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Primary Sunday School

April 5, 2020

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## Barabbas and Jesus

Barabbas was a robber. He was a bad man who deserved to get in trouble for his bad actions. He was in prison, but that was about to change.

Outside of the prison walls, the Jewish leaders did not like Jesus. They did not like the attention Jesus got from the people, and they did not like it that the people wanted to make Jesus king. So, they decided to kill Him. Jesus had done nothing wrong. He loved the children, had calmed the stormy water, had forgiven a woman of her sins, and had loved the people. But the Jewish rulers did not care! They got other bad men to tell lies about Jesus to make Him look guilty.

Finally, they took Jesus to the Roman governor named Pilate. They said, "Jesus said He is King of the Jews." They thought maybe Pilate would hear this and want to kill Jesus. But after Pilate talked to Jesus, he did not think Jesus deserved to be put to death. Pilate's wife also told him, "Let this righteous man go free! I have had bad dreams because of Him." She knew Jesus was innocent! Pilate tried to let Jesus go free, but the Jewish mob cried, "Crucify Him!"

Finally, to make the people happy, Pilate's soldiers put Jesus on a cross to die. It was a sad day, but it was not the end of the story!

Do you know who they let go free instead? Barabbas! How surprised he must have been when the soldiers opened his cell door and light flooded in. They took the chains off his hands and feet and let him walk away free!

We are like Barabbas. We are guilty of sin, but because Jesus loved us so much, He died so we could be free from our sins.

### Memory Verse:

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. 1 Peter 3:18

## Amy is Forgiven

It's been a few days since Amy stole Violet's project idea. Violet forgave Amy but she still can't bring herself to talk to Amy.

But Violet knows it's time to let Amy know she is forgiven. She walks toward Amy, who is sitting alone against a tree during recess.

"Hi, Amy," Violet says quietly.

Amy looks away, but offers an equally quiet "hi" in return after a few moments.

"You hurt me real bad when you took my idea," Violet says. She's calm, and she prays Jesus will help keep her calm and kind as she discusses this with her friend.

Amy doesn't say anything.

"My mom helped me think of another person, so I do have someone. And I know you will enjoy talking to Miss Blanche. I'll be looking forward to hearing your presentation."

This causes Amy to look up in surprise. She didn't expect kindness. She was waiting for Violet to yell or say something mean. Violet smiles sadly at Amy. She sits down beside Amy.

"My mom also helped me forgive you, Amy--well, and Jesus, of course. I couldn't have ever forgiven you without Him helping me."

Amy gets a strange look on her face. Violet almost thinks she sees tears in Amy's eyes.

"That's nice to have a mama like that," she says. "And sometimes I wish Jesus were my friend like He's yours."

Violet's eyes shine. This conversation is going better than she expected! "Oh, Amy! But He will be your friend! Just as much as He is mine. You just have to ask. You just have to tell Him you are sorry for your sins and that you want Him to live in your heart. He does all the rest!"

"That's all?" Amy asks. "I mean, I go to Sunday School sometimes. You know that. But I don't listen too closely because I think I'm not good enough for Jesus."

"No one is too bad for Jesus. That's the whole reason He wants to be your friend! Once He lives in your heart, He will help you be good and kind."

The bell rings. Amy and Violet stand up, then Amy throws her arms around Violet. "Thank you for being my friend. You're my only one."

Amy asks Jesus to also be her friend that day after school in the quiet of her bedroom.

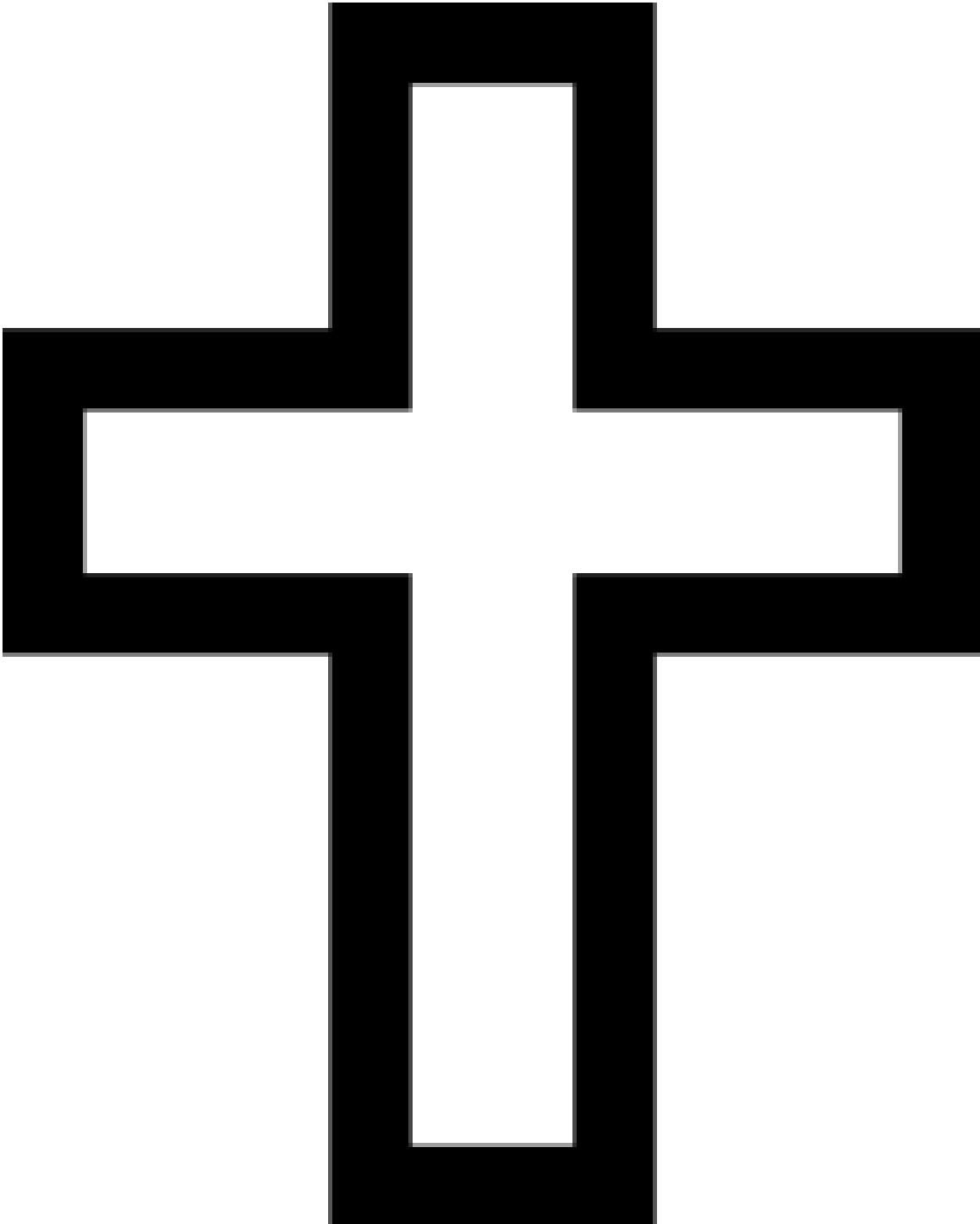
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# STAINED GLASS CROSS

**Supplies:** Black paper, glue, colored tissue paper

**Directions:** Use the template to cut the cross out of a piece of black paper. Children may need help cutting the inside piece of the cross out. Choose one piece of whole tissue paper and use it the template to cut out a cross, making sure the edges overlap enough to glue onto the black "frame cross." Then, cut small squares out of the different colors of tissue paper and glue them to the one solid piece of tissue paper. Hang in a window and let the light shine through !





Primary Sunday School

April 12, 2020

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## Resurrection Morning

It had been a bad weekend for Jesus' disciples and friends, and they were very sad. The Jewish leaders did not like Jesus and the Roman soldiers had crucified Him on a cross. Maybe they thought He was dead for good! A rich man named Joseph and Nicodemus asked the Roman ruler for Jesus' body. They wanted to bury Him in a beautiful garden tomb because they loved Him so much.

When the Jewish rulers found out where Jesus was buried, they were afraid. They remembered Jesus said He would rise from the dead after three days. So, they rolled a huge stone that was very hard to move in front of the tomb and many soldiers guarded it.

But early Sunday morning before the sun came up, God sent a strong earthquake. An angel came down from heaven and rolled away the big stone and sat on it! The angel's face was as bright as lightning and his clothes were white as snow. When the guards saw this, their bodies shook, and they fell down to the ground in fear.

Some of Jesus' friends also came to the tomb that morning. The angel said to the sad women, "Do not be afraid. He is not here, but is risen!" With great joy the women ran to tell the other disciples the angel's good news! When the Jewish rulers found out what happened, they gave the soldiers a lot of money and made them promise they would not tell anyone what had really happened.

Jesus is still alive today!

### Memory Verse:

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.

Matthew 28:6

## Burning Hearts

Violet and Jack stare at their minister in rapt attention. He's re-telling the Resurrection Morning story. Even the young children in the sanctuary seem to be paying attention. Carrie and Carter sleep peacefully in their parents' arms, which allows Anderson and Kathryn a chance to listen to the sermon.

Amy sits beside Violet this Sunday. She is so happy that Jesus rose, just like He said, that her eyes fill with tears.

Some people wipe eyes that are full of gratitude like Amy, some shout in joyful exclamation and others raise their hands in silent adoration. The church quivers with the Spirit of God, reaffirming His everlasting power and presence to His people.

The sermon ends with a reading on the two men on the road to Emmaus and the pastor's last thoughts:

"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32

"Jesus will walk with you and talk with you even today. Though He won't be a physical man, He will be there in your soul. And will not our own hearts burn within us as He opens the scripture for our understanding?"

"Revelation 1:8. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come. Amen."

Then the congregation sings a joyful, soaring song. Their voices lift and blend together until the beautiful sound fills every corner of the church.

Jack sits in his place without moving after the prayer of dismissal. His father watches him quietly for a few moments, a proud and knowing smile soft on his lips.

"Jack," he says quietly.

"Oh, Dad!" Jack breathes. His face glows. "Dad, I don't know what to say. The service. I felt it in my heart. I felt something I'm not used to feeling!"

"I know, son. The Holy Spirit is stronger than we can fathom. Hold on to these moments. Keep them close to your heart, Jack. It was a lovely meeting with our Lord."

Father and son walk to the dining hall together to share a potluck Easter lunch with their church family.

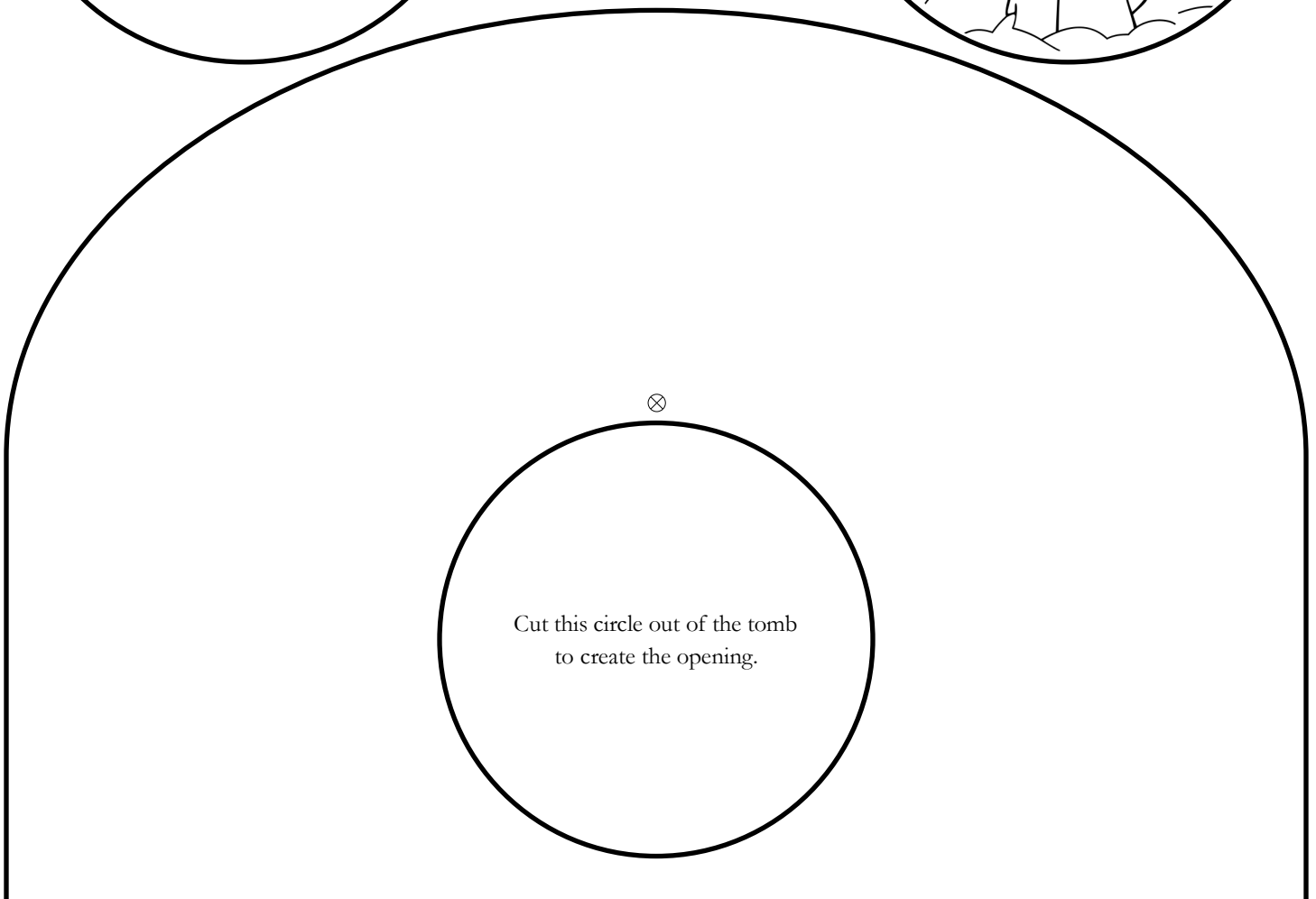
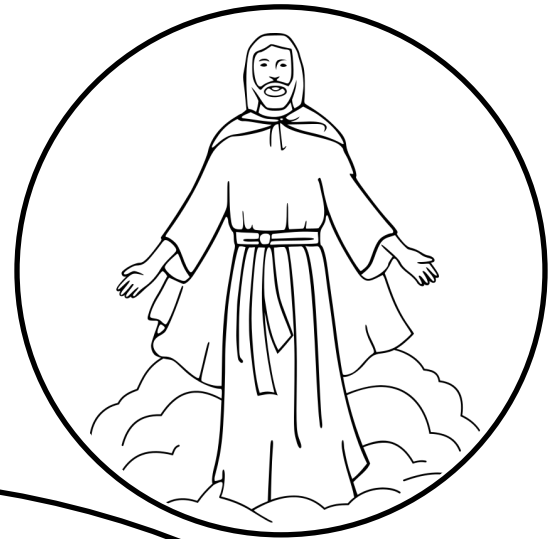
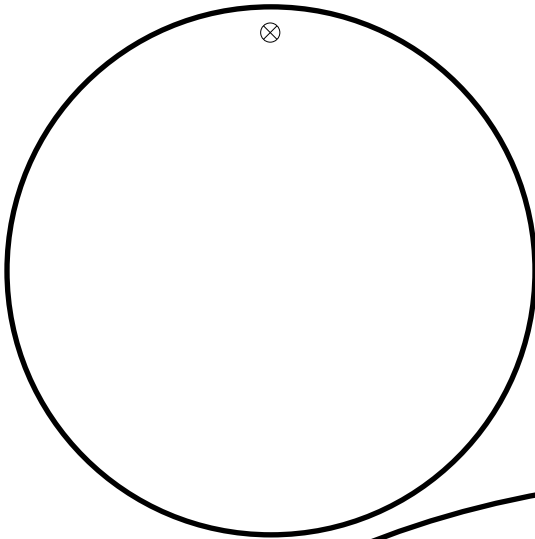
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# EASTER SUNDAY !

**Supplies:** Grey paper, crayons, scissors, glue, brass fastener

**Directions:** Color and cut the picture of Jesus. Use the template to cut the tomb and stone from grey paper. Cut the entrance to the tomb out of the grey paper (children may need help with this step.) Glue the picture of Jesus to the back side of the tomb and use the brass fastener to affix the stone to the top of the entrance, that way it can be "rolled away."







Primary Sunday School

April 19, 2020

V70, Q2, W3

## Road to Emmaus

Jesus had died and been buried, and His disciples and followers were very sad about it. They felt like they had nothing left and their hope was gone. We know what happened three days later, don't we? He rose again! Mary was the first person to see Jesus after He arose. His disciples didn't believe Mary's story at first, but soon Jesus came to them too.

Shortly after Jesus arose, there were two of His disciples taking a long walk to a town called Emmaus. One was named Cleopas, and many people believe the other was Luke. Jesus came up to them and asked, "Why are you so sad?" They thought Jesus was a stranger--they didn't recognize Him and thought He didn't know what had happened. They told Him the whole story of Jesus' death.

In response, Jesus started at the beginning of the Bible and showed the two disciples how God had planned for Jesus to come and save all people. He told them many of the old stories they knew, starting with Moses and the Israelites! That evening, they got close to the town and the disciples asked Jesus to eat with them.

Jesus broke the bread, blessed it, and gave it to them to eat. Immediately, they saw that the man who they had walked with was Jesus Himself! Jesus disappeared out of their sight, and they were amazed! Immediately they got up and walked back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples that they had seen Jesus! They were so excited that their hearts leapt inside them.

### Memory Verse:

And they said one to another, Did not  
our heart burn within us, while he talked  
with us by the way? Luke 24:32a

## Violet Praises God

"Why do I feel so content when I am outside?" Violet asks her mother one afternoon.

Katherine looks up from her gardening. Violet scoops rich black soil into her hand and watches it trickle out of her open fingers.

"Well, we are created from the dust of the earth. God is everywhere. He's in homes and buildings, of course, but there's something special about outside. Nature cries out His name, I think. Our soul connects with that. God's touch surrounds us outside."

Violet touches the petals of a tulip. "It's violet, like my name."

She looks at the fat heads of cabbage and takes a closer look at the beautiful variation of white and green on the leaves.

Violet spots a worm crawling in the soil. She watches as the pink, squishy worm works through the dirt.

Her mother watches, smiles. "I know what you feel, Vi. I feel it too when I'm outside and my mind gets quiet. Imagine that there's a little lock inside your heart. Only Jesus holds the key to open the lock. When we talk to Jesus, or when we are outside and we notice His creation, or when we sing to the Lord and feel so joyful, that's Jesus filling our space with His presence."

"Whispers of His name and His love are everywhere. The beauty of rebirth shows in the seed that dies deep in the ground, only to spring forth in glorious bloom. Sunrise and sunset. High tide and low tide at the ocean. Day and night. New beginnings fade into endings. Endings are reborn as new beginnings all over again.

Violet sighs and stares dreamily into the distance. "In Sunday School, we talked about Jesus walking and talking with the two men on the road to Emmaus. They said their heart burned inside of them with happiness. That's how my heart feels right now. It's burning with happiness and I don't know what to do with such a big feeling!"

"Sing a song, or shout for joy!" Katherine offers.

Violet shyly looks at the ground for a few moments, then lifts up her arms and shouts, "Yippee!"

She cartwheels through her mom's garden, laughing and giggling in joy. She looks up to the sky and shouts, "I love you, Jesus!"

Violet's mom watches her daughter and the joy bubbling out of her soul. She thanks the Lord for meeting her daughter in this ordinary moment in the garden.

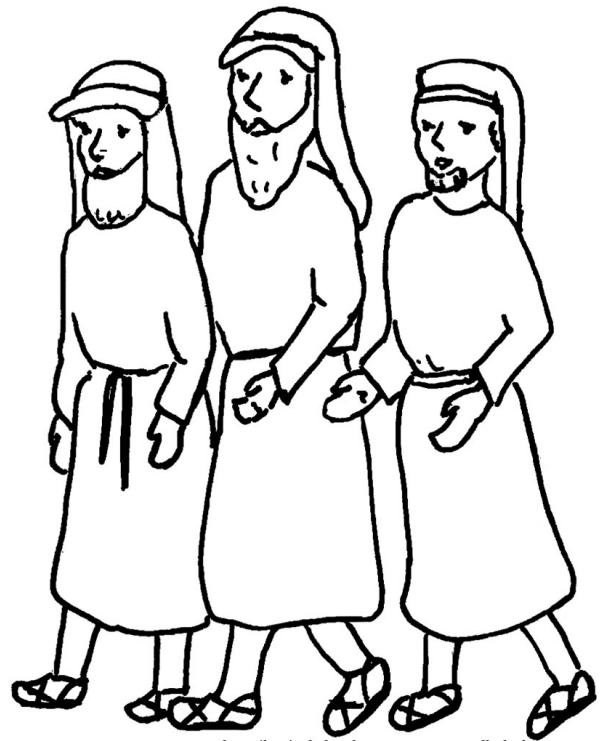
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# JESUS ON THE ROAD

**Supplies:** crayons, scissors, popsicle sticks, glue

**Directions:** Color and cut the pictures below. Carefully cut the slit with scissors to allow the popsicle stick to pass through it. Glue the three men to one end of the popsicle stick and insert it into the slit so they can walk along the road to Emmaus.



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Primary Sunday School

April 26, 2020

V70, Q2, W4

## In the Beginning

The Bible starts with the book of Genesis. At the beginning of the Bible, we read about the beginning of time!

Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” It took God six days to make everything we see with our eyes, and even some things we can’t see! Let’s learn about what He made on each day.

Day one: God created the light and separated it from the darkness. He said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God said it was good. When does the light happen? When does the darkness happen?

Day two: God created the heavens and the earth. He set the sky above and the earth below, and said that it was good.

Day three: God separated the land and the water. The water was called the seas and He made grass, flowers, and trees of every kind to grow on the land! He looked at the land and water and said it was good.

Day four: God created outer space! He made a light for the daytime. What is that called? The sun! And He made a light for the night time: the moon. He said that the sun and moon would help us know what day, season, and year it is. He also sprinkled stars all over the night sky and said that it was good.

Day five: God filled the sea with fish and whales and the sky with birds. It was good!

Day six: God covered the land with animals like cows, lions, and lizards. Best of all, He created man and woman to be His friends, and it was good.

On the seventh day, God rested.

**Memory Verse:**  
In the beginning God created the  
heaven and the earth.  
Genesis 1:1

## God, the Botanist

“Children, we have an exciting day planned!” Anderson proclaims as the family sits around the table eating breakfast one Saturday morning.

Jack sops his pancake in the sea of syrup floating in his plate. Violet narrows her eyes at him and makes a point of daintily dipping her bite into a well-contained pool on the side of her own plate. Jack rolls his eyes and grins as he opens his mouth widely and pops his delectable bite into his mouth.

“Would anyone like to know about this exciting day?” Anderson asks them with a grin.

“What, is it time to pull branches to the wood pile again?” Jack asks. Anderson laughs.

“No, but good idea. Today I will be guiding our family on a tour of various plants local to this region.”

Jack and Violet stare blankly at their father. “May you say that in children language, please?” Violet finally asks.

Their father is in a fine mood, and laughs heartily. “Well, I am inspired to show you the wonder of God in His creation. Today I want you to think of God as a botanist. Botanists are plant experts. God is the Creator of all, which means He is the master Artist, master Cook, master Zoologist, master Engineer, master Scientist, and on and on! God created every single aspect of our world. For today, let’s focus on His plants.”

After breakfast, the family ventures out into the cool spring day. Their first stop is a large evergreen tree. “This is a Douglas fir,” Anderson says. “It’s not even a fir, but a pine tree. Also called an Oregon pine. It’s named after Scottish botanist David Douglas. He said this tree is ‘one of the most striking and truly graceful objects in nature.’ It’s used for lumber and also our state tree!”

After a few steps, Anderson motions at the ground. He points out a cluster of beautiful, delicate flowers. “These are called Erigeron. This type is also called Fleabane, and they are essentially our wild daisies. They’ve recently bloomed and will be around through June. They are either white, yellow or purple. Butterflies love their nectar!”

Violet picks a few. She places one little daisy behind Carrie Ann’s ear.

The family spends the day admiring various trees, bushes and flowers. Anderson hopes to have more outings like this with his children.

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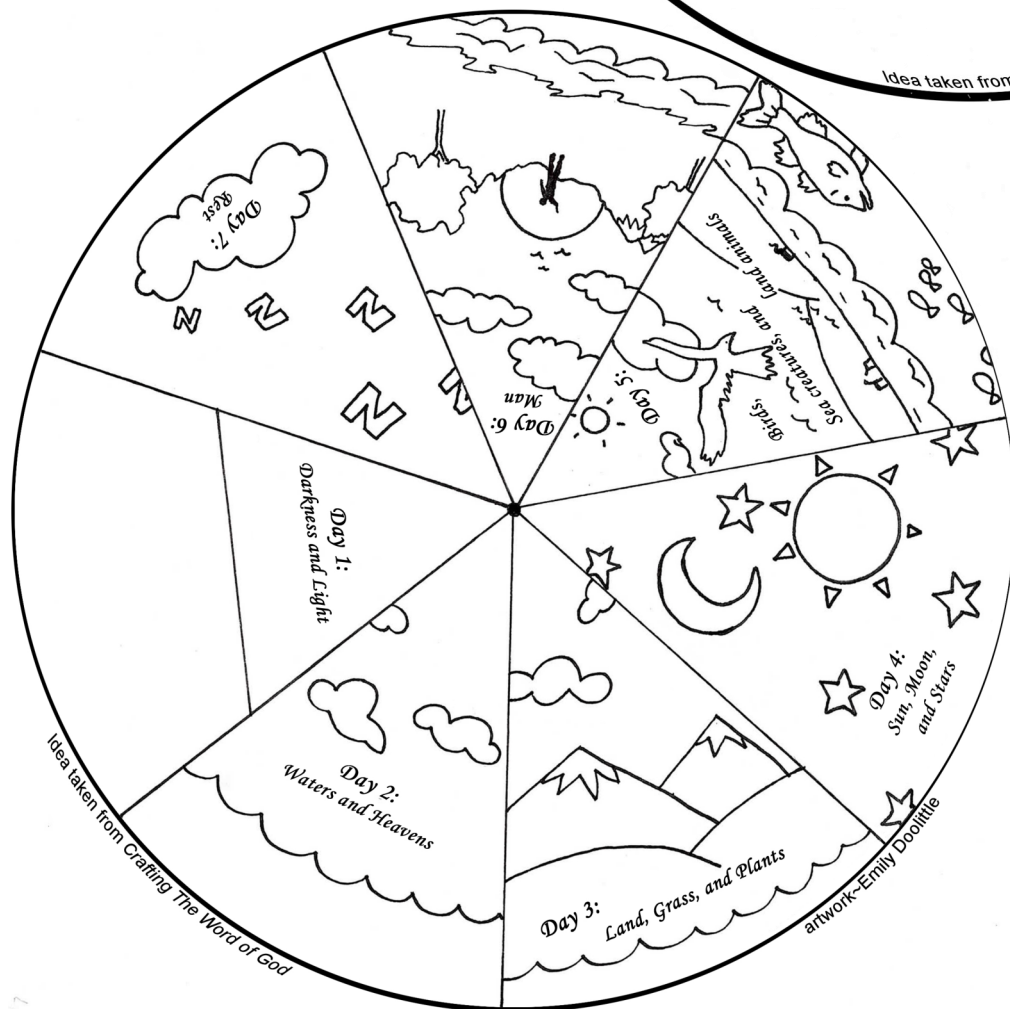
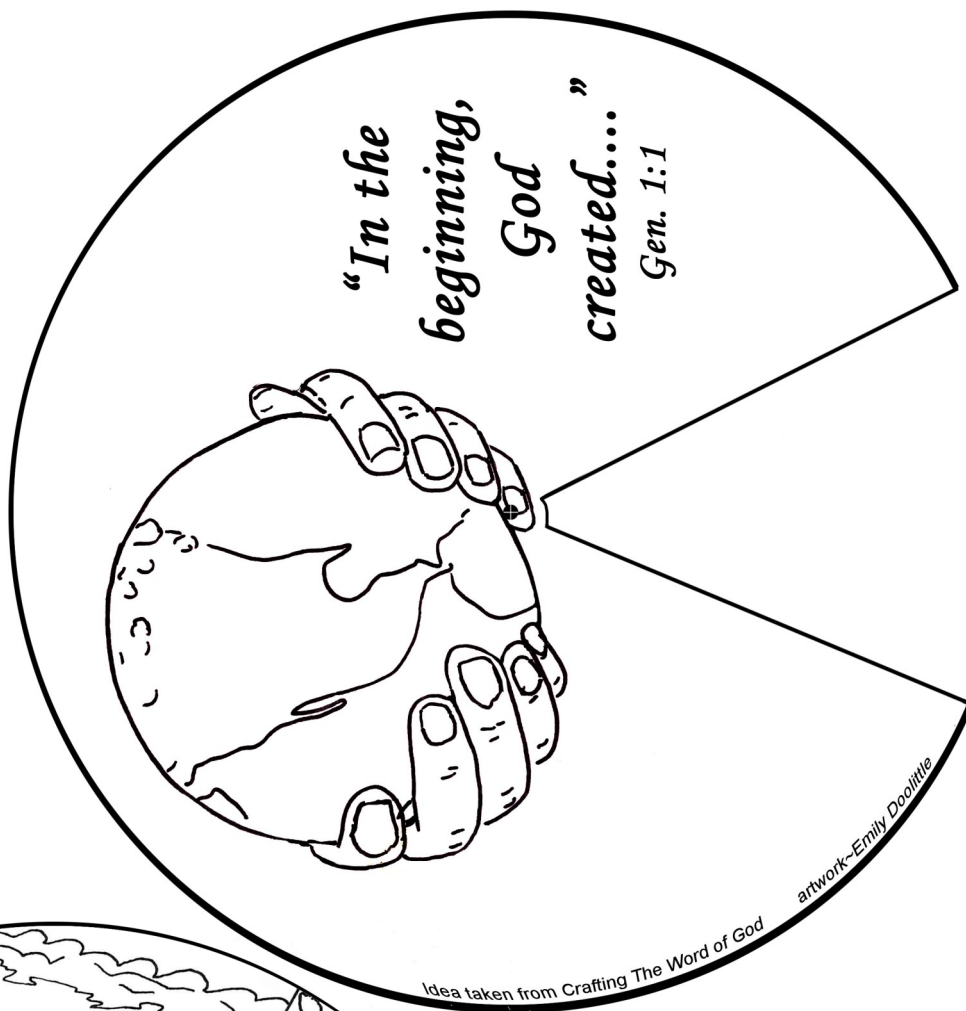
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# CREATION SPINNER

**Supplies:** Scissors, crayons,  
brass fasteners

**Directions:** Cut and color  
both pieces of the spinner  
and then use the brass  
fasteners to attach them.





Primary Sunday School

May 3, 2020

V70, Q2, W5

## Adam and Eve Sin

We learned last week that God created the planets and stars, the earth, the dry land and seas, and all the plants and animals. Best of all, He created Adam and Eve. They were meant to be God's followers and friends. They lived in a garden called Eden, and every evening God came down to the garden to walk and talk with them. He let them eat from any tree in the garden except one. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil was off limits. They weren't supposed to touch it or eat its fruit.

One day a serpent, who was actually the devil, came to Eve and asked her which trees she could eat from. The devil was trying to trick her into thinking it was okay to eat from the forbidden tree. Eve made a mistake. She listened to the devil and started talking to him. Pretty soon she was looking at the tree and thinking that the fruit looked beautiful and delicious. So she took a piece and ate it. Even worse, she gave some to Adam and he ate some too.

All of a sudden, they realized that they had disobeyed God, and they were ashamed. They sewed leaves together into clothes and hid. God came down that evening and found them hiding. He was sad they had disobeyed, but He couldn't live where there was sin. So He made them clothes from animal furs and sent them out into the world. The Garden of Eden was shut and guarded by an angel with a flaming sword. Adam and Eve lived a hard life outside the garden.

### Memory Verse:

Adam and his wife hid themselves from  
the presence of the LORD God amongst  
the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8b

## God, Our Creator

For a week, Anderson Mackey leads his family in special lessons as they study the many creative aspects of God. It started with a lesson on the trees and the plants and the study of botany.

Each night for devotions, the family studies a different subject created by God. These lessons include physics, weather patterns, the Earth's surface, animals, chemistry, and astronomy.

"This is our final night of special study," Anderson tells his family. "Violet and Jack, tell us something you learned from each night of study."

Violet begins. "Well, I didn't even know what 'physics' meant, but now I know it includes how stuff moves. For example, the Laws of Motion say that if I kick a ball, it will fly in the air forever except that gravity and the weight of air pulls it back down."

Jack is happy to share an interesting fact he learned about clouds. "Cirrus clouds are thin and wispy and form real high up in the air. They are made of ice crystals and get their shape from the way the wind pushes them!"

Violet hops on one foot in excitement to share the next fact. "The tallest waterfall is in the country Venezuela and it's 3000 feet tall!"

Not to be outdone, Jack tells the family, "Horses and cows sleep standing up, mosquitos make that buzzing sound from flapping their wings really fast, and cats use their whiskers to figure out if they can fit into a tight space. Can I also tell a fact about chemistry?"

Anderson laughs and nods his head. He is happy his children are so excited to learn about the different areas of God's creation.

"Everytime Mom cooks in the kitchen, she's using chemistry to create our food. For example, the reaction between ions in baking soda and vinegar produce new chemicals!"

"And lemons have more sugar inside than a strawberry!" Violet adds. "And a fact from astronomy is that astronaut footprints on the moon stay forever because there isn't wind to blow them away."

"Very good. Tonight we end by learning about the human being, God's final creation. We could talk all night about humans. I'll share three facts," Anderson says. "God created us from dust and breathed life into our bodies. We must honor God by taking care of ourselves--mind and body. Second, your brain makes enough electricity to light a bulb. The third fact is that your ears and your nose never stop growing."

"Tell us more!" Jack and Violet giggle.

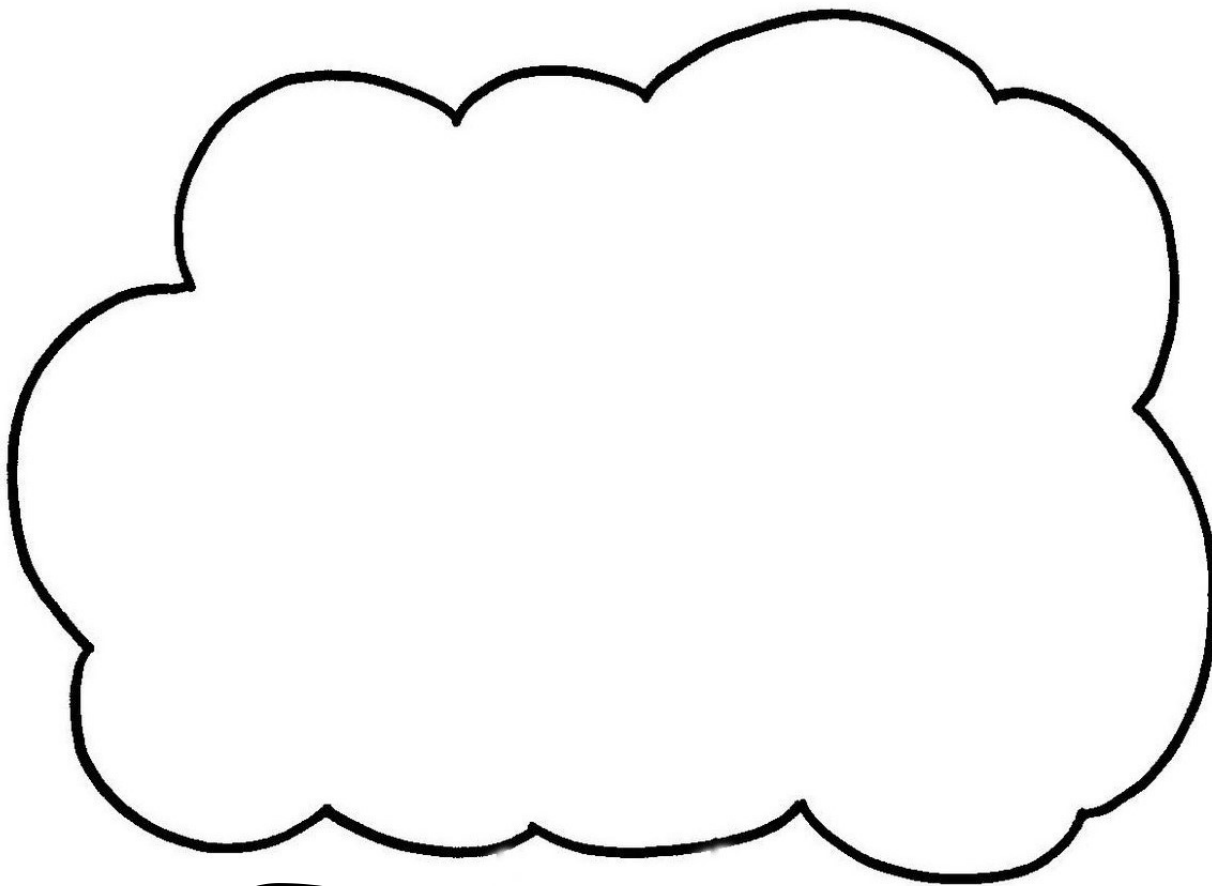
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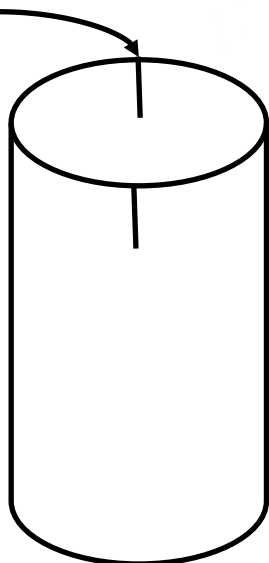
# THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

**Supplies:** Scissors, hot glue gun or other glue, green pipe cleaners, an empty toilet paper roll for each child

**Directions:** Color and cut the tree top. Cut slits in one end of the toilet paper roll and slide the tree top into them. Secure the tree top with hot glue. Curl a green pipe cleaner around the trunk of the tree (toilet paper roll) and secure it with hot glue. Color and cut the fruit and glue it to the tree top.



Cut slits in the  
top of the toilet  
paper roll.





## Mother's Day

Mother. What does that word mean?

The dictionary says that a mother is a woman who has a relationship with her child. She takes care of and loves him or her. Does that sound like your mom?

Today is Mother's Day. It's a day we celebrate our moms because they work so hard to take care of us. Your mom is probably the one who changed a lot of your diapers when you were a baby, fed you in the middle of the night, and held you when you were sick. She has made you food when you're hungry and bought or sewed clothes for you to wear. She does a lot for you, doesn't she?

There were a lot of mothers in the Bible. Do you remember who the first mother was? Eve! Jochebed was Moses' mother and she hid him in a basket to keep him safe. Hannah prayed for a baby, and when she had Samuel, she promised that he would always serve God. And, of course, there is Mary, the mother of Jesus!

Mothers are very important, and God has given them a big job. But He has also given you a job. Our memory verse today says, "Honour thy father and mother." That means to obey with love and a good attitude. If you do that, your mom will appreciate it and it will make her job of taking care of you much easier!

Tell your mom how much you love and appreciate her today!

Happy Mother's Day!

Memory Verse:  
Honour thy father and thy mother.  
Exodus 20:12a

## A Virtuous Woman

Jack and Violet enter the kitchen and see their father wearing an apron. He grins broadly and flips a pancake over the cast iron griddle. "They say husbands should do this more than just on Mother's Day. I agree. This is fun, but probably because it's my only current responsibility. Do you realize just how much your mom does?"

Violet notices a large bouquet of fragrant white gardenias on the table. Her father must have picked them this morning from the garden! The children eat warm pancakes damp with butter and drizzled in syrup.

"Now, when Katherine comes into the kitchen I want you to stand up and applaud!" Anderson tells his children with great enthusiasm.

Jack groans and says, "Dad!"

He sees his mother coming down the hallway and dutifully stands to clap. He's embarrassed, but when Violet joins, it becomes a competition over who can clap the loudest.

"My, my, what's this honor?" Katherine asks with a grin toward her husband.

"You, my dear lady," Anderson says. "Now Jack and Violet will share something they love about you."

Violet starts. "I'm glad you still find time for me, even with the twins. I see how you make time for just us girls, and I love you so much. I hope one day I can be as good a mom as you, and happy Mother's Day, Mom."

Violet suddenly feels quite emotional and very full of love for her mother. Katherine smiles tenderly at her daughter, both mother's and daughter's eyes bright with unshed tears.

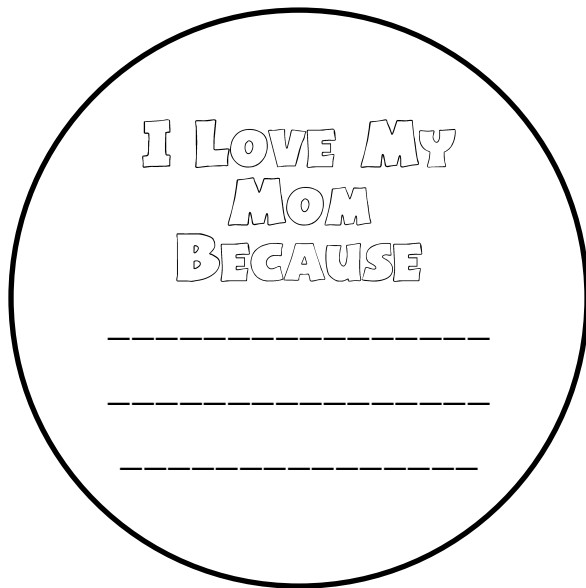
Jack studies a crack in the table studiously. He's trying to swallow a big lump that found its way into his throat. "Mom," he begins. His voice falters. "Mom, some of my best memories are the times you and I work on the old tractor or drive the truck to the back field or even work in the garden. You know a whole lot, more than I know yet, and you aren't afraid to get your hands dirty. And I think you're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen."

Anderson opens the Bible and reads the account in Proverbs of a virtuous woman. "Sounds like your mom, doesn't it?" he says as he finishes the passage. "A mother's job never ends. Your mother provides you with love and care and support. She deserves your respect, love and appreciation every day, not just today."

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## HAND PRINT FLOWERS

**Supplies:** Colored paper, scissors, hot glue gun and regular glue, green pipe cleaners, crayons

**Directions:** Color and cut the circle below (with the words "I love my mom because") and fill in the blank with each child's answer. Cut four handprints from each child on colored paper and paste them together to make a flower. Paste the center of the flower (I love my mom because...) to the center of the handprints. Twist two pipe cleaners together to form the stem and hot glue it to the back of the flower.





## Cain and Abel

Cain and Abel were the first brothers on the Earth—the first two sons of Adam and Eve. The brothers were different. Cain loved being on a farm and growing food or plants, while Abel preferred being a shepherd and working with animals.

Genesis tells us they both brought offerings before the Lord. An offering is a gift or a present to God, and there were several types. One was of fine flours and oils—it basically said “thank you” to God. Another kind of offering was killing an animal—it asked for forgiveness of sins.

This is where the brothers differed. Cain brought a “thank you” offering, and Abel killed one of his animals as a “forgiveness” offering. The Bible says, “The Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering” (Genesis 4:4). This made Cain upset! So, God spoke with Cain and said, “If you would have done well, you would have been accepted too!” But Cain was still upset and likely jealous. One day he told Abel, “Let’s go out into the field.” Then he killed his brother. The Lord knew what Cain had done and punished him. Cain was removed from his garden and wandered the Earth.

If we bring our best before the Lord and then ask him to forgive us, we will be accepted and have the Lord’s respect. Today we might not bring animals, but we can give Him the best of our time, money and heart. What can you give God today?

### Memory Verse:

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and  
with the firstfruits of all thine increase.  
Proverbs 3:9

## A Willing Heart

“Mrs. Knelson at the convenience store paid me to sweep, dust and clean the bathroom. I got ten whole dollars! I am rich! I have ten \$1 bills, and I keep counting and counting them.”

Violet’s parents look at each other over her head.

“Mrs. Knelson paid you well,” Anderson replies. “What are you going to do with that money?”

“I’m going to hide it under my bed and take it out each night and count it!” Violet says exuberantly.

Jack laughs. “Violet the miser, huh.”

“What’s a miser?” Violet asks suspiciously.

“Someone who hoards his money and spends as little as possible,” Jack laughs.

“What’s wrong with saving my money?” Violet cries, her feelings hurt at Jack’s teasing.

Violet’s father steps in. “It is wise to save money, Violet. Jack is referring to your attitude about saving that money. Who gave you the ability to walk and move so that you can sweep and dust and clean?”

Violet looks puzzled for a moment then says, “Well, God.”

“Exactly. God wants us to be responsible with our money because He has made us stewards. But that money is only there because God allowed you the ability to earn it. We honor God by recognizing this truth and giving back to Him with a willing heart.”

“How do I do that?” Violet asks.

“Oh, many ways. Your mom and I offer a tithe to support our church and pastor. People give to all sorts of needs. However, God doesn’t want us to give if we do it only because we think we have to. He wants a cheerful giver. How about you pray and see if God impresses your heart to give to a specific person or cause.”

Violet looks longingly at her bills. She can’t imagine parting with any of them. But she agrees to pray about it, realizing if she doesn’t have a willing heart then God won’t want the money anyway.

A few days later, Violet is in town. She notices some children staring hungrily in the windows at Mrs. Knelson’s food display. She looks down at her coin purse clutched in her hands.

A few minutes later, Violet walks up to the eldest boy who looks about her age. “Would you like this sandwich to share with your sisters? Mrs. Knelson makes the best ones.”

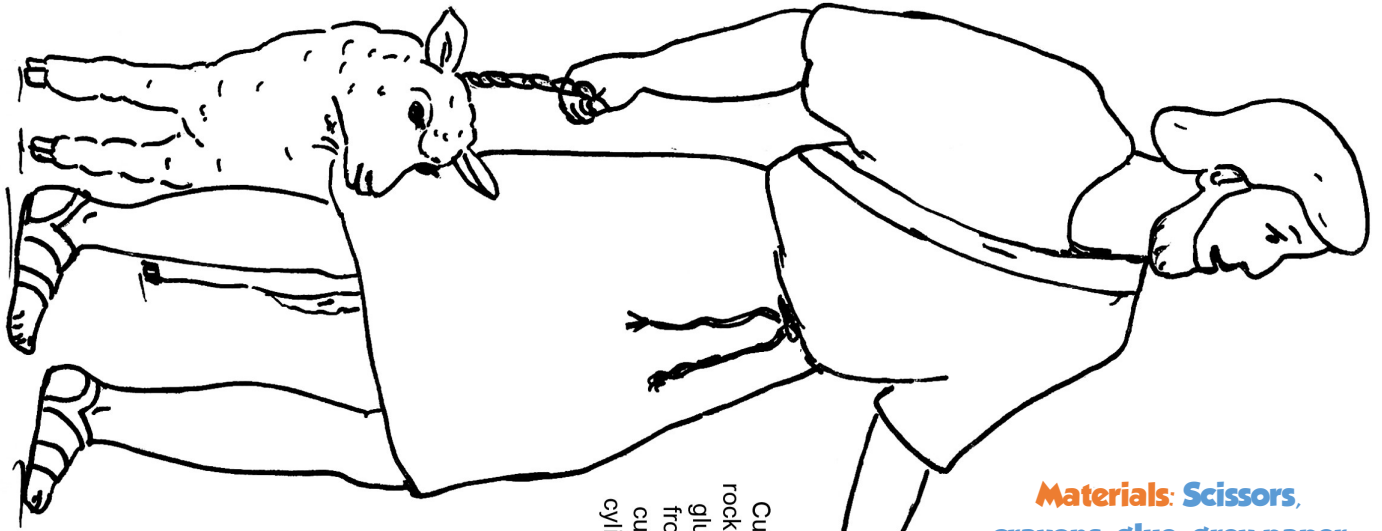
The boy looks eagerly at the food.

Violet’s eyes fill with happy tears as she watches the children eating hungrily. Violet now knows what God means about giving with a willing heart.

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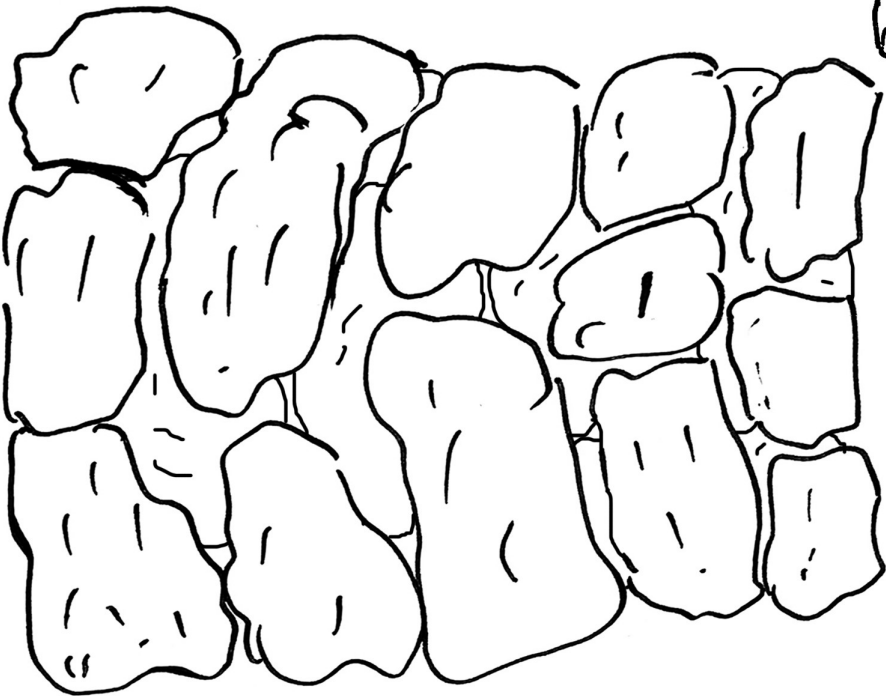
# THE ALTAR



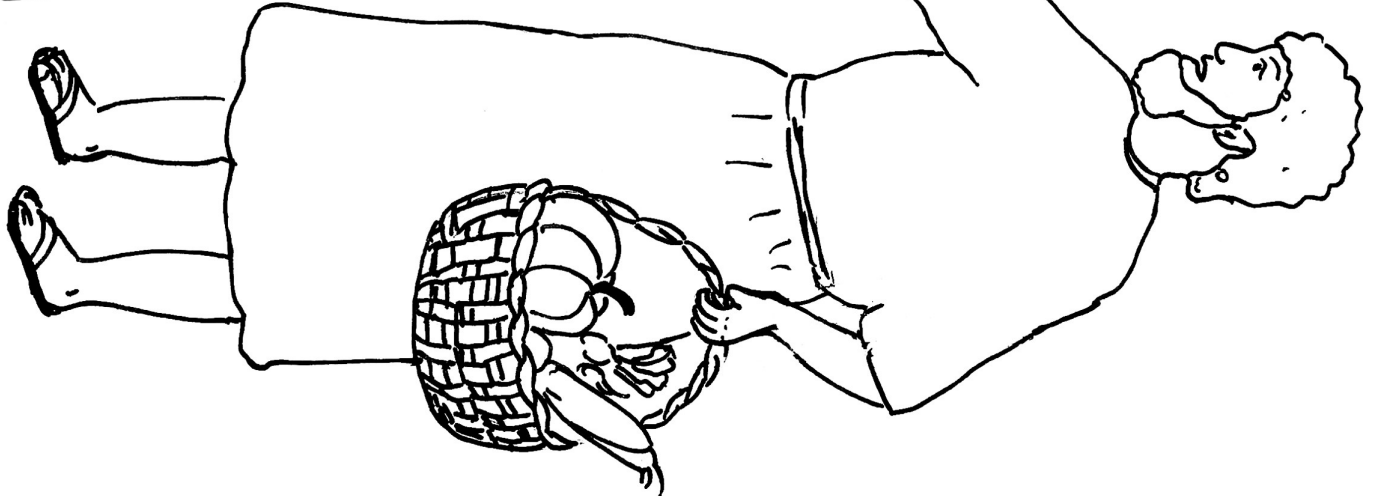
Cut out  
rocks and  
glue to  
front of  
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**Materials:** Scissors, crayons, glue, grey paper cup (8 or 12 oz) or grey paper fashioned into a cylinder with a circle to close off one end

**Instructions:** Color and cut Cain and Abel, being careful to keep them attached by the strip of paper between them. Glue the cup to the paper strip between the brothers. Color and cut the altar separately. Glue the altar stones to the front of the cup.



glue to back of  
cup or cylinder





## Noah and the Flood

Many years had passed since Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden of Eden. Noah was born over 1,000 years after Adam was created, and in that time, people had become very wicked. Everyone did what he or she wanted and no one respected the Creator. They killed each other, stole, and fought without caring how they hurt one another. There was just one man who still loved God and obeyed Him. Can you remember his name? Noah!

God was so sad that sin had overtaken the earth that He decided to destroy it with a flood. Noah and his family were the only ones who would be saved. God told Noah to build a huge ark--a boat big enough for his family and every kind of animal God created! Noah obeyed God and built the ark exactly how God asked him to. Most likely, Noah was made fun of and mocked for believing a flood would destroy the earth, but Noah trusted God.

When it came time to load the ark, God sent seven males and seven females of every kind of clean animal. Noah put them each in their own special place on the ark. There were also one male and one female of every unclean animal, and they got their own place too. Then, God shut the door.

The rain started falling, and it didn't stop for forty days and forty nights. That's more than a month! Water also came up from beneath the ground. Soon, the entire earth, even the tallest mountains, were underwater. Noah lived on the ark for an entire year before he, his family, and all the animals came out onto dry land!

### Memory Verse:

Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.  
Genesis 6:9b

## Building Foundations

Anderson and Jack lean against Anderson's old pickup truck. Jack watches the cement mixer truck with wide eyes. It's the first time he's seen concrete poured.

His father Anderson got him up early that morning. "There's something I want you to see today, son. Get dressed. We will grab breakfast at Mrs. Knelson's and then head to that work site in town."

Jack enjoys watching the mixer pour concrete into the forms to create a foundation for a new building. He asks his father questions about the process all the way home.

That night during family devotions, Anderson reads the story of Noah.

"You know," he says after finishing the text, "there's a parable in the New Testament that comes to my mind after reading about Noah and the flood. Any guesses?"

Jack and Violet stare blankly at their father.

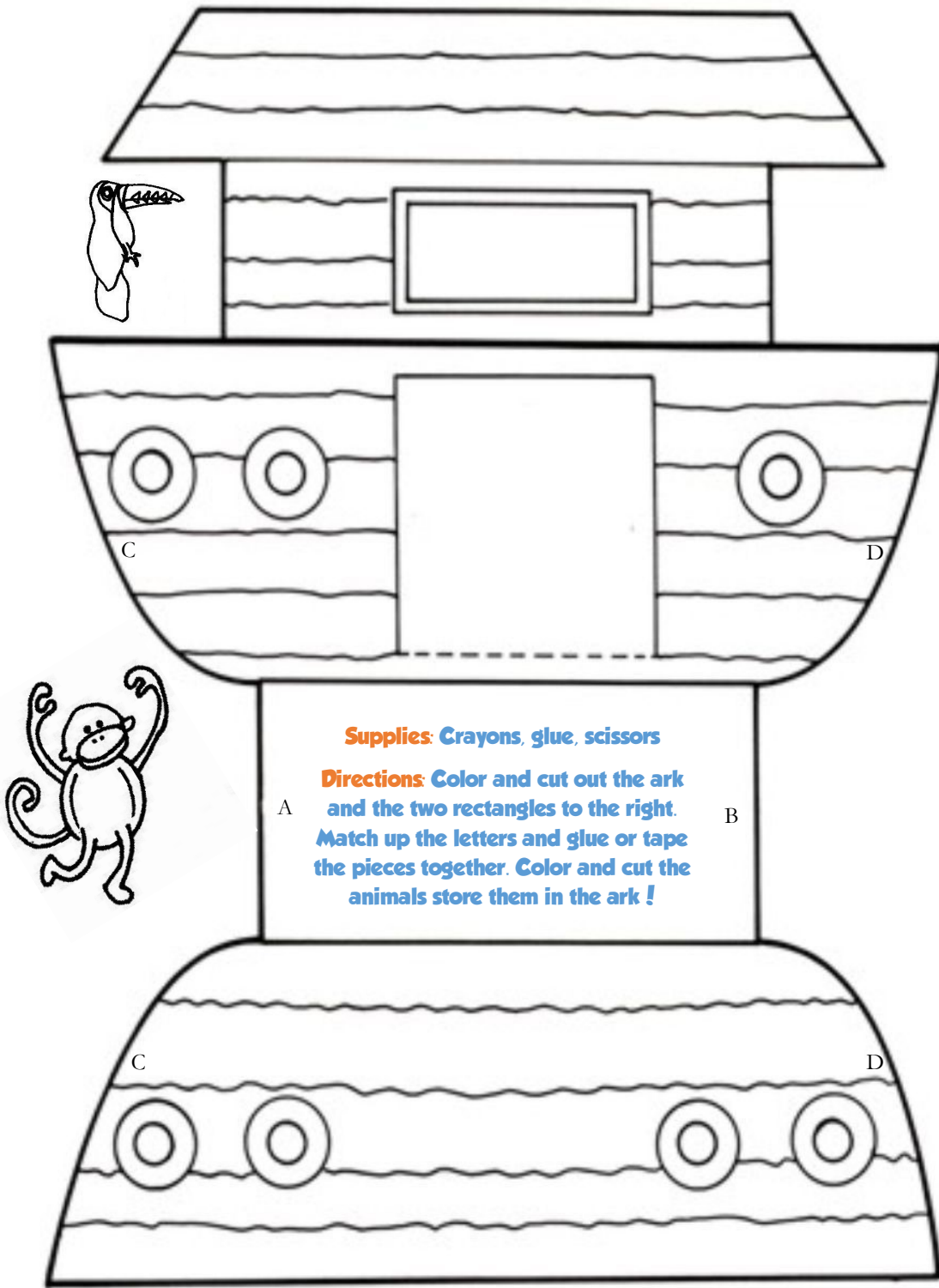
"The wise man and the foolish man, of course! Think about it. Jesus tells the story of two men who each build a home. The foolish man builds on the sand. Sand is not a wise place upon which to build a foundation for a house, because it shifts and moves. The wise man built his house on a rock, which is strong and steady. We know the story. The wise man's house was safe when the rain and wind came. The foolish man's house crashed to the ground because it wasn't built on a strong foundation to hold it steady through the storms.

Noah built his life on a firm foundation. He built his life around God instead of following after the selfish, wicked people who lived all around him. That is why he was saved in the flood. The other people were living a life like a building on shaking sand--it didn't provide stability and safety.

They didn't take the chance God gave for them to move to a stronger foundation, and I am sure they laughed at Noah as they watched him build the strong, secure ark.

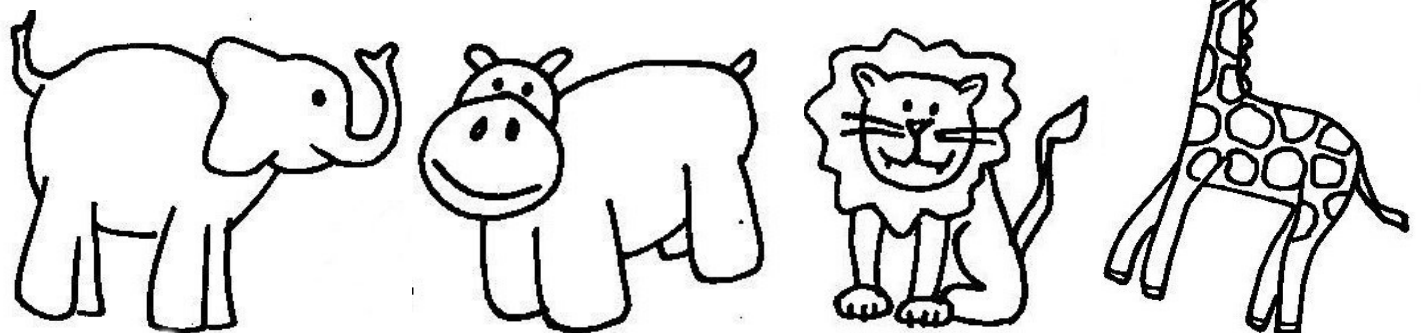
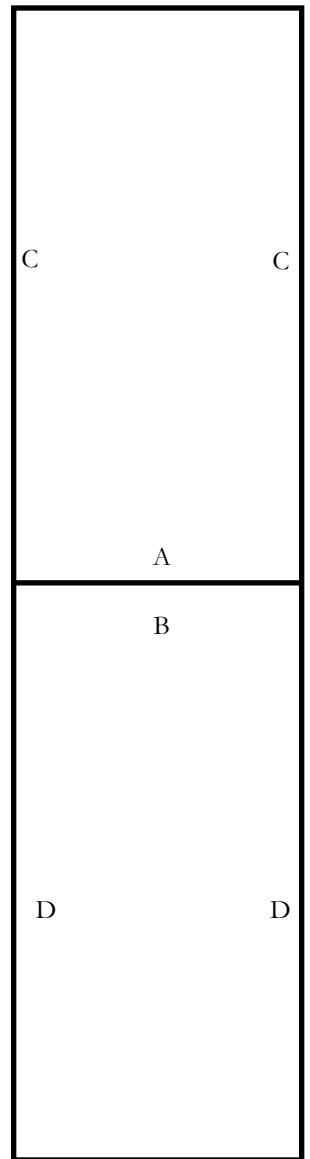
I took Jack into town today to watch a mixer pour concrete for a foundation. I told him how important it is to check the soil before you ever start building a foundation. You want to make sure your home and your heart are built on something strong. If there are areas in your life that don't feel strong, ask Jesus to help you strengthen those areas so you can stand in peace and safety."





**Supplies:** Crayons, glue, scissors

**Directions:** Color and cut out the ark and the two rectangles to the right. Match up the letters and glue or tape the pieces together. Color and cut the animals store them in the ark !





## God's Promise

Noah, his family and all the animals were inside the ark for an entire year! That's a long time! They were probably very happy to finally get off the rocking boat and stand on solid ground. The Lord had just saved them, and they were thankful—so thankful—they built an altar to the Lord and sacrificed animals to Him.

This made God happy! He decided He would make a promise to all generations following Noah. He promised He would never again curse the ground because of humans. He would not destroy all living creatures like He just did. As long as the Earth lives on, there will be seed time and harvest time, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not end (Genesis 8:21-22).

As a seal of this promise, He placed a rainbow in the sky! Every time you see a rainbow, you can remember God's faithfulness to His promises. He doesn't make a promise, then forget it, or get too busy to keep it. Sometimes we humans might fail in this area, but never God.

Some of His promises first require action on our part. Sometimes He promises them no matter what happens—like the rainbow.

The Bible is full of God's promises to us. Can you think of a promise He made? Which promise is your favorite? If you can't think of one, ask your Sunday school teacher or parents to help you find a promise God has made to You!

### Memory Verse:

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. Genesis 9:13

## I Give My Word

"There's a boy in my class at school who asks to borrow pencils and then he never gives them back. I don't get it. He's asking to borrow, not keep. I've lost three pencils that way!" Violet says as she and her family eat dinner around the table.

"Why don't you ask for them back?" Jack says.

"I don't know... I guess I'm a little worried he'll get upset." Violet replies.

"That's not a good enough reason. Whether or not he returns your pencils, why should you worry what he might think of you for asking that question?" Jack queries.

Jack and Violet's parents listen quietly. Then Anderson, their father, says, "You two bring up a good subject. Let me grab my Bible and we'll just have devotions right here at the table."

"Now," Anderson says as he returns to the table, "let's talk about promises. Violet, I think you are upset at this boy because he says one thing then does another. You are right for recognizing he is wrong. Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 says it is better not to vow than to make a vow, or promise, you don't keep."

Sometimes people are forgetful, but after three times of this boy asking to borrow a pencil and not returning it, either he doesn't know what the word 'borrow' means, or he knows he can take advantage of your kindness. I agree with Jack. Next time he asks to borrow a pencil, kindly ask for it back when the bell rings. Don't be afraid of his response. If he's a bully he probably will try to make you feel bad. But that's nothing to be afraid of."

"Speaking of promises, let's end by reading a verse about God's promise to us. The book of Isaiah has some beautiful promises God told us. And He keeps every word He says."

"Isaiah 41:10 says, 'Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.'"

"I love that verse," Violet says firmly. "I will quote that to myself the day I ask for my pencil back. I won't be afraid because I'll know that God is right beside me."

# RAINBOW SNACK !

**Supplies:** Large marshmallows, fruit loop cereal, white pipe cleaners

**Directions:** String fruit loop cereal onto the white pipe cleaners and bend into a semi-circle. Anchor the "rainbow" by pushing the ends of the pipe cleaners into the large marshmallows.





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## The Tower of Babel

After Noah and his family got off the ark, God asked them to take their children and grandchildren and spread out over the earth. Instead, everyone lived pretty close together. Pretty soon, they got an idea that would show everyone how smart they were! They started making bricks and building a huge tower that would touch the sky.

God came down and looked at their project. He knew they weren't trying to worship or praise Him with the big tower. Instead, they were trying to be important and smart all on their own. God was not happy that they were building the tower for those reasons. He had already promised Noah that He wouldn't flood the earth again, but He didn't let the people keep building. He came up with another plan that would stop the people from building the tower.

As they were working, God mixed up all their language so they couldn't understand each other. Imagine trying to work together when you have no idea what the other person is saying! God also scattered them across the earth like He asked them to do in the first place. The tower was named Babel because the people were confused.

God wasn't just upset that they wanted to build a tower, but that they were trying to be important without serving Him first.

### Memory Verse:

Therefore is the name of it called  
Babel; because the LORD did there  
confound the language of all the earth.

Genesis 11:9

## All Things for Good

Jack and Violet chatter about their Sunday School classes on the way home from church. They take turns making faces at Carter. He isn't a fan of his carseat or driving yet. Carrie Ann ignores them all and sleeps peacefully through the noise.

Katherine looks out the window, enjoying the chatter of her children and a few moments of quietness. Anderson drives steadily up the mountain. He holds his wife's hand and smiles at her lovely face.

"Ha ha, think about if we had been at the tower of Babel!" Jack laughs as his conversation with his sister steers in a new direction. "What if you and I were talking about how to build something and then all of a sudden you started talking in a language I didn't understand. What if I thought you were just joking with me and saying made-up words. I wonder how long it would take to figure out what happened."

Violet giggles at the thought. "Dad, how many languages are there?"

"Thousands," Anderson replies.

Violet gasps and stares at Jack with wide eyes. "Thousands?"

Jack proceeds to chatter at Violet in gibberish, gesturing fervently. Violet speaks back in her own gibberish, then they burst into peals of laughter.

"Would it be scary if that happened to us?" Violet wonders.

"I'm sure," Anderson replies. "At least until we found someone else we could understand. God scattered the people because they thought they were a little too big for their britches, but think how it worked for their good, and for world history's good. God knows the value and worth of differences among humans. Plus, there was a big world out there that He wanted to fill! And think how boring it would be if we were all the same. What if everyone ate the same kind of food, or looked the same, or shared the same traditions? Think about all we gain because the people were scattered across the world, which caused different ethnicities. That was all God!"

Jack and Violet are entranced with their father's speech. They think about the yummy enchiladas Mrs. Aldana makes, and the way her family weaves the Spanish and English languages together.

"Oh, we should take a culture trip!" Katherine says. "I know people who would love visiting with you two. They could teach you so much."

The family arrives home, thinking of the way God uses moments in history like the tower of Babel to work good for the entire world.

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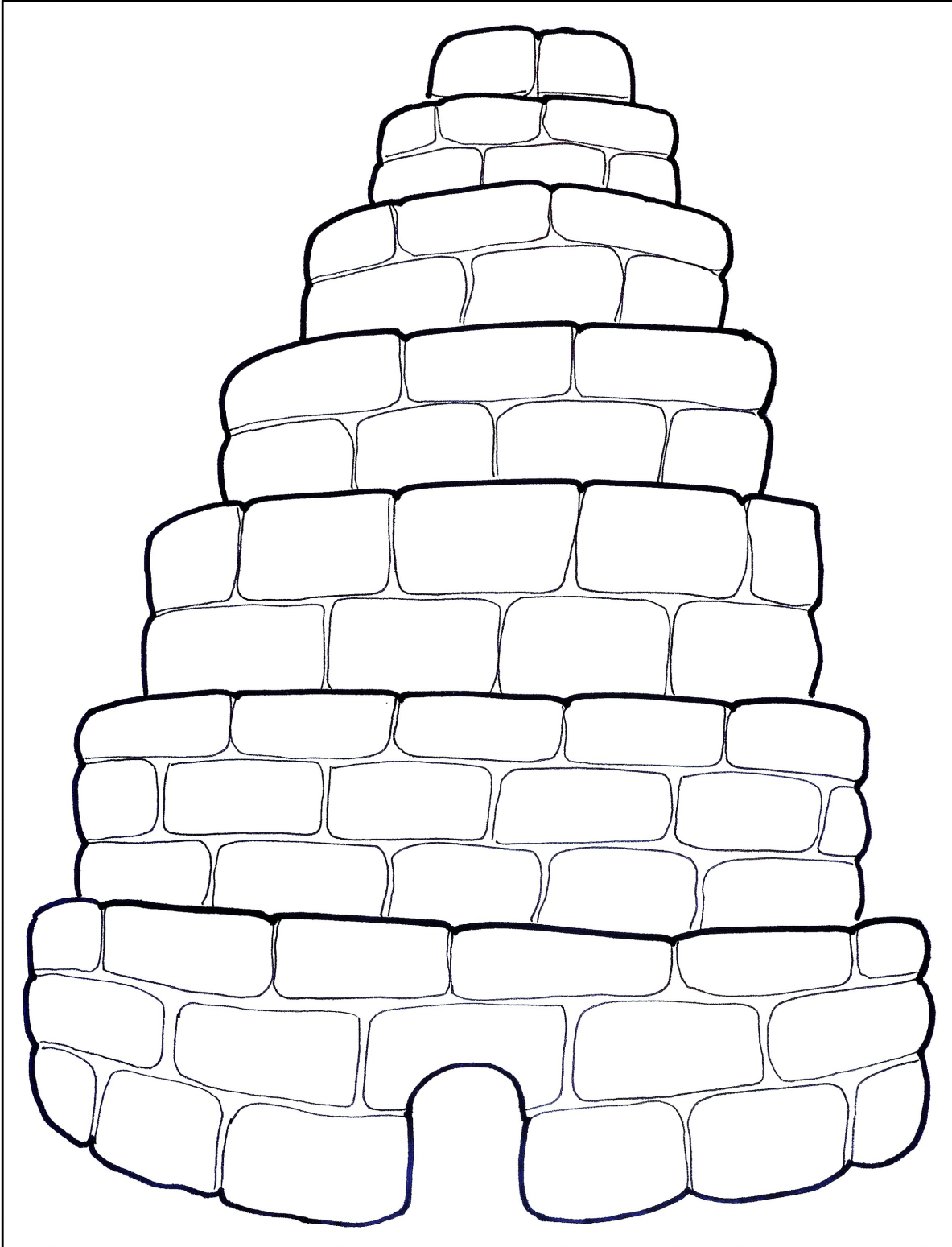
# Build a Tower !

## Supplies:

1. Scissors
2. Glue
3. Brown construction paper

## Directions:

Cut brick shapes out of brown construction paper and glue to the tower outline in order to "build" your own Tower of Babel!





## Violet's Lesson

"I'm glad I'm a Christian because nothing bad will happen to me," Violet says one day after school.

Katherine, Violet's mother, arches an eyebrow and says, "That's not true, Vi. Why do you think that?"

Violet frowns. "I thought if we are Christians then God protects us from bad things. I was listening to a girl at school talk about how her pet got hit by a vehicle, and then how she fell out of a tree and broke her arm, and then how her brother fell into the trash can. And I thought to myself, 'I'm glad I am a Christian so that stuff doesn't happen to me!'"

"Let's sit down at the table, Violet. I want to talk about this," Katherine says as she slides a plate of carrot sticks and ranch dressing toward Violet.

"Just because we are Christians doesn't mean we live in a protected bubble. God is pleased with us for living for Him, yes. But that doesn't give us a right to an easy life. Many Christians face difficult circumstances. It is their faith that God is larger than their problems that helps them get through."

"Do you remember the story of Job? He was a perfect man in God's eyes. He had a near-perfect life at first, too. Then all his earthly treasures, his family, even his health were stripped away. He didn't understand, and he felt forgotten by God. But He never gave up. He held on. Now we have the beautiful story of Job to lean on when we are in difficult battles."

"Violet, you are young and, so far, you've had a wonderful life. But at some point in your life, you will experience pain. It is in that time that you must remember to hold fast to the Lord and know that as the Bible says it rains on both the good and the bad people. Pain and loss do not mean the Lord is angry with you. That's not how God works. We live in a fallen world, and that's part of living. God can and will take that pain and use it to strengthen you and grow your character. And so in the end, God works everything for good for those who believe in Him."

### Memory Verse:

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Job 1:21

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# THE STORY OF JOB

**Supplies:** Scissors, crayons, stapler

**Directions:** Color each page from the Job Storybook, cut them out, and staple them in order !

Job was a wealthy man. He had seven sons, three daughters, and lots of animals. Most of all, he loved God.



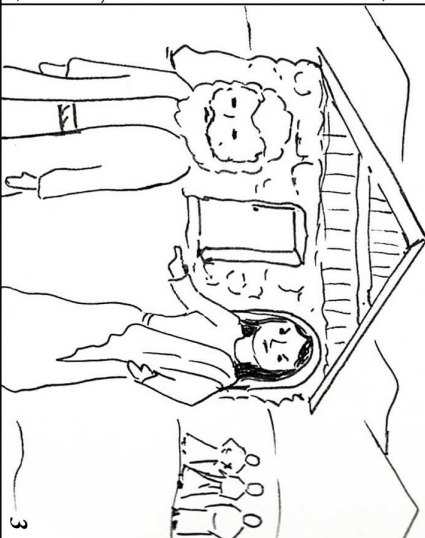
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Satan wanted to see if Job would turn away from God if he made his life miserable. So he killed all of Job's animals and even his children.



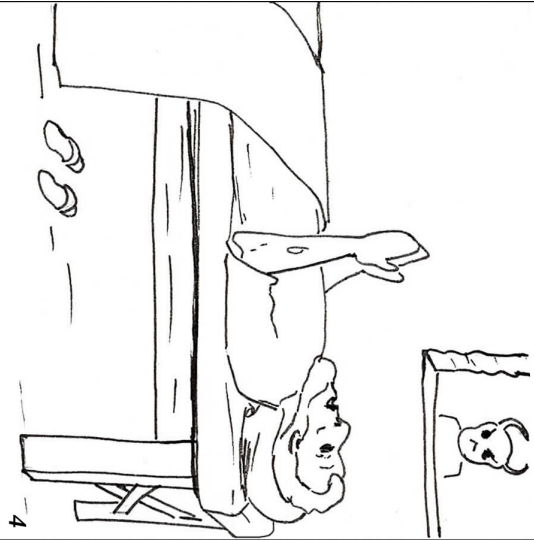
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Job's wife and friends told Job to turn his back on God. Even though Job's heart was broken, he still trusted God and loved Him.



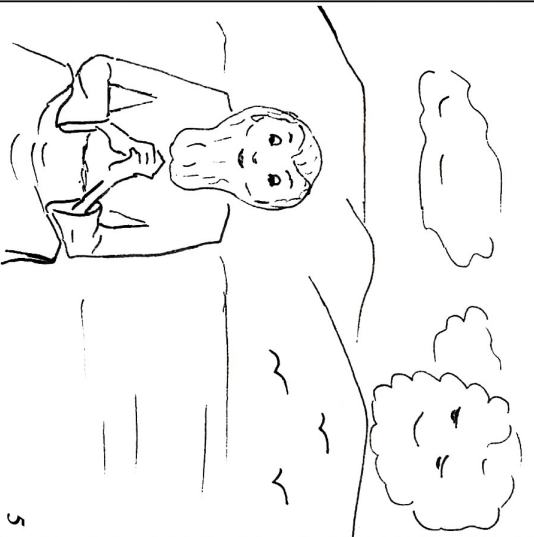
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Satan made Job very sick, but Job still loved God.



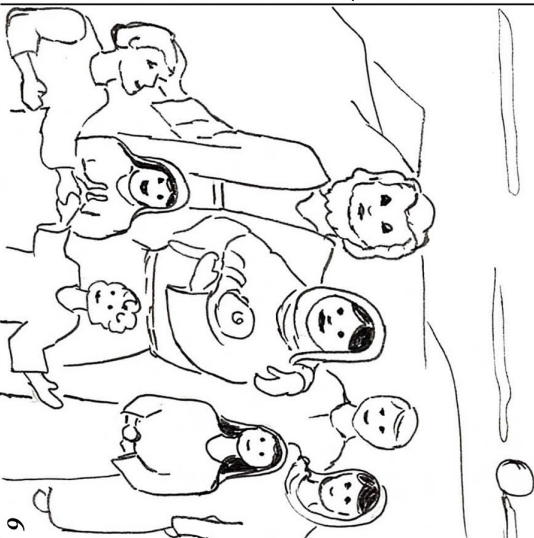
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God saw that Job would love Him no matter what and was very pleased.



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As a reward, God gave Job even more animals than he had before, and even more children.



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## Father's Day

Can anyone guess who we celebrate today? You're right—Dads! They are special to us! God has given all fathers an honorable job—to love and protect their children while teaching them about God and His ways.

In Kenya, two boys, ages three and five, roamed the streets looking for food. They slept in a hole at night while a dog stood over and protected them. Today, not all children are blessed to have a mom or a dad. God wanted us to grow up in a home with both, but if we don't, He has promised to look after us. Those two boys were eventually found and brought to a home with loving parents.

God uses the role of a father to tell us about Himself. Jesus told a story titled "The Prodigal Son." The son took the money he was to receive from his dad, went out, and spent it all. He wasted his money on sinful living. Soon, he found himself eating with animals and he returned home. Did he find his dad upset or angry? No! He found his dad waiting with open arms to love and take him back into his home. This is how our Heavenly Father waits for us. He wants to love, protect and provide for us.

Today, if you have a good dad, thank him! Tell him you love and appreciate what he does. If you don't know your dad, think of all the ways your Heavenly Father wants to love you!

Memory Verse:  
Thou art the helper of the fatherless.  
Psalm 10:14

## One Good Man

Jack watches his father, Anderson, work under the hood of their old truck. Anderson's hands are calloused and streaked with grease. Jack looks at his own hands, wondering when he'll be old enough to have hands like his dad. He also wonders when he'll learn everything his dad knows.

"When will I know everything, too?" Jack asks aloud.

His father laughs and says, "Son, I don't know everything. But life has a way of teaching many lessons. You pick up knowledge as you grow. Doesn't hurt to practice on some things, too. Like this truck. I've been working on vehicles since I was about your age. Come on over and I'll teach you a few things."

Jack happily climbs on a stool beside his dad so he can see. He spends the afternoon learning what's under the hood of a vehicle.

"Want to drive?" Anderson asks his son as they finish their work. Jack's eyes go as round as saucers.

"Yes, please!"

Anderson laughs and tousles his son's hair. He doesn't allow Jack to drive on the streets yet, since Jack is underage. But sometimes he lets Jack drive around the back fields.

Jack's head comes up just above the steering wheel. He peers above it, intent on doing a good job.

"Nice and steady now," Anderson says as Jack pushes the accelerator. The truck takes off at a slow pace and bumps along through the grass. Jack grins and imagines what it will be like to own a truck of his own one day.

The drive ends sooner than Jack would like. But as he climbs out of the pickup truck, hopping a little to make it from the seat to the ground, he thinks that his dad is the best dad in the whole world.

Violet waits for Jack at the back door. She smiles at him proudly. Jack tries to look serious and grown-up as he walks past his sister and says, "Wasn't nothing at all."

Katherine squeezes her husband's arm. "You are one of the good ones, you know that? A strong father figure in a young boy's life shapes his entire life. I'm so happy Jack is our son, and that you are his father."

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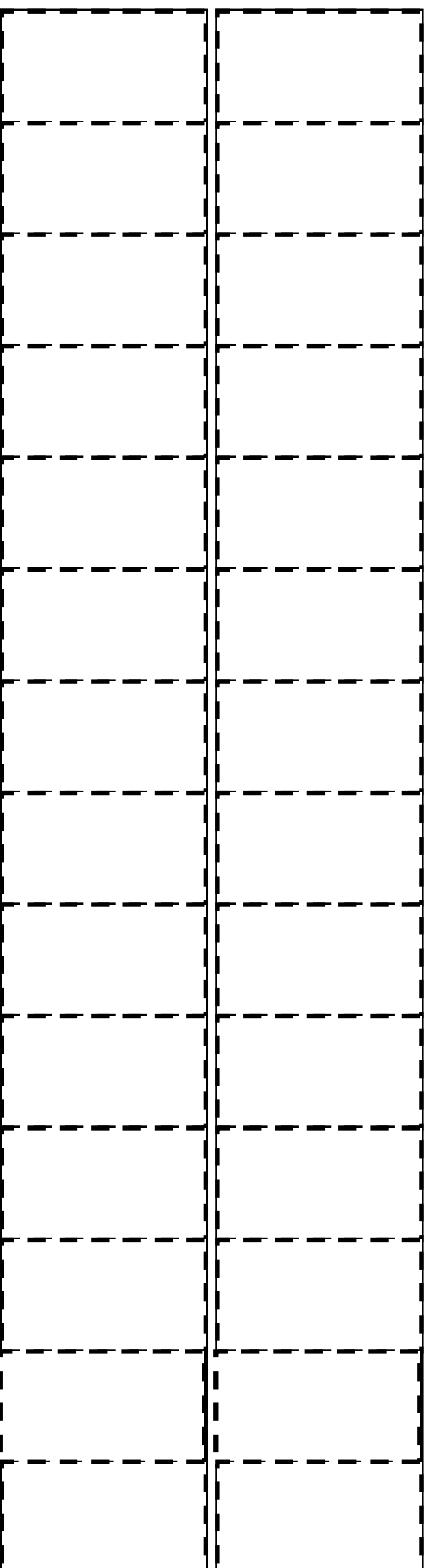
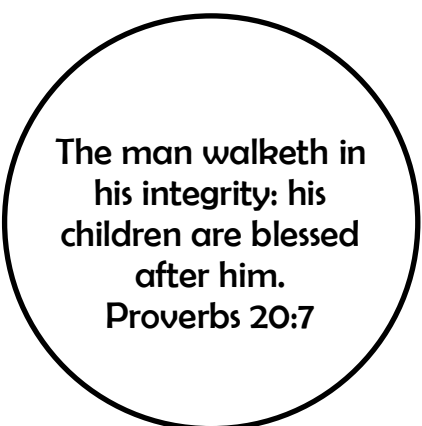
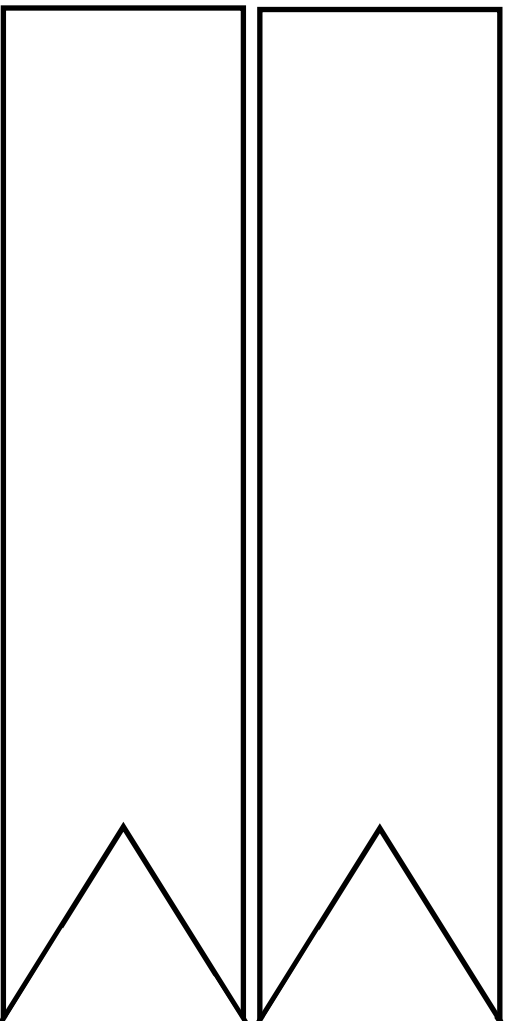
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# NUMBER ONE DAD RIBBON

**Supplies:** Scissors, crayons, glue or tape

**Directions:** Color and cut the pieces of the craft. Glue the ribbons to the back of the center circle. Fold on the dotted lines and glue one end of each rectangle together. Curve the single long rectangle into a circle and glue the two loose ends together. Paste the accordion folded circle to the back of the ribbon.



# The Beautiful Way



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## Job is Restored

Who remembers Job? Job lost everything, including his children, all in one day! But that wasn't the end of his story.

Job had three friends come to mourn with him. They tore their clothes and sat down with him. Job was so sad that they didn't say anything for one week!! Sometimes when a friend is sad the best thing we can do is just be there next to them.

After they started talking, they turned out to be bad friends. They told him God does everything right but then accused Job of doing something wrong. (Remember when God told the devil Job was righteous?) Just because something bad happens to us does not mean we've done something to make God angry.

To Job, it felt like he and God were playing hide and seek. He wanted to ask God why this had happened, but he couldn't even find him. Still, Job praised God and still believed in Him! A while later, God wanted to ask Job some questions. Job didn't know the answers, so he put his hand over his mouth and acknowledged God is powerful and man is nothing.

While God was talking to Job, he instructed Job to sacrifice for his friends' wrong. AFTER Job did this (see our memory verse), God made the end of Job better than the beginning! He then had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 2,000 oxen and 1,000 donkeys. He also had ten more children! Job lived another 140 years and God blessed him!

### Memory Verse:

And the Lord turned the captivity of  
Job, when he prayed for his friends:  
also the Lord gave Job twice as much  
as he had before. Job 42:10

## Heartbreak

"Mom!" Violet yells as soon as she opens the backdoor. Violet runs down the hallway into the kitchen. She flings herself into her mother's arms and starts to cry.

"Mommy! Hold me. I hurt so bad."

"Honey, what's wrong? What hurts?" Violet's mother, Katherine, says as she draws her daughter closer.

"It's Alex. And his sisters." Violet tries to talk between big sobs. "Their dog ran into the road this morning before school and a car hit him and he died. And my heart hurts so badly."

Violet's wails fill the room. "Mom, Alex was crying at school. So were his sisters. Alex was trying to not show it but I could tell. He held his folder to his face so no one could see him wiping his eyes. And I couldn't say anything to help."

"I was just telling you about the girl at school who isn't a Christian and how her dog got hit. I know you said bad things happen to everyone, but it's just so hard! I don't understand! Why does God allow it to happen?"

Katherine comforts her heartbroken daughter and carries her into the living room. She finds the family Bible. "Let's read about Job."

Violet listens to the story of the man who lost everything but who kept his faith. She wipes her eyes as the Holy Word speaks to her young heart.

"Baby, we won't always know why hard things happen, just like Job. I am so sad that the Aldana's lost their dog. I know your heart is breaking for your friends right now. It's hard to feel pain and not have the answers you want.

"You will have many more 'why' questions in your life. Your heart will hurt again like it does now. But honey I want you to remember that God is the Creator and we are His created people. He is always good. Even when you can't see the good. God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. The best thing for you to do when you hurt is to pray to Jesus and ask Him to hold you close. Stay close to Jesus, little one. That is what pulls you through all the hard spots."

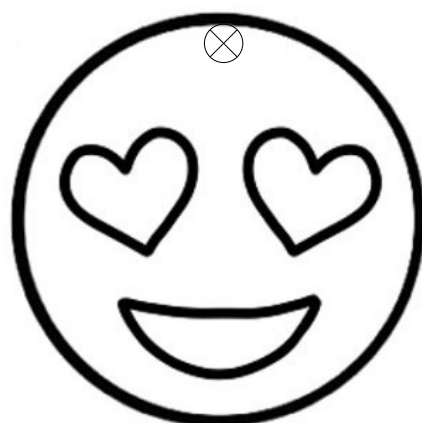
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## **GOD IS FAITHFUL !**

**Supplies:** Scissors, yarn, tape or glue, crayons

**Directions:** Color and cut the emoticons and the main banner. Punch holes in each piece as indicated by the crossed circle. Attach each emoticon to the bottom of the banner using yarn. Glue or tape the ends of the banner together to create a circle. Tie yarn through the holes at the top of the banner and tie them together to create a hanger.



**NO MATTER HOW WE FEEL  
GOD IS FAITHFUL**