

Student Handbook

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Welcome to Sonseekers ...

Dear Parents

Welcome to Sonseekers, a Sunday School Program designed to give children a sound background in Biblical events, people and places. We trust that you, and your child, are blessed by participation in this program.

The curriculum has been produced by over 100 people who have voluntarily given of their time and talents to write, draw and create activities, as well as to edit, review and proof-read. We deeply appreciate the commitment and love shown by all who have contributed to this project. The benefit and blessing to children, as they learn about God's life and love, is a testimony to their faithfulness.

However, the real key to children knowing God as their Father lies with their families. As parents train their children in God's way, they begin to experience the reality of the Father's love for themselves.

The Sonseekers program is designed to support and encourage family life and order. The Student Handbook is a feature of the program, offering follow up activities and daily devotions, which you may wish to use in your own family devotions.

May God bless and guide you as you share the Lord's life with your child.

If you wish to know more about the Sonseekers program, please contact the publishers on the numbers listed.

Yours in Christ

The Sonseekers Team

A note to parents about the Sonseekers materials . . .

Timeline

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	Creation
4000BC	Adam and Eve
4000BC	The Fall
2500BC	Noah
200020	The Flood
	Tower of Babel
2000BC	Abraham
1900BC	Isaac
1800BC	Esau and Jacob
1750BC	Joseph
1360BC	Moses
1280BC	Exodus from Egypt
	and Journeys
	Joshua
1240BC	Entry into and
	Conquest of Land
1220BC	Judges
1100BC	Gideon
1070BC	Samson
1063BC	Samuel
1020BC	Saul as King
980BC	David as King
940BC	Solomon as King
900BC	Kingdom Divided
839BC	Elijah Emerges; Mt Carmel
01.15.0	Jehoshaphat
814BC	Elisha's Ministry
749BC	Jonah
662BC	Hezekiah; Isaiah
576BC	Josiah
540BC	Daniel taken to Babylon
<i>527BC 457BC</i>	Exile into Babylon
437BC 4BC	Restoration from Babylon
26AD	Birth of Jesus Baptism of Jesus
20AD	Call of Disciples
28AD	Feeding of 5000
20/11	Parables
29AD	Miracles; Transfiguration
30AD	Raising of Lazarus
	Parables
	Palm Sundav
	Jesus' Crucifixion and
	Resurrection
	Day of Pentecost
	Peter's Ministry
<i>33AD</i>	Conversion of Paul
<i>45AD</i>	Paul's Missionary Journeys
60AD	Paul as Prisoner to Rome

What are the Sonseekers materials?

The Sonseekers Sunday School materials are a four year course of 128 Bible lessons. The lessons are written with the twin aims of teaching the students an accurate chronology of Biblical events and also drawing from each lesson pastoral points relevant to the age and stage of each child. They are written at four levels to cover from Prep to Year 6 age groups. The 128 lessons are organised into 8 units, each of sixteen lessons. The table below indicates the suitable age group for each level:

Sonseekers	Student	School
Level	Age	Level
Level One	5 - 6	Prep, Year 1
Level Two	7 - 10	Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
Level Three	11 - 12+	Year 5, Year 6

What's in my Sonseekers Level Three Student Handbook?

Each Level Three Student Handbook contains sixteen homework activities and sixteen "My Own Page" sections, relevant for the age of your child.

Each homework activity page comprises:

- the title of the lesson;
- the Bible reference for each lesson;
- an activity related to some aspect of the lesson;
- the memory verse to be learnt from the lesson.

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How do I help my child use the Student's Handbook?

The following suggestions are then made with regard to using the book.

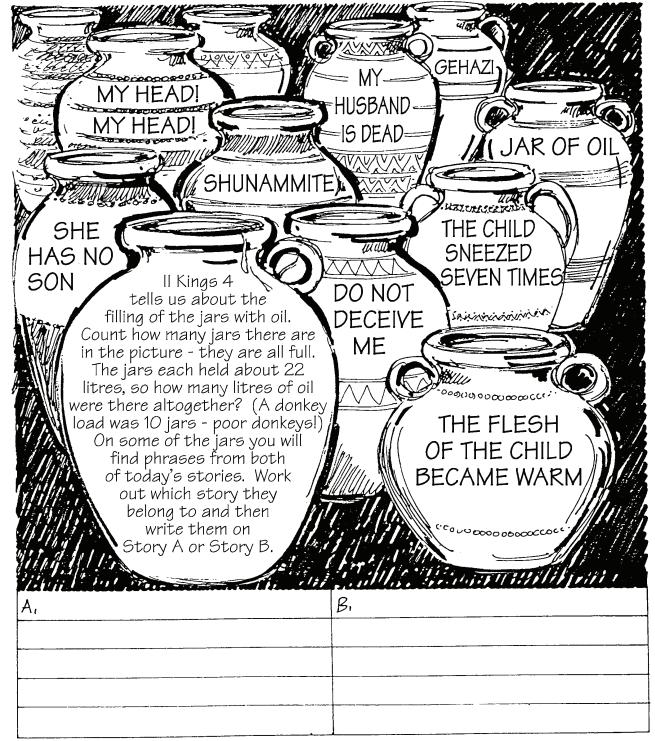
After each lesson

- ♦ Make sure that your child learns the memory verse from the lesson.
- ♦ Have the child read the Bible passage for the lesson again or read it to him/her. The reference is provided in the header on the homework activity page. All Scripture references are taken from the New King James Version (1983 edition).
- Discuss the story with the child and ask them what they learnt from the story.
- ♦ Link the activity that the teacher used to the story so that the significance of the activity is clear to the students.
- Set regular times each week for the child to complete the homework activity and daily devotions.
- Give your child as much help and encouragement as they need to complete these tasks. This is an opportunity to fellowship in the word of God with your child!
- Ensure that your child brings the handbook to class so that the teacher can check the homework and mark the following week's memory verse.
- Encourage your child to read ahead for the next lesson.

May God bless you and guide you as parents as you help your children in this way!

The widow's oil, a boy raised

2 Kings 4

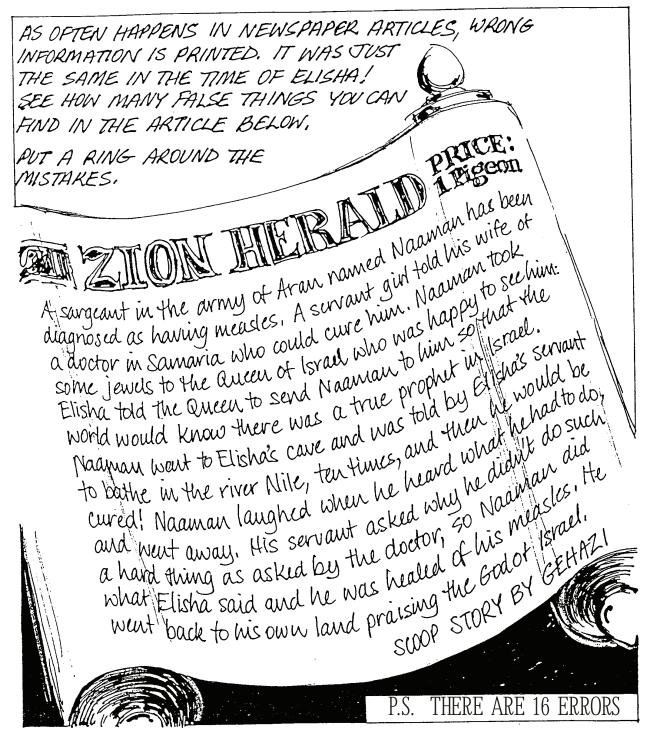


	"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." (Philippians 4:19).
	"He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives his bread to the poor." (Proverbs 22:9).



Elisha the prophet

Daily Devotions
Monday 2 Kings 4:13-17. What was the one thing the Shunammite woman wanted from God?
Tuesday 2 Kings 4:38-39. What did Elisha's servants put in the stew for the sons of the prophets?
Wednesday 2 Kings 4:40-41. What did Elisha put in the stew so it would not be harmful?
Thursday 2 Kings 4:42-44. How many people were fed from Elisha's barley bread and grain?
Friday 2 Kings 6:1-7. How did Elisha make the iron axe head float?



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[&]quot;Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord." (2 Timothy 1:8).



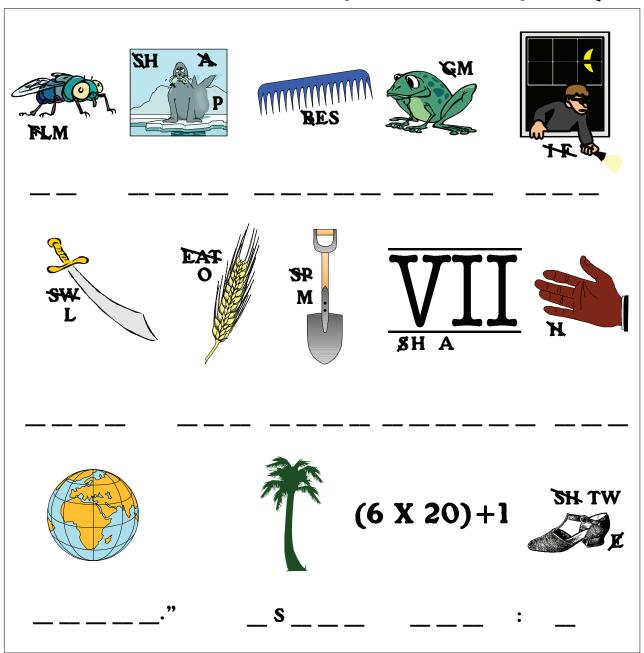
'Leprosy' in the Bible

Daily Devotions
Monday 2 Kings 5:20-24. What did Gehazi do that showed he was greedy and dishonest?
Tuesday 2 Kings 5:25-27. What was Gehazi's punishment for being greedy and dishonest?
Wednesday Numbers 12:9-13. Who was Moses asking the Lord to heal from leprosy?
Thursday Luke 17:12-14. Where were the ten lepers going after they were cleansed?
Friday Luke 4:25-27. Did Elisha heal all the lepers in Israel?
Luke 17:12-14. Where were the ten lepers going after they were cleansed? Friday

Famine in Samaria

2 Kings 6:24 – 7:20

Can you build a Scripture from the clues below? Work out the word that each picture represents, then make the changes to it as indicated by the letters added or crossed out. Check the verse in your Bible to see that you are right.



"For the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught." (Proverbs 3:26).
"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Psalm 46:7).

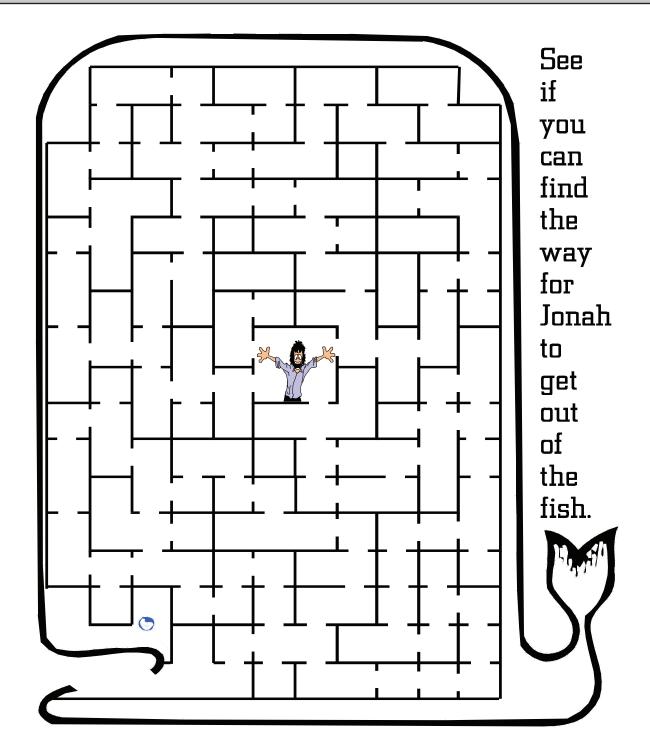


Stories from the kings

Daily Devotions
Monday 2 Kings 7:3-7. What made the Syrian army leave their camp?
Tuesday 2 Kings 8:1-2. Who advised the Shunammite woman to leave because of the seven year famine?
Wednesday 2 Kings 8:7-10. Why did King Ben-Hadad send Hazael to see Elisha?
Thursday 2 Kings 10:18-19. Which king plotted to destroy the worshippers of Baal?
Friday 2 Kings 12:1-5. Because King Jehoash was a good king, what did he ask the priests to do with the gifts of money?

Jonah

2 Kings 14:23-25 Jonah



"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy." (Psalm 145:8).
"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." (Revelation 3:19).



Anger

Daily Devotions
Monday Jonah 3:5-9. What did the people and the king hope would happen when they fasted and prayed?
Tuesday Jonah 3:10-4:4. God had mercy on the city and did not destroy the people. What did Jonah do? What did God say to him?
Wednesday Nehemiah 9:17. What does this verse say about God?
Thursday Ephesians 4:26-32. What are Christians to do with anger?
Proverbs 15:1-2. Our words can help or hinder. Finish the sentence. "A soft answer but a harsh word"

The captivity of Israel (the northern kingdom)

2 Kings 17



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"You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments." (Deuteronomy 13:14).
"But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world." (1 Corinthians 11:32).



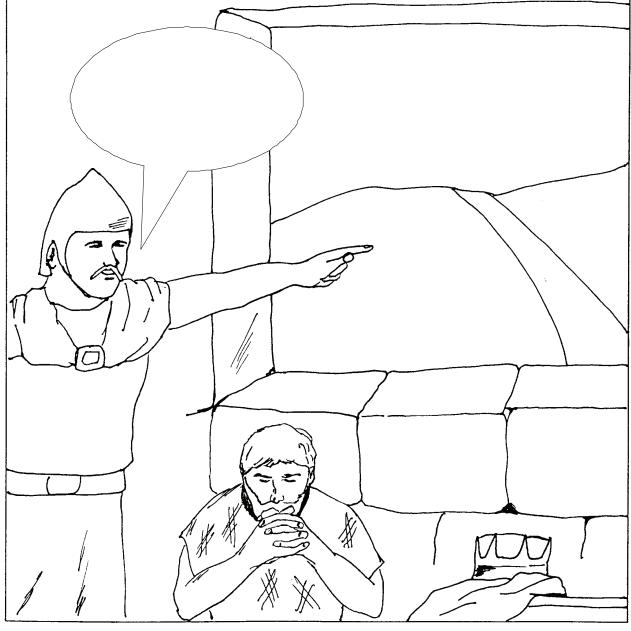
The anger of the Lord

Daily Devotions	
Monday 2 Kings 17:16-18. What were some things the Israelites did which made the Lord angry?	
Tuesday Numbers 32:10-13. How long did the Israelites wander in the wilderness because they made God angry?	
Wednesday Psalm 103:8-9. Does the Lord stay angry for ever with those who do wrong?	
Thursday 1 Kings 11:6-9. Why was the Lord angry with King Solomon?	
Friday Psalm 7:8-12. When is the Lord angry with the wicked?	

Hezekiah and Sennacherib

2 Kings 18 – 20; Isaiah 36 - 38

DRAW SENNACHERIB'S ARMY RETREATING OVER THE HILL FROM JERUSALEM.
WHAT MIGHT THE SOLDIER BE SAYING TO THE KING?



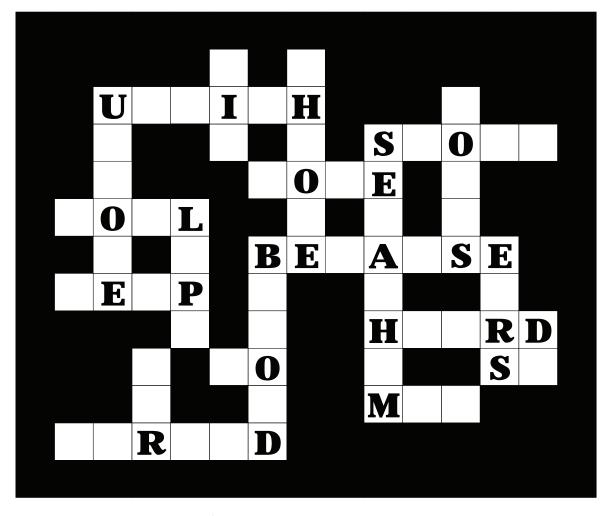
"In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid." (Psalm 56:11).
"You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you." (Deuteronomy 5:33).



Hold fast

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Daily Devotions
Monday 2 Kings 18:1-6. What else did Hezekiah do besides hold fast to the Lord?
Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 5:15-22. What are Christians to hold fast to?
Wednesday Titus 1:7-9. A bishop (elder) must hold fast the faithful word so that he is able to do what?
Thursday Hebrews 3:5-6. How long are we to hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope?
Friday Hebrews 4:14-16. Who encourages us to hold fast our confession of faith?

Clueless Crossword



The words in this crossword are all found somewhere in Isaiah 6. Can you fill in all the blanks? All the intersecting letters have been left in to help you.

"'I, therefore, the prisoner of with which you were called."	the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1).
"If we confess our sins, He is us from all unrighteousness."	faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse (1 John 1:9).



Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow

FURE OF IFA Write true or false beside each of these statements. Check II Kings 22 & 23 to see if you are correct. 1. Josiah was 18 years old when he became king. 2. His mother's name was Jedidah. 3. Hilkiah was the scribe. 4. Shaphan found the book of the law. 5. Shaphan read the law to Josiah. 6. When Josiah heard the words of the law, he took off his shoes. 7. Josiah gathered all the children of Judah and Jerusalem. 8. Josiah read the Book of the Law to all the people of Jerusalem. 9. Josiah stood by a pillow and made a covenant before the Lord. 10. The covenant was that he would keep all the Lord's commandments.

Memory Verse

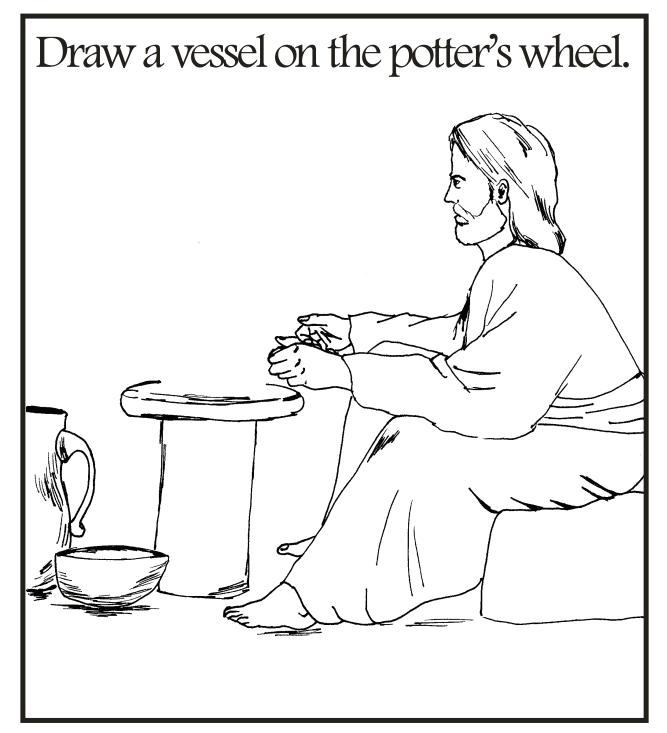
	"Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and
	godly fear." (Hebrews 12:28).
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"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4).



With all his heart

Daily Devotions	
Monday 2 Kings 23:1-3. What did Josiah do with all his heart and soul?	
Tuesday Matthew 22:36-40. What did Jesus say is the first commandment?	
Wednesday Deuteronomy 26:16. How were the people to observe God's statutes and judgements?	
Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4. God promised to keep a man on the throne if the people walked how?	
Friday Proverbs 3:1-6. Finish the sentence: "Trust in the Lord	



Memory Verse

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all
we are the work of Your hand." (Isaiah 64:8).

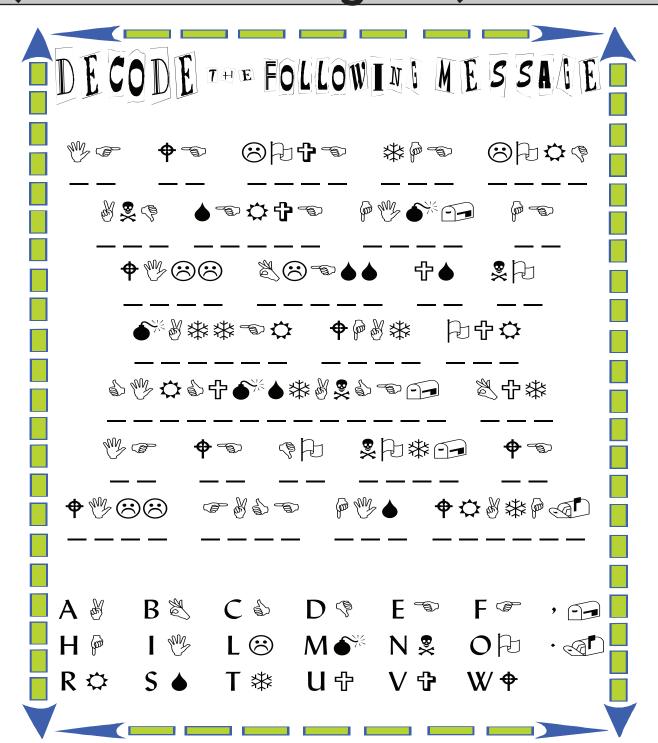
"Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter." (1 Peter 4:16).



So are you in My hand

Daily Devotions
Monday Jeremiah 18:1-6. The potter makes the clay into the vessel he chooses. How are we like the clay?
Tuesday Psalm 31:13-16. What is in God's hand if we trust in Him?
Wednesday Ecclesiastes 9:10. How are we to use our hands?
Thursday Proverbs 3:13-16. What does wisdom have in her right hand and what is in her left?
Friday Psalm 32:1-5. Why was the Lord's hand heavy on the psalmist?

The captivity of Judah (the southern kingdom) 2 Chronicles 36:2-21; Daniel 1



"Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgements." (Revelation 16:7).
"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct." (1 Peter 1:15).



A provision at the king's table

Daily Devotions
Monday Jeremiah 52:31-34. How was Jehoiachin helped when he was released from prison?
Tuesday Psalm 23:5-6. A prepared table is God's provision for us. Where is the provision made for us?
Wednesday Luke 22:27-30. The one who serves will be blessed and can eat and drink where?
Thursday 1 Corinthians 10:16-21. Paul talks about our eating and drinking at the Lord's table. What other name is used for this meal?
Friday Proverbs 9:1-6. God is wisdom. Who will find food at His table? (Verse 4 is the best clue.)

Daniel interprets the king's dream

Daniel 2

King Nebuchadnezzar had his dream interpreted by Daniel.

Can you find the answer to the following questions asked by the King?

In which year of his reign did the king have his dream? (Daniel 2:1)
What other name was Daniel known by? (Daniel 2:26)
When was the secret of the dream revealed to Daniel? (Daniel 2:19)
What was the King's dream about? (Daniel 2:31)
Daniel was a captive from which country? (Daniel 2:25)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5).
"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart." (Psalm 27:14).



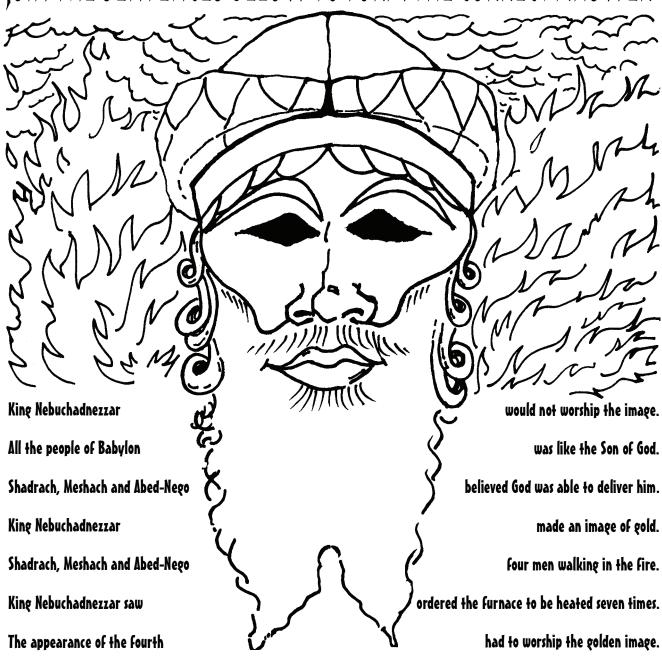
Blessing of the Lord and being blessed of the Lord

Daily Devotions	
Monday Daniel 2:19-23. What was the reason for Daniel blessing God?	
Tuesday Psalm 103:1-5. What are two reasons David recorded why he blessed God with all he had?	
Wednesday Psalm 32:1-2. What is one thing that makes a man blessed? Ask for help if you need it.	
Thursday Genesis 1:26-28. What did God do when he created man (male and female)?	
Friday Revelation 1:1-3. Who is blessed?	

The fiery furnace

Daniel 3

JOIN THE SENTENCES BELOW TO FORM THE CORRECT ANSWER



ı		"Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever
		you go." (Joshua 1:9).
		"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be
ı		added to you" (Matthew 6:33)

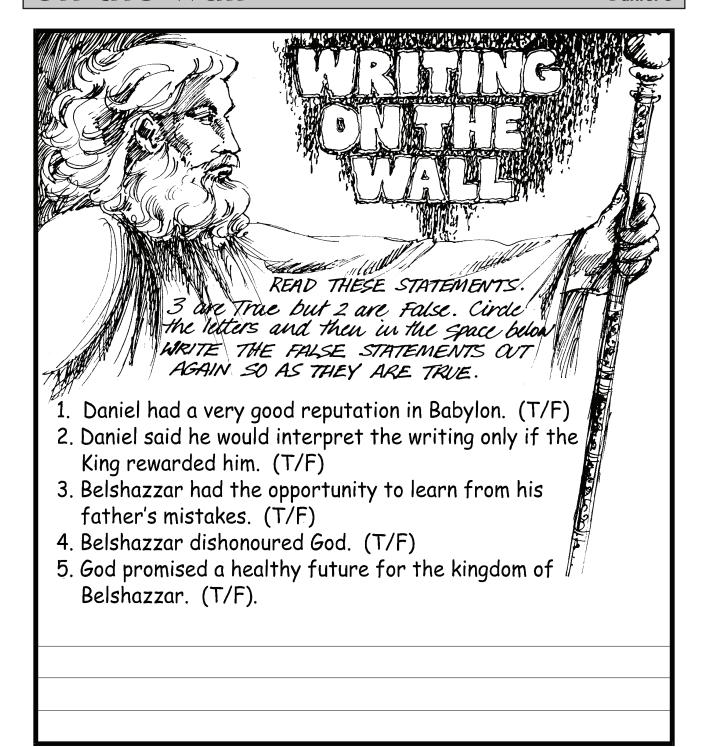


You shall have no other gods before Me

Daily Devotions
Monday Daniel 3:16-18. What answer did the three servants give to King Nebuchadnezzar about serving his god?
Tuesday Exodus 20:1-6. What did God say to Moses about carved images?
Wednesday Jeremiah 25:4-6. Jeremiah the prophet said God sent His prophets with some good advice about other gods. What was it?
Thursday Matthew 6:24-25. What does Jesus say about two masters?
Friday Revelation 7:13-17. What blessings are there for those who serve God?

The writing on the wall

Daniel 5



"Be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" (1 Peter 5:5).
"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16)

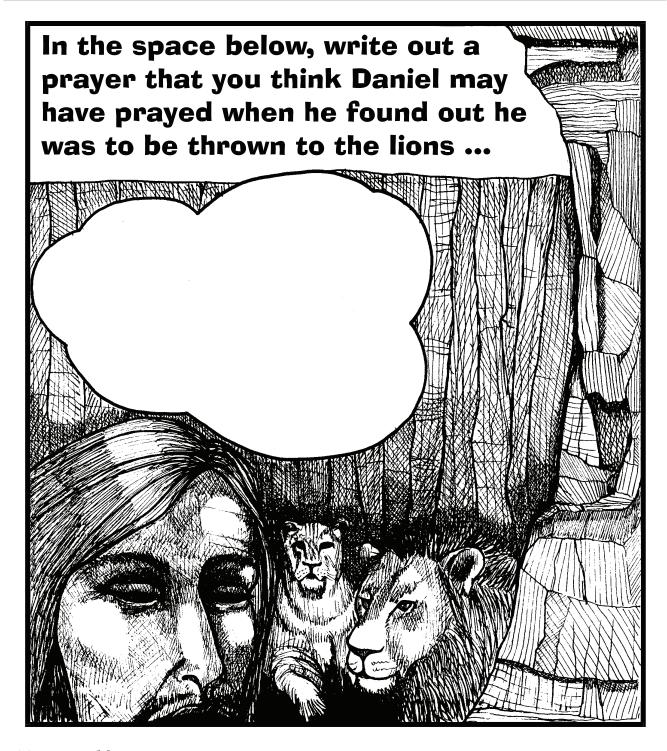


Humble your heart

Daily Devotions	
Monday Daniel 5:22-23. Belshazzar knew better, but would not do something. What did he fail to do?	
Tuesday Numbers 12:1-3. Who was the most humble man on the face of the earth?	
Wednesday James 4:6-10. Finish the verse: "God resists the proud,	
Thursday 1 Peter 5:5-9. Peter suggests a special kind of clothing, what was it?	
Friday Isaiah 57:15. What sort of spirit does God want us to have?	

Daniel in the lions' den

Daniel 6



[&]quot;Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Ephesians 6:13).



He is able to deliver you

Daily Devotions
Monday Daniel 6:18-23. Darius was very concerned for Daniel. What did he ask Daniel as soon as it was light?
Tuesday 2 Peter 2:4-9. Who does God deliver from temptation?
Wednesday 2 Timothy 4:17-18. Paul was delivered from what? From what else did Paul say he would be delivered?
Thursday 2 Corinthians 1:8-11. God delivered Paul many times. What is one thing we must do so that He will deliver us?
Friday Colossians 1:12-14. God has translated us into the kingdom of His Son. Where did He deliver us from?

Esther Esther

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1. Who was the k	ing's eunuch? (2:3)	G	
2. Who was the o	certain Jew? (2:5)	0	
3. The king gave	permission for Esther to write a? (8:8	B) D	
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	feast the Jews were to celebrate? (9:26)		
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6. What did the	mourning Jew do? (4:3)	F_	
7. Who did the k	ing promote above the princes? (3:1)	A_	-
8. What book of	records was brought to the king? (6:1)	I_	
9. Who did Mord	lecai raise as his own daughter? (2:7)		/
10. Who was the	disobedient queen? (1:9)	H_	
11. What did Estl	her want to find in the king's sight? (7:3)	F _	
12. What was the	king's name? (1:2)	U_	
	e feast held by Queen Vashti? (1:9)	L	

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"Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people." (Jeremiah 7:23).
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6).

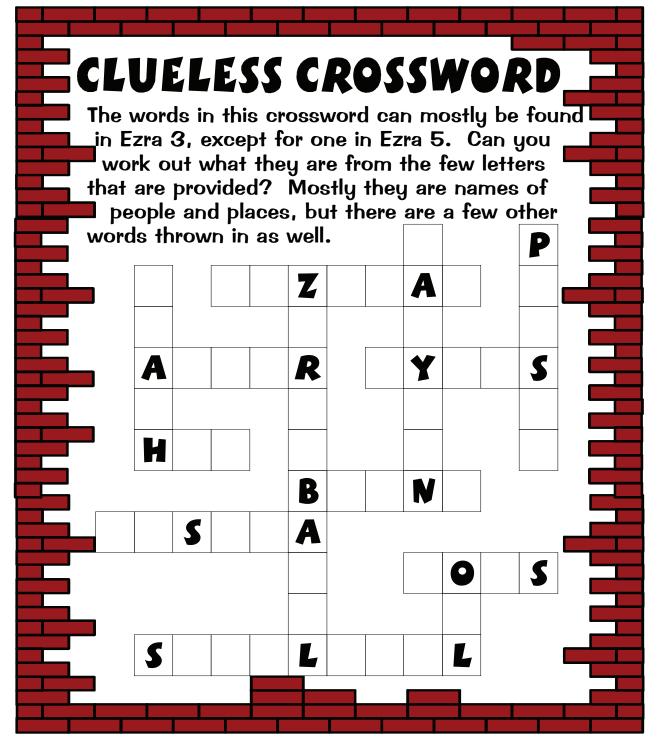


Favour (or blessing)

Daily Devotions	
Monday Esther 5:1-3. Who found favour in the sight of the king?	
Tuesday Psalm 30:4-5. How long does God's anger last? How long does His favour last?	
Wednesday Proverbs 12:1-2. A man of wicked intentions is condemned, but what does a good man obtain?	
Thursday Luke 2:51-52. Jesus increased or grew in three ways. What are they?	
Friday Acts 2:46-47. These new Christians found favour with all people. What was one of the things they did every day?	

Ezra 3; 5:1-2; 6:15; Haggai 1:3-6; 2:6-9; Zechariah 4; Nehemiah 1:1-3; 6:15-16

Restoration



"Turn us back to You, O Lord, and we will be restored." (Lamentations 5:21).
"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe." (Proverbs 18:10)



A willing offering

Daily Devotions
Monday Ezra 3:4-5. How did the people make their offerings - willingly, or because they had to?
Tuesday Exodus 35:4-9. Who could make an offering?
Wednesday Isaiah 1:18-20. The people would eat the good of the land if they were and
Thursday Psalm 40:6-8. What is the delight of this man?
Friday Matthew 26:41. Write down this verse to help you remember it.

Sonseekers Curriculum

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Unit Three

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- 49. Saul chosen
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- 54. David and Saul
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- 56. David and the ark
- 57. Absalom
- 58. Solomon becomes king
- 59. Solomon's temple
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- 82. The birth of Jesus
- 83. Jesus in the temple
- 84. John the Baptist
- 85. Jesus baptised and tempted
- 86. The call of the disciples
- 87. Water turned to wine
- 88. The temple cleansed, Nicodemus
- 89. The woman at the well
- 90. Healing of the paralysed
- 91. The house built on the
- 92. Jesus stills the storm
- 93. The feeding of the 5000
- 94. The centurion's servant
- 95. Forgiveness in Simon's house
- 96. The sower and the seed

Unit Seven

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- 98. Jesus walks on the water
- 99. Miracles of healing
- 100. The transfiguration
- 101. A boy is healed
- 102. The unmerciful servant
- 103. A man born blind
- 104. The good Samaritan
- 105. Prayer
- 106. The raising of Lazarus
- 107. The lost sheep, coin and
- 108. Attitudes of a servant
- 109. The marriage of the king's son
- 110. The ten lepers
- 111. The ten virgins
- 112. The talents

<u>Unit Eight</u>

- 113. Palm Sunday
- 114. The last supper and Gethsemane
- 115. The crucifixion
- 116. The resurrection
- 117. Peter restored
- 118. The risen Christ and His ascension
- 119. The day of Pentecost
- 120. Peter and John
- 121. Peter and the Gentiles
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- 123. Philip
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- 126. Paul's second and third missionary journeys
- 127. Paul's capture and imprisonment
- 128. Paul's final journey

