

Unit 1 Grace Group (Sunday School) & Children's Church Activities

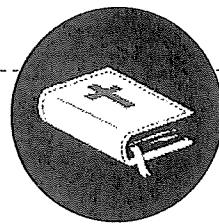
K-2nd Grace Groups, PreK-2nd Grade Children's Church

Memory Verse for This Unit:

Psalm 119:89-90: Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

| Date & Lesson | Grace Group Activity Options | Children's Church Activity Options |
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| January 4, 2026 Lesson 1: <i>God's Word is Our Foundation</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 1/2 Coloring Sheet • "Reading the Reference" Activity • Come On In Activity • Memory Verse (And Activity) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Better Than" activity |
| January 11, 2026 Lesson 2: <i>Attributes of God</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • "Attributes Matching Game" • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Binoculars Craft • "Let's Measure" Activity |
| January 18, 2026 Lesson 3: <i>We Can Know God Exists</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • "Creator Hanger" Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • "Eternal Chain" Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Circle Up" Activity • "Created Things" Coloring Sheet |
| January 25, 2026 Lesson 4: <i>The Trinity</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Take-Home Page Activity or Class Notes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity |
| February 1, 2026 Lesson 5: <i>God's Word Guides Us</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Five Questions Signs • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Coloring Sheet • Take-Home Sheet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Guide Me" Activity or "God Guides Footprint" Activity |
| February 8, 2026 Lesson 6: <i>God Preserves His Word</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • "Roll a Scroll" Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Coloring Sheet • "Preserve the Word" Relay |

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| February 15, 2026 <i>Lesson 7: God's Word is Complete</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Something's Missing" Activity • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Coloring Sheet |
| February 22, 2026 <i>Lesson 8: Don't Change God's Word</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Class Notes • Take Home Sheet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Sheet • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • "Whisper the Truth" Activity |
| March 1, 2026 <i>Lesson 9: The Gospel is Good News</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Class Notes • Coloring Sheet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity • Gospel Beads Bracelet Activity |
| March 8, 2026 <i>Lesson 10: Unit Review</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come On In Activity • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse (And Activity) • Take-Home Sheet Lesson 7 and 9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Puzzles • Review Questions & Game • Memory Verse & Memory Verse Activity |



God's Word Is Our Foundation

God's Word—the foundation for our lives—is the standard we use to judge every thought.

Lesson Focus

The Bible is perfect and true. If we use it as our foundation, it will guide us and change our lives.

Key Passages

Psalm 19:7–9; Proverbs 30:5

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Recognize that the Bible is true and can be trusted because it is God's Word.
- List qualities of God's Word.

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:89–90 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Lesson Preparation



Come On In

Choose a Come On In Game and print/gather necessary items.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Book Match | <input type="checkbox"/> I Have You Have |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Book Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Look Behind You |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Speed Round | <input type="checkbox"/> Next in Line |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashcard Take Away | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn |



Memory Verse

Choose a Memory Verse Game and print/gather necessary items.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Down the Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Hunt | <input type="checkbox"/> Review Card Relay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Look Behind You | <input type="checkbox"/> Stack Em Up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Now You See It | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Turn |

Play the Memory Verse Song to help your students learn the verse.

Find extra verses to practice in the Additional Memory Verses list.



Studying God's Word

Print one Class Notes for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

Write out Psalm 19:7–9 on the board.

Bring masking tape. Place long strips on the floor to create a "balance beam" (about 5 feet long and 4–6 inches wide) for the Introduction.



Lesson Review

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Choose a Lesson Review Game and gather necessary items.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Game | <input type="checkbox"/> Goofy Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Toss | <input type="checkbox"/> Oh No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draw Dice | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick a Point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four in a Row | <input type="checkbox"/> Toss for It |



Go to Prayer

Dear Lord, I know that you have given us your Word, and it provides all we need in order to trust and obey you. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Help my students to fall in love with you and your Word. Move in their hearts and give them understanding so they will allow God's Word to guide their lives.



The required lesson and supplementary materials can be accessed from the **Teacher Digital Resources** under *Lesson 1. Game* instructions are also included in the *Appendix* in the back of this Teacher Guide.

We recommend the following order for churches using a **large group/small group** format:

Large Group

- Studying God's Word
- Reading the Reference
- Group Prayer

Small Group

- Come On In
- Memory Verse
- Optional Activity
- Lesson Review
- Take Home Sheet

Prepare to Share

Scriptural Background

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages for this lesson along with this background.

Ever since Satan in the form of a serpent cast doubt on God's instructions in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1–4), people have questioned the authority of God's Word. As descendants of Adam, we have inherited a sinful nature (Romans 5:12, Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8–10), which corrupts our human reasoning, questions God's authority, and prevents us from embracing the truth.

The Bible says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). This reminds us that we cannot move along the path of life without God's Word providing the light of truth to guide us. The Bible enables us to see the world as it truly is. Without the understanding that Scripture gives, we are lost in the dark, wondering how to accurately interpret good and evil, God and man, right and wrong. We are left with a distorted view

of history, science, and society. The testimony of the Lord, however, is undistorted and sure (Psalm 19:7).

In Psalm 19, King David powerfully reveals the supremacy of Scripture. The perfection of the Word leads to conversion of the soul, the surety of the Word brings wisdom, the righteousness of the Word rejoices the heart, and the purity of the Word lights the way. The Word of God is clean, true, and righteous, producing the fear of the Lord necessary for repentance. Verse 11 summarizes the intention of the Word—that we may be warned to keep the commandments and achieve the promised reward.

Those who stand in awe of God, who are bound to him without compromise, and who submit their minds to the teaching of Scripture are those who have a solid foundation and are able to connect the Bible to real life.

Our response to God and his Word should be to join the Psalmist in praying, "Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name" (Psalm 86:11).

Historical/Apologetics Background

The proper role of apologetics is to confirm what we know of God through his Word. It is not a series of explanations attempting to prove that the Bible is true or that there is a God.

As Christians, we start with the assumption that God exists and that his Word is true. This serves as the starting point for our beliefs. This is called *presuppositional thinking* because we are presupposing that what God says about himself is true.

Jesus set the example for us in this way of thinking through his life, ministry, and teaching. All of Jesus' messages presupposed that the Scriptures were true.

He knew the Scriptures so well that learned men marveled (John 7:15). He quoted Scripture as historical fact, referencing some of the most attacked accounts in the Bible, including creation (Matthew 19:4–5), Noah and the flood (Matthew 24:37–39), Sodom and Gomorrah (Matthew 10:15, 11:23–24), Lot and his wife (Luke 17:28–32), and Jonah and the fish (Matthew 12:39–41).

He said the writings of Moses are more powerful than even someone rising from the dead (Luke 16:29–31).

He defended himself against Satan with God's Word (Matthew 4:4–10).

In the same way, we must rely on God's Word as the starting point for all of our judgments and beliefs. Others may insist that we "leave the Bible out of it" when discussing God, creation, absolute truth, morality, science, or the Bible itself. However, we cannot and must not. Christians stand on the Word of God—it is our foundation (Luke 6:47–49). Everything we believe and how we live are based on what it says.

Disregarding the Scriptures would result in disaster because our foundation would be destroyed. Our starting point is and must always be the Bible. We see the importance of this from the very beginning. Even in the garden of Eden, the battle was over the authority of the Word of God. The serpent asked Eve, "Did God really say that?" (Genesis 3:1).

We are facing a crisis of unbelief among young people in our culture today. One reason for this is

that so many have discounted the book of Genesis. They are asking, "Did God really do that?" and being told, "No, he did not, and you don't have to believe it."

This is a sad state of affairs. It wasn't too long ago that Genesis was taken literally and there was little controversy over its interpretation. In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the history of Genesis came under attack by scientists who began to accept the idea of millions of years of history rather than the thousands of years God records in his Word.

This interpretation brought compromise in the areas of biology—Darwinian evolution replacing God's creation of kinds; geology—millions of years replacing the flood history of Genesis; anthropology—man descended from ape-like ancestors replacing God's creation of man in his own image; astronomy—the big bang replacing God's amazing account of speaking the universe into existence.

As our culture has adopted these secular views, the Bible has been disconnected from reality and consequently is becoming less and less relevant—especially to the younger generations. These compromises have torn down the foundations of biblical authority and trust in God's Word. The result? Jesus gave us the answer when he asked Nicodemus, "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?" (John 3:12).

Many no longer believe the earthly things that Jesus was referring to. And, consequently, even the heavenly things—redemption, hope, eternity with God, forgiveness, Christ's resurrection, the Trinity, and judgment—are no longer of any interest to us. It is time to get back to the foundational beliefs of the Word of God, beginning in Genesis.

Around. I want everyone to count with me up to the number _____. (You may also choose to recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.) As we say each number (or word), you will carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you. Remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready for it in our lesson. *Hand the Bible to the first student.* Here we go!

K-1st lesson continues next. Go to page 19 for the Pre-K lesson.



K-1st Lesson

God's Word Is a Special Book

Have you ever wondered why the Bible is so important? Why should we read it or listen to it? Well, we're going to talk about the Bible today. And I think you will start to see why the Bible is such a special book.

- ? Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. *Have the student bring the Bible and open it to the sticky note.*

Psalm 19:7–8

I'm going to read to you from Psalm 19 to find out more about God's true Word. Listen carefully! *Read Psalm 19:7–8 from your Bible emphasizing "perfect," "sure," "right," "pure."*

Wow! These verses are telling us about God's laws in his Word. It says they are perfect, sure, right, and pure. *Hold up your Bible.* Do you know what that means? It means the Bible has no mistakes in it!

- ? What does *pure* mean? *Allow discussion.* Clean, nothing wrong with it, nothing bad in it, etc.

Right. Pure means that it's clean, and nothing bad or wrong is in it.

- ? *Hold up the clean jar of water.* Take a look at this water. Do you see anything in this water? No.
- ? Do you think it is pure? Yes.

You're right! This water is pure; there is nothing wrong with it! It is perfect! And the Bible says that all God's laws are like that, pure and perfect.

Now look at this jar of water. *Lift up the jar of dirty water.*

- ? Is this jar of water clean? No.
- ? What do you see? *Allow answers.*

It's dirty! There's a problem with this water. It is not pure. It is not perfect. We cannot drink it. We can't wash our hands with it. Yuck!

Now listen! God's Word is like this clean jar of water. *Hold up the clean jar of water.*

► Don't forget!
Review the Optional Supplements and determine where you can use them.

► Reread the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text.

► Have the Jars of clean water and dirty water ready.

God's Word is perfect—there is nothing wrong with it. And we should trust and obey God's Word, the Bible, because it is pure. God's perfect and pure law can change us from dirty on the inside to clean on the inside.

- ? What am I talking about when I say God's perfect law? *Hold up your Bible for a hint. The Bible!*

Better Than Gold, Sweeter Than Honey

What else does God tell us about his law? We know it is perfect and pure!

Psalm 19:10

Listen again as I read from God's Word. See if you can tell me what God's Word is worth! I am going to read Psalm 19:10. *Read Psalm 19:10 emphasizing the words "gold" and "honey."*

- ? This says God's Word is better than something. We should want or desire, God's Word even more than this. What is it? Listen again. *Reread the first part of verse 10. Gold! Pass around some beautiful "gold" jewelry if you've brought it in.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. That's right! Gold is very valuable. It is worth a lot of money. But you know what? Knowing God's Word is BETTER than gold or jewelry or all the money in the world! Wow! God's Word is pretty special, isn't it?

- ? Listen again to Psalm 19:10. See if you can tell me what God's Word is sweeter than. *Reread the second part of Psalm 19:10. Honey!*
- ? Have you ever tasted honey? What does it taste like? *Hold up the jar of honey or refer to the Flip Chart.* Allow answers.

It is very sweet and yummy! You may want to have students taste the sweetness of honey by giving them some plain cereal and then some honey-sweetened cereal. Be aware of allergies.

- ? What other kinds of sweet and yummy things do you like to eat? Allow answers.

Refer to the Flip Chart. Those sound great! But you know what? God's Word is better than all those treats! The Bible is God's Word. It is good for us. It can change us, and we should want to read it and obey it!

The Bible says that God is perfect, and his laws are perfect, too.

- ? Can God make mistakes? *No, God's Word is perfect!*
- ? What is God's Word sweeter than? *Honey. Hold up the jar of honey or refer to the Flip Chart.*
- ? And what is God's Word better than? *Gold. Hold up the jewelry or refer to the Flip Chart.*

I love God's Word. It is the only book in the world that is pure and perfect and true. And it can change us! It is a very special book!

- Have the optional jewelry, honey, and cereal ready.

When I say God's Word, what do I mean? Which book am I talking about?
Hold up your Bible for a hint. The Bible!
That's right. The Bible is perfect! It can change us!

Continue with the Lesson Review Game on page 21.



Pre-K Lesson

God's Word Is a Special Book

The Bible is God's Word to all of us—you and me, and everyone else. It is a very special book from God. There are some words we're going to talk about today that tell us what the Bible is like.

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The first word is pure. What does *pure* mean? *Allow discussion. Clean, nothing wrong with it, nothing bad in it, etc.*

Pure means that it's clean, and there is nothing bad or wrong in it.

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Hold up the clean jar of water. Take a look at this water. Do you see anything in this water? *No.*

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Do you think it is pure and clean? *Yes.*

You're right! This water is pure; there is nothing wrong with it! It is perfect! And the Bible says that all of God's words in the Bible are like that, pure and perfect.

Now look at this jar of water. *Lift up the jar of dirty water.*

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Is this jar of water pure? *No.*

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What do you see? *Allow answers.*

It's dirty, isn't it! There is a problem with this water. It is not pure. It is not perfect. We can't drink it. We can't wash our hands with it. Yuck!

Hold up the clean jar of water. Now listen! God's Word, the Bible, is like this clean jar of water. God's Word is perfect—there is nothing wrong with it. And we should trust God's Word because it is pure. It can change us and help us love and obey God.

Say this with me, "God's Word is pure and perfect." *Have students repeat the sentence with you.*

► Don't forget!
Review the Optional Supplements and determine where you can use them.

► Have the Jars of clean water and dirty water ready.

Better Than Gold, Sweeter Than Honey

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Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. *Have the student bring the Bible and open it to the sticky note.*

Psalm 19:10

What else does God tell us about his Word? Listen now as I read Psalm 19:10 from the Bible. I'm going to read about two things that are on our Flip Chart picture. See if you can tell me what those things are. *Read Psalm 19:10 emphasizing "gold" and "honey."*

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- Refer to the *Flip Chart*. What are the two things we read about that are in this picture? *Gold and honey.*

Right! Gold and honey. Gold is pretty, isn't it? *Pass around some beautiful "gold" jewelry if you've brought some in.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Remember what I just read from the Bible? It says God's Word is better than gold! Gold is very valuable. It costs a lot of money. But you know what? Knowing God's Word is BETTER than having gold or jewelry or all the money in the world! Wow! God's Word is really special!

➤ Have the optional jewelry, honey, and cereal ready.

Listen again to Psalm 19:10. See if you can find the picture of the other thing this verse talks about. *Point to the honey on the Flip Chart. Honey!*

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- Have you ever tasted honey? What does it taste like? *Hold up the jar of honey if you brought some in.* Allow answers.

Honey is very sweet and yummy! You may want to have students taste the sweetness of honey by giving them some plain cereal and then some honey-sweetened cereal. Be aware of allergies.

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- What other kinds of sweet and yummy things do you like to eat? Allow answers.

Refer to the Flip Chart. Those sound great! But you know what? God's Word is better than all those treats! It is good for us, and we should want to read it and obey it! God's Word can change us!

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- The Bible says that God is perfect, and his Word is perfect, too. Are there mistakes in the Bible? Can God make mistakes? *No.*

God's Word is perfect because God cannot make mistakes.

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- What is God's Word sweeter than? *Honey.* *Hold up the jar of honey or refer to the Flip Chart.*

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- And what is God's Word better than? *Gold.* *Hold up the jewelry or refer to the Flip Chart.*

I love God's Word. It is the only book in the world that is pure and perfect and true. It is better than gold or honey or anything else we can think of. And it can change us! It is a very special book!

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- When I say God's Word, what do I mean? Which book am I talking about? *Hold up your Bible for a hint. The Bible!*

Continue with the Lesson Review Game below.

Better Than Game

Materials

- Bible markers (page 2)
- Picture sheets (pages 3–6)
- Tape or poster putty
- Scarf or necktie for a blindfold
- Optional: crayons or markers

Instructions

Print one copy of each picture sheet. Tape them together and put the finished poster up on the wall within easy reach of the students.

Print and cut out one Bible marker for each student. Have them color their markers or help them write their name on it. Put a small piece of tape or poster putty on the back of the markers at the beginning of each student's turn.

Each student will be blindfolded one at a time and gently turned around 2 or 3 times. Guide the student toward the picture poster on the wall. Have the student choose a spot without peeking and stick the Bible marker to the poster. Remove the blindfold.

Have everyone look to see where the marker is and say the phrase, "God's Word is better than _____" (say what the picture is that's nearest to the marker). For example: If the marker sticks near or on the picture of the ice cream cone, the students will say together, "God's Word is better than ice cream!"

Repeat until all the students have had a turn.

Suggested Discussion

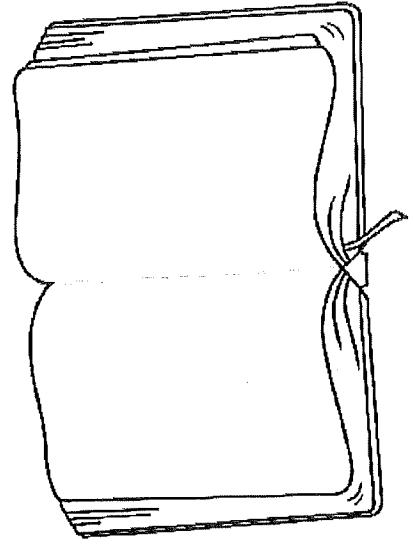
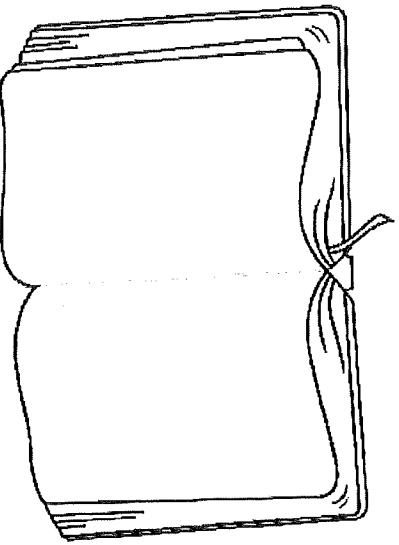
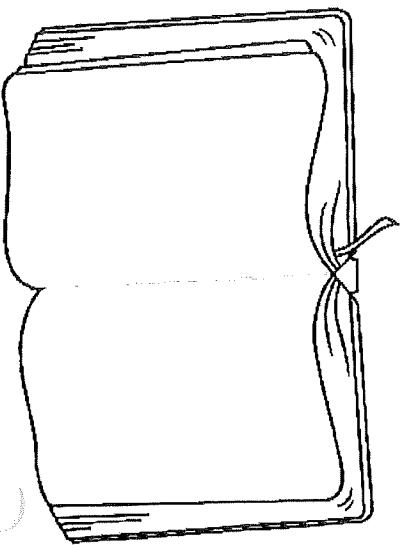
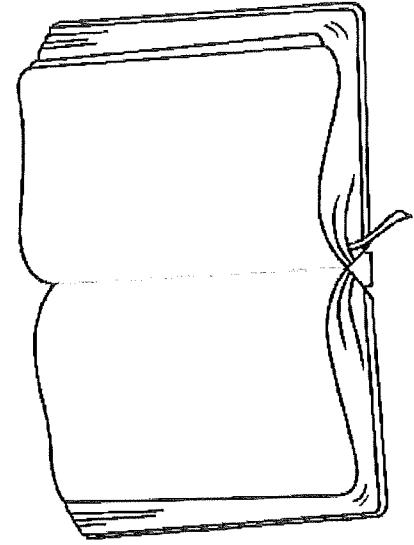
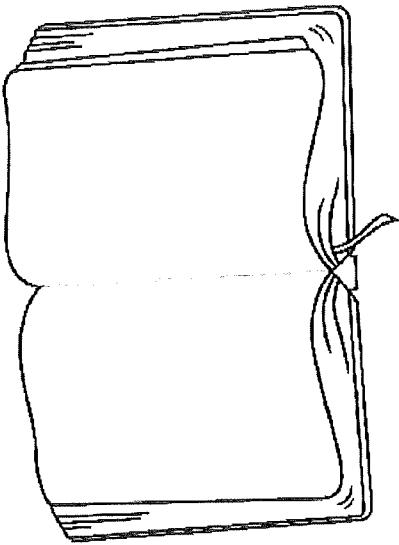
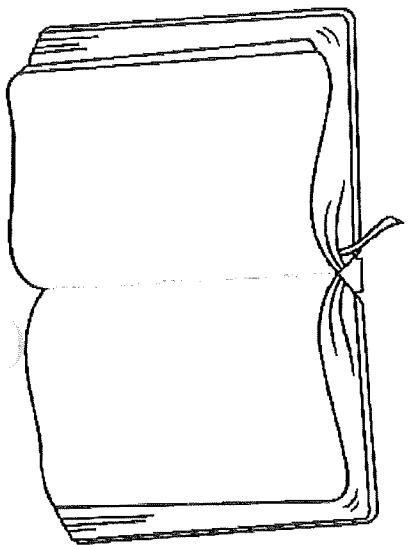
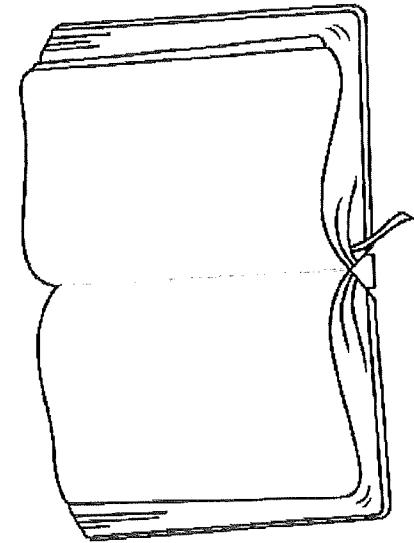
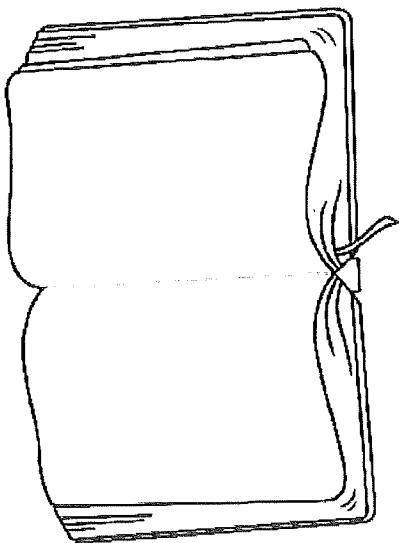
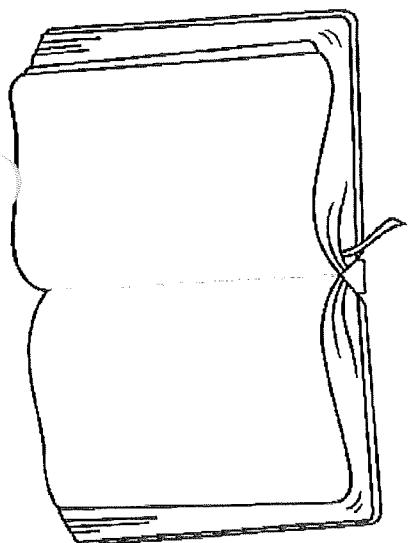
Wow! There are a lot of great things on this poster. Some of them are really fun to have and some are very tasty. But God's Word is better than anything on this poster.

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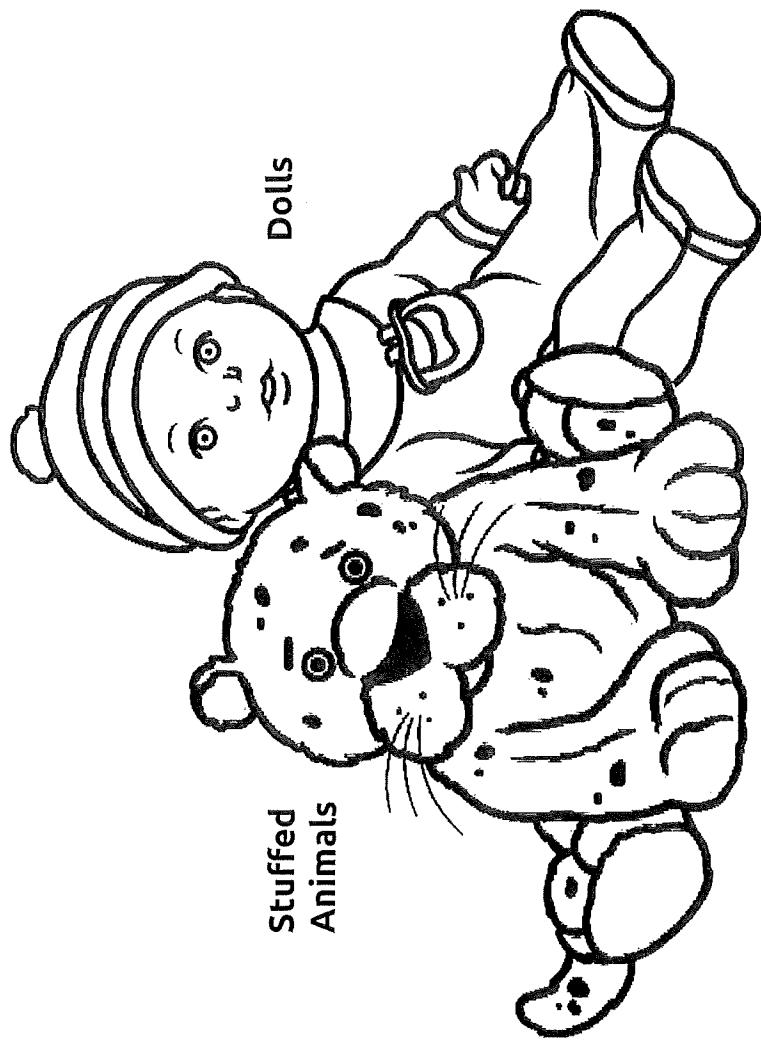
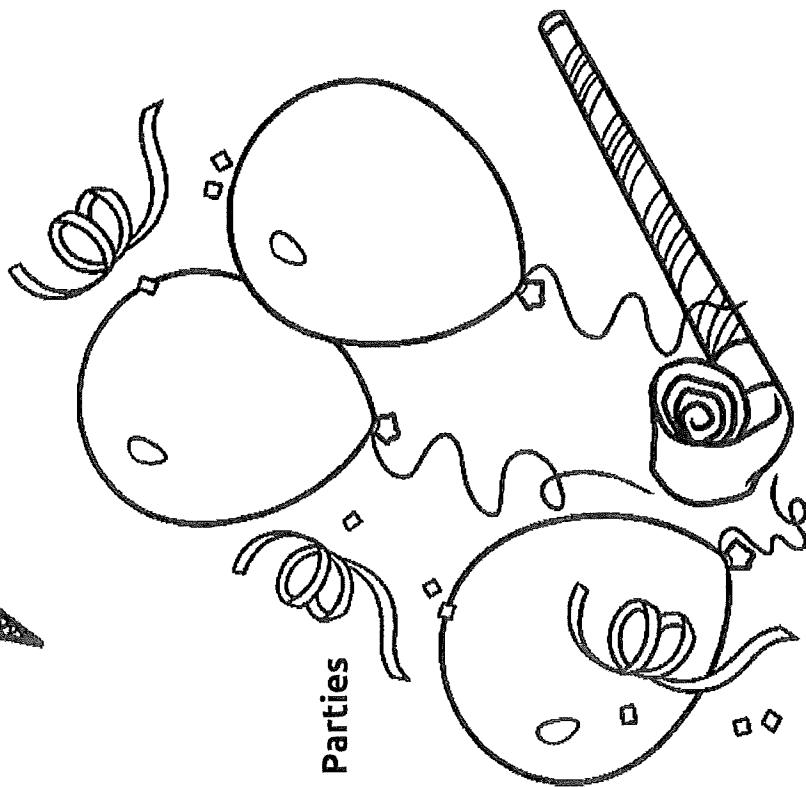
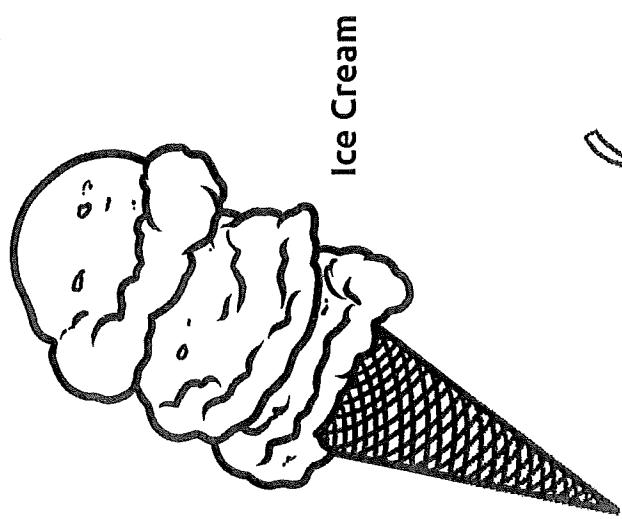
Why is God's Word better than gold or honey or any of these things? *It tells us about God.*

Right! God's Word tells us about who God is and what he has done for us. These are very important things that every person should know.

So remember, yummy treats and money are not bad things, but God's Word is much more important.

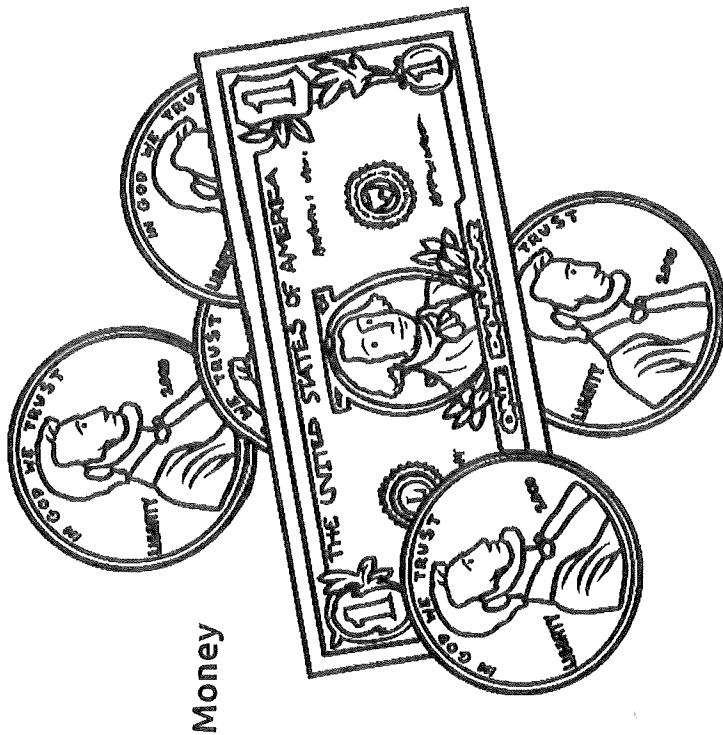
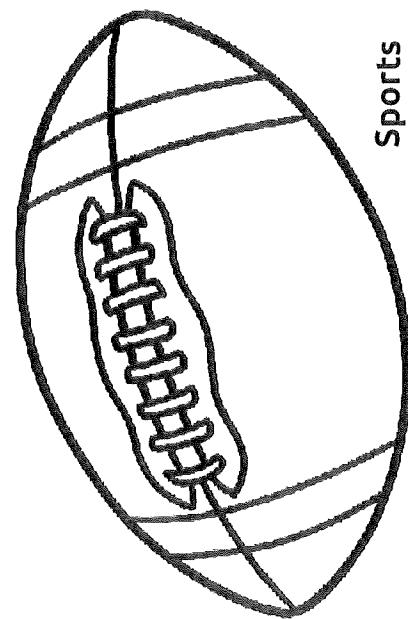
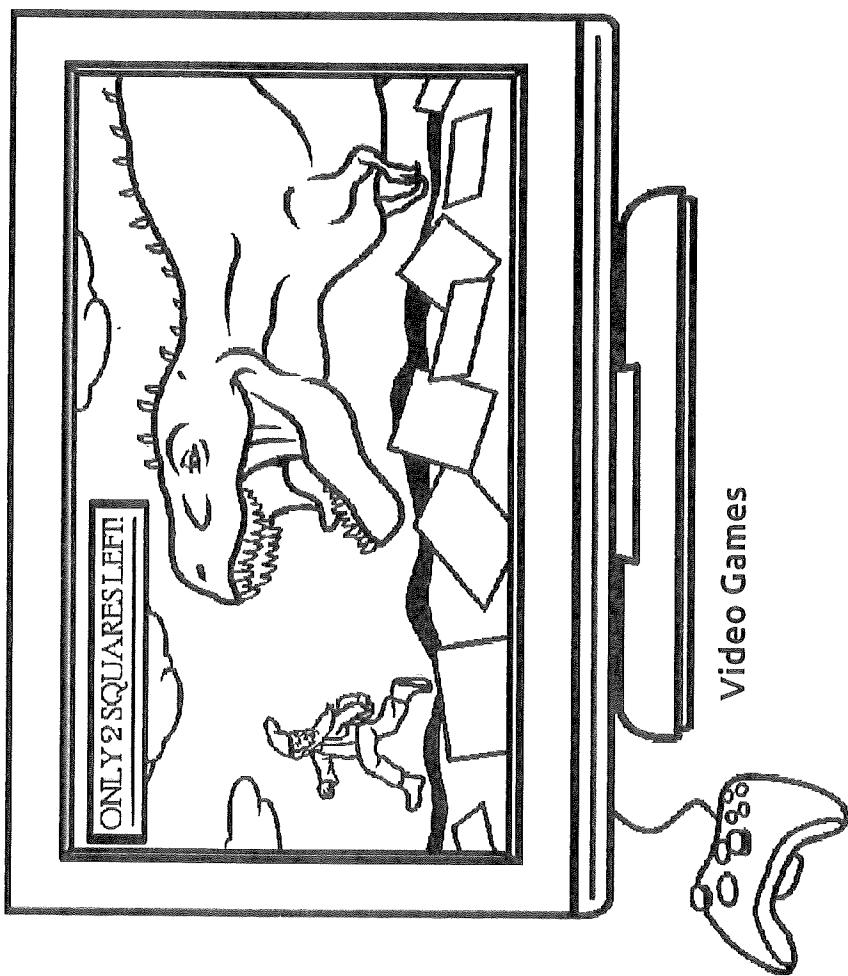


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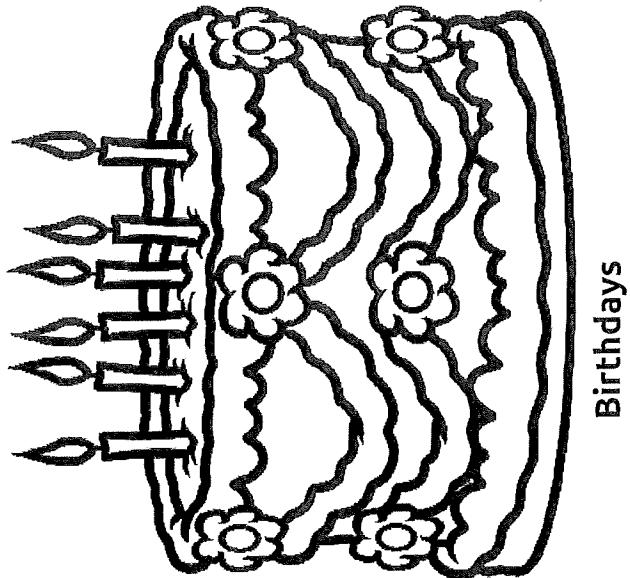
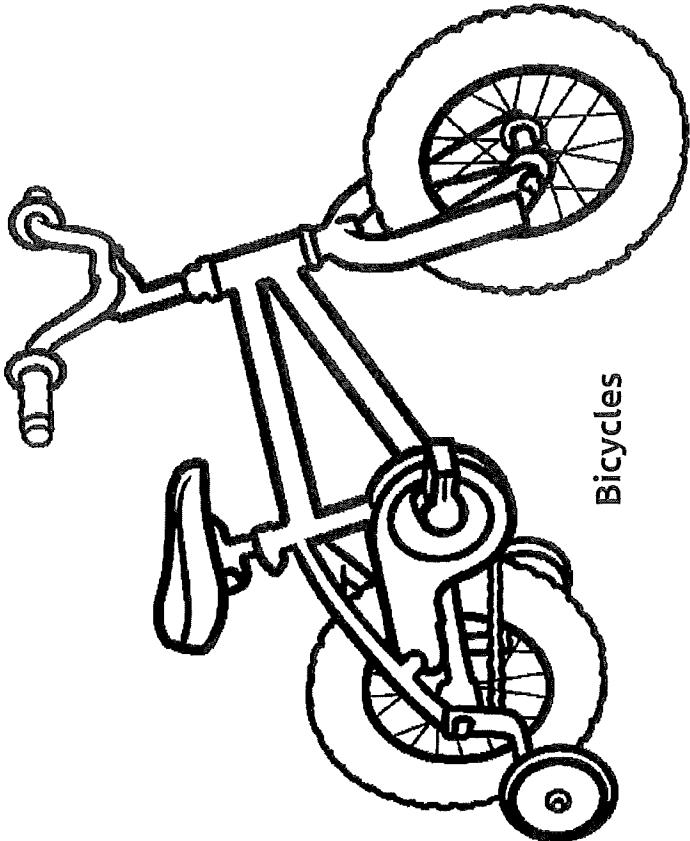
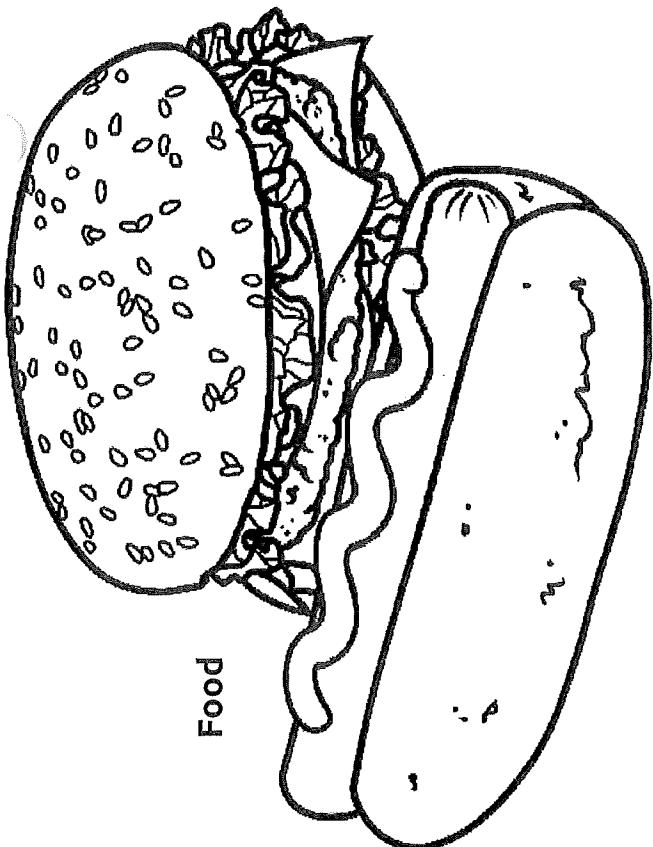
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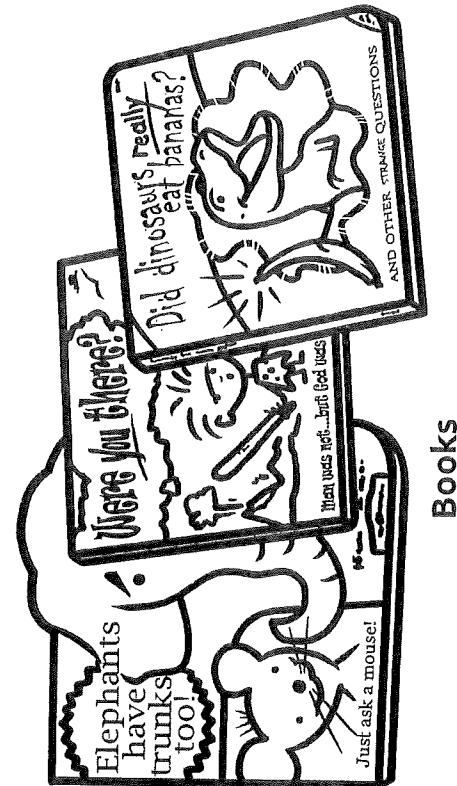
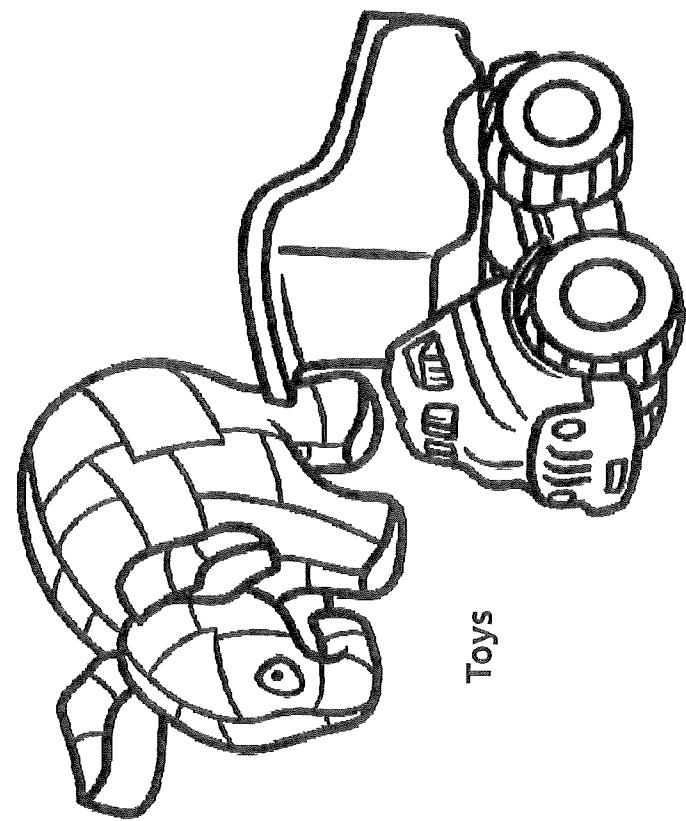
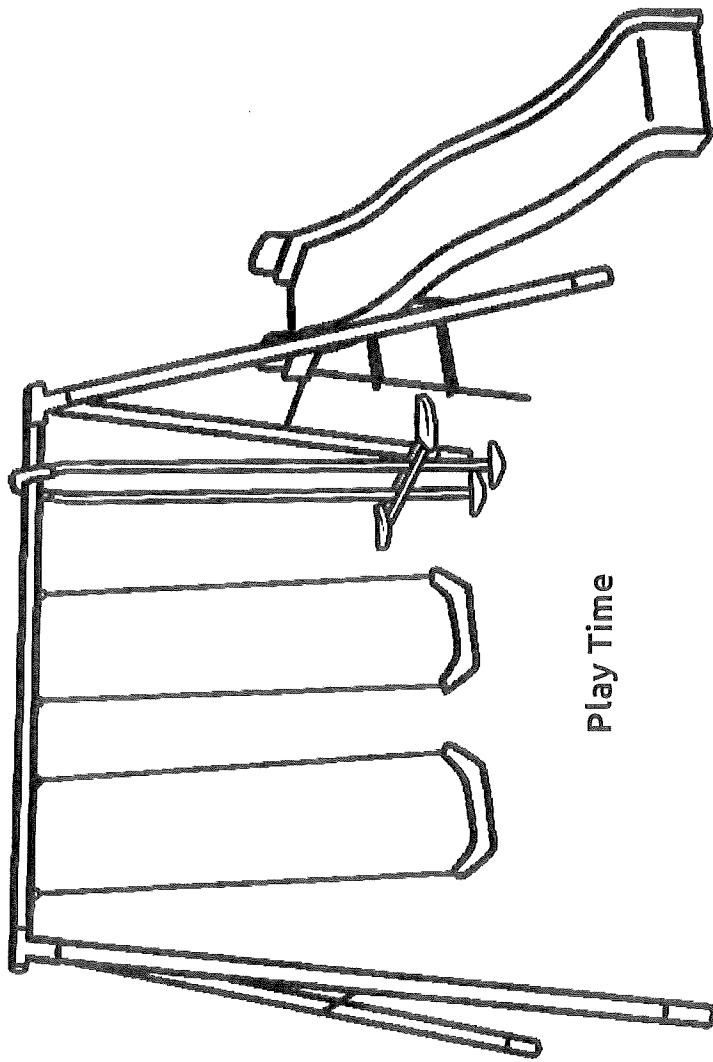


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Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. What is another name for God's Word? *The Bible.*
2. What is the Bible? *God's Word to man.*
3. Whose word is perfect and pure? *God's Word.*
4. Which book is perfectly true with no mistakes? *God's Word. The Bible.*
5. What does pure mean? *Clean.*
6. What did I bring to show you the difference between clean and dirty? *Water.*
7. What does perfect mean? *Nothing wrong with it.*
8. What book is better than honey or any sweet treat? *The Bible.*

What is God's Word worth more than? *Gold.*

9. Does the Bible have any mistakes? *No, God never lies or makes mistakes!*
10. What is the word that means there is nothing wrong with God's Word? *Perfect.*
11. What can we know about all of God's words? *They are true!*
12. What is the most important book that has ever been written? *The Bible!*
13. Is pure like clean water or dirty water? *Clean water.*
14. What is God's Word sweeter than? *Honey.*
15. All of God's words in the Bible are what? *True!*

Pre-K Review Questions

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3. Which book is perfect and pure? *God's Word. The Bible.*
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5. What does perfect mean? *Nothing wrong with it.*
6. What book is better than honey or any sweet treat? *The Bible.*
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8. What book is better than gold or all the money in the world? *The Bible.*
9. What is the word that means God's Word is clean? *Pure.*
10. What is another name for the Bible? *God's Word.*
11. What is the word that means there is nothing wrong with God's Word? *Perfect.*
12. What is the most important book that has ever been written? *The Bible!*
13. What is in the Bible? It is God's Word to _____. *Man.*
14. All of God's words in the Bible are what: true or false? *True!*