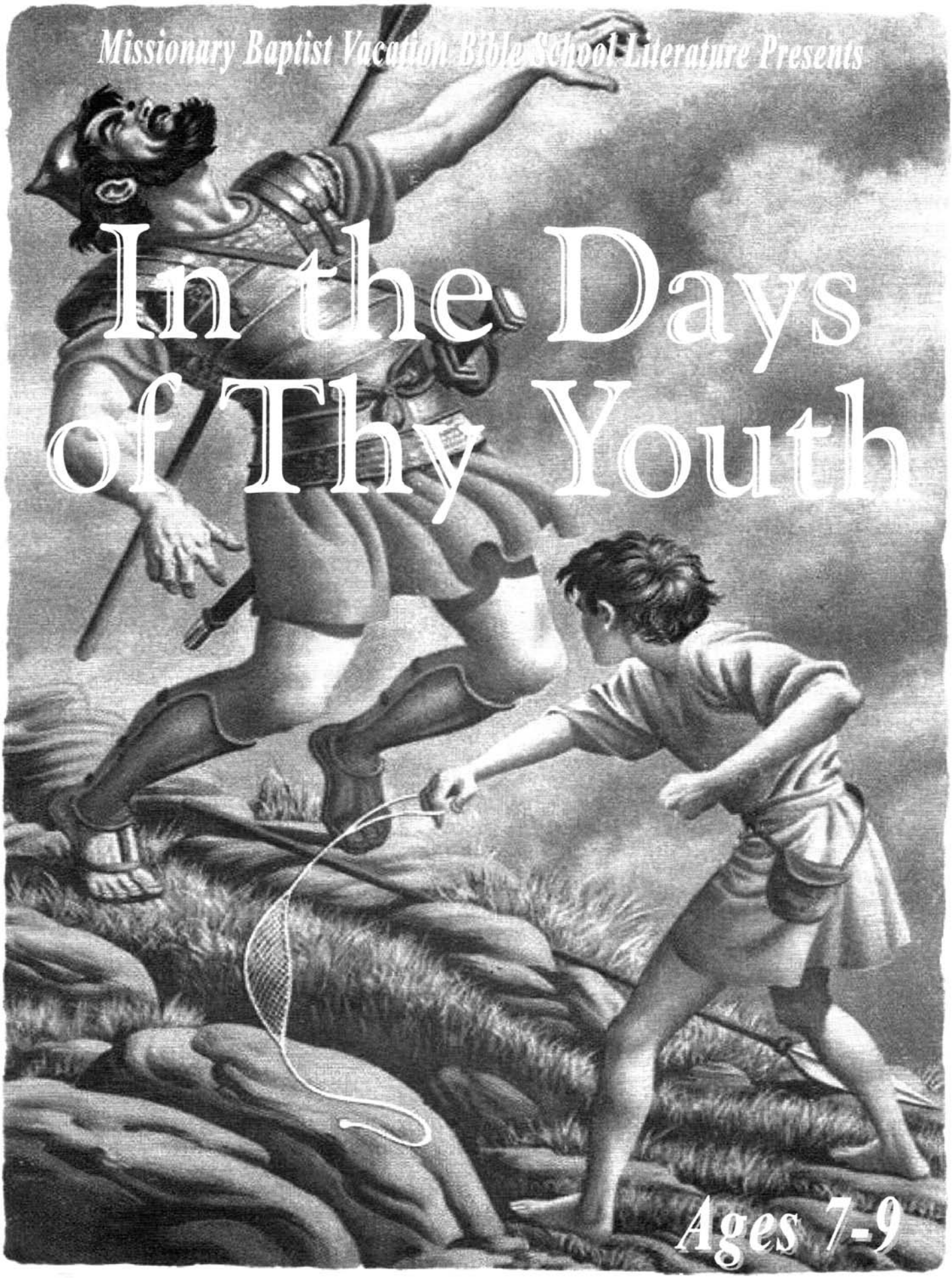
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LESSON ONE: LISTEN ...SAMUEL

Lesson Text: I Samuel 3:1-10
Memory Verse: "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." I Sa. 3:9

We can certainly learn many things when we listen carefully. God can speak to us and provide leadership just as he did for Samuel.

Samuel was an answer to his mother Hannah's prayer. She promised God that if He would give her a son, she would give the child back to God. When Samuel was a small boy, Hannah kept her promise. She brought Samuel to God's tent at Shiloh, so he could help Eli, the priest.

Samuel loved to listen and learn from his friend, Eli. He enjoyed the stories of how Israel became the chosen people of God. Eli told Samuel how God had rescued them from Egypt. Samuel listened eagerly as Eli taught him the rules God had given His people.

One night, when Samuel was asleep in God's tent, a voice woke him up. Samuel thought Eli was calling, so he ran to the old man's room.

"I heard you call, Eli," Samuel said, "Here I am."
"I didn't call you, my son," Eli replied. "Go back to bed."

A second time, Samuel heard a voice calling his name. Again, he ran to his friend, Eli.

"I'm here," he said. "You did call me."
But Eli knew nothing of it and ordered Samuel to go back to bed.

A third time Samuel heard the voice, got up and went to Eli's room. This time Eli did not send him away. At last, Eli had realized that the voice must be God. So he said, "Samuel, I believe it is God calling you. Go back to bed. If the voice calls again, say "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

So Samuel went back to bed and God called him again: "Samuel!"

This time Samuel answered, "Speak to me, Lord I'm listening."

"Give Eli this message," God said. "His sons do not respect or love me. Tell Eli they will not be allowed to serve me when he dies."

Like Samuel, at some point in your life, you will hear the call of God. It will not be the sound of a voice like Samuel was able to hear. Instead, it will be a strong feeling of conviction that you are separated from God. Please listen, since that is the time to pray for forgiveness and for salvation from God. It is a wonderful experience to truly be able to serve God in the days of thy youth.

Questions:

1. Who was Samuel's mother?
2. Where did she take Samuel to live?
3. Who did Samuel go to help?
4. Whose voice spoke to Samuel?

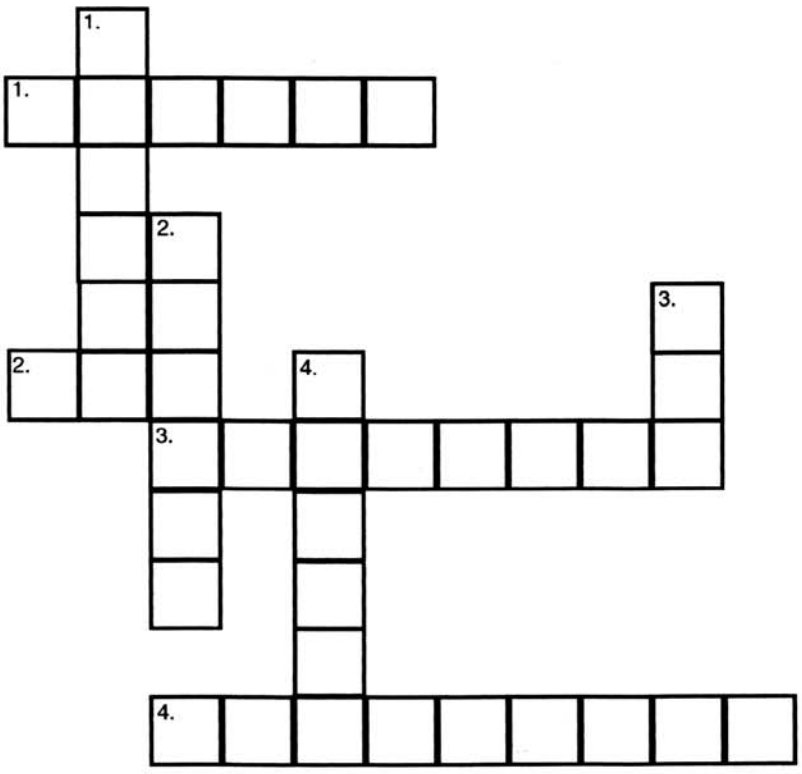
Activity:
Crossword Puzzle

Down:

1. The young boy who helped Eli was called _____.
2. Samuel lived with Eli at _____.
3. _____ was really the One speaking to Samuel.
4. Eli told Samuel stories about how God had chosen the people of _____ to be his special people.

Across:

1. Samuel's mother was named _____.
2. The elderly priest whom Samuel helped was _____.
3. When God called Samuel the third time, he _____ carefully.
4. When you hear God's call as a sinner, you must pray for forgiveness and _____.



Lesson Two: Learn...Timothy

Lesson Text: II Timothy 1:1-9; II Timothy 3: 14-17
Memory Verse: "Learn to do well..."Is. 1:17

Timothy was a young man from Lystra who knew the Scripture from youth. Although his father was not a believer, Timothy had a godly mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, who instructed him about the Lord. Because of their influence Timothy came to know the Lord with a genuine faith.

When the apostle Paul passed through the area of Derbe and Lystra, Timothy met him. Timothy was able to learn even more about the Lord from Paul.

Paul was impressed by Timothy's faith. Paul wrote two letters of the New Testament to Timothy, instructing him as a young preacher. Paul cautioned Timothy to not let others despise him because of his youth. Paul instructed Timothy to deal with people gently, exhorting them in the truth of the gospel. This was so others might come to know the Lord and also walk in the true way.

Paul also cautioned Timothy to run away from worldly desires that appeal especially to young people, pulling them away from living a godly life. Instead, Paul told Timothy to pursue (or run after) righteousness, faith, love, and peace.

Paul warned Timothy he would have to endure hardship for the sake of the gospel. Paul certainly knew suffering! He was beaten and even thrown into prison for preaching about the Lord Jesus Christ. But Paul stated that God had not given us a spirit of fear, but rather one of power, love, and a sound mind.

Paul encouraged Timothy to pass on the things he had learned from Paul to other faithful men that they might also become teachers of Christ Jesus also. Paul wanted Timothy to have confidence in the truth he had learned as a child. Paul did not want Timothy to become intimidated by men who had fallen away from the truth. The instruction book Timothy was to follow was the Scripture, or Holy Bible, inspired by God.

Just as Timothy learned of the Lord as a youth, you too can come to know God. By coming to Sunday School and bringing your Bible, you can be instructed in the same Scripture as Timothy. You can listen to the pastor of your church just as Timothy listened to Paul. As you learn of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can share this knowledge with a friend, inviting them to come to church with you.

Questions:

1. Who first taught Timothy about God?
2. Where did Timothy meet Paul?
3. What were some of the instructions Paul gave Timothy?
4. How can you learn more about God?
5. How can you help someone else learn more about God?

Activity:

Have a Bible drill with the following scriptures. Give a small token (such as candy) to the winners.

I Samuel 3:9; Col. 3:16; Ps. 119:11;Is. 1:17; Pr. 1:1-6; Pr. 2:1-9;Pr. 4:1-10; Acts 16:1-4; I Ti. 1:5;Ex. 20:12; pr. 30:17; Mt. 15:4; Ec.12:1; I Ti. 4:12.

Lesson Three: Obey... Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Lesson Text: Daniel 3:8-18
Memory Verse: "Obey my voice, and I will be your God."Je.7:23

Yesterday's lesson talked about the importance of learning about the word of God. Many of you may have already studied the Bible on your own. Many of you may be just beginning to learn about the wonderful benefits of being a Christian. No matter how far along you are in terms of Bible study, you have probably noticed that, from the beginning of time, God has given rules for us to follow, and allowed us to choose whether or not we will obey them. Even If we had nothing but the story of Adam and Eve, we could still see how disobeying God separates us from the peace He intends for our lives.

Fortunately, we have more than just the story of Adam and Eve. The Bible is filled with stories of people who do not obey God and suffer consequences. At first, it may seem that the Bible is only about people disobeying God and being punished. But if we look deeper, we see that there are many stories of people who chose to listen to God's Word and were blessed because of their obedience. Some of them were people as young as you. One such story is Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace. (Dan. 3:8-18)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were three young men who lived during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, king of the Babylonians. Years before, Nebuchadnezzar had conquered their homeland of Judah and taken the Children of Israel captive. Nebuchadnezzar was a proud king. He was so full of himself and his accomplishments that he decided to build a giant statue to represent the greatness of the empire he built. The statue was 90 feet tall, which is just slightly shorter than the Statue of Liberty, and was made of pure gold. He ordered music to be played at certain times of the day, and demanded everyone, including the captive Jews, to bow down and worship the statue when they heard it. No doubt many of the Jews bowed to the statue out of fear of the king's punishment. Many may have even considered it "no big deal", as long as they did not actually believe that the statue was a god.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, however, knew that bowing to the statue was a very big deal. Worshipping the statue would be breaking God's first commandment to His followers: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The three young men remembered God's Word and did not bow. Nebuchadnezzar was furious, and ordered a furnace be lit in order to burn them alive. He told Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that if they did not bow, they would be thrown into the fire.

"What god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" He asked them. Nebuchadnezzar believed he was more powerful than any god.

The young men replied, "The God we serve is able to save us from the furnace."

They knew that God was all-powerful and could save them from death, but that is not all they said.

"But even if he does not, we want you to know, O King, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were determined to follow God even if it meant they might die. They knew that doing the right thing is not always rewarded on earth, but having faith in God would bring them the ultimate reward of eternity in heaven. It was their faith in God which helped them to stand up to the king's command.

Nebuchadnezzar, angrier now than before, lit the fires seven times hotter, and threw the men in. To his amazement, he could see four men walking in the fire. The mysterious fourth man he described as looking like " The Son of God". He immediately called the men out, and saw that their clothing was not even burnt, and they did not smell like smoke. When God intervenes, He does so completely.

Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, "They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God." It is interesting that it was not their reward which impressed Nebuchadnezzar, but their faith. When we choose to do the right thing, even if it means possible suffering, we are a witness to the unbelievers around us through our faith. Those Jews, who decided to bow to the statue, gave up a chance to show others their faith in God.

Nebuchadnezzar saw that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not obey God to get a reward, and it changed his life. From then on he acknowledged the power of the God of Israel.

This story brings questions into all of our minds. Why do we obey God? Do we do it only to be rewarded? Or do we obey out of the fear of punishment? Whatever our own selfish reasons may be, it is certain that God wants us to obey Him out of trust. When we obey out of trust, it shows we believe that God loves us and wants to protect us from the consequences of sin. He did not give us rules to keep us from having fun; He did so to keep us from harm.

Christians should always follow God's word, even if it means giving up something we really want to do. It is hard sometimes; if it weren't, everyone would want to be a Christian. What we must remember is that God is there to help us make the right choice. All we have to do is call on Him in prayer, and remind ourselves daily that His rules are for our protection, out of His immeasurable love for us.

If you are not a Christian yet, what do you do when you hear God's word in your heart, asking you to come to Him? Do you obey? Or are you afraid to put your trust in Him? It is my hope that you will truly believe that He loves you, and give your life to Him.

Questions:

1. Who were the three young men in today's story?
2. Who was the king of Babylon?
3. What did the king want the three young men to do?
4. What happened when they refused?
5. Why was the king impressed and recognized the power of God?

Activity:

Do a word search with the following words:

Shadrach, Obey, Nebuchadnezzar, Faith, Meshach, Trust, Abednego, Statue, Babylonians, Christians

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Lesson Four: Follow...Jesus Disciples

Lesson Text: Matthew 4:17-22
Memory Verse: "Jesus said...follow thee." Mt. 8:22

You have been studying about things you should do early in life to be pleasing to God. Today's lesson text tells of Jesus asking fishermen to come and follow Him, so that He could make them "fishers of men." (Matt.4: 19) Jesus was asking them just as He asks us today (through the Holy Spirit) to FOLLOW and obey Him. Jesus wants us to witness to others of what He has done for us. Through faith, He has given salvation and the promise of eternal life. Just as the fishermen stopped what they were doing immediately to follow Jesus, we should also follow their example and do what the Holy Spirit wants us to do as quickly as we can.

Trusting the Lord for salvation is the first time we learn to FOLLOW thedrawing power of God's Spirit (John 6:44). The Spirit lets you know when you are accountable for your sins before God (Romans 7:9,10) and that you are a sinner, separated from God (Isaiah 59:12). He will also send conviction and godly sorrow (II Cor. 7:10), so that you will be able to see your great need of a Savior. When you feel this heavy burden of trouble in your heart (conviction), that is the time to act quickly while the Spirit is dealing with you and FOLLOW through with prayer for the forgiveness of your sins. The complete faith needed for a total surrender to God is granted whenever you reach the end of your own faith. (Acts 17:27,30; I Pet. 1:9) Salvation comes by "...grace...through faith; not of works...(Eph. 2:8,9). The Holy Spirit also lets you know when you are saved by replacing the trouble and sorrow of your heart with complete peace. (Rom. 8:16) Salvation secures eternal life in Heaven (Rom. 8:35-39) and makes you an adopted child of God (John 1:12; Rom.8: 15). It is also important to note that following the Ten Commandments as given in the Old Testament (Exodus 20) is good to live a moral life, but has nothing to do with obtaining salvation (Matt. 19:16-22). It is not possible to live good enough to earn salvation, since faith and not works is required.

Once you become a Christian (get saved), you should FOLLOW the leadership of God's Spirit again and become a member of one of His local churches (Acts 2:38-41). As Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:-13-17), so should we be immersed in water to show the "picture" of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12). Again, we should do this as quickly as the Lord's Spirit leads us to the right church after we get saved, so we can begin to serve our Savior. If you delay or put this off, you will miss out on some of His richest blessings that come from doing what He wants you to do (His Will).

Obedience to God is always rewarded with great blessings! FOLLOW the Lord's Will for your life. He will direct your path (Ps. 23:3), and God alone can give us peace when there is trouble or fear, and He promises the eternal security of life after death in Heaven! What wonderful gifts He freely gives! He only asks that you surrender (give up) your will for His, so He can give you His richest blessings as He directs your life. Let God be your Heavenly Father: learn to trust, obey, and FOLLOW His plan for your life, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit----in the days of your youth.

Questions:

1. Who did Jesus ask to follow Him?
2. What did He want to make them?
3. How soon did they follow Him?
4. Will following the Ten Commandments save you?
5. What must you do to be saved?

Activity:

Decipher the alphabet code for an important message:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

"10 5 19 21 19 19 1 9 4 ... 6 15 12 12 15 23 13 5."

Lesson Five: Tell ... David

Lesson Text: I Samuel 17: 25-37
Memory Verse: "Go stand and speak..." Acts 5:20

In our lesson tonight we are studying the importance of telling others about the Lord. We can see how this applies to David and his life.

David was sent by his father, Jesse, to take food to his brothers who were away fighting the Philistines. Arriving at the camp, David found the army in formation ready to go and fight the Philistines.

Leaving his carriage in the hands of the carriage keeper, he went to talk with his brothers. While they were talking, the champion of the Philistines, Goliath, came out and dared the armies of Israel to send someone to fight him. The army of Israel was afraid of Goliath's challenge and they retreated. Everyone was talking about Goliath and how he was defying the army of Israel. David heard what the men were saying about Goliath and the rewards that the king would give to the man who killed him (I Samuel 17:25).

Then David asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he thinks he can defy the army of the living God?" When David looked at Goliath he saw a mortal man defying Almighty God. David's brother was angry with David for his statement. He told David that he was only a young boy that tended the sheep and the only reason that he had come there was to watch the battle. This did not stop David. He just kept asking whom this Philistine thought he was to defy the army of the living God. Eventually David's statements were told to Saul, the king of Israel.

Saul sent for David and David told Saul that he would go and fight Goliath. Saul said to David, "You are but a youth and Goliath is a man of war from his youth." (I Sam. 17:34-36) David proceeded to tell Saul of all the times God had delivered him while he was tending the sheep. God had delivered him from a lion that attacked the flock of sheep. Then a bear attacked and God delivered David then also (I Sam. 17:34-36).

"This Philistine will be the same as the lion and bear," David said. "God will deliver me from him." Saul then told David to go and the Lord be with him (I Sam. 17:37).

David told the army of Israel that God would give him the victory. He shared how God had delivered him many times before and he had faith that God would deliver him again. Even when his brother was against him David continued to share the truth of God's deliverance. God expects us to share His truth with our family (Luke 5:19), friends and with everyone (Acts 5:20).

Questions:

1. Why did David go to find his brothers?
2. What happened when he got to the camp?
3. Who did David believe would deliver him from Goliath?
4. What does God expect us to do with his truth?

Activity:
Do a word search with the following words:

David, Goliath, Saul, Philistine, Faith, Truth, Share, Israel, Army, God, Champion, Almighty, Bear, Sheep, Youth, Delivered

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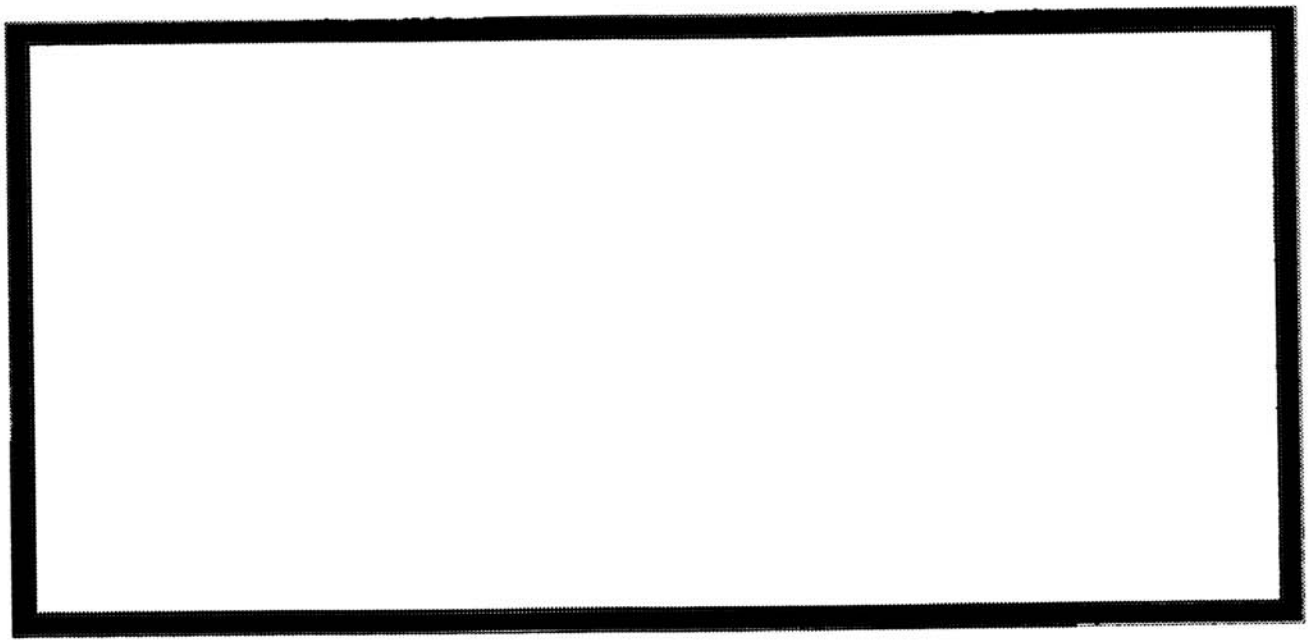

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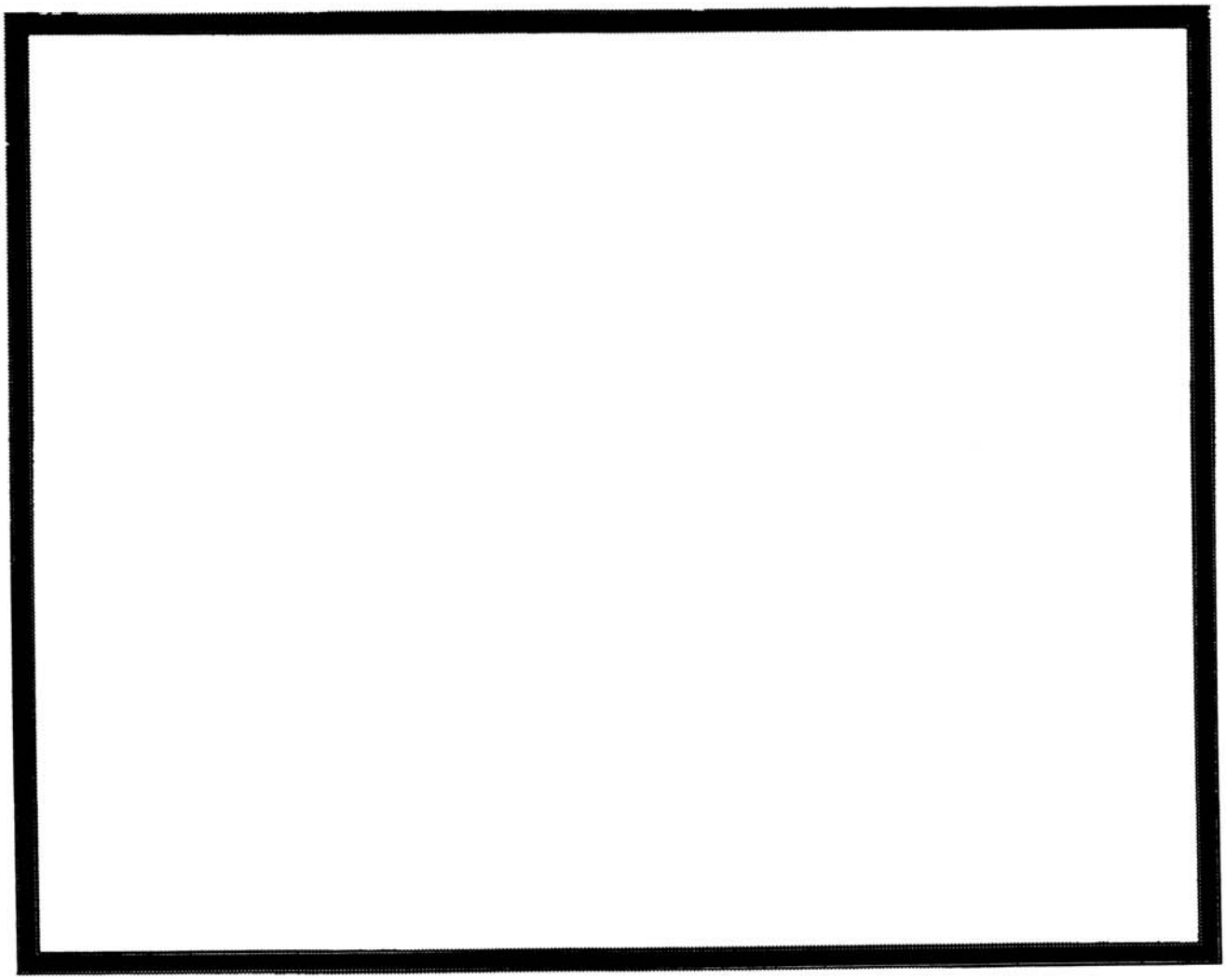

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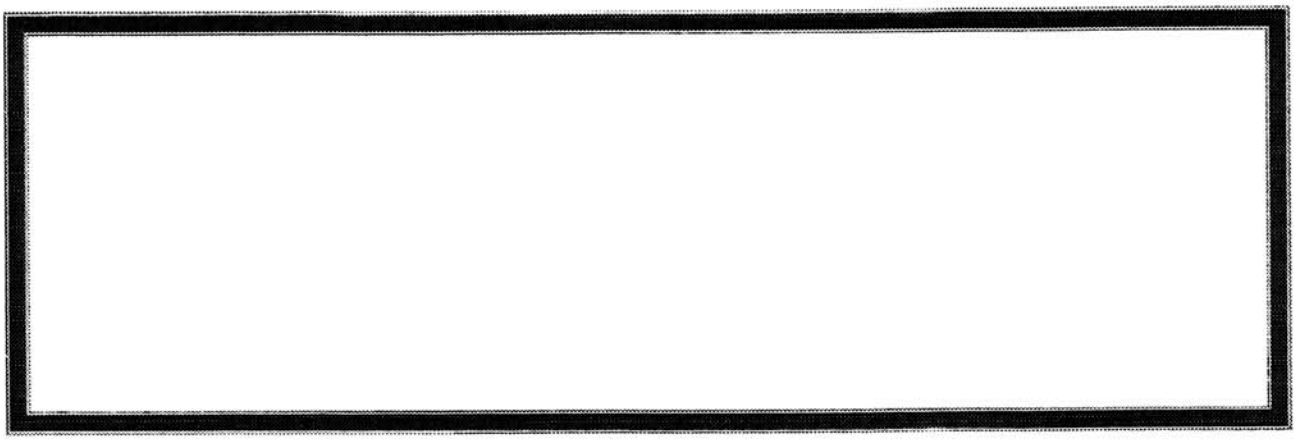

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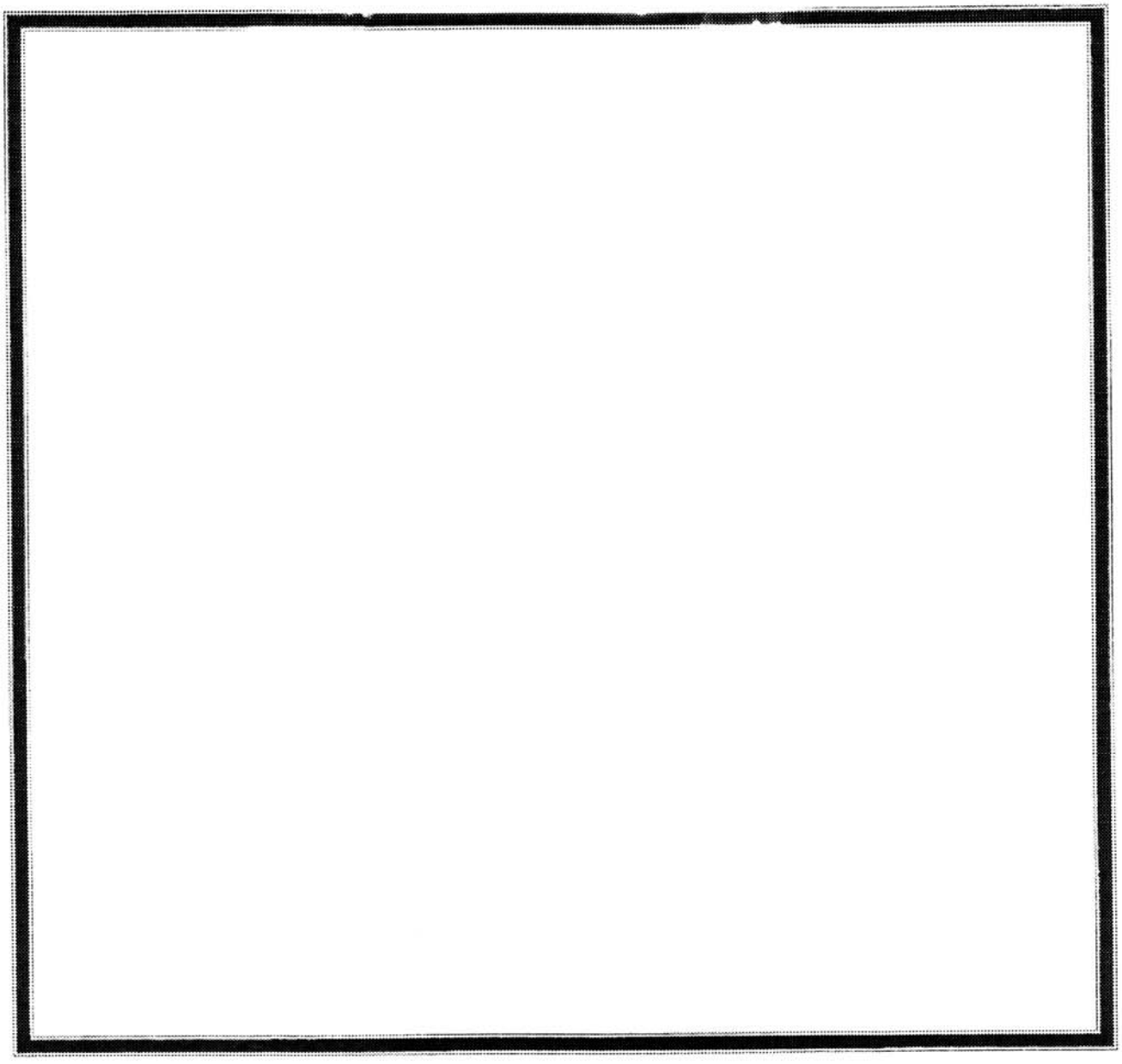

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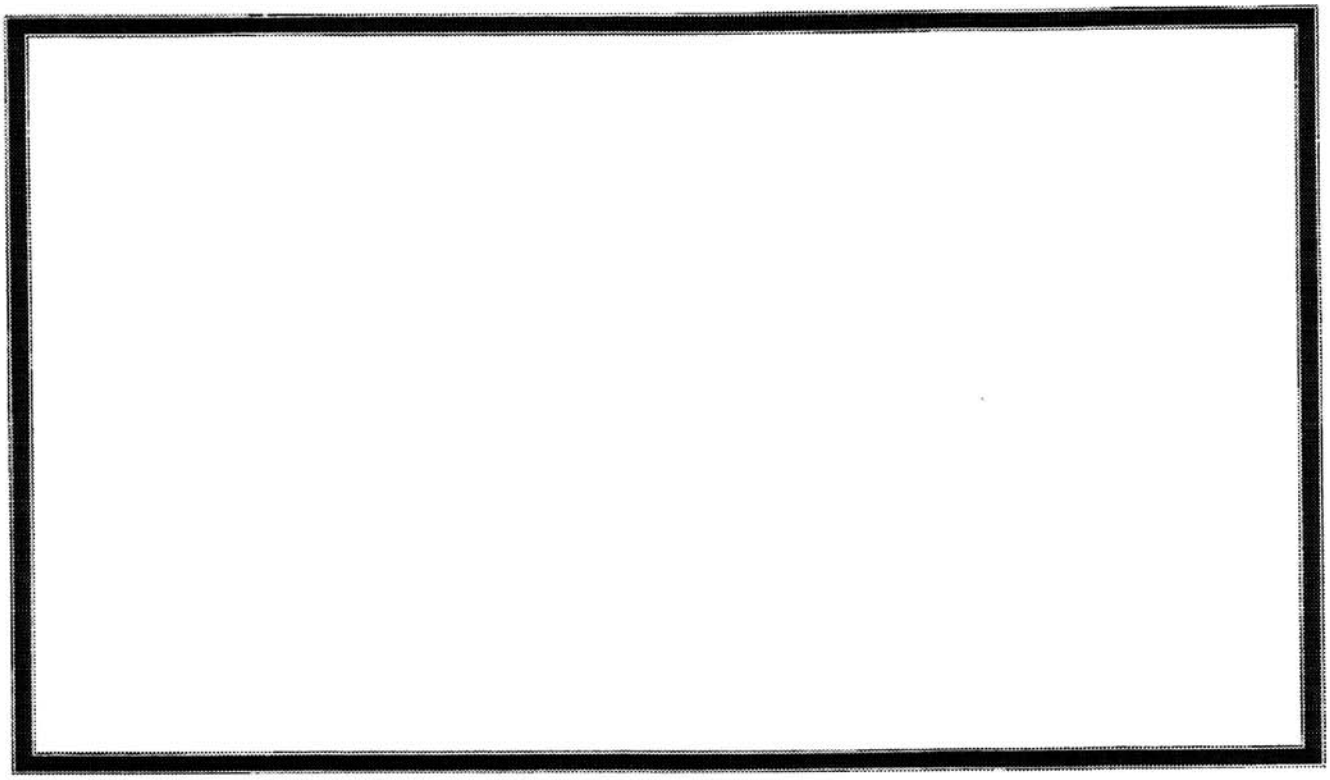

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First day's word for the day

Lesson 2: Learn

Second day's word for the day

Lesson 3: Obey

Third day's word for the day

Lesson 4: Follow

Fourth day's word for the day

Lesson 5: Tell

Fifth day's word for the day

Cont. Day 1: "Step Book"

"...Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth..."
- I Samuel 3:9

First day's scroll memory verse

Title for "Step Book"

"In the Days of Thy Youth"

"Learn to do well;..."
-Isaiah 1:17

Second day's scroll memory verse

"...Obey my voice, and I will be your God,..."
-Jeremiah 7:23

Third day's scroll memory verse

"...Jesus said...Follow me;..."
-Matthew 8:22

Fourth day's scroll memory verse

"Go, stand and speak..."
-Acts 5:20

Fifth day's scroll memory verse

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

ISAIAH

CHAPTER 1

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Jū'dah and Jerusalem in the days of Uz-zī'ah, Jō'-tham, Ahaz, *and* Hĕz-e-kī'ah, kings of Jū'dah.

2 ¶Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but*

wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country *is* desolate, your cities *are* burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and *it is* desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

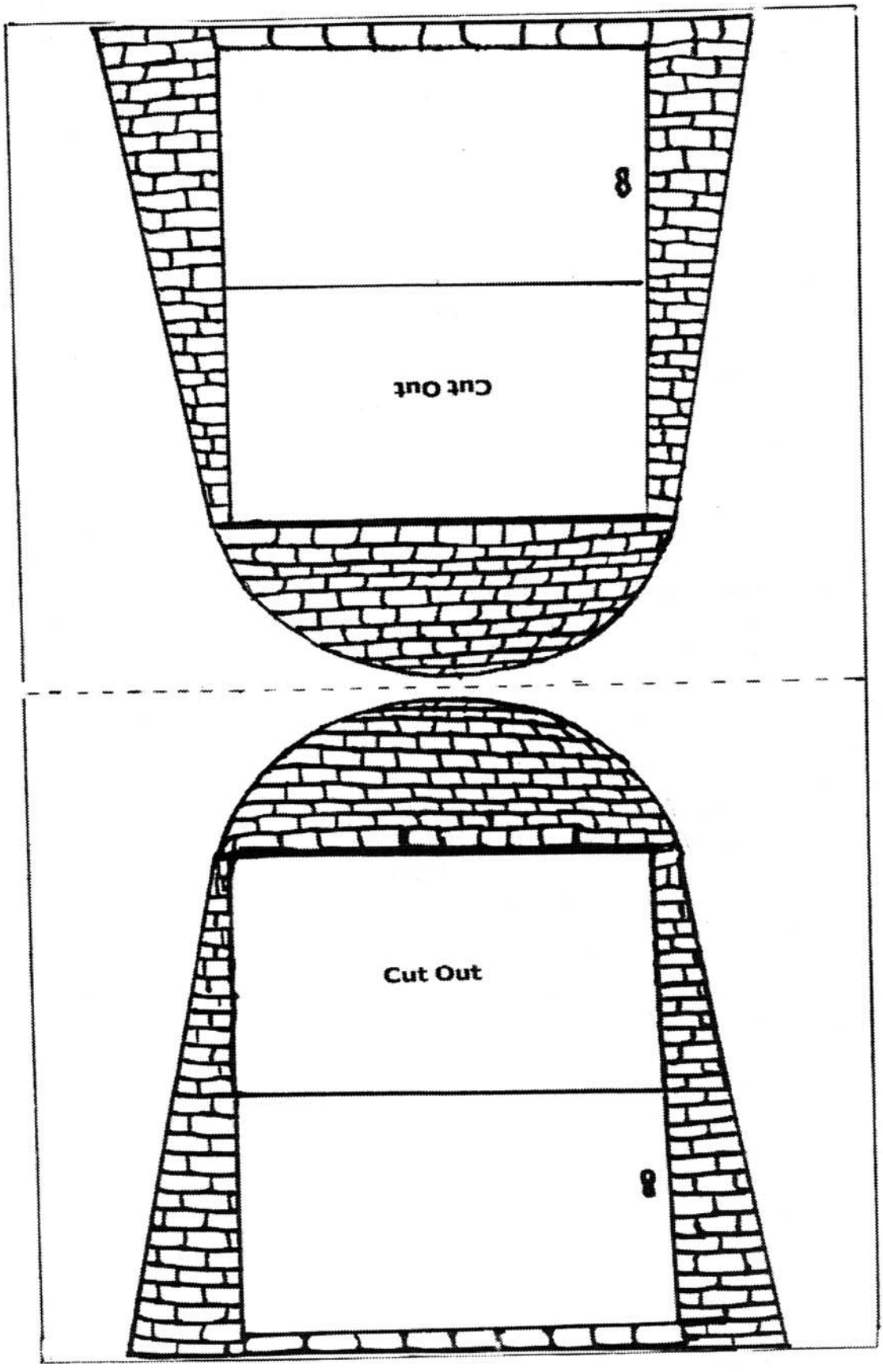
9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Go-mŏr'rah.

10 ¶Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Go-mŏr'rah.

11 To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

Day 3: Pull-tab Booklet of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego



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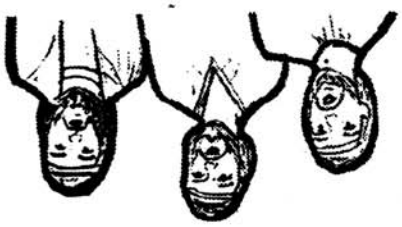

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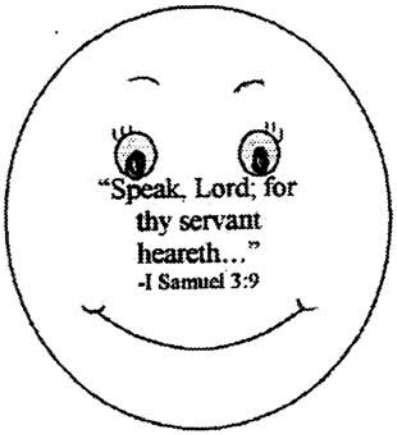

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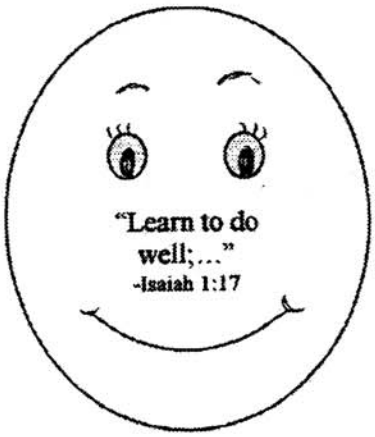

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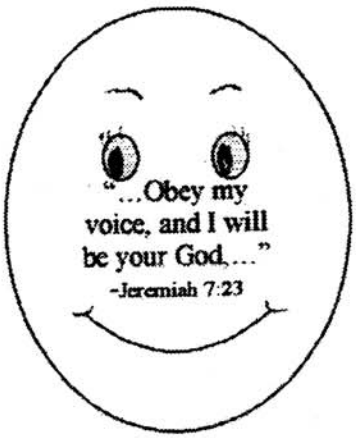

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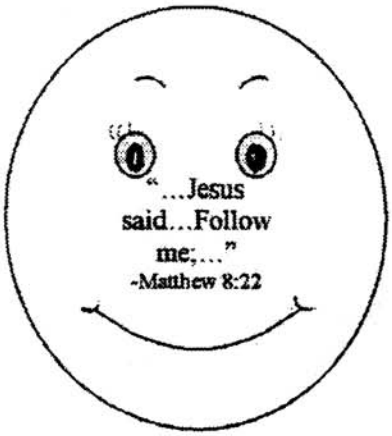

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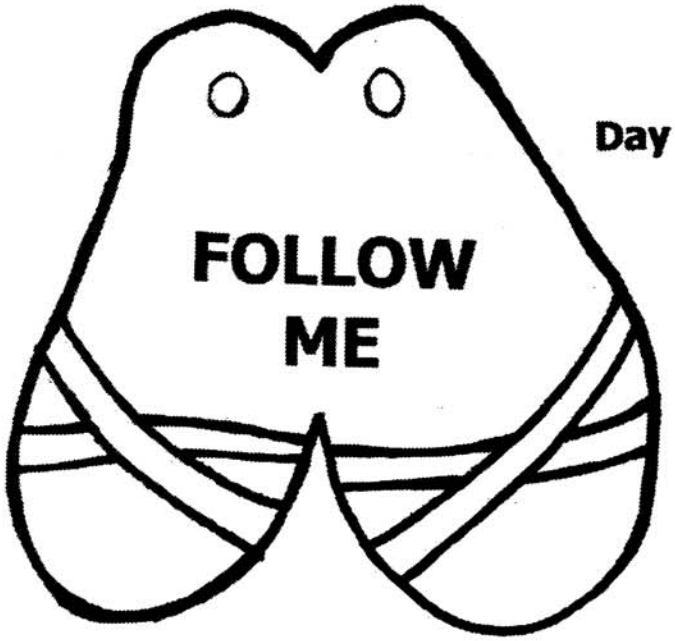

Day 4: "Follow Me" Necklace

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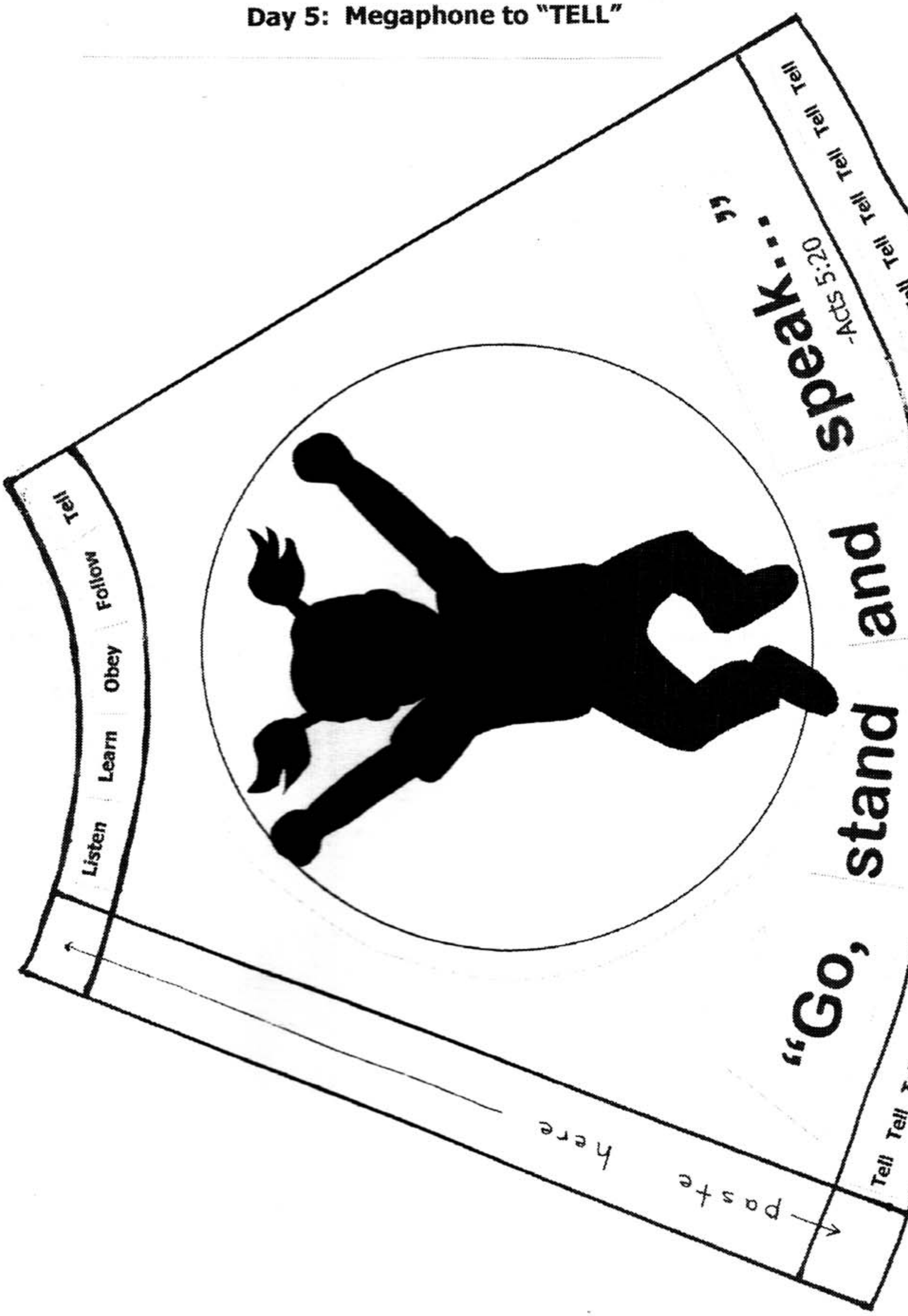
Day 5: Megaphone to "TELL"