BIBLE HOME STUDY FOR BEGINNERS

Parents,

These devotionals were created to coordinate with our recommended non-reader's Bible. The devotions have been designed to be appropriate for children from the age of two through kindergarten or even first grade. We at Cornerstone Fellowship encourage you to let your child hold this Bible and look at the pictures as you read to them. We hope these devotionals help inspire an interactive time with you and your child using the Bible as the central theme.

Before beginning, take a look at the CENTRAL TRUTH and discussion questions. These will help you and your child focus on the message and meaning of each story.

There are several devotions that have an additional section called MORE. These thought provoking questions are to make the story more relevant and encourage your child to think about how the story relates to him or her.

In many of the devotions, there are bolded NEW WORDS which call attention to possible new words or concepts in the story that your child might not yet understand.

It is our strongest desire to empower you to instill biblical and godly principles in the lives of your children. Cornerstone Fellowship's goal has been to make these devotionals thought provoking and create opportunities for lively interaction with you and your children.

Happy Devotion Reading!



Devotion 1, Genesis 1

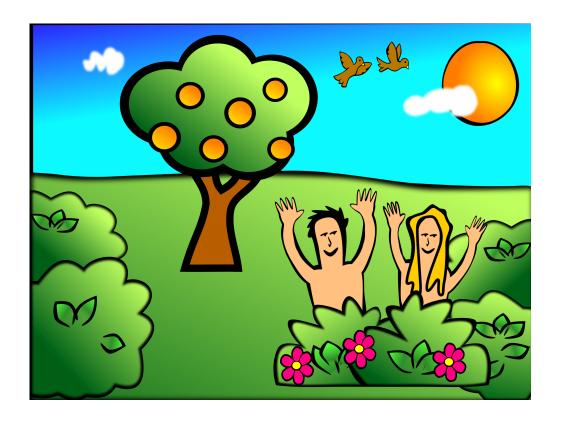
Central Truth: God made everything

Questions

- 1. What was the most wonderful creature of all?
 - o The most wonderful creature of all was a person.
- 2. What did God name the person He made?
 - o God named the person *Adam*.
- 3. Look on pages 12 and 13. Can you name some of the creatures God made?
 - o Answers will vary.

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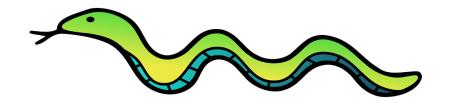
If God made everything, did He make you too?



Devotion 2, Genesis 2

Central Truth: God takes care of everyone.

- 1. Where was the garden God planted for Adam?
 - o The garden God planted was in *Eden*.
- 2. Who did God create for Adam to love and be his friend?
 - God created a <u>woman</u> to be Adam's friend. Adam named her <u>Eve.</u>
- 3. Adam and Eve's job was to take care of God's garden. Their job together was_____?
 - o To take care of God's garden.



Devotion 3, Genesis 3

Central Truth: God wants us to obey him.

NEW WORDS

knowledge good/evil obey/disobey punish

Questions

- 1. What did the sneaky snake trick Eve into doing?
 - The sneaky snake tricked Eve into <u>eating the fruit from</u> the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 2. Do you know what <u>obey</u> means? Did Adam and Eve obey God?
 - Obey means to mind what a person says. Adam and Eve did not mind what God said. They didn't obey Him.
- 3. How did God *punish* Adam and Eve for not obeying Him?
 - Adam and Eve could no longer live in the garden.

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The sneaky snake was really someone else pretending to be a snake. Can you guess who the snake really was? The sneaky snake was really the <u>devil.</u>



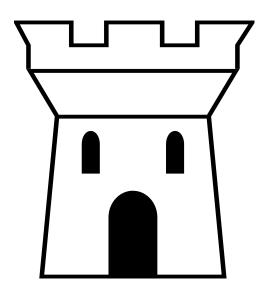
Devotion 4, Genesis 6-9

Central Truth: God keeps us safe.

NEW WORDS

ark sad promise

- 1. Why was God sad?
 - God was sad that people had forgotten Him.
- 2. God told Noah to build an ark. Do you know what an ark is?
 - An ark is a big boat or ship.
- 3. How many of every kind of animal did God tell Noah to take into the ark?
 - <u>Two</u> of every kind of animal went into the ark.
- 4. What happened once Noah's family and all the animals were on the ark?
 - It rained and rained until water covered everything.
- 5. God put a *rainbow* in the sky as a *promise*. What was His *promise*?
 - o God promised never to flood the earth again.

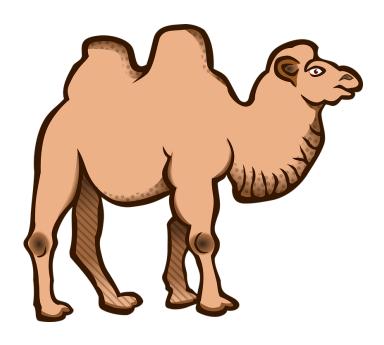


Devotion 5, Genesis 11

Central Truth: We need God.

NEW WORDS brag

- 1. What did the people plan to build?
 - The people planned to build a tower that went all the way to heaven.
- 2. Why did the people want to build the tower?
 - The people wanted to show everyone how great they were.
- 3. God did not like how the people began to <u>brag</u> about what they were doing? Do you know what it means to <u>brag</u>? Have you ever bragged?
 - Brag means speaking too highly about ourselves; boasting.



Devotion 6, Genesis 12-17

Central Truth: God blesses us when we obey Him.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> obey blessing

- 1. What did God tell Abraham to do?
 - God told Abraham to move to a new land.
- 2. God gave Abraham a *blessing*. What is a *blessing*?
 - A blessing is a type of gift.
- 3. Can you guess why God gave Abraham and Sarah the blessing/gift?
 - Abraham and Sarah obeyed/minded God when He told them to move to a new land.



Devotion 7, Genesis 18; 21

Central Truth: Anything is possible with God.

Questions

- 1. How many visitors came to see Abraham?
 - Three visitors came to see Abraham.
- 2. What exciting news did the visitors share with Abraham?
 - The visitors shared that Sarah was going to have a son/baby.
- 3. Why did Sarah laugh when she heard the visitors' news?
 - Sarah thought she was too old to have a baby.

MORE

On page 50 God told Abraham anything is possible with the Lord. What do you think God meant?



Devotion 8, Genesis 24-25

Central Truth: God answers our prayers.

NEW WORDS

prayer servant homeland bride

Questions

- 1. What were the gifts for Isaac's new bride?
 - o Abraham sent ten camels, a lot of jewelry, and clothes.
- 2. How did God answer the <u>servant's prayer</u>?
 - o Rebekah offered water to the servant and his camels.

MORE

Do you have prayer time with God? What do you ask God for in your prayers?



Devotion 9, Genesis 27

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> blessing trick

Questions

- 1. Why did Isaac ask Esau to bring him dinner?
 - Isaac wanted to give Esau God's <u>blessing</u>.
- 2. Rebekah and Jacob <u>tricked</u> Isaac. What did they do?
 - Jacob pretended to be Esau so Isaac would give him the blessing instead of Esau.

MORE

Esau was very angry when he found out he had been tricked. Have you ever tricked someone? Have you ever been tricked? How did you feel?



Devotion 10, Genesis 28

Central Truth: God speaks to us.

- 1. What was Jacob's dream?
 - Jacob dreamed about a stairway to heaven with angels walking up and down.
- 2. What did God say to Jacob in the dream?
 - God said, "I am watching over you. Someday this land will belong to you and your family."



Devotion 11, Genesis 29

Central Truth: God wants us to forgive others.

NEW WORDS shepherd obey forgive

Questions

- 1. Jacob became a <u>shepherd</u> when he lived with his uncle. What is a <u>shepherd</u>? What animals did Jacob have?
 - A shepherd takes care of a flock of sheep. Jacob had sheep, donkeys, and camels.
- 2. Why was Jacob afraid to *obey* God?
 - Jacob was afraid Esau would still be angry with him.
- 3. Esau was happy to see Jacob. Esau had <u>forgiven</u> Jacob for tricking him. What is *forgiveness?*
 - To forgive means to stop feeling angry or hurt.

MORE

Have you ever forgiven someone who hurt you?



Devotion 12, Genesis 37

Central Truth: God protects us.

Questions

- 1. What did Jacob make for Joseph to show his love?
 - Jacob made Joseph a colorful robe (a coat of many colors).
- 2. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. What does it mean to be jealous?
 - Jealous is to feel mean or angry.
- 3. What did Joseph's brothers do to him?
 - They threw him down a well.
 - They sold him as a slave.
 - o They told Jacob he had been killed by wild animals.

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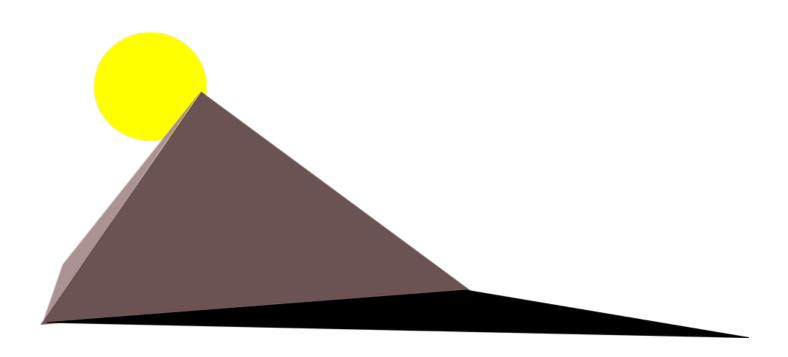
Slavery – one person owning another person.



Devotion 13, Pharaoh's Dreams

Central Truth: Anything is possible with God's help.

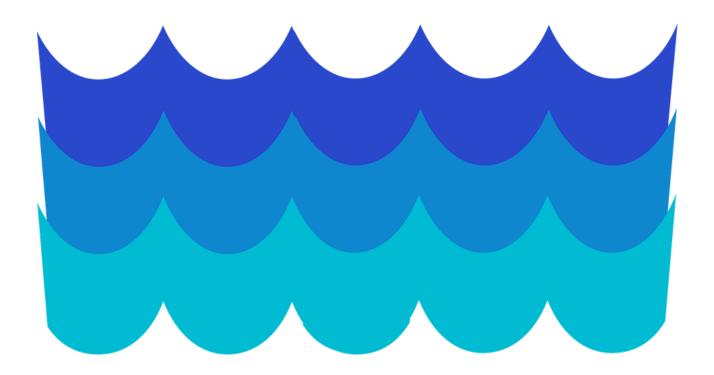
- 1. Did Joseph deserve to go to jail?
 - No, Joseph should not have gone to jail.
- 2. How did Joseph help the wine taster?
 - Joseph helped the wine taster by telling him the meaning of his dream.
- 3. How did Joseph get out of jail?
 - Joseph got out of jail by telling Pharaoh the meaning of his dream.
- 4. How did Pharaoh reward Joseph?
 - Pharaoh made Joseph ruler over all of Egypt.



Devotion 14, Genesis 42-46

Central Truth: God has a special plan for each of us.

- 1. How did Joseph meet his brothers again?
 - The brothers came to Egypt to buy food.
- 2. Did Joseph's dream come true?
 - o Joseph's dream came true.
- 3. Was Joseph angry with his brothers?
 - Joseph told them not to be afraid.



Devotion 15, Exodus 1-2:10

Central Truth: God protects His people.

NEW WORDS protect

- 1. What were the people of Jacob's family called?
 - Jacob's people were called the Israelites.
- 2. Jachebed tried to save her baby boy. What did she do?
 - Jachebed placed the baby in a basket and put it in the river.
- 3. Jachebed wanted to <u>protect</u> her baby from Pharaoh. What does <u>protect</u> mean?
 - Protect means to keep someone from being hurt.



Devotion 16, Exodus 3

Central Truth: God takes care of His people.

- 1. Why did Moses have to leave Egypt?
 - o Moses left because Pharaoh tried to kill him.
- 2. How did God speak to Moses?
 - God spoke to Moses through a burning bush.
- 3. What did God want Moses to do?
 - God wanted Moses to go rescue his people (the Israelites) from Pharaoh.



Devotion 17, Exodus 7-12

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

NEW WORDS

punish plague promise

Questions

- 1. What did God want Pharaoh to do?
 - God wanted Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go.
- 2. When Pharaoh disobeyed God, what happened?
 - God <u>punished</u> Pharaoh and the Egyptians with <u>plagues</u>: turned the river to blood, brought frogs, gnats, and flies, made animals and people sick.

MORE

Bad things happened when Pharaoh refused God. Do bad things happen to us when we disobey?



Devotion 18, Exodus 14

Central Truth: God keeps His promises.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> slavery

- 1. How did God protect the Israelites?
 - God used a cloud to prevent Pharaoh from seeing them, and He pushed back the sea so the people could pass through it.
- 2. Did God deliver the Israelites from slavery?
 - o Yes, God delivered the Israelites.



Devotion 19, Exodus 16

Central Truth: God provides for His people's needs.

NEW WORDS

provide manna staff

- 1. What kind of food did God send to feed the Israelites?
 - God sent quail and <u>manna</u>.
- 2. Where did the water come from that God <u>provided</u> for the Israelites?
 - God brought the water from a rock after Moses hit it with his staff.
- 3. The Israelites did not go hungry or thirsty while they were in the desert. Who saw to it that they had food and water?
 - God provided food and water.



Devotion 20, Exodus 19-20

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

Questions

- 1. God wrote 10 commandments for His people:
 - O What are commandments?
 - o Can you name 4 commandments?
 - O Why did God give us commandments?

Parents:

Commandments are rules given by God. Commandments one through five concern man and God. Commandments six through ten concern man and man. God is concerned with our treatment of others. How can we be right with God if we aren't right with each other?



Devotion 21, Numbers 13

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

NEW WORDS Spies

Questions

- 1. Why did Moses send 12 spies to the promised land?
 - Moses sent the spies to see what the people were like and if the land was good.
- 2. Why were the people of Israel worried about the people of the promised land?
 - The people of Israel were worried because the others were very big and strong.
- 3. What happened because the people of Israel didn't have faith in God?
 - God wouldn't allow the people of Israel to enter the land because they didn't have faith in Him. They wandered in the desert for 40 years.

MORE:

God rewards us when we obey Him. Do you always obey God and your parents? Have you every disobeyed? What happened?



Devotion 22, Joshua 2

Central Truth: God keeps His promises.

- 1. What was the name of the city where God led His people?
 - o God led His people to the city of Jerhico.
- 2. Who hid the spies from the king's soldiers?
 - o Rahab hid the spies from the king's soldiers.
- 3. What did the spies promise her?
 - They promised when they came back they would save her and her family.



Devotion 23, Joshua 6

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

- 1. Did God tell Joshua to have his army attack the city of Jericho?
 - God told them to march around the city once a day for six days, then march around it seven times on the seventh day.
- 2. What happened after they marched and shouted on the seventh day?
 - The great walls of Jericho came tumbling down.
- 3. What happened to Rahab and her family after she helped the spies?
 - As the spies promised, Rahab's family was not harmed.



Devotion 24, Judges 4

Central Truth: God uses people who love Him.

NEW WORDS

Army Battle Enemy

- 1. Why did God send Deborah to His people?
 - Deborah loved God very much. She had a plan to defeat the bad king.
- 2. What happened when the Israelites obeyed and attacked the bad king's army?
 - They won the battle.



Devotion 25, Judges 6-7

Central Truth: God answers our prayers.

Questions

- 1. Why did God use Gideon to help the Israelites?
 - The Israelite enemies were taking away all the food so they asked Him for help.
- 2. Why did Gideon pray to God for a sign?
 - Gideon was not rich or important, and he wanted to be sure God would use him.
- 3. Why did Gideon only need 300 men to join his army?
 - o God showed him that plan.

MORE:

God answered Gideon's prayers to show him how important he was. How has God answered your prayers?



Devotion 26, Judges 13; 16

Central Truth: God wants our trust.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> Pillars Temple

Questions

- 1. God chose Samson to save the Israelites. Who were their enemies?
 - The Philistines were the enemies of the Israelites.
- 2. Where did Samson get his strength?
 - As long as Samson didn't cut his hair, he would be very strong.
- 3. Why did Delilah trick Samson?
 - The Philistines said they would pay her if she found out what made Samson strong?
- 4. How was Samson able to defeat the Philistines?
 - Samson prayed, and God made him strong one last time. He pushed the pillars which caused the temple to crash.

MORE:

God rewards us when we obey Him. Do you always obey God and your parents? Have you every disobeyed? What happened?



Devotion 27, Ruth 1-4

Central Truth: God blesses us when we obey Him.

Questions

- 1. Why did Ruth say, "I will go wherever you go," and "Your home will be my home," to Naomi?
 - She loved Naomi and wanted to be with her.
- 2. How did Boaz help Ruth?
 - o Boaz left Ruth extra grain to gather for them to eat.
- 3. How did God bless Ruth and Naomi?
 - o God blessed them with a new family.

MORE:

You have already learned what a blessing is. How has God blessed you?



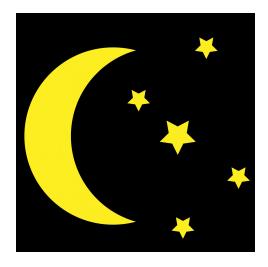
Devotion 28, 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Central Truth: God answers our prayers.

NEW WORDS

Tabernacle

- 1. How did God answer Hannah's prayer?
 - o God gave Hannah a son.
- 2. What did Hannah promise God if He would answer her prayer?
 - Hannah would make sure her son served God all his life.



Devotion 29, 1 Samuel 3

Central Truth: If we listen, we can hear God's voice.

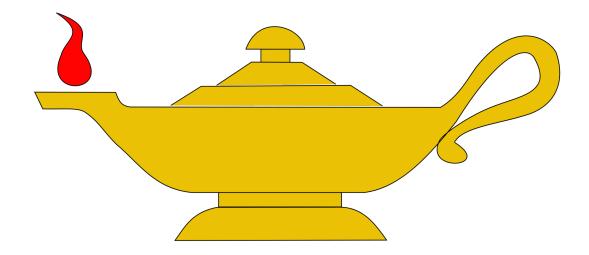
NEW WORDS Prophet

Questions

- 1. Why did Samuel go to live with Eli the priest in the tabernacle?
 - Samuel went to learn about God and to keep the promise Hannah had made.
- 2. Why did Samuel run to Eli during the night?
 - Samuel heard a voice calling his name.
- 3. How did God use Samuel once he said, "Yes, Lord, I am listening."
 - Samuel was a special prophet of God, and he gave messages to God's people.

MORE:

Do you listen for God to speak to you?



Devotion 30, 1 Samuel 8-10

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

NEW WORDS

King Shy

Questions

- 1. Was it God's idea for the people to have a king?
 - o God warned the people that a king could bring trouble.
- 2. Did God show the people His choice of a king?
 - o He had Samuel anoint Saul by pouring oil on his head.
- 3. Why did Saul hide?
 - o Saul hid because he was shy.

MORE:

What does it mean to be shy? Are you shy?



Devotion 31, 1 Samuel 15:1-16:13

Central Truth: God wants our obedience.

NEW WORDS

Heart Annointed

Questions

- 1. What made Saul a bad king?
 - Saul disobeyed God.
- 2. What did God look for in Jesse's son when He was choosing the next king?
 - God looked at the heart of the person.
- 3. What did Samuel do once God told him that David was the next king?
 - Samuel anointed David by pouring oil on his head.

MORE:

Which is more important, a person's beauty or what is in his/her heart?



Devotion 32, 1 Samuel 17:1-51

Central Truth: God is with us.

NEW WORDS

Soldiers

Giant

Armor

Sling

Hero

Questions

- 1. Why wasn't David afraid to fight the giant?
 - David knew that God was with him and would protect him.
- 2. Did David use the king's armor?
 - David didn't use the king's armor because it was big and heavy.
- 3. What did David use to defeat Goliath?
 - David used a sling and a stone.

MORE:

Have you ever asked God to be with you when you needed to be brave and strong?



Devotion 33, 1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18-20

Central Truth: God protects us.

NEW WORDS

Harp Palace Spear

Angry

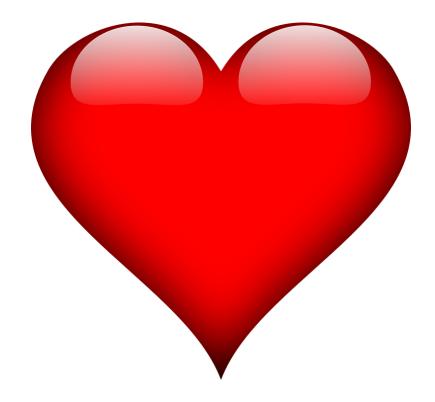
Jealous

Questions

- 1. Why did David come to live in the palace?
 - When David played the harp, it helped cheer up the king.
- 2. What made King Saul angry and jealous of David?
 - David won many battles for the king, and King Saul thought people liked David more than him.
- 3. Who was David's best friend?
 - David's best friend was Prince Jonathan, King Saul's son.

MORE:

Have you ever been jealous of someone? How did jealousy make you feel?



Devotion 34, 2 Samuel 1:1-2:4; 1 Kings 2:1-3

Central Truth: God protects us.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> Psalms

Questions

- 1. Who became king when Saul died?
 - David became king.
- 2. What are the songs that King David wrote about God?
 - The songs are called psalms.

MORE:

What do you think it means to be dear to God's heart?



Devotion 35, Psalm 23

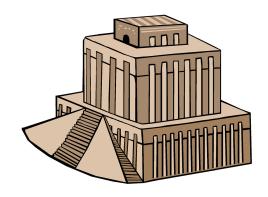
Central Truth: God takes care of our needs.

NEW WORDS

Honor

Feast

- 1. Does God want us to be afraid?
 - God is always with us, and doesn't want us to be afraid.
- 2. Can we ever do anything to get away from God's love?
 - o God's love is with us no matter what we do.



Devotion 36, 1 Kings 3:5-10:13

Central Truth: God loves us very much.

NEW WORDS

Wisdom

Honor

Proverbs

Famous

Temple

Worship

Questions

- 1. For what did Solomon ask God?
 - Solomon asked God for wisdom so he would know the difference between right and wrong.
- 2. What were the wise sayings of King Solomon?
 - King Solomon's wise sayings were called proverbs.
- 3. What was the place of worship that king Solomon built for the people of Israel?
 - The temple was the place of worship.

MORE:

Do you know the difference between right and wrong?



Devotion 37, 1 Kings 16:29-17:7

Central Truth: God wants us to worship only Him.

NEW WORDS

Idols Prophet Brook

- 1. What did King Ahab worship instead of God?
 - King Ahab worshipped idols.
- 2. What did Elijah do for God?
 - Elijah was a prophet. He told God's special messages to people.
- 3. Why was King Ahab angry with Elijah?
 - Elijah told King Ahab that it wouldn't rain for a long time causing the people to go hungry.
- 4. Did God protect Elijah?
 - Because Elijah did what God asked, he was protected and provided for by God.



Devotion 38, 1 Kings 17:8-16

Central Truth: God takes care of those who obey Him.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> Widow

Questions

- 1. Why did Elijah find a widow to take care of him?
 - o God told him to.
- 2. Did the widow have enough food to feed Elijah when he first asked?
 - The widow told Elijah she only had enough food for herself and her son.
- 3. What happened when the widow obeyed God and fed Elijah?
 - God provided for her, and the flour and oil never ran out.

MORE:

Do you have faith even when God asks you to do something you think is impossible?



Devotion 39, 1 Kings 18

Central Truth: God is the one true God.

NEW WORDS

Statue

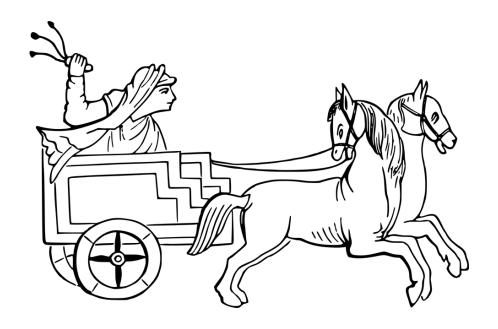
True

Altar

God

Sacrifice

- 1. What did Elijah say to King Ahab to make him angry?
 - "There is no rain because you worship a statue instead of the true God!"
- 2. How did Elijah show the people that God is the one, true God?
 - Elijah built an altar and prayed to God for fire to come and burn the offering. God answered Elijah's prayer, and the sacrifice, stone, and altar burned up.
- 3. What happened when the people saw this?
 - They knew that God is the one, true God. They bowed down and worshipped God.



Devotion 40, 1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-13

Central Truth: God answers our prayers.

NEW WORDS

Plowing Portion Chariot

- 1. Who did God choose to be Elijah's helper?
 - God chose Elisha.
- 2. What did Elijah and Elisha do while traveling together?
 - They told people about God's love.
- 3. How did Elijah go to heaven?
 - A fiery chariot and horse came down, and Elijah went up to heaven in it.
- 4. How did Elisha know that God had granted his request?
 - Elijah's coat fell to the ground. When Elisha used it to strike the water, the water parted just like it did for Elijah.



Devotion 41, 2 Kings 4:1-7

Central Truth: God blesses us when we obey Him.

Questions

- 1. How did God use Elisha to help the woman?
 - Elisha told the woman to gather empty jars and pour her oil into them.
- 2. What happened when the woman obeyed?
 - God made her tiny bit of oil fill all the jars. She sold the oil to pay back the man, and had leftover money to care for her family.

MORE:

God blessed the woman (by giving her more oil) when she obeyed Him. How hard is it for you to be obedient to your parents? Grandparents? God?



Devotion 42, 2 Kings 4:8-17

Central Truth: God wants us to pray for others.

- 1. How did the couple surprise Elisha?
 - o The couple built a room in their home for Elisha.
- 2. What did Elisha do because he was thankful for the room the couple had given him?
 - Elisha prayed the couple would be happy.
- 3. How did God answer Elisha's prayer?
 - God gave the couple a baby boy.

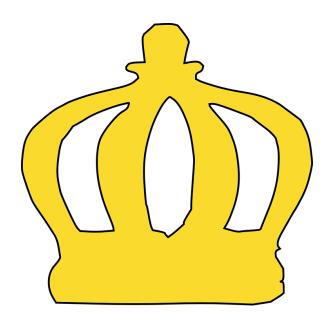


Devotion 43, 2 Kings 5:1-15

Central Truth: God is the one true God.

<u>NEW WORDS</u> leprosy

- 1. What was the skin disease Naaman had?
 - Naaman had leprosy.
- 2. What did Naaman think about Elisha's instructions for healing?
 - Naaman thought Elisha's instructions were silly, but he followed them anyway.
- 3. What did Naaman say when he was healed?
 - o "Israel's God is the only true God!"



Devotion 44, 2 Kings 22:1-23:3

Central Truth: God wants us to obey Him.

NEW WORDS

Scroll Temple Book of the Law

- 1. How old was Josiah when he became King of Judah?
 - Josiah was eight when he became king.
- 2. What made Josiah a good king?
 - Josiah loved God and wanted people to worship God in the temple again.
- 3. What did the priest find in the temple wall?
 - The priest found a scroll called the Book of the Law.
- 4. Why was this scroll important?
 - The scroll contained God's laws. When Josiah read it to the people, they made a promise to always obey God's laws.

Devotion 45, Esther 1-10

Central Truth: God protects His people.

NEW WORDS

Bow down

Questions

- 1. Why were Esther and Mordecai called Jewish?
 - Esther and Mordecai were called Jewish because they were Israelites.
- 2. Why did the king's helper, Haman, hate the Jewish people?
 - Haman wanted the people to bow down to him; but the Jewish people, including Mordecai would only bow down to God.
- 3. How did Haman place God's people in great danger?
 - Haman had the king sign a law to get rid of the Jewish people.
- 4. How did Queen Esther save the Jewish people?
 - Esther invited the king and Haman to a special dinner.
 Then she asked why the king wanted to get rid of her,
 a Jew. The king didn't want to get rid of her, and he
 changed the law to save all the Jews.

MORE:

Bow down. What does it mean to bow down?



Devotion 46, Daniel 3

Central Truth: God protects us when we obey Him.

- 1. What was the bad law King Nebuchadnezzar made?
 - The law stated every time music played, everyone must bow down and worship a statue.
- 2. What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego when they refused to worship the statue?
 - They were thrown into the fiery furnace.
- 3. Did they burn up?
 - o God saved them.
- 4. What happened because God saved them?
 - The king saw that God saved the men, and he made them rulers of his kingdom.



Devotion 47, Daniel 6

Central Truth: God protects us when we obey Him.

Questions

- 1. What was Daniel's job for King Darius?
 - Daniel was chief helper.
- 2. Why did Daniel disobey King Darius' new law?
 - Daniel loved God and kept praying to Him.
- 3. Were the lions able to hurt Daniel?
 - The lions didn't hurt Daniel.

MORE

Daniel was disobedient to the king, but obedient to God. What would you do in this type of situation?

Devotion 48, Jonah 1:1-3:10

Central Truth: Sometimes we make bad choices, but God always wants us to obey Him.

NEW WORDS Prophet

- 1. What did God tell Jonah to do?
 - God told Jonah to go to the big city of Nineveh and tell the people to stop doing bad things.
- 2. What happened when Jonah disobeyed God's command?
 - God sent a big storm to stop Jonah. The sailors on the boat were afraid, and they threw Jonah overboard because he told them this would stop the storm.
- 3. What happened to Jonah when he was thrown into the sea?
 - Jonah was swallowed by a big fish. (whale)
- 4. What happened when Jonah prayed to God for forgiveness?
 - God told the fish to spit Jonah onto dry land. Then God told Jonah to go and tell the people of Nineveh to stop doing bad things, a second time.
- 5. What happened when Jonah obeyed?
 - The people of Nineveh were sorry for doing bad things, and God forgave them.



Devotion 49, Luke 1:26-38

Central Truth: With God all things are possible

NEW WORDS Special

Questions

- 1. Name the angel God sent to Mary.
 - o Gabriel was the angel.
- 2. What did Gabriel tell Mary?
 - Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid; she was special to God. She would become pregnant and give birth to a son, Jesus.
- 3. How did Mary respond?
 - Mary asked how that would be possible because she wasn't married.
- 4. What was Gabriel's answer?
 - Gabriel told Mary that with God, all things are possible.

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Gabriel told Mary she was special to God. Do you know you're special to God? How do you know that?

Devotion 50, Luke 2:1-7

Central Truth: God takes care of His people.

NEW WORDS

Homeland Kingdom Inn Stable Manger Humble

- 1. Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
 - They were traveling to Joseph's homeland to be counted.
- 2. Because all of the inns in Bethlehem were full, Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable. What is an inn? What is a stable?
 - An inn is another name for hotel/motel.
 - A stable is a place or shelter for animals.
- 3. Jesus was born in the stable and laid in a manger. What is a manger?
 - A manger is an open, wooden box used to hold food for animals.

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The Central Truth for this story is God takes care of His people. Good took care of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus when they needed Him. Think how God might be taking care of you right now.



Devotion 51, Luke 2:8-20

Central Truth: God sent us a Savior.

NEW WORDS

Shepherd Angel Savior Choir

- 1. When the angel visited the shepherds, he told them a savior had been born. What is a savior? Who was the savior?
 - A savior is someone who saves another from danger or harm. Our savior is Jesus.
- 2. The angel choir shared the "good news." The shepherds shared the same "good news." What was the "good news?"
 - The good news was that the Savior, Jesus had come to save the world.

Devotion 52, Luke 2:25-38

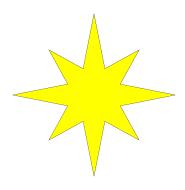
Central Truth: Jesus is the Savior of all People

Questions

- 1. Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple. What is a temple?
 - o A temple is a building for worship.
- 2. What did Simeon do when he met them?
 - Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. Then he blessed Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- 3. What did Anna do when she met Jesus?
 - Anna thanked God, and told everyone in the temple,
 "This is God's son, the savior of the world!"

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Have you ever thought about what you might do when you meet Jesus?

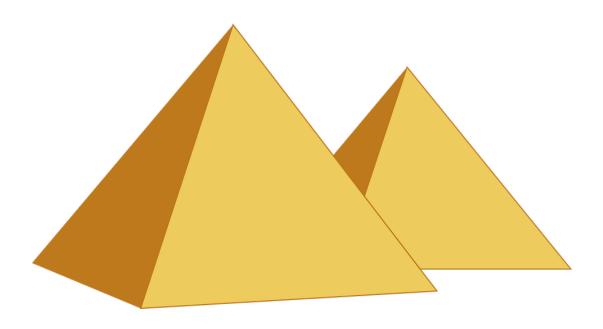


Devotion 53 Matthew 2:1-12

Central Truth: God protects us.

NEW WORDS Spices

- 1. Why did God put a bright star in the sky?
 - The star was a sign from God that a new king had been born. Jesus.
- 2. Why did the Wise Men follow the star?
 - The wise men followed the star to find Jesus so they could worship him and give him gifts.
- 3. What were the gifts?
 - The gifts were very special spices.



Devotion 54, Matthew 2:13-23

Central Truth: God protects us.

- 1. Why was King Herod angry?
 - King Herod wanted to be the only king of the Jewish people.
- 2. Where did God's angel tell Joseph to take Mary and Jesus?
 - The angel told Joseph to take his family to Egypt.
- 3. What town did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to?
 - They returned to Nazareth.



Devotion 55, Luke 2:41-52

Central Truth: God is our Father

Questions

- 1. Where did Jesus and His family go to celebrate the Passover Feast?
 - They family went to Jerusalem to celebrate.
- 2. Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus after searching three days for him?
 - They found Jesus in the temple talking with the teachers.
- 3. Why was Jesus not afraid to be away from His parents?
 - Jesus knew God was His Father, and He came to His Father's house.
- 4. Why did Jesus return home with Mary and Joseph?
 - Jesus loved and obeyed His earthly parents.

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Jesus knew that God was His Father, and Mary and Joseph were also His parents. Are you like Jesus? Do you have parents here on earth? Is God your heavenly Father?

Devotion 56, Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:1-34

Central Truth: Jesus is our Savior.

NEW WORDS

Good, kind, honest Baptized Preach Holy Spirit

- 1. How was John related to Jesus?
 - They were cousins.
- 2. When people decided to follow God, what did John do? What does that mean?
 - John baptized them. To be baptized means to dip in water as part of the ceremony of receiving Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
- 3. Who was the special person John told the people would save them?
 - o Jesus is the special person come to save the world.
- 4. What did God say when Jesus was baptized?
 - "This is my Son, and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him."