

- "All your children will be taught by the Lord. And they will have much peace" (Isaiah 54:13).
- "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).
- "I leave you peace. ... Don't be afraid" (John 14:27).
- "I will bring back your health. And I will heal your injuries" (Jeremiah 30:17).





#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

When Ellen White was a little girl, she wanted to learn all she could about God. So, she asked Jesus to come into her heart and be her Teacher. Through the books that Ellen wrote after she became an adult, that helped to start the Seventh-day Adventist Church, God has been able to teach other people about Himself, too.

Here is what Ellen wrote about the Bible, God's Holy Book:

"In childhood, youth, and manhood, Jesus studied the Scriptures. As a little child He was daily at His mother's knee taught from the scrolls of the prophets. In His youth the early morning and the evening twilight often found Him alone on the mountainside or among the trees of the forest, spending a quiet hour in prayer and the study of God's word" (*Education*, p. 185).

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#### IDEA

Why not choose a quiet place in your house to spend a few moments each day thinking about God? You could read or listen to a story about Him too.



#### **FUN FACTS**

#### THE AMAZING BRAIN:

The average brain can produce 70,000 thoughts ... per day! \*

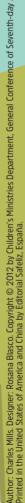
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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What do you think about God?





"All Scripture is given by God and is useful for teaching and for showing people what is wrong in their lives." 2 Timothy 3:16



#### **STORY TIME**

If you want to tell your friend something, what do you do? That's right. You go up to that person and say, "Hey, I want to tell you something." Then you share a funny story, whisper a secret, or let them know about what you learned in school today. It's fun.

But what if your friend lived far away? What if they moved to a city that was in another state or even another country?

Look at the pictures and circle what you would use to share your thoughts with your faraway friend. Maybe you would use all three!









When Jesus lived on this earth, He talked to people face-to-face. He went right up to them and said, "Hello. How are you doing? Are you happy today?" Then the people would say things like, "Oh, I'm sick today," or, "Oh, I'm lonely today," or, "Oh, I don't know what to do with a big problem I have in my life." Jesus would nod His head slowly, think for a minute, and then He'd say something kind and loving to them. He'd heal their sickness. He'd be their Friend so they wouldn't be lonely anymore. He'd talk to them about their problem until they decided what to do. Jesus loved to talk to people.



#### DRAW A PICTURE OF JESUS TALKING TO SOMEONE.

Maybe it's someone sick in bed or sitting alone in a field of flowers. Maybe it's a person in a boat. You decide:



Now Jesus lives in Heaven. But He still wants to talk to us. He still wants to tell us how to get well when we're sick. He still wants to help us with our problems. He still wants to show us that He is our Friend. How does He do that?

Does He use this?





Does He use this?



THE LARGEST BIBLE:

**FUN FACTS** 

Does He write us a letter?

When laid open, the Waynai Bible measures 43 inches tall and 98 inches wide. Closed, the spine is 34 inches thick. The book has 8,048 pages and weighs in at 1,094 pounds!\*

**YES!** The Bible is God's letter to us! It's Jesus talking to us from Heaven!

\* Source: http://biblereadersmuseum.blogspot.com/2016/01/the-worlds-largest-bible.html



#### DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR BIBLE.

Be sure to put the words "Holy Bible" on the cover. You can design the cover and include decorations. Or you can draw yourself reading your Bible. At the bottom of the picture, write the words, "God's Letter to Me."



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Would you like to know more about the Bible? Fill in the blanks of the following Bible verses to learn more about this wonderful letter from God. You'll find the words in the "Library" section of this lesson. Just look for the same Bible text:

What does Jesus say you'll have when you read His words in the Bible?

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# "I will bring back your \_\_\_\_\_. And I will \_

MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for wanting to talk to me each day. I'll look for Your words in my Bible, and when I hear a story about you at church or in school. I want to be Your friend forever. Amen.



#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Father, for loving me. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me from my sins. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for comforting me when I'm sad and teaching me how to live a safe and happy life. Amen.





#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"There are three living persons of the heavenly trio; in the name of these three great powers—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—those who receive Christ by living faith are baptized" (*Evangelism*, p. 615).

Someday, when you are baptized, you will hear those wonderful names just before the preacher lowers you under the water and brings you up again. Listen for them!



#### **CHECK THIS!**

Read the text from "God's Word for me" and check the word that describes what God offers you:

The Lord Jesus Chris money grace	a big house
God the Father off  good looks  a puppy	ers me: love candy
The Holy Spirit of Offellowship	ffers me:  food  a camera

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### **BANANAS:**

- The average American consumes 28 pounds of bananas per year.
- The strings that go up and down the length of bananas help distribute nutrients to every part of the growing bananas.\*

You are never alone. You have Three heavenly Friends who love you even when you're mad or sad, forgive you when you make a mistake, and stay by you forever. One plus One plus One!

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What have you learned about the "heavenly Trio"?

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"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." *2 Corinthians 13:14* 



#### STORY TIME

How are you at math? Let's find out. If you take one banana, one apple, and one mango and put them in a bowl, how many fruit would there be in that bowl? That's one plus one plus one. Yes, you're right. There would be three fruit in the bowl.



<sup>\*</sup> Sources: https://today.yougov.com/consumer/articles/25348-study-bananas; https://www.huffpost.com/entry/banana-strings-phloem-bundles\_n\_59356f67e4b0c242ca25e7f8



# DRAW A PICTURE OF A PRETTY BOWL WITH A BANANA, AN APPLE, AND A MANGO IN IT.

Choose the correct color for each fruit. Below the picture write, "Three Fruit."

Now let's do something interesting in our imaginations. Let's slice the banana into a bunch of little round pieces. Cut, cut, cut, cut, cut. Good. Now, let's chop the apple into little chunks. Chop, chop, chop, chop, chop. And finally, let's slice that delicious, juicy mango into long, sweet, tasty slices. Slice, slice, slice, slice, slice.

Put all of the pieces of all three fruit into the bowl. Mix them up so that everywhere you look in the bowl you see banana slices, apple chunks, and mango slices. Now, answer this question: How many fruit salads do you have? That's right. One! You just took one plus one plus one, and made it ... ONE!



#### DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR PRETTY FRUIT SALAD BOWL.

Remember to make round banana pieces, chopped up apple chunks, and long, beautiful mango slices. Color each piece. Write at the bottom, "One Fruit Salad."

Did you know that God is really three Individuals? There's God the FATHER, God the SON, and God the HOLY SPIRIT. Three heavenly Friends. Three Gods that make one God. One plus One plus One equals One. And each Friend offers you something amazing.



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

When you understand that God is really three Friends in One, it makes reading the Bible even more exciting. When a verse says that your sins are forgiven, you know that it is God the Father who is forgiving you. When you read about how God wants to comfort you when you're sad, you understand that it's God the Holy Spirit who wants to bring happy thoughts into your mind. And when you read that God wants to save you from your sins, that's the Son showing you how much He cares for you.

 Read these beautiful texts and circle which Friend is providing the power to make it happen.



God the Father LOVES and FORGIVES.

God the **Son** SAVES from sin.

God the Holy Spirit COMFORTS and PROTECTS.



"Lord, even when I have trouble all around me, you will keep me alive" (Psalm 138:7).

Father

Son

**Holy Spirit** 

"If you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong" (Matthew 6:14).

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

"Jesus is the way our sins are taken away. And Jesus is the way that all people have their sins taken away, too" (1 John 2:2).



Father

Son

Holy Spirit

#### LIBRARY

Read these wonderful promises to your brother, sister, mom, or dad and tell them that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit each have plenty of love, forgiveness, and joy to share with everyone.

- "God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid if the earth shakes, or if the mountains fall into the sea" (Psalm 46:1, 2).
- "God gave Jesus as a way to forgive sin through faith. And all of this is because of the blood of Jesus' death" (Romans 3:25).
- "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).



- "The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell all the people of Israel: I am the Lord your God. You must be holy because I am holy" (Leviticus 19:1, 2).
- "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).
- "You are God. You have always been, and you will always be" (Psalm 90:2).
- "I am the Lord. I do not change" (Malachi 3:6).
- "'No one can hide where I cannot see him,' says the Lord. 'I fill all of heaven and earth' " (Jeremiah 23:24).
- "We can trust God. He does what is right" (1 John 1:9).
- "The Lord has great love and faithfulness" (Exodus 34:6).



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"[Jesus] presented God as a loving father, not as an avenging judge. He drew all, high and low, rich and poor, to see God in His true character, leading them to call Him by the endearing name, 'Our Father,' " (Review and Herald, March 5, 1901).

Perhaps you don't have a father here on earth. Maybe he died or moved away. But the good news is you have a heavenly Father who loves you very much!



#### **FUN FACTS**

#### FATHER'S DAY:

- The tie is the most traditional and famous Father's Day gift throughout the globe.
- The first Father's Day was announced and celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.\*



\* Source:: http://www.tiptoptens.com/2011/05/27/fathers-day-facts/.

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# **PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

What does having a heavenly Father mean to you?





"The Lord your God is with you.... You will rest in his love. He will sing and be joyful about you." *Zephaniah* 3:17



#### **STORY TIME**

One night a terrible fire broke out in an apartment building in a big city. Firefighters rushed to the scene, hoping to put out the flames before they spread to other nearby buildings.

"Is everyone out of the burning building?" the fire chief shouted.

"I think so," one of his firefighters called back.

Just then everyone heard a scream. Looking up, they saw a little girl hanging out of a second-story window. "Help me, help me!" she cried.

Strong men took up position below the window. "Jump into our arms," they shouted up at the little girl. "We will catch you."

"No!" the frightened girl screamed. "I can't jump. I'm afraid." "What are we going to do?" the fire chief wondered. "If she doesn't jump, the fire will burn her."

Just then a man came running down the street. He saw the fire-fighters. He saw the burning building. And he saw the little girl hanging out of the window. Rushing to the sidewalk below the girl, he shouted up at her, "Jump! Jump now!" The frightened girl stopped her screaming and let go of the window frame. Down, down, down she fell, right into the open arms of the man. Together they dropped to the sidewalk, holding each other tightly. Then firefighters led them away from the building and to safety.

"Why?" the fire chief asked. "Why did that little girl refuse to jump into the arms of those strong men, but she quickly fell into the arms of that one man? Who is he?"

A woman standing nearby smiled and pointed. "That's the little girl's father. When he told her to jump, she wasn't afraid because she knew her daddy would catch her."

#### **CHECK THIS!**

Check the reasons why you think that little girl so quickly jumped from the burning building into her daddy's arms. You might choose more than one reason:

She knew her daddy was a college graduate.
She knew her daddy earned a lot of money at his job.
She trusted her daddy.
Her daddy loved her.
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Her daddy was president of a company.

Her daddy had always helped her when she was in trouble.



The Bible says that we have a heavenly Father, and that we can trust Him because He loves us and always wants to help us when we're in trouble. He will never leave us alone. That's very good news! Let's learn more about our heavenly Father.



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

God the Father lives in Heaven and is so interested in us that He even knows how many hairs we have on our head! He knows when we're happy, when we're sad, and when we're afraid. How does He do all that? Find the following texts in the "Library" section of this lesson, and draw a line from the word that describes God the Father to the text that tells about Him. Look at the example:

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John 3:16: God is	always be
Psalm 90:2: God will	trustworthy
Malachi 3:6: God never	faithfulness
Jeremiah 23:24: God sees	holy
1 John 1:9: God is	everything
Exodus 34:6: God has love and	love



#### **FUN FACTS**

#### **HOW MUCH HAIR?**

The average scalp has 100,000 hairs. Redheads have the least at 80,000; brown- and black-haired persons have about 100,000; and blondes have the most at 120,000.\*

## MEOW!

• There areapproximately 60,000 hairs per square inch on the back of a cat!

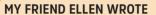


Thank You, Father, for loving me and for having the desire to take care of me, even if everyone else leaves me alone. You are a true Friend. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> Sources: http://www.dermatology.org/skincare/hair/hairfact.html; http://oddrob.com/catFacts.asp. Cat image credit: freepik.com



- "The rider on the horse [this is how John described Jesus in this chapter] is called Faithful and True" (Revelation 19:11).
- "'[Mary] will have a son, and they will name him Immanuel.' This name means 'God is with us' " (Matthew 1:23).
- "[Jesus] said, 'I am the light of the world' " (John 8:12).
- "[Moses's followers] drank from that spiritual rock that was with them. That rock was Christ" (1 Corinthians 10:4).
- "Jesus answered, 'I am the way. And I am the truth and the life' " (John 14:6).
- "I am the door for the sheep" (John 10:7).
- "But the Lord is faithful. He will give you strength and protect you from the Evil One" (2 Thessalonians 3:3).



"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour. He who confesses his sin and humbles his heart will receive forgiveness" (*Bible Training School*, March 1, 1906).

The word pardoning means "forgiving." Jesus wants to forgive our sins. Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus is eager to toss our sins into the sea? All we have to do is ask! If you are hiding a sin in your heart, take a moment and tell Jesus about it.



**FUN FACTS** 

#### THE OCEAN:

- Its deepest point is 36,198 feet, which is located in the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean. It's deeper than the height of Mount Everest!
- There are 328,000,000 cubic miles of seawater on earth.\*

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## **PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

What sins do you want Jesus to toss into the sea?

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"She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:21* 



#### **STORY TIME**

Jimmy Potter stood looking up at the broken window trying hard not to run away like all friends had done. Just moments ago, he'd hit the baseball so hard it had rattled his teeth. Like a rocket, the ball had sailed out over the vacant lot where he and his buddies were playing, flown silently over the hedge at the edge of the lot, and kept right on going until it finally smashed right through the big side window of the house next door. CRASH. He'd heard the sound just as he was passing first base. "Let's get out of here!" his friend Justin shouted. And before Jimmy knew what was happening, he was the only ball player left on the field.

What to do? If he ran, the owner of the house with the broken window would never know who sent the ball crashing into his living room. But if he ran, he wouldn't have to face an angry person who, he was sure, would demand payment for

<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://see-the-sea.org/facts/facts-body.htm



a new window, which Jimmy figured would cost far more than the eighteen dollars he had in his savings account at the bank. If he ran, he'd save himself and his parents a lot of embarrassment. But Jimmy Potter didn't run. Instead, he walked slowly toward the house, toward the broken window, toward the embarrassing meeting he was about to have with whomever lived inside. Why? Because of his name. You see, the name Potter had been around his family for a long time.

His grandfather Potter was a soldier in a terrible war that took place long before Jimmy was born. He'd heard stories of how his grandfather had saved his buddies by

refusing to run away when the enemy stormed in his direction. Jimmy's father owned the grocery store in town and everyone said that he was always honest and kind, even giving food to people who were down on their luck and couldn't buy what they needed from time to time. People liked to shop in Potter's Grocery Store. No, Jimmy wouldn't run away because his name meant something. He would be as brave as his grandfather, and as honest as his dad. He would be a Potter, even when that meant getting yelled at.

When he reached the front steps, the door to the house burst open and a large man raced out onto the porch and shouted in his direction, "Who broke my window?"

"I did, sir," Jimmy answered, standing as tall as any soldier or grocery store owner would.

"And who are you?" the man asked, a frown darkening his face.

"I'm Jimmy Potter. I'll pay for a new window."

"Well, you'd better," the angry man stated. "And don't think I'll forget who you are. I know your name."

"Yes, sir," Jimmy said with a smile.

Then he turned and began walking toward town. His dad had offered him an afterschool job at the grocery store. He figured now was the perfect time to take him up on his offer.



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

When we call ourselves a "Christian," we need to know what that name means. Being a Christian means we want to be like Jesus in everything we do. We want to honor His name in our words and actions. So, how does the Bible describe Jesus? Look up the texts in the "Library" section and write what Jesus is like in the spaces.

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#### MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for telling me and showing me the kind of person I need to be if I'm called by Your name: "Christian." I want to be just like You. Amen.

# FUN FACTS

#### BASEBALL:

- A regulation baseball has 108 stitches.
- The longest baseball game was between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Chicago White Sox and lasted eight hours and six minutes.\*

• In baseball, a "can of corn" refers to a fly ball that is easy to catch.

<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://www.weirdfacts.com/weird-fact/3240-baseball-facts.html#ixzz1r4tEXOUf



Thank You, God, for loving me so much that You sent Your only Son, Jesus, to die for my sins and save me so that I can live with You in Heaven. And thank You, Jesus, for sending the Holy Spirit to be my support team during my earthly life. I look forward to talking with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in Heaven someday. I love You all. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

- "But the Holy Spirit will come to you. Then you will receive power. You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).
- "At that time the Holy Spirit will teach you what you must say" (Luke 12:12).
- "When the Helper comes, he will prove to the people of the world the truth about sin" (John 16:8).
- "Making you holy is the Spirit's work" (1 Peter 1:2).
- "[God] will give you this Helper to be with you forever" (John 14:16).



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race.... To all who have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour, the Holy Spirit has come as a counselor, sanctifier, guide, and witness" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 49).

The word sanctifier means "someone who helps you become more and more like Jesus." The Holy Spirit is a wonderful Friend and Helper. He can teach you many things—not by words that you hear, but by thoughts that you think. Sit quietly sometimes and simply say, "Holy Spirit, help me to understand more about Jesus." He'll bring beautiful thoughts into your mind. Try it!

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What thoughts does the Holy Spirit bring to your mind?

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"But the Helper will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember all the things I told you. This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name." *John 14:26* 



#### **STORY TIME**

Have you ever heard anyone talk about "famous last words"? These are statements that a person might have said right before he or she died. Here are a couple examples: "No, this isn't a poisonous snake." Or, "This gun is never loaded with real bullets." Then there's the person who says, "Seat belts? Don't need them because I'm a careful driver." And let's not forget the young person who announces to his friends, "Sure, I can jump over that deep hole in the ground." Get the idea?

Jesus had some last words to share with His disciples right before He left them to return to Heaven. They were very serious words and were meant for you and me, too.

Look up the text in the "Library" section and write what Jesus said His disciples—and to us—right before He returned to His Father in Heaven. Fill in the missing words.

"But the Holy Spirit will	to you. 1	Then you will
receive	You will be my	" (Acts 1:8).

According to Jesus, three things were going to happen right after He left.

- 1. The Holy Spirit would come.
- 2. His followers would receive power.
- 3. They would become witnesses.

They are the same three things that can happen to us if we accept Him.

Wow! That's pretty amazing, seeing that we're just simple, little ol' us! But when the Holy Spirit shows up, we become "Super Us!" We're powerful! We have a job to do. Using that power from the Holy Spirit, we can share God's love with the whole world. (And you thought you were just going to be a veterinarian or a truck driver. There's a good chance God has even more plans in mind.)

Have you ever seen a professional bicycle race? It's amazing. Athletes from around the world gather in one place to speed through cities and over country roads, each trying to finish the race first. They pedal over mountains, across valleys, through tunnels, and hurl down steep roads at a breakneck pace.

Once the cyclists have raced past, another group of people follows close behind. Each rider has a support team riding in a car or van that follows him or her, ready to lend a hand if something breaks, if there's a bad spill, or if the rider simply needs words of encouragement. That support team is very important to the rider. It's there to help in time of need and to bring words of wisdom when all seems lost.

That's the work of the Holy Spirit. He's our support team, ready to step in with help and comfort right when we need it most. Aren't you glad that, the Holy Spirit is right behind you, eager to give you the encouragement and information you need to win the race?

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### **BICYCLE FEAT:**

 Fred A. Birchmore, 25, circled the globe by bicycle in 1935. The entire trip, through Europe, Asia, and the United States, covered 40,000 miles. He pedaled about 25,000 miles. The rest was traveled by boat.\*



<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/morestories/ten-things-about-bikes



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

How does the Holy Spirit give us the power we need to live in service to God? Find the verses in the "Library" section and circle the correct word in each Bible quotation.

- "At that time the Holy Spirit will (sing) (teach) (pray) you what you must say" (Luke 12:12).
- "When the Helper comes, he will **(prove) (defend) (ask)** to the people of the world the truth about sin" **(John 16:8)**.
- "Making you (handsome) (smart) (holy) is the Spirit's work" (1 Peter 1:2).
- "[God] will give you this Helper to be with you (for a week) (until Christmas) (forever)" (John 14:16).



#### DRAW A PICTURE OF YOU RIDING YOUR BICYCLE IN A RACE.

Be sure to put a protective helmet on your head. You might be riding through a beautiful valley or along city streets. Add your support team in their little car or van coming behind you. Write the words "Holy Spirit" on the side of the vehicle to remind you that the Holy Spirit is with you through the race of life.



#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, God, for making such a beautiful world for me to live in. Thank You for making me. too. Amen.

# God loves me

#### LIBRARY

- "Then God said, 'Let there be LIGHT!' And there was LIGHT, ... God named the light 'DAY' and the darkness 'NIGHT'" (Genesis 1:3-5).
- "Then God said, 'Let there be something to divide the water in two!' So God made the AIR to divide the water in two.... God named the air 'SKY'" (Genesis 1:6-8).



- "Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the sky to separate day from night,'... So God made the two large lights. He made the BRIGHTER LIGHT [SUN] to rule the day. He made the SMALLER LIGHT [MOON] to rule the night. He also made the STARS" (Genesis 1:14-16).
- "Then God said, 'Let the water be filled with living things, And let BIRDS fly in the air above the earth.' So God created the large SEA ANIMALS" (Genesis 1:20, 21).
- "Then God said, 'Let the earth be filled with ANIMALS.'... Then God said, 'Let us make HUMAN BEINGS in our image and likeness'" (Genesis 1:24–26).
- "By the seventh day God finished the work he had been doing. So on the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it a HOLY DAY" (Genesis 2:2, 3).

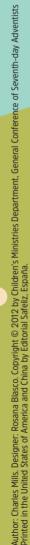


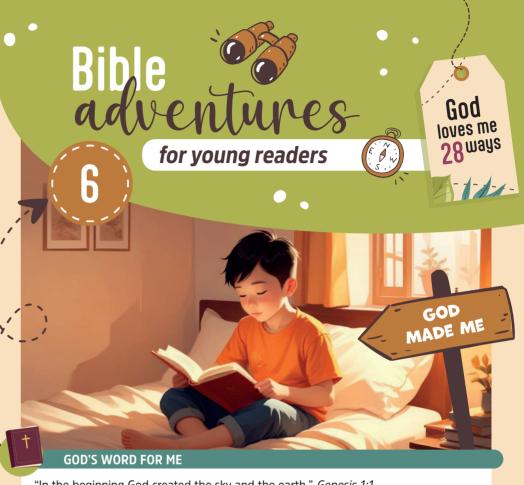
#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The weekly cycle of seven literal days, six for labor, and the seventh for rest, which has been preserved and brought down through Bible history, originated in the great facts of the first seven days" (Spiritual Gifts, vol. 3, p. 90).

The word literal means "actual." God made the earth in six actual days and then rested for one actual day. We're supposed to do the same: work six, rest one. This Sabbath, when you head for church, you're following in God's footsteps. That's exciting!

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"In the beginning God created the sky and the earth." Genesis 1:1



#### **STORY TIME**

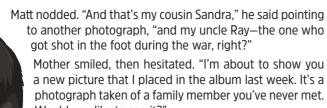
Matt sat down beside his mother and pulled the warm blanket up around his chin. Being sick with a cold wasn't fun. He'd been sneezing and coughing and sweating for two days straight and finally felt good enough to do something other than sneeze, cough, and sweat.

Mom opened the large family photo album and laid it across their laps. "Are you sure you feel well enough to look at these pictures?" she asked.

"Yes," Matt responded with a sniff. "I want to do something fun. I'm tired of being sick."

"OK," Mom said with a smile. "I know how much you enjoy this old album, so here goes."

Matt snuggled in close to his mother as she began pointing to images taken long before he was born. "There's your great-grandfather on his farm in the country. And that little boy standing beside him? He would someday grow up, get married, and be the daddy of your daddy! Kinda looks like Daddy, wouldn't you say?"



Mother smiled, then hesitated, "I'm about to show you a new picture that I placed in the album last week. It's a photograph taken of a family member you've never met. Would you like to see it?"

"Sure!" Matt said enthusiastically. "I love looking at pictures of my relatives."

Mom turned the page and there, mounted right in the center of the album was a big, beautiful picture of a monkey.

Matt blinked, unsure of what to say. "That's one of my relatives?" he gasped.

Mother shrugged. "There are a lot of people who would say it is. They believe that a few billion years ago, a little sea creature crawled out of the ocean and began to live on land. Over the centuries, its offspring grew legs, tails, and finally fur. Then it continued to change until it became a human being. So this could very well be a picture of a family member—according to them."

"Wait a minute," Matt responded. "That's not what the Bible says. The Bible says that God created everything, including me and that monkey. He made the trees and flowers and birds, too, I don't care what anybody says, I know the truth. A monkey can be my friend, or a pet, or something I see in a zoo, but it has never, ever been my relative." He smiled. "So, Mom, you can take that monkey out of our family album. He doesn't belong there. But, I would like to hang it on my wall. It's a great picture of one of God's creatures."

Mother hugged Matt so tightly it made him cough. "You're one smart kid," she said. "I tried to trick you, but you didn't fall for it. I wanted to see if you were listening in church last week." Matt's grin spread from ear to ear. "Hey," he said, "no one is going to make a monkey out of me."

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### MONKEYS:

- Monkeys are most easily distinguished from apes by their tails. Apes have no tails.
- A group of monkeys is called a "troop."\*

#### HOLD ON!

 Monkeys can grasp with both their fingers and their toes.

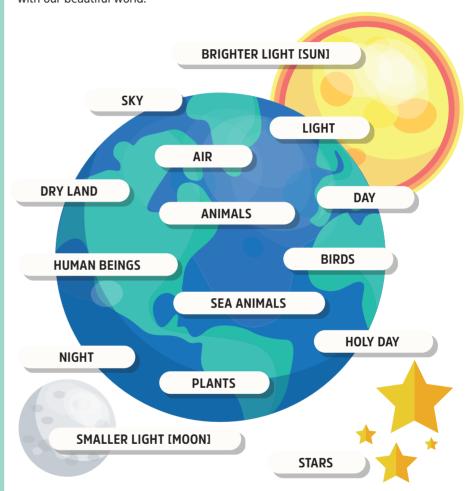


\*Source: http://www.kidskonnect.com/subject-index/13-animals/42-monkeys.html



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Look up the Bible texts in the "Library" section and then draw a line from the day of Creation to what God created on that day. Remember, some days may have more than one creation. God began with an ugly mixture of water, air, and darkness. He ended up with our beautiful world.



**DAY 1 - GENESIS 1:3-5** 

**DAY 5 - GENESIS 1:20-23** 

**DAY 2 - GENESIS 1:6-8** 

**DAY 6 - GENESIS 1:24-31** 

**DAY 3 - GENESIS 1:9-13** 

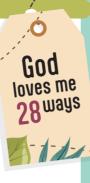
**DAY 7 - GENESIS 2:1-3** 

**DAY 4 - GENESIS 1:14-19** 



#### **LIBRARY**

- "Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image and likeness. And let them rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth" (Genesis 1:26).
- "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him'" (Genesis 2:18).
- "The man answered, 'I heard you walking in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid'" (Genesis 3:10).
- "So the Lord God forced the man out of the Garden of Eden" (Genesis 3:23).
- "All people have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory" (Romans 3:23).





#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The fall of man filled all heaven with sorrow. ... Angels ceased their songs of praise. Throughout the heavenly courts there was mourning for the ruin that sin had wrought" (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 63).

Can you imagine a silent Heaven? When Adam and Eve sinned, even the angels felt sad. But we can make the angels sing again when we love God and love others. Think about that. When you do something kind, when you forgive a person who has been mean to you, when you share God's love with a neighbor, you are filling the courts of Heaven with song. Wow!

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What are some ways you can make the angels sing again?

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"Even the darkness is not dark to you. The night is as light as the day." Psalm 139:12



#### **STORY TIME**

Terri opened her eyes and blinked. What was going on? She could hear a dog barking in the distance. She could smell the freshly cut grass lying on the lawn outside her bedroom window. But she couldn't see anything.

She blinked a couple more times. Nope. Only darkness. That's when she heard footsteps out in the hallway. "I'm blind!" she cried out as tears stung her eyes. "I can't see anything."

The footsteps stopped, then hurried toward her door. "No, no, no," she heard her father say as he burst into her room. "You're not blind, Terri. The electricity has gone off in the neighborhood and it's cloudy outside so you can't see any moon or stars. I'm heading downstairs to look for the flashlight." Her father paused.

"Will you be OK until I get back?"

Terri nodded in the darkness. "Are you sure I'm not blind?"

"You'll be fine." Dad chuckled. "Just stay in bed until I get back."

After her father left the room, Terri sat totally still, listening to his footsteps stumble down the hallway and creak carefully down the stairs. Not being able to see anything wasn't much fun. It was kind of scarv and made her feel lost—even in her own bedroom.

That's when she remembered something her dad had read to her during morning worship a week or so before. King David had written about how God is with us even when we're sitting in darkness. Well, here she was, sitting in darkness.

Dad had said that living in sin is like being in darkness because you don't have any hope or real joy. He called sin a "dark life." "Then," Dad had said, "God brings the light of His love into your life, and you suddenly have hope and joy again."

Terri saw the hallway begin to glow as Dad's footsteps thumped up the wooden stairs. The glow grew brighter and brighter as her father hurried toward her room. "See," he announced when he reached her door. "You're not blind. There just wasn't any light."

Terri smiled broadly and hugged her father as he sat down beside her on the bed. "Do you know what you just did?" she asked.

Father nodded. "Yes. I found our flashlight in the dark and learned that it might be a good idea for me to keep it beside my bed, so that the next time the lights go out, I won't have to go searching for it."

Terri giggled. "No. You did what God does. You made my dark room light again. Isn't that what King David said?"

Dad grinned broadly. "Yes, it is. And do you know what you did?" "What?" "You showed me that you were listening during worship last week."

The two sat in the darkness and watched as Dad shone the bright beam of the flashlight around the room. For Terri, darkness would never be scary again because she knew that God, like her dad, was nearby, ready to shine the light of love and chase away the shadows.

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### FLASHLIGHTS:

- The flashlight was invented in the 1890s.
- Early portable electric lights were called "flash lights" since they would not give a long steady stream of light.\*





#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

God is the Light of the world. When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them an opportunity to be a light to the world, too. But something bad happened. Look up the following texts in the "Library" and fill in the missing words in the statements below.

•	Genesis 1:26
	Human beings were made in God's  (five letters beginning with i )
	Human beings were to rule over (care for) the in the sea, and the in the sky. Also over the tame
	and over all the small on earth.
•	Genesis 2:18
	God created Eve because He said that it was not good for Adam to be
	Eve was created to be a for Adam.
•	Genesis 3:10
	After Adam and Eve ate fruit from a tree from which God told them not to eat,
	they heard God walking in the Garden. They were and
	ran away and
•	Genesis 3:23
	Because Adam and Eve chose to live in sin instead of in the light of God's love, God
	the man (and woman) out of the
•	Romans 3:23
	How many people in this world have sinned? Adam and Eve opened the door to sin and chased away the light of God's love. But there's good news. We'll discover that good news just a little later in our Bible Adventure.

#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Jesus, for the light of Your love. Help me to not be afraid of Satan's darkness and always invite Your light of joy and hope into my life. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

- "So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist. And on your chest wear the protection of right living. And on your feet wear the Good News of peace to help you stand strong. And also use the shield of faith. With that you can stop all the burning arrows of the Evil One" (Ephesians 6:14–16).
- "Then there was war in heaven" (Revelation 12:7).
- "Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What have you done?' She answered, 'The snake tricked me. So I ate the fruit'" (Genesis 3:13).
- "The giant dragon is that old snake called the devil or Satan. He leads the whole world the wrong way" (Revelation 12:9).
- "Our fight is not against people on earth.... We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world. That is why you need to get God's full armor" (Ephesians 6:12, 13).
- "God gave Jesus as a way to forgive sin through faith. And all of this is because of the blood of Jesus' death" (Romans 3:25).



God

loves me

28 ways



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"Satan and his host are at war with commandment keepers, and will work to bring them into trying positions" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 1, p. 356).

When we love and obey God, we become "commandment keepers." We're all soldiers in a war against Satan. We need protection. We need to wear God's armor as we face the troubles and temptations Satan brings into our lives each and every day.



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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What is your favorite part of God's armor and why?





"So stand strong, with the belt of truth tied around your waist." Ephesians 6:14



#### STORY TIME

I love to play American football—you know, with all the touchdowns, passing, punting, and tackling each other. It's fun!

One thing is for sure. I always wear my football gear, and I'm very glad I do.

Last week, I was running with the ball as fast as I could, hoping to make a touchdown. One problem: there were a bunch of players from the other team who did not want me to make a touchdown. They came at me from every direction. And they were big!

One boy—his name is Herbie—looks like an eighteen-wheel truck and, believe me, when he tackles you, you know you've been tackled. Nothing can stop this guy! So, here I am, running like my pants are on fire, and out of the corner of my eye, I see Herbie. He's coming in from the side as fast as he can run—which is pretty fast considering he's about the same size as a Toyota.

I know I have two choices: I can slow down so that when Herbie and I slam into each other, it won't hurt as much. Or, I can speed up so that when Herbie and I meet, it might shake me up a little, but I'll be closer to the goal line so my team won't have so far to go to make a touchdown. Decisions, decisions.

Then I remember what I'm wearing. I've got on shoulder pads, knee pads, shin pads, waist pads, neck pad, mouth guard, and a thick helmet complete with face guard. I'm totally protected. As long as I don't go any faster than running speed, and as long as nothing larger than Herbie runs into me, I'll be OK. So, I speed up.

Blam! Herbie—and several of his friends—crash into me at full speed. One moment I'm running downfield. The next moment I'm buried under a pile of huffing and puffing football players. But I'm just fine. I've moved my team closer to the goal and survived yet another midfield meeting with Herbie and friends.

We all get up and stumble back to our huddles, eager to start the next play.

Protection. Did you know that every Christian wears some? That's right. You and I—when we head out for school or play—put on some important protection gear. Why? Because we're not going to run into Herbie out there in the world. We're going to run right into Satan—and Satan makes Herbie look like a puppy dog.

Look up Ephesians 6:14 to 16 in the "Library" and fill in the missing words below. This is our Christian uniform. This is what will keep us from being hurt by Satan.

"So stand strong, with the	of	_ tied around
your waist. And on your chest wear the	of	
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of to help you stand stro	ng. And also use the _	
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#### **FUN FACTS**

#### SUIT UP:

 A knight's armor was made to protect him in battle. It could easily weigh 60 to 90 pounds and was very difficult to put on.

#### TOUGH GUY:

 Armadillo is a Spanish word meaning "little armored one" and refers to the bony plates that cover the back, head, legs, and tail. Armadillos are the only living mammals that wear such shells.\*

Sources: http://www.ashevillelist.com/history/knights.htm.

\* http://www.animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/armadillo/.



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

The war between us and Satan is called "the great controversy." Controversy means "dispute" or "fight." Satan is certainly fighting against God, and he is certainly against the love that God wants to share with everyone on this earth. When did this war begin and how will it end? Let's find out. Look up the text in the "Library" section and then circle the correct word to answer the question.

What happened in Heaven even before this world was created by God?

• There was **(an earthquake) (a flood) (a war) (a fire)** (Revelation 12:7)

 Who tricked Eve into eating the forbidden fruit and brought selfishness and sin into this earth?

(lion) (snake) (horse) (Adam) (Genesis 3:13)

• Who was controlling the animal you chose above?

(God) (Adam) (Eve) (Satan) (Revelation 12:9)

• What came into the Garden of Eden? We're fighting it to this day.

(terrorists) (people) (evil) (wild animals) (Ephesians 6:12, 13)

• Who died so that the entire universe would see how evil Satan is and choose to follow God instead?

(Jesus) (Adam) (Noah) (Peter)

(Romans 3:25)

#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Jesus, for helping me fight Satan and for dying on the cross so that everyone can know how evil he is. I choose to live my life with the protection You offer me, so that I can fight against Satan too. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

• "Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your power to hurt?" (1 Corinthians 15:55).



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The victory of the sleeping saints will be glorious on the morning of the resurrection. ... The Life-giver will crown with immortality all who come forth from the grave" (*The Youth's Instructor*, August 11, 1898).

The word immortality means "will never die again." Isn't that wonderful? Jesus has truly burned up death. We can all live FOREVER! Praise God!



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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What are some things you wouldn't worry about if you lived forever with Jesus?

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"The Lord himself will come down from heaven. There will be a loud command... . And those who have died and were in Christ will rise first." *1 Thessalonians 4:16* 



#### **STORY TIME**

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm going to fight fire with fire"? Do you know what that means? Davie sat watching a television news report about a terrible fire in California. The report showed flames and smoke rising high above the ground as fields and forests burned out of control. Then it showed some firefighters doing something very strange. These men and women were walking along an area where the fire hadn't burned yet, and they were starting new fires. That's right. They were dropping burning chemicals on the dry grass. Davie couldn't believe his eyes! What a crazy thing to do—start fires when they should be working hard to stop fires! "Why are they doing that?" Davie asked his father.

Dad watched for a moment, and then nodded. "Let me ask you a question, Davie," he said. "What does a fire need for it to burn?"

"Dry grasses or paper or wood," Davie responded thoughtfully.

"That's right. The firefighters in California know the fire is coming in their direction, so they're carefully burning away all the grasses and paper and wood where they are, so that when the big fire reaches them, there will be nothing left to burn—"

"And the fire will go out," David gasped. "Hey, those are smart people."

"They certainly are," Dad agreed. "And brave, too. Fire—even if you set it yourself—is dangerous. They need to be careful each step of the way as they fight to control the bigger fire."

Jesus used the same idea to fight Satan. Satan brought death into this world. Adam and Eve died. Abraham died. Moses died. Almost everyone who has ever lived since the Garden of Eden to our generation has died.

Jesus did something interesting. He fought death ... with death. He allowed angry people to put nails in His arms and feet and hang Him from a cruel cross. Then, a couple days later, something wonderful happened. Jesus rose from the dead! It

was like He burned up all the dry grasses and paper and wood in front of a big fire. Only this time, He removed all the fear and sadness and anger from death. We, like Jesus, will live again if we die.

The next time you're watching television and a news report about a big fire comes on the screen, watch to see if the fire-fighters are creating what's called a "back burn." Then think of Jesus, hanging on the cross, dying to stop the fire of death from destroying us forever.



#### DRAW A PICTURE OF A CROSS.

In the background, draw the flames of a fire. That will help you remember that Jesus fought death with death. Somewhere in the picture, write the text found in the "Library."



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Carefully read the following texts, then look for the highlighted words hiding in the word search puzzles below. Circle each word you find.

**PUZZLE 1:** "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

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**PUZZLE 2:** "But God will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away every tear from every face" (Isaiah 25:8).

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#### **MY PRAYER**

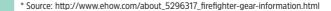
Thank You, God, for letting Your Son, Jesus, die on the cross so that I don't have to be afraid of death. I'm looking forward to living with You in Heaven forever. Amen.



#### **FUN FACTS**

#### FIREFIGHTERS:

- A firefighter's gear can weigh up to 60 pounds.
- "Bunker gear" is the lined protective coat and suspender pants, which all firefighters must wear.\*



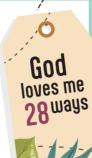


Sometimes doctors give you medicines to help you fight disease. God has given us different kinds of medicines to help us fight sin. Look at the pictures below and circle the pictures of those things that you think God would like for you to use to fight the disease of sin:

















Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross so that my sins can be forgiven. Because You love me so much. I don't have to suffer the symptoms of sin all my life. I can be healed. Amen.



- "When someone sins, he earns what sin pays—death. But God gives us a free gift—life forever in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).
- "The Lord forgives me for all my sins. He heals all my diseases" (Psalm 103:3).
- "These are the evil things in the world: wanting things to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, being too proud of the things we have. ... And everything that people want in the world is passing away. But the person who does what God wants lives forever" (1 John 2:16, 17).



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"[Jesus] saw a still greater need than bodily suffering. He saw symptoms of a deeper illness. ... He was moved to still greater pity by the need of the soul" (Australasian Union Conference Record, June 1, 1900).

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"Jesus went everywhere doing good. He healed those who were ruled by the devil, for God was with Jesus." Acts 10:38



#### **STORY TIME**

Nathan rubbed his tummy and moaned. "I don't feel very well," he told his mother. Mom touched his forehead. "You don't have a fever," she said thoughtfully.

"My stomach hurts," Nathan said between moans. "Not my head."

"Oh, I see," Nathan's mother said with a nod. "Maybe we should go visit the doctor. There's a lot of sickness going around the neighborhood. Maybe you caught a nasty bug." That afternoon, Doctor Kim smiled down at Nathan. "What seems to be the problem, young man?" he asked. "My stomach hurts," Nathan said.

The doctor felt the boy's forehead. "You don't seem to have a fever."

Nathan rolled his eyes. "My stomach. My stomach! There's nothing wrong with my head." Doctor Kim laughed. "I know it may be a little strange for me to see if you have a fever when your stomach hurts, but if your stomachache is caused by an infection, then your body heats up to fight the bugs and makes you have a fever. Do you understand?" Nathan nodded slowly. "Yes. That's why you feel my forehead, right?"

"Right. I'm looking for something called 'symptoms.' Symptoms—like pain or fever or bumps on your arm—can help me figure out what's making you sick. Then, when I know what's making you sick, I can give you the right medicine or treatment to make you well again."

Nathan smiled. "OK. I'll tell you all the symptoms that I have, even though they may not be in my stomach."

Sin is like a disease. It can cause many different kinds of symptoms. For instance, some boys and girls say that if they tell a lie, their tummy hurts. Some say that if they are unkind to someone, they begin to feel very sad. Others say that if they steal something at the store, the food they eat that night doesn't taste good and they can't sleep. These are symptoms of the sin disease. Is there a cure? Yes! When Jesus died on the cross, He took all the symptoms of sin with Him. He took all the sorrow and guilt and sadness that sin causes, and forced them to die right beside Him.

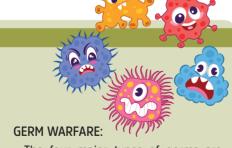
Now, when we make a mistake and sin, we can ask Jesus to forgive us, and the symptoms vanish. When we ask Jesus to forgive us for lying, our tummy stops hurting. When we say "I'm sorry" to the person to whom we were unkind, our sadness goes away. When Jesus helps us return something we've stolen, our food tastes good again and we sleep all night long. Sin is gone from our lives and so are the symptoms. Now that's good medicine!

Remember Zacchaeus up in the tree? He was a sinful man. But when he met Jesus, he changed forever. He was healed of his sin disease. Jesus wants to heal you, too. Just ask Him.

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### **GERMS:**

 Bacteria are found everywhere—in air, water, soil, animals, people, and food.
 They are very small living things. It takes one million to cover a pinhead, so you need to look at them through a microscope.



• The four major types of germs are bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa.\*

Source: http://archive.food.gov.uk/hea/711/english/part1.html



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Look up these texts in the "Library" section and fill in the missing words.

"When someone	, he	e	what sin pays—
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-life	in Christ Jesus	s our Lord" <b>(Roma</b> n	ns 6:23).
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(Psalm 103:3).			
"These are the	thi	ngs in the world: w	vanting things to
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things we see, being	too	of the thing	gs we
	And everythin	g that people want	in the world
is		But the person v	who does what
	wants lives		1 John 2:16, 17).

Draw a box around the words that describe how you sometimes feel —your symptoms— when you disobey God and do something you know you shouldn't do. Then draw a circle around the words that describe how you feel when you ask forgiveness and choose to obey God.

**Joyful** 

**Confused** 

**Angry** 

Sad

**Brave** 

**Afraid** 

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EXCITED

**HAPPY** 

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<sup>\*</sup> http://kidshealth.org/kid/talk/ga/germs/html#



#### MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for inviting me to be like You. Sometimes it's not easy, but You have shown me how I should live. I know You will help me each step of the way. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

"Brothers, continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected" (Philippians 4:8).





#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"Under the training of Christ the disciples had been led to feel their need of the Spirit.... Christ filled their thoughts. ... In mind and character they had become like their Master" (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 45).



PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What are some things you like to think about that make you happy?







#### **STORY TIME**

Whom do you look like? Your mom? Your dad? Your grandfather? People tell me I look like my dad, and that's OK with me. Dad has brown hair. I have brown hair. Dad has a big nose. I have a big nose. Dad has little, pointy ears. I have little, pointy ears.

But there's something else about my dad that I want to be like. Dad smiles a lot. I mean, a LOT! He smiles at the people where he works. He smiles at the garbage collector. He smiles at the police officer on the corner. He even smiles at people who frown at him.

The other day we were walking along the sidewalk and an old woman was sitting on a bench in front of a flower shop. "Hello," my dad called with a smile.

The old woman just frowned and looked away.

My dad stopped, thought for a moment, and then went inside the store. Soon he came back out with a pretty flower in his hand. He went over to where the frowning

woman was sitting and said to her, "Hello. My son and I would like for you to have this pretty flower. I hope it reminds you of a happy time in your life—maybe when you were a little girl." Then he handed the surprised woman the flower. "Goodbye," Dad said. Then we walked away.

I looked back to see what the woman would do. Do you know what? She wasn't frowning anymore. She was sitting there smelling the pretty flower and smiling a great, big smile.

Yes, that's my dad. He wants everyone to be happy—including grumpy old ladies sitting in front of flower shops. Do you know what? I want to bring happiness to people too—

everyone else."

even people I don't know. Since look like my dad, I may as well act like him, too.

When I asked Dad about why he smiles so much and why he does nice things to people, he said something interesting. He said, "I'm a Christian. I want to act like Jesus. And Jesus was always smiling at people, helping people, and making them feel better. When I have Jesus in my heart, I think I should act differently from

Well, that makes perfect sense to me. My dad is my dad. He— along with my mom—made me. So, I want to act like him

Maybe you don't want to look or act like your dad. That's OK. Some dads haven't invited Jesus into their hearts yet. But you can act like your heavenly Father. You can be kind and loving, helpful and respectful. And you can make people happy.

By the way, the next time we walked by that flower shop, that same old lady was sitting on the same bench. But there was something different. She was smiling.

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### **SMILE MORE!**

- Even if you're in a bad mood, you can instantly lift your spirits by forcing yourself to smile.
- Scientists have discovered that your body has to work harder and use more muscles to frown than it does to smile.

#### A UNIVERSAL SIGN OF HAPPINESS:

 While handshakes, hugs, and bowing all have different meanings across cultures, smiling is known around the world and in all cultures as a sign of happiness and acceptance.



Source: http://www.pickthebrain.com/blog/15-fascinating-facts-about-smiling/



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

When you want to grow a healthy plant, you make sure it receives certain things. Circle the items that will help a plant grow big and strong.











When YOU want to grow up acting like Jesus, you make sure you receive certain things. Circle the items that will help you grow up to be like Jesus.









Jesus did a lot of thinking before He did anything. He wanted to make sure that whatever He did would please His Father in heaven. What did Jesus think about? The apostle Paul gives us a hint. Look up Philippians 4:8 in the "Library" section and fill in the missing letters in the following words. Remember, this is what someone who wants to be like Jesus thinks about.





#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Jesus, for my family and my church family. Help me to be a good member of each and share Your love with everyone. Amen.





#### LIBRARY

- "All of you together are the body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:27).
- "And in the church God has given a place first to apostles, second to prophets, and third to teachers. Then God has given a place for those who do miracles, those who have gifts of healing, those who can help others, those who are able to lead, and those who speak in different languages" (1 Corinthians 12:28).





#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"In calling His people together in church ..., God designs that they shall form one Christian family and daily be fitting for membership in the [heavenly] family above" (*In Heavenly Places*, p. 283).

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# **PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

List a few more ways you can help your church and church family.

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"You were all baptized into Christ. ... Now, in Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek. ... slaves and free men. ... male and female." *Galatians* 3:26–28



#### STORY TIME

Have you ever attended a family reunion? That's when you and your family, your cousins, your aunts, your uncles, your grandparents—anyone who is related to you—get together to talk and laugh and remember old times.

One thing you may notice when you look around at all those people is that most of them don't look like you, sound like you, or even act like you. Some are tall. Some are short. Some are large. Some are small. You may see blond hair, black hair, brown hair, or even no hair. You might find a loud person in your family sitting right next to a very quiet person. They all look and sound different, yet they are all related to you.

There may be some people at your family reunion who are having a hard time with money or health or even their marriage. They may be sad and worried while others are happy and laugh all the time. You'll find rich people, poor people, and everyone in between. But they're all family, and you get to love each one. That's what makes families special.

Create a little family photo album here. You can use actual pictures, copies of pictures, or drawings to show the members of your family. Be sure to include the name and relationship (Uncle Todd, Aunt Megan, brother Bill, etc.) for each person. Look at the example; then make your own.



Did you know that you can go to a family reunion each and every week? That's right. When you put on your cleanest clothes and head for the church near you, you are getting together with a bunch of people who are your family. Think about it. At church, you all have the same Father—God! Jesus is God's Son, which makes Jesus your Brother. Right? And since we're all related to earth's first people—Adam and Eve—we're all related to each other.

Just like at your family reunion, where you see your aunts, uncles, and cousins, at church you can enjoy spending time with your brothers and sisters in Christ. You can sing praises to your Father in heaven and study the Bible together to see what advice He has for you that day.

So, don't be surprised to find short people, tall people, loud people, quiet people, sad people, happy people, sick people, and healthy people in your church family, too. The best part? You get to love each and every one of those people at your church. After all, they're family!



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

What does the word church mean? Let's find out. Look up the text in the "Library" section and then fill in the missing words below.

	"All of you	_ are the	of"
•	(1 Corinhians 12:27).		
	"And in the	God has given a place	first to
•	(those who help run the ch	urch), second to	(those who help the
	church reach its many goals	s), and third to	(those who explain
	the Bible to other members	s). Then God has given	a place for those who do
	(those throug	h whom the Holy Spiri	t works in a special way in
	the church), those who hav	e gifts of	(those who bring hope
	and healing to body and mi	ind), those who can	others, those
	who are able to	, and those who	in different
		thians 12:28).	

After reading the above texts, what loving service can you give to your church family both today and in the future? Think about it, then put your answers below. Maybe you can encourage people, help those who are sad, share your musical talent, teach a Sabbath School class, or preach a sermon. Perhaps you'd like to read the scripture or offer prayer. Write it down, then find a way to do it!

Today I can	for my church. In the future
I can	for my church.

## **FUN FACTS**

#### A BIG FAMILY!

- Over four million babies are born each year in the United States.\*
- A British man is claiming a world record for the biggest family tree after tracing nearly 10,000 relatives and ancestors!



\*Source: http://babycenter.com/0\_surprising-facts-about-birth-in-the-united-states\_1372273.bc; http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1034796/British-pensioner-creates-worlds-bigget-family-tree--tracing-10-000-ancestors.html

How would you share this message with a friend? (Perhaps you could tell him or her that drugs, alcohol, and smoking cigarettes hurt the body. Maybe you could say that eating the foods God created for us to eat—fruits, vegetables, and nuts—are better for you than eating harmful foods like sugary snacks and meat. How about explaining that with Satan there is no happy future in Heaven? With God, there is!) Write your ideas here:





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#### MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for asking me to help You spread the good news of Your love to everyone I know. Please, help me to have some good ideas for doing that. Amen.

# LIBRARY

- "Your words are true from the start. And all your laws will be fair forever" (Psalm 119:160).
- "God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble" (Psalm 46:1).
- "In the kingdom of God, eating and drinking are not important. The important things are living right with God, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"This is a wonderful, definite message; it means everything to the receiver, and it is to be proclaimed with a loud cry" (*Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 9, p. 154).

The "receiver" is the person who hears the message. The "loud cry" means you shouldn't be timid in giving the message. Just say it with love and respect for everyone.

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the soccer field. "Why don't they ever want to play with us?"

"I don't know," Jessica said with a sigh.

"Well," Rose huffed, "they can just be mean all they want because I don't care." Jessica thought for a long moment, then turned to her friend.

"Do you know what? We are going to be their friends even though they don't like us."

"How are we going to do that?" Rose asked.

"Remember what the preacher said at church last Sabbath? He talked about a group of people who would share God's love with everyone, even those who were mean and made fun of them." Rose nodded. "Yes, I remember. He called those people God's rem ... rem ..."

"Remnant," Jessica announced. "They were called God's remnant people. And remnant means a small part of something big—like what's left over when you put a carpet in your house. The preacher said these remnant people have a special job to do. So, here's my idea. We're going to smile at those girls even if they don't smile at us. We're going to talk to them even if they don't talk to us. And we're going to act friendly even if they don't act friendly to us. We're going to be 'The God Squad.' Yes. I think that's a good name for us. Let's go!"

With that, Jessica and Rose ran across the playground in the direction of a group of unfriendly girls. They were on a mission to share God's love. What do you think happened when the two girls reached the group? What do you think they said to them? How did the members in the group act?

It really doesn't matter how the story ends because, when you're a member of *The God Squad*—when you are one of God's remnant people—your job is to love, to accept, and to encourage others no matter how they've treated you. Sometimes, people will ignore you. But sometimes, when you do what God wants you to do, someone will say, "Thank you. I'm so glad you want to be my friend."

Think of the people you know. Does anyone need a visit from *The God Squad* today? Well, then get busy and plan your attack. He or she may laugh at you. But he or she may not. There's only one way to find out!

## IDE

Players on a squad sometimes have logos to define whose team they are on. Create a logo for your team, *The God Squad*.

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### **SQUAD DEFINED:**

 A squad means a small group of people having a particular task.\*





#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

God's remnant people—*The God Squad*—has been given a special assignment for the last days of this world's history. The Bible says that they are to share three important messages with their friends, neighbors, and family members. Would you like to know what those three messages are?

First, read the message. Then write down one idea of how you'll share that message with the people you know. (Some ideas are included.)

#### **MESSAGE ONE**

"[Love] God and give him praise.... Worship God" (Revelation 14:7).

How can you invite people to worship God? (Perhaps you could invite someone to attend church and Sabbath School with you. Maybe you could share a Bible story book with a friend. How about teaching someone about nature and telling them that God made everything?)

Write your idea here:

#### **MESSAGE TWO**

"The great city of Babylon is destroyed" (Revelation 14:8).

Babylon is a city where the children of Israel were held captive for many years. It represents a place where you aren't free to worship God, and Satan is in charge of your life. This message is saying, "Don't be held captive by Satan anymore. Jesus has destroyed Satan by dying on the cross."

How would you tell a friend or family member this message? (Perhaps you could share how much God loves them by Reading some of God's promises to them. Maybe a nice, encouraging Bible text from this lesson's "Library," printed on pretty paper would do the trick. How about telling them that they can be happier and healthier if they follow what God says in the Bible?) Write your idea here:

#### **MESSAGE THREE**

"It will be bad for the person who worships the beast and his idol" (Revelation 14:9).

The "beast" in this message is Satan. In other words, "Don't worship Satan and all that he has made in this world because, if you do, it will harm you and make you sad."

<sup>\*</sup> Source: http:google.com define: squad.



#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Jesus, for inviting me to be a part of Your church. Please help us all to be like You and love each other so we can work together. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

- "Father, I pray that all people who believe in me can be one" (John 17:21).
- "There is one body and one Spirit.
   And God called you to have one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. There is one God and Father of everything" (Ephesians 4:4–6).
- "And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5, 6).





#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"God's people are one body. God has a people whom He is leading, teaching, and guiding, that they may teach and lead and guide others. ... He expects them to grow up as a holy temple unto the Lord" (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 20, p. 369).

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Think about different car parts and how they all work. Now think about the church and list as many "parts" as you can. (e.g., pastor, leader ... )

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"This work must continue until we are all joined together in the same faith." Ephesians 4:13



#### **STORY TIME**

Allen and his dad walked down the isle of the department store. They were in the auto supply section, and Allen enjoyed looking at all the different products for making cars and trucks look and drive better. "I want to find new tires that will help us drive in the snow this coming winter," Dad said to the salesperson.

"No problem," the salesperson answered with a smile. "We have just the tire you're looking for." He pointed to a display by the window. "Here we are. Our best snow tires." "They look great." Dad said. "I'll take two, please."

"Yes sir," the salesman said, writing information on a pad of paper. "I'll have someone bring them to your car. Then, when winter begins, you bring them here to our store, and we'll put them on your car. You'll be able to drive through deep snow without any problem."

After they got home, Allen helped Dad pull the new tires out of the trunk and



then sat down on one of them to rest. "Tires are heavy," he said.

Dad looked at him and laughed. "Now, don't go driving away. It's almost suppertime."

Allen blinked. "Drive away? Dad, you can't drive iust one tire!"

"Really?" Dad asked. "What else do you need?"

Allen thought for a moment. "Well, you need a motor and a seat and a steering wheel and brakes and gasoline and lots of other stuff."

"Kinda reminds me of a church." Dad said.

"A church?" Allen gasped. "How does a car remind you of a church?"

"Well, in a church, you have to have many parts, too. You can't have just a preacher. You have to have someone to play the organ or piano, someone to welcome visitors, someone to take up the offering, someone to tell the children's story, someone to give Bible studies to new members. Oh, and you certainly want people sitting in the pews. A church needs lots of different kinds of people to be a church, just like a car needs lots of different parts to be a car."

Dad smiled down at his son. "What would happen if you took some parts out of a car?"

Allen grinned. "If you took the engine out, it wouldn't run. If you took the tires away, it wouldn't go anywhere. If you took the steering wheel out, you couldn't make the car go where you want to go."

"That's right," Dad said. "And if people decide they don't want to be a part of God's family and leave the church, that church doesn't run as well as it can. It can't do so many helpful things for the community. You see, it takes all the parts of the church working together to share God's love with the world. That means you and I are important to God's church."

Allen smiled. "I'm glad I'm part of God's family. I'm glad I'm part of our church."

"Me, too," Dad said. "Now let's go have supper. Mom makes the most delicious parts of a meal that I've ever tasted."

#### **FUN FACTS**

#### BEEP! BEEP!

- The first cars did not have steering wheels.
   Drivers steered with a lever.
- Most American car horns beep in the key of F.
- The first car radio was invented in 1929.

#### A SINGLE CAR:

• The average car has about 30,000 parts, counting every part down to the smallest screws.





#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Jesus wanted something special to happen to the members of His church. Jesus even mentioned it in a prayer He offered to God the Father right before He was arrested and sent to die on the cross. Unscramble the letters to find out what Jesus said. (Try unscrambling the letters without looking up the text in the "Library" section. But if you get stuck, look it up.)

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"Father, I (yapr)	that all (leoppe) _ in me can be (neo)	
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	ote that God's church needs somet it work. Unscramble the letters to d	

"There is one (yobd)	and one	(irtpiS)
And God called you to ha	ave one (ohep)	There is one
(rdLo)	_, one (hitfa)	, and one
(msitpab)	There is one (oGd)	and
(taFehr)	of everything" (Ephe	sians 4:4-6).

How are God's people supposed to become one? Unscramble the letters in this text to find out.

"And I pray that God will (pe	nl) you all
(reaeg)v	ith each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Ther
you will all be (doijne)	together, and you will give (lgyor)
to God ti	e (rehtaF) and our (oLdr)
Jesus Ch	st" (Romans 15:5, 6).

Resources: http://www.herveystire.com/carfacts/htm; http://www2.toyotaco.jp/en/kids/faq/entry/6203.php.



Thank You, Jesus, for promising to wash my sins away when I'm baptized. And thank You for the powerful protection against sin that You will provide when I come up out of the water. You are my Friend forever. Amen.



#### LIBRARY



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"Those who have taken part in the solemn rite of baptism ... have died to the world. ... We have been buried in the likeness of Christ's death and raised in the likeness of His resurrection, and we are to live a new life" (*The Faith I Live By*, p. 146).

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Would you one day like to be buried in baptism, and be raised in the likeness of Christ and His resurrection? Explain why.

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"You were all baptized into Christ. ... This shows that you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." *Galatians 3:26, 27* 



#### **STORY TIME**

"What are they doing to them?" Alex asked as he watched a long line of big, noisy cows being guided toward a deep tank of water in the ground. "Are they thirsty? Are they going to get a drink?"

The farmer shook his head. "No, Alex," he said, "they're not thirsty. My cows are about to take a very special bath—one that will keep them from getting sick."

Alex loved to visit the big farm near his home. There was so much to see and learn, so many interesting animals and machines everywhere he looked. But even though he'd visited his friendly neighbor many times before, he'd never seen cows taking a bath!

One by one, the animals were led to the big tank, and one by one the cows were made to walk down into the water.

Splash, splash, moooo. Splash, splash, moooo. Alex laughed because it was so strange to see a cow taking a bath.



# DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU THINK IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE WHEN A COW TAKES A BATH.



"Now he's all clean," he said to the farmer. "Right?"

The farmer nodded. "Yes, Alex. But he's more than clean. You see, I've put some powerful chemicals in that water. Sometimes insects will attach themselves to my cows and bite them. Those bites can make the cows very, very sick. But when I give my cows a bath in that tank of water, the chemicals kill all the insects. So now my cows are both clean and protected from sickness."

Splash, splash, moooo. Another cow swam through the tank of water and then stumbled out the other side. Clean and protected, Alex thought to himself. "Hey," he said with a grin. "We do this at my church!"

"You do?" the farmer gasped. "You dip cows in a tank of water?"

"No," Alex responded with a laugh. "We dip people in a tank of water. The preacher calls it 'baptism,' and he says that when someone is baptized, he comes out of the water clean of all of his sins. Not only that; because that person is now in God's family, he has extra protection against Satan. Clean and protected, just like your cows."

"Well, well," the farmer said. "I think you're right. I'm not only dipping my cows, I'm baptizing them!"

Alex grinned. "And I'm sure those cows would be very happy to know that they are part of God's family."

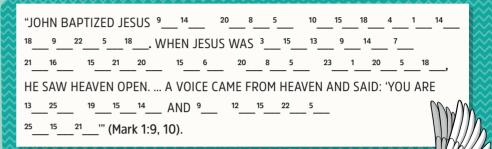
Alex and the farmer chuckled as they watched the next cow stumble into the tank and splash around in the water. "Someday," Alex said, "when I am baptized, I'm going to think about your farm and how you take such good care of your cows. I'm going to remember how important it is to be clean and protected. And I'm going to thank Jesus for letting me be a part of His family."



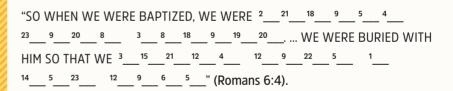
#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Look in the "Library" section for the letter code key and fill in the missing letters in these important texts. Match the number with the letter in the key (for example, 8 is H).

When Jesus was here on earth, He showed us how to be baptized. (By the way, Jesus was baptized by His cousin John!)



When you are baptized, the pastor gently lowers you under the surface of the water and then immediately brings you back up again. Baptism is a beautiful reminder of what Jesus did for us. He died on a cross. He was gently lowered into a grave. And then He rose again. When we go under the water, the sins that made our mind and heart sad are washed away, and we come out of the water to live a new, clean life with Jesus:





## **FUN FACTS**

Cryptanalysis is the art of deciphering encoded messages.\*

The Bible uses code in prophecy to reveal God's plan for future events. You can learn to "decode" the Bible through prayer and study.



<sup>\*</sup>Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptanalysis



#### MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for giving Your body and Your blood on the cross so that I can live with You forever. I will remember what You did for me whenever I eat a piece of bread or drink some grape juice. I love You, Jesus. Amen.





#### LIBRARY

- "While they were eating, Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it and broke it. Then he gave it to his followers and said, 'Take this bread and eat it. This bread is my body' " (Matthew 26:26).
- "Then Jesus took a cup. He thanked God for it and gave it to his followers. He said, 'Every one of you drink this. This is my blood which begins the new agreement that God makes with his people' " (Matthew 26:27, 28).

**IMPORTANT:** The "wine" that Jesus and His disciples drank that night was grape juice made from freshly pressed grapes. It was not the "wine" that makes people drunk.



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The bread and the wine represent the body and the blood of Christ. As the bread was broken, and the wine poured out, so on the cross Christ's body was broken, and His blood shed to save us. By eating the bread and drinking the wine, we show that we believe this. We show that we repent of our sins, and that we receive Christ as our Saviour" (*The Story of Jesus*, p. 98).

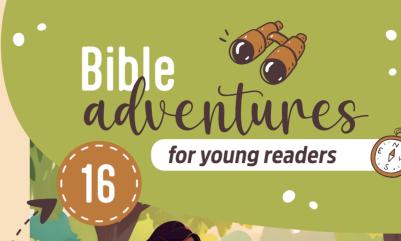
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# **PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

How does eating the bread and drinking the wine show that God loves us?

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A MEAL OF MEMORIES

#### **GOD'S WORD FOR ME**

"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show others about the Lord's death until he comes." *1 Corinthians 11:26* 



#### **STORY TIME**

Cynthia sat in the shade of her favorite tree and watched as the gentle breeze moved the tall grass beyond the fence. The sun felt warm on her face, and the only sound she heard was the distant moo of a cow.

Her mother sat beside her, busily unpacking the picnic lunch they'd brought. Cynthia smiled when she thought about the delicious sandwiches and cool, crisp vegetables waiting to be eaten. This picnic was a great idea—a way for the girls of the house to take a break from the boys of the house. Dad and brother Jeremy were fun to be with, but sometimes Cynthia wanted to spend time alone with her mom so they could talk about important stuff like school and friends and growing up.

Mom stopped unpacking for a moment and studied the bowl she held in her hands. "Do you know what I think about when I see these vegetables?" she asked.

Cynthia shook her head.

"I think about how hard your father works in his garden to grow these for us to enjoy." She held up a ripe, red tomato. "He digs up the soil each spring, plants the seeds, makes sure the garden gets enough water, and then picks these when they're ready. This beautiful tomato reminds me of how much he loves us." Cynthia thought for a moment. "I see what you mean, mom," she said, rummaging through the picnic basket. "Our sandwiches too." She held up a neatly wrapped example. "You and dad work all week to earn money so we can buy bread and peanut butter and delicious grape jelly. Then you put everything together for our picnic. And here we are." The girl grinned. "I didn't know that food could make us remember so much." Cynthia and her mom enjoyed their picnic in the shade of the big tree. They also enjoyed remembering the love and hard work that made each bite possible. Copy the "God's Word for me" text here, and then draw some bread and glasses of grape juice to show what Jesus and His disciples were eating and drinking. (Remember. in Bible times, bread was round and flat.) (1 Corinthians 11:26)



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

The last meal Jesus ate with His twelve disciples is called "The Lord's Supper," and several times a year church members celebrate that meal by eating little pieces of bread and drinking little sips of grape juice while remembering what Jesus said that night. We can think about His words anytime we eat. Look up the texts in the "Library" section and then fill in the blanks to discover what Jesus wants us to remember when we eat that bread and drink that grape juice.

"Take this	and eat it. This	is my	."
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Jesus was reminding His disciples that soon His body would be torn and broken on the cross, just like you tear and break bread to eat it.

"Every one of you	this. This is my	which
begins the new	that God makes with h	is people."

Jesus wanted His disciples to remember that His blood flowed from His wounds on the cross just like grape juice flows from a cup. The "new agreement" was a promise Jesus made to those who love and obey Him: to forgive their sins and return someday to take them home to Heaven.

Why did Jesus want us to remember such a terrible thing that happened to Him? Because that terrible thing made it impossible for Satan to destroy us forever. Jesus died for our sins so we could someday live forever with God in heaven! His body and blood paid the price for our sins and opened Heaven's door to anyone who chooses to follow Jesus.

MMMM! GOOD STUFF HOUSTON!





## **FUN FACTS**

#### PB&J

- It takes about 540 peanuts to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.
- Astronaut Alan B. Shepard took a peanut with him to the moon.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://www.nationalpeanutboard.org/classroom-funfacts.php.



#### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Jesus, for the many gifts You have given to me. Please help me work hard so my gifts can bless others and bring You joy. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

"The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak with wisdom. And the same Spirit gives another the ability to speak with knowledge. The same Spirit gives faith to one person. And that one Spirit gives another gifts of healing. The Spirit gives to another person the power to do miracles, to another the ability to prophesy. And he gives to another the ability to know the difference between good and evil spirits. The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak in different kinds of languages and to another the ability to interpret those languages" (1 Corinthians 12:8–10).



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"All your physical and mental and spiritual powers are God's gifts. Use them wisely. ... Let every power of body and mind be used in earnest, willing service for God" (*Review and Herald*, May 5, 1903).



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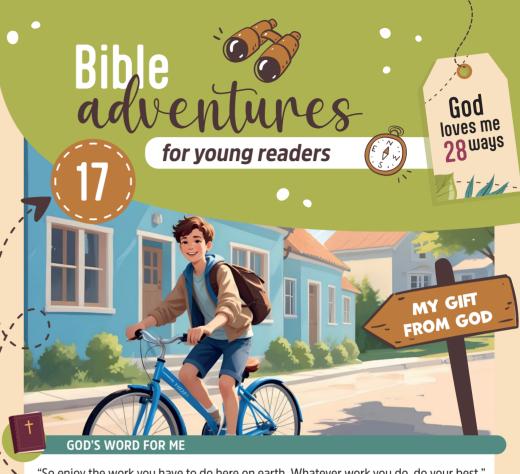


# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What do you think your spiritual gift is?

If you can't think of one, make a list of several ideas to help.

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"So enjoy the work you have to do here on earth. Whatever work you do, do your best." *Ecclesiastes 9:9, 10* 



#### **STORY TIME**

"I'll take it!" I said with the biggest smile my face could make. Then I watched as my dad paid for my purchase with money that I had earned myself. I had worked all summer for this moment. I'd raked mountains of leaves, taken the trash to the curb, fed my neighbors' dog while they were away on vacation, cleaned out our shed ... twice, and washed my dad's car at least five times. I'd even taken care of my baby sister while my mom baked cakes for a party.

Finally I'd earned enough, and Dad and I had gone to town so I could buy my very first new bicycle. My old one was falling apart. When we got home, I put my new bike in the garage and gave it a quick once-over with a cleaning rag. It shone like the sun and looked like it was going fast even though it was resting on its kickstand. I sat and stared at it for a long time.

"What are you doing?" Dad asked when he saw me.

"It's so beautiful," I sighed, "I don't think I want to ride my new bicycle. I just want to look at it all day."

Dad sat down beside me. "Not a good idea," he said. "If you don't use it, you might lose it. If you don't ride it around the neighborhood and enjoy the wind on your face, your new bicycle will just sit here and rust. Someday, like your old one, it will

fall apart right where it sits, and you'll never enjoy riding it. It's best to use the things we have, be it a bicycle, a garden rake, or a gift from God."

"A gift from God?" I asked. "What did God give me?"

Dad leaned forward and rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Remember what we learned in worship this morning?" he said. "The Bible tells us that God gives us talents called 'spiritual gifts' that we can enjoy using. Some people can sing or play the piano, some people can preach or tell stories, some can build beautiful churches or schools, and some have the gift of smiling and making people feel happy. These are all important gifts from God. If we don't work

hard to make them useful and practice using them each day, we just might lose them. Like your bicycle, they'll stop working in time. That would be sad, don't you think?"

I thought about the people in my church who sang songs and played instruments. I thought about the beautiful building where I go to school. I thought about all the fun stories I hear in Bible class. And then I thought about Mrs. Simpson, who always smiles at me when I walk by. Yes, those were very nice gifts and I was glad that those people put them to good use each week.

Suddenly, I jumped up and ran to my shiny new bike. "Don't worry, dad," I called as I hopped onto the soft seat and started racing down the driveway toward the sidewalk.

"I'm going to get every bit of fun I can out of my new bicycle. I'm going to use it, not lose it!"

Earning money for a new bike is hard work. Learning to sing, play the piano, and build buildings is hard work, too. But when you use those talents, it can be lots of fun! Wheeeeeeee!



## **FUN FACTS**

#### TALENTS:

Everyone has a different talent that he or she can use in service for Christ. When we all work together, it's like fitting pieces of a puzzle together.



#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

The apostle Paul made a list of some of the gifts that God gives. Find the verse in the "Library" section and read it out loud. Then match each special gift with a work. Maybe you'll find some of your gifts here, too! (Some work might use several gifts. You can draw more than one line to the gift.)

GIFT
<b>Visdom</b> (can figure out problems)
Knowledge (know lots of facts)
Faith (have hope for the future)
Healing
Do miracles (understand science)
Prophesy (help people make decisions)
Know the difference between good and evil
Speak in different languages
nterpret (understand) languages

FINISH THESE SENTENCES:
The special gifts God gave me include
One way I will use my special gifts to

Look up these texts in the "Library" section and fill in the missing words.

When does God use prophets to guide His people?

"Before the Lord does \_\_\_\_\_\_, he tells his the " (Amos 3:7).

When a prophet speaks, whose words does he or she really speak?

"No \_\_\_\_\_ ever came from what a \_\_\_\_\_. But men led by the \_\_\_\_\_ spoke words from \_\_\_." (2 Peter 1:21).







Thank You, God, for sending prophets to help us find our way back to You when we're lost in sin. If you need me, I'll be Your prophet, too. Just tell me what You want me to do. Just like Samuel. I'll be listening. Amen.



#### LIBRARY

- "Before the Lord does anything, he tells his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).
- "No prophecy ever came from what a man wanted to say. But men led by the Holy Spirit spoke words from God" (2 Peter 1:21).



#### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"We need not be deceived; for the word of God gives us a test [so] we may know what is truth" (*Review and Herald*, February 23, 1892).

Because God speaks through His prophets to us, we can always know which ideas are true and which ideas are Satan's lies.

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**STORY TIME** 

Mr. Lee always wears a hat, always walks with a canteen full of water, and always knows which way is north. He can identify a bird by the way it flies and tell you which mushrooms are safe to eat and which ones will make you sick. Most important of all, he knows how to take you from where you are to where you want to be.

Who is Mr. Lee? Let me introduce him to you.



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My family and I went camping in a wilderness area where there are no roads, no signs, no towns, no restaurants, and no people! As far as you can see, there are only rough trails, towering mountains, and raging rivers. After we set up camp, and while Mom is busy fixing something for us to eat, I decide to go bird-watching.

So I grab my trusty binoculars and set up across the meadow. I know that as long as I keep our campsite in view, I'll be

fine. But then I come nose-to-beak with a redheaded woodpecker. These are really beautiful birds with red feathers on their heads and black and white feathers covering their bodies.

I chase this bird deep into the forest until I suddenly realize that, not only can't I see the bird anymore, I also can't see our camp. I don't even know where our camp is. In other words, I'm lost!

So, there I am, sitting by a fallen tree, thinking I'm the dumbest camper in the entire world, when I hear something coming through the bushes. I figure that, with my luck, it's probably a hungry bear or an angry lion. That's when I meet Mr. Lee. He glances down at me and smiles. "You look lost," he says. "Would you like me to show you how to get back to your camp?"

While we're walking along, Mr. Lee tells me about some of the trees in the forest, and about some of the animals that live in them. He's a park ranger, a man who is used to finding lost bird-watchers. On the way to our campsite, he shows me how to figure out where I am, where I've been, and where I should be going. I listen carefully because being lost in a forest is terrible, and I don't plan to do it again ... ever.

Later that evening, while mom, dad, and I are sitting by the campfire, my dad says, "That Mr. Lee is a good prophet."

"Prophet?" I ask. "You mean like in the Bible?"

"Sure," Dad says. "Prophets are guides who help lost people—and even lost nations—figure out what happened to them. Then they help lead them back to where they're supposed to be. God has had many prophets. Samuel, Elijah,

Daniel, and our very own Ellen White. And God chooses a person to be His prophet not because of his or her faith or age, but because they are willing and eager to help people. You could be a prophet for Him, too."

I nod slowly. It sounds like a great idea. It must feel really good to be a prophet! That afternoon, I'd learned how good it felt to be guided back home again after having been lost.

## **FUN FACTS**

#### KNOCK, KNOCK...

- Woodpeckers can peck up to 20 times per second, or between 8,000 and 12,000 pecks per day.
- A woodpecker's tongue is up to 4 inches long, and it wraps around the bird's skull.\*



#### PAIN FREE?

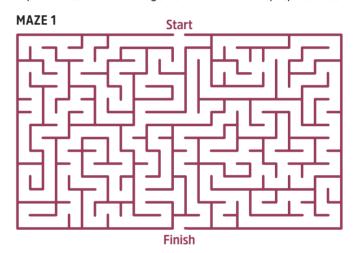
 Woodpeckers don't get headaches from pecking.
 They have reinforced skulls structured to spread the impact, and their brains are tightly cushioned and protected.

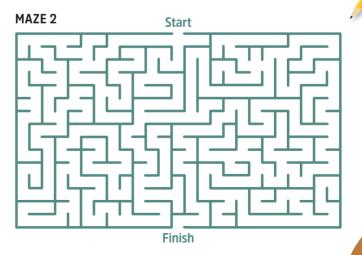


#### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

A prophet is like a guide who can help someone get from where they are to where they need to be. Sometimes, prophets know about the future because God tells them what's going to happen. Would you like to be a prophet? Here's a game to help you do just that!

Complete MAZE 1 below. Then invite a friend to do MAZE 2 without letting him or her see MAZE 1. It's just like the first maze, but you've learned how to do it already. Guide your friend by either suggesting ways to go or telling him or her ways NOT to go. For instance, you might say, "You should turn right there." Or you might say, "Turning right there is not a good idea." You might even say, "You want to go over to this place, so should you turn right or left or up or down?" Don't do the maze for them. Just guide them with helpful words and encouragement. That's what a prophet does.





<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://birding.about.com/od/birdprofiles/a/15-Fun-Facts-About-Woodpeckers.htm



Thank You, God, for giving us Your law. I feel much safer knowing what to do, and what not to do. You are my Friend forever. Amen.



### LIBRARY

- Law 1 You must not have any other gods except Me.
- Law 2 You must not make for yourselves idols.
- Law 3 You must not use the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly.
- Law 4 Remember to keep the Sabbath as a holy day.
- Law 5 Honor your father and your mother.
- Law 6 You must not murder anyone.
- Law 7 You must not be guilty of adultery.
- Law 8 You must not steal.
- Law 9 You must not tell lies.
- Law 10 You must not be jealous of what your neighbor has.



God loves me 28 ways



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The law of God, from its very nature, is unchangeable. It is a revelation of the will and the character of its Author" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 467).

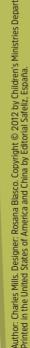
We don't have to worry about knowing what God wants us to do. He has told us in His law, and He will never change His mind. His law shows us how much He loves us.

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What do God's laws mean to you?





"With all my heart I try to obey you, God. Don't let me break your commands. I have taken your words to heart so I would not sin against you." *Psalm 119:10* 



### **STORY TIME**

Have you ever noticed how many signs there are beside the road? The other day, as my mom and I were driving to the grocery store, I took pictures with my cell phone of all the traffic signs I saw. Here are some of them. Can you read what they say?

















"Why are there so many traffic signs?" I asked. "After all, only a foolish person would head down the street on the wrong side, drive really fast in a school zone, or go through a dangerous crossroads without stopping."

"Signs aren't just for foolish people," Mom said. "Sometimes normal, safe drivers make mistakes and aren't as careful as they should be. The highway department puts these signs up to remind everyone how to stay safe and arrive home all in one piece. The signs aren't just for people who break laws. They help everyone know what to do so they can drive better and safer. That's exactly what God's laws do as well."



"God's laws?" I asked as I took a picture of another sign with two Rs. Do you know what they mean? "Yes," Mom said. "God's laws—the Ten Commandments—help us to know wrong from right. They teach us how to live when the devil tries to confuse us with lies and false promises. Just think of God's Ten Commandments as signs along the road of life."

Now, whenever I see traffic signs from the car, I smile. As a law keeper, I'm glad they're there, helping me stay safe until I get to heaven.



Look at this road sign. Write down three places where we might need to remember this sign as we're doing our best to obey God's laws:

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### **FUN FACTS**

### **COLORFUL SIGNS**

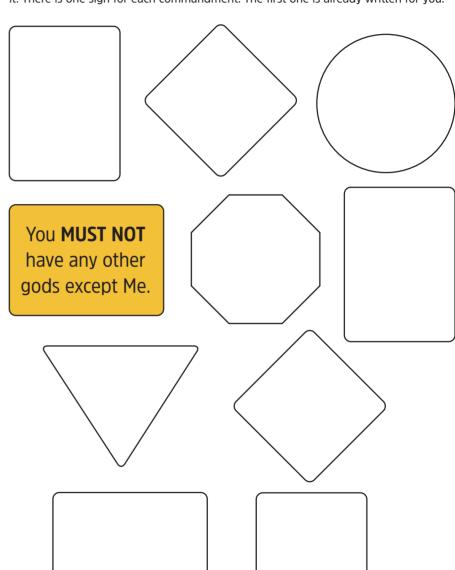
- The first STOP sign appeared in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan.\*
- In the 1950s, the STOP sign colors were changed from yellow with black lettering to the now red-and-white version.





### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Make some road signs for life. In the "Library" you'll find words from God's law, the Ten Commandments, that He gave to the children of Israel from Mount Sinai. Read each commandment and then choose a sign below and write one commandment in it. There is one sign for each commandment. The first one is already written for you.



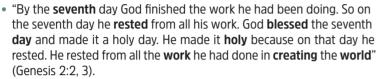
<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://www.trafficsign.us/yellowstop.html



Thank You, God, for creating the Sabbath as a sign that You are the Creator of everything. Each week I'm going to celebrate Your love for me by keeping Your Sabbath holy. Amen.



### **LIBRARY**





"The Sabbath day will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever. This is because in six days I, the Lord, made the sky and the earth. And on the seventh day I did not work. I rested" (Exodus 31:17).



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"By [keeping] the Sabbath the Israelites were to be [different] from all other nations as the worshipers of the true God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth" (*The Southern Watchman*, June 28, 1904).

When we keep the Sabbath holy, we're showing our friends and neighbors that we honor and love God and His beautiful creation.



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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What is your favorite part of Sabbath rest? What are some activities you enjoy?





"The Sabbath day was made to help people. ... [Jesus] is Lord even of the Sabbath." *Mark* 2:27. 28



### **STORY TIME**

Dad stood in the doorway of my bedroom smiling. "Do you know what tomorrow is?" he asked.

I grinned. "Yes I do. Tomorrow is Tuesday."

My father nodded. "And someone is having a birthday. Do you know who is having a birthday tomorrow?"

"Mom?" I asked.

"No."

"Jessica?"

"No."

"Abraham Lincoln?"

Dad frowned. "His birthday isn't for another three months."



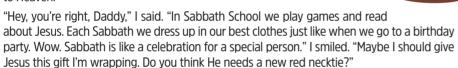
"Well," I said. "That only leaves one person in our family who might be having a birthday. Me!" My father sat down on the bed and sighed. "You had your birthday last month," he said, trying to sound pitiful. "Remember? I gave you a tug boat that sank in the pond like a stone." I laughed. "Don't worry, Daddy," I said. "I was only teasing. I know it's your birthday tomorrow. And I've already bought your gift. It's something you will really, really like."

Dad smiled. "I love my birthday," he said. "I like getting gifts and eating cake. It's like Sabbath." "Sabbath?" I gasped. "How is a birthday like Sabbath?"

My father thought for a moment. "Well, it's a day to remember a special person."

"We remember God on the Sabbath, right?" I asked.

"Yes. And we bring gifts of tithes and offerings. We all get together and sing. And there's usually food—sometimes even a cake. Oh, and instead of someone being one year older, we celebrate the fact that Jesus created this world and that we're one week closer to when He will return and take us all to Heaven."



"Red?" Dad said. "Hey, that would go great with my gray suit!"

"Mom said it would."

Dad grinned. "Jesus doesn't need a new red necktie. I think He wears mostly white."

We looked at each other, and then burst out laughing. I love to celebrate my father's birthday each year. Now I'm looking forward to spending time with my heavenly Father every seven days as we celebrate what He did a long time ago, and what He's going to do very soon.

Use the daily calendar below to plan out what you will be doing each day this week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						SABBATH



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Read Genesis 2:2, 3 in the "Library" section. Notice that some of the words are printed in bold. After reading the text out loud, find those words in the puzzle.

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God said that the Sabbath day was something special between Him and His people. Carefully read Exodus 31:17 in the "Library" and answer the guestions below.

Sabbath is a	_ between God and His people, the Israelites.				
How long is this supposed to last?					
Who made heaven and earth?					
What did Jesus do on the sev	venth day of Creation?				





Thank You, Jesus, for trusting me to take care of Your world and all the things in it ... including me! I'll do my best for You because I love You. Amen.



### **LIBRARY**

"Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28).



### Letter code key

<sup>1</sup> <b>A</b>	<sup>2</sup> B	3 <b>C</b>	<sup>4</sup> D	<sup>5</sup> E	<sup>6</sup> <b>F</b>	<sup>7</sup> <b>G</b>
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### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"Those whom the Lord has made stewards of His means must be faithful to their trust, for God holds them responsible" (Letter 36, 1897).

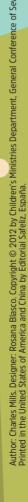
The word means is the same as stuff or possessions. God wants us to faithfully take care of His stuff!

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What are some ways you can help take care of God's "stuff"?





to him." Psalm 24:1



### **STORY TIME**

I'd like to show you around my yard. Now, my yard isn't exactly a national park. People don't come and spend their vacations by the garden or pitch their tent beside the bird feeder. Most people just drive by our house and don't even give my yard a second look. But I love it anyway because I'm working with my Friend, Jesus, to keep it beautiful as I enjoy every corner. Let me show you around.

First, this is my favorite tree. I don't know how to make it grow, but I can sit on its strong branches and watch the birds building their nests. I can't make leaves appear in the spring, but I can spend the summer resting in their wonderful shade. See what I mean? It's my tree, but it's God's tree, too!

Notice the soft, green grass covering my yard. My dad and I



planted this grass a couple years ago when we moved into our house. We watered it faithfully and added fertilizer to help it grow thick and strong. But we didn't make it grow. We didn't tell it to be green instead of pink or yellow. God did that.

Here's my mom's vegetable garden. There's delicious food growing in here, food that God created for us to eat. There are tomatoes, potatoes, squash, carrots, spinach, and green beans getting ready for our dinner table. Yum! But we only

planted seeds. God made them grow into delicious food.

And finally, this is my bird feeder. All year long I make sure there are sunflower seeds and other goodies here for the birds to eat. Did I make the birds? No. Did I teach them how to fly? No. Did I give them their beautiful colors? No. God did all that.

So, here's the deal. God creates life, and I take care of it. I plant seeds, and God makes them grow. We

work together to make my yard wonderful.

I learned a new word that describes what I

do for God. I'm His steward. That means "manager" or "caretaker." I also learned in church that one of the things that God created—one of the things He wants me to take very special care of, is ... ME. I'm not only God's steward of the world and everything in it, I'm also His steward of my body and my mind. So I make sure I eat good food, get plenty of fun exercise, and make my brain strong by learning new things in school. God made me. I take care of me. We're partners.

God wants you to be a steward, too.





### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

After God created this world, He told Adam and Eve to do something for Him. Read this Bible text in the "Library" and then add the missing words below.

"Fill the _	and be its _	,,	_ over
the	in the	and over the	in
the	Rule over every		that
	on the	" (Genesis 1:28).	

To whom does the world belong? You? Your parents? Your country leaders? Find out by uncovering the letters of this text in the letter code key that's hiding in the "Library." Happy hunting!

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## **FUN FACTS**

### THE EARTH

- Land makes up 29% of earth's surface; that's 57,268,900 square miles.\*
- Earth is pumpkin-shaped and is getting fatter in the middle as mountain glaciers melt.

\* Source: http://www.gkpet.com/factsworld.html





Thank You, Jesus, for creating me and for showing me what I need to be healthy. I'm going to keep my body temple a place where You will want to live. I love You, Jesus. Amen.



### **LIBRARY**

- "God said, 'Let there be light!' " (Genesis 1:3).
- "God made the air to divide the water in two" (Genesis 1:7).
- "God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered together so the dry land will appear.' ... Then God said, 'Let the earth produce plants' " (Genesis 1:9, 11).
- "God made the two large lights" (Genesis 1:16).
- "God said, 'Let the water be filled with living things. And let birds fly in the air above the earth' " (Genesis 1:20).
- "Then God said, 'Let the earth be filled with animals.' ... [And then He also] created human beings in his image" (Genesis 1:24, 27).
- "On the seventh day [God] rested from all his work" (Genesis 2:2).



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"God designs that the body shall be a temple for his Spirit. How solemn then is the responsibility resting on every soul. If we defile our bodies, we are doing harm not only to ourselves, but to many others" (*Review and Herald*, Nov. 6, 1900).

The word defile means "to make ourselves sick by our own unhealthy choices."

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What are some of your favorite things to eat? Are they healthy or harmful for your body?

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"You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is in you. ... So honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20



### **STORY TIME**

"There, that should do it." Dad announced with a tired smile.

"Our garage is now cleaned. Looks pretty good if I say so myself."

"We did a good job," I said proudly. "But, there's a problem."

I pointed at the pile of junk and trash out on the driveway. "What are we going to do with all that? We've got boxes of old, broken tools, empty oil cans, a sled with only one runner, and a rusted basketball hoop. Then there are those smelly garbage bags filled with dirty rags and other trash. We can't leave all that stuff here."

Dad thought for a moment, then nodded. "I know. Let's put everything in the van and drive to the church where we can dump it all in the sanctuary. It should fit nicely between the pulpit and the organ."

"The church!" I gasped. "We can't do that!"

"Why?" Dad wanted to know.

"Because the church is ... is ... God's house," I said. "It's His temple!"

Dad smiled. "You mean, like your body is His temple?"

I stopped, my mouth hanging open. Then I smiled. "Oh, I get it," I said. "You're talking about all that junk food I eat. My body is God's temple, and I shouldn't be putting such unhealthy garbage into it, right?"

Dad nodded. "People who love Jesus should be different from those who don't," he said. "We should sound different, act different, even eat different. God wants to live in our hearts, just as He wants to live in our church."

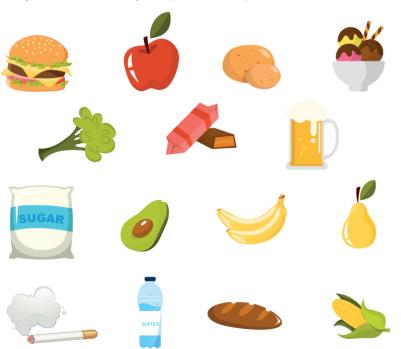
I glanced over at the trash and tried to imagine how terrible it would look piled beside the pulpit. Then I imagined my body filled with sugary and greasy junk food.

Grabbing a big, plastic bag I grinned. "Let's take all of this to the garbage dump where it belongs." I said. "I'm not putting any trash in God's temple."

And that's exactly what we did.

### TAKING OUT THE TRASH

Draw a circle around the things below that you know are good for you. Put a big X through the things you know aren't good for you. Remember, you are God's temple. What do you think God wants you to put in His temple?





### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

When God created this world, He included everything we need to be healthy. Let's read about the seven days of Creation to see what He made to keep us healthy and strong. Look in the "Library" for the Bible texts, and then write the answer to the guestions.

On the first day, God made	_ (Genesis 1:3).
On the second day, God made	to divide the
(Genesis 1:7).	
On the third day, God made dry	and
(Genesis 1:9, 11).	
On the fourth day, God made two large	(Genesis 1:16).
We know that the one for the day is called the _	and
the one for the night is called the	<u>.</u>
On the fifth day, God made	and put them in the water,
and and put them in	the air (Genesis 1:20).
On the sixth day, God made	to fill the earth and
to take care of the earth	n (Genesis 1:24, 27).
On the seventh day, God	(Genesis 2:2).



Isn't God wonderful? He made DAY and NIGHT so we can work and sleep. He made AIR to breathe and WATER to drink. If we didn't have air and water, we'd die.

He made the SUN that helps brings natural healing to our bodies. He made PLANTS for us to eat so we can grow big and strong. He made FISH and BIRDS and ANIMALS so we would always have friends around us. And He made EACH OF US so we can help others and share God's love with people who are sick or sad.

Finally, He showed us how to REST on the seventh day so we won't get too tired and sad from our busy lives. What a wonderful God!



Thank You, Jesus, for creating marriage and families, Thank You for creating the love that helps marriages and families grow stronger and stronger every day. Amen.



### **LIBRARY**

### **LETTER BANK**





### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"Christian courtesy is the golden clasp which unites the members of the family in bonds of love, becoming closer and stronger every day" (The Adventist Home, p. 423).

The word courtesy means "kindness." Love is always kind.

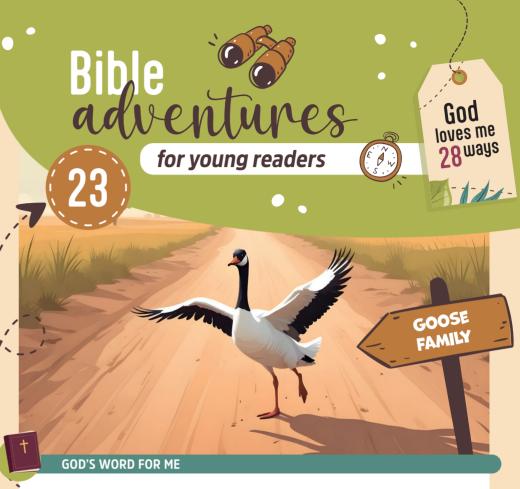
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What are some ways you can show kindness to the members of your family?





"Love never ends." 1 Corinthians 13:8



### STORY TIME

Jeremy looked out the window of the van and saw a strange sight. Up ahead, near a pond, a large Canada goose was standing straight and tall right in the middle of the road.

"Look at that!" Dad said as he took his foot off the accelerator and tapped the brake pedal, bringing the van to a halt. "Why is that goose in the middle of the road? And why doesn't he move away? I'm sure he sees us."

Suddenly, another goose stepped from the tall grasses and began moving across the road, behind the first goose. It was immediately followed by a line of baby geese, all stumbling and bumping into each other as they tried to keep up with their leader.

"Now I know why that big goose is standing there," Dad said with a smile. "He's the daddy. And that's his family behind him. He's standing in the road so that the mother goose and all those baby geese can get across safely. Isn't that amazing?"

Jeremy nodded. "Just think," he said. "That daddy goose, who is a lot smaller



than our car, is standing there protecting his family. He's very brave!"

As the group of geese continued their journey across the road, Dad grew serious. "He's more than brave," Dad said. "He's in love."

"In love?" Jeremy chuckled. "How can a goose be in love?"

Dad pointed. "That goose is just as much in love with his family as I am with mine. And we both learned how to love from the same God. Satan wants us to hate people—to hurt them and



make them sad. But when we protect and care for each other, we're showing true love that is more powerful than hate."

By now, all the baby geese and the mother goose were safely across the road. The big daddy goose waited until his family was hidden in the tall grasses, and then he turned and waddled after them, leaving the road open once again. "Wow!" Jeremy said. "That was amazing. That daddy goose never left his place in the road, even though our large, heavy van was coming straight at him. He was willing to die to protect his family."

As Dad pressed on the accelerator and guided the van down the road past the pond, he smiled over at Jeremy. "The family was created by God to be the most powerful thing on this earth. When a man marries a woman, God promises to help them face any problems that come along. He'll make them strong and brave as they share love with each other and with their children. Those geese showed us just how powerful that love is. Don't ever forget what you saw today, Jeremy. You saw God's love in action. You saw a family depending on that love to get them all safely to the other side of the road."

When Jeremy and Dad reached home, Mother came out to greet them. "Hi guys," she said. "Did you have a good trip?"

"Quack, quack," Jeremy said with a smile.

Dad chuckled as he took his wife in his arms. "I'll explain that later. But first, let me give my favorite mother goose a great big hug."



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

What does Jesus say happens when a man marries a woman? Look for the letter bank in the "Library" section and write the words of Jesus below. Be sure to follow the directions carefully.

Begin with the letter in the letter bank directly under the black arrow, and then choose every other letter after that. Write them down here to create the words of Jesus. The first three letters are filled in for you.

"So a	 	 	
	 	 	—————— (Mark 10:7).

Begin with the letter in the letter bank directly under the white arrow, and then choose every other letter after that. Write them down here to create the words of Jesus. The first three letters are filled in for you.

"God	 	 			
	 ·	 			
	 	 	" (Mar	k 10:9).	ı

### **FUN FACTS**

### GEESE

- The female goose lays one egg each day, until a full nest of about five eggs is obtained.
- Geese always fly in the shape of a "V."\*

<sup>\*</sup> Resources: http://www.facts-about.org.uk/facts-about-geese.html



Thank You, thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You became both my High Priest and my Sacrifice. I will never fear You again. Please come into my heart and help make me happy again. Amen.





### LIBRARY

- "The people must build a holy place for me. Then I can live among them" (Exodus 25:8).
- "Every high priest has the work of offering gifts and sacrifices to God" (Hebrews 8:3).
- "Christ gave himself for us—he was a sweet-smelling offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).
- "Christ was offered as a sacrifice one time to take away the sins of many people" (Hebrews 9:28).
- "Jesus is the kind of high priest that we need. He is holy" (Hebrews 7:26).
- "We do have a high priest who sits on the right side of God's throne in heaven. Our high priest serves in the Most Holy Place. He serves in the true place of worship that was made by God, not by men" (Hebrews 8:1, 2).



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"Christ as the great high priest, making a perfect atonement for sin, stands alone in divine majesty and glory" (Review and Herald, March 17, 1903).

The word atonement means "forgiveness." Only Jesus, our High Priest in heaven, can forgive our sins. He's just waiting to do just that right now.

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# **PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

How can you share with others the good news that Jesus is your Friend?

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# for young readers





**GOD'S WORD FOR ME** 

"We do have a high priest who sits on the right side of God's throne in heaven." Hebrews 8:1



### **STORY TIME**

"Does God hate me?" Samantha asked.

Mother looked up from her laundry. "Hate you? God? Where did you get that idea?" Samantha thought for a moment. "Because the preacher last week said that God hates sin. And sometimes I sin. I can't help myself. Then I feel terrible and think that God hates me."

Mother left her washing and sat down beside her daughter.

"Let me tell you a story from the Bible, and then you can decide how God feels about people who sin, OK?"

"OK," Samantha said. She always liked it when Mom told a Bible story.

"One day," Mother began, "Jesus was traveling through a town called Jericho. Many people came out to see Him because they'd heard about how He healed

the sick and raised the dead. They wanted to catch a glimpse of this amazing Person.

"One of the people waiting to see Jesus was a man named Zacchaeus. Now Zacchaeus wasn't an honest man. He worked for the government that ruled the land and forced everyone to pay taxes—lots of taxes. Zacchaeus went around collecting those taxes and usually took more than he should. Poor people suffered because of his dishonesty. In other words, Zacchaeus was a sinner.

"He was also very short. So when Jesus was coming, he couldn't see over the shoulders of all the other people waiting to see Him. So Zacchaeus decided to climb a tree so he could see everything clearly. Up he went.

"Everything was fine. He could see Jesus coming, and no one was standing in his way. Then, as Jesus was passing below the tree, He stopped and looked right up at Zacchaeus." Mother paused. "Now, remember, Zacchaeus was a sinner—a bad sinner who stole money from poor people. And there's Jesus looking right up at him. What do you think Jesus did?"

Samantha frowned. "He told him that he was bad and terrible and that he was going to die and that he better get out of that tree and go hide in a cave!"

Mother shook her head. "No. That's not what Jesus said to the sinner. He said, 'Zacchaeus, please come down from that tree because I'd like to go to your house for lunch.' "

"What?" Samantha gasped. "Didn't Jesus know he was a bad person?"

"Yes, He did," Mother said. "Jesus hates sin. But—and you must always remember this—Jesus loves sinners. That day, Zacchaeus and Jesus ate lunch together and had a great time. Old Zacchaeus even promised to pay back all the money he'd stolen from the people—not because Jesus told him to, but because he knew it would make Jesus proud of him."

Mother smiled down at Samantha. "So, when you sin, Jesus doesn't hate you. He's just waiting for you to stop doing that sin so He can be proud of you for doing what you know to be right. The Bible says Jesus is planning to take us to Heaven. All we have to do is accept His invitation—just like Zacchaeus accepted His invitation to have lunch with Him."

"I'm so glad Jesus loves me," Samantha said with a smile. "And I'm going to try very hard to be friends with Him."



Zacchaeus, please come down.



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Look up the texts in the "Library" and fill in the blanks to answer the questions. When Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the desert, God wanted to live with them. So He asked them to build Him something. What was it?

•	"The people must build a for me. Then I can
	live among them" (Exodus 25:8).
	In this place, there were men who did a special work.
	What were they called and what did they do?
•	"Every has the work of
	and to God" (Hebrews 8:3).
	When Jesus lived on this earth, He did something for us. What did He do?
•	"Christ for us—he was a
	and to God" (Ephesians 5:2).
•	"Christ was as a one time to take away the
	of many people" (Hebrews 9:28).
	Now, Jesus is in Heaven. He's doing a very important work for us.
	What is He doing?
•	"Jesus is the kind of that we need. He is
•	"We do have a who sits on the right side of
	God's throne in heaven. Our high priest serves in the
	He serves in the true place of
	that was made by, not by" (Hebrews 8:1, 2).

In Heaven, Jesus is both our High Priest and our Sacrifice! Don't think of Him as someone who wants to make us feel guilty when we sin. No! He's our High Priest, who has given Himself as a sacrifice so our sins can be forgiven. Like with Zacchaeus, if Jesus catches us hiding up in a tree—or in our bedroom—because we fee guilty about something, He's not going to punish us. He's going to ask to come to lunch with us—or take a walk in the woods with us, or sit beside our bed at night. If you are feeling guilty about something, it's because you haven't invited Jesus into your heart. When you do, guilt and fear go away. What a wonderful, loving High Priest we have! Why not bow your head and ask Jesus to come into your heart right now.



Thank You, Jesus, for promising to return to this earth to take us all to Heaven. I want to be ready. Help me to see what I need to do to be ready to welcome You back. Amen.



### LIBRARY

- "After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back" (John 14:3).
- "Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds!" (Revelation 1:7).
- "There will be a loud command with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God" (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
- "Everyone will see him" (Revelation 1:7).
- "No one knows when that day or time will be. ... Only the Father knows" (Matthew 24:36).
- "Always be ready" (Matthew 24:42).



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"We are to prepare the way for him by acting our part in getting a people ready for that great day" (*Review and Herald*. November 12, 1914).

Not only should we work to be ready to welcome Jesus; we can have the joy of helping other people get ready too, by telling them that Jesus is coming soon.

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

In what ways can you encourage others to get ready for Jesus' return?

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"Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds! Everyone will see him. ... Yes, this will happen!" Revelation 1:7. 8



### STORY TIME

**GOD'S WORD FOR ME** 

Tasha stood in the doorway of her room and frowned. "This just won't do," she thought to herself. "I've got to make some big changes!"

Mother had just told her that Aunt Dorothy was coming to visit and that she'd be arriving right after supper. This always made Tasha excited because she loved Aunt Dorothy and enjoyed being with her whenever she traveled from the big city to spend some time with them in the country. Aunt Dorothy liked to read stories from Tasha's favorite books and go for long walks with her in the forest behind the house. They'd listen to the birds sing and watch the squirrels play in the branches overhead. Sometimes they even made a picnic lunch and walked to the lake to eat it. Yes, Aunt Dorothy was one of Tasha's favorite people on earth.

But, there was a problem. Aunt Dorothy always slept in Tasha's bedroom, which was OK because Tasha got to sleep on the living room couch with the dog. The

problem was that Tasha's room looked like a hurricane had blown through it. Aunt Dorothy liked things neat and clearn; which was not exactly the way Tasha's room looked at the moment.

So, with an eager smile, Tasha rolled up her sleeves and got busy. She took all of her dirty clothes off the chair and carried them out to the laundry room. She emptied her trash can, which she discovered hadn't been emptied since Christmas, because there were still bits of wrapping paper with snowmen printed on them. When she cleaned off the top of her desk, she found the hair brush she'd been looking for for three weeks.

Tasha worked hard all afternoon sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, and polishing. Anytime she got tired, she'd think about Aunt Dorothy and how much fun they were going to have together. Then she'd get back to work.

Finally, her room shone like a new coin. Gone were the piles of paper in the corner. Gone were the candy wrappers and old cardboard boxes stuffed under the bed. Gone were the torn pants and sweaty T-shirts she'd worn last week. Gone were the crafts she'd started and never finished. What was left behind was a room fit to receive a loving, wonderful guest.

"Wow!" Mom gasped when she saw what Tasha had done.

"You have a rug! I'd forgotten you had a rug in here. And look at how nice you've made the bed. No wrinkles. Aunt Dorothy will be so pleased."

Later that evening, as Aunt Dorothy and Tasha sat in the newly cleaned room and read stories from the books resting neatly on a nearby shelf, Tasha remembered something her dad had said. "Jesus is coming soon," he'd announced at worship. "Are we ready to meet Him?"

Tasha realized that, just like getting her room ready for Aunt Dorothy, she needed to get things ready to welcome Jesus back to this old earth. How? By "cleaning up" her bad habits; by trying to make her body as healthy as it could be; by thinking about how wonderful it will be to live in Heaven with Jesus. She knew it might be hard work to get ready, but it would be worth it!

### **FUN FACTS**

### **CLEAN LAUNDRY**

- You don't actually need soap to wash most loads. The movement of the washing machines often does the job on its own.
- Sunlight bleaches and disinfects.\*





### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Unscramble the letters in the texts to find the answers to the questions. If you need help, the texts are printed in the "Library" section. But see if you can unscramble the letters without any help.

• W	When Jesus left His disciples and returned to Heaven to live with His Father,
Н	e made a promise. What did He say?
"/	After I go and prepare a place for you, I (LILW)
_	(MECO) (AKBC)" (John 14:3).
• W	Vhat will it look like when Jesus returns? "Look, Jesus is coming with the
_	(DUSLOC)" (Revelation 1:7).
• W	Vhat sounds will we hear when Jesus returns? "There will be a loud
_	(MMCDNAO) with the (ICOVE) of the
a	rchangel and with the (MPUTRTE) call of God"
(1	1 Thessalonians 4:16).
• W	Who will see Jesus coming back to this earth?
"-	Who will see Jesus coming back to this earth? (OREVYNEE) will see him" (Revelation 1:7).
• W	Who knows when Jesus will return to this earth?
"-	(ON) (NEO) (WSKON) when
th	nat day or time will be Only the (AFEHRT) knows"
(1)	Matthew 24:36).
• W	When should we be ready for Jesus to come? "
(2	5AYLAW) be ready" (Matthew 24:42)

List three ways you are going to start getting ready for Jesus to come. (Maybe you'll be kind to someone who bothers you. Maybe you'll forgive someone who hurt you. Perhaps you need to take better care of your body—God's temple—so your mind will be clear.)

Here's how I'm going to start getting ready for Jesus to come:

- 1. I'm going to
  2. I'm going to
- 3. I'm going to

<sup>\*</sup> Source: http://www.laundrylist.org/pdf/facts.pdf



Thank You, Jesus, for the hope of Heaven. Thank You for telling me that when I die, I'm only sleeping, waiting for You to wake me up when you come again. I love You, Jesus. Amen.





### **LIBRARY**

- "Jesus said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead. She is only asleep" (Matthew 9:24).
- "A time is coming when all who are dead and in their graves will hear his voice" (John 5:28).
- "They will come out of their graves" (John 5:29).
- "We will be taken up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- "We will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- "Comfort each other with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"All creation will hear that voice [of Jesus], and those who have lived and died in Jesus, will respond to the call of the Prince of life" (*Review and Herald*, July 31, 1888).

Don't ever think that you won't hear Jesus' voice when He comes again. Notice that Ellen says that "all" of creation will hear it. Yes, you'll hear it loud and clear!

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# PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Is there someone you have known, who is now sleeping in death, that you want to see again?

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"Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds! Everyone will see him. ... Yes, this will happen!" *Revelation 1:7, 8* 



### **STORY TIME**

**GOD'S WORD FOR ME** 

"I don't understand," Albert said. "My friend Danny is dead. We put his coffin in the ground and some men covered it up with dirt. Then the preacher stood there by the grave and told everyone that we'll see Danny again when Jesus comes. Is that true?" Mom put her hand on Albert's shoulder. "There's something you need to know," she said softly. Mom and Albert walked to a large field behind their house and sat down on a log.

"What do you see out there?" Mom asked, pointing.

"I see green grass and lots of spring flowers," Albert said, enjoying the colorful view.

"What did you see out there last winter?"

"Oh," Albert said with a shake of his head, "I saw brown dirt, lots of ice, and piles of snow."

"What happened?" Mom wanted to know. "Why did it change?"

Albert thought for a moment. "Spring, I guess," he said. "When spring came, the snow and ice melted, and the grass and flowers grew out of the ground." He stopped talking as a new, exciting idea filled his mind. "The grass and flowers were waiting in the ground, waiting for the sunshine, the rain, and the warm breezes to blow, right?"

Mom smiled. "When Jesus comes, it will be like spring for those who have died and are sleeping in the grave. Only, this time, it won't be sun or rain calling grass from the ground. No, it will be Jesus calling out the names of everyone who has died loving and trusting Him. People just like Danny."

Albert gazed out over the beautiful field and nodded. "I understand," he said quietly. "When Jesus comes, Danny will be alive again." He looked up at his mother. "I'm sad today because I miss Danny. But, someday, I'm going to be so happy to see him again. I can hardly wait!"

Mother and Albert walked back to the house, leaving behind a field covered with beautiful blooming flowers.



### DRAW A PICTURE OF A FIELD OF FLOWERS.

You can include some trees if you'd like. Make sure you use many colors for your flowers, like red, yellow, pink, and blue. Add lots of green grass, too. Then write these words somewhere on your picture: Jesus brings springtime to everyone who has died loving Him.



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Look up the texts in the "Library" section; then circle the correct answer to the following questions.

• Unless Jesus comes soon, we will all die. We say, "That person is dead." What does Jesus say a person who has died is doing? (Matthew 9:24)

Working Traveling Living in heaven Sleeping A ghost

• When Jesus comes, something amazing will happen to those who have died loving Him. What happens? (John 5:28)

They disappear They hear His voice They get angry They cry

• Something exciting happens to these people. What is it? (John 5:29)



They eat dinner They fight a war They go They come out of the grave

Next comes an event that all of God's people are looking forward to. What happens
to those who are alive when Jesus comes? They will (1 Thessalonians 4:17):

Visit Jerusalem Be taken to meet Jesus Build a church Read a book

How long will we be with the Lord? (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

Three months A year 500 years Forever

 What are we supposed to do with these wonderful words from the Bible? (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Comfort each other Write a book Sing a song Watch television

5. What is left of sin and sinners after the fire? (Malachi 4:1)

nothing half many a few all

6. What does God allow us to see on that terrible day of destruction? (Malachi 3:18)

miracles the difference between clouds good and evil

7. What does God say He will make after the destruction of the wicked? (Revelation 21:5)

more sinners another planet a garden everything new



### **MY PRAYER**

Thank You, Jesus, for allowing evil and sickness and death to be destroyed in the fire. I know I'll be safe by Your side until the last flame dies. I love You, Jesus. Amen.



### LIBRARY

- "The Lord God says: As surely as I live, this is true. I do not want a wicked person to die. I want him to stop doing evil and live' " (Ezekiel 33:11).
- "There is a day coming that will be like a hot furnace. All the proud and evil people will be like straw. On that day they will be completely burned up. Not a root or branch will be left,' says the Lord of heaven's armies" (Malachi 4:1).
- "You will again see the difference between good and evil people. You will see the difference between those who serve God and those who don't" (Malachi 3:18).
- "Look! I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5).

# MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"God has declared that sin must be destroyed as an evil [that hurts] the universe. Those who cling to sin will perish in its destruction" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 123).

The fire doesn't come from an angry God. The fire is simply what happens when people choose to live without God's love and power protecting them. Now is the time to decide that you want to live forever in God's protecting arms. If you do, you never have to fear the fire.

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"[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes. ... All the old ways are gone." *Revelation 21:4* 



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### STORY TIME

"Be careful," Dad called as he raked up another large pile of dead leaves. "Don't get too close to the fire. I wouldn't want you to burn off your nose."

Emily laughed as the flames in the big backyard burn barrel turned her father's last load of leaves into smoking ashes. "I'd look pretty funny without my nose," she chuckled. "Just keep those leaves coming. We'll have the yard cleaned up by suppertime."

As Emily stood watching the leaves vanish in the fire, she thought about something Dad had read during family worship that morning. The Bible says that, right before God's people begin living forever with Jesus on the new earth, all evil will be destroyed. "It says the whole world will suddenly become like one great, big lake of fire," Dad had told them. "Pain, suffering, and everything bad will vanish just like dried leaves in a fire."

Emily knew that God doesn't enjoy seeing anyone suffer or die—even bad people. But, like He told Adam and Eve, there are two paths to follow in your life. One path leads to heaven—and eternal life. The other path leads to that big, final fire—and eternal death. People decide which way they want to live. People decide what will happen to them in the end.

While the leaves burned, Emily began to smile just a little because some parts of that awful event sounded exciting to her. That fire will do a whole lot more than burn up those who refuse to walk on God's path. It will also destroy all the results of sin. That was a happy thought!

Emily picked up a wrinkled oak leaf. "You are all the diseases in the world," she told it. Then she tossed it into the burn barrel. Puff. It vanished!

Grabbing another leaf, she said, "You are fear," Into the fire it went, Puff, Gone!

"Hey, this is great," Emily thought. "You are lying and cheating," she told the next leaf. Puff. Vanished! "You are pain, hurt, and worry," she told another. Puff!

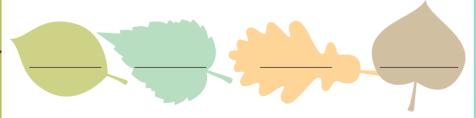
Taking hold of a very large leaf, she announced loudly, "You ... are ... death!" It disappeared in a sizzling burst of fire and smoke.

"Why are you burning our leaves one at a time?" Dad called.

Emily smiled. "Oh, I'm just thinking about when God will make sin go away forever. Like the leaves in our burn barrel, everything evil will be burned up completely."

Pointing, she called out. "Hey, Dad, bring me that big pile of leaves over there, please. I'm going to make sure that they never litter our yard again."

What would you like to throw into the fire? Write on leaves the things you want to see vanish from this world forever. Maybe you'd like fear to go away. Perhaps war or sickness would be what you'd choose. Write it on the leaves and then draw red and yellow fire flames burning them up!



# **FUN FACTS**

### **TREES**

- One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people.
- There are over 23,000 different kinds of trees in the world. That's a lot of leaves!

Source: http://www.ncsu.edu/project/treesofstrength/treefact.htm



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

How we live, and the choices we make each day, show which path we're on. God's path leads to heaven and eternal life. Satan's path leads to the fires of eternal destruction. Draw a line from the actions below to the correct path.

### **GOD'S PATH**

### **SATAN'S PATH**

Being kind to people and animals
Always trying to get people in trouble
Cheating on a test
Forgiving a friend who has hurt you
Sharing what you have with others
Saying unkind things about people
Lying
Hurting your body with unhealthful foods
Healing your body with healthful foods
Asking God to forgive your mistakes
Pretending that you don't make mistakes
Helping others
Ignoring others
Praying

Sharing

Hating

Circle whose path you choose. I'm going to live my life walking on **GOD'S SATAN'S** path.

Look up the texts in the "Library" and then choose the correct answer to the guestions below.

1. How does God feel when a wicked person dies? (Ezekiel 33:11)

happy angry does not want it to happen satisfied

2. What will the destruction be like? (Malachi 4:1)

hot furnace match flame boiling water summer sun

3. Who will be like straw in the destruction? (Malachi 4:1)

missionaries children soldiers proud and evil people

4. What will happen to evil people as the fires burn? They will (Malachi 4:1):

suffer forever completely burn up run and hide pray

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Thank You, Jesus, for the beautiful new world You are going to make for me and my family. I'm looking forward to being where the animals aren't afraid and everyone loves me very much. Please, come soon! Amen.



### **LIBRARY**

- "The angel showed me the river of the water of life. The river was shining like crystal. ... The tree of life was on each side of the river" (Revelation 22:1, 2).
- "Then wolves will live in peace with lambs. And leopards will lie down to rest with goats. Calves, lions and young bulls will eat together. And a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).
- "Lions will eat hay as oxen do. A baby will be able to play near a cobra's hole" (Isaiah 11:7, 8).
- "They will not hurt or destroy each other on all my holy mountain" (Isaiah 11:9).
- "The street of the city was made of pure gold. The gold was clear as glass" (Revelation 21:21).
- "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The glory of God is the light, and the Lamb is the city's lamp. By its light the people of the world will walk" (Revelation 21:23, 24). (The "Lamb" is Jesus.)



### MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The Lord of heaven has an eternity of happiness for His children in the earth made new" (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 3, p. 86).

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for young readers **GOD'S WORD FOR ME** 

"The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever." *Daniel 7:18, NIV* 



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### **STORY TIME**

Alex and his dad sat down in the shade of a green tree. They were both very tired because they'd been walking and walking and walking. But it was a happy tired, and Alex didn't want their adventure to end.

From their hilltop perch, they could look down on rows of stone buildings, flower-lined paths, and many, many cages surrounded by metal bars. "This is fun," Alex said.

Dad was silent for a long moment, and then he turned to face his son. "Alex, what do you see down there?"

Alex frowned. "I see a zoo, Dad. Isn't that what you see?"

Dad chuckled. "Well, yes. But I see something else. Hidden in that zoo is a picture of heaven."

"Heaven?" Alex gasped. "Does God keep His animals in cages?"

"No," Dad responded with a chuckle. "That's why the picture is hidden. If you

take away all the cages, and all the metal bars, and all the buildings with thick glass in the windows, what do you have left?"

Alex squinted down at the scene, trying to imagine what it would look like with all of those things gone, "You'd have a bunch of animals standing around saving, 'Hey, where did my house go?""

Dad laughed, "Maybe you're right. But, there's one more thing that will be missing in heaven. And it's the reason why those zoo animals are in cages."

"I know, I know!" Alex said with a smile. "Those animals are afraid of each other. The antelope in that cage knows that the lion in that cage over there would kill and eat it. Right?"

"That's right," Dad said, "All of those animals live in fear—even the lions, People kill lions. you know. So, they don't mind having those walls to protect them. But in heaven, nothing hunts or kills anything. Animals don't need walls and cages and stone buildings. The antelope and lions will hang out together. The hawks and gophers will be best friends. The wolves and the lambs will drink water from the same stream at the same time, and nothing bad will happen."

Alex thought about what his dad had said. It sounded almost too good to be true. Then he looked past the zoo and out over the city. All he saw were more walls—walls around houses, walls around businesses, walls around schools and churches, and walls around prisons. Walls everywhere. "If no one is afraid in heaven," he asked his dad, "will all walls go away?"

Dad nodded. "The only reason you'll need one in heaven is if you want to hang a picture on it."

The two burst out laughing. "Heaven is going to be such a wonderful place," Alex said. "I can hardly wait to go there! But, until Jesus

comes, we can enjoy visiting the animals in the zoo. Come on. Dad. We haven't seen the monkeys

yet!"

Dad nodded as he stood to his feet. "Monkeys without walls. Now that's an interesting picture!" The two hurried down the hill. eager to continue their visit.



### MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

When Satan and sinners are gone, God will create a brand-new world for us to enjoy. What will that world look like? Create a gallery of pictures to show what you think it will look like. You can draw the pictures or cut and paste them from a magazine. But first, find the texts in the "Library" and fill in the missing words. Then draw a picture of what that text describes. Use lots of color because Heaven will be filled with color.

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Remember, in the Garden of Eden. snakes were beautiful creatures and not scary. That's why Satan made himself look like one before talking to Eve. Make your heavenly snake beautiful, maybe with fur and wings. Notice that, in the text, it doesn't even scare a baby!

> "They will not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ each other on all my mountain" (Isaiah 11:9). Instead of hunting animals, what will people do with them in Heaven? Draw what

you think they will do.

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