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THE

BIG

KNOW

Hope Chapel Family Devotional



ALOHA FAMILIES!

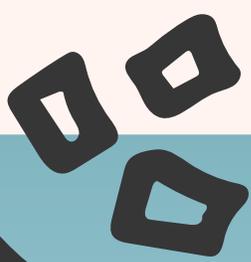
When we realized that the beginning of our new curriculum cycle in Genesis would coincide with our all-church series in apologetics, we immediately saw an opportunity to create something special. Inspired by Danny Lehmann's book, *Clues: How Can We Know We Know?*, this devotional will dive deeper into the creation of the world (what we learn at Kids Weekend Services) while also highlighting foundational truths of the Christian faith (what we learn in our all-church series) at an age appropriate level.

This book is called *The Big Know* because it is our desire that kids know and understand these foundational truths as they grow deeper in their faith. It is our hope that this devotional would lead your family into a deeper and greater knowledge of who God is and who we are as His children.

We have said it before in previous devotionals we have created, but we feel it bears repeating: We realize that a successful Sunday School is more than a good curriculum. It is a bridge that connects classrooms and family dining rooms. Getting parents involved in the spiritual leadership of their homes is one of our top priorities of Kids Ministry at Hope Chapel Kihei. We know that parents, more than anyone else, can inspire their children to fall in love with Jesus.

We pray that this devotional will help you in that process.

—KIDS MINISTRY STAFF



As we mentioned before, we've called this book *The Big Know* because it is our desire that kids know the character of God and what He's done for us. What is The Big Know?

It is that you would KNOW:

- Our God is a God of TRUTH & light.
- You are made in the image of GOD.
- The BIBLE can be trusted and it:
 - Helps us grow God's family, by teaching others about the life and death of Jesus.
 - Tells us that God sacrificed His only Son so that you could become a child of God.
 - Reveals to us that He gives us a new ORIGIN (beginning) and seals our FUTURE forever and ever.
- Leads us to do what is RIGHT & teaches us what is WRONG.
- Shows us our MEANING and purpose.

Each week follows the same layout, so we encourage you to wholeheartedly dive into this devotional as a family and be encouraged. Each day will contain a family thought to discuss or a family prayer.

Monday

Recap the Bible story taught at our Kids weekend services. In these devotionals, you will review the Bible story, but our focus is that you see and begin to know the character of God.

Tuesday

A color by number puzzle piece highlighting our Bible story from the weekend. Keep each piece and put it together as you go along or at the very end of the series. Use these colors for each week:

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| 3 — Dark Blue |  | 6 — Gray/White |  | 9 — Any color you want! | |

wednesday

Transition from our Bible story in Genesis to one of the key truths taught from Danny Lehmann's book. These are the words to KNOW; they are truths foundational to our faith. The words to KNOW correspond with the teaching topic of the weekend service.

THURSDAY

Each devotional includes a personal story from one of our Kids Ministry Staff, highlighting the word to KNOW.

FRIDAY

Review the week and use clues from the Thursday's devotional to discover the next week's word to KNOW.

saturday

Engage in some family activities based on our Bible story and the word to KNOW.

sunday

Reflect on scripture and rest as a family; sabbath together.

May this devotional be a starting point for daily discussions and fun activities pointing to Jesus!



Week 1

October 11 - October 17

This week we will be learning about God's creation and how He is Creator of all things. We will also dive into the topic of truth and why we can trust that everything God says is true.

Monday

GOD SAID NO TO DARKNESS

Genesis 1 – God created THE WORLD

God creates many things in Genesis 1: the land, the sea, birds, fish, dogs and even humans. But the first words God speaks are, “Let there be light.” The first thing we learn about God is that He said no to darkness, and He separates it from the light.

Isn't that comforting?

The first thing I do when I get home at night is turn the light on; God did the same for us when He created the world. No matter how old you get, the dark is always a little bit spooky. But we have a God that lets us know right from the beginning that He is the God of Light and that He calls the light good.

Throughout the Bible, we see God use light to help people understand Him. He speaks to Moses through a burning bush; Jesus tells us not to hide our lamp; and John says, “God is light, and no darkness can exist in him!” (1 John 1:5).

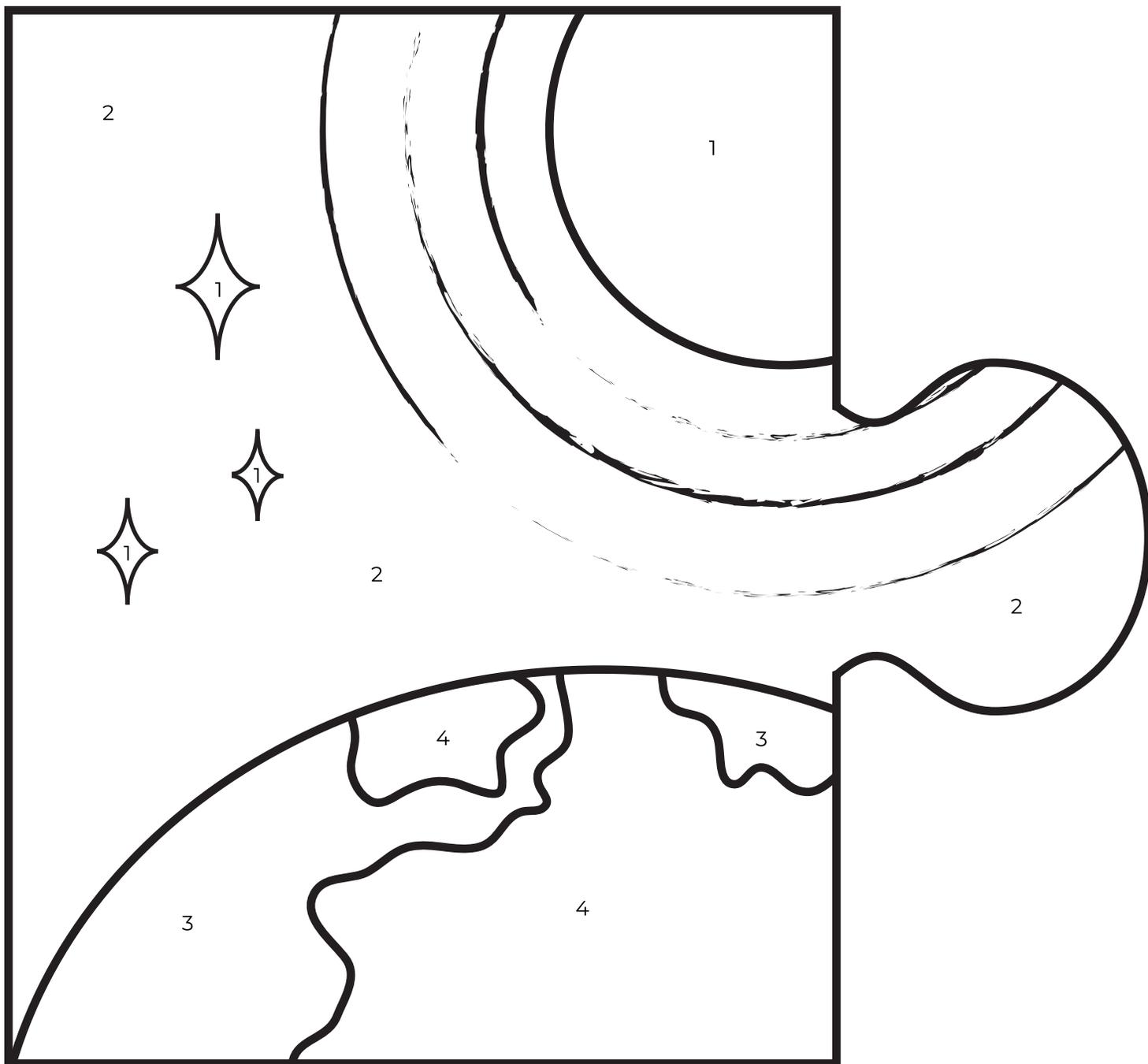
Light is a part of who God is.

Just like light can bring warmth and comfort, God brings warmth and comfort when we feel sad or scared. Just like light reveals the truth, God reveals the truth to us. Just like light gets rid of darkness, God gets rid of the darkness in our hearts!

Remember this next time you feel like the dark is a little bit spooky and you turn your nightlight on: God is with you.

Family Activity: Go outside for a walk with your family. Look around at what God has created and share things that God shows you on your walk. How many things does the sun (light) touch? Make sure to say, “Thank You, God!” when you see these things!

Tuesday – puzzle!



In the beginning, God created all things! Color this picture of Creation and then cut it out! Be sure to save this piece until we finish our devotional together.

PRAY

Take time to reflect and think about the natural beauty around you. "Father, thank you for all that you have created. Thank you for the sky, the mountains, and the sea. Help me to always think about You when I see Your beautiful creation. Amen."

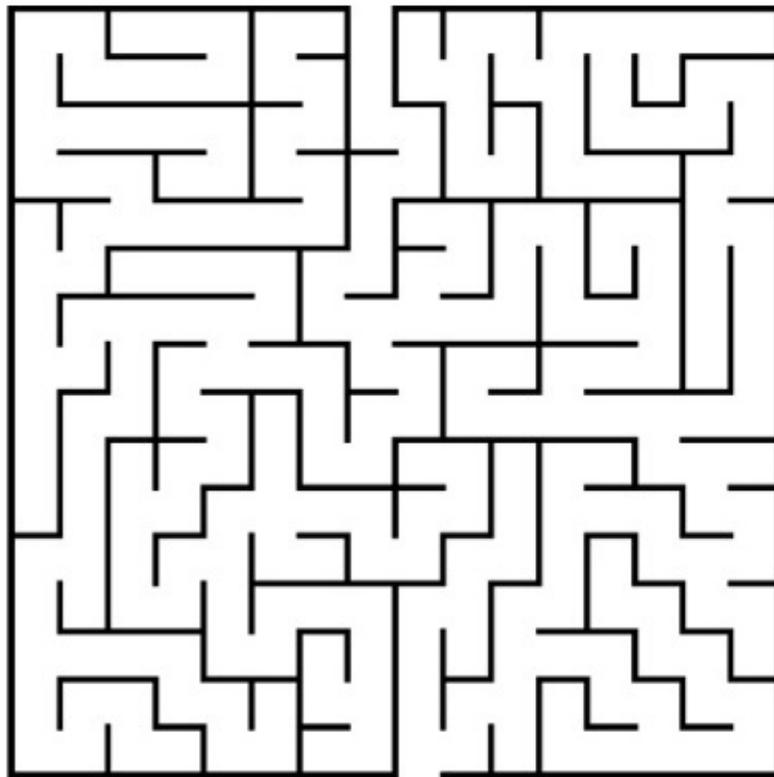
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wednesday

We have learned that God is Creator, and He is a God of Light! But before we go any further in our journey we need to stop and ask the question: How can we know that these things are true? This is week's word to KNOW is TRUTH.

**I AM
THE way, TRUTH, & THE LIFE**



START

TRUTH

1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?

THURSDAY



TRUTH

Definition: What is factual and real

Scripture: The truth about God is plain to them. God has made it plain.

— Romans 1:19

“Are you telling the truth?” These are the words I heard from my parents all too often as a kid when I got caught in the middle of something I shouldn’t have been doing, or when my brother and I had different stories from an argument we just had. I did not like getting in trouble, and even when I knew I had done something wrong, I did not like to admit it. But no matter what, the truth always came out and it was better to be honest and not lie.

Most of us want to be right. We want others to listen and agree with what we say is true. But in the world, there are a lot of people who say and believe things that are not true. It can be hard to know what is right.

But God gives us the Bible! And He is the one true God. The entire Bible was written from God and we can trust that it is all true. In 2 Timothy 3:16 it says, “God

has breathed **life** into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.” There are so many wonderful and true Bible stories where we can learn about creation, God’s love, and Jesus. In John 14:6, Jesus says, “I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Earlier this week we learned about the beginning of all creation in Genesis 1. We can believe what **God** says is true in how He created the heavens and earth and how He has given each of us a reason to **glorify** Him in all that we do. When we live our life knowing that Jesus is the truth, we don’t have to question what is right or wrong. We can go and share the good news of Christ with everyone around us because it is true.

Family Thought: Think about someone in your life who does not know the truth of the Gospel. Take the time to pray for them. How can you share what Christ has done in your own life and why He is the one true way?

Weekly Summary

This week we learned that God said no to darkness and created the whole world. Everything we see in creation is from God! We also learned about truth and that God is truth; His word can be trusted because He can't lie!

Word Puzzle

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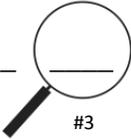
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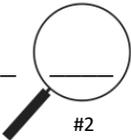
2. Jesus says, "I am the way, the ___, and the life."

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3. Who created the heavens and the earth?

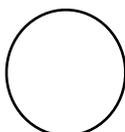
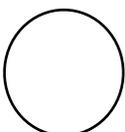
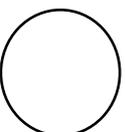
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4. We should ___ God in all that we do.

 #1 ___  #2 ___ _ _ _

(Use the letters in the magnifying glasses to fill out the word below!)

Next Week's Word to Know:

 #1  #2  #3



Family Thought:

What are some things you learned about truth this week? Talk to a friend about it or write your thoughts down in a journal.

saturday — ACTIVITY

TRUTH — 2 Truths and a Lie

One person starts by telling the group two truths and one lie about himself/herself in any order. The truths can be any random fact about yourself. The lies can be something believable or totally ridiculous. The rest of the group tries to guess which two statements are true and which one is the lie. The person who shared the statements then reveals which is the lie. The turn passes to the next person.

GOD SAID NO TO DARKNESS — Dish Soap Science Experiment (Supplies: Dish soap, shallow bowl or plate, pepper)

Put a thin layer of water in the bowl. Then, fill the entire layer of water with pepper. Put a small drop of dish soap in the bowl and watch the pepper scatter.

This experiment helps us understand who God is. As the pepper scattered from the dish soap, so does sin and darkness in the presence of God. The Bible tells us that “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5). Thank God that HE IS the God of light!

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world.”
The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

Psalm 46:10-11



Week 2

October 18 - October 24

Our Bible story this week is about God creating people. It's about how we are created for Him and each other. Later in the week we will explore more about who God is and all that He has done for us.

Monday

GOD SAID NO TO LONELINESS

Genesis 1:26-2:25 — God created people

Of all the living things He created, God loves people like you and me the most. He gave us the ability to think and figure things out; we have emotions, talents, and a personality that's different from others...we are made special.

We were created to give Him glory by being in a relationship with Him and each other.

In the story this week, God saw that Adam did not have anyone to enjoy the animals and beautiful garden of Eden with. So God created Eve to be Adam's partner and helper. Eve was created to complete Adam. She looked different, had different thoughts and a different personality, but she was the perfect partner for Adam.

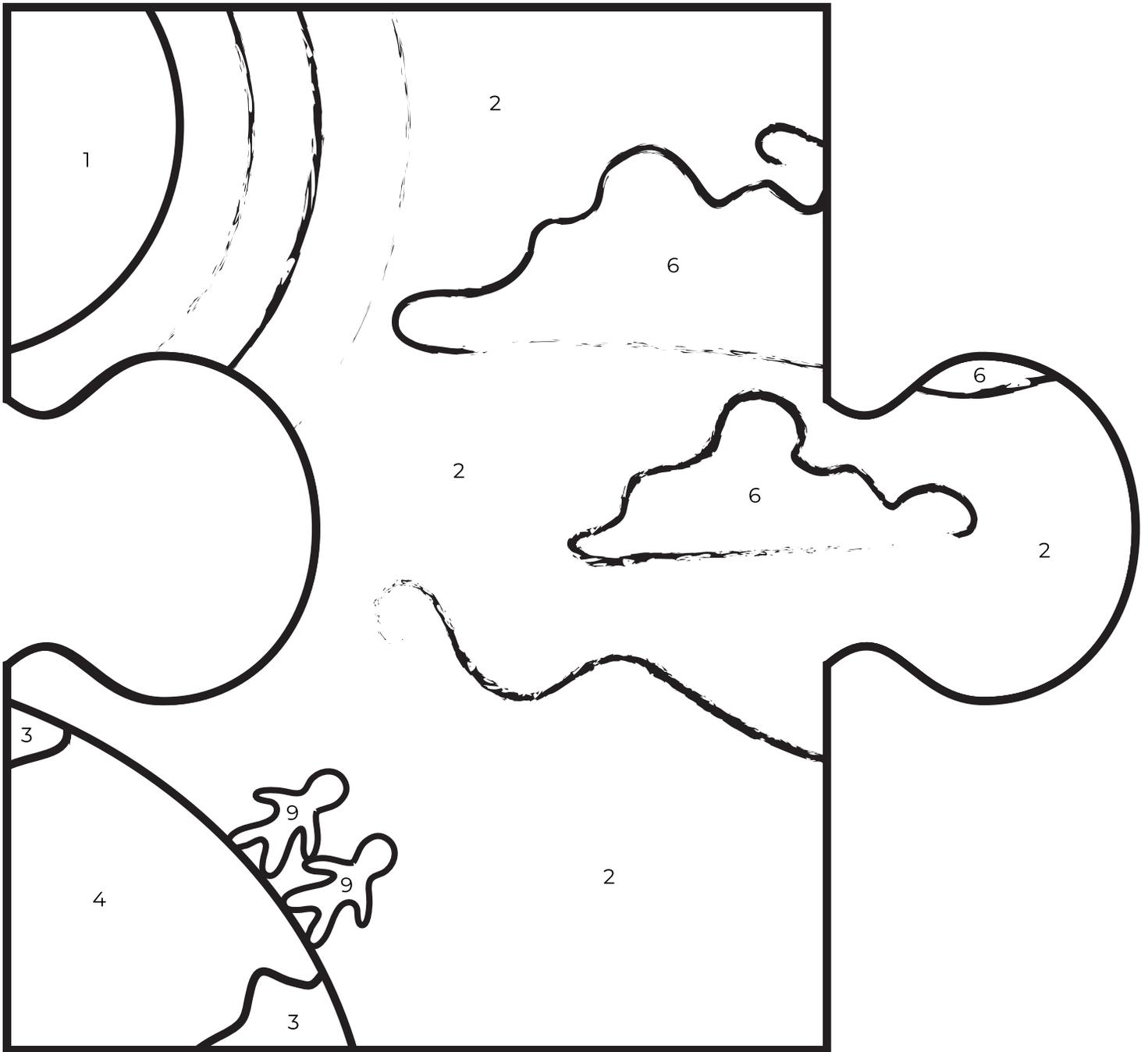
The animals that God created were in pairs, male and female. This pairing made each set of animals complete, just like Adam and Eve.

Each person's characteristics, talents, and personalities are different from others. This is a good thing. God saw that in this way we can be a help to each other, using our God-given talents to help those with different talents. These types of relationships help us build each other up. This makes God happy and when we are happy and we should remember that it is all because of God; this should cause us to be thankful and worship and honor Him.

Alone we are limited in what we can offer but more importantly *we* will be very lonely. Thankfully, God said no to loneliness and intended for us to have a relationship with Him and other people.

Family Thought: Think about some of your friends. Name some ways you are different from them. Then remember times when you were able to help each other because of your differences. How did it make your friendship better?

Tuesday – puzzle!



On the sixth day, God created people, man and woman, in his own image. Color this picture of God's people and cut it out! Be sure to save this piece until we finish our devotional together.

PRAY

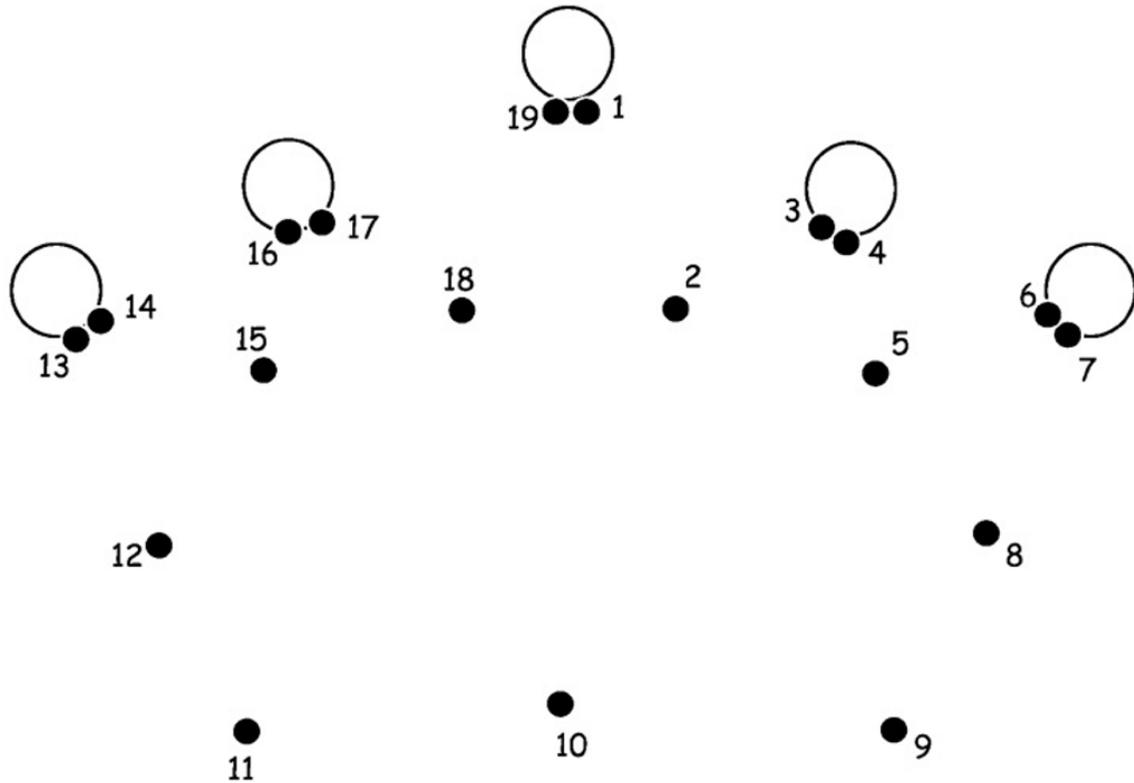
God did not create people to be alone. Pray for those who are feeling lonely and don't have many people around them. Pray that they can make really great friends.

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wednesday

We have already learned that God is light and God loves His people, but there is so much more to learn about our Father in Heaven and the Lord of our life. This week's word to KNOW is GOD.



1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?

THURSDAY



GOD

Definition: God is a spirit - infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in wisdom, His being, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Scripture: I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.
— Isaiah 45:5

Since I have started to **believe** in Jesus, God has taught me many things. I now **KNOW** that:

- God is who He says He is (*John 14:6*)
- God created me to have a relationship with Him and others. (*Mark 12:30-31*)
- God showed me that He loves me because He sent His son, Jesus, to die for me so that my sins can be forgiven. (*John 3:16*)
- God chose me to be a part of His forever **family**. (*Deuteronomy 7:6*)
- God gives me the Holy Spirit to lead and guide me each day. (*John 14:26*)
- God gave me the **Bible** so that I can know right from wrong. (*2 Timothy 3:16*)
- God is in control of everything that happens to me and around me. (*Proverbs 19:21*)
- God deserves all my **praise** and honor. (*Psalms 29:2*)

Family Thought: There is only one true God who deserves our attention. Give thanks to Him always. Tell God some things you love about Him.

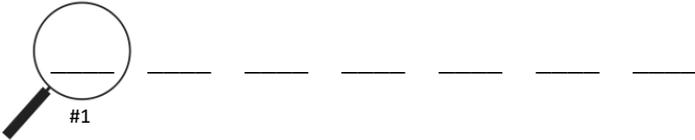
Weekly Summary

This week we learned that God said no to loneliness. Like Adam and Eve, we were created for a relationship with Him and each other. We also learned more about who God is and how He is in control of everything and cares for you and me!

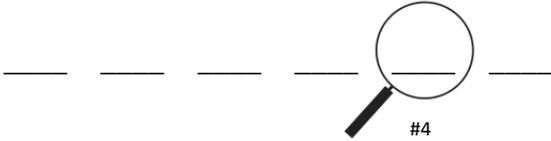
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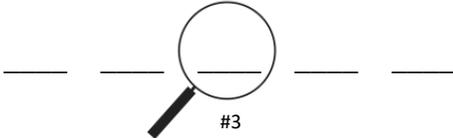
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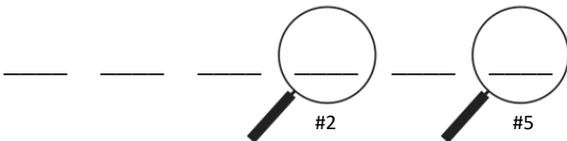
2. We are chosen to be a part of God's ___.



3. What shows us right from wrong?

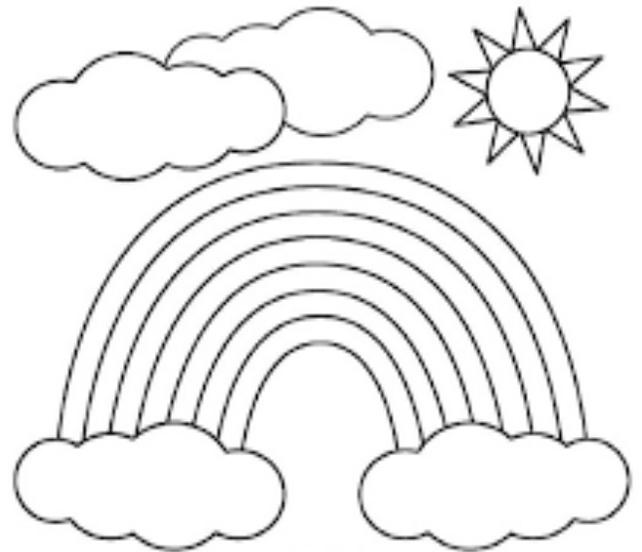
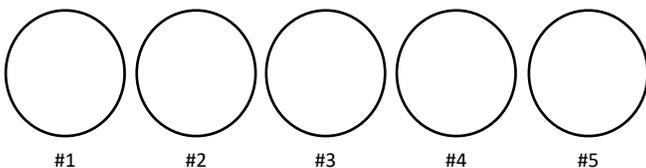


4. God deserves all ___.



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Next Week's Word to Know:



Family Activity:

Spent some time talking to God and thank Him for everything He has given you! Share with one another about the special people that He has placed in your life.

saturday — ACTIVITY

GOD SAID NO TO LONELINESS — Activity with a Friend

This week we learned that God made us to be with people! We were made for friendship. Invite a friend over and do something you both enjoy doing (go to the park, watch a movie, do a craft, play a sport, etc). Be reminded that God made us to be with people, and He gives us friends to learn from, help, and build up with kind words! Thank God for your friend.

GOD CREATED PEOPLE— Baby Pictures

Go through some of your child's baby pictures or photos, and talk to them about how they are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). Take turns giving compliments to one another about how God has created them to reflect His beauty and His goodness.

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yolk is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



Week 3

October 25 - October 31

God is the Creator of all things; our story this week will help you understand how God's glory is seen in all of creation. We will also learn about why the Bible is the most important book you will ever read!

Monday

GOD SAID YES TO BEAUTY

PSALM 19 – CREATION GLORIFIES GOD

In Genesis, we learn that God created everything in the world - people and all things in it. In Psalm 19, we learn why. To show God's glory! God's glory is *His greatness, purity, and power*. In the Bible, people like Moses and Paul saw God's glory in the form of a bright, white light.

God's glory can be hard to understand. After all, we cannot see God. But just as we learn this week, everything in this world shows us who God is. That means, when we look up in the sky and see all the stars at La Perouse or on Haleakala and exclaim how beautiful they are, we are experiencing God's glory. Those stars show us how great God is.

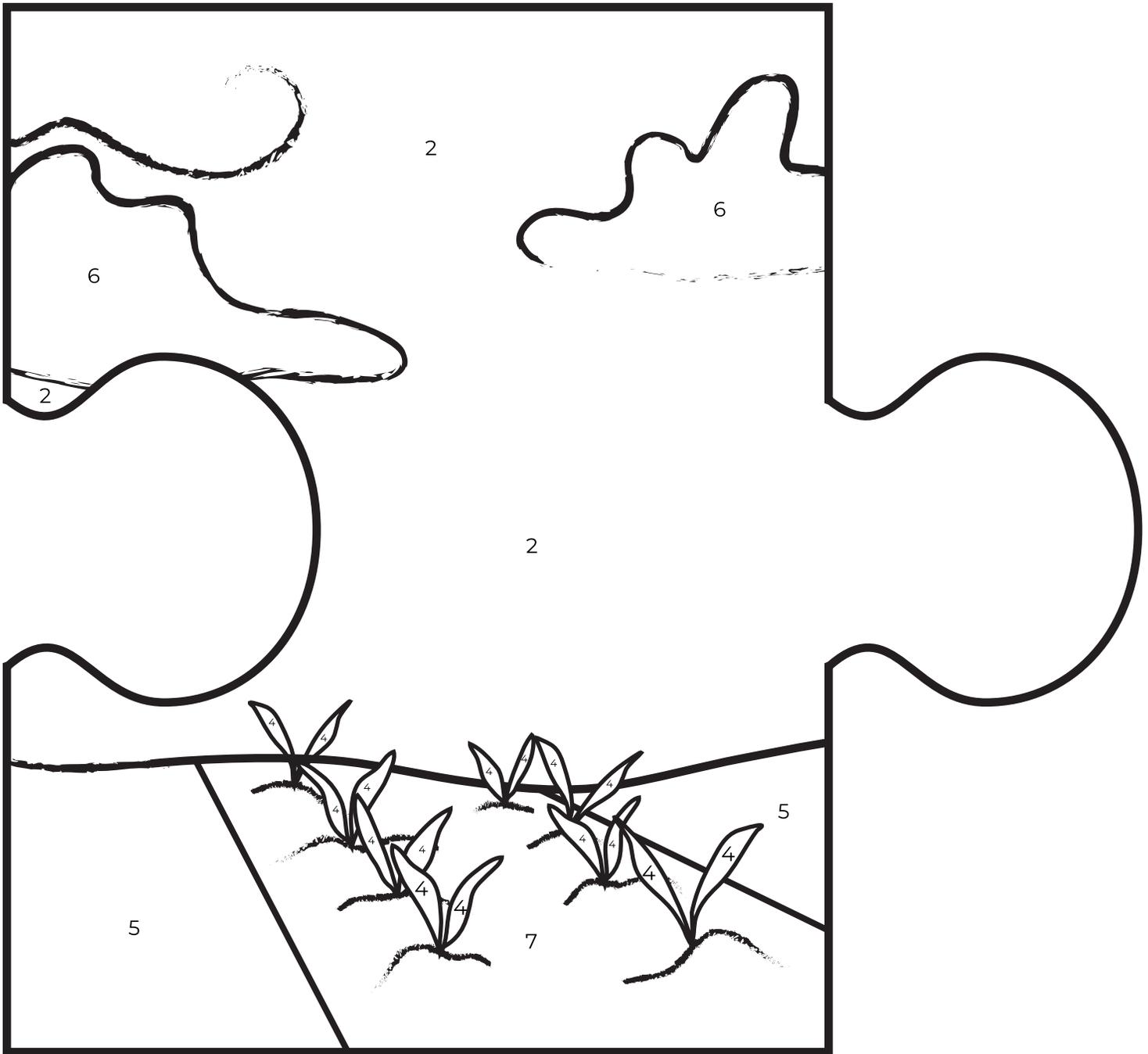
In Psalm 19, King David wrote a song to describe how creation gives glory to God. He tells us how the heavens and the stars point to God as Creator. He tells us how the sun – powerful and bright - rises every day to show us the goodness and faithfulness of God. These things don't use words to tell us about God; they show us with their beauty.

King David also tells us that God's words are perfect and good. We can read them and trust them. They make us happy and help us every day. They are more important than gold because they are true and right.

God said yes to beauty, and we don't have to look very hard to see that this is true. God's glory is all around us – in all that He made! We see Him in His creation, His words, and most of all His Son, Jesus. Jesus is the very best way we can know how great God is.

Family Activity: Pack dinner, grab a beach chair or blanket, and go with your family to watch the sunset. What colors do you see? How does the sunset remind you of God? Talk about these things with your family and take a picture before the sun goes down!

Tuesday – puzzle!



God's creation gives us a sneak peek at his glory. Color this picture of God's beautiful creation and cut it out! Be sure to save this piece until we finish our devotional together.

PRAY

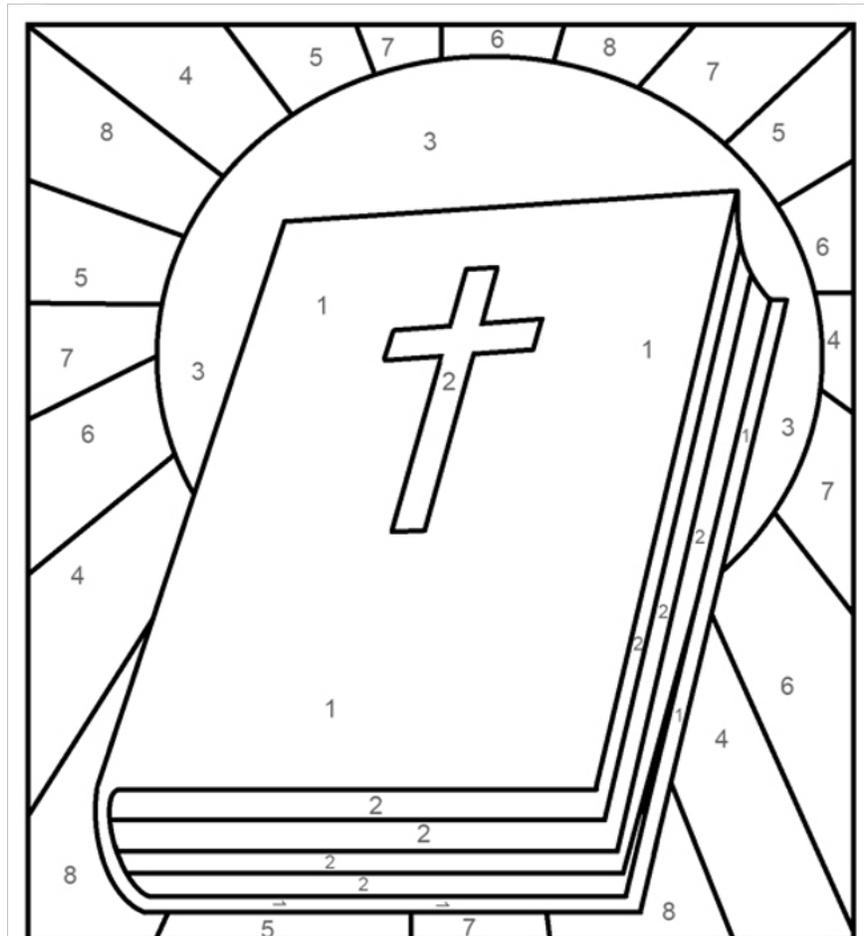
All of creation shows how great God is and we can see Christ in all of it. "Father, you are good, and your creation shows that you are good. Help me to see how good you are every day, every time I see your Creation. Amen."

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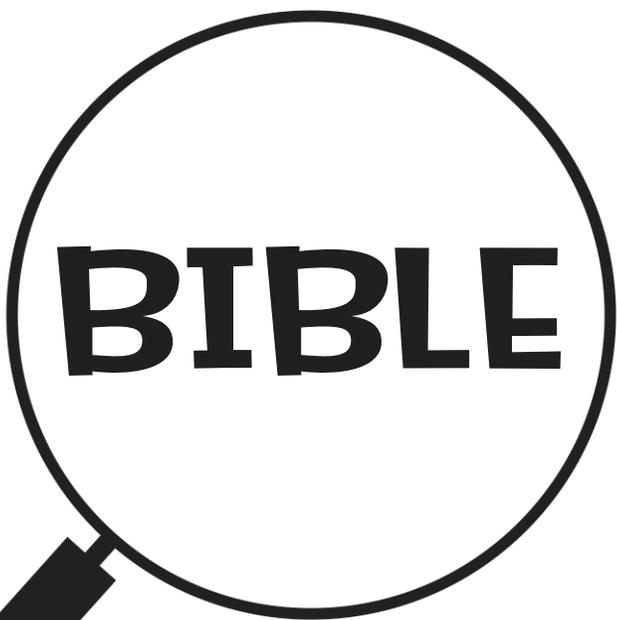
How amazing is it that we have a God who made our world so beautiful! God's Word tells us a lot about who God is and who we are. God's Word shows us that there's beauty in everything He has created. This week's word to KNOW is BIBLE.



Color Key



1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?



BIBLE

Definition: The Bible is a collection of books that tell the story of God and His people. It is God's Holy Word, passed down from generation to generation.

Scripture: God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

— 2 Timothy 3:16

Do your parents ever read stories to you? Or maybe your teachers in school? Can you remember what your favorite story was? When I was younger, my favorite story was *Oh the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss. It was such a fun story of someone enjoying the joys and challenges of life. I love stories.

Now, my favorite story is the Bible. The Bible contains 66 books written by about 40 different authors. And despite having many different authors, it tells one big **story!** It is the story of God and His people. This story begins when God created all things. He created the animals, the plants, the sky, and the seas. But most importantly, He created us. The Bible tells us about our relationship with God and the world. First, we sin, choosing to go against God. Then we learn about the family of Abraham, God's chosen people, the **Israelites**. God gives them many chances to choose Him, but they choose the evil ways of the world. Some of the wise people in this family, called prophets, tell of a time when someone will come and make things right.

Then God enters creation as Jesus; this is the turning point. He came to save the world, but he did not come like a mighty warrior. Instead, he brought peace, joy, hope, and most of all, love. The Bible tells us about his life, death, and resurrection proving that, once and for all, God is **greater** than sin and death. The Bible ends with the book of Revelation that tells of a time when a new heaven and new earth will replace the ones that exist now.

God said yes to a beautiful creation, and one day He will **renew** it and everything will glorify God! This is the story of the Bible.

Family Thought: The Bible is made up of 66 books. How many of those books can you name?

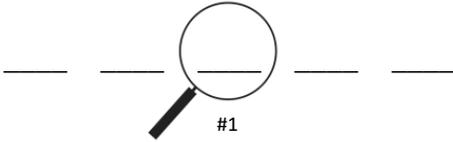
Weekly Summary

This week we learned God said yes to beauty when He created the world; all creation gives God glory! We also discovered what the Bible is: The Word of God telling the story of God and how He loves his people.

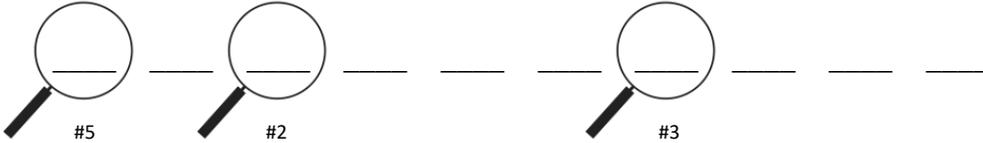
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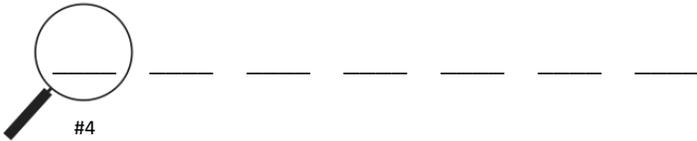
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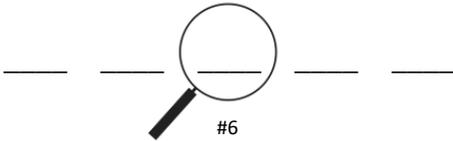
2. Who are God's chosen people?



3. God is ____ than sin and death.

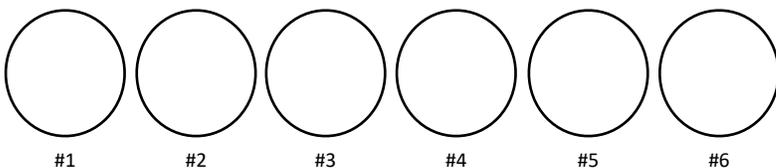


4. God will ____ creation at the end of time.



(Use the letters in the magnifying glasses to fill out the word below!)

Next Week's Word to Know:



Family Thought:

What is your favorite story from the Bible? Open your Bible and reread it and talk to a friend about why you love it.

saturday — ACTIVITY

GOD SAYS YES TO BEAUTY— I Spy

Go for a walk and play “I Spy” while admiring God’s creation. Talk about how beautiful His creation is. Play around your neighborhood, at the beach, or even upcountry!

CREATION GLORIFIES GOD— Build a Fort

Build a fort with pillows and blankets! Talk about how all things were created by Him. Read Colossians 1:16, “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Matthew 6:33-34



Week 4

November 1 - November 7

To begin this week, our story will look deeper into the beginning of sin and how it first entered the world. Later this week we will explore the topic of origin and how all things begin with God.

Monday

PEOPLE SAID NO TO GOD

Genesis 3 – sin ENTERED THE WORLD

God created the world, then Adam and Eve were made in the image of God; they lived perfectly with Him. In the garden of Eden, they had plenty of food to eat and nothing separated them from His presence.

Until the serpent slithered onto the scene.

This serpent was Satan, the liar. He told them that they could be like God if they ate the fruit and disobeyed Him. Disobeying God is sin.

They ate the fruit, sinned against God, and sin entered the world.

Sin separates us from God and this is a big problem. Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden, out of God's presence, because they were infected with sin. There is not one person nor one thing that sin has not touched; it affects all of creation. Sin is the reason why we see broken things, like hurricanes and pandemics.

Sin always twists the truth. The serpent told Adam and Eve that if they ate the fruit they wouldn't die; they'd be more like God. But guess what? They were already like God! The Bible tells us that God made people in his image (Genesis 1:26-27).

Sadly, sin still affects all of God's creation today. This is why life can feel hard and scary. It's why we still act a little bit like Adam and Eve, disobeying what our parents say or doing things that hurt others. It's also why we sometimes forget how much God loves us.

Adam and Eve said no to God (disobeying Him), and so have all people ever since. But God says yes to us. God's love for us is greater and even though we've turned away from Him, He gave His Son, Jesus, so that we could be forgiven. One day Jesus will come and defeat sin and death forever. Hallelujah!

Family Thought: Sin separates us from God, but God gave His Son Jesus to save us from our sin. Open your Bible and read these verses with your family: Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8 and John 3:16. Talk about them and try to memorize them this week.

Tuesday — puzzle!



God's perfect creation was invaded by sin! Color this picture of sin entering the world and cut it out. Be sure to save this piece until we finish our devotional together.

PRAY

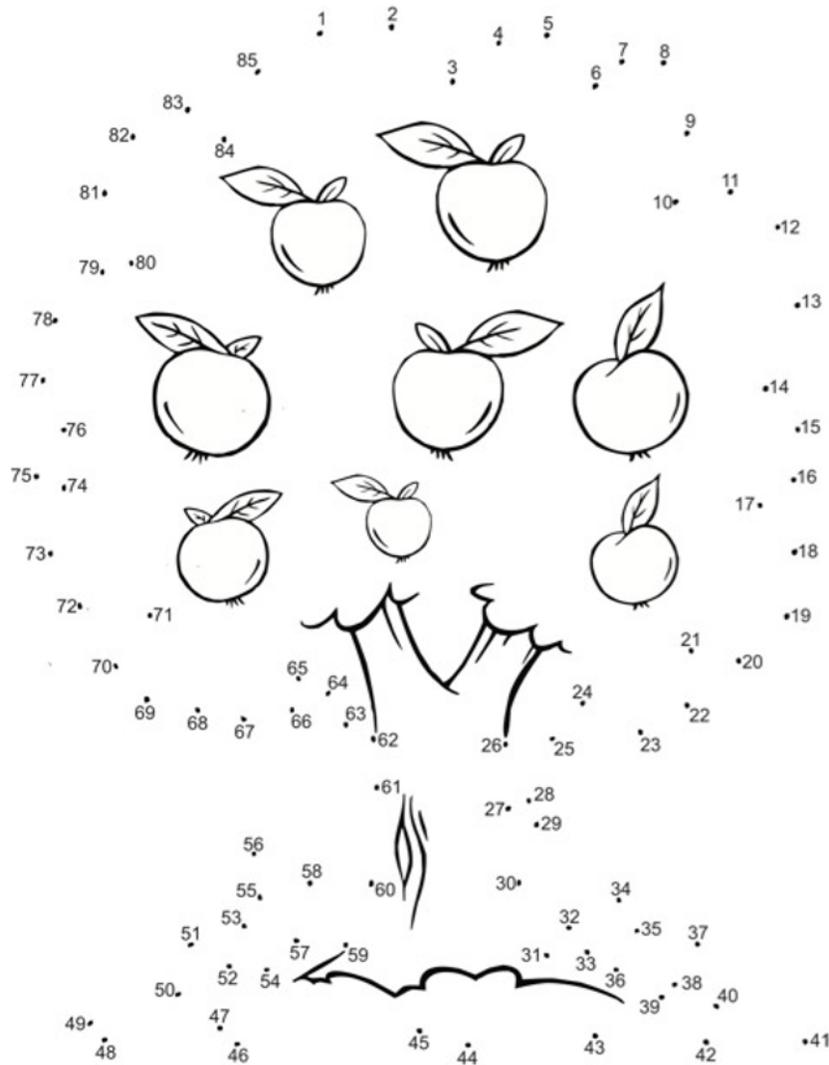
"God, help me to see my sin and confess it to you. Help me to turn away from my sin and follow your commands. Thank you for sending Jesus to save me from my sin. Amen."

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wednesday

What a bummer. Adam and Eve didn't listen to God's one rule and sin entered the world. Luckily, this isn't the end of our story; our story is just beginning. This week's word to KNOW is ORIGIN.



1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?



ORIGIN

Definition: The point or place where something begins.

Scripture: In the beginning, the Word was already there. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

— John 1:1-2

Superheroes have always interested me. I remember seeing the first Spiderman movie on the big screen with my dad; I remember learning how to read from comic books; I remember playing outside with my friends all dressed up as our favorite superheroes.

Have you ever noticed that every good superhero has an awesome origin story: a starting point where something incredible happens? Maybe it's getting bit from a super spider or being blasted from a rocket ship from a different planet. Each superhero has a starting point that shapes their life forever and just like superheroes, we have an incredible beginning—an epic origin!

We have been going through the first book of the Bible, **Genesis**, which also means the beginning. We have seen the origin of our world, God speaking

everything into existence. We have seen the origin of **humans**, formed from dust & ribs to be the image bearers of God! And this week we have seen the origin of sin—how evil entered the world through the lies of a serpent and the disobedience of man and woman.

It can be hard looking back sometimes—some bad or even sad things might have happened to us. But, like superheroes, our past can help shape us and create a powerful and purposeful future. Ironman was injured in war, Wonder Woman was kicked off her island, and Superman lost his whole planet! Even though what happened with Adam and Eve is sad, it was not the end of their story! From Adam and Eve we get Jesus!

In John 1 we learn that The Word, which is Jesus, was there in the beginning of creation: Jesus was always part of our origin. It goes on and says that the life and the light Christ brings can even put out the **darkness!** When we decide to follow Jesus, He gives us a new origin in Him. We are not defined by mistakes; now we are defined by Him, who calls us deeply **beloved**. That origin story matters more than any other we can write.

Family Thought: We all have a spiritual origin story. Ask your parents or guardians when they first learned about Jesus.

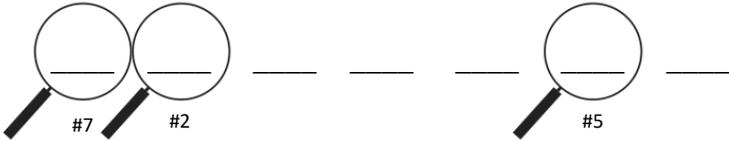
Weekly Summary

This week we learned how people said no to God; God gave Adam and Eve one rule and they broke it. Sin entered the world and broke our relationship with God. This was the origin (beginning) of sin. We also learned that the book of Genesis contains many origin stories.

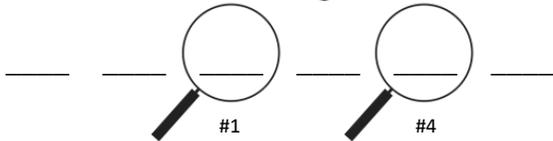
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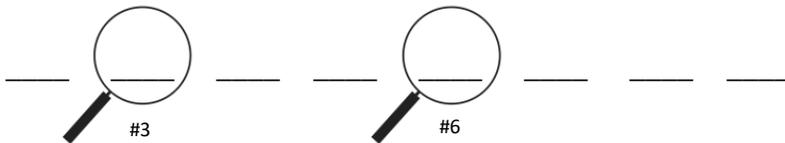
1. What is the first book of the Bible?



2. Who are the image bearers of God?



3. What does the light of Jesus get rid of?

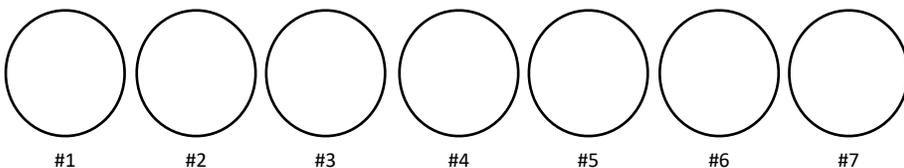


4. Jesus calls us deeply _____.



(Use the letters in the magnifying glasses to fill out the word below!)

Next Week's Word to Know:



Family Thought:

Have you ever tried to learn something new? How did that go for you? Today, think about something new you can do as a family (i.e. new hobby, baking, a puzzle/game). Take a picture of you trying it out!

saturday — ACTIVITY

PEOPLE SAID NO TO GOD— 20 Questions

One person thinks of something (either a person, place, or thing). Everyone else will take turns asking yes or no questions in order to try to guess what that person is thinking of. If the players cannot guess what the person has thought of within a total of 20 questions, then they lose and the person who thought of the initial phrase wins! Remember, the questions can only be answered as “yes” and “no” and you should keep track of how many questions have been asked so that you do not go over 20!

ORGIN— Make Something from Scratch

Find a good recipe and bake cookies, make dinner, or make a snack made from scratch. If you're having trouble thinking of something to make, look up “20 Easy Recipes to Make with Your Kids.” They have some yummy ideas!

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:4-8



Week 5

November 8 - November 14

Our story this week will look at how sin spread to Adam and Eve's children, Cain and Abel. Then we will tackle the topic of meaning and God's purpose for our lives.

Monday

GOD SAID NO TO DEATH

Genesis 4 — sin SPREAD TO PEOPLE

Cain got mad and killed Abel.

We normally think this is just a story about controlling our anger (which is true, we shouldn't lash out in anger and kill our brother), but what if there is more to it? What if this story gives us a glimpse of the type of God we have?

Let us first ask the question of 'Why?' — Why did Cain get mad? God didn't like Cain's gift. Well, it's more than just that. God didn't accept it because the Bible said it wasn't his best. Abel gave God his best.

Our story starts with Cain choosing to keep the best for himself.

The first thing we learn about God is that He doesn't like selfishness. God calls us to give our best to Him. And to be generous with the gifts we have. Sharing is caring!

The next thing we learn is that after Cain gets mad, God comes to him. God meets us in our anger. God comes to Cain and questions him, "Why are you angry?" God is God. He knows why Cain is mad, but God gives Cain the opportunity to slow down and think about what is happening. God also warns Cain about sin and what will happen if he stays on the path he is on.

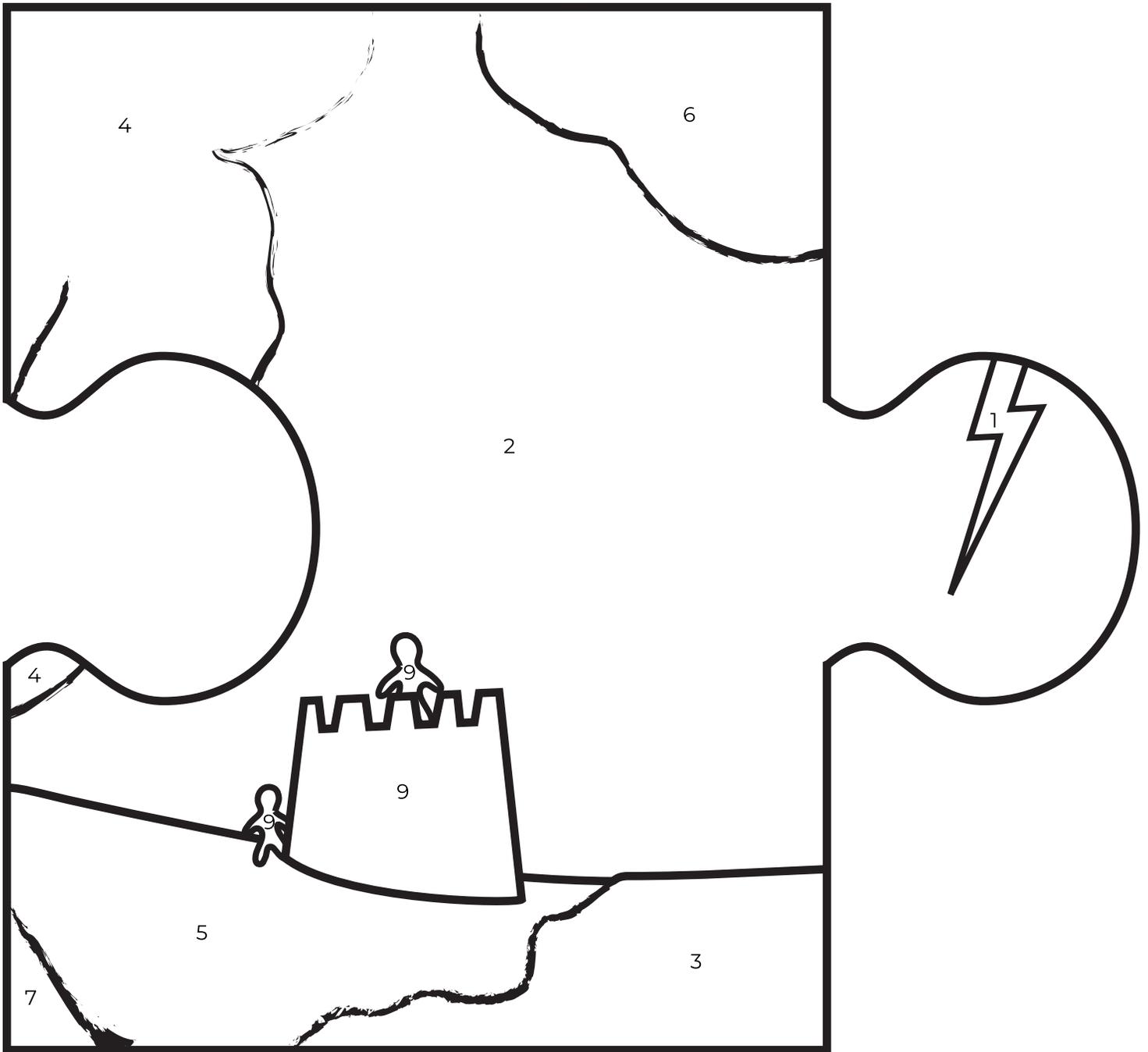
The last thing we learn about God is that He is a merciful God. When Cain kills Abel, God does not punish him with death but instead shows him mercy (not punishing someone who deserves it). Yet, there is still a consequence. He must wander the earth.

We have a God who is slow to anger and abounding in mercy. He allows Cain to live. When Cain said yes to killing and death, God said no. God said no to death.

And He does the same for us. When we get angry and sin, God gives us mercy. He gave us Jesus who took our punishment and conquered death once and for all! When we believe in Jesus we get to say no to death too!

Family Thought: Think about the last time you got angry; how did you react? Did you make wise choices? Next time you get angry, ask God to help you make wise choices.

Tuesday – puzzle!



Sin spread to all the earth and all people on the earth. Color this picture of sin invading the earth and cut it out. Be sure to save this piece until we finish our devotional together.

PRAY

“God, help me to have control over my sin so that sin does not control me. Thank you for remembering your promise to send a Savior. Thank you for Jesus, who rescues me from my sin. Help me to confess my sin and believe. Amen.”

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wednesday

Praise the Lord we have God that says no to death for us when we believe and follow him. But now what? What do we do? What is our purpose with this new life? Our word to KNOW this week is MEANING.

**God Made Me
Special**

My name is: _____

This is what I look like:



I like to:

I am really good at:

I can serve God by:

MEANING

1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?

THURSDAY



MEANING

Definition: The reason why something is done or created or why something exists.

Scripture: Then Jesus spoke to his disciples. He said, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross and follow me. If he wants to save his life, he will lose it. But if he loses his life for me, he will find it."

— Matthew 16:24-25

I love summer: no school, the beach, hanging out with friends, and for some reason it seems okay to have ice cream for every meal. Whenever I feel the summer sun peeking through in May, my heart is happy.

One year, while making plans for summer, I met a woman who worked for an orphanage (a home for kids) in Honduras. She invited me to spend the summer with her and help care for the kids. I told her, "No, thanks!" That wasn't my plan; I wanted the beach! Later I was spending time with Jesus, and I couldn't stop thinking about Honduras and the kids. I prayed about it and God was telling me to go. And, boy, I'm sure glad I did! I made friendships that will last forever and experienced Jesus' love so deeply.

I ask often, "Why am I here?" and "What did God make me for?" When I trust God, it becomes so clear! Matthew 16:25-26 says, "If he wants to save his life, he will lose it. But if he loses his life for me, he will find it. What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses his soul? Or what can anyone trade for his soul?" Look at the life of Jesus - the **Almighty** King and Savior of the World came as a **humble** servant. He loved sinners, people who were thought of as the most undeserving of His love.

This is what God wants for us! To love those who may not deserve it and to put other people above ourselves. As we follow Jesus' example, we learn that **joy** in life comes from putting **others** first. When I gave up sun tan lotion for service, joy was overflowing from my heart! I learned more about Jesus and that made me love Him more than I could ever imagine.

As we have learned in weeks before, we were created by God and for God. He knows us better than anyone else does. Let's turn to Jesus and His perfect word to learn what He made us for.

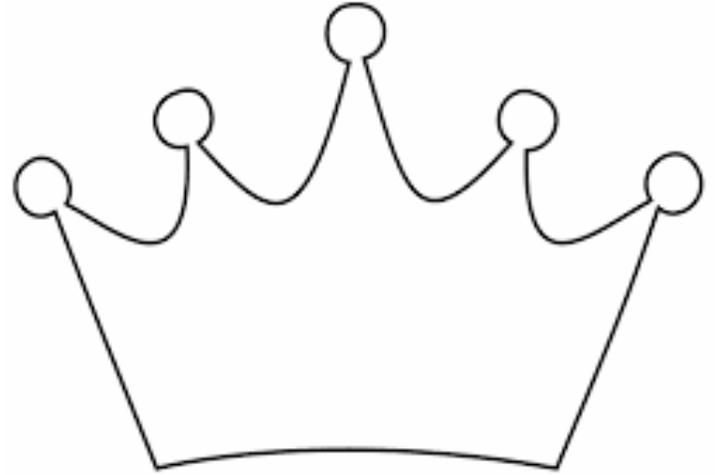
Family Thought: We find so much joy when we help other people because that is what Jesus did. What are some ways you can help out and love your friends and family this week?

Weekly Summary

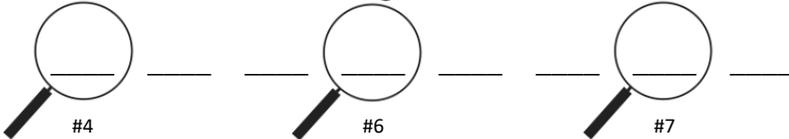
This week we saw how sin spread through people, but God said no to death and showed mercy to Cain. We also learned about meaning. God created us with meaning and purpose; we are created for God and by God.

Word Puzzle

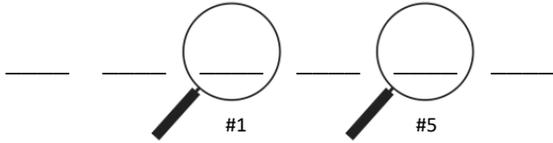
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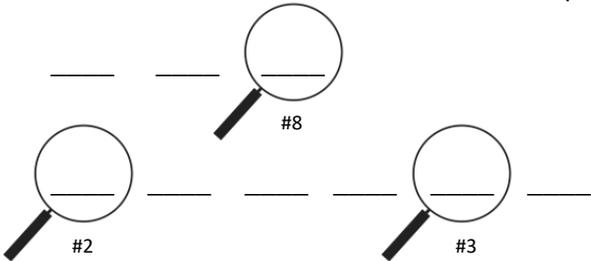
1. Jesus is the ___ King and Savior of the world.



2. Jesus came as a ___ servant.

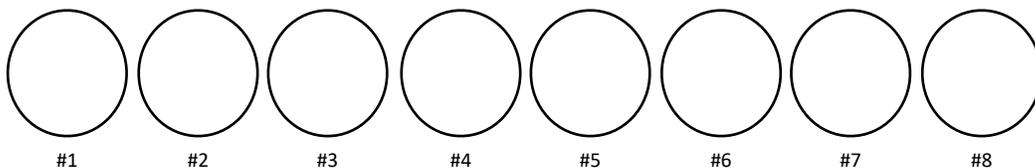


3 & 4. As we follow Jesus' example, we learn that ___ in life comes from putting ___ first.



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Next Week's Word to Know:



Family Activity:

Write down some skills and talents that you have. How can you glorify Jesus with these skills?

saturday — ACTIVITY

SIN SPREAD TO PEOPLE— Send a Letter

Send a letter to a friend or family member who is in need of prayer. On Monday, we talked about sin spreading to people. We can also spread love just as quickly by sending a heartfelt letter to someone in need. In your letter, let them know your family is praying for them. Remind your child that we live in a world broken by sin—which is why we see pain, sickness, and even death all around us—but God has provided hope in Jesus as the promised Savior.

MEANING— Meaning of Your Name

Look up the meaning of your child's name if you don't already know it, or tell them why you gave them their name. You can even look up the meanings of family and friends' names! Remind them that God loves them.

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23



Week 6

November 15 - November 21

This week we will journey through the life of Noah and see how God uses his family for big things. We will also look at the topic of morality and discuss how to know right and wrong.

Monday

GOD SAID NO TO THE END

Genesis 6-9 – God SPARED NOAH

We can always depend on God to be faithful and loving. This is seen throughout the Bible as He keeps His promises, both for punishment and blessing. God always stays true to what He says.

The story of Noah shows how God is faithful and loving to His people. As more people filled the earth, more people did bad things that made God sad. God wanted His people to love Him, but they kept choosing to not love Him, instead loving themselves and the things in the world more than God. So, God decided that He wanted to wipe the earth clean.

But Noah was different because He loved God. Noah wanted to do what God said and because of this, God showed love to Noah and decided to spare his family. God instructed Noah to build an ark (a giant boat). Then Noah, his family, and lots of animals went onto the boat.

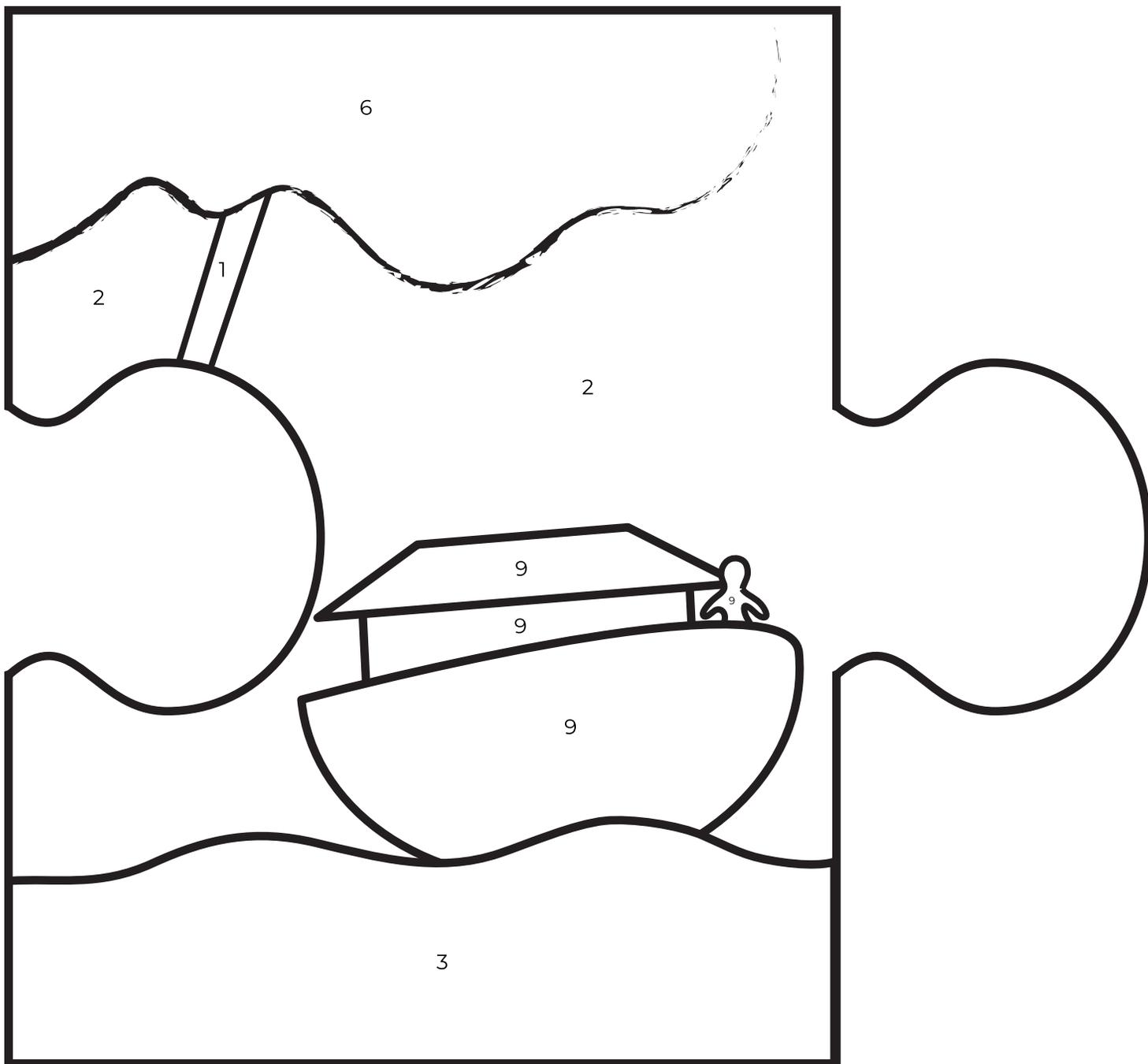
God could have destroyed everything; however, He kept his promise to rescue Noah and his family from the flood; God said no to the end. Then, God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind us that He will always keep His promise to never flood the earth again.

God showed mercy to Noah by sparing him and his family. We can trust that God will always be here to rescue us. Many things may fail but God is faithful, trustworthy and good. He will never let us down. Whenever you are unsure or scared, you can read the Bible and know what God says is true.

We all have done many things that have hurt God. Yet, because of His love for us, He will never turn His back on us!

Family Activity: Gather sticky notes in a variety of colors (or square cutouts of construction paper). Name things that you can thank God for and write them on each note. Arrange the notes to form a rainbow. We can thank God for all that he has provided us with, just like Noah thanked God when they came out of the ark!

Tuesday – puzzle!



Despite the sinful nature of the world, God spares some of his chosen people. Color this picture of Noah and the ark, then cut it out! Be sure to save this piece until we finish our devotional together.

PRAY

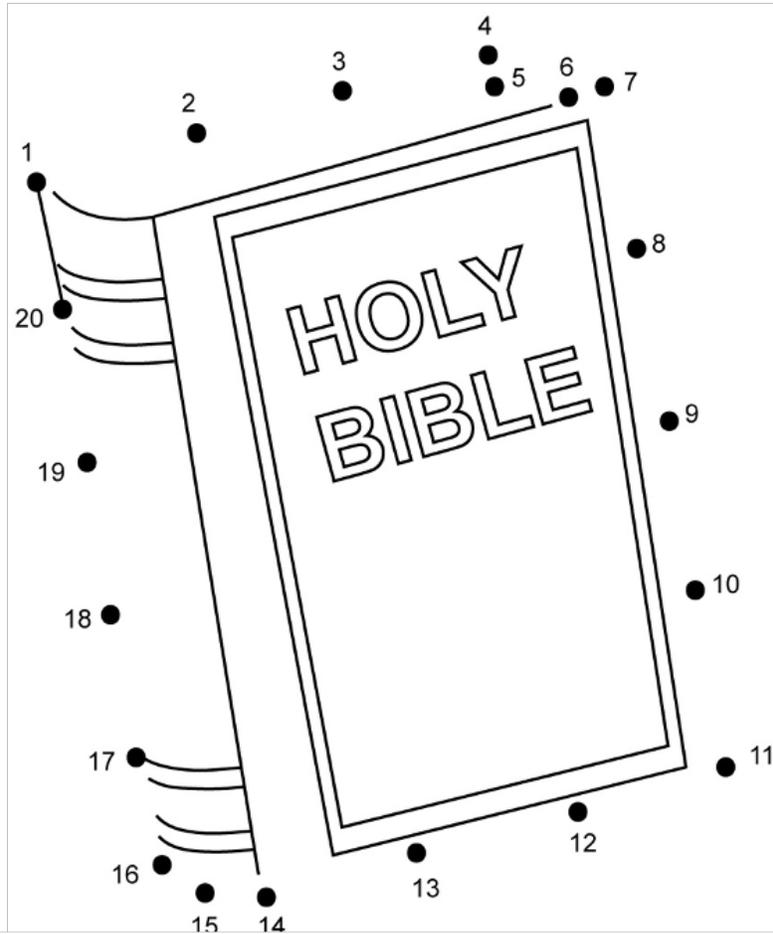
The story of Noah gives us hope for today! The salvation of Noah points to the salvation that comes through Jesus' death and resurrection. Give thanks to God for His love and mercy on all humans, including you and me. Give thanks for Jesus' salvation and ask God to help give you hope each day!

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wednesday

God said no to the end because Noah's family loved the Lord and did what was right! But how can we know what is right and what is wrong? This week's word to KNOW is MORALITY.



RIGHT

&

WRONG

1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?



MORALITY

Definition: Rules concerning the difference between right and wrong or good and bad behavior.

Scripture: They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts. The way their minds judge them gives witness to that fact. Sometimes their thoughts find them guilty. At other times their thoughts find them not guilty.

— Romans 2:15

I absolutely love Disney movies! There's nothing better than turning on the T.V. and seeing some of my favorite Disney characters in action. I love how in every movie I watch, I find myself relating to the main character: From funny moments to crazy plot twists to extra hard decisions that they make, I feel like I am right there in the movie with them. One thing I have noticed is that there seems to be a point in every Disney movie where the main character has to make a really big choice. But how are we supposed to know if the choice that they are making is right or wrong?

I think of the movie *Zootopia* when the bunny police officer, Judy Hopps, gets in an argument with a hamster about a parking ticket that she gave out. The hamster was clearly mad because he was parked just a couple minutes more than he was supposed to, but Judy was doing what she was told and gave him a ticket anyways.

Did Judy make the right choice? Who was right and who was wrong? They could have argued all day about whether the hamster should have gotten the parking ticket or not, but because someone else already put that rule in place, they did not have to argue. They already knew what was **right** and what was wrong!

This is just like God in our lives; we know what is right and what is wrong because Jesus himself has told us these things. We don't have to **argue** about what is right and what is wrong. In **Jesus'** famous Sermon on the Mount, He talks about how loving our neighbor, being slow to anger, having **faith** in Him, and giving to the needy are all the right things to do.

Not only do we know these things because Jesus told us, but we also know that this is how Jesus lived himself. In 1 John 2:6 it says "Those who claim to belong to Him must live just as Jesus did." It is now our job to follow Jesus' example that He has set before us.

Family Thought: God has these rules in place to protect us. Do you have rules in your house? Why are those rules important?

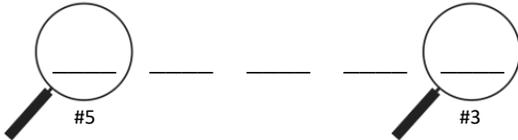
Weekly Summary

This week we read about the story of Noah and how God said no to the end. God allowed Noah and his family to survive the flood because they loved God. We also learned what morality means and that God shows us what is right and wrong through His word.

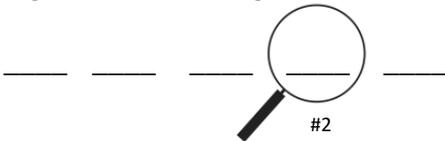
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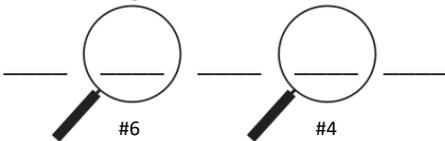
1. Another way to say morality is ___ and wrong.



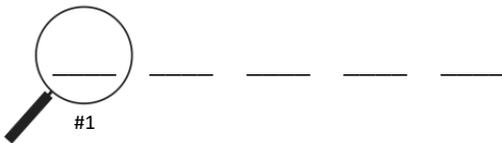
2. We don't have to ___ about what is right and wrong.



3. Who gives the Sermon on the Mount?

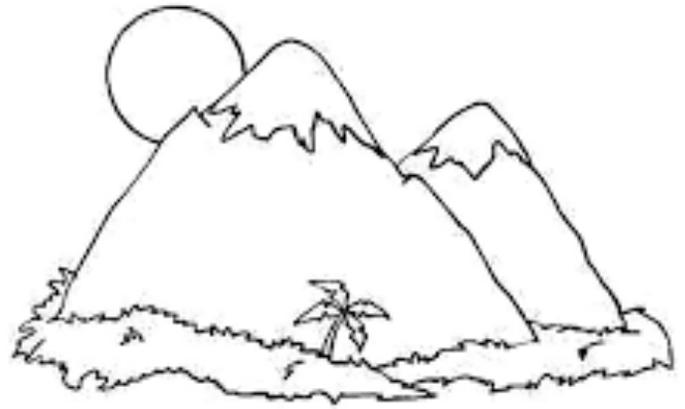
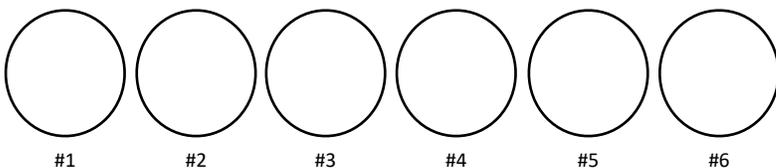


4. Jesus tells us to have ___ in Him.



(Use the letters in the magnifying glasses to fill out the word below!)

Next Week's Word to Know:



Family Activity:

Think of a time when you had to make a choice. What did you do? Was it a good choice or a not so good choice? How did that make you feel?

saturday — ACTIVITY

GOD SPARED NOAH— Will it Float?

Fill your bathtub or a bucket with water. Gather some objects around your home and guess whether the item will float or sink. If you have a toy boat, use that last. Talk about how hard it must have been for Noah to build the ark and how God was faithful to Him. Talk about the story of Noah from Genesis 6-9.

MORALITY— Acts of Kindness

Think of some simple acts of kindness that your family can do together. It could be as simple as texting a friend a nice message, or baking cookies for a neighbor. For more ideas, look up “100 Acts of Kindness for Kids.” Read 2 Corinthians 9:7: “You should each give what you have decided in your heart to give. You shouldn’t give if you don’t want to. You shouldn’t give because you are forced to. God loves a cheerful giver.”

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4



Week 7

November 22 - November 28

In the last week of our devotional we will see people rebel against God by trying to build a tower to the heavens. Finally, we will learn that God has big plans for what will happen in our future.

Monday

PEOPLE SAID NO TO GOD

Genesis 11:1-9 — PEOPLE REBEL AGAINST GOD

Do you like to build?

Do you like to play with Legos? Build sandcastles? Or make forts?

In our story we see people building, not for just for fun or because it's their job, but as the Bible puts it, "to make a name for themselves and not be scattered."

They wanted to be famous. They wanted glory.

Since the beginning, people have always been looking for fame and glory. And when people get fame and glory, God does not.

Throughout the Bible we see that people were created to worship God (giving Him our attention and praise). Unfortunately, throughout the Bible we also see people saying no to God and giving praise and glory to themselves.

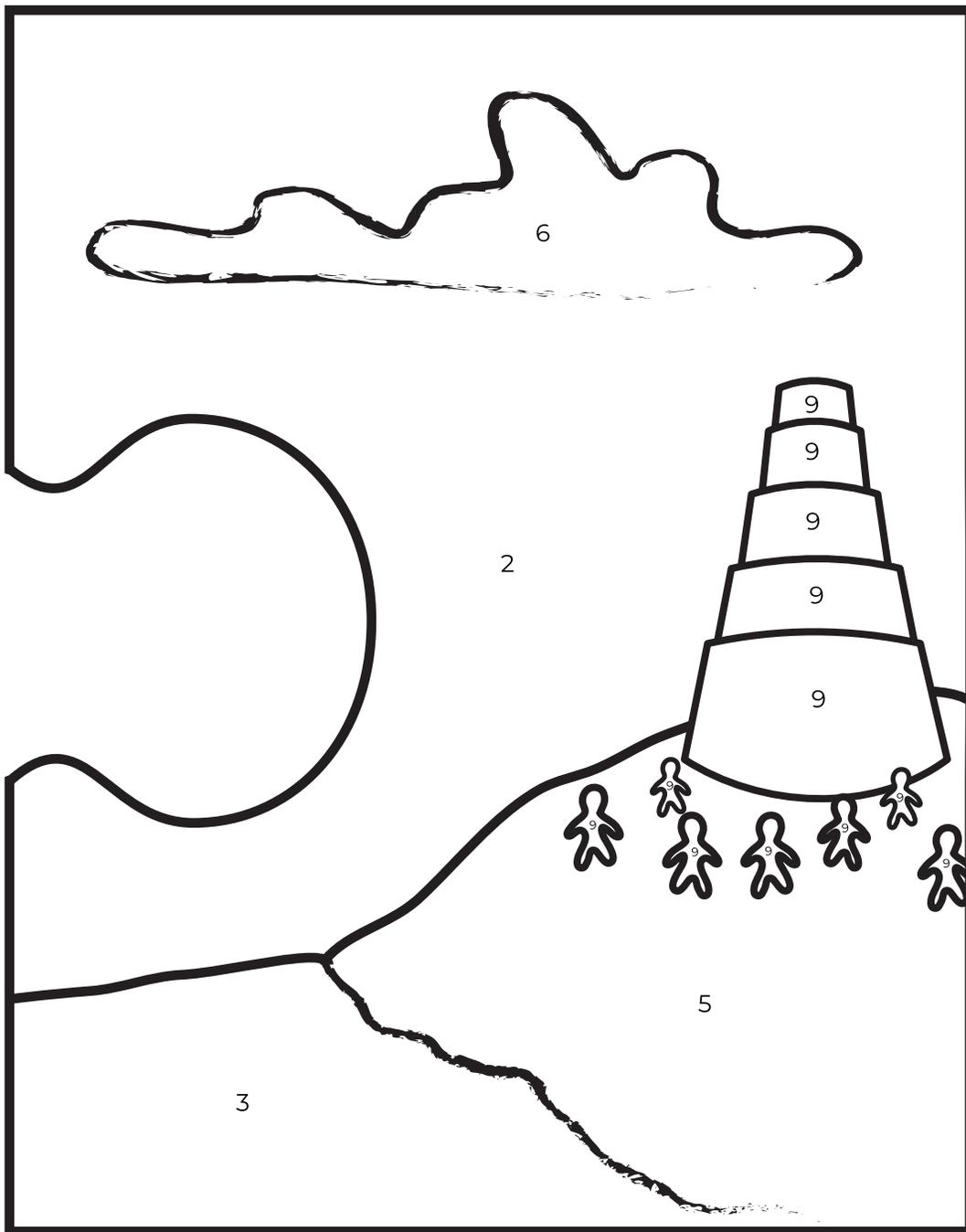
In our story, we see God "Come down to look at their tower". Isn't it funny that with all their hard work, God couldn't even see the tower that they were building?! He had to squint to see what the people thought would make them famous!

This time God doesn't send another flood; he shows His mercy in a different way. Instead, He creates new languages and scatters the people so they could fulfill the command that God gave them through Noah - to fill the earth with his family!

God isn't against big towers. He is against us getting too comfortable and not completing our ultimate job. It's sometimes easy to tell people how great we are, but we are called to go and tell people how great God is and invite people into his family! God asks us to be brave and tell people about Jesus!

Family Thought: It's still important for us to invite people into and grow God's family. Who are friends that you know that you can invite to be a part of God's family?

Tuesday — puzzle!



God's people rebel against him, trying to live for themselves. Color this picture of the Tower of Babel, then cut it out. You have now cut out all 7 pictures: put them together to see the full story!

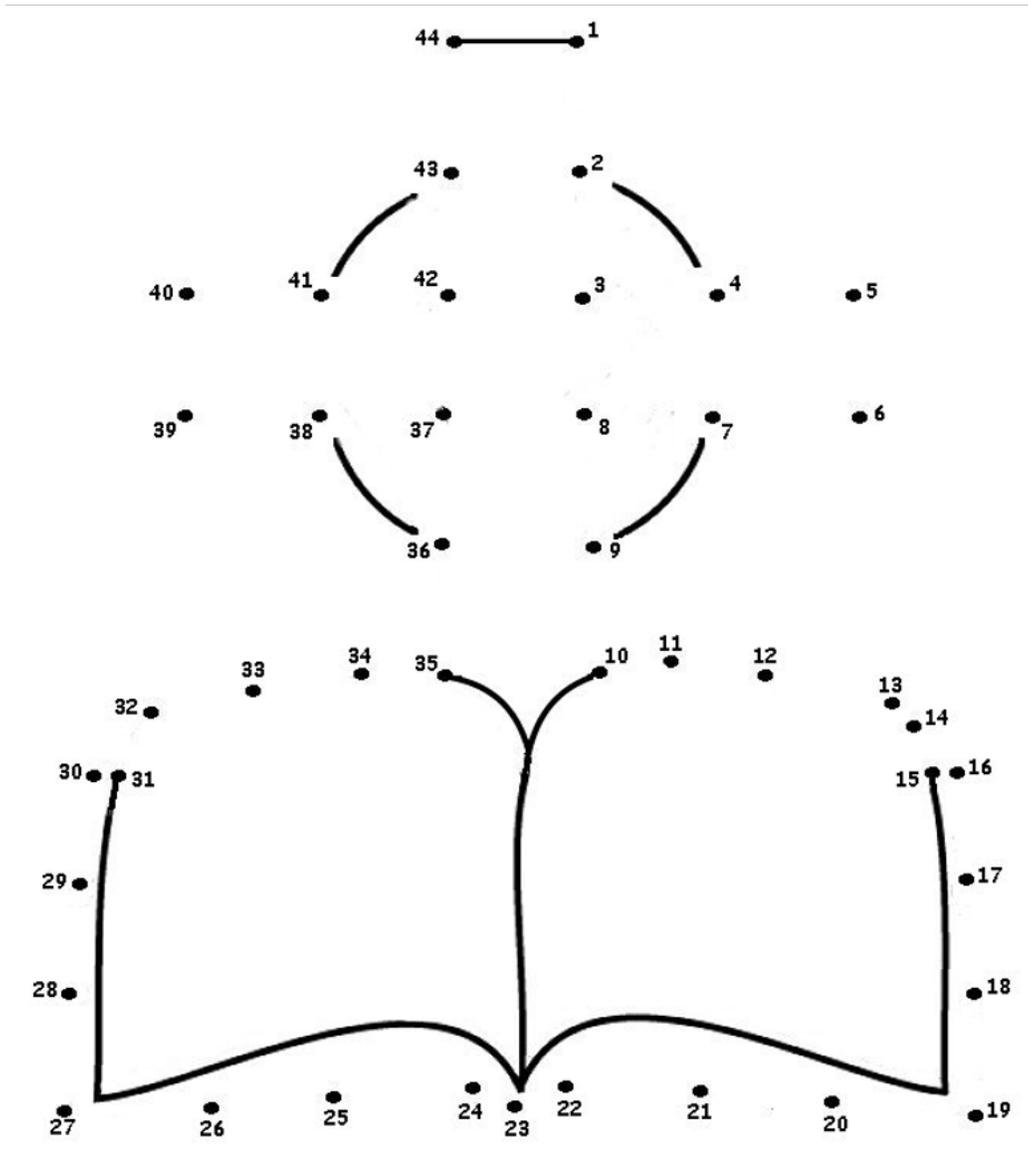
PRAY

"God, forgive me when I try to bring glory to myself and not to You. Help us to obey Your commands so we can honor You. Thank you that Jesus brings everyone together to worship You. Amen."

 **cut out the puzzle piece!** 

wednesday

Here we are again - people saying no to God's plan. Unfortunately, people will be saying no to God for a long time after this. But we have a God who is full of forgiveness and has amazing plans for us. Our word to KNOW this week is FUTURE.



FUTURE

1. What did this week's Bible story tell me about God or the gospel?
2. What did the story teach me about myself?

THURSDAY



FUTURE

Definition: Later time; going or likely to happen or exist

Scripture: I'm writing these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God. I'm doing it so you will know that you have eternal life.

— 1 John 5:13

Growing up, I loved to read. I would spend hours reading about animals and horses, mysteries and adventure. I loved going to the bookstore to pick out a brand-new book.

One summer, I chose to read a book series – many books that tell one big story. I liked reading book series, because I knew that when I finished one book, the story kept going. But one of the hardest parts about reading a book series was the waiting. Sometimes I'd read all the books and have to wait a really long time for the next book to be written. It was so hard! Waiting always left me with a lot of questions - Did that character win? What happened to the dog? Would they get home? What happens next? I always wanted to know the outcome.

One of my favorite books to read now is the Bible. A couple of weeks ago, you learned about the Bible. You learned that

the Bible is made up of many stories that tell one big story about God's plan to save His people from sin. Everything in the Bible is **true** and, unlike other books, there's no question about what happens in the future.

God tells us exactly what will take place.

- He tells us that one day Jesus will return to earth to make all things new.
- He tells us that one day there will be no tears and **no sadness!**
- He tells us that when we believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family.
- He tells us that when we believe in Jesus, we will live with Him forever and ever.
- He tells us that Jesus is the ultimate victor, and He will win forever!

"But let us give thanks to God! He wins the battle for us because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done." 1 Corinthians 15:57

In books and movies, we don't always know the outcome. But with Jesus, we don't have to wonder. The Bible tells us that Jesus wins and by **faith** we can live with him forever.

Family Thought: Choose your favorite book to read with your family before bed tonight. Why is it your favorite? Then, choose your favorite story from the Bible and read that together. Thank God for time with your family and that He is with us forever and ever.

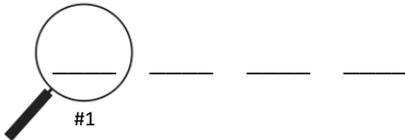
Weekly Summary

In our final week we learned that people continue to say no to God and they build the Tower of Babel. We also learned about the future. The Bible tells us that those who are part of God's family don't have to worry about their future!

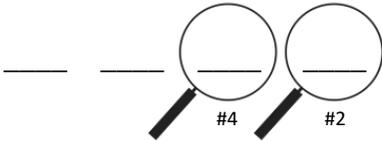
Word Puzzle

Look in your Thursday devotional for the **bold** words to find the answers to the questions below.

1. "I'm writing these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God. I'm doing it so you will know that you have eternal life." 1 ___ 5:13.



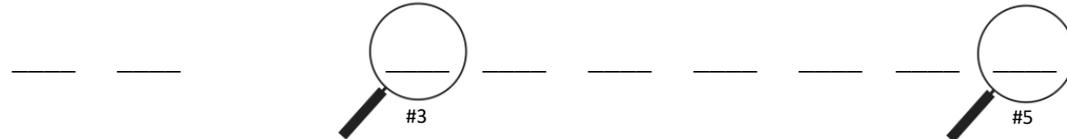
2. Everything in the Bible is ___.



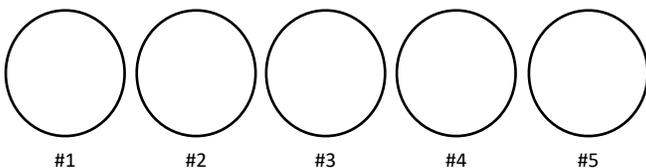
3. By ___ we can live with Jesus forever.



4. One day there will be no tears and ___.



Who died for our sins so that we may live in Heaven forever and ever?



Family Thought:

Have you thought much about your future? What are some of your hopes and dreams?

saturday — ACTIVITY

PEOPLE REBEL AGAINST GOD— Build a Tower

On Monday we talked about people who built a huge tower (it didn't go well for them!). Now, it's your turn! Get creative and build a tower made of items you have around the house (Cups, plastic containers, playing cards, buttons, empty boxes, dominoes, pillows, etc.). See how high you can make it before it falls!

FUTURE— Things You Want to Do!

Make a list or draw a picture of some things that you want to do in the future! Brainstorm ideas of things such as future achievements, places to go, or careers to have. Share your list or pictures with your family and talk about what you hope to do. Read and reflect on Jeremiah 29:11.

sunday — sabbath

On the seventh day, God rested; so we do, too! Take time today as a family to pray and meditate on (think about) what it would look like to live out these verses:

Have you never heard? Have you never understood?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth.

He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding; He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired and young men will fall in exhaustion.

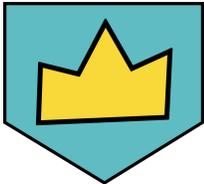
But those who wait on, those who trust on the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR US

The gospel is the good news, the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use these prompts to share the gospel with your kids.



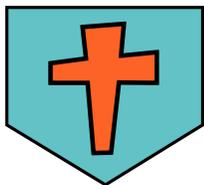
GOD RULES.

Ask: "Who is in charge at home?" Explain that because God created everything, He is in charge of everything.
Read Revelation 4:11.



WE SINNED.

Ask: "Have you ever done something wrong?" Tell kids that everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God.
Read Romans 3:23



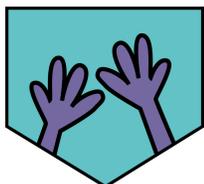
GOD PROVIDED.

Explain that God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve.
Read John 3:16



JESUS GIVES.

Ask: "What is the best gift you've ever received?" Say that Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever!
Read 2 Corinthians 5:21



WE RESPOND.

Explain that everyone has a choice to make. Ask: "Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus."
Read Romans 10:9-10



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