

BEING RESPONSIBLE

This month we will be learning about being responsible. When we are responsible, it means that we make good decisions that obey God and his Word. When we use our time and resources wisely, confess our mistakes, and make good decisions, we are honoring God and living in a way that pleases him.



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It isn't always easy to be responsible and obey God, but when we remember him and his Word, he gives us the strength and courage we need to do the right thing. Read Deuteronomy 8:1-20. Reflect on 8:1 by reading the notepad feature, and 8:10 by doing the drawing activity.

Start Reading Here

¹⁷You might say to yourselves, "These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?" ¹⁸But don't be afraid of them. Be sure to remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and all the Egyptians. ¹⁹With your own eyes you saw what the LORD did to them. You saw the signs and amazing things he did. He reached out his mighty hand and powerful arm. The LORD your God used all those things to bring you out. You are now afraid of the nations that are in the land the LORD promised you. But the LORD your God will do to them the same things he did to Egypt. ²⁰The LORD your God will also send hornets among those nations. Some of the people left alive will hide from you. But even they will die. ²¹So don't be terrified by them. The LORD your God is with you. He is a great and wonderful God. ²²The LORD your God will drive out those nations to make room for you. But he will do it little by little. You won't be allowed to get rid of them all at once. If you did, wild animals would multiply all around you. ²³But the LORD your God will hand those nations over to you. He will throw them into a panic until they are destroyed. ²⁴He will hand their kings over to you. You will wipe out their names from the earth. No one will be able to stand up against you. You will destroy them. ²⁵Burn the statues of their gods in the fire. Don't wish for the silver and gold on those statues. Don't take it for yourselves. If you do, it will be a trap for you. The LORD your God hates it. ²⁶Don't bring anything he hates into your house. If you do, you will be completely destroyed along with it. So hate it with all your heart. It is set apart to be destroyed.

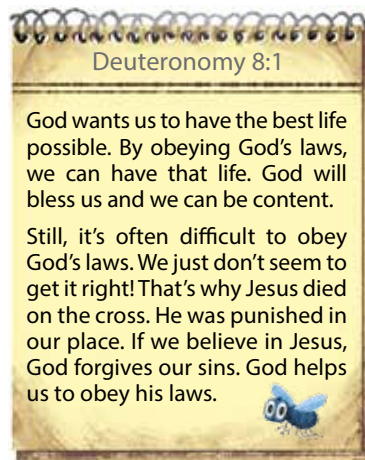
Remember What the LORD Has Done

8 Make sure you obey every command I'm giving you today. Then you will live, and there will be many of you. You will enter the land and take it as your own. It's the land the LORD promised to your people of long ago. ²Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way. He guided you in the desert for these 40 years. He wanted to take your pride away. He wanted to test you to know what was in your hearts. He wanted to see whether you would obey his commands. ³He took your pride away. He let you go hungry. Then he gave you manna to eat. You and your parents had never even known anything about manna before. He tested you to teach you that man doesn't live only on bread. He also lives on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

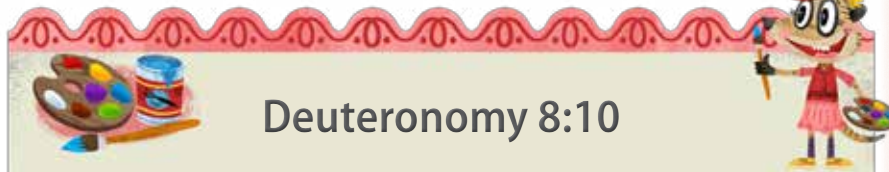
⁴Your clothes didn't wear out during these 40 years. Your feet didn't swell. ⁵Here is what I want you to know in your hearts. The LORD your God guides you, just as parents guide their children.

⁶Obey the commands of the LORD your God. Live as he wants you to live. Have respect for him. ⁷The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land. It has brooks, streams and deep springs of water. Those springs flow in its valleys and hills. ⁸It has wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey. ⁹There is plenty of food in that land. You will have everything you need. Its rocks have iron in them. And you can dig copper out of its hills.

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God. Praise him for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Make sure you don't forget the LORD your God. Don't fail to obey his commands, laws and rules. I'm giving them to you today. ¹²But suppose you don't obey his commands. And suppose you have plenty to eat. You build fine houses and live in them. ¹³The number of your herds and flocks increases. You also get more and more silver and gold. And everything you have multiplies. ¹⁴Then your hearts will become proud. And you will forget the LORD your God. The LORD brought you out of Egypt. That's the land where you were slaves. ¹⁵He led you through that huge and terrible desert. It was a dry land. It didn't have any water. It had poisonous snakes and scorpions. The LORD gave you water out of solid rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the desert. Your people had never even known anything about manna before. The LORD took your



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Deuteronomy 8:10

Each time there's food on your plate, you should thank the Lord. He gives us many good gifts.

Arty has an idea. Draw a plate, a mug, a knife and a fork. Think of everything the Lord has done for you today. Don't think only about food. Think about your family, your house, your friends and your school too. Write everything or draw it on the plate.

Thank the Lord for his goodness and mercy.

pride away. He tested you. He did it so that things would go well with you in the end. ¹⁷You might say to yourself, "My power and my strong hands have made me rich." ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God. He gives you the ability to produce wealth. That shows he stands by the terms of the covenant he made with you. He promised it to your people of long ago. And he's still faithful to his covenant today.

¹⁹Don't forget the LORD your God. Don't serve other gods. Don't worship them and bow down to them. I am a witness against you today that if you do, you will certainly be destroyed. ²⁰You will be destroyed just like the nations the LORD your God is destroying to make room for you. That's what will happen if you don't obey him.

End
Reading
Here

Why the LORD Gave Canaan to Israel

⁹ Israel, listen to me. You are now about to go across the Jordan River. You will take over the land of the nations that live there. Those nations are greater and stronger than you are. Their large cities have walls that reach up to the sky. ²The people who live there are Anakites. They are strong and tall. You know all about them. You have heard people say, "Who can stand up against the Anakites?" ³But today you can be sure the LORD your God will go over there ahead of you. He is like a fire that will burn them up. He'll destroy them. He'll bring them under your control. You will drive them out. You will put an end to them quickly, just as the LORD has promised you.

⁴The LORD your God will drive them out to make room for you. When he does, don't say to yourself, "The LORD has done it because I am godly. That's why he brought me here to take over this land." That isn't true. The LORD is going to drive out those nations to make room for you because they are very evil. ⁵You are not going in to take over their land because you have done what is right or honest. It's because those nations are so evil. That's why the LORD your God will drive them out to make room for you. He will do what he said he would do. He made a promise to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. ⁶The LORD your God is giving you this good land to take as your own. But you must understand that it isn't because you are a godly nation. In fact, you are stubborn.

Israel Worshiped the Golden Calf

⁷Here is something you must remember. Never forget it. You made the LORD your God angry in the desert. You refused to obey him from the day you left Egypt until you arrived here. ⁸At Mount Horeb you made the LORD angry enough to destroy you. ⁹I went up the mountain. I went there to receive the tablets of the covenant law. They were made out of stone. It was the covenant the LORD had made with you. I stayed on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights. I didn't eat any food or drink any water. ¹⁰The LORD gave me two stone tablets. The words on them were written by the finger of God. All the commandments the LORD gave you were written on the tablets. He announced them to you out of the fire on the mountain. He wrote them on the day you gathered together there.

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The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom that teaches us about making good choices. Read Proverbs, Part 1 and discuss the discussion questions at the end.



DAY 16
PROVERBS, PART 1

introduction to Proverbs, parts 1-4

Proverbs are wise sayings. You might have heard, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.” This recent proverb doesn’t mean if you eat an apple every day you won’t ever need to see a doctor. It means, “If you choose healthy foods, you will probably be healthy.” But it’s more fun to say the rhyme about the apple.

In the same way, the proverbs in the Bible are not statements of fact. They are sayings that are easy to remember. They are usually true. Think about these wise sayings when you make choices. They will often help you make better choices. But they do not promise you exactly what will happen.



These are the proverbs of Solomon. He was the son of David and the king of Israel.

Proverbs teach you wisdom and instruct you.

They help you understand wise sayings.

They provide you with instruction and help you live wisely.

They lead to what is right and honest and fair.

They give understanding to childish people.

They give knowledge and good sense to those who are young.

Let wise people listen and add to what they have learned.

Let those who understand what is right get guidance.

What I’m teaching also helps you understand proverbs and stories.

It helps you understand the sayings and riddles of those who are wise.

If you really want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the LORD.

But foolish people hate wisdom and instruction.



Out in the open wisdom calls out.
She raises her voice in a public place.

“The wrong path that childish people take will kill them.

Foolish people will be destroyed by being satisfied with the way they live.

But those who listen to me will live in safety.

They will be at ease and have no fear of being harmed.”

My son, accept my words.

Store up my commands inside you.

Let your ears listen to wisdom.

Apply your heart to understanding.

Call out for the ability to be wise.

Cry out for understanding.

Look for it as you would look for silver.

Search for it as you would search for hidden treasure.

Then you will understand how to have respect for the LORD.

You will find out how to know God.

The LORD gives wisdom.

Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth.

He stores up success for honest people.

He is like a shield to those who live without blame.

He guards the path of those who are honest.

He watches over the way of his faithful ones.

You will understand what is right and honest and fair.

You will understand the right way to live.

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Your heart will become wise.
Your mind will delight in knowledge.
Good sense will keep you safe.
Understanding will guard you.

Wisdom will save you from the ways of evil men.
It will save you from men who twist their words.
Men like that have left the straight paths
to walk in dark ways.
They take delight in doing what is wrong.
They take joy in twisting everything around.
Their paths are crooked.
Their ways are not straight.

My son, do not forget my teaching.
Keep my commands in your heart.
They will help you live for many years.
They will bring you peace and success.

Don't let love and truth ever leave you.
Tie them around your neck.
Write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will find favor and a good name
in the eyes of God and people.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart.
Do not depend on your own understanding.
In all your ways obey him.
Then he will make your paths smooth and straight.

Don't be wise in your own eyes.
Have respect for the LORD and avoid evil.
That will bring health to your body.
It will make your bones strong.

Honor the LORD with your wealth.
Give him the first share of all your crops.
Then your storerooms will be so full they can't hold
everything.
Your huge jars will spill over with fresh wine.

My son, do not hate the LORD's training.
Do not object when he corrects you.
The LORD trains those he loves.
He is like a father who trains the son he is pleased with.

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom.
Blessed is the one who gains understanding.
Wisdom pays better than silver does.
She earns more than gold does.
She is worth more than rubies.
Nothing you want can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand.
In her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are pleasant ways.
All her paths lead to peace.
She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her.
Those who hold her close will be blessed.

By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations.
Through understanding he set the heavens in place.
By his knowledge the seas were separated,
and the clouds dropped their dew.

My sons, listen to a father's teaching.
Pay attention and gain understanding.
I give you good advice.
So don't turn away from what I teach you.
I, too, was once a young boy in my father's house.
And my mother loved me deeply.
Then my father taught me.
He said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart.
Keep my commands, and you will live.
Get wisdom, and get understanding.
Don't forget my words or turn away from them.
Stay close to wisdom, and she will keep you safe.
Love her, and she will watch over you.
To start being wise you must first get wisdom.
No matter what it costs, get understanding.

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Value wisdom highly, and she will lift you up.
Hold her close, and she will honor you.
She will set a beautiful crown on your head.
She will give you a glorious crown.”

You people who don't want to work, think about the ant!
Consider its ways and be wise!
It has no commander.
It has no leader or ruler.
But it stores up its food in summer.
It gathers its food at harvest time.

You lazy people, how long will you lie there?
When will you get up from your sleep?
You might sleep a little or take a little nap.
You might even fold your hands and rest.
Then you would be poor, as if someone had robbed you.
You would have little, as if someone had stolen from you.

An evil troublemaker
goes around saying twisted things with his mouth.
He winks with his eyes.
He makes signals with his feet.
He motions with his fingers.
His plans are evil, and he has lies in his heart.
He is always stirring up fights.
Trouble will catch up with him in an instant.
He will suddenly be destroyed, and nothing can save him.

There are six things the LORD hates.
In fact, he hates seven things.
The LORD hates proud eyes,
a lying tongue,
and hands that kill those who aren't guilty.
He also hates hearts that make evil plans
and feet that are quick to do evil.
He hates any witness who pours out lies
and anyone who stirs up conflict in the community.

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If you want to become wise, you must begin by respecting
the LORD.

To know the Holy One is to gain understanding.
Through wisdom, you will live a long time.

Years will be added to your life.

If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you.

If you make fun of others, you alone will suffer.

remember what you read

1. What is something you noticed for the first time?


2. What questions did you have?

3. Was there anything that bothered you?

4. What did you learn about loving God?

5. What did you learn about loving others?

This devotional reminds us that we should guard our hearts against things that might tempt us to disobey God.



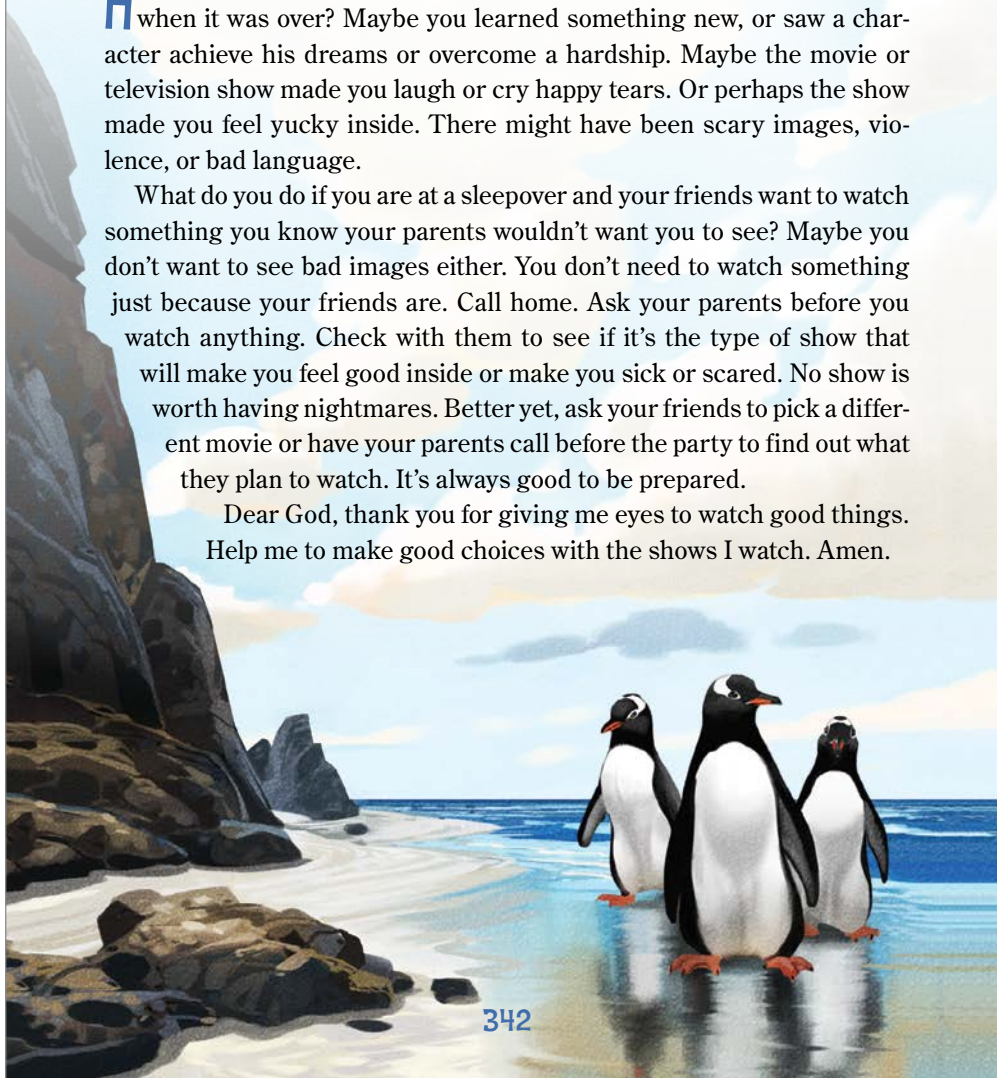
TV and Movies

I won't look at anything that is evil and call it good.
—PSALM 101:3A

Have you ever seen a movie or television show that made you feel good when it was over? Maybe you learned something new, or saw a character achieve his dreams or overcome a hardship. Maybe the movie or television show made you laugh or cry happy tears. Or perhaps the show made you feel yucky inside. There might have been scary images, violence, or bad language.

What do you do if you are at a sleepover and your friends want to watch something you know your parents wouldn't want you to see? Maybe you don't want to see bad images either. You don't need to watch something just because your friends are. Call home. Ask your parents before you watch anything. Check with them to see if it's the type of show that will make you feel good inside or make you sick or scared. No show is worth having nightmares. Better yet, ask your friends to pick a different movie or have your parents call before the party to find out what they plan to watch. It's always good to be prepared.

Dear God, thank you for giving me eyes to watch good things. Help me to make good choices with the shows I watch. Amen.



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This devotional helps us understand what it means to be a person of good character, especially when it is difficult for us to do the right thing.

May 30

You Are What You Do

I thought you were my friend.” Owen fidgeted in the seat waiting to talk to the principal.

Words to Treasure

You can tell each tree by its fruit.

Matthew 7:16

“I am.” Jack drummed his fingers on his leg.

“Then why did you hide your fireworks in my locker? Now, *I’m* in trouble.” Owen couldn’t believe this was happening. His parents were coming, and he was innocent in all of this.

Jack stretched. “Now, *I’m* in trouble because you told them the fireworks were mine.”

Owen was speechless for a moment. “They *are* yours! I should never have given you my locker combination. You used me and my locker.”

“Well,” Jack yawned, “you told on me. What kind of friend does that make you?”

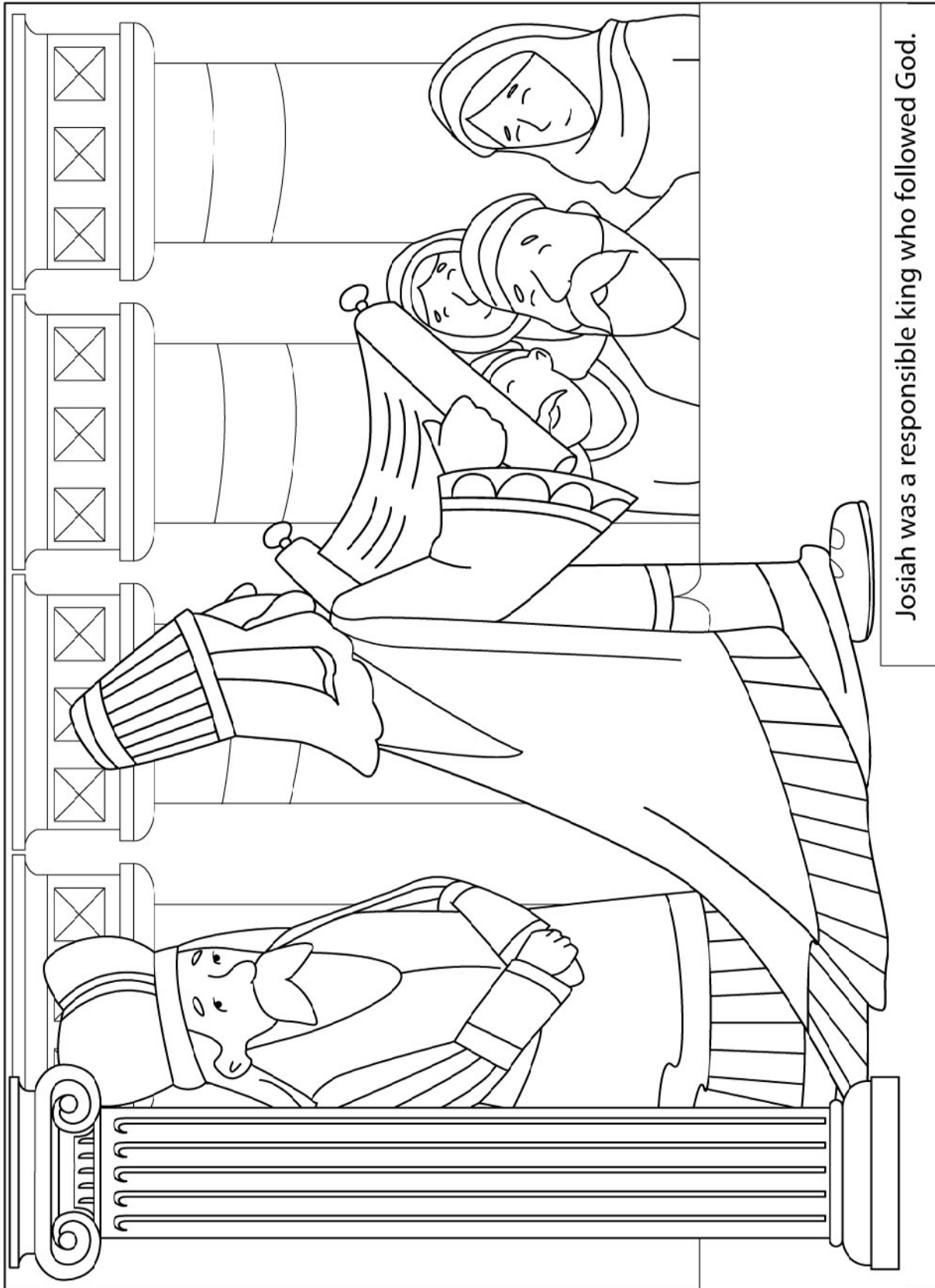
“I don’t think we’re friends anymore.” Owen moved over to a chair on the other side of the office.

Jesus warned us that you can tell the character of a person, not by what they say but by what they do. Actions speak louder than words. Is Jack a good friend? Not really. His actions tell a whole different story. When making friends, look for the people who do right things, because they are what they say they are.

Jesus asked an important question: Do you get figs from vines or grapes from thorn bushes? Nope. You can tell what kind of tree it is by the fruit it grows. A good person does right things and a bad person does bad things—what they do is their fruit. (See Matthew 7:16–19.)



King Josiah lived responsibly because he obeyed God's laws.



Josiah was a responsible king who followed God.

Israel had several kings, and while a few of them were responsible and obedient to God, many of them were not. This activity includes a devotion, word search, and other activities to reflect on the lesson.

1 & 2 KINGS

Week 10, Day 1

Read About It

God turns away from his people when their leaders turn away from him.



Have you ever lost a friend? Maybe you had an argument with them. Or maybe they just decided they didn't want to be your friend anymore. It probably was very hard for you! The same thing happened in 1 & 2 Kings. God's people decided they didn't want to be God's friends anymore!

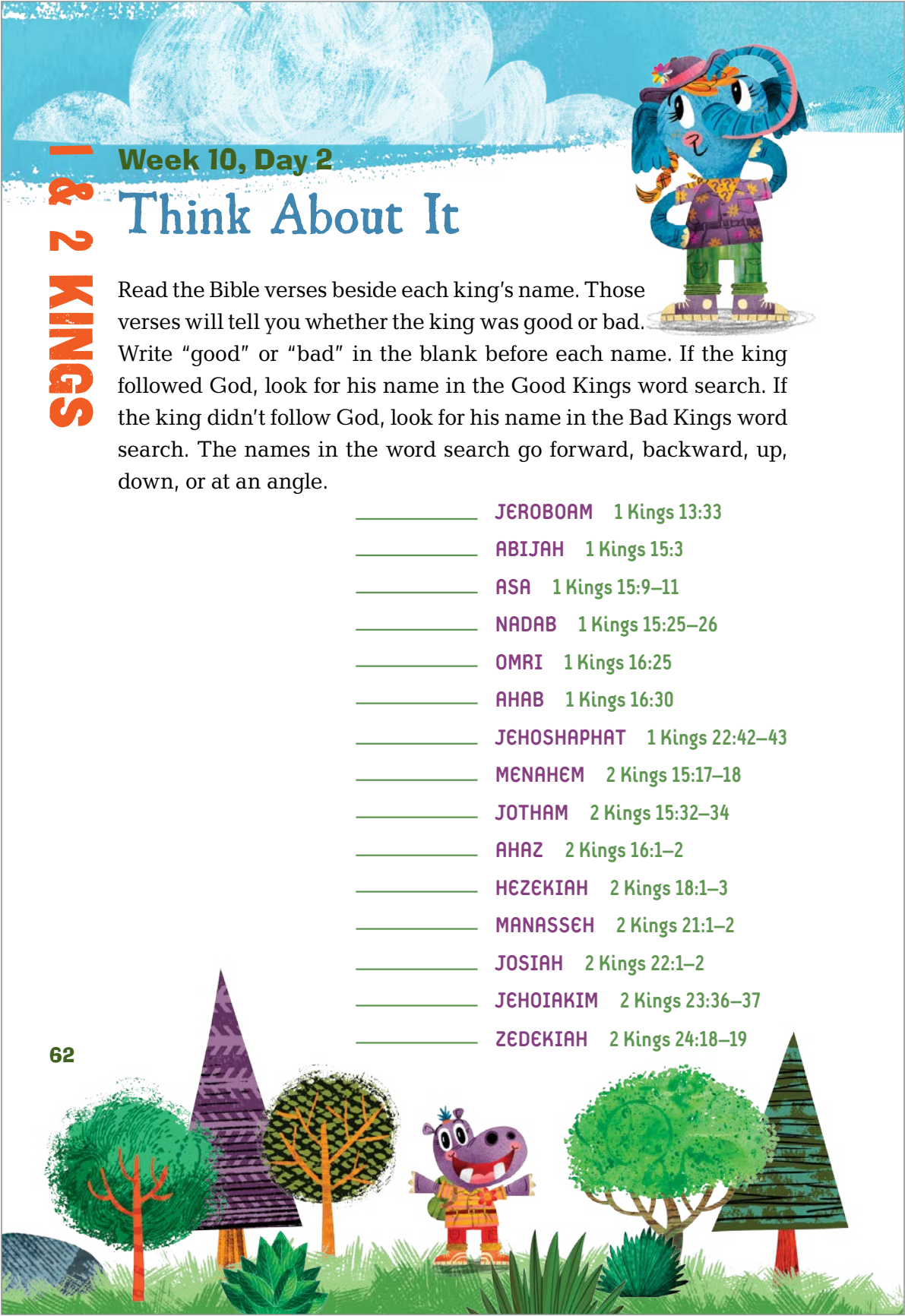
It all started when King David chose his son Solomon to be king after him. At first Solomon was a wise and good king. But soon Solomon chose to worship false gods. So, after Solomon's death, God divided his kingdom into two nations. The northern kingdom was called Israel. The southern kingdom was called Judah. Both Israel and Judah chose to follow a path that would be bad for them. They chose to be unfaithful to God. Some prophets tried to get them to be God's friends again. But God's people turned away from him and from the life he wanted for them. God had no choice but to punish them for their sin. He allowed the Assyrians and the Babylonians to take his people away from their land. Israel and Judah were taken away from God's presence. It's a very sad story!

Why do you think God's people didn't want to be his friends anymore? Why didn't they listen to the warnings of God's prophets? Why did they think this would be okay? Didn't they know this would be bad for them?

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1 & 2 KINGS

Week 10, Day 2

Think About It

Read the Bible verses beside each king's name. Those verses will tell you whether the king was good or bad.

Write "good" or "bad" in the blank before each name. If the king followed God, look for his name in the Good Kings word search. If the king didn't follow God, look for his name in the Bad Kings word search. The names in the word search go forward, backward, up, down, or at an angle.

- _____ JEROBOAM 1 Kings 13:33
- _____ ABIJAH 1 Kings 15:3
- _____ ASA 1 Kings 15:9–11
- _____ NADAB 1 Kings 15:25–26
- _____ OMRI 1 Kings 16:25
- _____ AHAB 1 Kings 16:30
- _____ JEHOSHAPHAT 1 Kings 22:42–43
- _____ MENAHEM 2 Kings 15:17–18
- _____ JOTHAM 2 Kings 15:32–34
- _____ AHAZ 2 Kings 16:1–2
- _____ HEZEKIAH 2 Kings 18:1–3
- _____ MANASSEH 2 Kings 21:1–2
- _____ JOSIAH 2 Kings 22:1–2
- _____ JEHOIAKIM 2 Kings 23:36–37
- _____ ZEDEKIAH 2 Kings 24:18–19

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GOOD KINGS

H	A	I	K	E	Z	E	H	M	V	L	C	H	K	N
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BAD KINGS

J	E	H	O	I	A	K	I	M	E	N	A	H	E	M
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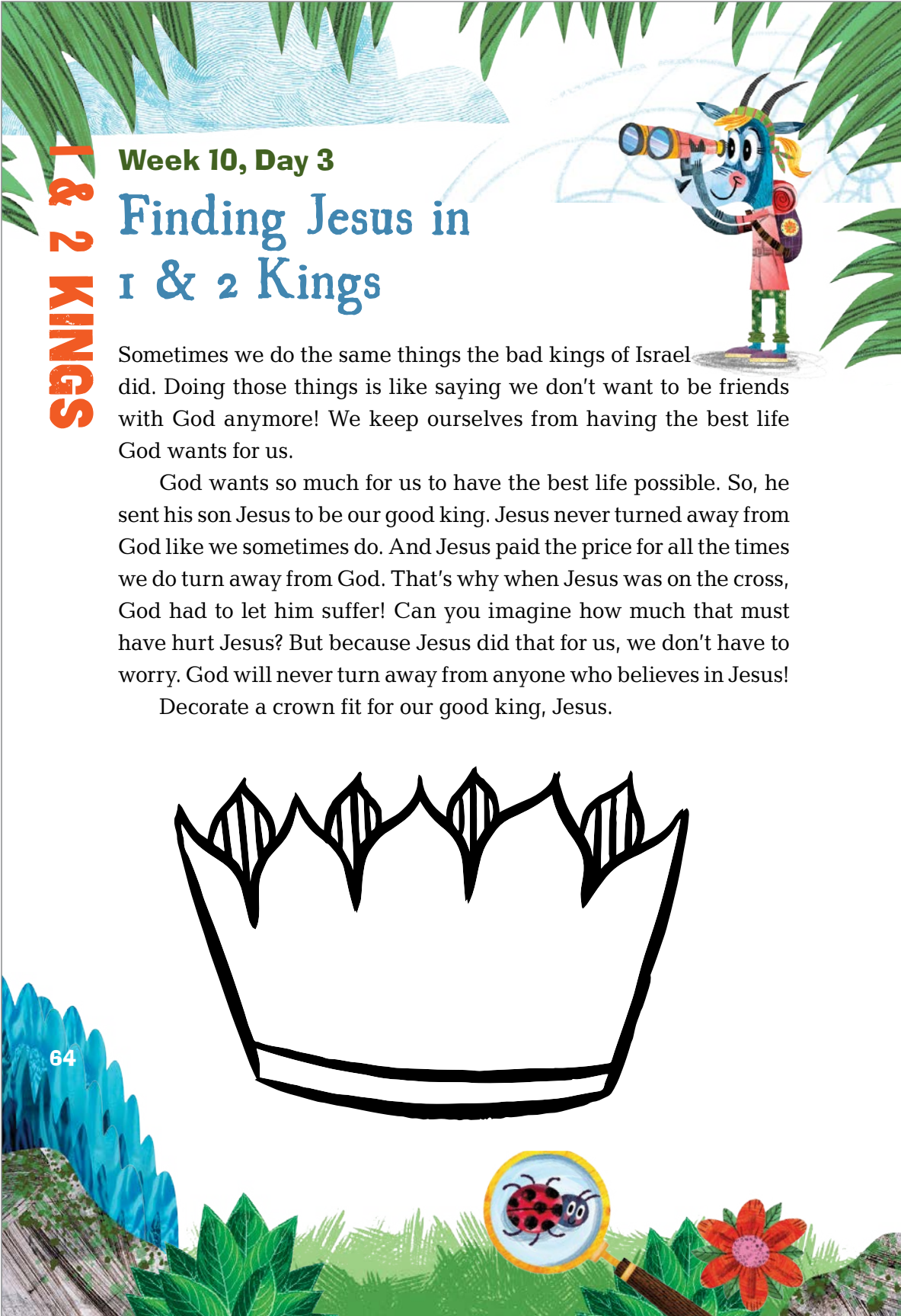


ANSWER KEY

1 & 2 Kings, Day 2

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1 & 2 KINGS

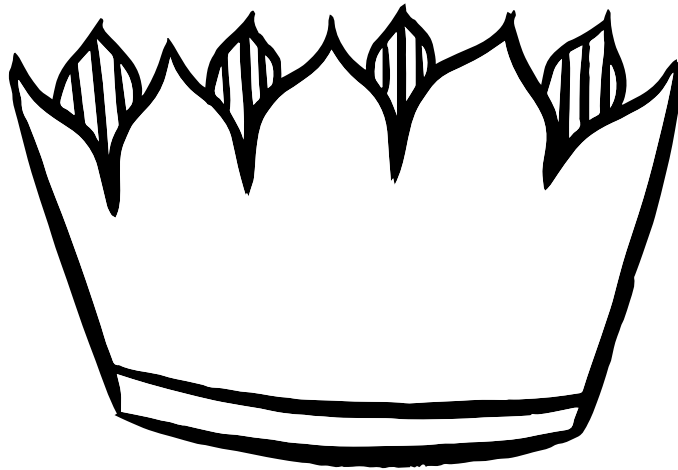
Week 10, Day 3

Finding Jesus in 1 & 2 Kings

Sometimes we do the same things the bad kings of Israel did. Doing those things is like saying we don't want to be friends with God anymore! We keep ourselves from having the best life God wants for us.

God wants so much for us to have the best life possible. So, he sent his son Jesus to be our good king. Jesus never turned away from God like we sometimes do. And Jesus paid the price for all the times we do turn away from God. That's why when Jesus was on the cross, God had to let him suffer! Can you imagine how much that must have hurt Jesus? But because Jesus did that for us, we don't have to worry. God will never turn away from anyone who believes in Jesus!

Decorate a crown fit for our good king, Jesus.



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Week 10, Day 4

Write About It

1 & 2 KINGS

Suppose you don't listen to your parents or teachers and you do whatever you want. Then you get into trouble. That's a lot like what happened to Israel and Judah when they turned away from God. Write here how you feel when you don't listen and get into trouble.

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Sometimes you don't listen to God and do what you want to do. That's sneaky sin's way of turning you away from God. When you ask God to forgive you, he will do it. God loves you that much! He sent Jesus to take away all your sins. When you believe in Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Write how knowing that makes you feel. Choose a color from Hearty's color chart and tell about it.

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1 & 2 KINGS

Week 10, Day 5

Pray About It

*Thank you, dear God, for loving me so much. Thank you for sending your son Jesus. He paid the price for my turning away from you. Help me not to turn away from you anymore. Help me to make choices that will keep me close to you. Help me to love you and do what you want me to do. I ask this because I believe in Jesus.
Amen.*

Cut out or make your own copy of this sign. Hang your sign.



1. Stop
2. Think of God.
3. Make a good choice.



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Week 10, Day 6

Do Something About It

1 & 2 KINGS

When we believe in Jesus, we don't want to turn away from God. Let's try something that will help you remember this. Find two flat magnets. Try putting them together.

When you put one side of the magnets together, the magnets stick tightly. That's like the times you choose to follow God's commands. You're choosing to stick tightly to him! Now turn the magnets around. When you try to put the magnets together now, they don't stick. In fact, they might even push away from each other! That's like the times you choose to follow your own way instead of doing what God has said!

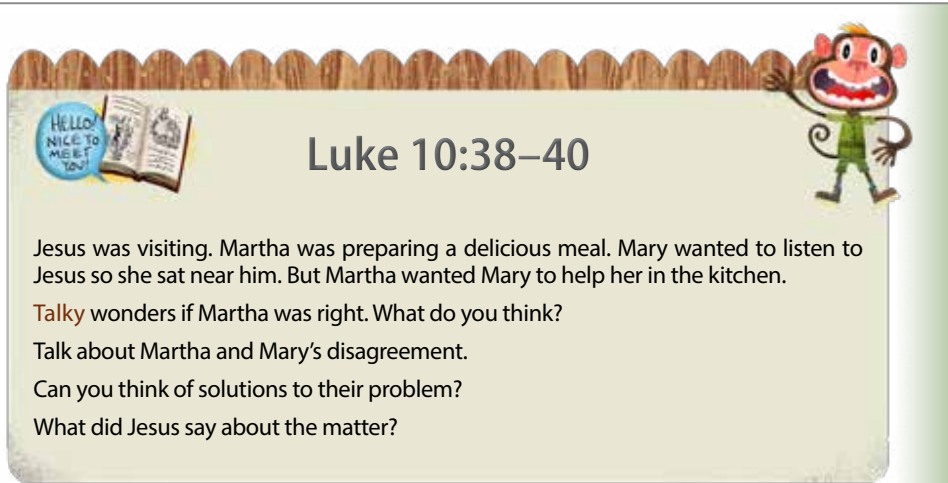
Make a list of eight things you can do that will keep you sticking tightly to God. Start your list below, then copy it on a card or piece of paper. Use a magnet to put the card or paper on your refrigerator.

Things I can do to keep me sticking tightly to God:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____



This story teaches us about where our focus should be.
Read Luke 10:38-42 and talk about the questions in the feature below.



Luke 10:38–40

Jesus was visiting. Martha was preparing a delicious meal. Mary wanted to listen to Jesus so she sat near him. But Martha wanted Mary to help her in the kitchen.

Talky wonders if Martha was right. What do you think?

Talk about Martha and Mary’s disagreement.

Can you think of solutions to their problem?

What did Jesus say about the matter?

almost dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down that same road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²A Levite also came by. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side too. ³³But a Samaritan came to the place where the man was. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him. ³⁴He went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey. He brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins. He gave them to the owner of the inn. ‘Take care of him,’ he said. ‘When I return, I will pay you back for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?”

³⁷The authority on the law replied, “The one who felt sorry for him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do as he did.”

Jesus at the Home of Martha and Mary

³⁸Jesus and his disciples went on their way. Jesus came to a village where a woman named Martha lived. She welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary. Mary sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was busy with all the things that had to be done. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, my sister has left me to do the work by myself. Don’t you care? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered. “You are worried and upset about many things. ⁴²But few things are needed. Really, only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better. And it will not be taken away from her.”

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples spoke to him. “Lord,” he said, “teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

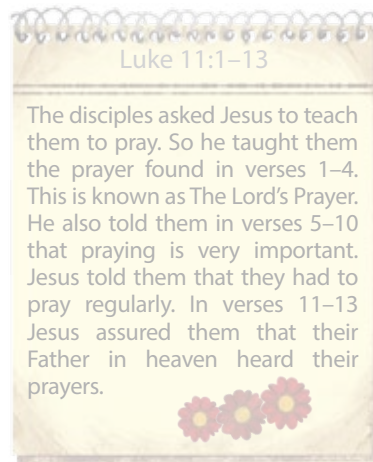
²Jesus said to them, “When you pray, this is what you should say.

“Father,
may your name be honored.
May your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,
as we also forgive everyone who sins
against us.

Keep us from falling into sin when we are
tempted.”



Luke 11:1–13

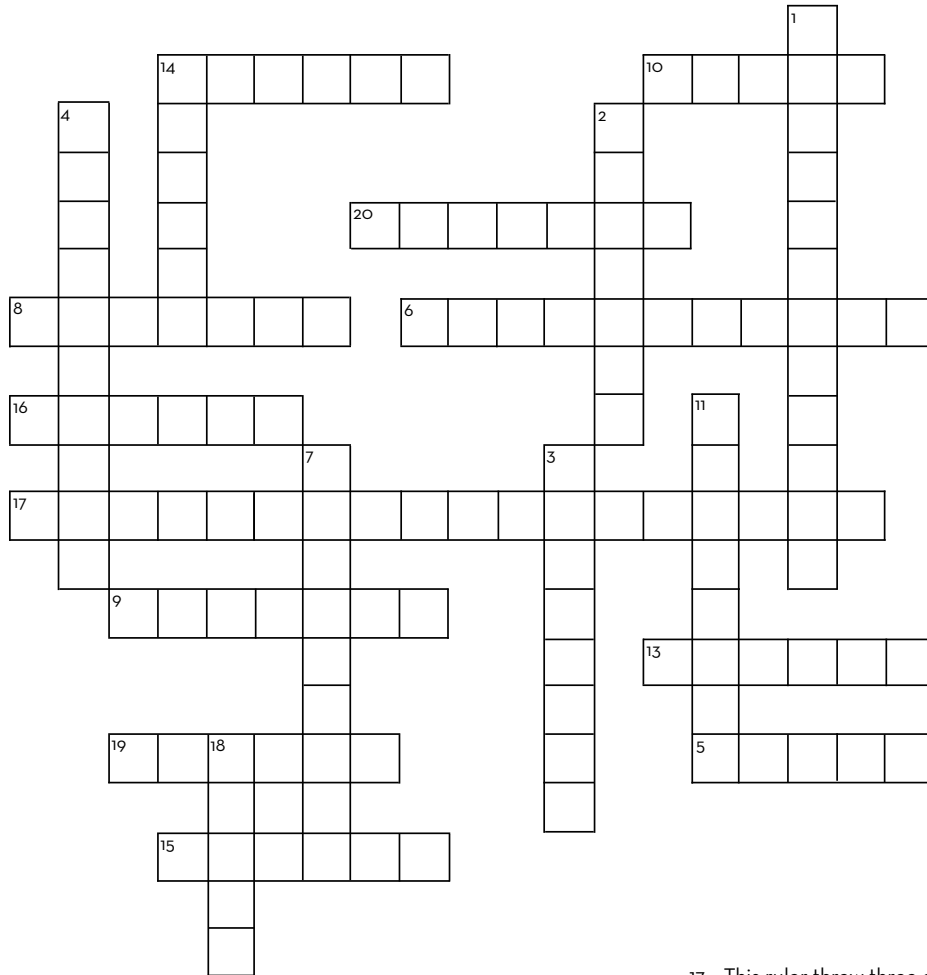
The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. So he taught them the prayer found in verses 1–4. This is known as The Lord’s Prayer. He also told them in verses 5–10 that praying is very important. Jesus told them that they had to pray regularly. In verses 11–13 Jesus assured them that their Father in heaven heard their prayers.

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This crossword is a fun way to learn about Israel's kings and their actions.



THE GOOD, THE NOT-SO-GOOD, AND THE DOWN RIGHT BAD: KINGS, LEADERS, AND RULERS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Can you figure out the crossword puzzle?

ACROSS

- 5. He tricked the king into signing a document that stated all Jews should be put to death. Thankfully the Queen caught on to his evil plan (Esther 3).
- 6. The king of Assyria, he was defeated when God sent an angel to wipe out his entire army (Isaiah 37).
- 8. This man led a rebellion against his father, but he was killed in the battle (2 Samuel 14).
- 9. He solved a tricky dispute when two women both claimed to be the mother of a baby (1 Kings 2).
- 10. God gave this guy the strength and courage to fight a giant when he was a boy. Then, when he grew up to be a strong king, God was still there with him (1 Samuel 16).
- 13. Even though God kept shrinking his army, this man never doubted the Lord. He won the battle (Judges 6).
- 14. This man rebuilt the Upper Gate of the temple of the Lord (2 Chronicles 27).
- 15. This ruler foiled the plans of an evil man who wanted to kill all Jewish people (Esther 1).
- 16. He threw one of his advisor's into a den of lions (Daniel 6).

- 17. This ruler threw three of his advisors into a fiery furnace (Daniel 3).
- 19. This ruler appointed his sons as judges for Israel (1 Samuel 7).
- 20. Often called the "father of all nations," this man had more descendants than stars in the heavens (Genesis 12).

DOWN

- 1. Rebelled against Solomon and became the King of ten of Israel's tribes; however, he was punished when he refused to listen to God's orders (1 Kings 11).
- 2. When he refused to listen to Moses' warnings, God sent ten plagues to destroy his land and his people (Exodus 7-8).
- 3. One of David's sons, he was replaced by his younger brother when he failed to follow God (1 Kings 1).
- 4. A powerful king, he recovered Israel from its enemies, but he chose to follow the wicked ways of his ancestors (2 Kings 14).
- 7. This man killed his own brothers to become king (Judges 9).
- 11. One of the first things he did as ruler was to break the bronze snake idol Moses made (2 Kings 18).
- 14. This man took up the task of leading the Israelites after Moses died (Joshua 1).
- 18. This man led a complaining group of people out of Pharaoh's rule and into the desert (Exodus 14).

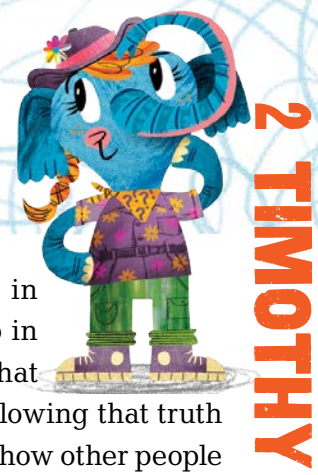
The Bible is our guide and teaches us how to stay on the right path.
Can you stay on the right path to finish this maze?

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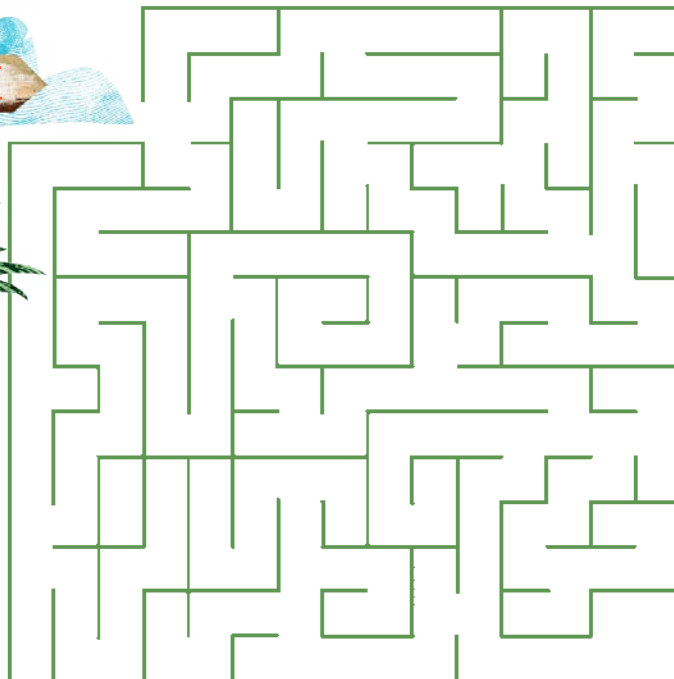
Think About It

The apostle Paul wanted to help the church in Ephesus. He wanted to make sure they didn't go in the wrong direction. He wanted to make sure that they followed the truth they had been taught. Following that truth would keep them on the right path. And it would show other people the right path too! But there are all sorts of things that can get us off the right path. The Bible helps us know the right thing to do. It helps us go in the right direction.

Can you find the right direction in the maze below? There are all sorts of wrong directions you can take. Only one path can take you safely to the end!



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