

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
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2500DC	The Fall
2500BC	Noah
	The Flood
2000BC	Tower of Babel
2000BC	Abraham
1900BC	Isaac E
1800BC	Esau and Jacob
1750BC	Joseph
1360BC	Moses
1280BC	Exodus from Egypt
	and Journeys
12 (0DC	Joshua
1240BC	Entry into and
1220DG	Conquest of Land
1220BC	Judges
1100BC	Gideon
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014DC	Jehoshaphat
814BC 749BC	Elisha's Ministry
662BC	Jonah Hezekiah; Isaiah
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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 Two Student Handbook?

Each Level Two 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!

God created the sky, land and sea. There is a message around this picture - miss every second box, then print the letters you find on the lines below.



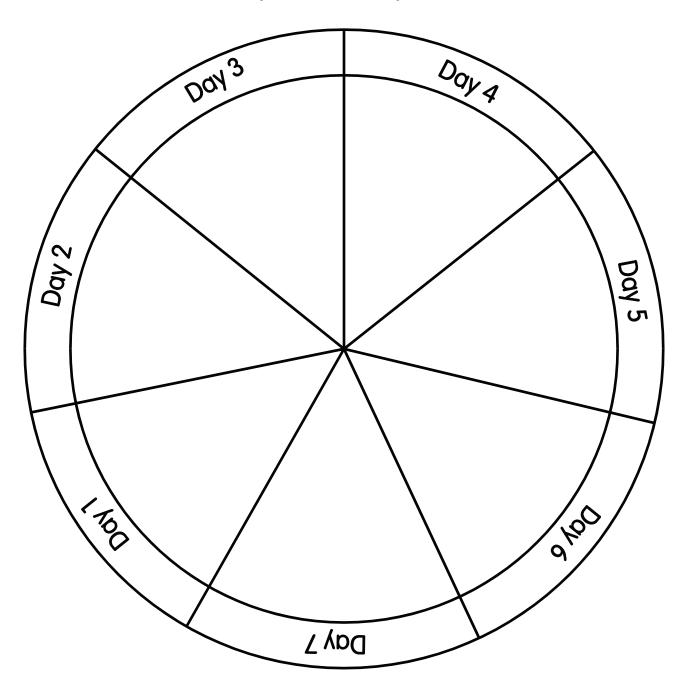
	"God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1).
	"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made." (Psalm 33:6).



Created by the Lord

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 1:3,11,14, 20. What did God actually 'do' to cause things to be created?
Tuesday Genesis 1:31. When God saw the light, land, sea, plants and planets He had made, what did He think about them all?
Wednesday Revelation 4:11. What is the Lord worthy to receive from us because He has created all things?
Thursday Psalm 95:2-5. Why does the psalmist say that the sea, the hills and all the earth belong to the Lord?
Friday John 1:1-4. Who do you think is the 'Word' who made all things?

Illustrate in words or pictures each day of God's creative week.



	"God shall supply all your need." (Philippians 4:19).
$\ \ $	"Let our people also learn to maintain good works." (Titus 3:14).



Life in God's garden

Daily Devotions	
Monday Genesis 2:1-3. What was special about the seventh day in the week of creation?	
Tuesday Genesis 2:4-6. How was the ground watered after creation?	
Wednesday Genesis 2:8-9. What were the two good things about every tree that the Lord God made to grow?	
Thursday Genesis 2:8-9. Name the two important trees that grew in the middle of the garden of Eden.	
Friday Genesis 2:15. What important jobs did the Lord give Adam to do in the garden of Eden?	

Adam and Eve

Genesis 1:26 - 2:25

Unscramble the words in the brackets at the end of each sentence to find the missing words. Refer to Genesis 2:1-24 if you need help.

1. A went up from the earth and watered the ground. (tsmi)
2. God created from the dust of the earth. (mdaA)
3. The Lord planted a garden eastward in (eEnd)
4. God told Adam not to eat of the tree of ate of it he
the knowledge of would . (eid)
and coode, vile)
6. Adam gave names to all the
(rectseura)
7. The Lord caused Adam
to fall into a deep
8. Eve was created as a
(meheetlp)
9. God created her from one of Adam's (srbi)

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him." (Genesis 1:27).
"He created them male and female, and blessed them." (Genesis 5:2)

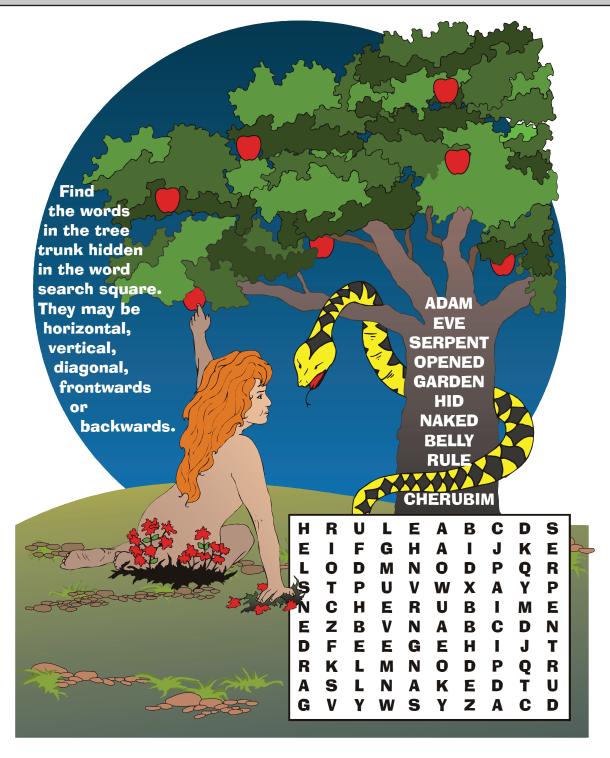


God's love for mankind

Daily Devotions	
Monday Genesis 1:26-28. One reason God made man was to care for the creatures He had made. Name some creatures man was to have dominion over.	
Tuesday Matthew 6:25-27. Why can we be sure the Lord will care for us?	
Wednesday Ephesians 2:10. What is one thing we know that God created us to do during our lives?	
Thursday Psalm 8:3-6. By reading these verses, how do you know that man is so important to God?	
Friday Matthew 10:29-31. What surprising detail does the Lord know about you?	

The fall

Genesis 3



"He is able to aid those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:18).
"Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin." (Romans 5:12).



Results of disobedience

Daily Devotions	
Monday Romans 5:12-14,19. Who was the man who disobeyed and allowed sin to enter the world?	
Tuesday Genesis 3:8-10. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God after they had disobeyed Him?	
Wednesday Joshua 5:6. Why did God let the children of Israel walk for 40 years in the wilderness?	
Thursday 1 Samuel 12:14-15. What does the Lord warn will happen to the people who do not obey His voice.	
Friday Jeremiah 42:19-22. Name two bad things that faced the children of Israel because they disobeyed God's commands.	

Cain and Abel

Genesis 4

Tick the correct answer to each question below. Refer to Genesis 4.

- I. Adam and Eve's first child was
 - a) Abel.
 - b) Cain.
 - c) Noah.

- 4. Abelwas a
 - a) tiller of the soil.
 - b) keeper of sheep,
 - c) keeper of money.
- 6. Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground which the Lord
 - a) was pleased with,
 - b) thanked him for.
 - c) did not respect him for.

- Their second child was
 - a) Abel,
 - b) Cain,
 - c) Noah.



- 7. Cain
 - a) gave up work,
 - b) went away,
 - c) killed Abel.

- 3. Cain was a
 - a) blacksmith,
 - b) grocer,
 - c) tiller of the soil.
- 5. Abel brought his offering which the Lord
 - a) respected,
 - b) rejected,
 - c) was angry with.
- 8. Godtold Cain that
 - a) he would be a fugitive and a vagabond,
 - b) he was a good man.
 - c) he would join the circus.

"If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons." (Hebrews 12:7).
"Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation." (2 Corinthians 7:10).



Sacrifices and offerings

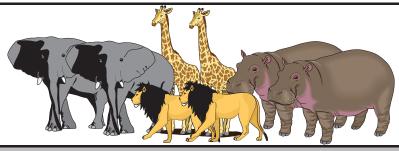
Daily Devotions	
Monday Exodus 22:20. Who was the only person the Israelites were allowed to make sacrifices to?	
Tuesday Exodus 25:1-8. List some of the things that the Israelites were asked to bring to Moses as offerings to the Lord.	
Wednesday 1 Samuel 15:22. What can we give the Lord that will delight Him more than sacrifices?	
Thursday Romans 12:1. What is the best thing we can present as a sacrifice to the Lord?	
Friday Romans 5:6-8. What great sacrifice did God make for us?	

Noah builds an ark

Genesis 6:1 - 7:16

In the following story, tick the underlined words if they are right, or cross if they are wrong. Write the correct answer above those which are wrong.

"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth ... The Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth and he was happy in his heart. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy ... man and beast ...' But Roah found grace in the eyes of the Lord ... So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was good." So he told Roah to build a tower to save him from the flood. The Lord said it was to be made with lower, second and third decks. The Lord said, "And behold, I Myself am bringing fire and famine on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh."



Answer the following questions. The Bible references are in brackets.

- 1. how was God going to destroy the earth? (Genesis 6:17).
- 2. Who was to be saved? (Genesis 6:18).
- 3. Name one thing God said Noah should take with him. (Genesis 6:19-21).
- 4. Why did God save Roah and his household? (Genesis 7:1).
- how long did God say it would rain? (Genesis 7:4). 5.

"Noah was a just man, perfect in his generation." (Genesis 6:9).
"He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit." (John 15:5).



Men who please God

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 7:1-5. Why did God choose Noah to take the animals into the safety of the ark?
Tuesday Genesis 5:21-24. What was it that Enoch did all his life that really pleased God?
Wednesday Genesis 4:3-4. What offering did Abel make that pleased the Lord?
Thursday Matthew 3:13-17. What did God the Father say about Jesus after His baptism?
Friday Hebrews 11:6. What must we have in our hearts to make it possible to please God?

The flood, Noah and his sons

Genesis 7:17 - 9:29

To complete these sentences unscramble the letters in brackets. Answers are from Genesis 8 and 9.

Colour the Rainbow.

"We, being many, are one body in Christ." (Romans 12:5).
"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." (2 Corinthians 5:17).



God protects the righteous

Daily Devotions
Monday Psalm 37:39-40. Why does the Lord save, help and protect the righteous?
Tuesday Proverbs 18:10. What is the strong tower into which the righteous can run for shelter?
Wednesday Psalm 34:15-17. How does the Lord know when the righteous are in trouble?
Thursday Psalm 55:22. What does a righteous man need to do to receive help with his problems?
Friday Psalm 37:18-20. How will the Lord care for upright men in time of evil and famine?

The tower of Babel

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LLI LUMMKLO ".RELMMUI ILL Genesis 11:1-9

Ask Mum or Dad to read aloud Genesis 11:1-9 while you check the statements below. Write TRUE or FALSE on the brick next to each statement.

1. The whole earth had one language and one speech.

- As they journeyed from the east, they found a river in the land of Shinar and dwelt there.
- 3. Then they quarried stones for building and carved them.
 - 4. "Let us build an altar," they said.
- 5. "Let's build a tower to reach heaven."
 - 6. Many people came to see this wonderful tower.
- 7. God said, "Let Us go down and there confuse their language."
 - 8. So they continued building their city.
- 9. Therefore its name is called Babel.
 - 10. And from there the Lord gathered them together from the face of all the earth.

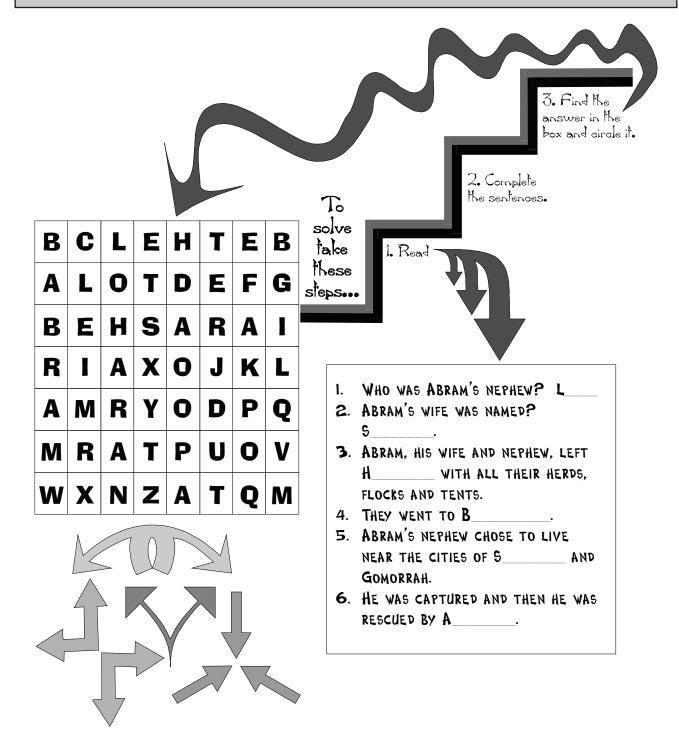
"The name of the Lord is a strong tower." (Proverbs 18:10).
"The Most High rules in the kingdom of men." (Daniel 4:17).



Pride
Daily Devotions
Monday Mark 7:20-23. Where do evil things like pride, deceit and thefts come from?
Tuesday Proverbs 16:18-19. What usually ends up happening to someone who is filled with pride?
Wednesday Proverbs 16:5. How does the Lord feel about someone who has a proud heart?
Thursday Proverbs 6:16-19. A proud look is something the Lord hates. What is something else He hates?
Friday James 4:6. God gives grace to the humble, but how does He treat the proud?

Abram called, Abram and Lot

Genesis 12 - 14



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. (Proverbs 3:5).
"Seek those things which are above, where Christ is." (Colossians 3:1).

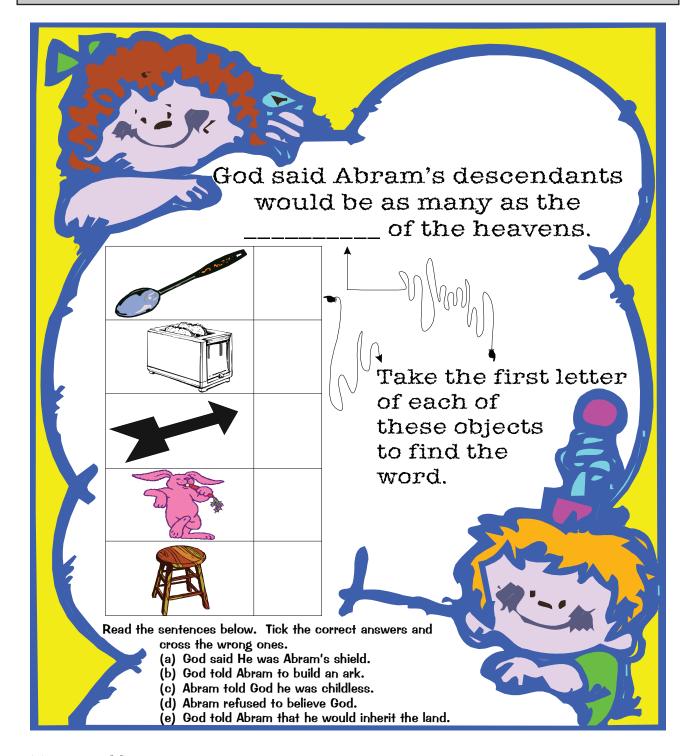


Choices

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 13:7-11. Lot chose to have the plain of Jordan for himself. What sort of country was it?
Tuesday Deuteronomy 30:19-20. If you choose to live God's way, what are two ways you will act towards Him?
Wednesday Ephesians 1:3-6. When did God actually choose us to be His children?
Thursday Luke 10:38-42. What was it that Mary chose to do which really pleased Jesus?
Friday Nehemiah 9:7-8. Who chose Abram, found his heart faithful, and made a covenant with him?

The covenant with Abraham

Genesis 15 - 17



"He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief. (Romans 4:20).
"Those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham." (Galatians 3:9).



Promises from the Lord

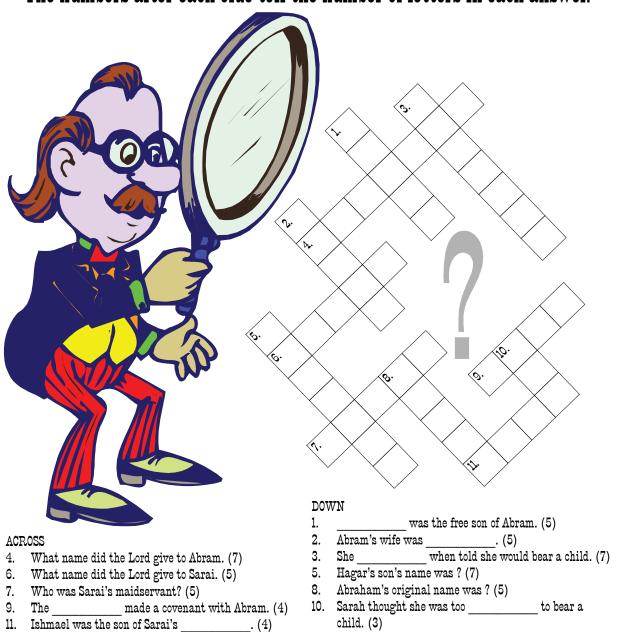
Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 17:1-2. How did God ask Abram to live so He could make a covenant with him?
Tuesday Genesis 17:15-17. Why did Abraham find it hard to believe God's promise that he and Sarah would have a son?
Wednesday I John 2:24-25. If we abide in the Son and in the Father, what is promised to us?
Thursday James1:12. What has the Lord promised to those who love Him and can endure temptation?
Friday Matthew 28:16-20. What wonderful promise did Jesus give His disciples before He went to heaven?

Ishmael and Isaac

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-21

From the clues given, complete the stack-a-word puzzle.

The numbers after each clue tell the number of letters in each answer.



"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27).
"But let patience have its perfect work." (James 1:4).



Children of the Bible

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 37:1-4. Why did Joseph's older brothers hate him?
Tuesday 1 Samuel 2:18-20. Who was the child who lived in the temple to minister before the Lord?
Wednesday 1 Samuel 16:19-23. What did David do that helped King Saul when he was distressed?
Thursday 2 Chronicles 34:1-3. What made Josiah, who became king when eight years old, such a good king?
Friday Luke 2:41-47. What was 12 year old Jesus doing in the temple?

Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 19



"Do not love the world or the things in the world." (1 John 2:15).
"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger." (Psalm 103:8).

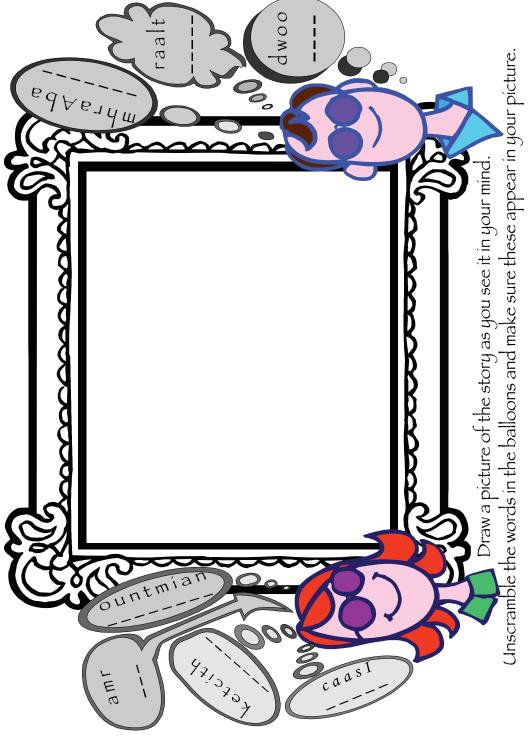


Keep away from evil

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 19:15-17. Who helped Lot and his family to get out of the wicked city of Sodom?
Tuesday Psalm 34:14-16. The Lord watches over the righteous, but how does He treat evil people?
Wednesday Romans 12:21. What is the best weapon we can use to fight evil?
Thursday James 3:7-10. What part of our body can be very evil?
Friday Psalm 97:10. How should people who love the Lord feel about evil?

The sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22



	"Obey My voice, and do according to all that I command you." (Jeremiah 11:4).
L	"Trust in the Lord, and do good." (Psalm 37:3).

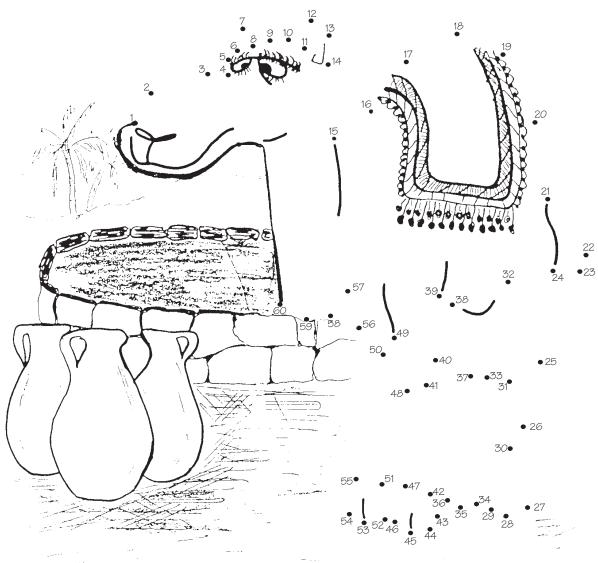


Choosing to obey

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 22:1-3. What command from God was Abraham very quick to obey?
Tuesday Hebrews 11: 8-10. What was in Abraham's heart that helped him to obey God's call?
Wednesday Hebrews 11:23-26. What great honour did Moses give up when he obeyed what God told him to do?
Thursday Jeremiah 42:5-6. Why did the Israelites know it was best to obey the Lord, even when it displeased them?
Friday Matthew 21:28-30. Which of the two sons chose to obey his father?

Rebekah Isaac's bride

Genesis 24



The picture above shows one of the ten animals that Eliezer took on his journey. Complete the dot to dot picture, then colour it.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God." (James 1:5).
"Be ready in season and out of season." (2 Timothy 4:2).



A willing heart

A Willing Heart
Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 24:17-19. Rebekah was willing to do more than what the servant asked. What was the extra thing she did?
Tuesday Exodus 35:4,5,29. What was Moses looking to see in the hearts of the people who brought offerings to the Lord?
Wednesday 1 Chronicles 28:9. How did King David encourage his son Solomon to serve the Lord God?
Thursday 1 Chronicles 29:6-9. How did King David and all the Israelites feel after they had all given willingly towards building the temple?
Friday Isaiah 1:18-20. How did the Lord say He would reward all those who were willing and obedient?

Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25:19-34; 27



"That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit." (2 Timothy 1:14).
"He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house." (Psalm 101:7).

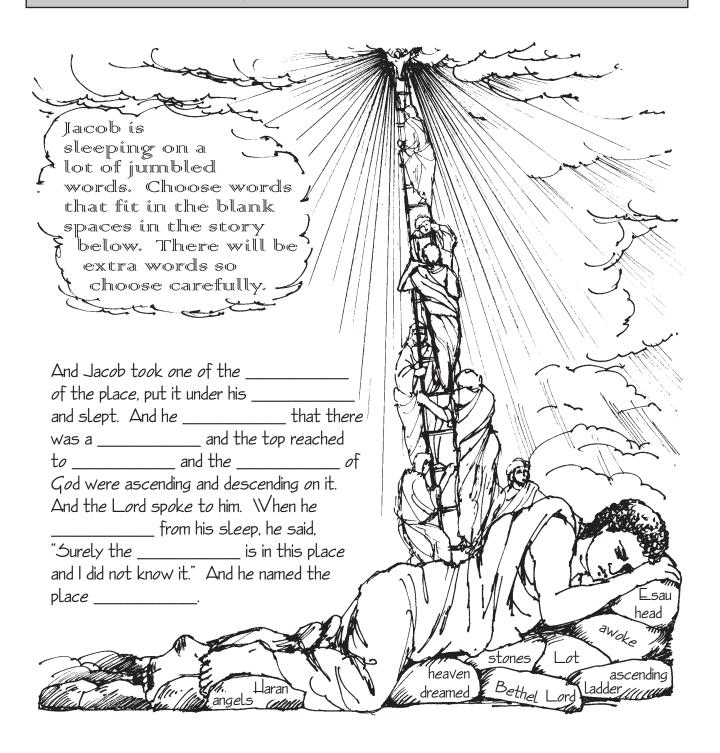


Our inheritance

Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 25:29-34. Who had the birthright, but despised it? Who didn't have the birthright, but treasured it?
Tuesday Matthew 25:31-34. What shall we inherit if we please the Lord?
Wednesday Colossians 3:23-25. Why should Christians always work hard, doing their best? What is their reward from the Lord?
Thursday 1 Corinthians 2:9-10. For which people has God prepared many wonderful things?
Friday Romans 8:14. If we are to become sons of God, by whom must we be led?

Jacob's ladder, Leah and Rachel

Genesis 28 - 30



"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1).
"By your patience possess your souls." (Luke 21:19).



Be patient

be patient
Daily Devotions
Monday Genesis 29:15-20. Why did Jacob find it easy to wait seven years to marry Rachel?
Tuesday James 1:2-4. What causes patience to be produced in our lives?
Wednesday 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Which people should we be patient with?
Thursday 1 Timothy 6:11. Write down three things that a man of God should show in his life.
Friday Hebrews 12:1-2. Who has given us the example of patiently running the race of life?

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