrates when one person comes to Him. Luke 15:7 says that there is great joy in heaven when a person turns from sin to God. You can read that whole story in Luke 15:1-7. Thank God for His great love!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **What happened to the boy's money?**
 - a. He saved it.
 - b. He spent it by wild living.
2. **What was the boy going to ask his father to let him be?**
 - a. A friend
 - b. A servant
 - c. A neighbor
3. **When the father saw his son, he:**
 - a. Punished him hard.
 - b. Ignored him.
 - c. Ran and kissed him.

Memory Verse 1:

**There is joy in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.**

Luke 15:10

Memory Verse 2:

Most assuredly, I [Jesus] say to you, he who hears
My word and believes in Him who sent Me has
everlasting life.

John 5:24



Truth To Remember:

Trust God even in sad times.



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LESSON 37

From John 11:1-45

LAZARUS DIES

Jesus had a very good friend named Lazarus. Lazarus had 2 sisters, Mary and Martha. Jesus visited and stayed with them many times.

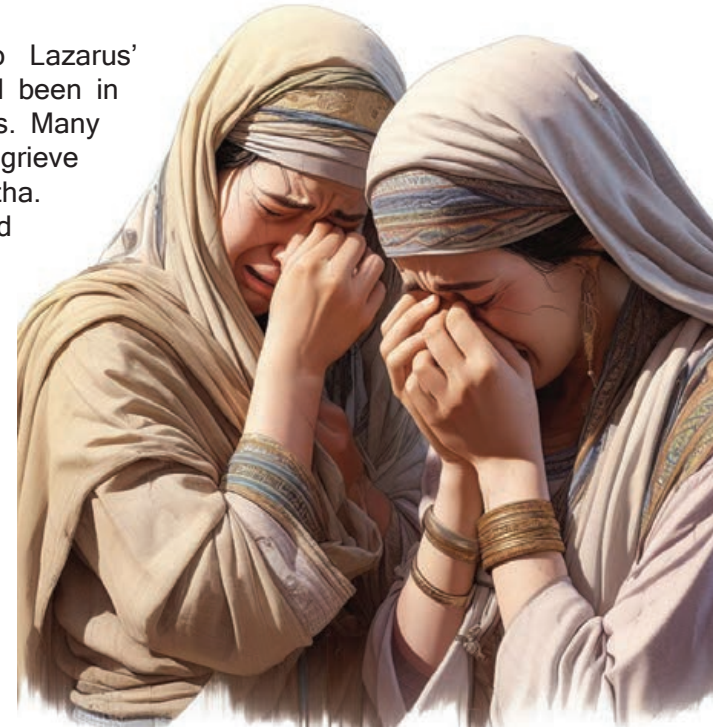
Once, when Jesus was in another place, Lazarus got sick. Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus so He would come. Jesus loved Lazarus and Mary and Martha, but He waited for 2 more days.

After 2 days, Jesus told His disciples they should go back to Judea again. Jesus already knew that Lazarus had died.

When they got to Lazarus' house, Lazarus had been in the tomb for 4 days. Many people had come to grieve with Mary and Martha. When Martha heard Jesus had come, she went to him.

"Lord," she said, "if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."



Martha said she knew he would rise someday to go to heaven.

But Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” Martha said, “I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God.”

Jesus went to the tomb. He called with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”

And Lazarus did! The dead man walked out of his tomb. He was alive!

Many people put their faith in Jesus because of what they saw that day.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Who got sick and died?**
 - a. Mary
 - b. Martha
 - c. Lazarus
2. **When Martha heard Jesus had come, what did she say to Him?**
 - a. “Thank You for coming.”
 - b. “If You had been here, my brother would not have died.”
3. **Fill in the blanks to tell the rest of the story.**

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the _____. He who _____ in me, though he may die, he shall _____.”

Jesus went to the tomb and called with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” And he did! Lazarus was _____!

THINK ABOUT IT

Martha said that if Jesus had come sooner, Lazarus would not have died. That was true. Jesus could have healed Lazarus when he was sick.

Why did Jesus wait so long to come? Why did He let Lazarus die?

Jesus did this so God would get the glory. He raised Lazarus from the dead and many people believed on Him.

Sometimes you may not understand why God does things. Maybe you are very sad right now because someone you love is sick. Or maybe bad things are happening and you do not understand why. Why doesn't God do something?

God sometimes lets sad times come so He can get the glory. He teaches us to trust Him and have more faith in Him. Then, when He takes care of the problems, or when we have faith during the problems, He can get the glory.

We give God glory when we trust Him. You can trust Him in the bad times. Then, if He fixes the problem, you can thank and praise Him for helping you. If He leaves the problem in your life, you can still trust Him. Then people will see that you have faith in God. They will see that you believe God is with you even in bad times. Maybe because of the sad times you have had, someone will believe in Jesus. They will see your trust in God and want to learn more about Him.

Memory Verse 1:

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”

John 11:25

Memory Verse 2:

If you love me, keep My commandments.

John 14:15



Truth To Remember:

Serve others with love, like Jesus.



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LESSON 38

From John 13:1-17

JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES TO SERVE

Jesus and His disciples were almost ready to celebrate a special feast called the Passover. Jesus knew it would soon be time for Him to die as God's perfect sacrifice for all people. He spent much time teaching His 12 disciples. That night, He taught them a lesson about how to love and serve each other.

Jesus was sitting at the feast with His disciples. Then He got up and put a towel around His waist. He put water into a bowl and started washing the disciples' feet. He dried their feet with a towel.



When Jesus had washed all the disciples' feet, He sat down again.

Then Jesus said, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."

Jesus told His disciples that a servant is not greater than his master. He told them that if they knew these things, and did what Jesus their Master did, then they would be happy.

THINK ABOUT IT

The disciples all wanted to be great men. Sometimes they even argued about who would be the greatest one in God's kingdom. Jesus knew that they were thinking of themselves first and not of others.

When He washed their feet, the disciples were very surprised. Jesus was acting like a servant! Everyone knew that it was the servant who serves the master. The master does not serve the servant. Jesus was the master and the disciples followed Him. They should serve Him. But Jesus washed their feet, something a servant would do. Why did He do this?

Jesus did this to teach them. He wanted them to know that great people are the ones who serve others.

When you think of yourself first and not others, you are serving yourself. When you think of others first, then you are serving God. You are doing what God wants.

Jesus is the Master. We serve Him. If we love Him, then we obey Him. Jesus washed the disciples' feet. If Jesus would humble Himself to serve His followers, we should humble ourselves to serve others. When we do this, we are being like Jesus. This makes God very happy.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What did Jesus do at the feast?

- a. He told His disciples to wash His feet.
- b. He washed His disciples' feet.

Think about it.

Why do you think Jesus did this? What do you think He wanted His disciples to learn?

Memory Verse 1:

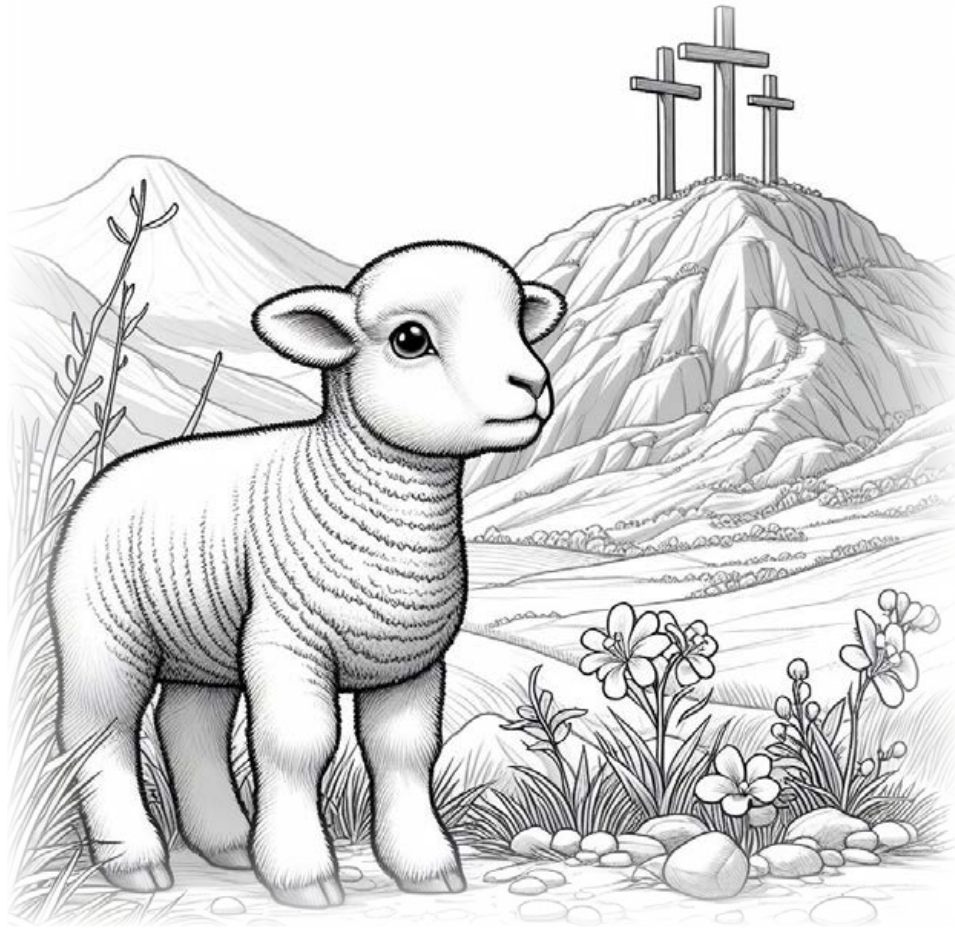
Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

Memory Verse 2:

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 5:2



Truth To Remember:

Jesus is the one perfect sacrifice.



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LESSON 39

From Matthew 26:1-29; Mark 14:1-25; Luke 22:1-20

JESUS EATS THE PASSOVER FEAST

The night came for the Passover feast. The Israelites had this feast on the same night every year since God delivered His people from slavery in Egypt. After 9 terrible plagues, the 10th plague was going to be that the oldest son in every family would die on a certain night. God saved the Israelites' oldest sons from death because they obeyed God and sacrificed a lamb and put the blood on their door frames. Then God delivered the Israelites from Egypt.

But this Passover night was very special. Jesus knew it would be the last time He celebrated the Passover feast with His disciples. He had something very important to tell them.



Jesus took the bread and He broke it. He gave the bread to His disciples and said, "This is My body which is given for you." He told them to remember Him when they broke the Passover bread.

Then Jesus took the cup. The drink represented the blood that He would shed for them. He told them to remember Him when they drank it.

The disciples did not understand that Jesus was going to die, but Jesus knew. He gave them the bread and told them that His body would be broken. He gave them the drink and said His blood would be shed. He knew they would understand later.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Why was this Passover special?**
 - a. It was a bigger feast.
 - b. It was the last time Jesus would celebrate it with His disciples before He died.
 - c. It was the time the disciples would decide who was the greatest.
2. **What did Jesus say about His body?**
 - a. It would be broken.
 - b. It would be healthy.
3. **What did Jesus say about His blood?**
 - a. It would be safe.
 - b. It would be shed.
4. **Did the disciples understand what He meant right then?**
 - a. Yes. They were very smart.
 - b. No. Jesus knew they would understand later.

THINK ABOUT IT

The Passover was a picture of a heavenly truth. Whoever had the blood of a lamb on their door frames was saved from death. God saved everyone who obeyed and delivered them from slavery to Egypt.

God used the Passover to show that one day a Savior would come to save people from eternal death and their slavery to sin.

All lost people are slaves to sin. Have you ever wanted to do right, but you did wrong instead? Have you tried to do right, but still sinned? Satan wants sin to control you. He wants you to stay a slave to sin.

We are all sinners. We cannot be free from sin without God's help.

But God made a way to set people free from sin! He sent a Savior. Jesus is that Savior. He told the disciples His body would be broken and His blood shed as the one perfect sacrifice. Jesus used the bread and drink as a new picture. It would remind us that Jesus died to pay the price for sin so we could be free.

We do not sacrifice lambs for our sins anymore because the lambs were just a picture of Jesus until He came. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. He had to die so we could be saved. Anyone who accepts Jesus' payment for their sins is saved. Anyone who is saved is free from the control of sin. Yes, sometimes we still do wrong, but we are not slaves to sin and Satan's power anymore. Instead, we can be controlled by God's Holy Spirit, who helps us do what is good and right.

Jesus sets us free!

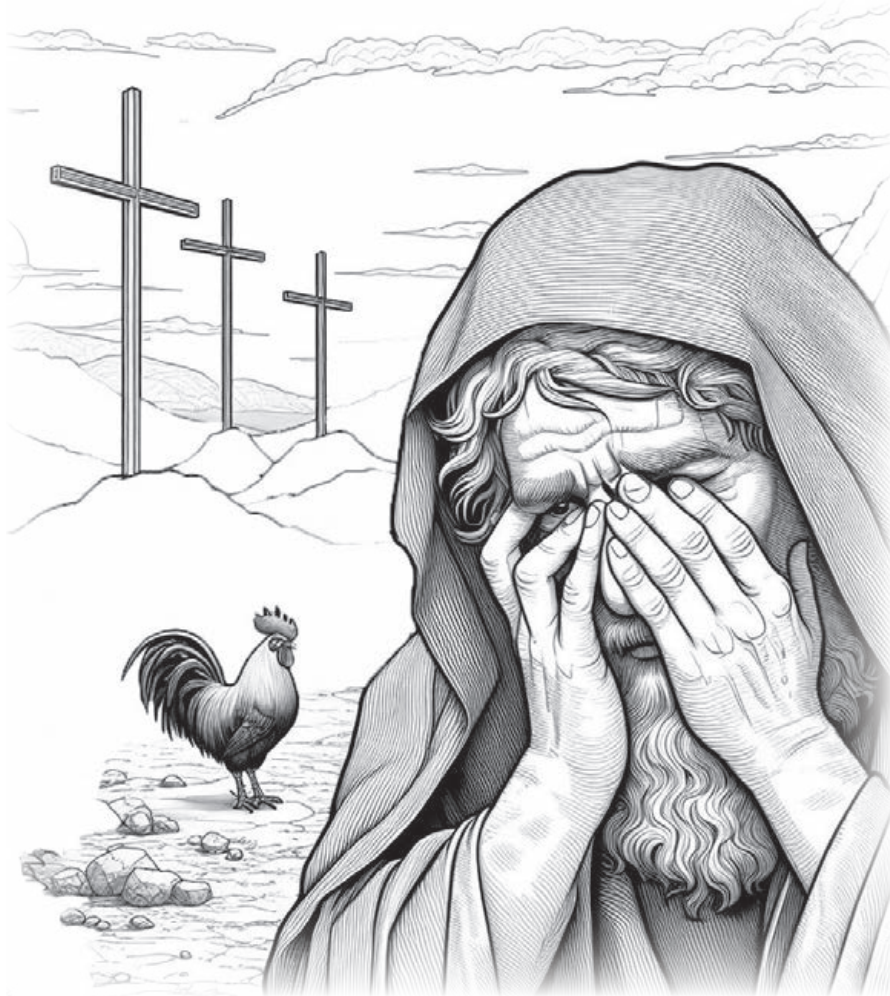
Memory Verse 1:

For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

1 Corinthians 5:7

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body
on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might
live for righteousness.

1 Peter 2:24



Truth To Remember:

Be brave for Jesus.



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LESSON 40

From Matthew 26; Mark 14:10-72; Luke 22

JESUS IS ARRESTED

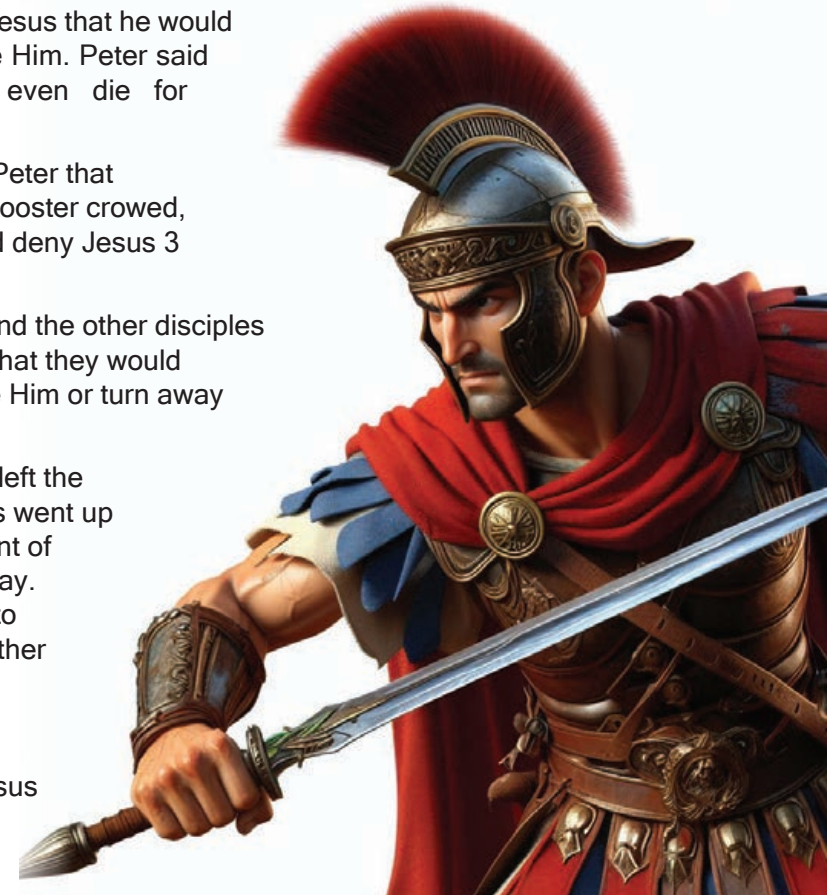
Jesus and His disciples had eaten the Passover feast. They were sitting and talking. Jesus told them that they would all run away from Him soon.

Peter told Jesus that he would never leave Him. Peter said he would even die for Jesus.

Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed, Peter would deny Jesus 3 times.

But Peter and the other disciples told Jesus that they would never leave Him or turn away from Him.

When they left the feast, Jesus went up on the Mount of Olives to pray. He prayed to God His Father for a long time. When He finished praying, Jesus



and the disciples saw a crowd of people coming. They had swords and clubs in their hands. The men arrested Jesus. All the disciples ran away and hid!

The men took Jesus to the high priest. They lied about Him and made fun of Him. They hit Jesus.

Peter had come back and was sitting outside the building. A servant girl came to him and said, "This man was also with Him."

Peter said, "Woman, I do not know Him."

Someone else looked at Peter and said, "You also are of them."

Peter was afraid. He said, "Man, I am not!"

Another person said Peter was one of Jesus' disciples.

Peter was very afraid. He shouted, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Just then a rooster crowed. Jesus turned and looked right at Peter. Peter had done what Jesus said he would do. Three times he said he did not know Jesus.

Peter was so sad that he went outside and cried and cried.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Who said he would even die for Jesus?**
 - a. Peter
 - b. James
 - c. John
2. **What happened when the men arrested Jesus?**
 - a. All the disciples ran away.
 - b. All the disciples stayed with Jesus.
3. **What happened after Peter denied Jesus 3 times like Jesus had said?**
 - a. He didn't care.
 - b. He went outside and cried and cried.

THINK ABOUT IT

Peter talked about how much he loved Jesus. He told Jesus that even if everyone else left Him, Peter would still stay with Him.

But when Jesus' enemies came, Peter was afraid. He did not want to get arrested too. He told people he did not know Jesus at all.

Three times he said it. He did the exact thing that he told Jesus he would never do.

What about you? When people ask you about Jesus, what do you say? Are you afraid? Have you ever been like Peter and said you do not know Jesus?

When the rooster crowed, Peter was so ashamed. When Jesus looked at him, all Peter could do was cry. How do you think Jesus felt when He looked at Peter? How do you think He feels when we do not tell people that we know Him?

Jesus was left all alone. All the disciples were afraid. No one tried to help Jesus.

But Jesus knew all of the bad things that would happen. He knew they were part of God's plan. He knew that soon God's plan of salvation would be complete and finished. The price for sin would be paid. Satan would not win.

And Jesus forgave Peter.

Memory Verse 1:

**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

Memory Verse 2:

For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled ... “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

John 19:36-37



Truth To Remember:

Jesus died for you.



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LESSON 41

From Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

The governor did not want to kill Jesus. He told the people that Jesus had not done anything wrong. He should not die. But the people would not listen. They wanted Jesus killed. Finally, the governor gave Jesus to them.

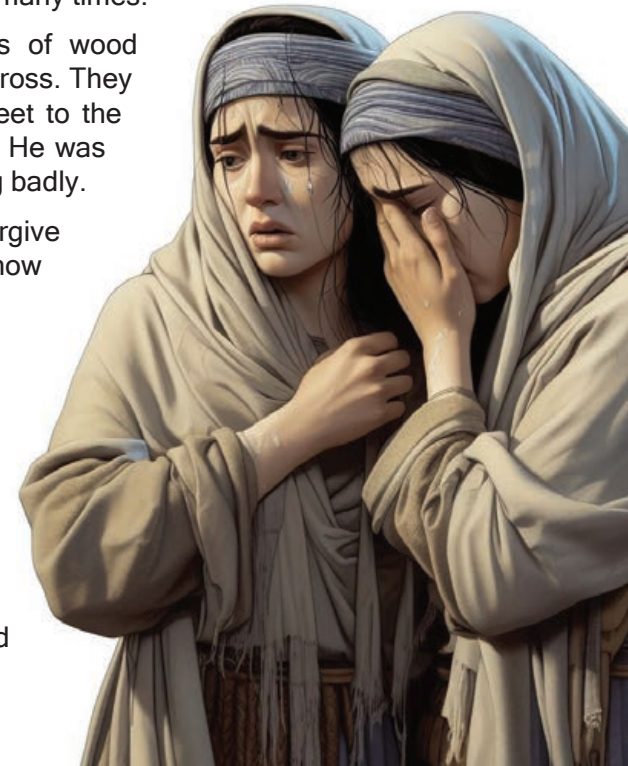
The soldiers laughed and called Jesus a king. They put a crown on his head made out of thorns. They beat Jesus many times.

The soldiers put 2 pieces of wood together in the shape of a cross. They nailed Jesus' hands and feet to the cross and hung Him there. He was in terrible pain and bleeding badly.

But Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

Two men were being killed at the same time as Jesus. They were thieves. One thief yelled at Jesus. “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.”

The other thief told him that they deserved their punishment, but Jesus had done nothing wrong.



Then this thief said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

Jesus promised the man, “Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

It was daytime but suddenly the sky became dark. It was so dark, no one could see. It stayed dark for 3 hours. Jesus said, “It is finished!” Then He died.

When the soldiers were sure Jesus was dead, they let His friends come and put Him in a tomb.

All those who had believed in Him were very sad. The disciples ran away when Jesus was arrested. Now they hid. They were afraid. What would happen now that Jesus was dead?

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out the ones that are false.

Soldiers nailed Jesus’ hands and feet to a cross.

Soldiers laughed and called Jesus a king.

The soldiers put a crown on His head made out of thorns.

The soldiers felt sorry and asked for forgiveness.

The soldiers beat Jesus many times.

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them.”

The sky became dark for 3 hours.

Jesus said, “It is finished!” Then He died.

The disciples had faith and were not afraid.

THINK ABOUT IT

People said that if Jesus was really the Son of God, He should come down from the cross. If He was all-powerful, He should save Himself. If He was really the promised Messiah, He could stop them from killing Him.

The people wanted proof that they could see with their eyes. But they did not believe in their hearts. They did not have faith in Jesus. They did not understand God’s plan of salvation.

Jesus could have done those things. He could have called angels to come help Him. He could have killed the people laughing at Him. He could have disappeared. It would have been easy for Jesus to do these things. It took more courage to stay on the cross and follow God’s plan. (See Matthew 26:52-54.)

Jesus knew God’s plan. People could not be saved without a Savior. God’s plan was for Jesus to die to pay the price for sin. So, Jesus stayed on the cross by His own choice and let them kill Him.

One thief believed that Jesus was God’s Son. Jesus forgave that man’s sins. He promised the thief that he would go to heaven when he died.

Jesus will do the same for you if you ask Him.

Memory Verse 1:

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:30-31



Truth To Remember:

Have faith and believe what God's Word says.



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LESSON 42

From Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

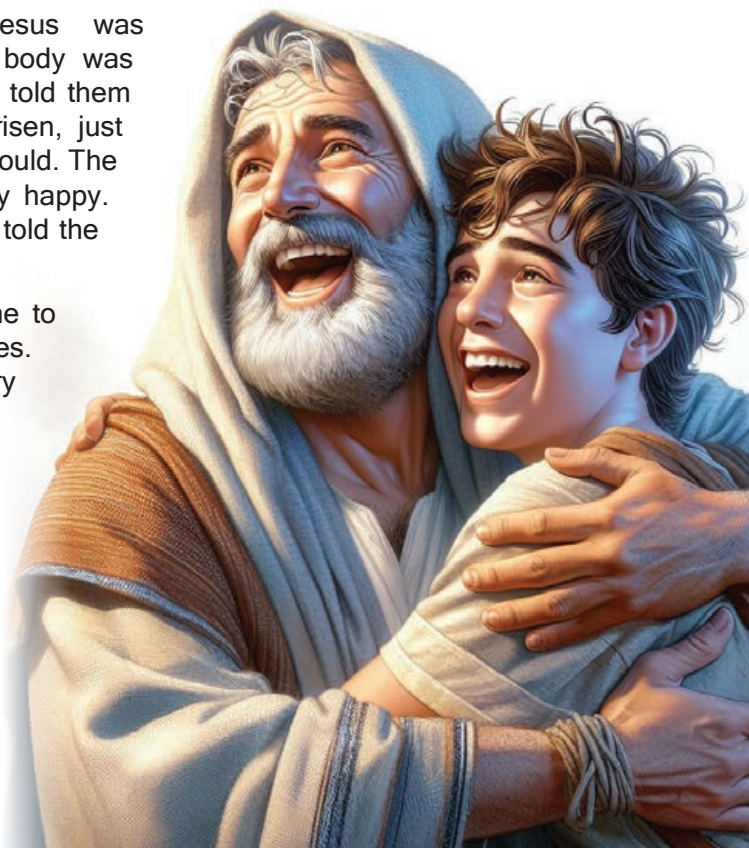
Jesus had died, but one more thing had to happen. This thing happened 3 days after Jesus died and was buried.

Jesus rose from the dead!

Some women came to the tomb where Jesus was buried, and His body was not there! Angels told them that Jesus had risen, just like He said He would. The women were very happy. They rushed and told the disciples.

Later, Jesus came to see the disciples. They were so very joyful that Jesus was alive.

But one disciple named Thomas was not there when Jesus came.



The disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus. He was alive! But Thomas did not believe them. Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw the nail holes in Jesus' hands and could touch Jesus' side where the soldier's spear had pierced Him.

One week later, all the disciples were together. Thomas was there too. The doors were shut and locked, but Jesus came in and stood with them. He said, "Peace to you!" Then Jesus spoke to Thomas. He told Thomas to look at the nail holes in His hands. He told Thomas to touch His side where He had been pierced. Jesus said to stop doubting and believe.

Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told Thomas, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. What happened 3 days after Jesus died and was buried?

- a. Nothing. He stayed dead.
- b. Jesus rose from the dead!

2. Who told the women Jesus had risen as He said?

- a. Peter
- b. Soldiers
- c. Angels

3. Who wasn't there and didn't believe?

- a. Peter
- b. Thomas
- c. Mary

4. Fill in the blanks.

Jesus told Thomas, "Because you have _____ Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have _____ seen and yet have _____."

THINK ABOUT IT

Some people say there is no God. They say that they cannot see God with their eyes, so He must not be there. Those people are like Thomas. Thomas did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He did not believe until He saw Jesus with his own eyes.

Jesus wanted Thomas to have faith. He wanted Thomas to believe even when he could not see with his eyes. Jesus said the people who believe when they have not seen are blessed.

You have never seen God with your eyes. How do you know He is there? How do you know He cares about you? How do you know that Jesus died for you and rose from the dead? It takes faith.

Do you believe that there are other villages and cities far away from yours? Do you believe the world is big and there are other countries with different people living there? Why do you believe these things? You have not been everywhere to see them all in person. But you believe because someone told you, or you read about it, or saw pictures, and you believed that those things were true.

Faith is like this. When you have faith, you believe even when you have not seen. You believe in God because of the Bible. You believe what the Bible says about Jesus. Faith is believing that what God says is perfectly true.

We should not believe everything, but should believe only what is true. If people tell you something you are not sure about, check and find out if what they are saying is true. When people tell you things about God or Jesus, you can always check what the Bible says. The Bible is God's perfect truth.

Memory Verse 1:

Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29

Memory Verse 2:

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23



Truth To Remember:

Jesus is the Perfect Lamb of God.



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LESSON 43

From John 1:29; Romans 3:19-28, 6:1-23, 10:3-13

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION IS FOR YOU

God knew that people could never do anything good enough to earn eternal life with Him. Nothing people can do will take away their sins. No matter how many good things people do, they are still sinners.

God wants all people to live in heaven with Him. But God is perfectly holy, and heaven is a place with no sin. Something had to happen to take away people's sins and make them clean.

In the Old Testament, God told people that when they sinned, they could sacrifice a lamb with no spots or imperfections. They would be forgiven if they obeyed. The little lamb could not take away their sins. The sacrifice was an earthly picture of a spiritual



truth. It was a reminder of God's promise that one day He would send His perfect sacrifice, the Savior, to pay the price for all sin. People in the Old Testament had to have faith that God would send the Savior He promised.

God did send the promised Savior. He is God's only Son. Because He is perfect, He is the only One Who could be the holy sacrifice to take away sins.

His name is Jesus. He left heaven and came to earth. He lived on earth for 33 years. Jesus never sinned, not even once. John called him "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

When it was time for God's plan of salvation to be complete, Jesus died on a cross and rose again. Jesus gave Himself to be the perfect sacrifice and take away the sins of all who believe in Him. He is the perfect Lamb of God.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Circle the ones that are true.

Cross out ones that are false.

People can never do anything good enough to earn eternal life.

God wants all people to live in heaven with Him.

God is perfectly holy.

Heaven is a place with no sin.

God sent the promised Savior.

Jesus left heaven and came to earth.

Jesus never sinned, not even once.

Jesus died on a cross and rose again.

Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God.

THINK ABOUT IT

God talks about lambs many times in His Word.

Adam's son, Abel, sacrificed a lamb to God. God was pleased with this.

On the Passover night in Egypt, the Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb. The angel of death passed over the families who obeyed.

Before Jesus came, people who sinned had to make a sacrifice to be forgiven of their sins. Many, many lambs were sacrificed. These lambs could not really take away sins. They were a picture of the perfect Lamb who would come.

Then, in God's time, the perfect Lamb of God came. He died so our sins could be taken away. He gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for us.

We cannot be saved by doing good things. We can only be saved by believing that Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is God's perfect Lamb. The Bible says in Romans 10:9, "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."

Have you believed in Jesus and accepted His sacrifice for you? If you haven't, here is a prayer that you can pray to God:

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me and sending Your Son to die for my sins. I know I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus died for me and rose from the dead. I ask Jesus to forgive my sins and be my Savior. Thank You for saving me and giving me eternal life in heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you believe in Jesus as your Savior, you are a child of God and have life forever in heaven!

Memory Verse 1:

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

Romans 3:23

Memory Verse 2:

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 14:3



Truth To Remember:

Jesus is coming back again!



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LESSON 44

From Acts 1:4-11

JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN

Many people saw Jesus after He rose from the dead. He visited the disciples and taught them. One time, a crowd of 500 people saw Him.

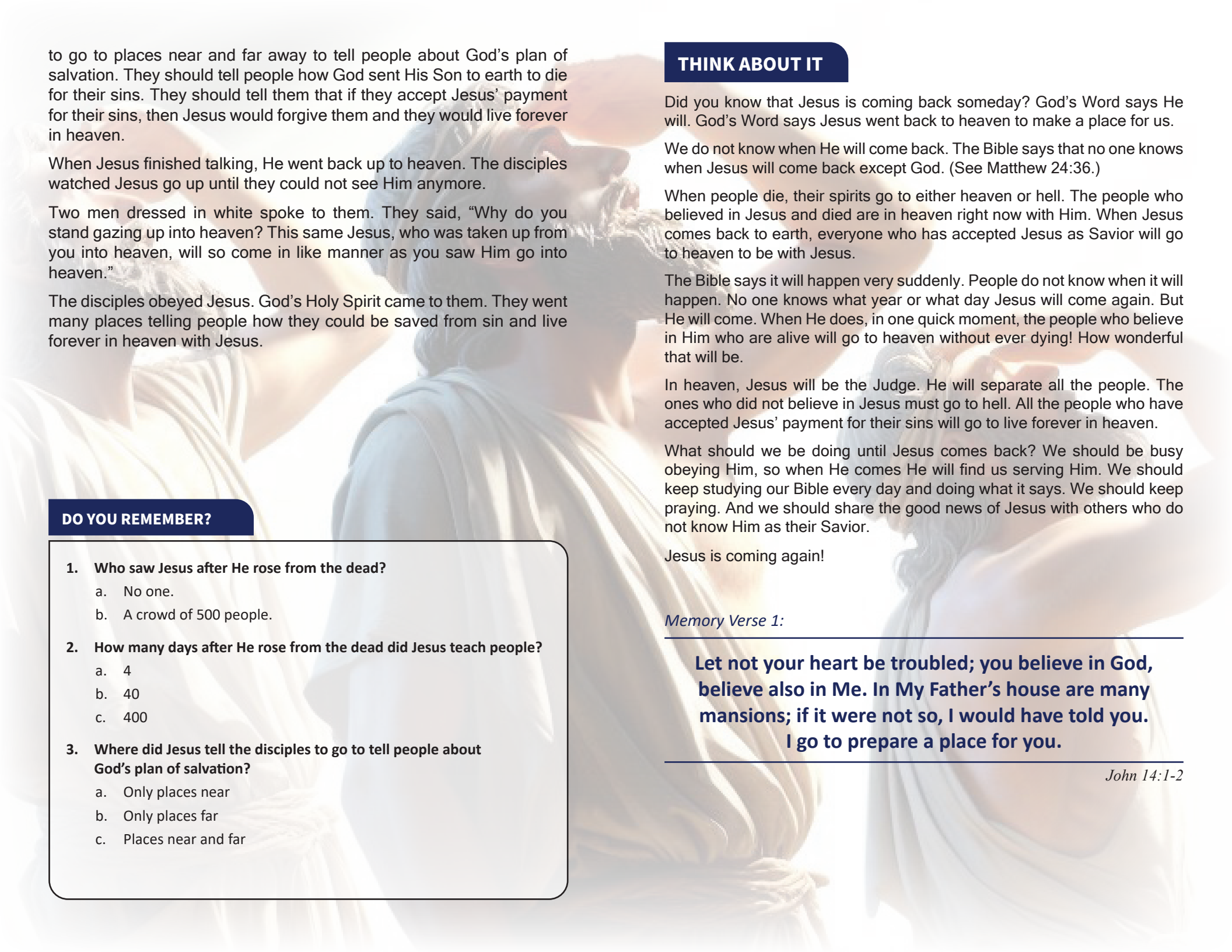
Jesus told the disciples that God's Holy Spirit would come to them. He had talked about God's Holy Spirit before. Jesus had said that when He left, He would not leave them alone. The Holy Spirit of God would be with them.

The Spirit of God would live inside every person who believed in Jesus. This Holy Spirit helps the believer to know what is right and what is wrong.

For 40 days, Jesus taught people about God's plan of salvation and God's heavenly kingdom.

Then one day, Jesus finished His teaching on earth. He told the disciples





to go to places near and far away to tell people about God's plan of salvation. They should tell people how God sent His Son to earth to die for their sins. They should tell them that if they accept Jesus' payment for their sins, then Jesus would forgive them and they would live forever in heaven.

When Jesus finished talking, He went back up to heaven. The disciples watched Jesus go up until they could not see Him anymore.

Two men dressed in white spoke to them. They said, "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."

The disciples obeyed Jesus. God's Holy Spirit came to them. They went many places telling people how they could be saved from sin and live forever in heaven with Jesus.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Who saw Jesus after He rose from the dead?**
 - a. No one.
 - b. A crowd of 500 people.
2. **How many days after He rose from the dead did Jesus teach people?**
 - a. 4
 - b. 40
 - c. 400
3. **Where did Jesus tell the disciples to go to tell people about God's plan of salvation?**
 - a. Only places near
 - b. Only places far
 - c. Places near and far

THINK ABOUT IT

Did you know that Jesus is coming back someday? God's Word says He will. God's Word says Jesus went back to heaven to make a place for us.

We do not know when He will come back. The Bible says that no one knows when Jesus will come back except God. (See Matthew 24:36.)

When people die, their spirits go to either heaven or hell. The people who believed in Jesus and died are in heaven right now with Him. When Jesus comes back to earth, everyone who has accepted Jesus as Savior will go to heaven to be with Jesus.

The Bible says it will happen very suddenly. People do not know when it will happen. No one knows what year or what day Jesus will come again. But He will come. When He does, in one quick moment, the people who believe in Him who are alive will go to heaven without ever dying! How wonderful that will be.

In heaven, Jesus will be the Judge. He will separate all the people. The ones who did not believe in Jesus must go to hell. All the people who have accepted Jesus' payment for their sins will go to live forever in heaven.

What should we be doing until Jesus comes back? We should be busy obeying Him, so when He comes He will find us serving Him. We should keep studying our Bible every day and doing what it says. We should keep praying. And we should share the good news of Jesus with others who do not know Him as their Savior.

Jesus is coming again!

Memory Verse 1:

**Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God,
believe also in Me. 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.**

John 14:1-2

Memory Verse 2:

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Luke 6:27-28



Truth To Remember:

Love your enemies.



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LESSON 45

From Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

STEPHEN DIES FOR JESUS

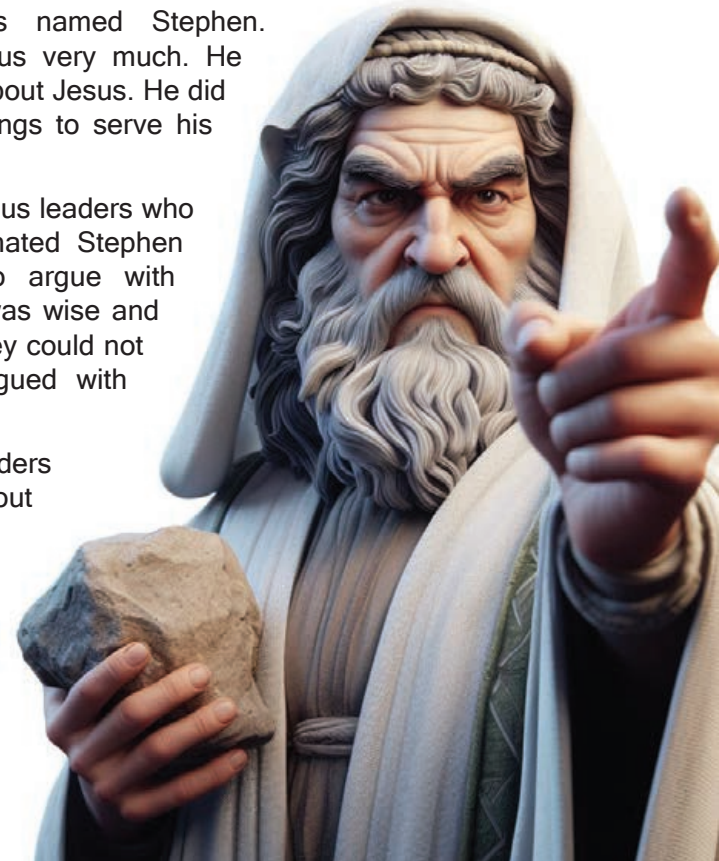
The people who loved Jesus spent time together praising God and learning about God. They went many places to tell other people about God's plan of salvation. Many people accepted Jesus' gift of eternal life in heaven.

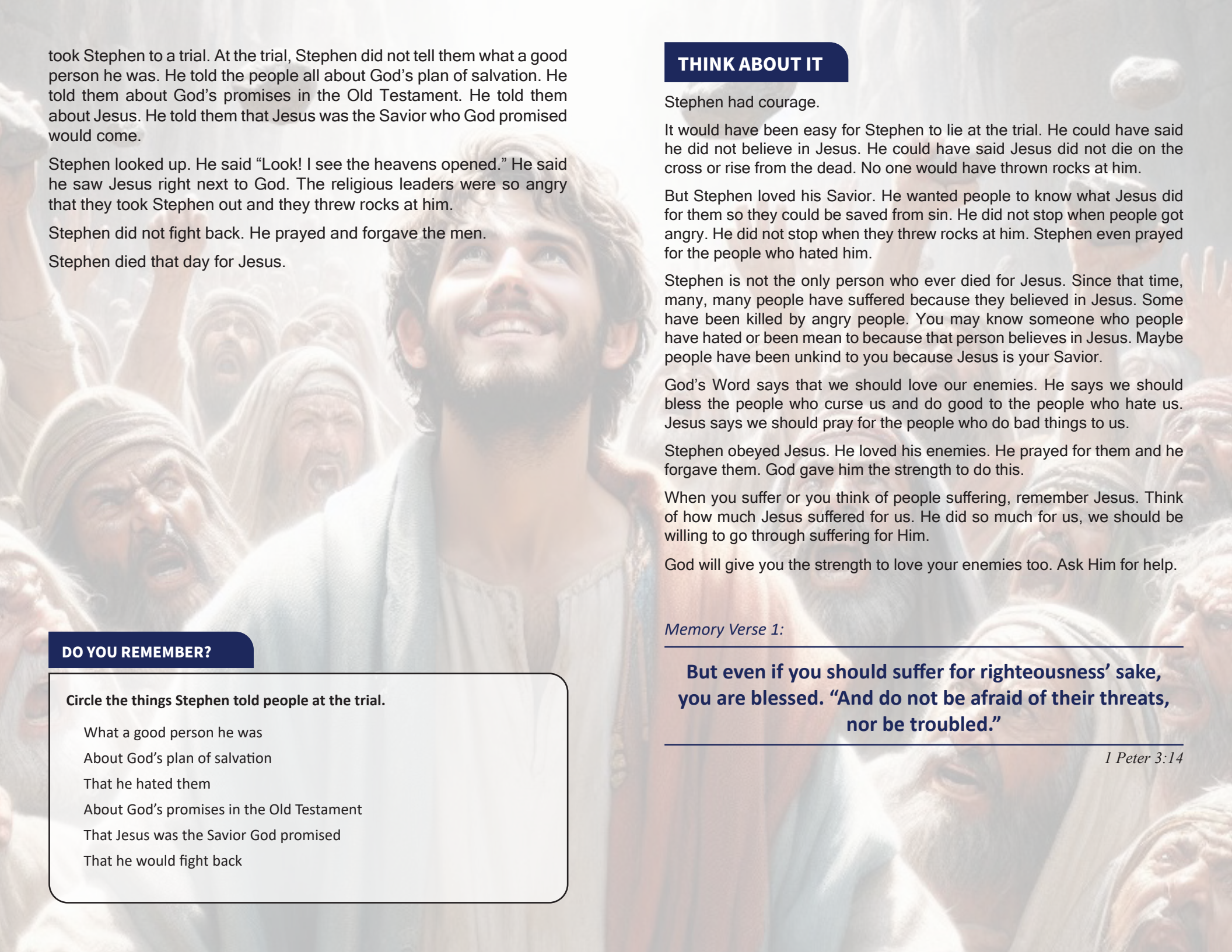
One believer was named Stephen. Stephen loved Jesus very much. He told many people about Jesus. He did many wonderful things to serve his Savior.

But the same religious leaders who had hated Jesus hated Stephen too. They tried to argue with him, but Stephen was wise and spoke the truth. They could not win when they argued with Stephen!

So, the religious leaders told people to lie about Stephen. They said that Stephen had been saying bad things about Moses and about God.

People became angry. They





took Stephen to a trial. At the trial, Stephen did not tell them what a good person he was. He told the people all about God's plan of salvation. He told them about God's promises in the Old Testament. He told them about Jesus. He told them that Jesus was the Savior who God promised would come.

Stephen looked up. He said "Look! I see the heavens opened." He said he saw Jesus right next to God. The religious leaders were so angry that they took Stephen out and they threw rocks at him.

Stephen did not fight back. He prayed and forgave the men.

Stephen died that day for Jesus.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Circle the things Stephen told people at the trial.

- What a good person he was
- About God's plan of salvation
- That he hated them
- About God's promises in the Old Testament
- That Jesus was the Savior God promised
- That he would fight back

THINK ABOUT IT

Stephen had courage.

It would have been easy for Stephen to lie at the trial. He could have said he did not believe in Jesus. He could have said Jesus did not die on the cross or rise from the dead. No one would have thrown rocks at him.

But Stephen loved his Savior. He wanted people to know what Jesus did for them so they could be saved from sin. He did not stop when people got angry. He did not stop when they threw rocks at him. Stephen even prayed for the people who hated him.

Stephen is not the only person who ever died for Jesus. Since that time, many, many people have suffered because they believed in Jesus. Some have been killed by angry people. You may know someone who people have hated or been mean to because that person believes in Jesus. Maybe people have been unkind to you because Jesus is your Savior.

God's Word says that we should love our enemies. He says we should bless the people who curse us and do good to the people who hate us. Jesus says we should pray for the people who do bad things to us.

Stephen obeyed Jesus. He loved his enemies. He prayed for them and he forgave them. God gave him the strength to do this.

When you suffer or you think of people suffering, remember Jesus. Think of how much Jesus suffered for us. He did so much for us, we should be willing to go through suffering for Him.

God will give you the strength to love your enemies too. Ask Him for help.

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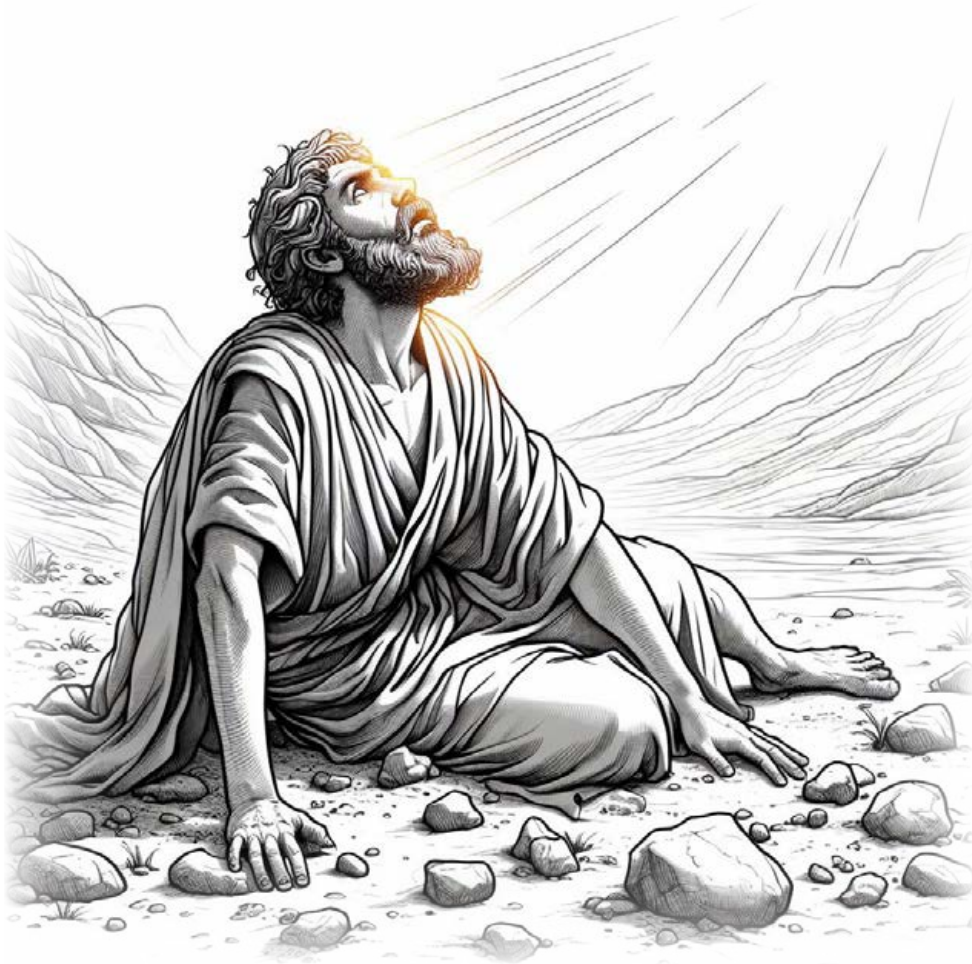
But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."

1 Peter 3:14

Memory Verse 2:

With God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27



Truth To Remember:

Jesus will forgive anyone who asks Him.



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LESSON 46

From Acts 9:1-22

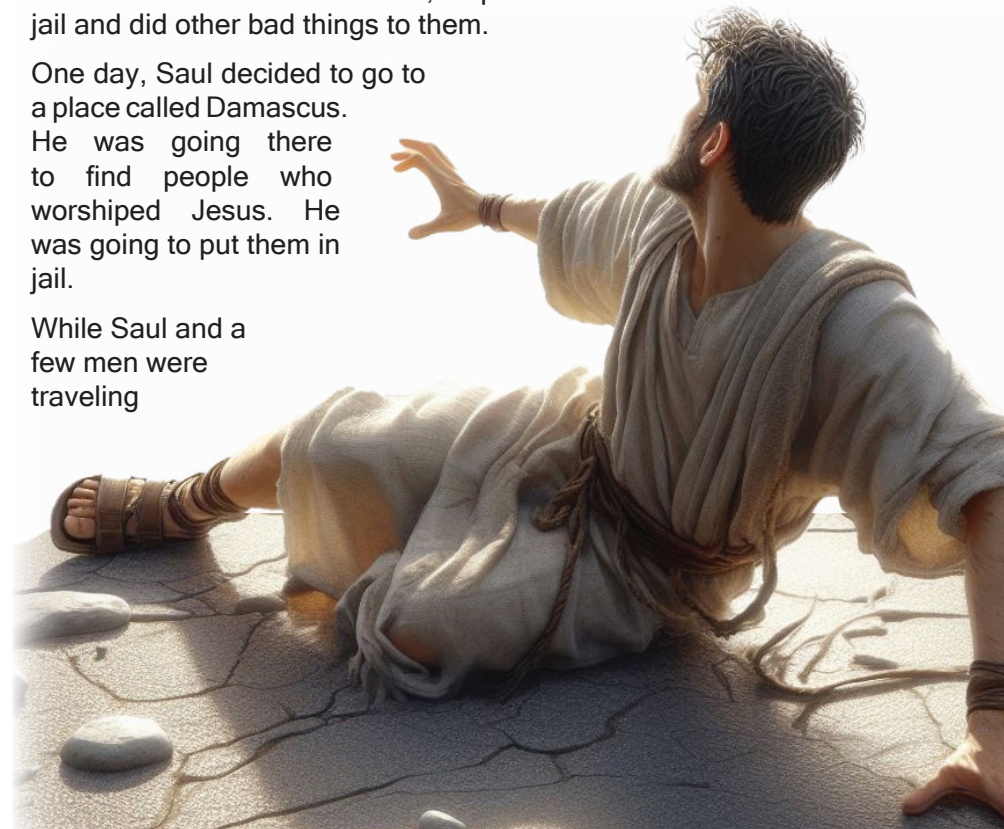
SAUL SEES A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN

When the people were killing Stephen, one man stood and watched. His name was Saul. Saul was a very religious man. People thought he was very important.

Saul hated the people who worshiped Jesus. He searched all around to find them. When he found them, he put them in jail and did other bad things to them.

One day, Saul decided to go to a place called Damascus. He was going there to find people who worshiped Jesus. He was going to put them in jail.

While Saul and a few men were traveling



to Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly came down all around them. Saul fell to the ground.

Then a voice said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

“Who are You, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus,” the voice said. Jesus told Saul to go to the city, and then he would be told what to do.

Saul got up, but he could not see. The other men had to help him get to Damascus.

A man named Ananias came. He told Saul that Jesus had sent him. Jesus used Ananias to heal Saul. Saul could see again!

Saul believed in Jesus and was baptized.

Then he started preaching that Jesus really is God’s Son, the Savior of the world. People were amazed. This was the same man who had hurt the people who believed in Jesus. Now he believed in Jesus! They praised God.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **How did Saul feel about the people who worshiped Jesus?**
 - a. He loved them.
 - b. He hated them.
 - c. He didn’t care.
2. **Who spoke to Saul when the light came down from heaven?**
 - a. Stephen
 - b. Moses
 - c. Jesus
3. **In the lines below, write why the people praised God at the end of the story.**

THINK ABOUT IT

People had heard about Saul. The people who believed in Jesus were afraid of him. If Saul found them, he would put them in jail. Or worse!

When they heard that Saul now believed in Jesus, some of them did not believe it. Maybe some of them thought that God could not save a person who had done so many bad things. Maybe they thought Saul had sinned too much to be forgiven.

But everybody has done bad things. No one deserves to go to heaven. That is why Jesus died. Jesus died to pay the price for our sins. If we ask Him, He takes all our sins away and gives us eternal life in heaven. It does not matter how many bad things you have done; Jesus will forgive you if you ask Him.

Saul, who later changed his name to Paul, said, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief” (1 Timothy 1:15). Paul called himself the worst sinner. But God had mercy on him and showed how great His forgiveness really is.

Maybe you know someone who does many bad things. Maybe you have been praying for that person to accept Christ for a very long time. Do not stop praying! Do not ever give up. God can do anything. No person is too bad to be forgiven. Keep praying that the person will believe in Jesus as their Savior.

Memory Verse 1:

**To open their eyes, in order to turn them from
darkness to light, and from the power of Satan
to God.**

Acts 26:18

Memory Verse 2:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me.

Psalm 23:4



Truth To Remember:

God loves to hear His children pray.



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LESSON 47

From Acts 12:1-18

PETER IS PUT IN JAIL

The king had put some people who believed in Jesus in prison. The king arrested Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, and put him in jail.

Many people prayed to God for Peter.

Peter was in jail that night. He was sleeping between 2 soldiers. He had chains holding him. More guards were at the door.

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord came. The angel woke Peter up and said, "Arise quickly!" The chains fell off and Peter could stand up. The angel told Peter to put his clothes and sandals on. Then the angel said, "Follow me."

They walked right out of the prison. No one stopped them.



or saw them. Peter did not think it was really happening. He thought it was a dream.

They got to the gate and the gate opened by itself. After they walked through the gate and down the street, the angel left.

Then Peter knew that God had set him free from the jail. He went to the house of one of his friends. Many people had come together at that house to pray for Peter.

Peter knocked on the door of the gate and a servant girl named Rhoda came. She knew Peter's voice. She was so happy that it was him, she forgot to open the door! She ran back and told everyone that Peter was at the gate!

They did not believe her.

But Peter kept knocking and finally they opened the door and saw that it really was him. God had set him free!

Peter told them what God had done. They were amazed.

In the morning, no one at the jail could find Peter. No one knew how he got away.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **Who came to Peter in prison?**
 - a. An angel of the Lord
 - b. Another disciple
 - c. A ghost
2. **What were the people at the house doing?**
 - a. Having a party
 - b. Praying for Peter
 - c. Getting ready to fight
3. **Who forgot to open the door?**
 - a. An angel of the Lord
 - b. A disciple
 - c. A servant girl named Rhoda

THINK ABOUT IT

God knew that Peter was in jail. He wanted people to pray for Peter. Then God answered their prayers and set Peter free.

God knows everything about you. He knows all that is happening in your life. But He wants you to pray to Him. He wants you to tell Him about things. He wants you to ask Him for His help when you need it.

He also wants you to pray for other people. The believers prayed for Peter and God delivered Peter from jail. You can pray for people who are sick or hurt. You can pray for people who are sad. You can pray that people will believe in Jesus. You can talk to God about anyone and anything. You can ask Him to help you and other people.

God will answer your prayers. Sometimes He does what we ask. Sometimes He doesn't, because He knows that is not best for us. Sometimes He wants us to wait until it is the right time. Remember to thank Him when He helps you. And if He does not answer your prayers the way you wanted Him to, remember that He loves you more than anyone in the whole world loves you. He knows what is best for you. You can trust Him to do what is best.

God always hears the prayers of His children who love and obey Him, and He always answers them.

Memory Verse 1:

**Give us help from trouble, for the help of man
is useless.**

Psalms 108:12

Memory Verse 2:

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:4



Truth To Remember:

Praise God always.



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LESSON 48

From Acts 16:16-40

PAUL AND SILAS SING IN JAIL

Paul, who was called Saul before, went many places in the world to tell people about Jesus. Sometimes he took his friend Silas. Silas told people about Jesus too.

Some people became angry at Paul and Silas for preaching about Jesus. They were so angry, they beat Paul and Silas and put them in jail. They told the jailer to watch them very carefully.

That night, Paul and Silas were praying and singing songs to God in the prison. The other prisoners listened to them.

Suddenly, there was a great earthquake. It shook the jail so hard that all the doors opened. All the prisoners' chains fell off.

The jailer woke up. He saw all the doors open. He was sure all the prisoners had escaped. The jailer pulled out his sword and was going to kill himself.

But Paul shouted, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."



The jailer ran in. He fell down in front of Paul and Silas. He said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They told the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

The jailer took Paul and Silas to his house. He fed them and took care of them.

Then Paul and Silas told the jailer and his family all about God's plan of salvation. They believed in Jesus. The jailer and his family were baptized right away.

The next day, the judges said that Paul and Silas could go free.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks to tell the story.

Paul and _____ were praying and _____ songs to God in prison. Suddenly, there was a great _____. All the prisoners' chains fell off.

The jailer pulled out his sword and was going to kill himself, but Paul shouted that they were all still there. The jailer ran in and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be _____?"

They told him, "_____ on the _____ Jesus Christ, and you will be _____, you and your household."

Paul and Silas told the jailer and his family all about God's plan of salvation. They believed in Jesus. The jailer and his family were _____ right away.

THINK ABOUT IT

Most people would not sing and praise God in jail. Most people would grumble and complain if they had been beaten and put in jail when they didn't do anything wrong.

But Paul and Silas did sing and praise God. They prayed to God, and they did not get angry because they had been beaten. Even though they were suffering for Jesus, they were not sad.

This was so unusual that all the other prisoners listened. They wanted to hear what Paul and Silas were singing about. Why were they praying? Why were they praising God? How could they be so happy in jail?

Then, when the earthquake came, the jailer wanted to know how he could be saved. He could see that Paul and Silas were different. He wanted the faith they had.

When bad things happen to you, remember Paul and Silas. Pray to God and praise Him. Then other people may want to know how you can be so happy. They may ask how they can be saved. Then you can tell them how much God loves them.

The way you act is very important. If you are one of God's children, people watch you. They will see if you are different from other people. They will watch how you act when bad things happen. Even if you are not talking about Jesus, the things you do and say should show that you belong to God and are following His way. Your peace and love and joy will make other people want to know more about God.

Memory Verse 1:

The joy of the LORD is your strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

Memory Verse 2:

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to
Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because
of Your truth.

Psalms 115:1



Truth To Remember:

Follow God's way and do not worry
about what people say or think.



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LESSON 49

From Acts 27:1—28:10

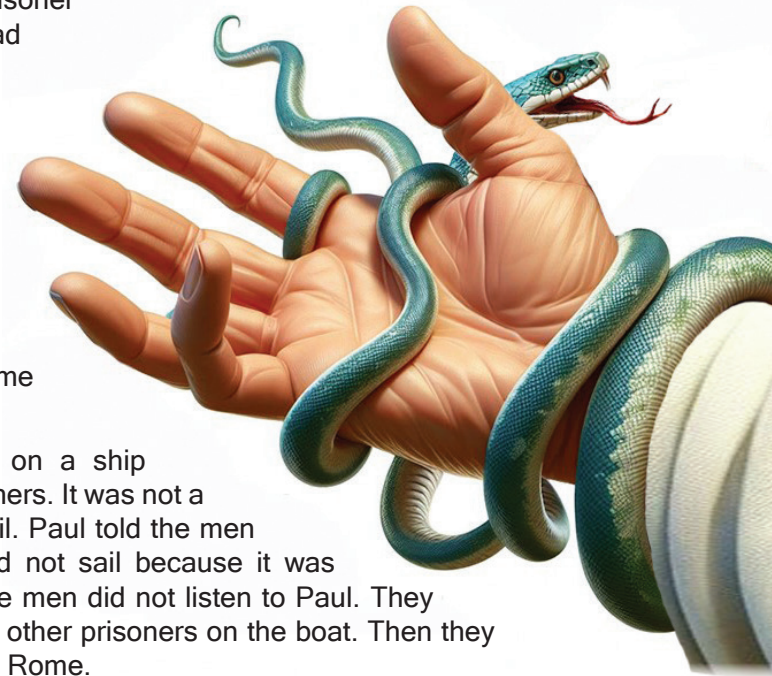
PAUL IS IN A SHIPWRECK

Paul was a prisoner again. He had been telling people about Jesus, and some religious leaders became angry. They were going to send Paul to a place called Rome for a trial.

They put Paul on a ship with other prisoners. It was not a good time to sail. Paul told the men that they should not sail because it was not safe. But the men did not listen to Paul. They put him and the other prisoners on the boat. Then they started to sail to Rome.

A very fast and dangerous wind came. Then a storm started. The ship was pushed by the wind and the waves. The men threw ropes around the ship to hold it together.

Days went by but the storm would not stop. The men threw everything they could into the sea.



The storm kept going for 14 days. The men had not eaten for a long time. They were worried and afraid. But Paul told them that an angel of God had told him they should eat. Not one of them would die if they obeyed. They were glad to hear this and ate some food.

The ship got stuck close to land, and all the people swam to shore. Not one of them died. They were on an island called Malta.

The people there built a fire for them because it was cold. Paul was throwing some wood on the fire when a poisonous snake bit Paul's hand!

But Paul just shook the snake off. All the people waited for Paul to swell up or fall down dead. But nothing happened. After that, the people listened to Paul. They knew he was a special man. Paul told them he had a special God!

When they all finally got to Rome, Paul lived in a house as a prisoner. People came to visit him. He told the people who came about Jesus.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **How long did the storm last?**
 - a. 4 days
 - b. 10 days
 - c. 14 days
2. **What happened when Paul threw wood on the fire?**
 - a. A snake bit his hand.
 - b. The fire burned him.
 - c. The people sang songs.
3. **What did Paul tell the people who came to visit him when he was a prisoner?**
 - a. That he was not guilty
 - b. How hungry he was
 - c. About Jesus

THINK ABOUT IT

When the snake came and bit Paul's hand, the people talked about it. They said Paul must be a terrible man. He was being punished for the bad things he had done.

But then Paul shook the snake off and nothing happened. He did not get sick. He did not die. Then the people decided that Paul must be a god.

Paul was not a god. He did not have any special power by himself. He told the people that it was the one true God who protected Paul. It was God's power that kept Paul from dying. God did this to show His power.

People like to talk about other people and make guesses that are often not true. When the snake bit Paul, they said God was judging him. Maybe something bad has happened to you and people are saying God is judging you. If you have sinned, confess your sin to God. But if you are clean and doing God's will, do not worry about what people say. They do not know everything.

A few minutes later, when Paul did not die, the people decided he was a god! They stopped saying bad things about him and started to worship him instead. Maybe God has done some wonderful things in someone's life and now people think that person has special powers. Do not let yourself follow anything people say. Test to see if what they are saying is true. For this situation, the truth is that we should give glory to God, not to men.

People change. They may say bad things one minute and good things the next minute. Do not spend your time worrying about what people say or think. Make sure you are following God's way, and let God take care of the rest.

Memory Verse 1:

**He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is
steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**

Psalms 112:7

Memory Verse 2:

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8



Truth To Remember:

Share the good news of Jesus!



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LESSON 50

From Mark 16; Acts 1:1-8

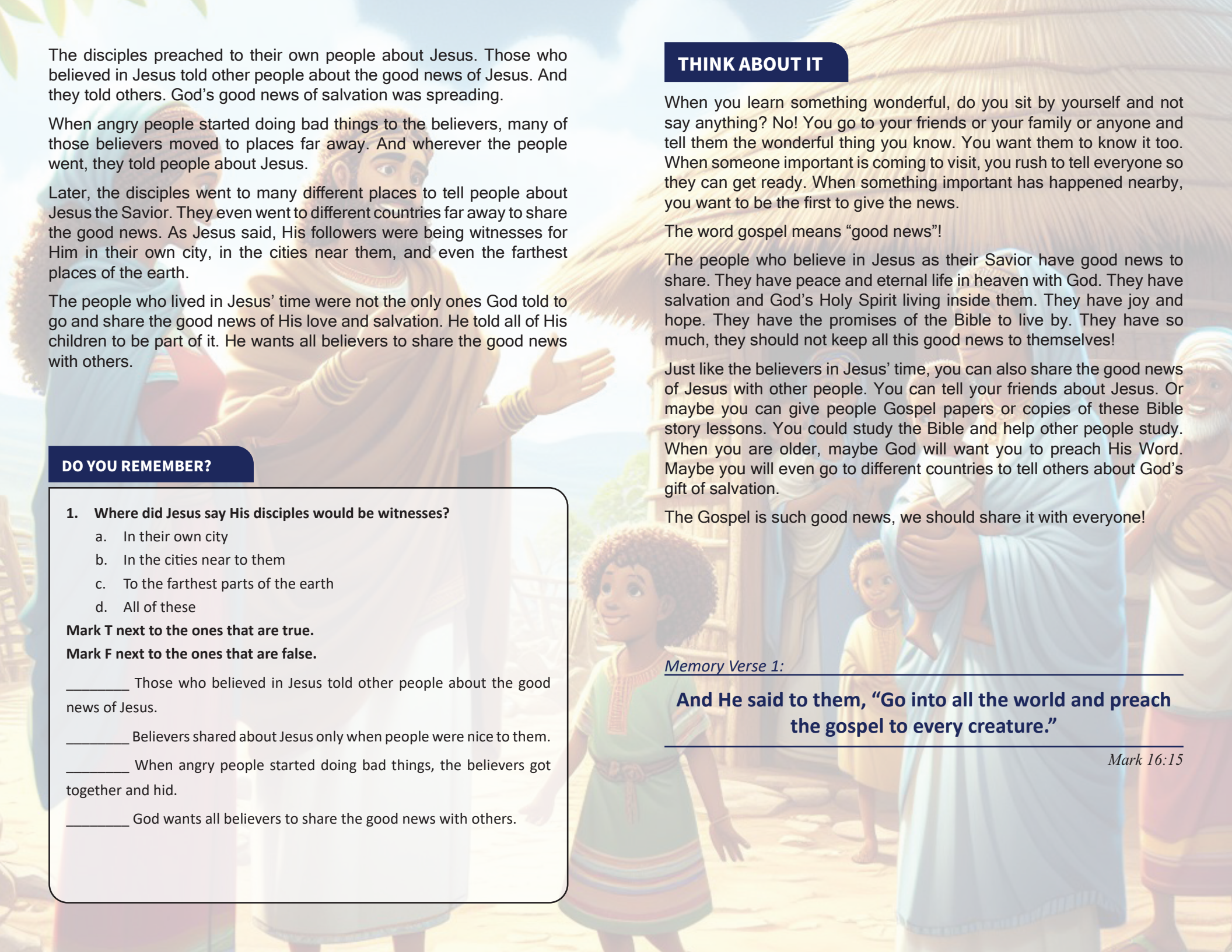
GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THE GOOD NEWS

When Jesus was on earth, He taught the disciples what they needed to know to live the way God wanted. Jesus knew that He would go back to heaven to be with His Father. He trained His followers to be good leaders.

When it was almost time for Jesus to go back to heaven, He spoke to His disciples.

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,” He said. Jesus told them that they would be witnesses for Him here in their own city, in the cities near to them, and even to the farthest places of the earth.





The disciples preached to their own people about Jesus. Those who believed in Jesus told other people about the good news of Jesus. And they told others. God's good news of salvation was spreading.

When angry people started doing bad things to the believers, many of those believers moved to places far away. And wherever the people went, they told people about Jesus.

Later, the disciples went to many different places to tell people about Jesus the Savior. They even went to different countries far away to share the good news. As Jesus said, His followers were being witnesses for Him in their own city, in the cities near them, and even the farthest places of the earth.

The people who lived in Jesus' time were not the only ones God told to go and share the good news of His love and salvation. He told all of His children to be part of it. He wants all believers to share the good news with others.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Where did Jesus say His disciples would be witnesses?

- a. In their own city
- b. In the cities near to them
- c. To the farthest parts of the earth
- d. All of these

Mark T next to the ones that are true.

Mark F next to the ones that are false.

_____ Those who believed in Jesus told other people about the good news of Jesus.

_____ Believers shared about Jesus only when people were nice to them.

_____ When angry people started doing bad things, the believers got together and hid.

_____ God wants all believers to share the good news with others.

THINK ABOUT IT

When you learn something wonderful, do you sit by yourself and not say anything? No! You go to your friends or your family or anyone and tell them the wonderful thing you know. You want them to know it too. When someone important is coming to visit, you rush to tell everyone so they can get ready. When something important has happened nearby, you want to be the first to give the news.

The word gospel means "good news"!

The people who believe in Jesus as their Savior have good news to share. They have peace and eternal life in heaven with God. They have salvation and God's Holy Spirit living inside them. They have joy and hope. They have the promises of the Bible to live by. They have so much, they should not keep all this good news to themselves!

Just like the believers in Jesus' time, you can also share the good news of Jesus with other people. You can tell your friends about Jesus. Or maybe you can give people Gospel papers or copies of these Bible story lessons. You could study the Bible and help other people study. When you are older, maybe God will want you to preach His Word. Maybe you will even go to different countries to tell others about God's gift of salvation.

The Gospel is such good news, we should share it with everyone!

Memory Verse 1:

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15

Memory Verse 2:

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:12



Truth To Remember:

Will you live in heaven with Jesus?



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LESSON 51

From Revelation 1:9-19, 21:1—22:7

GOD TELLS JOHN ABOUT THE FUTURE

Most of Jesus' disciples had died. People had become angry when they preached about Jesus and killed them.

Only one of Jesus' disciples was still alive. He was a very old man. His name was John.

Jesus' enemies had not killed John, but they sent him away to an island called Patmos. John was there all alone.

John was worshiping God one day. He heard a voice tell him to write down the things he saw.

John turned around to see who it was. It was Jesus! Jesus said, "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."

Jesus showed John many things about the future.



He showed John that someday Jesus would come back to earth. He would take all the people who believe in Him to heaven. All the people who did not believe in Jesus would be left on earth for a time. For 7 years, very bad things would happen on earth. Then it would be time for the judgment.

God would bring together all the people who had ever lived. He would look in a special book called the Lamb's Book of Life. Anyone whose name was in that book went to heaven to live forever with Jesus. Their names were in the book because they had believed Jesus died to pay for their sins. Jesus had saved them.

The people who did not believe in Jesus were sent to hell. Hell is a terrible place away from God, in darkness and fire forever. Their names were not in the Book of Life.

Jesus told John what heaven is like. It is a beautiful place where the streets are pure gold. The gates are made of pearls. There is no night there and no darkness.

Then Jesus said a wonderful thing. He said, "I am coming quickly."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Fill in the blanks of what Jesus said to John.

"Do not be _____. I am the _____ and the _____.
I am He who _____ and was _____, and behold, I am
_____ for _____.
I am coming _____."

THINK ABOUT IT

Can you imagine what it would be like if everything on earth was perfect? You would never get sick or fall and hurt yourself. Your father and mother would never get old. Your relatives would never die. Your brothers and sisters would never get angry with you. The children in your class would never say bad things about you.

How wonderful that would be! Everyone would be perfectly happy.

This will not happen in this life on earth. Earth is not a perfect place. But heaven is! Heaven is all these wonderful things and more. Heaven is more wonderful than we can imagine.

God tells us many things about heaven in His Word.

No one will ever get sick in heaven. No one will ever die. There is no sin in heaven. No one will be angry. No one will steal or lie or hate anyone. No one will be sad. The Bible says God will wipe away all the tears.

And best of all, God is there! The people who go to heaven will live forever with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Will you be in heaven with Jesus forever? Have you believed in Jesus and asked Him to be your Savior? If you have, you do not need to ask Him to be your Savior again. Jesus has promised you will live forever with Him. Your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life. God will see your name there and know that you are His child, and you have eternal life in heaven. If you have not believed in Jesus, you can ask Him today. He died for you. He wants to be your Savior.

Memory Verse 1:

**And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;
there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.
There shall be no more pain, for the former things have
passed away.**

Revelation 21:4

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12



Truth To Remember:

Live always by the light of God's Word.



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YEAR TWO

LESSON 52

From John 1:1-9, 3:19-21; Ephesians 5:8-13; Psalm 119

THE BIBLE IS MY LAMP

You have finished all the lessons and learned so many things. You learned about people who believed and obeyed God and were blessed. You also learned about people who did not believe or obey and were punished.

Which do you think is a happier life, to obey and be blessed or to disobey and be punished? To obey, of course!

Satan wants you to think that evil is fun and exciting, and if you do good you will be bored or unhappy. Remember that Satan is a liar. In John 8:44, Jesus said Satan was the father of lying.

You will have many decisions to make in your future. You will decide what kind of people will be your friends. You will decide what movies to watch and books to read. You will decide how you will act toward your parents and teachers.

The decisions you make become your life. It is like a path you make for yourself.

Some paths lead to a life of happiness and blessings. Some paths lead to sin and shame and sadness.



How can you know what path is good and what path is bad? If your life path is made by your choices, how can you know which choices are good and which are bad?

In the book of Psalms, David says God's Word is a lamp for his feet and a light for his path. As we walk the path of life, we need to know where to go. If we do not have light, we will stumble and fall. If we do not have light to guide us, we may go the wrong way.

God's Word is a lamp to guide us on the path of life. When we read God's Word, God shows us which way to go. He shows us things we should stay away from because they are bad for us. He lights up the good path so we can follow His ways.

Each day for the rest of your life, use God's Word as a lamp to light your way. Turn away from each choice that leads to Satan's dark path of sin. Choose God's path of light and life and joy!

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Think about it.

What is something you want to always remember that you learned from these Bible story lessons? Write your thoughts below.

THINK ABOUT IT

If a person is lost in a dark jungle with no light, how will that person be able to find the right way to go? He may feel around with his hands, but without light he may choose the wrong way. He could start walking, but without light he will not see dangerous things, like holes he may fall into, or wild animals, or a cliff edge he might fall off! Not having light is a scary thing. Darkness keeps you from knowing the way to go.

But a person who has light can see which way to go. He does not run into trees or fall into holes or off a cliff because he can see those things and stay away from them on the path. He does not need to be afraid because he knows he is walking on the right path.

Sin is called darkness in the Bible. Sin is dangerous and deadly. Walking in darkness, in Satan's way, will keep you from following the right path.

But 1 John 1:5 says that God is light, and John 1:9 says Jesus is the Light of the world. When we follow God's Holy Word, we are living in God's light. We know the way to go. We follow the good path. We do not need to be afraid of darkness, because we have the Light. Read God's Word each day all your life and follow the path God shows you. You will always be on the right path when you live by the light of God's Word.

Memory Verse 1:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105