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Children Of Promise

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Galatians 4:28

AGES 5 - 6

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Isaac

Genesis 17:19 - *"And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."*

This year, our lessons for Vacation Bible School are about children. God promised children to some people who loved Him very much. These children were blessings to their parents and they grew up to be blessings to God. By serving God, they also proved to be blessings to hundreds, even millions of people.

In this lesson, we are going to talk about Isaac. Isaac was truly a blessing to his parents, Abraham and Sarah. God promised them that their family would become a great nation. The nation would be a blessing to the whole world, but Abraham and Sarah were both very old and had no children.

One day, God appeared to Abraham and promised him that Sarah would have a son and that his name would be Isaac. Can you imagine how happy Sarah must have been to learn that she was going to have a child even though she was very old? Isaac's birth truly was a miracle!

When Isaac was a young man, God asked Abraham to prove his love for Him. He told Abraham to offer Isaac up as a burnt offering. Abraham must have had a great amount of faith in God to be willing to offer his son, whom he loved very much, as a sacrifice. But just as Abraham was about to take Isaac's life, an angel of the Lord spoke to him and told him not to harm to his son; God then provided a ram to use for the offering. Abraham was willing to follow the Lord, no matter what he had to do. Because of this, God blessed Abraham so much more.

Isaac grew up obeying God and following his commandments. When he was older, God sent him a godly wife, Rebekah. They loved each other and God very much, and Isaac prayed they would have a son. God heard his prayer, and He blessed them with twin sons, Jacob and Esau. Over time, Jacob's family became the great nation, Israel, and the family of our Savior Jesus Christ, just as God had promised Abraham and Sarah.

What a blessing it is to follow God and do the things He asks of us! He promises He will take care of us forever and He is the only one who can always keep a promise. Let us always be ready to obey God and do His will; He will bless us and maybe something we say or do will bless someone else.

KEY VERSE: 1 KINGS 8:56 ***"Blessed be the Lord...there hath not failed one word of all His good promise..."***

Questions:

1. Who appeared to Abraham and told him that his wife would bear a child?
2. What else did God promise Abraham and Sarah?
3. Why did God tell Abraham to offer up Isaac as a burnt offering?
4. What happens when we obey God?

Word Search: Find the following words in the Word Search Puzzle Below

Isaac
Jacob
Birth
Abraham
Miracle
Promise
Sarah
God
Blessing

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Coloring Activity

Abraham offers Isaac.

Joseph

Genesis 45:7 - *"And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance."*

God sent Jacob and Rachel a son whom Rachel named Joseph. Although he loved all of his children, the Bible says Jacob loved Joseph more because he was born when Jacob was very old. Because he was so special, Jacob made Joseph a coat of many colors. Joseph also pleased God, and He talked to him through dreams. Joseph had a special gift that God had given him...he was able to understand other people's dreams.

All of this made Joseph's brothers very jealous of him so they sold him to the Ishmeelites and he became a slave in Egypt, a country that did not know God. The brothers took Joseph's coat of many colors and smeared it with the blood of a kid goat and brought it to their father. Jacob thought some evil beast killed his son and he grieved for Joseph for many days.

While Joseph was in Egypt, he worked as a servant. Although he always obeyed God, he was accused of crimes he did not commit, and was even put in prison. Joseph continued to obey God, no matter what, and God gave him the ability to understand dreams.

After Joseph had been there many years, Pharoah, the King of Egypt, had two strange dreams one night. In the first dream there were seven fat cows and seven lean cows. In the second, there were seven good ears of corn and seven bad ears of corn. God helped Joseph understand Pharaoh's dream and warned him that after seven years of plenty food, there would be seven years of famine or no food. Pharaoh was so pleased with Joseph that he put Joseph in charge of the land and the food; he saved up so much food in seven years that no one in Egypt was hungry during the famine. Joseph became a trusted friend of Pharaoh.

But in Joseph's homeland, everyone was hungry. Jacob sent Joseph's brothers to Egypt to get food because he heard there was plenty to eat in that land. When they arrived, Joseph recognized his brothers but they did not know him. After some time, Joseph told them that he was their brother. He told them not to be angry with themselves because they sold him, because it was part of God's plan. God was the one who sent him to Egypt. Genesis 45:7 "And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

Joseph then told his brothers to go back and get their father and families so they could live in Egypt and be together; he would give them food and a place to live. All of this was because of God's promise to Abraham. God never forgets His promises. We are so glad He promised a home in heaven to everyone that has been saved by His grace.

KEY VERSE: Jeremiah 1:8 *"...I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord."*

Questions:

1. What special gift, or talent, did God give Joseph?
2. Why did Joseph's brothers sell him to the Ishmeelites?
3. What did Joseph's father, Jacob, make for him?
4. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh about the dreams he had?

Word Decoder: Use the Alphabet Code below to decode the phrase below:

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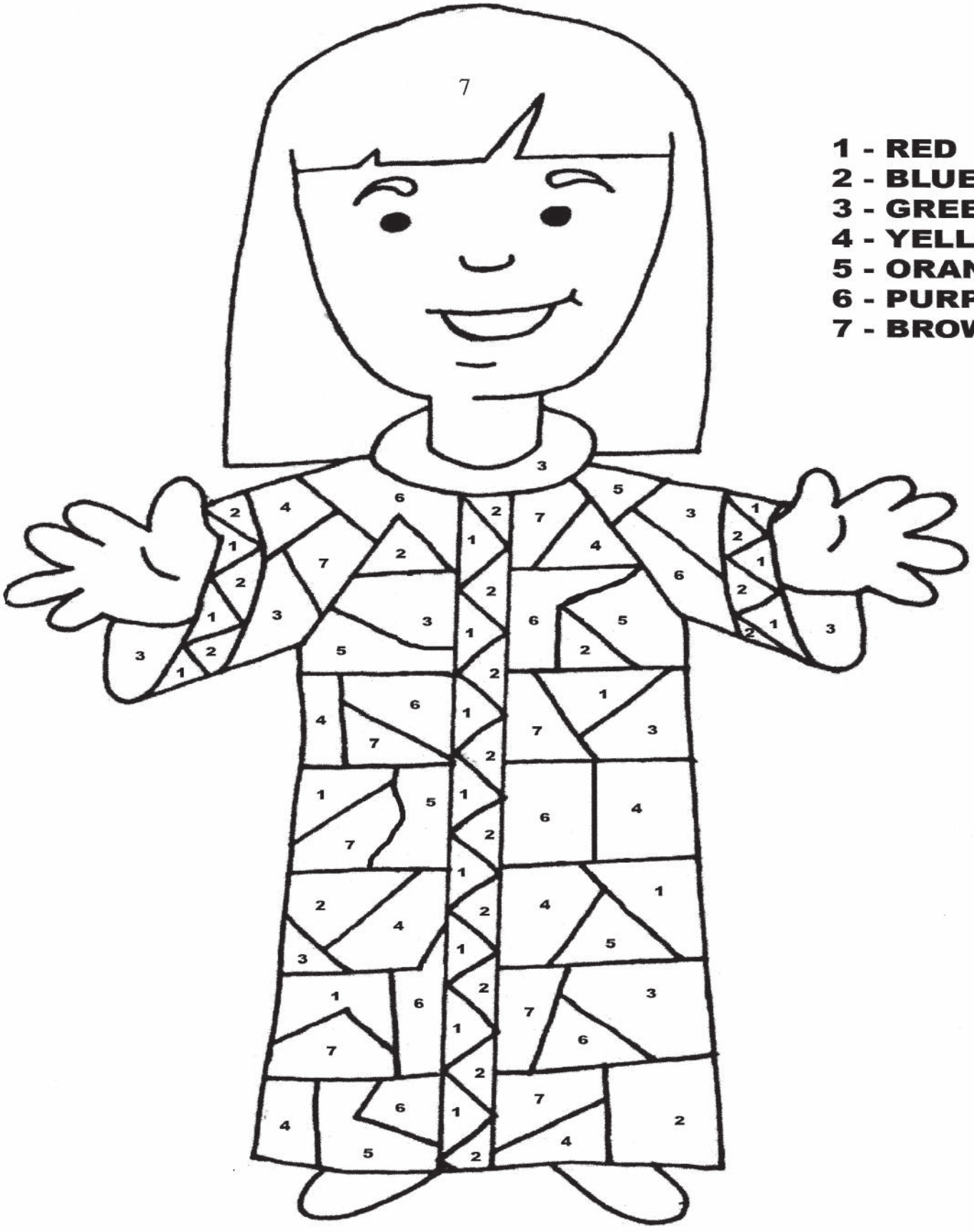


Joseph wore his coat of many colors.

Samuel

1 Samuel 11:14: *"Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there."*

There once was a woman named Hannah who was very sad because she had no children. Hannah wanted a child very much, so she prayed that God would give her a son. She also promised God that if she had a son she would give her son to God to do work for Him. Soon after, God answered Hannah's prayer and gave her the son for whom she had asked and she named him Samuel.

When Samuel got a little bigger, Hannah remembered that she had promised to give her son to God, so she took him to live in the temple with a priest named Eli. Samuel was a good boy and spent his time helping Eli and working in the temple.

One night as Samuel was lying in his bed, God called his name. Samuel thought that it was Eli calling him and ran into his room, but Eli said he had not called, so Samuel went back to bed. When Samuel had lain back down in his bed, he heard the voice call him a second time. He ran back to Eli, but it was not Eli this time either, so he returned to bed. Samuel laid down one more time and it happened again! This time when Samuel went to Eli, Eli told him something different: He told Samuel that if the voice called him again to answer it by saying, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." That is exactly what Samuel did and God gave him a very important message for Eli.

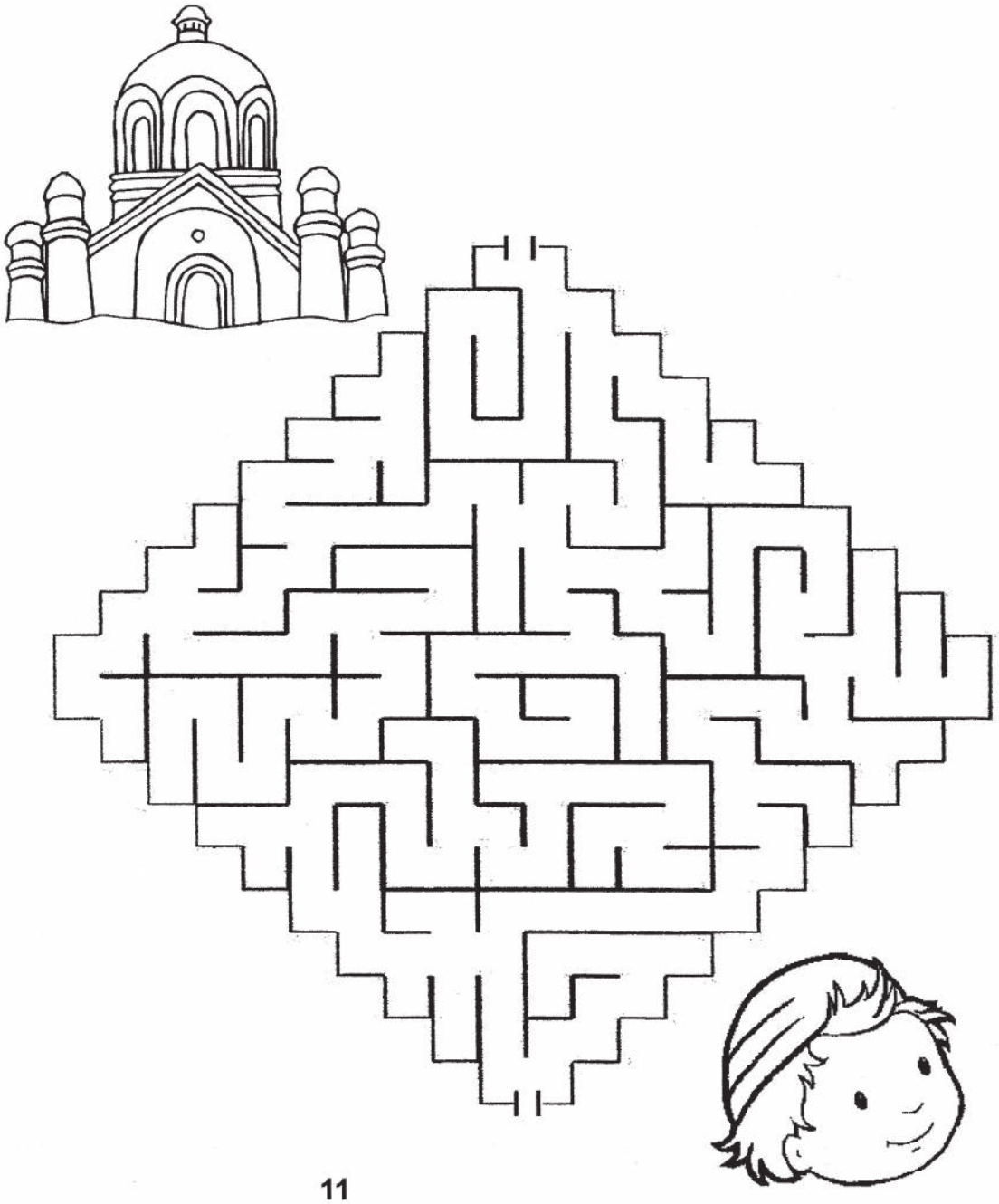
Samuel's mother Hannah kept her promise to give her son to God, so Samuel was taught how important it is to worship and serve God through his mother's example and his upbringing in the temple with Eli. He was a good boy and obeyed Eli's instructions to answer God's call. Because Samuel always put God first and was willing to serve Him, God heard Samuel's prayers for his people later in life and saved the lives of an entire nation.

Key Verse: Malachi 3:7: ***"...Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts..."***

Questions:

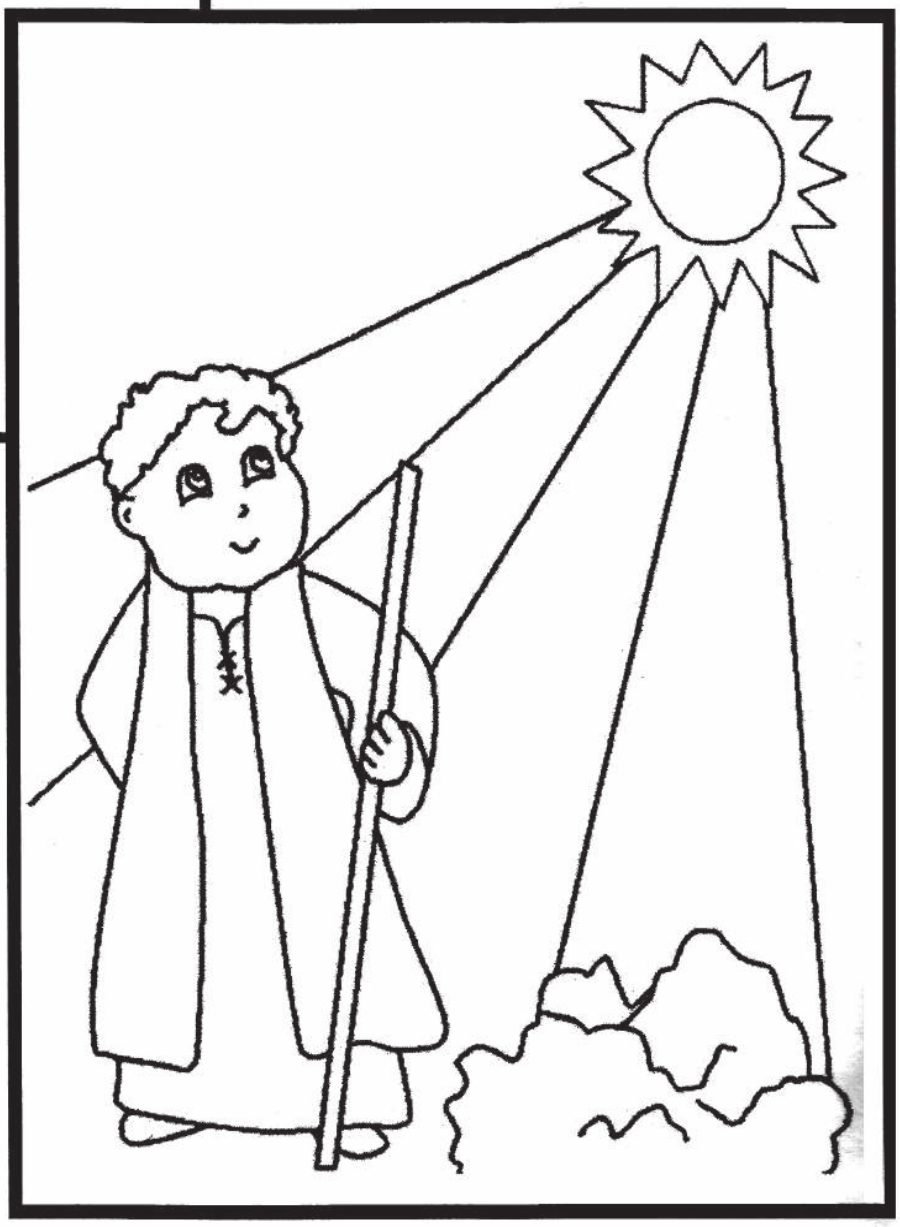
1. Hannah was very sad and asked God for something she wanted very much. What did she ask God for?
2. Where did Hannah take Samuel to live after he got a little bigger?
3. Who called to Samuel as he was lying in his bed?
4. Who did Samuel serve and always put first in his life?
5. Because Samuel was a good boy and served God, God answered Samuel's _____(?)_____.

Maze Activity: Help Hannah take Samuel to the temple to be with Eli to fulfill her promise to God.



Coloring Activity

Hannah prayed for a child.



A son was born to her, and she named him Samuel.

John the Baptist

Luke 1:17: ***"And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."***

Around the time Jesus was born, there was a priest named Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth. They were both very righteous people and obeyed God's commandments and ordinances. They prayed for a child but Elisabeth was unable to have one and since they were very old, they had accepted the fact that they would never have any children. But God heard their prayer and sent an angel to Zacharias. The angel told him that his wife would bear a son and they would call him John. Zacharias did not believe what the angel had just told him and because of his unbelief, he could not use his voice any more. After their son was born, everyone wanted to know what name they had chosen. Since Zacharias could not speak, he wrote, "His name is John." Suddenly, Zacharias could speak again! He knew God made this happen and realized that with God, all things are possible.

God had a special job for John to do; he was to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior. He went into the desert and God trained him for this job. When he came out from the desert, John preached to people to "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 3:2). He told them how important it was to be saved so they could live in heaven with Jesus. He baptized everyone who came to him with a testimony of salvation. This is the same message that preachers are preaching today, that all must repent and be saved.

John had the special honor of baptizing Jesus. John did not feel worthy to baptize Jesus but Jesus told him he must do this to "fulfill all righteousness." Sometimes people are directed by God to do certain things; some are called to preach, others may be called to do mission work, and everyone is told to help their neighbor. When God tells us to do something we must obey just as John did, even though we may not feel worthy.

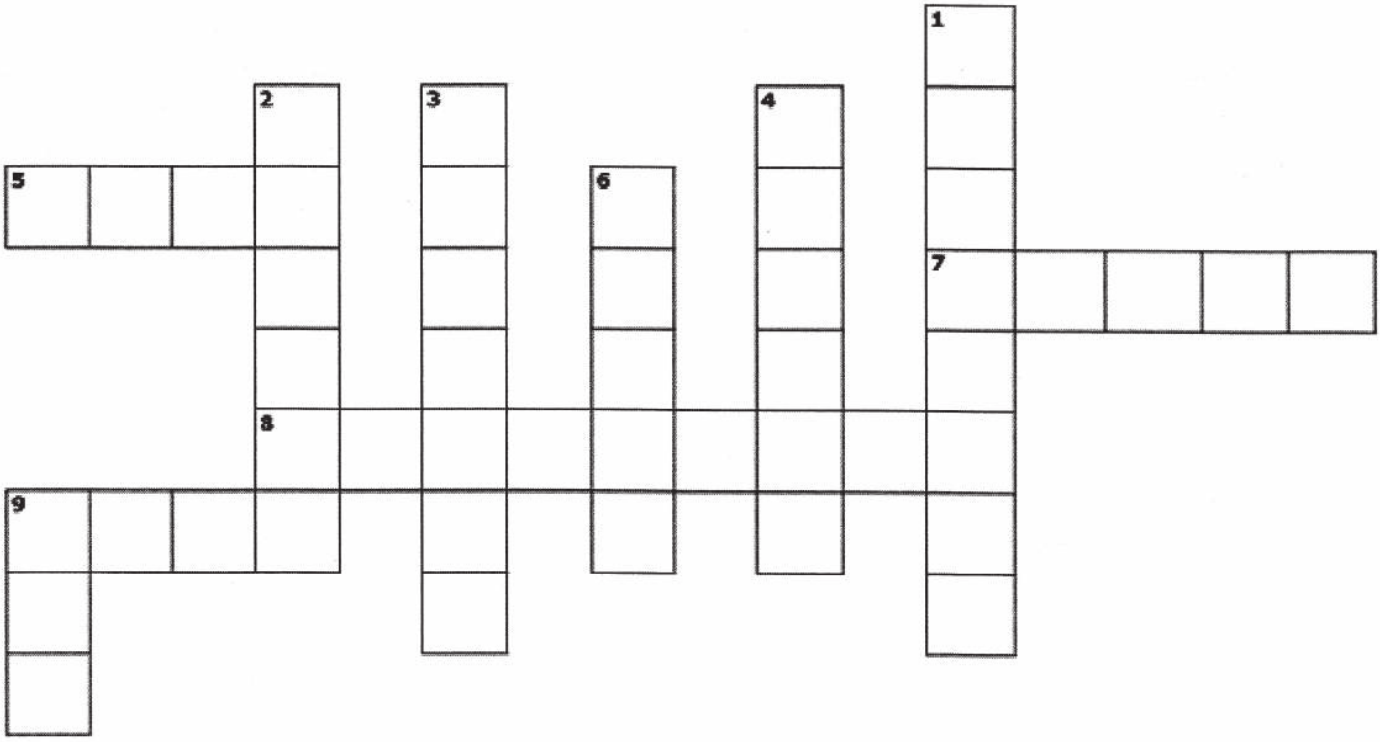
John the Baptist was a faithful worker for the Lord and Jesus acknowledged his good work. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you. Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11) Let us all try to be faithful workers for the Lord, and do whatever He has for us to do; He will be with us, just as He promised.

Key Verse: Malachi 3:1 ***"...I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me..."***

Questions:

1. What was John's special job?
2. Who trained John for his job?
3. Zacharias did not believe what the angel told him and because of this, he could not ___?____.
4. Where did John the Baptist stay while he was being trained for his job?

Crossword Puzzle:



ACROSS

5. Zacharias wrote "His ___ is John."
7. Who appeared to Zacharias.
8. John's mother.
9. Who baptized Jesus.

DOWN

1. John ___ to the people to repent.
2. Where God lives.
3. Who was John.
4. God wants us to be a _____ .
6. What Zacharias could not do.
9. God has a ___ for each of us to do.

Coloring Activity

John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

Jesus

Genesis 3:15: *"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

Jesus is Promised

When Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden they had everything they could need or want. There was a "tree of knowledge of good and evil." God had told them not to eat from it. The serpent, or Satan, encouraged Eve to eat from the tree even though she was told not to. Both Eve and Adam ate from the tree. When God saw what they had done, they were punished.

God then spoke to the serpent and the Lord God promised that the serpent would not be able to walk upright and would crawl on his belly. But the greatest promise God made was that Satan is the enemy of Eve, and her "seed," who is Jesus Christ. God also promised there would be a Savior that would come and die for our sins. That Savior was Jesus. He is the Lamb of God.

Jesus

Jesus was born to Mary. She had promised to marry Joseph, a carpenter. God sent an angel to Mary and told her she would have a child that would be the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. Jesus was born to Mary in Bethlehem. He grew up and at age twelve, He went to the temple and sat listening and questioning the teachers. He told Mary and Joseph that He was "about his Father's business." (Luke 2:49)

Later in his life Jesus and His twelve disciples would go from town to town teaching about God, healing the sick and raising the dead. Many sinners would seek Jesus to save them from sin.

Some people in the world did not believe that he was the Son of God. They were angry at Him and decided to kill Him by crucifying Him on a wooden cross. It was very painful, but the Son of God would bear it for all of mankind. Jesus died for our sins, but on the third day He arose again from the grave. He is in heaven today, talking with God on our behalf.

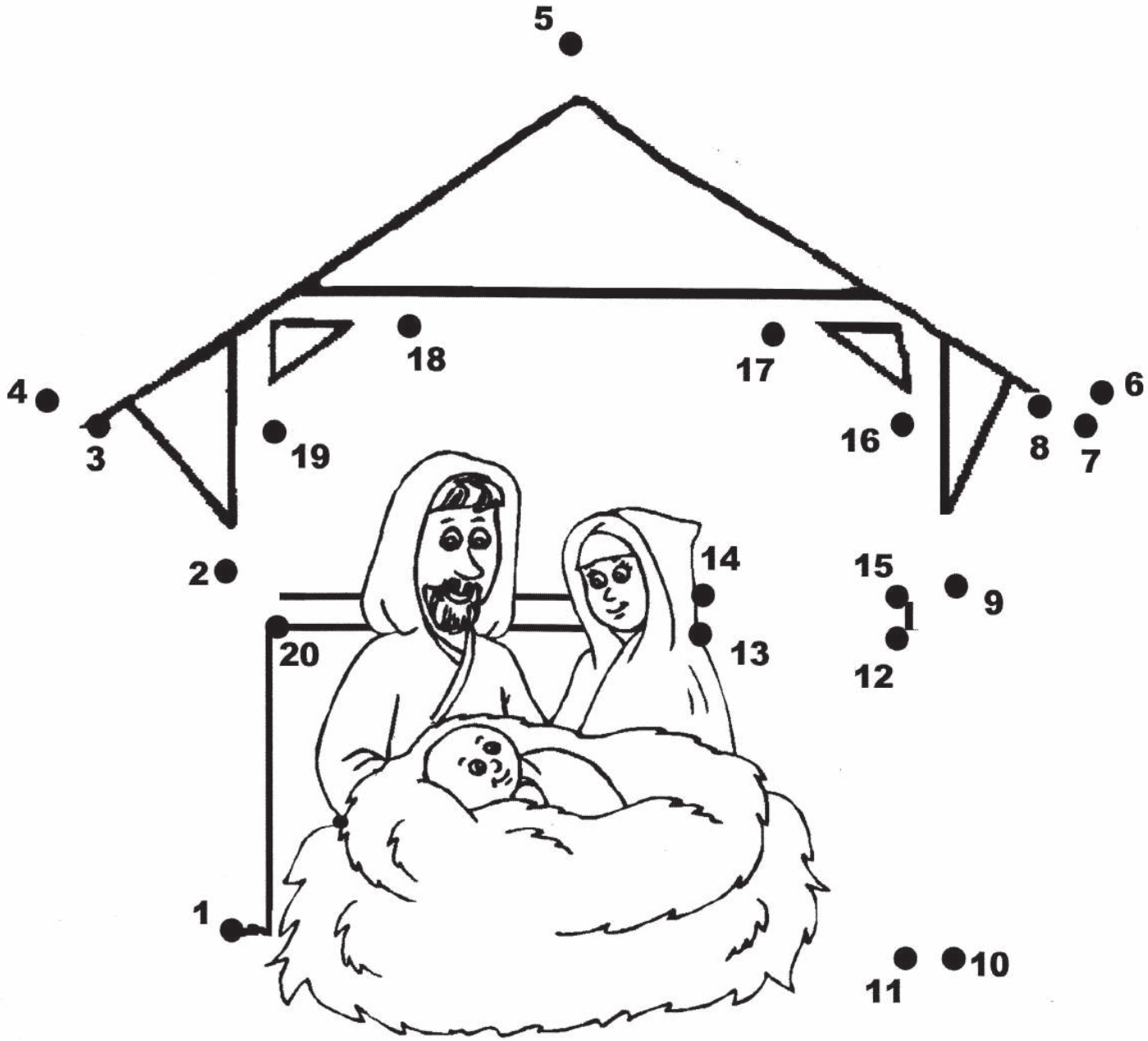
The promise of the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ was the greatest promise ever made to us. The lessons He teaches and His willingness to die for our sins was truly the promise of eternal life for His children.

Key Verse: John 1:29 ***"...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."***

Questions:

1. Who was Jesus' mother?
2. Where was Jesus born?
3. Jesus is the Lamb of ____?__.
4. Who told Eve not to eat of the tree of good and evil?
5. Where was the tree of good and evil?

Connect The Dot: Connect the dots to see where Jesus was born.



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