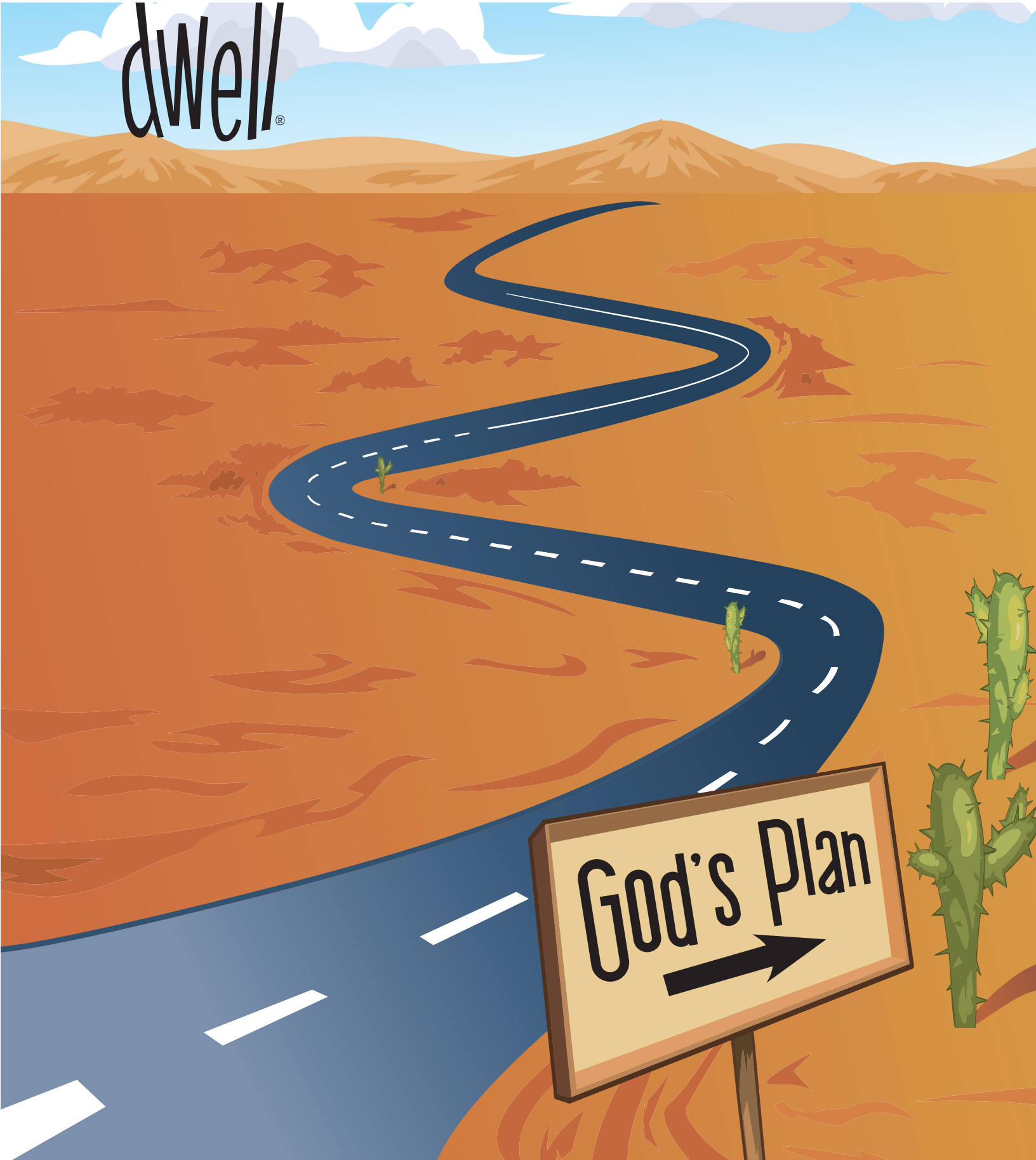


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Dear Family,

Thanks for sending your young teen to church each week to spend time in God's Word with his or her peers. Here's what we'll be exploring together in the following weeks:

Week 1: The Bible (Part 1). Acts 8:26-40 (Philip Shares God's Word with the Ethiopian Traveler)

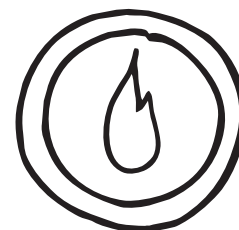
Week 2: The Bible (Part 2). Psalm 119:9-11; 97-105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (How the Bible Was Written)

Week 3: The Covenant Established. Genesis 8:15-19; 9:1-17; 12; 17 (God's Covenant Revealed through the Fall, Noah, and Abraham and Sarah)

Week 4: The Covenant Renewed. Exodus 19; 20:1-21; 24:1-8 (The Ten Commandments)

Week 5: The Covenant Extended. Acts 2 (Pentecost)

Week 6: The Covenant for You. John 4:1-42 (The Samaritan Woman at the Well)



Pass It On

Here are some ideas to help you have faith-building conversations at home:

- Dig out your "first Bible" (or maybe the first Bible your child was given). Look it over together and share any special inscriptions that are inside. Talk about the occasion that the Bible was given, who gave it, and so on. Point out your favorite Bible verse or a story in Scripture that's meaningful to you.
- Talk with your son or daughter about who has been an encouragement to you as you've grown in faith over the year. Highlight a few things you've learned from the people you name.
- If your young teen has been baptized, share some memories from that special day (a picture, a gown, and so on). Talk about your decision to have him or her baptized and what it meant to you. Remind your child that he or she is included in God's covenant because of the faith that you have in God. If you've made a public profession of faith (or confirmation), share how old you were at the time and how you made the decision to do so. Explain that professing your faith was a way of "claiming" God's covenant promises for yourself.

Sincerely,

P.S. Check out www.NurtureKidsFaith.org for more faith-building ideas for home!

Nametags for Spontaneous Skits

Angel of the Lord	<i>Voice of the Holy Spirit</i>
Philip	Ethiopian Official
Prophet Isaiah	<i>Chariot</i>
<i>Chariot</i>	<i>Stream of Water</i>
<i>Stream of Water</i>	Queen Candace

Spontaneous Skit of Acts 8:26-39

—adapted from *The Message*

As the narrator, read the skit aloud as your group acts out what you are describing. Emphasize the names of the characters when it is their turn to act out their part. When you describe what they are to do or say, pause so that they have time to repeat your words or to act something out. Feel free to break with the script in order to provide ideas about how something should be acted out. Don't be afraid to be silly—spontaneous skits are meant to be fun!

GOD'S ANGEL spoke to PHILIP: **“At noon today I want you to take the road down to Gaza.”** (*Pause and make sure God's angel repeats the line.*)

PHILIP got up and went.

He met an ETHIOPIAN OFFICIAL coming down the road.

The OFFICIAL had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was **returning** to Ethiopia, where he was minister in charge of all the finances of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians.

(If someone is playing Candace, make sure your actor is primping and acting queenly when she is mentioned here.)

The OFFICIAL was **riding** in a CHARIOT.

(Encourage the kids playing the Chariot to come up with some way to give the official a “ride”—maybe they could carry the official or hold a chair with the official in it.)

And he was **reading** from the scroll of Isaiah.

(The person or group playing Isaiah could then run alongside the chariot, holding a Bible opened to Isaiah 53.)

The SPIRIT told PHILIP, **“Climb into the CHARIOT.”** (*Pause for the Voice of the Holy Spirit to speak.*)

Running up alongside the chariot, PHILIP heard the OFFICIAL reading the book of ISAIAH and asked, “Do you understand what you're reading?” (*Pause for Philip to speak.*)

The OFFICIAL **answered: “How can I without some help?”** (*pause for the Ethiopian Official to speak*) and **invited** PHILIP into the CHARIOT with him.

(Give the Chariot group some time to figure out how to do this—it could be lots of fun!)

The passage the OFFICIAL was **reading** was this:

(Encourage Isaiah or the group of prophets to repeat after you, with their Bibles open to Isaiah 53:7-8.)

As a sheep led to slaughter, and quiet as a lamb being sheared, He was silent, saying nothing. He was mocked and put down, never got a fair trial. But who now can count his kin since he's been taken from the earth?

The OFFICIAL **said, “Tell me, who is the prophet talking about: himself or some other?”** (*Pause for the Official to speak.*)

PHILIP **grabbed his chance.** Using this passage as his text, he **preached** about Jesus to him.

(Encourage Philip to interpret this however he or she would like.)

As PHILIP and the OFFICIAL **continued down the road** in the CHARIOT, they came to a STREAM OF WATER.

(The person or people playing the Stream of Water could be making gentle waves with their bodies.)

The OFFICIAL **said, “Here's water. Why can't I be baptized?”** (*Pause for the Official to speak.*)

The OFFICIAL **ordered the chariot to stop.** They both **went down** to the WATER, and PHILIP **baptized** the OFFICIAL on the spot.

(Again, let the group interpret the action and have fun with the bowl of water.)

When they **came up out of the WATER**, the SPIRIT OF GOD suddenly **took PHILIP off**, and that was the last the OFFICIAL saw of him.

(Philip exits the scene.)

But the OFFICIAL didn't mind.

He had what he'd come for and **went on down the road** in the CHARIOT as **happy as he could be.**

(Big round of applause!)

Psalm Challenge

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way.

—2 Timothy 3:16 (The Message)

Choose one of the psalms below to read each day this week. Decide now what time of day you will read. It could be when you get up, when you get home from school, after dinner, before bed, or any time that works for you.

Before you read, ask for God’s Spirit to open your heart and mind to what God might be saying to you. Pray using your own words, or use this simple prayer:

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Amen.

Then read the psalm, very slowly, phrase by phrase.

As you read expect the Holy Spirit to tell you something about who God is, who you are, or what life is all about. Jot down these insights on the bottom of this page and bring it with you to next week’s session.

Read the psalm from whatever version of the Bible you have or look it up online. The psalms are easy to find—just flip open the Bible to the middle and you’re there!

Psalms to choose from:

- Psalm 8:1-9
- Psalm 18:1-6
- Psalm 23:1-6
- Psalm 25:1-7
- Psalm 40:1-8
- Psalm 62:1-8
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Psalm 100:1-5
- Psalm 121:1-8
- Psalm 139:1-12

My Psalm Challenge

Reading Time: _____

My Psalm: _____

Insights: _____

Bible Book Covers

Use the instructions below to help your group make and decorate their own Bible covers!

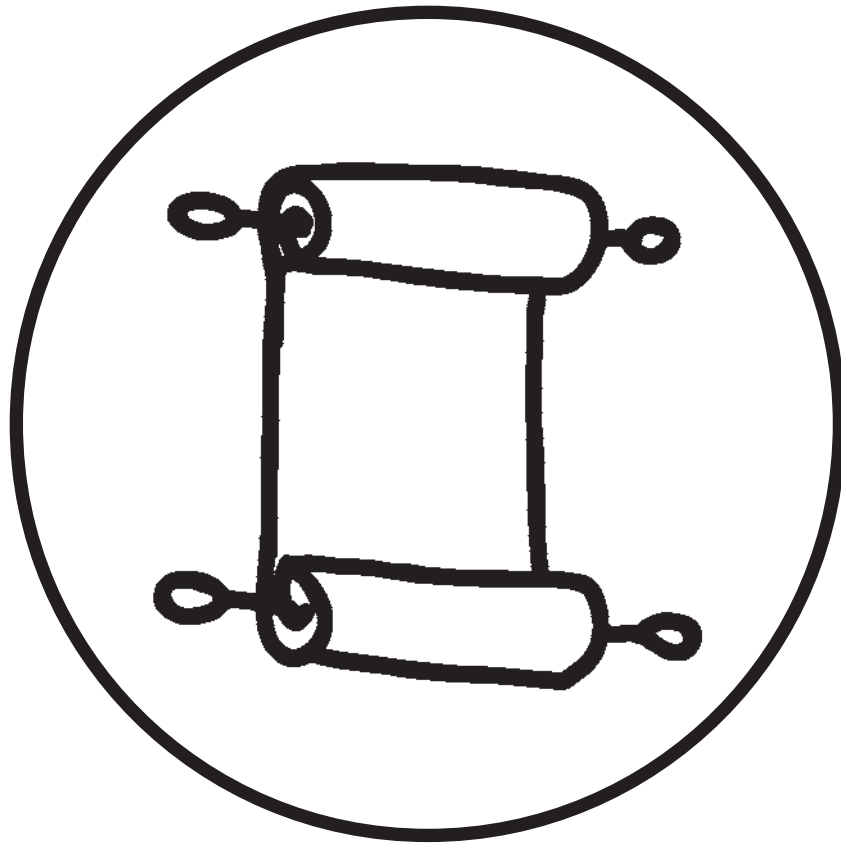
Supplies

- One brown paper grocery bag per Bible
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Pencil
- Markers

Instructions

1. Cut vertically from the top down along one of the seams of the bag until you reach the bottom.
2. Next, cut along the bottom seams to remove the bottom of the bag.
3. Open the bag and spread it out on the table. Make sure the printed side is facing up.
4. Set your Bible in the middle of the bag so it is centered.
5. Open the Bible and use a pencil to trace an outline of the bottom and top of the book.
6. Remove the Bible and use the lines you've drawn to fold the paper down at the top and up at the bottom.
7. Put your Bible back in the center of the brown paper. The paper should be the same height as your Bible, but much wider.
8. Open your Bible wide and trace the edges of the Bible's cover.
9. Remove the Bible and fold the brown paper in on each side. This will create two pockets that you'll use to insert your Bible covers.
10. To finish the cover, slide the front cover of the Bible into the folded left pocket. Secure the cover by taping the front portion of the cover to the folded edge (do not tape the Bible, only the cover).
11. Repeat step 10 with the back cover of the Bible.
12. Use markers, stickers, or other craft supplies to personalize and decorate your Bible cover!

These instructions work best with hardcover Bibles. If some kids forget their Bible or don't have one, encourage them to make a cover for one of the church Bibles that stays in your room.

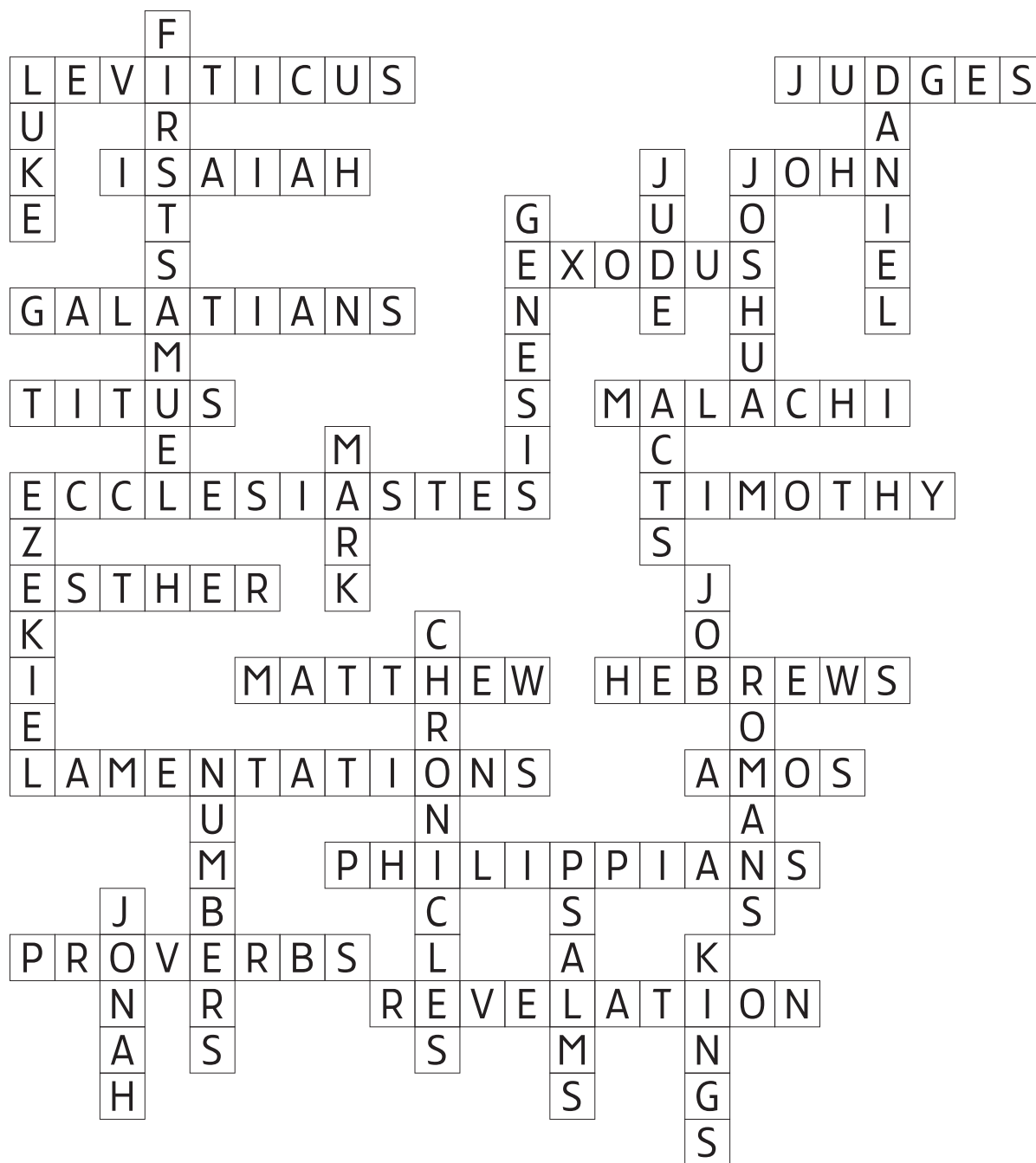


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Bible Books Crossword Key



Write Your Own . . .

Responsive Reading

A responsive reading is a prayer or reading in which a leader says one line and the group says another. Sometimes the leader and the group say the same lines. Often the Psalms are used for responsive readings. Here's an example from Psalm 119:33-34:

Leader: Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,

Group: that I may follow it to the end.

Leader: Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law

All: and obey it with all my heart.

Try writing your own short responsive reading about God's Word, the Bible. You can use a psalm or think of your own words.

Acrostic Psalm

Psalm 119 is a very special psalm. It is an acrostic poem based on the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The psalm is written in sections of eight verses, one section for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. So the first eight verses begin with *Aleph* (first letter of the Hebrew alphabet), the second eight verses with *Beth* (second letter), and so on.

Try writing an acrostic of your own. Choose any sequence of six letters or so (avoid x and z unless you really want a challenge). Then create an acrostic by writing one verse or sentence for each letter.

Look through Psalm 119 and other psalms to get an idea of what kinds of words and phrases the psalms use that begin with those letters. You may want to use a line from a psalm and convert it to today's language. Or make up a line on your own about God's Word, the Bible.

Traveler's Prayer

Use the outline below to create your own traveler's prayer.

May it be your will, God, our God and the God of our fathers, that you should

Use your own words to ask God to lead you in safety and peace.

Save us from every

Describe some of the dangers or problems that you or people your age face.

May you

Name some of the things you do each day and ask for God's blessing and help.

Please give us

Ask for whatever you will need—qualities, attitudes, strength—to live as a follower of Christ in your school, home, with friends, and with strangers.

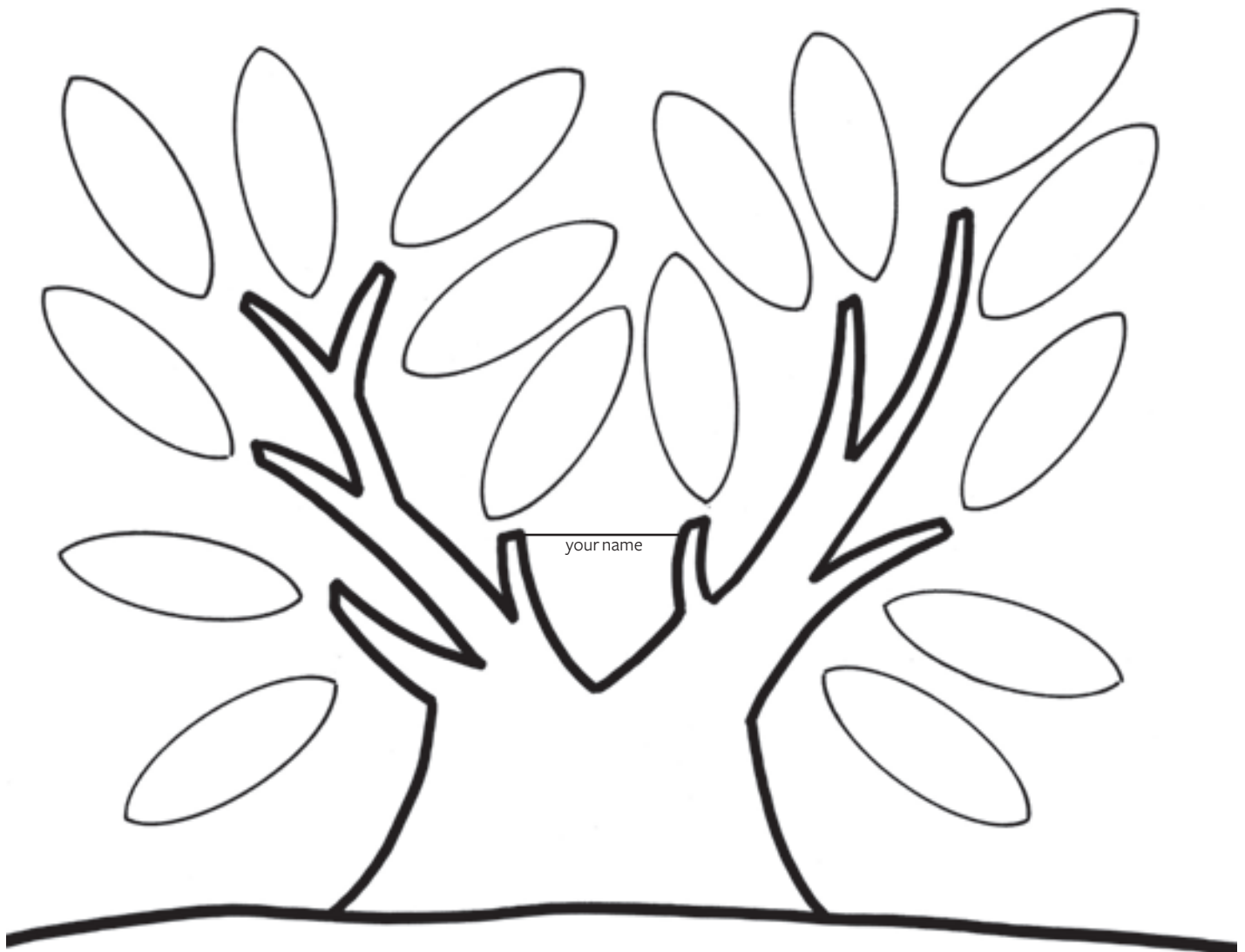
We praise you, God, for

Use your own words to praise and thank God for listening to your prayer, showing you kindness, protecting you, and so on.

Amen.

My Spiritual Family Tree

God promised Abraham that his descendants would number as many as the stars. In Galatians 3:29 we discover that everyone who belongs to Christ is a member of Abraham's family and an heir to God's promises! Just like Abraham's family, your spiritual family includes everyone who has passed on the faith to you—parents, stepparents, grandparents, neighbors, siblings, teachers, cousins, friends, and so on. Take some time to draw the branches of your spiritual family tree, filling in the names of all the people who have helped you grow in faith (feel free to add more lines if necessary). Then whisper a prayer of thanks for the covenant family God has given you!



I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

–Genesis 17:7



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God Is Holy

I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.
Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces,
with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:1-3

Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?—Exodus 15:11

There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.—1 Samuel 2:2

I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.—Leviticus 11:45

The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on
the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands
and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.—Psalm 24:1-4

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.—Psalm 29:1-4

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.—Psalm 30:4

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in the
splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.—Psalm 96:8-9

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.—Psalm 103:1

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts
of those who seek the Lord rejoice.—Psalm 105:1-3

But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed
you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass
through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set
you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. . . .”—Isaiah 43:1-3

The Covenant Renewed

A readers' theater from Exodus 19; 20:1-21; 24:1-8

Scene 1: The Law Is Given

Narrator 1: On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Narrator 2: Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said,

Voice of God: This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: “You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.

Narrator 1: So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. The people all responded together,

The People: We will do everything the LORD has said.

Narrator 2: So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD. The LORD said to Moses,

Voice of God: I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.

Narrator 1: Then Moses told the LORD what the people had said. And the LORD said to Moses,

Voice of God: Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, “Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death. They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to

be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live.” Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain.

Narrator 2: After Moses had gone down the mountain to the people, he consecrated them, and they washed their clothes. Then he said to the people,

Moses: Prepare yourselves for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations.

Narrator 1: On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Narrator 2: Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire.

Narrator 1: The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Narrator 2: The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up and the LORD said to him,

Voice of God: Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the LORD and many of them perish. Even the priests, who approach the LORD, must consecrate themselves, or the LORD will break out against them.

Narrator 1: Moses said to the LORD,

Moses: The people cannot come up Mount Sinai, because you yourself warned us, “Put limits around the mountain and set it apart as holy.”

Narrator 2: The LORD replied,

Voice of the Lord: Go down and bring Aaron up with you. But the priests and the people must not force their way through to come up to the LORD, or he will break out against them.

Narrator 1: So Moses went down to the people and told them. And God spoke all these words:

Voice of God: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Narrator 2: When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses,

The People: Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.

Narrator 1: Moses said to the people,

Moses: Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.

Narrator 2: The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Scene 2: The Covenant Renewed

Narrator 1: Then the LORD said to Moses,

Voice of God: Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance, but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him.

Narrator 2: When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice,

The People: Everything the LORD has said we will do.

Narrator 1: Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

Narrator 2: Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded,

The People: We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.

Narrator 1: Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said,

Moses: This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.

Pentecost Litany

First Reader (pouring water):

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)

All:

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters.** (Psalm 29:3)

Second Reader (jingling wind chimes):

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

All:

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"** (Psalm 29:9)

Third Reader (holding soil):

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (from Psalm 104:30)

All:

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.** (Psalm 24:1)

Fourth Reader (gesturing towards or holding a lit candle):

I baptize you with water;
but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (from Luke 3:16)

All:

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** (Psalm 29:7-8)

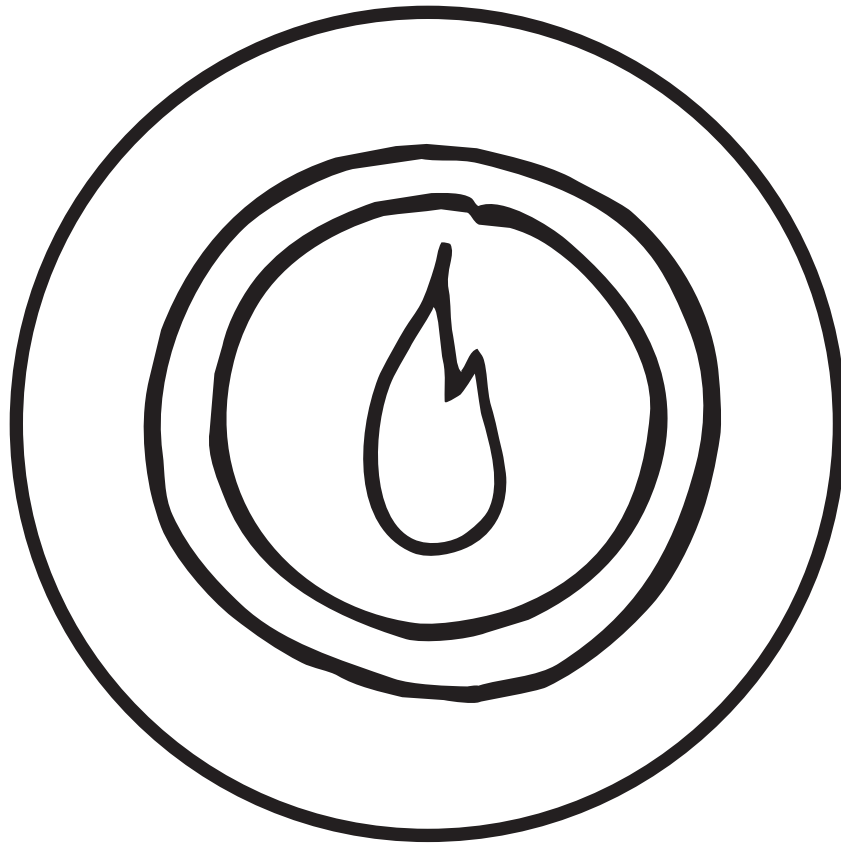
Leader:

May the Lord give strength to the people!

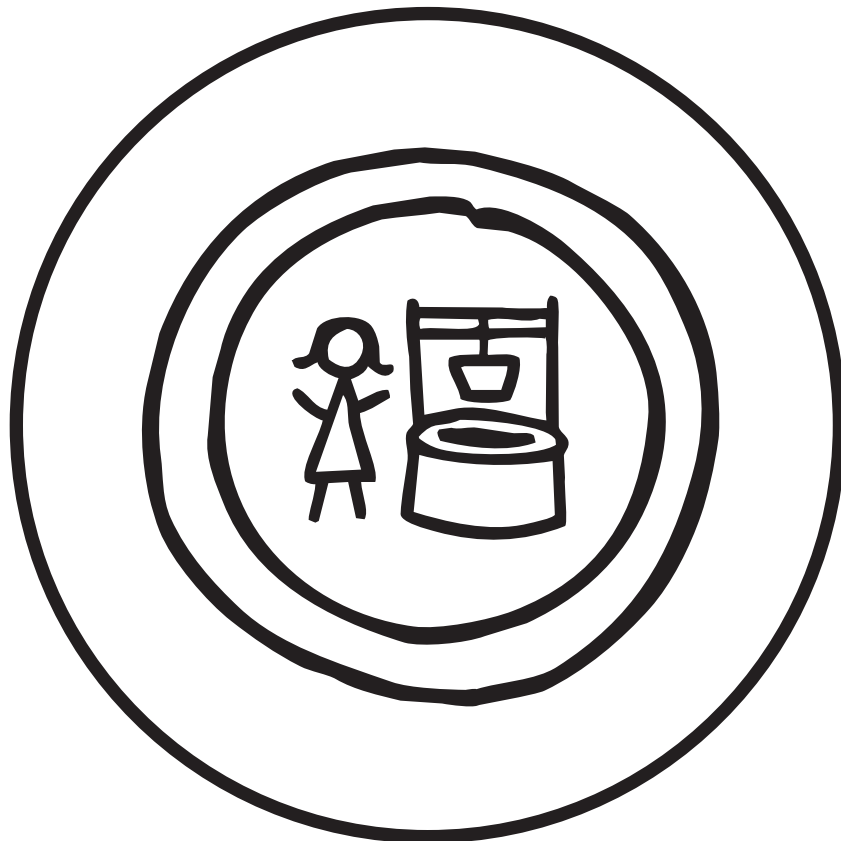
All:

May the Lord bless the people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)

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“If You’re Thirsty, You May Drink”

Have you ever read The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis, or seen any of the movies in the theater? If you have, you know about the fantasy world with talking animals and a great lion named Aslan who reigns. One of the seven books in the series is The Silver Chair. Jill is one of the main characters. In this scene Jill is upset. After she stops crying, she finds that she is very thirsty and she hears the sound of running water. . . .

The wood was so still that it was not difficult to decide where the sound was coming from. It grew clearer every moment and, sooner than she expected, she came to an open glade and saw the stream, bright as glass, running across the turf a stone’s throw away from her. But although the sight of the water made her feel ten times thirstier than before, she didn’t rush forward and drink. She stood as still as if she had been turned into stone, with her mouth wide open. And she had a very good reason; just on this side of the stream lay the lion.

It lay with its head raised and its two fore-paws out in front of it, like the lions in Trafalgar Square. She knew at once that it had seen her, for its eyes looked straight into hers for a moment and then turned away—as if it knew her quite well and didn’t think much of her.

“If I run away, it’ll be after me in a moment,” thought Jill. “And if I go on, I shall run straight into its mouth.” Anyway, she couldn’t have moved if she had tried, and she couldn’t take her eyes off it. How long this lasted, she could not be sure; it seemed like hours. And the thirst became so bad she almost felt she would not mind being eaten by the lion if only she could be sure of getting a mouthful of water first.

“If you’re thirsty, you may drink.”

They were the first words she had heard since Scrub had spoken to her on the edge of the cliff. For a second she stared here and there, wondering who had spoken. Then the voice said again, “If you are thirsty, come and drink,” and of course she remembered what Scuff had said about animals talking in that other world, and realized that it was the lion speaking. Anyway she had seen its lips move this time, and the voice was not like a man’s. It was deeper, wilder, and stronger: a sort of heavy, golden voice. It did not make her any less frightened than she had been before, but it made her frightened in rather a different way.

“Are you not thirsty?” said the Lion.

“I’m *dying* of thirst,” said Jill.

“Then drink,” said the Lion.

“May I—could I—would you mind going away while I do?” said Jill.

The Lion answered this only by a look and a very low growl. And as Jill gazed at its motionless bulk, she realized that she might as well have asked the whole mountain to move aside for her convenience.

The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic.

“Will you promise not to—to do anything to me, if I do come?” said Jill.

“I make no promise,” said the Lion.

Jill was so thirsty now that, without noticing it, she had come a step nearer.

“Do you eat girls?” she asked.

“I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms,” said the Lion. It didn’t say this as if it were boasting, nor as if it were sorry, nor as if it were angry. It just said it.

“I daren’t come and drink,” said Jill.

“Then you will die of thirst,” said the Lion.

“Oh dear!” said Jill, coming another step nearer. “I suppose I must go and look for another stream then.”

“There is no other stream,” said the Lion.

It never occurred to Jill to disbelieve the Lion—no one who had seen his stern face could do that—and her mind suddenly made itself up. It was the worst thing she had ever had to do, but she went forward to the stream, knelt down, and began scooping up water in her hand. It was the coldest, most refreshing water she had ever tasted. You didn’t need to drink much of it, for it quenched your thirst at *once*. Before she tasted it she had been intending to make a dash away from the Lion the moment she had finished. Now she realized that this would be on the whole the most dangerous thing of all. She got up and stood there with her lips still wet from drinking.

“Come here,” said the Lion. And she had to.

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Memory Challenge Cards (NIV)

Make one copy of these Scripture memory cards for each person in your group. Copy them onto cardstock, then cut them apart to distribute at the end of the appropriate sessions. To help encourage your group to use the cards, consider punching a hole in each and attaching it to a key ring or small carabiner.

Session 1

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16

Session 2

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sessions 3 and 4

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

—Genesis 17:7

Sessions 5 and 6

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

—Acts 2:39

Memory Challenge Cards (NRSV)

Make one copy of these Scripture memory cards for each person in your group. Copy them onto cardstock, then cut them apart to distribute at the end of the appropriate sessions. To help encourage your group to use the cards, consider punching a hole in each and attaching it to a key ring or small carabineer.

Session 1

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

—John 3:16

Session 2

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sessions 3 and 4

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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Sessions 5 and 6

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

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