



# Walking With God and His People

Updated Memory Work

## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 1

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.”

—1 Peter 1:3-6

## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 3

“‘But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.’ The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand

## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 2

“‘This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, “Know the LORD,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’ declares the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’”

—Jeremiah 31:33-34

it? ‘I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.’”

—Jeremiah 17:7-10



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## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 3

“If my people would only listen to me,  
if Israel would only follow my ways,  
how quickly I would subdue their  
enemies and turn my hand against  
their foes!”

—Psalm 81:13-14

## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 7

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the  
resurrection and the life. The one  
who believes in me will live, even  
though they die; and whoever lives by  
believing in me will never die. Do you  
believe this?’”

—John 11:25-26

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## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 8

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This

will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

—Luke 2:1-20



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### **Grade 5, Unit 9**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.”

—John 3:16-21

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### **Grade 5, Unit 10**

“When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: ‘Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?’”

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’”

—Mark 2:16-17



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## *Walking With God and His People*

### Grade 5, Unit 11

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

‘No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?’

‘So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’”

—Matthew 6:19-26, 31-33

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## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 12

“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.’”

—Mark 16:15-16

## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 13

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me

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“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

—Matthew 10:29-31

something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

—Matthew 25:31-40



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## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 14

“Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.’”

—Mark 8:34-38

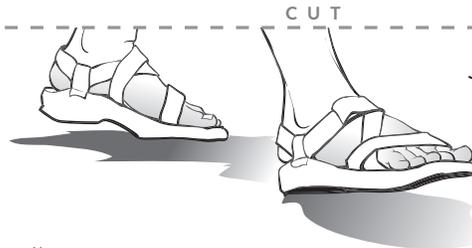
## *Walking With God and His People* Grade 5, Unit 15

“He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’”

—Matthew 18:2-5

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# Jesus Saves



Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be **STRONG** and **COURAGEOUS**. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the **LORD** your God will be with you wherever you go.”

“The **LORD** is my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.”



Psalm 23:1

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

John 3:16

“Those who hope in the **LORD** will renew their strength.



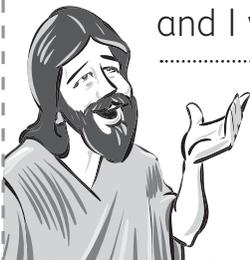
Isaiah 40:31

# Jesus = Savior

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

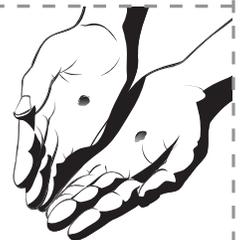
ACTS 4:12

“Come to me,  
all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”



Matthew 11:28

“So do not fear,  
for I am with you;  
**do not be dismayed**,  
for I am your God.



I will **strengthen** you and **help** you;  
I will **uphold** you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

## Unit Organizer

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Prepare a wall as an art gallery to display seven posters. Put up a banner that reads, “Don’t be afraid; just believe” (Mark 5:36). Divide the class into seven groups. Assign each group one of the lessons from the unit. Lesson 3 has two stories in one lesson and can be divided into two posters. Each group will produce a poster to visually represent its assigned story. These can be symbolic representations or a drawing of a scene or scenes from the story. On a sentence strip or a sheet of paper, write the caption for each story, along with the words of Jesus. You may want to write or print out these captions yourself and give them to the students. This activity can be introduced either at the beginning of the unit or after Lesson 6. The suggested captions and verses are as follows:

Lesson 1: The Centurion’s Servant

“When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and . . . he said, ‘I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel!’” (Luke 7:9).

Lesson 2: The Widow at Nain

“When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, ‘Don’t cry!’” (Luke 7:13).

Lesson 3: Healing the Bleeding Woman

“He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering!’” (Mark 5:34).

Lesson 3: Raising Jairus’s Daughter

“Don’t be afraid; just believe” (Mark 5:36).

Lesson 4: Feeding the 5,000

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all” (Mark 6:41).

Lesson 5: Walking on Water

“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid” (Matthew 14:27).

Lesson 6: You Are the Christ

“‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah!’” (Mark 8:29).

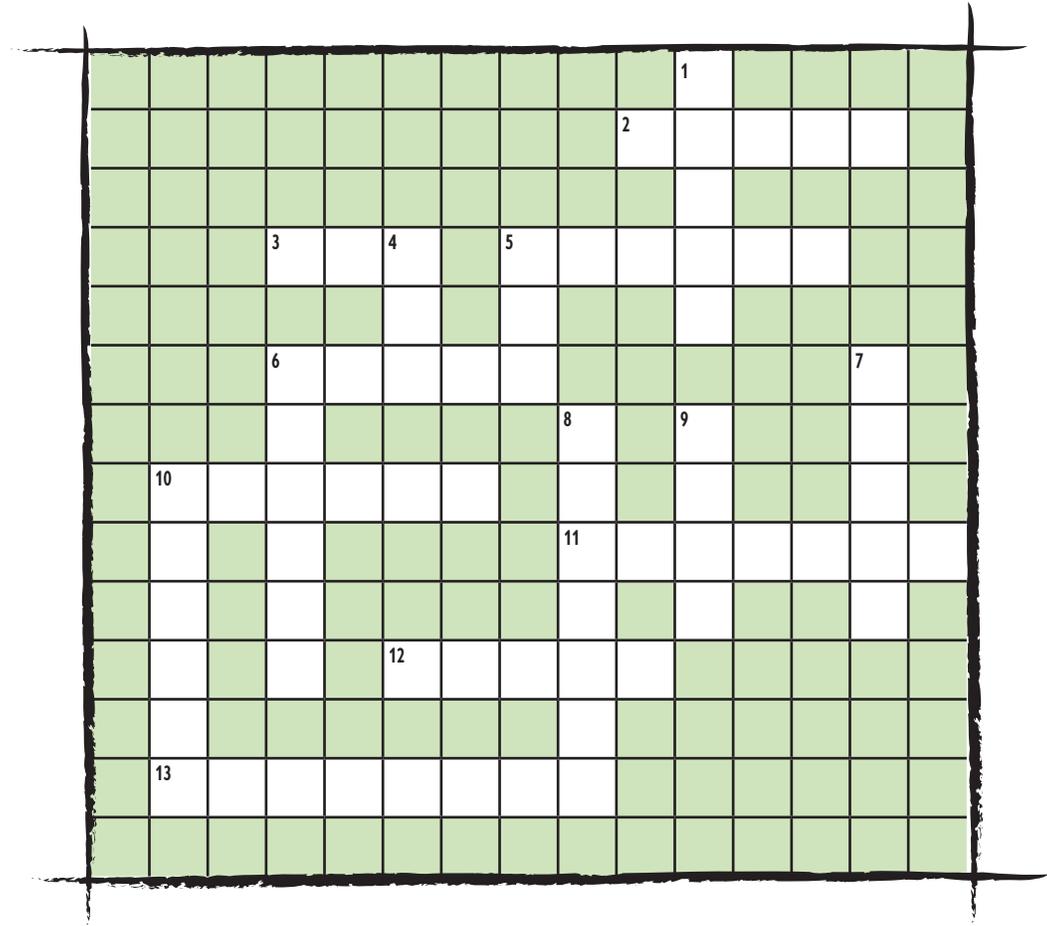
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# God's Promise of Salvation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Genesis 3:15

**READ** Genesis 3  
to complete the  
crossword puzzle.



### ACROSS >>

2. "He will \_\_\_\_\_ your head,"
3. "Then the man and his wife . . . \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord God among the trees of the garden."
5. "God said to the serpent, ' . . . And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ between you and the woman.'"
6. "To Adam he said, ' . . . By the \_\_\_\_\_ of your brow you will eat your food.'"
10. "So the Lord God said to the serpent, ' \_\_\_\_\_ are you above all the livestock.'"
11. "Now the \_\_\_\_\_ was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made."
12. "The man said, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'"
13. "The woman said, 'The serpent \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I ate.'"

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1. "When the woman saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree was good . . . , she took some and ate it."
4. "'You will not certainly \_\_\_\_\_,' the serpent said to the woman."
5. "He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not \_\_\_\_\_ from any tree in the garden?"'"
6. "And you will \_\_\_\_\_ his heel."
7. "To the woman he said, 'I will make your \_\_\_\_\_ in childbearing very severe.'"
8. "She also gave some to her \_\_\_\_\_, . . . and he ate it."
9. "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ God as he was walking in the garden."
10. "But the Lord God \_\_\_\_\_ to the man, 'Where are you?'"

**ANSWER** the questions based on Genesis 3.

1. How does sin affect our relationships with God and with other people?

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2. Explain the phrase “He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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3. When Adam and Eve sinned, their wonderful fellowship with God ended. How can we have a right relationship with God?

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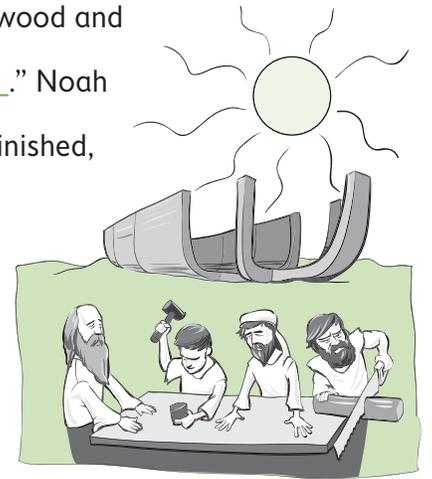
“And I will put **enmity**  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will **crush** your head,  
and you will **strike** his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

# God's Covenant with Noah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL** in the blanks: Genesis 6:1—9:17

God saw how great man's \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth had become and he said, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ the human race I have \_\_\_\_\_—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground." But \_\_\_\_\_ found favor in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ man, \_\_\_\_\_ among the people of his time, and he \_\_\_\_\_ with God. God said to Noah, "I am going to put an \_\_\_\_\_ to all people. Make an ark of \_\_\_\_\_ wood and bring into the ark \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_." Noah did everything just as God \_\_\_\_\_ him. When the ark was finished, Noah and his \_\_\_\_\_ entered the ark. Then the \_\_\_\_\_ shut him in.



For \_\_\_\_\_ days the flood kept coming on the earth. The \_\_\_\_\_ rose and covered the \_\_\_\_\_ to a depth of more than \_\_\_\_\_ cubits. Every living thing on the face of the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ out. Only \_\_\_\_\_ was left, and those with him in the ark. The waters flooded the earth for a \_\_\_\_\_ days.

When Noah and his family came out of the ark Noah built an \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord and sacrificed \_\_\_\_\_ on it. Then God said to Noah and to his sons: "I establish my \_\_\_\_\_ with you: Never again will all \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_; never again will there be a \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_."

And God said, "This is the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ I am making between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and every living \_\_\_\_\_ with you, a covenant for all \_\_\_\_\_ to come: I have set my \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and it will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ and the earth."

**ANSWER** the questions.

1. What comes to your mind when you think of rainbows?

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2. Why is the rainbow such a fitting symbol of God's promise to Noah?

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3. After the flood God gave Noah and his family a new beginning. Read the following Scripture passages, and write down the similarities and differences.

a. Genesis 1:22, 28 and Genesis 9:1, 7: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 9:6: \_\_\_\_\_

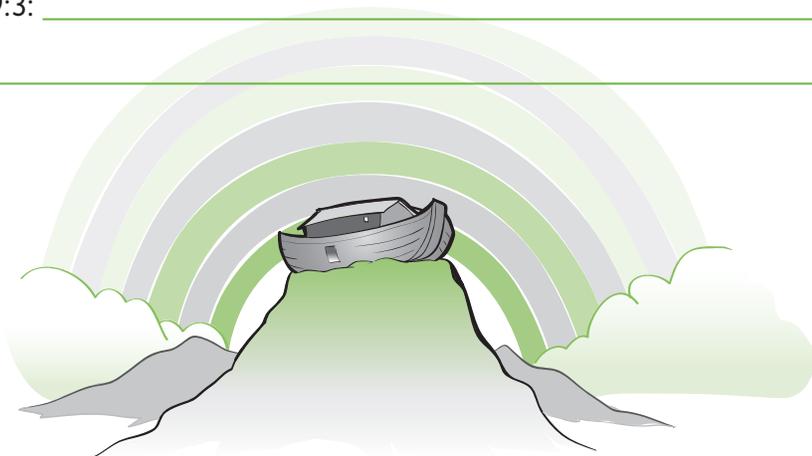
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c. Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 9:2: \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Genesis 1:29 and Genesis 9:3: \_\_\_\_\_

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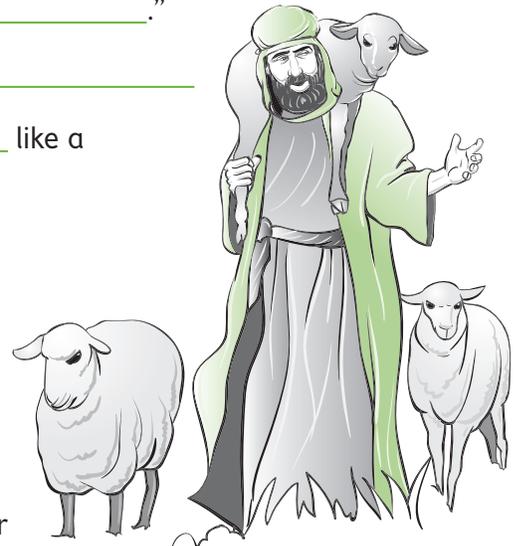


# God's Covenant with Israel and Judah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWER** the questions, based on Jeremiah 31:1–17, 31–34.

1. God spoke reassuring words to the people of Judah and Israel. In Jeremiah 31:3 he said,  
“I have \_\_\_\_\_ you with an \_\_\_\_\_; I have drawn you with  
\_\_\_\_\_.”
2. What promises did God make to his people?
  - a. Jeremiah 31:4—“I will \_\_\_\_\_ you up again and you, Virgin Israel, will be \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - b. Jeremiah 31:5—“Again you will \_\_\_\_\_ on the hills of  
\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - c. Jeremiah 31:8—“See, I will bring them from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
and gather them from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - d. Jeremiah 31:10—“He who \_\_\_\_\_ Israel will \_\_\_\_\_  
them and will \_\_\_\_\_ over his \_\_\_\_\_ like a  
\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - e. Jeremiah 31:13—“I will turn their \_\_\_\_\_ into  
\_\_\_\_\_; I will give them \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - f. Jeremiah 31:17—“So there is \_\_\_\_\_ for  
your \_\_\_\_\_,’ declares the LORD. ‘Your  
\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_.’”
3. What did God promise in Jeremiah 31:31? “I will make a \_\_\_\_\_ with  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and with the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”



4. Read Jeremiah 31:31–34. How would the new covenant be different from the old covenant God had made at Mount Sinai?
- a. The old covenant was written on \_\_\_\_\_, while in the new covenant God would put his \_\_\_\_\_ in his people's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it upon their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. They would not need priests or prophets to show them how to know God, because they would all \_\_\_\_\_ God personally.
  - c. The old covenant was between God and the nation of \_\_\_\_\_, but the new covenant is between \_\_\_\_\_ and all \_\_\_\_\_, including believing Jews and believing Gentiles.
  - d. Forgiveness is an important element in the new covenant. God says, "For I will \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_."
5. When was the new covenant fulfilled? \_\_\_\_\_
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**"No longer** will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,'  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,"  
declares the LORD.

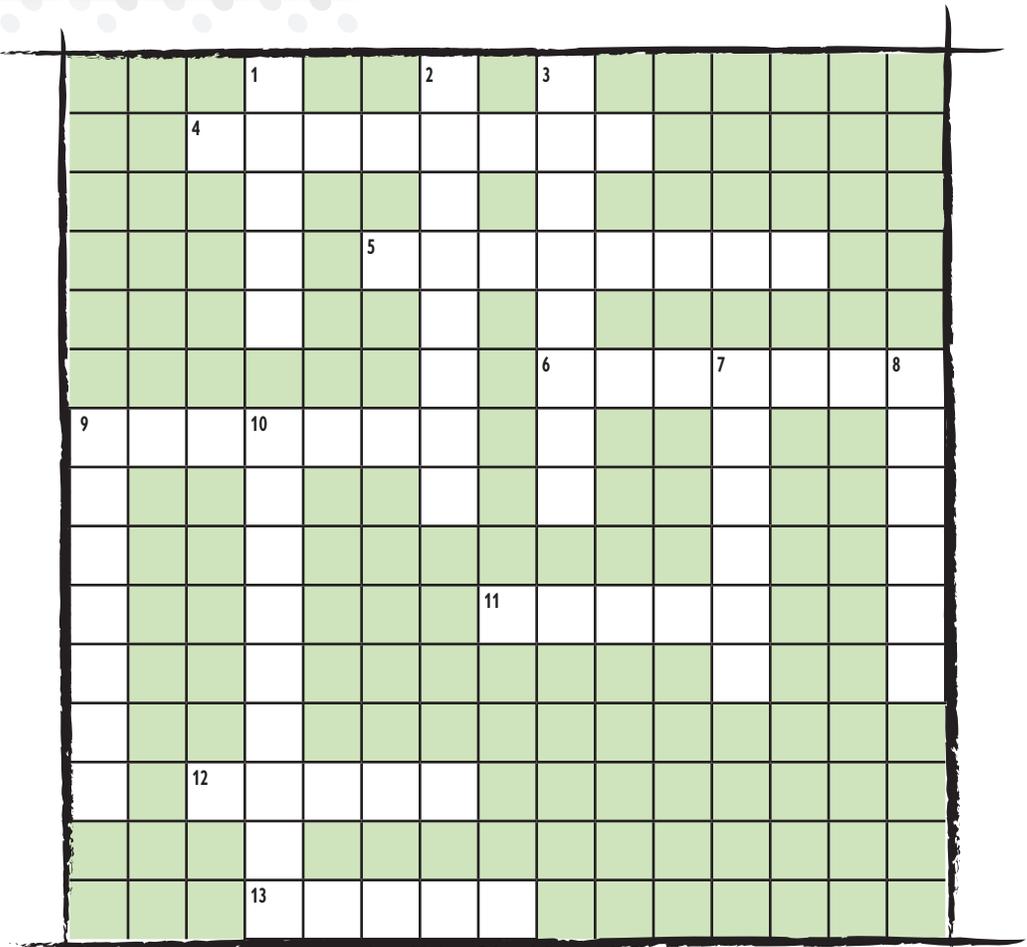
"For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more."

(Jeremiah 31:34).

# Josiah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** the passages listed in the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



## ACROSS >>

4. Josiah prepared for a celebration of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 35:1)
5. Josiah burned the altar at Bethel, which had been placed there by Israel's king \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Kings 23:15)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the high priest of the temple. (2 Chronicles 34:9)
9. When Josiah was \_\_\_\_\_ years old, he began to seek God. (2 Chronicles 34:1–3)
11. Josiah was killed in the battle against \_\_\_\_\_, king of Egypt. (2 Chronicles 35:20–24)
12. While they were cleaning the temple, Hilkiah found the Book of the Law that God had given to \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Chronicles 34:14)
13. Josiah became king of Judah when he was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. (2 Chronicles 34:1)

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1. Josiah tried to walk in God's ways, as \_\_\_\_\_ had before him. (2 Kings 22:2)
2. Josiah renewed the \_\_\_\_\_ between God and Judah. (2 Chronicles 34:31)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ became king after his father, Josiah. (2 Chronicles 36:1)
7. The idols that had been placed in the temple were burned in the \_\_\_\_\_ Valley. (2 Kings 23:4)
8. The prophetess \_\_\_\_\_ told Josiah that he would not live to see disaster brought to Judah because he had humbled himself before God. (2 Chronicles 34:22, 27–28)
9. \_\_\_\_\_, Josiah's secretary, made the arrangements for the restoration of the temple. (2 Kings 22:3)
10. Josiah ruled over Judah for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (2 Kings 22:1)

# Zephaniah

Name .....

**WRITE** a one-sentence summary of the following Scripture passages.

## Zephaniah Warns of God's Coming Judgment against Judah

1. Zephaniah 1:2–3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Zephaniah 1:4–6 \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Zephaniah 1:8–9 \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Zephaniah 1:17–18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Zephaniah Calls the People to Repent

5. Zephaniah 2:1–3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Zephaniah Tells of God's Judgment

6. God's judgment against Philistia—Zephaniah 2:4–7 \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. God's judgment against Moab and Ammon—Zephaniah 2:8–11 \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. God's judgment against Cush—Zephaniah 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. God's judgment against Assyria—Zephaniah 2:13–15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## God's Mercy and the Future of His People

10. Zephaniah 3:9–12 \_\_\_\_\_

11. Zephaniah 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

12. Zephaniah 3:14–15 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Zephaniah 3:19–20 \_\_\_\_\_

“**B**ut blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.’  
The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.  
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and examine the mind,  
to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve’”  
(Jeremiah 17:7–10).

# Haman's Plot

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** each sentence and decide whether it is true or false. Write T or F in the blank.

- \_\_\_ 1. King Xerxes promoted Haman above all the other nobles and officials.
- \_\_\_ 2. Everyone bowed down to Haman and honored him.
- \_\_\_ 3. Mordecai was a Jew.
- \_\_\_ 4. Mordecai would bow down only to God.
- \_\_\_ 5. Haman wanted to kill all of the Jews, but only in the city of Susa.
- \_\_\_ 6. Haman cast lots to find a favorable date to kill the Jews.
- \_\_\_ 7. Haman promised the king large sums of money.
- \_\_\_ 8. King Xerxes accepted the money.
- \_\_\_ 9. Haman sealed his edict with the king's ring.
- \_\_\_ 10. Haman ordered that all the Jews be killed on 14th day of the 13th month.



**COMPLETE** the story, based on Esther 4.

When Mordecai heard about the edict, he tore his \_\_\_\_\_, put on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ loudly in the \_\_\_\_\_ and even at the \_\_\_\_\_ gate. When Esther heard about Mordecai's distress, she sent him a new set of \_\_\_\_\_ to put on, but he would not \_\_\_\_\_ them. She sent \_\_\_\_\_ to find out the reason for Mordecai's behavior. Mordecai told the servant what had happened and sent Esther a \_\_\_\_\_ of the text of the \_\_\_\_\_. He told her to go to the king to beg for \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ with him on behalf of her \_\_\_\_\_. Esther did not dare to go to the king without being \_\_\_\_\_. Mordecai warned Esther, "Do not think that because you are in the \_\_\_\_\_ you alone of all the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_." He also pointed out, "And who \_\_\_\_\_ but that \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_?"



# Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Name .....

**MATCH** the Old Testament prophecies with their New Testament fulfillments on page 83.

## Old Testament Prophecies

- \_\_\_ 1. Isaiah 7:14. “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”
- \_\_\_ 2. Micah 5:2. “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”
- \_\_\_ 3. Psalm 78:2. “I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old.”
- \_\_\_ 4. Zechariah 9:9. “Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
- \_\_\_ 5. Psalm 22:7. “All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.”
- \_\_\_ 6. Psalm 22:18. “They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”
- \_\_\_ 7. Isaiah 53:7. “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”
- \_\_\_ 8. Psalm 22:1. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?”
- \_\_\_ 9. Isaiah 49:6b. “I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”



# Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Name .....

## New Testament Fulfillment

- A. Matthew 2:1. “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.”
- B. Matthew 21:7. “They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.”
- C. Matthew 1:21–22. “‘She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.”
- D. Matthew 13:34. “Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.”
- E. Matthew 27:35. “When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”
- F. Matthew 27:46. “About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’).”
- G. Matthew 27:31. “After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.”
- H. Matthew 28:19. “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
- I. Matthew 27:39–40. “Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’”

“I am  
the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep  
and my sheep know me—  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father—  
and I lay down my life  
for the sheep”  
(John 10:14–15).

# The Birth of John the Baptist

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** the verses from the Gospel of Luke and the paragraph for each section. Then answer the following questions. If you have time, color the picture of John and his parents with colored pencils or crayons.

## Luke 1:57–66

Months had gone by since the angel had spoken to Zechariah. We don't know much about what had happened since that time, but we do know that Mary had come to visit Elizabeth, her relative. She, too, was expecting a child. God's Spirit had helped Elizabeth recognize that Mary was to give birth to God's Son, the promised Messiah.

1. Why were people surprised when Elizabeth said that the baby's name would be John? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. How did Zechariah indicate that the child's name would be John? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you think Zechariah's speech returned after he had written the name John? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. How did the people react to Zechariah's returned speech after the birth of his son? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Luke 1:67–79

After Zechariah's voice had returned, he was filled with God's Spirit and sang words of praise and prophecy. Zechariah's song was like those in the Old Testament. He sang about God's faithfulness to his people. He also referred to Old Testament images and verses. God enabled Zechariah to sing about events that were to come in John's life.

5. For what did Zechariah praise God in verses 68–75? \_\_\_\_\_

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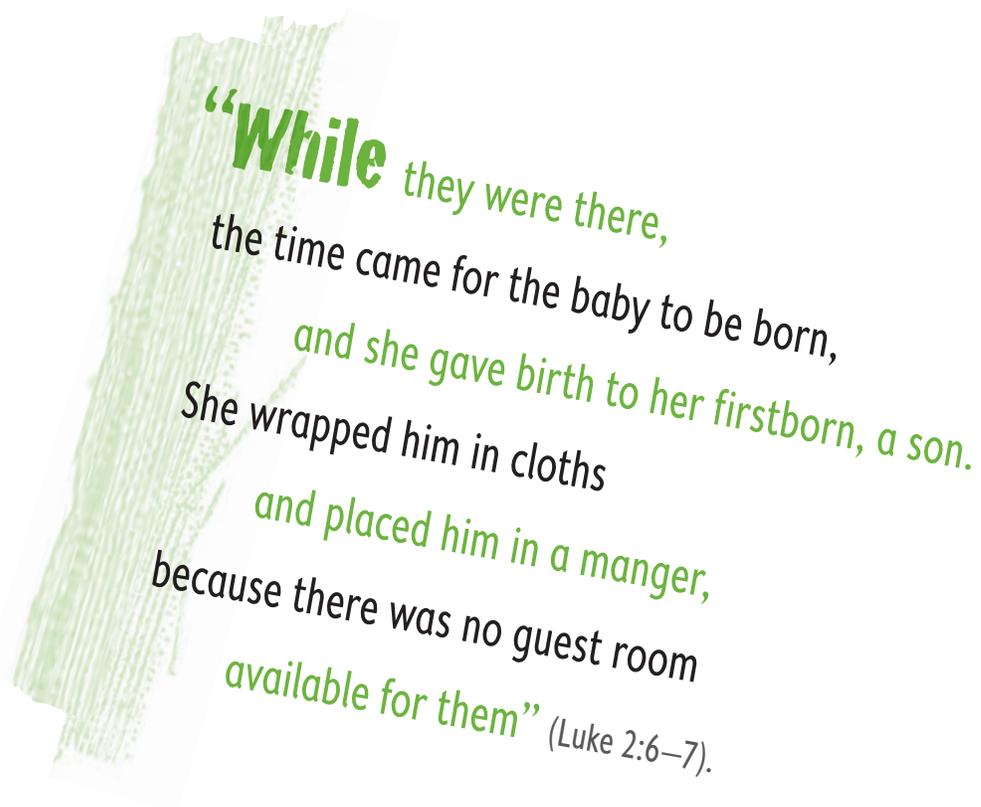
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6. In verses 76–79, what did Zechariah say that John would do? \_\_\_\_\_

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**“While** they were there,  
the time came for the baby to be born,  
and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.  
She wrapped him in cloths  
and placed him in a manger,  
because there was no guest room  
available for them” (Luke 2:6–7).

# A Christmas Quiz

Name .....

**MARK** the following statements with a T if they are true or with an F if they are false.  
Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

\_\_\_ 1. Joseph was from Bethlehem.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 2. Mary and Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 3. An angel told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem, where the baby would be born.

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\_\_\_ 4. The innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 5. The Bible says that Jesus was born in a stable.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ 6. Christmas has always been celebrated on December 25.

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ 7. A multitude of angels spoke to the shepherds.

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\_\_\_ 8. The angels told the shepherds to look for a baby who was lying in a manger.

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\_\_\_ 9. The angels sang “Joy to the World.”

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\_\_\_ 10. There was snow on that first Christmas in Bethlehem.

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\_\_\_ **i1.** Wise men said that they had seen a star in the east.

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\_\_\_ **i2.** The wise men stopped in Jerusalem for help in finding Jesus.

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\_\_\_ **i3.** Three wise men came to visit Jesus.

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\_\_\_ **i4.** The wise men found Jesus in the manger.

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\_\_\_ **i5.** Frankincense is a precious metal.

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\_\_\_ **i6.** Myrrh is a perfume.

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\_\_\_ **i7.** Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt because God told him in a dream to do so.

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**“And** there were shepherds  
living out in the fields nearby,  
keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news that will cause great joy  
for all the people’” (Luke 2:8–10).



# The Presentation in the Temple

Name .....

## Simeon—Luke 2:25–27

1. What was Simeon waiting for? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What had he been promised? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did Simeon know that this child was Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why do you think Simeon received this special message? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Simeon's Hymn of Praise—Luke 2:28–35

5. What did Simeon do? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does “dismiss your servant” mean? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Why was Simeon ready to die? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Whom was the salvation for? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What prophecies did Simeon make to Mary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Anna—Luke 2:36–38

10. Who was Anna? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How old was she? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was she doing in the temple? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

“**Today** in the town of David

a Savior has been born to you;

he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

# The Temptation of Jesus

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL** in the chart below with the help of Matthew 4:1–11.

Temptation	Significance	The Devil's Promise	Jesus' Answer	Old Testament Source

**“But** whoever lives by the truth comes into the light,  
so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done  
in the sight of God” (John 3:21).

**ANSWER** the following questions based on what you know about the Old Testament.

1. What other desert experiences lasted for 40 days or 40 years? \_\_\_\_\_

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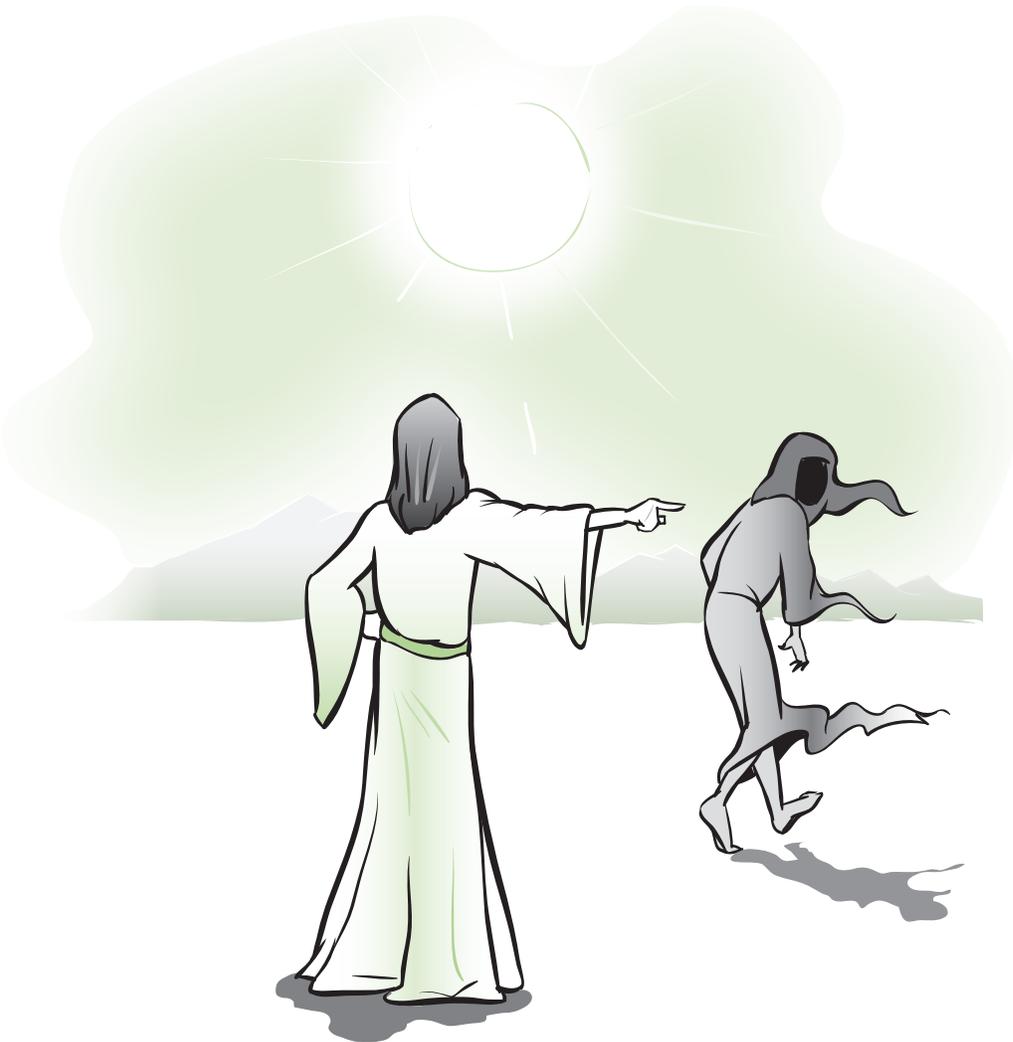
2. Would the people who heard this story have understood the references to the Old Testament?

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How do these similarities strengthen the story? \_\_\_\_\_

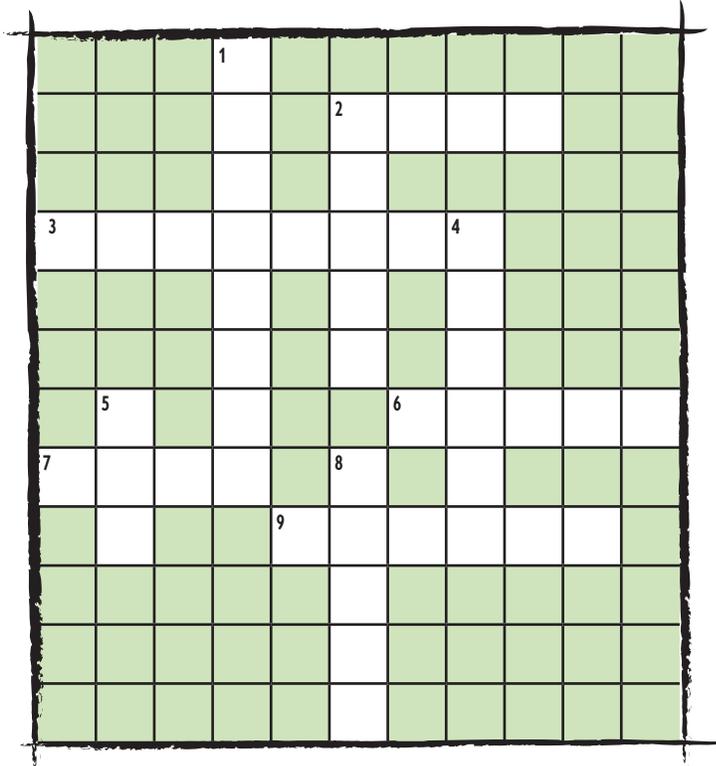
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# Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**USE** John 4:43–54 to fill in the blanks to complete the crossword puzzle. Then number the events in the correct order.



## ACROSS >>

- \_\_\_\_\_ **2.** Once again Jesus visited \_\_\_\_\_ in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.** There was a certain royal \_\_\_\_\_ whose son lay sick at Capernaum.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **6.** “Unless you people see \_\_\_\_\_ and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ **7.** The official took Jesus at his \_\_\_\_\_ and departed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **9.** The official went to Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

## DOWN ∨

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.** The father realized that his son was healed at the exact time Jesus said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and all of his household \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2.** The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my \_\_\_\_\_ dies.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ **4.** His servants met him with the news that his boy was \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5.** “Go,” Jesus replied, “Your \_\_\_\_\_ will live.”
- \_\_\_\_\_ **8.** When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the \_\_\_\_\_ left him.”

**ANSWER** the following questions based on John 4:43–54.

1. How do you think the official felt when he first asked Jesus to come and heal his son? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. How did the official react to Jesus' reply (see John 4:48–49)? Why did he continue to ask for Jesus' help? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How do you think the official felt about going home with only Jesus' word that his boy would be well? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How was Jesus leading the official to a deeper faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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**“When** the teachers of the law

who were Pharisees

saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors,

they asked his disciples:

‘Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?’”

(Mark 2:16).

# The Catch of Fish

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**AS** you read Luke 5:1–11, fill in the blanks and then find the words in the puzzle. Words in the puzzle may appear backward or forward, diagonally, vertically (up and down), or horizontally (sideways).

1. The Lake of Gennesaret in Luke 5:1 refers to or is another name for the Sea of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There were two boats by the water's edge belonging to the \_\_\_\_\_ who were cleaning their nets.
3. Jesus got into one of the boats—the one belonging to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus asked to have the boat taken out into \_\_\_\_\_ water and to have the nets let down for a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Simon Peter answered, "\_\_\_\_\_, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
6. They caught such a large number of \_\_\_\_\_ that their nets began to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. So they signaled their \_\_\_\_\_ in the other boat to come and help them.
8. Together they filled both boats so full that they began to \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ and said, "Go \_\_\_\_\_ from me, Lord; I am a \_\_\_\_\_ man!"
10. Simon Peter and his companions were \_\_\_\_\_ at the catch of fish they had taken.
11. So were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.
12. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_; from now on you will fish for people."
13. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

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**ANSWER** the following questions based on Luke 5:1–11.

14. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' call to follow him? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What does it mean to you personally to “follow” Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE TWELVE

“These are the names of the twelve apostles:

first, **Simon (who is called Peter)** and his brother

**Andrew; James** son of Zebedee , and his brother **John;**

**Philip** and **Bartholomew; Thomas** and **Matthew**

the tax collector; **James** son of Alphaeus, and

**Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot** and **Judas Iscariot,**

who betrayed him” (Matthew 10:2–4).

Imagine that Jesus has just finished his sermon, and you have gone to talk to him. What will you tell him? What have you learned? How will your life be different because of his words? Write your response as a letter to Jesus.

*Dear Jesus,*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

FOLD

# The Sermon on the Mount i

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**“Do not** store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **But store** up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **For where** your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

(Matthew 6:19–21).

**“The eye** is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

**But if** your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”

(Matthew 6:22–23).

**“But seek** first his kingdom and his righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you as well”

(Matthew 6:33).

**“So do not** worry, saying,

‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’

or ‘What shall we wear?’

**For the** pagans run after all these things,

and your heavenly Father knows that you need them”

(Matthew 6:31–32).

**“No one** can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.”

(Matthew 6:24).

FOLD

**“Therefore** I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

(Matthew 6:25).

**“Look at** the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

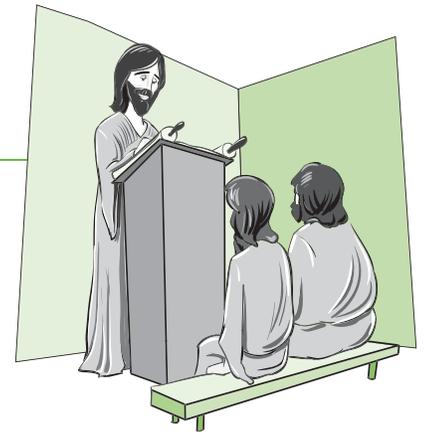
(Matthew 6:26).

# Rejection at Nazareth and Movement of Ministry

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REREAD** Mark 6:1–6 and answer the following questions.

1. Jesus went to his \_\_\_\_\_, accompanied by his \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Many who heard him were \_\_\_\_\_.
4. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this \_\_\_\_\_ that has been given him? What are these remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ he is performing?”
5. Then they began to question, “Isn’t this the \_\_\_\_\_? Isn’t this \_\_\_\_\_ and the brother of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? Aren’t his \_\_\_\_\_ here with us?”
6. And they took \_\_\_\_\_ at him.
7. Jesus said to them, “A \_\_\_\_\_ is not without \_\_\_\_\_ except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”
8. Jesus did not do any \_\_\_\_\_ there, except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.
9. He was \_\_\_\_\_ at their lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Isaiah 53:3 says, “He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.” How is the story in Mark 6:1–6 a fulfillment of this prophecy?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



11. What reasons did the people in the synagogue in Nazareth give for rejecting Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Jesus grew up in Nazareth as a human boy. Did this mean that he didn’t have amazing authority?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# The Death of John the Baptist

Name .....

**MAP** out the story and its details by completing this activity sheet.

## 1. Setting

a. Place: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Characters: Fill in the blanks.

a. Herod was the son of \_\_\_\_\_ and was married to his \_\_\_\_\_. He was fascinated with the teaching of \_\_\_\_\_. He was tricked into ordering John's beheading.

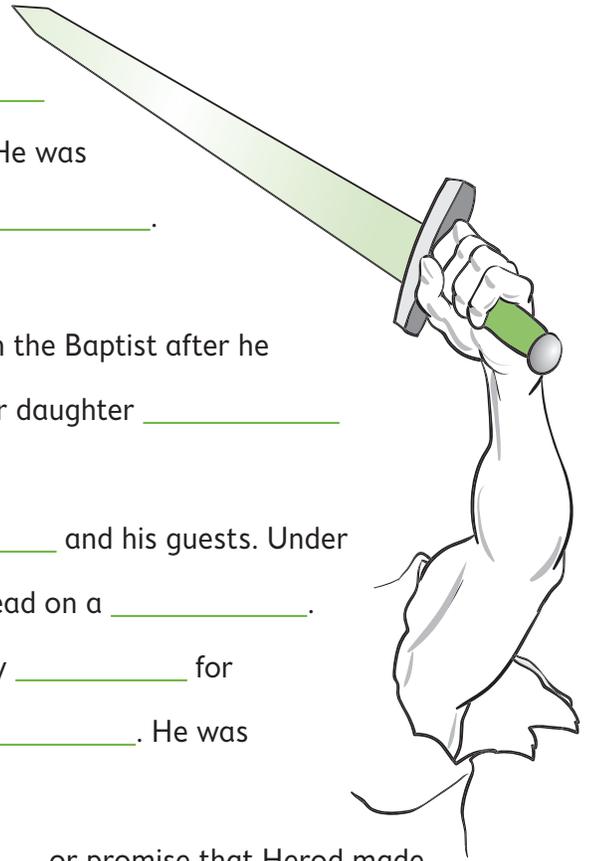
b. \_\_\_\_\_ encouraged Herod to imprison John the Baptist after he had preached against their relationship. She told her daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to ask for \_\_\_\_\_ head on a \_\_\_\_\_.

c. \_\_\_\_\_, Herodias's daughter, danced for \_\_\_\_\_ and his guests. Under her mother's influence, she asked for \_\_\_\_\_ head on a \_\_\_\_\_.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ was imprisoned by \_\_\_\_\_ for preaching against Herod's relationship with \_\_\_\_\_. He was beheaded at \_\_\_\_\_ request.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ witnessed the \_\_\_\_\_ or promise that Herod made to Salome after her dance.

f. \_\_\_\_\_ came to take John's body and to give it a proper \_\_\_\_\_.



3. Events: Put the following events in the correct order.

- \_\_\_ Herod's stepdaughter Salome danced for the guests.
- \_\_\_ John the Baptist preached against Herod for marrying his brother's wife.
- \_\_\_ Salome asked her mother what she should request as a gift from Herod.
- \_\_\_ Herod held a banquet for his friends.
- \_\_\_ John was imprisoned by Herod.
- \_\_\_ Herodias told her daughter to ask for John's head on a platter.
- \_\_\_ John the Baptist was beheaded.
- \_\_\_ Salome asked for John's head on a platter.
- \_\_\_ Herod promised Salome anything she wanted.

4. Problem: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

a. Solution: \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. Themes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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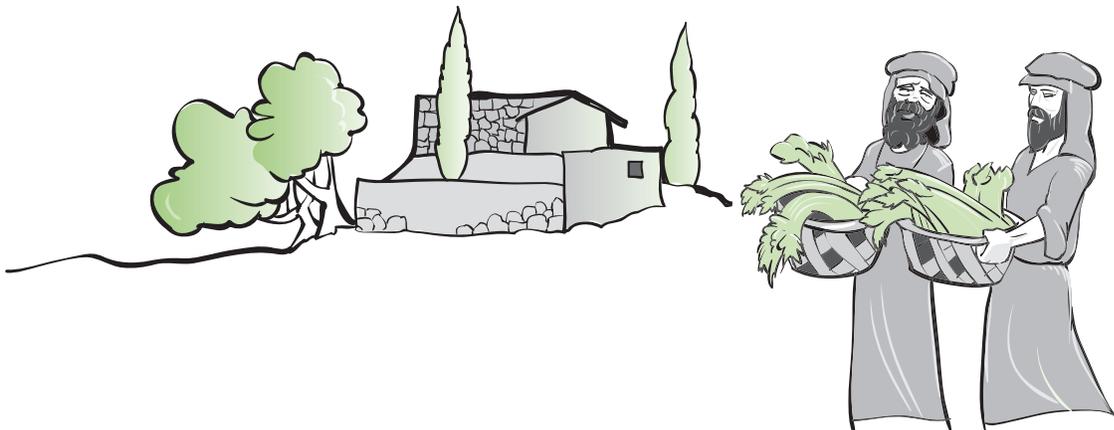
**“He said to them,**  
**‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.**  
**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever**  
**does not believe will be condemned’”**  
*(Mark 16:15–16).*

# The Rich Fool

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER** reading the parable about the rich fool in Luke 12:13–21, answer the following questions and fill in the blanks.

1. To whom did Jesus address this parable? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. In the parable of the rich fool, Jesus said that the \_\_\_\_\_ of a certain \_\_\_\_\_ man yielded an \_\_\_\_\_. He decided that he would \_\_\_\_\_ down his \_\_\_\_\_ and build \_\_\_\_\_ to store all of his \_\_\_\_\_. He thought that he had \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ laid up for many \_\_\_\_\_ and that he could take \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_. But God said to him, “You \_\_\_\_\_! This very \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ from you. Then \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ what you have \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_?”
3. Jesus finished the parable by saying, “This is how it will be with \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ but is not \_\_\_\_\_ toward \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. What warning did Jesus give the people through the parable of the rich fool? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_



5. How did Jesus instruct the people to live? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What part of the Beatitudes or the Sermon on the Mount does this parable remind you of? Write out the verses and references. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How does the kingdom principle of the first being last and the last being first apply to this parable? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What are some things people put their trust in today? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. If you have an abundance of money or other possessions, what can you do with them that will show that you are being rich toward God? \_\_\_\_\_

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the Son of Man  
comes in his  
glory,  
and all the angels  
with him,  
he will sit  
on his  
glorious throne”

(Matthew 25:31).

# The Sheep and the Goats

Name .....

## Sheep or Goat?

1. Who do the sheep represent? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who do the goats represent? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who will receive a reward? What will their reward be? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who will be punished? What will their punishment be? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. When you help followers of Jesus, whom does Jesus say you are really serving? \_\_\_\_\_

When you refuse to help believers in Jesus, whom are you *not* serving? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What lesson was Jesus teaching with the parable of the sheep and the goats? \_\_\_\_\_

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**“The** King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me”** (Matthew 25:40).

## Final Exam for the Nations

Matthew 25:31–46 reveals a “final exam” for the nations at Christ’s return.

What do you want Jesus to say your response was?

7. I was hungry, and you gave me

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. nothing to eat.

8. I was thirsty, and you gave me

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. nothing to drink.

9. I was a stranger, and you

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. did not invite me in.

10. I needed clothes, and you

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. did not clothe me.

11. I was sick, and you

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. did not look after me.

12. I was in prison, and you

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. did not come to visit me.

## Jesus’ Hands and Feet

13. What are some ways in which you can be Jesus’ hands and feet—showing love and caring for his followers in their times of need? Here are some ideas to help you.

- ♥ Do you know someone who is sick, in the hospital, or terminally ill?
- ♥ Do you know a family that could use food or clothing?
- ♥ Do you know someone who has lost a loved one?
- ♥ Do you know someone who is lonely or needs a friend?
- ♥ Do you know someone who is in a nursing home and would like a visit?



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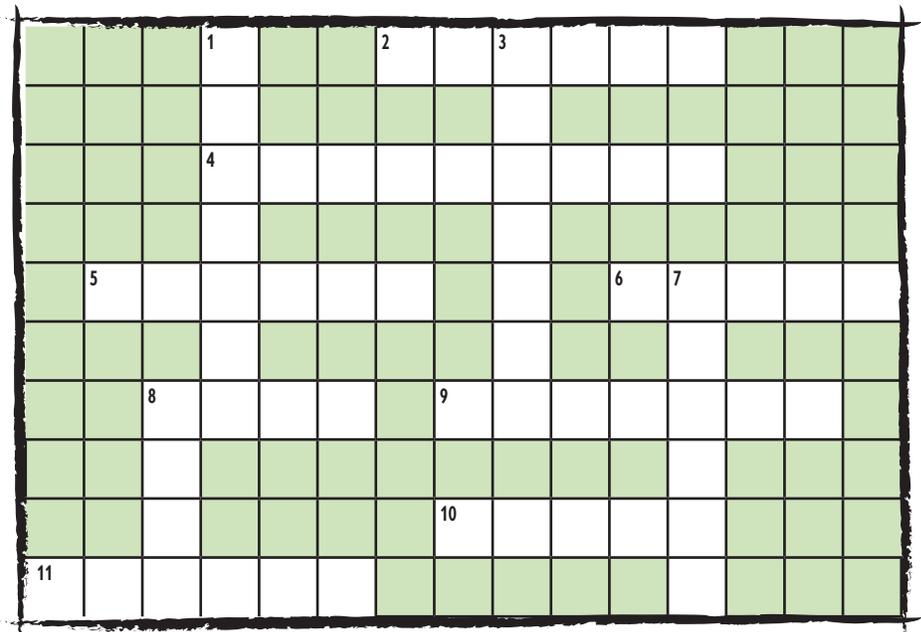
14. Make a list of some people you know who need help, and list for each person a way in which you could help them. List as many people as you can.

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# The Centurion's Servant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**USE** Luke 7:1–10 to fill in the blanks to complete the crossword puzzle. When you are finished, number the events in the order in which they occurred.



## ACROSS >>

- \_\_\_ **2.** The elders told Jesus that one reason the centurion deserved Jesus' help was that he loved the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ **4.** The centurion had also helped to build the local Jewish \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ **5.** But the centurion did not consider himself \_\_\_\_\_ to come to Jesus.
- \_\_\_ **6.** Jesus, speaking of the centurion, said to the crowd, "I have not found such great \_\_\_\_\_ even in Israel."
- \_\_\_ **8.** The men who had been sent returned to the centurion's house and found that the servant was now \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ **9.** A Roman centurion's \_\_\_\_\_ was very sick and about to die.
- \_\_\_ **10.** Jesus was not far from the centurion's \_\_\_\_\_ when the centurion sent friends to meet him.
- \_\_\_ **11.** The centurion sent some \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews to Jesus, asking him to come and heal his servant.

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- \_\_\_ **1.** The centurion's friends gave Jesus this message from the centurion: "I do not \_\_\_\_\_ to have you come under my roof."
- \_\_\_ **3.** The centurion's friends told Jesus, "Lord, don't \_\_\_\_\_ yourself."
- \_\_\_ **7.** When Jesus saw the centurion's faith, he was \_\_\_\_\_ at him.
- \_\_\_ **8.** Through his friends, the centurion invited Jesus to "say the \_\_\_\_\_, and my servant will be healed."

**ANSWER** the following questions based on Luke 7:1–10.

1. Why didn't the centurion come to Jesus himself? Why did he send the elders of the synagogue?

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2. Why did the centurion send messengers to Jesus while he was already walking toward the centurion's house, in order to tell Jesus that he didn't need to come all the way? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How did Jesus respond to the centurion's faith? \_\_\_\_\_

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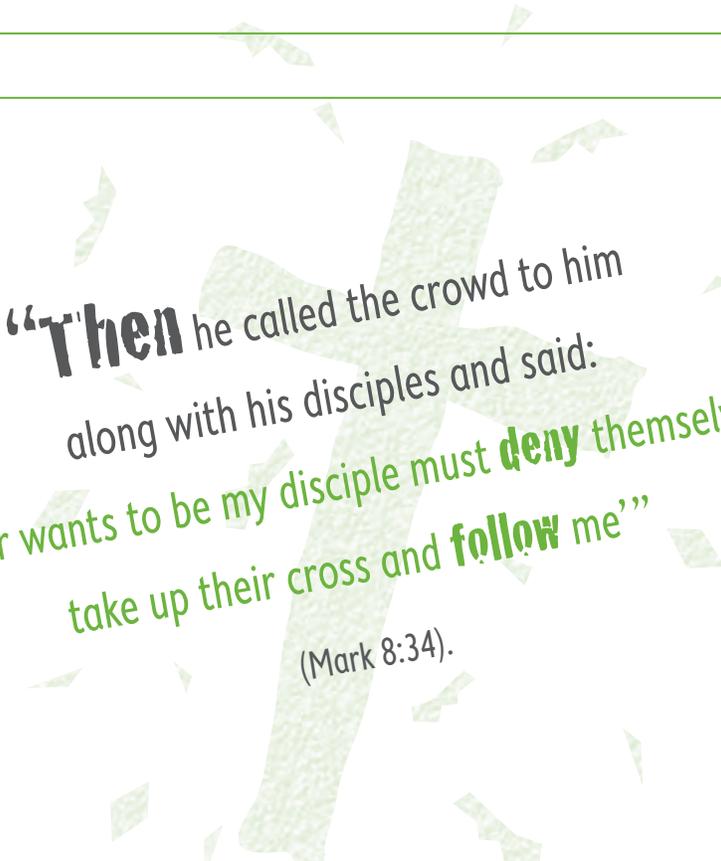
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4. How should our faith be like the centurion's? \_\_\_\_\_

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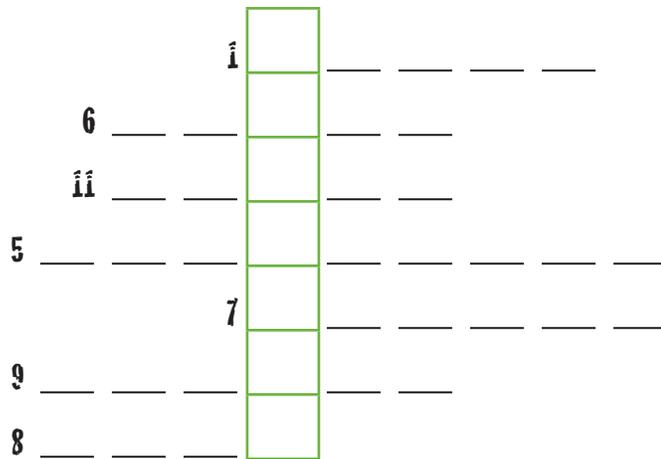
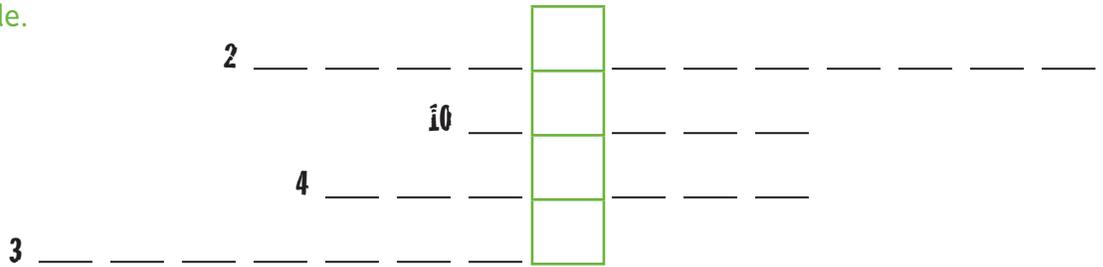


**“Then** he called the crowd to him  
along with his disciples and said:  
‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and  
take up their cross and **follow** me’”  
(Mark 8:34).

# Walking on Water

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** Matthew 14:22–36 to complete the puzzle.



**FILL** in the blanks.

1. Jesus dismissed the <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and went up on a <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to pray.
2. The disciples rowed the boat and were a considerable <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
3. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on the lake.
4. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
5. “It’s a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_,” they said, and cried out in fear.
6. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. Peter walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and began to sink. He cried out, “Lord, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me!”
8. Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him. “You of little <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_,” Jesus said, “why did you <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?”



# You Are the Christ

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**USE** today's Scripture passage, Mark 8:27—9:1, to answer the following questions.

## Who Is Jesus?

1. Who did the people of Jesus' day say he was? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How did Peter answer the question "Who do you say I am?" \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Everyone will need to answer Jesus' question personally: "Who do you say I am?" What is your answer to Jesus' question? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Who Is the Messiah?

4. Who did the disciples and the other Jews think the Messiah was? What did they think he would do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Jesus told the disciples what the Messiah would do. What did he tell them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Who Is a Disciple?

6. Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Reread Matthew 8:34–38. How do these verses help you understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? What does it mean to you to be a disciple of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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**“If anyone**  
is ashamed of me and my words  
in this adulterous and sinful generation,  
the Son of Man will be ashamed of them  
when he comes in his Father’s glory  
with the holy angels”  
(Mark 8:38).

# Who Is the Greatest?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Fill in the blanks, using the exact words of Mark 9:33–35.

“They came to \_\_\_\_\_. When he was in the \_\_\_\_\_, he asked them, ‘What were you \_\_\_\_\_ about on the \_\_\_\_\_?’ But they kept \_\_\_\_\_ because on the way they had argued \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Sitting down, Jesus called the \_\_\_\_\_ and said, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ who wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.’”

2. In Matthew 18:2–5, Jesus taught his disciples how they could be great in the kingdom of God.

He said,

“\_\_\_\_\_ I tell you, unless you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_, you will \_\_\_\_\_ enter the \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ takes the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. And whoever \_\_\_\_\_ one such child in my \_\_\_\_\_ welcomes me.”

3. How can we be great in the kingdom of God? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Read these passages to discover the requirements of a great disciple.

a. Matthew 14:27–31—Stay \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus; don’t take your eyes off him.

b. Mark 5:36—Don’t be \_\_\_\_\_; just \_\_\_\_\_.

c. Mark 9:23—\_\_\_\_\_ that everything is possible.

d. Mark 9:29—\_\_\_\_\_. Stay close to God to do his will.

e. Mark 9:35—Put yourself in \_\_\_\_\_ place, and put others \_\_\_\_\_.

f. Matthew 18:4—Be \_\_\_\_\_, like a child.

g. Mark 9:37—\_\_\_\_\_ even the lowliest disciple in Jesus’ name.

h. Luke 7:9—Have \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus’ power.

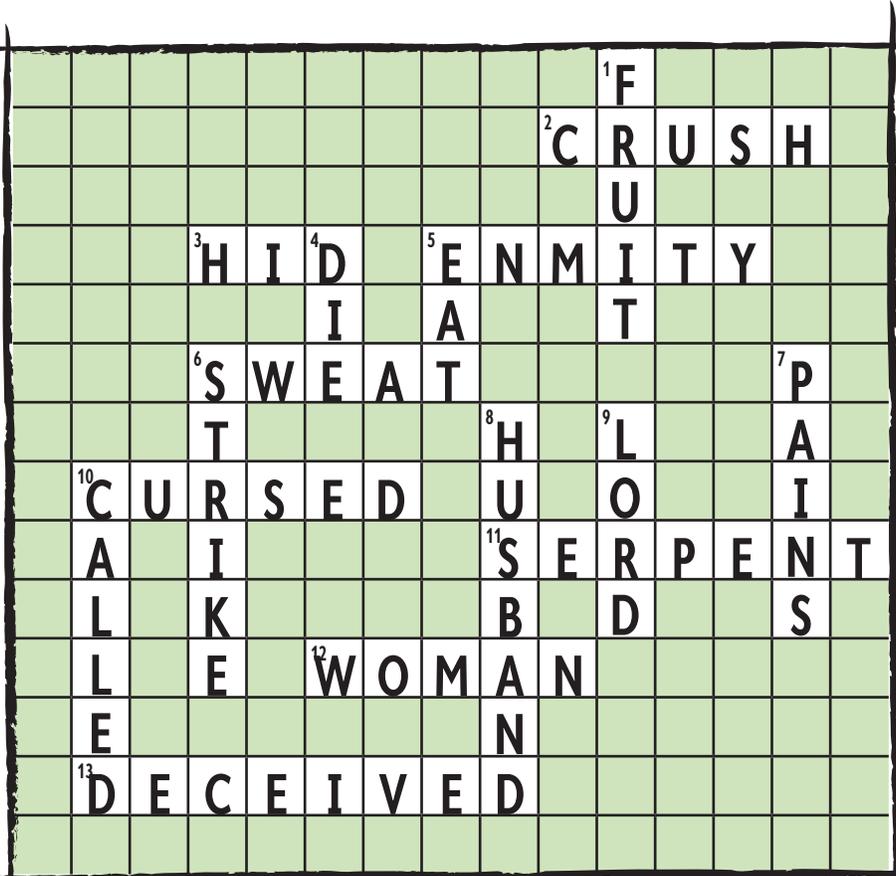


# God's Promise of Salvation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Genesis 3:15

**READ** Genesis 3  
to complete the  
crossword puzzle.



### ACROSS >>

2. "He will \_\_\_\_\_ your head,"
3. "Then the man and his wife . . . \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord God among the trees of the garden."
5. "God said to the serpent, ' . . . And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ between you and the woman.'"
6. "To Adam he said, ' . . . By the \_\_\_\_\_ of your brow you will eat your food.'"
10. "So the Lord God said to the serpent, ' \_\_\_\_\_ are you above all the livestock.'"
11. "Now the \_\_\_\_\_ was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made."
12. "The man said, 'The \_\_\_\_\_ you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'"
13. "The woman said, 'The serpent \_\_\_\_\_ me, and I ate.'"

### DOWN

1. "When the woman saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree was good . . . , she took some and ate it."
4. "'You will not certainly \_\_\_\_\_,' the serpent said to the woman."
5. "He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not \_\_\_\_\_ from any tree in the garden?"'"
6. "And you will \_\_\_\_\_ his heel."
7. "To the woman he said, 'I will make your \_\_\_\_\_ in childbearing very severe.'"
8. "She also gave some to her \_\_\_\_\_, . . . and he ate it."
9. "Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the \_\_\_\_\_ God as he was walking in the garden."
10. "But the Lord God \_\_\_\_\_ to the man, 'Where are you?'"

**ANSWER** the questions based on Genesis 3.

1. How does sin affect our relationships with God and with other people?

**Answers will vary but may include: We disobey God and do not serve him as we should. We are ungrateful, we complain, and we fail to thank God for his blessings. We disobey our parents and teachers. We are unkind, we sin in our anger, we say hurtful things, and we exclude others.**

2. Explain the phrase “He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

**This is God’s promise of salvation. Satan would hurt Jesus temporarily, but Jesus would ultimately crush Satan’s head. Jesus would conquer Satan and crush his powers. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again from the dead, he conquered sin and death forever.**

3. When Adam and Eve sinned, their wonderful fellowship with God ended. How can we have a right relationship with God?

**We need to believe that Jesus is God’s Son, who died to save us from our sins and rose again from the dead to give us eternal life. We need to ask God to forgive all of our sins.**

**“And I will put enmity**

**between you and the woman,**

**and between your offspring and hers;**

**he will crush your head,**

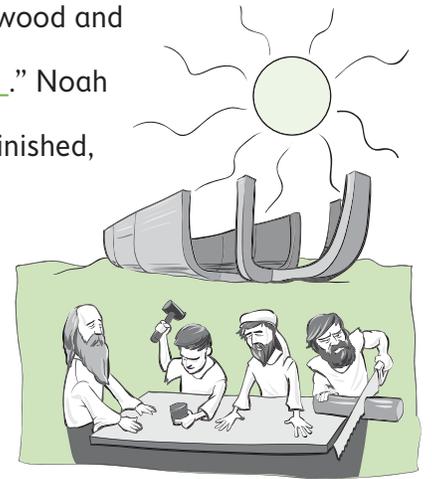
**and you will strike his heel” (Genesis 3:15).**

# God's Covenant with Noah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**FILL** in the blanks: Genesis 6:1—9:17

God saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become and he said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. He was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people. Make an ark of cypress wood and bring into the ark two of all living creatures." Noah did everything just as God commanded him. When the ark was finished, Noah and his family entered the ark. Then the Lord shut him in.



For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth. The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than fifteen cubits. Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

When Noah and his family came out of the ark Noah built an altar to the Lord and sacrificed burnt offerings on it. Then God said to Noah and to his sons: "I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

## ANSWER the questions.

1. What comes to your mind when you think of rainbows?

**Answers will vary but may include: God's promise to Noah, God's beauty in creation, God's protection, God's love and care for his creation.**

2. Why is the rainbow such a fitting symbol of God's promise to Noah?

**Answers will vary but should include: The rainbow is a visible reminder of God's covenant and his faithfulness. The rainbow is associated with rain to remind us that God will never again destroy the world with a flood. The bow shape is actually part of a cone of light—a complete circle—that is cut off by the horizon. Seen from a high enough vantage point, the rainbow is a circle, which can be taken as a symbol of God's unending promise to never again send a flood to destroy the Earth.**

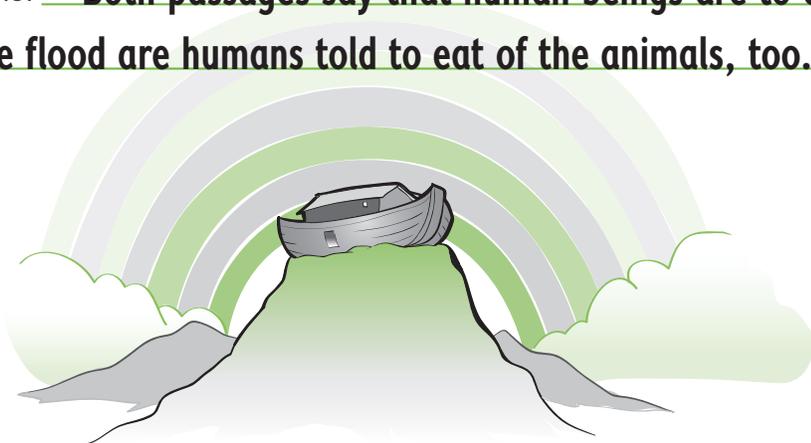
3. After the flood God gave Noah and his family a new beginning. Read the following Scripture passages, and write down the similarities and differences.

a. Genesis 1:22, 28 and Genesis 9:1, 7: **Both passages tell the people to be fruitful and to increase in number.**

b. Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 9:6: **Both passages say that humans were created in the image of God.**

c. Genesis 1:26 and Genesis 9:2: **Both passages say that human beings are to rule over the animals. Genesis 9:2 says that the animals will be afraid of humans.**

d. Genesis 1:29 and Genesis 9:3: **Both passages say that human beings are to eat of the plants. Only after the flood are humans told to eat of the animals, too.**

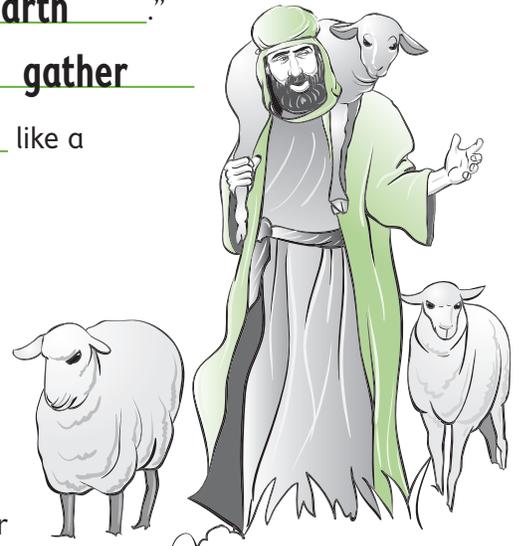


# God's Covenant with Israel and Judah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWER** the questions, based on Jeremiah 31:1–17, 31–34.

1. God spoke reassuring words to the people of Judah and Israel. In Jeremiah 31:3 he said, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”
2. What promises did God make to his people?
  - a. Jeremiah 31:4—“I will build you up again and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.”
  - b. Jeremiah 31:5—“Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria.”
  - c. Jeremiah 31:8—“See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth.”
  - d. Jeremiah 31:10—“He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.”
  - e. Jeremiah 31:13—“I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.”
  - f. Jeremiah 31:17—“So there is hope for your descendants,” declares the LORD. “Your children will return to their own land.”
3. What did God promise in Jeremiah 31:31? “I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.”



4. Read Jeremiah 31:31–34. How would the new covenant be different from the old covenant God had made at Mount Sinai?
- a. The old covenant was written on stone tablets, while in the new covenant God would put his law in his people's minds and write it upon their hearts.
  - b. They would not need priests or prophets to show them how to know God, because they would all know God personally.
  - c. The old covenant was between God and the nation of Israel, but the new covenant is between God and all believers, including believing Jews and believing Gentiles.
  - d. Forgiveness is an important element in the new covenant. God says, "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."
5. When was the new covenant fulfilled? The new covenant was fulfilled when Jesus Christ died and rose again.

*"No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.*

*"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*

*(Jeremiah 31:34).*

# Josiah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** the passages listed in the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



## ACROSS >>

4. Josiah prepared for a celebration of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 35:1)
5. Josiah burned the altar at Bethel, which had been placed there by Israel's king \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Kings 23:15)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the high priest of the temple. (2 Chronicles 34:9)
9. When Josiah was \_\_\_\_\_ years old, he began to seek God. (2 Chronicles 34:1–3)
11. Josiah was killed in the battle against \_\_\_\_\_, king of Egypt. (2 Chronicles 35:20–24)
12. While they were cleaning the temple, Hilkiah found the Book of the Law that God had given to \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Chronicles 34:14)
13. Josiah became king of Judah when he was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. (2 Chronicles 34:1)

## DOWN

1. Josiah tried to walk in God's ways, as \_\_\_\_\_ had before him. (2 Kings 22:2)
2. Josiah renewed the \_\_\_\_\_ between God and Judah. (2 Chronicles 34:31)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ became king after his father, Josiah. (2 Chronicles 36:1)
7. The idols that had been placed in the temple were burned in the \_\_\_\_\_ Valley. (2 Kings 23:4)
8. The prophetess \_\_\_\_\_ told Josiah that he would not live to see disaster brought to Judah because he had humbled himself before God. (2 Chronicles 34:22, 27–28)
9. \_\_\_\_\_, Josiah's secretary, made the arrangements for the restoration of the temple. (2 Kings 22:3)
10. Josiah ruled over Judah for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (2 Kings 22:1)

# Zephaniah

Name .....

**WRITE** a one-sentence summary of the following Scripture passages.

## Zephaniah Warns of God's Coming Judgment against Judah

1. Zephaniah 1:2–3 **God would sweep away everything, including animals, birds, fish, and humankind.**
2. Zephaniah 1:4–6 **God would strike down all who worshiped anything but him.**
3. Zephaniah 1:8–9 **God would punish all who defiled his temple.**
4. Zephaniah 1:17–18 **Nothing would save the people from God's terrible wrath.**

## Zephaniah Calls the People to Repent

5. Zephaniah 2:1–3 **The people still had time to repent, humble themselves before God, do what God required of them, and seek only him.**

## Zephaniah Tells of God's Judgment

6. God's judgment against Philistia—Zephaniah 2:4–7 **God would destroy all of the cities, the land by the sea, and all of the people. The remnant of Judah would dwell in the land that the Philistines had once ruled.**
7. God's judgment against Moab and Ammon—Zephaniah 2:8–11 **These peoples would be completely destroyed, and Judah's remnant would inherit the land.**
8. God's judgment against Cush—Zephaniah 2:12 **The Cushites would be slain by the sword.**
9. God's judgment against Assyria—Zephaniah 2:13–15 **The people of Assyria and the city of Nineveh would be destroyed.**



## God's Mercy and the Future of His People

- i0.** Zephaniah 3:9–12 God would purify his people so that they could bring him offerings and no longer be ashamed in front of the nations.
- i1.** Zephaniah 3:13 The remnant of Judah would no longer speak lies or be deceitful, and they would have no need to be afraid.
- i2.** Zephaniah 3:14–15 The Lord would take away their punishment and turn back their enemy. They would rejoice and be glad.
- i3.** Zephaniah 3:19–20 God would rescue and bring home all of the people who had been scattered.

**““B**ut blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.’  
The heart is deceitful above all things  
and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?  
‘I the LORD search the heart  
and examine the mind,  
to reward each person according to their conduct,  
according to what their deeds deserve’”  
(Jeremiah 17:7–10).

# Haman's Plot

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** each sentence and decide whether it is true or false. Write T or F in the blank.

- T 1. King Xerxes promoted Haman above all the other nobles and officials.
- F 2. Everyone bowed down to Haman and honored him.
- T 3. Mordecai was a Jew.
- T 4. Mordecai would bow down only to God.
- F 5. Haman wanted to kill all of the Jews, but only in the city of Susa.
- T 6. Haman cast lots to find a favorable date to kill the Jews.
- T 7. Haman promised the king large sums of money.
- F 8. King Xerxes accepted the money.
- T 9. Haman sealed his edict with the king's ring.
- F 10. Haman ordered that all the Jews be killed on 14th day of the 13th month.



**COMPLETE** the story, based on Esther 4.

When Mordecai heard about the edict, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and wailed loudly in the city and even at the king's gate. When Esther heard about Mordecai's distress, she sent him a new set of clothes to put on, but he would not accept them. She sent Hathak to find out the reason for Mordecai's behavior. Mordecai told the servant what had happened and sent Esther a copy of the text of the edict. He told her to go to the king to beg for mercy and to plead with him on behalf of her people. Esther did not dare to go to the king without being summoned. Mordecai warned Esther, "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape." He also pointed out, "And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"



# Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Name .....

**MATCH** the Old Testament prophecies with their New Testament fulfillments on page 83.

## Old Testament Prophecies

- C** 1. Isaiah 7:14. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."
- A** 2. Micah 5:2. "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."
- D** 3. Psalm 78:2. "I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old."
- B** 4. Zechariah 9:9. "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."
- I** 5. Psalm 22:7. "All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads."
- E** 6. Psalm 22:18. "They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."
- G** 7. Isaiah 53:7. "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."
- F** 8. Psalm 22:1. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?"
- H** 9. Isaiah 49:6b. "I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."



# Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Name .....

## New Testament Fulfillment

- A. Matthew 2:1. “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.”
- B. Matthew 21:7. “They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.”
- C. Matthew 1:21–22. “‘She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.”
- D. Matthew 13:34. “Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.”
- E. Matthew 27:35. “When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.”
- F. Matthew 27:46. “About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’).”
- G. Matthew 27:31. “After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.”
- H. Matthew 28:19. “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”
- I. Matthew 27:39–40. “Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’”

“I am  
the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep  
and my sheep know me—  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father—  
and I lay down my life  
for the sheep”  
(John 10:14–15).

# The Birth of John the Baptist

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** the verses from the Gospel of Luke and the paragraph for each section. Then answer the following questions. If you have time, color the picture of John and his parents with colored pencils or crayons.

## Luke 1:57–66

Months had gone by since the angel had spoken to Zechariah. We don't know much about what had happened since that time, but we do know that Mary had come to visit Elizabeth, her relative. She, too, was expecting a child. God's Spirit had helped Elizabeth recognize that Mary was to give birth to God's Son, the promised Messiah.

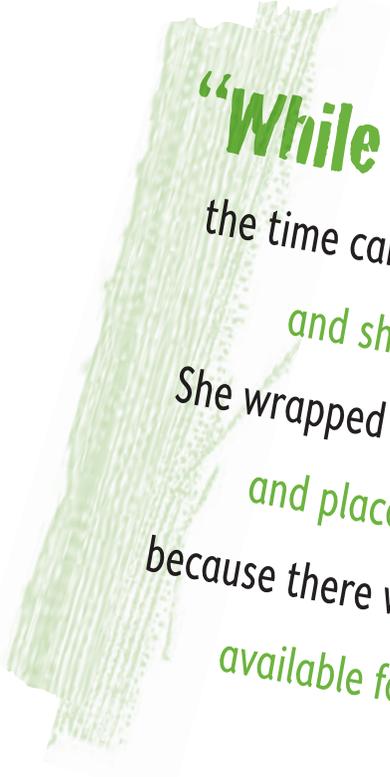
1. Why were people surprised when Elizabeth said that the baby's name would be John? None of Elizabeth's or Zechariah's relatives had the name John.
2. How did Zechariah indicate that the child's name would be John? He wrote it down on a tablet.
3. Why do you think Zechariah's speech returned after he had written the name John? Answers may include that he had obediently followed the angel's instruction to name his son John.
4. How did the people react to Zechariah's returned speech after the birth of his son? The people were filled with awe and told their neighbors. They wondered what God had in mind for this child.



## Luke 1:67–79

After Zechariah's voice had returned, he was filled with God's Spirit and sang words of praise and prophecy. Zechariah's song was like those in the Old Testament. He sang about God's faithfulness to his people. He also referred to Old Testament images and verses. God enabled Zechariah to sing about events that were to come in John's life.

5. For what did Zechariah praise God in verses 68–75? He praised God for what he had done for his people. Some examples include salvation from Israel's enemies, God's covenant with Abraham, and the promise of salvation from the house of David.
6. In verses 76–79, what did Zechariah say that John would do? John would be a prophet of the Most High, who would go before the Lord to prepare the way for him.
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**“While** they were there,  
the time came for the baby to be born,  
and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.  
She wrapped him in cloths  
and placed him in a manger,  
because there was no guest room  
available for them” (Luke 2:6–7).

# A Christmas Quiz

Name .....

**MARK** the following statements with a T if they are true or with an F if they are false.  
Rewrite the false statements to make them true.

T 1. Joseph was from Bethlehem.

F 2. Mary and Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant.

**Mary and Joseph were engaged.**

F 3. An angel told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem, where the baby would be born.

**They went to Bethlehem to pay a tax ordered by Caesar Augustus.**

F 4. The innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn.

**The Bible only says that there was no room.**

F 5. The Bible says that Jesus was born in a stable.

**It only says that he was laid in a manger.**

F 6. Christmas has always been celebrated on December 25.

**The date was set later in order to coincide with a pagan holiday.**

T 7. A multitude of angels spoke to the shepherds.



T 8. The angels told the shepherds to look for a baby who was lying in a manger.

F 9. The angels sang “Joy to the World.”

**They sang “Glory to God in the highest.”**

F 10. There was snow on that first Christmas in Bethlehem.

**Snow would be very unusual in Bethlehem’s climate.**

T **i1.** Wise men said that they had seen a star in the east.

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T **i2.** The wise men stopped in Jerusalem for help in finding Jesus.

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F **i3.** Three wise men came to visit Jesus.

**We do not know the exact number.**

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F **i4.** The wise men found Jesus in the manger.

**By this time Jesus and his parents were living in a house.**

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F **i5.** Frankincense is a precious metal.

**It is a precious perfume.**

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F **i6.** Myrrh is a perfume.

**Myrrh is a spice used for burying people.**

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T **i7.** Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Egypt because God told him in a dream to do so.

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**“And** there were shepherds  
living out in the fields nearby,  
keeping watch over their flocks at night.  
An angel of the Lord appeared to them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid.  
I bring you good news that will cause great joy  
for all the people’” (Luke 2:8–10).



# The Presentation in the Temple

Name .....

## Simeon—Luke 2:25–27

1. What was Simeon waiting for? He was waiting for the Messiah.
2. What had he been promised? He had been promised that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah.
3. How did Simeon know that this child was Jesus? The Holy Spirit told him.
4. Why do you think Simeon received this special message? Simeon may have received the message because of his special faithfulness to God.

## Simeon's Hymn of Praise—Luke 2:28–35

5. What did Simeon do? Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God.
6. What does “dismiss your servant” mean? It means that Simeon was ready to die.
7. Why was Simeon ready to die? He had seen the Savior.
8. Whom was the salvation for? The salvation was for all people, both the Jews and the Gentiles.
9. What prophecies did Simeon make to Mary? He told her that Jesus would cause the rising and falling of Israel, that the thoughts of many hearts would be revealed, and that Jesus would be a sword in his mother's heart.

## Anna—Luke 2:36–38

10. Who was Anna? She was a prophetess and a widow.
11. How old was she? She was at least 84 years old.
12. What was she doing in the temple? She never left the temple. She worshiped there day and night, fasting and praying. She spoke of the coming Savior.

“**Today** in the town of David

a Savior has been born to you;

he is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:11).

# The Temptation of Jesus

Name \_\_\_\_\_

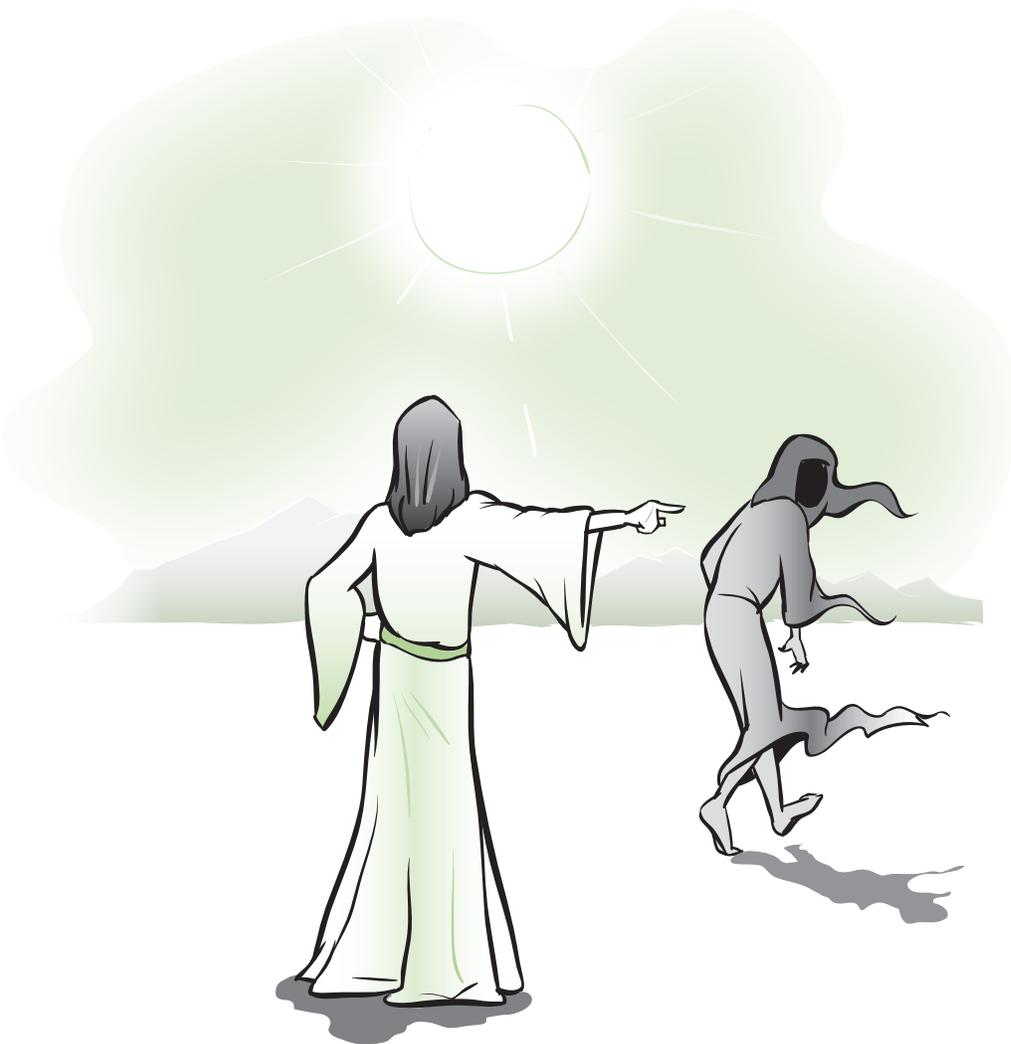
**FILL** in the chart below with the help of Matthew 4:1–11.

Temptation	Significance	The Devil's Promise	Jesus' Answer	Old Testament Source
Satan invited Jesus to turn stones into bread.	Satan wanted Jesus to use his power for his own needs.	Satan promised that Jesus would no longer be hungry.	Jesus responded that man does not live by bread alone.	Deuteronomy 8:3
Satan wanted Jesus to throw himself off the roof of the temple.	Satan wanted Jesus to use his power to win a large audience.	The devil promised that Jesus would be saved by angels.	Jesus responded that Satan was not to put the Lord to the test.	Deuteronomy 6:16
Satan asked Jesus to bow down before him.	By bowing down to the devil, Jesus could have bypassed the cross.	He promised that Jesus would receive all the kingdoms of the world.	Jesus told the devil that he was to worship the Lord and to serve him only.	Deuteronomy 6:13

**“But** whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God” (John 3:21).

**ANSWER** the following questions based on what you know about the Old Testament.

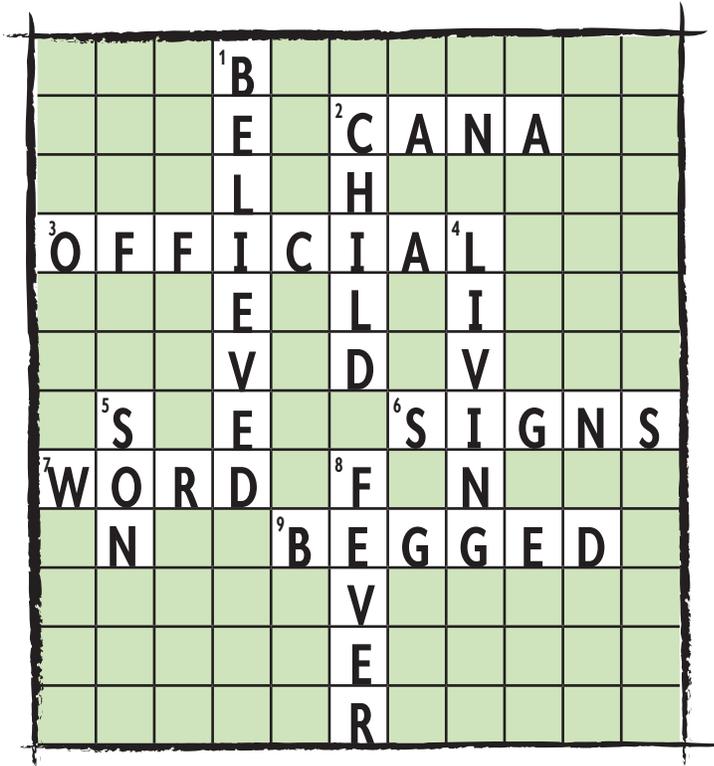
1. What other desert experiences lasted for 40 days or 40 years? Other stories include God's people wandering in the desert, Elijah spending time in the desert, and Moses on Mount Sinai or living in the desert after killing the Egyptian.
2. Would the people who heard this story have understood the references to the Old Testament? Why or why not? Yes. They would have studied the Old Testament stories and recognized the similarities.
3. How do these similarities strengthen the story? The people could connect Jesus with the history of the Israelites.



# Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**USE** John 4:43–54  
to fill in the blanks  
to complete the  
crossword puzzle.  
Then number the  
events in the correct  
order.



## ACROSS >>

- 1** **2.** Once again Jesus visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine.
- 2** **3.** There was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.
- 4** **6.** “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”
- 7** **7.** The official took Jesus at his word and departed.
- 3** **9.** The official went to Jesus and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

## DOWN ∨

- 10** **1.** The father realized that his son was healed at the exact time Jesus said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and all of his household believed.
- 5** **2.** The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”
- 8** **4.** His servants met him with the news that his boy was living.
- 6** **5.** “Go,” Jesus replied, “Your son will live.”
- 9** **8.** When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

**ANSWER** the following questions based on John 4:43–54.

1. How do you think the official felt when he first asked Jesus to come and heal his son? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers will vary but may include worried, despairing, hurried.**

2. How did the official react to Jesus' reply (see John 4:48–49)? Why did he continue to ask for Jesus' help? \_\_\_\_\_

**He persisted in begging Jesus to come to his house. He thought that Jesus might have the power to heal his son.**

3. How do you think the official felt about going home with only Jesus' word that his boy would be well? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers will vary but may include unhappy, eager to get home, hopeful, apprehensive.**

4. How was Jesus leading the official to a deeper faith? \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus was showing the man that his power was far greater than anything the man had hoped for. The man did not know the outcome until he heard that his son had been healed at the exact time Jesus had spoken.**

**“When** the teachers of the law  
who were Pharisees

saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors,

they asked his disciples:

‘Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?’”

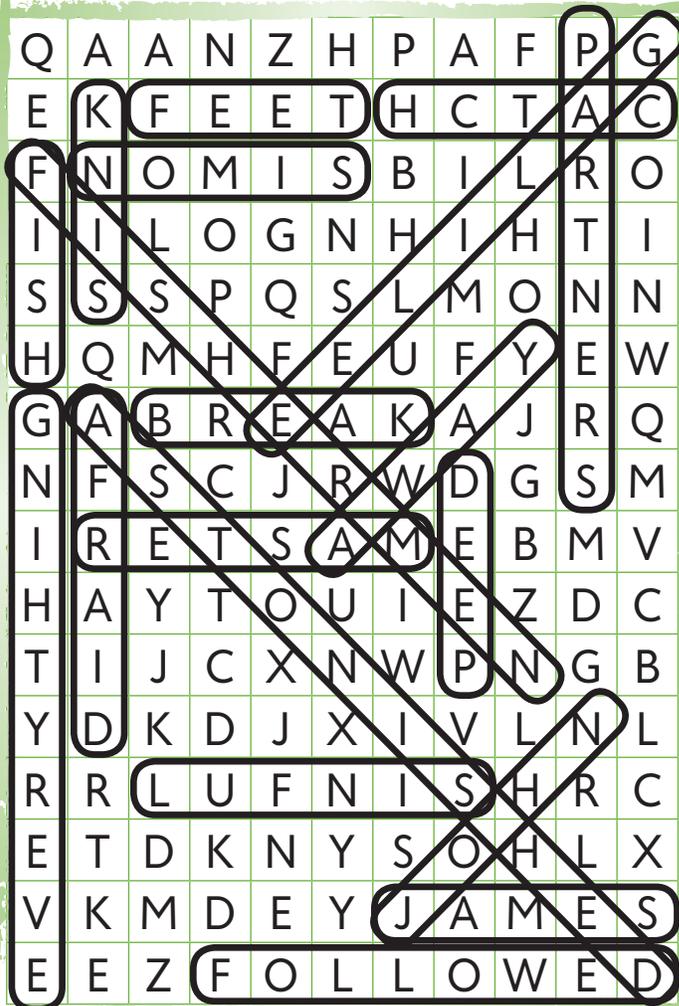
(Mark 2:16).

# The Catch of Fish

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**AS** you read Luke 5:1–11, fill in the blanks and then find the words in the puzzle. Words in the puzzle may appear backward or forward, diagonally, vertically (up and down), or horizontally (sideways).

1. The Lake of Gennesaret in Luke 5:1 refers to or is another name for the Sea of Galilee.
2. There were two boats by the water's edge belonging to the fishermen who were cleaning their nets.
3. Jesus got into one of the boats—the one belonging to Simon.
4. Jesus asked to have the boat taken out into deep water and to have the nets let down for a catch.
5. Simon Peter answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
6. They caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.
7. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them.
8. Together they filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
9. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' feet and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"
10. Simon Peter and his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken.
11. So were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.
12. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."
13. So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Jesus.



**ANSWER** the following questions based on Luke 5:1–11.

14. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' call to follow him? They pulled their boats up on shore, left everything behind, and followed Jesus.

15. What does it mean to you personally to "follow" Jesus? Answers will vary.

# THE TWELVE

“These are the names of the twelve apostles:

first, **Simon (who is called Peter)** and his brother

**Andrew; James** son of Zebedee , and his brother **John;**

**Philip** and **Bartholomew; Thomas** and **Matthew**

the tax collector; **James** son of Alphaeus, and

**Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot** and **Judas Iscariot,**

who betrayed him” (Matthew 10:2–4).



**“The eye** is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

**But if** your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”

(Matthew 6:22–23).

**“But seek** first his kingdom and his righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you as well”

(Matthew 6:33).

**“So do not** worry, saying,

‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’

or ‘What shall we wear?’

**For the** pagans run after all these things,

and your heavenly Father knows that you need them”

(Matthew 6:31–32).

**“No one** can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.”

(Matthew 6:24).

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**“Therefore** I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

(Matthew 6:25).

**“Look at** the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

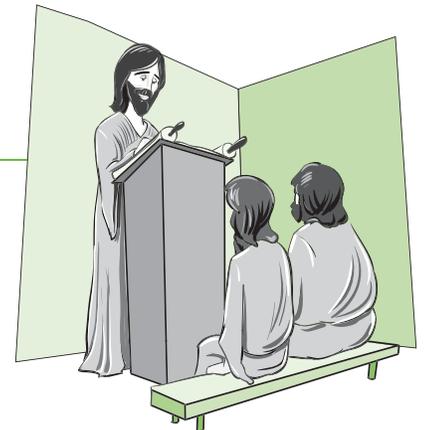
(Matthew 6:26).

# Rejection at Nazareth and Movement of Ministry

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REREAD** Mark 6:1–6 and answer the following questions.

1. Jesus went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.
2. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue.
3. Many who heard him were amazed.
4. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?”
5. Then they began to question, “Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?”
6. And they took offense at him.
7. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.”
8. Jesus did not do any miracles there, except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.
9. He was amazed at their lack of faith.
10. Isaiah 53:3 says, “He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.” How is the story in Mark 6:1–6 a fulfillment of this prophecy?



**Jesus was rejected by his own people in Nazareth.** \_\_\_\_\_

11. What reasons did the people in the synagogue in Nazareth give for rejecting Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

**The people of Nazareth thought that Jesus couldn't be anybody special—  
because they knew his family.** \_\_\_\_\_

12. Jesus grew up in Nazareth as a human boy. Did this mean that he didn't have amazing authority? \_\_\_\_\_

**No, Jesus was fully human, but he was also fully divine. But the people in his hometown only saw him as a fellow human being. They did not respect him as the Son of God.** \_\_\_\_\_

# The Death of John the Baptist

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**MAP** out the story and its details by completing this activity sheet.

## 1. Setting

a. Place: King Herod's banquet hall.

b. Time: A.D. 25–30, at the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

## 2. Characters: Fill in the blanks.

a. Herod was the son of Herod the Great and was married to his brother's wife. He was fascinated with the teaching of John the Baptist. He was tricked into ordering John's beheading.

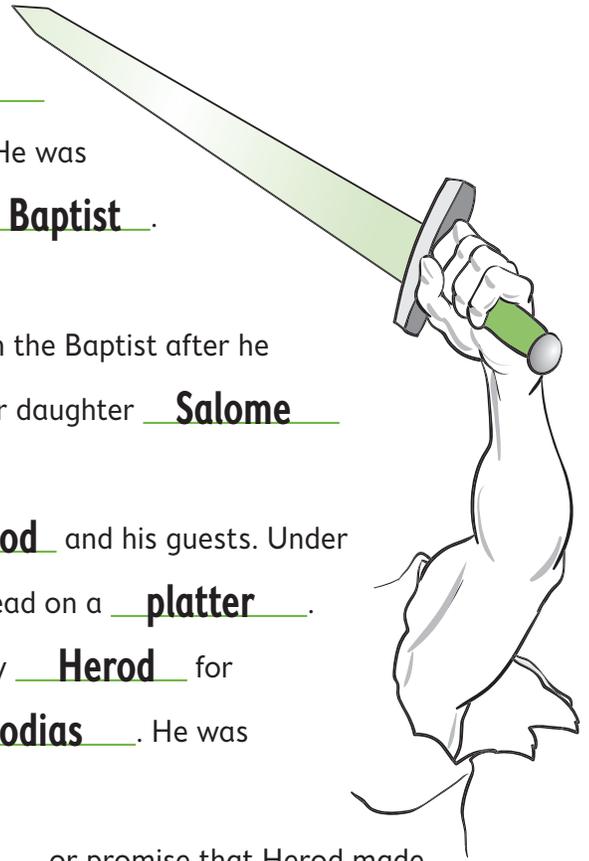
b. Herodias encouraged Herod to imprison John the Baptist after he had preached against their relationship. She told her daughter Salome to ask for John's head on a platter.

c. Salome, Herodias's daughter, danced for Herod and his guests. Under her mother's influence, she asked for John's head on a platter.

d. John the Baptist was imprisoned by Herod for preaching against Herod's relationship with Herodias. He was beheaded at Salome's request.

e. Herod's guests witnessed the oath or promise that Herod made to Salome after her dance.

f. John's disciples came to take John's body and to give it a proper burial.



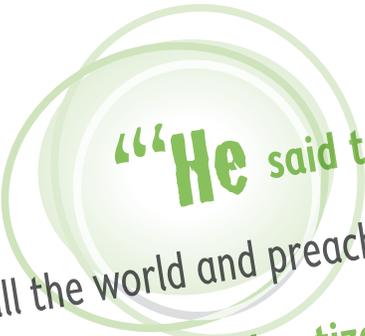
3. Events: Put the following events in the correct order.

- 4 Herod's stepdaughter Salome danced for the guests.
- 1 John the Baptist preached against Herod for marrying his brother's wife.
- 6 Salome asked her mother what she should request as a gift from Herod.
- 3 Herod held a banquet for his friends.
- 2 John was imprisoned by Herod.
- 7 Herodias told her daughter to ask for John's head on a platter.
- 9 John the Baptist was beheaded.
- 8 Salome asked for John's head on a platter.
- 5 Herod promised Salome anything she wanted.

4. Problem: **Answers may include that Herod made a hasty promise to his stepdaughter in front of his guests. Herod did not want to kill John, but he was trapped into doing it.**

a. Solution: **The unfortunate solution was that John was killed. His disciples carried his body away for burial.**

b. Themes: **Students may respond that Herod knew that John was correct in his accusations regarding Herod's marriage. Herod made a hasty promise and later regretted it. Even though John was dead, however, his words still lived.**



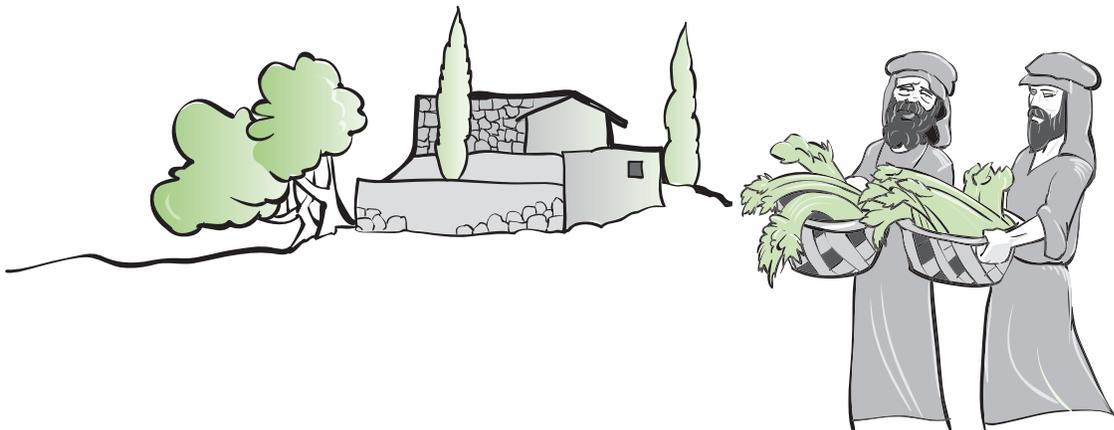
**“He said to them,  
‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.  
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever  
does not believe will be condemned’”**  
(Mark 16:15–16).

# The Rich Fool

Name .....

**AFTER** reading the parable about the rich fool in Luke 12:13–21, answer the following questions and fill in the blanks.

1. To whom did Jesus address this parable? Jesus addressed the parable to a man in the crowd who wanted Jesus to tell his brother to divide their inheritance. He taught the surrounding crowd as well.
2. In the parable of the rich fool, Jesus said that the ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He decided that he would tear down his barns and build bigger ones to store all of his surplus grain. He thought that he had plenty of grain laid up for many years and that he could take life easy, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”
3. Jesus finished the parable by saying, “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”
4. What warning did Jesus give the people through the parable of the rich fool? Jesus warned the man to whom he was addressing his parable against greed. His parable warned everyone present against trusting in the things of this world but failing to be rich toward God, especially when he has blessed us with abundance.



5. How did Jesus instruct the people to live? **Jesus said to watch out and be on guard against every kind of greed. He taught that life is more than the abundance of one's possessions. His parable showed that we should be rich or generous toward God, especially when he has given us an abundance.**

6. What part of the Beatitudes or the Sermon on the Mount does this parable remind you of? Write out the verses and references. \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers will vary but may include “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6); “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth. . . . But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19–21).**

7. How does the kingdom principle of the first being last and the last being first apply to this parable? **The rich fool had an abundance of grain and goods to store up for himself, but he wouldn't get to enjoy them or to take them with him when he faced sudden death. He didn't have his priorities in the right order; he was not rich toward God.**

8. What are some things people put their trust in today? **Answers may include houses, property, money, jobs, nice clothes, cars, and good health.**

9. If you have an abundance of money or other possessions, what can you do with them that will show that you are being rich toward God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers will vary but may include giving money to the poor, giving to missionaries and mission projects, sponsoring orphans, etc.**



the Son of Man  
comes in his  
glory,  
and all the angels  
with him,  
he will sit  
on his  
glorious throne”

(Matthew 25:31).

# The Sheep and the Goats

Name .....

## Sheep or Goat?

1. Who do the sheep represent? **Those who hear *and do* the will of God. These are Jesus' followers, who are called the righteous.**
2. Who do the goats represent? **Those who hear *but do not* do the will of God. These are unbelievers who have refused to believe in Jesus.**
3. Who will receive a reward? What will their reward be? **Those people who have provided followers of Jesus with life's basic necessities will receive a reward. Their reward will be eternal life—they will inherit the kingdom of heaven.**
4. Who will be punished? What will their punishment be? **Those who have refused to provide followers of Jesus with life's basic necessities will be punished. Theirs is an eternal punishment—complete separation from God, which the Bible describes as hell.**
5. When you help followers of Jesus, whom does Jesus say you are really serving? **Jesus himself**  
When you refuse to help believers in Jesus, whom are you *not* serving? **Jesus**
6. What lesson was Jesus teaching with the parable of the sheep and the goats? **Our decision to help or neglect Jesus' followers is a serious matter that serves in Jesus' parable as a basis for dividing the nations into two groups: On the right are those who have helped Jesus' brothers and sisters; on the left are those who have refused to help. What a person does in life, either by helping or by neglecting Jesus' followers in their times of need, shows whether that person is for or against Jesus himself.**

**“The** King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me”** (Matthew 25:40).

## Final Exam for the Nations

Matthew 25:31–46 reveals a “final exam” for the nations at Christ’s return.

What do you want Jesus to say your response was?

7. I was hungry, and you gave me

a. something to eat.

b. nothing to eat.

8. I was thirsty, and you gave me

a. something to drink.

b. nothing to drink.

9. I was a stranger, and you

a. invited me in.

b. did not invite me in.

10. I needed clothes, and you

a. clothed me.

b. did not clothe me.

11. I was sick, and you

a. looked after me.

b. did not look after me.

12. I was in prison, and you

a. came to visit me.

b. did not come to visit me.

## Jesus’ Hands and Feet

13. What are some ways in which you can be Jesus’ hands and feet—showing love and caring for his followers in their times of need? Here are some ideas to help you.

- ♥ Do you know someone who is sick, in the hospital, or terminally ill?
- ♥ Do you know a family that could use food or clothing?
- ♥ Do you know someone who has lost a loved one?
- ♥ Do you know someone who is lonely or needs a friend?
- ♥ Do you know someone who is in a nursing home and would like a visit?



**Answers will vary.**

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14. Make a list of some people you know who need help, and list for each person a way in which you could help them. List as many people as you can.

**Lists will vary.**

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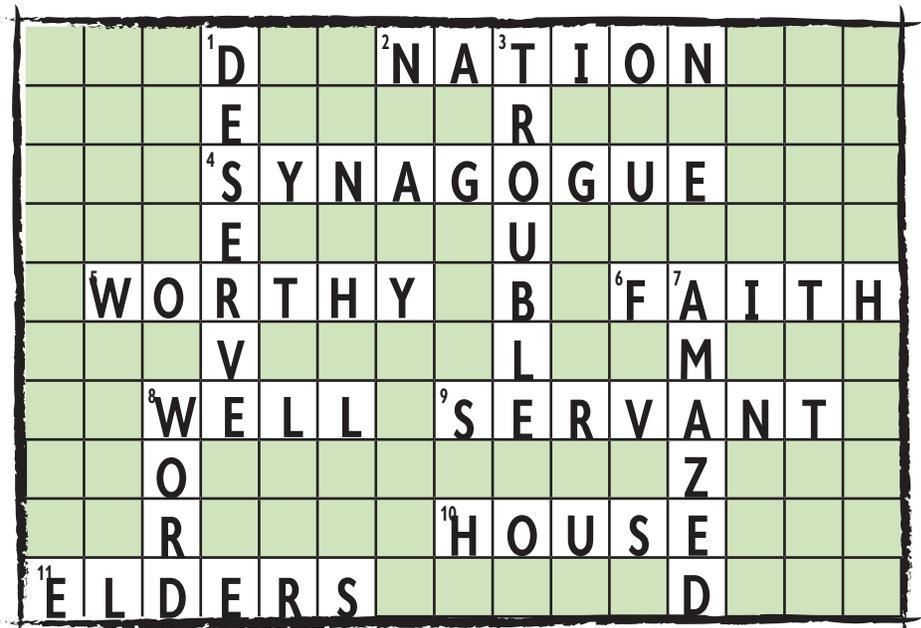
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# The Centurion's Servant

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**USE** Luke 7:1–10 to fill in the blanks to complete the crossword puzzle. When you are finished, number the events in the order in which they occurred.



## ACROSS >>

- 3 **2.** The elders told Jesus that one reason the centurion deserved Jesus' help was that he loved the Jewish nation.
- 4 **4.** The centurion had also helped to build the local Jewish synagogue.
- 8 **5.** But the centurion did not consider himself worthy to come to Jesus.
- 11 **6.** Jesus, speaking of the centurion, said to the crowd, "I have not found such great faith even in Israel."
- 12 **8.** The men who had been sent returned to the centurion's house and found that the servant was now well.
- 1 **9.** A Roman centurion's servant was very sick and about to die.
- 5 **10.** Jesus was not far from the centurion's house when the centurion sent friends to meet him.
- 2 **11.** The centurion sent some elders of the Jews to Jesus, asking him to come and heal his servant.

## ∨ DOWN

- 7 **1.** The centurion's friends gave Jesus this message from the centurion: "I do not deserve to have you come under my roof."
- 6 **3.** The centurion's friends told Jesus, "Lord, don't trouble yourself."
- 10 **7.** When Jesus saw the centurion's faith, he was amazed at him.
- 9 **8.** Through his friends, the centurion invited Jesus to "say the word, and my servant will be healed."

**ANSWER** the following questions based on Luke 7:1–10.

1. Why didn't the centurion come to Jesus himself? Why did he send the elders of the synagogue?

**The centurion was a Gentile and Jesus was a Jew, so the centurion probably felt unworthy to come to Jesus himself. Also, he didn't know Jesus personally.**

2. Why did the centurion send messengers to Jesus while he was already walking toward the centurion's house, in order to tell Jesus that he didn't need to come all the way?

**The centurion believed that Jesus' word alone was sufficient to heal his servant. He believed that Jesus had the authority to do this.**

3. How did Jesus respond to the centurion's faith?

**Jesus was amazed at his faith and said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."**

4. How should our faith be like the centurion's?

**Answers will vary but may include that we need to come humbly to Jesus in faith, knowing that we can have complete confidence and trust in him, our Lord and Savior.**

**"Then** he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and take up their cross and **follow** me'" (Mark 8:34).

# Walking on Water

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**READ** Matthew 14:22–36 to complete the puzzle.

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		6	G	H	O	S	T				
			11	D	O	U	B	T			
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					7	A	F	R	A	I	D
9	C	A	U	G	H	T					
8	S	A	V	E							

**FILL** in the blanks.

- Jesus dismissed the <sup>1</sup> crowd and went up on a <sup>2</sup> mountainside to pray.
- The disciples rowed the boat and were a considerable <sup>3</sup> distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.
- Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, <sup>4</sup> walking on the lake.
- When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were <sup>5</sup> terrified.
- “It’s a <sup>6</sup> ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.
- But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be <sup>7</sup> afraid.”
- Peter walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and began to sink. He cried out, “Lord, <sup>8</sup> save me!”
- Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and <sup>9</sup> caught him. “You of little <sup>10</sup> faith,” Jesus said, “why did you <sup>11</sup> doubt?”

## QUESTIONS for Reflection

9. What did the disciples say when Jesus and Peter had climbed into the boat and the storm had stopped? **They worshiped Jesus and said, “Truly you are the Son of God.”**

10. What can we learn from Peter’s experience to help us with our own problems? **Our faith must be rooted in Jesus. We must not allow ourselves to be distracted by life’s circumstances. If we keep our eyes on God rather than on our problems, we can have faith that he will bring us through even life-threatening situations and give us his peace and courage in place of our fears. Nothing we can face is outside of God’s control. Nothing is impossible with God.**



**“For** whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

**What** good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (Mark 8:35–37).

# You Are the Christ

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**USE** today's Scripture passage, Mark 8:27—9:1, to answer the following questions.

## Who Is Jesus?

1. Who did the people of Jesus' day say he was? They thought Jesus was Elijah, John the Baptist, or one of the other prophets.
2. How did Peter answer the question "Who do you say I am?" Peter said that Jesus was the Christ—the Messiah.
3. Everyone will need to answer Jesus' question personally: "Who do you say I am?" What is your answer to Jesus' question? Answers will vary. Students may say that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, or their personal Savior and Lord.

## Who Is the Messiah?

4. Who did the disciples and the other Jews think the Messiah was? What did they think he would do? They thought he was a great political leader who would set up a nation for the Jews on Earth.
5. Jesus told the disciples what the Messiah would do. What did he tell them? Jesus said that the Messiah would suffer and die but that he would also triumph by rising again. He would conquer sin and death and return again someday with great power and glory, to rule the world with truth and grace and to begin the age to come.



## Who Is a Disciple?

6. Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” What does this mean? Followers of Jesus must live for God, not for self. Self-denial means laying aside one’s own interests. Disciples need to pick up their crosses daily—this involves denying oneself and choosing to serve God.
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7. Reread Matthew 8:34–38. How do these verses help you understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus? What does it mean to you to be a disciple of Jesus? Answers will vary but may include: These verses say that a disciple needs to live for Jesus, not for his or her own interests. We need to put Jesus first in our lives. Being a disciple might involve suffering and persecution—even death, but the profit or gain is eternal life.
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**“If anyone**  
is ashamed of me and my words  
in this adulterous and sinful generation,  
the Son of Man will be ashamed of them  
when he comes in his Father’s glory  
with the holy angels”  
(Mark 8:38).

# Who Is the Greatest?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Fill in the blanks, using the exact words of Mark 9:33–35.

“They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.’”

2. In Matthew 18:2–5, Jesus taught his disciples how they could be great in the kingdom of God.

He said,

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

3. How can we be great in the kingdom of God? To be great in the kingdom of God, we need to become humble, like a servant. We need to serve God first, others second, and ourselves last.

4. Read these passages to discover the requirements of a great disciple.

a. Matthew 14:27–31—Stay focused on Jesus; don’t take your eyes off him.

b. Mark 5:36—Don’t be afraid; just believe.

c. Mark 9:23—Believe that everything is possible.

d. Mark 9:29—Pray. Stay close to God to do his will.

e. Mark 9:35—Put yourself in last place, and put others first.

f. Matthew 18:4—Be humble, like a child.

g. Mark 9:37—Welcome even the lowliest disciple in Jesus’ name.

h. Luke 7:9—Have faith in Jesus’ power.

