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John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



What Happened Here?

MAIN IDEA

- The Bible is one complete, true story that reveals to us the solution to the greatest mystery of all—the death of Jesus on the cross.

SCRIPTURE

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Matthew 26:71b-72 | 4) Luke 23:49 |
| 2) Matthew 27:1-2a, 30-31 | 5) Luke 24:13-21 |
| 3) Mark 14:43-44 | 6) John 19:14-16, 25, 36a |

THE NEXT PAGE

Look at the picture on the next page. Review the story of the death of Jesus on the cross. See if you can answer the questions listed in the notebook below. The last two questions are more difficult. Write your answers—even if you have to guess.

Can you think of any Bible verses that would help you to answer what happened, why it happened, and who did it?

Why do you think this mystery was kept “secret for long ages”? Who was keeping it a secret? Is it a mystery anymore? How has the mystery been revealed?

<p>What happened? Jesus was put to death on a _____.</p>	<p>Why did it happen?</p>
<p>When did it happen? During the Jewish Passover, about 2,000 _____ ago.</p>	<p>Who did it?</p>
<p>Where did it happen? Outside the city of _____.</p>	

The Mystery that Was Kept Secret for Long Ages . . .



Has Now Been Revealed!

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Back to the Beginning

MAIN IDEAS

- The whole Bible is necessary for understanding the mystery of Jesus’ death on the cross.
- The Bible has an intentional order.
- Jesus is the key to understanding the Bible.
- The solution to the mystery of Jesus and the cross begins in Genesis.
- God is the main character in the story of the Bible.

MEMORY VERSE

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;—Isaiah 53:3a

SCRIPTURE

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Genesis 1:1 | 4) Luke 24:26-27 |
| 2) Exodus 12:34 | 5) 1 Corinthians 5:6b |
| 3) Hosea 7:4b | |

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In the notebook below, fill in the three missing words that describe God.

On the next page, look up the verses in your Bible and fill in the missing words.

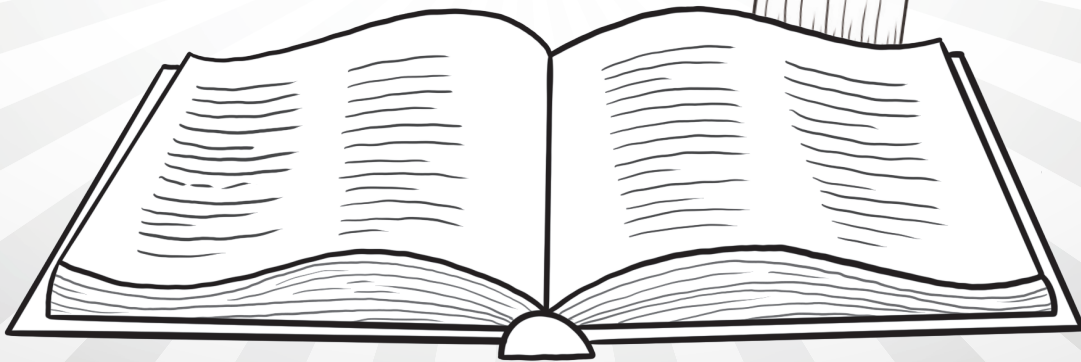
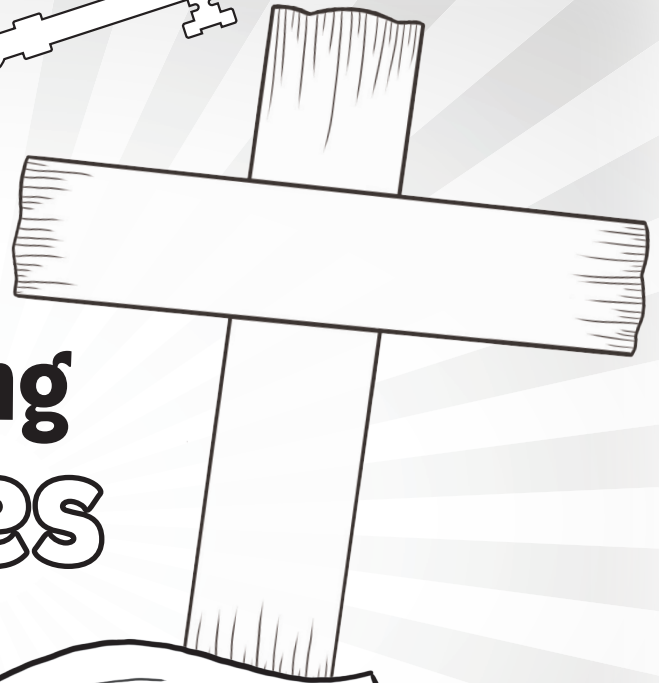
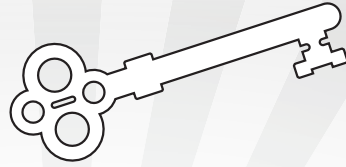
Think about it: How is Jesus the “key” to understanding the Old Testament? [Hint: what do keys do?]

This notebook section will be your official Clue Notebook. In each future lesson, it will be important for you to record the clues that are revealed in the Bible. These clues are important for correctly solving the mystery of Jesus’ death on the cross. Be sure to carefully record each clue! If you miss a lesson, ask your teacher for the clues you missed so you can write them down.

The story of the Bible begins with

GOD!

Jesus is the Key to Understanding the Scriptures



Hebrews 1:1-2a

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the _____, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his _____.

Luke 24:27

And beginning with _____ and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the _____ the things concerning himself.



God Creates His Image Bearer

MAIN IDEAS

- God is the Sovereign Ruler of all creation.
- God created man to be His image bearer.
- God created man in His image so man might enjoy a special relationship with Him forever.
- Man is to love, trust, and obey God.

MEMORY VERSE (Review Isaiah 53:3a.)

and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.—Isaiah 53:3b

SCRIPTURE

1) Genesis 1:1, 27a

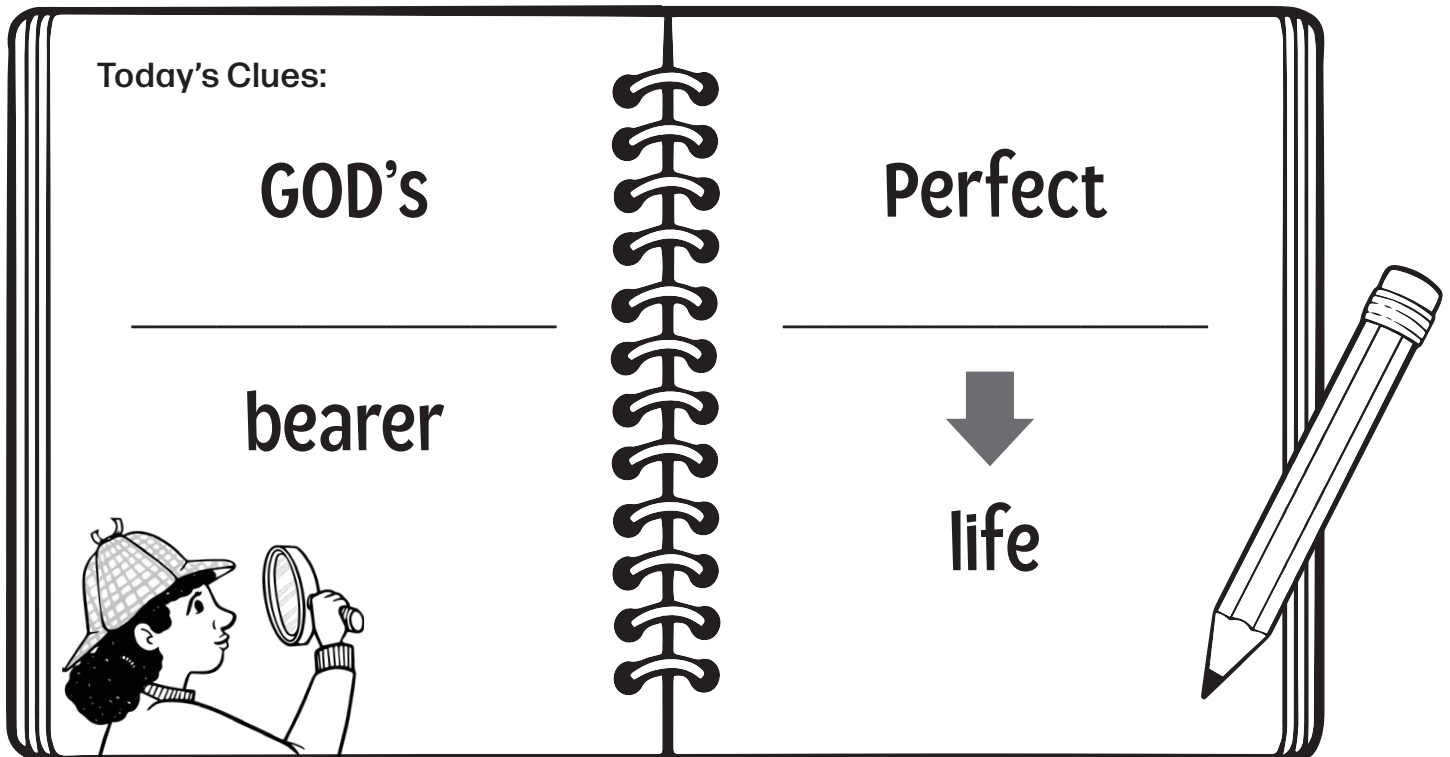
2) Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17

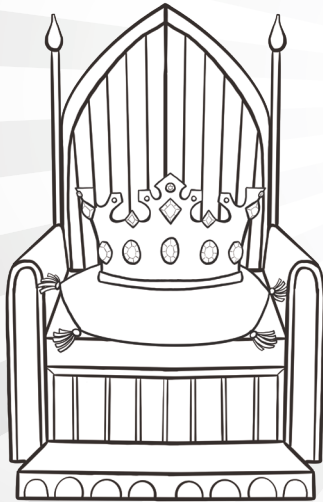
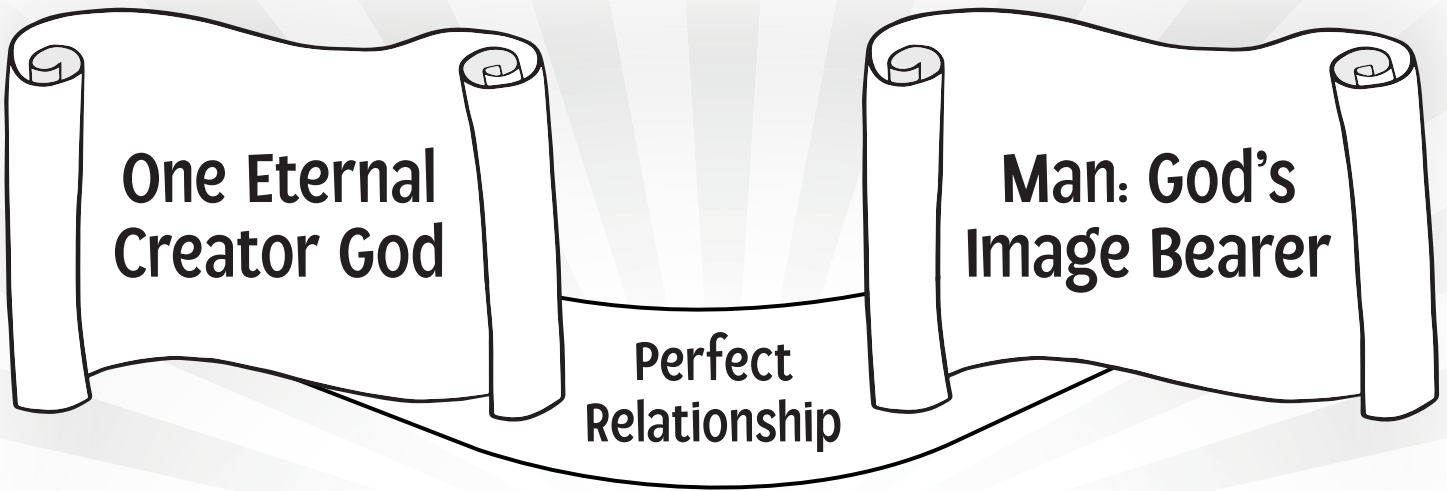
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In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today's two clues.

Look at the pictures on the next page. Why is God the Sovereign Ruler of all creation? Why is there a heart with a throne inside below the MAN sign? Who was the man to love, trust, and obey? Why would this bring happiness to the man? Read Psalm 16:11 for the answer.

What must the man do to have a perfect relationship with God? Review the events of Genesis 2:4-17 and answer the questions in the box.





What special place did God create for His image bearer?

What special job did God give to Adam?

What special command did God give to His image bearer?

If Adam perfectly obeyed this command, what would never happen to him?



The Fall, the Curse, and the Promise

MAIN IDEAS

- God created man and woman in His image and likeness.
- The man and woman were to love, trust, and obey God as their good, loving Sovereign Ruler.
- The man and woman wanted to be independent from God and disobeyed His command—that is sin.
- God is right to punish sin with death.
- God had a plan for solving the problem of sin and death.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3.)

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.—Isaiah 53:4

SCRIPTURE

1) Genesis 1:27

2) Genesis 2:18, 21-22

3) Genesis 3:1-13, 15, 19, 24

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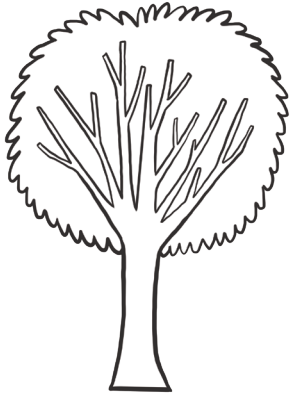
In the notebook below fill in the missing words of the first clue and draw the missing part of the second clue. What do the words “Before” and “After” refer to? Look at the things written in the “Before” box. Write down how these things changed after the man and woman disobeyed God. Could the man and woman be happy without a right relationship with God? Why not? Answer the questions in the box.

Today's Clues:

Punishment for

↓

BEFORE



No sickness No pain

No sin No sadness

Peace Beauty

**Adam & Eve are friends of God
LIFE forever with God!**

AFTER





God's Mercy and Abel's Response of Faith

MAIN IDEAS

- God is merciful—He is kind to undeserving sinners.
- God required a covering for sin and provided a way for sinners to come to Him.
- Adam and Eve's children were all born as sinners, deserving God's punishment.
- Abel trusted God for what is true and right, and by faith became a friend of God.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-4.)

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;—Isaiah 53:5a

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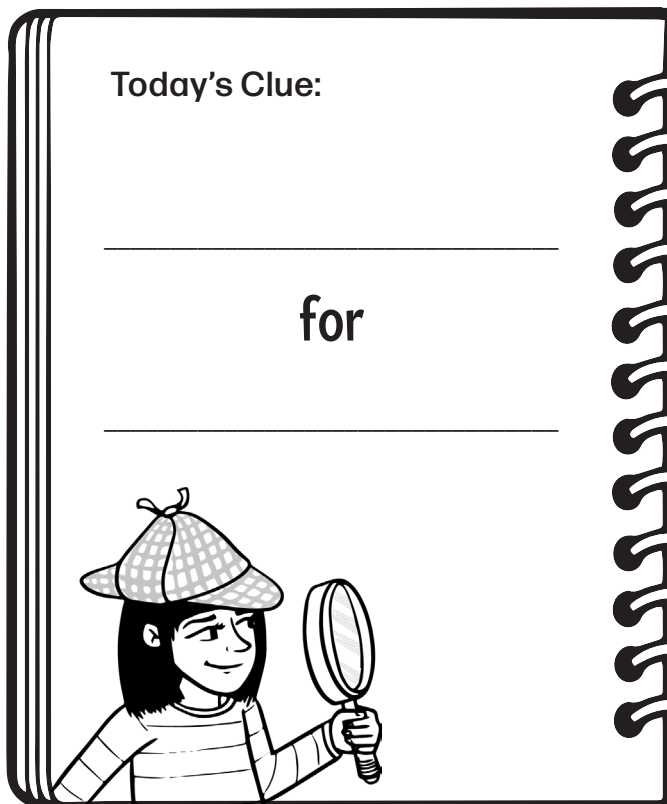
1) Genesis 3:21, 24

2) Genesis 4:1-5

3) Romans 1:21

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Write today's clue in the notebook below. Then, use the Secret Decoder Card to identify the missing words on the next page.



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God's Mercy is...



God's _____


to undeserving _____


God made Adam and Eve garments from skins of _____ animals.


God requires a right _____ for sin.


People must trust God to decide what is _____ and right.


Abel trusted God. He brought God a
 right _____




God Judges the World, but Has Favor on Noah

MAIN IDEAS

- Man’s wickedness increased on the earth.
- God is grieved by sin, and is right to judge sinners.
- God had unmerited favor on Noah, and provided a way for him to escape judgment.
- God is pleased when sinners trust in Him.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-5a.)

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
 –Isaiah 53:5b

SCRIPTURE

1) Genesis 6:5-8, 13-19, 21

2) Genesis 7:1a, 7, 17-18, 23-24

3) Genesis 8:13, 15-16

THE NEXT PAGE

In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today’s clue. The “dots” on the left side are written to look like Braille. Braille is a type of writing blind people can read by using their fingers to feel the raised dots on the page.

In the center scroll on the next page are words describing God (God’s “attributes”). To the right are definitions of these attributes. Draw a line matching each attribute to its correct definition. To the left of the scroll are examples of these attributes as they were demonstrated in today’s Bible story. Draw a line matching each example to its correct attribute.

Today’s Clue:

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GOD is...

Examples:

God knows the thoughts and hearts of men.

God would not tolerate sin.

God has the power to flood the whole earth.

God controlled how long it rained.

God waited more than 100 years to send the flood.

God was kind to Noah and made a way for him to escape.

God kept His promise to Noah.

God was very angry at the people's wickedness and sent the flood as judgment.

Definitions:

God is kind to undeserving sinners.

God knows everything.

God is perfect and is without sin.

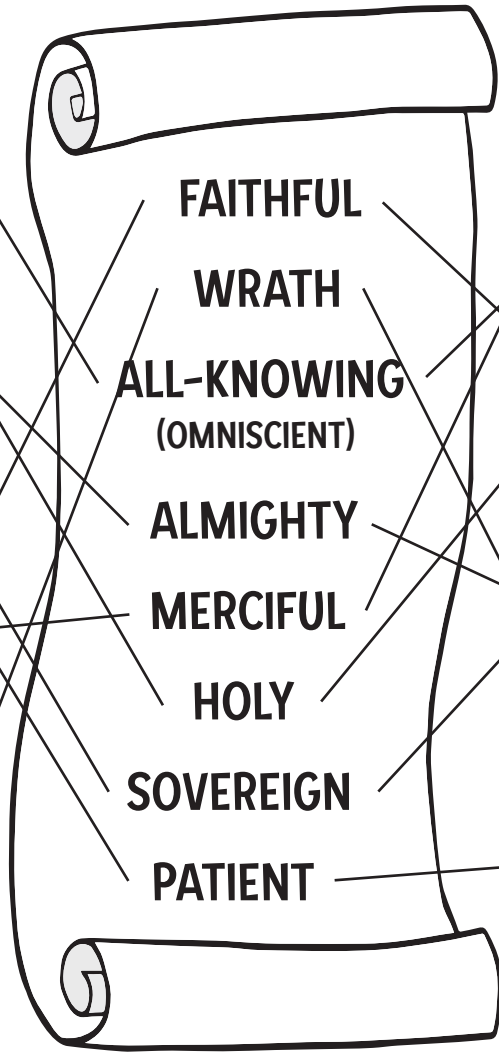
God always keeps His promises.

God is in charge of everything and everyone.

God is all-powerful.

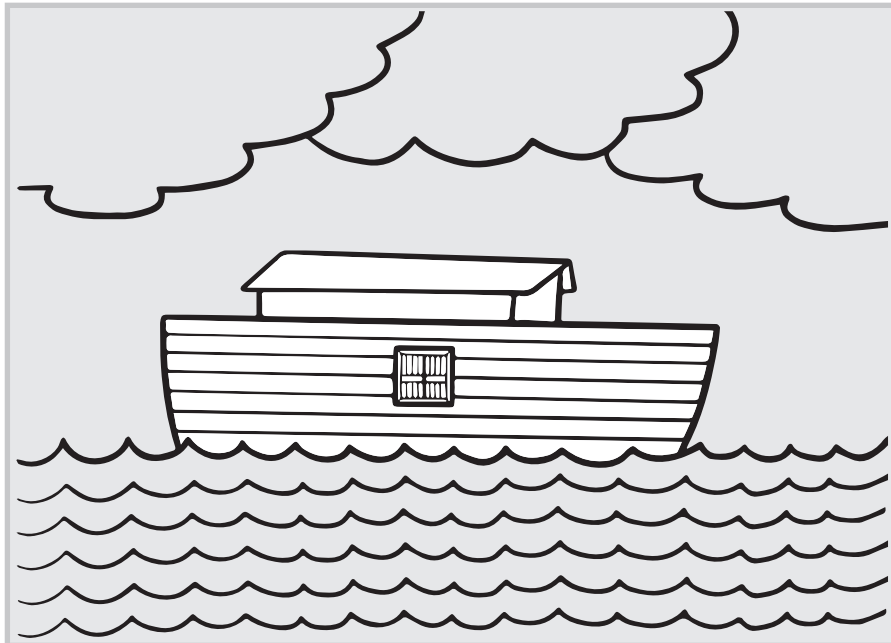
God's fierce anger at sin.

God is slow to anger and slow to punish.



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God Scatters the Nations and Chooses One Man for Himself

MAIN IDEAS

- After the flood, God commanded Noah and his sons to multiply and fill the earth.
- Man is sinful and is in rebellion against God.
- The people of Shinar thought they could oppose the one true God.
- God alone is the Sovereign Ruler—no one can oppose Him and win.
- God chose one man in whom He would make a great nation to bless the world.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-5.)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah 53:6

SCRIPTURE

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| 1) Genesis 9:1 | 4) Genesis 12:1-3 |
| 2) Genesis 10:32 | 5) 2 Chronicles 20:6b |
| 3) Genesis 11:1-8 | 6) Isaiah 40:15a, 22a |

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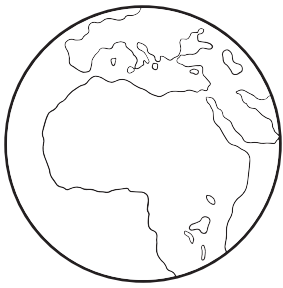
On the next page, write the missing words to complete the timeline. Work in order, following the arrows from 1-12. The Bible references listed will help you with the answers.

Today's Clue:

Abraham → _____

_____ man

blessing the _____



God created _____ & _____.
(Names of the first man and woman)



Sin and death entered the world.



God is merciful.
He made a covering for sin.



God gave Adam and Eve two sons:
_____ & _____.
(Genesis 4:1-2)



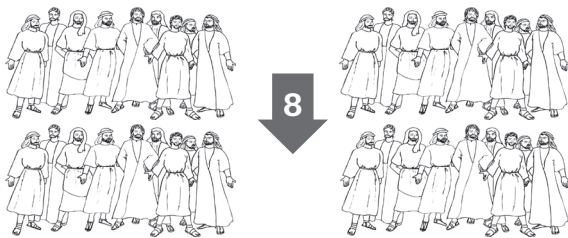
Abel brought God a right offering. Cain did not.
Cain _____ Abel.
(Genesis 4:4-5, 8)



God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth.



People began to fill the earth.



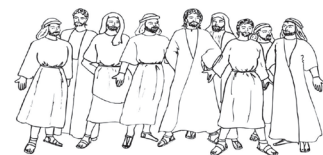
The wickedness of man was great.



God sent a _____ to destroy wicked men. God told Noah to build an _____.
(Genesis 6:13-14)



Noah's descendants began to fill the earth.



The proud people of Shinar began to build a tower. God stopped them and scattered the people. He called the city _____.
(Genesis 11:2 and 9)



God chose one man: _____.
Through him, God would bless the world.
(Genesis 12:1-3)





God's Covenant with Abram

MAIN IDEAS

- God chose Abram (Abraham) to make one great nation to bless the world.
- God made a binding covenant with Abraham.
- By faith, Abraham obeyed God's call and depended on God's faithfulness.
- Man's actions cannot thwart God's plans.
- God will accomplish all His plans.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-6.)

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;—Isaiah 53:7a

SCRIPTURE

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Genesis 11:1, 30 | 3) Isaiah 46:10b, 11b |
| 2) Genesis 12:4-7a, 10, 17 | 4) Hebrews 11:1, 8 |

THE NEXT PAGE

What is today's clue? Why is it missing? What do the verses from Isaiah tell us about God and His plans?

On the next page is a summary of God's special agreement that He made with Abram. Use Genesis 12:1-3 to fill in the missing words. What was Abram's response? Read Hebrews 11:6, 8. Why is faith in God pleasing to God?

Today's Clue:

**My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish
all my purpose.**

**I have purposed,
and I will do it.**

Isaiah 46:10b, 11b

GOD said to Abram...

“Go from

your _____

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your _____

to

the land that I will _____

and I will

make of you a _____ nation and I

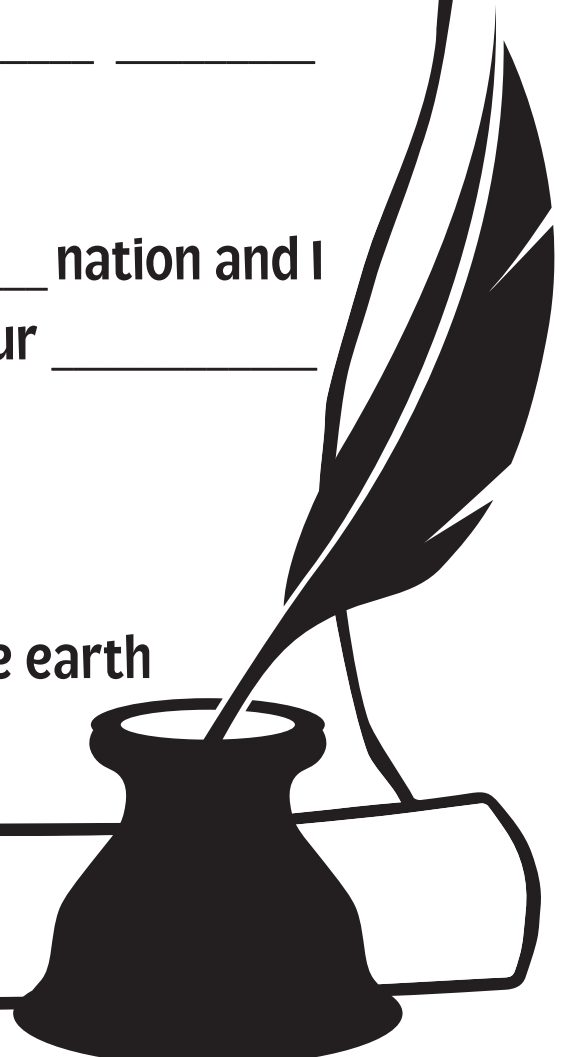
will bless you and make your _____

great,

so that...

in you all the families of the earth

shall be _____.





God Gives Abraham and Sarah a Child of Promise

MAIN IDEAS

- God chose to make Abraham into a great nation through which He would bless the world.
- God promised Abraham a multitude of offspring.
- God's promises are received through faith in God.
- God is completely trustworthy—He gave Sarah a son in her old age.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-7a.)

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.—Isaiah 53:7b

SCRIPTURE

1) Genesis 12:7a

4) Genesis 17:1-5, 15, 19

7) Hebrews 11:8

2) Genesis 13:16

5) Genesis 21:1-3

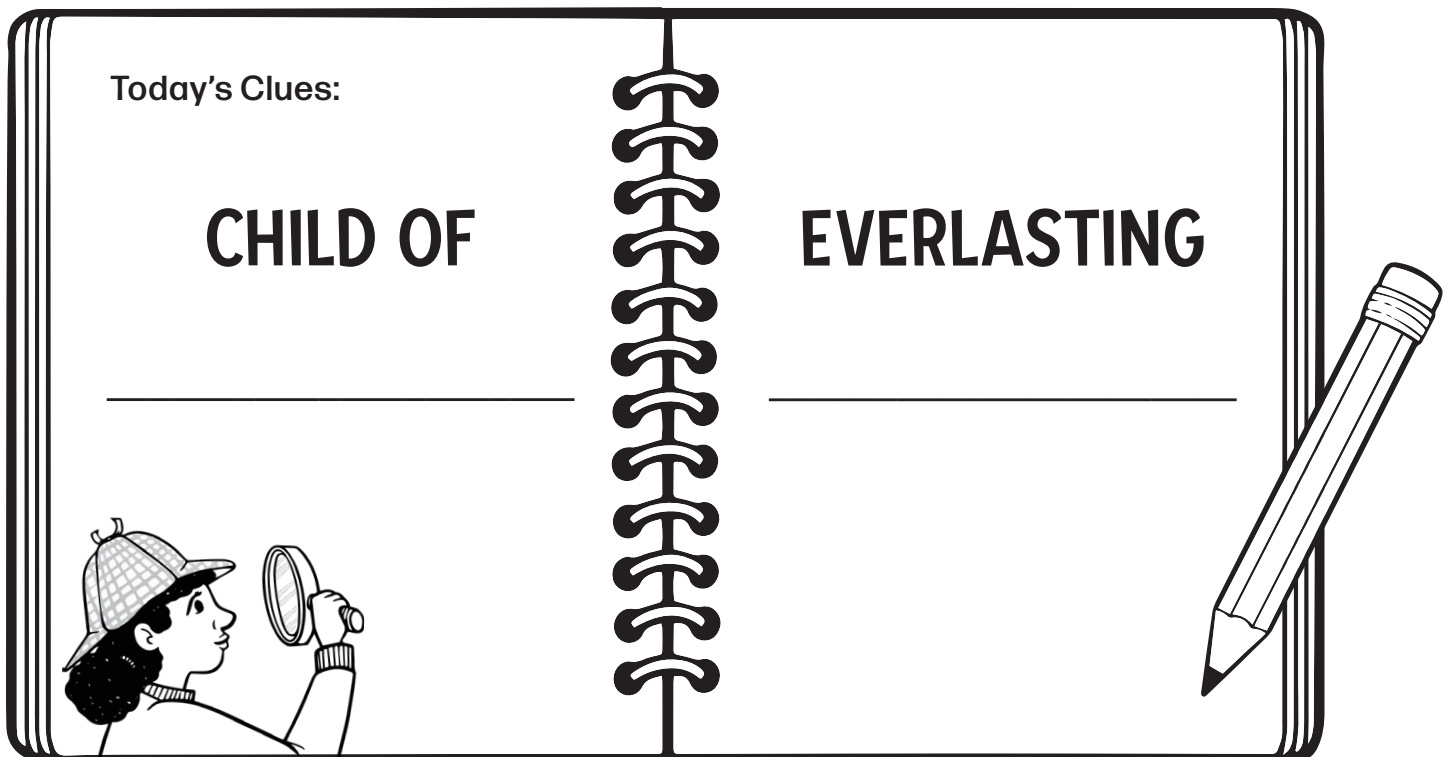
3) Genesis 15:1-5

6) Isaiah 46:10b, 11b

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In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today's clues.

Look at the birth announcement on the next page. Fill in the missing information for the birth of Isaac. Under Special Facts, write down one or two things that were amazing about Isaac's birth.



Announcing

Name:

His name means:

Parents:

Special facts about his birth:





God Provides Abraham with a Right Offering

MAIN IDEAS

- God made a binding covenant with Abraham and his son Isaac.
- God's people must have a right covering for sin.
- Faith in God is demonstrated through obedience to God.
- What God required of Abraham, He provided for Abraham.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-7.)

By oppression and judgment he was taken away;—Isaiah 53:8a

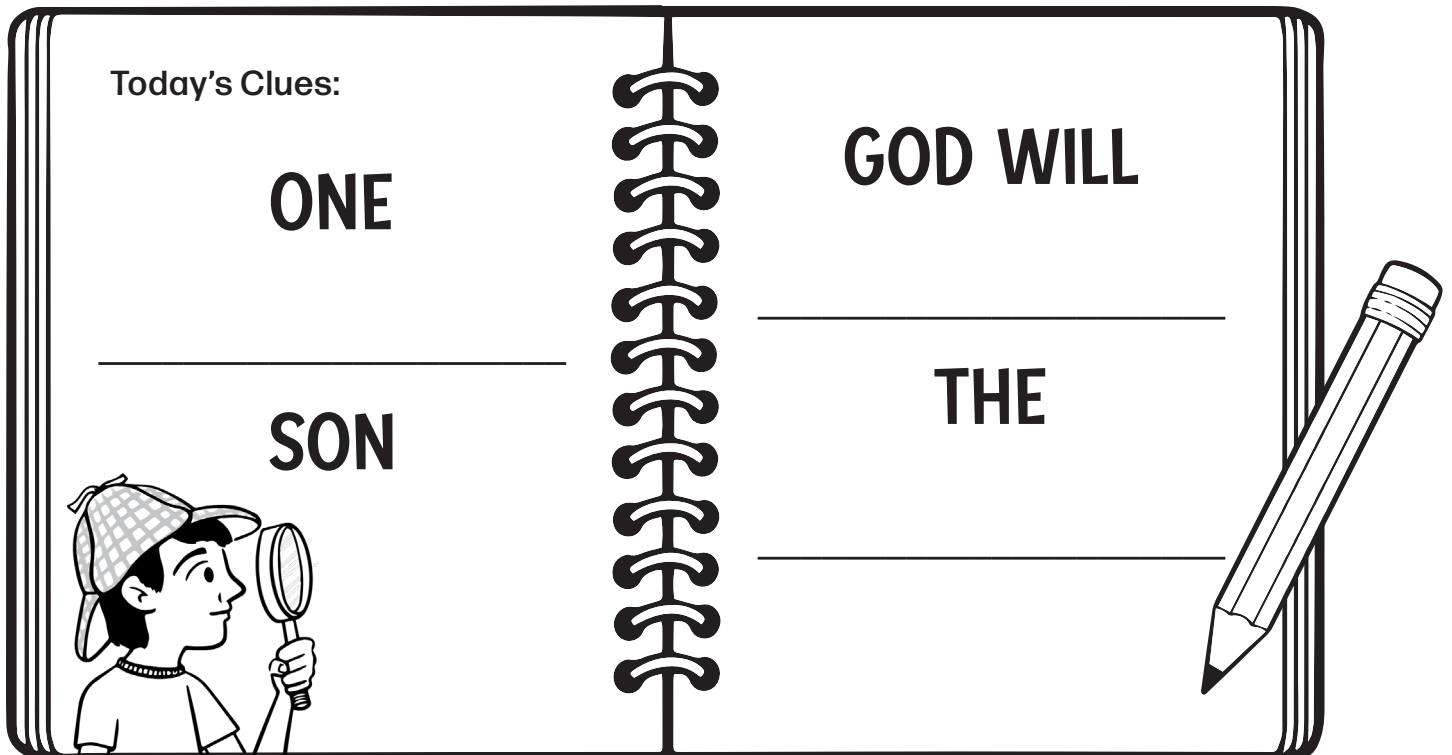
SCRIPTURE

- 1) Genesis 17:19b 2) Genesis 22:1-10 3) Hebrews 11:17-19a

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In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today's clues.

What is the promise God made to Abraham about Isaac? Would God keep this promise? What did Abraham do that demonstrated he trusted God to keep His promise no matter what? What is this kind of trust called? The first two words of Hebrews 11:17 will give you the correct answer. Use Hebrews 11:17-19a to fill in the missing words on the next page.



God's Promise

I will establish My everlasting covenant through Isaac and his offspring



_____ Abraham, when he was tested, offered up _____, and he who had received the _____ was in the act of offering up his _____ son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through _____ shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that _____ was able even to _____ him from the dead.

—Hebrews 11:17-19a



God's Providence and His Choice of Jacob

MAIN IDEAS

- God promised to make Abraham into a great nation through which to bless the world.
- After the death of Abraham, God continued His covenant promise through Isaac.
- God directs people and events to bring about His purposes.
- God chose to continue His covenant through Jacob.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-8a.)

and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?—Isaiah 53:8b

SCRIPTURE

1) Genesis 17:19

3) Genesis 23:1, 19

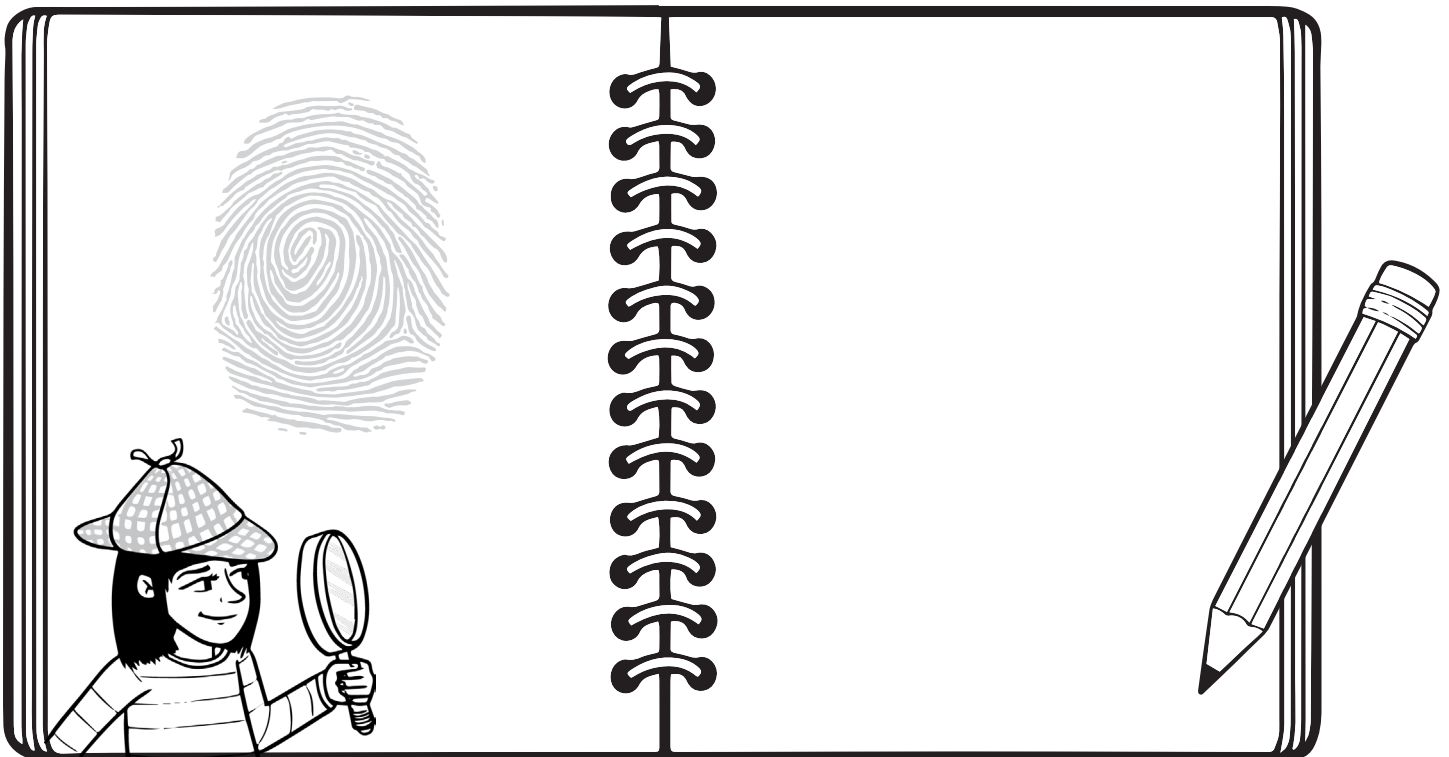
5) Genesis 25:8, 9-10b, 21-26a

2) Genesis 22:15-18

4) Genesis 24:1-2a, 4b, 27, 58

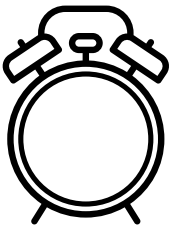
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Was there a Bible clue today? Why was there a fingerprint instead? On the next page, number each event in the order it happened. Write the number (1, 2, 3...) inside each clock. Did these events just happen? What does the Scripture passage listed on that page say? Are we told why God chose Jacob? Was he going to be better than Esau? Was he going to be smarter than Esau? [Hint: Read Romans 9:10-13.]



It Didn't Just Happen!

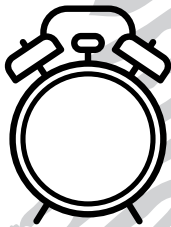
Genesis 23-25



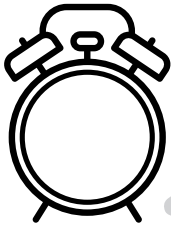
Isaac marries Rebekah.



Jacob is born.



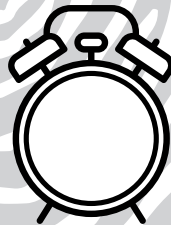
Abraham's servant meets Rebekah.



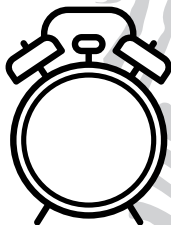
God speaks to Rebekah.



Abraham dies.



Sarah is buried in Canaan.



Esau is born.

And God's Plan Will Continue Through...



Jacob's Deceit and God's Design

MAIN IDEAS

- Before his birth, God chose Jacob to inherit the covenantal promise made to Abraham and Isaac.
- Neither Jacob nor Esau deserved God's special promises.
- God chose to be merciful to Jacob.
- Man's sin cannot thwart God's design.

MEMORY VERSES

Review Isaiah 53:3-8.

SCRIPTURE

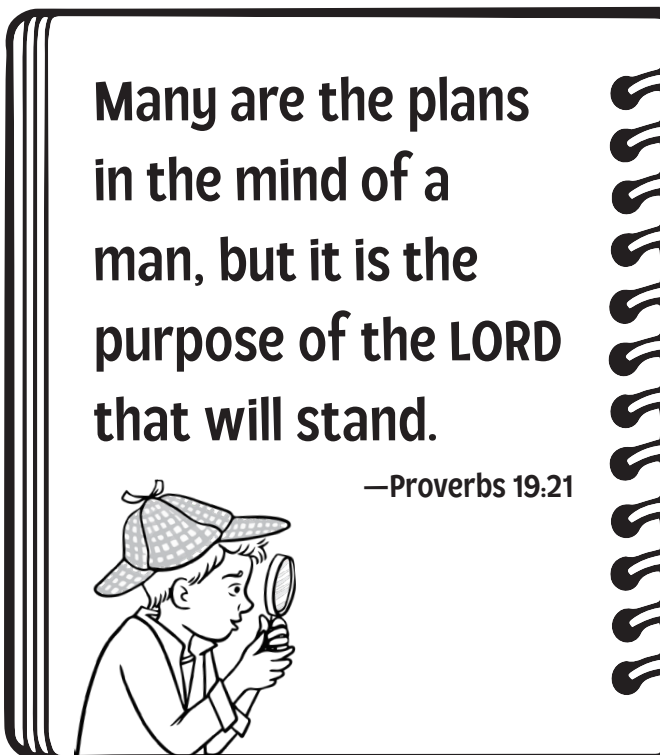
1) Genesis 25:27-33, 34b

2) Genesis 27:5-10, 42b-44a

3) Genesis 28:10-14

THE NEXT PAGE

Read the verse written in the notebook below. How does this verse relate to today's story involving Jacob, Esau, Rebekah, and Isaac? In the end, Whose plan was accomplished? On the next page, use the Secret Decoder to fill in the missing words. Then use a marker to color over the gray letters so JACOB'S DECEIT now says GOD'S DESIGN.



Secret Decoder

A = ★	B = ➔	C = ✂
D = ♡	E = +	H = ♥
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M = 😊	R = ↺	S = 🧩
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Esau _____ his birthright: ♥ ★ ✎ + ♣

Jacob thought he could _____ God's promises: → ↓ ↕ ↙

Isaac wanted to _____ Esau: → 📖 + 🧩 🧩

Rebekah _____ with Jacob: 🧩 ✎ ♥ + 😊 + ♣

Jacob _____ his father: ✎ ↻ ✎ ↻ ⌂ + ♣

JACOB'S DECEIT

“I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth.”

—Genesis 28:13b-14a





God Preserves Israel in the Land of Egypt

MAIN IDEAS

- God changed Jacob's name to Israel.
- God gave Jacob 12 sons, who became God's chosen nation, Israel.
- God causes evil to serve His good purposes.
- God preserved His people in the land of Egypt.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-8.)

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.—Isaiah 53:9

SCRIPTURE

1) Genesis 35:10-11

3) Genesis 39:1-2, 20-22

5) Genesis 42:1-2, 5-8

2) Genesis 37:1-11

4) Genesis 41:28-32

6) Genesis 47:11-12, 27

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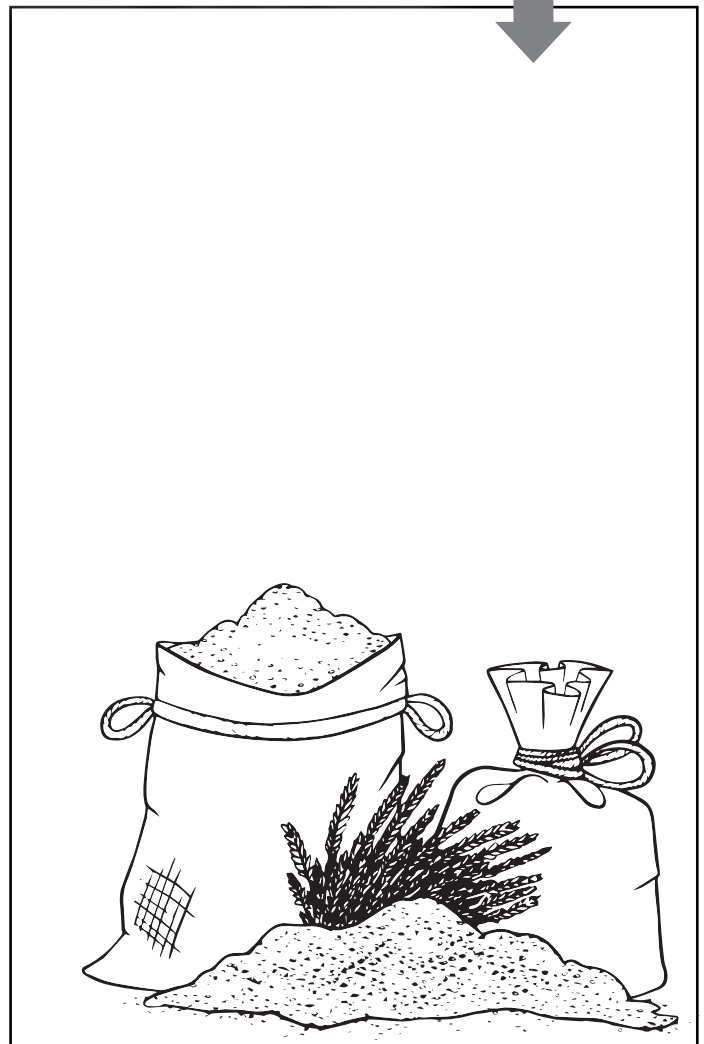
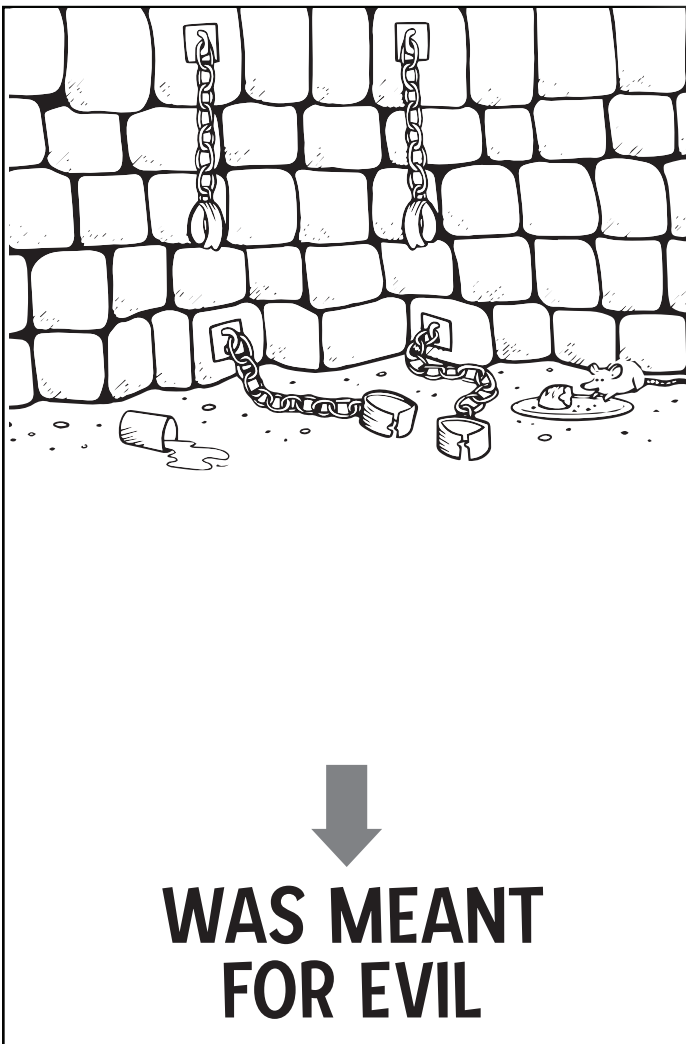
In the notebook below, fill in the missing words in order to complete today's clue. What events happened to Joseph that seemed bad and evil? Write a few of these events in the box labeled: "WAS MEANT FOR EVIL." Was it easy for Joseph to experience these things? But what good things did God accomplish through the evil others meant for Joseph? Write a few of these things in the other box on the next page. Why is God able to cause even evil things to serve His good and perfect plans for His people?

Today's Clue:

GOD'S CHOSEN

Jacob's 12 Sons:

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Dan
Naphtali
Gad
Asher
Issachar
Zebulun
Joseph
Benjamin





The LORD Chooses Moses to Be His Prophet

MAIN IDEAS

- God prospered His people in Egypt during the time of Joseph.
- Israel became enslaved by the Egyptians.
- God chose Moses to be His prophet, through whom He would deliver His people.
- God’s name points to His uniqueness.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-9.)

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;—Isaiah 53:10a

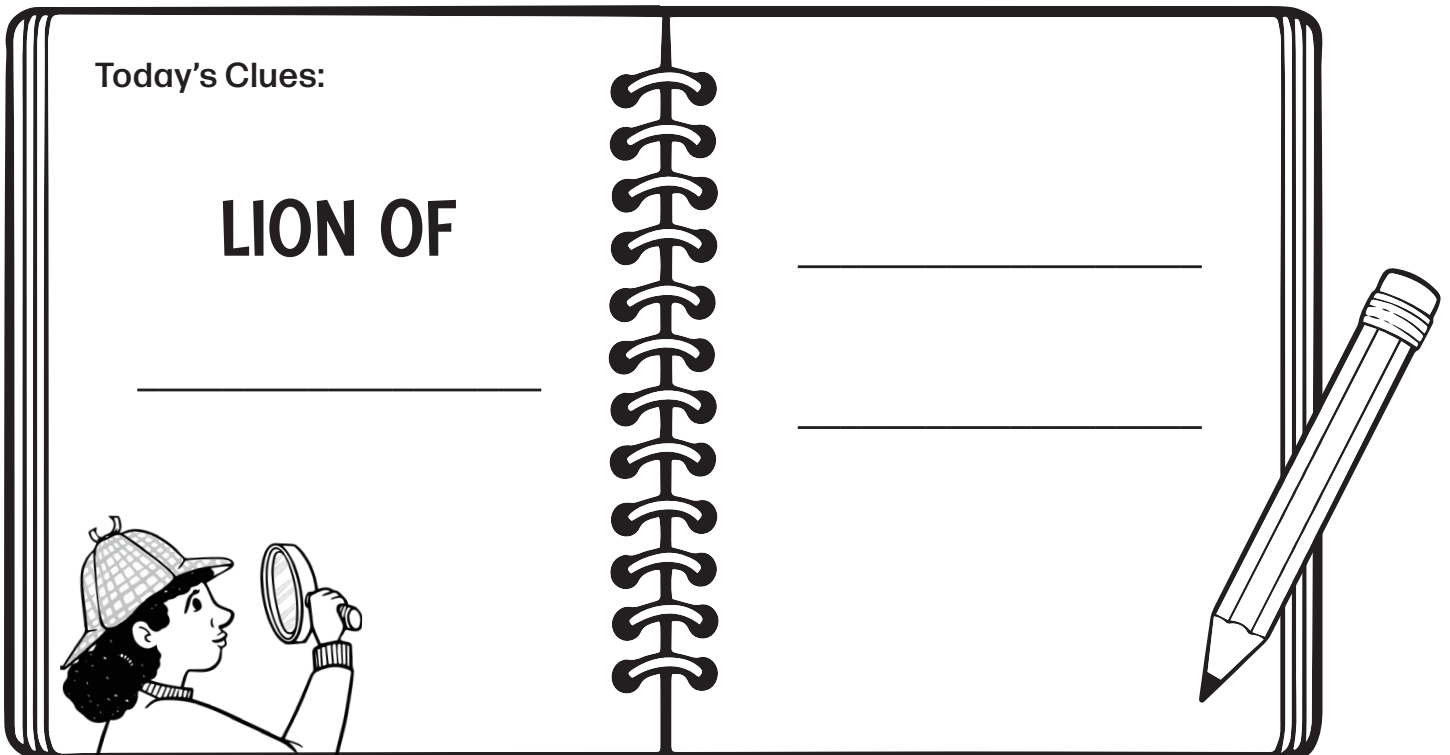
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| 1) Genesis 49:9-10 | 3) Exodus 2:23-25 |
| 2) Exodus 1:5-10, 12 | 4) Exodus 3:2-8a, 10-14 |

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In the notebook below, write the missing words to complete today’s two clues.

What does God’s name mean? Look at the first part of Exodus 3:14 and the words, “I AM WHO I AM.” What does this mean? Does anyone else decide Who God is or what He is like? Does God fully explain Himself? What kind of things has God revealed about Himself? On the next page, there are some verses that describe God’s character. These verses will help us understand what I AM is like. Read each verse and fill in the missing words.



GOD'S NAME

“I AM”

“LORD”

Genesis 22:14

The LORD will p_____.

Exodus 34:6

The LORD is m_____ and gracious,
abounding in l_____ and f_____.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks because the LORD is g_____.

Psalms 11:7

The LORD is r_____.

Psalms 24:8

The LORD is s_____ and m_____.

Isaiah 40:28

The LORD is the e_____ God,
The C_____ of the ends of the earth.



The Plagues and the Passover

MAIN IDEAS

- God is almighty—no one can oppose Him and succeed.
- God is right to judge sinners.
- God was merciful to His people Israel.
- God is sovereign over all things—even the hearts of men.
- God instituted the Passover to point His people to the future Passover Lamb.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-10a.)

when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.—Isaiah 53:10b

SCRIPTURE

1) Exodus 3:8a, 20

3) Exodus 5:1-2

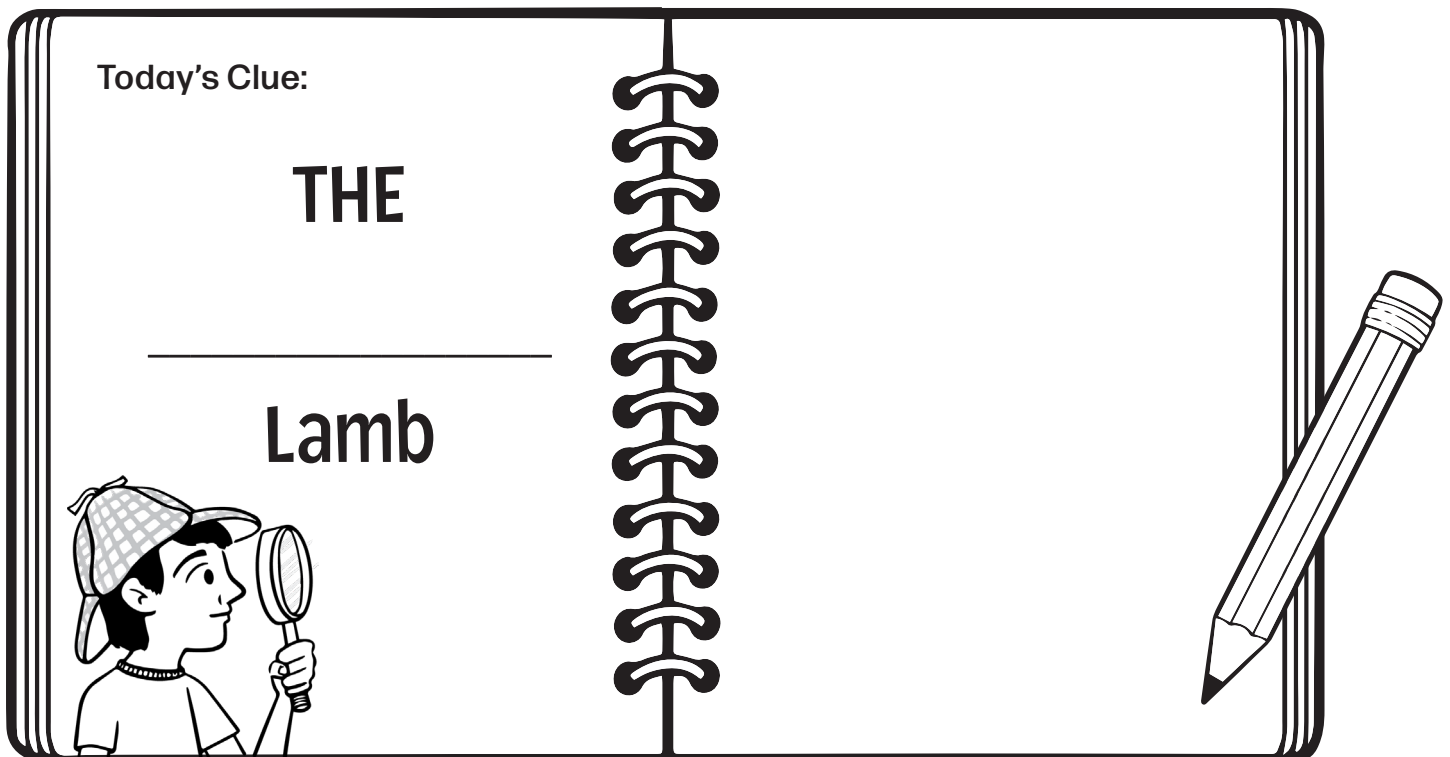
5) Exodus 12:12-13, 29-32a

2) Exodus 4:1, 5, 10-13

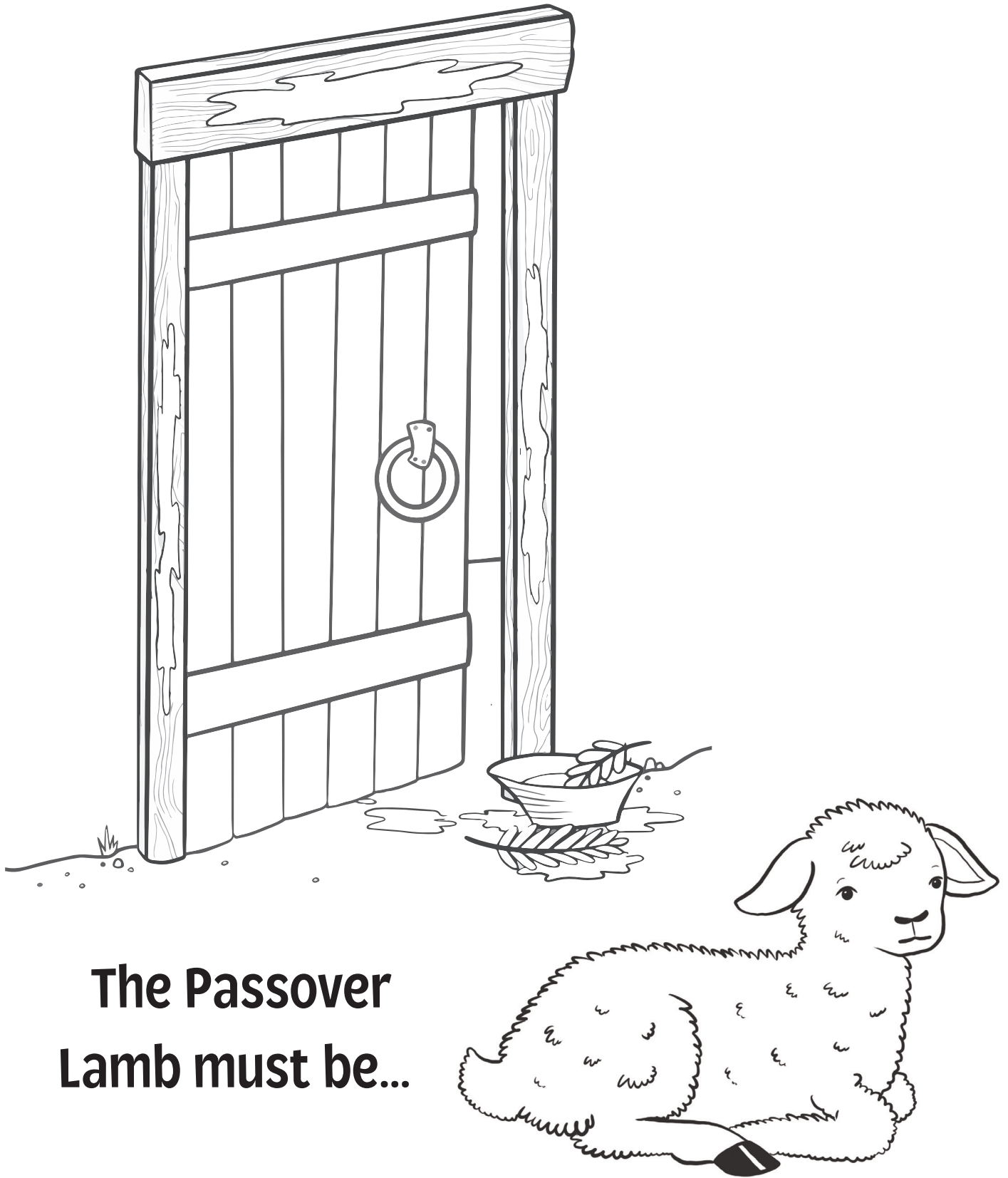
4) Exodus 7:2-4a

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In the notebook below, fill in the missing word to complete today's clue. Then, carefully look at the picture on the next page. What did the Israelites need to add to the doorframe? Read Exodus 12:22 for the answer, and then color that part of the picture. Finally, could the Passover lamb be just any lamb? Read Exodus 12:5, and write a description of the Passover lamb.



THE PASSOVER



**The Passover
Lamb must be...**



The Exodus

MAIN IDEAS

- God is almighty—no one can oppose Him and succeed.
- God is faithful—He delivered His people from bondage in Egypt.
- God is sovereign over all creation.
- Man is sinful.
- Trusting in God is the only way to be saved.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-10.)

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.—Isaiah 53:11

SCRIPTURE

1) Exodus 9:15-16

3) Exodus 13:17a, 18a, 21

5) Exodus 14:19-20a, 21-23, 26

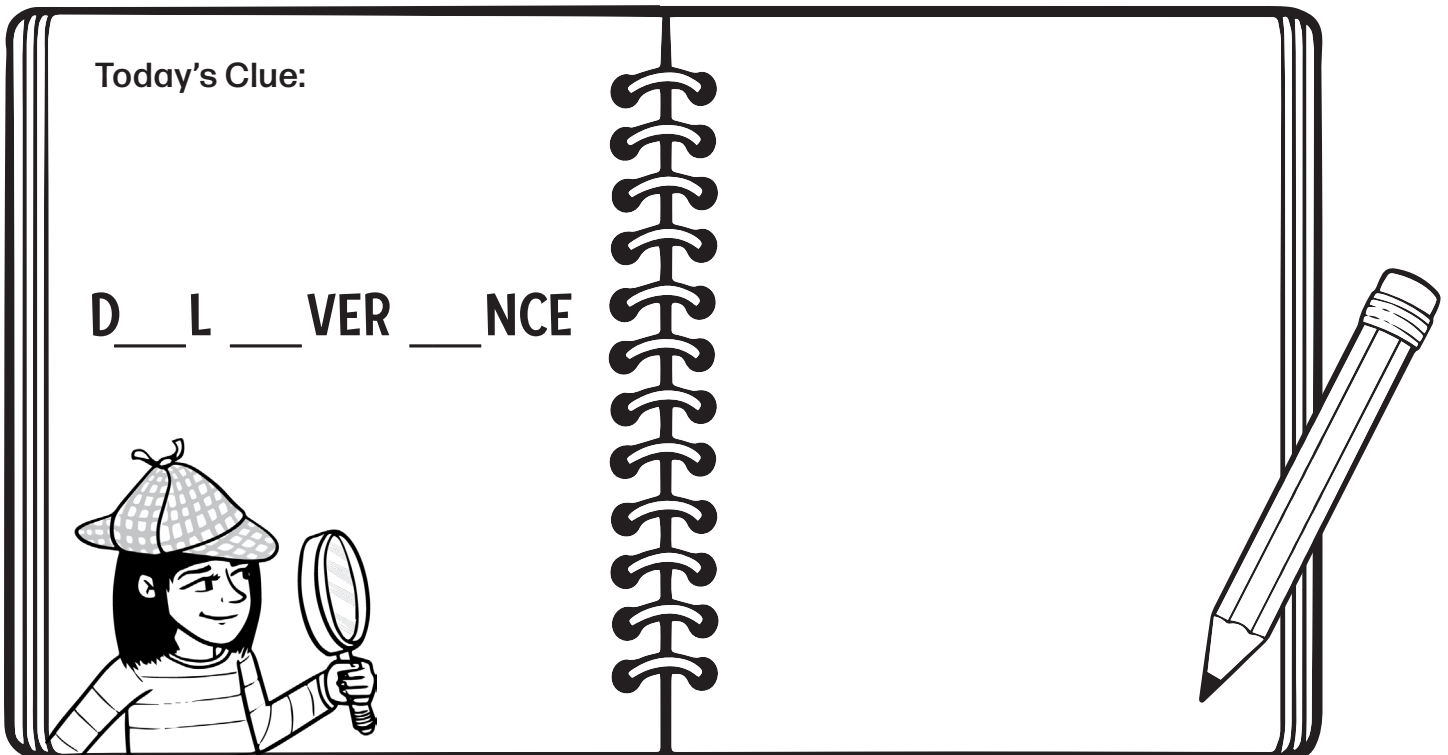
2) Exodus 12:30-36

4) Exodus 14:9a, 10-11, 13-14

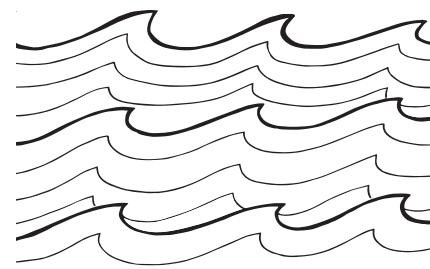
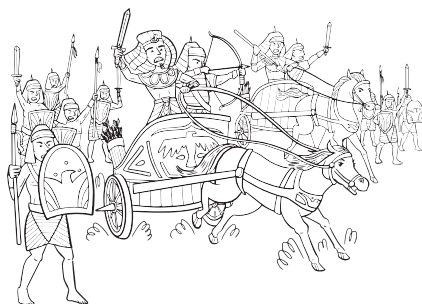
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In the notebook below, fill in the missing letters to complete today's clue.

Look at the pictures at the top of the next page. Why did it seem as if God led His people to a "dead-end"? But what did God do? Read the seven sentences on the page. Each sentence has a scrambled word in it. The unscrambled words can be found in Exodus 15:1-17. Write each corrected word in the corresponding box.



This is the way it was...



This is what God did...

1. The LORD has triumphed **gloriously**. (Verse 1)
2. He cast Pharaoh's **chariots** into the sea. (Verse 4)
3. The LORD **shatters** the enemy. (Verse 6)
4. You **overthrow** your adversaries. (Verse 7)
5. You **covered** and the sea **redeemed** them. (Verse 10)
6. You have led the people You have **redeemed**. (Verse 13)
7. God will bring them to their own **mountain**. (Verse 17)

1. **gloriously**

2. **chariots**

3. **shatters**

4. **overthrow**

5. **covered**

6. **redeemed**

7. **mountain**



God’s Covenant with Israel

MAIN IDEAS

- God is faithful and good—He provides for all the needs of His people.
- God is merciful—He is kind to undeserving sinners.
- God desires to have a special relationship with His people.
- God established His covenant with Israel—a binding agreement in which He outlined the conditions of His relationship with His treasured possession.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-11.)

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
 —Isaiah 53:12a

SCRIPTURE

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| 1) Exodus 15:1, 11, 22, 24-25a | 3) Exodus 17:6a |
| 2) Exodus 16:4 | 4) Exodus 19:2b-8a |


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In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today’s clues.

On the next page there is a summary of the special covenant God made with His people Israel at Mount Sinai. A covenant is a formal agreement God makes between Himself and His people. God decides the conditions of the agreement. Using Exodus 19:4-6, fill in the missing words explaining the covenant. Finally, in the box, draw a picture of the object that represents God’s holy law.

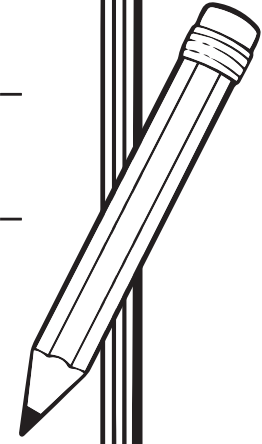
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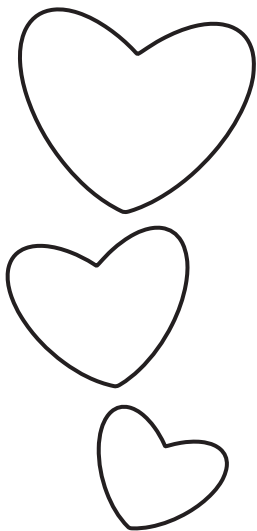


GOD’S



GOD will make Israel...

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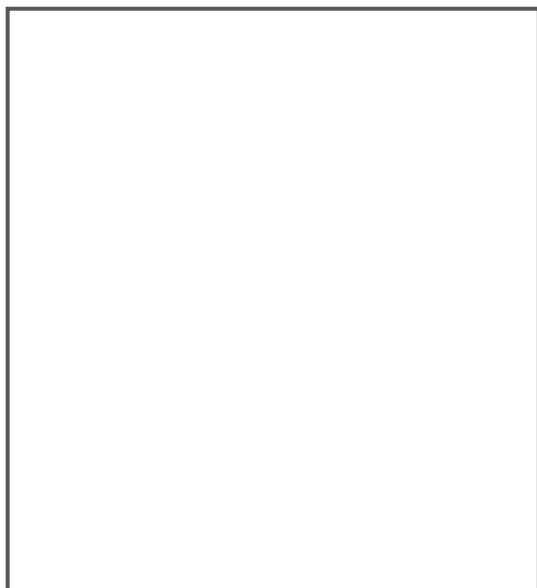


1. A treasured _____

2. A kingdom of _____

3. A holy _____

ISRAEL must...



1. Obey God's _____

2. Keep the _____



God's Law Is Given to Israel

MAIN IDEAS

- God enters into a covenantal relationship with His people.
- God's law is holy, righteous, and good.
- The law described how Israel was to live as a redeemed people of God.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-12a.)

because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;—Isaiah 53:12b

SCRIPTURE

1) Exodus 19:10-12, 16-20

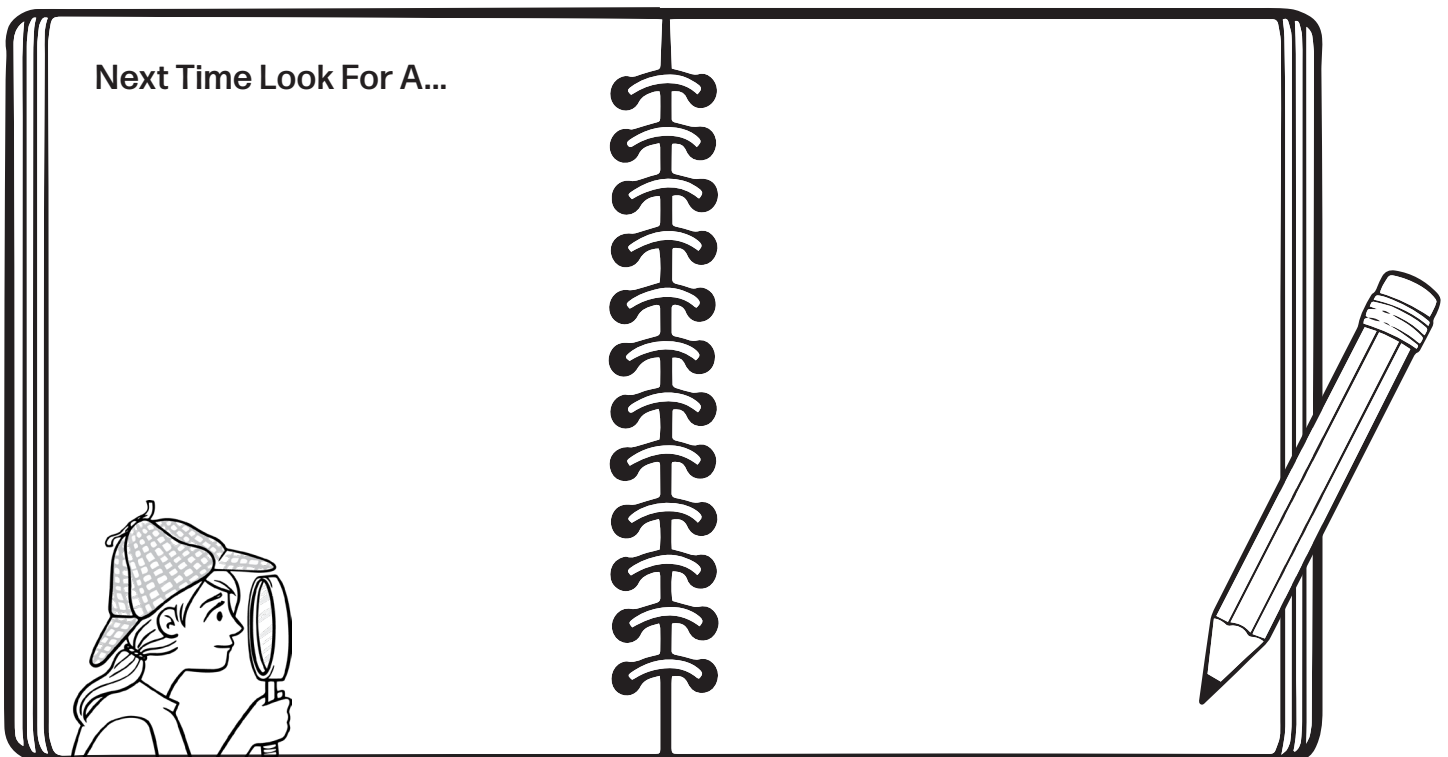
2) Exodus 20:1-3

3) Romans 7:12

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Was there a new Picture Clue today? What is the clue to look for in the next lesson?

Read through the Ten Commandments on the left side of the next page. What does each commandment mean? On the right side there is a list of examples of how each commandment might be lived out and obeyed. On the blank lines, write the number of the specific commandment to which each example refers.



HOLY

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's property.

- 8 Returning the extra change the cashier mistakenly gave you.
- 10 Not being jealous of your friend's new bike.
- 1 Expressing to God that you love Him most of all.
- 9 You break your mom's lamp and admit to it instead of trying to blame your three-year-old sibling.
- 2 You don't love and want anyone or any other created thing more than God.
- 4 Your family sets apart regular times for worshipping God and rest.
- 7 A man remains married and faithful to his wife.
- 3 You never talk about God in a joking or disrespectful manner.
- 5 When your parents tell you to do something, you don't complain.
- 6 Your family takes part in activities to help prevent abortions (taking the lives of unborn children).

RIGHTEOUS



The Blood of the Covenant and the Tabernacle

MAIN IDEAS

- God's commandments described how Israel was to live as the delivered people of God.
- God's commandments showed the Israelites that they were sinners and deserved death.
- God sealed the covenant with blood, showing Israel its dependence on His mercy and forgiveness.
- God desires to dwell in the midst of His people.

MEMORY VERSES (Review Isaiah 53:3-12b.)

yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.—Isaiah 53:12c

SCRIPTURE

1) Exodus 24:3-8

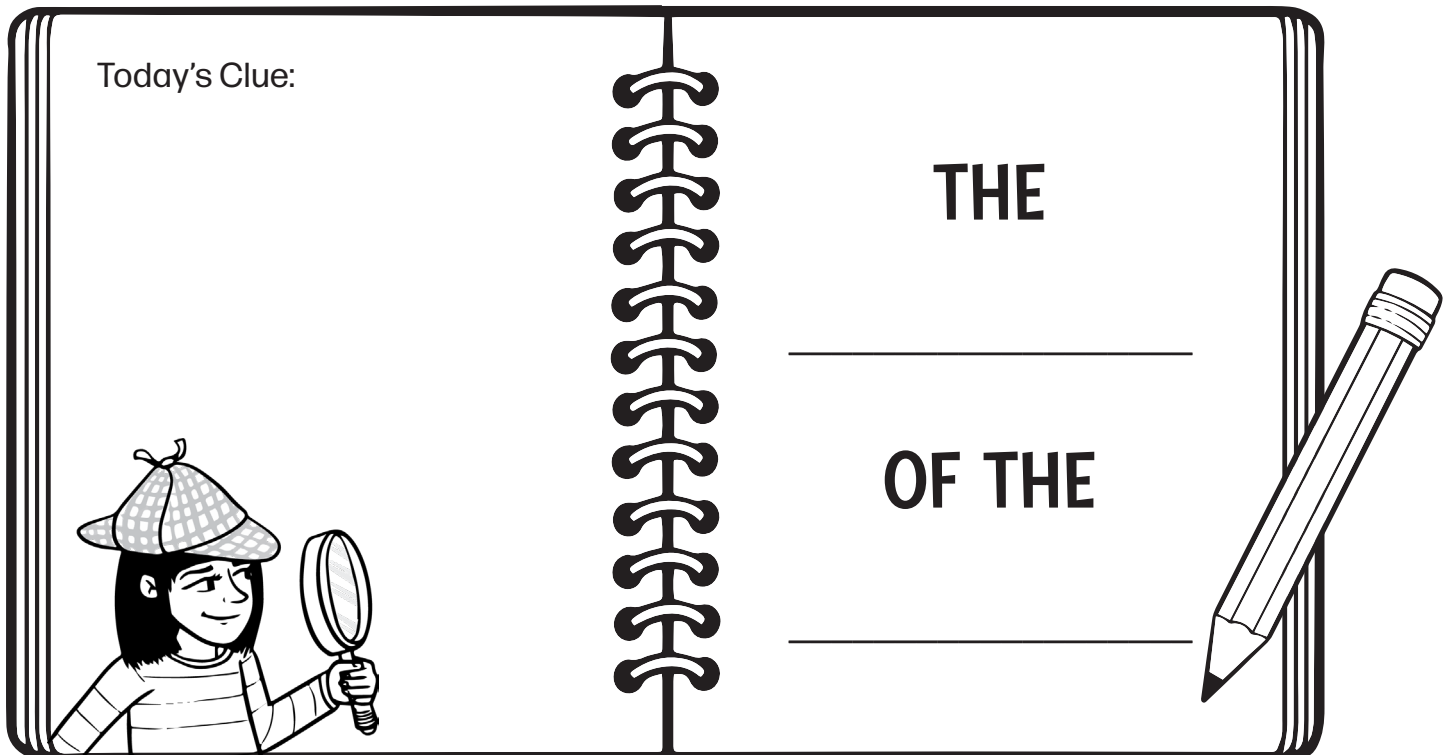
2) Exodus 25:8-9

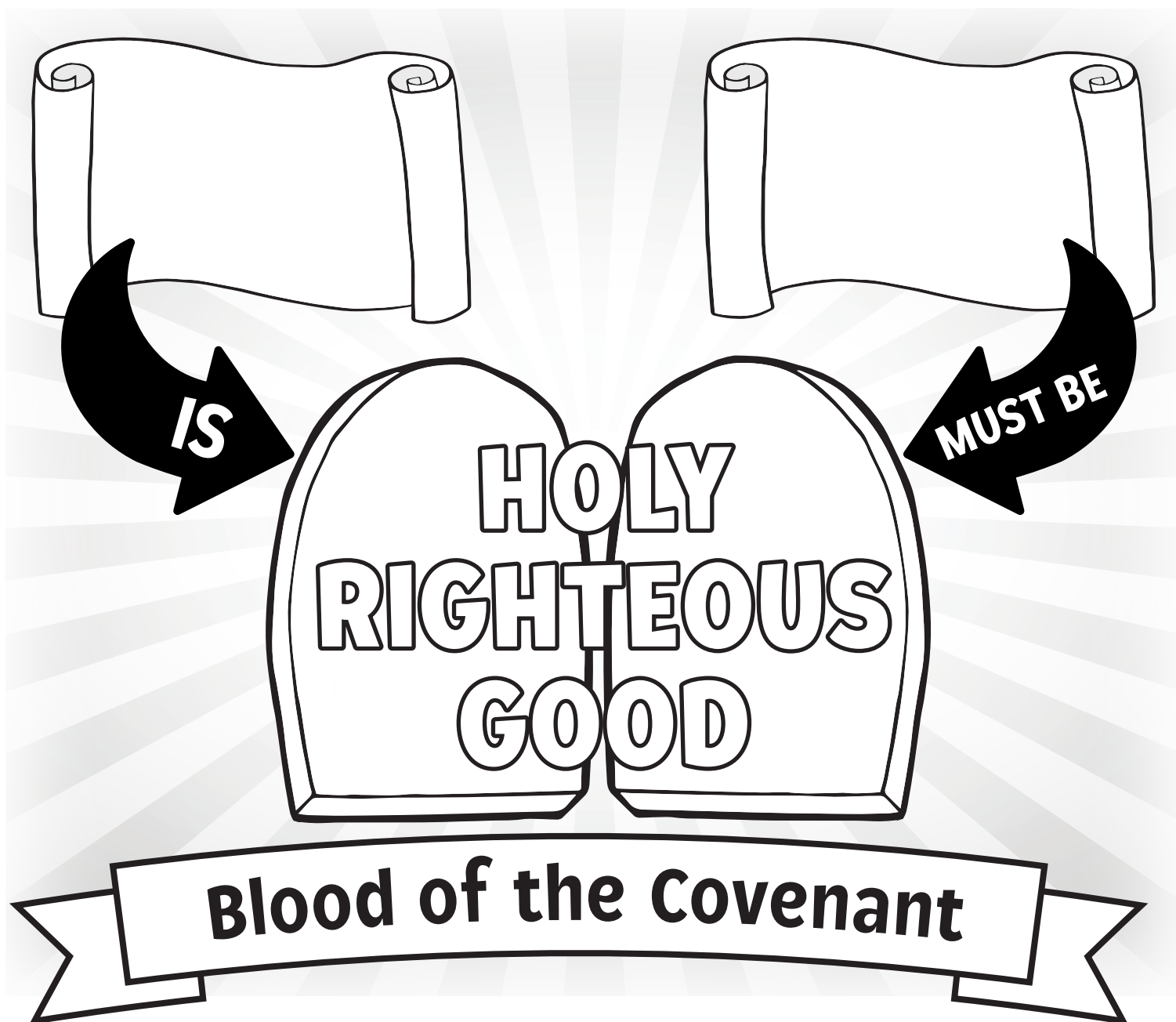
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In the notebook below, write the missing words to complete today's clue.

Look at the picture on the next page. What name should be written in each banner at the top of the page? What part of the picture should be colored red? Why?

Use the following verses to help you correctly fill in the missing words on the bottom half of the page: Leviticus 11:44; Romans 3:20; Hebrews 9:22.





Because God is _____, Israel must be _____.

Through the _____ comes knowledge of sin.

Without the shedding of _____ there is

no forgiveness of _____.



The Tabernacle, Priests, and Sacrifices

MAIN IDEAS

- God instructed Israel about how they were to worship Him in the tabernacle.
- The holy God desires to dwell with His people.
- God chose priests to be mediators between God and His sinful people.
- God commanded the priests to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of their own sins and the sins of the people.
- On the Day of Atonement, the one high priest could enter the Most Holy Place.

MEMORY VERSES

Review Isaiah 53:3-12.

SCRIPTURE

1) Exodus 25:8

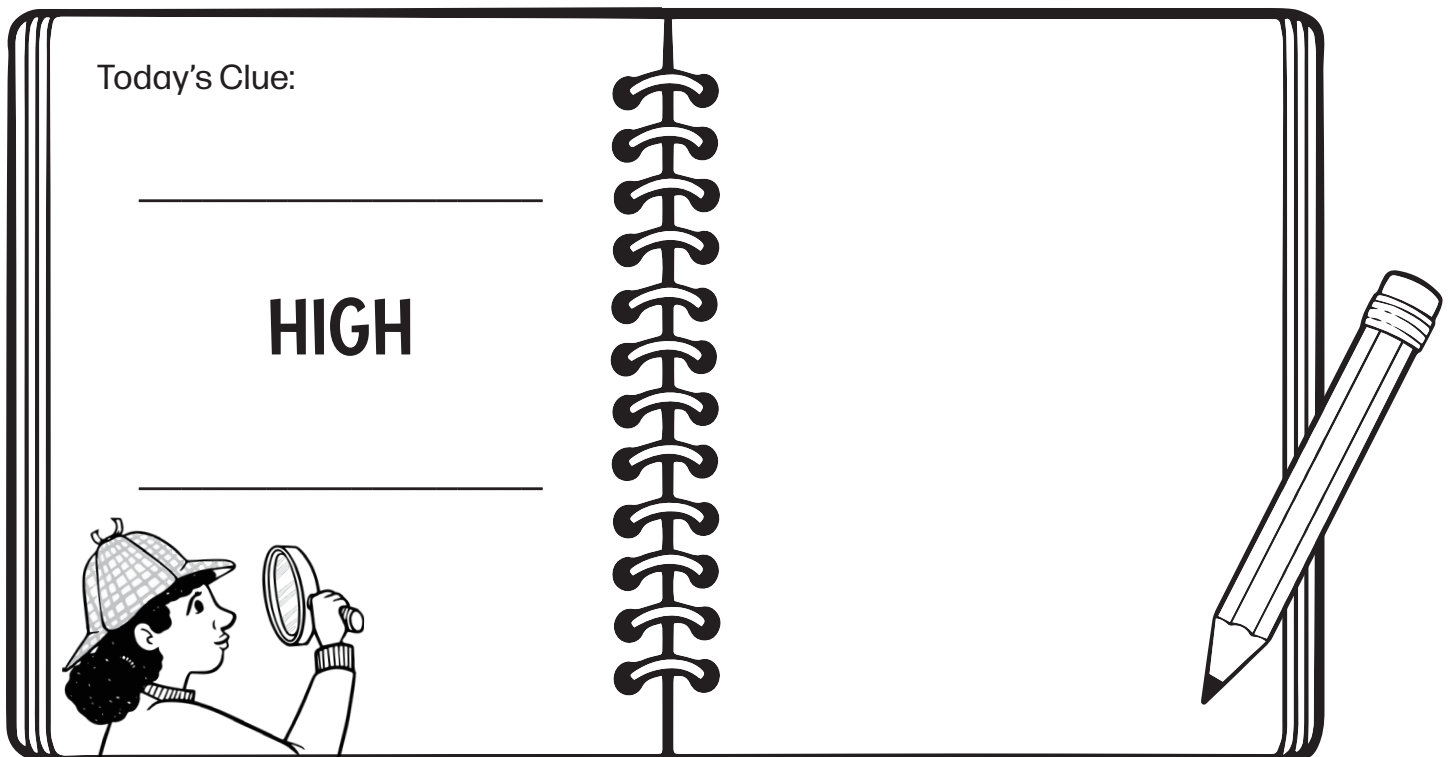
2) Leviticus 16:30-34

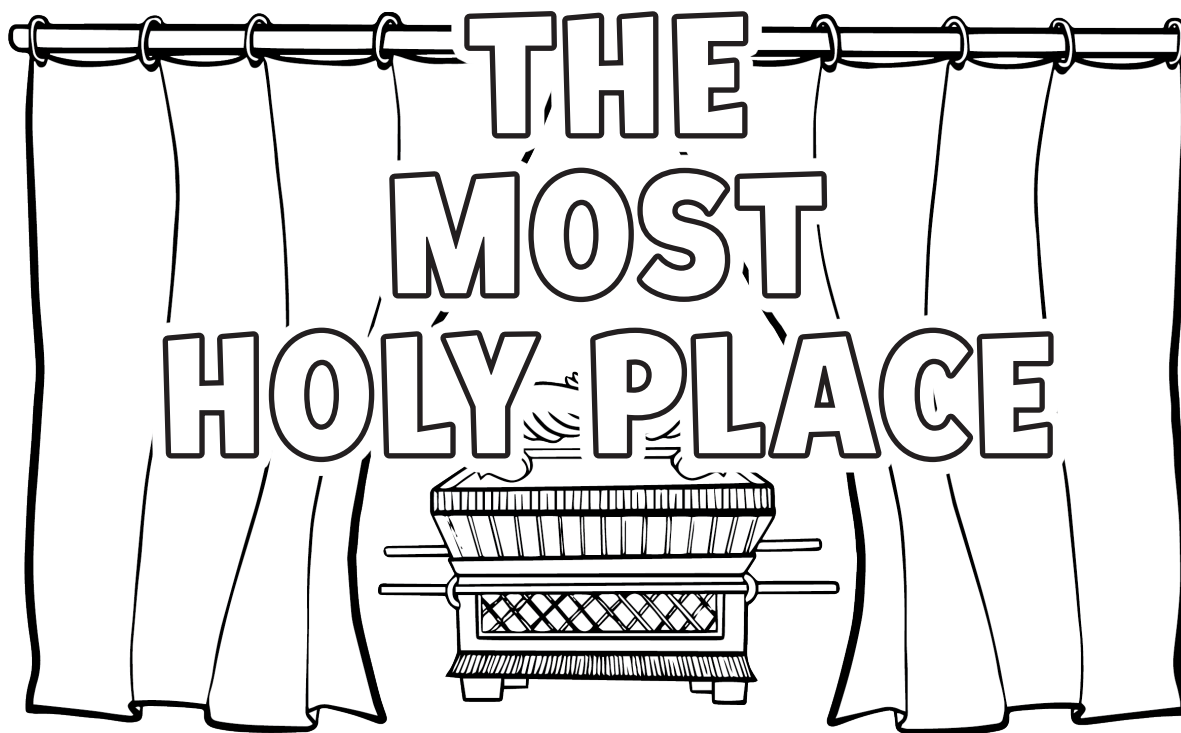
3) Hebrews 8:3

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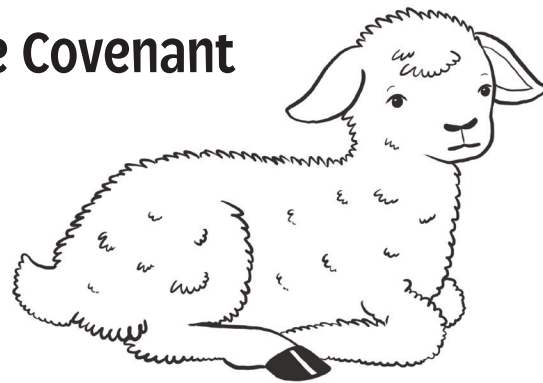
Look at the picture on the next page. What is pictured? What was so special about the Most Holy Place, the Ark of the Covenant, the priests, and the sacrifices? To answer these questions, fill in the following words on the blank lines, as appropriate: FORGIVENESS, HIGH, HOLY, ONCE, PRIESTS, SACRIFICES, SINFUL.





God chose priests to act as mediators between Himself and His sinful people. The priests offered up sacrifices to God on the altar for the forgiveness of sin.

God promised that His glory would fill the Most Holy Place of the tabernacle. The high priest could enter the Most Holy Place and approach the Ark of the Covenant only once a year.





The Golden Calf and the Renewal of the Covenant

MAIN IDEAS

- God made a binding covenant with Israel.
- Man is a sinner—Israel was quick to break God’s covenant.
- God is right to punish those who break His commands.
- God is merciful and faithful.
- God renewed His covenant with Israel.

MEMORY VERSES

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was in the beginning with God.—John 1:1-2

SCRIPTURE

1) Exodus 31:18

3) Exodus 32:7-10a

5) Exodus 32:20, 27-28

2) Exodus 32:1-2, 4-5a

4) Exodus 32:12b-16, 19

6) Exodus 34:1-2, 5-6

THE NEXT PAGE

Was there a new Picture Clue today?

Look at the box titled: God’s Mercy and Faithfulness to Israel. In this box, write or draw pictures of some of the ways God was faithful and merciful to Israel.

What is pictured in the box titled: Israel’s Faithlessness? How did Israel demonstrate its faithlessness? Beneath the picture of the idol, draw a picture of the smashed tablets.

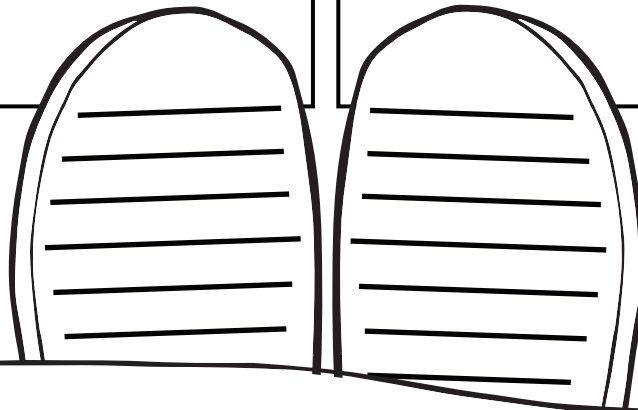
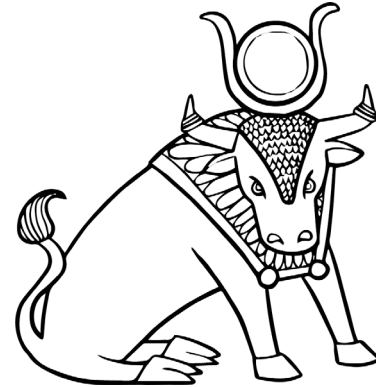
**I AM
THE LORD;
THAT IS
MY NAME;**

**MY GLORY I GIVE
TO NO OTHER,
NOR MY PRAISE
TO CARVED IDOLS.
Isaiah 42:8**

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**GOD'S MERCY
AND FAITHFULNESS
TO ISRAEL**

**ISRAEL'S
FAITHLESSNESS**



**The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding
in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

(Exodus 34:6b)



Israel's Wandering in the Wilderness

MAIN IDEAS

- God established a pattern of life for His covenant people to follow.
- God led Israel toward the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- God is faithful, merciful, and good.
- Because of the Israelites' unbelief, God made them wander 40 years in the wilderness.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-2.)

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.—John 1:3

SCRIPTURE

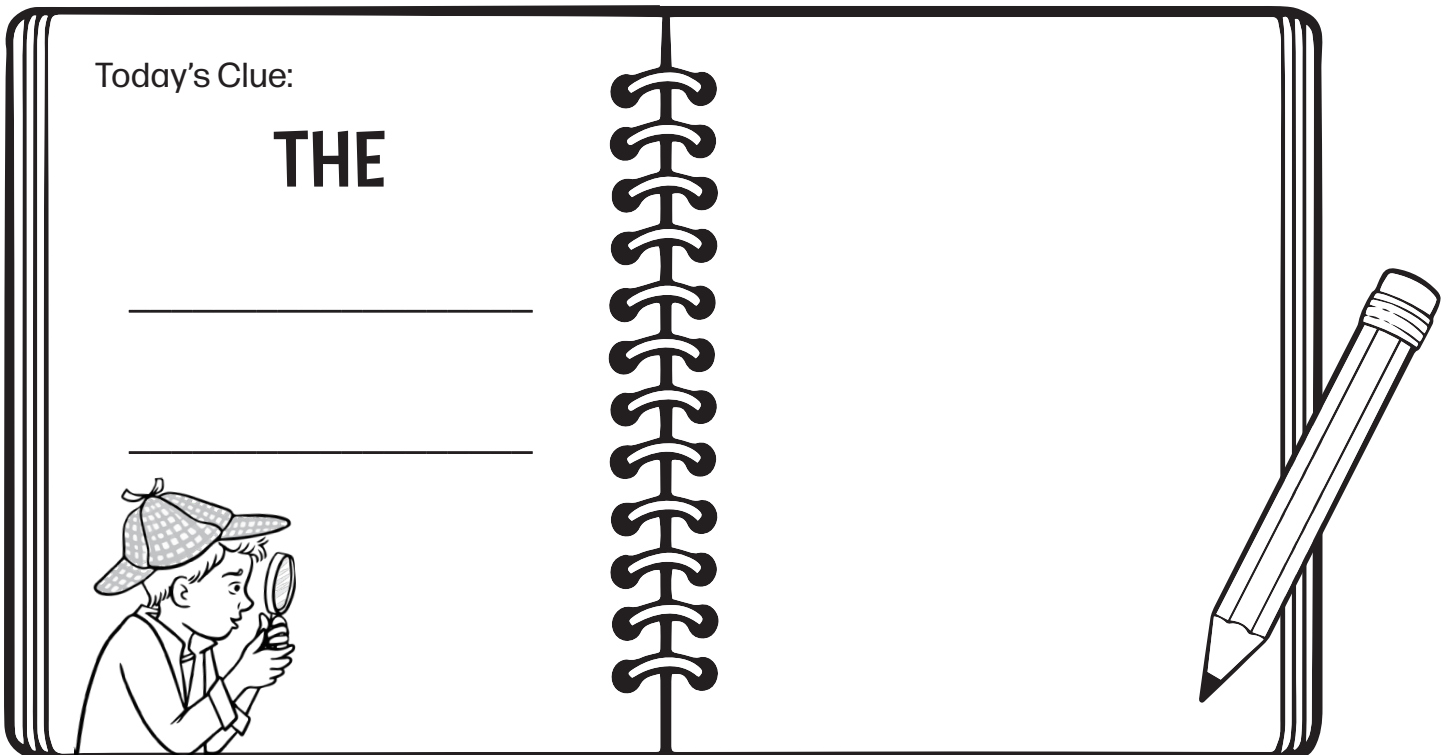
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| 3) Numbers 11:1a | 6) Numbers 14:22-23a, 33 | |

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In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today's clue.

Look at the pictures on the next page. Each is an example of God's judgment or mercy. To find the correct answers, read the Bible passage listed in each box and write either **judgment** or **mercy** in each box. Notice that there are no pictures in two of the boxes.

Look up the Bible passage listed in each box and draw a picture of the event described in each passage.



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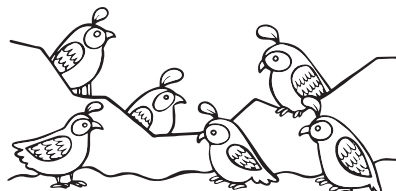
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Mercy

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Judgment

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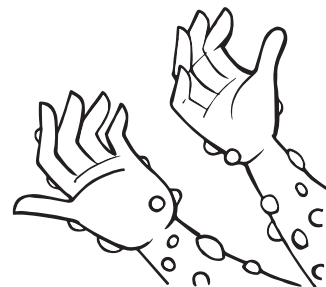
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Judgment

NUMBERS 10:8-9

GOD'S MERCY

NUMBERS 11:7-9

GOD'S MERCY



God Leads Israel into the Promised Land

MAIN IDEAS

- God is faithful to all His promises.
- God promised to send Israel a new Prophet.
- God chose Joshua to lead His people into the Promised Land.
- God's people must trust and obey Him in all things.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-3.)

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.—John 1:4

SCRIPTURE

1) Deuteronomy 18:15

3) Joshua 6:1-5, 15-16, 20

5) Joshua 23:11-13

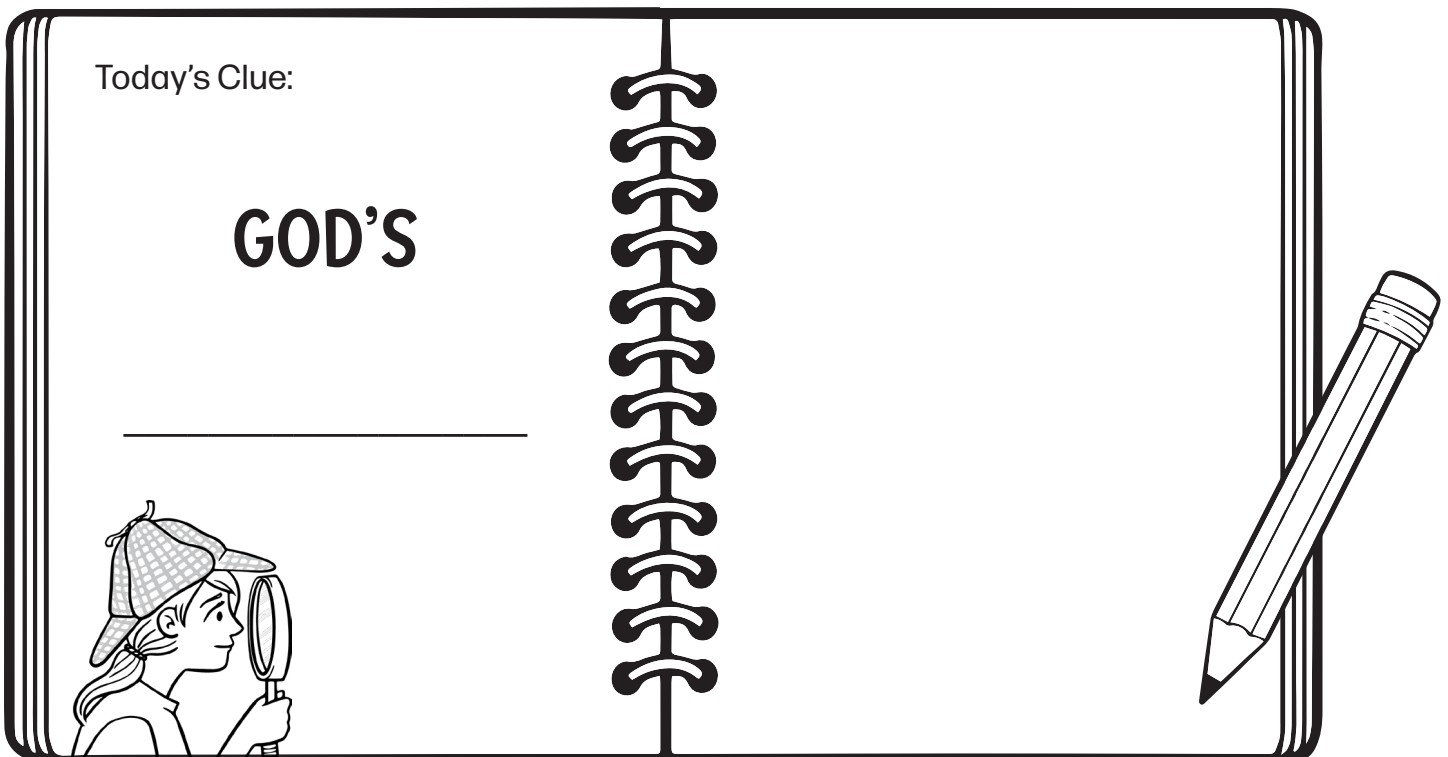
2) Joshua 1:1-3, 5-7

4) Joshua 8:1-2a

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In the notebook below, fill in the missing word to complete today's clue.

On the next page, match each event or person with the description provided. Some of the terms on the left side of the page have been explained in previous lessons. Some were referred to in today's lesson. Here are some verses that will help you with the newer and more unfamiliar terms: Numbers 20:11-12; Joshua 3:13; Joshua 7:20-21.



M CALEB**J TABERNACLE****E COVENANT****B SABBATH****A SET OUT****H CANAAN****D JOSHUA****F JORDAN****K JERICHO****G MOSES****I RAHAB****L ACHAN****C ARK OF THE COVENANT**

A. What Israel was supposed to do when the cloud lifted up from the tabernacle.

B. Special day of holy rest.

C. The priests carried this into a river and the river dried up.

D. Moses' assistant who led the Israelites into the promised land.

E. God renewed this special agreement with Israel.

F. Israel had to cross this river to get to Jericho.

G. He disobeyed God, struck the rock, and was not allowed to enter Canaan.

H. A land "flowing with milk and honey."

I. A Canaanite who trusted God and helped Israel.

J. The special dwelling place of God that God told the Israelites to build.

K. A strong, fortified city in Canaan.

L. He took things from Jericho that God had commanded the people not to take.

M. One of the twelve spies who, along with Joshua, trusted God and entered the Promised Land.



God Appoints Judges and Gives Israel a King

MAIN IDEAS

- After God gave Israel the Promised Land, Israel turned to idolatry.
- God punished the people of Israel for their disobedience.
- God is merciful—He appointed judges to deliver His people.
- Israel rejected God’s rule and desired a king.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-4.)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.—John 1:5

SCRIPTURE

1) Joshua 23:11-13

3) Judges 1:31a, 33a

5) Judges 21:25

2) Judges 1:27a, 29a, 30a

4) Judges 2:11, 14, 16

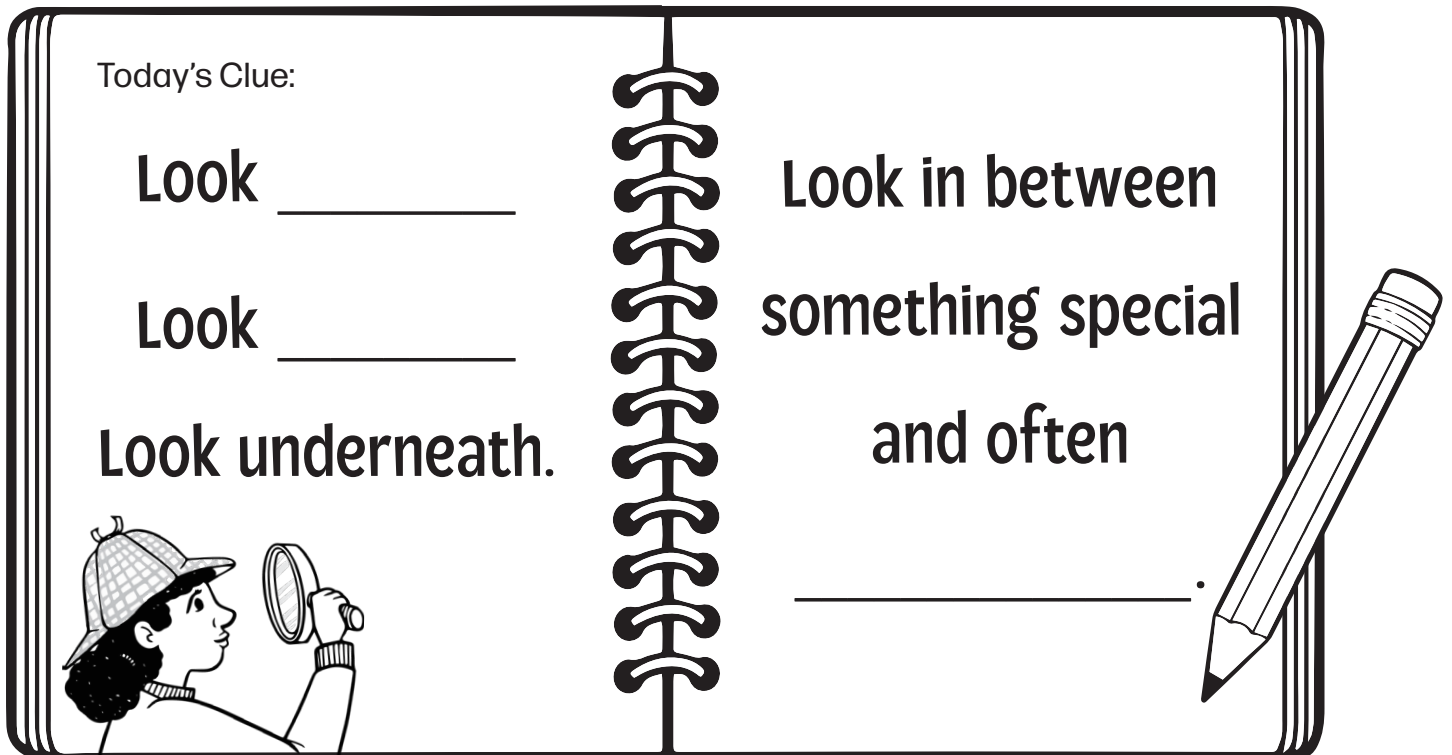
6) 1 Samuel 8:5b, 19-22a

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There is no new clue today, but there is a riddle to solve. Write the missing words of the riddle in the notebook below.

The book of Judges follows a repeated pattern. Look at the next page. Write the following words in their correct places to complete the pattern: CRY, DIES, EVIL, PUNISHES, SAVE. Then, draw arrows on the circle to show the direction of the pattern.

Finally, unscramble the names of the six judges of Israel given under the heading, “Who are these judges?”



ISRAEL DOES WHAT IS
evil IN THE SIGHT
OF THE LORD.

THE LORD punishes
ISRAEL BY GIVING THEM
OVER TO THEIR ENEMIES.

THE JUDGE
dies.

THE

BOOK OF JUDGES

GOD RAISES UP A JUDGE TO
save
HIS PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE
cry OUT TO
GOD TO SAVE THEM.

WHO ARE THESE JUDGES?



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| HEUD | <u>Ehud</u> | JUDGES 3:15 |
| OBRADHE | <u>Deborah</u> | JUDGES 4:4 |
| ENDIGO | <u>Gideon</u> | JUDGES 6:13 |
| HATHEPJH | <u>Jephthah</u> | JUDGES 11:29 |
| NOSSAM | <u>Samson</u> | JUDGES 13:24 |
| LEASUM | <u>Samuel</u> | 1 SAMUEL 3:19 |



God Establishes His Kingdom through David

MAIN IDEAS

- God gave Israel a king after its own heart—Saul.
- God rejected Saul and chose for Israel a king after His own heart—David.
- God blessed David and promised to him an everlasting throne on which his offspring would reign forever.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-5.)

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.—John 1:6-7

SCRIPTURE

1) 1 Samuel 9:1-2

3) 1 Samuel 16:1, 7

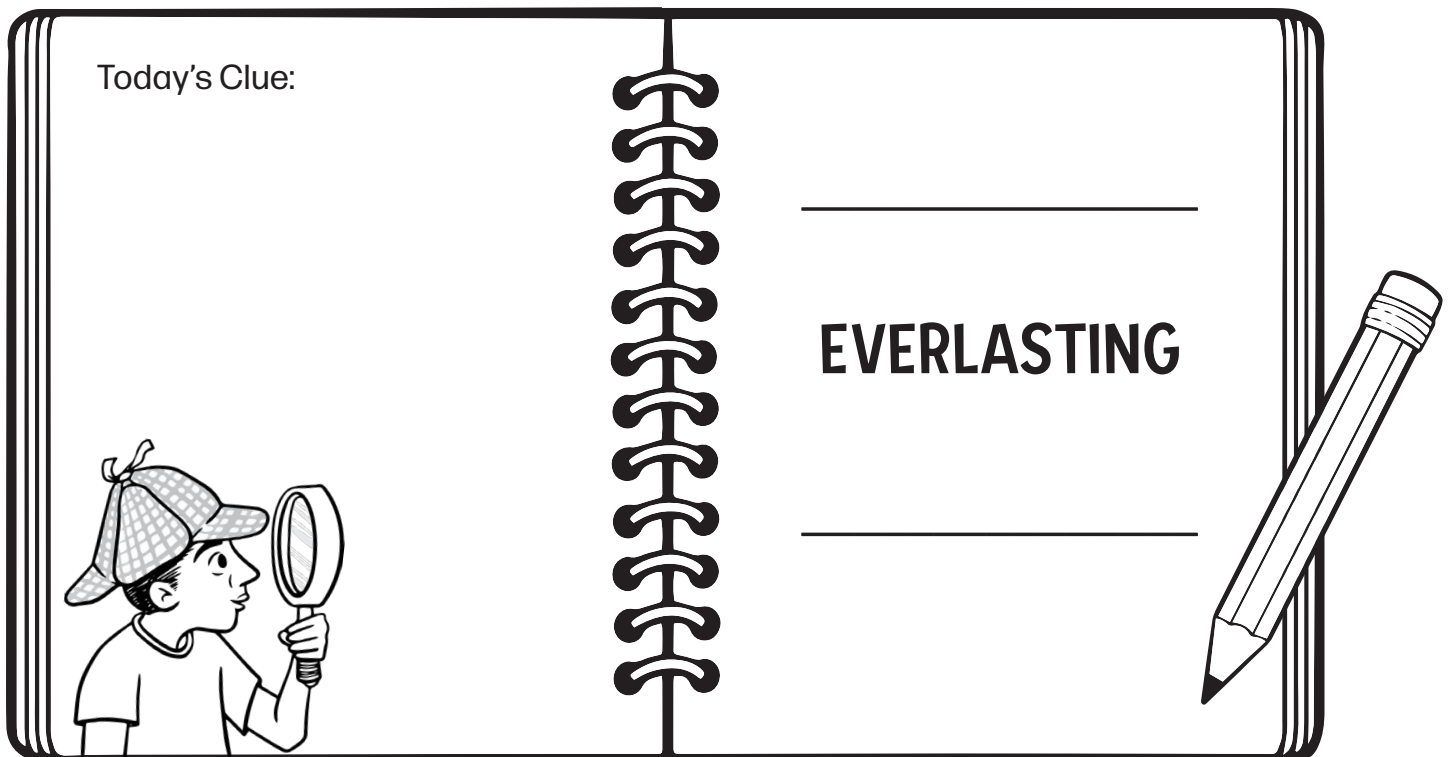
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4) 2 Samuel 7:9-13, 16

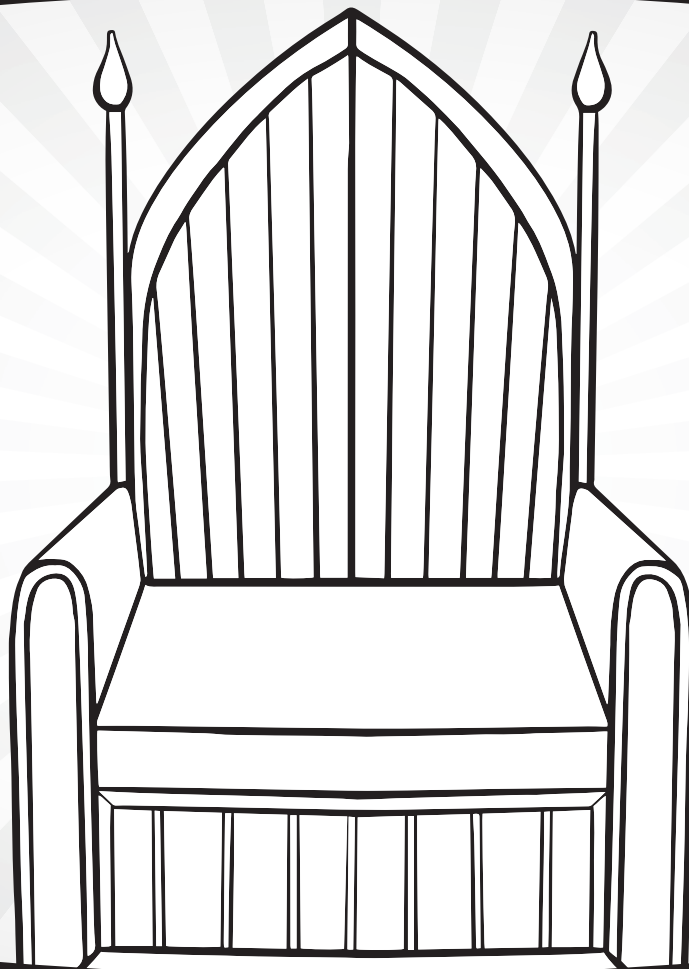
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In the notebook below, write in the missing words to complete today's clue.

Write in the missing words from 2 Samuel 7:9-13, 16 below the banners on the next page.



DAVID'S THRONE



EVERLASTING

AND I WILL MAKE FOR YOU A GREAT _____ ,
LIKE THE NAME OF THE GREAT ONES ON THE EARTH.
AND YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR _____ SHALL
BE MADE SURE _____ BEFORE ME.
YOUR _____ SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER.



The Rise and Decline of the Kingdom under Solomon

MAIN IDEAS

- Through Kings David and Solomon, God made Israel into a great nation.
- God brought strife into David's family because of his sin.
- God instructed Solomon to build a special place of worship, the temple, in Jerusalem.
- Solomon turned away from the one true God.
- God divided the kingdom of Israel.
- God is faithful to all His promises.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-7.)

He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.—John 1:8

SCRIPTURE

1) 2 Samuel 7:18, 22, 26

3) 1 Kings 4:20

5) 1 Kings 11:4, 6a

2) 1 Kings 2:10, 12

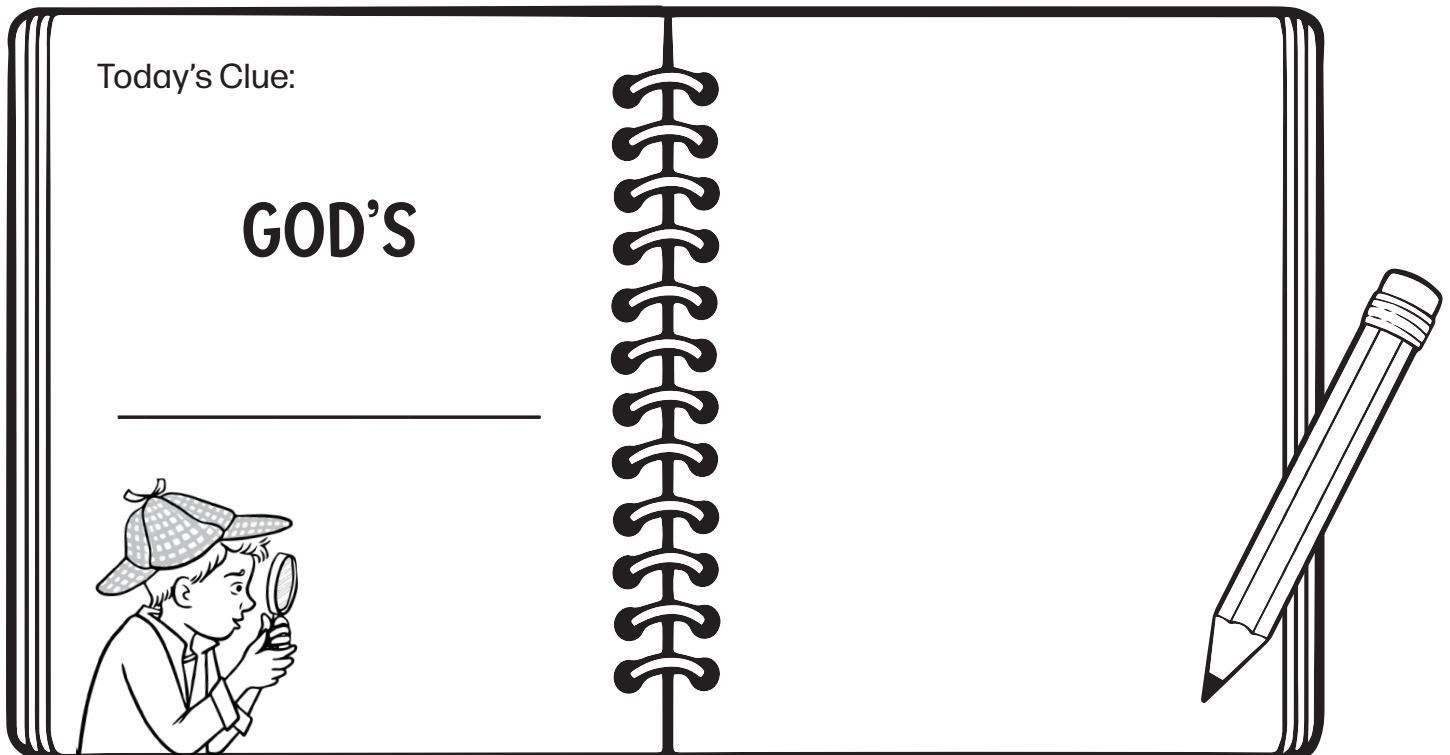
4) 1 Kings 10:23-24

6) 2 Chronicles 6:18-21

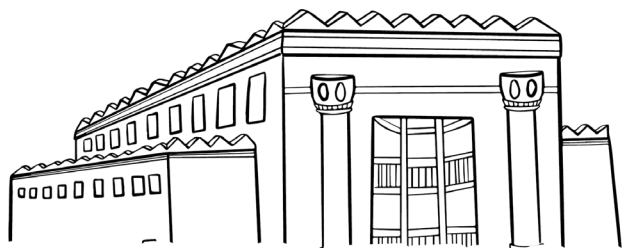
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The next page gives a summary of the way God blessed King David and then King Solomon. Under their leadership, God made Israel into a great nation that became a blessing to the world. Use the following verses (and remember what you learned during the lesson) to complete missing words on the "tower": 1 Kings 4:20, 29; 2 Samuel 7:16. Finally, describe what happened to Solomon's heart.

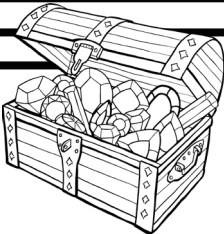


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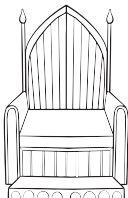
GOD MAKES ISRAEL INTO A GREAT NATION

WEALTH 


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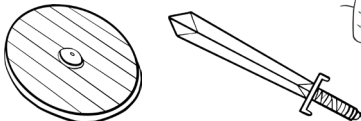
Wisdom

KING SOLOMON

DAVID'S  **THRONE**

Forever or Everlasting

JERUSALEM 



1 KINGS 11

WHAT HAPPENED TO SOLOMON'S HEART?

his wives turned his heart away from God

1 KINGS 11:4

GOD DIVIDES THE KINGDOM

KING DAVID

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God’s Prophets Foretell Coming Judgment and Deliverance

MAIN IDEAS

- God punished His sinful people by dividing them into two kingdoms—Israel and Judah.
- God sent prophets to His people warning them of judgment if they did not repent.
- God sent enemy nations to take Israel and then Judah into captivity.
- God promised to send a new type of King to rule over His people.
- God promised to make a new kind of covenant with His people.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-8.)

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.—John 1:9

SCRIPTURE

1) 1 Kings 11:9a, 11b, 13

5) Jeremiah 6:19

9) Joel 2:12a

2) Isaiah 7:14

6) Jeremiah 31:31

10) Amos 3:11b

3) Isaiah 55:7

7) Hosea 7:13a

11) Micah 5:2

4) Jeremiah 3:12

8) Joel 2:1b-2a

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In the notebook below, write the missing words to complete today’s three clues. Then, read the messages in the boxes on the next page. In the banner above each box, write the word that describes each message: WARNING, RETURN, HOPE. Then, using the table of contents in your Bible, fill in the missing names of the books of the prophets between Isaiah and Nahum.

Today's Clues:

GOD

US

A _____

FROM BETHLEHEM

NEW



GOD SENDS HIS PROPHETS

For behold, I create
new heavens and a new
earth...¹⁹I will rejoice in
Jerusalem and be glad in
my people; no more shall
be heard in it the sound
of weeping and the cry
of distress.

ISAIAH 65:17a, 19

ISAIAH

Return to the LORD,
your God, for he is
gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast
love; and he relents over
disaster.

Joel 2:13b

JEREMIAH

DANIEL

JOEL

Because they have
rejected the law of the
LORD, and have not kept his
statutes, but their lies have
led them astray...⁵So I will
send a fire upon Judah,
and it shall devour the
strongholds of Jerusalem.

Amos 2:4b, 5

AMOS

OBADIAH

MICAH

NAHUM



A Man of Sorrows

MAIN IDEAS

- God had promised His people a new kind of King and a new kind of covenant.
- Isaiah foretold of a Man who would bear the sins of God's people, take upon Himself their punishment, and heal them.
- God promised His people a new kind of heart.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-9.)

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.—John 1:10

SCRIPTURE

1) Isaiah 1:4a

2) Isaiah 53:3-5

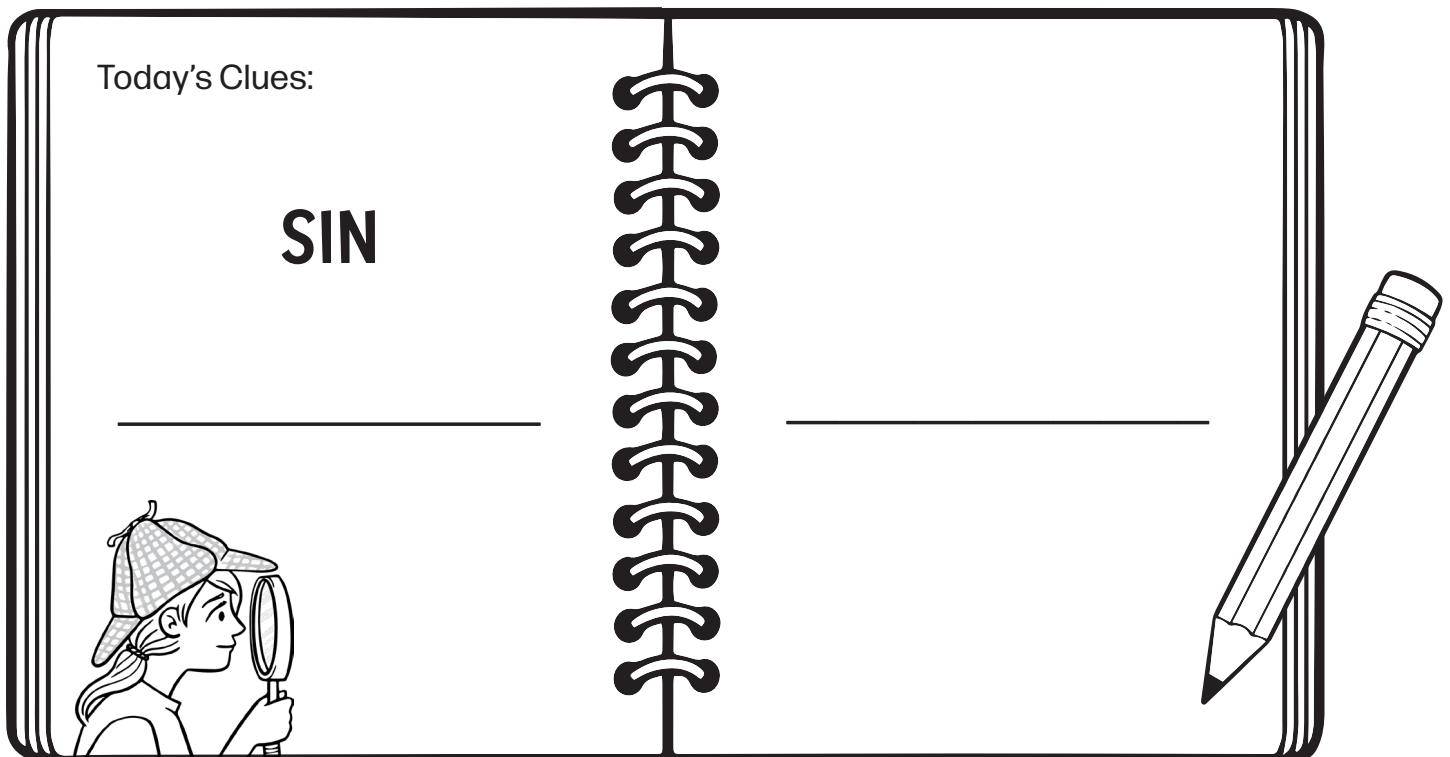
3) Jeremiah 17:9

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In the notebook below, write the missing words to complete today's clues.

Read Jeremiah 17:9 and Isaiah 1:4a. Do these verses only describe the people of the Old Testament?

Read Romans 3:10-12. Do you also need what God promised in Isaiah 53? Who is the Man described in these verses? Read through the portions of Isaiah 53 on the next page. Then answer the questions after the arrows.



**HE WAS DESPISED AND
REJECTED BY MEN**

THIS REMINDS
ME OF...



**SURELY HE...CARRIED OUR
SORROWS**

THIS REMINDS
ME OF...



**HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS**

THIS REMINDS
ME OF...



**BY OPPRESSION AND
JUDGMENT HE WAS TAKEN
AWAY**

THIS REMINDS
ME OF...



**THEY MADE HIS GRAVE
WITH THE WICKED**

THIS REMINDS
ME OF...





God's Anointed One

MAIN IDEAS

- Through His prophets, God predicted the re-building of Jerusalem and the temple, and the return of His people.
- God promised to send His Anointed One to bring good news to His sinful people.

MEMORY VERSES

Review John 1:1-10.

SCRIPTURE

1) Ezra 1:1b, 2-3

3) Isaiah 45:13b

2) Isaiah 44:24, 28

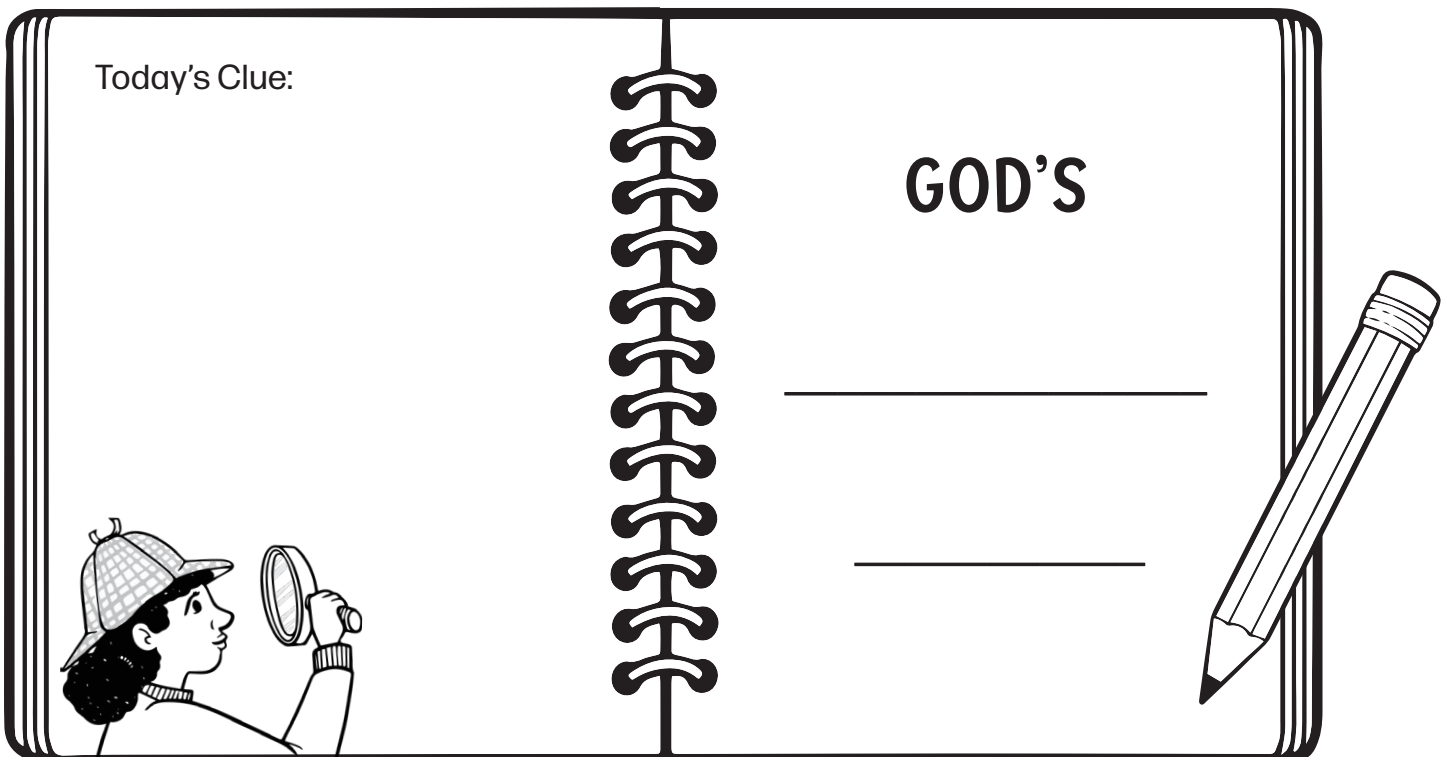
4) Isaiah 61:1

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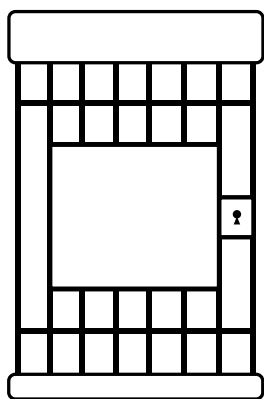
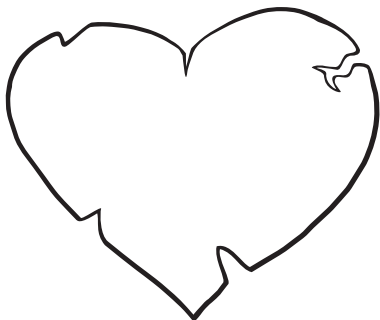
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Read Isaiah 61:1. How are sinners like poor people? (Hint: What are sinners in need of?) In what ways are sinners brokenhearted? Do you feel this in your own heart? In what ways? What does the Man described in this verse promise to do? Do you know the identity of this Man? Why or why not?

Draw a chain and lock on the sinful heart on the next page. What might this heart look like AFTER God's Anointed One "binds" it up? Draw pictures in the box to the right of the arrows showing what the heart, jail, and handcuffed hands might look like. Complete the sentence: "This is good news because..."



GOD'S ANOINTED ONE WILL...



THIS IS GOOD NEWS BECAUSE...



The Day of the Lord's Coming

MAIN IDEAS

- More than 400 years separate the events of the Old and New Testaments.
- God promised to send a messenger to prepare the way for the coming King.
- John the Baptist was born in fulfillment of God's promise.
- God is faithful to all His promises.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-10.)

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.—John 1:11

SCRIPTURE

1) Zechariah 9:9

3) Malachi 4:5-6a

2) Malachi 3:1a

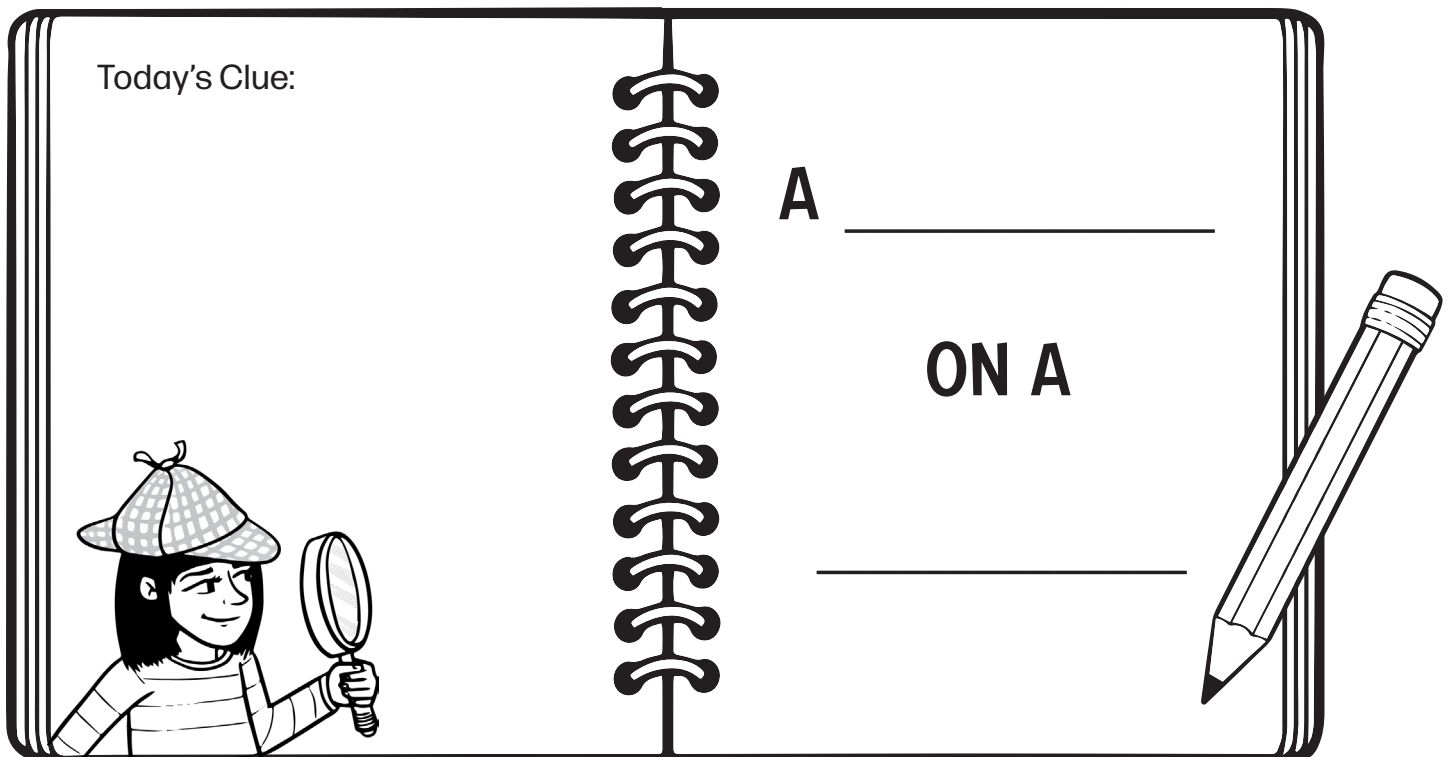
4) Luke 1:13-14, 16-17, 57, 60b

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In the notebook below, fill in the missing words to complete today's clue.

Read Malachi 3:1a and 4:5-6a. Compare these words to Luke 1:13-14, 16-17. Does the predicted baby in Luke match the description in Malachi? In the box on the next page, write the answers to the two questions.

Why do you think Zechariah (the priest) found it hard to believe God's messenger would be born to him and Elizabeth?



FROM ZECHARIAH:

Jerusalem, your King is coming to you riding on a donkey.

FROM MALACHI:

The Lord is sending you a messenger to prepare the way. He will be like Elijah the prophet.

MORE THAN

4000

YEARS

From Luke 1:13-14, 16-17

WHO will be born?

WHAT will he do?



The Promised King and Savior Is Born

MAIN IDEAS

- God prepared the way for Jesus with the birth of John the Baptist.
- Jesus was born to Mary, a virgin, fulfilling the Old Testament promise.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem, fulfilling the Old Testament promise.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-11.)

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
—John 1:12

SCRIPTURE

1) Matthew 1:18-21

3) Luke 1:26-33

5) John 19:36a

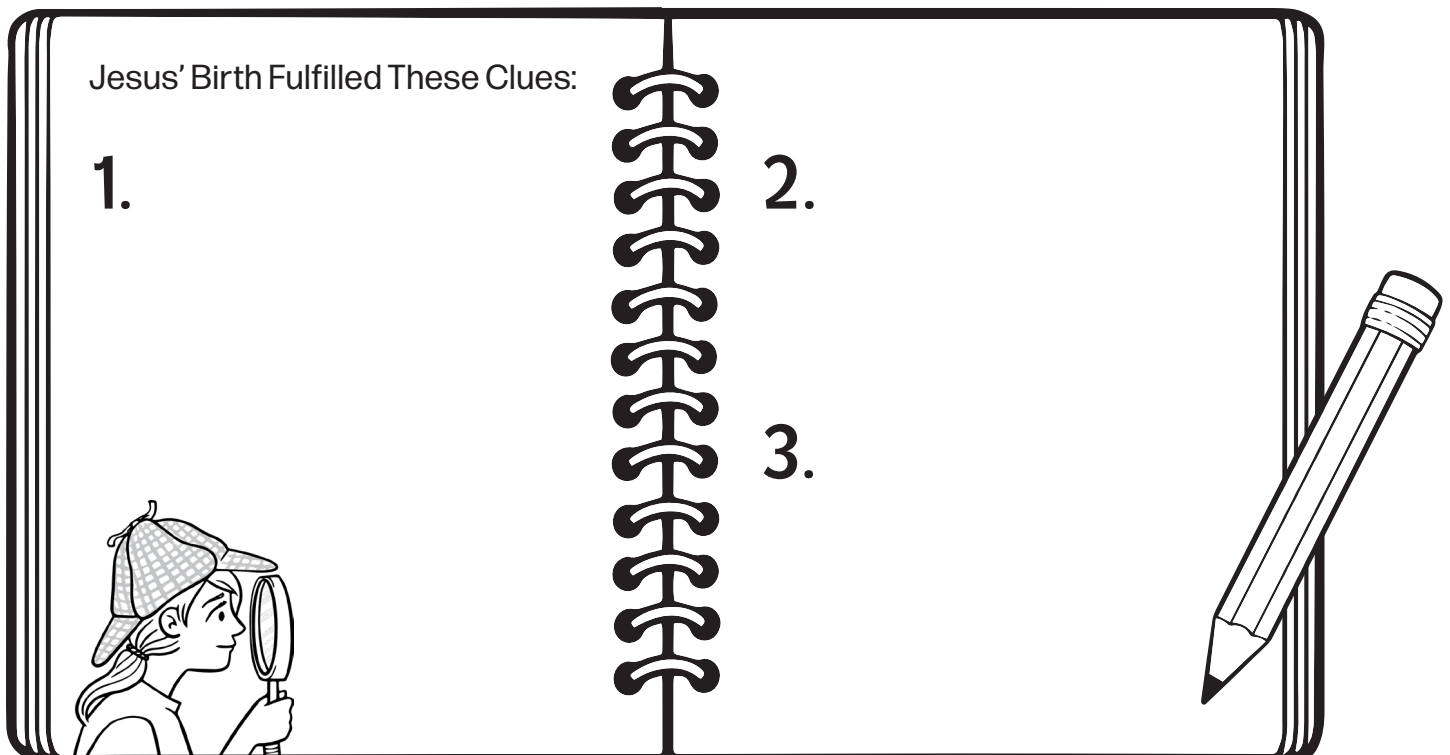
2) Matthew 1:22-23

4) Luke 2:1, 3-7

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In the notebook below, attach the three Old Testament clues fulfilled by Jesus' birth.

Many people who read about the events involved in Jesus' birth just think of them in terms of how joyful and amazing they are—and this is true! But these events also happened exactly as they did so they would fulfill the promises God had made in the Old Testament. On the next page, there are several events that happened at the time of Jesus' birth. Each event was the fulfillment of a special Old Testament promise or clue. Read the Old Testament verses listed, and match each clue to its fulfillment at Jesus' birth.



Today in the town of David a
 Savior has been born to you;
 He is Christ the Lord.



Isaiah 7:14

(Matthew 1:23)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Isaiah 60:3

(Matthew 2:1-2)

Mary, a virgin, gave birth to Jesus.

Isaiah 60:6

(Matthew 2:11)

The wise men followed the star.

Jeremiah 31:15

(Matthew 2:16-18)

Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Egypt.

Hosea 11:1

(Matthew 2:14-15)

Herod had the male children killed.

Micah 5:2

(Matthew 2:6)

The wise men worshiped Jesus and brought Him frankincense and gold.



Jesus: Son of Man

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus became fully human.
- Jesus became fully human to save the people of Abraham, the children of Abraham.
- Jesus' family tree fulfills the Old Testament promises.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-12.)

who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.—John 1:13

SCRIPTURE

1) Matthew 8:24

3) John 4:6

5) John 19:28

2) Luke 2:40

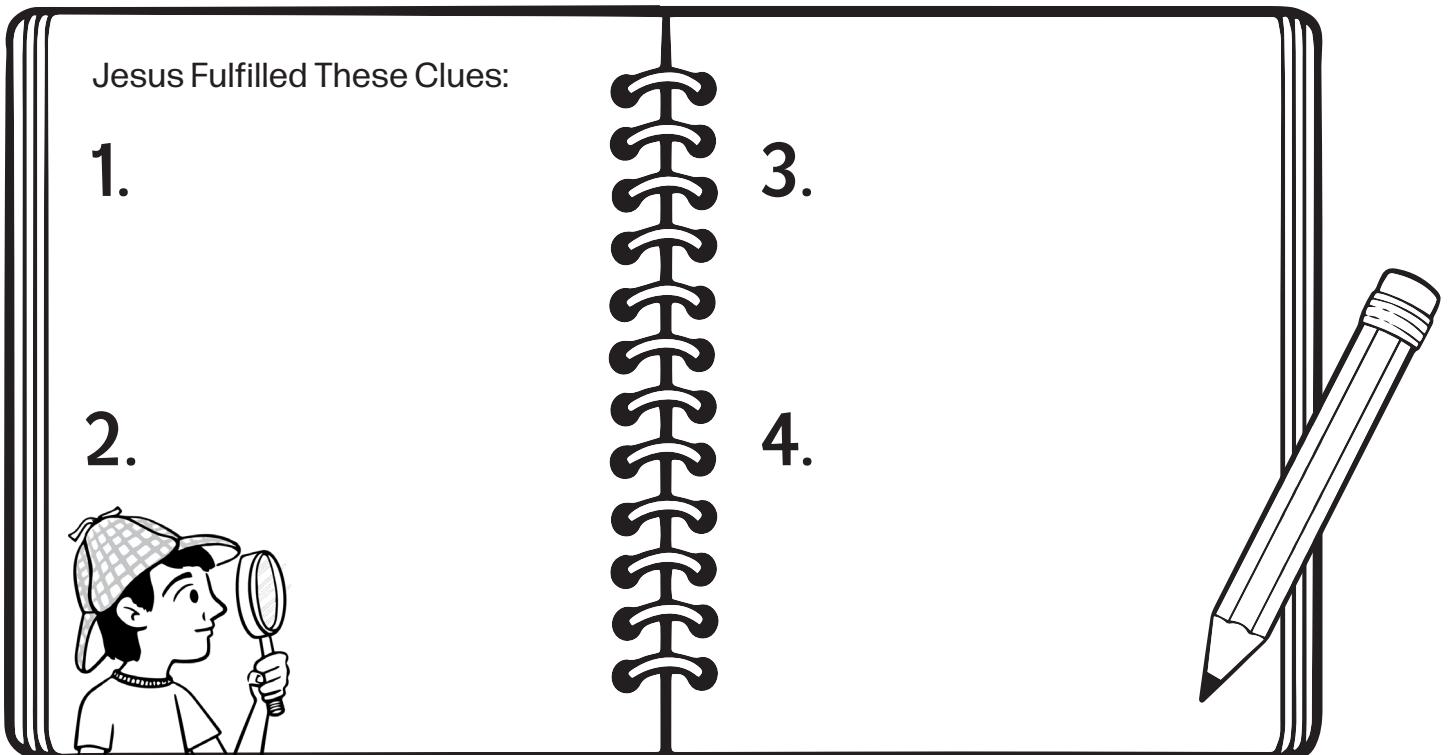
4) John 11:35

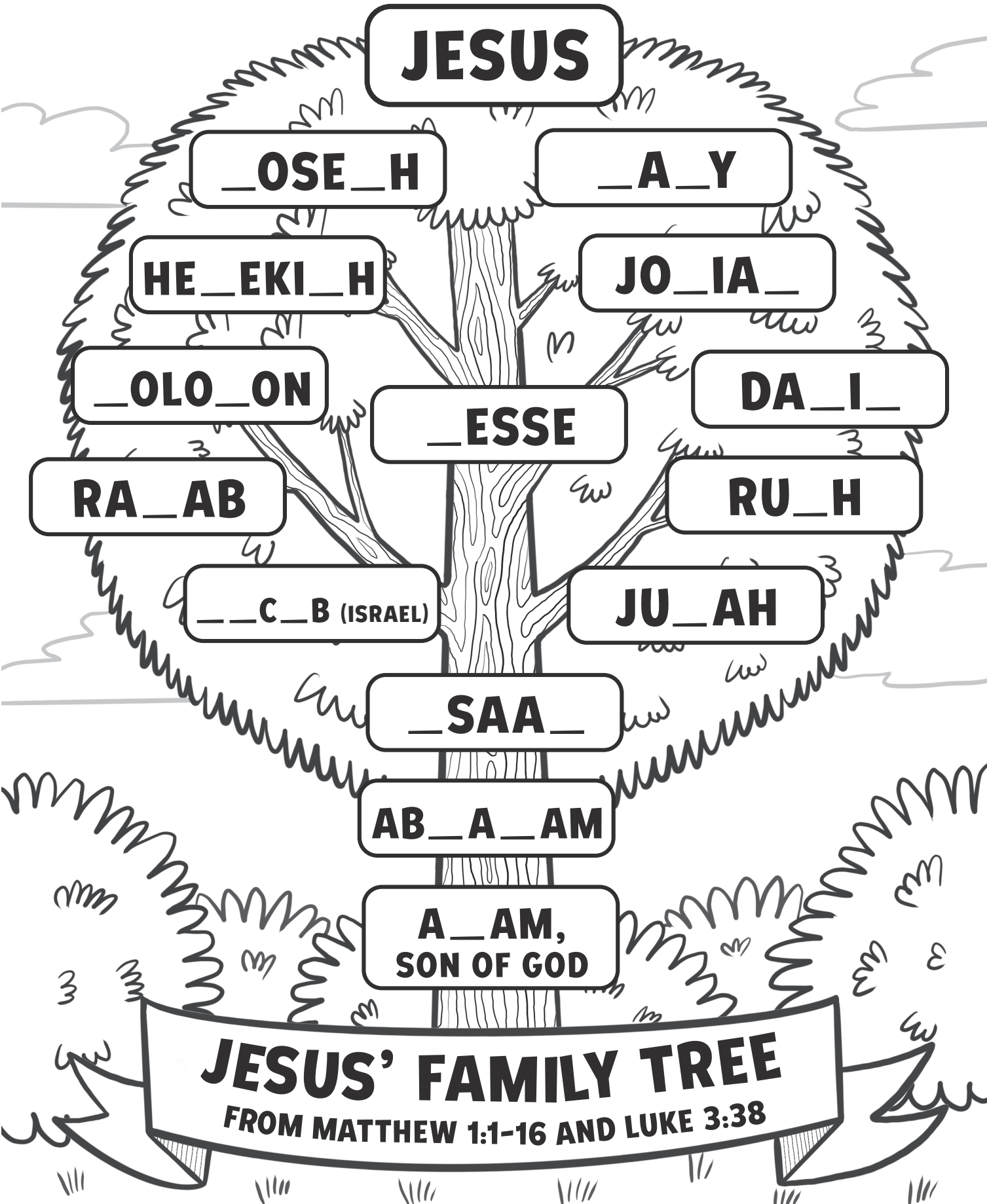
6) Hebrews 2:16-17a

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In the notebook section below, attach the four clues fulfilled by Jesus being born into His human family. Why was it important that Jesus be fully human? Who did He come to save?

Look at Jesus' family tree on the next page. Use Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:38 to fill in the missing letters of the names. Circle the four names that were important Old Testament clues Jesus fulfilled.







Jesus: Son of God

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus is fully God and became fully man.
- Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament promises concerning His deity.
- Because Jesus is God, He is able to do what God's people could not do—save sinners.
- Jesus is the only way sinners may be saved.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-13.)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,—John 1:14a

SCRIPTURE

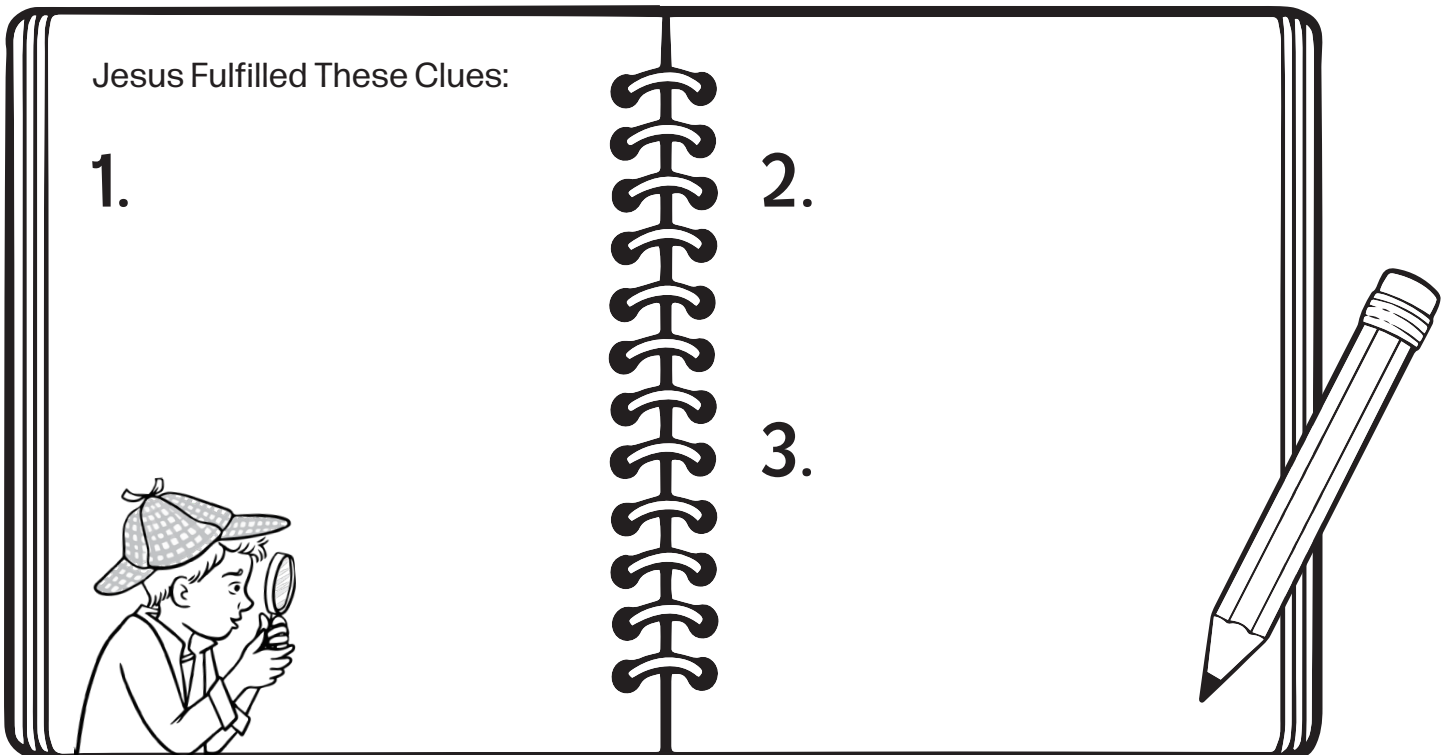
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| 2) John 6:1-14, 32-33, 35 | 4) John 14:6 |

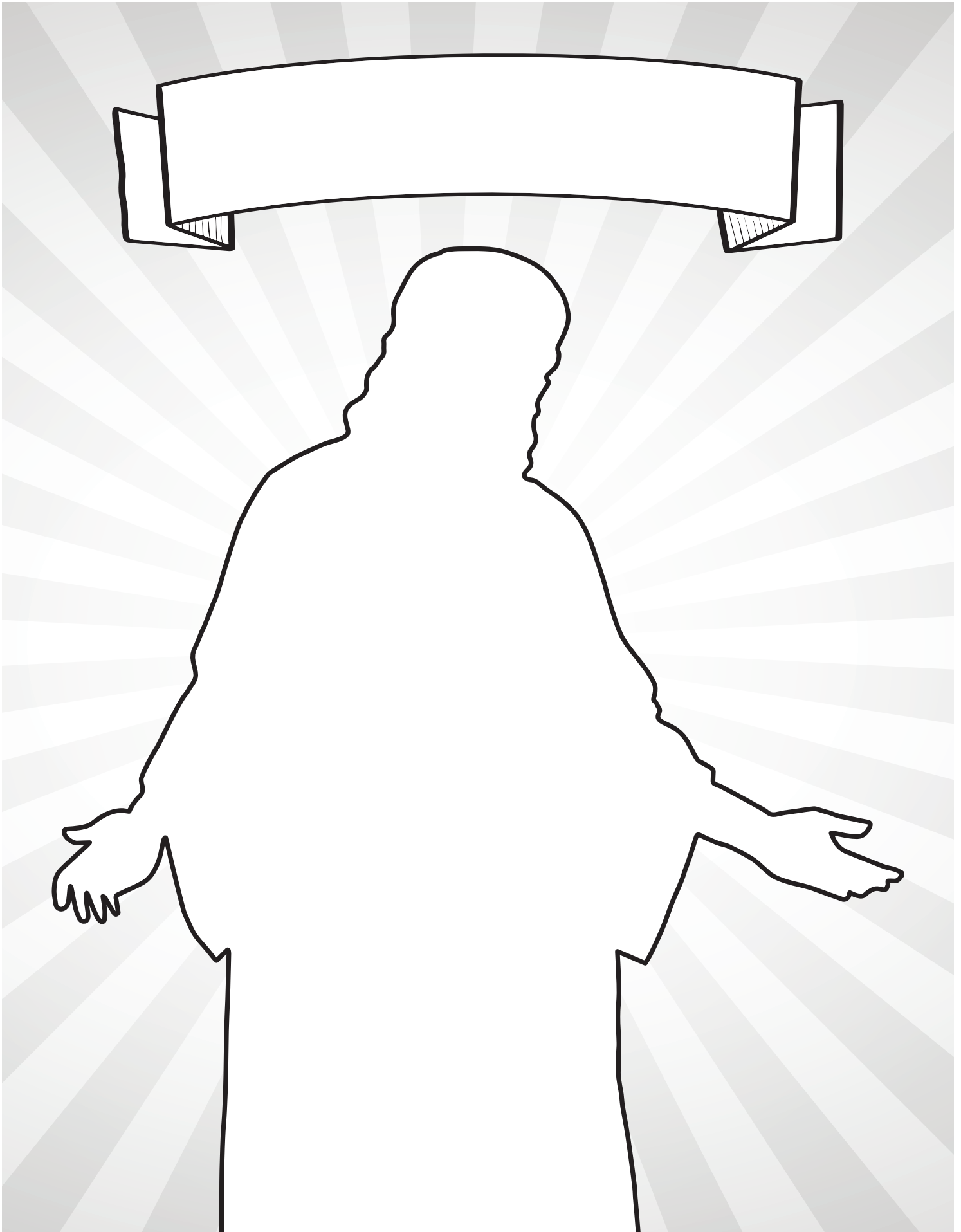
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In the notebook below, attach the three Old Testament clues fulfilled by Jesus' birth.

Read Colossians 1:15-20. Who are these verses describing? Write "Jesus" in the banner on the next page. What does it mean that all of God's fullness dwells in Jesus? In the Jesus outline on the next page, write as many words as possible describing God—His attributes. Why are these same things true of Jesus? Why is this important?

Review John 1:1-14. What does it mean that the Word became "flesh"?





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Jesus: Perfect Law-Keeper

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus is fully God and became fully human.
- Jesus was tempted just like Adam, but did not sin.
- Jesus kept God’s holy and righteous commands, succeeding where all other people have failed.
- Jesus was victorious over Satan, fulfilling the Old Testament promises.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-14a.)

and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.—John 1:14b

SCRIPTURE

1) Matthew 4:1-11

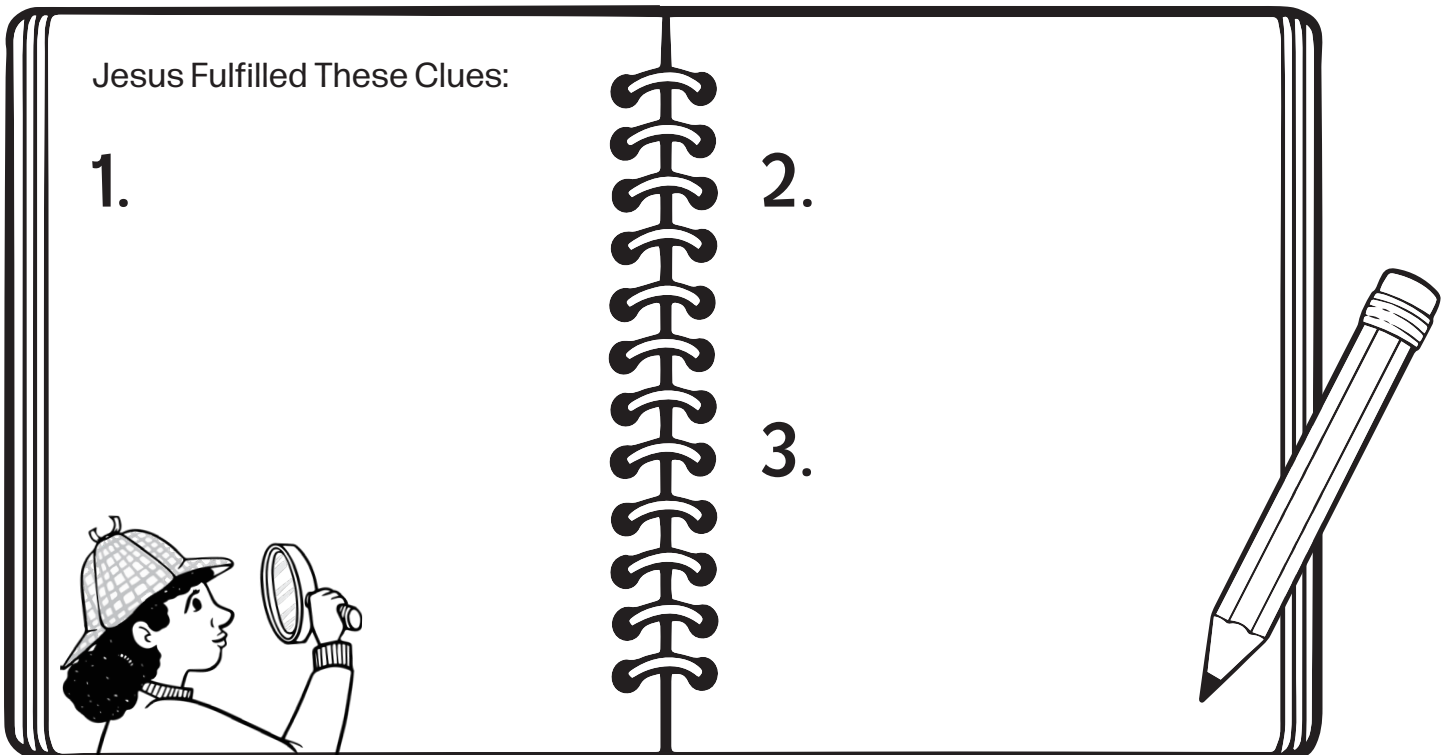
2) Matthew 5:17

3) Romans 5:12

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In the notebook below, attach the clues Jesus fulfilled. Why would Jesus’ fulfillment of these clues be good news for sinners?

Review the “contest” in Matthew 4:1-11. Then, remembering the chart that your teacher drew in class, fill in the missing words on the next page. What did Jesus use as His weapon in this contest? Do you use this same weapon to combat temptation and sin? Why or why not? Do you always succeed against the tempting of the devil? Why not? Read and think about Romans 5:12-17. Finally, complete the picture at the bottom of the page.



THE CHALLENGE!

ADAM

In the garden of Eden

Plenty to eat

Tempter = the devil

Adam failed



Israel failed



All people failed



DEATH

JESUS

In the _____

_____ to eat

Tempter = _____

Jesus _____



Jesus succeeded

Jesus _____



Who did Jesus defeat in this challenge?

Complete the picture in the box.





Jesus: The Final Word

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus is God's Anointed One, the Messiah.
- Jesus speaks with final authority.
- Jesus is God's greatest Prophet.
- Jesus brings completion to the Bible and explains the whole message of the Bible.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-14.)

(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")—John 1:15

SCRIPTURE

1) Deuteronomy 18:15

4) Mark 10:52

7) Hebrews 1:1-2a

2) Mark 1:25-26

5) Luke 4:14-21, 32

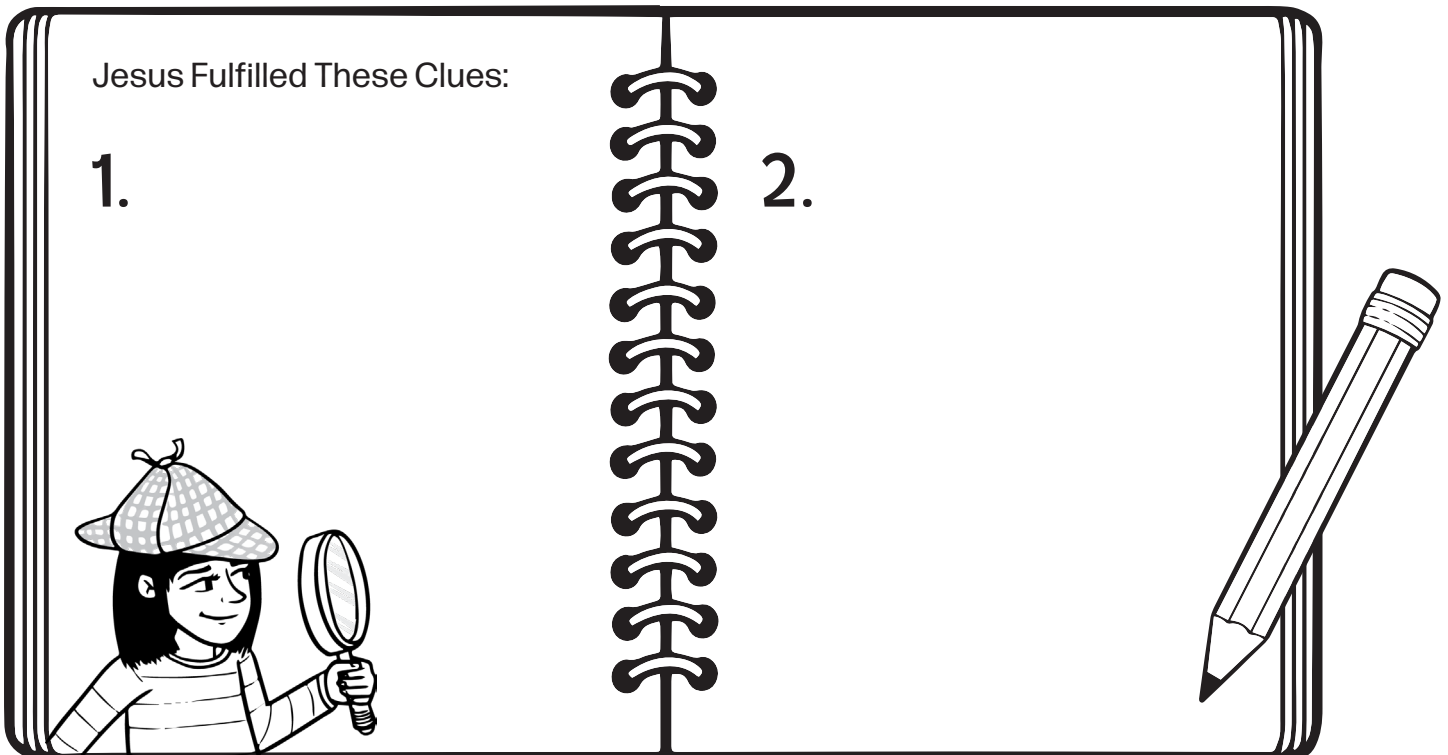
3) Mark 2:10-12a

6) Luke 7:14b-15a, 16b

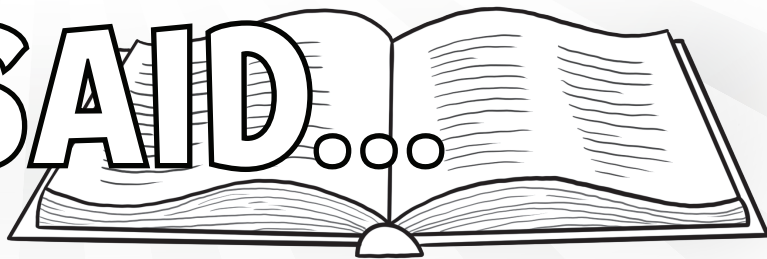
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In the notebook below, attach the two Old Testament clues Jesus fulfilled.

On the next page, you will find quotes from Jesus—words He spoke. Look up each passage in your Bible and fill in the missing words. How do these statements demonstrate the authority of Jesus? What does it mean when Jesus says He is the "Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End"?



JESUS SAID...



Luke 4:18



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has _____ me to proclaim good news to the poor.”

Matthew 5:17



“Do not think that I have come to _____ the Law or the _____; I have not come to abolish them but to _____ them.”

John 5:24



“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my _____ and believes him who sent me has _____ life.”

John 14:10b



“The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own _____, but the Father who _____ in me does his works.”

Matthew 28:18



“All authority in _____ and on earth has been _____ to me.”

Revelation 22:13



“I am the Alpha and the _____, the first and the _____, the beginning and the _____.”



Jesus: Great High Priest

MAIN IDEAS

- The Old Testament appointment of a temple and priests was temporary, pointing to something much better—Jesus.
- The fullness of God dwells in the Person of Jesus.
- Jesus alone brings His people into the presence of God.
- Jesus is our great High Priest, the one Mediator between God and sinful man.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-15.)

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.—John 1:16

SCRIPTURE

1) John 2:13-21

3) Hebrews 5:1-3

5) Hebrews 7:23-26

2) Colossians 1:19

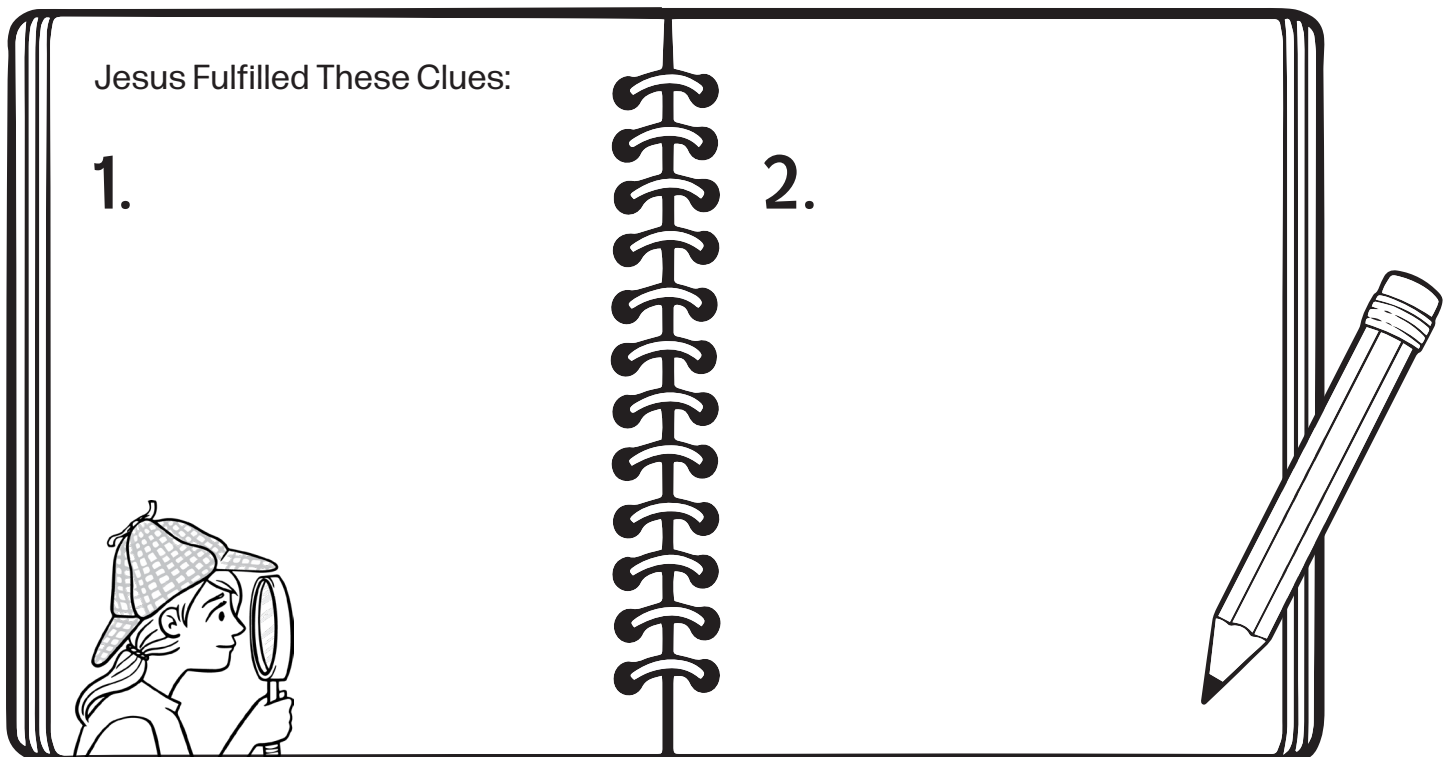
4) Hebrews 6:19-20a

6) Hebrews 9:24

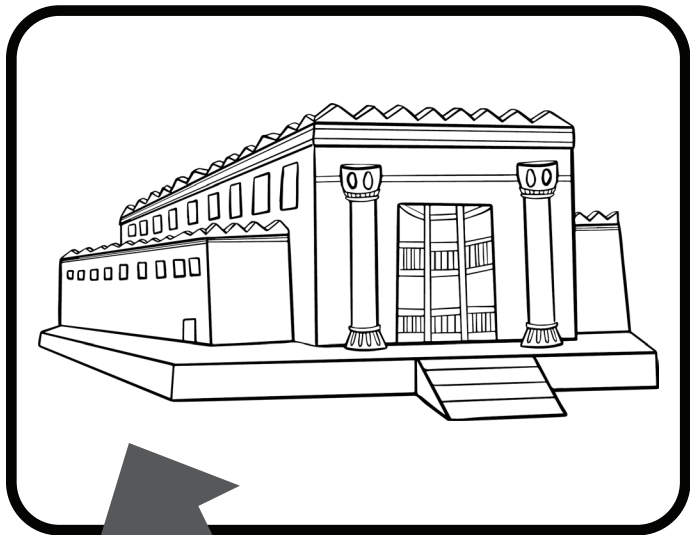
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How is Jesus much better than the stone temple and human priests? Read Hebrews 6:19-20a; 7:24-26; and 9:24 for some clues. Write your answer in the box on the next page. Why is this good news for sinners? Why is this good news for you?



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



THEN & NOW



JESUS IS BETTER BECAUSE:



Jesus: Lamb of God

MAIN IDEAS

- The Old Testament system of priests, sacrifices, and temple was temporary, pointing to something much better—Jesus.
- Jesus offered Himself as the one perfect sacrifice for sin.
- Jesus’ death fulfilled the Old Testament promises.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-16.)

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.—John 1:17

SCRIPTURE

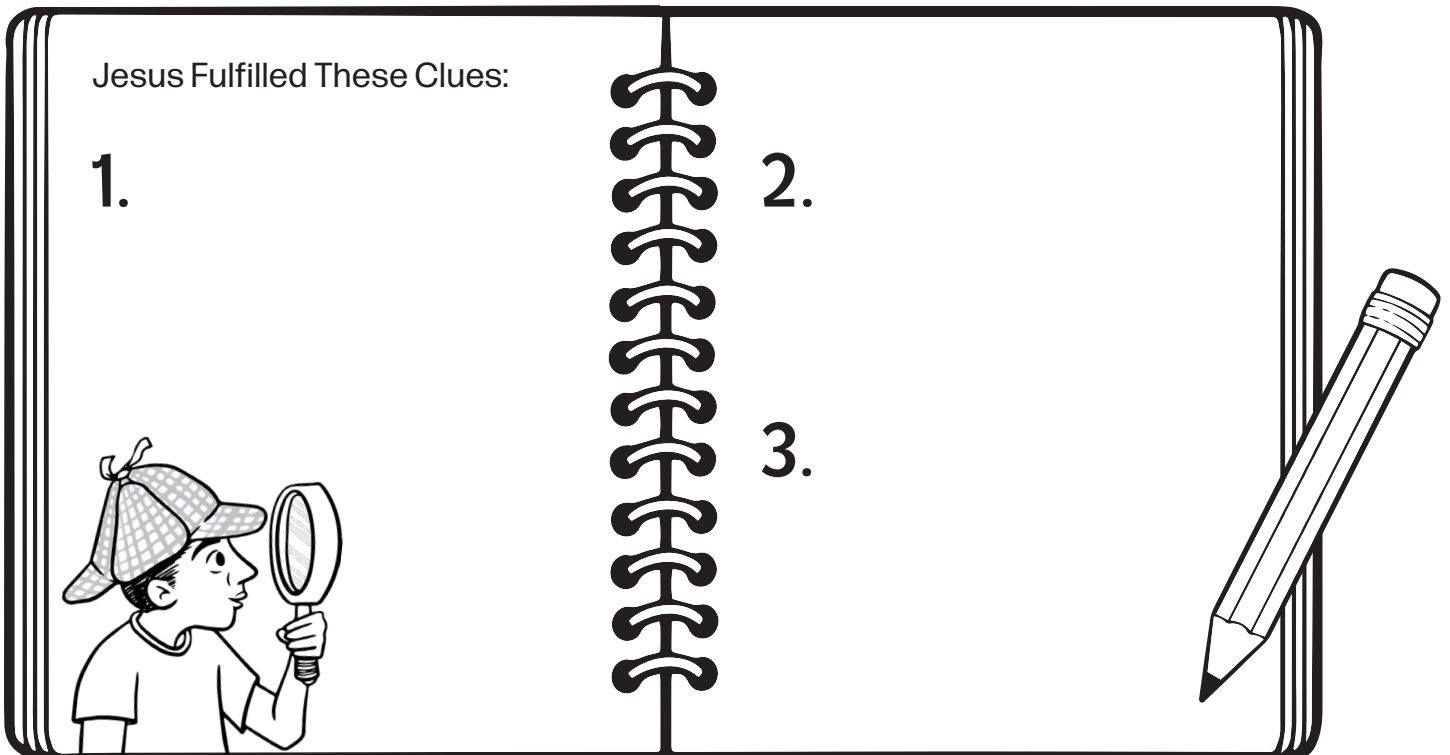
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| 2) 1 Corinthians 5:7b | 4) Hebrews 10:4, 11 | |

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In the notebook below, attach the three Old Testament clues Jesus fulfilled.

How was Jesus the fulfillment of Isaiah 53:3-6? Why was Jesus able to bear the sins of others? How was Jesus’ sacrifice of Himself much better than the Old Testament sacrifices? Read Hebrews 9:24-28 and Hebrews 10:12-14.

On the next page, use 1 Peter 2:24 and 1 Corinthians 5:7 to fill in the missing words.

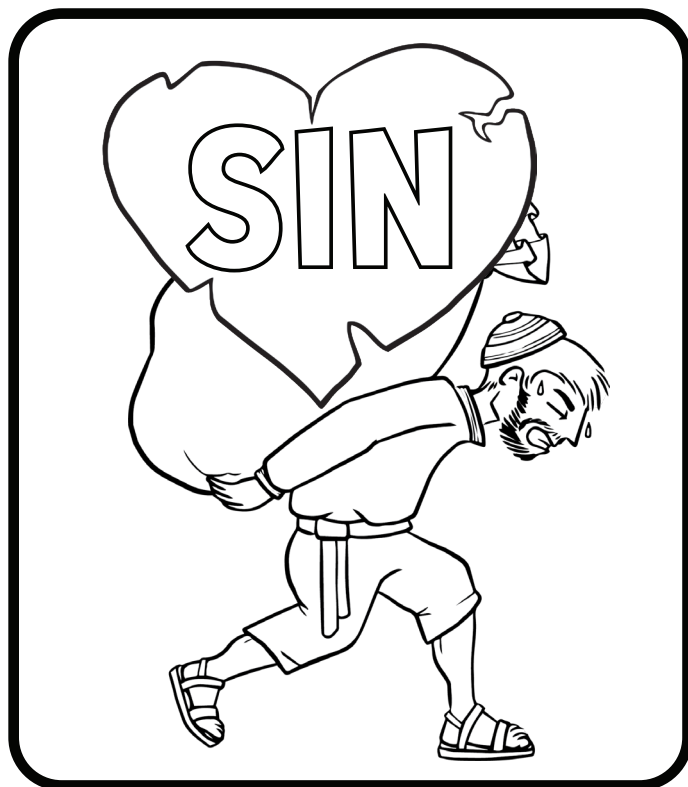


Isaiah had said:

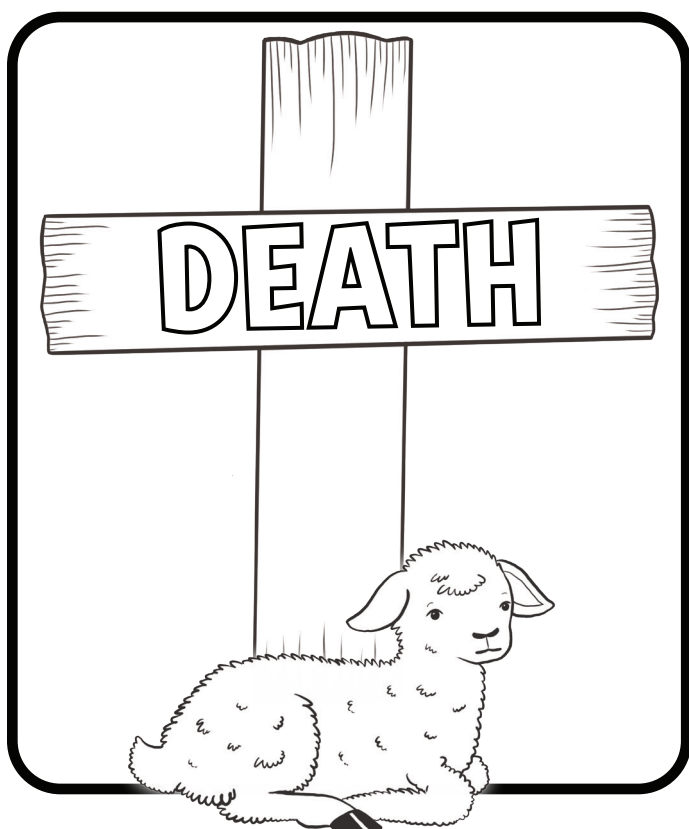
“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities...and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

This is what Jesus did:

“He himself _____
our _____ in his _____.”



THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!

**God said in Exodus:**

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”

This is what Jesus did:

“For Christ, our _____ lamb,
has been _____.”



The Mystery Is Solved!

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus came to establish a new covenant between God and His sinful people.
- The new covenant promises deliverance from sin and death because of what Jesus has accomplished.
- The new covenant is everlasting and has been made official by the shed blood of Jesus.
- The new covenant is for all people who trust in Jesus alone for their salvation.

MEMORY VERSES (Review John 1:1-17.)

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.—John 1:18

SCRIPTURE

1) Matthew 26:26-28

3) 2 Corinthians 5:21

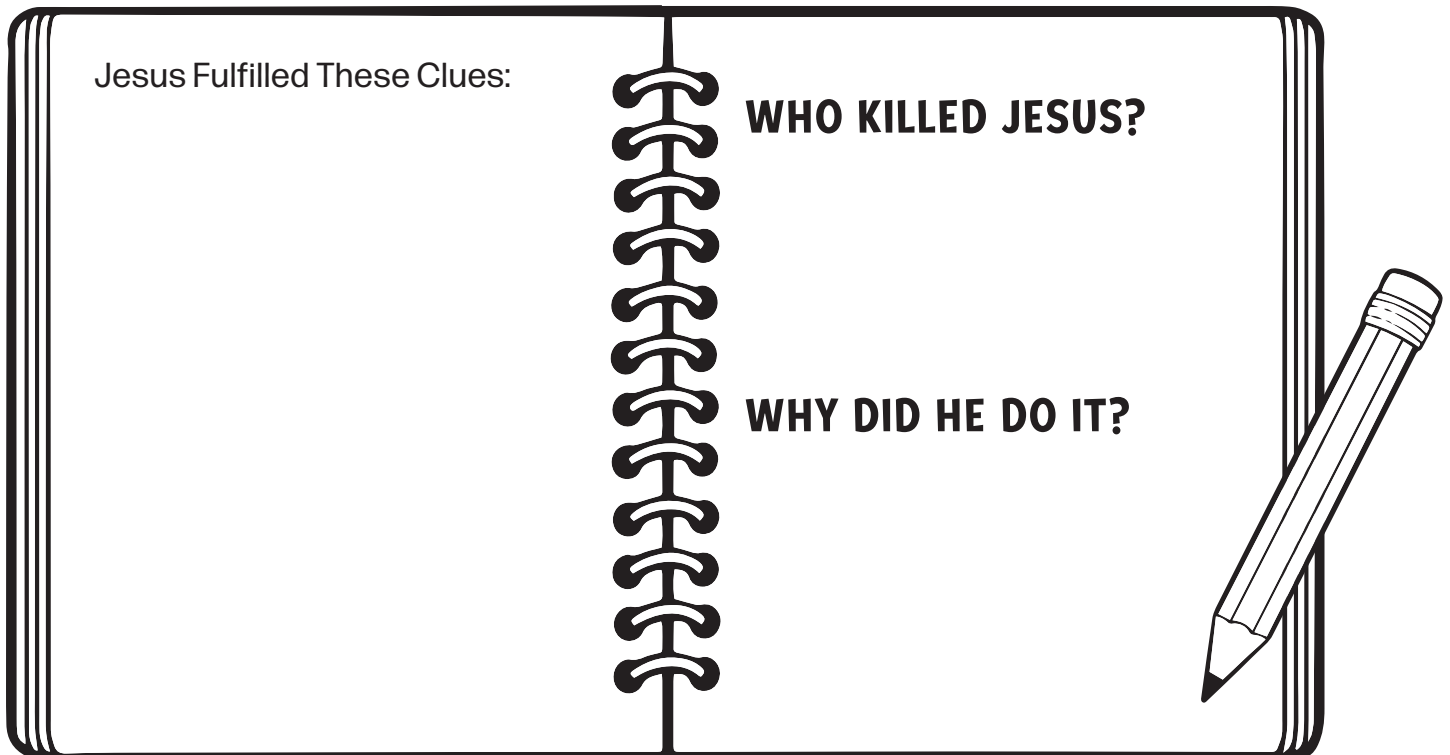
2) John 3:14-15

4) Romans 8:1-2

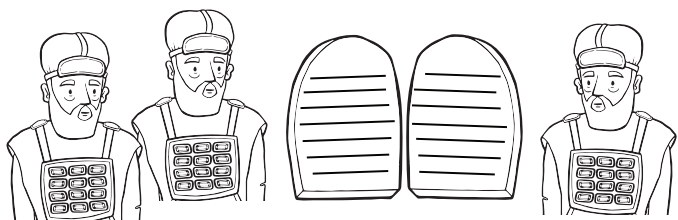
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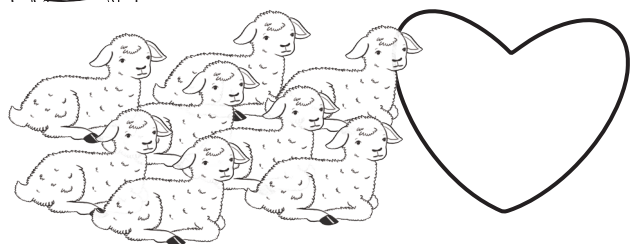
On the top portion of the next page, there is a short summary of the Old Covenant God made with Israel at Mt. Sinai. Below this is a summary of the New Covenant Jesus made through His life, death, and resurrection. Fill in the missing words to this covenant. To help you, compare numbers 1-5 of the Old Covenant with 1-5 of the New Covenant. The answers will be opposites.



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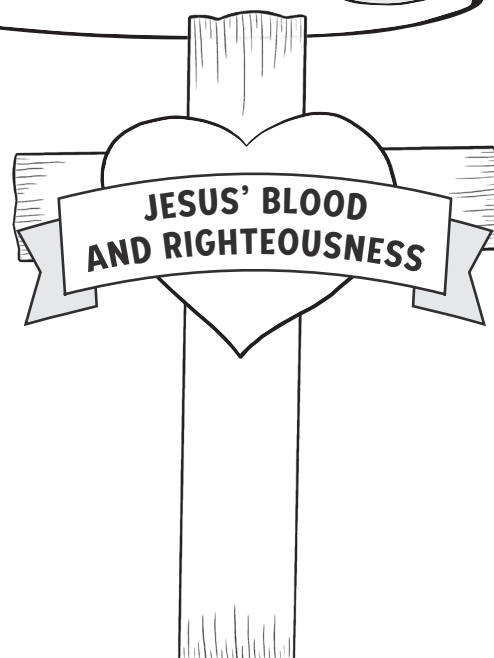


1. Could not take away sins
2. Could not provide complete forgiveness
3. Could not make sinners righteous
4. Could not deliver sinners from death & hell
5. Was only temporary and came to an end when Jesus came to make...



THE NEW COVENANT

1. Takes away _____ sins
2. Provides complete _____ forgiveness
3. Makes sinners _____ righteous
4. _____ Delivers _____ sinners from death & hell into _____ eternal _____ life
5. Is _____ everlasting _____



WHO IS THE NEW COVENANT FOR?

People who are trusting in _____ Jesus _____ for all that He is, for all that He has done, and for all that He has promised to do!



Jesus: Returning King!

MAIN IDEAS

- Jesus' resurrection is proof that the new covenant has been enacted and accomplishes what it promises.
- Jesus fulfills the Old Testament clues concerning the throne of David.
- Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the throne in heaven.
- Jesus will someday return to this earth as the triumphant and reigning King.

MEMORY VERSES

Review John 1:1-18.

SCRIPTURE

1) Matthew 25:31

3) John 11:25

5) Hebrews 8:1

2) Luke 1:32-33

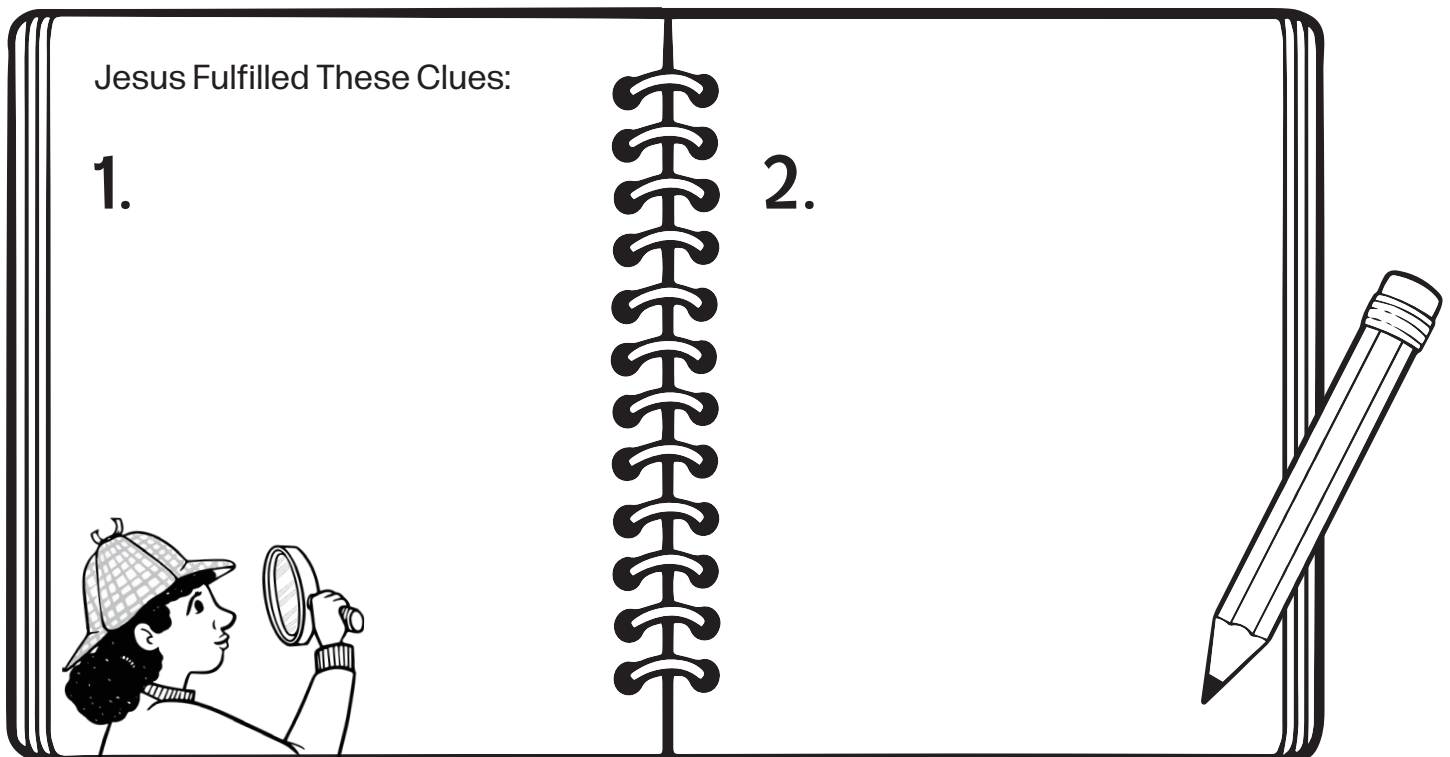
4) John 12:12-15

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In the notebook section, attach the two Old Testament clues Jesus fulfilled.

How will Jesus' second coming to earth be different from His first coming? Use the decoder at the bottom of the next page to fill in the missing words.

Read Revelation 7:9-10. Will you be part of this great multitude, who are all worshiping King Jesus? Are you looking forward to Jesus' return? Is He reigning in your heart today?



1ST COMING

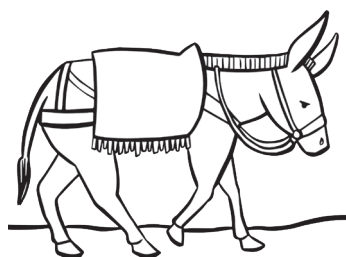
2ND COMING



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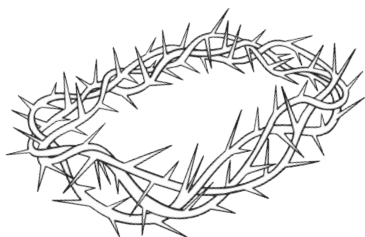
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King!



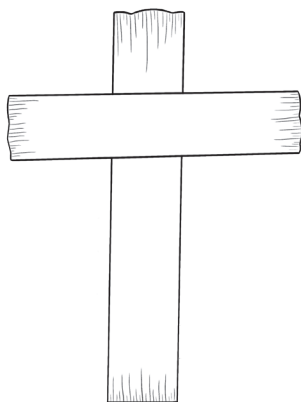
Riding on
a donkey

Riding on a white horse with
the _____
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of heaven!



A crown
of thorns

Many _____
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on His head!



Hung on
a cross

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A Story for You

MAIN IDEAS

- God desires to save sinners through what Jesus has done on the cross.
- All people respond to Jesus, either in belief resulting in eternal life, or unbelief resulting in condemnation.
- God has written all people into the story of the Bible—it has a personal message for each of us.

SCRIPTURE

1) Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

2) John 3:16-18a, 36

3) Romans 3:23

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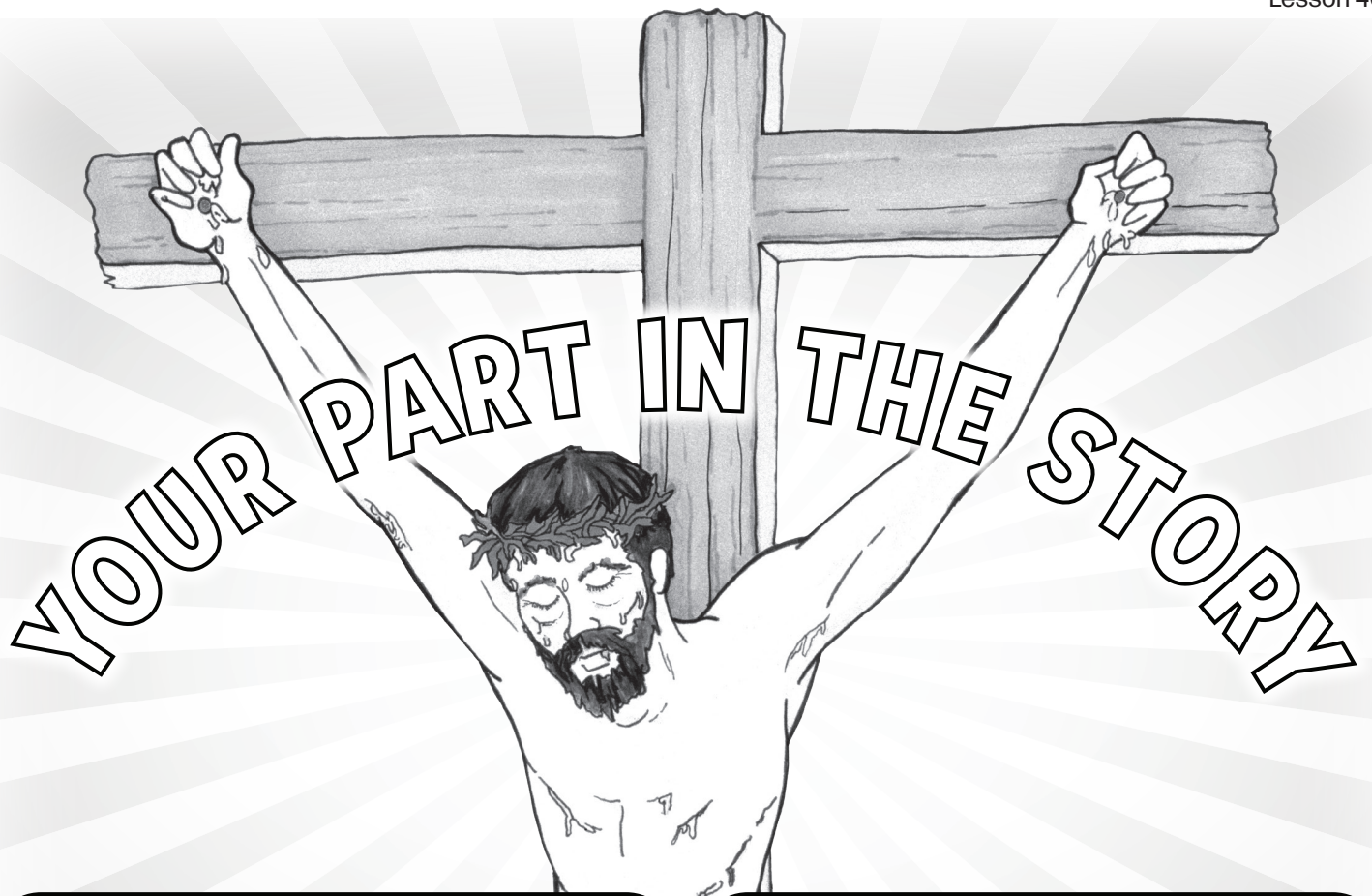
Read John 3:16-18a and 36, written in your notebook section. How many responses are there to Jesus? What does God promise will be the result of each response? Use the two boxes on the next page to write the answers to these two questions.

Are you believing in Jesus right now? Who do you believe Jesus is? Are you depending on Him to forgive all of your sins and make you right with God? Do you believe with all your heart that He will give you eternal life in heaven? Do you feel at peace with God, or do you feel as if He is angry at you? Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 and 6:1-2. Is today the day of your salvation?

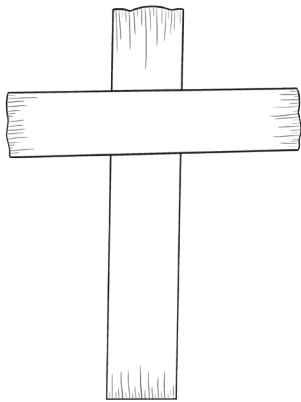
For God so loved the world that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already.

³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

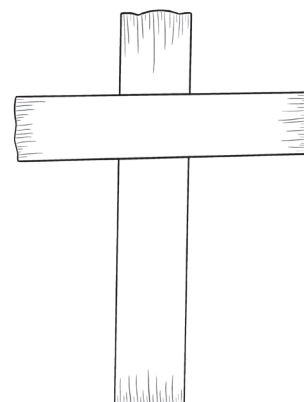


RESPONSE #1



GOD'S PROMISE

RESPONSE #2



GOD'S PROMISE



IN THE BEGINNING... JESUS

What is a mystery? A mystery is something that is not fully known or explained. Some stories are mysteries. Suppose a boy walks into his room and finds his best baseball glove missing and a note in its place. The note is a clue. It says, "You will find your glove when you solve this riddle: Up above and down below, sometimes fast but most times slow." Where is the glove? How will the boy solve the mystery? Will he find more clues? You would need to read the story, from beginning to end, to find out.

Did you know that there is a true story about a mystery that was kept secret for a long, long time?

It includes many things usually found in mystery stories—a main character, the scene of a crime, clues, and suspense—but this mystery is different from any other story. Why? Because it is God's story, the Bible!

In this study, you will learn about a great mystery recorded in the Bible. It is a mystery that was kept secret and not fully understood for many years, but now it has been revealed. The mystery has been solved, and God wants to show you the solution. Why is this mystery so important for you to understand? You will find out as you go to class, use this workbook, and study at home with your parents.

After each lesson, you will record clues in this workbook. Be sure to complete every page. If you miss a lesson, ask your teacher to help you fill in the clues you missed. Every single clue is important to solve this mystery.



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