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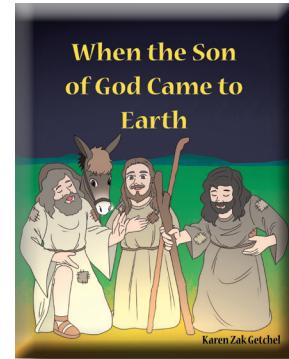
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This 30 page book is geared for children 3 to 8 years old. While the nativity account is timeless, this book take the approach to help children relate to the Savior of the world in ways we sometimes overlook.

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Moses

Things about Moses:

1. Hid for three months (Ex. 2:2)
2. Hid in “Papyrus reeds”; “wicker basket”; covered with tar and pitch.
3. Abandoned / Adopted.
4. New Mom allowed the Birth-Mom to nurse (Ex. 2:9)
5. Did he fit in?
6. Had access to wealth and comfort.
7. Was “a man of power in words and deeds.” (Acts 7:22)
8. Was a man of conviction.
9. Wanted to “deliver” the Israelites from injustice while in Egypt, but they did not see it this way.
10. Moses’s personal style of deliverance is not what God was intending. Acts 7:29 – after this he fled to Midian.
11. Acts 7:35 even though Moses was rejected by them, he was the one that God chose to return.
12. Ex. 14-15 – Moses had nobody. The Hebrews rejected him, and Pharaoh tried to kill him.

Sometimes the stories in the Bible make the people spoken about seem too good to be true. They seem so different from us, and we cannot imagine having the type of faith they do, or being able to accomplish the things they did. But do you know what? Although yes, they did things that were impressive, the real miracles and impressive things were done by God. The people were just used by Him to do it. Often times, they were not people you would expect.

Today we’re going to talk about Moses. There are some things about him that some of you are going to be able to read and say “hey, he’s like me!” Moses was a wonderful man who had a really unusual life. He started out being adopted in order to save his life. He grew up around people that were not his family so that he could stay alive. He most likely knew he was different, and that the woman who raised him was not his real mother. He spent the first forty years of his life living in the palaces of Egypt, and most likely had a lot of possessions and nice things. Do you think this made him feel fulfilled? It did not. Moses knew that his real family was outside of this palace.





Because the Egyptians were afraid that there were so many Israelites that they could rise up and attack the Egyptians, Pharaoh ordered that all of the male babies born should be put to death. Moses's mother heard this and decided to hide Moses. She was able to do this for three months, and then she could not hide him any longer without others finding him. So, she placed him in a basket in the Nile River – the longest river in the world. Coincidentally, it was near where Pharaoh's daughter would go to bathe. She found Moses and wanted to keep him. He was still only a few months old, so she found his mother and paid her to nurse him when he needed it. So, Moses was raised by an adopted mother, the daughter of Pharaoh.

When Moses was around forty years old and had lived his whole life as a grandson of Pharaoh, he must have felt unfulfilled. It seems that he knew his people were the slaves of Egypt. In Exodus 2:11-12, it says that "...he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors..." When he saw one of the Egyptians beating a Hebrew, he put the Egyptian to death and buried his body in the sand. Moses must have thought that this act would have made his Hebrew people appreciate him, and it does not appear that it did. When he saw two Hebrews having an argument, he asked them "Why are you striking your companion?" And they replied, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"

(Ex. 2:13-14) When Moses heard this, he knew that what happened was more well-known than he realized. When Pharaoh heard what had happened, he tried to kill Moses. All of the sudden, Moses realized that he wasn't accepted by the Egyptians or the Hebrews and felt like he had no people of his own to go to. This is when Moses fled into the wilderness.

At the age of forty, Moses began a new life. He came upon a group of sisters that were being harassed by some shepherds at a well while they were trying to water their flock. Moses drove off the shepherds and helped the women to water the flock himself. This lead to him being invited to dinner with their father, and eventually resulted in him marrying the oldest of the sisters, Zipporah. They had a son named Gershom, which means "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

When Moses was around the age of eighty years old, an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses on Mt. Sinai (also called Mount Horeb). The angel appeared as if he was burning with fire all around him. He asked Moses to remove his sandals because it was holy ground, and as he came closer, he delivered a message from God to Moses. God said "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." You have to understand that this was absolutely amazing to Moses, and he was overwhelmed with the awesomeness of God. Verse: 6 says "Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God." God told Moses that he had seen the affliction of His people in Egypt, and how they were suffering, and that it was time to bring them out. He told Moses in verse :10 "...I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."



Moses



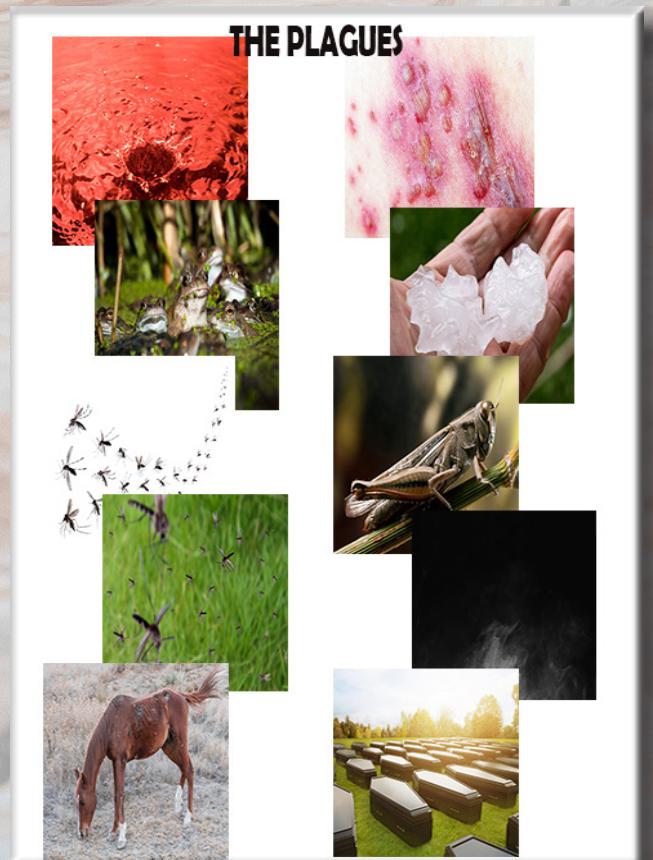


Moses was in disbelief. What could he do to save the Israelites? Why would Pharaoh listen to him? What exactly was Moses supposed to say? These are all questions that he asked God. God replied that He would be with him, and Moses should tell the Israelites that he was sent by "I AM WHO I AM," and that (3:17) "...I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite..." God gave a very simple answer without a lot of details. The reason is that God wants us to trust in Him. When we truly trust in God, we do not need to worry about the details. So Moses went to Egypt.

God told Moses that his brother Aaron would do the speaking for Moses, because Moses was concerned that he was not a good enough speaker to do it. (4:10-14). So Aaron and Moses went together and told the Israelites that God was going to bring them out of Egypt. Aaron performed "signs in the sight of the people." (4:30) When they saw the signs, they believed. Moses and Aaron then went to Pharaoh and told him "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'" (5:1) Pharaoh of course said no.

Pharaoh and Moses went back and forth many times over next few weeks and months. Moses and Aaron continued to ask Pharaoh to let them go, Pharaoh continuing to say no, and then God would bring a plague on the Egyptians as a sign that He wanted them to be let go. This happened 10 times. The plagues were:

1. The Nile River water turned to blood. (7:20)
2. Frogs fell from the sky. (8:2-6)
3. The dust of the earth turned to gnats. (8:16-17)
4. Swarms of insects. (8:21-24)
5. Pestilence of livestock. (9:3-6)
6. Boils and sores. (9:8-10)
7. Hail. (9:18-26)
8. Locusts. (10:4; 12-15)
9. Thick darkness for three days. (10:21-23)
10. Death to all the first-born. (11:4-7)





And at the time of the 10th plague, God instituted what we call “The Passover.” The month that this occurred was from now on going to be the first month of the Jewish calendar year. This was done in order to remember two things: “passing over” of death that would not touch the Israelites but would touch the Egyptians. Second, it was to remember that Pharaoh let the Israelites leave Egypt and their slavery. The instructions were for them to sacrifice a “Passover lamb” and eat it that night.

In our Christian faith, this is one of the most important moments in the Bible. This account was very real, but it was also symbolic. You see, the

“Passover lamb” that was sacrificed that night in every Israelite household, was a picture of the sacrifice of Jesus. Because of Jesus, we are all saved from the ways of the world, that lead to death. Everyone has the opportunity to be saved by Jesus. A few will be saved now, and they are called his “church”, his “bride”. The rest of the world will have their opportunity in the Kingdom. When Jesus died, he died on the day of the “Passover”, and he died at the very specific time that the lamb eaten inside of every household was supposed to be sacrificed (Numbers 9:3; Matt. 27:46).



When Pharaoh finally let Moses and the Israelites go, it was because God had finally humbled him, at least for a time. Pharaoh's first-born son was taken from him on the night of the Passover, as well as the first-born of every household in the land of Egypt. (Ex. 12:29-30) So Moses, Aaron, and all the Israelites left Egypt, and marched towards the Red Sea to cross over into what is now Saudi Arabia. This is where Moses's most well-known act happened.

Exodus 14:21 "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."

The Red Sea was "parted." If you are wondering what it looked like, 14:22 gives us an idea.

Exo 14:22 "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left."

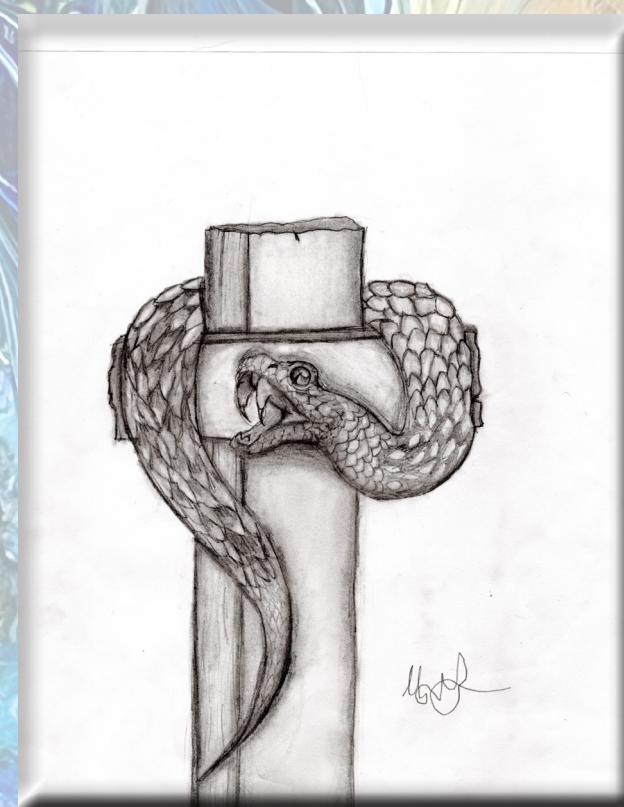
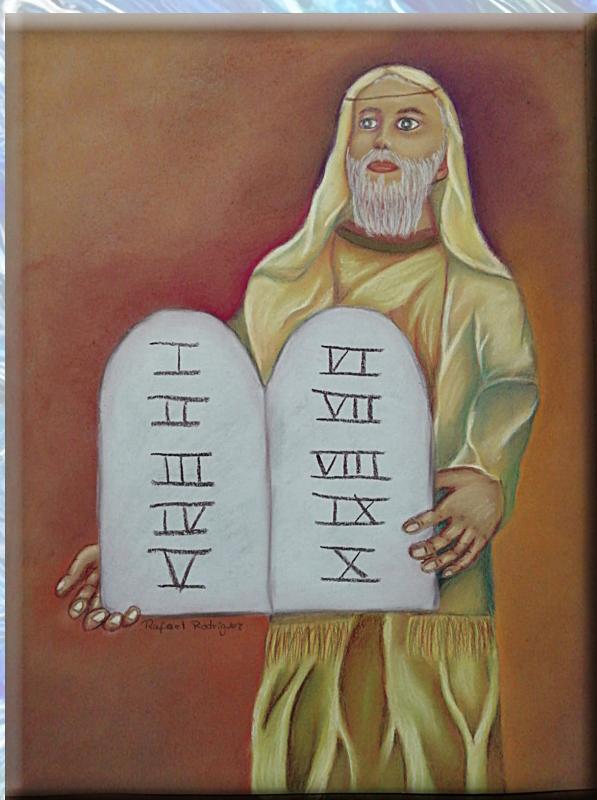
Imagine walking through the bed of the Red Sea – a tremendous body of water – and on each side of you was a wall of water dozens of feet high, being miraculously held up by the power of God. What a sight that must have been! The Egyptian chased them into the Sea. When the Israelites were across, God asked Moses to stretch out his hand again over the sea, and it collapsed upon the Egyptians. The army was Pharaoh was crushed by the waves of the sea, and they were no more.



The last portion of forty years was Moses leading the people through the “Wilderness of Sin.” During this time, we read that God gave Moses the “Ten Commandments,” as well as the rest of the law. Before Moses could even come down the mountain however, the people made a “golden calf” that the Lord and Moses were extremely displeased with. They had several experiences as soon as they crossed the Red Sea that required faith and trust in God to deliver them through, and they failed to believe each time until God had already helped them, and only then would they believe. This was an example for us that the Apostle Paul talks about in the book of Hebrews in chapter 4. We should trust God to deliver us and provide for us, and not worry about the situations that we

are in. True trust in God means that we know in advance that He will provide, and therefore we are not worried.

In Exodus Chapter 34, it is told that Moses actually saw the back of God – possibly the only human being ever to see Him. His face was shining so bright because of it that the people were afraid to look at him, and so he wore a veil over his face while he spoke to them. God gave Moses the instructions to build the Tabernacle, which is one of the most important events in the Old Testament. It was a portable building of sacrifice that was a symbolic picture of the plan of God to save the world, as well as the role that both Jesus and the Church play in their sacrifices to God.



Numbers 21:4-9

They approached Canaan, the land that God promised to them, but the people voted that they could not defeat the enemy, because the enemy was too great (Numbers 13). Moses and the Israelites were therefore sentenced by God to wander the wilderness until that entire generation died and would not be allowed to enter the “promised land,” because they did not believe in God after all of the wonderful miracles that He performed. (Numbers 14:22-23) It is very important to God that we trust Him. In Hebrews 11:6 we read:

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him.”

Because Joshua and Caleb both believed that God would have delivered them, they were the only two men of that generation that were allowed to enter the Promised Land along with the next generation. Even Moses himself was not allowed to enter, but for a different reason.

Moses became really upset with the Israelites at one point and said something he shouldn't have.

Deuteronomy 32:51 “because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel.”

At one point the people were afraid because they didn't have water to drink. Instead of having faith and calmly asking the Lord for help, knowing that He would provide, they cried against God and Moses with frustration and fear.

Numbers 20:4 “And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?”

But even though Israel acted inappropriately, God still helped them. In Numbers 20:8, God tells Moses and Aaron:



“Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.”

They were commanded to speak to the rock and watch the miracle of God take place. Instead, he struck the rock with his rod.

Numbers 20:11 “And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice...”

Because of that failure to follow God’s specifics instructions, Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land. That is probably the greatest mistake that Moses made.

Moses, despite that mistake, is considered one of the most important leaders and prophets in the history of the nation of Israel. He is spoken of many times throughout the scriptures.

Even though the nation of Israel was unfaithful, Moses prayed for them and pleaded with God on their behalf many times that God would save them. His life was in complete dedication to God. His days were completely used up in His service. Moses did very little to live life according to his own desires. In comparison to Jesus, he is mentioned in Acts 3:19-21 when discussing the “Times of Restitution” that will happen in God’s kingdom. He was discussed by Stephen in Acts 7, speaking of all of the wonderful things that God did through him. Truly, Moses was used by God in one of the most unique ways that anyone was ever used of God.

Moses died at one hundred and twenty years old (Deuteronomy 34:7). The people wept for a month afterward, and then were left under the leadership of Joshua. Of Moses we read:

Deuteronomy 34:10 “And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.”

Young Chefs



Our Young Chefs are: Samuel (9), Nathanael (7) and Abel (4). They live in France and want to share one of their favorite meals. Samuel likes Quiche Lorraine because he can put anything he wants on it. Abel likes it because its very good and is like pizza and Nathanael likes it because it looks like pizza.

Quiche Lorraine

1 pkg. Puff pastry

1 cup (250g) Ham and/or bacon--already cooked

2 cups (50cl) Liquid fresh cream

4 Eggs

1/2 cup(125g) Leeks, cut into small pieces, cooked in the bacon fat till golden. (Optional)

1 cup (250g) Grated cheese (Emmental or Gruyère)

2 oz (50g) Butter

Salt and Pepper

- Take the Puff pastry out of refrigerator for at least half an hour before preparing the quiche. Preheat oven to 220°C or 425°F
- Line your baking dish with parchment paper and butter it. Roll out the puff pastry and spread over the dish. Poke it with a fork so that hot air can escape while baking. Bake the pastry for 10 minutes to lightly brown it (then reduce oven to 180°C or 360°F)
- Mix the meat, eggs, cheese, and cream and leeks if desired and put in the pastry.
- Fold the sides of the puff pastry in toward the middle to make a bowl.
- Bake for 25 minutes at 180°C or 360°F till golden and just set. Be careful not to over-cook, or the filling will become tough and full of holes.



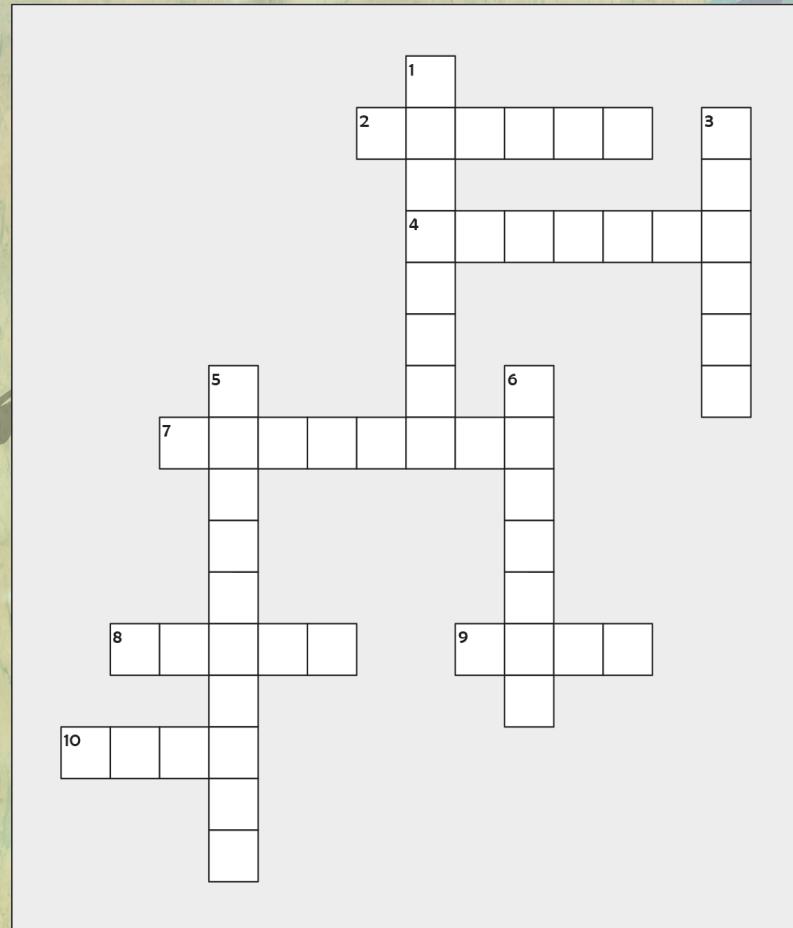
Moses and the Exodus

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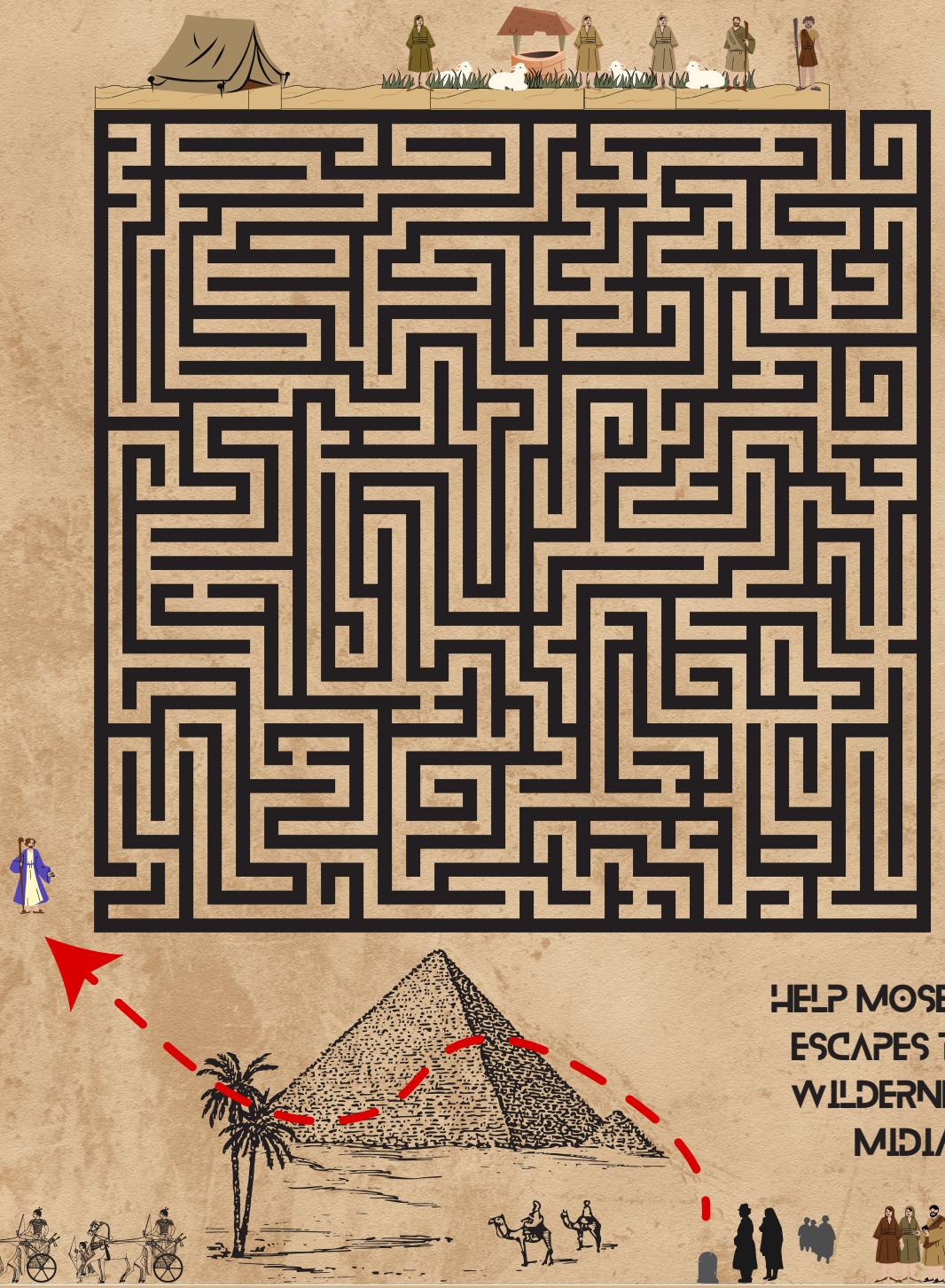
- 2: The Promised Land.
- 4: The item Moses was told to take off when standing on holy ground.
- 7: Moses' wife.
- 8: Number of months baby Moses was hidden by his mother.
- 9: The animal that the Israelites made a golden idol of.
- 10: The river that Moses' mother put him in.

Down

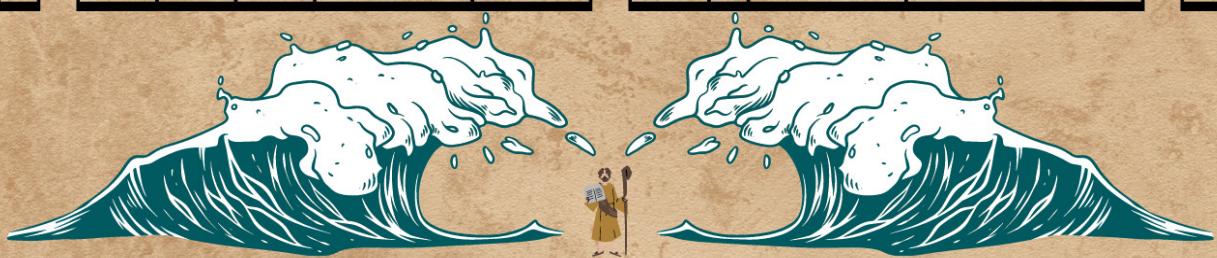
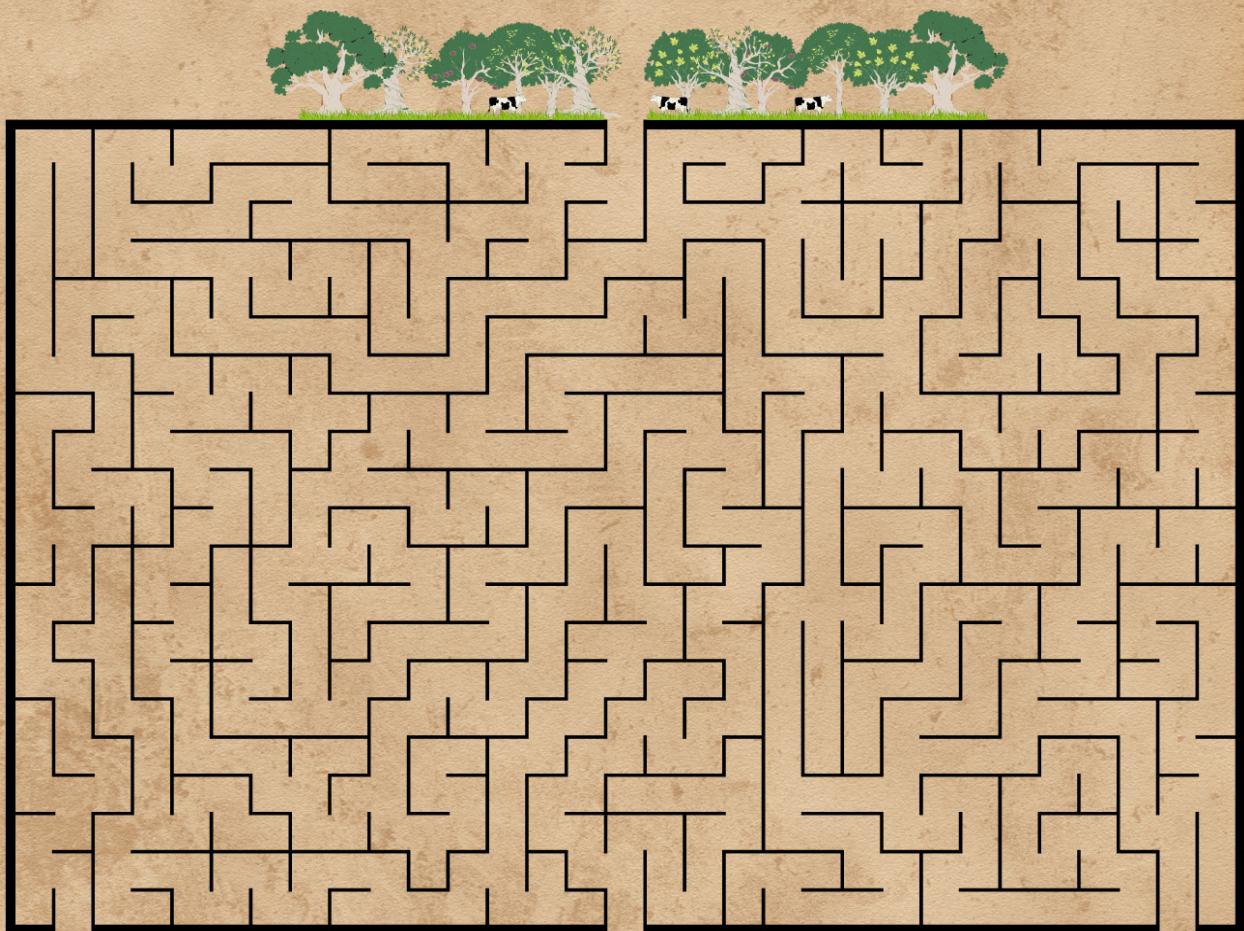
- 1: What God commanded the Israelites to do every year to remember the 10th plague and being freed from slavery.
- 3: What baby Moses was placed in to keep him safe in the river.
- 5: Where Moses fled to after killing the Egyptian.
- 6: The father of the woman who adopted Moses.



MOSES' MAZE OF ESCAPE: NAVIGATING EGYPT TO FIND REFUGE IN MIDIAN



THE PROMISED LAND PURSUIT: ISRAEL'S EXODUS MAZE ADVENTURE!



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Seek Ye First

“So I tell you, don’t worry about the things you need to live—what you will eat, drink, or wear. Life is more important than food, and the body is more important than what you put on it. Look at the birds. They don’t plant, harvest, or save food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. Don’t you know you are worth much more than they are?

You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it. “And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the wildflowers in the field. See how they grow. They don’t work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon, the great and rich king, was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. If God makes what grows in the field so beautiful, what do you think He will do for you? It’s just grass—one day it’s alive, and the next day someone throws it into a fire. But God cares enough to make it beautiful. Surely He will do much more for you. Your faith is so small! “Don’t worry and say, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ That’s what those people who don’t know God are always thinking about. Don’t worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things.

What you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what he wants you to do. Then He will give you all these other things you need. So don’t worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own. “Tomorrow will have its own worries.”—**Matthew 6:25-34 ERV**

Emphasis or Theme: We should not worry about anything, but we should fully trust and rely on God. He will fulfill all of our needs as we put Him first in our lives!

Reflection:

- **Do you know what it means to worry?** (It is when we think about our problems and focus on them, instead of trusting God to take care of them and give us all we need)
- **Is there anything you worry about?**
- **Every minute and hour is a gift from God. What are some things that you like to do with your time?** (sports, friends, school, video games, playing).
- **Instead of doing these activities, what are some things you can do this week to know God better?** (Pray with your family before bedtime, read a Bible story, ask your family questions about God and the Bible.)

A Lesson from Jesus (from Matthew 6:25-34)

Jesus sat on a mountain and taught his followers important lessons about how to live life in a way that would make God happy and themselves happy. One of these lessons was about worrying. Jesus told his followers to not be worried about what they would eat or drink, or what clothes they would have because God knows that we need these things. Jesus said to look at birds, and how God feeds them, even though they do not grow their own food. Yet, Jesus says we are worth more than birds, and worrying about life does not make us live any longer. Next, Jesus said to look at lilies and flowers. They do not work, but God has given them beautiful colors and patterns that even rich King Solomon did not have. Even though God has given them these beautiful patterns, they die quickly. Jesus said that we are valued more than these, so God has promised to give us the clothes we need to wear too! Jesus then said not to worry about what we will eat, or drink, or wear, because God knows that we need them to be healthy. Jesus says that if we seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, God will provide all of these things for us.

Key Lesson

We should not worry about anything, but we should fully trust and rely on God. He will fulfill all of our needs as we put Him first in our lives! We put Him first by choosing to spend time learning more about His character and what He wants us to do instead of doing things like playing sports or video games. If we use our time to learn more about God and try to do what He wants us to do, we do not need to worry about our life. God will provide all that we need.

Prayer

“Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for how you care for the birds, flowers, and everything else you have created. When we start to worry about our lives, please help us to remember to pray to You first and seek first Your kingdom. Thank you for your love for us and for knowing what we need before we even ask. Help us to learn more about You and what You want us to do. We love you. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

Write some of your thoughts and goals on Seeking First God's Kingdom:

Weed Help?

“When I was in trouble, I called to the LORD, and He answered me. Save me, LORD, from liars and deceivers. You liars, what will God do to you? How will he punish you? With a soldier’s sharp arrows, with red-hot coals! Living among you is as bad as living in Meshech or among the people of Kedar. I have lived too long with people who hate peace! When I speak of peace, they are for war.”—Psalms 120:1-7 GNB

This was a Psalm (or song) that was said as they went up the steps of the Temple in Jerusalem. It was said thousands of years ago, but people are still the same and we all have the same trials that we go through.

Have you ever felt like King David did here? Have you ever felt that everyone is against you and are constantly lying about you, about themselves and always agitated and wanting to pick fights?

Maybe you are the lying one who likes to pick fights and you do it because you are angry and frustrated or worse yet, someone is hurting you and you don’t know how to deal with it. You hold it in and it comes out by hurting others.

What can you do? You are in trouble and there is no one you can turn to, no one who can help you or that you trust.

You may not be able to see God, but He is there. He is listening and He knows what is going on. Call to him, run to Him and tell Him everything in your heart.

Don’t worry about the liars. It’s easier said than done. It hurts when someone lies about you or about someone you love, and you want to fight them. You can’t fight them because they don’t fight fair, and you will come out more wounded than before. Liars get caught being liars and then no one trusts them and wants to be near them.

Here King David felt like he was an alien in a strange country. A country full of liars and he was just a little island in the middle of a great ocean. Have you ever felt like that? You are surrounded by anger and angry people who just want to cause trouble and will use lies to do it. What do you do?

Let them fight amongst themselves and you run to God for help.

How will God help you? He won’t make them go away but will help you to be stronger and wiser on how to deal with these types of people in your life. They will always be there. Just when you deal with one, another one comes and then another. The Lord will teach you to be a mighty warrior to slay these lying Goliaths before you one by one—with goodness, mercy, prayer and love.

It won’t happen overnight. Just as any good soldier takes years and maybe even a lifetime of training, so the does the Christian. And many times, we fail and fall flat on our faces, but we need to run to God each time and stand back up to fight another day.

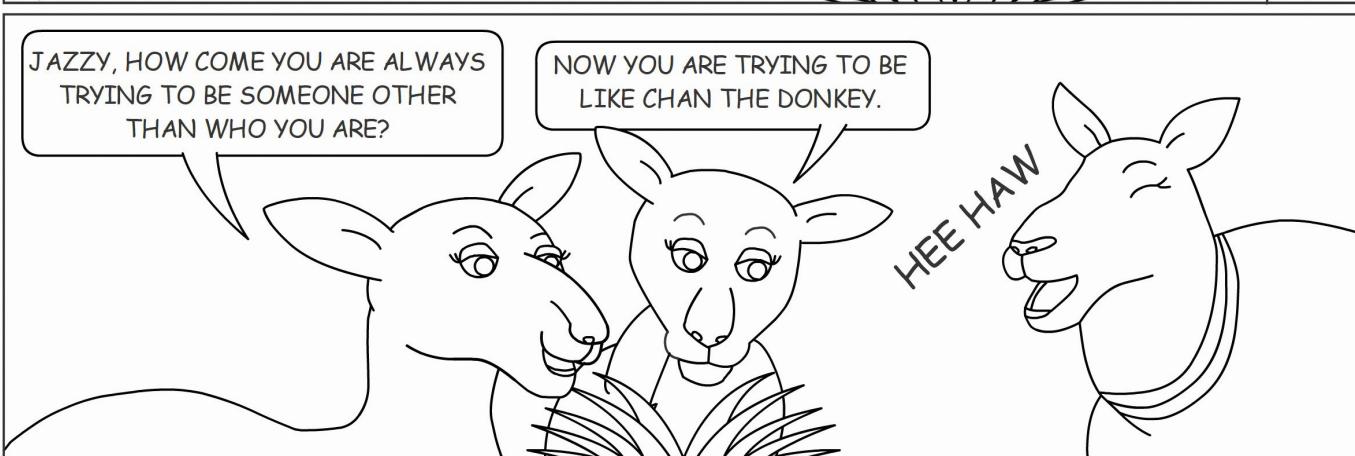
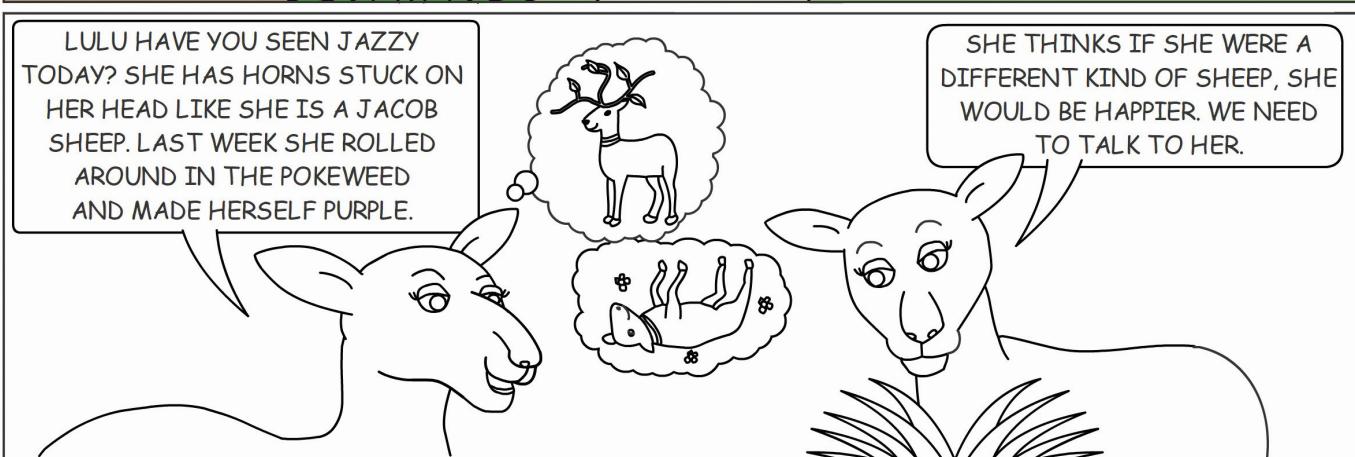
Think about those around you who are constantly lying or making things difficult for you.

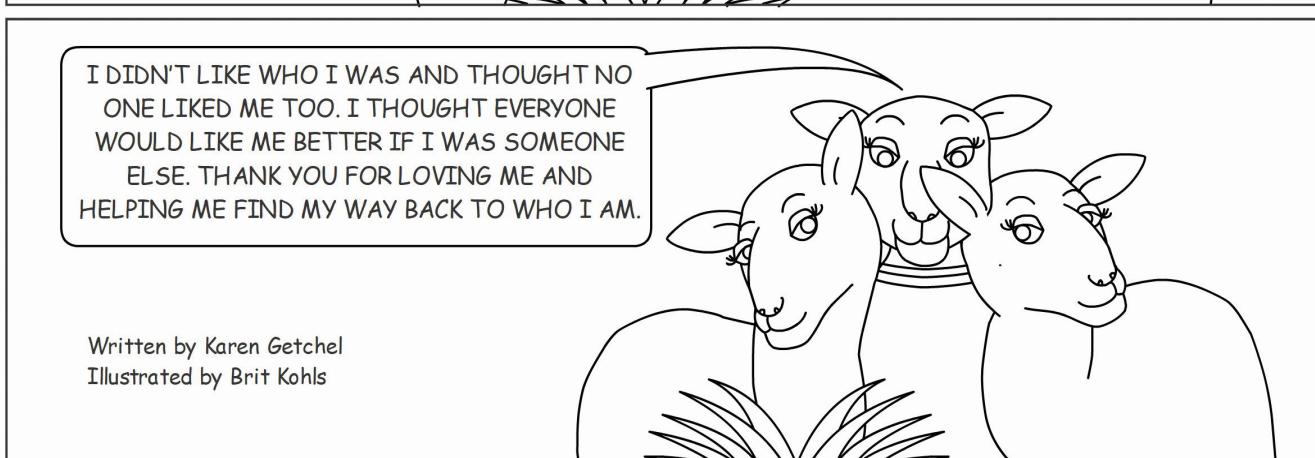
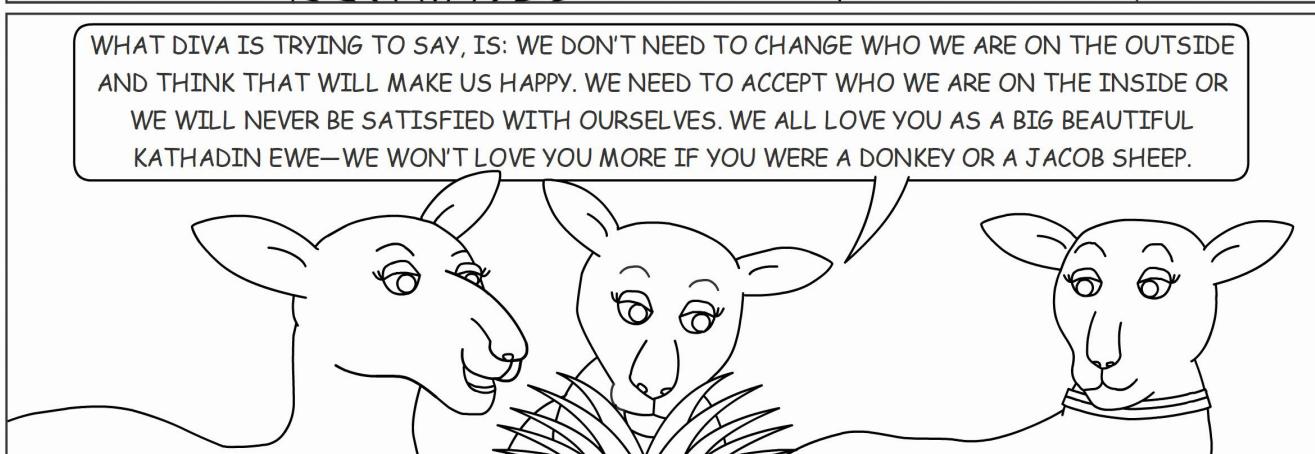
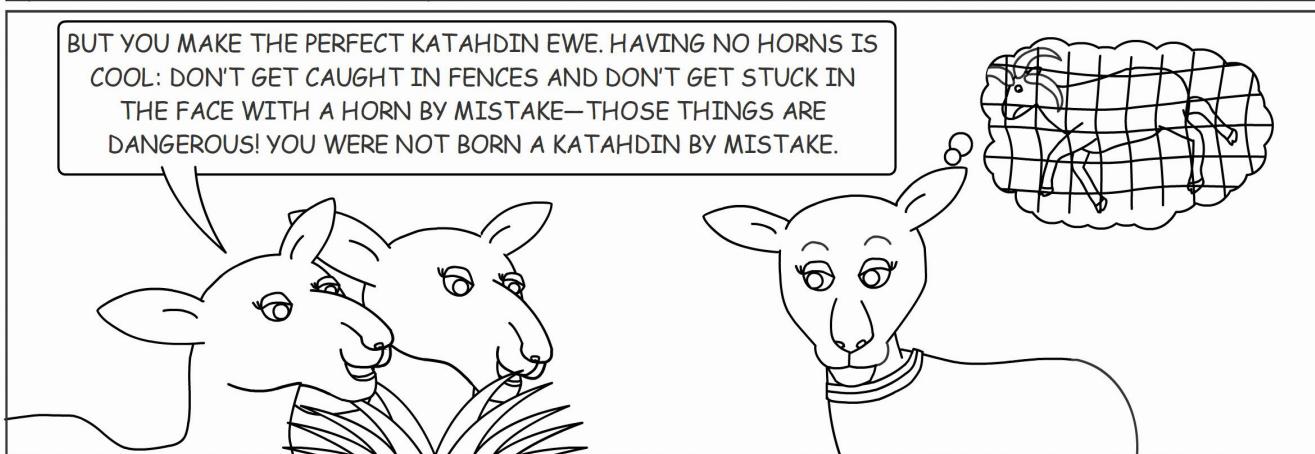
Are they just mean rotten people, or are they hurting and don't know how else to act because they don't have God in their life to run to?

When was the last time you prayed for them?



Write down some people who cause trouble for you. What are some things you can pray for them?

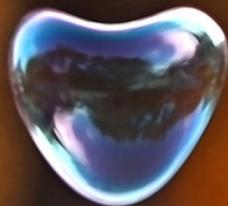
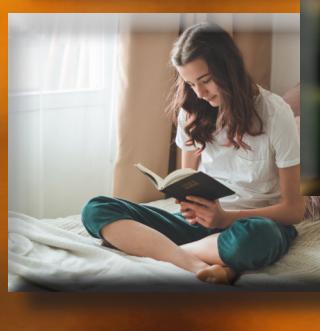




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Ask Miss Molly



Dear Miss Molly,

Will God forgive Cain for killing his brother?

Felicity
Age 15 Ghana

Dear Felicity,

The Bible says: Matthew 12:31 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

Romans 5:8, 10 But God proves His love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners....10 For if while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, it is much more certain that since we have been reconciled we shall finally be saved through His new life.

Yes, God will forgive Cain for killing his brother, it was jealousy that caused him to kill his brother—jealousy is a sin of one another.

John 3:17 (KJV) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

It was in Genesis 2:17 where Adam was told not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and in Genesis 3:6 Adam disobeys. Read Genesis 2:15-3:19, that is why God sent Jesus so mankind could be saved in the Kingdom, if they are obedient.

Jesus died for Adam's sin, meaning his disobedience. In the Kingdom every person will not be under Adam's sin.

1 Corinthians 15:22 KJV For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I pray your answer is satisfactory.

Dear Miss Molly,

Why do girls grow bigger than boys?
Why do boys voices break?
Why do boys broaden their chest and girls broaden their hips?
Is it bad for a boy and girl to have a relationship?
If the Bible says we should love one another, why is it bad for a boy/girl to love one another?

Favour
Age 10, Kenya

Dear Favour,

Girls mature faster than boys, so sometimes that makes them grow faster than boys. As the body changes the boys are developing into young men. The voice box also changes and gets deeper into sound.

I think boys and girls should **only** be friends until their parents say it's OK, to have a relationship other than friendship in a proper manner. Boys and girls will have time later to have a relationship with each other— other than friends.

The Bible says in **John 13:34-35 EMTV** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus is not talking about a "relationship" between a boy and girl, but between your BRETHREN in the Lord.

Love is also a fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 EMTV But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control-- against such things there is no law.

This is brotherly love in Christ Jesus.

Dear Miss Molly,

Who lived first Cro-Magnon man or Adam and Eve?

How the woman "shall bruise thy (the serpent's) head, and thou shalt bruise his (the serpents) heel" in Genesis 3:15 ?

Samuel
Age 9, France

Hi Samuel,

According to the Bible, Adam was the first man.

Genesis 2:5-7 (GNB) there were no plants on the earth and no seeds had sprouted, because he had not sent any rain, and there was no one to cultivate the land; ... 7 Then the LORD God took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it; he breathed life-giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live."

Question 2:

The Woman's seed is the Messiah (Jesus Christ and his Bride---the Church). They will in due time "Bruise (Crush) Satan under your feet."

Romans 16:20 (RV) And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The serpent and the promised seed of the woman, our Lord, will be against each other. They will attack each other. However, the serpent is no match for our Lord. The serpent may strike a wound on his "heel," but in the same process will our Lord step on the "head" of the serpent, delivering a crushing blow to end him.

Thank you for your questions, keep studying the Word of God.

African Lions



Did you know?

Male lions can weigh as much as 570 lbs. (258 kg) and the females as much as 277 lbs. (125 kg). The top speed of a lion is 50 miles per hour (80 kph), but they can only keep that speed for a very short time. Adult females in the wild can live up to 15 years, while the male life span is a little shorter living up to only 10 years. Newborn lions are born with spots, which fade as they mature.

They live in families called prides. Males stay with their pride till about 2 years old to search for their own territory and new families. Most female lions will stay with the pride that they were born in and these prides have been known to have up to 40 lions in them. Prides consist mostly female and cubs, young adults and a few males.

Lions are directly related to tigers, jaguars and leopards who are also members of the genus *Panthera*. But all cats share a common ancestor that came through the Flood of Noah on the Ark—even the common house cat.

A lion's roar can be heard 5 miles (or 8km) away. Male lions use their roar to scare off other males and to warn members of the pride of potential danger.

Now most African Lions are found in protected areas. The lions in these pictures were in Kenya on the Massai Mara, which borders Tanzania and the Serengeti National Park. In northern Africa the lion has become extinct in the 1960s, except in the southern part of Sudan.

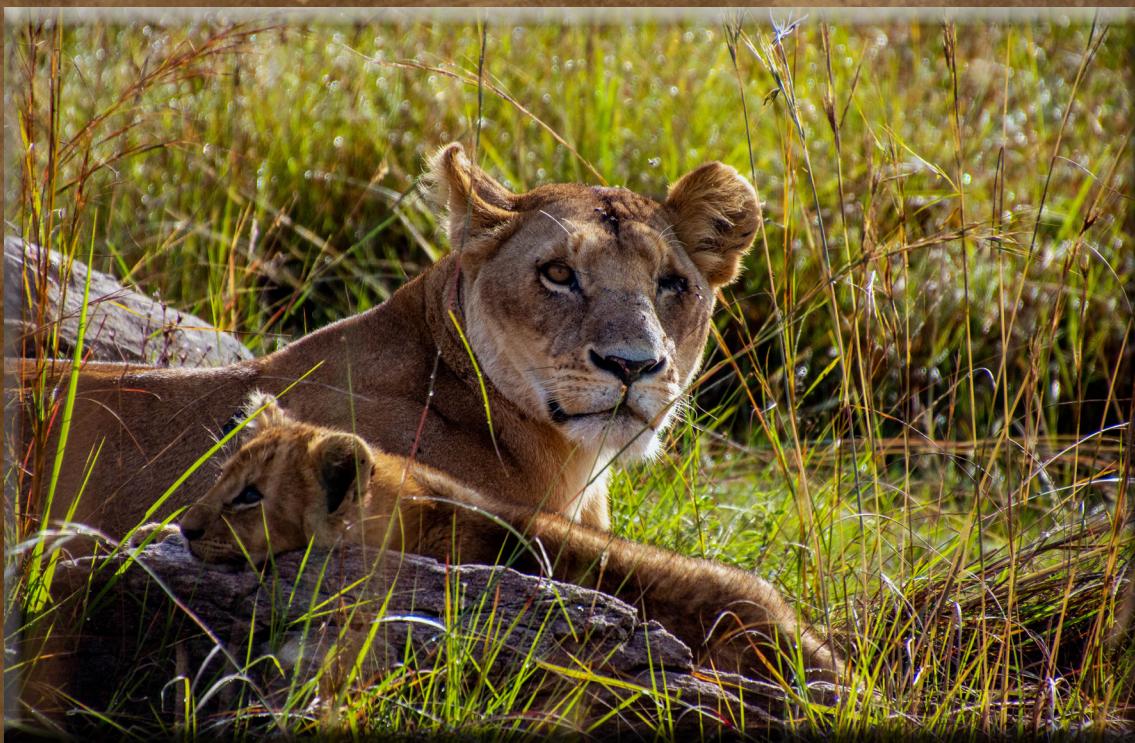


In the days of Moses, lions would be more common in the wilderness of Egypt.

When the nation of Israel left Egypt with Moses, Egypt was not their only enemy, Balak, the king of Moab was afraid of Israel and he paid a prophet named Balaam to curse the nation of Israel. So, they came to a mountain nearby where Israel was camped and several times Balaam tried to curse the nation of Israel, but he could not—God would not let him. On

Balaam's third attempt the curse the nation of Israel, this is what he said:

“God brought them out of Egypt. They are as strong as a wild ox. They will defeat all their enemies. They will break their bones and shatter their arrows. Israel is like a lion, curled up and lying down. Yes, they are like a young lion, and no one wants to wake him! Anyone who blesses you will be blessed. And anyone who curses you will have great troubles.” When Balak heard this, he angrily struck his fist against his hand and said to Balaam, “I called you to come and curse my enemies. But you have blessed them. You have blessed them three times. Now leave and go home! I told you that I would give you a very good payment, but the LORD has caused you to lose your reward.”—Numbers 24:8-11 ERV



The Rock Hyrax

Did you know?

The Rock Hyrax are described as resembling a guinea pig with short ears and a tail. This small mammal the size of small house cat is actually related to the modern-day elephant.

This hyrax lives in the rocks in the desert area of En Gedi, Israel which is on the way to the Dead Sea. This animal is native to Africa and the Middle East. They weigh about 8 to 11 lbs (4-5 kg).



The rock hyrax is known to make about 21 different noises and has a gland at his back end like a skunk used for territory marking and communication.

In Africa the hyrax are in danger from many different predators, but in Israel they find more protection in the rocks and have a good warning system set up with sentries looking out for the colony.

They eat plants and bugs. They can live as long as 10 years. They spend 95% of their time resting.

In South Africa they are called the dassie. In the book of Psalms they are called “conies”, or “rock badgers.”



The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;--Proverbs 30:26 KJV

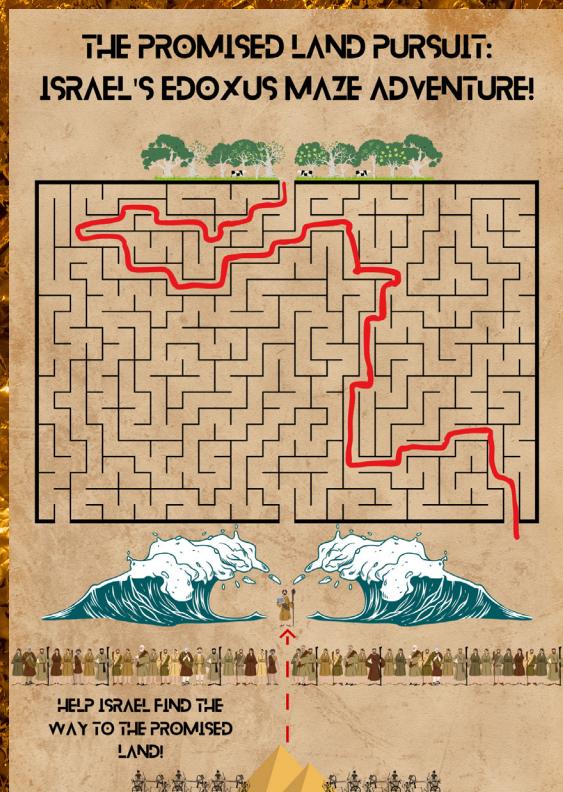
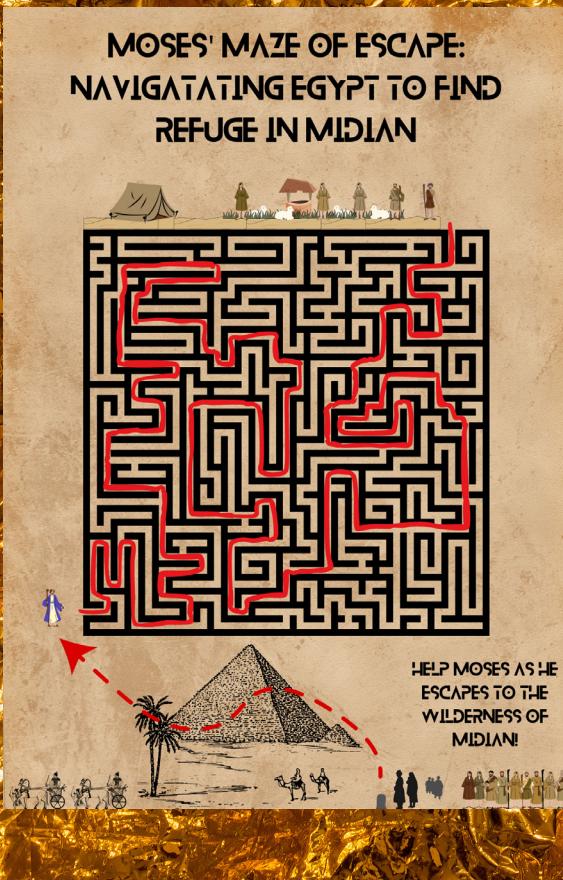
The high mountains are a home for wild goats. The large rocks are hiding places for rock badgers.--Psalms 104:18 ERV



**Greet all the brethren with
an **holy kiss.****

1 Thessalonians 5:26





Answer Sheet

crossword puzzle

Moses and the Exodus Crossword Challenge

across:

- 2: The promised land.
- 4: The item Moses was told to take off when standing on holy ground.
- 7: Moses' wife.
- 8: Number of months baby Moses was hidden by his mother.
- 9: The animal that the Israelites made a golden idol of.
- 10: The river that Moses' mother put him in.

down:

- 1: What God commanded the Israelites to do every year to remember the 10th plague and being freed from slavery.
- 3: What baby Moses was placed in to keep him safe in the river.
- 5: Where Moses fled to after killing the Egyptian.
- 6: The father of the woman who adopted Moses.

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