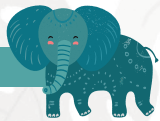


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EXPLORER FIELD GUIDE

EXPLORER NAME

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Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

DAY 1

TRUST GOD BECAUSE GOD IS GOOD!

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WHAT IS TRUST?

TRUST - TO BELIEVE IN THE RELIABILITY, TRUTH, ABILITY, OR STRENGTH OF SOMETHING OR SOMEONE.

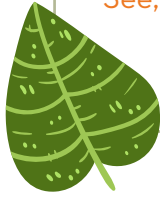
Look at the picture. Trusting the right person would be very important here. What type of person would you choose to trust to bring you safely through the rapids?



What would happen if you trusted the wrong person?

Sometimes we find ourselves in a dangerous place. Maybe because of our own bad choices, or maybe it just happened, but when you are in danger you can trust that God will come to save you. The Prophet Isaiah told us that in this verse.





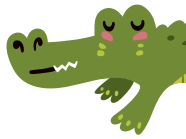
See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him
and not be afraid. The LORD GOD is my
strength and my song; he has given me victory.”



ISAIAH 12:2

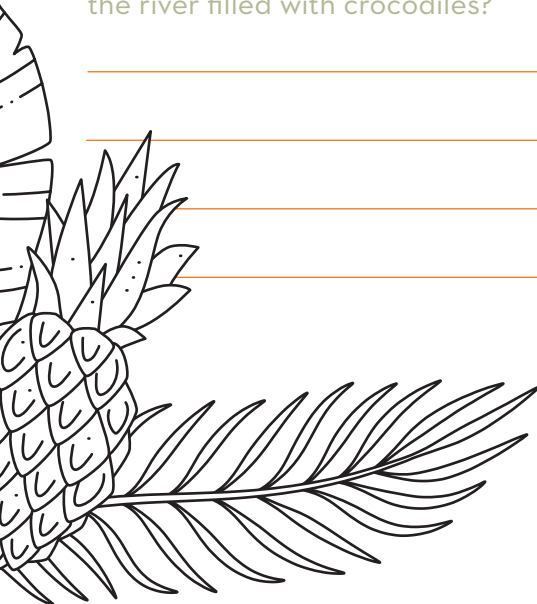
In the Bible we read about Joseph, who was thrown down a well by his brothers then sold as a slave and eventually put in prison. For a long time, it didn't look good for Joseph, but he trusted God anyway. And God was able to save him.

When has somebody saved
you from a dangerous
situation?



After you were safe, did you think that maybe
God sent that person to save you?

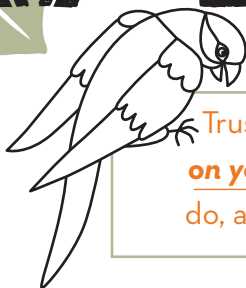
How many ways can you think of that God could save you if you fell out of a raft and into
the river filled with crocodiles?



Find out what trusting feels like by doing the trust
experiment with a partner. Talk about how it felt to
sit down without being able to see the chair. Do you
feel the same way when you trust God even if you
can't see Him?

DAY 2

CHOOSE GOD BECAUSE HE KNOWS BEST!



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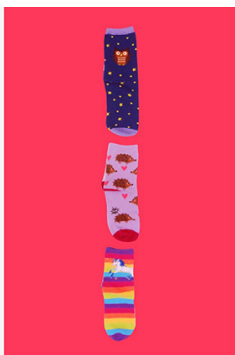


Every day of your life you are going to have to make choices. Some choices are not really that important, like which socks to wear.

How many pairs of socks can you find? _____

How many socks don't have a mate? _____

Which socks have 3 of a kind? _____



But sometimes you must make choices that are very important. When those hard choices come, how do you know what to do? Let's talk about how you would make some hard choices.

1. Your Grandma has been pretty sick. The family is going to visit her, but mom says you can stay at your friend's house if you don't want to go. Do you stay with your friend or go see Grandma?

FRIEND

GRANDMA

If you were deciding what to do because of how much fun you would have, you probably chose to stay with your friend. But Jesus wants us to consider

the needs of others, not just what makes us happy. If you were choosing what would make Grandma happy you chose to go visit her.

2. Your friend took some candy from the store without paying for it, then offers you some of what he/she took. What do you do? *EAT IT* *SAY NO THANKS*

It can be tempting to take something for free, but is it the right thing to do? What do you think Jesus would want you to say to your friend?



All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

ISAIAH 53:6



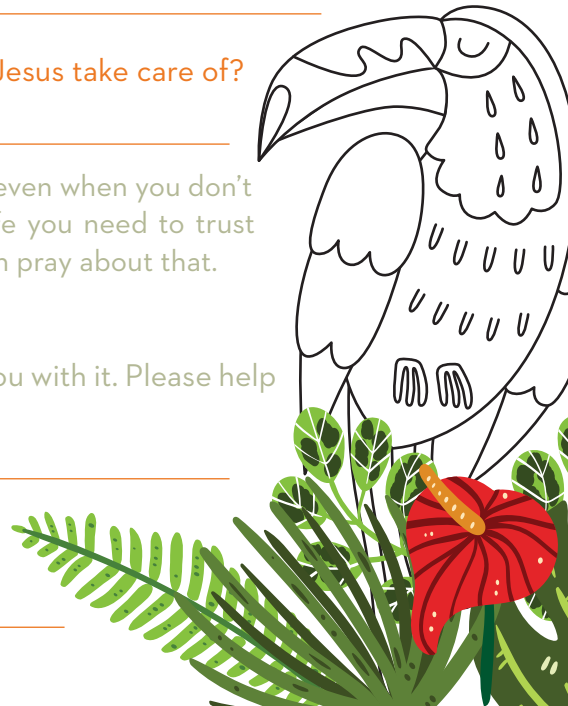
God wants to help us make good choices. The more we know about Jesus and the Bible, the better choices we will make. But lots of times we make choices without thinking about what God wants us to do. We do whatever we want to do. The bible says we are like sheep wandering away from God down the wrong path.

Sheep might be cute, but they aren't very smart. They need someone to take care of them. Do you know who takes care of sheep? _____

Jesus called himself the good shepherd. Who does Jesus take care of?

What does this Proverbs 3:5-6 say about trusting God even when you don't understand everything? Is there something in your life you need to trust God with that you don't understand right now? You can pray about that.

Dear God,
I really don't understand this, but I know I can trust you with it. Please help me know what I should do.



DAY 3 SEEK GOD

BECAUSE HE MAKES A WAY!



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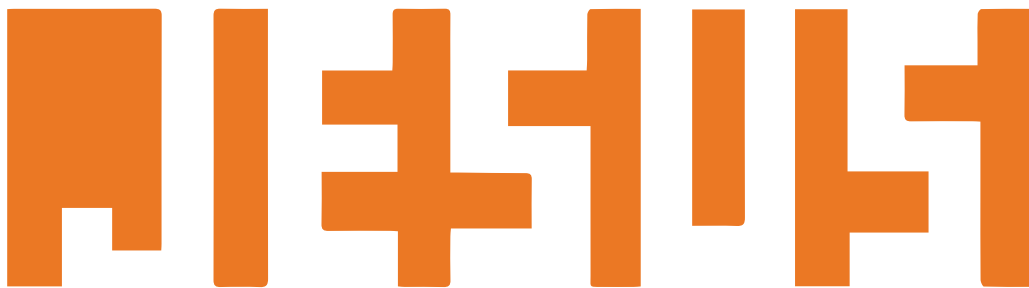
PROVERBS 3:5-6



Do you like playing hide and seek? Which would you rather be, the hider or the seeker? What do you have to do to win hide and seek?

God plays a different game- let's call it "seek and find". Did you know God sees you every day, everywhere you go? You can't hide from Him, and He doesn't hide from you. The way to win with God is to be the best seeker you can be and to seek God in all you do. He isn't hiding from you; but sin gets between you and God and keeps you separated. God wants to be found. He told us that - "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

Can you find the hidden word below?




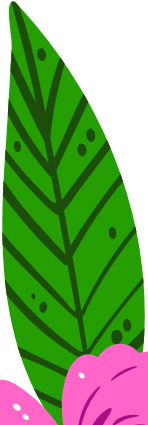
Now try the Jesus word search on the next page






Where Was Jesus? Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.




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A	N	T	G	G	L	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M
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TEACHERS
TEMPLE
TWELVE



Sometimes in the jungle you must cross a raging river or a deep valley to get to the other side. You can't do it without help. And sometimes in life you will face challenges that are much too big for you to handle alone.



Which of these kinds of challenges have you had to face?

- familiar things you thought would never change have changed (like where you live or go to school)

- people you depended on before are now gone (like a grandparent, parent, or teacher)

- there are things in the world that frighten or confuse you (like Covid19, or violence in the streets)



“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16



There is good news. God loves you and doesn't want to see you hurting, confused, or lost. You need to get to your loving Heavenly Father. But getting to God can be like trying to get across the widest river or deepest valley. Our sin keeps us apart. Jesus is the bridge between us and God. He makes a way for us to get to God. He took the punishment for our sins and through Him we have a path to God.



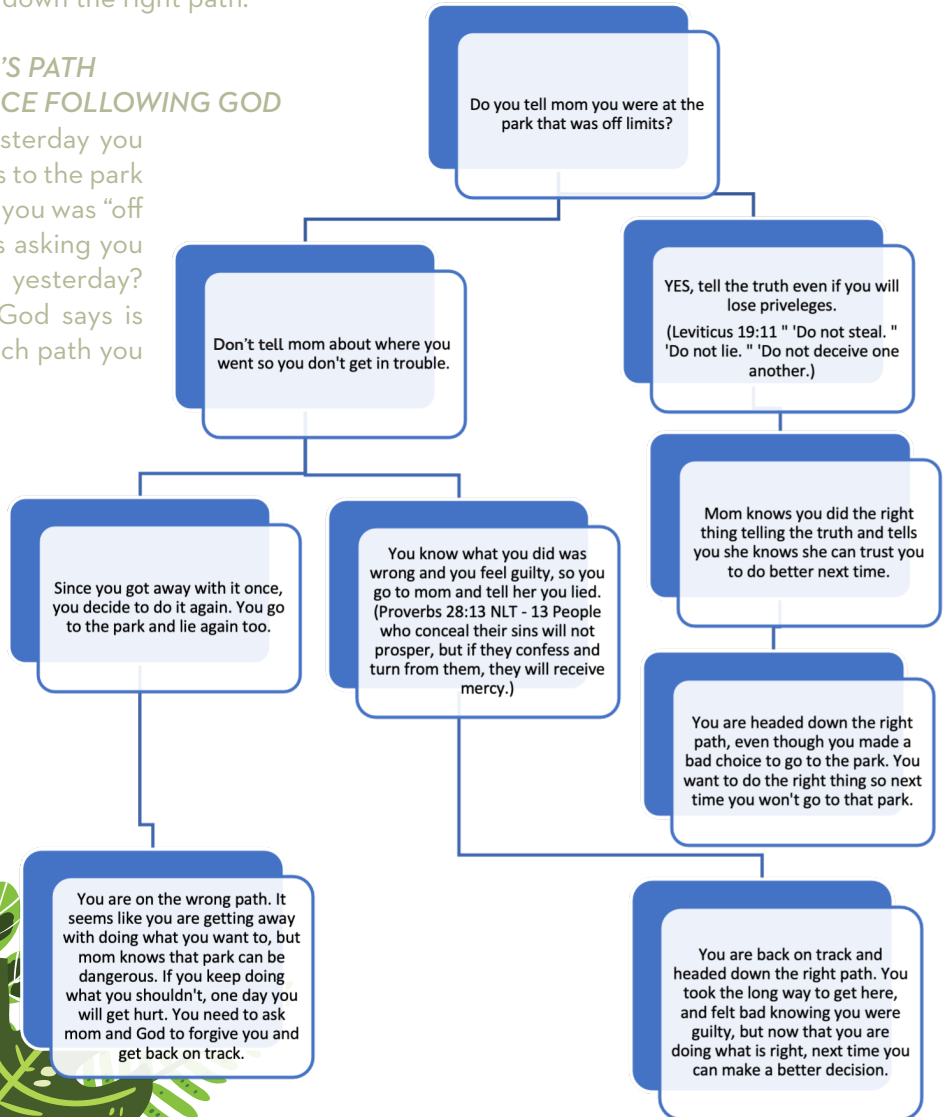
DAY 4

FOLLOW GOD BECAUSE HE MAKES A STRAIGHT PATH

God has a plan in mind for your life for a good future. But each day you need to decide to follow God's path to get there. Let's start by reading Leviticus 19:11 and Proverbs 28:13 on the next page. They should help you down the right path.

LIFE'S PATH PRACTICE FOLLOWING GOD

Let's say yesterday you went with friends to the park that your mom told you was "off limits". Now mom is asking you where you went yesterday? Will you do what God says is right? Let's see which path you end up on.



KNOWING GOD'S WORD HELPS YOU FIND THE RIGHT PATH



“Do not steal.
“Do not lie.
“Do not
deceive one
another.

LEVITICUS 19:11



People who conceal their
sins will not prosper,
but if they confess and
turn from them, they will
receive mercy.

PROVERBS 28:13



Have you ever taken a “penny walk”?

If not, here is how it works: Start walking down the street until you get to an intersection, then flip a coin- heads go left, tails go right. Continue to use the coin toss to decide if you go left or right every time you get to an intersection.

But you better know the way home because there is no telling where you will end up.

Try using a penny to decide your route through the maze on the next page. When you come to a pair of coins flip the penny to see which way to go. I bet the penny takes you places you didn't want to go to.

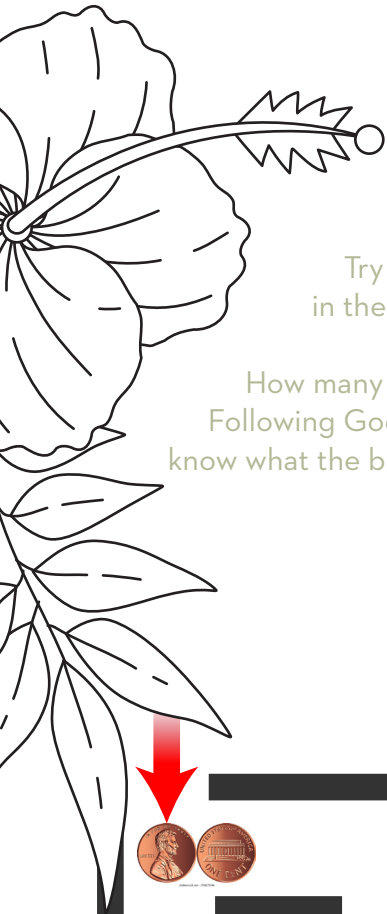
Proverbs 3:6 tells us that God will show us which path to take. He has better ways than tossing a penny.



For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD.
“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give
you a future and a hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

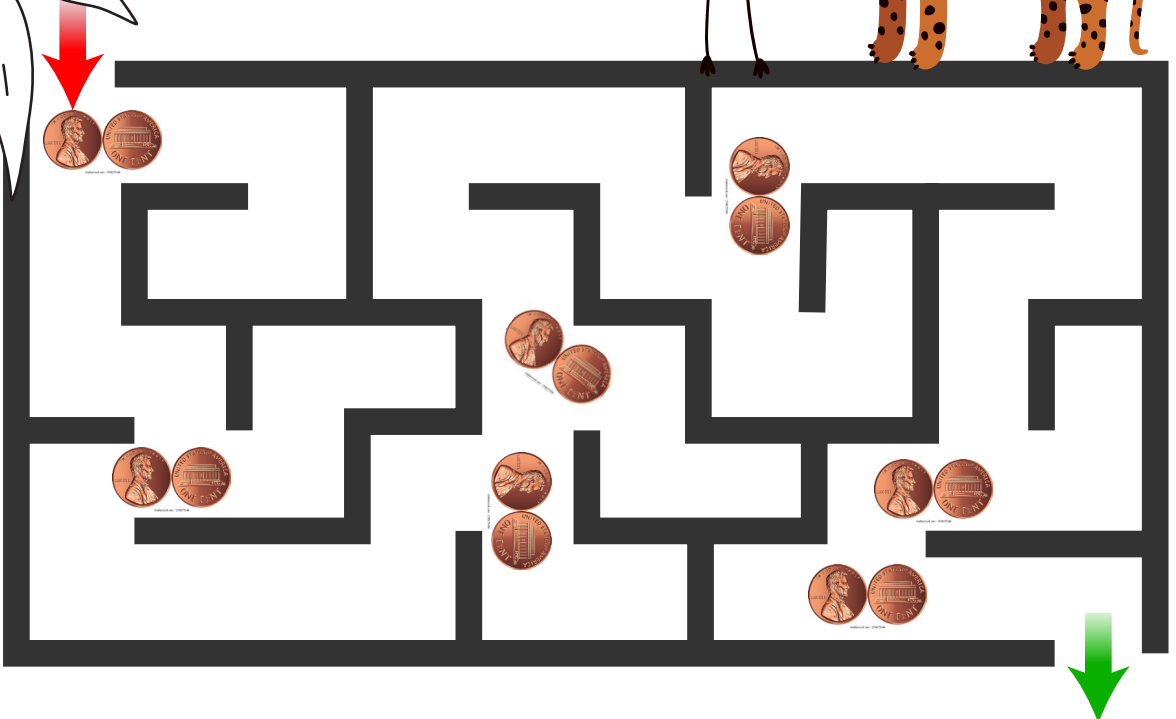




TAKE A RANDOM PATH THROUGH THE MAZE USING A PENNY:

Try flipping a coin to decide which way to go in the maze. If it gets you stuck, start over.

How many tries will it take to get you to the end?
Following God's path is not just a random choice, you need to know what the bible says.





DAY 5

SHARE GOD

BECAUSE EVERYONE NEEDS
TO KNOW HIM!

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PROVERBS 3:5-6



When you find something that's amazing, awesome, cool, fantastic... that is something you want to tell your friends about.

What would you say is the best -

- best place for pizza _____
- video game _____
- sports team _____



Have you told your friends about any of these? If you think they are the best, and you want your friend to have the best, you probably did.

Speaking of friends, who is your best friend? _____

What do you do together?

What is the best thing about this person?

Jesus is your friend too, and you can tell people about your relationship with him.

HOW WOULD YOU TELL YOUR "JESUS" STORY?

Before Jesus, I was like this: _____

This is what Jesus taught me : _____

This is what I do differently after Jesus helped me change:

WORD SCRAMBLE

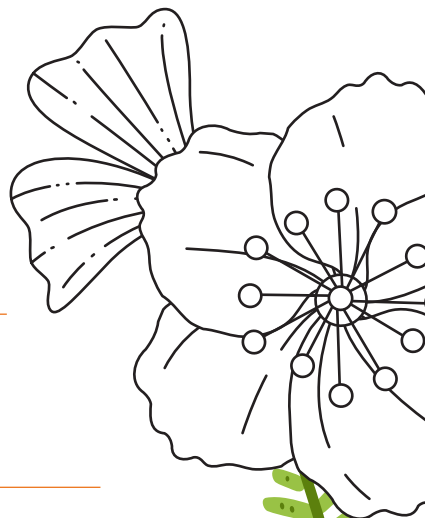
What do these people need?

Someone in a dark cave _____
n e l d a c

Someone in a power failure _____
t r l e t c y c l e i

Someone on a fishing boat _____
s h u o t h e l g i

Someone who doesn't know Jesus _____
i a l n s t a v o



Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Jesus wanted the best for everyone, and that means everyone needs to know Jesus. He even told his followers to go and tell people about becoming a Jesus follower. Now you can share your "Jesus story".

