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# WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SHOW US THROUGH MIRAGLES?

MIRA-CLES A miracle is something amazing that happens because of God's power, not something people can do on their own. The Bible tells us about many miracles, like when Jesus walked on water or healed sick people, to show us how powerful and loving God is. God did miracles to help people trust Him and know He was with them.

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Miracles show us that nothing is too hard for God and He cares for us deeply. Even though we might not see big miracles every day, God still helps us in small, special ways—like giving us courage when we're scared			
or sending a friend when we're lonely. When we read about miracles in the Bible, we learn to trust God and see the ways He's helping us today!			
WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WANT TO LEARN FROM GOD THIS SPRING?			
EXAMPLE: To learn about how good God is			

# 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 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!

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# 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 I



# Nothing to Everything!

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis I:I

Close your eyes. Imagine nothing being here. No sun. No pets. No sound. No light. No people.

When the world began, God was there over the nothingness. Then he spoke. Instantly, there was light! He continued to speak and there was: sky, sea, and land! A place where creatures could run and jump and sleep and play on mountains and pastures and beaches. Again, God spoke and trees as tall as houses came, and flowers smaller than your pinky finger popped up. Then he spoke again: sun, moon, and stars appeared out of the nothing. Again, God's voice created birds flying over the waters where fish swam. Then his voice called out and herds of buffalo stomped across the land while mice made their homes in the rocks and lions' first roars shook the bushes.

Then God said, "Let's make humans." God made men and women to be like himself.

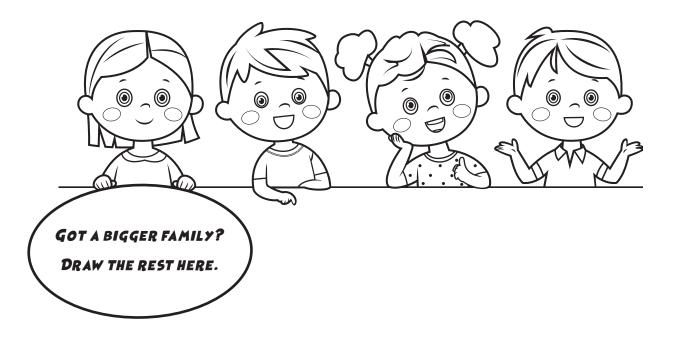
From nothing, God made everything! How amazing! God looked at everything he had made and he loved it. He said, "It is very good!"

MIRA-CLES He also made you with love and purpose, and you are very good, too!

Wow, God, you are amazing! You made everything. Thank you for this beautiful world. Thank you for making me!



What color are your eyes? Your hair? What about each of your family members? For yourself and each member of your family, color their eye and hair color in one of the faces, below. God made all of you and he loves how each of you are uniquely made!



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

	Psa	m	48:5
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→ John 3:16

WEEK ONE

☐ Isaiah 45:18

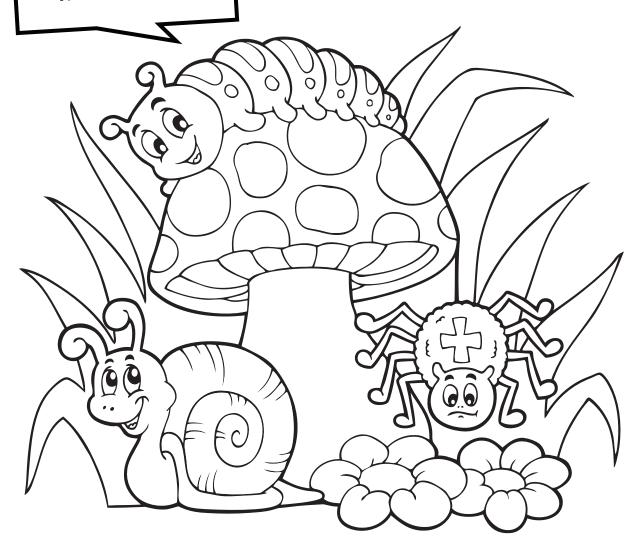
□ Romans II:36





Scientists have not discovered all the insects in the world, but they think there are at least two million different kinds!

DID YOU HEAR THAT
FELLAS? WE HAVE TWO
MILLION FRIENDS!



JOHN'S BIRTH

WEEK 2

# WAITING FOR A MIRACLE

But the angel told him: Don't be afraid, Zechariah!

God has heard your prayers. Your wife Elizabeth will have
a son, and you must name him John.

Luke I:13

For years, Elizabeth and Zechariah had been asking God to let them have a baby. Now they were too old, and they thought it would never happen.

Still, they obeyed God. They were disappointed, but they still loved him.

Zechariah was a priest, and one day they were excited when he was chosen to go and serve inside God's temple where no one but a priest could go. It was a great honor! Zechariah prepared carefully and stepped into the room.

Inside, he was startled to see someone else with him—an angel! The angel told him Elizabeth would have a baby. This baby would get people ready for Jesus to come. When Zechariah doubted how that could happen since they were so old, the angel stopped him from speaking. Zechariah couldn't say anything at all for several months.

Sure enough, Elizabeth had a baby boy! When Zechariah wrote down that his name was "John," as the angel told him to do, suddenly he could talk again. He used his voice to praise God! And Elizabeth joined him!

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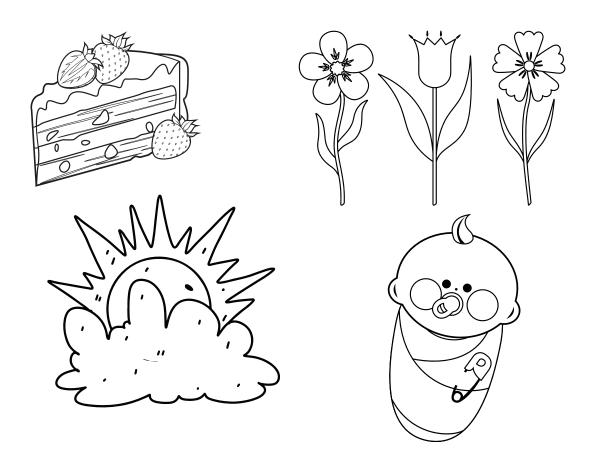
You can trust that God has great plans for you, too.

God, thank you for giving us good gifts—like babies! Most of all, thank you for being with us, and thank you for Jesus.



Is there something you are waiting for? Can you trust God and wait patiently for it? We have to wait for a lot of good things!

Color them below.



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

- Ezekiel 12:25
  - Isaiah 14:27

☐ I John 5:14-15

2 Peter 3:9

WEEK Two





A baby is born in the world every three seconds.

That's a lot of blessings!



WEEK 3



# GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

"I'm going to send a flood that will destroy everything that breathes!

Nothing will be left alive. But I solemnly promise that you, your wife, your sons, and your daughters-in-law will be kept safe in the boat."

Genesis 6:17–18

At one time, the world became a bad place. Everyone was selfish and mean. God made a wonderful world, but now the people didn't want to do what he said. No one loved God.

Except Noah and his family. Noah walked with God, talked with God, and obeyed God.

The rest of the people were so bad, God said he would wipe everyone out. They made God sad! But God wanted to save Noah.

So, God told Noah to build a really big boat! When he was done, God told Noah to bring in a male and a female of every kind of animal . . . and all the food they would need. It must have been a lot of work! When everything was inside, along with Noah's family, God closed the door.

And rain came. Soon water covered everything. All the bad people died. But God kept Noah and his family and the animals safe and ready to start over. And God promised never to wipe people out like that again.

God rescued Noah, and he will always be there to rescue you!

God, thank you for saving the people and the animals! You are so good to us. Please help me choose to love you.



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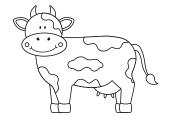
Feed the animals the right food! Draw a line from the food to the animal that would most likely eat it.













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

- ☐ Psalm 37:3-4
- ☐ Isaiah 45:22

- ☐ John 3:16–17
- ☐ 2 Peter 2:9



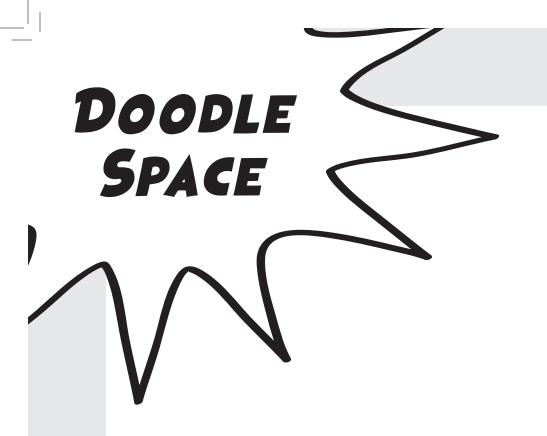


The tallest animal on earth is the giraffe.

It's almost 20 feet tall.

One of the smallest animals is the bumblebee bat, less than one and a half inches long.

GOD LOVES ALL CREATURES, GREAT AND SMALL!







WEEK 4

# ANGELS AND A BABY

... and you will have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High. The Lord God will make him king, as his ancestor David was. He will rule the people of Israel forever, and his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:31–33

A long time ago, a Jewish lady named Mary was going to marry a carpenter named Joseph. She was excited! Joseph was a good man and they would have a happy life.

Before the wedding, an angel came to Mary. The angel said Mary would have a baby, and the baby's real dad would be God! Mary believed him and said she would do whatever God wanted.

Nine months later, Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem. They couldn't find anywhere to stay, so they tried to sleep in an animals' stable, where the baby came. They named him Jesus.

Nearby, angels appeared in the sky above some shepherds who were taking care of their sheep. The shepherds were afraid. But the angels told them to be happy, not afraid! Jesus, the promised savior, was born, they said. The angels told the shepherds where to go see him. That night, the angels and the shepherds praised God for Mary's miraculous baby.

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You can always trust that God is with you, and He loves you very much!

Thank you, God, for Jesus! You sent your Son to be with us! I want to praise you like the shepherds did.



Shepherds know and care for their sheep. And God sent Jesus to be a good shepherd for us! Can you spot the differences between these two sheep?



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

	Isaiah	9:6
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John 3:16-18

WEEK **FOUR** 

Daniel 6:26-27

1 John 4:15-16

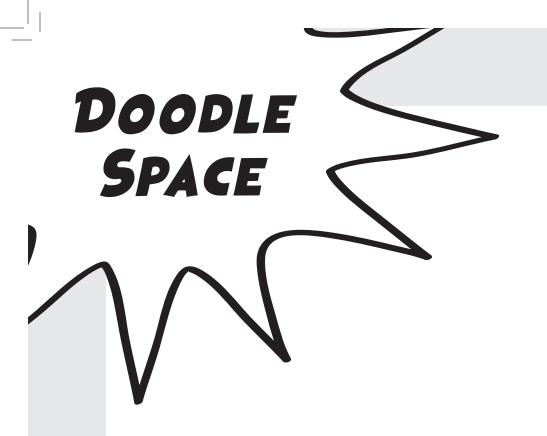


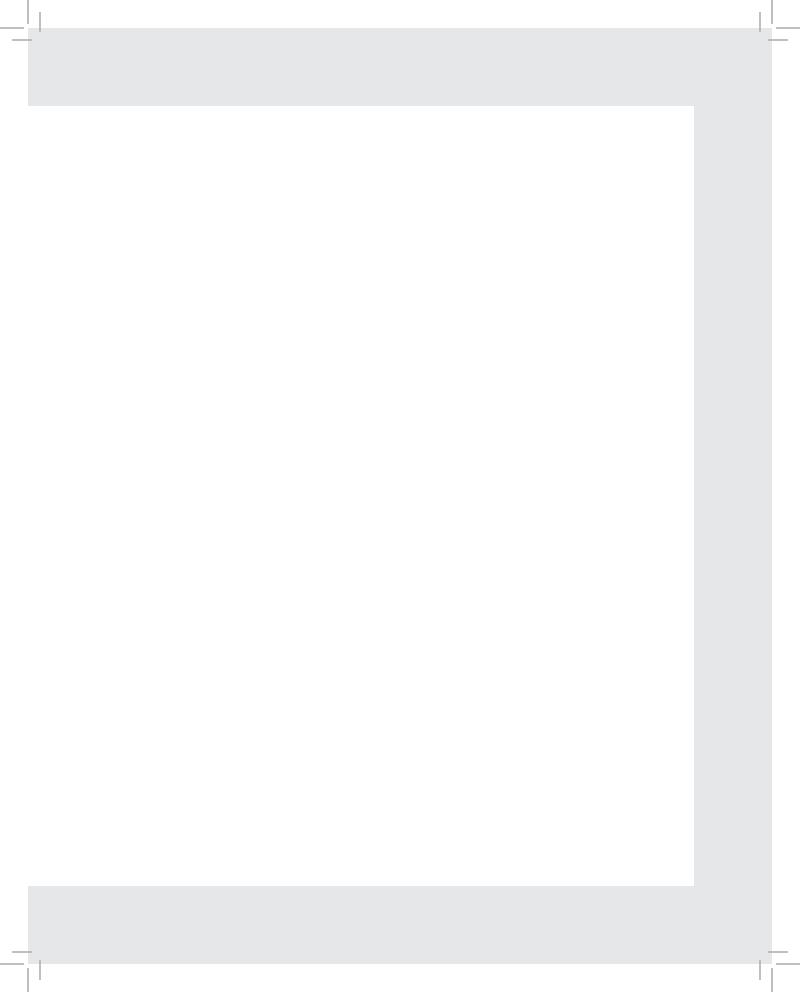


When sheep aren't feeling well, they sometimes know which plants to eat to make them better.

I FEEL AS GOOD AS NEW! THANKS, GOD!









WEEK 5

# THE GOD OF DREAMS

"Your Majesty," Joseph answered, "I can't do it myself, but God can give a good meaning to your dreams." Genesis 41:16

When Joseph was young, he had a dream about his family bowing down to him. But as he grew, things went wrong. He found himself far from home in an Egyptian prison, even though he did nothing wrong.

Still, Joseph trusted God. One night, two other prisoners had dreams. One saw grapes growing, and he squeezed them into a cup for Pharaoh, the king. The other man dreamed he held bread baskets, but the birds kept eating them. God told Joseph the dreams meant the first man would work for Pharaoh again, but the other would die.

Sure enough, what Joseph said came true. The first man went back to helping Pharaoh.

Then Pharaoh had a weird and scary dream. His assistant told him about Joseph in prison. Joseph told him God was warning about hard times coming without food, and what to do about it. Pharaoh was happy to hear from God, and he put Joseph in charge of Egypt.

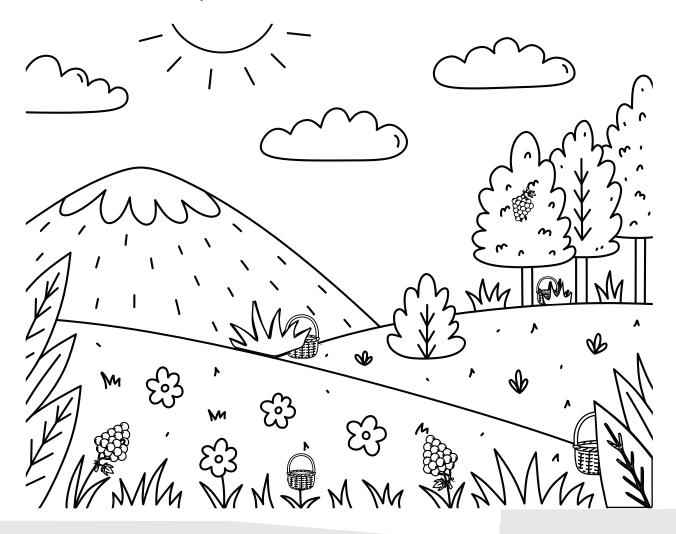
Joseph's family had to come to Egypt for food. They bowed down to Joseph, just like in his dream. God gave Joseph dreams and told him what to do, and he can do that for you, too, when you ask and listen.

God, you know the future and you tell people what to do! Please help me listen to you and trust you.



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How many grape bunches and baskets can you find hidden in the picture below? God knows every detail!



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

☐ Psalm 40:5

Philippians 1:6

WEEK FIVE

□ Daniel 2:30

☐ Ephesians 2:10





Dogs have dreams, too.

Sometimes while they are sleeping they will bark, growl, or move their legs.







# STARS AND DREAMS

The wise men listened to what the king said and then left.

And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

Baby Jesus was special. He was God's Son! Angels appeared to tell people about him. And then a star showed up—just for him.

And wise men in a faraway land saw it. They studied the sky and knew all the big stars. When a bright new one suddenly showed up, they knew

it meant a new king had been born for the Jews. They went looking

for him.

But the old king, Herod, was bad, and he didn't want anybody taking his crown. When the wise men came and told him about the star and the new king, Herod decided to kill him. He sent the wise men to find the baby.

God, it's amazing how you make stars and dreams and babies! Please keep my family safe, too.

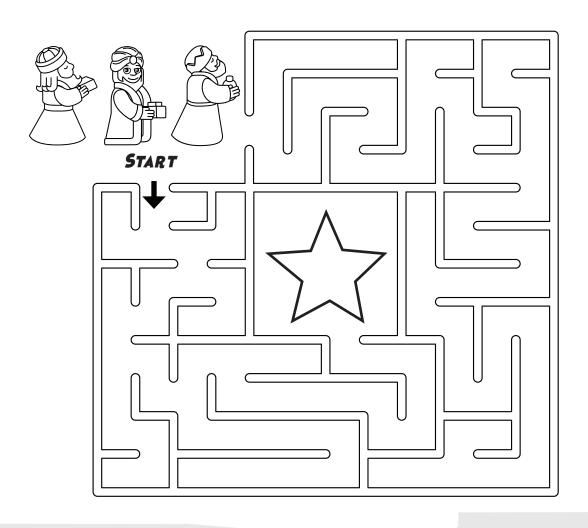
The wise men followed the star and it stopped right over Jesus's home. They were so happy, they worshiped him and gave him presents. Through a dream, God told them not to tell Herod where the baby was. God also sent a dream to Joseph, Jesus's adopted dad, to warn him about the bad king and take his family to Egypt to keep baby Jesus safe!

God used a star to lead the wise men to Baby Jesus, and he will guide you, too.



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Help the wise men follow the star!



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

- ☐ Numbers 24:17
- Matthew 6:25

WEEK SIX

□ Psalm |2|:8

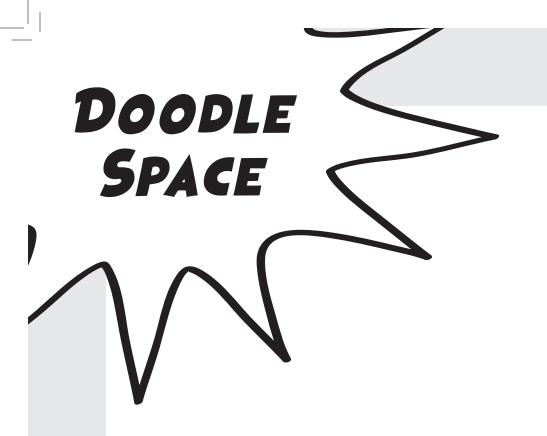
□ Revelation 22:16





Indigo buntings are songbirds that follow the stars as they migrate.











# FROGS, FLIES, AND FINALLY FREEDOM!

But I will make the king so stubborn that he won't listen to you. He won't listen even when I do many terrible things to him and his nation. Then I will bring a final punishment on Egypt, and the king will let Israel's families and tribes go. When this happens, the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.

Exodus 7:3-5

Bricks, bricks, bricks! All day long the Israelites made bricks for the Egyptians' buildings. The cruel Egyptians had made them into slaves.

The Israelites cried out to God. Long before, he had promised them their own safe land. Now it would take a miracle for them to get free.

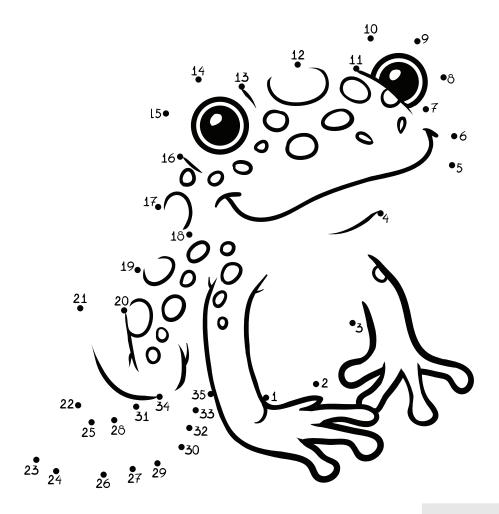
Well, that's what God sent—a whole bunch of miracles! Moses, a new leader, told Pharaoh, the Egyptian king, to let the people go—and God made a staff turn into a snake! But Pharaoh said "No!" God kept warning Pharaoh how powerful he was, but Pharaoh kept ignoring Moses and saying the Israelites couldn't go. God had Moses turn the river water into blood, send frogs all over the land, then gnats, and then flies! The cows died of sickness and the people got painful sores. Hail fell and destroyed the crops. Locusts ate up what was left. Then darkness came—for three whole days. Finally, all Egypt's first-born boys died. Pharaoh gave up and let the Israelites go that very night.

God showed the Israelites that He is stronger than anything, even kings and armies! God can help you with anything you face, and He can work miracles in your life, too!

God, thank you for hearing people when they pray to you, and helping them. Please help those who need you today. And please help me say "Yes!" to you!



One or two frogs are cool, but a whole bunch of them everywhere would be bad! Connect the dots and thank God for good things.



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

☐ Psalm 135:14

☐ Matthew 5:7

**W**EEK **S**EVEN

☐ Micah 6:8

☐ Luke 6:36

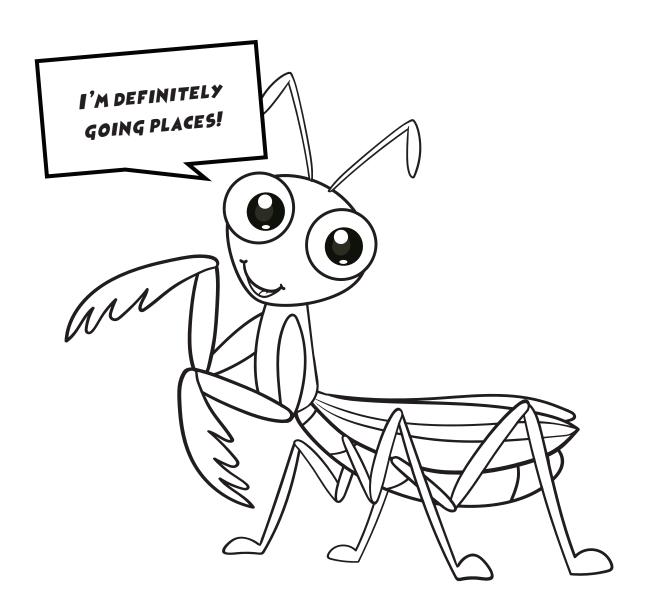




Locusts are like grasshoppers.

They can fly as well as jump.

They can go 80 miles in one day!



WEEK 8

# GONE FISHING WITH JESUS

When Simon Peter saw this happen, he knelt down in front of Jesus and said, "Lord, don't come near me! I am a sinner." Peter and everyone with him were completely surprised at all the fish they had caught. His partners James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were surprised too. Jesus told Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you will bring in people instead of fish."

Luke 5:8-10

Simon's family were fishermen. When they caught fish, they made money. If they didn't catch any, times were hard.

One night, they didn't catch any. Over and over, all night long, they threw nets into the water, then pulled them back up again. Nothing. They rowed to another place. Still nothing.

The next morning they sat on the beach, tired and disappointed, fixing up their nets. Nearby, a crowd of people was listening to Jesus teach. When the people pushed too much, Jesus got into Simon's boat. He asked Simon to row out a little so everyone could hear him better.

When he was done teaching, Jesus said, "Simon, let's go fishing!" Simon didn't really want to. He was tired. But he obeyed. First throw—fish! So many fish that Simon had to call his partners to bring another boat. The nets were breaking! The boats were sinking! The fish were so heavy! Who is in charge of fish? Only God! Simon got down on his knees before Jesus.

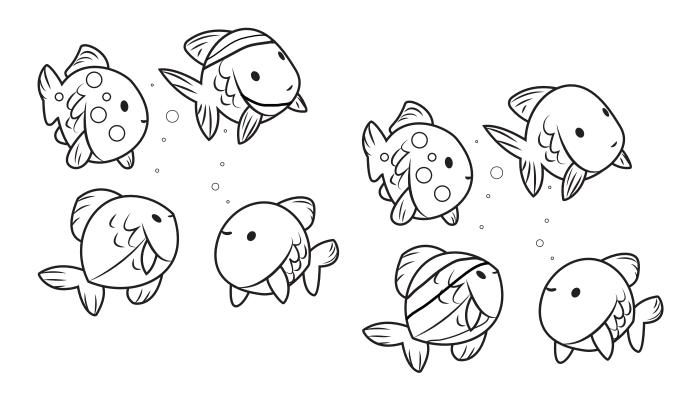
God can make the impossible happen, and he's always ready to help you when you listen to him and trust him!

God, you know everything, even where the fish are!

Thank you for sending Jesus to show us how amazing you are.



How many fish have stripes? Spots? Can you count how many fish are plain? God knows how many fish are in the sea! Are there things you need that only God can bring? Pray about it while you color.



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

☐ Job 42:5–6

- ☐ Matthew 28:19–20
- WEEK EIGHT

□ Daniel 7:13–14

☐ Mark 10:28–30



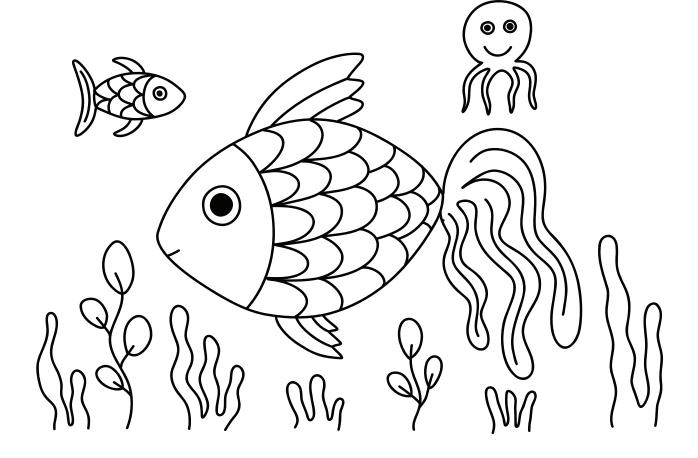


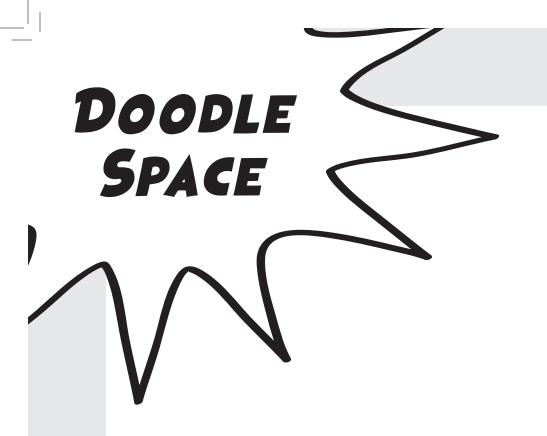
Simon might have caught a fish called musht.

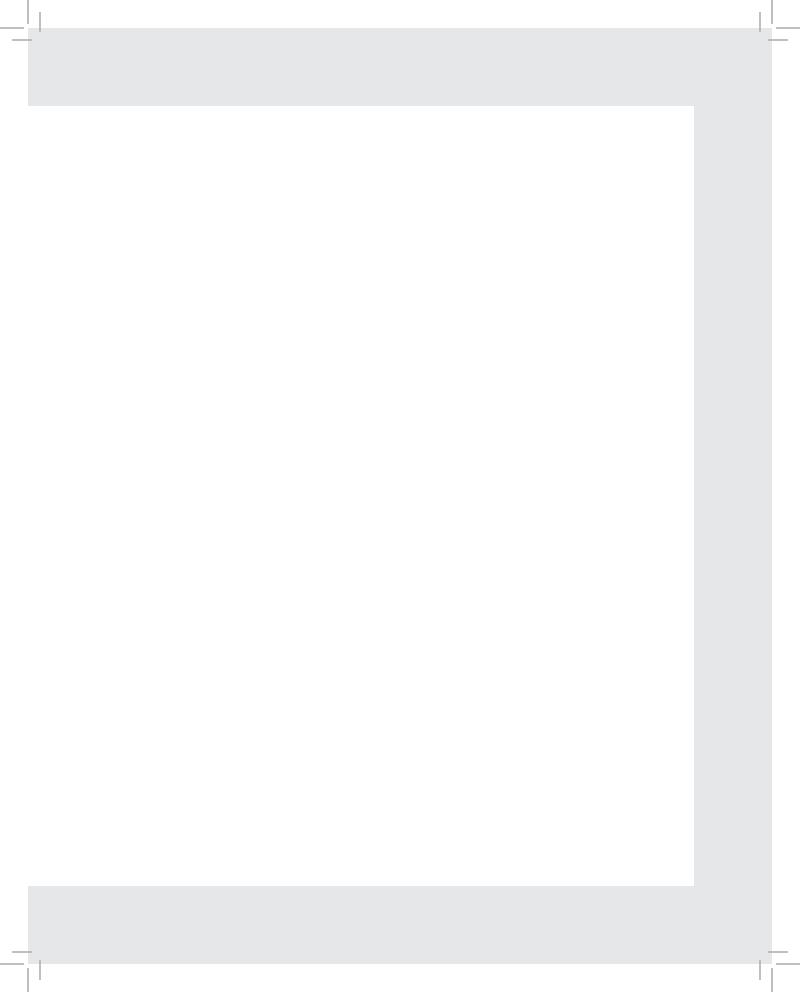
"Musht" means comb, and this fish has a fin along its back that looks like a comb.

They live in the Sea of Galilee where Simon was fishing.

JUST COMBING THE
SEA LOOKING FOR
MY NEXT CATCH.









WEEK 9

# FOLLOW THE CLOUD!

During the day the LORD went ahead of his people in a thick cloud, and during the night he went ahead of them in a flaming fire. That way the LORD could lead them at all times, whether day or night.

Exodus | 3:21-22

If you don't know the way, how do you get to where you want to go?

That was the Israelites' problem. They finally got away from being slaves under

Pharaoh. Now, they had to get to the place God promised them. But in between them and the place they could live in safety, were mean armies, a big sea, and deserts. Danger! Danger! Danger!

Could the God who worked the miracles in Egypt help them here? You'd better believe it! God knew where to go, and he knew they needed protection, so God himself led their way inside a pillar of thick cloud during the day. The whole crowd of Israelites could see it. How amazing! A tall cloud moving in front and people walking behind.

But it's hard to see in the dark, so at night, God led the way in a pillar of fire! The flame was so bright, they could even walk at night. And the cloud and fire kept enemy armies away! What a powerful God. He loved them so much.

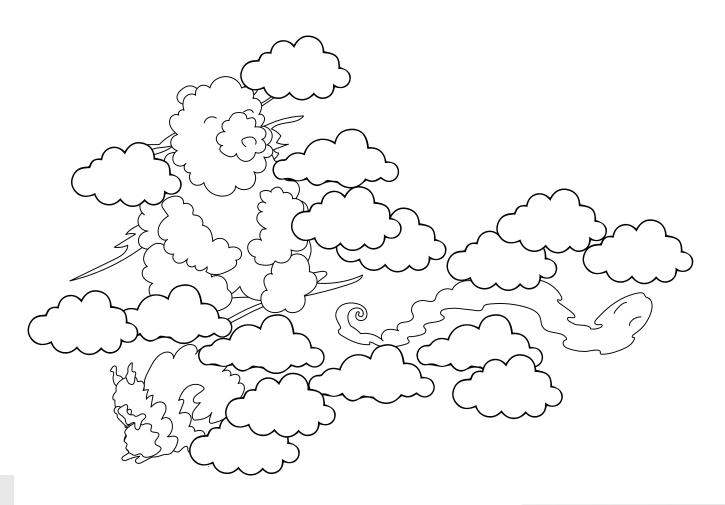
So remember, no matter where you go or what happens around you, God is with you, leading you, and keeping you safe.

God, you led the Israelites in amazing ways! I want to follow you in my life too. Please help me walk with you.





God makes all kinds of clouds! Sometimes they look like things. Can you find the bear, snake, and squirrel in this cloud?



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

- Leviticus 26:12

WEEK NINE

□ Psalm II9:105



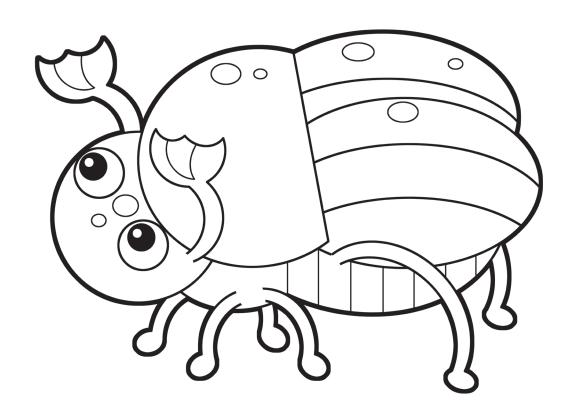


Fog is a cloud that is low to the ground.

On foggy days, the darkling beetle climbs to the top of sand dunes and sticks its back end into the air.

Water from the fog sticks to it and drips down to the beetle's mouth.

THERE'S MORE THAN
ONE WAY TO DO
THINGS!





WEEK IO

### A GREAT PARTY

This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee.

There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

John 2:II

How do you know Jesus is God? One reason we trust him is because he did powerful miracles—things only God can do.

That's how Jesus's followers knew for sure. He brought some of them to a wedding. It was a big celebration, but the hosts ran out of wine. It was embarrassing to not have enough for the guests—and Jesus's mother found out about it. His mother told Jesus, and then she told the waiters to do whatever Jesus said.

Jesus told the waiters to fill up some huge stone pots with water—it took more water than four full bathtubs. Then he said to take a cup of it and give it to the man in charge of the feast. When the waiters did this, their boss discovered that the cupful of water was now wine! Jesus turned all that water into the very best wine.

Jesus's followers knew he had just proved he was God's Son. And he had given a great gift to the people at the wedding party. God was with them! When we trust Him, we know He can do incredible things in our lives, too—because Jesus is always with us, helping and caring for us!

God, thank you for being with us and giving us so many good gifts! Every day with you is a celebration!



How can you celebrate that God is with you? Sing! Shout!

Make music! Jump and dance! Pick one to try this week while thanking God for being so good!



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

☐ Psalm 84:II

Matthew 10:29-31

WEEK TEN

☐ Psalm 95:7

☐ I Peter 5:7



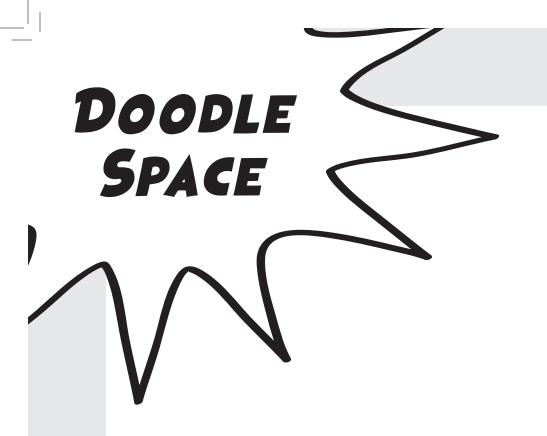


If camels can eat healthy plants, they don't have to drink for six months!

But when they do drink, they can slurp up 30 gallons of water at a time.

That's like a small bathtub full.

THE NAME'S TANK. WATER TANK.







WEEK II

## GOD'S SAFE WAY

But the sea had made a wall of water on each side of the Israelites, so they walked through on dry land.

Exodus 14:29

The Israelites camped by the Red Sea. Adults sat by fires talking. Kids splashed in the water before bedtime. Everyone thanked God for their freedom.

Suddenly, someone yelled, "The Egyptians!" Pharaoh had changed his mind and his chariots were coming as fast as the horses could run. The warriors were coming to make the Israelites slaves again. Moms grabbed babies as everyone called out to God. They were caught between the army and the water.

There was nowhere to go.

But then, the pillar of cloud they were following moved between them and the army. Darkness covered Pharaoh's warriors so they couldn't move closer, but the Israelites had light all night.

Moses stretched out his arm over the water, and God sent a wind to push the water back and dry the land! The Israelites walked through the sea between two walls of water.

The Egyptians chased them. When the Israelites had crossed, Moses stretched out his arm again and God let the water 90. It swallowed up Pharaoh and his army! The Israelites were never afraid of them again.

God showed the Israelites that He is always there to protect them, even when things seem impossible. And God is always with us, too, ready to help us when we need Him!

Wow, God! When the Israelites couldn't do anything, you saved them. I know you love me and will take care of me too. Thank you!



It's good to remember how God used his power to save the Israelites. Color the cloud that led them and the waves that opened.

Thank God for helping you, too.



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

- ☐ Exodus 15:2–3
- ☐ John 16:33

WEEK ELEVEN

☐ Psalm 18:3

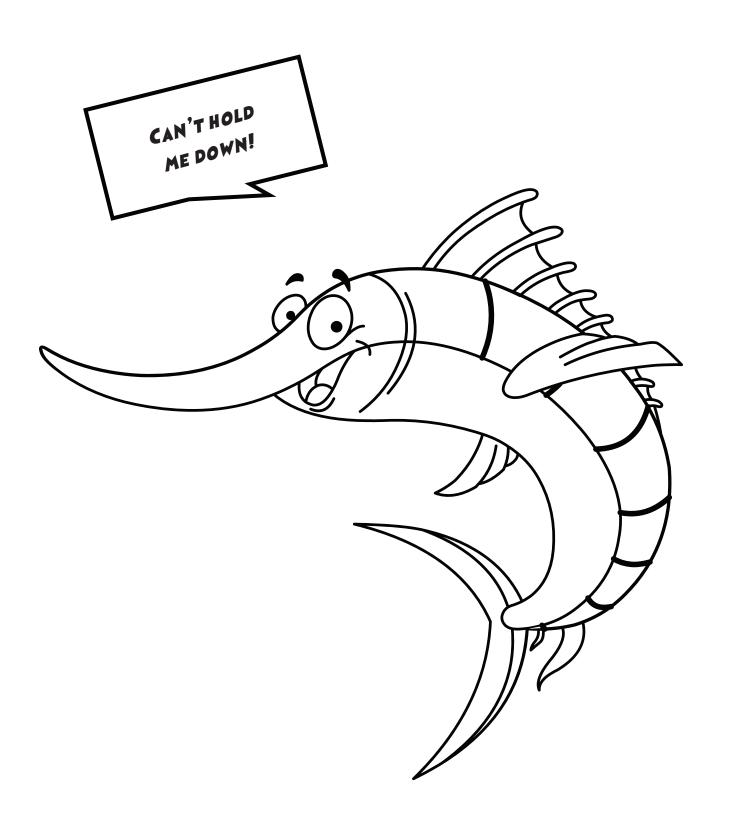
☐ I John 4:4





The world's fastest fish is the sailfish.

It lives in the Red Sea.





WEEK 12

## SICKNESS, GO AWAY!

"...Just say the word, and my servant will get well." Luke 7:7

When someone you love is sick, it can be scary and sad.

When Jesus was on earth, he healed many sick people. Whenever he came to town, people would bring their loved ones to him.

So, when a Roman army officer's servant became really sick, he sent some of his Jewish friends to ask Jesus for help, too. This man was in charge of 100 soldiers, so he was called a centurion. Usually, the Jews didn't like the Romans because they were mean to them. But this man was good to his Jewish neighbors, so they asked Jesus to help him.

Jesus started to go see the servant, but then the centurion sent Jesus another message: "You don't have to come to my house. When I tell a soldier to do something, he does it. I know if you tell the sickness to go away, it will have to obey."

Jesus was amazed he said that! The centurion had so much faith in God's power. When the friends came back to his house, they found the servant was well and happy again.

Jesus cares about us and has the power to heal and help.

So, whenever we are scared or worried, we can always trust that Jesus will be near!

God, everything has to obey you—even sickness! I will pray to you when someone I love gets sick.



The Centurion showed great faith because he trusted Jesus. Now let's test your faith and trust through a listening game! Scatter a bunch of toys on the floor and have your parents cover your eyes with a blindfold or neck tie so you cannot see. Starting on the far side of the room, listen to your parent's instructions to walk across the room without stepping on any toys. Were you able to trust them? Ask Jesus today to give you faith as amazing as the Centurion's.



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

- ☐ Psalm 103:2-4
- Matthew 8:11

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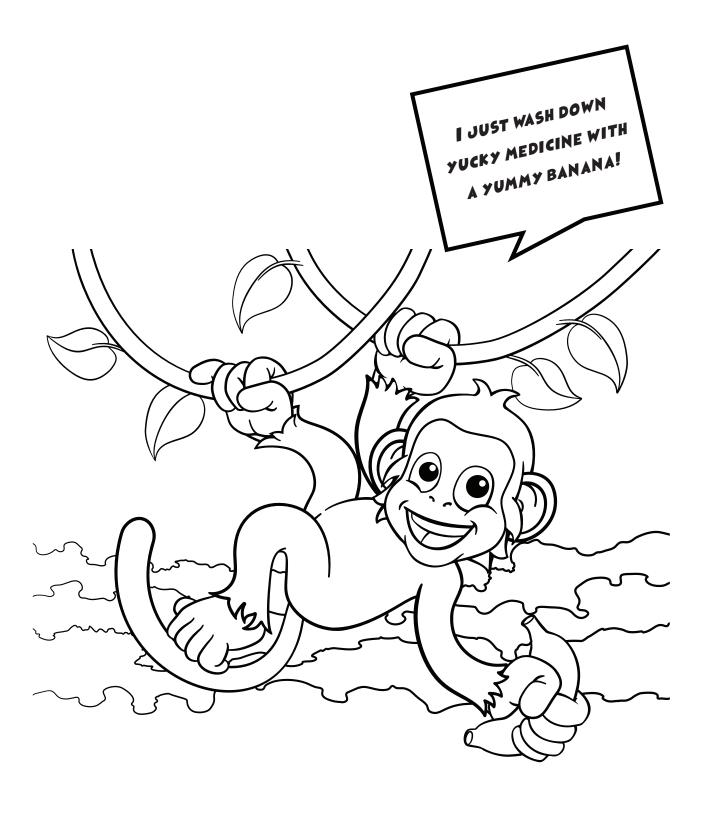
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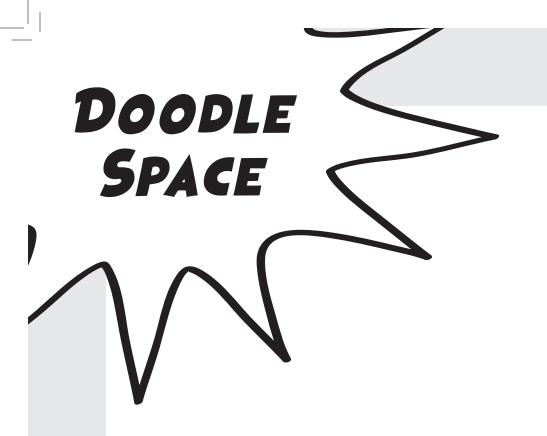
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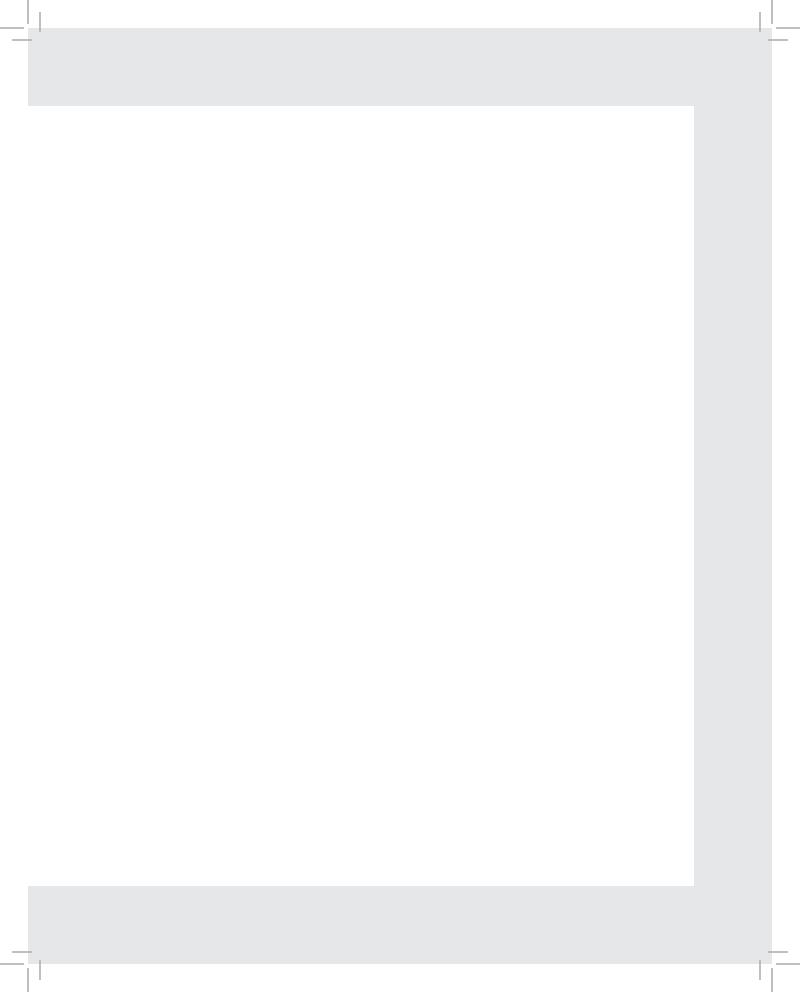




Chimpanzees eat some plants that help them feel better, even if they taste bad.







MANNA

WEEK 13

#### BREAD FROM GOD

The Israelites ate manna for 40 years, before they came to the border of Canaan that was a settled land.

Exodus 16:35

Whew! The Israelites were safe from the Egyptians and God was leading them

to their new home. But now there was a new problem. They were going through a desert. How would they find enough food?

Who could help them? That's right! God could. But instead of asking God nicely, the people started complaining about not having enough to eat. They even said they wished they were back in Egypt! They did not trust God. But God was good to them anyway. He told Moses that meat would come that evening, and bread the next morning.

And sure enough, that evening a huge flock of quails landed in their camp. Then the next morning, something that looked like frost was all over the ground. The people asked, "What is it?" Moses told them it was their bread from God. When they tasted it, it was sweet. They picked it up and cooked it. They called it "what-is-it," which sounds like "manna" in their language.

Every morning except the Sabbath (the weekly rest day), God gave them manna.

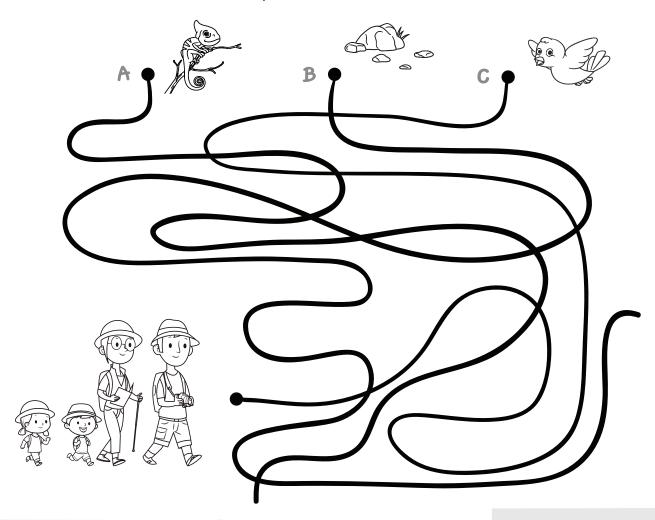
So, the next time you need something, remember what he did for the Israelites! When you trust God, He will provide everything you need.

God thank you for taking care of the Israelites, and me! I like the food you give us. Help me remember to pray instead of complain when I need things.





Help the hikers catch a bird! Which path leads to the bird?



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

- ☐ Psalm 136:25
  - Psalm 23:1

- ☐ Matthew 6:8
- Philippians 4:6

WEEK THIRTEEN





Lots of animals, such as geese, like to eat bread, but it isn't good for them.

It's better to feed them vegetables like corn, peas, or lettuce.

