

The Beautiful Way



Primary Sunday School

July 7, 2019

V69, Q3, WI

Don't Give Up!

We are going to learn about the book of James over the next few weeks! James is a book in the New Testament, which means it was written after Jesus lived on earth. It gives us a lot of teaching about how to live our lives for Jesus every day.

In the first chapter of James, it says, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." James 1:12 (NIV) The word "persevere" means that you don't give up!

Sometimes, it's hard to obey your parents, be kind to your siblings, or work hard at school. We can be tempted to do whatever we want to do, yell if we get angry, or daydream in class instead of paying attention to the teacher. Does God want us to give up on trying to be good? No! He wants us to persevere--He wants us not to give up, even if it's hard.

There was a runner named Derek Redmond who raced in the Olympics many years ago. During the race, he pulled a muscle in his leg and fell over in pain. There was no way he could win the race now! But instead of lying on the track and giving up, he stood up and limped all the way to the finish line. He didn't give up!

God wants us to keep going. Don't give up even if it's hard to be good or to keep working!

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 2 Chron. 15:7 (KJV)
But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. 2 Chron. 15:7 (NIV)

Anderson Teaches Responsibility

Jack wipes his brow. He smears grease on his forehead, but he doesn't care. He is hot, the ground is hot, the tractor is hot, and the blue sky shimmers because it is hot, too. He'd sure like a tall glass of his mom's homemade lemonade!

Anderson and Jack are in a back pasture, servicing the old tractor after it broke down while brush hogging.

"Jack, let the engine cool before checking the radiator. Let's look the tractor over while we wait."

"Son, check clamps, nuts, bolts and screws. Tighten them if they're loose. Look at the hoses and belts. Always check your fluids, even when the tractor is working."

"But if the tractor turns on and runs, why do I need to take all that time with checks?" Jack asks.

"Well, son, it's like our spiritual life. We should perform spiritual checks just like we check this tractor. Are we still full of joy? Do we treat people as our equals even if they look or act differently? Do we believe that Jesus died for our sins because we can not be good enough to get to Heaven?"

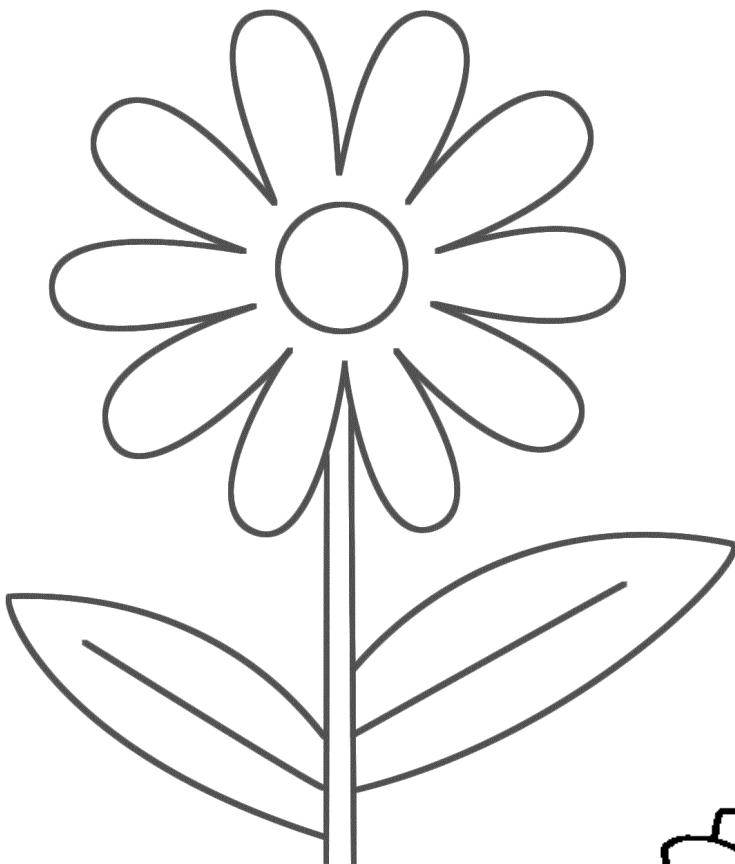
"If we never have spiritual check-ins, we might wake up one day and realize we are as proud as a Pharisee, or that we don't have enough love for other people. It can take a long time to deal with a big problem in our heart, just as it can take a long time to deal with a big problem on the tractor. I'd rather persevere now and do what I know I need to do, even when it's so hot that all I can think about is a tall glass of lemonade!"

"Hey, me too!" Jack grins.

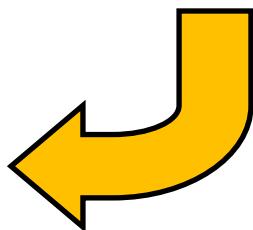
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DON'T GIVE UP !

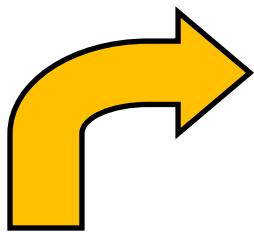
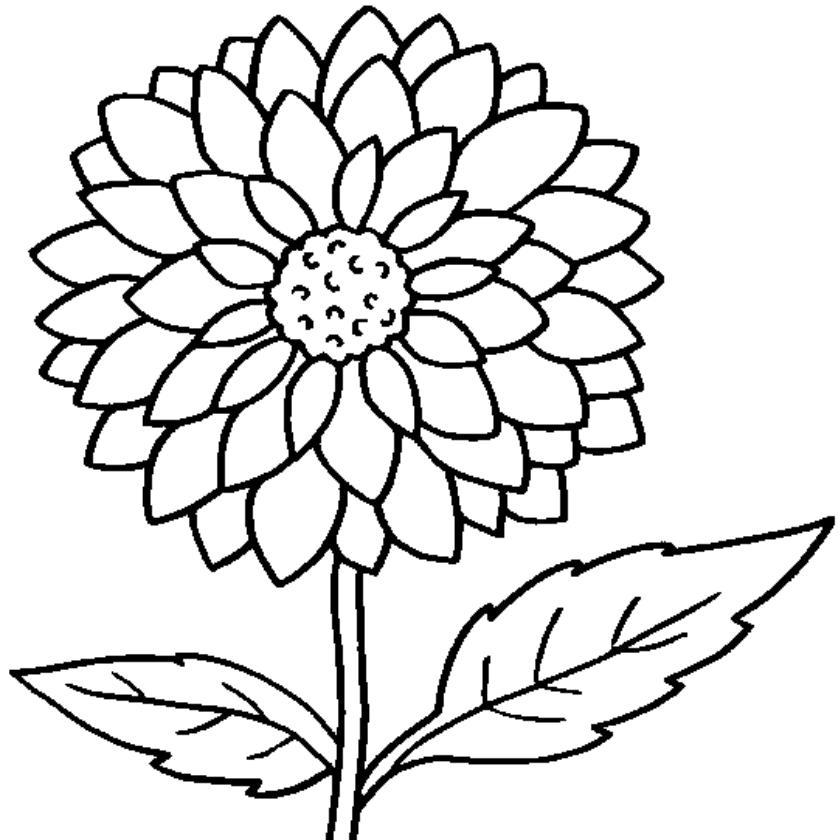
Can you see the difference between the two pictures below? They are both pretty flowers to color, but one is way more detailed! Which one do you think will take longer to color? Can you color the simple flower and the complicated flower without giving up?



This one is easy!



This one is
complicated. Have
patience and don't
give up!



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I'm a Doer!

Last week we started learning about the book of James. Today we will learn a new verse from that book about following God's directions from the Bible. James 1:22 says, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." What do you think it means to be a doer?

Think about when you're at home with your parents. One of them might ask you to go clean your room. The word of God, or the Bible, says that children need to obey their parents. You have probably heard that verse a lot! Will you be following God's instructions if you ignore your parents and don't clean your room? No! That makes you a "hearer," because you've heard the verse about children obeying their parents, but not a "doer," because you didn't do what the verse said to do.

There are a lot of different instructions, or commandments, in the Bible that God wants us to follow. Besides obeying your parents, a few others are: to be patient; to forgive others; to work hard; to admit if you did something wrong; and to love God. The list can seem kind of long, but it makes God happy when we hear the instructions He gives us, and then we do them.

The rest of today's Bible verse says that if we are just a "hearer" and not a "doer," we are deceiving ourselves. That means we are tricking ourselves into believing God is happy with us. We have to be a "doer" to make God happy!

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22

Follow God's Word

Anderson, Jack and Mr. Neil ride into town to gather supplies.

Jack feels very important as he walks between the two men. He holds his shoulders back and marches firmly, but finds he has to skip and almost hop to stay up with their long strides.

Mrs. Knelson calls out a cheery, "Hello boys! Just in time for lunch. Bacon and tomato sandwich?"

Anderson smiles and says, "Sure, why not?"

Jack tries to take as big of mouthfuls as Mr. Neil. "Slow down there, son," Anderson laughs.

"I'm just trying to keep up with you and Mr. Neil," Jack earnestly explains.

Anderson ruffles Jack's hair and Neil grins. He pats his belly and says "thank you" to Anderson.

"Aw, no need to thank me," Anderson says with a wave of his hand. "I couldn't get my work done without you!"

Just then, Jack notices a small group huddled together in the corner of the store. They whisper and occasionally look at Anderson and Mr. Neil. Jack's noticed these looks before. Ever since Anderson befriended Mr. Neil, who is homeless, certain townspeople seem to be upset at Anderson.

After lunch, the men purchase supplies and drive up the mountain road to home. Anderson offers Mr. Neil Jack's room for the night, since they finish the tractor late in the evening. "Aw, I don't want to take this fine young man's bed. I'll stay in the barn, if you don't mind."

Anderson knows to give Neil the dignity of decision, and nods in agreement. As Anderson and Jack walk to the house, Jack asks his dad why people still seem upset.

"I don't know, son. I do know the Bible tells me to live my everyday life for Jesus, not just show up to church on Sundays. God expects us to love His people, not ignore them."

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How CAN I BE A DOER?

Supplies: Scissors, glue, construction/cardstock paper, crayons

Directions: Color and cut the center of the flower and all the petals. Glue them onto a piece of colorful cardstock or construction paper and hang it in your room, or a place that reminds you how to be a "doer."



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July 21, 2019

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As Powerful as Fire

Have you ever sat by a fire when you're cold? Have you ever been too close to a fire and been burned? Usually we like fires, as long as they are controlled. But what happens when a fire gets out of control? People, animals, houses and buildings might be destroyed.

Today the lesson in James talks about a small part of our body. If it's controlled, it can be a blessing. But if it's not controlled, it can destroy so much. Can you guess what he is talking about? Is it our hands? Our feet?

It is our tongues. Stick out your tongues. Did you know your tongue is just as powerful as fire? The words you speak are very important! Jesus does not want us to say things that will hurt other people. Sometimes the people around us might say mean things about us. It can hurt and might make us cry. People also can say nice things and make us feel happy inside.

The Bible tells us not to repeat or say bad things about other people—that's called gossiping. Just like we want people to say good things about us, we should do that for others. It takes practice and we might not always be perfect, but God promised He would help us.

Let's start by practicing right now. Turn to your neighbor and say something nice about them. Doesn't that feel good? Now let's pray God will help us to always control our tongues.

Even so the tongue is a little member,
and boasteth great things. Behold, how
great a matter a little fire kindleth!

James 3:5

Violet Gossips

Emma is visiting the Mackey's farm for a sleepover with her best friend. The girls race around the house, shouting and laughing. Jack stares in puzzled wonder. He looks at his mom. Kathryn grins and shrugs her shoulders.

"Son, we will never understand," Anderson says lightly, clapping Jack on the shoulder. Jack retreats to his room, hoping he will be safe from the invisible hilarity chasing the girls.

"Girls," Jack mutters. "I don't get them." He picks up his model toy train. "This, I understand!"

Meanwhile, the girls settle in Violet's room, finally calming down enough to talk without gasping through their laughter.

"Emma, do you know what I heard yesterday?" Violet suddenly exclaims. "I heard," Violet begins in a half-whisper, "that Amy Carter wore mismatched socks to school yesterday!"

The girls dissolve in a fit of giggles. Kathryn walks in, a plate of cookies and a few glasses of milk in hand. After setting the plate on a dresser, Kathryn sits down beside the girls.

"Violet, I couldn't help but hear what you said about Amy. Girls, I know it is fun to talk about all sorts of exciting topics. However, you must be very careful not to gossip. Gossip is talking about others in a way that may hurt their reputation. Usually, we don't have all the details about something that happened. It's easy to make assumptions. Then, we spread falsehoods. God is not pleased with gossip."

The girls listen closely, munching on chocolate chip cookies.

"What if I know something good about someone?" Emma asks. "Can I share good news about people?"

"Honey, if it's not secret news, then yes. Bad news seems to spread faster than good news. You girls should spend the rest of the evening telling each other good things about people you know!"

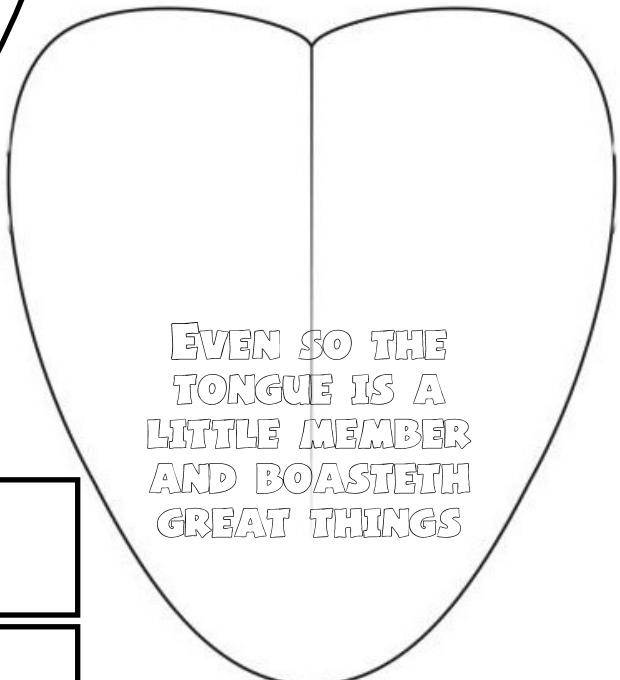
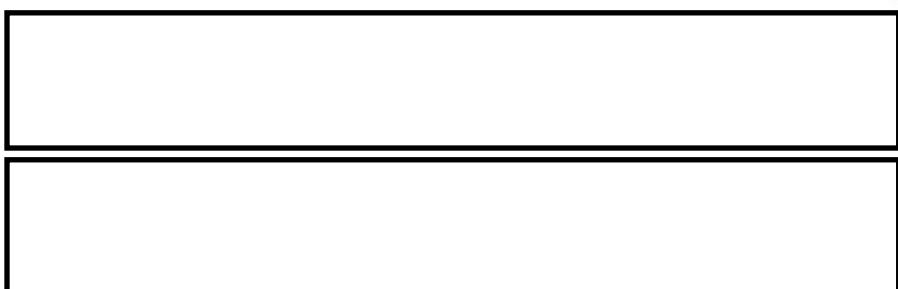
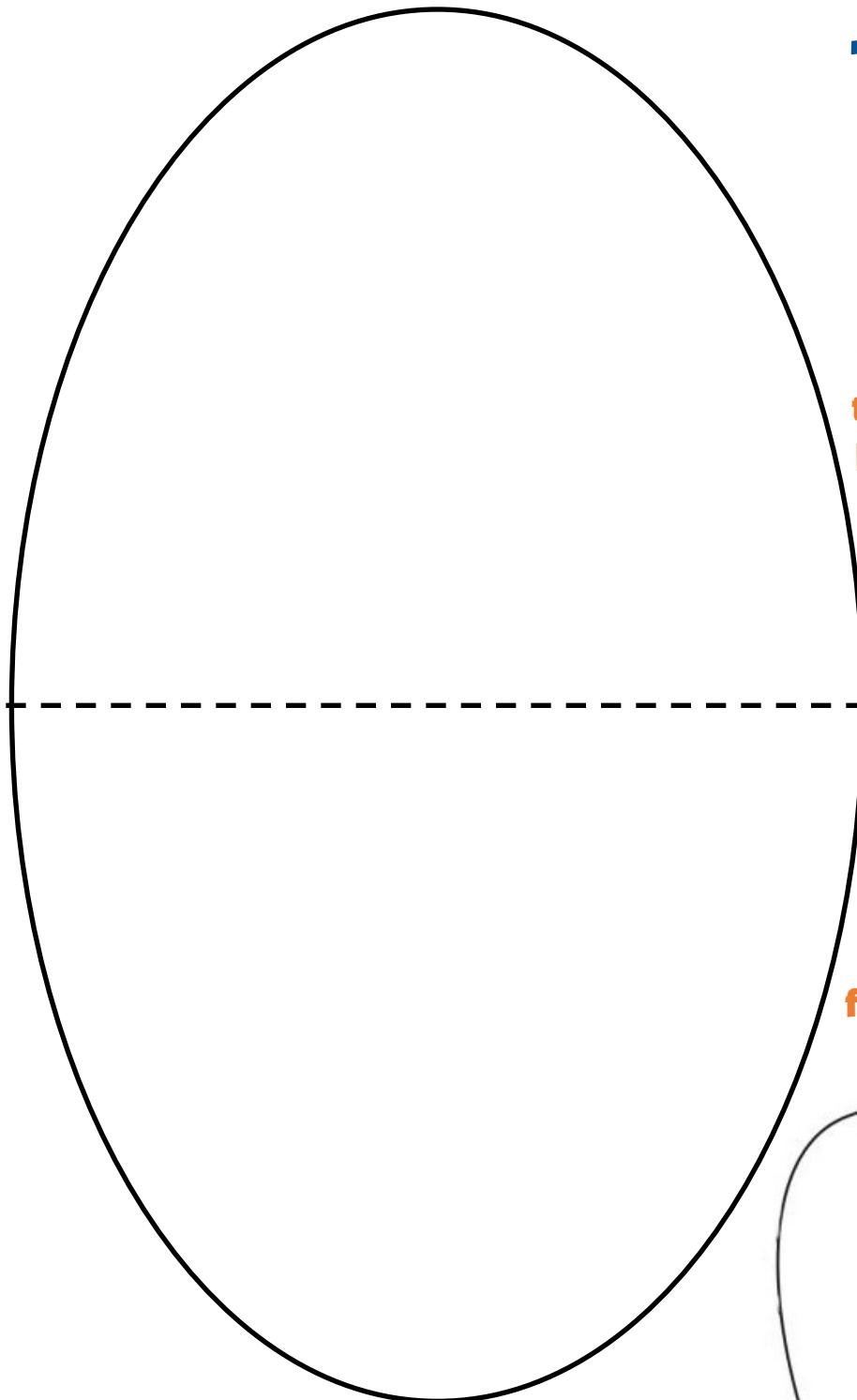
The girls do just that.

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TAME YOUR TONGUE

Supplies: Scissors, mini marshmallows, glue, pink cardstock, crayons

Directions: Color the oval pink, or use it as a template to cut out of pink cardstock. Fold it along the dotted line. Color the tongue, cut it out, and glue it to the bottom half of the oval. Cut the two strips of paper and glue one to the top and the bottom, forming a puppet so you can open and close the mouth with your hand. Glue mini marshmallows around the edge of the oval for teeth, and eat a few for a snack !



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A Wise Man

Lately we've been studying in James. Another topic James talked about is wisdom. What is wisdom? It is being able to tell the difference between what is right and what is wrong.

The Bible says King Solomon asked God for wisdom and became the wisest person to ever live! What did King Solomon say about wisdom? He said to get it above all things. Before getting fun toys or money, he told everyone they should get wisdom. If it's so important, how do we get it?

King Solomon also told us, in Proverbs 19:20, "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end, you will be wise" (ESV). This means when our parents or teachers tell us to do something or not do something, and we listen, we will become smarter and wiser.

Have you ever played in the sand and built something too close to the water? Maybe the water came and washed away what you built. Jesus said if we build our lives on the sand, we are foolish. Being foolish is the opposite of being wise. But He also tells us, if we are wise, we will build our lives on the rock. Do you know a song that talks about a wise man? Maybe you can sing it now.

There are many places in the Bible where it talks about wisdom—so it must be important. If we read our Bible and do what it says, we will be wise, and Jesus will be happy with us!

Listen to advice and accept instruction,
and in the end, you will be wise.
Proverbs 19:20 (ESV)

Jack Listens to Instruction

Jack stretches his legs and leans back in his chair. He's just taken the last bite of Mrs. Knelson's famous chicken fried chicken. Anderson, Neil, and Jack frequent her general store, and Anderson buys lunch before they head home to work the rest of the day.

"I could get used to this," Jack thinks as he crosses his arms like his father. He likes being with the older men. He listens as they pore over the latest seed and equipment catalog. He takes a long sip of his cold iced tea.

The men discuss plans for the winter harvest. Anderson wonders if his old tractor will stay in working order through the winter.

Jack's ears perk up. "Dad, remember you said we needed to check prices on radiators. A few weeks ago, you said the tractor's radiator might be failing. And you said if we don't take care of problems when they arise they become larger problems that take away from what we should be focusing on."

Anderson's eyes shine proudly at his son. Neil claps Jack on the shoulder, chuckling "someone was listening!"

Later that evening, Anderson reads a verse in Proverbs about listening to advice and accepting instruction.

"Today, Jack reminded me we needed to check new radiators because he remembered some advice I'd shared with him a few weeks back. It was very hot that day, and Jack just wanted to get back in the house for some of Mom's cold lemonade. But he listened, and as this verse says, he is wiser for listening.

Children, wisdom is precious. Be quick to listen, and wisdom will surely follow."

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A WISE PERSON LISTENS !

Supplies: Skin-colored construction paper, one empty toilet paper roll per child, scissors, glue or tape, crayons

Directions: Trace and cut each child's hand on construction paper and cut them out. Use the same color to wrap the toilet paper roll. Paste the hand on the end of the toilet paper roll as if the roll is an arm. Color and cut the scroll below and roll it up. Secure it in the hand by curling the hand around the scroll and using glue or tape to attach the fore or middle finger and thumb together.



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Submitting to Authority

Let's continue studying in the book of James. The first part of James 4:7 tells us to, "submit yourselves unto God." What does the word submit mean? Submitting means we are willing to do what God asks us, even if it is hard.

Can you think of anyone in the Bible who was willing to submit himself to God and obey His commands? There are many we can think about. Abraham was one who submitted himself to God. When God asked him to sacrifice his only son, he was willing to do it. Jonah is another that comes to mind. At first, he did not want to do what God asked, but after God worked with him, Jonah submitted and did what God asked. We can also think of the apostle Paul. When he was in jail, he was submitting himself to his authorities. Jesus is our perfect example of submission. When people accused Him of doing wrong and He was on trial, even though He was the Son of God, He humbly submitted Himself to the rulers of the land.

Jesus taught us to obey those in authority over us. When our parents, pastors or teachers ask us to do something, we should be willing to submit or obey. This also means we need to obey the government of our land. When we practice being in submission to the people in charge of us, it makes it easier when God asks us to submit to Him.

Submit yourselves
therefore to God.
James 4:7

Sweet Blueberries

Violet huffs. She doesn't want to pick blueberries for the third time this summer. She also didn't want to get out of bed so early this morning, she didn't want to clean the dishes and she didn't want the big glob of white toothpaste to spill all over her shirt when she tried to spit it in the sink. Kathryn hands her children a basket after they arrive at the blueberry patch at Nappe Farm. Jack whistles a merry tune. Violet stomps behind him.

The hot sun warms the grass and blueberries, filling the air with the smell of summer. Jack pops a fat blueberry in his mouth.

Violet finally wails, "Why do we have to pick blueberries again? I don't want to! Mom, why do we have to do this?"

Kathryn is quiet for a few moments, praying the Lord will give her the words to reach her daughter.

"Honey, do you remember the verse Dad read last night?"

"Yes. 'Submit yourselves to God.' Why?"

"Well, submission sometimes means doing things we don't feel like doing. You didn't feel like getting out of bed this morning, but you submitted to me by obeying anyway. You don't feel like picking blueberries, but you know I want us to pick some more berries before the season ends. One day, God may ask you for something you don't want to give up, or He may ask you to do something you don't want to do. But maybe you'll be able to submit to Him anyway, because you've practiced submission before, like today."

Violet is quiet. She finally puts a few blueberries in her mouth and tastes their sweetness. She smiles a small, wobbly smile at her mother.

"They do taste good. And they'll taste even better in your blueberry crisp!"

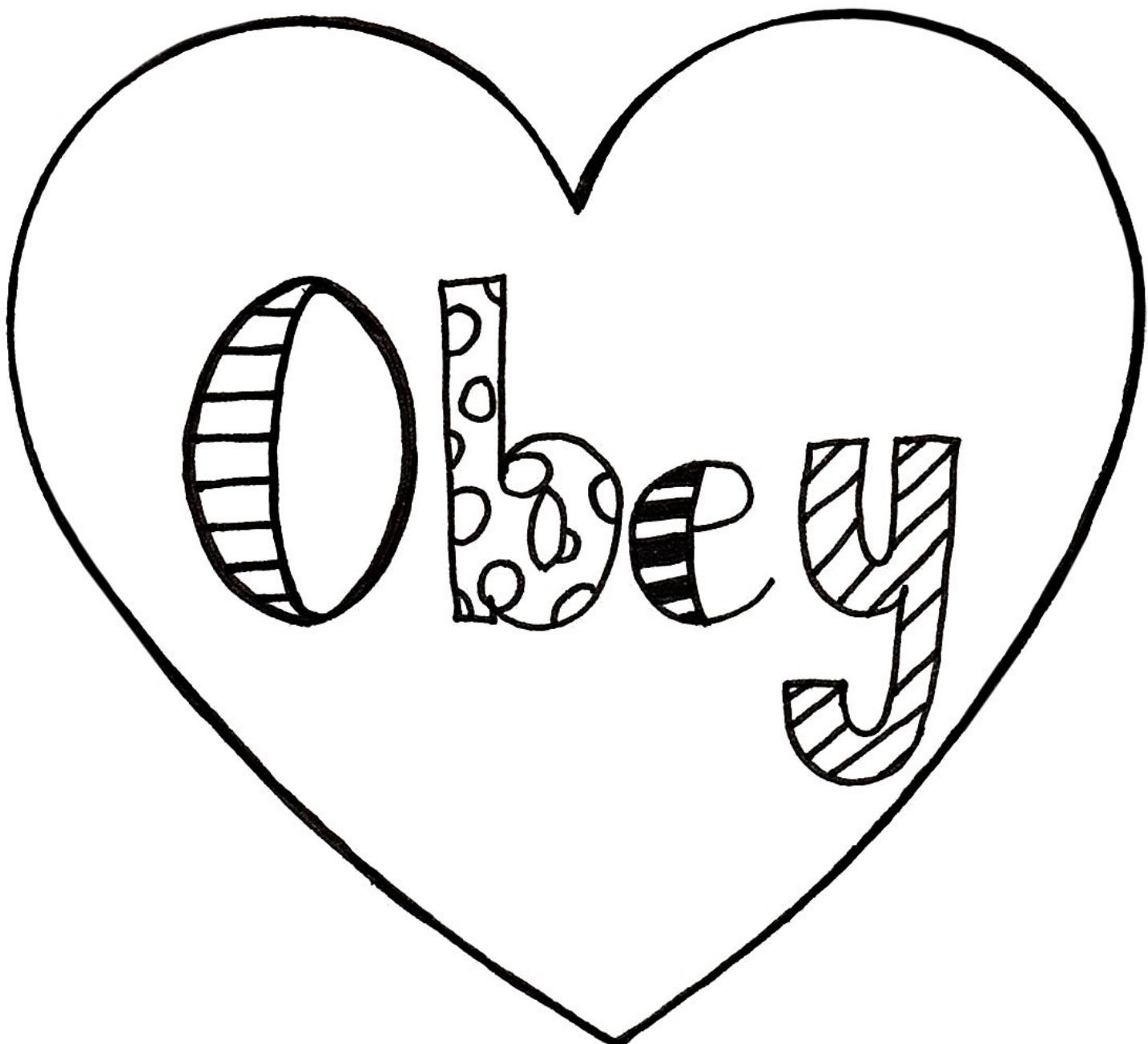
Violet takes her pail and picks berries diligently for the next few hours.

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IT'S COOL TO OBEY !

Supplies: Crayons/markers/colored pencils, scissors, glue, large popsicle sticks, colored construction paper or cardstock

Directions: Color and cut the heart below. Use it as a template and cut a matching heart from cardstock. Glue the two pieces together with a popsicle stick in between. Fan yourself in church, and remember, it's cool to obey !



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August 11, 2019

V69, Q3, W6

Giving God Glory

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and James 4:15.

These verses tell us if we do something, it's because it was God willed it and we should give Him the glory. When we give God glory, we give Him praise and acknowledge He is the reason something is done. We show Him respect and honor by not taking the credit for ourselves.

Do you remember Joseph in the Old Testament? He was sold into slavery by his brothers. While living in Pharaoh's house, he was accused falsely and went to jail. Two men in the jail had dreams they didn't understand, and Joseph interpreted them. Later when Pharaoh called Joseph to interpret a dream for him, Joseph said, "It is not in me; God shall give Pharaoh an answer." Joseph could have easily taken the credit for himself—especially in front of a king, but he pointed the glory back to God. He was humble and publicly acknowledged it was God who was behind the good things other people were seeing in him.

How can we practice this? If someone gives us a compliment about a talent or something we have done well, we can say, "thank the Lord" or "thank you, God helped me. Isn't He good?"

What would happen if we woke up without the ability to see or move? Or what if the sun didn't shine? How much can we accomplish without God? Nothing. Let's be quick to give Him the glory for what He's done for

For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

James 4:15 (KJV)

Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

James 4:15 (ESV)

God's Blueberry Crisp

Jack and Violet help their mother sort the blueberries they picked at Nappe Farm a few days prior.

Violet is anxious to taste her mother's blueberry crisp.

She remembers the lesson she learned in the blueberry patch about submission. She had not felt like picking blueberries that day, but her mother helped her see how learning to do things she doesn't feel like doing is pleasing to God.

The three listen to The Bible in Living Sound.

This story is about Joseph in jail. Violet and Jack enjoy the dramatized Bible stories. They listen, fascinated, as they imagine what it would be like to stay true to God even when life seems so confusing and sad.

Their hearts beat with pride and admiration as Joseph finally stands before the king of Egypt and gives God credit and praise.

After sorting, Kathryn freezes a portion of the berries, sets another portion aside for making blueberry jam, and rinses the rest in preparation for the blueberry crisp dessert.

The children help cook dinner and bake the dessert. Violet makes comments such as, "Mom, you sure make a yummy crisp," and "you're the best cook in the whole world!"

Finally, Kathryn laughs and pats her daughter's head. "That's a lot of praise, Vi. You sure make me feel good, but do you know who really deserves your praise?"

Violet looks puzzled, and shakes her head "no."

"God deserves your praise. He gave me a talent to make good food. I want the food I make to be a form of praise to Him. If my food is a blessing to you, it's because of the Lord."

Later, as the Mackey family prepares to eat, it is Violet's turn to pray.

"Dear Jesus, thank you for this food. Thank you for a momma who cooks so good. Thank you for blueberry crisp! Amen."

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SHINE HIS GLORY

Sing the song "Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory" with your class. It is God's will that you woke up to another day. Give Him Glory!

Supplies: Orange, yellow, and red construction paper, scissors, markers/colored pencils/crayons, scissors, glue

Directions: Color and cut the center of the sun below. Trace 6-10 handprints on the colored construction paper and glue around the outer edge of the circle to create sunrays.



GOD
ALWAYS
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Treasures in Heaven

So far, we have learned a lot of lessons from the book of James! In the fifth chapter, James wrote about money. Did you know the Bible has something to say about money?

It's always fun when you do a little chore and get paid for your work, or even get money for your birthday! Have you ever swept your grandma's porch or raked her leaves and she gave you a dollar for your work? Working hard to earn money isn't wrong. In fact, God wants us to be hard workers! But He also wants us to learn how to treat money the right way.

James wrote that all of the rich men should cry and be sad because they had a lot of trouble coming their way. Yikes! Why does money bring trouble? Most of the time, people who are busy getting rich don't spend a lot of time thinking about God. Imagine if you skipped Sunday School every week just so you could sweep the porch for your grandma and earn a dollar. Would that be the right thing to do? That's what all those rich men were doing. They worked so much that they forgot all about how important God was!

Money doesn't make a person happy. Only God can do that, and He wants us to follow the verse in Matthew 6:20 that says, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." That means we should always love God more than we love money.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21

Violet is Greedy

"Children, come into the kitchen please," Anderson calls out one evening. Once the children are sitting at the table, he shows them a chore chart.

"We've never paid you for doing your chores, because doing chores is part of being a family. However, we want to teach you all about money. You won't always be paid for chores. This is temporary. Each chore is worth a certain amount of money."

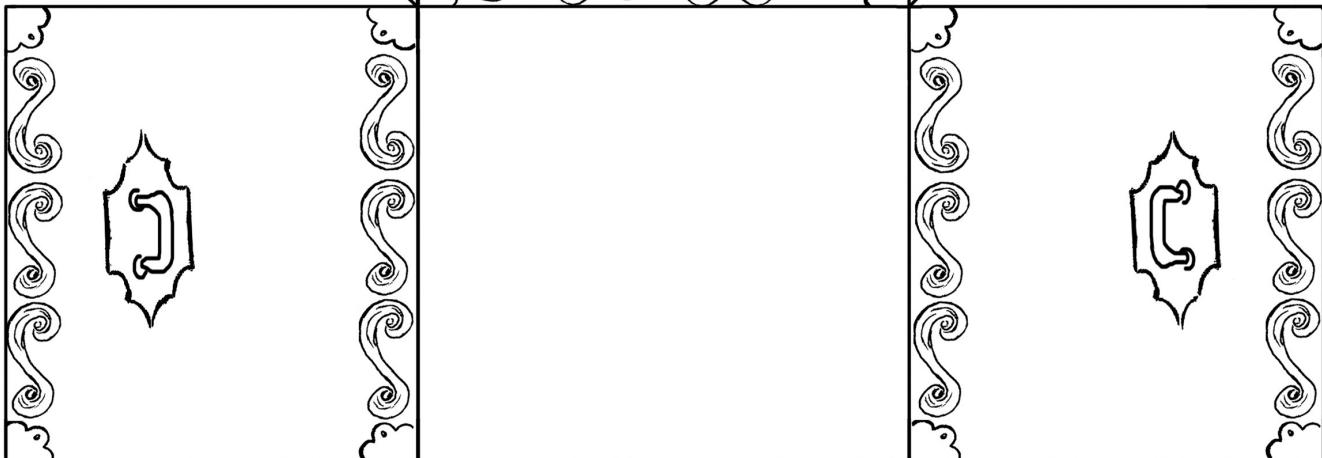
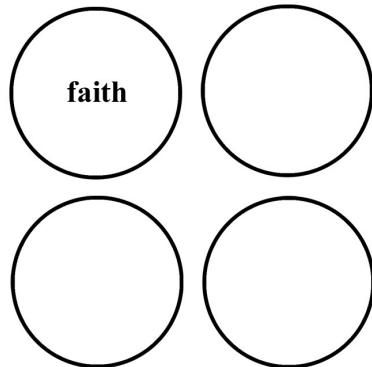
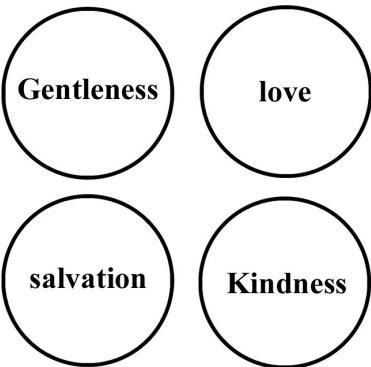
Anderson and the children go over the chart. Jack and Violet are excited to earn a little money.

The next day, both children make their beds as soon as they wake up. Violet cleans the bathroom without being asked. She is very excited to fill her piggy bank with coins. In fact, it's all she can think about. She dreams of a piggy bank so full the coins barely jingle when she shakes the bank. She asks her mom for money after every task, even if it's not part of the chore chart. Violet gets upset when she doesn't receive coins.

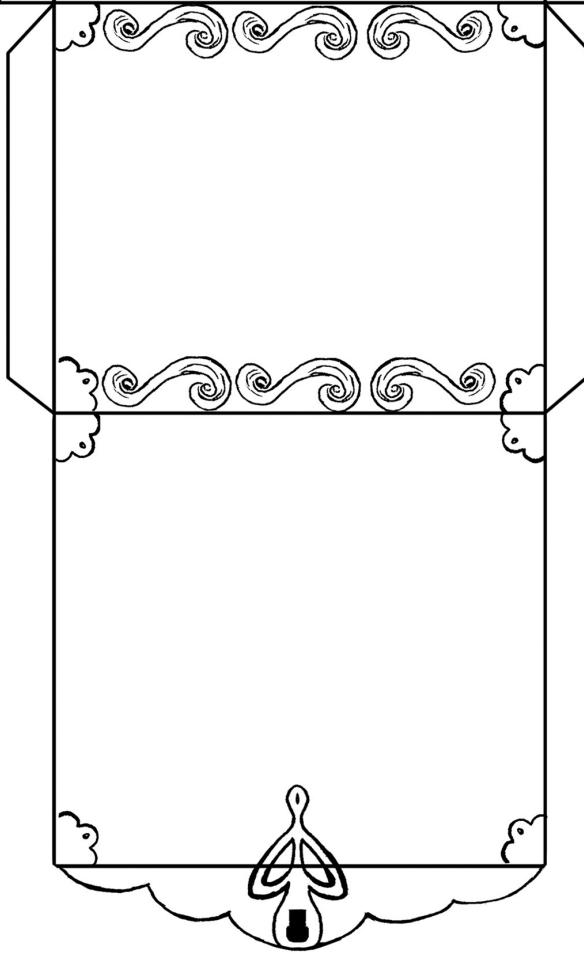
One evening, Anderson sits her on his lap. "I am proud of you for working hard and looking for jobs you can do around the house and farm. But you have become a greedy little girl, Vi. This lesson was meant to show you that hard work pays off, but I think you have shown all of us how quickly money can make a person greedy."

"Sweetie, God is pleased with your hard work. But He doesn't want you to work hard just so you can dream about money and try to earn more money. God wants us to always remember He is the reason we can work to earn money. We encourage you to ask Him how to spend the money you have earned, and also how to be content with what you have right now."

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RICHES IN HEAVEN



Supplies: Crayons/
markers/colored
pencils, scissors,
tape/glue

Directions: Color and
cut the treasure box
and coins. Write a
few more words on
the blank coins that
are "heavenly
treasures." Use tape
or glue to assemble
the treasure box and
store your treasures
inside !

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August 25, 2019

V69, Q3, W8

Patience

"Be patient, be patient, don't be in such a hurry. When you get impatient you only start to worry. Remember, remember, God is patient too, and think of all the times that others wait on you."

What is patience? Patience does not mean simply waiting. Patience is how we wait. If it takes longer than we expect, do we become upset? If someone does something we don't like, do we become annoyed or answer them in a bad tone of voice?

Many of our great Bible characters displayed patience. Abraham had to wait for his promised son, Isaac. Noah built a large ark while waiting for God to fulfill His promise of a flood. Joseph was sold as a slave and spent time in jail waiting for God to bring about His good plan.

Job had to wait for God's good plan also. Job lost all his animals, riches and even his children. In the midst of this hardship, Job put his faith in God. His faith gave him patience to wait for God to finish what He started. God blessed Job for his patience and faith, and Job ended up with double of everything he had!

In Galatians, we read patience is a fruit of the Spirit. If we can be patient in situations we don't like, it shows to those around us that Jesus is inside of us. Next time we have to wait our turn, let's ask Jesus to help us wait with a good attitude.

You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. James 5:8

Slow Down Violet

Violet taps her foot impatiently. Brothers! She waits on Jack to finish brushing his teeth at the sink. He brushes each tooth, watching a sand timer count down two minutes.

"I have to brush for two minutes," he says around his toothpaste. "You should too."

He finally finishes, and in Violet's hurry she runs right into him on his way out.

"Hey!" he says loudly. "Someone is impatient. What's the hurry?"

"The hurry is that I'm tired of waiting on you," Violet says crossly.

"Okay," Jack says slowly. He walks back to his room. Sisters!

Later that day, Violet waits behind her mother, Kathryn, at the sink. She wants to go to her room and play with her paper dolls, but she's in charge of kitchen clean up first. She wants to get everything put away as fast as possible. She sighs. Kathryn turns around, raising an eyebrow.

"Did you just sigh at me, Violet?"

Violet blushes and nods.

"Violet, that is disrespectful and very impatient. Impatience is not at all becoming. People do not like being around an impatient person."

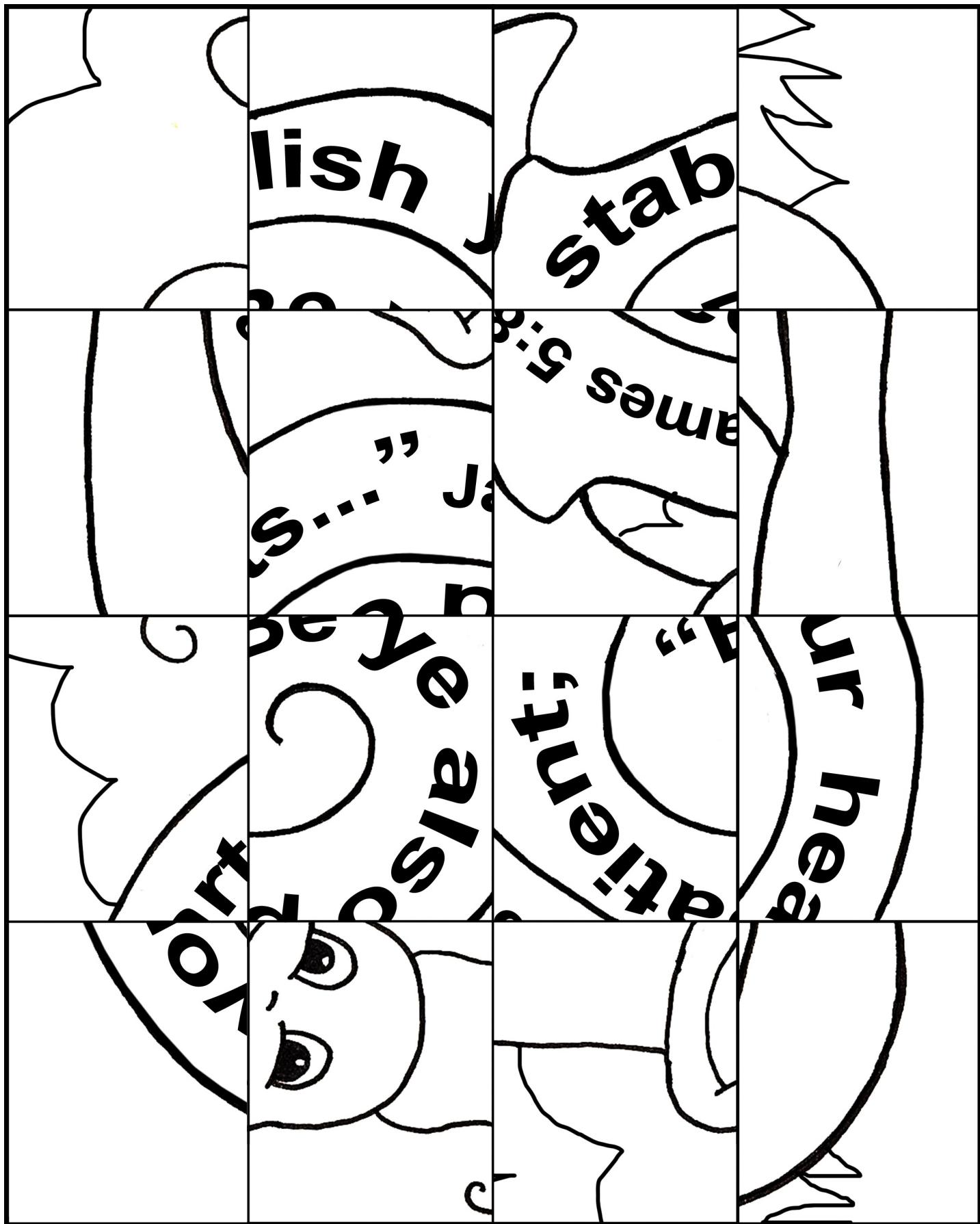
Violet lets out a long breath of air. "But what am I supposed to do when everyone takes forever to do anything and I have to wait on them!"

"Patience is a trait that Jesus wants us as Christians to model to everyone around us. Patience means keeping a good attitude even when someone is annoying you. Next time you are impatient, ask Jesus to help you keep a good attitude. Maybe ask Him to send you a song that you can hum, or count all your blessings while you wait."

Violet nods slowly and tells her mother that next time Jack takes forever at the sink, she will try to count blessings instead of thinking about throwing his sand timer in the trash.

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**Cut the puzzle pieces out and fit them together on another piece of paper.
Glue the pieces down and color the picture !**



The Beautiful Way



Primary Sunday School

September 1, 2019

V69, Q3, W9

Prayer is Powerful!

This is our last lesson in the book of James. Usually someone's final words are important. This is true with James' letter—he finished it by discussing the importance and power of prayer.

He asked if there was anyone who was having a hard time. What was the solution for them? Pray! He asked if anyone was happy, he told them to sing their praises to God. Is anyone sick? They should have people in church pray and the Lord would heal them. He said the prayer of a righteous man can accomplish a lot!

Have you ever been to the zoo and seen lions? How would you like to spend the night in their cage? Prayer was powerful enough to close their mouths! This was Daniel's experience. James gave the example of Elijah. Elijah prayed that it wouldn't rain, and it didn't! For three years and six months. When he prayed again, God let it rain again.

When we pray, God hears us! Prayer is not a time in church to pass notes, go to the bathroom or laugh with our friends. Prayer is serious, but it is also a time to thank God for everything He has done!

Think of a time in your life when God answered prayer. Would you be willing to share it? Maybe your Sunday School teachers can start with one of their answers to prayer. When God answers our prayer, we should be quick to thank and praise Him for it!

The prayer of the righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16b (ESV)

Kathryn's Answered Prayer

"Children, we have special news," Anderson says over a dessert of rich chocolate brownie cake.

Violet is furtively licking her spoon, trying to capture every last bit of the taste. She stops, eyes shining.

"The news can wait until the kitchen is cleaned," Kathryn laughs. "We've waited this long, what's a few minutes more?"

Anderson and Kathryn share a tender smile.

The children dash into the living room after cleaning. They find a note that says, "I am your news, but to find me follow the clues. Where do you snooze?"

Jack and Violet find a clue placed on their pillows. Jack's says, "roses are red, violets are blue. I am in bed. Are you?"

Violet's clue says, "somewhere over the rainbow, some day under a star, some time this winter, a family of five is ours."

"We checked our beds. Let's check Dad & Mom's room," Jack says with big eyes.

Violet feels a little dizzy. "Mom has been working on a decoration. It has a rainbow and star hanging from string."

They fling open the door, and find their waiting parents. Kathryn holds a tiny shoe and Anderson has a wood cradle near his feet.

Tears stream down Kathryn's face. She smiles and holds her arms out, inviting her children into their embrace.

"Let us praise the Lord in prayer," she whispers against her tears. "I have prayed many years for the child who now sleeps and grows deep inside of me. You will have a little sibling in February. The baby has been alive four months, and has about five more months to grow inside."

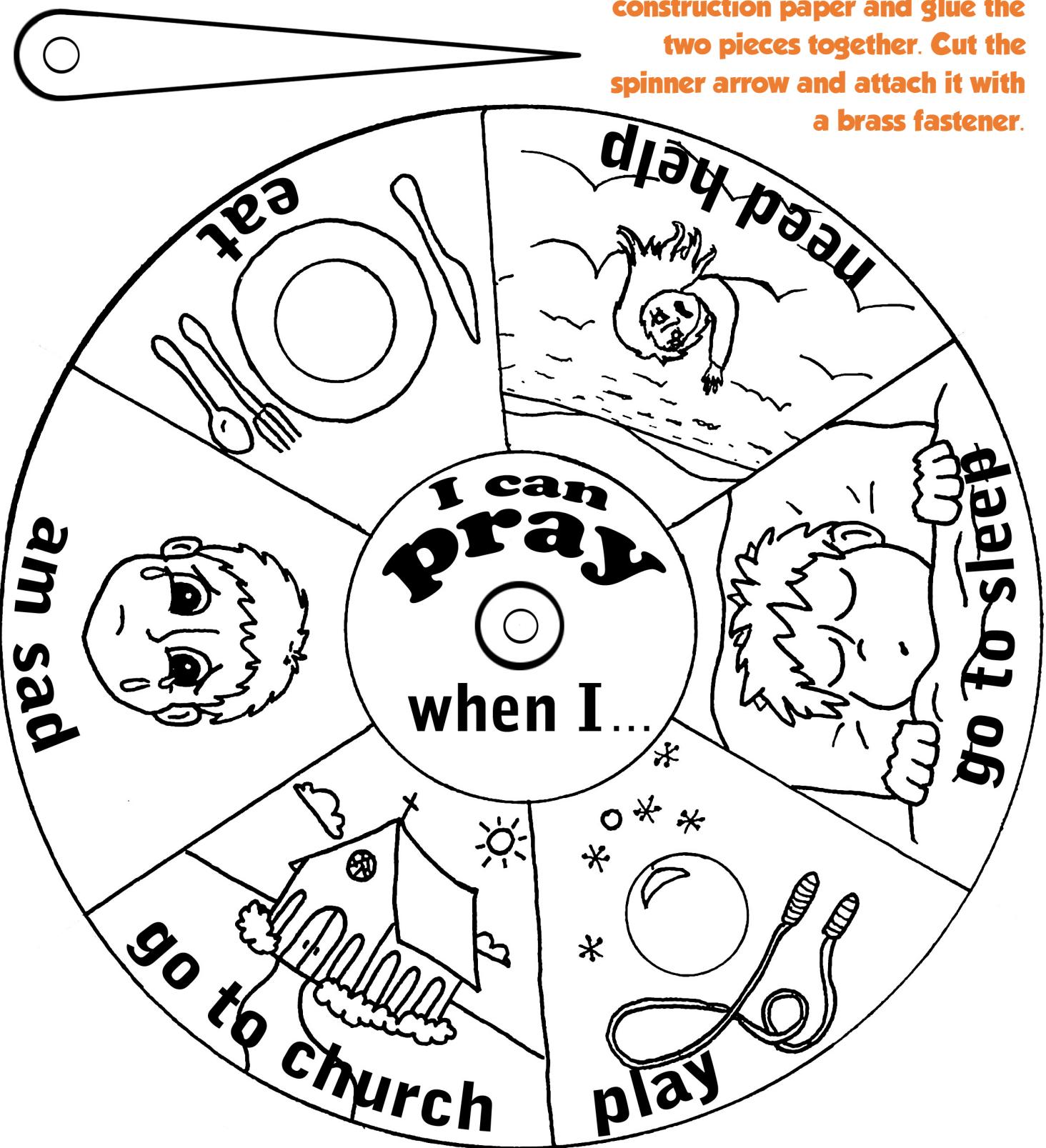
Anderson envelops his family with strong arms and with a voice husky with emotion, he praises the Lord for the precious gift of life growing in his wife's womb.

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PRAYER SPINNER

Supplies: Crayons/colored pencils/markers, scissors, glue, brass fasteners/
brads, colored construction paper

Directions: Color and cut the spinner. Using it as a template, cut a circle from construction paper and glue the two pieces together. Cut the spinner arrow and attach it with a brass fastener.



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Primary Sunday School

September 8, 2019

V69, Q3, W10

The Lord's Prayer Don't Speed Through!

"Dear Jesus, thank you for this day and for all our food and blessings. Help me to obey. In Jesus' name, amen."

Does this sound like a prayer you have prayed before? Probably so! Maybe you've prayed something like this before you eat or before your bedtime. It's a good thing to pray before eating or sleeping, but have you ever realized that you can get in the habit of praying the same thing over and over without thinking about what you're saying?

When Jesus was telling His people how to pray, He told them to pray like this:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Some of those words sound kind of confusing, but Jesus was basically teaching that when we pray, we should be respectful to God. He lives in Heaven and we live on earth. He created us out of all the love in His heart, so when we pray to Him, let's remember that it's not just a habit or something our moms and dads want us to do. We are thanking God for all of the wonderful things He's done for us and respectfully asking Him to help us with our problems.

Next time you are asked to pray before dinner or during worship, remember it's God you're talking to. Think of things you are *really* thankful for and pray respectfully for the things you need. He listens and wants to help!

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Matthew 6:9

Take Some Time

Jack and Violet are anxious to go outside and play. They have dared each other to try riding Arthur, their bull that isn't so little anymore.

Jack carelessly clatters a wet dish down on Violet's drying rag. Violet hurriedly wipes it and places it into the cabinet, still dripping.

Kathryn watches her children, amused but quiet. "Children," she finally says. "What's the rush?"

"Jack says I can't ride Arthur anymore because he's too big so I told him he probably can't either. We want to see who's right," Violet says.

Jack grins at Violet and tugs her braid. Violet swats him with her dish towel.

"You both may end up on top of a manure pile if you aren't careful," Kathryn laughs. "But before you try, let's talk about the way you are rushing through the dishes. Would you want me to rush through making your food? Maybe tonight I'll slop just a big spoonful of beans onto your plate straight from the can, since I'm in such a hurry to get my feet up after a day of carrying this one around," she grins as she pats her belly.

"Violet, would you want me to rush combing your tangled hair in the morning? Or Jack, would you want me to rush pulling splinters from your hand?"

The children grin sheepishly.

Kathryn continues with a gentle smile, "I want to pull out clean, dry dishes and not worry about water collecting in the cabinets and potentially creating mold. Then we'd get sick! All because you were in a hurry to finish your chores."

The children think about this lesson all day. Arthur is a nice bull, but he still throws off both children when they try to ride him. They return inside that evening, laughing and remembering to slow down and enjoy each moment.

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PRAYER CLOSET

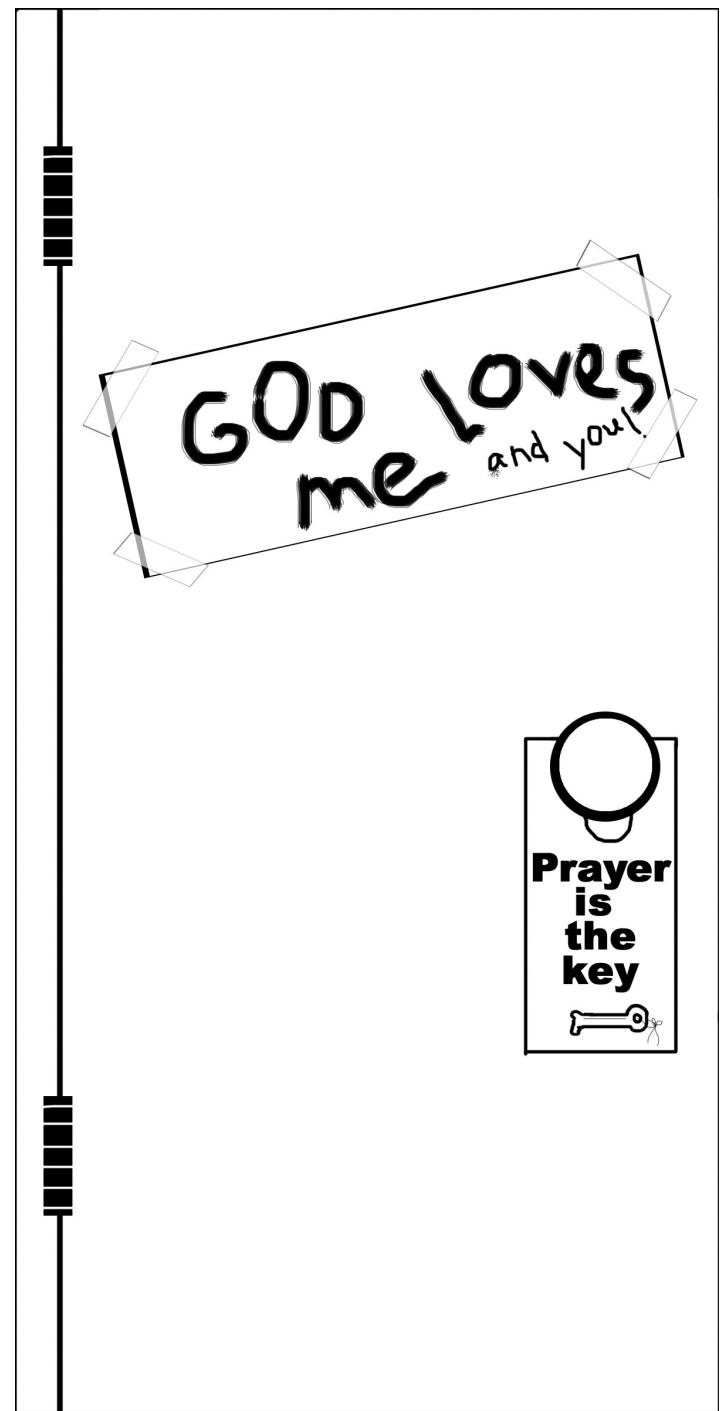
Supplies: Crayons/markers/colored pencils, scissors, glue, construction paper or cardstock

Directions: Color and cut both templates below, then use template 1 to cut a third rectangle from cardstock. Glue template 1 to the cardstock. Put a thin line of glue in the area marked "Glue door" on T1. Glue the "hinge" portion of template 2 to template 1, creating a closet door that opens and closes.

Template 1



Template 2



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Primary Sunday School

September 15, 2019

V69, Q3, W1

The Lord's Prayer God's Way is Best

Have you ever been in church and heard someone request prayer for God's will to be done? Maybe you've even heard your parents talking about a situation and they say they just want God to have His way. What does that mean? Why do grown-ups say that sometimes?

Last week, we learned that Jesus taught His followers how to pray. He started out by saying, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." That means that we should respect God and give Him true thanksgiving, right? Jesus' prayer kept going though! He said, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

When someone says they want God's will to be done, it means they want something to happen they way He wants it to happen. They are saying that what they want is less important than what God wants.

Did you know God wants things a certain way? He has a plan for everything! But He has also given everybody a choice--they can either do what they want to do, or they can do what God wants them to do. When Jesus said, "Thy will be done," in His prayer, He was telling God that He wanted God's way more than He wanted His own way. We should do that, too, when we pray! When you ask God for something you want, remember to tell God that you always want His way more than your own way. His way is best!

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is
in heaven Matthew 6:9-10

Jack Remembers

"Dad, why do you think it was you who saw me that day on Salmon River?" Jack asks one day as he and Anderson build a chicken coop and run for some chickens the Mackey family plans to purchase soon.

Anderson wipes some sweat from his brow with an old bandana and points for the hammer. Jack hands it to him, waiting.

"Son, what do you mean?"

"Well, I was making my way into town, and I'd stopped at the river to get a drink. That's when Violet saw me and fell in. You know the rest. I found my way to town. Mrs. Knelson took me in for the night and you heard about it. But why did you come back for me? What caused you and Mom to believe I was supposed to be part of your family?"

Anderson's eyes soften. "Jack," he says quietly, squeezing the young boy's shoulder. "I couldn't stop thinking of you that night. I kept wondering what a young boy was doing out so far from town and alone.

Your mother and I prayed for you that night, and every night after. The desire to bring you into our family grew stronger with every prayer we prayed. You know the rest. We filed for adoption, and though it took a long time, here we are."

Son, know that sin is the reason bad things happen to people. It wasn't the Lord's will that your foster parents mistreated you. But He took a bad situation and made good come from it, didn't He?"

"It is so important to pray for His will to be done in our life. Your mother and I pray for His will every day, and we are sure glad He wanted you to be our boy."

Anderson gives his son's shoulder a tender squeeze, and Jack grabs his father for a tight hug.

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THREE-WEEK PRAYER BOOK

We will be working on
a prayer book for
the next three
Sundays!



Supplies: Crayons/
markers/colored
pencils, scissors

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Directions:

Color and cut the first
three pages of your
prayer book and have
your teacher save them
for next week.



Primary Sunday School

September 22, 2019

V69, Q3, WI2

The Lord's Prayer Daily Bread

The last two weeks, we have been learning the prayer that Jesus taught His people. So far, we have learned, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” The next part of the prayer talks about food! It says, “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Most likely, you don’t have to think about where your next meal is going to come from. But we do ask God to take care of us, don’t we? Part of taking care of us is making sure we don’t go to bed at night with empty bellies. God is very faithful to feed His children, and it is important to remember to thank Him for that! That’s one of the main reasons we pray before we eat--to tell God we haven’t forgotten that He’s the one who gave us all our delicious food!

Sometimes, though, it can be embarrassing or uncomfortable when we are in public and pray over our food. Maybe you think people will look at you funny or think you are crazy! You might even feel like skipping it when you’re at school and your friends start eating without praying at lunchtime. But don’t let the devil trick you into thinking it’s okay to skip praying before your meal. It’s something that pleases God a lot!

Jesus included this part of the prayer because it is important. If you are tempted to skip praying before you eat, remember it is God who is feeding you, and He wants to hear about how thankful you are.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread. Matthew 6:9-11

Violet Prays

The cafeteria is noisy with the chatter of young children. It’s the first day of school. Violet is in second grade! She carries her pink lunch box to a table and sits down. She is sure hungry!

Her mouth waters as she looks at the fat ham and cheese sandwich. A sweet note from her mother makes her smile. She is about to lift her sandwich to her mouth for a big first bite, then remembers she has not prayed.

Violet hesitates. Should she set her sandwich down and pray? What if she just closes her eyes for a few seconds, or pretends to cough and say a prayer during her two-second cough? She doesn’t want other children to laugh at her, because she knows not every child she goes to school with prays over his food.

But then she remembers her Sunday School lesson from the day before. Miss Charlotte talked about thanking God for all the food we eat, because it is God who gives us that food.

Violet sets her sandwich down, bows her head, and says a real prayer to Jesus. She thanks him for her lunch, and tells Him she wants to always pray to Him over her food even when she’s scared that other children might laugh.

Violet takes a bite of her sandwich after her prayer. She thought it was going to taste good, but it’s the best ham and cheese sandwich she’s ever tasted!

A girl slides closer to Violet. She’s new, and Violet doesn’t know her name.

“I’m Mary. I’m new this year. I noticed you prayed before you ate your food. Why?”

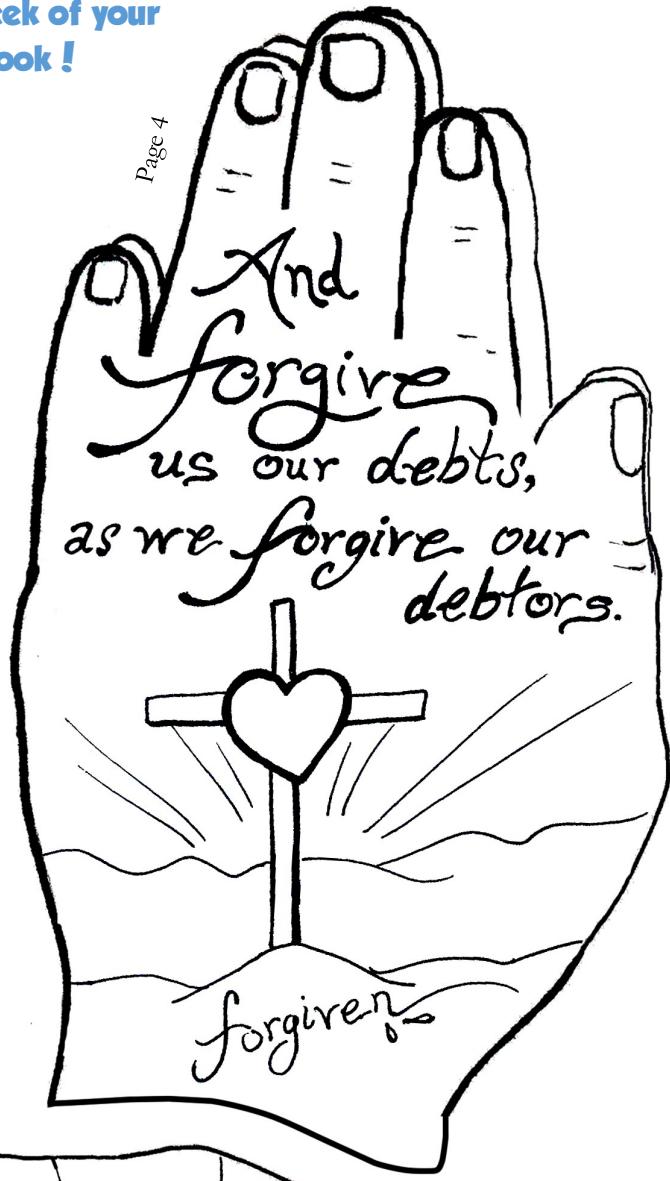
“I want to say ‘thank you’ to Jesus for giving me food to eat,” Violet says. “I’m Violet. My friend, Emma, should be here soon. Want to sit with us and then play with us at recess?”

Mary nods happily.

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THREE-WEEK PRAYER BOOK

Second week of your
prayer book !



forgiveness

Supplies: Crayons/
markers/colored
pencils, scissors

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Directions:

Color and cut pages 3 –
5 of your prayer book
and have your teacher
save them for next week.



Primary Sunday School

September 29, 2019

V69, Q3, WI3

The Lord's Prayer I Forgive You

"You took my lego house! I want it back! Give it back now!" you yell at your brother.

"No! It's my turn. Go find something else," he yells back.

THWACK. Ouch! Now your head is hurting because your brother hit you with your lego house. You immediately start crying and run to your mom.

Something like this has probably happened to you before--maybe even this week! What does your mom usually say? Probably that you needed to ask nicely for your toys back, and then that your brother needs to apologize for hitting you, and you need to forgive him.

Forgive him?! No way! Your head still hurts from the lego house!

Is God happy when we choose not to forgive if someone does something to hurt us? No! He wants us to forgive each other. In fact, forgiveness is one of the last things Jesus talks about in the prayer He taught. The last part says, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

When Jesus tells us to ask God to forgive us our debts, that means we ask for forgiveness for all of the things we've done wrong. God is always willing to forgive us, isn't He? That means we should *always* be willing to forgive other people when they do something wrong to us.

Was it right for you to yell at your brother in today's pretend fight? No, but God forgave you for it! That means when your brother asks forgiveness for hitting you, you need to forgive him too.

Violet Prays

Anderson opens the Bible for evening devotions. He reads the The Lord's Prayer, found at Matthew 6:9-13. "Children, I wanted to read this for worship tonight, because I've been thinking about events that happened to us the past several weeks, and I feel like we can apply our life experiences to this prayer.

Remember a few weeks ago when you children were washing and drying the dishes so sloppily that they were going into the cabinets half-washed and sopping wet?"

Jack and Violet look at each other and grin. "Yeah, because we wanted to see who could ride Arthur. Neither of us could," Jack laughs.

"Your mother told you to slow down. This prayer is a reminder to us to slow down and thank God for every aspect of our life," Anderson explains.

"The second part, praying for God's will, reminds me when Jack and I talked about the way God led us together last year. God honors our desire for His will to be done in our lives."

"The third part of this verse has to do with thanking God for our food. Violet, you told your mom how good your ham sandwich tasted after you prayed, even though you were nervous someone might laugh. Instead, you were able to talk about Jesus with your new friend, Mary."

"The next part of this verse talks about forgiveness. God wants us to always forgive, because he forgives us our sins. Next time someone makes you feel sad or angry, remember that Jesus died so our sins could be forgiven. Let us show a little bit of Jesus by extending His forgiveness."

Anderson closes the Bible and says, "Above all, let us pray with a thankful heart. God is worthy to be praised."

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Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

THREE-WEEK PRAYER BOOK

Last week of your prayer book !

Supplies: Crayons/markers/colored pencils, scissors, (Binding option 1:) yarn, hole punch, (Binding option 2:) stapler

Directions: Color and cut page 6 and the back cover of your prayer book.
Binding option 1: align all pages of the book, punch two holes in the left side and tie with yarn to bind. Binding option 2: align all pages of the book and staple on the left side.

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