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FRIENDS & FAMILY CALL YOU:
RITE SUPERHERO?
NG TO DOIN THE SUMMER?
FOUND
YOU WANT THEM TO RETURN IT?
No, just keep it.
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HOW DOES GOD'S WORD MAKE US BRAVE?

Being brave means you have a strong mind to help you do the right and good thing when you are faced with hard, scary choices. You can be brave when you try new things—like riding a bike—or when you choose to be kind even when you don't feel like it.

like it.				
DRAW THREE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL BRAVE:				
God's Word, the Bible, helps us to be brave because it teaches us that God is always with us and loves us—no matter how big and scary something feels. In this book, you'll meet some strong and courageous leaders who followed God and his Word, and you'll discover how you can be brave with God's help, too!				
WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WANT TO LEARN FROM GOD THIS SUMMER?				
EXAMPLE: To learn about how brave Jesus was				

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is created especially for Military children, like you, who face unique battles in life. Follow these simple guidelines to get the most out of this book.

1. READ

Read the devotional each week to learn more about loving God, yourself, and other people.

2. REFLECT

Think about the devotional and how you can do the things God is teaching you to do.

3. EXPLORE

Complete the weekly "Hero Training" to explore how you can live out your God's Word each week.

4. LEARN

Ask an adult to help you look up each Bible verse in the "Keep It Going" section to learn more about God.

5. HAVE FUN

Use the doodle sections to write down any thoughts or questions you have about God and use the coloring sheets to have fun!

TIPS & IDEAS



Think about how God is helping you to love other people.



Talk with your parents or siblings about what you learned and ask them to help you love them better each week.



If you don't understand something you read, don't be afraid to ask an adult to help you understand it.



Memorize the Scripture verse each week.



Have fun and mark up this book with your own thoughts and doodles!

WEEK 14

JESUS

GOD ON EARTH

Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin!

Hebrews 4:15

Do you feel like God is so far away? Do you ever wonder if God has any idea what it's like to be a kid? It might be a little like you and a fish. You can't talk to the fish, and you don't know what it's like to live under water. You live in two separate worlds!

But God is different. He loves you and wants to be with you so much that he became a person like you. That person was Jesus—God's only son but also God living on Earth!

Jesus could have come as a mighty king or a gentle angel or a strong soldier, but he came as a baby. He grew up just like you're growing up. He knows what it is like to be a kid, to stub your toe, and to be sad when your friend can't play. He knows how hard it is to do what's right-but Jesus still never did anything bad. Imagine! He lived his whole life without ever making a bad decision.

God knows you and is with you, so he knows how to help you. Don't be afraid to ask him for help today!

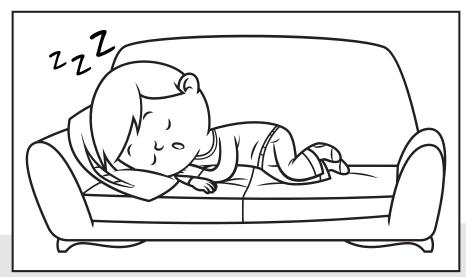
Jesus, thank you for coming to Earth. Please help me do the right things like you did.



Where will Jesus be with you today? Color each place where he is.







KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- ☐ Psalm 147:5
- ☐ Isaiah 53:2-3

- ☐ Luke 2:52
- ☐ Hebrews 2:18

WEEK FOURTEEN

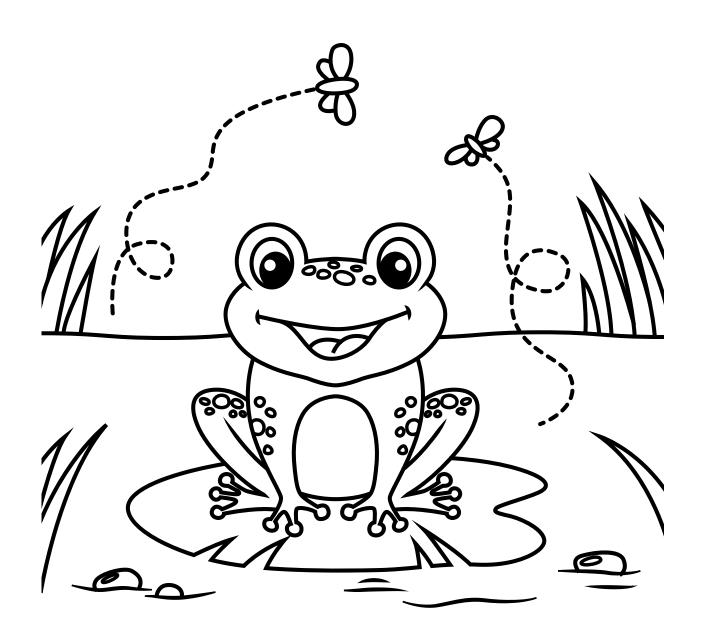




Frogs can breathe air on land and breathe underwater.

They live in both places!

(Just like Jesus!)







RIGHT WITH GOD

I'll tell you what it really means to worship the Lord.

Remove the chains of prisoners who are bound unjustly.

Free those who are abused!

Isaiah 58:6

Angelina Grimké had a problem. She was born a long time ago when people thought it was okay to own slaves and force them to do hard work for no pay. Her family and friends all owned slaves, but Angelina knew in her heart that God did not like it. What would you have done?

When Angelina was old enough, she decided to make God happy instead of her family and friends. She showed God she loved him by obeying him. She talked to everyone about how bad it is to hurt other people. She spoke to big crowds, and she wrote lots of letters and books against slavery. Some people were so angry they threatened to hurt her. But still she bravely said she would rather obey God

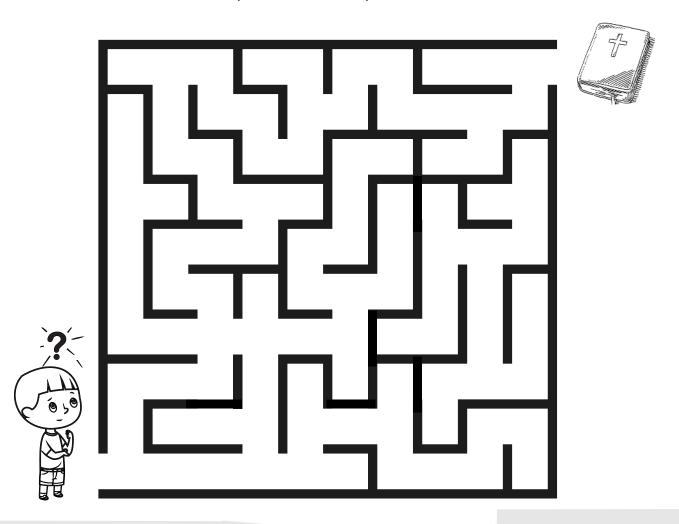
God took care of Angelina. And just before she died, she got to see a change to the laws in America that made people free their slaves!

Have your friends ever wanted you to do something God says is wrong? Remember it's always better to obey God. Even if everybody is mad at you, God will be pleased.

God, thank you for brave people like
Angelina. Please help me choose to do what you say is right, too.



How can you make decisions that please God? Think about it while you help Bobby find the path to the Bible below.



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- Psalm 147:11
- Proverbs 14:31

- Matthew 25:40
- ☐ 1 John 3:17

WEEK FIFTEEN



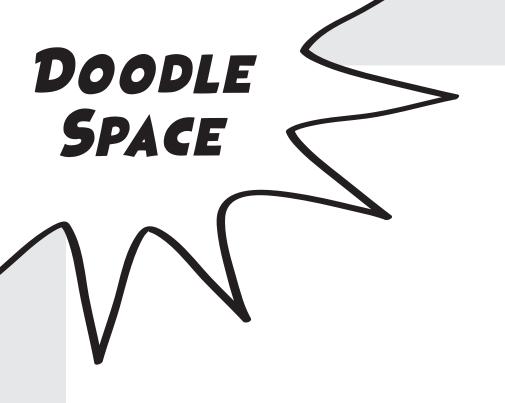


Angelina used her voice to save people from slavery.

Many animals use their sounds to warn each other, too.

A squirrel makes a lot of noise to warn other squirrels if a predator is in the area.









HOW TO HELP HURTING PEOPLE

Peter saw that a crowd had gathered, and he said:
Friends, why are you surprised at what has happened? Why are you staring at us? Do you think we have some power of our own? Do you think we were able to make this man walk because we are so religious?

Acts 3:12

When you see someone hurting, do you want to help them? Maybe they are sick, or sad, or hurt. Sometimes our warrior parents get hurt in their bodies. Other times, their feelings get badly hurt. But what can you do to help? You are only a kid!

When two friends of Jesus named Peter and John saw a man who had never been able to walk, they felt bad for him. They weren't doctors. And they didn't have any money. But they knew who could heal him—Jesus! Peter and John spoke to the man, and God used them to heal him. The man's faith in Jesus made him well, and he started walking around!

People couldn't understand how they did it. But Peter and John said it was Jesus who healed him.

When someone is sick, or has something broken, or is always sad or gets mad easily, you might not know what to do. But you do know Jesus! You can pray to him for them. He will use you to help them.

God, thank you for healing us through Jesus's power. Please help the people I care about be healed by your power.

You are amazing, God!



Isn't Jesus amazing? He can heal and fix any problem like the best doctor! And he is always with us. Think about that while you color this picture.



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- ☐ Isaiah 53:5
- ☐ Psalm 147:3

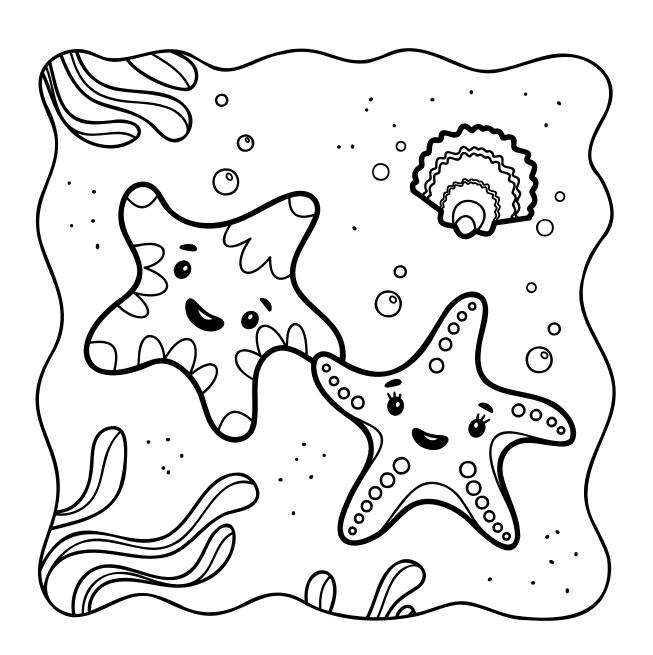
- ☐ Acts 3:6-7
- ☐ I Corinthians I:27

WEEK SIXTEEN





If a starfish's leg gets cut off, it can grow a new one!



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PEACE INSTEAD OF WORRYING

The Lord is constantly watching everyone, and he gives strength to those who faithfully obey him. But you have done a foolish thing, and your kingdom will never be at peace again.

2 Chronicles 16:9

When your parent has to leave for the Military, do you worry

about them? Do they tell you to be strong, too?

We might think the Military will take care of them because our Military is so big and strong. Or that their buddies will make sure they are safe. We might think our warriors will be okay because they are as strong as Captain America!

All these things may be true. But the most important truth to remember is that God can keep them safe. We must trust God.

In today's Bible story, King Asa and his strong army had won some battles and kept the kingdom of Judah safe. They even beat an army that was way bigger than theirs! But when some other bad guys brought trouble for Judah, King Asa didn't trust God. He didn't ask God for help. Instead, he paid another king to send forces to fight the enemy. Although he won that fight, because he quit trusting God, his kingdom didn't have peace anymore.

It's important to remember to trust God. When we do, he will help us be strong and have peace. Then we won't have to worry, because we know God is on our side!

God, you are the strongest of all. Please keep my warrior safe and help me to trust you.



BRAVE

We know God is always watching our warriors! Pray for our Military while you color the picture below.



KEEP IT GOING THIS

Find out more by reading these verses.

- ☐ I Chronicles 16:11-12
- ☐ Psalm II8:5

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- ☐ Philippians 4:6

WEEK SEVENTEEN

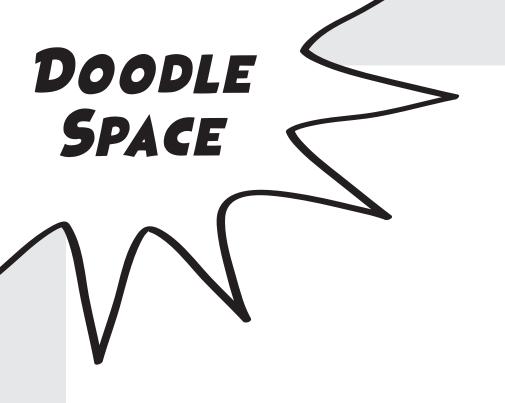


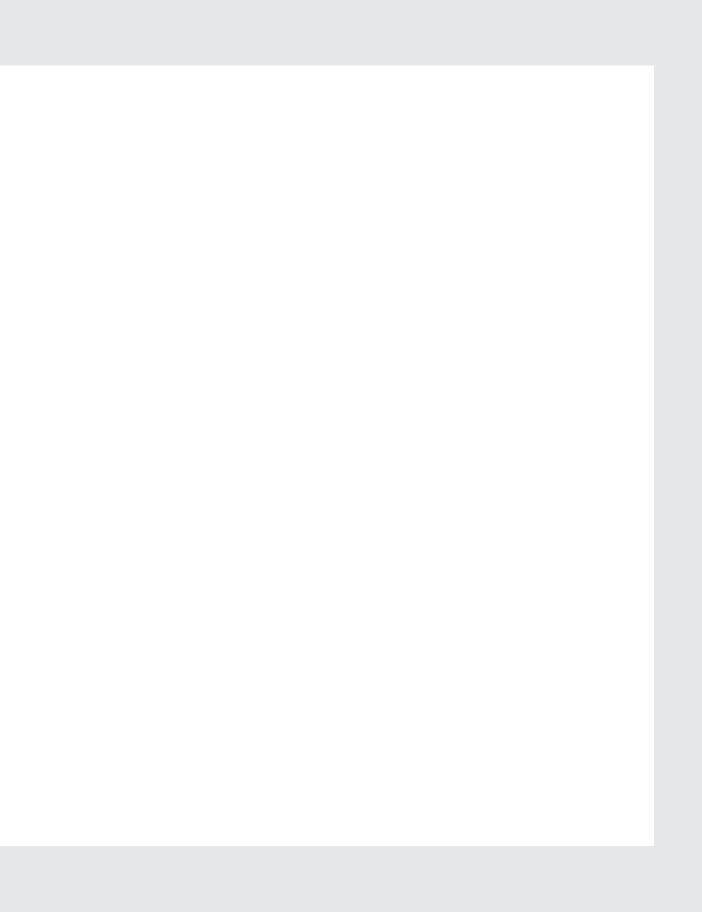


Pets learn to trust their humans.

A puppy will learn to trust that their owner will feed them, care for them, and protect them.









CHOOSING GOD'S WAY

For 40 days Jesus was tested by the devil, and during that time he went without eating. When it was all over, he was hungry.

Luke 4:2

Do you ever want something so badly you would do anything for it? Maybe you want a new toy, a bicycle, or a baby sister? Sometimes, though, God says no or that we must wait for things. But maybe you just want it . . . now!

Did you know even Jesus was tempted, which means to make someone want to have or do something? The devil himself showed Jesus all the things he thought Jesus wanted—even good things like food. But the devil told Jesus to worship him first. Jesus had to choose: follow the devil and get the good things now, or follow God and wait for the best things later.

Jesus knew if he followed the devil, he would be punished. Even though it was hard, Jesus chose to obey God. In the end, God gave him a better reward than anything the devil could have.

Nothing is worth feeling bad over, or having God and others disappointed in you. God reminds us there is punishment for doing the wrong thing. God's way is always best in the end. You can ask God for help to do the right things when you pray to him.

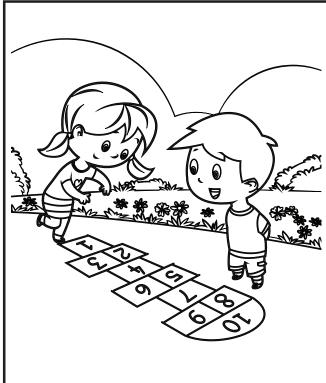
Jesus, help me do the right things even when it's hard.
I want to be like you!



BRAVE

God gives us ways to get away from temptation. Priya wants a cookie, but her mom said not now. What should she do to stay away from the temptation to take it? Circle the solution and color it.





KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- Proverbs 28:10
- ☐ I Corinthians IO:I3
- ☐ Lamentations 3:40
- ☐ Hebrews 2:18

WEEK EIGHTEEN





If a monkey sees a treat inside a jar, he will reach in and grab it.

If the opening is too small for the monkey to take out his paw while holding the treat, he will get stuck. He won't let go of the treat to get his paw back!

Monkeys know how hard it is to wait, too!





THE FIRST BAD THING

The Lord God called out to the man and asked, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:9

When God created the first humans, Adam and Eve, he let them live in a beautiful garden called Eden. God said everything in the garden was very good! The fruit trees, plants, birds, and sea creatures were all wonderful! Animals didn't fight, and Adam and Eve loved God and each other.

God gave only one rule: don't eat fruit from one tree that was in the middle of the garden.

Sadly, one day Eve decided to eat that fruit. When she gave it to Adam, he did, too. It was the first bad thing people did on Earth. They disobeyed God. Right away, they knew they had done wrong, so they hid.

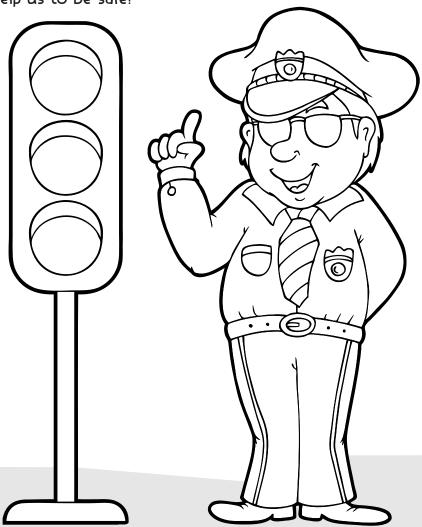
What do you think God did? Let them keep hiding? No, God called to Adam, asking where he was. God knew where they were and what they had done, but he wanted Adam to understand what he did wrong. God still loved them, and he was very sad they didn't listen to him.

When we do bad things, God wants us to own up to it and come to him. He wants to talk with us and help us get on the right path again. And because God loves us, he sent Jesus to die for us so we can be forgiven and be friends with God.

God, I'm sorry for the bad things I do that make you sad. Thank you for loving me, calling me to talk to you, and forgiving me.



Play a game of "Red Light, Green Light" with your family. When the leader calls out "Green Light," run as fast as you can to the other side. When they call out "Red Light," you must stop and completely freeze your body, otherwise you're out and lose the game. The "Red Light" rules that God gives us help us to be safe!



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

□ 2	Chronic	les 7:14
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Romans 3:23

☐ Psalm 51:4

Romans 6:23

WEEK Six

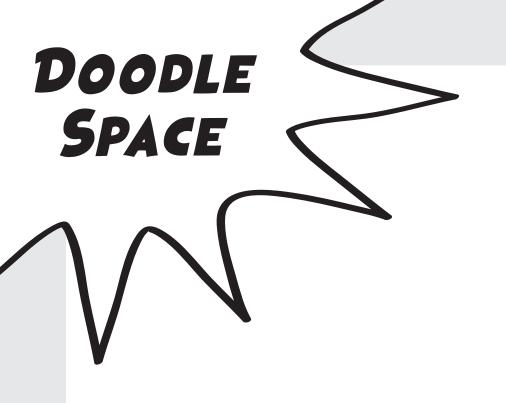




God created everything with a purpose.

Rose bushes have sharp thorns that protect them and keep them safe from bugs and animals that would eat them.









BOLD AND BRIGHT

So Paul stood up in front of the council and said: People of Athens, I see that you are very religious...God has done all this, so that we will look for him and reach out and find him. He isn't far from any of us, and he gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are. "We are his children," just as some of your poets have said.

Acts 17:22, 27-28

A long time ago, in a busy city called Athens, people were shopping, going to work, and talking. Their city was filled with statues and pictures and buildings for people to worship all kinds of gods.

A Christian man named Paul came to the city to tell the people about a different God—the one true God who created everything and everyone. This God knew each person by name, loved them, and wanted them to worship only him. Many of the Athenians did not want Paul there speaking about God, but Paul knew he had to be bold and tell them the truth. He knew it would change their lives, if they only believed.

Thankfully, some of the Athenians believed Paul's message and chose to follow Paul's God, the one who gives all people power to "live and move and be who we are."

Because of Paul's boldness, men and women came to faith in Jesus Christ.

Can you be bold for Jesus today? Ask him for the bravery to tell your friends about his great goodness and love. It will change their lives forever!

Jesus, help me to be bold like Paul. I want to tell others about your great love!



One way to tell others about Jesus is by inviting them to church.

Ask a parent if you can invite a friend to go to church with you this week. Color the church below as you think of who you might invite...

and pray for that friend!



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

	Psalm	19:1
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Romans 1:20

☐ Acts |4:|7

☐ Ephesians 3:7-9

WEEK TWENTY





Bees teach each other which way to go to find flowers by doing a dance for the others.

(We can teach other people about God!)



WEEK 21



THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON

Solomon, my son, worship God and obey him with all your heart and mind, just as I have done. He knows all your thoughts and your reasons for doing things, and so if you turn to him, he will hear your prayers. But if you ignore him, he will reject you forever.

I Chronicles 28:9

What do your parents tell you to do? Be good in school? Eat your vegetables? Be kind to your brothers and sisters?

This week's Bible reading tells the story of King David, who knew he was about to die. He needed to tell his son, Solomon, what to do after he was gone. There were probably a lot of things Solomon needed to learn so he could be a good king like his father. But the most important thing David taught his son was to worship and obey God.

Worshiping God meant Solomon would remember and respond to how wonderful God is. David taught Solomon to worship God with his whole heart, which meant fully obeying God's commands. One of the big things Solomon was asked to do for God was to build a temple, which was like a beautiful church where people could meet to praise God.

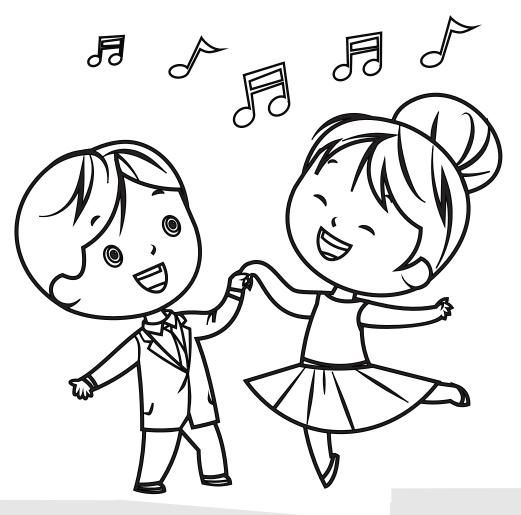
David knew that of all the things he needed to teach Solomon, loving and obeying God was the most important. It's the most important for us, too!

God, I want to worship you in everything I do! Help me do this with my whole heart.



BRAVE

You can show your love and devotion to God in many ways. One way is to dance for him! Isn't that fun? Put on some worship music and have a dance party for Jesus!



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

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Psalm 40:16

☐ Matthew 22:36-37

John 4:23-24

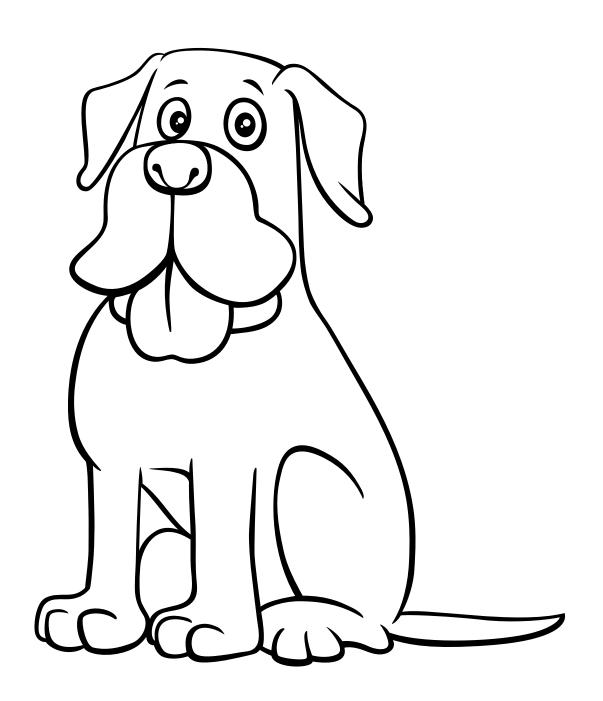
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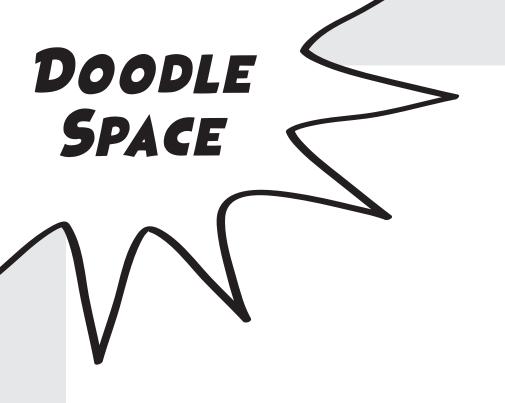


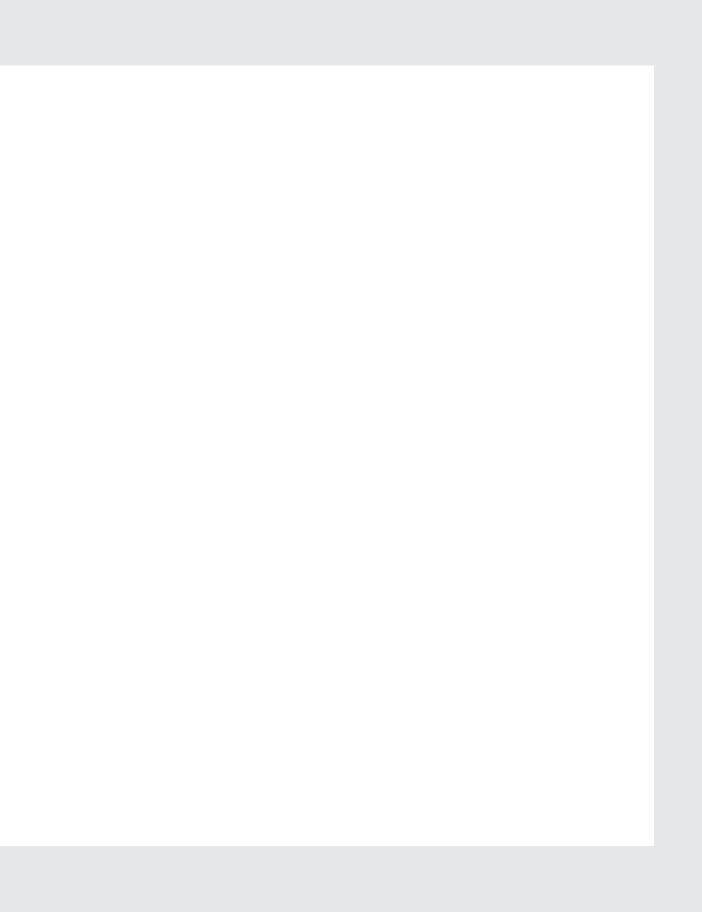


Dogs can learn to be very obedient!

Expert trainers say the easiest command to teach a dog is to sit.







WEEK 22



A LIFE OF LOVE

If the people of this world hate you, just remember that they hated me first.

John 15:18

Jesus said people hated him. How could that be? Jesus was so good! He was God's Son, and he never did anything wrong. He helped people. So why would people hate him?

Sadly, people hated him because he was good; he always obeyed God. Some people decided they didn't want to obey God. They wanted to be selfish and did what they wanted. And they didn't want to be told they were doing wrong things.

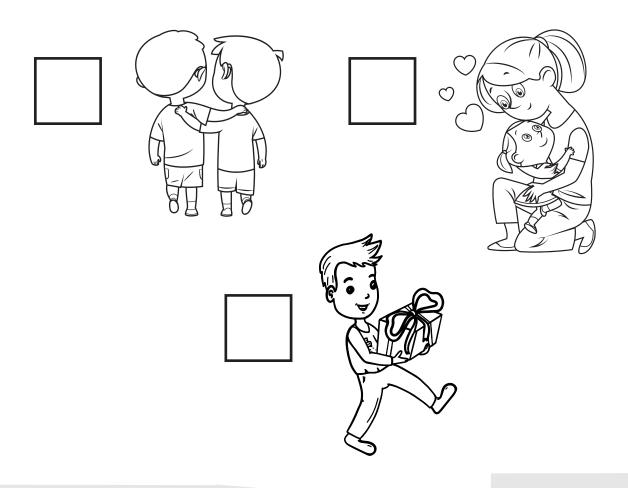
Jesus knew that was why people hated him. But he chose God, rather than doing the wrong things just so people would like him.

If we follow Jesus, some people won't like us either. But living to please God is always the best choice. Your life will be filled with God's love. Doing what's right may cause some people to stop being your friend, but God will never leave you. He will protect you and help you, and some day you will go to heaven to be with him.

God, help me love you and do the right things. Protect me from the people who hate you.



Jesus wants us to love each other! How can you show someone you love them this week? Some ideas are below. As you complete each of these, mark an "X" in the box next to it.



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- ☐ Psalm 34:21-22
- ☐ Psalm 71:24

- ☐ John 16:33
- ☐ I John 3:12-13

WEEK TWENTY TWO





Elephants show their love by petting each other with their trunks and making low, rumbling noises.





WHY? BECAUSE!

I created the mountains and the wind. I let humans know what I am thinking. I bring darkness at dawn and step over hills.

I am the Lord God All-Powerful!

Amos 4:13

"But why?"

Sometimes we all ask that question. We want to know why we must do things we don't want to do. A lot of times, parents will answer, "Because I said so!"

In Bible times, the Israelites were not doing what God said to do. They were not being kind to poor people, and they weren't worshipping God! So, God sent a man named Amos to tell them to do the right things. God told Amos exactly what to say, which included telling them they were going to be punished for doing wrong. God knew the people would get mad at the message.

This week's verse tells us we should obey God: because he is the all-powerful God! He created everything, and he knows what's best for his creation.

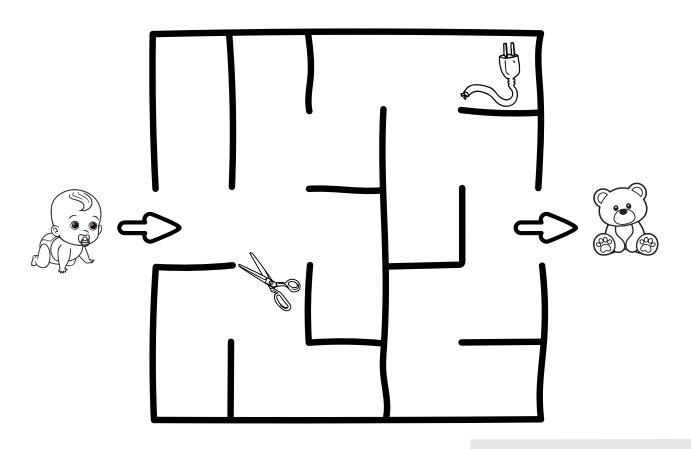
If you are tempted to not listen to God's Word, remember Amos's message. Also remember that God who knows what's best has given you parents to help you follow his ways. He will teach your parents what is right, too. We all need to trust and obey.

God, sometimes it's hard to obey. Help me remember that your ways are best.



BRAVE

Babies don't yet know what is right. You know more because you are older and have learned lots of things. In the same way, your parents know what's best for you because they have learned even more things. And God knows what's best for everybody because he knows everything! Help this baby get through the maze to safely get to his teddy bear.



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

1 Chronicles	16:14

☐ Acts 17:30-31

Psalm 65:5-7

☐ 2 Timothy 4:la

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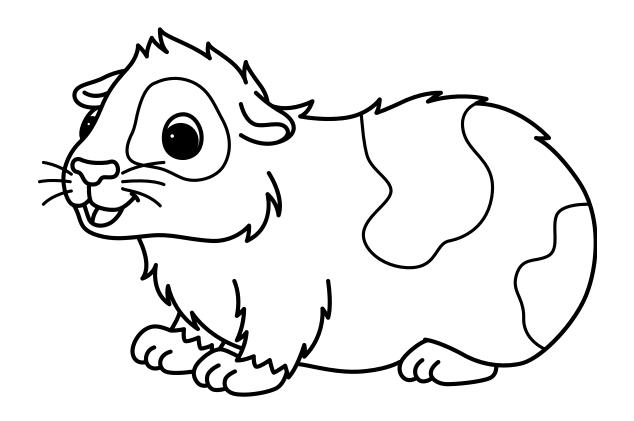


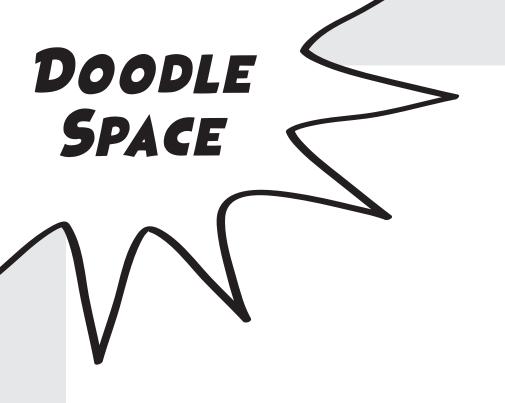


Pikas, which are relatives of rabbits, live in the mountains.

When there is danger, they will squeak an alarm to warn their family.

(But their family must obey the warning to steer clear of danger!)









MORE THAN JUST A KID

God cares for me, his humble servant. From now on, all people will say God has blessed me.

Luke 1:48

Do you ever feel like just a little kid that no one pays attention to? Maybe you have to go to your big sister's activities and don't get to stay home and play. Maybe Mom and Dad are too busy with your baby brother to help you. Maybe you think God doesn't notice you either.

But God sees you, just as he saw Mary from this week's Scripture. Mary wasn't a princess, and the man she was going to marry was a carpenter. They were just two common people. But Mary loved God.

God chose Mary to give birth to baby Jesus, and she said yes to God's plan. Because she trusted God, she got to hold baby Jesus and raise him to be God's servant. And because God used Mary in this mighty way, we all get to have Jesus as our Savior!

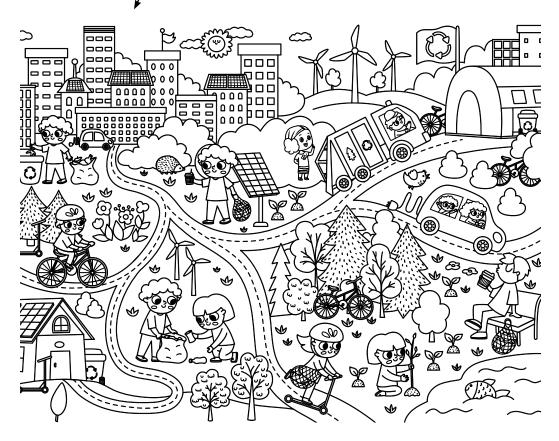
So, hang in there! God sees you and loves you. And like Mary, you can say yes to God's awesome purpose for your life!

God, thank you for seeing me and loving me! Help me to trust you like Mary did.





God sees us no matter where we are. Find Mary in this picture.



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- ☐ Psalm 138:6
- Proverbs 3:34
- ☐ Matthew 5:5
- □ I Peter 5:6

WEEK TWENTY FOUR





If you pick up a handful of dirt, you might have more than 100 arthropods (tiny, little bugs!) in your hand.

Many of these bugs can only be seen with a microscope.
But God sees them and he sees you!





GOD PROVIDES

The Lord forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick, and protects us from death. His kindness and love are a crown on our heads. Each day that we live, he provides for our needs and gives us the strength of a young eagle.

Psalm 103:3-5

"What are we going to do, Mr. Müller? We're hungry!" cried the children.

George Müller looked at the group of poor orphans. Before they came to

live at Müllers' house, many of them had lived on the streets where they had to steal food in order to eat. Now, even here, sometimes they didn't have anything for supper.

Mr. Müller stole things as a kid too, but just because he thought it was fun. When he grew up, he gave his life to Jesus and God changed his heart. God told him to open a home for orphans. Mr. Müller and his wife took care of them. People gave them money to help the children.

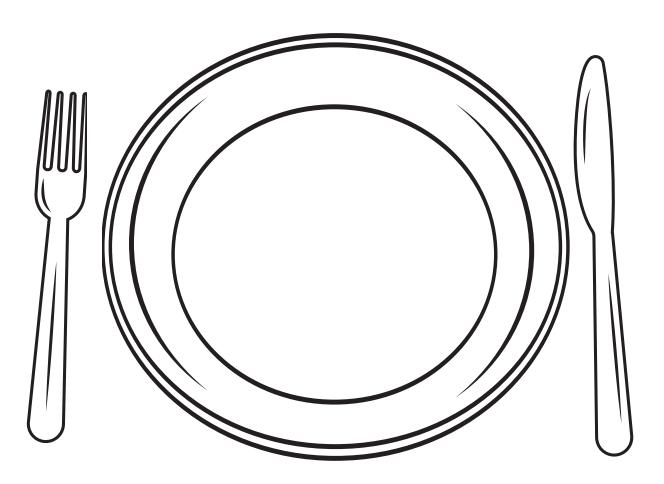
But sometimes the money ran out. Did they steal again to have food? No, Mr. Müller taught them to pray instead. They asked God for everything they needed, and he gave it to them! God sent people with food or money at just the right time. The Müllers took care of thousands of orphans this way!

Are there things you need? Pray to God and watch how he makes miracles happen!

God, thank you for taking care of your children. I know you will take care of me, too!



What did you have for breakfast today? Draw it here and thank God for each bite!



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

Psalm 103:9-10

☐ 2 Corinthians 9:8

☐ Isaiah 58:II

Ephesians 3:20-21

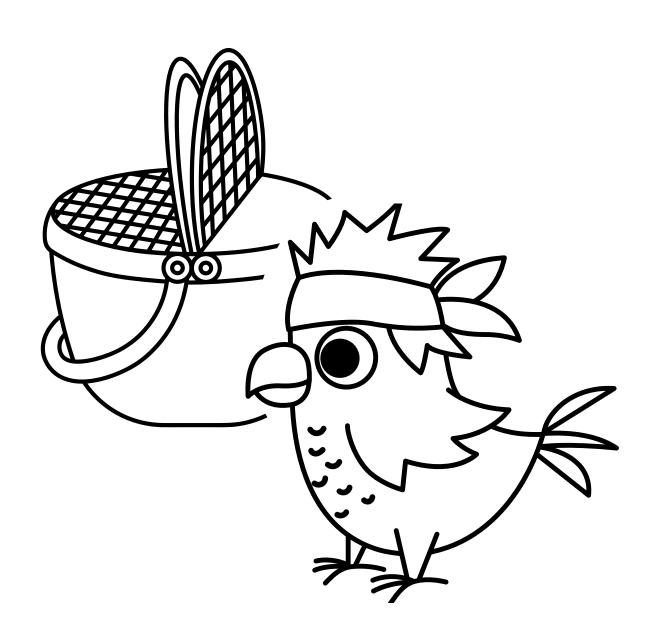
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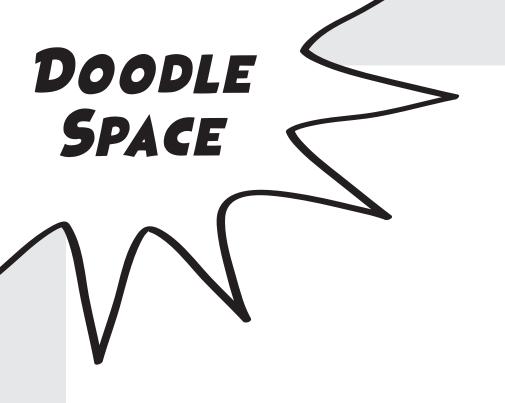


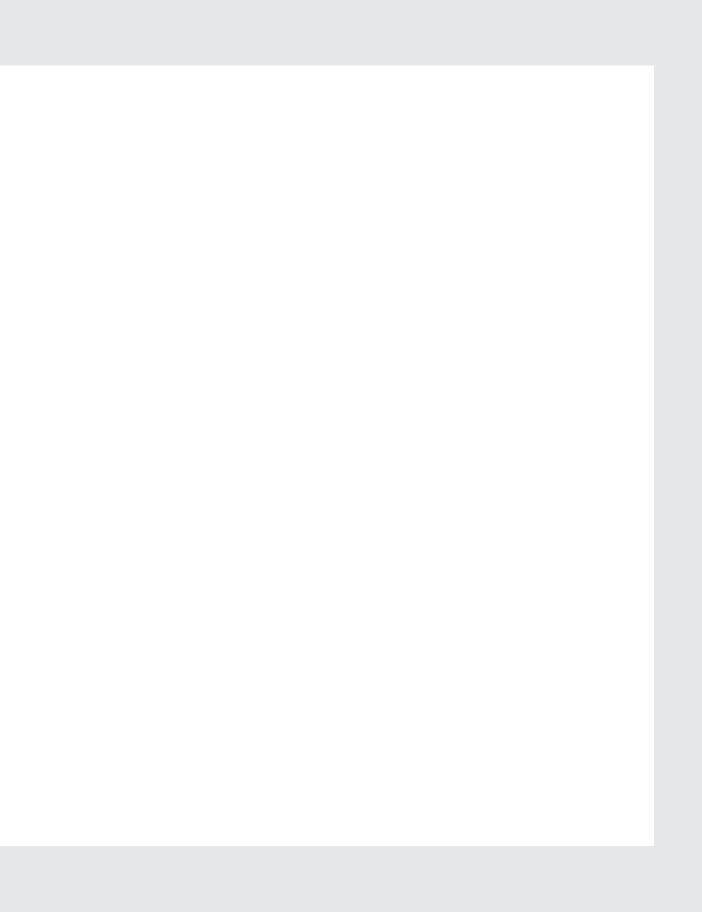


There is a bird nicknamed the "Camp Robber."

It is famous for stealing food from people who are outside having a picnic!









WHEN I FEEL SAD

Jesus started crying.
John II:35

When we have to leave someone we love, we get sad.

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Maybe you've had to move away from your best friend. Or you really miss your parent when they have to travel for work. Or maybe you don't get to see your grandparents very much. Sometimes, people pass away and we never get to see them here on Earth again.

Did you know that Jesus feels sadness, too? Yes, the God of the whole Universe cries sometimes. When Jesus's friend Lazarus died, Jesus was very sad. He missed his friend, and he hated to see his other friends crying.

Jesus understands the sadness we feel. When you have a bad day or when you are crying, you can know that you are not alone. Jesus has cried, too. He has been sad. too.

So, in those moments, you can pray to him and he will understand and hold you close to him.

Jesus, thank you for sharing in my sadness. Please hold me closely when life is hard.



Jesus helps us feel better when we are sad.

Sometimes he sends other people to give us hugs, too. Color this picture and thank Jesus for always being with you.



KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Psalm 30:5

Matthew 5:4

☐ Isaiah 53:4

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

WEEK TWENTY SIX





Giraffes feel sadness, too.

One baby giraffe, sadly, died, and his mom stayed by his side for four days.

Other giraffes came to offer support by wrapping their necks around her neck, like a hug.

