

**Sunday School**

**Journal**

**Fall—2020**



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## Welcome Parents!

We are so happy you are joining us this year for Sunday School. We know things look a bit different than in the past and we hope this Journal is a guide to help your family grow “Faith at Home”. The Goal of Sunday School this year is to encourage learning, fun, discussion, wonder and appreciation of God’s Love. Working through this journal each week is a great way to spend time as a family learning about God.

You do not need to be a theologian or expert to help your children learn about God and Faith. You just need to practice the Triple A’s.

Be **Available** to help your child when they need help,.

Be **Authentic**—If you don’t have the answer its ok, you don’t need to worry. (You can reach out to us!)

Be **Affirming**—Encourage your children to keep trying and celebrate with them when they finish a lesson!

Each story has a lesson page with a scripture, devotion questions and prayer. Following each main story page there are 2 activity pages. A coloring sheet of some kind for younger children and a puzzle or activity for Elementary aged children. We encourage your family to hang on to these journals to help remember the lessons we learn throughout the year. Have fun!

The Discipleship Ministry Staff

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## Welcome Children!

Welcome to Sunday School this Year! Each Sunday morning there will be a video released with a Bible story, songs and more. In this book you will find a lesson for each week that goes along with that Video, pictures to color, and activities to do with your family. We hope you have fun this year with us!

Pastor Ariel and Mr. Mark

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# **Abraham and Sarah—Shining Through Change**

Genesis 17:1-16, 18:1-15— Spark Story Bible pg.35

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. (Best & worst parts of day). What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- Can you think of big change that happened in your life? A move, a new school, a new sibling?
- How did it make you feel?

**Read:** God has already spoken to Abraham and told him to move to the promised land. God promised him that his offspring would outnumber the stars. Abraham didn't believe him. **Read the story of Abraham and Sarah and find out how they reacted to the news.**

**Talk:** Abraham and Sarah were surprised with the news that at such an old age, they were about to have a baby.

- Talk about a time that God, or someone else has surprised you with a big change.

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country, and Our World. Thank God for the Changes God brings into our lives.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say "Remember you are a child of God."



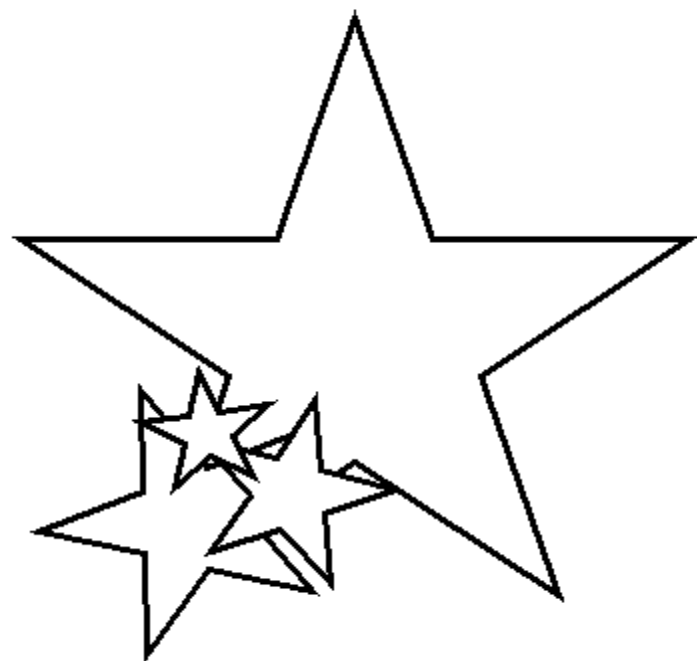
Abraham, Sarah & Isaac (Genesis 21:1-7) - © TheCatholicKid.com

# Abraham & Sarah Word Search

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Z N R U I S O S E S I M O R P  
T W A B L S Q U N M E B A B Y  
L L Z U T M I F S W D X I A O  
M I R A C L E V F O B Q T D D

Abraham  
baby  
children  
covenant  
family  
faith  
father  
Isaac  
laughed

old  
prayer  
promises  
miracle  
righteous  
Sarah  
stars  
visitors



## **Jacob—Shining Through Mistakes**

Genesis 32: 22-31— Spark Story Bible Pg. 42-46

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- Have you ever made a mistake?
- Is it easy to forgive someone when they do something bad to you?

**Read:** Jacob made some decisions that made others upset. He stole from his brother, and lied to his father. **Read the Stories of Jacob to hear what he did and how he was forgiven for his mistakes.**

**Talk:** Jacob stole from his brother and instead of being mad forever, his brother Esau forgave him. Talk about a time when you had to forgive someone and a time when someone forgave you for a big mistake.

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Thank God for loving us even when we make mistakes.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say “Remember you are a child of God.”





# God Cares for Jacob

—Genesis 28-33

## Jacob's Sons

God blessed Jacob with twelve sons. Can you fit all of their names into the puzzle below? Some letters are already in the puzzle to help you. When you are finished, take the letters from the shaded boxes and put them into the boxes below. These letters will spell the name of Jacob's daughter.



## **Joseph—Shining Through Struggles**

Genesis 37:1-28—Spark Story Bible Pg . 49

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- When you sleep do you have cool and crazy dreams?
- What was a dream you had recently?

**Read:** Joseph was his fathers favorite son. He had a dream about being better than all his other brothers and they got angry. **Read the Story of Joseph and his brothers to see what happened next.**

### **Talk:**

- Do you ever get Jealous of anyone else in your family? Why?
- Talk about ways you could be less jealous and share those things with each other.
- Has anyone ever been jealous of something you had?

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Ask God to be with those who struggle with fitting in.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say “Remember you are a child of God.”

## THE COAT OF MANY COLORS

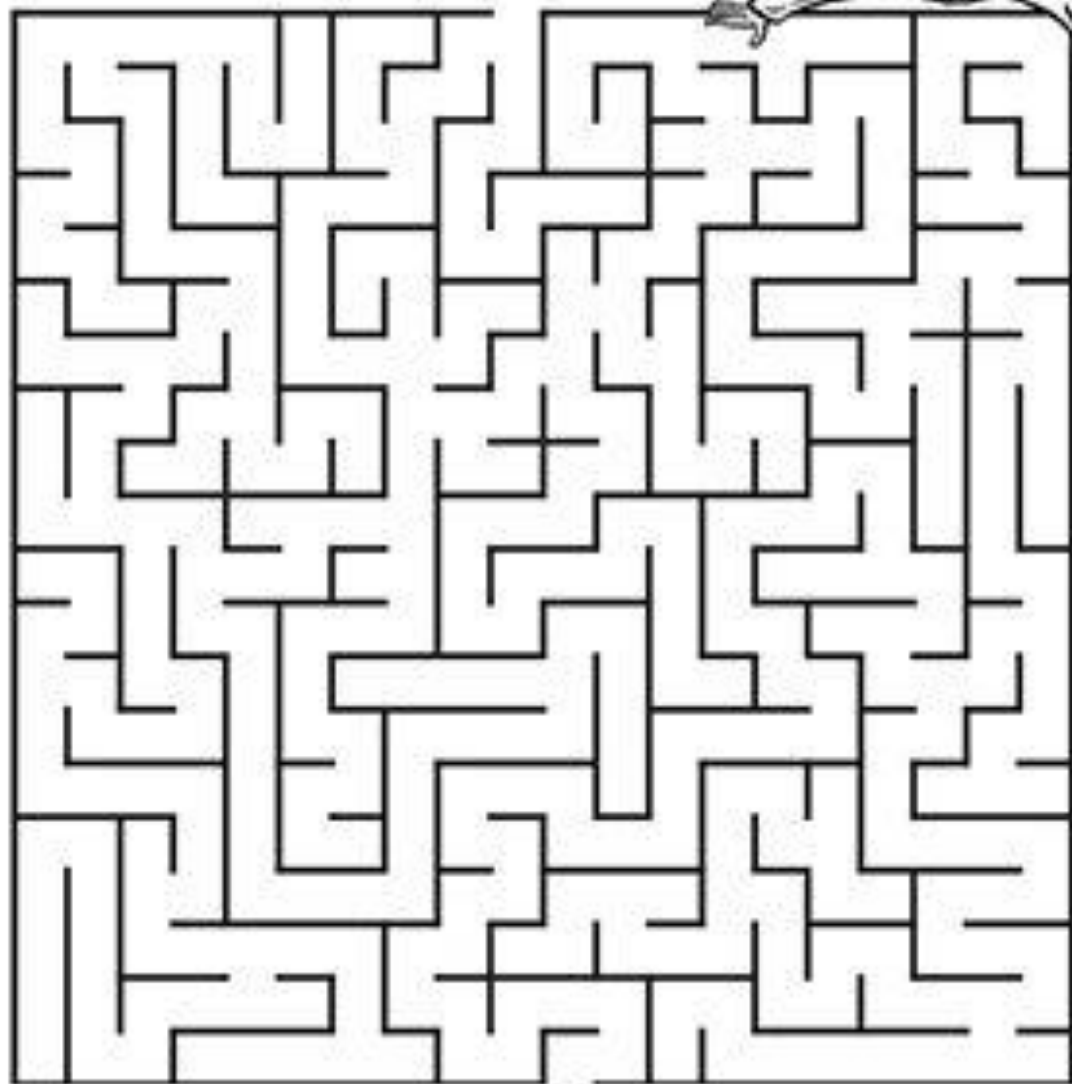


Jacob had twelve sons. He loved Joseph more than the others and he made him a coat of many colors.

# JOSEPH THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

Help Joseph fall safely into the pit.

START



FINISH



# **Moses—Shining Through Leadership**

Exodus 5—Exodus 12—Spark Story Bible pg. 72-84

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- What makes a good leader?

**Read:** Moses has a great long story. As a baby he had to be hidden in order not to be hurt and ended up being found by a princess and raised in a palace. **Read the Story About Moses and the Burning Bush to see his journey of leadership to free God's People.**

**Talk:** Moses had a tough time doing what God wanted him to do. He didn't like to talk in front of large crowds. He was scared of being hurt by the pharaoh. At first he was a bad leader because he didn't want to lead.

- What are some things that may stop you from being a leader?
- Are you afraid of talking in front of large crowds or of being made fun of?

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Ask God to watch over all of our leaders in our world.

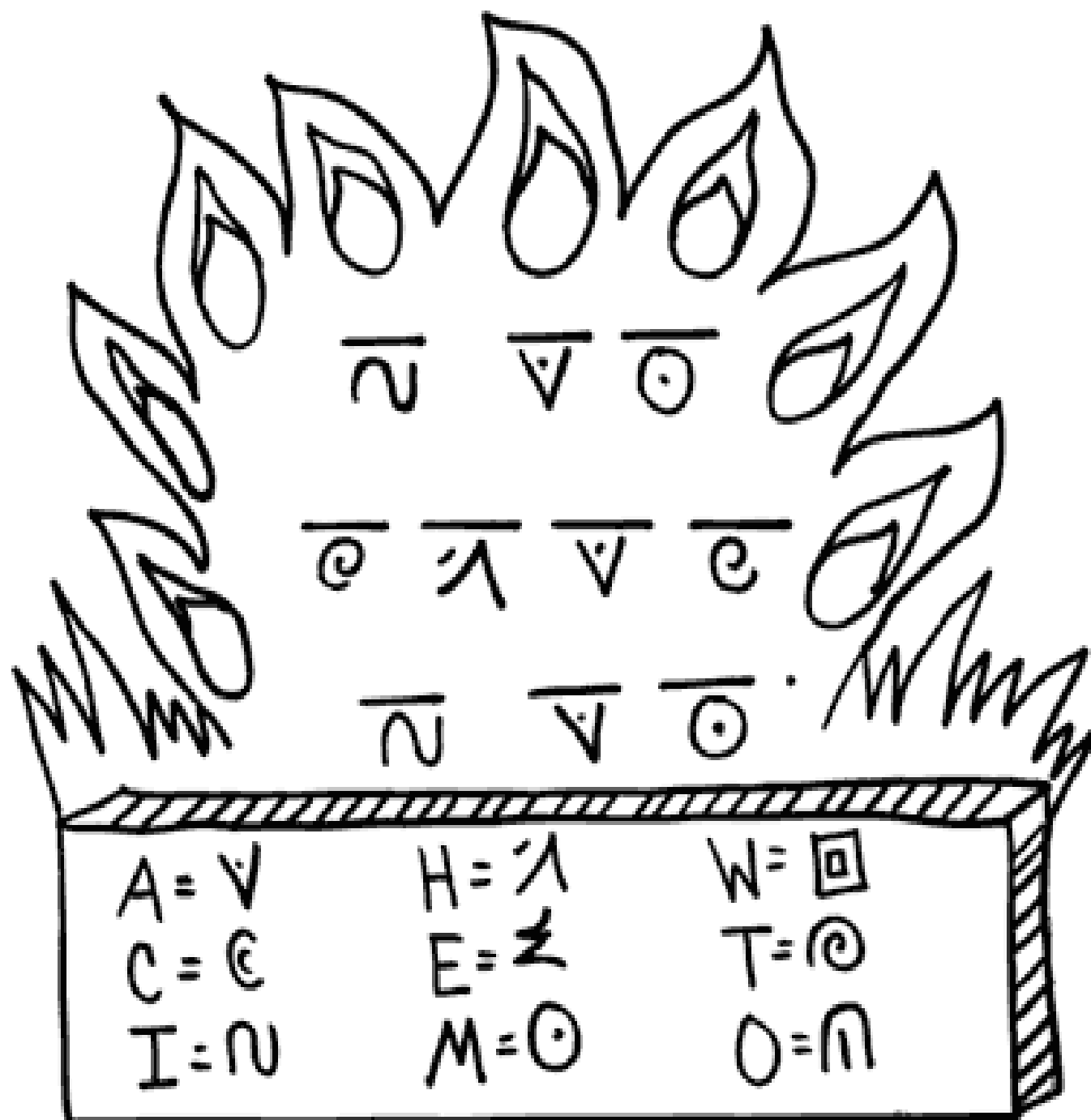
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## Burning Bush: God's Name?

Moses said to God, "The people will want to know who sent me. What is your name?"  
Use the key below to match the symbols with the letters to reveal the answer.





# **Naomi and Ruth—Shining Through Sadness**

Ruth 1:1-22—Spark Story Bible Pg. 110

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- Share about something that made you very Sad?
- What made you happy again afterward?

**Read:** Ruth faced sadness when her husband died. Instead of leaving her husband's family she decided to stay with her Mother-in-law. **Read the story of Naomi and Ruth to see what happened.**

**Talk:** When sad things happen it is easy to see God in the people that come around to help.

- Have you ever been able to bring joy to someone who is sad?
- Who has brought you Joy when you were sad?

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Ask God to bring Joy to those who are sad.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say "Remember you are a child of God."



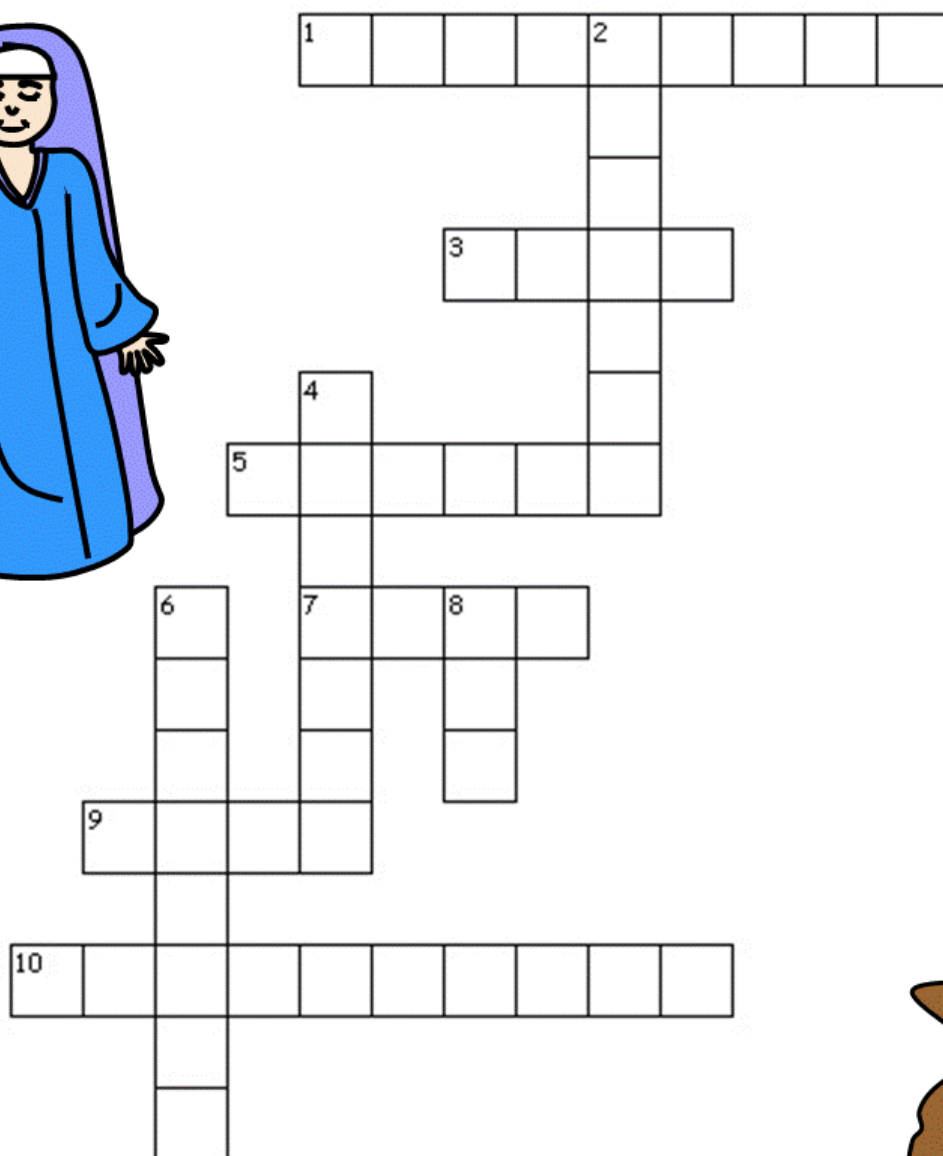
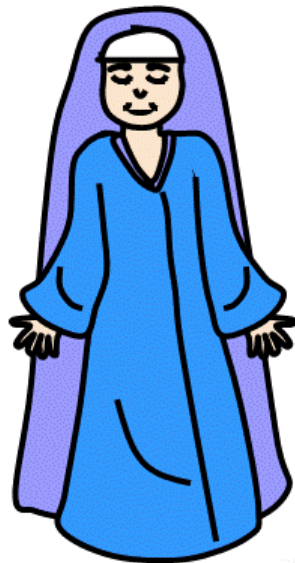
## RUTH AND NAOMI

Scripture: Ruth 1



Memory Verse: Ruth 1:16

# Ruth and Naomi Crossword



## Across

1. This is the place that Naomi wanted to move back to.
3. The name of the kind man that owned the field where Ruth worked.
5. The type of grain that Ruth would pick up after the harvesters.
7. This was the name of Naomi's daughter-in-law who stayed with her.
9. All of Ruth's immediate family \_\_\_\_ so she decided to move back to her hometown.
10. Ruth and Naomi's story is a story about \_\_\_\_.

## Down

2. This is the act of putting someone's interests before your own.
4. Boaz and Ruth later fell in love and were \_\_\_\_.
6. Naomi encouraged Ruth and Orpah to move back to their own \_\_\_\_.
8. The number of sons Naomi had.

## **Samuel—Shining by Listening**

1 Samuel 3:1-20— Spark Story Bible Pg. 122

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- What are some things that make it hard to listen to others? (Music, Loud Noises, etc.)

**Read:** Before he was born Samuel's mother dedicated him to God and he lived at the Church so he could learn to serve God. **Read the story of Samuel to see what happens when young Samuel hears God for the first time.**

**Talk:** Sometimes listening is Hard.

- Can you think of a time when you didn't want to listen to what someone else was telling you to do?
- What happened when you finally listened? Was it good advice?

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Ask God to help you listen when God speaks.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say "Remember you are a child of God."



Samuel was called by God and served in the temple from childhood. He was the last of the Judges.

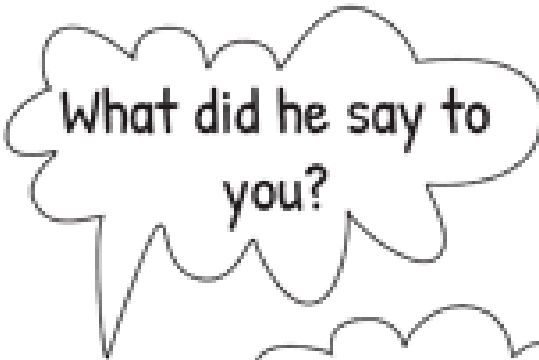
# Who Said It?

## 1 Samuel 3


Samuel once heard a voice calling out to him in the middle of the night.

Read the story in 1 Samuel 3 to find out who said the sentences below.

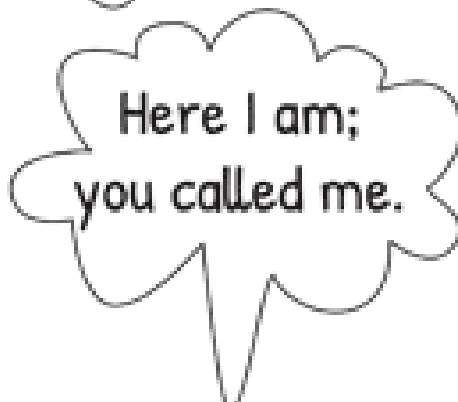
Color the speech cloud **yellow** if God was the speaker. Color the speech cloud **orange** if speaker was Samuel. Color the speech cloud **green** if Eli said it.



What did he say to  
you?




Speak, for your  
servant is listening.



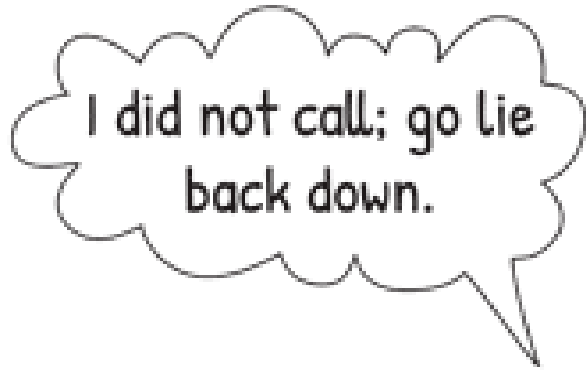
Here I am;  
you called me.



Samuel, Samuel!



I am going to do  
something in Israel  
that will make people's  
ears tingle.



I did not call; go lie  
back down.

## **Martin Luther—Shining by Reforming**

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- Can you think of a time when your family did something one way and someone wanted to try a new and different way of doing it?

**Learn:** The Reformation began with a German monk named Martin Luther who did not like some things about how the Catholic Church was operating. Back then the Bible was only available in a language that most people could not read. The people that could read it were able to interpret it however they wanted and no one knew if it was right or wrong. Luther wanted everyone to be able to read God's Word. He worked on translating the Bible into a language that everyone could read. He also made a list of 95 things he thought the Church could do better.

**Talk:** Reformation means changing things for the better.

- As a Family talk about the rules you have around your house and the way you communicate with each other.
- Are there ways you can do things differently and more effectively?

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Say a prayer for those who lead the Church, at Living Word and around the World.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say "Remember you are a child of God."





## WHAT DID THE PROTESTANTS PROTEST ABOUT?



**Copy the paragraph below into your book and complete the missing sections. Use p18-19 to help you.**

By 1500 life had changed and many people were beginning to question the church. New scientific discoveries contradicted the church. The development of the printing press spread these ideas quickly. People began to question the church.



In 1517 a G\_\_\_\_\_ monk called M\_\_\_\_\_  
L\_\_\_\_\_ wrote a long list c\_\_\_\_\_ of the  
church. He nailed it to the d\_\_\_\_\_ of his church in  
Wittenburg. It is called "The 95 Theses". Luther  
wanted the Catholic church to c\_\_\_\_\_. His ideas  
spread.

By 1529 his followers were called PROTESTANTS because they  
p\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_ the church. They said the church needed  
reforming and so started the REFORMATION. Four criticisms of the  
church were:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

The Pope ordered Luther to give up his beliefs. Luther burnt the order. Luther was EXCOMMUNICATED (kicked out of the church). He had to go into hiding.

**Design your own Martin Luther Poster to be posted on the church door. Include 4 or more criticisms of the church.**

# **David—Shining Through Surprise**

1 Samuel 16 – 1 Samuel 17 – Spark Story bible Pg. 126

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- Have you ever surprised people with something that you have done?

**Read:** David was just a young boy when Samuel choose him to be a leader. That surprised everyone. **Read the stories of David being chosen and David and Goliath.**

**Talk:** David was young but knew God would take care of him and he trusted him very much.

- Is it surprising to see a young person doing amazing things?
- Talk about a time someone picked you to do something that some people thought you couldn't do.
- What did it feel like having someone trust you so much?

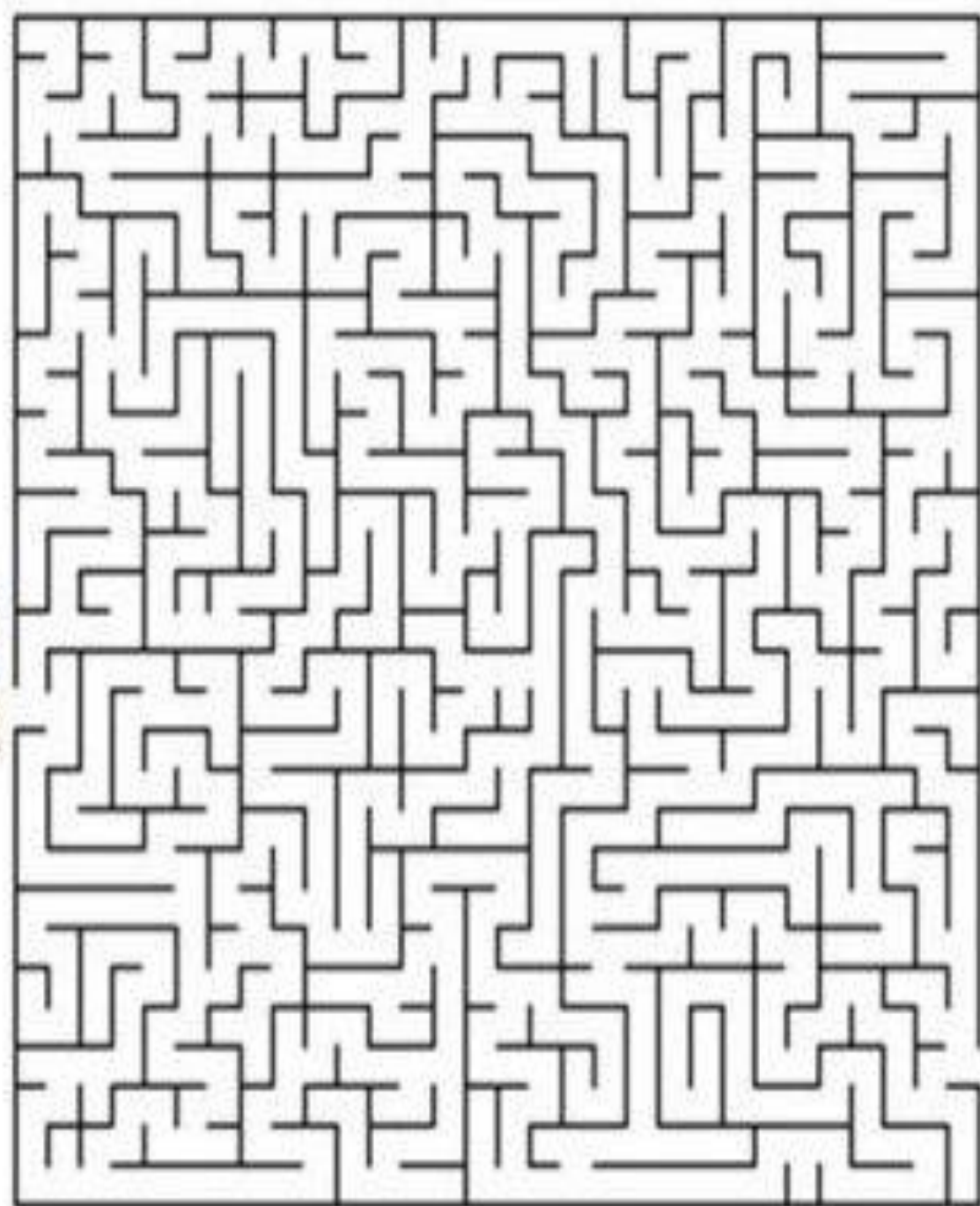
**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Thank God for all the surprises in your life.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say “Remember you are a child of God.”



# David and Goliath

Help David get past the Goliath



## **Esther—Shining Through Advocacy**

Esther 2:5-18, 8:1-17—Spark Story Bible pg. 152

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- Is there a time you can think of when you spoke up for someone else to help them?
- What about when someone else stood up for you?

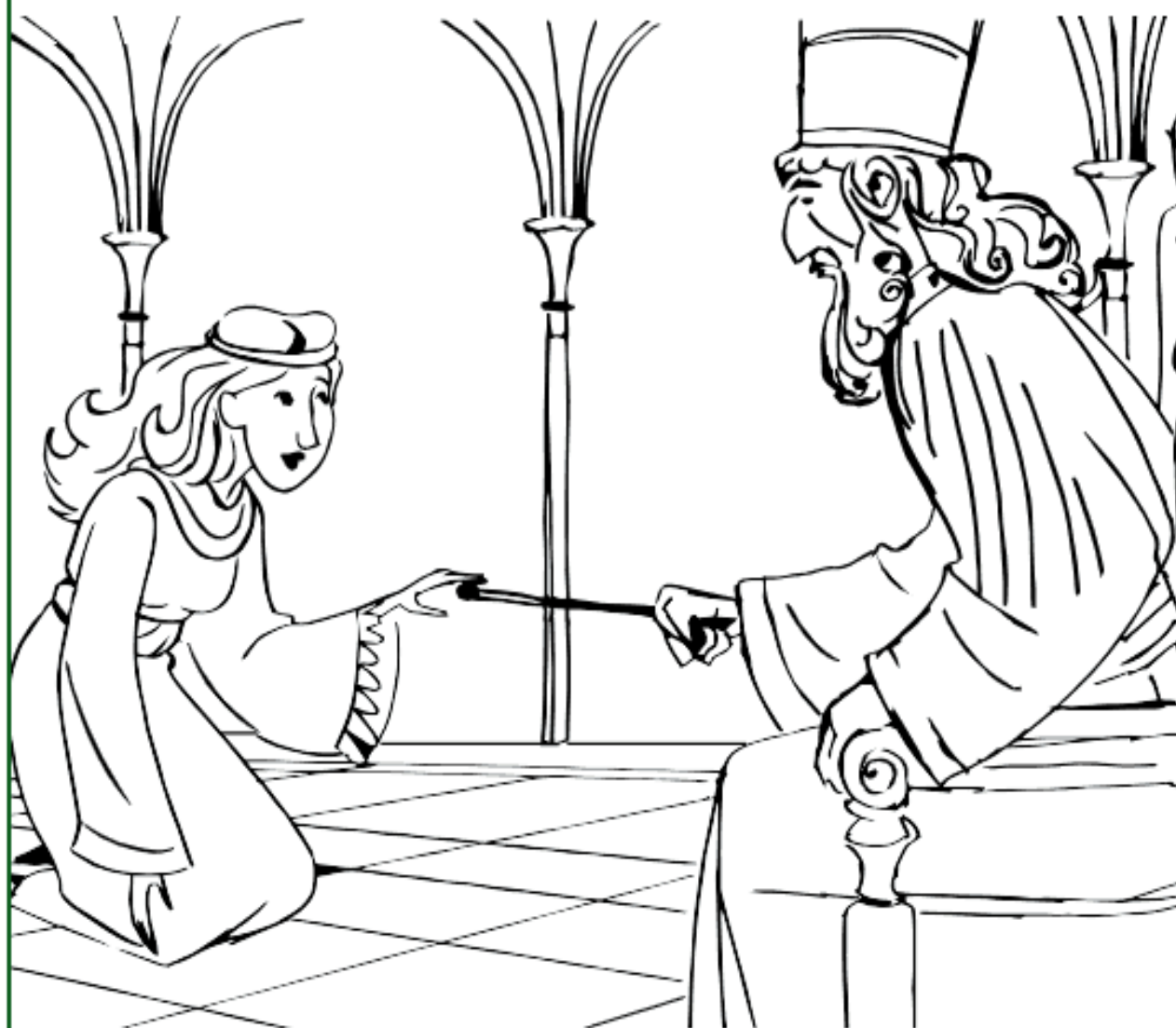
**Read:** When Esther was young she went to live with her cousin in the Kings Palace. Her and her cousin were Jewish and saw other Jewish people being mistreated. **Read the Story of Esther to see what she did to help the other people in her community.**

**Talk:** Esther and Mordecai could have been hurt by standing up for what they knew was right. In the end the king chose their side and helped their people.

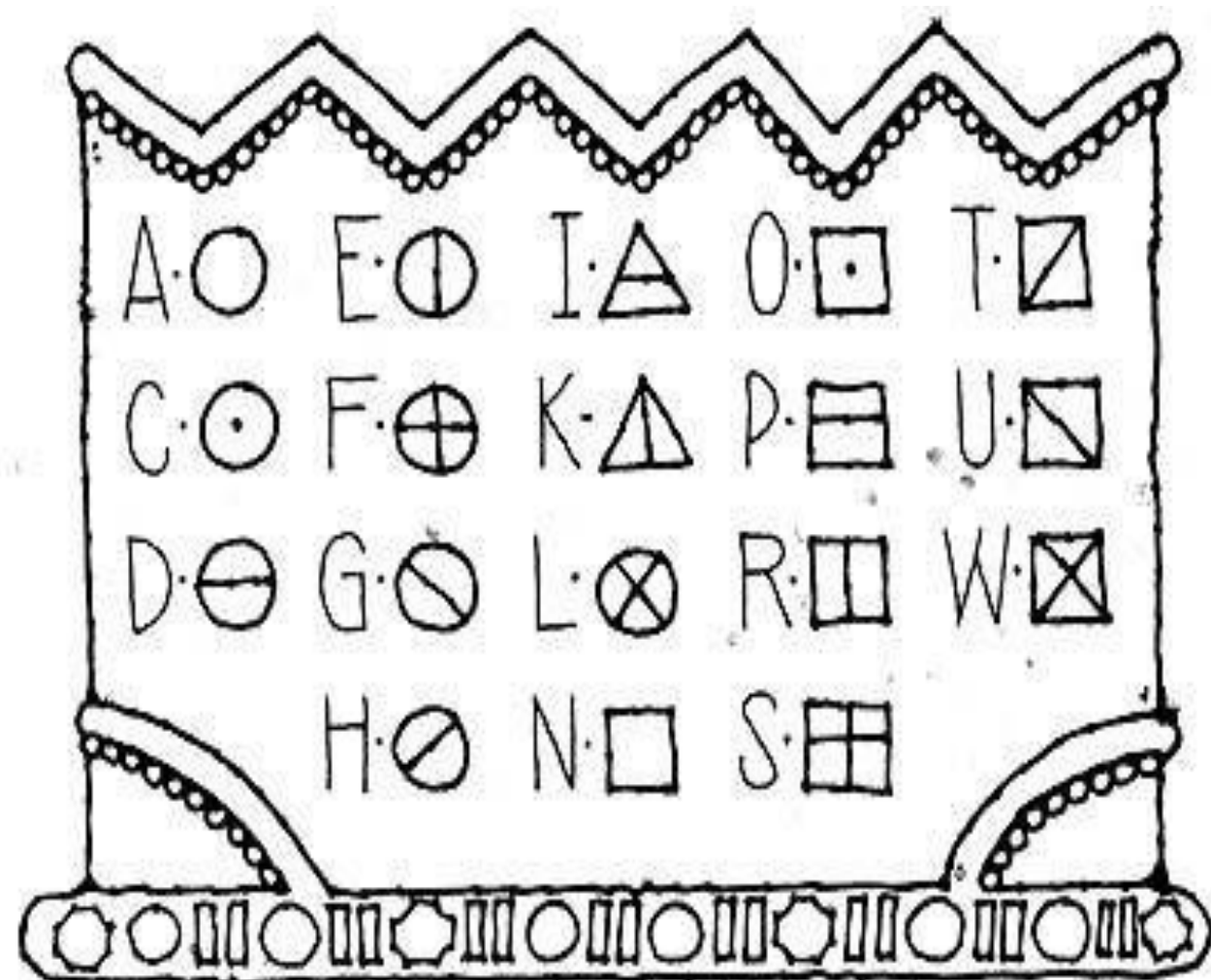
- Talk about stories that you know of people who spoke up for those who were hurting or unable to speak for themselves.

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Ask God to watch over those who feel voiceless.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say "Remember you are a child of God."



Esther and the King



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# **Daniel—Shining Through Oppression**

Daniel 6 : 1-28— Spark Story Bible Pg. 184

**Share:** Gather as a Family and share highs and lows for the day/week. What did you learn this week? What are you looking forward to this upcoming week?

- What are you scared of? Spiders, The Dark, being alone?
- Why do you think you are afraid of this?

**Read:** Daniel loved God and knew he would protect him. **Read the story of Daniel to find out why people were trying to hurt Daniel and how God protected him.**

**Talk:**

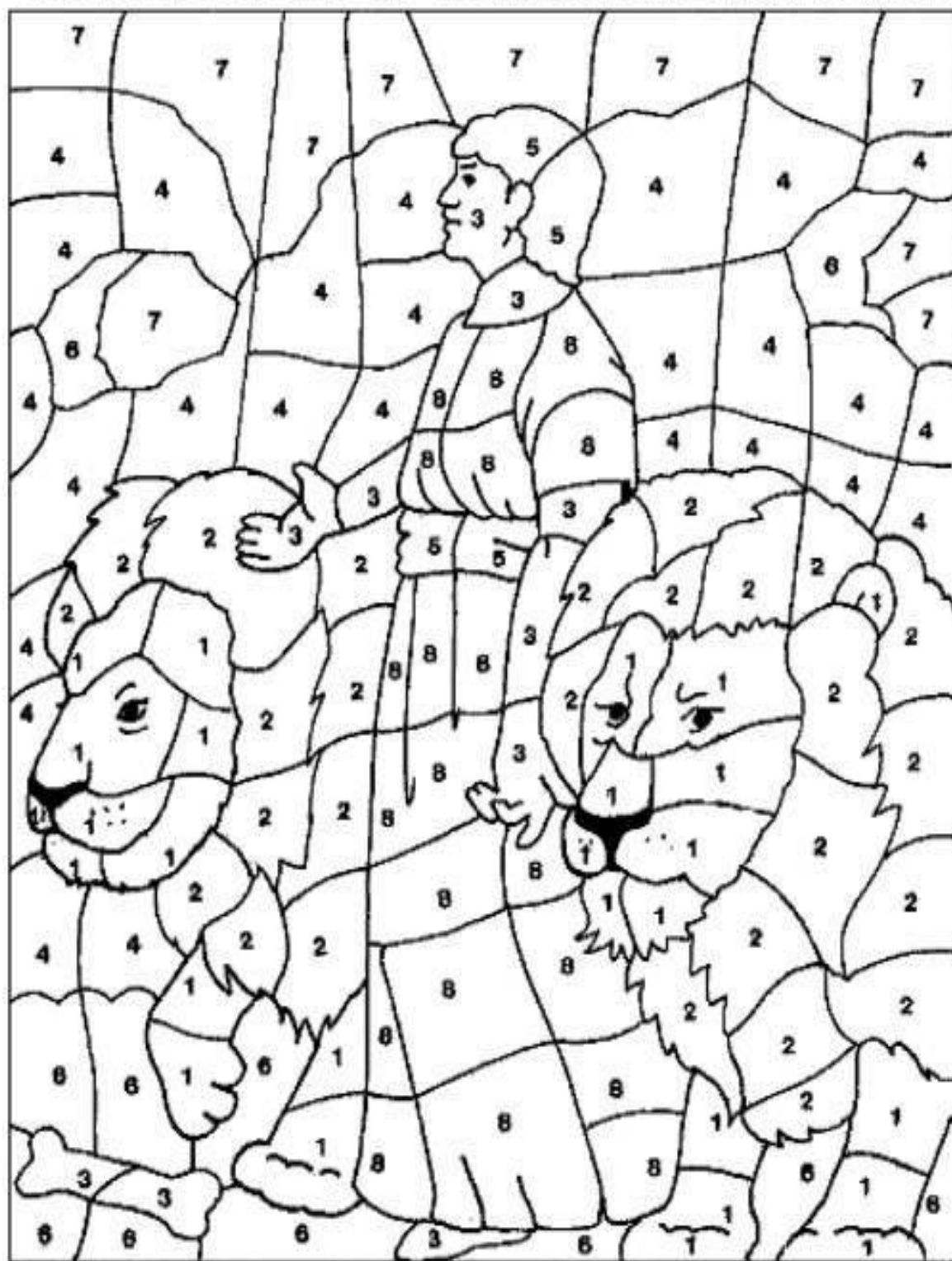
- When you are scared what do you do?
- Who do you turn to for help when you are scared.
- As a family talk about who you can go to and what you can do in times of trouble. How do you know God will take care of you?

**Pray:** Say A prayer for Our City, Our State, Our Country and Our World. Ask God to watch over us when we experience oppression and to help keep us from oppressing others.

**Bless:** Close with a blessing. Make the sign of the Cross on one another's forehead and say “Remember you are a child of God.”



# COLOR BY NUMBER DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN



1—YELLOW 2—ORANGE 3—TAN 4—BROWN 5—BLACK  
6—LIGHT BLUE 7—DARK BLUE 8—GREEN

## **Discipleship Ministry**

Discipleship Ministry at Living Word consists of All Child, Youth and Family Ministries as well as Missional Living and Group Ministries. Children, Youth, & Adults of all ages are invited to join in with our many ministry opportunities. We offer programs and ministry for children of all ages Birth-High School, Young Adults, Adults, and Families.

- Sunday School—Weekly storytelling, singing, and learning.
- Adult Education—Opportunities on Wednesday & Thursday mornings.
- Youth Activities—Weekly Youth Group, Summer Trips, service opportunities.
- Milestones—Birth, Baptism, Bibles, Communion Instruction, Confirmation, Back-To-School, New Drivers, Graduation, Pet Blessing, Journey to the Cross.
- Missional Living Opportunities—
  - Service Projects including: Lunches of Love, Letters for Helpers, Hygiene Kits for Neighbors on the Margins
  - Calls to Actions including: Supplies for Mission Partners & Canned Food Drive
  - Communal Art Projects
  - Connection/Fellowship including: Pen Pal Ministry

[For a complete listing of all of the ways we have for you to engage—check out the Living Word Fall Ministry Brochure!](#)

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