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Teachers Ideas

Packets - One for each child in attendance to hold papers. Use stick tack to hold in place on walls. Take home on program night.

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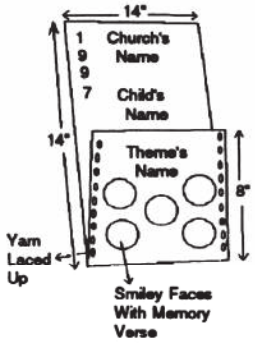


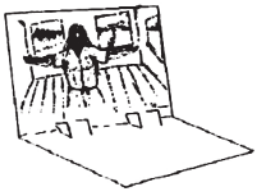
1. Use colored poster board 22" X 14". Fold up 8" from the bottom to make 14" X 14".
2. Punch holes in the sides of the bottom 8" and lace with yarn.
3. Write the name of the church, date, and theme: "What God Expects From Me" with permanent marker. Write child's name under name of church with a different color marker.
4. Paste smiley faces with the memory verse after the child says it to you. Each day tell the children "we are happier when we do the things that God expects us to do."

Pop - Up - Book - Child:

1. Color the top of the page (the background) and the character(s) for the day.
2. Write the day's memory verse on the lines.
3. Cut out the character(s) and paste onto front of the tabs after step D. at the bottom is completed.

Teacher may need to do these steps:

A. Cut or tear the pop-up-page out of the booklet each day.
B. Fold in half on dotted lines.
C. Cut on solid lines to make 2 tabs.
D. Open the page and push tabs to the inside and fold to make the page stand up.



To assemble the book.

Glue the completed pages onto construction paper for durability. Then glue back to back to make into a book. Use one large sheet of heavy paper or tagboard to make a cover. Glue to the front and back pages of the book. Write the theme onto the front and the child's name. Illustrate front.

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Lesson 1: Prayer

Bible Study: Luke 18: 1-14

Jesus begins this chapter in Luke saying, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" (lose heart). Then he tells a group of people, who trusted in their own righteousness and despised others, two parables about prayer. Our lesson is about the second parable.

Once there were two men who went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee (a self-righteous man), and the other was a publican (a tax collector).

The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself (not to God). He said, "God, I thank you that I am not like other men." He listed some bad qualities found in other men: "extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican." He listed his good qualities: "I fast twice a week and I give tithes (one-tenth) of all that I own." He was proud of how "good" he was.

The publican could not even lift his eyes toward heaven, but rather beat on his chest saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man was convicted by the Holy Spirit of his sin; he knew he was a sinner. He humbled himself, not trusting in himself but in God. He went straight to the matter in earnestness and faith. God heard him.

Jesus said the publican went to his house justified and not the other (the Pharisee). God saved the publican.

God knows our hearts and minds when we pray to Him. We should always be humble and sincere in our prayers to God and He will hear and answer them.

Memory Verse: Luke 18: 13 – "... God be merciful to me a sinner."

QUESTIONS:

1. Who were the two men in the parable?
2. What was the Pharisee like?
3. What were the qualities of the publican?
4. What did Jesus say about the men?
5. How should we pray?

Lesson 1: Activities

ACTIVITY #1

Write 1 = Pharisee
2 = Publican
3 = God

_____ a. I am a tax collector.
_____ b. I am self-righteous.
_____ c. I want to forgive men of their sins.
_____ d. I beat upon my chest because I feel so badly.
_____ e. I pray for mercy because I have sinned.
_____ f. I give tithes of all that I own.
_____ g. I heard and forgave the Publican.
_____ h. I fast twice a week.
_____ i. I can not even lift my eyes toward heaven.
_____ j. I am glad I am not bad like other men.

ACTIVITY #2

Number these in the right order.

_____ The Publican could not lift up his eyes but beat on his chest.
_____ Two men went into the temple to pray.
_____ "God be merciful to me a sinner."
_____ The Publican went home justified (saved).
_____ The Pharisee stood and prayed to himself.

ACTIVITY #3 - The Pharisee and the Publican

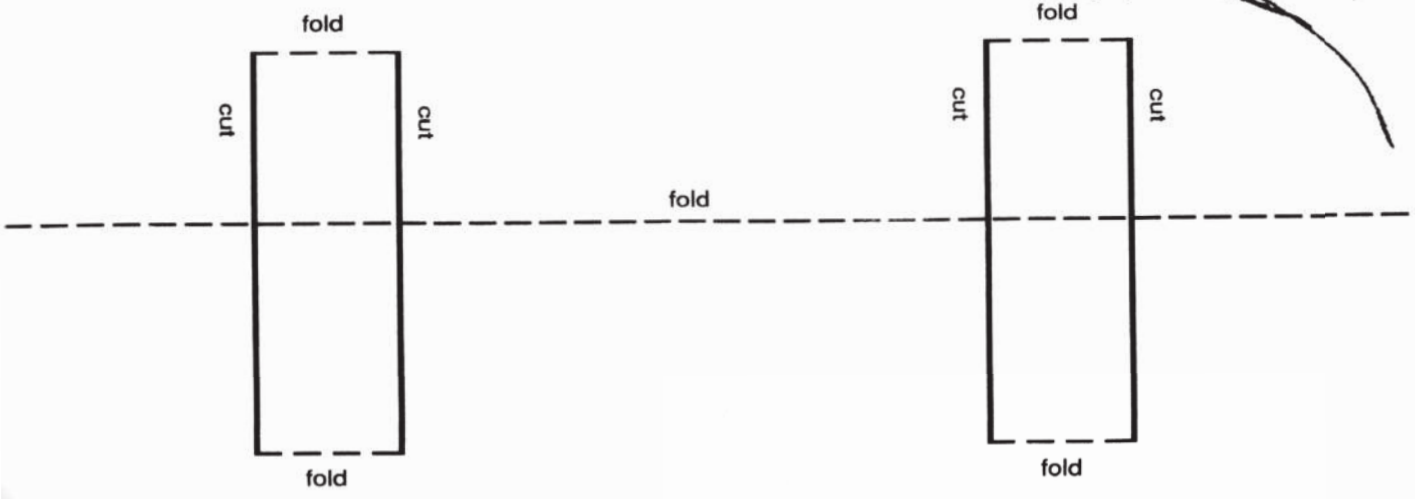
To decode the words that the Pharisee and the Publican prayed, and what Jesus said about it, change every A to U, every U to E, every E to A, every O to I, and every Z to O.

Thu Pherosuu:
"Gzd, O thenk thuu, thet O em nzt es zthur mun eru, uxtzrtoznurs, anjast, edaltururs, zr uvun es thos Pablocen. O fest twocu on thu wuuk, O govu tothus zf ell thet O pzssuss."

Thu Pablocen:
"Gzd bu murcofal tz mu e sonnur."

Jusas:
"O tull yza, thos men wunt dzwn tz hos hzasu jastofoud rethur then thu zthur: fzr uvury znu thet uxeltuth homsulf shell bu ebesud; end hu thet hambluth homsulf shell bu uxeltud."

Pharisee And The Publican



Lesson 2: Obedience

Bible Study: Deuteronomy 28: 1-4

God expects the best out of every person that he saves. God desires for every person to follow in His commandments and to live the right kind of life. God promises many blessings to those people who will hearken unto His voice.

This lesson explains the many blessings the children of Israel will receive if they obey God and His commandments. God says He will bless the children of Israel with material desires, His protecting hand, powerful testimony, prosperity, and many other things if they do His will.

Think of moments in your life when you have a choice of obeying God's commandments or turning away from the teachings of God and doing the wrong thing. What choice will you make? To receive God's blessings, you must first make the decision to obey His commandments. Then, and only then, will you truly be blessed.

Our character to study for this lesson on obedience is Noah.

In Noah's time, the earth was filled with violence. God looked upon it, and was grieved because He had made man on the earth. God told Noah that He would destroy all flesh and everything would die. He told Noah to make an ark of gopher wood and to bring in two of every kind of animal, male and female. He told Noah to take in food for himself and his family and for the animals.

Genesis 6: 22 says, "Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he."

Even though it had never rained upon the earth before this time, Noah did as God said. Even though the people around him made fun of him and called him names, Noah did what God said. That was obedience. Because of Noah's obedience to God, he and his family and all kinds of animals were spared from destruction by water. The foolish and the wicked perished. So will it be again at the end of time not by water but by fire.

Memory Verse: Genesis 6: 22 - "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."

Lesson 2: Activities

Questions

1. What does God expect from everyone He saves?
2. What did God promise the children of Israel if they obeyed Him and His commandments?
3. How did Noah obey God?
4. What happened to Noah after he obeyed God?

Read Genesis 6: 5-9 to find out why God destroyed the earth but spared Noah and his family.

Use these words to fill in the blanks:
Noah, God, Lord, man, earth, and heart.

Vs 5 And _____ saw that the wickedness of _____ was great in the _____ and that every imagination of the thoughts of his _____ was only evil continually.

Vs 6 And it repented the _____ that he had made _____ on the _____, and it grieved him at his _____.

Vs 7 And the _____ said, I will destroy _____ whom I have created from the face of the _____; both _____, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

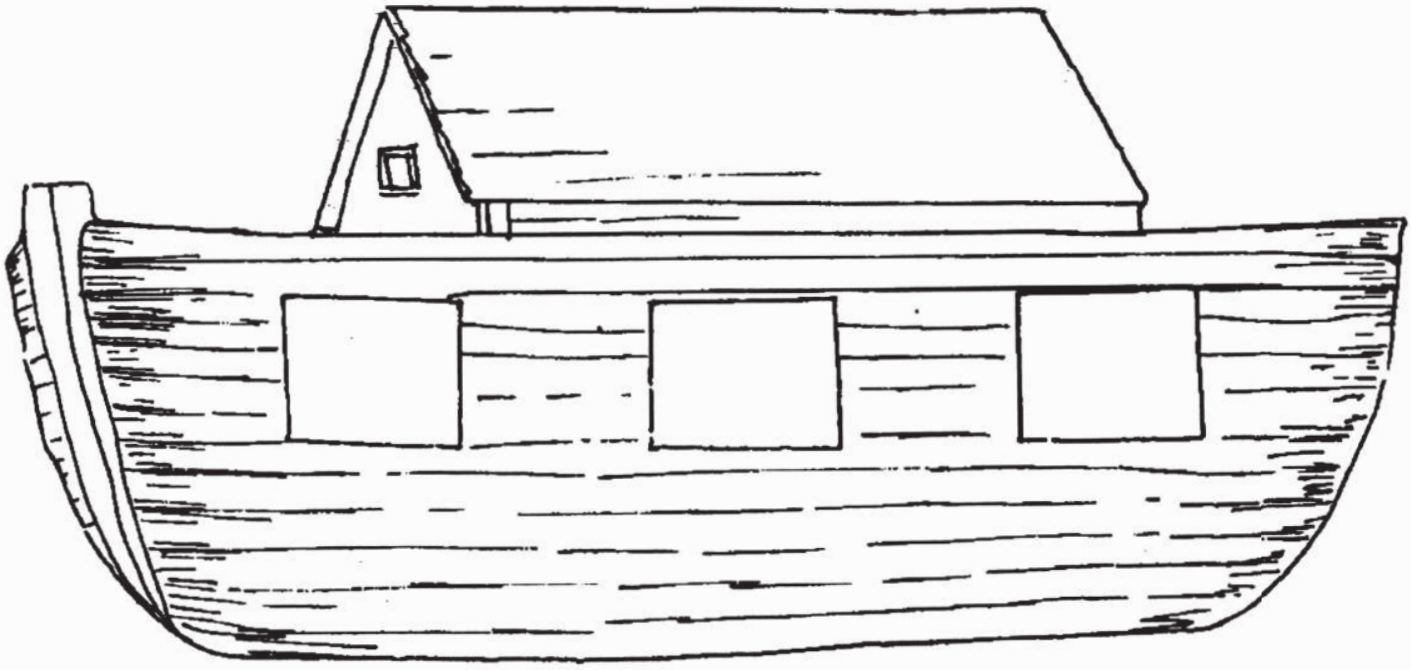
Vs 8 But _____ found grace in the eyes of the _____.

Vs 9 These are the generations of _____: _____ was a just _____ and perfect in his generations, and _____ walked with _____.

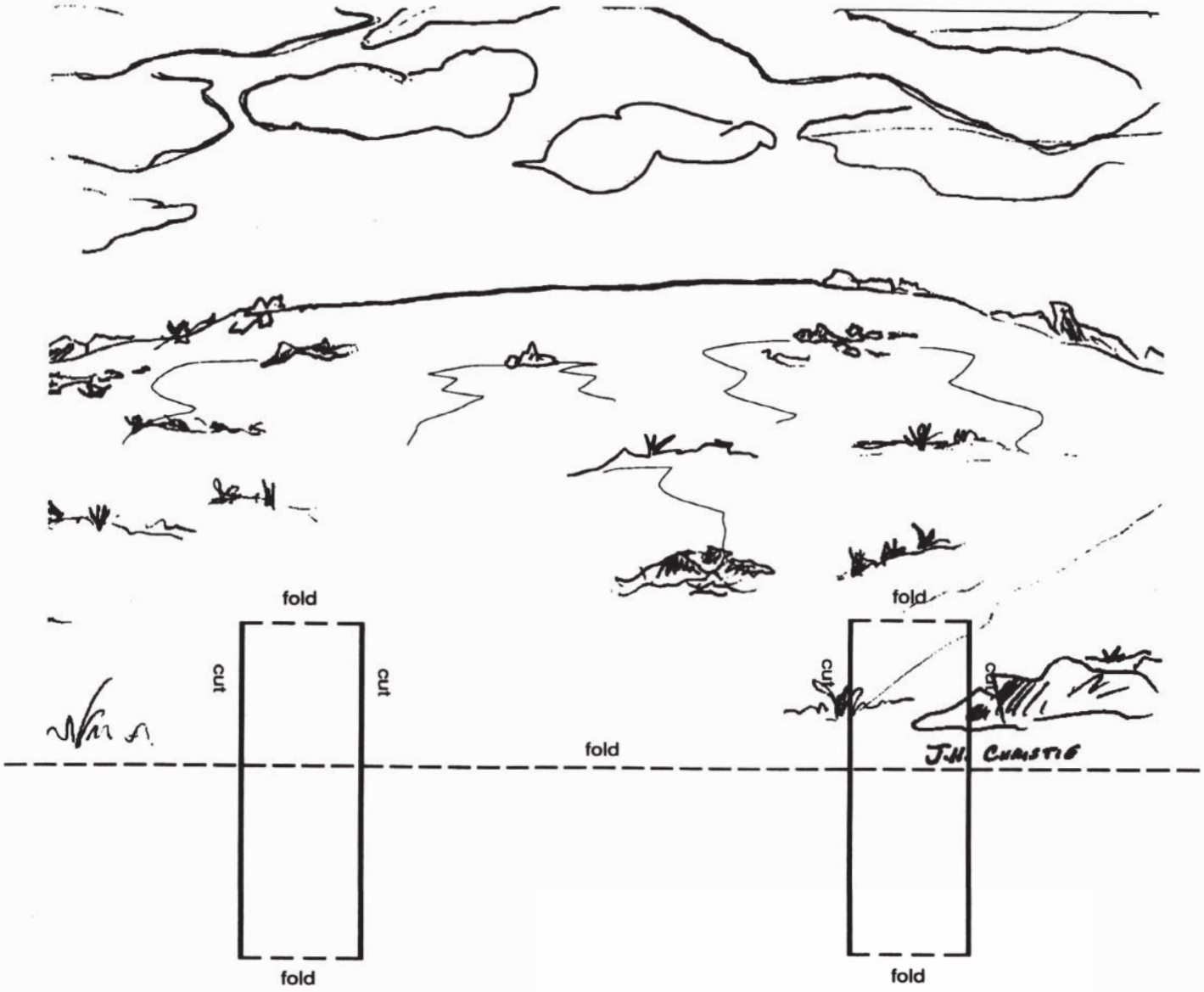
Lesson 2: Activities Continued

Read and follow these directions:

1. In the first window - draw Noah.
2. Put 2 animals in the second window.
3. Draw a pair of creeping things in the third window.
4. Put a pair of birds on top of the ark.
5 Color the ark brown.
6. Draw and color the water.



Noah and The Ark



Lesson 3: Repentance And Faith

Bible Study: Luke 13: 1-5 and Psalms 51: 1-13

It is a very important thing for lost sinners to seek the Lord and be saved by His grace. To do so, however, requires repentance of our sins and faith in God that He will save our souls. In Luke 13: 1-5, we see that the Galilaeans refused to repent for their sins and have faith in God. Jesus says in verse five that they will perish for such actions.

We also must remember to repent of our sins and to continue to have faith in God even after we have been saved. In Psalms chapter fifty-one, we see an example of King David asking forgiveness of sin he committed after he had already been saved. When we are saved, our soul is secured with God for eternity and never sins, but our bodies will continue to sin until we die.

We must always remember to repent for the bad things we do in this life and have faith that God will forgive us of our sins.

Our character to study is Saul, or Paul, as he was later called. Paul was a very "religious" man, having a great knowledge of the scriptures, but he did not know God. He thought he was doing God's will by persecuting God's people.

One day Paul was on his way to Damascus to find some disciples of the Lord. He wanted to take them back to Jerusalem and put them in prison. However, a bright light from heaven shone on him and he fell to the earth.

Out of the light, God asked, "Why are you persecuting me?"

Saul answered, "Who art thou, Lord?"

God said unto him, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest."

Saul asked, "What shall I do, Lord?" And from that day on, Paul did as his Lord and God required of him, preaching and teaching "all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17: 30).

Memory Verse: Psalms 51: 10 - "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

QUESTIONS

1. Who refused to repent for their sins in our lesson?
2. What did Jesus say would happen to them?
3. What did Saul/Paul do before he met God?
4. What did he do after he met God?

"What God Expects From Me"

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A F X X X I Q U U S A X P G O D Y N R N
V X Z Z O L V S D F A G M J M R V O L P

Word List

DAMACUS	DAVID	FAITH
FORGIVE	GALILAEAN	GOD
JERUSALEM	LIGHT	LUKE
PAUL	PERSECUTE	PSALMS
REPENTANCE	SAUL	SAVED
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Let 1 = a, 2 = b, 3 = c, etc. Then read the verses below.

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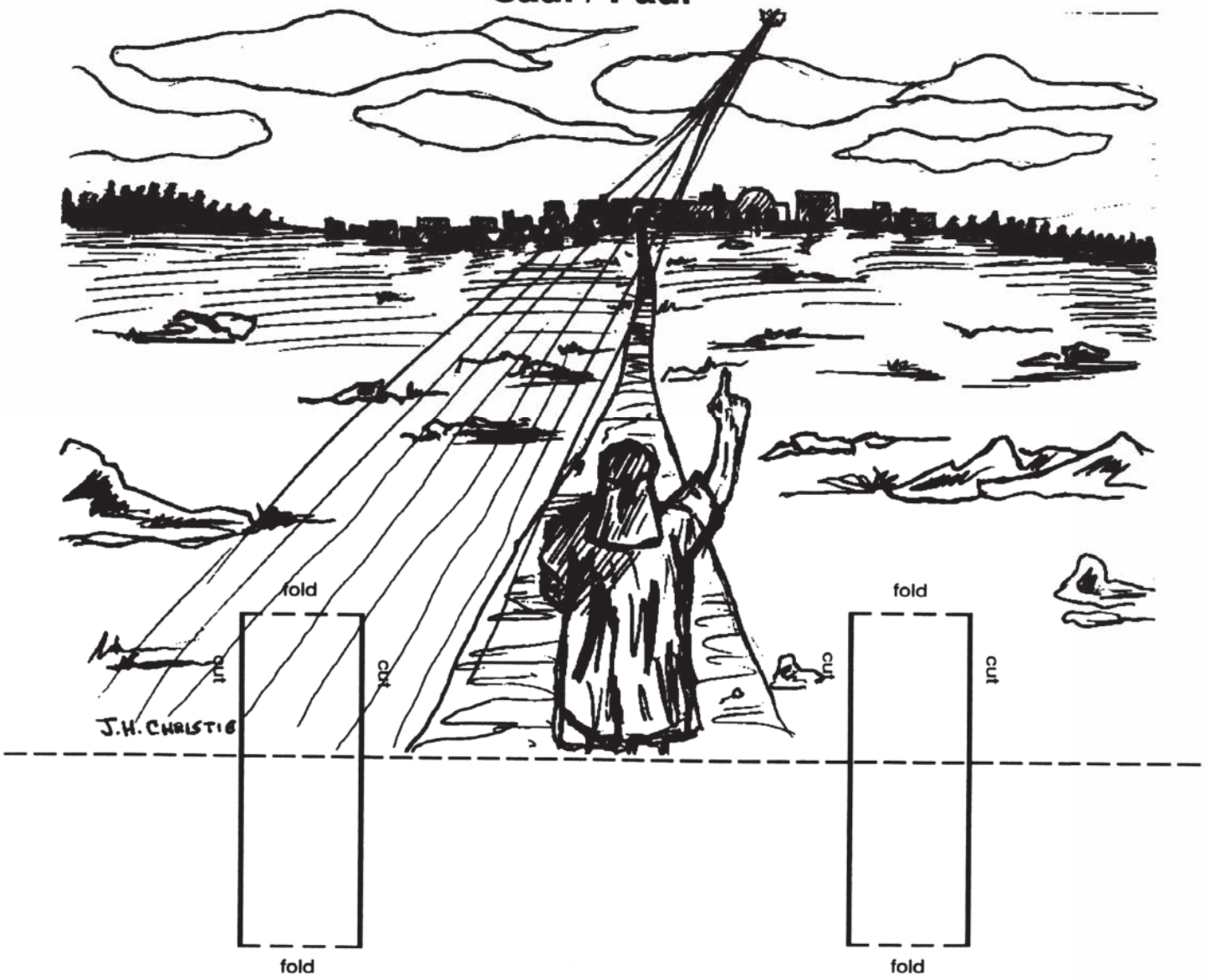
Saul / Paul



Teachers Ideas Continued

Memory Verse Race

1. Write the memory verse on 2 different colors of construction paper so you will have 2 sets of the memory verse.
2. Cut the words apart.
3. Paper clip to keep the 2 sets of colors separated.
4. Place in envelope with the day and the verse written on the outside.

To play

1. Divide into teams or can play one against one.
2. Take the words out of the envelope, mix up the words, place face down - keep the 2 colors separate.
3. Object of the game is to see which team can put the words back into the correct order first.

*Note: Have the memory verse written on sentence strips or on the chalkboard in plain sight for all.

Ideas for crafts

You may decide not to use any, or some, or all, depending on time left over each day.

Monday - Make a prayer pillow - Need: pillowcase, cardboard, pencil, and waterproof markers or fabric paint pens. Draw design first in pencil. Place the cardboard inside the pillowcase so paint doesn't come through. Go over pencil in permanent ink.

Tuesday - Make Noah's animal our of play dough or from dough you make yourself.

Wednesday - Let the sun do most of the work. Use dark construction paper that fades quickly. Place objects that the children gather from outdoors and/or those cut from plain paper onto the dark construction paper. Leave in the sunshine for about an hour. Remove objects and there is your "sunshine picture".

Thursday - Paint a tee-shirt. Tee-shirt must be washed, dried, and ironed before used. Children can design their own tee-shirts and/or let friends "sign" their names. Or the teacher can make stencils for the children to paint. Instead of fabric paint, you can use fabric crayons to color pictures and then transfer to fabric by ironing on.

Friday - Make horns from oaktag rolled up and stapled. Role play the march around Jericho.

*Each day be on the look out for appropriate songs or finger - plays related to the topics.

Lesson 4: Sacrifice

Bible Study: Romans 12: 1-3

God expects every Christian to be willing to sacrifice everything they have to Him. What does sacrifice mean? It means giving up something very important to you in order to have something else, or for someone else.

Abraham is a good example from the Old Testament of sacrifice. Abraham was a man of God. Because of his obedience, God promised Abraham a son. Abraham and his wife, Sarah, were old in years before this promise came true. They named their son Isaac. He was very precious to them.

God tested Abraham one day to see if Abraham would still obey Him, even if it meant giving up his most precious possession. God told Abraham to take his son up Mt. Moriah and offer him as a burnt offering.

It was the custom of the Jews to offer burnt offerings to God. This required killing an animal, usually a lamb. Then the lamb would be burned over an altar. The shed blood of the lamb symbolized the future blood of Christ which would be shed for the sins of mankind.

Now God was asking Abraham to offer up his precious son, Isaac. Surely this was too much to ask! Would Abraham obey God?

The next day Abraham started up the mountain with his son. Abraham took two of his servants, along with Isaac. In addition, he took enough wood for the fire. The third day of their journey, Abraham saw the place God had chosen for the sacrifice to be made. Abraham asked his servants to stay behind while he and Isaac proceeded alone. Abraham took the wood and a knife.

While walking along, Isaac asked Abraham where the lamb was for the burnt offering. Abraham told Isaac that the Lord would provide the lamb.

This must have been a dark time for Abraham. He surely journeyed up that mountain with a heavy heart. Abraham, however, had faith in God and believed everything would turn out right.

When they reached the place God had sent them, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood for the fire. He then bound Isaac and laid his son on top of the wood. There is no evidence that Isaac struggled against him. Isaac must have trusted Abraham, secure in his father's love.

Abraham drew back his knife to slay Isaac. Just then an angel of the Lord called to him. The angel told Abraham not to slay Isaac. The angel said he knew Abraham feared God because Abraham had not withheld even his son. Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in a thicket. He knew then that the ram was to be the sacrifice.

return, as our Bible study today teaches, we are to present our bodies to Christ as a living sacrifice. This, the Bible says, is only reasonable.

Memory Verse: Romans 12: 1 – "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Lesson 4: Sacrifice - Continued

Now, God does not expect us to kill people. He does, however, expect us to make Him the most important thing in our lives. This means in order to obey God, we must be willing to give up even our family and friends. In order to be saved, we must want God more than anything or anyone else. Why is this?

The Bible teaches that God loved us so much that He gave up His only son that we might be saved. This son was Jesus. He came to earth as a man, lived a perfect life, and gave His blood on the cross for the sins of the world. This was the ultimate sacrifice. In return, as our Bible study today teaches, we are to present our bodies to Christ as a living sacrifice. This, the bible says, is only reasonable.

Memory Verse: Romans 12:1

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of god, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".

Questions

1. What does the word "sacrifice" mean?

2. Who was Abraham?

3. What did God ask Abraham to do?

4. Did Abraham obey God?

5. What must we be willing to do to be saved?

6. What did God sacrifice for us?

7. What are we to present to God as a sacrifice?

Lesson 4: Activities

Read the two sentences. Decide which one came first in each pair. Put X in front of the sentence that came first.

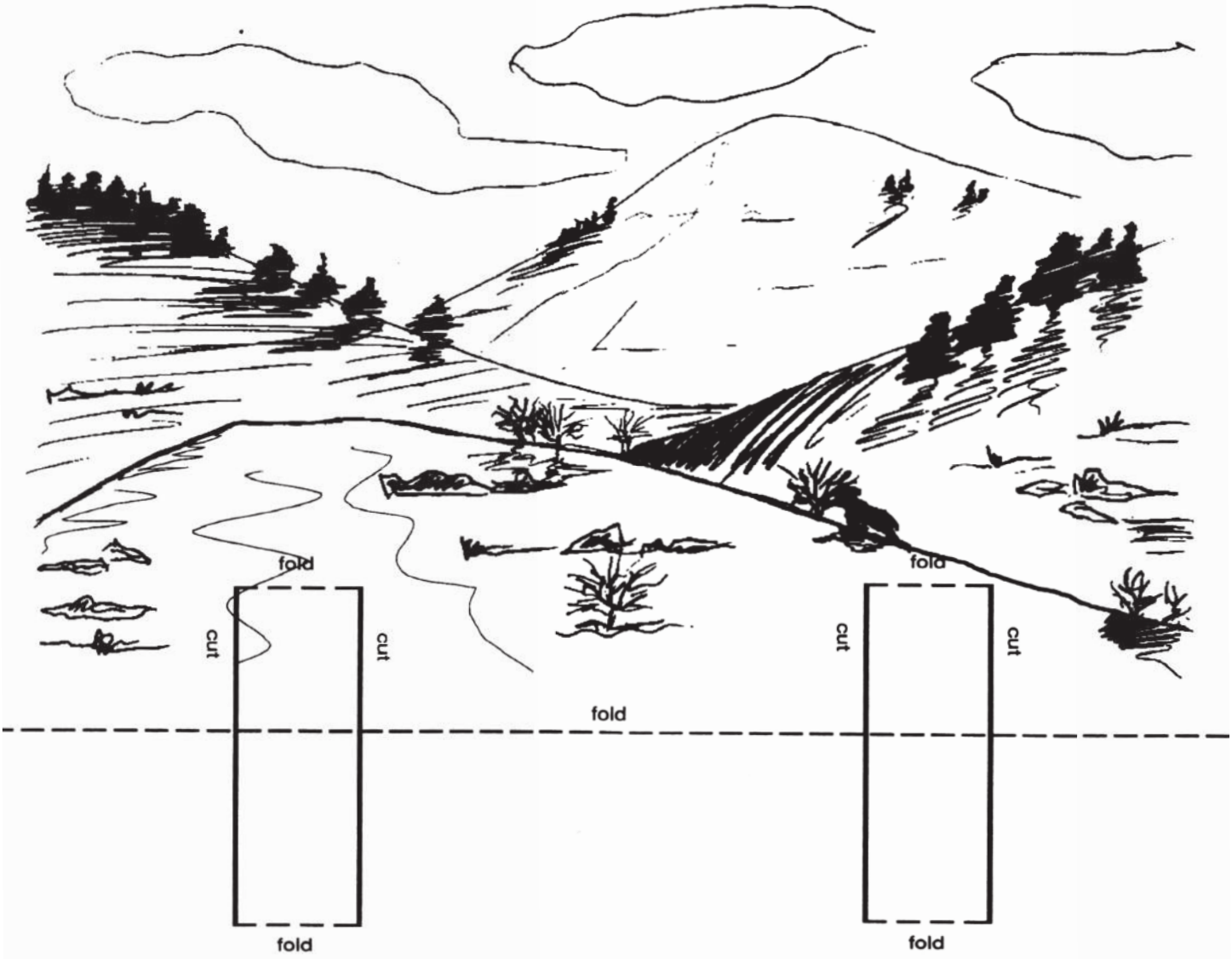
_____ God tells Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering.
_____ Abraham takes his only son and some wood for the burnt offering.

_____ Abraham tells Isaac God will provide the lamb.
_____ Isaac asks Abraham where the lamb is for the offering.

_____ An angel from God tells Abraham not to hurt the child.
_____ Abraham begins to offer his only son as the offering.

_____ Abraham sees a ram caught in a thicket.
_____ Abraham offers the ram instead of his son, Isaac.

Abraham and Isaac



Lesson 5 : Commitment

Bible Study: Joshua 24: 14-18

God's people were slaves for many years in the land of Egypt. Finally, God chose Moses to lead His people out of Egypt. God promised them a new land. This land was called Canaan.

It took many years for the people to reach this land. This was because they disobeyed God. They complained and grumbled about the Lords provision for them. Many felt they should have stayed in Egypt. Moses was a good leader, but even he was guilty of disobeying God. Because of this, God would not let Moses take his people into the promised land. Instead, He appointed Joshua, son of Nun, to lead the people into Canaan.

Joshua had been Moses' aide while the children of Israel wandered forty years in the desert. Whatever Moses asked Joshua to do, he was faithful to obey.

All the people who left Egypt were now dead. Only their sons and daughters were allowed to enter Canaan. The exception to this were two obedient men. Joshua was one of these men.

God spoke to Joshua. He told Joshua to cross the Jordan River into Canaan. God told him that every place Joshua stepped would be given to him. God promised that no man would be able to keep Joshua from claiming the land for Israel.

Three times God told Joshua to be strong and courageous. God also told Joshua to always observe His law, never departing from it. God said that Joshua was to think about His law every day and night. If Joshua did all of this, then he would be prosperous and succeed in claiming the land for Israel.

Joshua obeyed God. There were many people in the land who did not worship the true and living God. They sacrificed to idol gods. Joshua, by following God's law, was able to destroy these people and claim the land for the children of God.

Lesson 5 : Commitment - Continued

Toward the end of his life, Joshua spoke to the children of Israel. He summarized all that God had helped them accomplish. Joshua spoke of Gods goodness and mercy toward them. Joshua mentioned the idol gods their fathers had worshipped before Abraham. Joshua told the people to choose which they would serve, the idol gods or the true God. Joshua said that his household would serve the Lord.

It takes the same kind of commitment today that Joshua showed to live a fulfilling Christian life. To be a witness for the Lord you must be determined to serve God, even if it means giving up your life. The only way to successfully serve God is by obeying His word. Your dedication to following the teachings of Christ may lead a lost person to Jesus, just as Joshua's commitment to God led the children of Israel into Canaan.

Memory Verse: Joshua 24:15 "... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

QUESTIONS

1. Why was Joshua chosen to lead Israel?

2. What river did God tell Joshua to cross?

3. What did God tell Joshua three times?

4. How much land was Joshua to be given?

5. What does it take to live a successful Christian life?

Lesson 5 : Activities

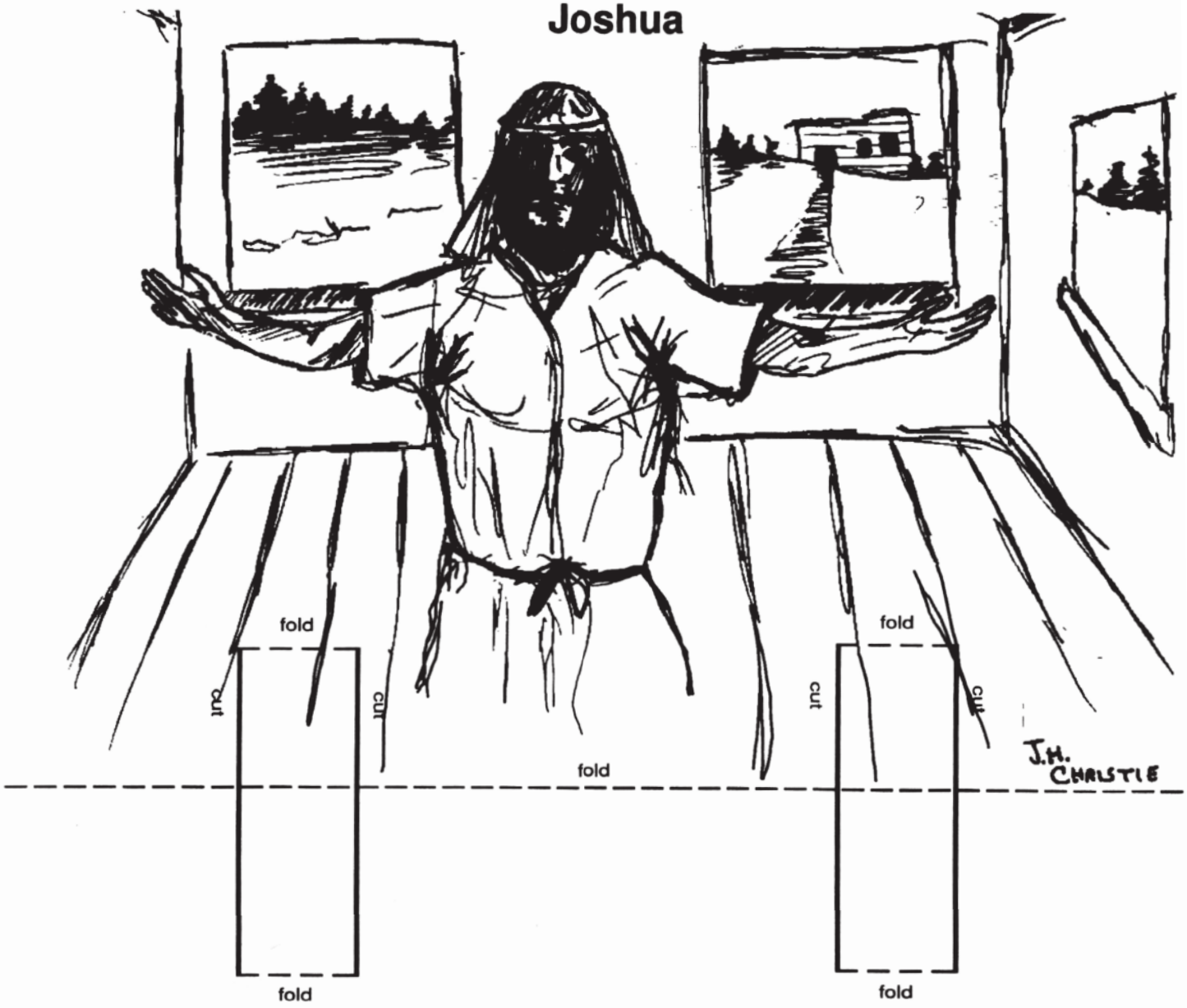
Draw lines between the words in the story.
The first line has been done for you.

A|famous|battle|took|place|at|Jericho.
Theinhabitantsofthecityweresafelyshutinbehindstrongwalls.
GodtoldJoshuatomarcharoundthecityonceadayforsixdays.
Ontheseventhdaytheyweretomarcharoundthecityseventimes.
Sevenpriestsweretocarrytrumpetsbeforetheprocession.
Ontheseventhdaytheyweretoldtogivealongblastasasignal.
Thenthepeopleweretoshout.

ThechildrenofIsrealfollowedJoshua'sinstructions.
Ontheseventhday,whenthepriestsblewthetrumpetswithalongblast,
thepeoplegaveagreatshout.ThenthewallsofJerichocamefallingdown.

WhywasJoshuasosuccessfulagainsthisenemies?
BecausehewascommittedtoservingGod.
TherewereeventimeswhenJoshuatold
GodtotakehislifeifthepeopledidnotfollowGod'slaw.
Joshuawasdeterminedtofollow Godnomatterwhatthecost.
HebelievedGod'spromises,eventhoughittookalongtimeforthemtobefulfilled.

Joshua



Memory Verse Paste On Packet

Monday

Pop-up Book Character Paste on both tabs

The Publican

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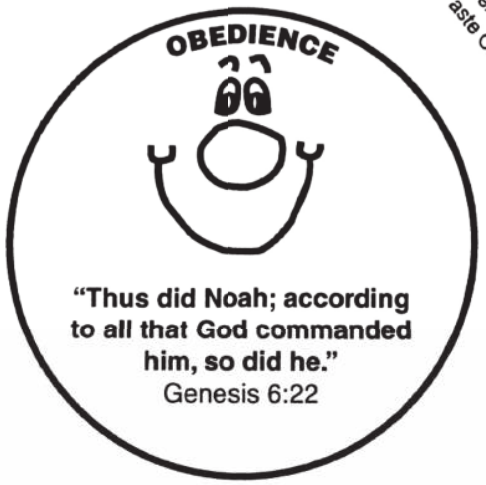
Tuesday

Pop-up Book Character Paste on left tab

Pop-up Book Character Paste on right tab

Noah

Memory Verse Paste On Packet



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The Ark

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Wednesday

Pop-up Book Character - Right tab

Saul's Friend

REPENTANCE & FAITH

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; ..."
Psalm 51:10

Memory Verse Paste On Packet

Pop-up Book Character left tab

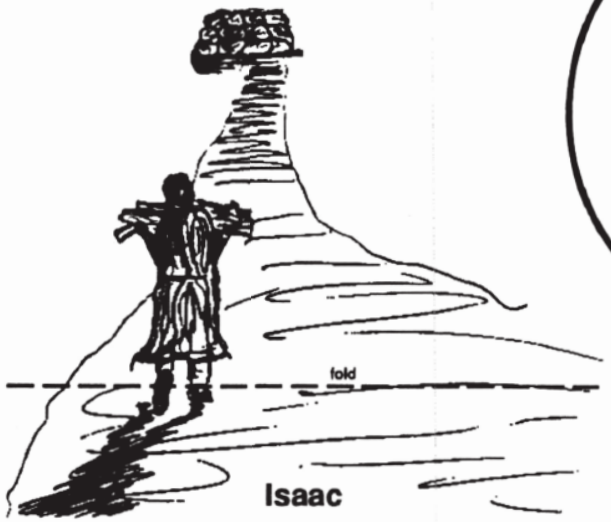
Saul

Pop-up Book Character - Right tab

Abraham

Memory Verse Paste On Packet

Pop-up Book Character - left tab



Isaac

SACRIFICE

"... that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice ..."
Romans 12:1

Thursday

Friday

COMMITMENT

"... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15

Memory Verse Paste On Packet

Pop-up Book Character left tab

Pop-up Book Character - right tab

Joshua's Family

Joshua's Family