



A One Year Children's Bible Study

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Introduction

This simple, 52-week program was designed to fill a need for simple curriculum that is easily accessible and easily modified and adapted to fit any teaching style or classroom.

Suitable for ages 5-10, each lesson contains a core verse for memorizing or emphasizing, a song, a simple lesson overview, an activity or game, a Bible story that demonstrates that specific characteristic of God, and a printable coloring page. Some discussion questions are also included that can help personally apply the lesson for each child.

The songs and coloring sheets we compiled can be easily found free online, and credit and all rights belong to their creators.

All reference verses are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

We hope that these lessons will provide you and your students with an easy-to-follow guide to learning more about our wonderful God.

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1. God is Able

Verse:

Ephesians 3:20

"Unto Him that is ABLE to do exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think."

Lesson:

God is able to meet our needs. God is able to fight our battles. God is able to do what we cannot do. God is able to do the impossible. God is able to do more than we can imagine!

Example: Feeding of the 5,000

Matthew 14:13-21



He is Able

Lyrics: "He is able, he is able, I know he's able. I know my Lord is able to carry me through!"

Game/Activity: Team race:

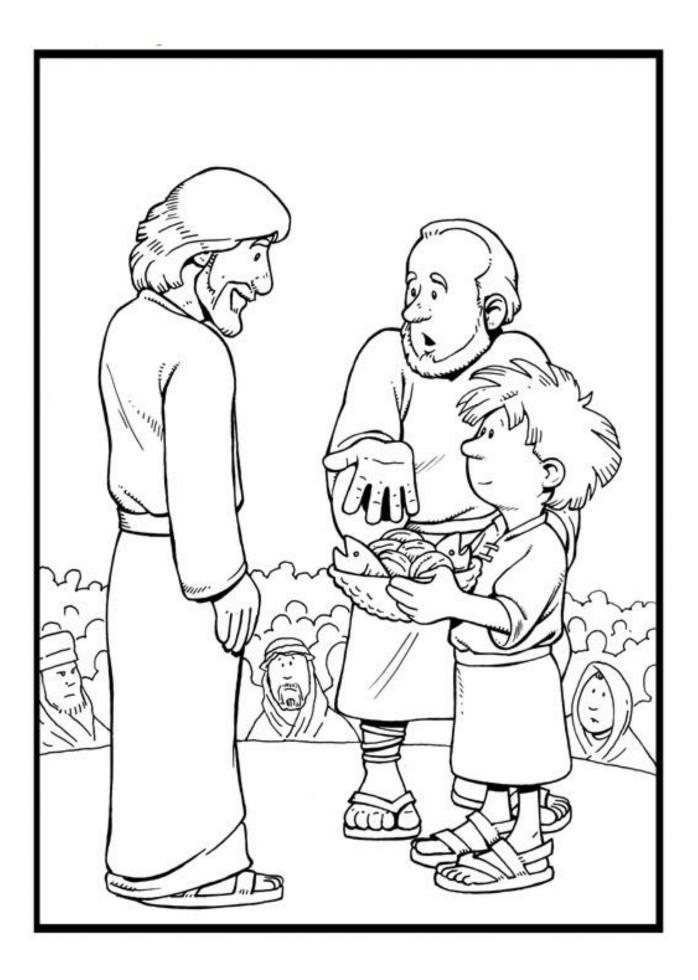
Have the smallest kids try to team lift the biggest kids and carry them across the finish line. Who will be ABLE to carry them the fastest?

Group Questions:

What is something you are not able to do?

Can God do that?

How can we know if God is able to do something in our life?



2. God is an Advocate

Verse:

1 John 2:1

"...And if any man sin, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:"

Lesson:

An advocate is someone who stays on your side, fighting for you. That's what Jesus does. He stands between our sin and a Holy God so that we don't have to pay for them.

Example: The Gospel

John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Romans 10:9-13

(Important: Clearly present the Gospel message)



Jesus Loves Me

Lyrics: "Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are week but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so."

Game/Activity: Tug of war

Have the kids evenly teamed up. After a few rounds, ask who would like the teacher on their side. Who would like a much bigger, stronger, ADVOCATE on their team?

Group Questions:

Do we all sin?

Can we go to a perfect heaven with our sin?

Is it better to pay for our sins ourself or to accept Jesus' payment?



3. God is Benevolent

Verse:

James 1:17

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father..."

Lesson:

Benevolent means kind and giving. Generous and good. That's what God is. He gives us all the good things that we have.

Example: Manna from Heaven

Exodus 16:1-18

Song: God is so Good

Lyrics: "God is so good. God is so good. God is so good, He's so good to me. (Can also be sung with: He answers prayer, He loves me so, He gives good things, etc)

Game/Activity: Hot Potato

Play hot potato with small snacks or candy. The winner gets to eat it! Play until all kids have won. We get unexpected blessings from God every day!

Group Questions:

What is something good that God has given to you?

What is something that you would like God to give you?

Are we thankful for God's good gifts?



4. God is Bountiful

Verse:

Psalm 13:6

"I will sing unto the Lord because He hath dealt BOUNTIFULLY with me."

Lesson:

Bountiful means abundant, extra, and over the top. That's how God is. He gives us all the good things that we have, but he gives us extra things, even bigger and better than we could imagine.

Example: Creation

<u>Genesis 1</u>

Song: My God is so Great

Lyrics: "My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. 2x

The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handiwork too. My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do."

Game/Activity: Charades

Play Charades using all the animals that God created! The more extra, the better!

Group Questions:

What is something beautiful that God made? What is something gigantic that God made? What is something extra amazing that God made? YOU!

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5. God is Compassionate Verse:

Lamentations 3:22

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His COMPASSIONS fail not."

Lesson:

Compassionate means that God cares about you. He cares about how you feel, what you like and don't like, and if you have everything you need.

Example: The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:29-37

Song: Does Jesus Care

Lyrics: "Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song? When the burdens press and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long? Oh yes, he cares, I know he cares. His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares."

Game/Activity: Good Samaritan

Act out the story of the Good Samaritan together. Give several kids the chance to be each role.

Group Questions:

Why does God care so much about us?

How can we see His love?

How can we show compassion toward others?



6. God is Creator

Verse:

Genesis 1:1

"In the beginning God CREATED the heaven and the earth."

Lesson:

God made everything! From the smallest bug, to the tallest mountain. Gentle kittens and roaring volcanos. He made each of you. Everything God makes is unique and perfect. There is no one who is exactly like you. God made you exactly the way he wants you to be.

Example: The Creation

<u>Genesis 1:1-31</u>

Song: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Lyrics: "He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

(Repeat tune with "you and me brother/sister" "wind and the waves" "everybody here" and any other creative verses you can imagine)

Game/Activity: Create an animal!

Have each child draw and color their own invented animal. Make sure they name them! Then, have them act them out with silly motions and noises!

Group Questions:

Why did God make each one of us unique?

How can we see His creativity?

Does God make us creative?



7. God is our Deliverer

Verse:

Psalm 18:2

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my DELIVERER;"

Lesson:

Deliver means to help get you out of trouble. We all have troubles sometimes. Sometimes our troubles and problems seem very, very big! Sometimes we do not know how to fix our problems or get out of our troubles. That is why God is our deliverer! He helps us through all of our troubles. He never leaves us to figure it out alone.

Example: Joseph in Prison

Genesis 39:5-23, 41:14-43

Song: I've Got Peace Like a River

Lyrics: "I've Got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul." (Repeat with "love like an ocean", "joy like a fountain", and any other creative verses)

Game/Activity: Freeze tag

Each kid tagged is frozen until another player "unfreezes" them. They cannot play again unless helped by another. This shows how we cannot help ourselves, but need God's deliverance.

Group Questions:

Does God know everything?

Does He know our problems?

What are some fun ways God COULD help us with our problems?



8. God is the Door

Verse:

John 10:9

"(Jesus said) I am the DOOR: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,"

Lesson:

Jesus said He is the Door. What does that make you picture in your head? A door goes into something. Jesus is the door into Heaven. There's no other way into Heaven except through Jesus. (Make sure all students understand Salvation)

Example: Salvation

<u>John 3:16</u>



Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock

Lyrics: "Behold, behold, I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock. Behold, behold, I stand at the door and knock, knock, knock. If anyone hears my voice, if anyone hears my voice, and will open, open, open the door — I will come in."

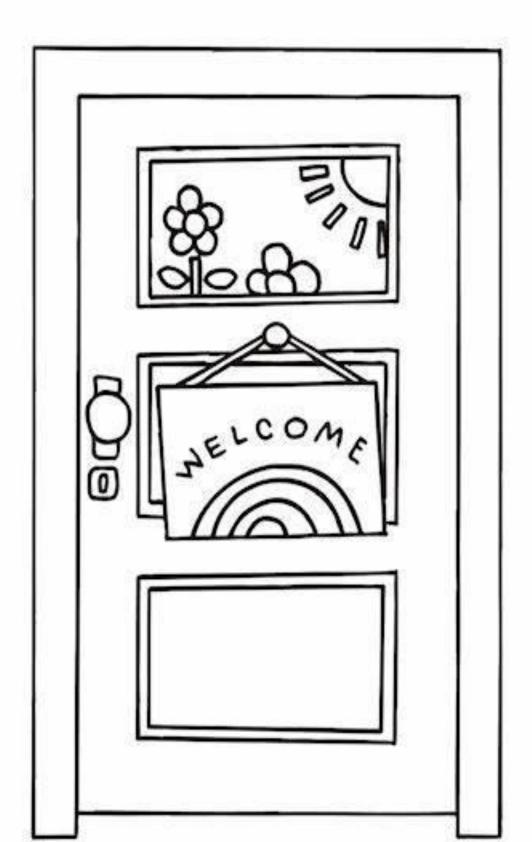
Game/Activity: Simon Says

As you do Simon Says – explain that just like what "Simon" says goes, that's how it is with Jesus. What he says, is what we should do.

Group Questions:

How is Jesus like a door? How is Jesus NOT like a door? How can we go through Jesus to get to Heaven?

door





Psalm 90:2

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to EVERLASTING, thou art God."

Lesson:

Everlasting means lasting forever and forever. God did not START and God does not END. He does not die. He always was and He lasts forever. He made time and is not stuck in the rules of time like we are. He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Example: Joshua and the Gibeonites

<u>Joshua 10:5-14</u>



Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lyrics: "Lord I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us!

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord, I lift your name on high!"

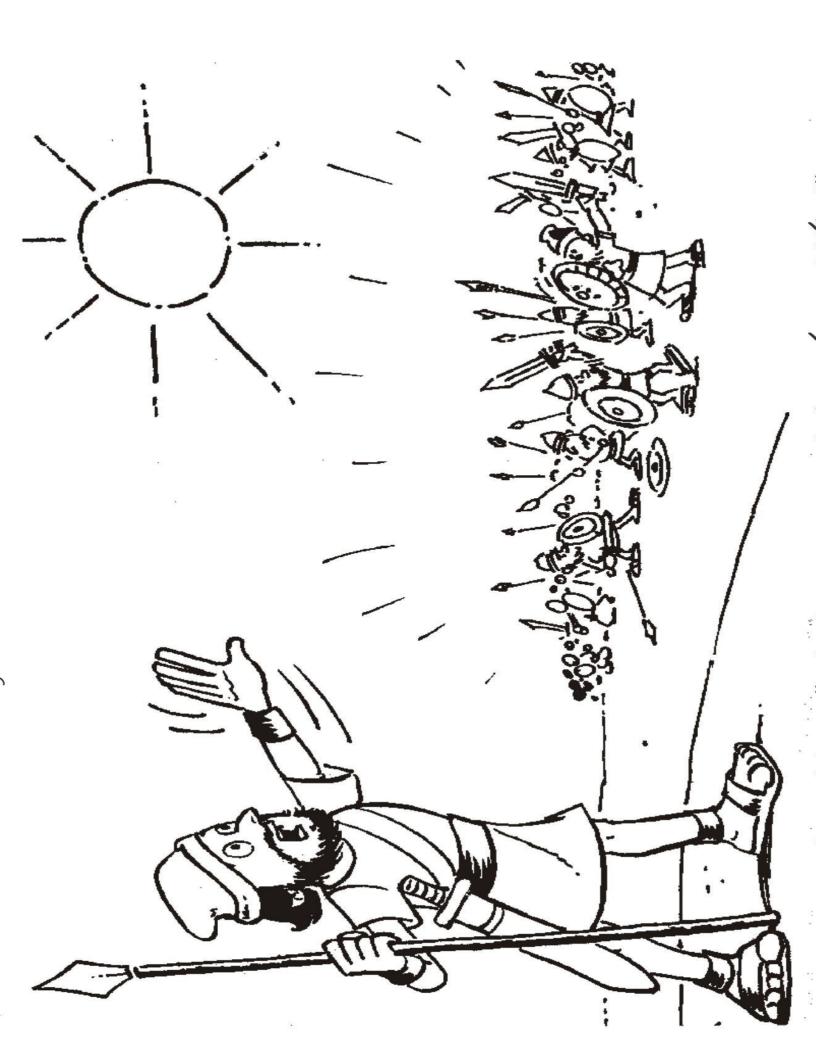
Game/Activity: Relay Race

Pass a baton from racer to race to see which team wins.

Group Questions:

How old are you? How old is God?

Why does God not worry about time?



10. God is to be Exalted Verse:

Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be EXALTED among the heathen, I will be EXALTED in the earth."

Lesson:

God is the greatest and most powerful being in the universe. Sometimes, people do not respect God or give praise to Him. Sometimes we forget that He is so great. But, one day, He will get all the honor and praise that He deserves. This honor and praising God is called exalting. Lifting God and His name up and showing how amazing He is. We should try to exalt God ourselves.

Example: David Desiring to Build the Temple

<u>2 Samuel 7:1-29</u>



My God is so Great

Lyrics: "My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. 2x

The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handiwork too. My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do."

Game/Activity: Arm wrestling

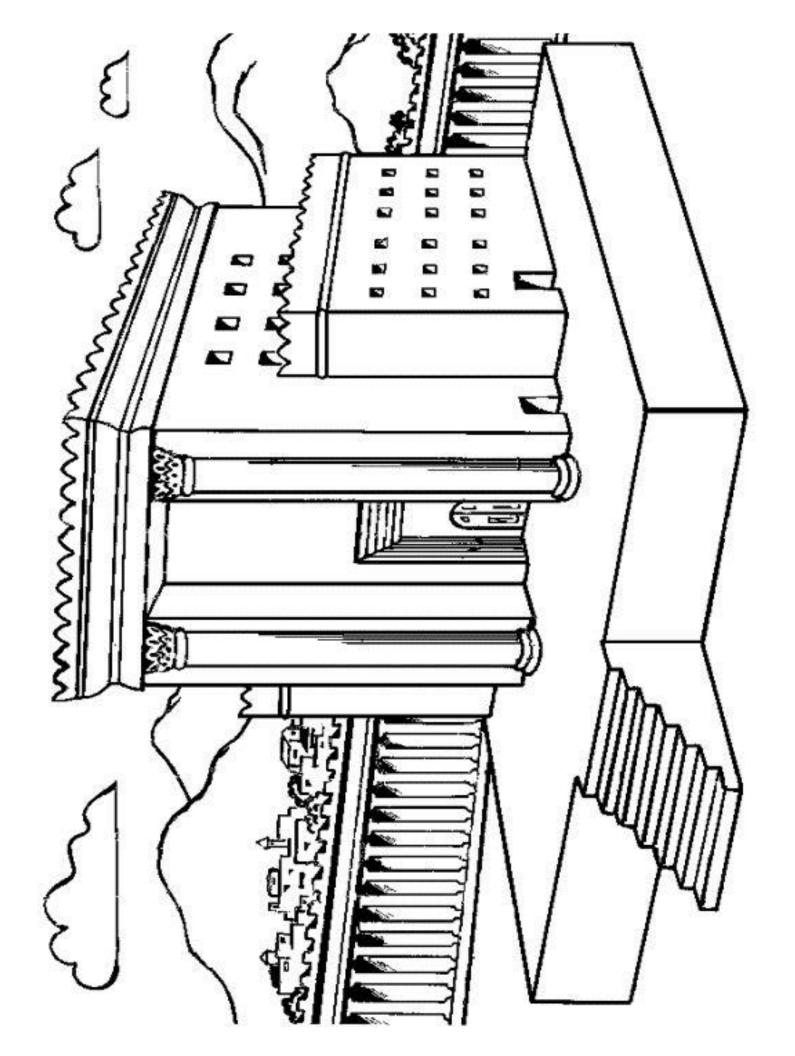
Boys vs boys and girls vs girls

Group Questions:

How can we exalt God?

Does God like to be exalted?

Let's each think of something we can say that exalts God.





Verse:

2 Corinthians 12:9

"But He (God) said unto me, My grace is SUFFICIENT for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Lesson:

Sufficient means 'enough'. God says even when we have a problem, that He is enough. He is enough to fix our problems. He is enough to keep us safe. He is enough to meet our needs. He is enough to rely on. We can trust in Him.

Example: David and Goliath

<u>1 Samuel 17:1-54</u>



Only a Boy Named David

Lyrics: "Only a boy named David. Only a little sling. Only a boy named David, but he could play and sing. Only a boy named David. Only a rippling brook. Only a boy named David, and five little stones he took. And one little stone went into the sling and the sling went round and round.

And round and round and round and round and round and round and round. (2x)

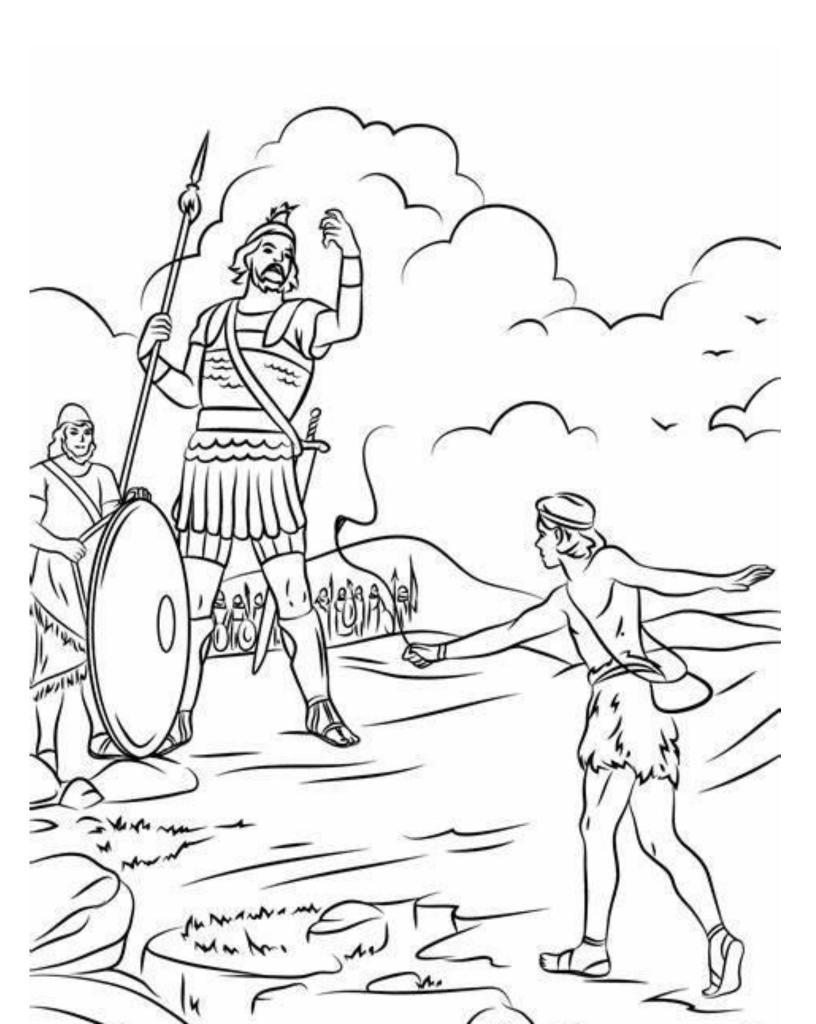
And one little stone went up in the air...and the giant came tumbling down!"

Game/Activity: Act out the story

Act the story of David and Goliath giving several kids the chance to play each part.

Group Questions:

What can we ask God for?



12. God is Faithful

Verse:

2 Thessalonians 3:3

"But the Lord is FAITHFUL, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

Lesson:

To be faithful means to always do what you say that you will do. God always does what He says that He will do. You can trust Him. He will be there with you just like He promised. He will do exactly what He says.

Example: The Promised Land

Exodus 6:7-8 and Joshua 1



Twelve Men Went to Spy in Canaan

Lyrics: *"Twelve men went to spy in Canaan. Ten were bad and two were good.*

What do you think they saw in Canaan? Ten were bad and two were good.

Some saw giants big and strong, some saw grapes on clusters long, some saw God was in it all. Ten were bad and two were good!

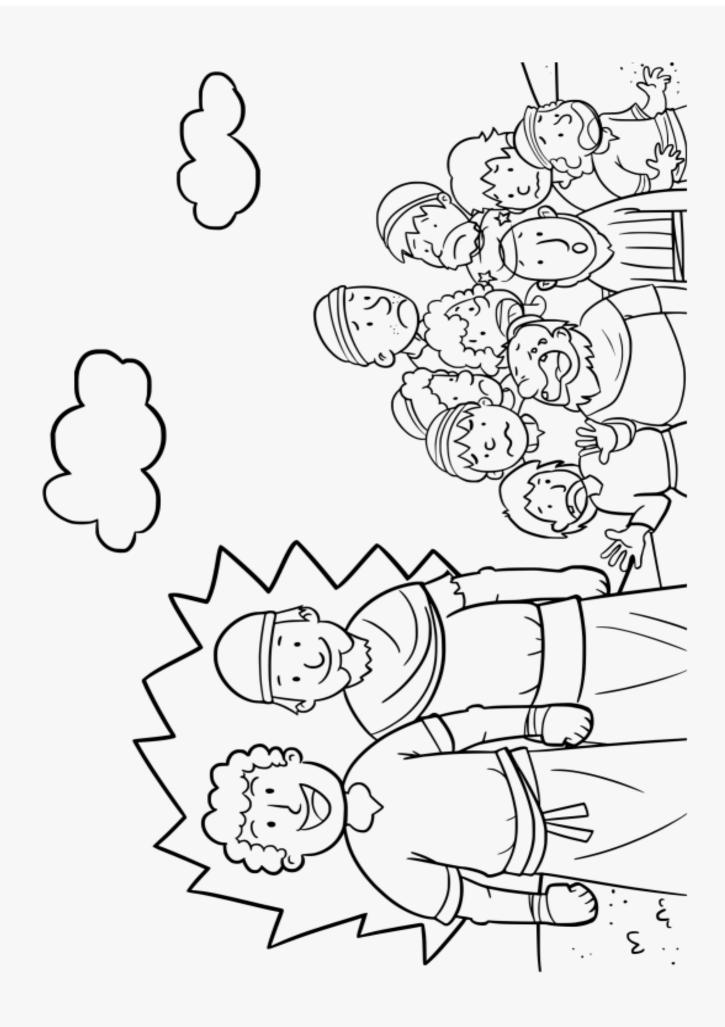
Game/Activity: Telephone

Play Telephone – point out how people's word changes, but God's Word does not. Group Questions:

What is a promise that God made to you?

What does faithful mean?

How can we be faithful?



13. God is Forgiving

Verse:

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins, "

Lesson:

Sin separates us from God because God is holy. He wants us to be close to Him though. God will forgive us of our sins when we ask Him to, so that we can be close to Him again. Because Jesus came and paid for our sins, we can have forgiveness. We should forgive others because God forgave us!

Example: The Two Debtors

Luke 7:41-43



Oh it is Wonderful to be a Christian

Lyrics: "Oh it is wonderful to be a Christian. Oh it is wonderful to be God's child. Oh it is wonderful to have your sins forgiven. Oh it is wonderful to be redeemed, justified, forever reconciled!"

Game/Activity: Hide and Seek

Play Hide and Seek – point out that we cannot hide our sins from God.

Group Questions:

What is sin?

How does sinning make you feel?

How does being forgiven make you feel?

Why should we forgive?





Verse:

Psalm 34:8

"O taste and see that the Lord is GOOD: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

Lesson:

God is good. He wants you to test that out for yourself. He wants you to see for yourself that He is good. Even when people are bad, and other things are bad, and it seems like EVERYTHING is bad; God is still good. Test it out and see.

Example: Job

Job 1, and 42:10-17

Song: God is so Good

"God is so good. God is so good. God is so good, He's so good to me."

(Repeat with 'He answers prayers' and "He loves me so')

Game/Activity: Blind Taste Test

Blindfold kids and have them taste random snacks. Taste and see!

Group Questions:

What is a good thing God has given to you?

Is God good to everyone?

What is a good thing God has done for everyone?



15. God is Gracious

Verse:

Psalm 145:8

"The Lord is GRACIOUS, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy."

Lesson:

Gracious means having grace. Grace is doing good or giving good things to those people who do not deserve it.

It's like how your parents love you and feed you and keep you safe if you are good or if you are bad. God gives his blessings to the *just* and the *unjust* – the good and the bad.

Example: Jesus

John 3:16 (explain salvation)

Song: Amazing Grace

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I m found. Was blind, but now I see."

Game/Activity: Body Spelling

Split up into two teams and see which team can spell out the word GRACE or AMAZING GRACE (if you have enough kids)- using only their bodies- the clearest.

Group Questions:

What good thing can you do to deserve the gift of Jesus? (answer: nothing)

How do we accept His gift of grace?





Verse:

1 Samuel 2:2

"There is none HOLY as the Lord: for there is none beside thee:"

Lesson:

God is perfect and never does anything wrong. No person can be holy like God. We all make mistakes and mess up sometimes. Heaven is also perfect – like God. If our sins were to go into Heaven, then they would mess Heaven up and it would no longer be perfect. That is why we need forgiveness of our sins! So that we can be holy like God through His Son Jesus.

Example: Isaiah the Prophet

Isaiah 6:1-5

Song: Holy Holy Holy Lyrics:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty. God in three persons, blessed trinity."

Game/Activity: Statue Game

See which child can remain perfectly still for the longest. It's hard to be perfect!

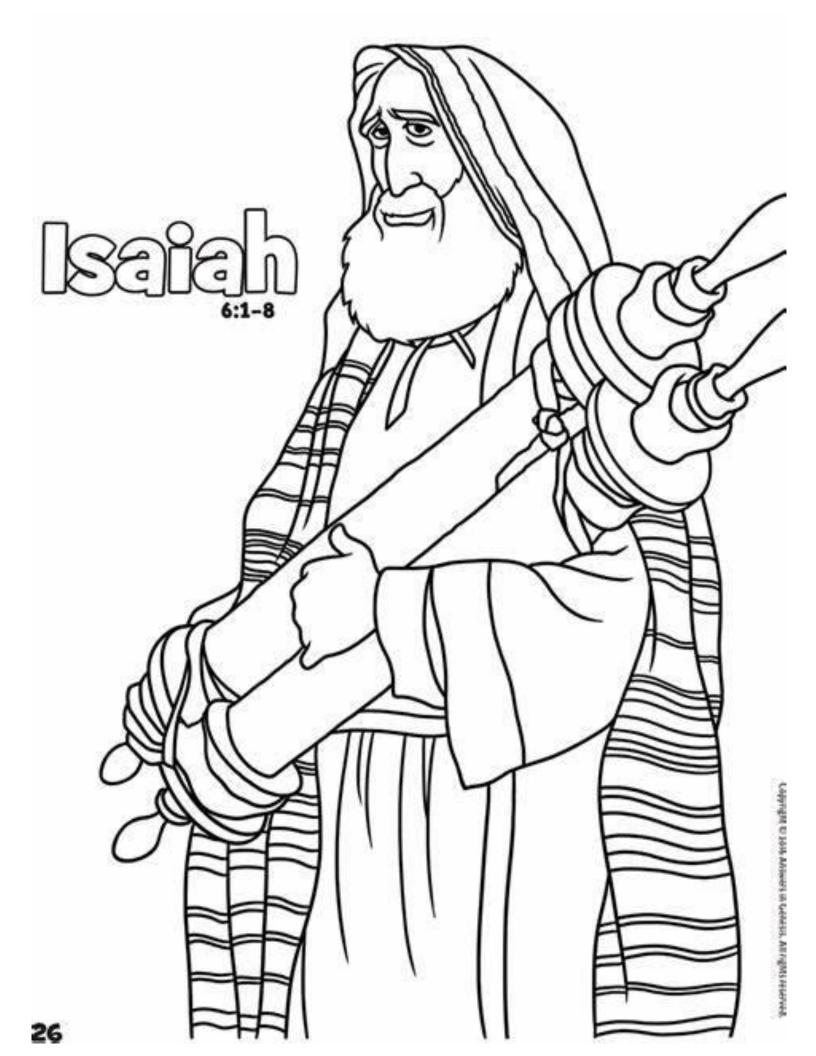
Group Questions:

What is the best thing you ever did?

What is a bad thing you did?

Can even one bad thing go into God's perfect heaven?

What do we need to get our sins forgiven?



17. God is a Healer

Verse:

Jeremiah 17:14

"HEAL me, O Lord, and I shall be HEALED; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

No one likes to be sick. God is so powerful that he can heal your sicknesses. He made your bodies so that they can heal and be well again. He also touched and healed many people when he walked on the earth. Jesus did many miracles of healing so that people would believe he is God. Most importantly though, God can heal your SOUL. No one else can heal your soul.

Example: Jesus Heals the Blind Man

<u>John 9:1-7</u>

Song: You are my All in All **Lyrics:**

"You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame. Rising again, I bless your name, You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up. When I am empty, fill my cup. You are my all in all."

Game/Activity: Blind Man's Bluff

Blindfold the child who is 'it' and have the others scatter. They cannot move while the blind man hunts for them. He/she can try to make the kids laugh to help find them.

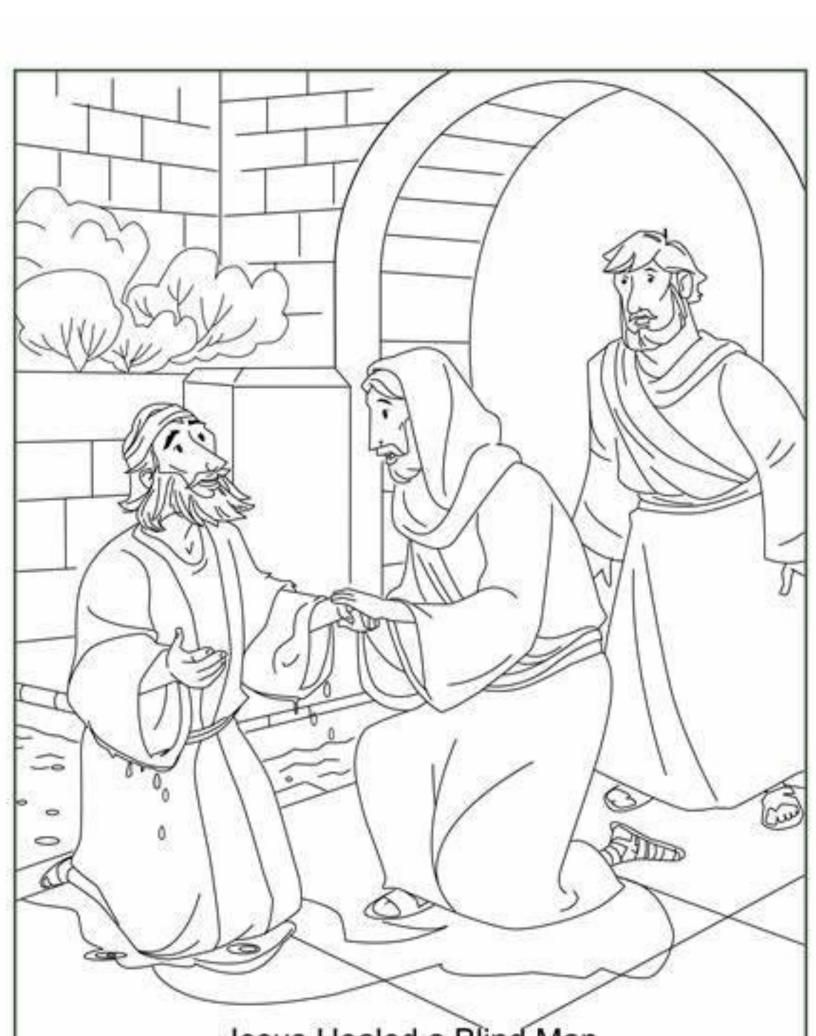
Group Questions:

Have you ever been sick?

Do you like to be sick?

What are some things that help you to feel better when you are feeling sick?

Who is the one who ultimately heals you?



18. God is our Intercessor

Verse:

Hebrews 7:25

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make INTERCESSION for them."

Lesson:

An intercessor is someone who is on your team. Someone who fights for you. Someone who stands between you and trouble. Isn't it great when you don't feel alone? With Jesus on our side, we never have to be alone. He stands with us in all of our troubles and is on our side.

Example: Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Song: The Blessing Lyrics:

"The Lord bless you and keep you, make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Chorus: Amen amen amen.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going, in your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you – He is for you."

Game/Activity: Act it Out!

Act out the story of Jesus calming the storm.

Group Questions:

Would you be scared in such a big storm?

If you always have Jesus with you, do you need to be afraid?



19. God is Immutable (Immutable = does not change)

Verse:

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Lesson:

God is the only thing that never changes. He is the same as He was at the very beginning of time. If you learn about Him, you can trust that that's how he will always be. He has always been good, and he will continue to always be good. All the wonderful things we learn about God are things that will never change.

Example: Job

Job 1, and 42:12-17

Song: Jesus Doesn't Change **Lyrics:**

"Jesus doesn't change, Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever – Hebrews 13:8 Jesus doesn't change, Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, forever – He is always great! Good things come and go, bad things hurt us so, but Jesus said he'll always be standing there right next to me!"

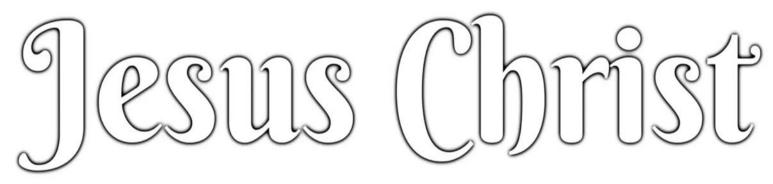
Game/Activity: Statues

See which child can stay in one pose for the longest time.

Group Questions:

Do you like change?

What is something that has changed in your life recently?



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20. God is Just (fair)

Verse:

Deuteronomy 32:4

"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgement: a God of truth and without iniquity, JUST and right is he."

Lesson:

To be just, is to always make the right decisions. To be always fair. Sometimes we feel like our life isn't fair. Maybe our siblings get their way, or we don't get what we want. But God is ALWAYS fair. He does not love one person more than another. He will make sure that everyone gets what is right in the end.

Example: Salvation Given to the Gentiles <u>Acts 10:19-45</u>

Song: Oh How He Loves You and Me Lyrics:

"Oh how He loves you and me. Oh how he loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could he give? Oh how He loves you – Oh how He loves me – Oh how He loves you and me."

Game/Activity: Musical Chairs

Play musical chairs. Divide by age groups if necessary for fairness.

Group Questions:

What is something that is not fair?

What does 'Just' mean?

If God is always fair, does that mean you can do bad things?



21. God is Jesus

Verse:

John 10:30

(Jesus said) "I and my Father are ONE."

Lesson:

Jesus was many things; a good teacher, a healer, a friend – but most importantly, Jesus was God. God made into visible, human, flesh and blood. And He walked and talked on this earth just like us. He was God, therefore he had all of God's power and all of God's wisdom. He was more than just a carpenter's son, He was God's son. The extension of God into the world.

Example: The Word became Flesh

<u>John 1:1-12</u>

Song: Jesus Jesus Jesus Lyrics:

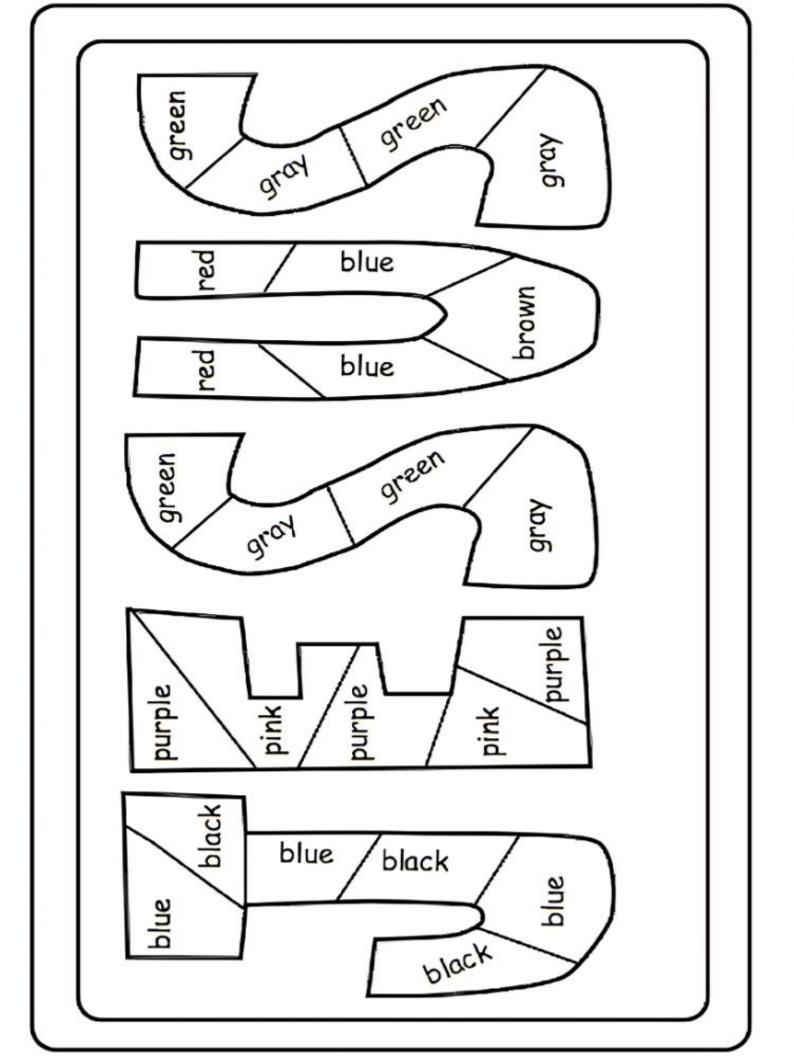
"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus – There's just something about that name. Master, Savior, Jesus – Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus – Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name."

Game/Activity: 20 Questions

Play using Bible characters.

Group Questions:

Can you think of two things that are the same? How can God and Jesus be the same? How did Jesus show that He was God?



22. God is King

Verse:

1 Timothy 1:17

"Not unto the KING eternal, immortal, invisible, the wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever."

Lesson:

The Bible says God is the King of kings. That means that there may be some kings of countries here on earth, but God is the ultimate, top King. He is King of everyone. He makes the rules. He judges everyone at the end. He is the best and wisest and most powerful King.

Example: Saul Becomes King

<u>1 Samuel 8:4-10:24</u>

Song: He is the King of Kings **Lyrics:**

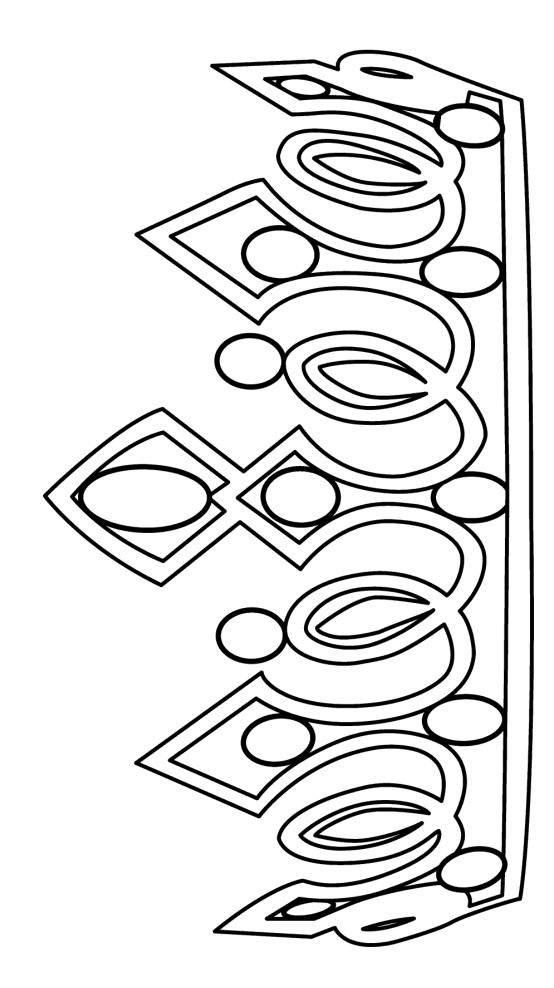
"He is the King of kings. He is the Lord of lords. His name is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus – Ohhhhh He is the King. Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, He is the King of kings."

Game/Activity: Simon Says

Play Simon Says – Illustrate how we do what the "king" says.

Group Questions:

Have you ever met a king? What do you get to do if you're a king? What kind of a King is God?





Verse:

1 John 3:20

"...God is greater than our heart, and KNOWETH all things."

Lesson:

God is all- knowing. That word is 'omniscient.' Knowing everything. Even the smartest person in the world doesn't know everything, but God does. He knows the past and the future. He knows what you're thinking and feeling. He knows how many hairs are on your head. He also knows what is best for you.

Example: Parting of the Red Sea

Exodus 14

Song: The Wise Man and Foolish Man Lyrics:

"The wise man built his house upon a rock 3x, and the rain came tumbling down. The rains came down and the floods came up 3x, but the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand 3x, and the rain came tumbling down. The rain came down and the floods came up 3x, and the house on the sand went SPLAT.

So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ 3x, and the blessings will come tumbling down. The blessings will come down as the prayers go up 3x, so build your life on the Lord."

Game/Activity: Bible Quiz

Use Bible questions to show how no one knows every answer – except God!

Group Questions:

What do you know a lot about?

Who do you know that is very smart?

Who is the only person who knows everything?

What is the word that means 'all knowing?'



24. God is Longsuffering

Verse:

2 Peter 3:15

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promises...but is LONGSUFFERING to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Lesson:

Longsuffering means patient. God is a patient God. He waits a long time for people to come to trust Him. He does not get angry quickly. He gives everyone lots of time to try to do right and say sorry. He gives everyone lots of time to learn about him and to grow. He is long suffering because even when people are bad and mean to Him, he still loves them.

Example: Zacchaeus <u>Luke 19:1-10</u>

Song: Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man Lyrics:

"Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree, the Lord he wanted to see. And as the Savior passed that way, He looked up in the tree, and He said "Zacchaeus, you come down from there! For I'm going to your house today, for I'm going to your house today."

Game/Activity: Act it Out!

Act out the story of Zacchaeus.

Group Questions:

Have you ever not been patient?How would you feel if you were Zacchaeus?Aren't you glad that God waited for you?



25. God is Love

Verse:

1 John 4:8

"God is LOVE; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

Lesson:

God is love. Love comes from God, and you can only love with God's help. Love is patient, kind, humble, unselfish, protective, hopeful, and never fails. God showed his love for you over and over again. The beautiful creation he gave us. The life he gave us. The free will to choose that he gave us. But most importantly, He showed us His love when he gave us His Son Jesus to take our place and pay for our sins. That is real love. To give yourself for others.

Example: Jesus Eating with Sinners

Luke 15:1-7

Song: Behold What Manner of Love **Lyrics:**

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath given unto us 2x

That we should be called the sons of God 2x

(This song is a round and meant to be sung in two parts simultaneously)

Game/Activity: Hot/Cold Find the Coin

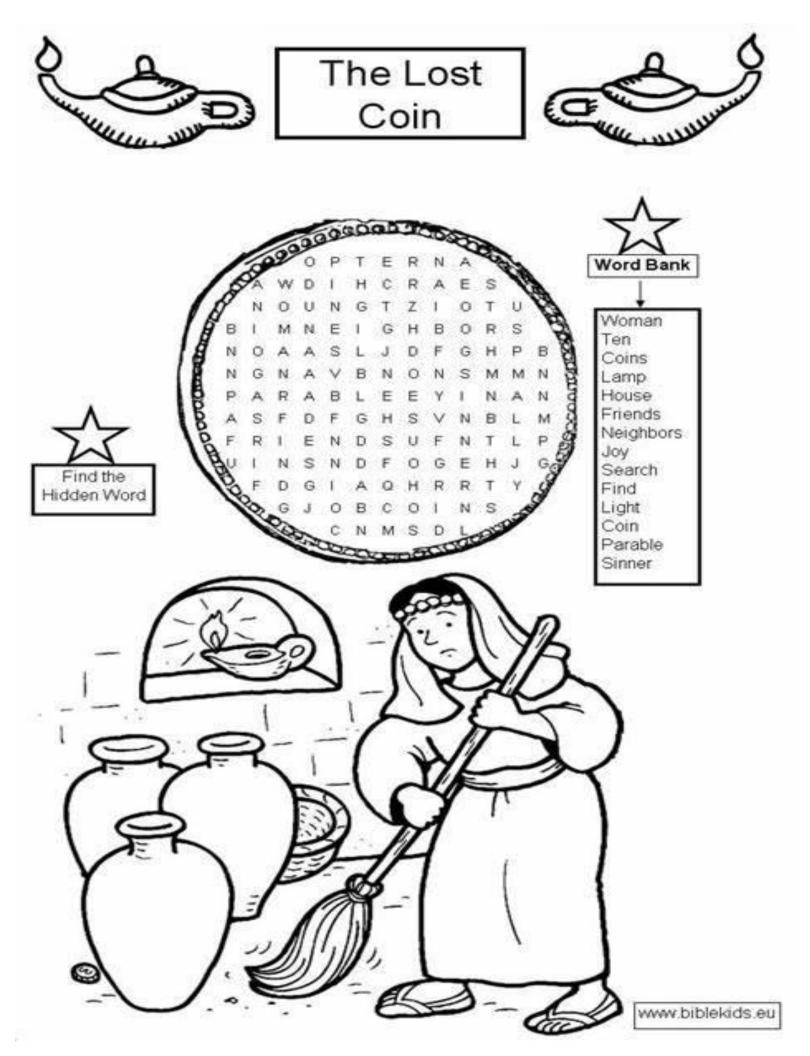
Hide a coin somewhere in the room and use "hot/cold" cues to help find it.

Group Questions:

Who do you love?

How do you show your love?

What are some ways we can show love like God does?



26. God is Light

Verse:

1 John 1:5

"...God is LIGHT, and in him is no darkness at all."

Lesson:

Do you know people who are afraid of the dark? Without God, there would only be darkness. God created the light. He is the light. He is also light, meaning *understanding*. Like *enlightenment*. When we believe in Jesus, He gives us spiritual understanding. Like our eyes being opened and seeing the light for the first time. God gave us the physical light, and also the spiritual light.

Example: The Disciples on the Emmaus Road <u>Luke 24:13-36</u>

Song: He is the Light of the World **Lyrics:**

"The world is searching for an answer, a ray of hope in a hopeless world. Who can we turn to? Where is our rescue? There is someone, He's the answer. He's the light and he'll light the way. His name is Jesus, He came to save us.

He is the light, light, light – light of the world and he'll shine, shine, shine – all over the earth, shining bright, bright, bright – He is the light of the world."

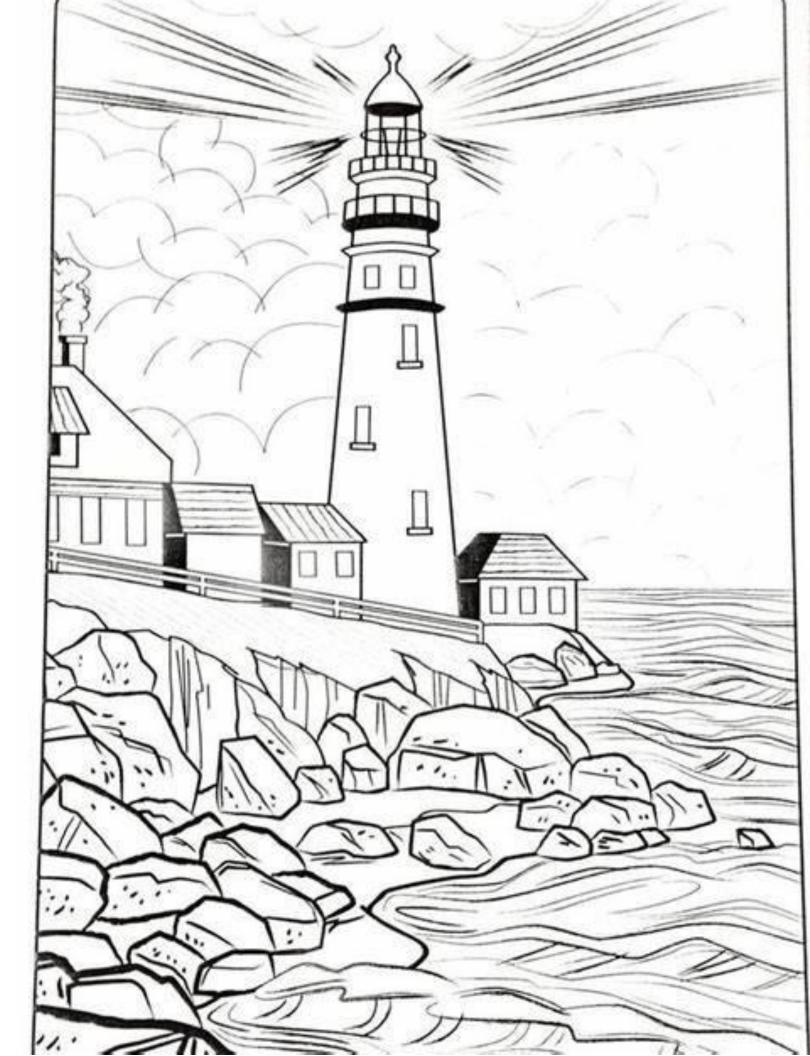
Game/Activity: Flashlight Hide and Seek

Turn off the lights and play hide and seek with flashlights.

Group Questions:

Are you afraid of the dark?

How can you find things in the dark?



27. God is a Miracle Worker

Verse:

Luke 1:37

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Lesson:

Can you make something come alive? Can you make something appear from nothing? Only God can do these things. Amazing things that only God can do are called *miracles*. God did many miracles in the Bible so that we would believe on Him. He still does miracles today. That's why we pray.

Example: Jesus Raising Lazarus

John 11:1-44

Song: Awesome God Lyrics:

"Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above. With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

Game/Activity: Act it Out!

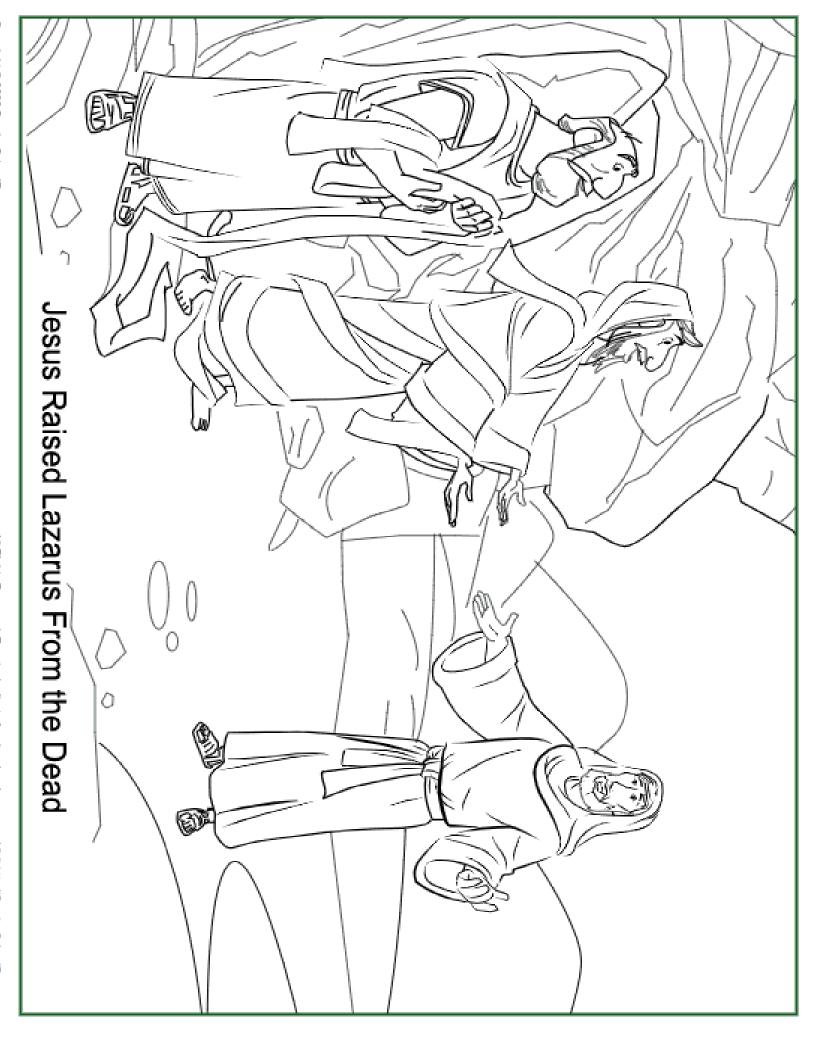
Act out the story of Jesus raising Lazarus

Group Questions:

Who makes you alive?

What is the difference between magic tricks and miracles?

Have you ever seen God do a miracle?



28. God is Merciful

Verse:

Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God, who is rich in MERCY, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved)."

Lesson:

In the Bible, God teaches us a lesson – that you reap what you sow. If you plant an apple tree, you will get apples. If you do good things, you will get good things. But also, if you do bad things, you will get bad things. But when someone else takes the bad consequences for you, that's called mercy. God showed us mercy, when he paid for our sins with his death, so that we don't have to die to pay for our own sins. **Example:** Jesus and the Adulterous Woman <u>John 8:1-11</u>

Song: Surely Goodness and Mercy **Lyrics:**

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life. 2x

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and I shall feast at the table set for me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life."

Game/Activity: Follow the Leader

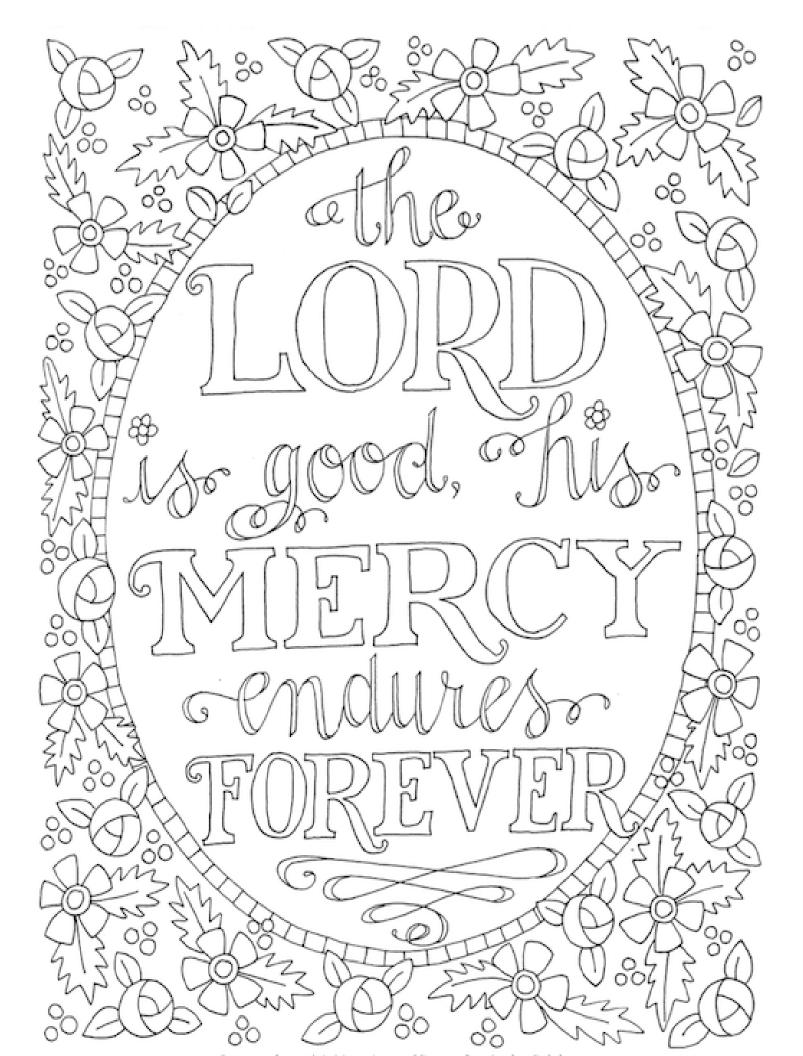
Have kids take turns leading with silly movements and dances.

Group Questions:

Did you ever get in trouble for something you didn't do?

Have you ever NOT gotten in trouble when you deserved it?

What can we do to show mercy to others?



29. God is Near

Verse:

Ephesians 2:13

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

Lesson:

God promises he will never leave us. God wants to have a close and personal relationship with each of us.; like a father and a son. God created us to be close to him, but the bad things we do separate us from God. These sins bring us farther and farther away from God. Jesus paid for our sins so that we can be close to God again through Him.

Example: Adam's Sin in the Garden

Genesis 3:1-24

Song: Hand in Hand with Jesus **Lyrics:**

"Once from my poor sin sick soul, Christ did every burden roll. Now I walk redeemed and whole, hand in hand with Jesus.

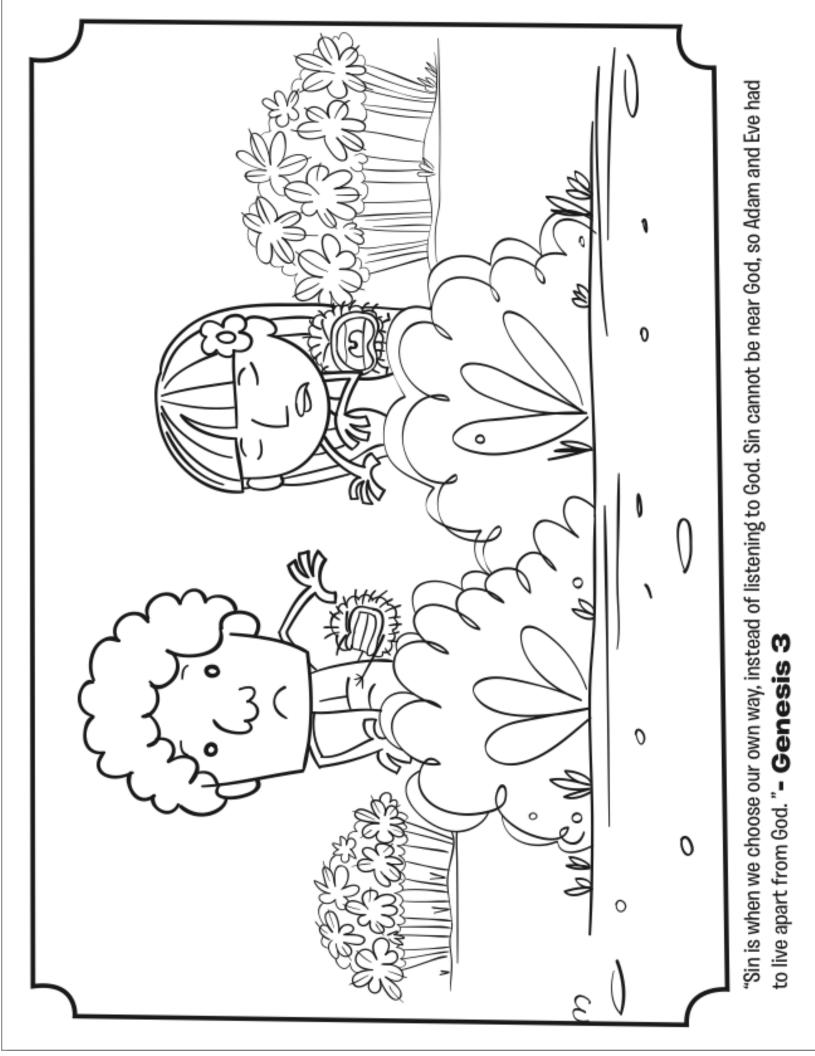
Hand in hand we walk each day, Hand in hand along the way. Walking thus I cannot stray. Hand in hand with Jesus."

Game/Activity: Back to Back Stand

Have kids sit back to back with linked arms. Try to stand using teamwork.

Group Questions:

Who is your best friend? Have you ever felt alone? How do we know God is near us?



30. God Never Fails

Verse:

1 Chroniclces 28:20

"And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he WILL NOT FAIL thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed."

Lesson:

God does not lose. He does not fail. He cannot because he is all powerful and all knowing. How can you lose when you know the end? We can trust God to never fail us or let us down. We don't have to be afraid with God on our side.

Example: David and Goliath

<u>1 Samuel 17:1-51</u>

Song: Only a Boy Named David Lyrics:

"Only a boy named David, only a little sling. Only a boy named David, but he could play and sing. Only a boy named David, only a rippling brook. Only a boy named David and 5 little stones he took. And one little stone went into the sling and the sling went [round and round, 6x] And one little stone went up in the air, and the giant came tumbling down."

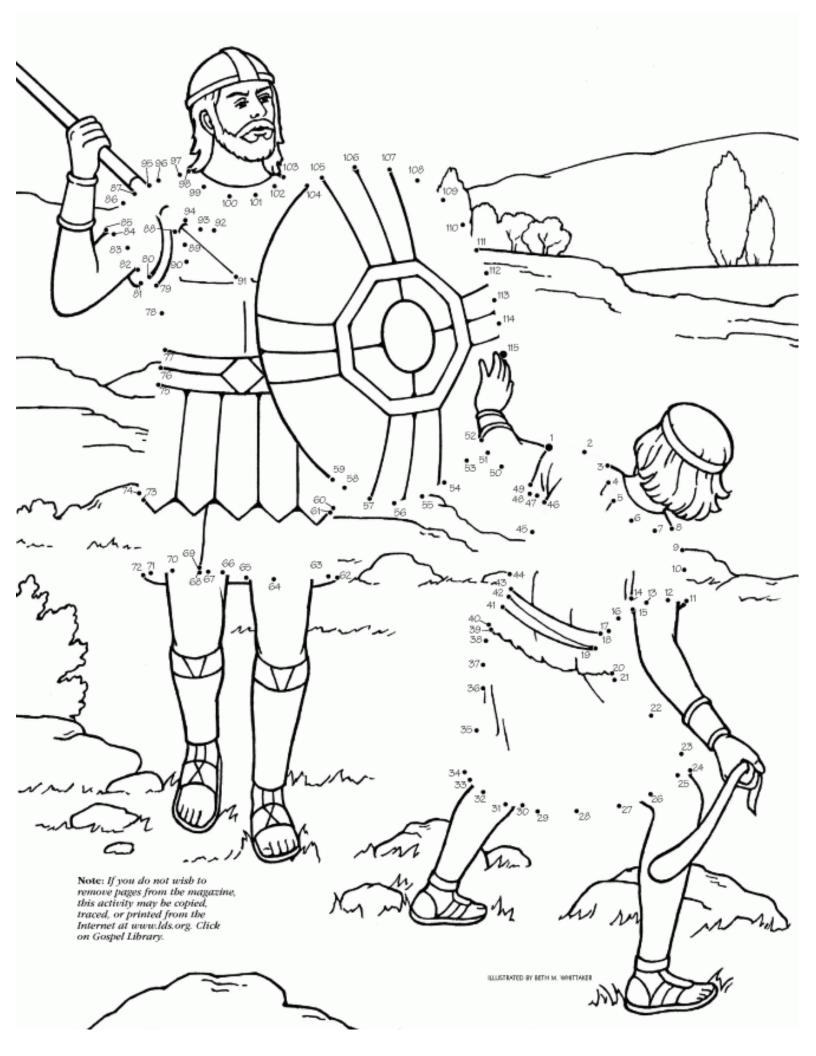
Game/Activity: Act it Out

Act out the story of David and Goliath Group Questions:

Who did David trust in?

Could David fight the giant alone?

Can God lose a battle?



31. God is Omnipresent (everywhere at once)

Verse:

Proverbs 15:3

"The eyes of the Lord are IN EVERY PLACE, beholding the evil and the good."

Lesson:

How can someone see everywhere? God can. He is everywhere all at once. This is called 'omni-present'. That means that God is with you and sees you when you do good or bad. He also can see your inside. He can see your thoughts, your imagination, and your heart.

Example: Ananias and Sapphira

<u>Acts 5:1-11</u>

Song: Open the Eyes of my Heart **Lyrics:**

"Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart – I want to see you. I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up - shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love, singing holy, holy, holy, - holy, holy, holy, I want to see you."

Game/Activity: Blindman's Bluff

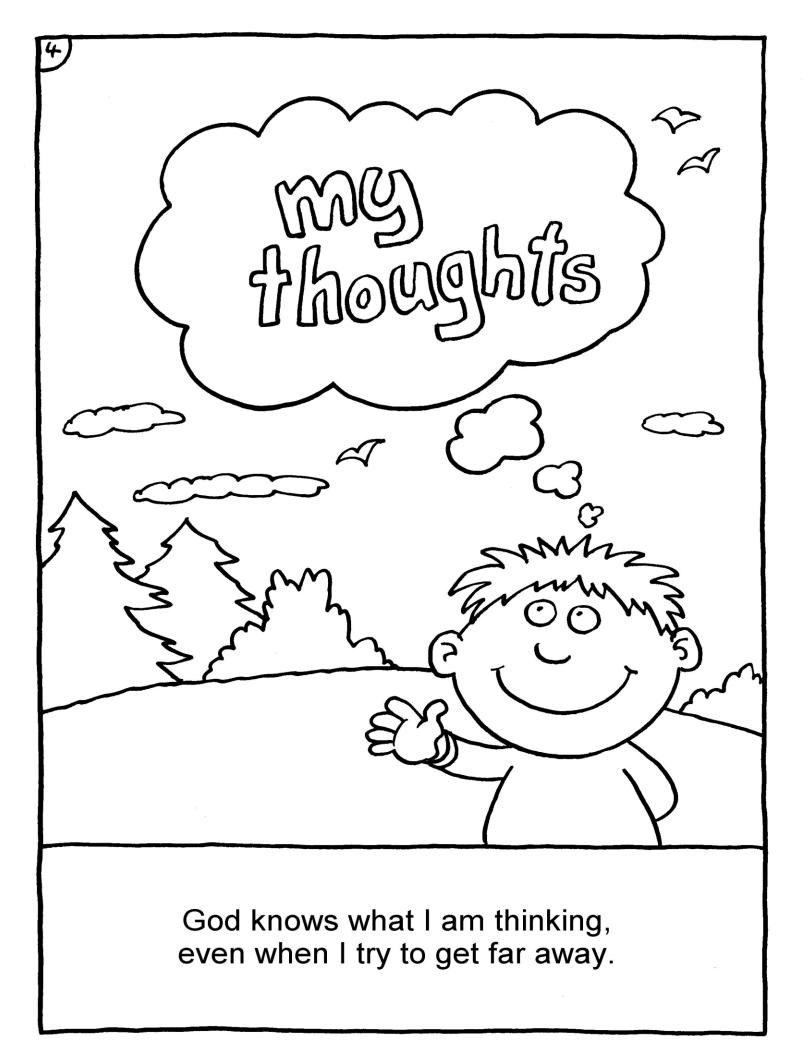
Blindfold the child who is 'it' and have the others scatter. They cannot move while the blind man hunts for them. He/she can try to make the kids laugh to help find them.

Group Questions:

Have you ever been sneaky?

Does being sneaky get you out of trouble?

Can you trick God?



32. God is the Only God

Verse:

Isaiah 44:6

"Thus saith the Lord...I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."

Lesson:

There is only one God. We learn about Him in the Bible. Many other people and religions say that there are many gods or many ways to Heaven. But the Bible says that there is only one way and that way is through Jesus.

Example: Jesus is the Door

<u>John 10:7-9</u>

Song: One Door and Only One **Lyrics:**

"One door, and only one, and yet the sides are two. Inside and outside, on which side are you? One door, and only one, and yet the sides are two — I'm on the inside, on which side are you?

Game/Activity: Directions

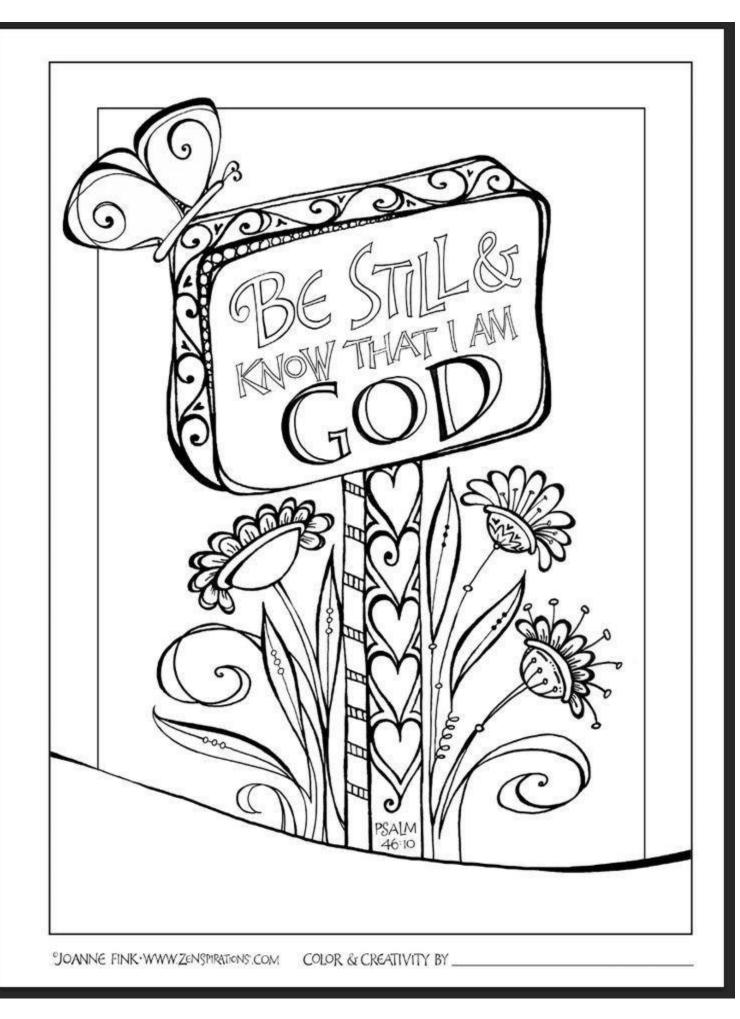
Hide something from the person who is 'it' and have all the rest direct them to it. Is it easy or hard following a lot of directions?

Group Questions:

Why does Jesus say he is like a door?

How many gods are there?

If there is only One God, who should we follow?



33. God is Patient

Verse:

Nahum 1:3

"The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power."

Lesson:

Do we remember that God is long-suffering? Patient is like long-suffering. Sometimes we have to be patient and wait for something that will happen – like a birthday party or a baby born. Sometimes we have to be patient with our brothers and sisters when they are being fussy.

God is always patient with us. He waits for us to learn, and doesn't get angry with us when we mess up.

Example: Saul on Damascus Road

<u>Acts 9:1-22</u>

Song: Have Patience Lyrics:

"Have patience, have patience, don't be in such a hurry. When you get impatient you only start to worry. Remember, remember that God is patient too, and think of all the times when He had to wait for you."

Game/Activity: Hide and Seek

Hide and seek teaches patience, as the kids have to wait to be found.

Group Questions:

What is something that is hard to wait for? How many times is God patient with you? If we are trying to be like God, how should we be?



34. God is our Protector Verse:

Exodus 14:14

"The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

Lesson:

Jesus is like a kind and loving older brother. He is stronger than us, and loves us, and wants to help us. He protects us from evil. He protects us from harm. He fights for us. He puts an hedge around us so that we are safe.

Example: Gideon

Judges 7:12-22

Song: Gideon Lyrics:

"300 men obeyed God's command, going forth to fight. "Listen valiant Gideon, you shall conquer Midian. Here is my battle plan."

Gideon, Gideon, marching off to fight. Pitcher in his left hand, and trumpet in his right. Though it may seem foolish not to trust in the sword, Gideon was no fool, for he trusted in the Lord."

Game/Activity: Act it Out

Act out the story of Gideon.

Group Questions:

What is something you are afraid of? What protects you from that? Who can we trust to protect us?



35. God is Quick

Verse:

Psalm 147:15

"Very speedily doth his word run."

Lesson:

God does not have to follow time like we do. God created time. So, God's time is always perfect. He is always right on time. He works quickly and knows exactly when the right timing is. He will always be there and provide what we need when we need him.

Example: Feeding of the 5,000

<u>John 6:1-14</u>

Song: Right on Time Lyrics:

"Just hold on, my child, because he's not too far away. And he knows your needs before you pray. For when your feet are weary from the mountain you have climbed, look ahead, here comes Jesus, right on time."

Game/Activity: Relay Race

Divide into teams and relay race with a stop watch.

Group Questions:

What is a time that you have been late for something important?

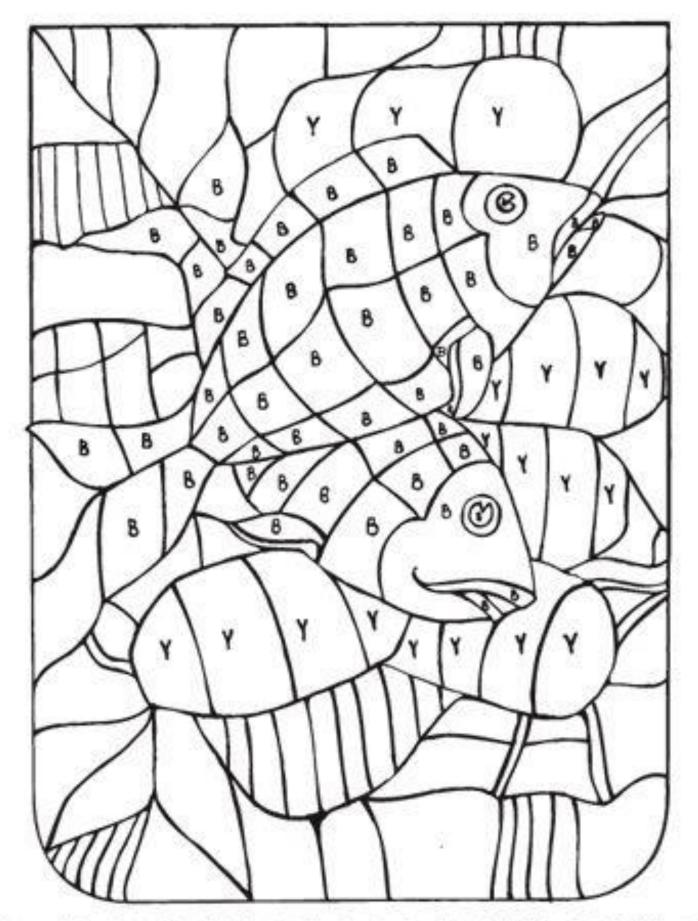
How do we know if we are on time or not?

How does God know the right timing?

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What's for Lunch?

Read the story of the boy who gave his lunch away that's found in John 6. Then make a picture of that lunch by coloring the Y spaces yellow and the B spaces brown. You may color the leftover spaces with your favorite color.



36. God is Quiet

Verse:

1 Kings 19:12

"...and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a STILL SMALL VOICE."

Lesson:

God does not yell at us. He does not get in our face and MAKE us do things. He speaks quietly – through His Word – the Bible. His Holy Spirit inside of us, speaks silently to our hearts and consciences, to teach us what is right and wrong.

Example: God Speaks to Elijah

<u>1 Kings 19:1-18</u>

Song: Word of God Speak Lyrics:

"Finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is, it's okay. The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what you will say.

Word of God speak, let it pour out like rain, washing my eyes to see your majesty. To be still and know that you're in this place. Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God speak."

Game/Activity: Telephone

Play telephone using phrases from the story.

Group Questions:

What happens when something is quiet?

How do we hear quiet things?

How can we listen to God?



37. God is Righteous

Verse:

Psalm 11:7

"For the RIGHTEOUS GOD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."

Lesson:

God loves righteousness because He is righteous. Righteous means to do what is right. God is the one who decides what is right and wrong. He can perfectly decide, because he is perfectly right all the time. We want to try to do what is right, because God loves that, and it makes him happy.

Example: Noah

Genesis 6:7-22, 7:1-24

Song: Do Right Lyrics:

"Do right 'til the stars fall. Do right 'til the last call. Do right when there's no one else to stand by you. Do right when you're all alone. Do right though it's never known. Do right if you love the Lord. Do right, do right."

Game/Activity: Animal Charades

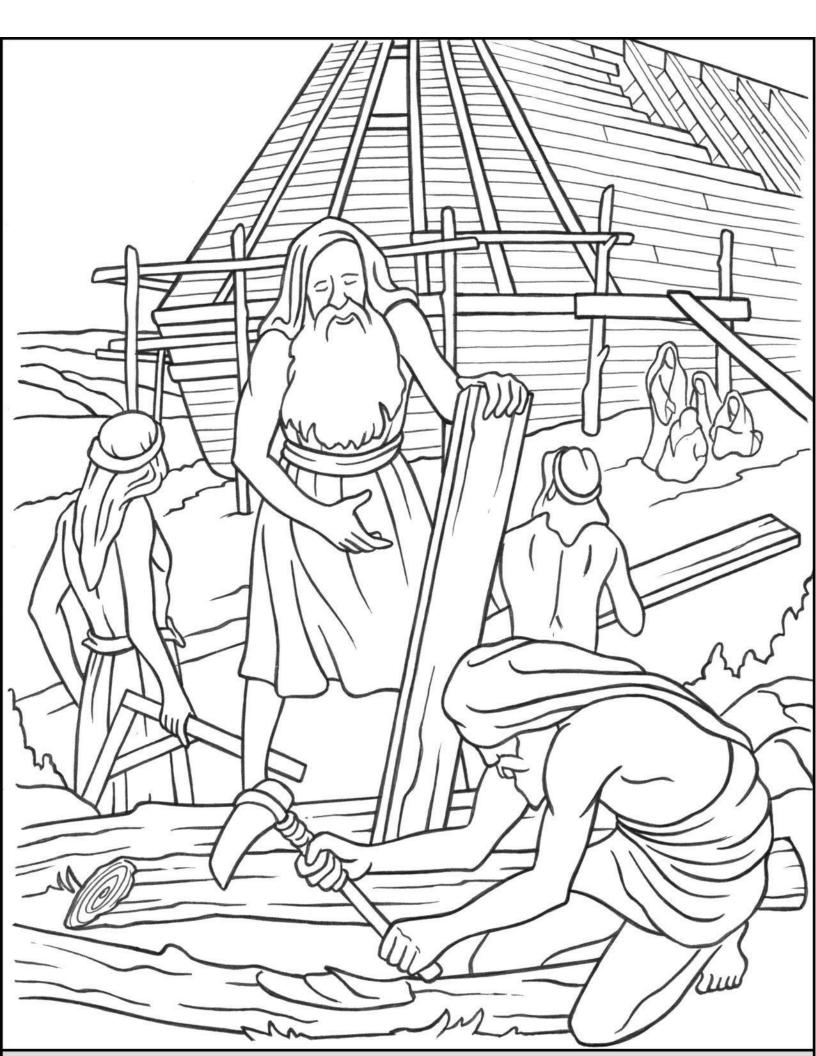
Use animals from the ark to do charades.

Group Questions:

Is it hard to know what is right to do sometimes?

Where do we learn what is right and wrong?

How does God feel when we choose to do right?



38. God is Resurrected (alive again)

Verse:

John 11:25

"Jesus saith unto her, I am the RESURRECTION and the LIFE."

Lesson:

God is the only one who can make people alive. He made Adam alive in the very beginning. He makes you alive. He makes plants and animals alive. Man cannot make alive. God proved this when Jesus died, was buried, and three days later, rose again from the dead. Jesus became alive again by His own power. Only God can do that.

Example: Jesus' Resurrection

John 20:1-20

Song: Alive Alive Lyrics:

"Alive, alive, alive forevermore. My Jesus is alive, Alive forevermore. Alive, alive, alive forevermore. My Jesus is alive. Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, my Jesus is alive forevermore. Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, my Jesus is alive."

Game/Activity: Freeze Tag

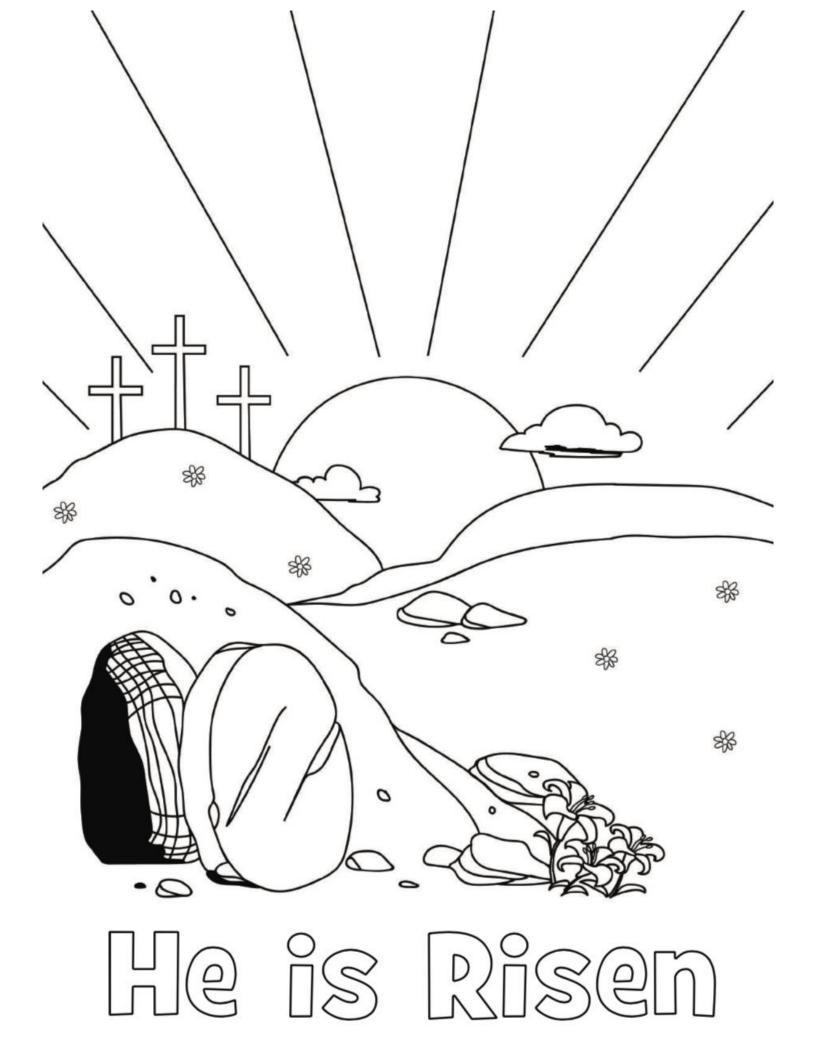
The child who is "it" tries to "freeze" tag all the children before they become "unfrozen" by their teammates.

Group Questions:

Have you known someone who has died?

How did Jesus beat death?

What does God promise will happen to us when we die?



39. God is our Redeemer (Makes us free)

Verse:

Isaiah 44:22

"(God says) I have blotted out...thy sins: return unto me; for I have REDEEMED thee."

Lesson:

Redeemed means makes us free. The Bible teaches that we are all slaves of sin. If we do bad things, we become a slave to that. We have to pay for our sins. The payment for sin is death. Jesus paid for our sins for us. He made us free when he died on the cross for us.

Example: Ruth

<u>Ruth 1 – (tell the story)</u>

Song: Redeemed

"Redeemed how I love to proclaim it. Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Redeemed through his infinite mercy. His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Redeemed. Redeemed. His child, and forever I am."

Game/Activity: Bible Quiz

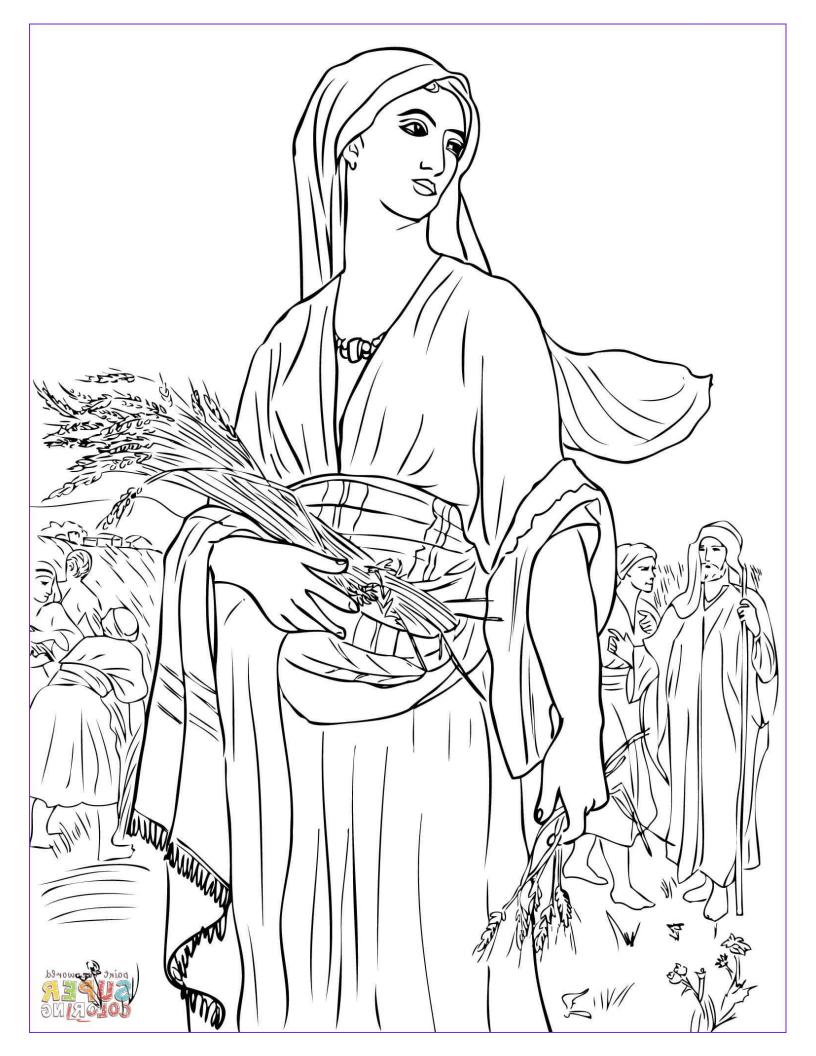
Ask questions from the story of Ruth. Have prizes.

Group Questions:

What does 'redeemed' mean?

How are we like a slave?

Why did Jesus set us free?



40. God is our Shepherd Verse:

Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my SHEPHERD, I shall not want."

Lesson:

God uses the picture of a shepherd taking care of sheep a lot in the Bible. He compares us to little sheep and himself to the kind and gentle Shepherd. Shepherds love their sheep, and take care of them, and do everything for them that they need. God takes care of us like this. He is a good Shepherd.

Example: God the Good Shepherd

<u>Psalm 23</u>

Song: The Lord is My Shepherd **Lyrics:**

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll walk with Him always. He knows me and He loves me, I'll walk with Him always. Always, always, I'll walk with Him always. Always, always, I'll walk with Him always. The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll walk with Him always."

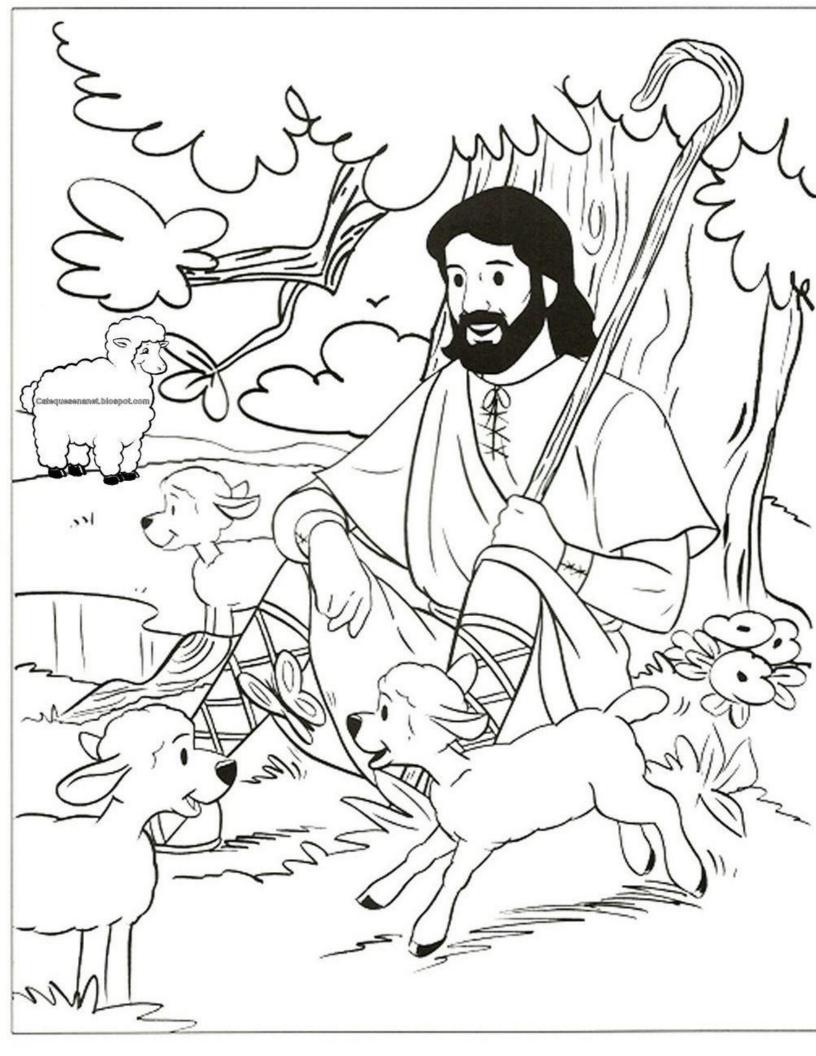
Game/Activity: Mother May I?

Play Mother May I, but use 'Shepherd May I?' and lots of sheep themed motions.

Group Questions:

What are some ways that we can be like a sheep?

What are some ways that God is like a Shepherd?



41. God is Spirit

Verse:

John 4:24

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Lesson:

God is a Spirit. You can't see Him with your eyes. He is not visible. He is everywhere all at once, but invisibly. The *visible* person of God is Jesus Christ. God can be within you, because he is a Spirit. He wants us to worship Him with our spirit and with all of our heart.

Example: Moses Seeing God

Exodus 33:17-23, 34:5-8

Song: Holy Holy Holy Lyrics:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty. God in three persons, blessed trinity."

Game/Activity: Hide and Seek

Play hide and seek. Prompt the kids to 'be invisible'

Group Questions:

How can God be three in one? If God is a spirit, how should we worship Him? Does God have a body?



42. God is our Savior

Verse:

1 John 4:14

"And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the SAVIOR of the world."

Lesson:

A Savior is someone who saves. Jesus saves us. From what? From the consequences of sin. Anything we do that misses the mark of God's perfection, is sin. Sin must be paid for with death. Physical death, and spiritual death. Jesus paid that payment for us with HIS death. He saved us! If we accept his gift, we will have eternal life instead of eternal death. (Carefully explain salvation in example)

Example: <u>The Romans Road</u>

Romans 3:23, 5:8, 6:23, 8:1, and 10:9



Jesus, Savior of the World

Lyrics:

God sent his Son, He's the Savior of the world, and now we can call him friend.

Jesus Savior, Jesus Savior, We will tell everyone

Jesus Savior, Jesus Savior, He's the Savior of the world.

Savior of the world.

Game/Activity: Sword Drills

Speed search the verses in the Romans Road. Make sure each kid can find and explain what each verse means.

Group Questions:

What happens when you do not have a Savior?

What does Jesus save us from?

What are some sins that we do?



43. God is Trustworthy

Verse:

Psalm 9:10

"And they that know thy name shall put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."

Lesson:

To trust means to rely on, or to put faith in, or to believe in someone. God is the only one who is entirely trustworthy. Everything He says, He will do. He can be depended upon. He cannot lie. He will never leave you or forsake you. God will not let you down if you trust in Him. He wants you to trust in His Word, the Bible.

Example: Peter Walking on Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Song: Only Trust Him Lyrics:

"Come every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord. And He will surely give you rest by trusting in His Word.

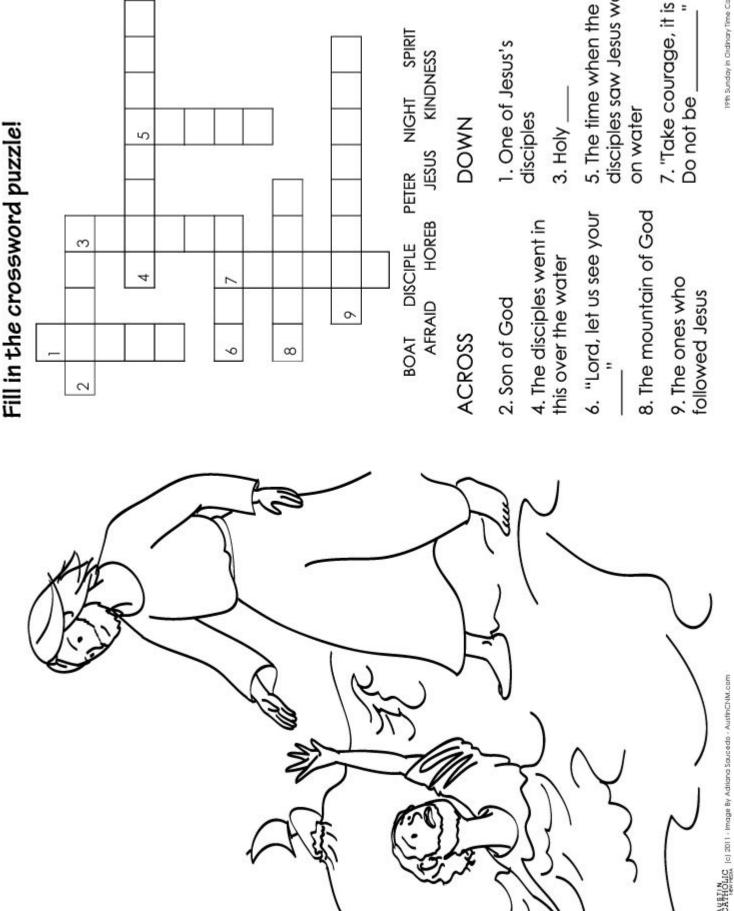
Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now."

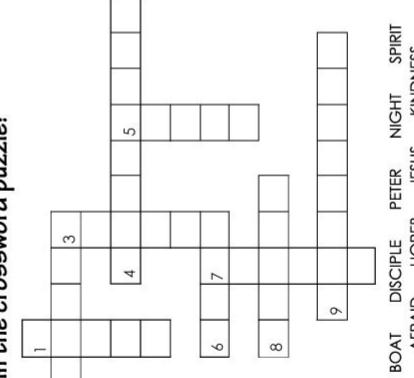
Game/Activity: Trust Falls

Carefully demonstrate trust falling and let kids participate.

Group Questions:

What does it mean to trust? What do we trust today? Does God's Word change?





1. One of Jesus's disciples

disciples saw Jesus walk

7. "Take courage, it is I;

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44. God is Truth

Verse:

John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life"

Lesson:

God does not lie. His Word, the Bible, does not lie. This is because God's words are so powerful that they created everything. So, if God said, "the sky is green" then it would be green. He CANNOT lie. He is the source of everything true. He IS truth.

Example: Zacharias Son

<u>Luke 1</u>

Song: He is the Way Lyrics:

"He is the Way, without Him there's no going. He is the truth, without Him there's no knowing. He is the life, now and eternally. He satisfies the searching heart and fills men with his love so rich and free."

Game/Activity: Something True

Have each child share something interesting and true about themselves.

Group Questions:

Is it hard to tell the truth all the time? If we lie, do people believe us again? How can God always tell the truth?



45. God is Unsearchable Verse:

Psalm 145:3

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable."

Lesson:

God is so amazing and so great that we can never figure him out. We can never know everything about God. Even if you study the Bible your whole life, there will still be more to learn. He is unsearchable. You can't know everything about him. He is that great! So, we should just praise him.

Example: Praising God in Heaven

Revelation 4:1-11

Song: My God is so Great **Lyrics:**

"My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. X2

The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handiwork too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do, for you!"

Game/Activity: 20 Questions

Play 20 questions using Bible characters.

Group Questions:

What is something you learned about God? Where do we learn about God? Does anyone know everything about God?



46. God is Victorious

Verse:

1 Corinthians 15:57

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Lesson:

Everyone likes to win, right? When it comes to our sin, and the battle with devil, Jesus has already won! We know the end of the story. Jesus won, and thanks to Him, we have the victory too. He won that battle for us, and we don't have to be afraid, because we are victorious in Christ.

Example: Deborah

Judges 4 and 5

Song: I'm in the Lord's Army **Lyrics:**

"I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery. I may never zoom o'er the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's army. Yes sir!

I'm in the Lord's army, I'm in the Lord's army. (Repeat from top)

Game/Activity: Red Rover

Split into teams and try to capture the other team in your linked arms.

Group Questions:

Have you ever been afraid?

If you know that you will win, is it more fun to play?

What should we do since we know we will win?



47. God is Valiant

Verse:

Psalm 60:12

"Through God we shall do VALIANTLY: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies."

Lesson:

Valiant means super brave. God is not afraid of anything, and he helps us to be brave. When we have God on our side, holding our hand, and fighting for us, we can be brave too!

Example: Moses and the Red Sea

Exodus 14:19-31

Song: I Will Not Be Afraid **Lyrics:**

"I will not be afraid of what I hear, I will not be afraid of what I see, I will not be afraid of anything, 'Cause I know God's with me.

Like Moses on the mountain or Paul upon the sea, Or John the Baptist speaking out, I know that God's with me."

Game/Activity: Musical chairs Use musical chairs to teach the song.

Group Questions:

What are you afraid of? What is God afraid of? What does being valiant mean?



48. God is Wise

Verse:

Romans 16:27

"...to the only WISE God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever."

Lesson:

Wise means super smart, and knowing what the right decisions are. God knows everything, so he is the wisest of all. We can be wise too! If we follow what the wise God says, than we will be wise too. God wants us to follow the wise instructions he wrote in the Bible.

Example: The Ants

Proverbs 6:6-8

Song: The B-I-B-L-E

"The B-I-B-L-E, yes that's the book for me. I stand alone on the Word of God. The B-I-B-L-E, Bible!"

Game/Activity: Sword Drill

Speed search bible verses.

Group Questions:

Why did God give us the Bible?

What is being wise?

Can we trust God to know the right decisions?



49. God is the Word

Verse:

John 1:1

"In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Lesson:

This is an amazing thing. That God's Word is Himself. It has existed as long as God has existed – forever. The Bible is just like having God in front of you. He spoke it, directed it, and preserved it for us to have. He considers His Word more important than His name. So, this is why we try to respect the Bible. Because it is a part of God.

Example: God's Word from the Beginning

Genesis 1, John 1 parallel

Song: Thy Word Lyrics:

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. 2x and when I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way, still you're there with me, beside me. Nothing shall I fear, as long as you are near. Keep me near you 'til the end. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Game/Activity: Make a Map

Have two team captains hide a "treasure" then make a map for their team to find it.

Group Questions:

How long do you think God's Word will last? Why is it so important?



50. God is eXcellent

Verse:

Isaiah 12:5

"Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done EXCELLENT things: this is known in all the earth."

Lesson:

Excellent means the best of the best. God is the best, and he does amazing and awesome things. He created everything, and he did the best job. He has the best plan for you. He has the best gifts. He has the best promises. He is excellent. The whole earth around us proves that he is. If we look at all the beauty around us, we see how excellent God is.

Example: God blessing Solomon

1 Kings 3:3-14, 4:21-34

Song: Awesome God Lyrics:

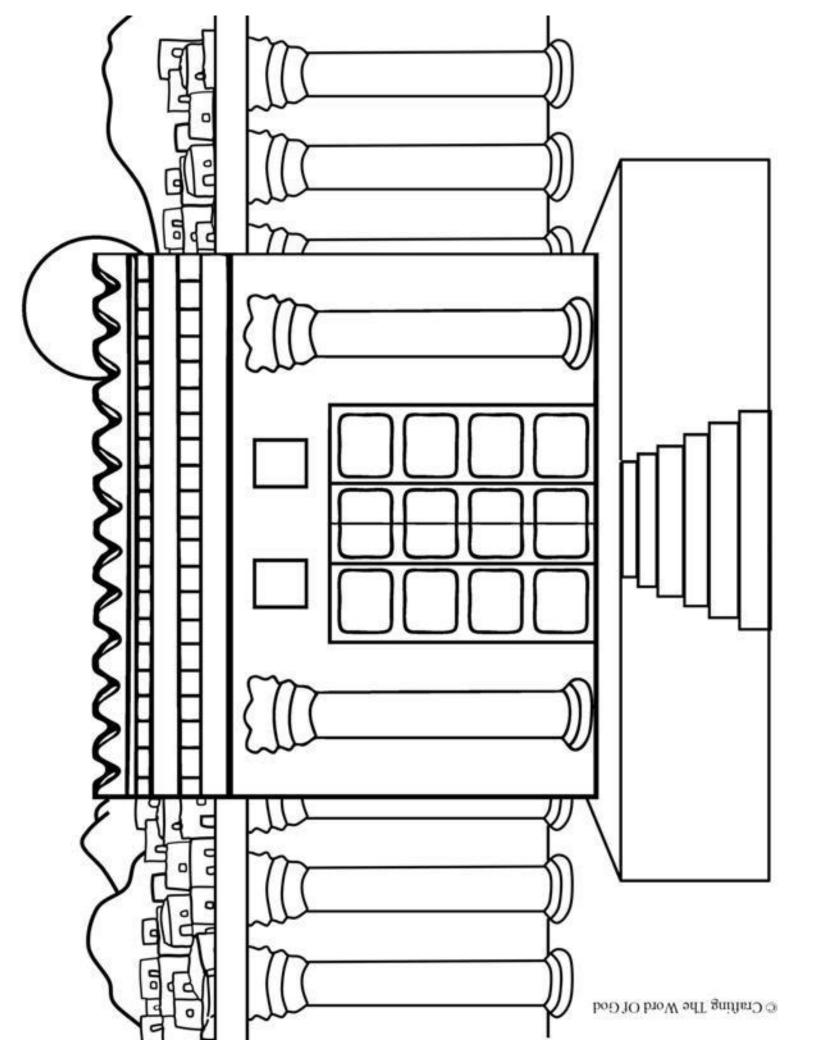
"Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from Heaven above. With wisdom, power, and love. Our God is an awesome God."

Game/Activity: Talent Show

Let each kid demonstrate what they are best at.

Group Questions:

What is something excellent that God made? What is something excellent that God did? Who gives us talent to do excellent things?



51. God is Yahweh (Maker of everything made)

Verse:

John 1:3

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

Lesson:

Yahweh is the Jewish name for God the Creator in the Old Testament. It means "maker of everything made." God is the maker of everything made. He created the Heavens and the earth, and he created you!

Example: Creation

<u>Genesis 1</u>

Song: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made **Lyrics:**

"Fearfully and wonderfully made. I'm unique, one of a kind. Fearfully and wonderfully made. My beginning was God's design. He knew me before my birth and formed my being with care. I'm a person of infinite worth – a masterpiece beyond compare."

Game/Activity: Lets Create

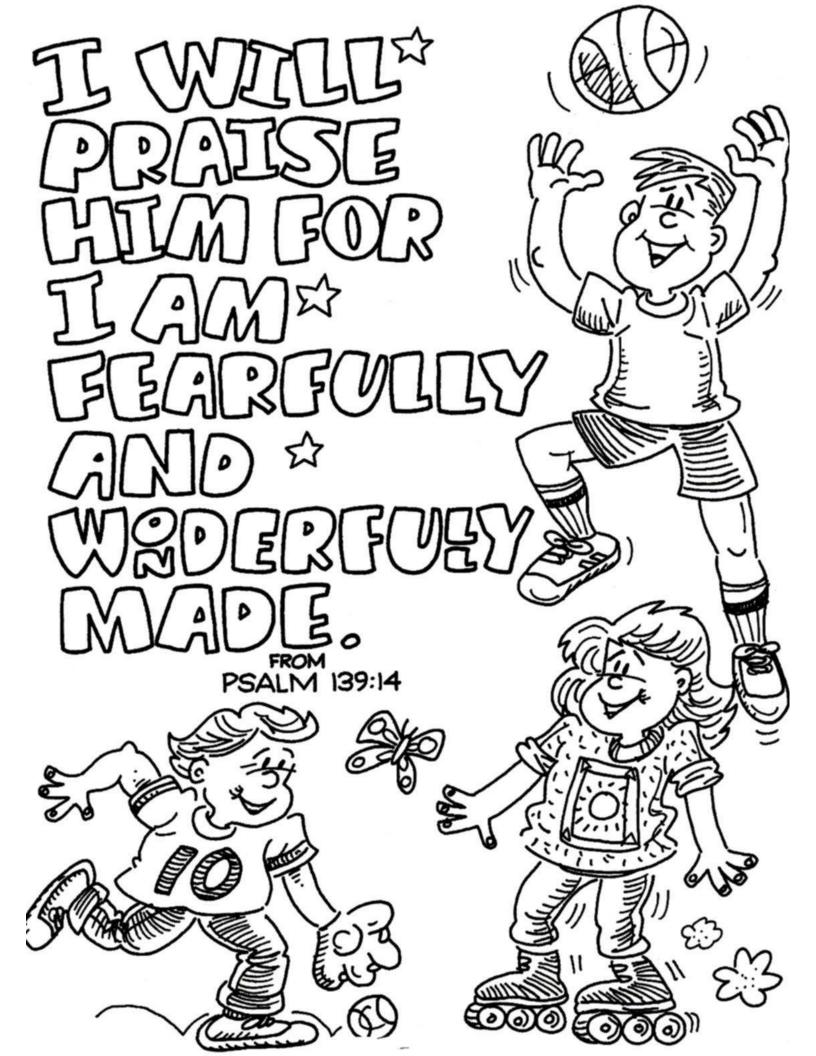
Try to create your own animal with unique looks and abilities.

Group Questions:

What is the prettiest thing you've ever seen?

What makes you unique?

Why do you think God made you exactly like you are?



52. God is Zealous (full of energy)

Verse:

Isaiah 59:17

"For he (God) put on righteousness as a breastplate...and was clad with ZEAL as a cloke."

Lesson:

Zealous means full of energy. Kids are usually full of energy. But God is also full of energy. He never gets tired. He puts on zeal like a coat, the verse says. Imagine if you use all your energy like God does. Doing good and blessing people.

Example: Sons of Thunder

Mark 3:17, Luke 9:51-56

Song: Happy All the Time **Lyrics:**

"I'm in, right, out, right, up, right, down, right, happy all the time 2x

Since Jesus Christ came in, and cleansed my heart from sin, I'm in, right, out, right, up, right, down, right, happy all the time."

Game/Activity: Jumping Jacks

Have a contest to see who has the most energy.

Group Questions:

What does zeal mean? How can we use our zeal for God? How can we use our zeal wrongly?

