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WRITE YOUR NAME ON THIS LINE:

WRITE THE NICKNAME TOU	R FRIENDS & FAMILY CALL YOU:
DRAW A TREE FILLED WITH BEA	AUTIFUL FALL-COLORED LEAVES.
DRAW YOUR FAVORIT	TE THING ABOUT FALL.
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WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SHOW US THROUGH MIRAGLES?

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.

DRAW ONE THING YOU HAVE BEEN PRAYING ABOUT THIS SEASON:
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 FALL?
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!

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!

GOD'S STRONG POWER

The cows went straight up the road toward Beth-Shemesh, mooing as they went. The Philistine rulers followed them until they got close to Beth-Shemesh.

I Samuel 6:12

You know how if you disobey some rules you can get hurt? Like when you're not supposed to jump on the bed, and you accidentally fall off? Well, some of the Israelite leaders kept disobeying God, and so the army started losing battles.

The Israelites' enemies, the Philistines, attacked. God let the bad guys win the battle—and they even stole the ark of the covenant. This was the special gold box that reminded the Israelites God was with them.

But now the ark was gone.

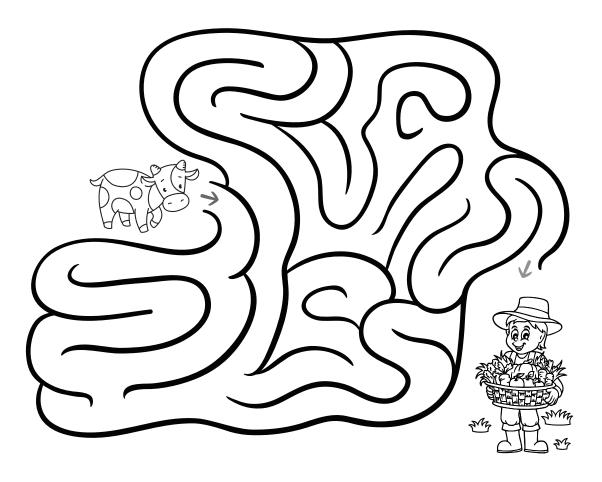
The Philistines thought this was great. They put the gold box next to the big statue of their god to show that he was the strongest. But when they came back the next morning, the statue had fallen over in front of God's ark! Then everyone started getting nasty sores and tumors all over their bodies.

They had to send the ark back, right away! So they put it on a cart pulled by mother cows. Normally, these cows wouldn't pull a cart, and they certainly wouldn't leave their babies. But the Lord made them go right down the road back to Israel. Then everybody knew God was the strongest. So remember, God is the strongest of all, and He wants what's best for us—so we should always listen to Him and obey His rules!

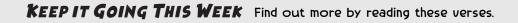
God, you are the only real power. Help me obey you.



Trace the road the cows have to take to get back to the farmer. As you do, think about how God is the strongest!







- ─ Psalm 37:5
 - Proverbs 3:5–6
- ☐ Matthew 16:24–26
- ☐ John 14:5–6

WEEK TWENTY SEVEN





Water buffalo are taller than a lot of people.

They are called "living tractors" because many people in the world use them like they would a tractor for things like pulling carts.

EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT
HORSEPOWER. BUT
WATER BUFFALOS ARE THE
ORIGINAL MACHINE!



WALKING

THE WIND ANSWERS TO JESUS

All of them saw him and were terrified. But at this same time he said, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid." He then got into the boat with them, and the wind died down. The disciples were completely confused.

Mark 6:50-5I

Jesus was tired. He had a long day of taking care of people. So he sent his friends across a lake in their boat, and he went up on a mountain to pray.

In the middle of the night, the guys were still only in the middle of the lake. The wind was strong and it was pushing against them. They were so tired.

Then Jesus saw them. He came down from the mountain and came toward them, walking across the lake. Yup! He was walking! On the water! When they saw him out there, they thought he was a ghost, and they were so scared!

But Jesus told them to not be afraid. "It's me!" he said, and when he got into their boat, the wind stopped.

His friends didn't know what to think. Only God can control the weather!

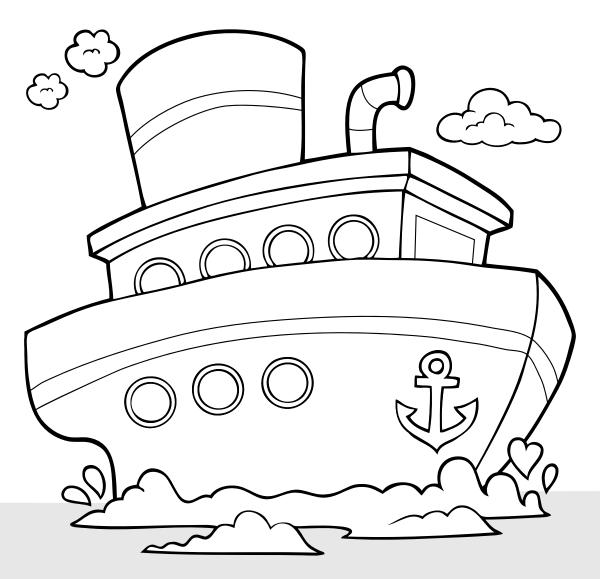
When you're scared or tired, Jesus is always with you—and He's powerful enough to help you, no matter what!

God, you control everything! Please help me when I am in trouble, like you did for Jesus's friends.



Jesus wants to help us with our problems, too. When we can't handle something, he wants us to ask for his help.

Pray while you color.



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

- ☐ Psalm 73:23-24
- ☐ Isaiah 40:29

- Matthew 28:20
 - Hebrews 13:5-6

WEEK TWENTY EIGHT





A family in Florida trained a squirrel named Twiggy to water ski behind a toy boat.

(God's power must have helped Twiggy, too!)



HOW DO YOU DESTROY A GIANT?

When Goliath started forward, David ran toward him. He put a rock in his sling and swung the sling around by its straps. When he let go of one strap, the rock flew out and hit Goliath on the forehead. It cracked his skull, and he fell facedown on the ground.

I Samuel 17:48-49

How do you destroy a giant?

That was the Israelites' problem. They were staring at an enemy soldier over nine feet tall. (His head would have hit your bedroom ceiling.) And behind him was a whole army of bad guys. He was cursing God and the Israelites. He said he was going to kill their best fighter and make them all slaves.

What were they supposed to do? They were afraid, so they did nothing. This giant kept yelling at them every day.

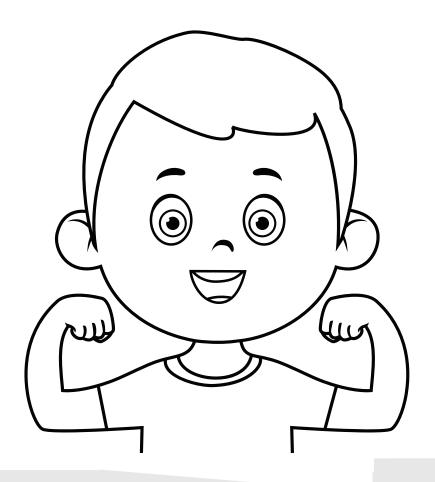
But one day a boy named David showed up to visit his brothers in the Israelite army. He heard Goliath's bullying and he got mad. "No one should talk about God that way," he said. "I'll fight him!"

So, David took a slingshot and five stones. He ran up to the giant. Goliath laughed at him, but David said his God was the strongest. Then David threw a rock from his slingshot that hit Goliath in the head and knocked him out. The Israelite army then won the battle!

Even when something feels really big and scary, God is stronger, and he can help you like he helped David! God, if you can help a kid fight a giant, you can help me when I face scary things. You are the strongest of all!



What's something that's scary to you? Draw it on a piece of paper and have your mom or dad tape it on the wall. Then grab a pair of socks, tuck them into a ball and toss it towards the scary thing. As you do, remember that God can help you face scary things!



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

☐ I Corinthians 1:25

□ Psalm 124:8

□ I Peter 4:II

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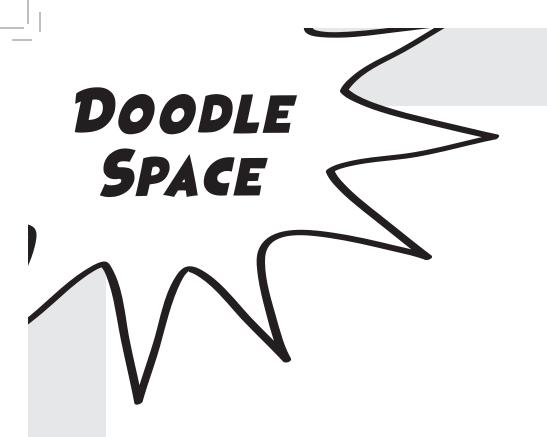
Shaquille O'Neal is one of the biggest men people know about.

He is seven feet tall and he played professional basketball for years.

Goliath would have been two feet taller than he is.

A normal basketball hoop is 10 feet high.











FISHING FOR MONEY

"But we don't want to cause trouble. So go cast a line into the lake and pull out the first fish you hook. Open its mouth, and you will find a coin. Use it to pay your taxes and mine."

Matthew 17:27

If you need money, where do you go?

Jesus's friend Peter needed money. It was time to pay the temple tax, which was

given to keep the temple going—like church.

Peter went inside his house to ask Jesus about it, and Jesus told Peter to go fishing. Peter was used to getting fish to sell, but this was different. Instead of catching a bunch with a net, Peter was only supposed to catch one fish with a hook. The fish would have a coin in its mouth!

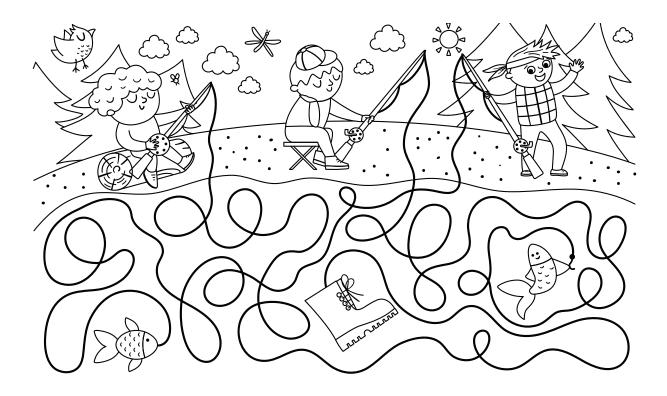
God had one fish with a coin in its mouth bite Peter's hook. It was exactly the amount they needed. Do you think Peter and Jesus laughed about it when they told their friends?

God can take care of your needs in surprising and funny ways—because nothing is too hard for Him!

God, you are funny! You can easily make a fish with a coin bite a hook. And you can easily help me when I need something. Thank you!



Follow the fishing lines, and color the fisherman who caught fish. Thank God he knows what you need and will send it to you, too.



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

- ☐ Psalm 50:10–12
- ☐ Isaiah 58:II

- Matthew 6:8
- Psalm 145:16

WEEK THIRTY

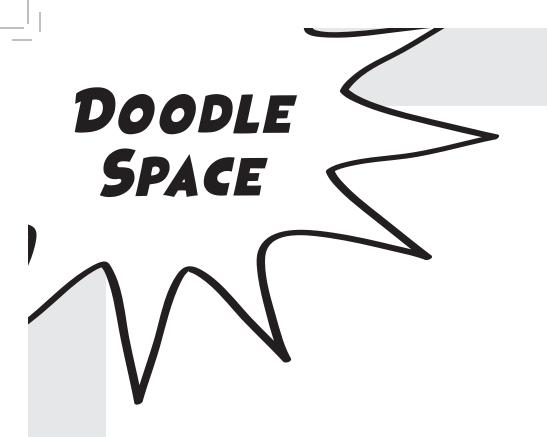


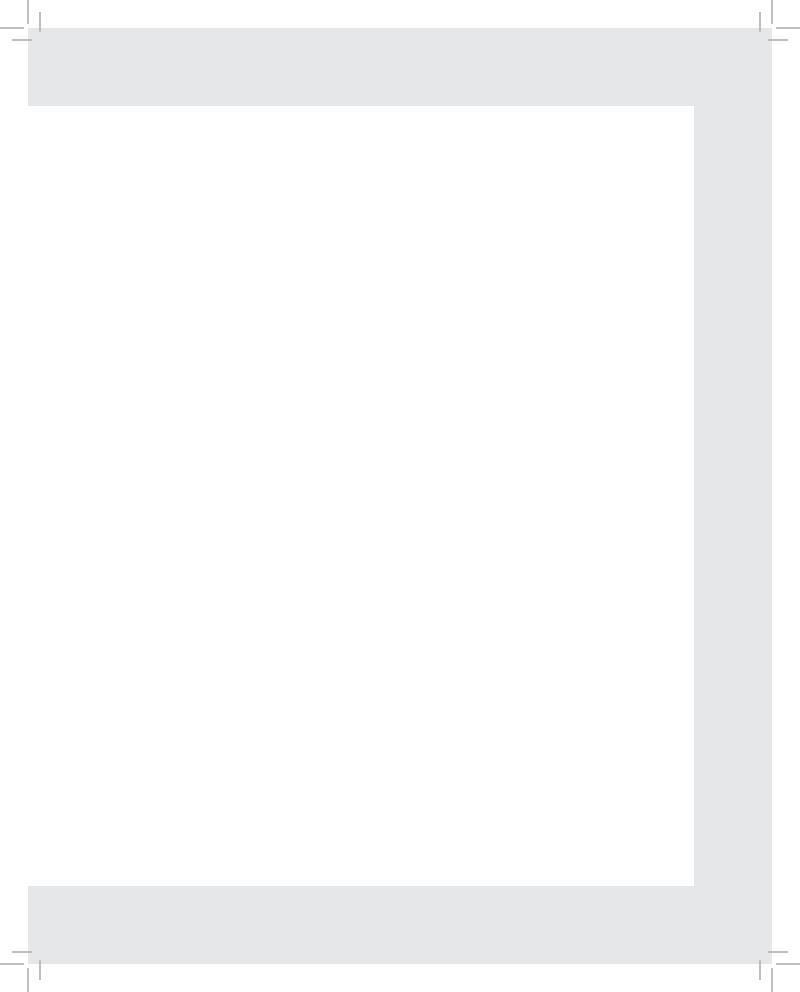


Some sharks will eat anything!

People have found license plates, rubber boots, and a can of salmon inside shark stomachs.









GOING TO THE BIRDS

Ravens brought him bread and meat twice a day, and he drank water from the creek.

I Kings I7:6

How would you like to be fed by birds? Elijah was!

Why did he have to get his food from birds? Well, an evil king took over the land of Israel. He did not love God, and he tried to stop other people from worshipping God. He made statues and places where people could bow down to other false gods, like Baal. And his wife, the queen, killed God's priests. It was awful!

So God sent his prophet Elijah to King Ahab. Elijah told the king there would be no rain until God sent it. They needed rain to grow food! And they found out their fake gods could not control the weather.

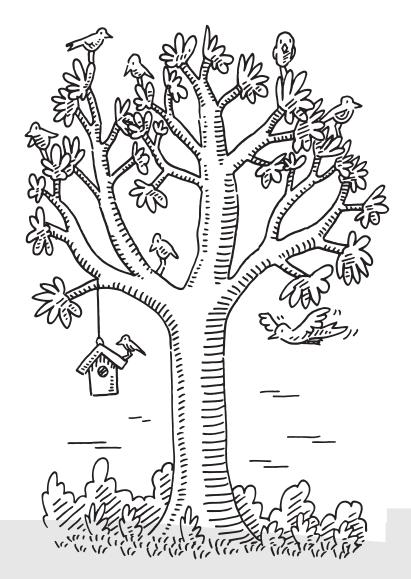
God told Elijah to hide in the wilderness near a stream. Then he sent him food carried by big black birds called ravens. They brought bread and meat every morning and every night.

God sure does take care of the people who keep loving and obeying him!

God, thank you for courageous people like Elijah. I know you will take care of me, too.



How many birds are you able to find in the image below? (Do you think they're on their way to feeding Elijah?)



BNSWER: 8

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

- ☐ Psalm 34:15–16
- ☐ Psalm 37:25

- ☐ 2 Corinthians 9:8
- ☐ I Peter 5:7

WEEK THIRTY ONE





Ravens are really smart birds.

They are omnivorous, which means they eat both plants and animals, like seeds, fruit, and meat.





OUT OF THE DARK

After Jesus said this, he spit on the ground. He made some mud and smeared it on the man's eyes. Then he said, "Go wash off the mud in Siloam Pool." The man went and washed in Siloam, which means "One Who Is Sent." When he had washed off the mud, he could see.

John 9:6-7

You know how scary it is to be in a dark room where you can't see? Imagine being that way your whole life!

During Jesus's time, one man had been blind since he was born. All he knew was darkness.

He needed help for everything, and he couldn't work.

The disciples thought someone had sinned to make that happen, but Jesus said no.

Jesus came near the man, and then he spit on the dirt in front of him! Then he made that spit into mud and put the mud on the man's eyes. What would you think about spit-filled mud on your eyes? Maybe it's a good thing the man could not see it!

Jesus told him to go wash off the mud. When he did, he could see! People asked him how it happened. He said, I don't know! I was blind, Jesus did something, and now I see. Some people said the man was lying, because they didn't believe Jesus was from God. The man asked them how he could be healed if Jesus didn't have power, but they just got mad.

Who else can make a man have new eyes? Only Jesus!

Thank you, God, for all the wonderful things you make for us, like our eyes. Thank you for helping us see the truth about Jesus.





What are your favorite things to see? animals? people? colors?

Draw them in the box below! **KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK** Find out more by reading these verses.

☐ Luke 5:17

☐ James I:17

Psalm 103:2-4

Isaiah 35:4–5

WEEK

THIRTY TWO





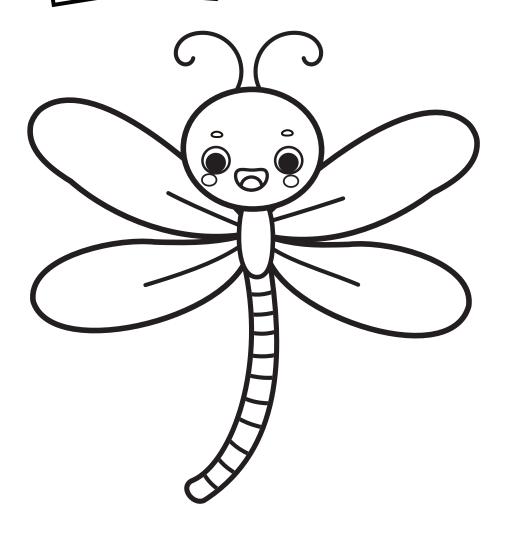
Dragonflies can see more colors than we can.

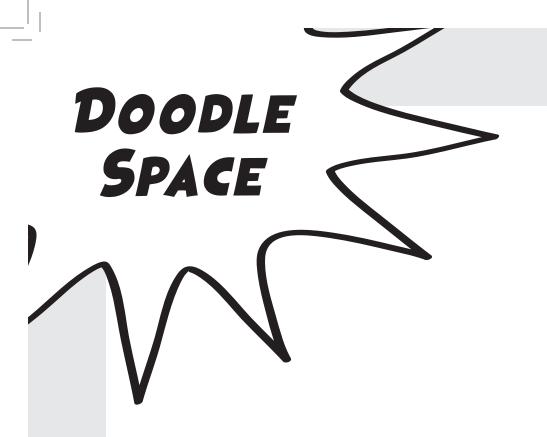
GOD MADE THIS WORLD

MORE BEAUTIFUL

THAN YOU CAN EVEN

IMAGINE!









THE REAL GOD

The LORD immediately sent fire, and it burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and the stones. It scorched the ground everywhere around the altar and dried up every drop of water in the ditch.

I Kings 18:38

God's man, Elijah, was surrounded by bad guys. Four hundred men who followed a false god named Baal had met him on a mountain. And lots of people came to see what would happen, including the king.

Elijah stood up for God. He told the people they would have a contest. Two sacrifices, and the God who sent fire would be the real God.

So the prophets of Baal built an altar, put wood on it, and killed a bull. Then they prayed to Baal. But nothing happened. They yelled and danced and even hurt themselves to get Baal's attention, but still no fire came. Elijah made fun of them, saying maybe Baal was asleep.

Then Elijah built an altar of stones, added wood, and sacrificed another bull. Then he had people pour buckets and buckets of water on the altar! That doesn't help start a fire. But as soon as Elijah prayed to the real God, fire came down and burned everything up, even the stones!

Then all the people said the Lord was the only real God.

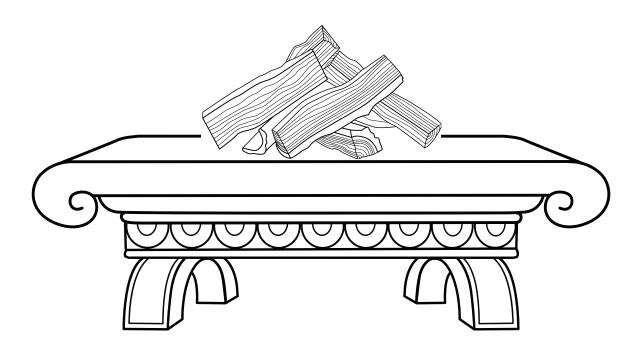
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God, you are the only real

God. I want to always obey

What did the people pour on the altar? Water! What did God send down on the altar? Fire! Draw some fire on the altar and think about God's power!



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

- ☐ Proverbs 8:17
- ☐ Isaiah 55:6

- ☐ Matthew 7:7
- Acts 17:27-28

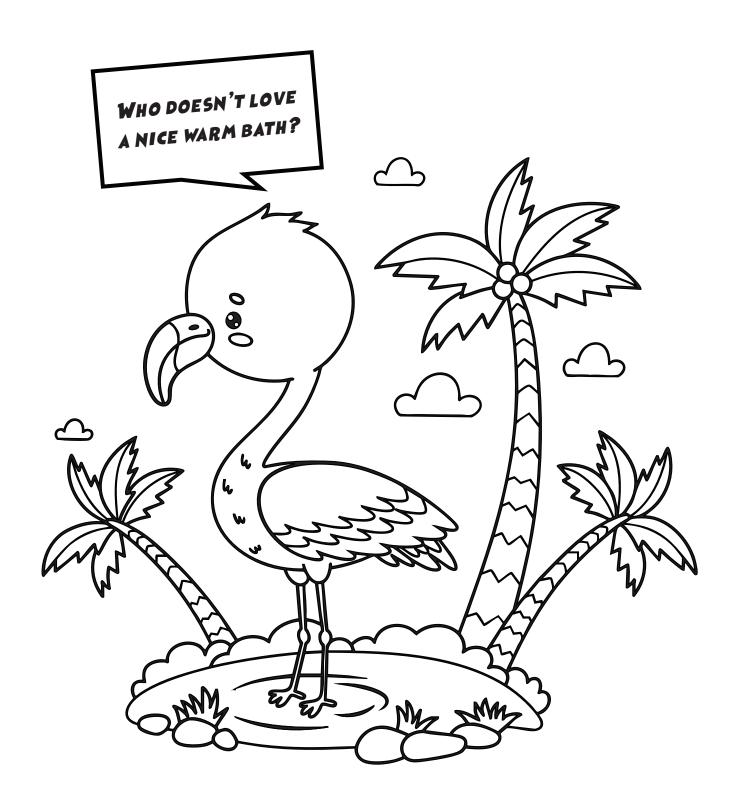
WEEK THIRTY THREE





In Tanzania, Africa, there is a lake beside a volcano.

The water gets so hot it would burn your skin, but flamingos love it!





SAY THANK YOU!

When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God.

Luke 17:15

You know how your parents tell you to say thank you? Well, it's important to say thank you to God, too!

One man learned that in the Bible. He was a leper, which means he had a terrible disease that made his skin fall off. He couldn't live with other people because they were afraid they would catch it.

So, he lived with a group of other lepers, out in the wilderness.

But one day, Jesus walked by these lepers on the road. They called out to him, asking for his help. Jesus cared about them and told them to go get a checkup from the local priests. As they walked that way, they were all healed!

When one of the men realized what happened, he was so excited he had to turn back to Jesus to say thank you! He thanked God over and over.

Jesus was disappointed that the other nine lepers had not also come back to say thank you. But Jesus made this man well—both inside and out.

Thank you God for healing people, including me! You are so powerful and loving.



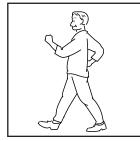
Find the one thankful man who stands out in the crowd and does not look like the others.

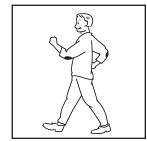


















KEEP IT GOING THIS WEEK Find out more by reading these verses.

- ☐ I Chronicles 16:29
- Psalm 13:6

- ☐ 2 Corinthians 9:15
- ☐ I Thessalonians 5:18

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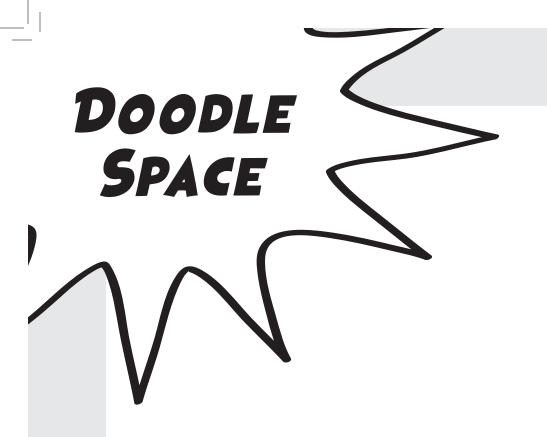


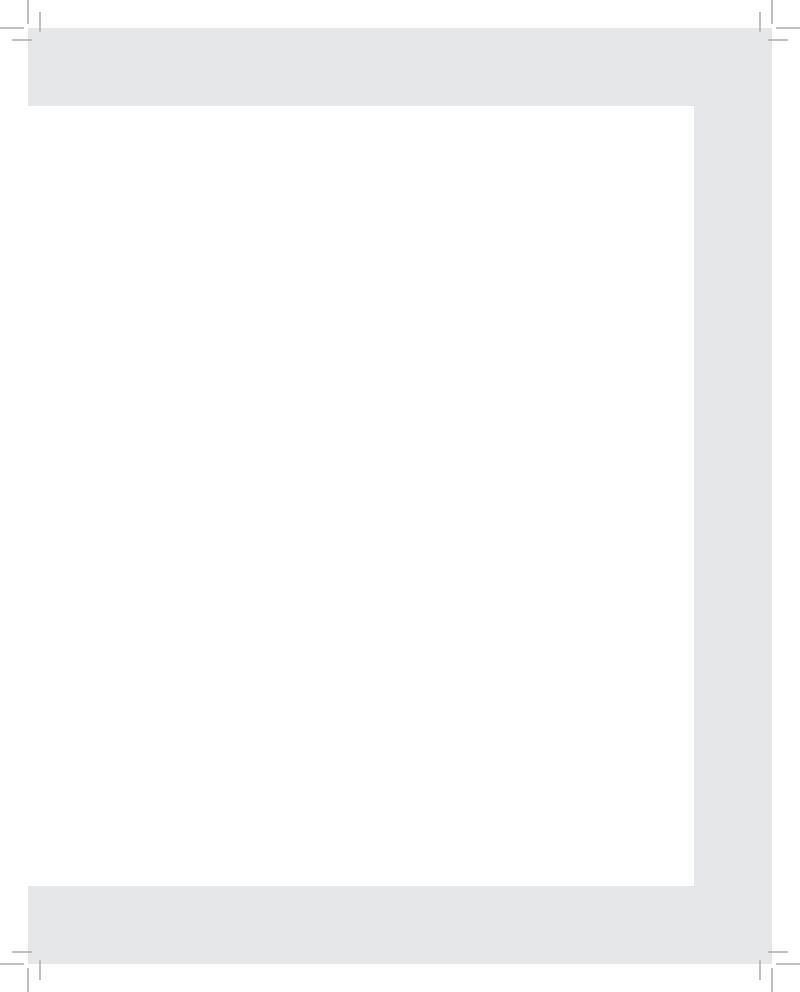


Koko, a gorilla, learned to sign "thank you" to people.

(Because he was so grrrrateful!)









GOD GIVES REST

Soon the LORD'S angel woke him again and said, "Get up and eat, or else you'll get too tired to travel."

I Kings 19:7

Elijah was worn out from winning! He had gone up against people who worshipped a false god and beat them. Then he prayed to God for rain to end the long drought, and it rained! But when the wicked queen heard about Elijah's victory, she threatened to kill him. So then Elijah ran far away into the wilderness.

Elijah wanted to give up and die. He fell asleep under a bush. Then an angel woke him up and gave him food. Elijah ate and fell asleep again. The angel did it again! He woke up Elijah and gave him more food. He said he would need it for a long journey.

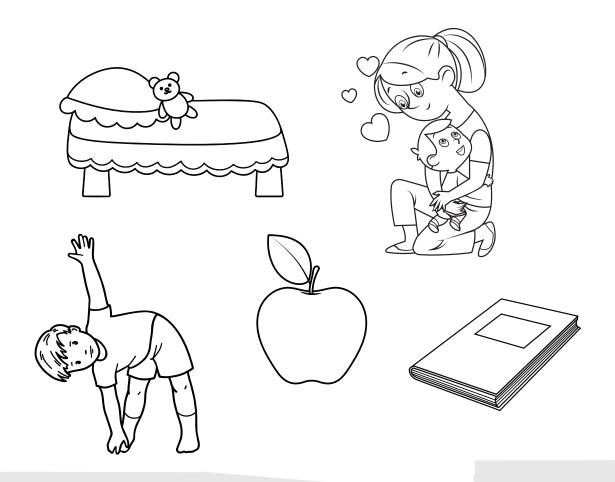
So, Elijah kept going. He walked for forty days and came to a mountain to meet with God. There, God sent a windstorm that threw rocks around. Then an earthquake shook the mountain. Before long, a fire swept through.

Finally, God spoke to Elijah in a whisper. He listened to Elijah's worries. He helped him feel better, and then sent him to do more good work.

God, thank you for giving rest when I am tired and helping me feel better when I am down. Thank you for taking care of me.



Some days are long, tiring, and just hard. But we can run to God when we need help. Sometimes we need quiet time, sometimes we need food, sometimes we need a hug. Circle the things you like when you are having a hard day in the scene below. Thank God for all he gives us!



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

- ☐ Psalm II9:76
- ⊓ Isaiah 41:10

- 2 Corinthians I:3-4
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

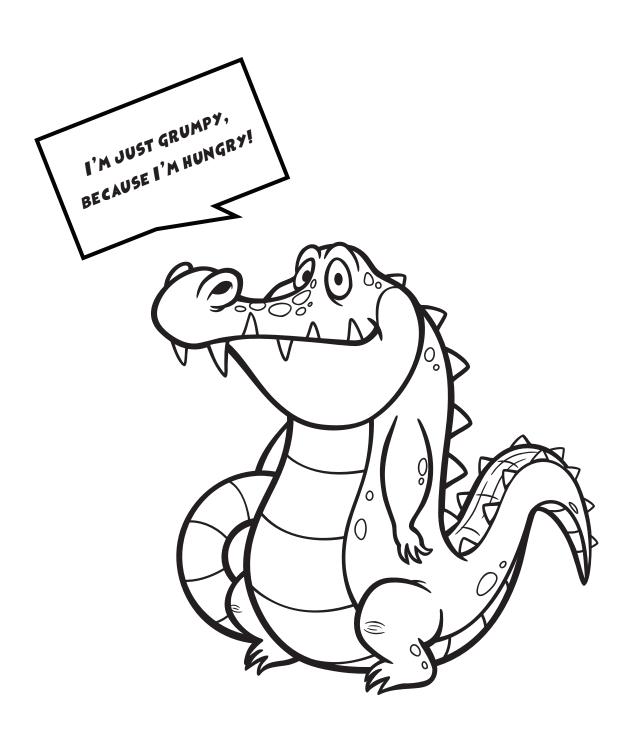
WEEK THIRTY FIVE





Crocodiles can survive for three years without eating—if they have to!

(That'd be one hungry, hungry crocodile!)







POWER OVER DEATH

The man who had been dead came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of burial cloth, and a cloth covered his face. Jesus then told the people, "Until him and let him go."

John II:44

Jesus loved his friend Lazarus, so it was strange when he didn't go see him when heard he was very sick. Lazarus was one of Jesus's best friends, and he died while Jesus was away. When he died, his family had to bury him. Jesus then went to see his friends.

When Jesus arrived, everyone was crying. They knew they would never see Lazarus until they reached heaven.

Jesus cried too! He missed Lazarus, and he hated to see the people so sad.

God does not want us to be separated by death. But death is part of our world since Adam and Eve first disobeyed God. This is why Jesus came.

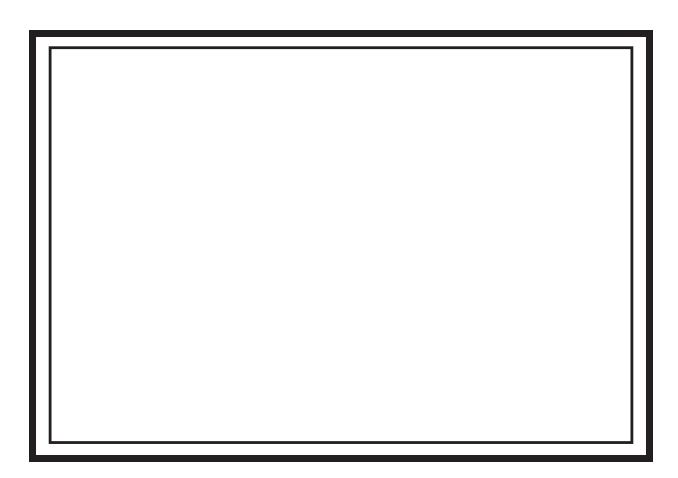
Now Jesus went to the place where they had put Lazarus's body. Then he prayed, and he called to Lazarus—and Lazarus came walking out! He was all wrapped in cloth like a mummy, so Jesus said, "Unwrap him!" All the sad tears turned to happy tears and laughter and shouting.

Jesus rules over death itself. Even if we die now, he promises to give a life that never ends for everyone who wants to be with him.

God, you have power over death. Thank you for the promise of a perfect life in heaven with you.



Have your parent print out a picture of your family, and tape it in below. Imagine how wonderful heaven will be when you never have to say goodbye to them.



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☐ John II:25–26

☐ Daniel 12:2

☐ John 10:28

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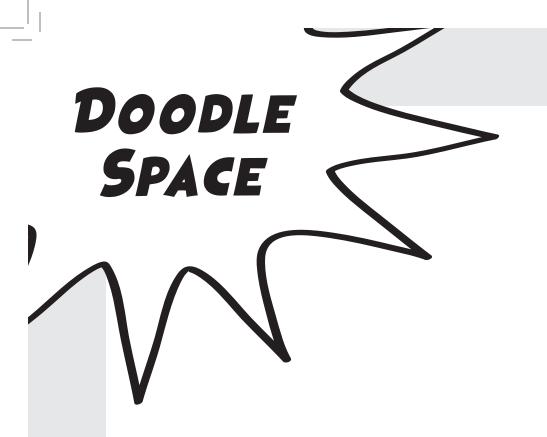




Prairie dogs live in families in long burrows underground.

A bunch of family burrows together is called a town.









A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

Elijah and Elisha were walking along and talking, when suddenly there appeared between them a flaming chariot pulled by fiery horses.

At once, a strong wind took Elijah up into heaven.

2 Kings 2:ll

It's hard to say goodbye. Elijah had a friend and helper named Elisha. Elisha loved him and wanted to be like him. So one day when God told them that he was going to take Elijah to heaven, Elisha was sad.

Elijah said he had to go on a journey and Elisha should stay behind. But Elisha said he wanted to go with him.

They walked a long way until they came to the Jordan River. Elijah took off his cloak and hit the water with it.

The water pulled back so they could walk on dry ground!

When they were on the other side, Elijah asked Elisha if there was anything he could give him. Elisha said he wanted God's miraculous power, just like Elijah had.

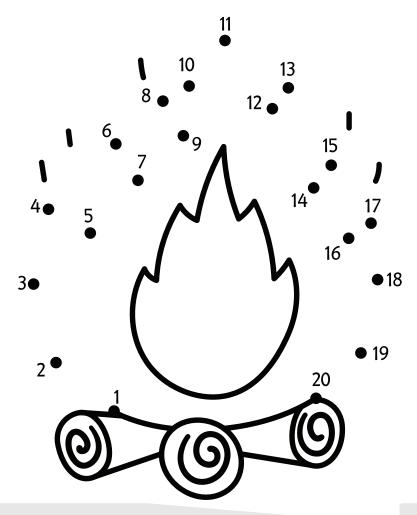
Suddenly, a chariot made of fire appeared, pulled by fiery horses. A strong wind grabbed up Elijah and took him up to heaven! Only his cloak was left behind.

When Elisha came back to the river, he hit the water with Elijah's cloak, and the waters pulled back again!

God, you have wonderful things for me today and in heaven for people who love you. Help me remember to thank you!



Elisha got to see just a little bit of how amazing heaven will be! Using orange, yelow, and red crayon, connect the dots to see a small fraction of what Elisha saw.



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

- ☐ Psalm 139:7-8
- ☐ Isaiah 66:I

- Philippians 1:21
 - 2 Timothy 4:18

WEEK THIRTY SEVEN





Horses can be as small as a dog or as tall as your room.



TRANSFIGURATION JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN

The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said. "This is my Son, and I love him, Listen to what he says!" Mark 9:7

People didn't know what to think about Jesus.

Some said he was a good teacher.

Some thought he was crazy.

His friends believed God sent him to save them, but they didn't understand yet what that meant.

But one day, Jesus went up a mountain with his best friends: Peter, James, and John, And suddenly, he looked different! Even his clothes got super bright, the whitest ever seen.

Then they saw Moses and Elijah—two men who lived hundreds of years before—right there with them, talking with Jesus.

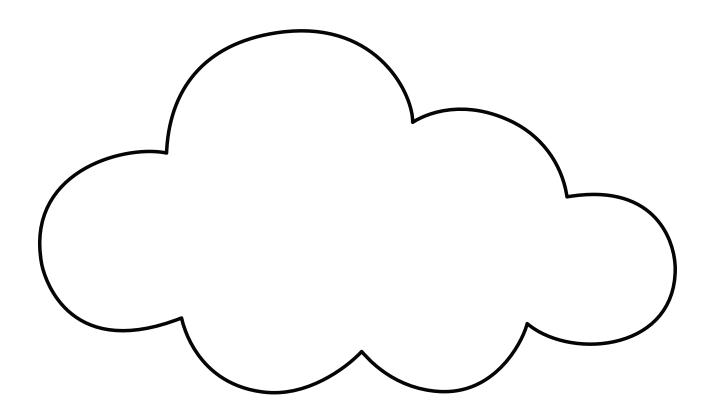
The friends were terrified!

It didn't help their fear when a cloud came over the mountain and covered them. They heard a Voice: "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" Suddenly they were alone again with Jesus.

God, I believe Jesus is your Son, sent to save me. Thank you for sending Jesus!



Inside a big cloud that came over the mountain, the disciples were told that Jesus is God's deeply loved Son. Grab some cotton balls and glue them inside the big cloud below. Imagine what you would think if a loud voice erupted from it! As you do, thank God for sending us Jesus!



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

☐ Proverbs 3:5

Philippians 3:15–16

□ Isaiah 55:6-8

☐ Jude 22-23

WEEK THIRTY EIGHT



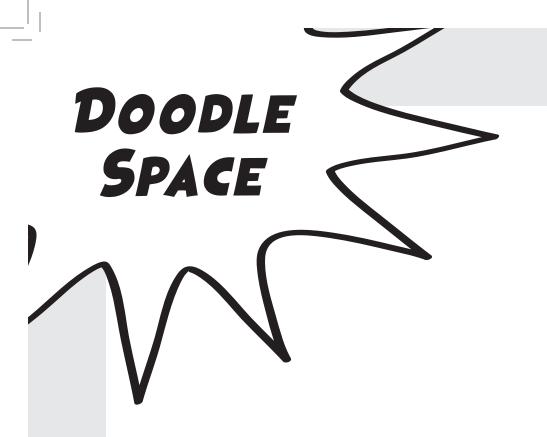


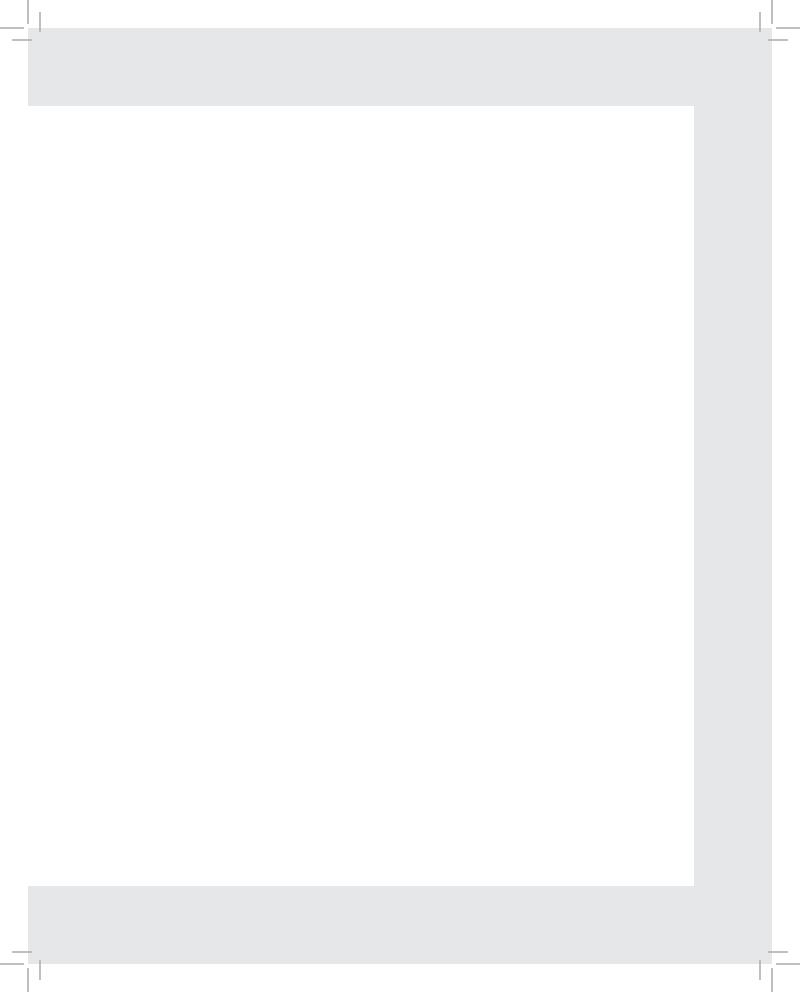
Glowworms are actually a kind of gnat.

Parts of their body give off a blue light.

They live in the southern United States and can be found by streams.







GOD HELPS THE POOR

At last, she said to one of her sons, "Bring me another jar." "We don't have any more," he answered, and the oil stopped flowing from the small bottle. 2 Kings 4:6

Once, there was a little family in ancient Israel. The dad served God as a prophet, but he died. He had owed money to people, and the mom couldn't pay it back. Now a man was coming to take her two young boys away and force them to work for the money.

in amazing ways. Help me remember to ask you when I need something.

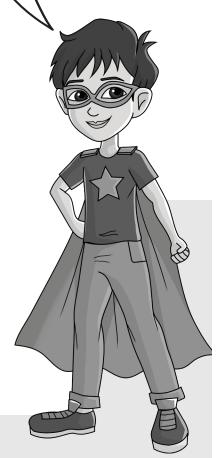
God, you help your people

So, the woman went to the prophet Elisha for help. He asked what she had in her house. All she had was a small bottle of olive oil.

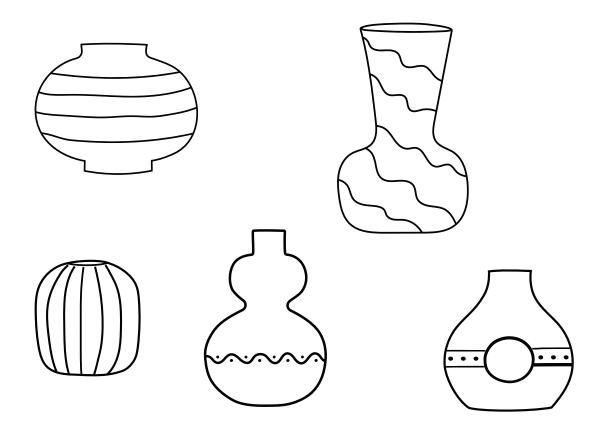
Elisha told her to ask all her neighbors for empty jars and bowls—lots of them! Then she must go in her house with the boys, shut the door, and pour oil from her bottle into all those borrowed jars.

That seemed weird, but she did it. She poured the oil, and her boys brought her jar after jar, and still there was oil coming out of her bottle! When all the jars were full, the oil stopped coming.

The family sold all that oil and paid back the money. They even had some left over to take care of them. Isn't God good?



Find the tallest jar, the smallest one, and count them all. Thank God for taking care of you.



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- ☐ Psalm 42:II
- ☐ Psalm 50:IO-II

- 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - Philippians 4:19

WEEK THIRTY NINE





A bird called a plover works with crocodiles.

It cleans out the food from between the crocodile's teeth.

The bird gets the food and the crocodile gets a white smile!



