

Growing Up

INSTRUCTIONS: Mark each picture with a letter and number to indicate the group and order in which it belongs.
Hint: The stages of the plant are group *A*, the person group *B*, the duck group *C*, and the butterfly group *D*.

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus used stories to help people understand what the kingdom of God is like.
- God’s kingdom is like a mustard seed, which starts small but grows.
- God’s kingdom is like a buried treasure, more valuable than anything else.
- God’s growing kingdom is more valuable than anything.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13-14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What might we have to give up to gain God’s kingdom?
- How can we help God’s kingdom grow?
- Whom can we tell about God’s kingdom?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your family to plant an indoor herb garden. Assign your kids daily tending tasks. Discuss how God’s kingdom is like a seed.

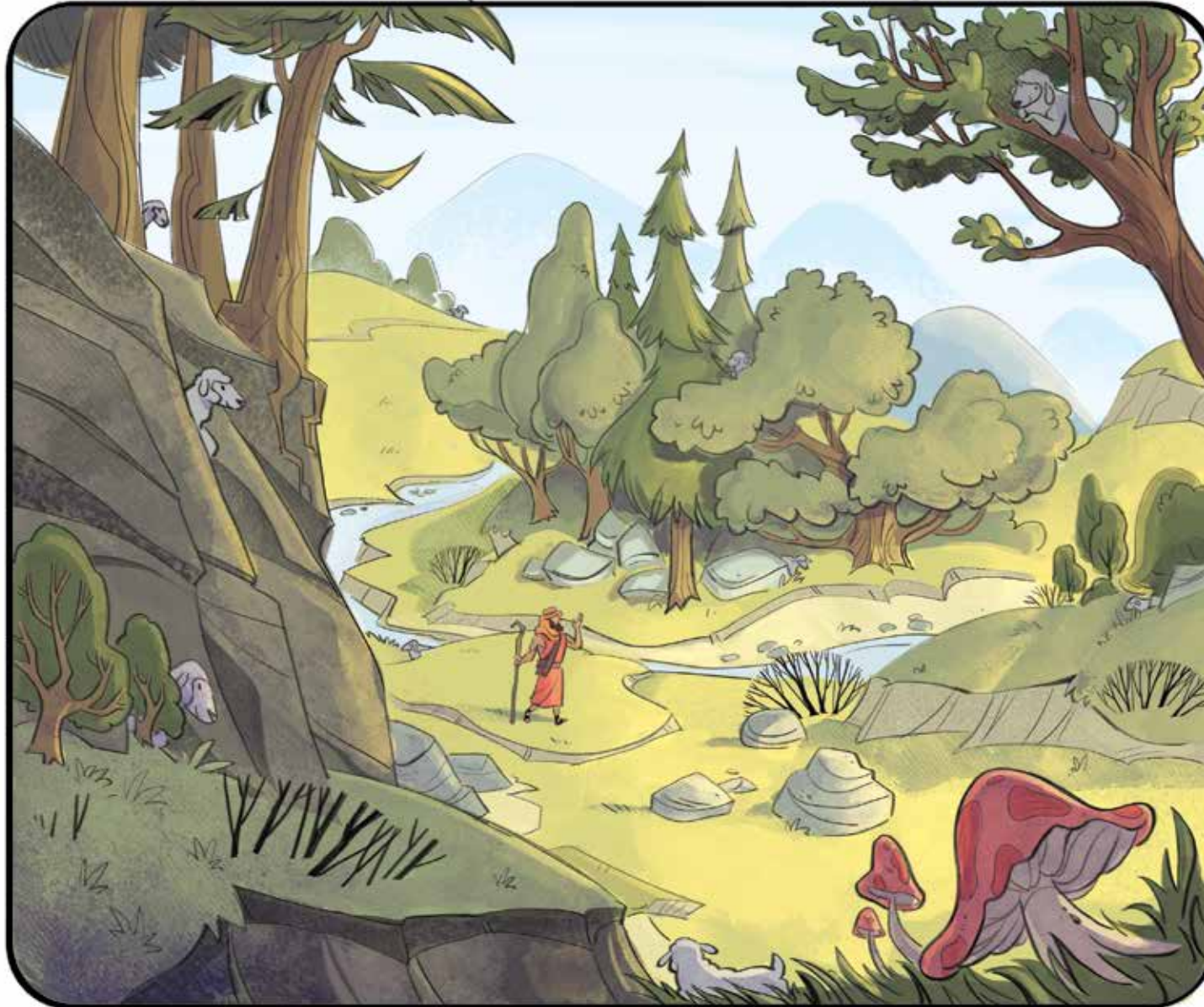


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Shepherd's Roundup

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle 10 sheep hidden in the picture below.



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Three Parables

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus told stories to explain God's love for sinners.
- God is like a shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to find one lost sheep.
- God is like a father who welcomes his runaway son home.
- Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13-14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean to be lost?
- How do you feel about Jesus, knowing that He loves sinners?
- How should we treat those we think may be lost?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a game of hide-and-seek with your kids. Discuss the ways our sin leads us away from God. Remind kids that Jesus is like the seeker.
- Help your kids make a list of people they know who may be lost. Set aside time each night to pray for the people on each list.



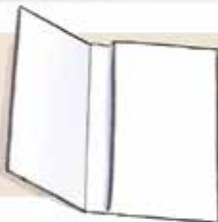
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Hard But Good

INSTRUCTIONS: Change one letter at a time to transform the word *hard* into the word *good*. Use the picture clues to help.

H A R D









G O O D



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus said He is the bread of life and the true bread from heaven.
- Jesus said people must eat His flesh and drink His blood.
- Many people misunderstood Jesus' teaching.
- Though some disciples stopped following Jesus, Peter knew that He is the Messiah.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13-14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean for Jesus to be the "bread of life"?
- What are some things that are hard to understand about the Bible?
- How can we grow in our understanding of God's Word?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your kids to bake a loaf of bread. Talk to your kids about the ways Jesus sustains us and satisfies the spiritual hunger of our souls for God's truth.

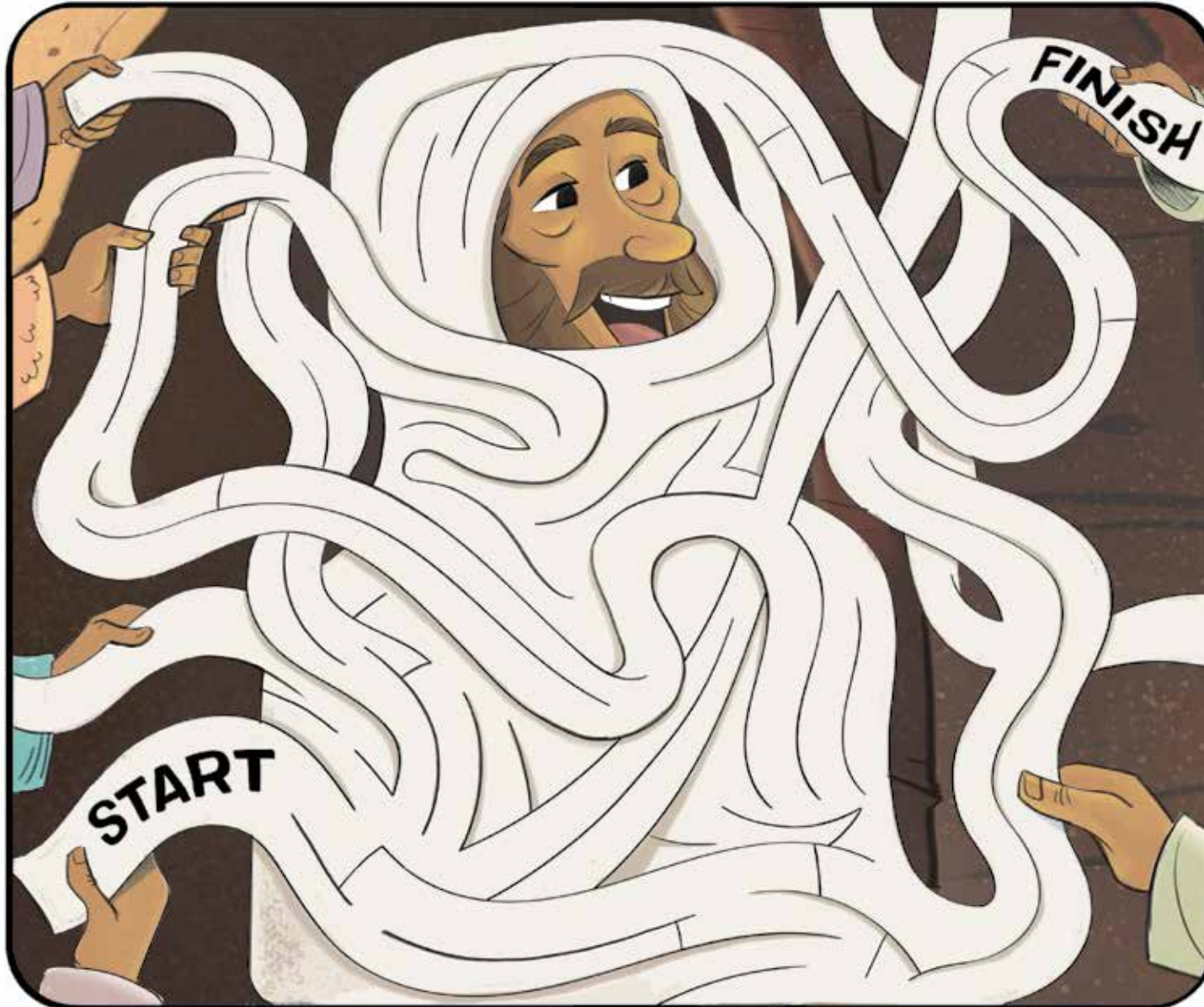


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Unwrap Laz

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the pathway through Lazarus' winding wrapping from start to finish.



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Jesus Raised Lazarus

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Mary and Martha sent word to Jesus that their brother was sick.
- Jesus traveled to Bethany, but He arrived after Lazarus had been dead four days.
- Jesus commanded Lazarus to come out of the grave, and Lazarus did!
- Jesus has power over death.

KEY PASSAGE: Colossians 1:13-14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How does God care for His creation? God loves and rules over His creation according to His perfect plan.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean for Jesus to be “the resurrection and the life”?
- How can Christians feel joy even in the middle of sad times?
- What is eternal life, and when does it begin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your family to prepare and deliver a care package to someone in your church who has experienced a recent loss. Pray that the Lord will provide comfort and peace. Discuss the hope Jesus gives.



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