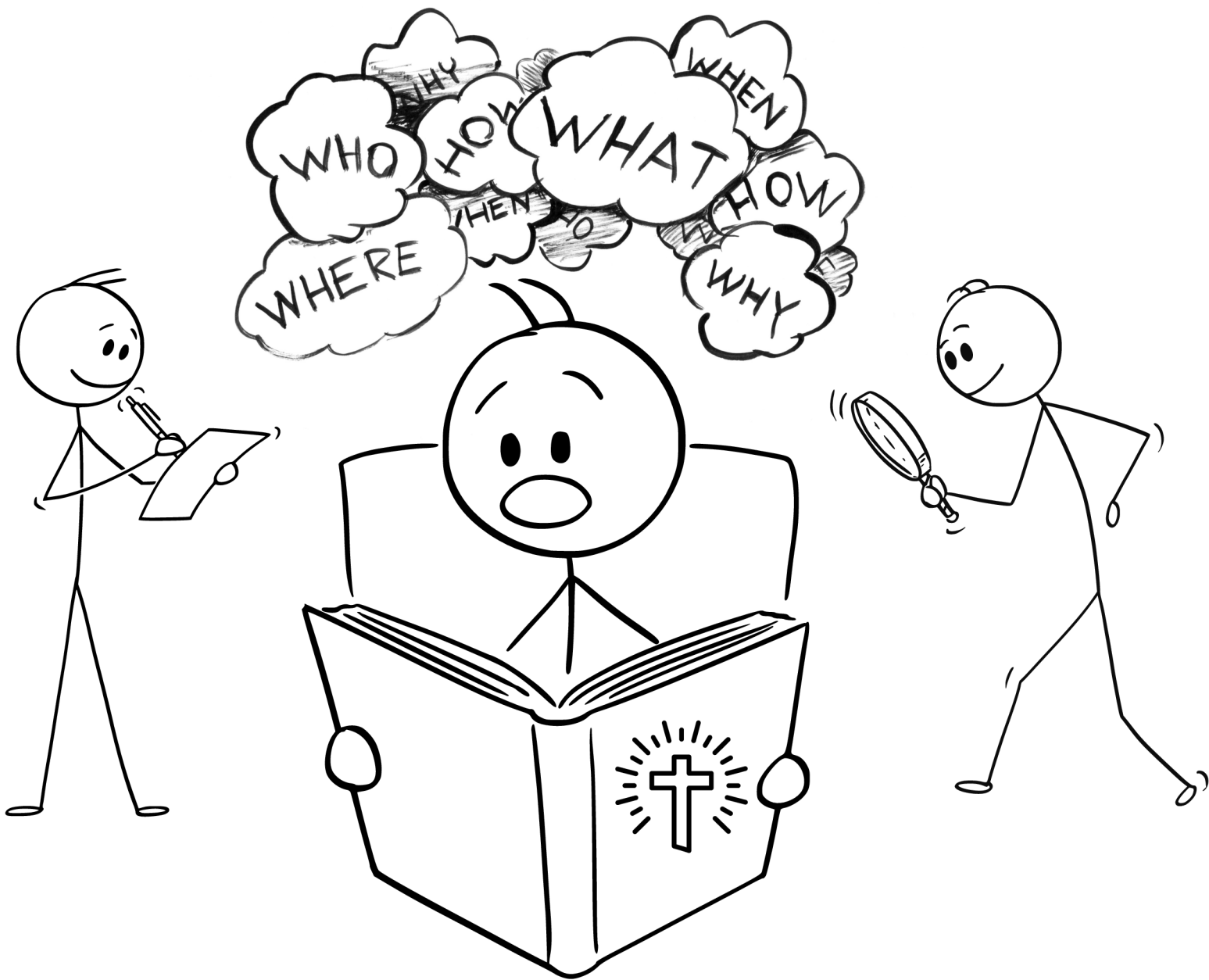




# 2025 Summer Bible Study

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# John

## The Amazing and Interesting Life of John the Apostle.

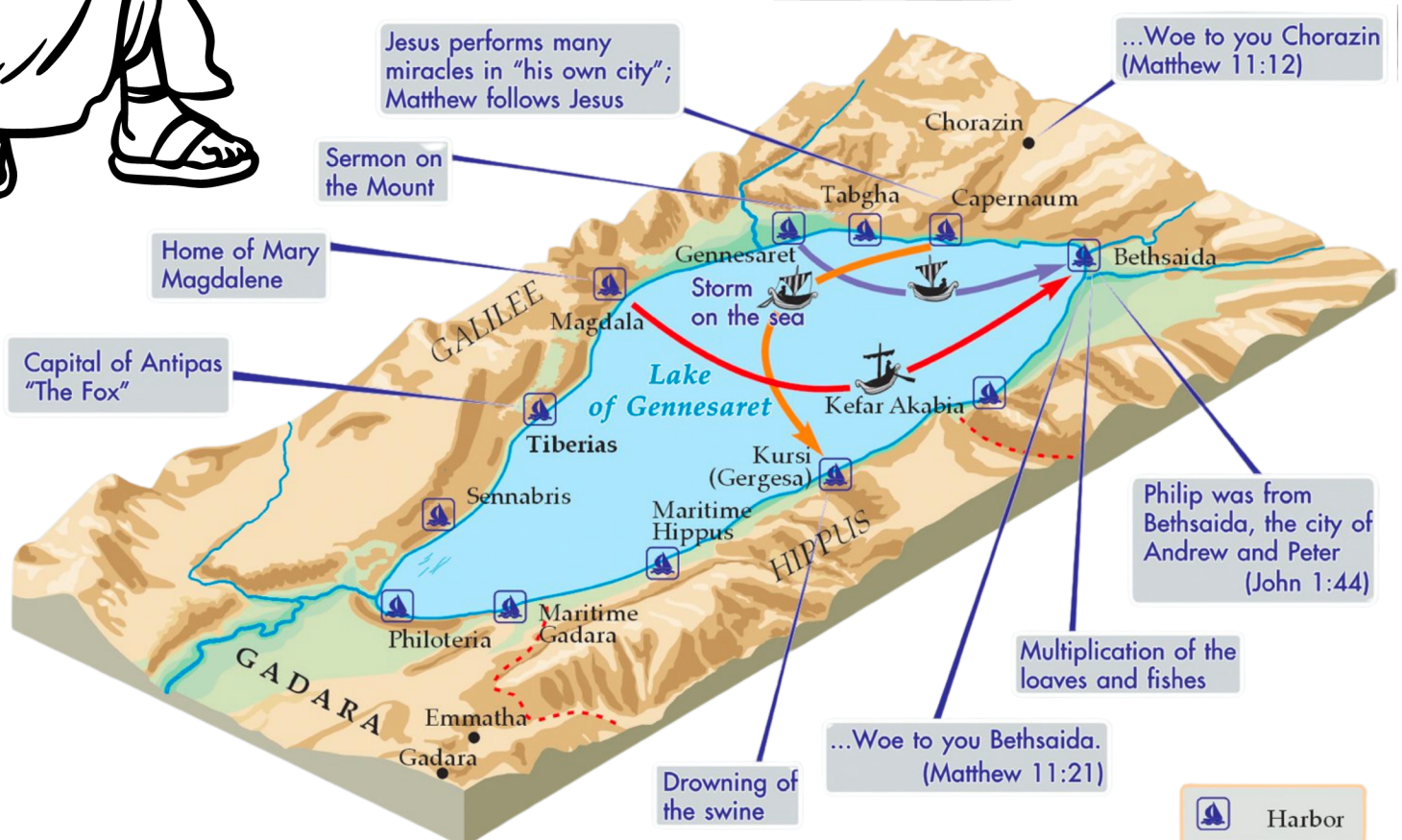
John the Apostle, also known as John the Beloved, was likely born around 6 AD. He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee, Roman Empire. His parents were Zebedee and Salome, and he was the brother of James, another of Jesus' apostles.



According to John 1:44, Bethsaida was my hometown and where of the apostles Peter, Andrew, and Philip were from as well.

In Mark 8:22-26, Jesus restored a blind man's sight at a place just outside the ancient village of Bethsaida.

In Luke 9:10-11, Jesus miraculously feeds five thousand near Bethsaida.





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## **The Amazing and Interesting Life of John the Apostle.**

AD 85–90 is an accepted time for the writing of the Gospel of John.

Purpose of Writing: “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name (John 20:31)

John emphasized Jesus Christ as “the Son of God,” fully God and fully man.

A false doctrine was circulating at that time which taught the “Christ-spirit” came upon the human Jesus at His baptism and left Him at the crucifixion.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:28).

“Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’(John 14:9).

Some of miracles and historical accounts, such as the raising of Lazarus, are found only in John.

The Gospel of John often gives the reason behind events mentioned in the other gospels.

John discusses the approaching ministry of the Holy Spirit after Jesus’ ascension



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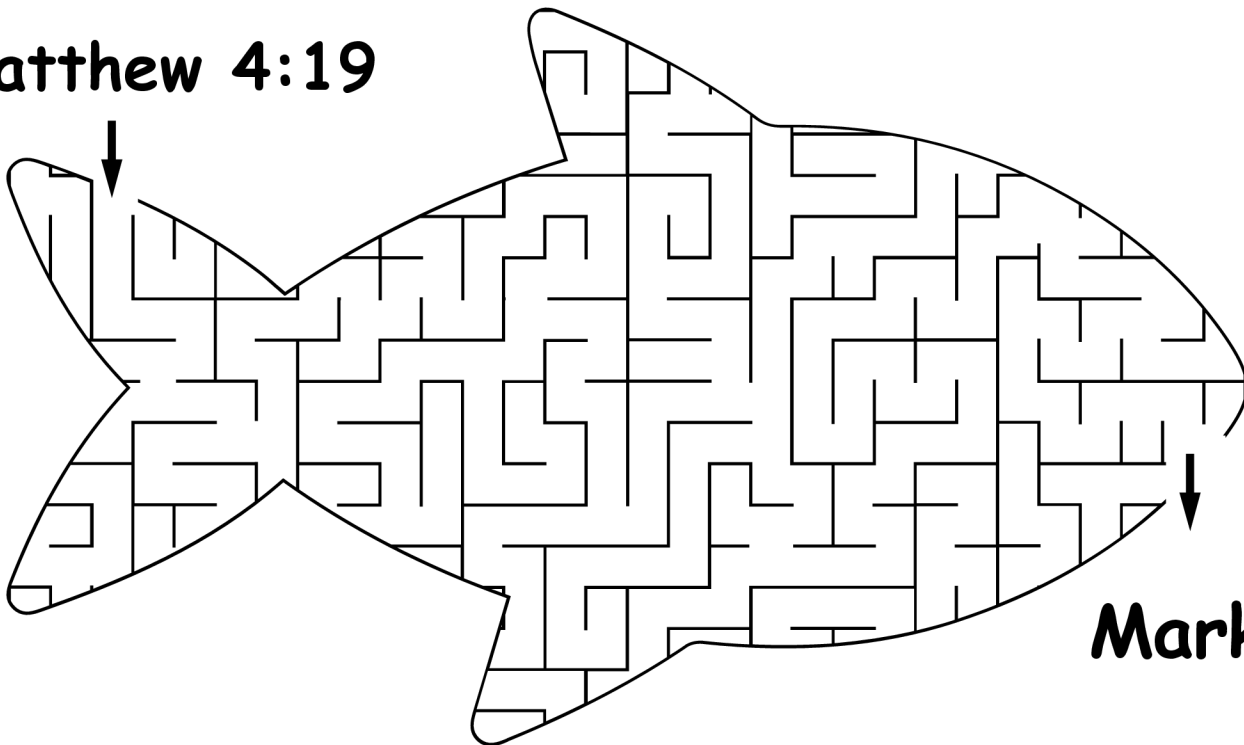
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## The Amazing and Interesting Life of John the Apostle.

What did John do for work before Jesus called him into ministry?



**Matthew 4:19**



**Mark 1:17**





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# John 1

(beginning of what?)

## 1 In the beginning

was the Word,  
and the Word was **with God**,  
and **the Word was God**.

2 He was **with God in the beginning**.

3 **Through him all things** were made; (positive)  
**without him nothing** was made that has been made. (negative)

4 **In him** was **life**, and that life was **the light** of all mankind. (positive)

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the **darkness** has **not** overcome it. (negative)

# Genesis 1:1-2

(beginning of what?)

## 1 In the beginning

God created the heavens and the earth.

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep,

and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Do you see parallelism?

- where the second line of a verse relates to the first, often repeating, expanding, or contrasting with the first line's idea



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## **John 1:1-3**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. / He was with God in the beginning. / Through Him all things were made, and without Him nothing was made that has been made.

## **Psalm 104:30**

When You send Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

## **Job 26:13**

By His breath the skies were cleared; His hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

## **Isaiah 45:18**

For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens—He is God; He formed the earth and fashioned it; He established it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.

## **Jeremiah 4:23**

I looked at the earth, and it was formless and void; I looked to the heavens, and they had no light.

## **2 Peter 3:5**

But they deliberately overlook the fact that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water,

## **Psalm 33:6**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the stars by the breath of His mouth.



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## **Job 38:9**

when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its blanket,

## **Isaiah 40:13-14**

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or informed Him as His counselor? / Whom did He consult to enlighten Him, and who taught Him the paths of justice? Who imparted knowledge to Him and showed Him the way of understanding?

## **Hebrews 11:3**

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

## **Proverbs 8:27-29**

I was there when He established the heavens, when He inscribed a circle on the face of the deep, / when He established the clouds above, when the fountains of the deep gushed forth, / when He set a boundary for the sea, so that the waters would not surpass His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth.

## **Psalms 136:6**

He spread out the earth upon the waters. His loving devotion endures forever.

## **Colossians 1:16-17**

For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. / He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.



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## **Isaiah 42:5**

This is what God the LORD says—He who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its offspring, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk in it:

## **Revelation 4:11**

“Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things; by Your will they exist and were created.”

How many supporting texts from the Bible are listed that discuss the creation of the world?

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Why do you think that this was important to repeat?



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# John

## **The Amazing and Interesting Life of John the Apostle.**

How many books of the Bible were written by John? the Gospel of John, three letters (1, 2, and 3 John), and the Book of Revelation.

John listed as the youngest apostle, he was the son of Zebedee and Salome.

His brother James was another of the Twelve Apostles.

John is named as the beloved disciple, as well as the one whom Jesus loved, in the New Testament of the Bible. John was one of the first to follow Jesus, was seated next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and was the only disciple present at the crucifixion of Jesus.

James and John were known for their fiery temper and were given the nickname "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus

Early Christian writers like Tertullian in the 2nd century say John was thrown into boiling oil but was unharmed.

John was exiled to Patmos where he received the book of Revelation which tells what will happen in the future, this is the only book of the Bible that comes with the promise of a blessing for anyone who reads it.

After Jesus' death, Mary, his mother, continued to live and was cared for by the Apostle John, as Jesus had instructed at the cross





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## The Amazing and Interesting Life of John the Apostle.

James and John were known for their fiery temper and were given the nickname " \_\_\_\_\_ " by Jesus

The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ record his death. There's a tradition that he lived a very long life, and that Jesus granted him a wish to remain in the flesh until Christ's return, which he would be able to witness. Do you think John may still be alive?

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See [John 21:23](#)

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John was exiled to what island? \_\_\_\_\_ where he received the book of Revelation which tells what will happen in the \_\_\_\_\_, this is the only book of the Bible that comes with the promise of a \_\_\_\_\_ for anyone who reads it.

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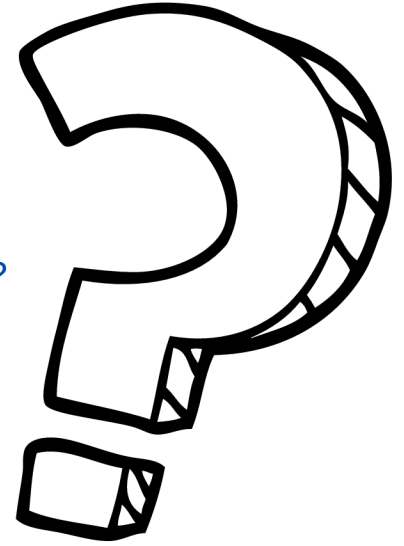
How did everyone do with their “homework?”

Did you read your Bibles every night/morning?

Did you listen the first time when asked to do something?

How hard is it to start a new habit?

What does the Bible say about when something is hard?



## **John 15:7**

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

## **John 16:23-24**

In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. Truly, truly, I tell you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

Until now you have not asked for anything in My name.

Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

## **Matthew 7:7-8**

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

## **Matthew 21:22**

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

## **James 1:5-6**

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.



But he must ask in faith, without doubting, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.



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**Does this mean that Jesus is a magical genie that will grant all your wishes when you ask?**

No, instead, the Bible emphasizes that God is a loving Father who answers prayers according to His will, not as a divine wish-granter. While the Bible encourages prayer and promises that God hears and answers, it also highlights that His answers may not always align with our desires.



Just like your mom or dad won't say "yes" everytime you ask for something, your much-wiser and way-more-powerful, Daddy in Heaven, - **God** - will not say "yes" to everything you ask for.

**Do you think He will say "yes" if you ask Him to help you read your Bible everyday?**

**Do you think He will say "yes" if you ask Him to help you do something the FIRST time you are asked?**

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,"  
declares the Lord.

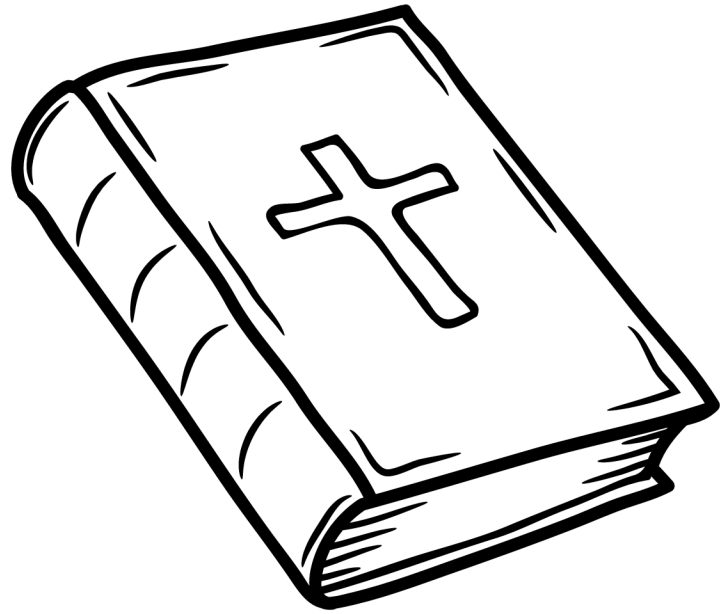
"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.





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## The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 Through him all things were made;  
without him nothing was made that has been made.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not  
overcome it.

Who was with God in the beginning?

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Who created all things that are made?

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Where is the source of all light?

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Where does the light shine?

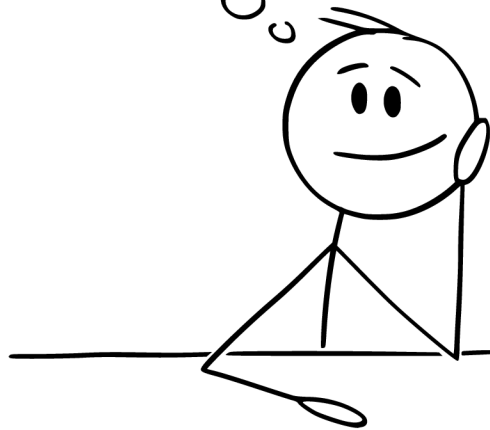
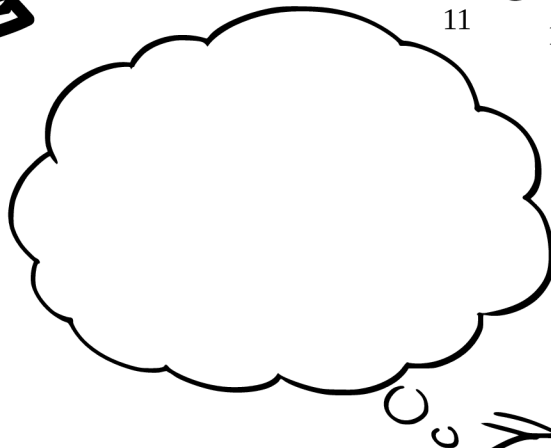
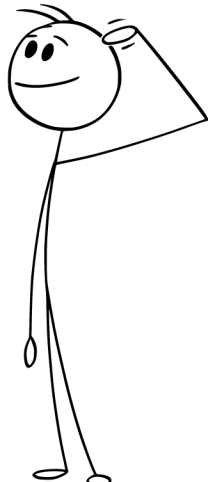
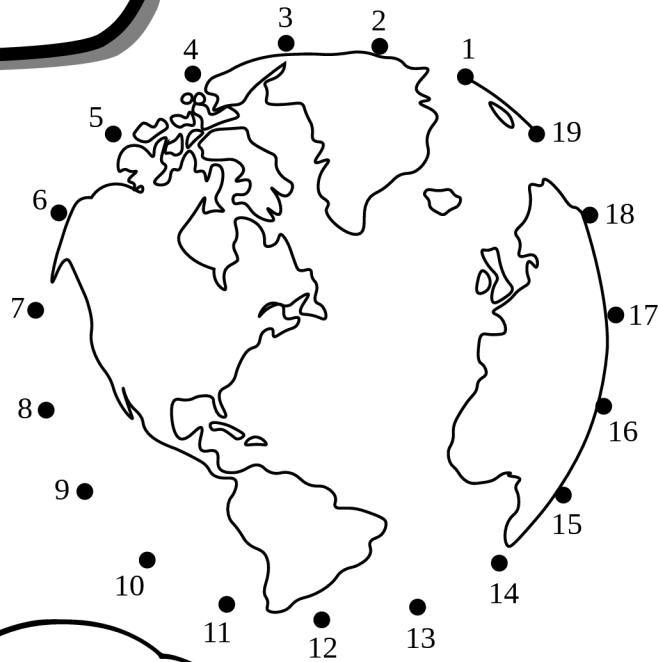
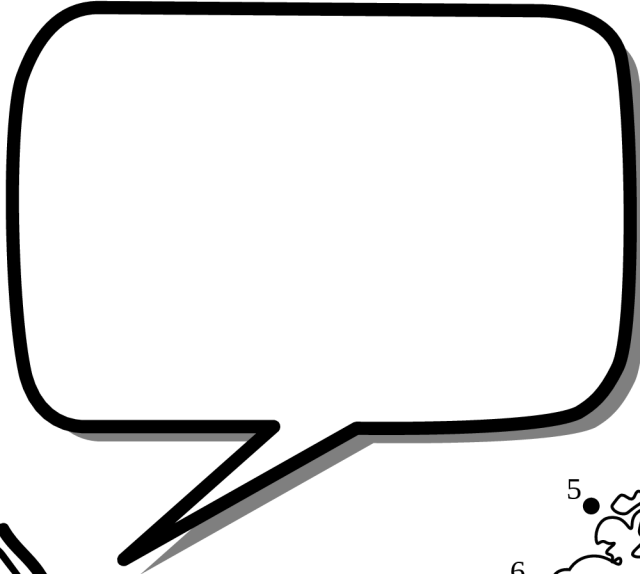
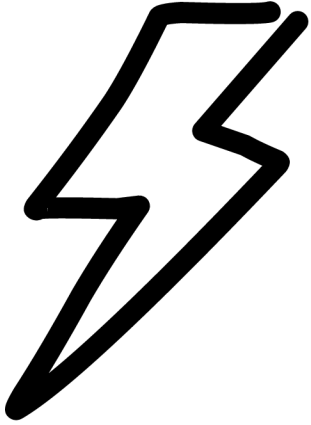
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Where does darkness have no power?

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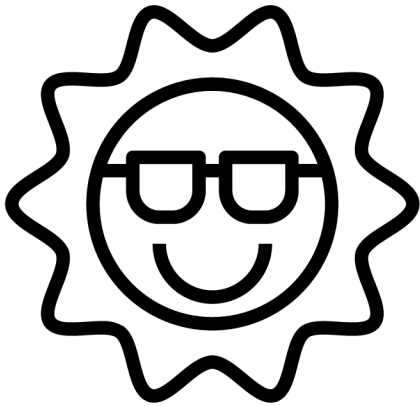


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**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

Light, a fundamental aspect of our universe, is both a wave and a particle, exhibiting properties of both energy and matter. It travels at the fastest speed possible in a vacuum, 299,792,458 meters per second, and is responsible for our ability to see, as well as many natural phenomena like rainbows and photosynthesis.

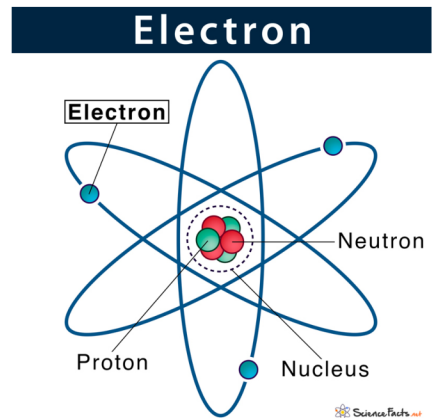


**Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.**

Light comes from various sources, both natural and artificial. The sun is the primary natural source of light for Earth, providing the energy for life. Other natural sources include stars, lightning, and bioluminescence. Artificial sources of light include light bulbs, lasers, and fire

**And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.**

Electrons don't really "come from" a specific place in the way we often think of things appearing. Instead, they are fundamental particles that are already present in all atoms, and they can be moved around. In the context of electricity, electrons are already present in the wires and components of a circuit. When a voltage is applied, these electrons are simply moved, creating an electrical current.



**Revelation 21:23 (find and read)**



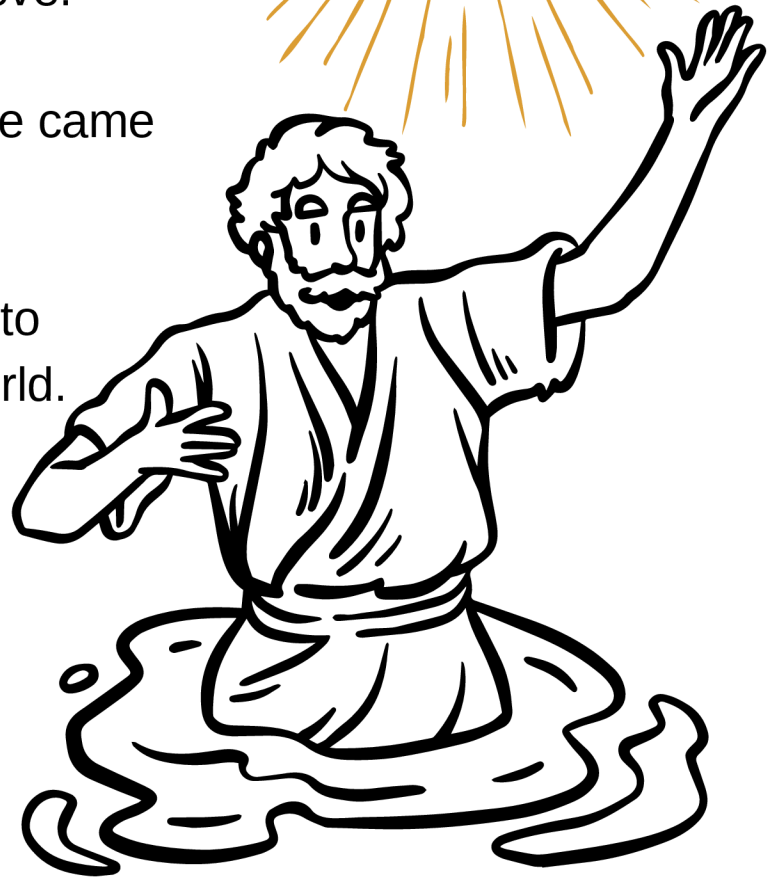
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6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that **light**, so that through him all might believe.

8 He himself was **not the light**; he came only as a **witness to the light**.

9 **The true light that gives light** to everyone was coming into the world.



Who was the man who was sent from God?

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Who was John testifying about?

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Was John the Messiah?

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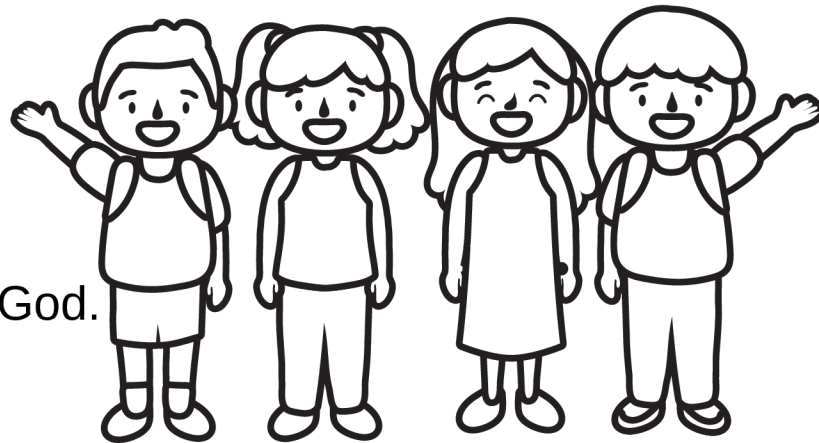
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10 He was in **the world**, and though the **world** was made through him, **the world** did not recognize him.

11 He came to that which was his **own**, but his **own** did not receive him.

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children** of God—

13 **children born** not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but **born** of God.



Who made the world?

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Who did not receive Jesus?

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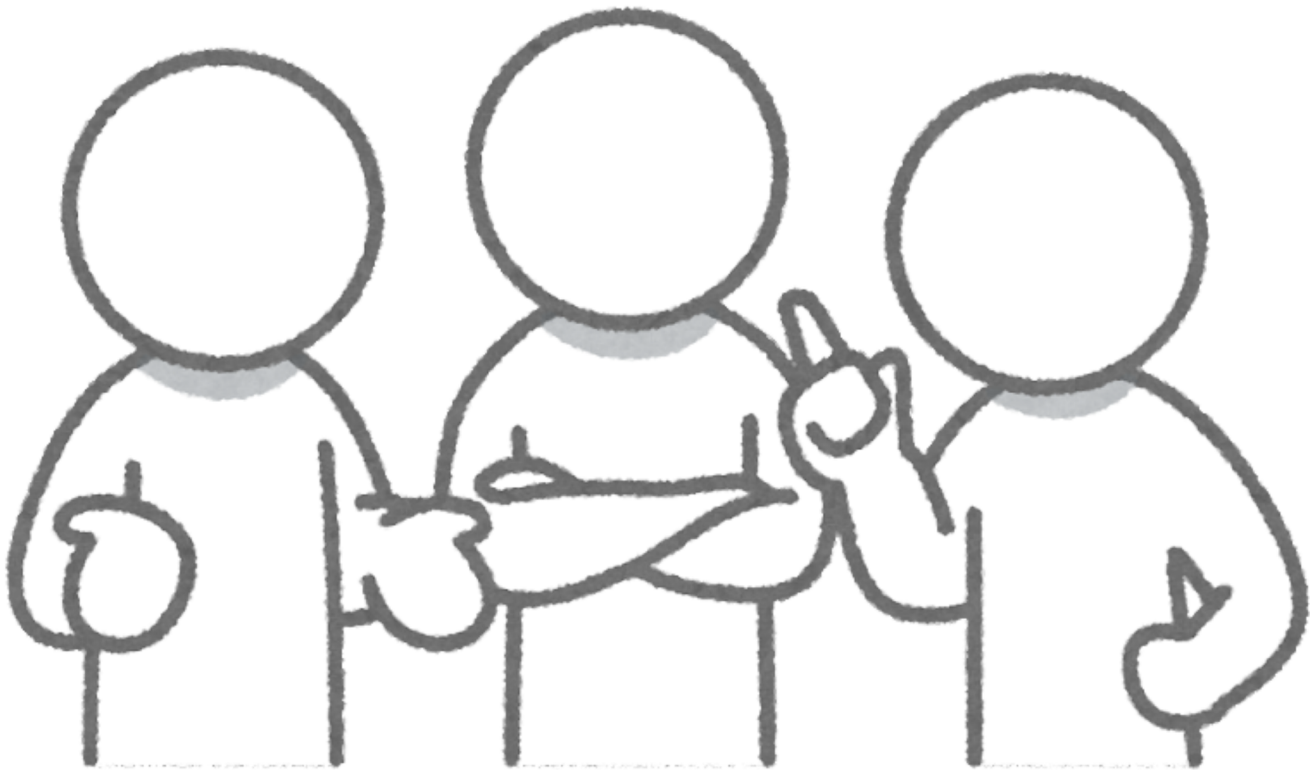
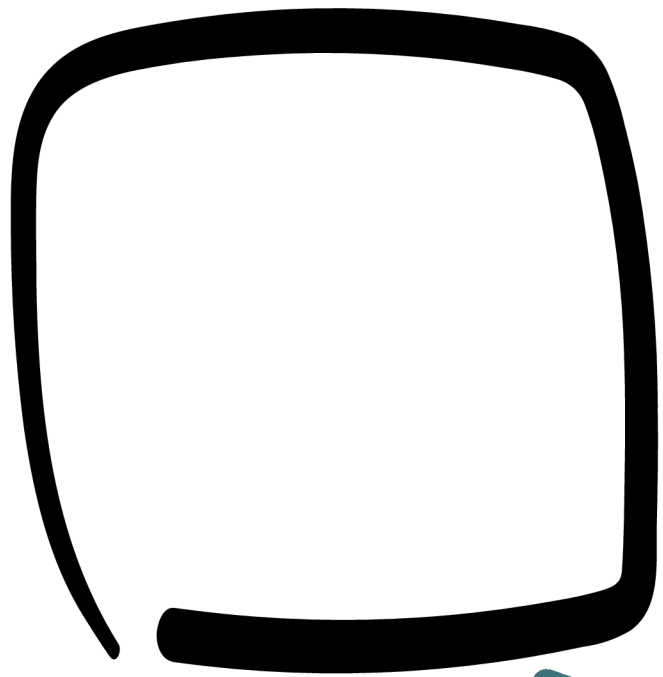
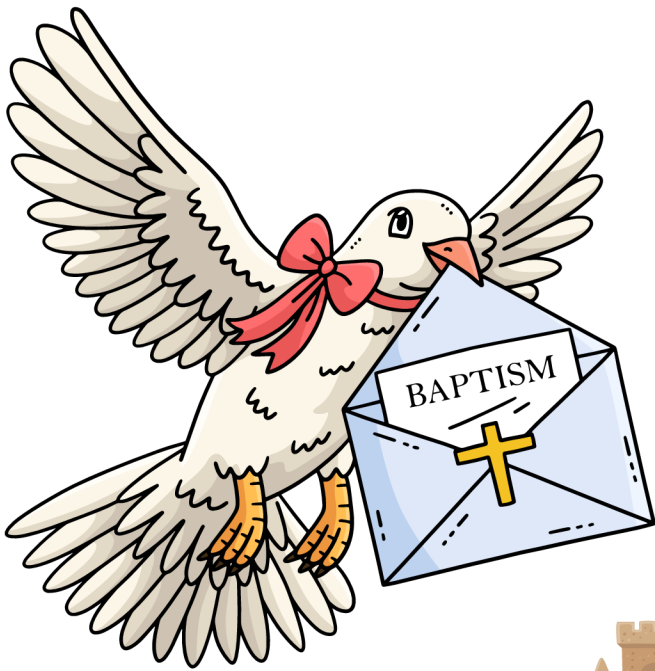
Who can become children of God?

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What does born of God mean?

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14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'")

# grace

means giving someone something good that they do not deserve.

16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

17 For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

What did Jesus become?

Who is God's one and only son?

What two things were Jesus full of?

What does grace mean?

Who has received God's grace?

Did the law of Moses give people grace?

Has anyone on earth ever seen God?



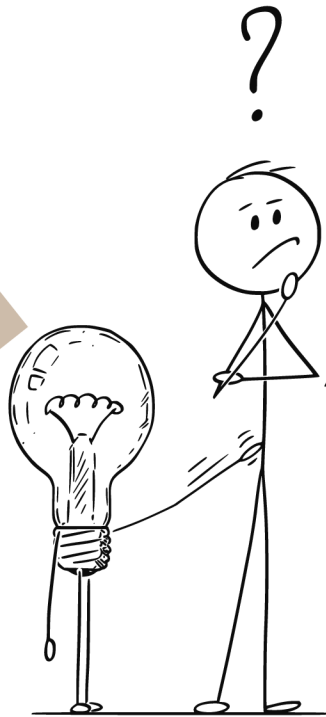
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# The Word became flesh

Jesus

## Genesis 1:26a

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in **our** image, in **our** likeness..."



Do you think that Jesus looked much different in heaven than he did when he was on earth?

When Jesus came back to earth, he was in His glorified body

### His body had new abilities:

While physical, his glorified body also had new abilities, such as appearing and disappearing at will, and perhaps transcending physical limitations.

In several accounts, Jesus ate with his disciples, proving he had a physical form.

The resurrected Jesus had scars from the crucifixion wounds, demonstrating that it was the same physical body





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## John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah

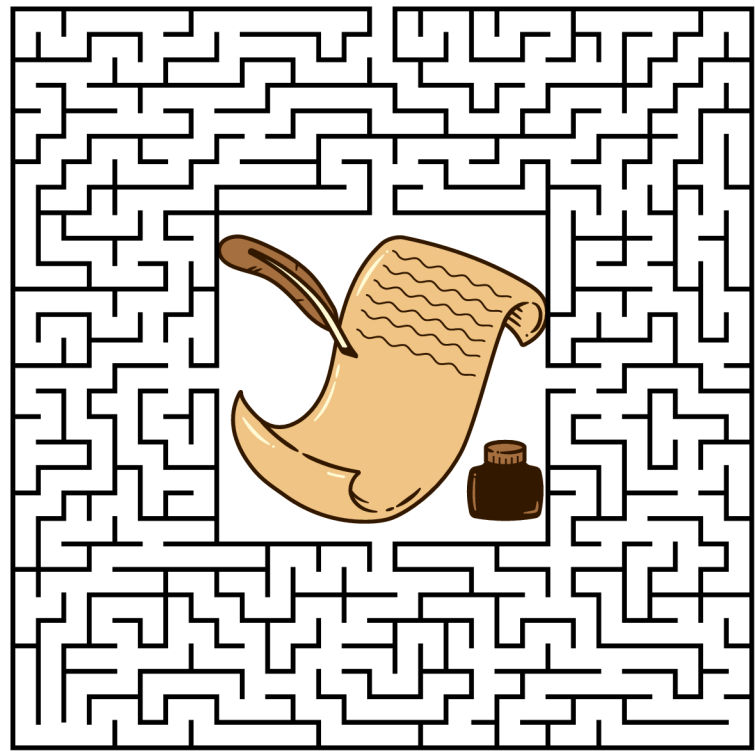
19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."  
"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"





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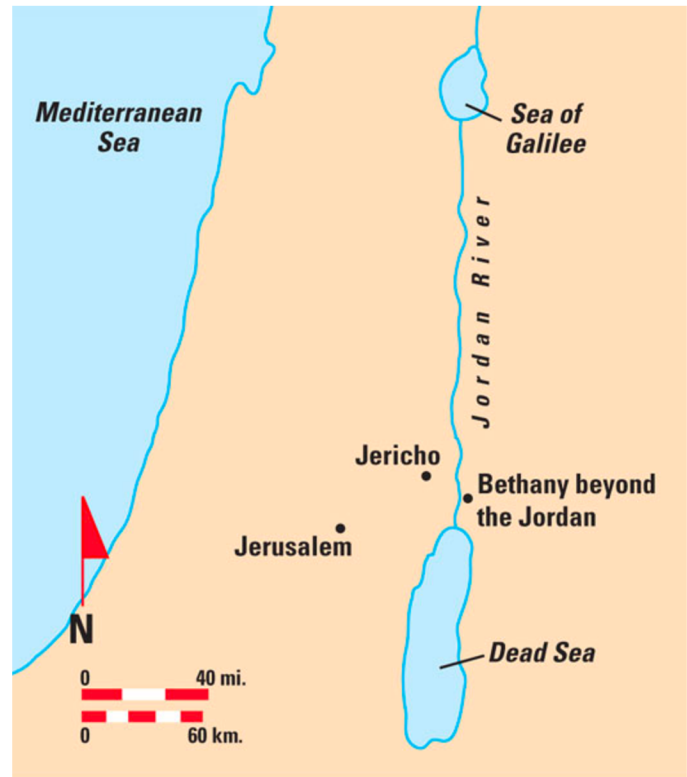
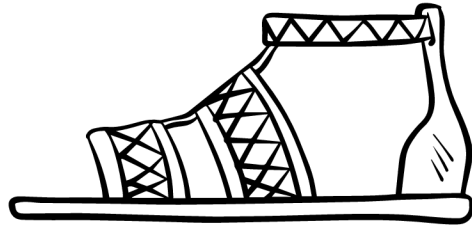
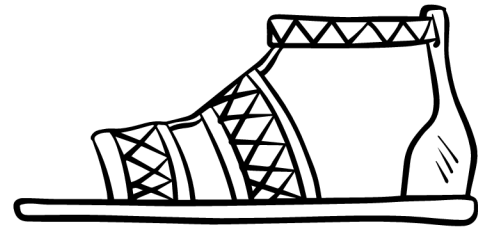
24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent

25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



## Was John the Baptist the Messiah?

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What prophet talked about John 700 years before he was born?

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Whose sandals was John unworthy to untie?

\_\_\_\_\_

What river was John the Baptist baptising people in?

\_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

John, as in John the Baptist, was related to Jesus as his cousin.

Their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, were related, making them second cousins.

John the Baptist also played a crucial role in Jesus's ministry by baptizing him and proclaiming him as the Messiah





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## John Testifies About Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."



Who did John see coming towards him?

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What did John call Jesus?

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What was the reason John needed to baptise Jesus?

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What did the Holy Spirit look like when he came down from heaven and rested on Jesus?

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Who is God's Chosen One?

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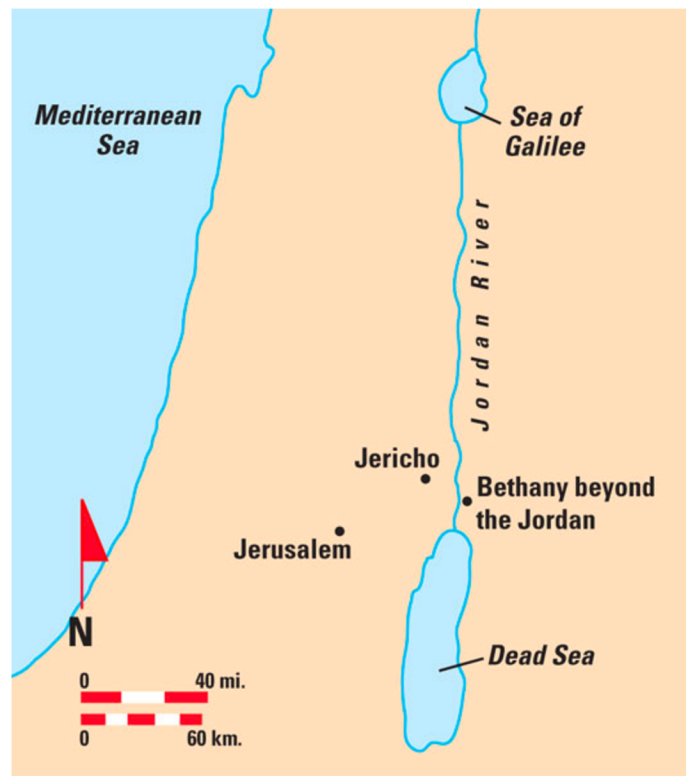
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## John's Disciples Follow Jesus

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, **the Lamb of God!**"

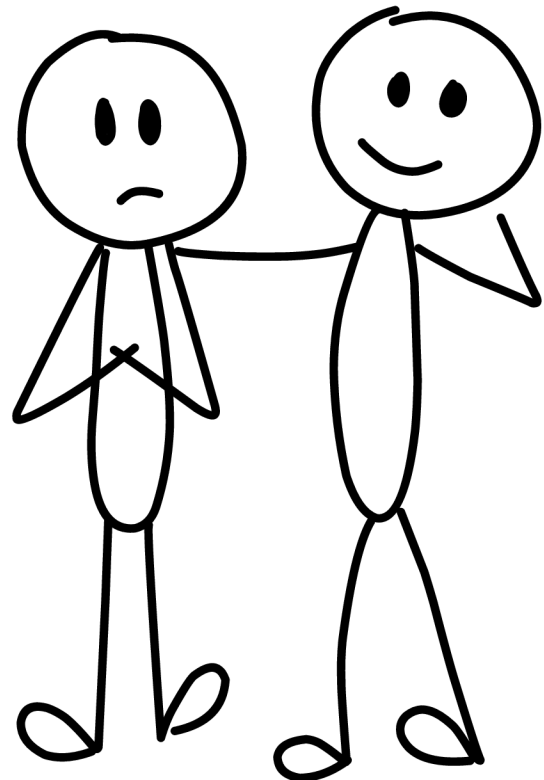
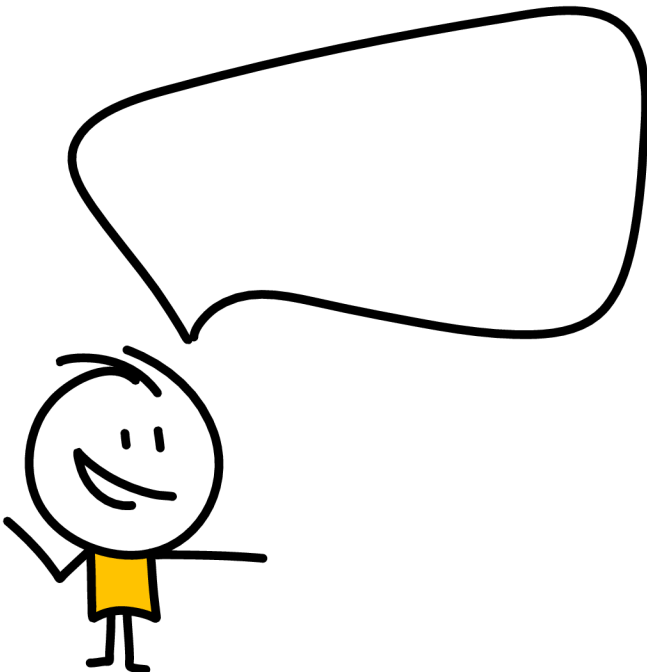
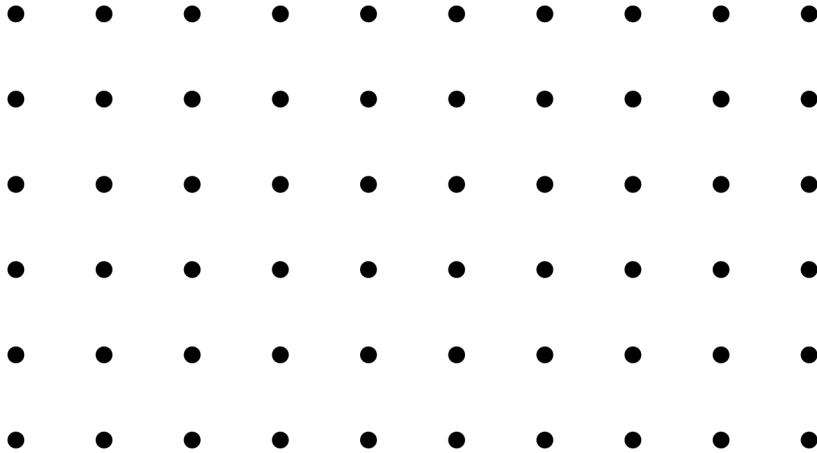
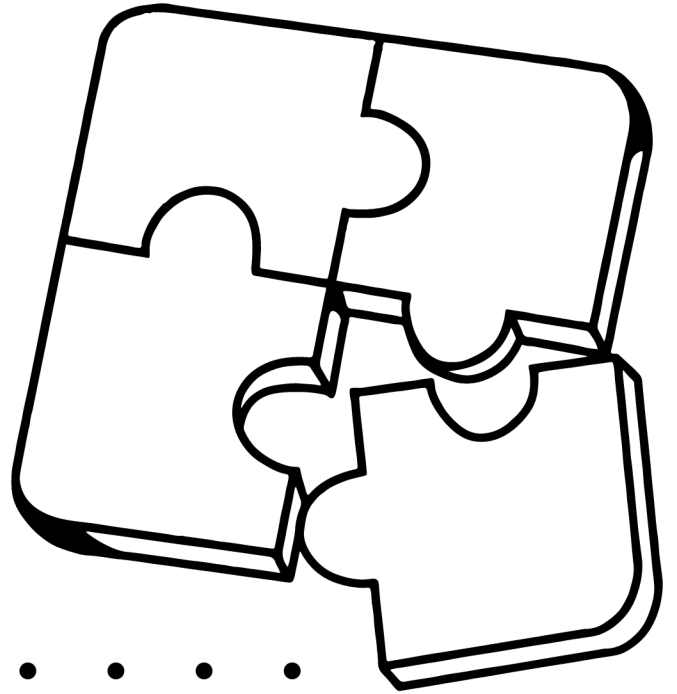
37 When the **two disciples** heard him say this, they followed Jesus.



Where was John? (the Bible says "there again")

What does "Lamb of God" mean?

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# John 1

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## John's Disciples Follow Jesus

38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 **Andrew**, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

Was Andrew originally one of John's disciples?

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Did Andrew leave John to follow Jesus?

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What does the name "Rabbi" mean?

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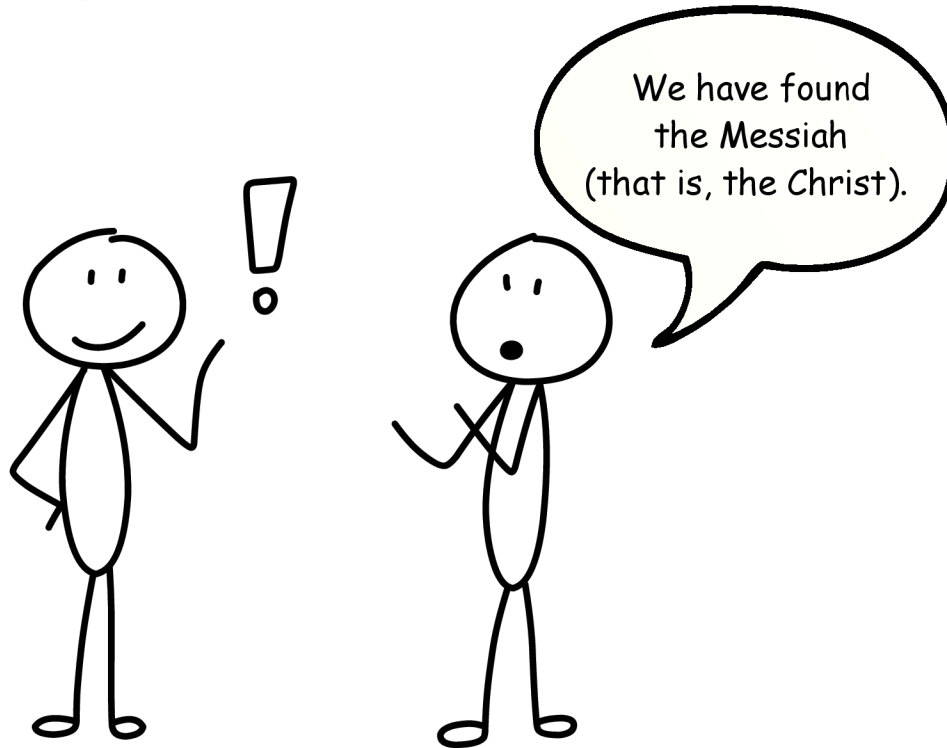


Playdate with Jesus:



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41 **The first thing** Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him,



42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said,

“You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas”  
(which, when translated, is Peter).

**Jesus changed the names of some of his disciples to reflect a new identity or purpose that he had for them.**

**This was similar to how God had changed names in the Old Testament, signifying a spiritual transformation and a new role within God's plan**

Who was Andrew's brother?

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What did Jesus call Simon?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Names that are changed in the Bible:

## **Abram to Abraham:**

God changed Abram's name to Abraham, signifying that he would be the father of many nations.

## **Sarai to Sarah:**

Sarai's name was changed to Sarah, meaning "princess," and she was promised to become the mother of nations.

## **Jacob to Israel:**

Jacob wrestled with an angel and was renamed Israel, meaning "he struggles with God" or "God prevails,"

## **Simon to Peter:**

Jesus gave Simon the new name Peter, meaning "rock," to symbolize his future role as a foundational figure in the church.

## **Daniel (Hebrew):**

"God is my judge"

to

## **Belteshazzar (Babylonian):**

May mean "Bel protects his life" or "O wife of Bel, protect the king"

## **Hananiah (Hebrew):**

"Jehovah has been gracious"

to

## **Shadrach (Babylonian):**

Possibly means "command of Aku (the moon god)" or "I am very fearful of god"

## **Mishael (Hebrew):**

"Who is like God?"

to

## **Meshach (Babylonian):**

Possibly means "Who is what Aku (the moon god) is?"

## **Azariah (Hebrew):**

"Jehovah has helped"

to

## **Abednego (Babylonian):**

"Servant of Nebo" (a Babylonian deity)



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**Match the old names to the person's  
new name:**

AZARIAH

ABRAHAM

MISHAEL

SARAH

HANANIAH

ISRAEL

JACOB

PETER

SIMON

BELTESHAZZAR

ABRAM

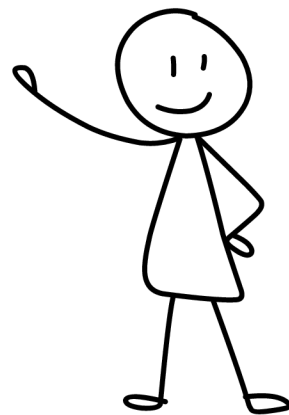
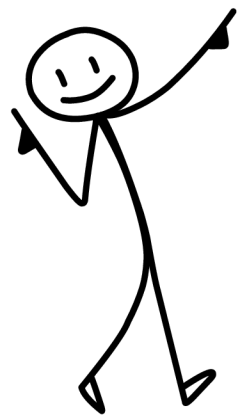
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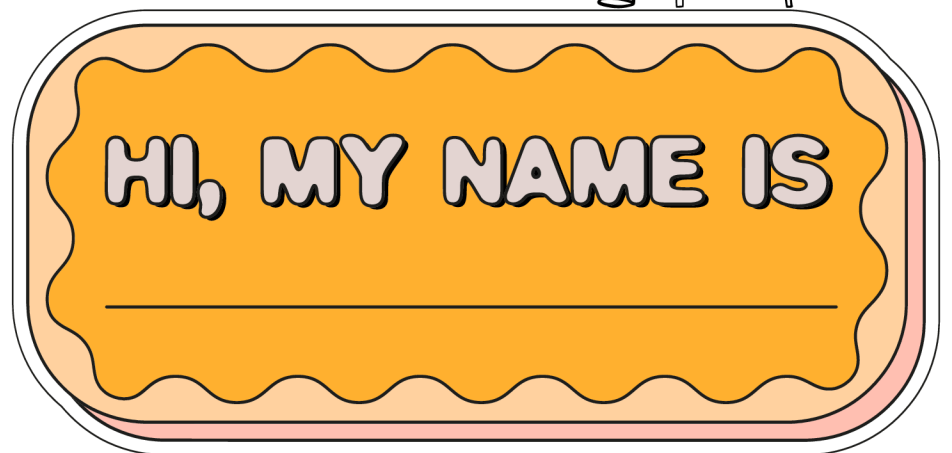
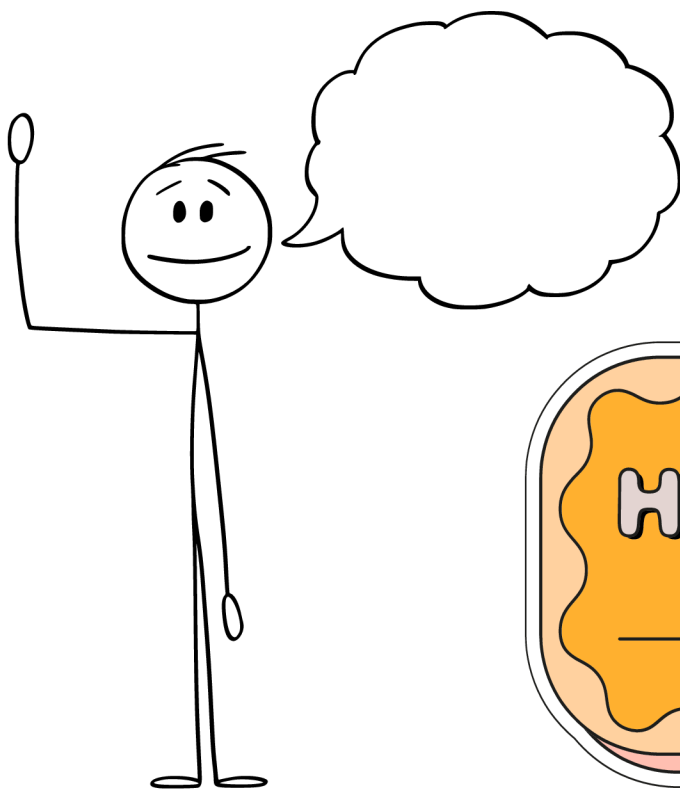
**In the Bible, God's names are important because they reveal aspects of His character, power, and purpose, and they are essential for building a relationship with Him.**

**Understanding these names helps believers grasp who God is and how He relates to them**

Yahweh, Elohim, or Jehovah-Rohi - a Hebrew name for God that translates to "The Lord is my shepherd" offer a unique insight into His attributes and personality.

Yahweh - the most sacred name of God in Judaism, often translated as "I AM, or I AM who I AM", or "He causes to exist". God's name reveals his eternal and self-existent nature.

Elohim (meaning "God") highlights His power and sovereignty.



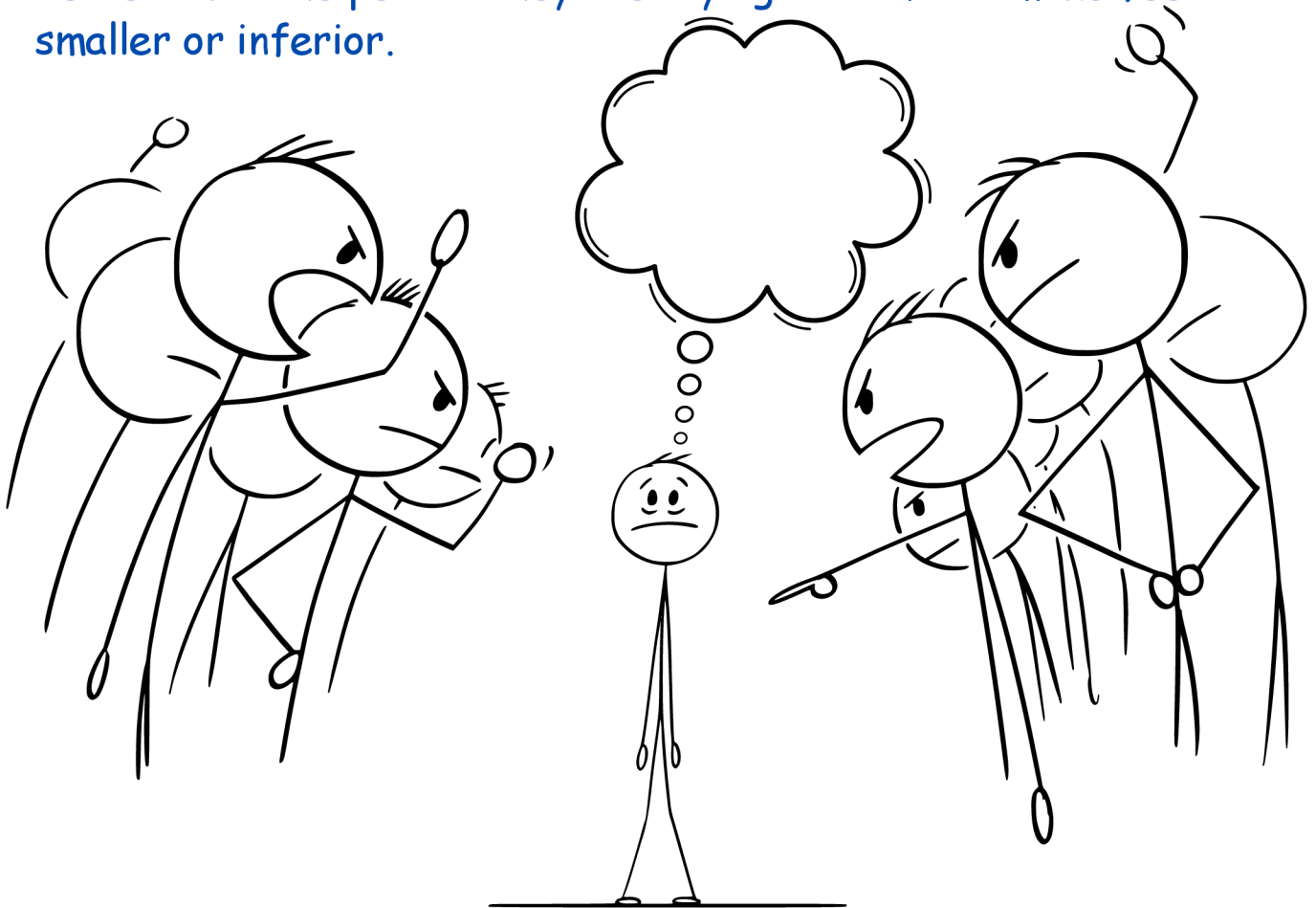


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## Why does it hurt my feelings when someone "calls me a name"?

"Calling names" refers to using mean, insulting, or bad language towards someone. It's a form of verbal abuse, often used to belittle or humiliate another person.

In most cases, people do this to make themselves feel bigger, or better than the person they are trying to insult or make feel smaller or inferior.



## Why does a name mean so much?

# Philippians 2:9-11

This signifies Jesus' authority over all creation, and the name is linked to this authority and power.



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# What does your name mean?

**Lucy** - light, illumination, and the concept of bringing light

**Riley** - bravery and the ability to face dangerous, difficult or hopeless situations without fear

**Juniper** - protection, purification, and longevity

**Emmalin** - unceasing, vigorous, or brave

**Meara** - sea, joyful, mirthful, or lively

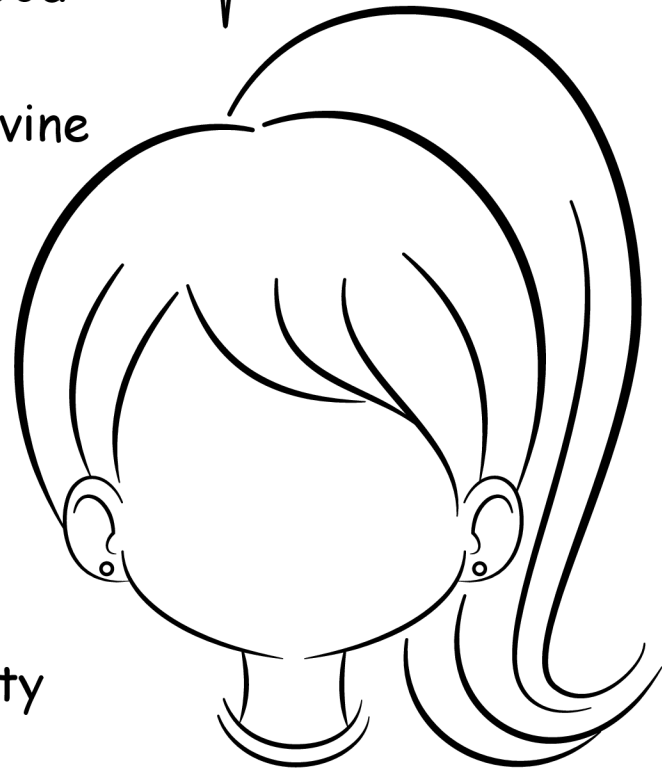
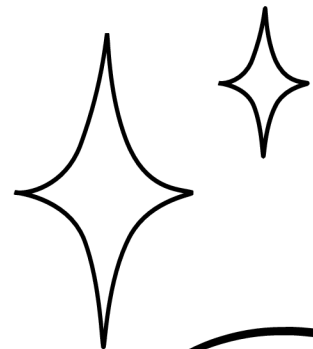
**Madison** - mighty in battle, gift of God

**Gracelyn** - elegance, goodness, or divine favor

**Gabriella** - God is my strength

**Arrow** - direction, purpose, and decisiveness

**Olivia** - peace, wisdom, and prosperity





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# What does your name mean?

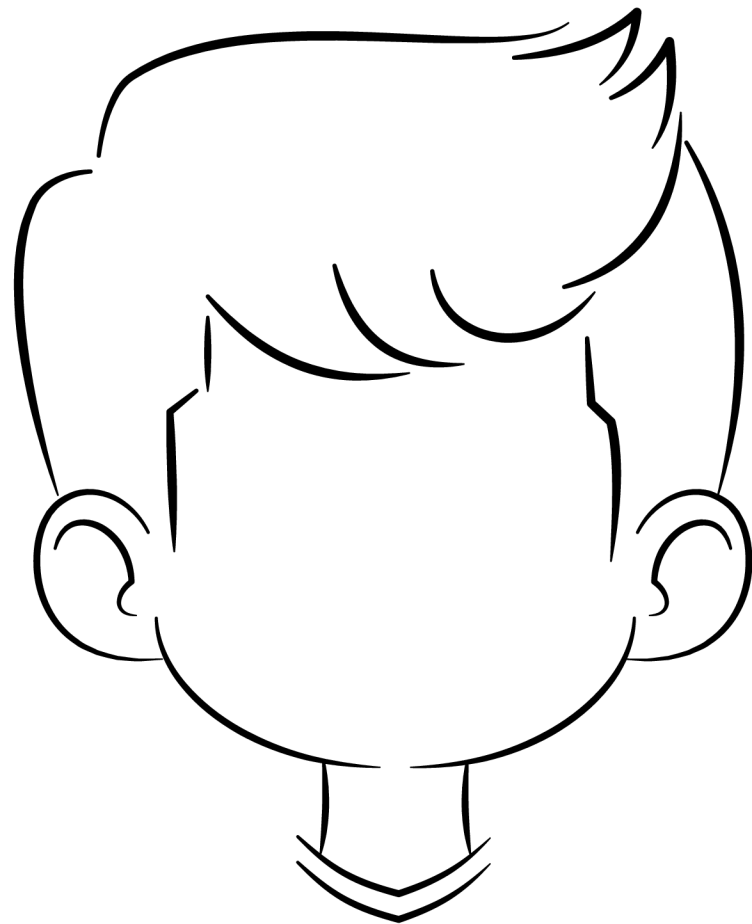
**Trenton** - strong and fast

**Levi** - unity and harmony

**Cash** - valuable, stable and powerful

**Kole** - hunter or warrior

**Decker** - builder, powerful and influential





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## Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "**We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law**, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

### Deuteronomy 18:18

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth.

He will tell them everything I command him."

What did Jesus say to Philip?

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What town was Philip from?

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Who did Philip find?

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What did Philip say about Jesus?

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When Nathanael doubted what did Philip say?

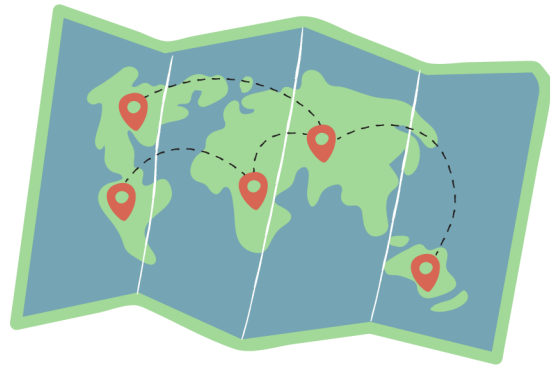
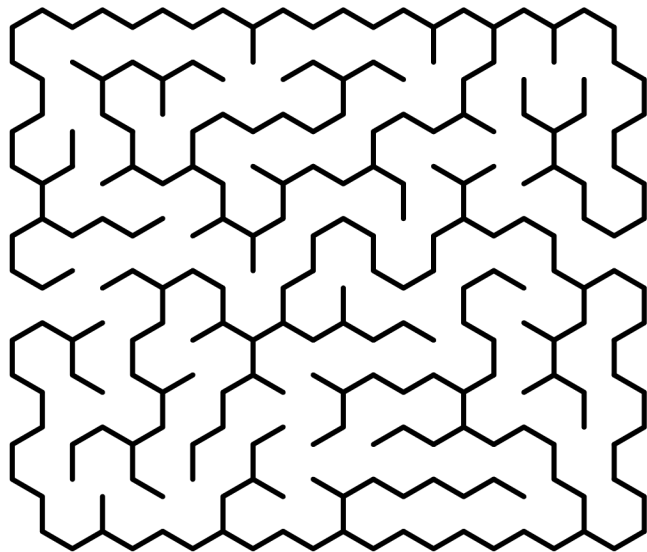
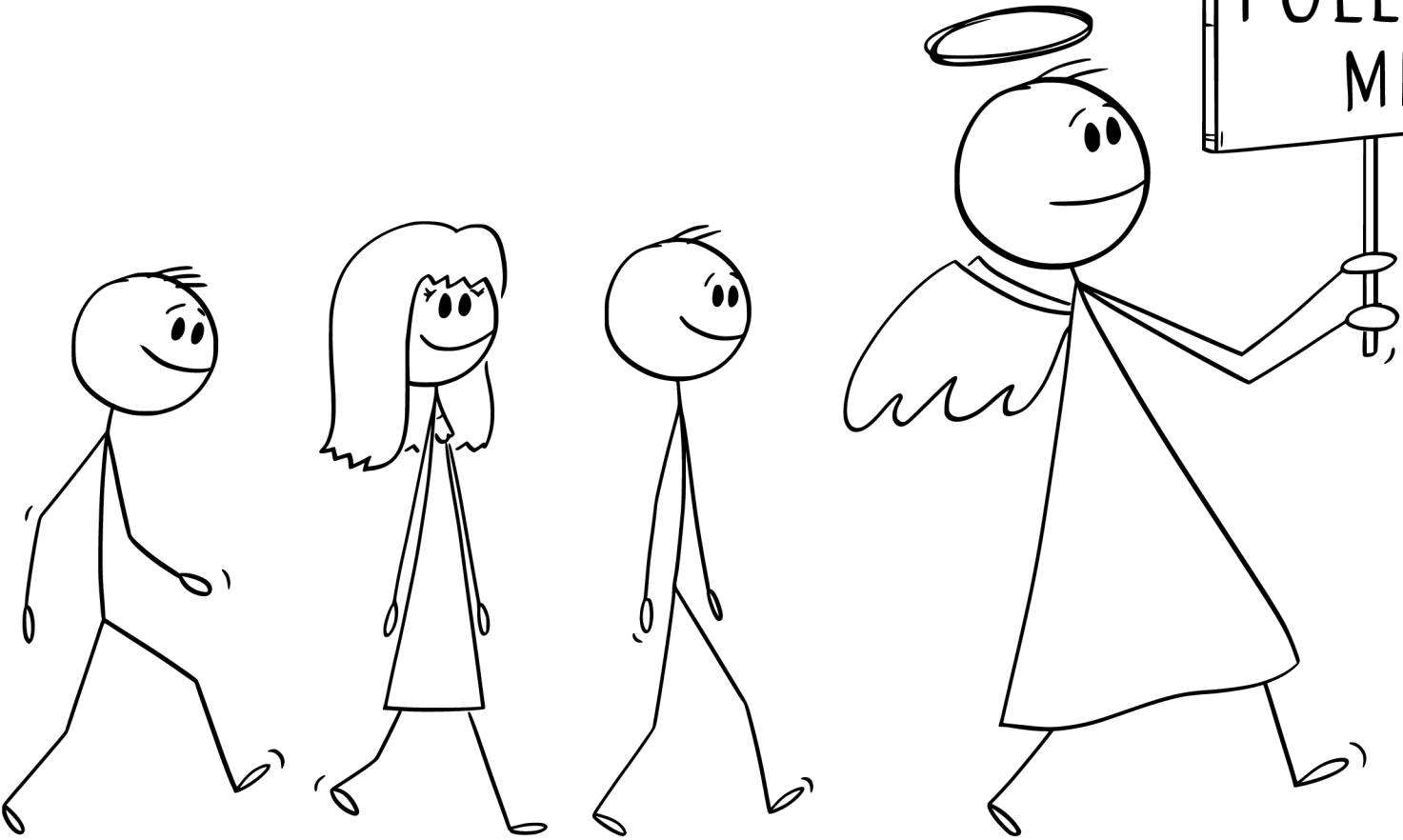
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# FOLLOW

FOLLOW  
ME



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## Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

Philip the Apostle, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, was a fisherman from Bethsaida, according to the Bible. He worked alongside Andrew and Peter.

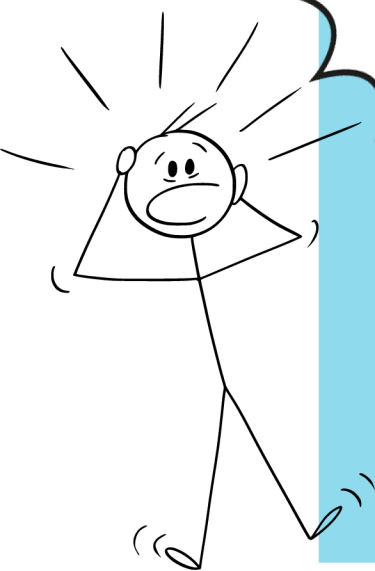
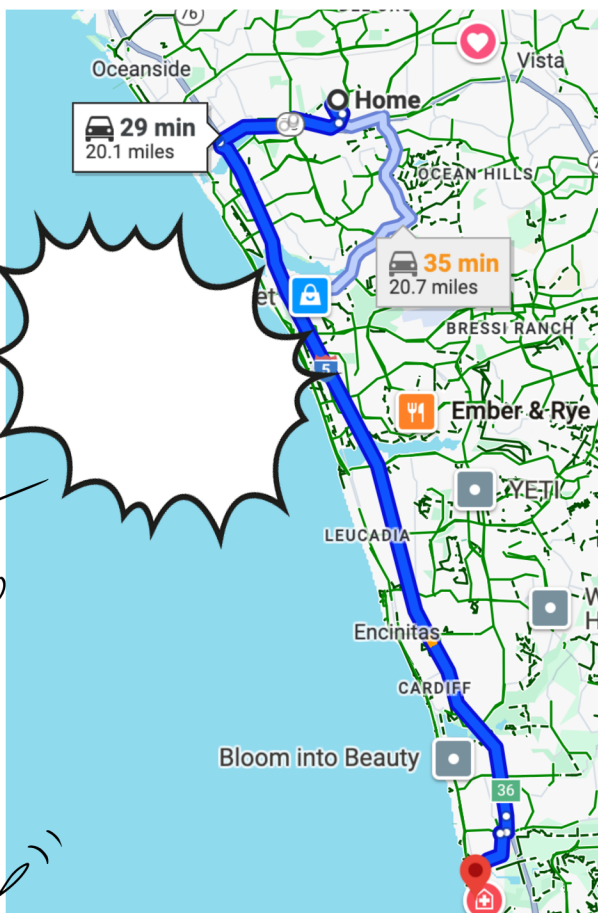
Later, after becoming a disciple, he is also known for his evangelistic work as one of the seven deacons in the early church, preaching and performing miracles in Samaria and baptizing an Ethiopian eunuch



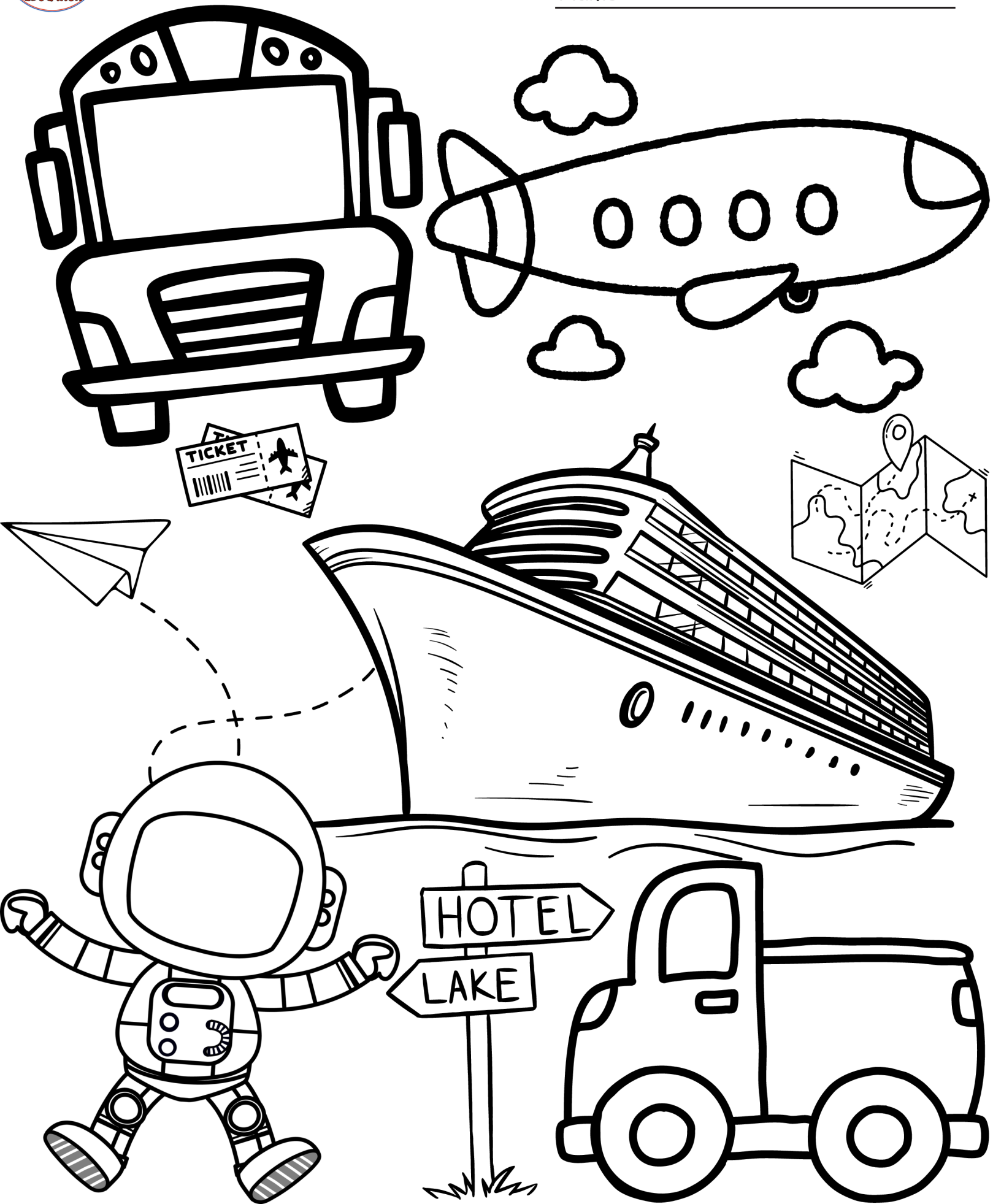
**Acts 8**, the Spirit of the Lord miraculously transported Philip, from meeting an Ethiopian eunuch to the city of Azotus (Ashdod).

This relocation is described as the Spirit "carrying Philip away" after the eunuch's baptism.

The distance between Gaza, where the eunuch was baptized, and Azotus is approximately **20 miles!**



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47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are **the Son of God**; you are **the king of Israel**."

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man.



*The name Bartholomew means "son of Tolmai" (or Talmai). This suggests Bartholomew was a family name, while Nathaniel was likely his given name.*

What did Jesus say about Nathanael?

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What did Nathanael ask Jesus?

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What did Nathanael declare about Jesus?

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What did Jesus prove when he answered Nathanael?

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What did Jesus say Nathanael would see heaven do?

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# Jacob's Ladder

In Genesis 28:12, Jacob's dream features a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending.

This ladder symbolizes a connection between heaven and earth, and the vision signifies God's covenant with Jacob, establishing a means of communication between the two.

God is also present above the ladder, speaking to Jacob.

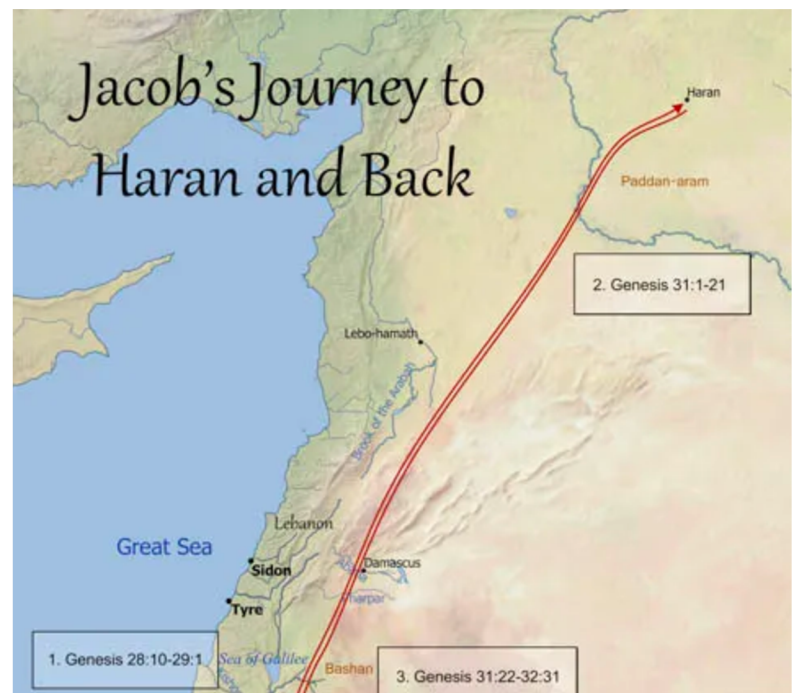


## Genesis 28

16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!"

17 But he was also afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is!"

It is none other than the house of God, **the very gateway to heaven!**"





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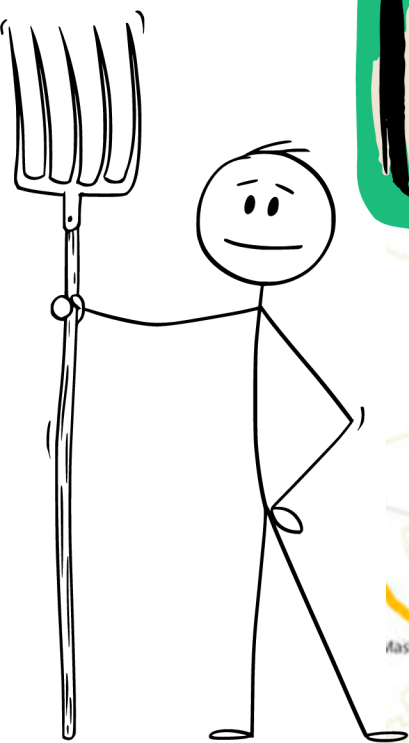
## Nathanael was from Cana in Galilee.

Cana, is a town in Galilee, Israel, known in the New Testament as the location where Jesus performed his first miracle: turning water into wine at a wedding feast. It is also mentioned as the hometown of the disciple Nathanael (John 21:2)

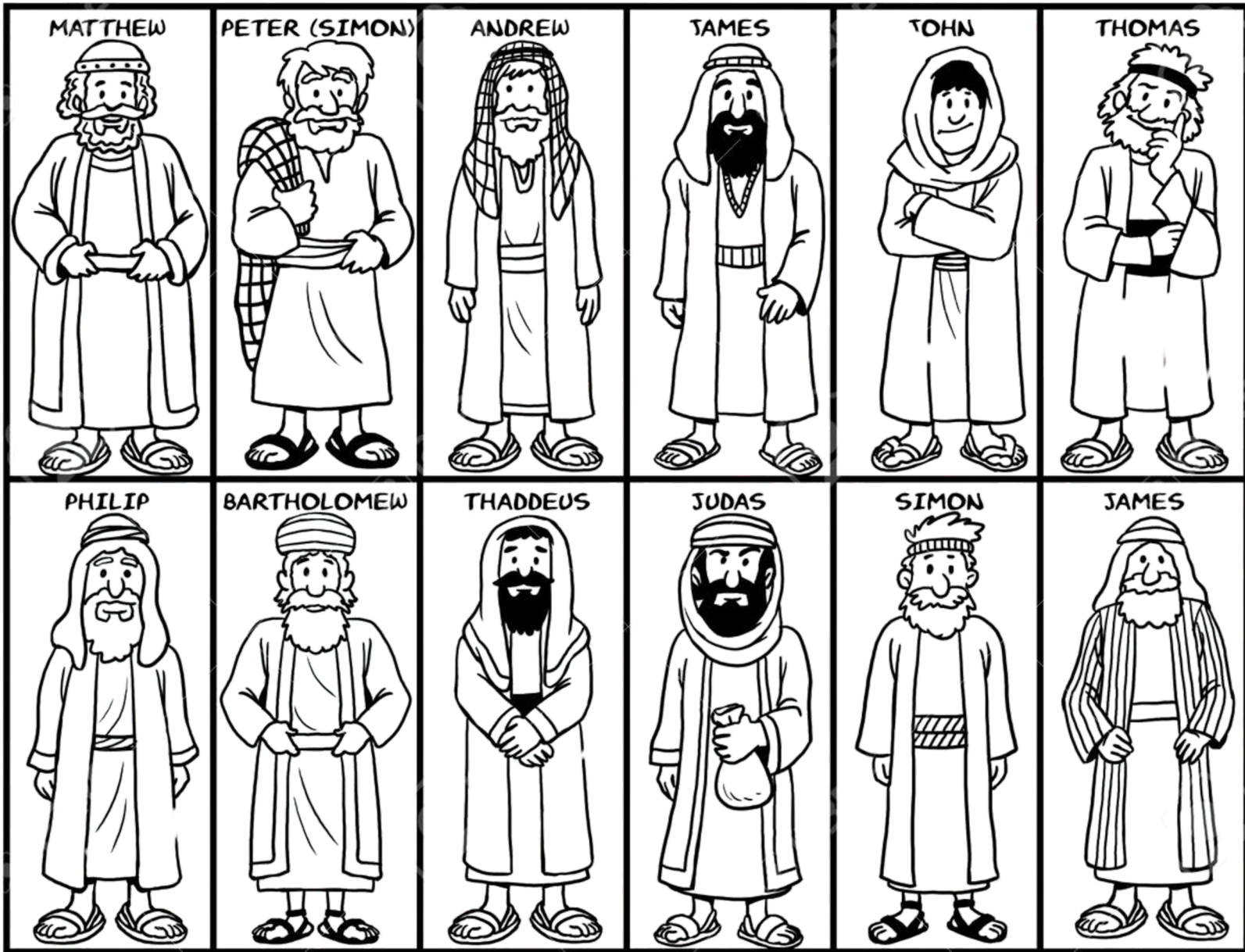
Nathanael was a close friend of Philip, who introduced him to Jesus.

## Nathanael was probably a farmer?

- The Galilee region was known for its agricultural, so people from Cana were likely farmers, working in vineyards and olive groves.
- Ancient Israel, including Cana, had a thriving wine industry, and wine was a staple of the diet and a significant part of the culture and economy.
- The local economy likely involved other agricultural products, such as wheat, barley, figs, pomegranates, and dates.



CIRCLE OR COLOR ALL OF THE DISCIPLES THAT YOU  
HAVE LEARNED ABOUT SO FAR IN THE BOOK OF JOHN.



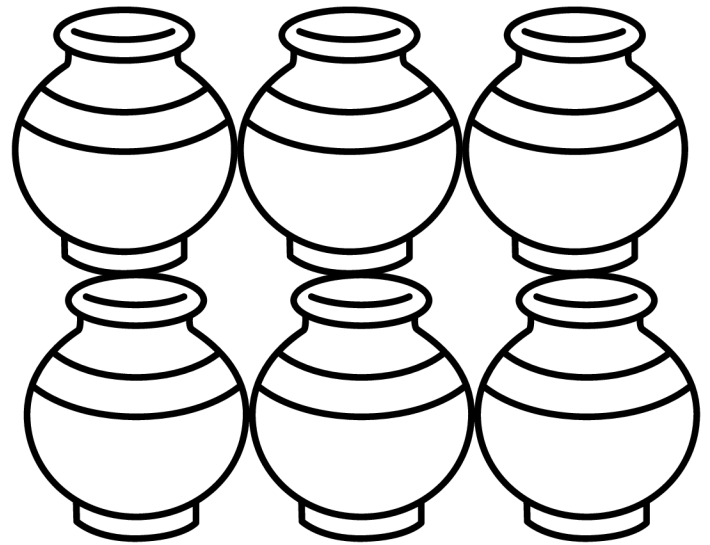
Congratulations, you just read the first  
chapter of the Book of John!

Chapter 2 coming soon!



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# John 2



Miracle - an extraordinary event, surpassing natural or human capabilities, by divine power, a sign of God's presence and purpose

## Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

1 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,

2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

Did Mary know that Jesus could perform miracles?

What did Jesus tell his mother, Mary?

What is a miracle?

How many water jars were nearby the wedding?



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They did so,

9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside

10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.



Did the servants obey Jesus' command about the water?

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Can water change into wine without grapes?

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Was the wine from Jesus the best?

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What did Jesus prove when he did this sign?

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Who believed in Jesus after he performed this miracle?

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13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

In the Bible, Passover commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, with the "passing over" of the death angel sparing their firstborn, and is observed for seven days



Jerusalem was expected to be heavily populated with pilgrims during Passover, the time when Jesus is said to have overturned the tables in the temple, with estimates suggesting a significant increase in the city's population.

During Passover, money changers exchanged foreign coins for Jewish currency, often at very high rates rates, and also sold sacrificial animals for too much money.

Why do you think that this make Jesus upset?

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Should Passover be a time to make money or to worship Jesus?

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Doves were sold to poor people who could not afford more expensive sacrifices for Passover. Do you think they were selling the doves fairly or unfairly. What would be an example of this in your current church?

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19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"

21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.

24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people.

25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.



Who did Jesus say would raise the temple in 3 days?

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What temple was Jesus talking about?

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Did Jesus fulfill his promise of self-resurrection?

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Who saw the signs Jesus performed at Passover Festival?

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Why did Jesus not need any testimony about mankind?

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# John 3

## Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.

2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

## Fair-I-See?



A Pharisee was a Jewish religious leader who believed in the resurrection, a belief that distinguished them from the Sadducees. They had a strict adherence to the law, traditions, and a belief in a coming Messiah, and are often Jesus' primary opponents.

What type of religion did Nicodemus practice?

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Did Nicodemus know the Bible well?

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Is it possible to read the Bible but not understand it?

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What title did Nicodemus give Jesus?

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What did Jesus say that Nicodemus didn't understand?

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What is the difference between religion and faith?

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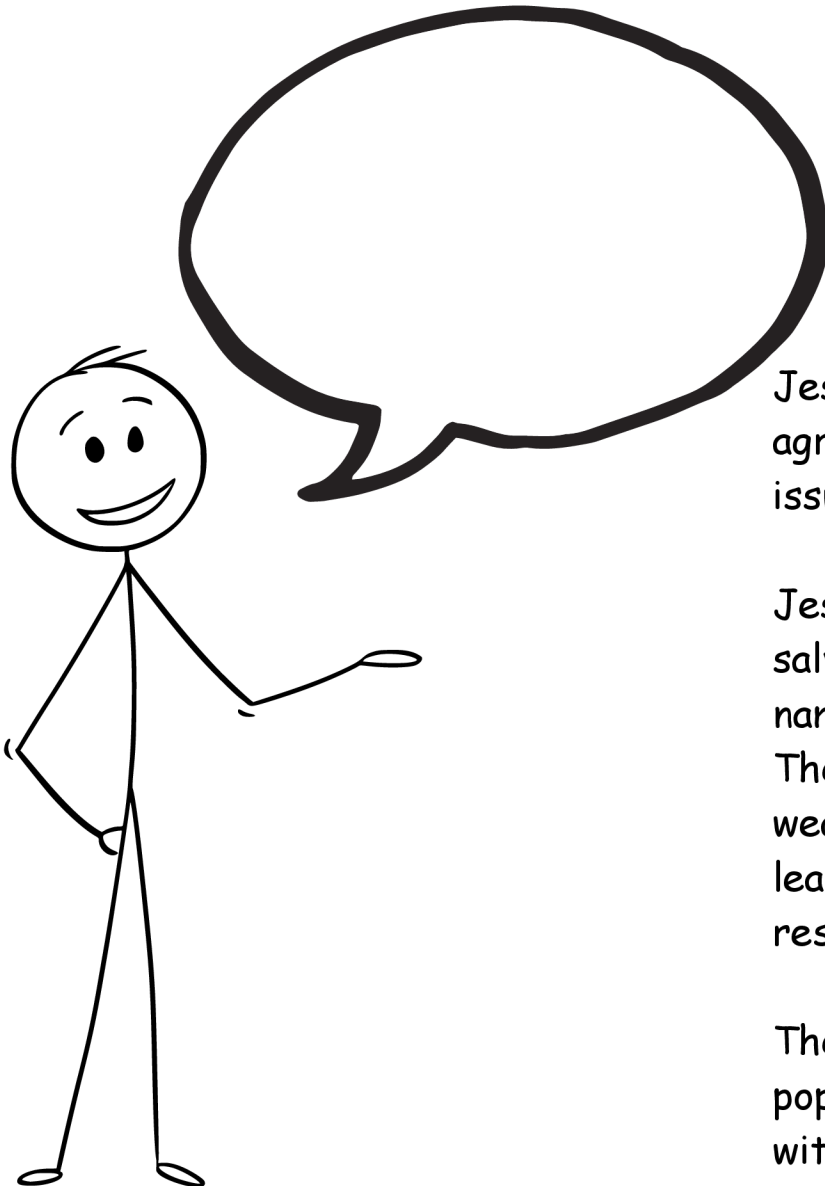
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While "religion" and "faith" are words that are used as the same meaning, they represent different concepts.

Religion is a structured system of beliefs, practices, and rituals.

If you have ever been to another church - you may have seen some rituals that are very different from what we practice at the Mission Church?

Faith is a personal belief or trust in God.



Jesus and the Sadducees did not agree on core theological and social issues.

Jesus emphasized a message of salvation through faith through His name, and the hope of resurrection. The Sadducees, who were primarily wealthy and influential religious leaders, rejected the idea of resurrection.

They focused on maintaining their popularity through their close ties with Roman authorities.



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5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

Jesus uses the wind as a metaphor for the work of the Spirit, stating that just as we hear the wind but cannot see its origin or destination

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

8 The wind blows wherever it pleases.



You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

The work of the Holy Spirit is mysterious and powerful, leading to spiritual rebirth.

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

What did Jesus say was necessary for Salvation?

Flesh gives birth to flesh means what?

What does Spirit gives birth to Spirit mean?

What does "born again" mean?

Why is the work of the Holy Spirit is compared to wind?



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"Born again" signifies a spiritual transformation where a person experiences a new life in Christ, becoming a child of God through faith in Jesus.

It's a spiritual rebirth, not a physical one, and is often described as a moment of repentance and acceptance of Jesus as Savior and Lord, leading to a changed heart and a desire to live according to God's will.

Repentance involves humbly seeking forgiveness from God, turning away from sin, and striving to live a more righteous life.

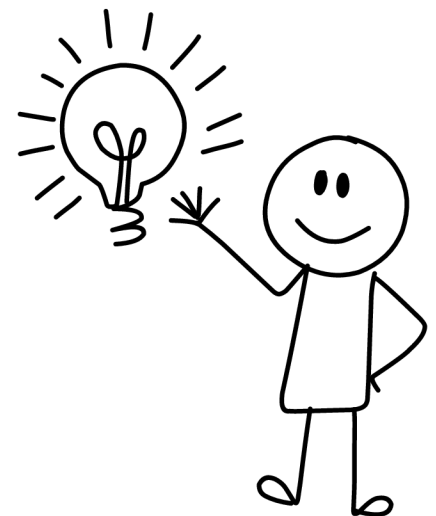
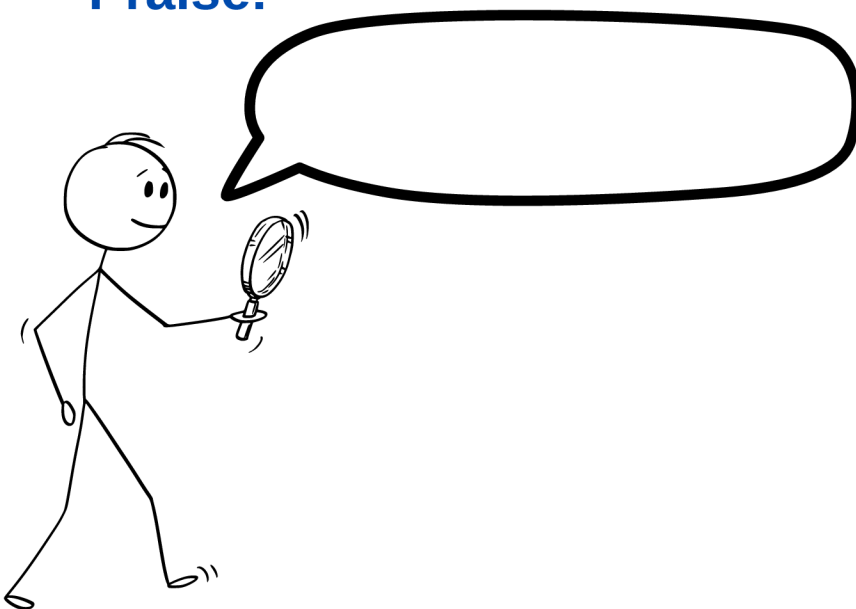
**In what ways have you had to repent in your life?**

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**A changed heart - this happens as a result of our choice to follow Jesus and love Him. He helps us change our heart - we do not do this alone.**

**Praise!**





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10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

God instructed Moses to create a bronze serpent and lift it on a pole; anyone who looked at it would be healed from snakebites,



This symbolized Jesus's sacrifice and the path to eternal life for those who believe.

Why did Jesus ask people questions instead of accusing them?

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Is it wise to ask questions when you are in a disagreement?

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Did Nicodemus believe that Jesus came from Heaven?

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What did Jesus mean when he said he must be “lifted up”?

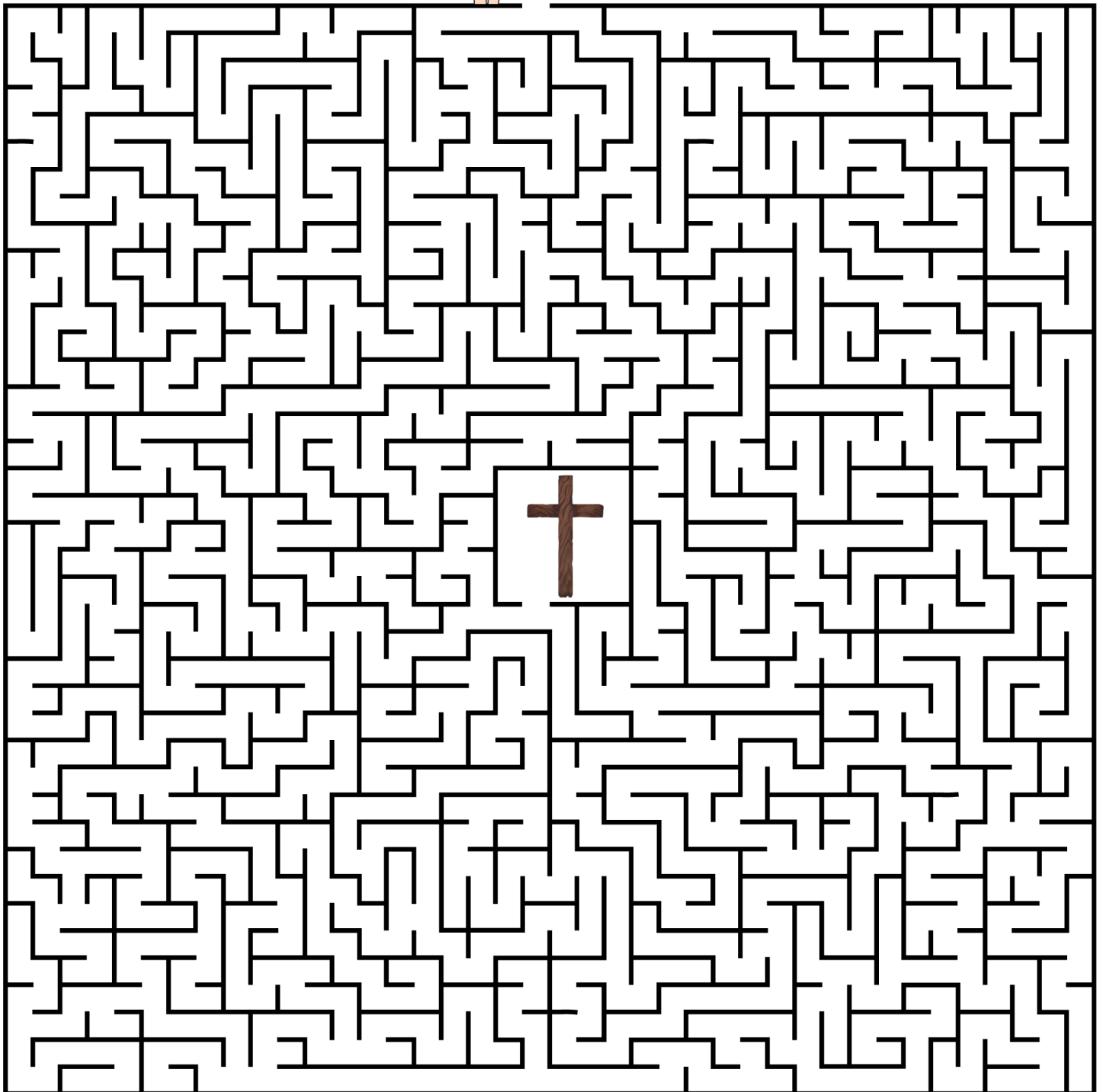
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How can you have eternal life in you?

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16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



*Condemned means a judicial act of declaring someone guilty, deserving punishment, and often associated with the consequence of sin and separation from God, but also with the promise of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ*

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Who did Jesus say God loved?

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Why did Jesus come into the world?

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What does light do to darkness?

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Why do people who do evil fear the light?

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Why do people who live by the truth come into the light?

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1. John 1:12

2. John 10:28

3. Romans 5:8

4. Romans 10:9-10

5. 1 John 4:9

6. Revelation 3:20

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This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him

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Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

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But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me



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22 After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized.

23 Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptized.

24 (This was before John was put in prison.)

25 An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing.

26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him."



The Torah contains a total of 613 commandments or mitzvah and around 10-15, are related to ritual washing, including hand washing and mikveh (ritual bath) practices.

What did the Torah accomplish for the Jews?

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Is it healthy to be clean?

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Can being clean earn your salvation, or help your Salvation?

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Do you have to be baptized to earn your Salvation?

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Who else was baptizing in the river with John the Baptist?

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27 To this John replied, “A person can receive only what is given them from heaven.

28 You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’

29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.

30 He must become greater; I must become less.”

This is a tremendously important principle that rules over everything in our lives.



A person cannot receive anything in their lives unless it comes from God. Every single thing that people get in their lives comes from God.

Is there anything you can do to earn your Salvation?

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John declared that he is NOT who?

\_\_\_\_\_

What does John feel after meeting his Messiah?

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What does John say he must become?

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Is John humble?

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31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

*Jesus, who came from heaven, is superior to all earthly beings and speaks with heavenly authority,*

32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony.

33 Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.

34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.



*While those who are "of the earth" speak with earthly understanding*

35 The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands.

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

**Who has the most authority on earth?**

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**Why is God truthful?**

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**To whom does God give the Spirit without limit?**

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**God placed everything in whose hands?**

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**What do you receive if you believe in the Son?**

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In Jesus' day, Jewish weddings involved a multi-stage process, including betrothal (a legally binding agreement), a waiting period, and a wedding ceremony and feast. The betrothal, or "erusin," was a formal commitment, while the actual wedding ceremony involved a procession, blessings, and a shared cup of wine, followed by a multi-day feast

### **Betrothal (Erusin):**

**Formal Agreement:** The betrothal was a legally binding agreement between the groom's and bride's families, often arranged by the fathers.

**Ketubah:** A ketubah, or marriage contract, was drawn up, outlining the groom's obligations to his wife.

**Dowry:** The groom typically provided a dowry to the bride's family.

**Shared Cup of Wine:** The couple would share a cup of wine, symbolizing their commitment.

**Waiting Period:** A period of about a year followed, during which the bride prepared her wedding garments and the groom prepared their future home.

During the erusin period, the groom was to prepare a place for his bride, while the bride focused on her personal preparations: wedding garments, lamps, etc.

Although the bride knew to expect her groom after **about a year, she did not know the exact day or hour.** He could come earlier. **It was the father of the groom who gave final approval for him to return to collect his bride.**

For that reason, the bride kept her oil lamps **ready at all times, just in case the groom came in the night, sounding the shofar (ram's horn) to lead the bridal procession to the home he had prepared for her.**

## **Read Matthew 25:1–13**

In Jewish weddings today, there are two cups of wine during the wedding ceremony. After the rabbi recites the betrothal blessings accompanying the first, the couple drinks from the cup. Since wine is associated with Kiddish, the prayer of sanctification recited on Shabbat (*This is the Hebrew word for the Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest observed from Friday evening to Saturday evening. It's a time for rest, prayer, and family.*)

In the season of Yeshua's end-time return, we should be careful to remain alert and prepared for His coming, since Yeshua was speaking to His disciples prophetically about the condition of the Church in the last days.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7: 21)

### **The Wedding Ceremony:**

**Procession:** The groom, accompanied by his friends, would go to the bride's home at night, often with torches or lamps.

**Blessings:** The couple would receive blessings, sometimes drawing from scripture.

**Shared Cup of Wine:** Another shared cup of wine marked the consummation of the marriage.

**Chuppah:** The ceremony often took place under a chuppah, a canopy symbolizing their new home.



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# John 4

## Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

1 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—

2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples.

3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria.

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

*Jews regarded Samaritanism as a heresy derived from the corrupt worship of Yahweh mixed up with the worship of the foreign gods brought into Samaria by the foreign settlers during the Assyrian deportations.*



What does it mean that the woman was a Samaritan?

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What does Pharisee mean?

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Where did Jesus go?

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Where did Jesus and His disciples have to journey through?

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What place in Samaria was Jacob's well?

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The controversy surrounding Jesus baptizing in John 4 stemmed from a combination of factors, including the Pharisees' concern about their own authority and the unique nature of John the Baptist's and Jesus' baptisms. The Pharisees, a Jewish religious group, likely viewed the popularity of Jesus' baptisms as a challenge to their leadership and a potential threat to the established religious order. Additionally, John's baptism was a unique form of repentance, and the Pharisees may have questioned its legitimacy and authority, especially since Jesus' ministry was growing rapidly.



Jews traveling between Judea and Galilee in ancient times typically had two main routes to choose from, both designed to **avoid Samaria** due to the animosity between the two regions. One route went west, following the Mediterranean coast, while the other went east, following the Jordan River.





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The Samaritan woman, was from Samaria. She met Jesus at Jacob's well.

She likely gathered water at noon to avoid the social interactions and potential judgment of other women who typically collected water in the cooler parts of the day.

She had a complex past, having been married five times and currently living with a man who was not her husband, which made her an outcast in her community.



Have you ever done something sinful that made you an outcast?

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What is the purpose of shame?

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Is it comfortable to knowingly disobey God?

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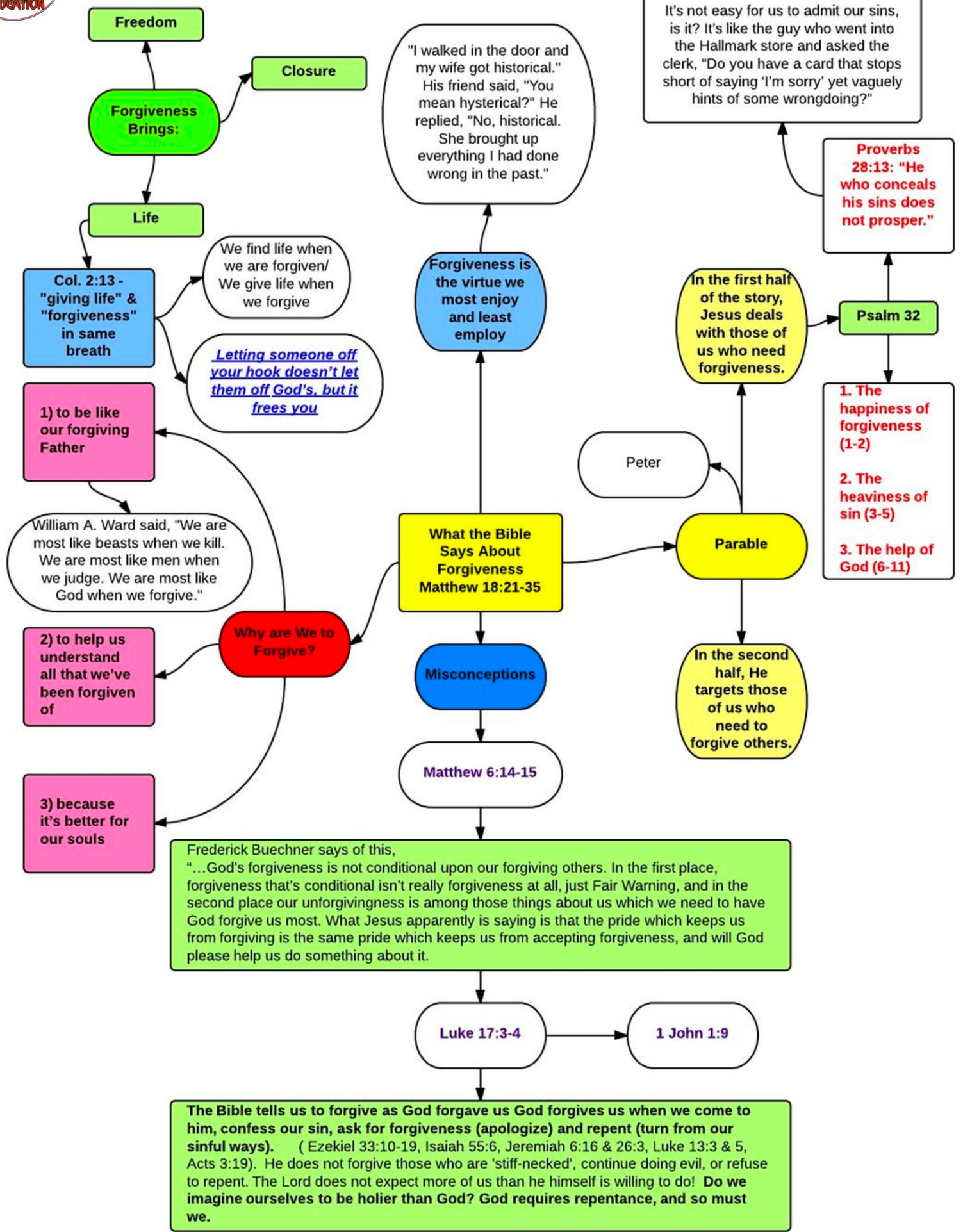
This woman was scorned (teased) by other women, so much so that she avoided them. Do you think she was a "defensive person"?

What does defensive mean?

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7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Do you remember the parable of the Good Samaritan?  
How does Jesus view people?



Did Jesus speak first or did the Samaritan woman speak first?

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Was Jesus alone?

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How did the Samaritan woman know that Jesus was a Jew?

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What does living water mean?

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Is Jesus greater than Jacob?

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### **2 Kings 17:29:**

This verse marks the first mention of the Samaritans in the Bible, describing how people were resettled in Samaria after the northern kingdom of Israel was conquered.

### **Luke 10:33:**

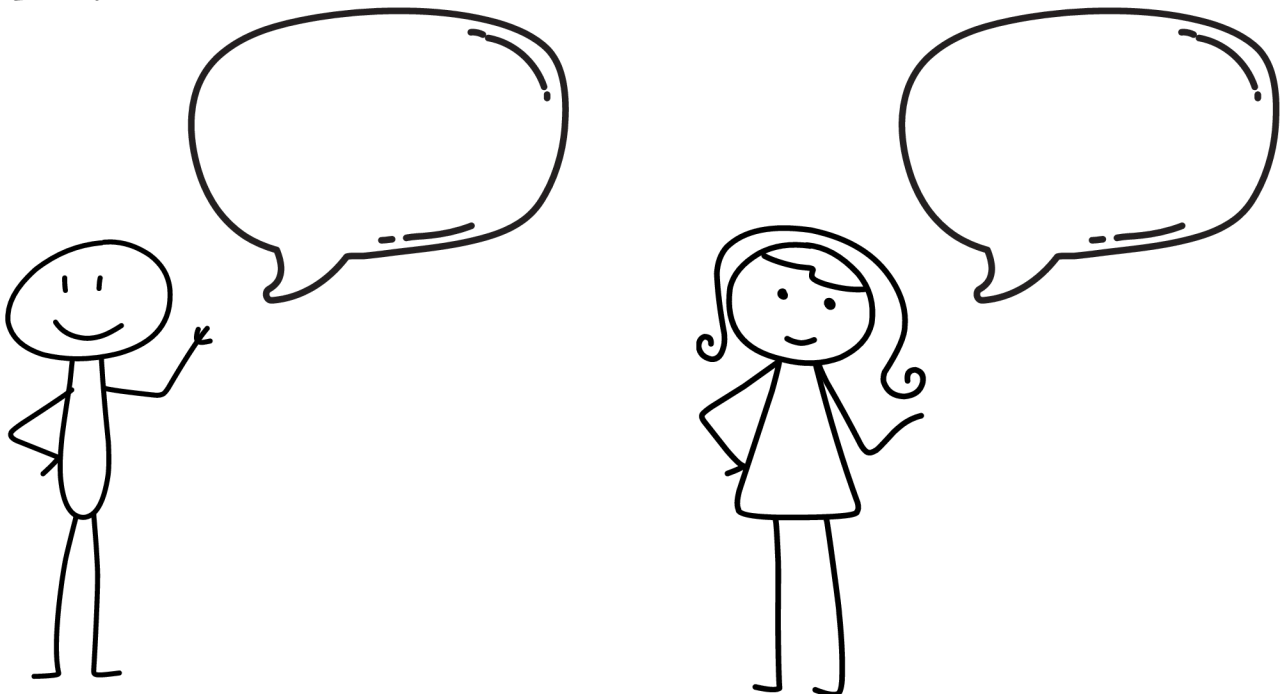
This is the first mention of the term "Samaritan" in the New Testament, within the parable of the Good Samaritan.

### **John 4:4-42:**

This passage details Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and the subsequent two-day visit to the Samaritan town.

### **Acts 8:5-25:**

This section describes Philip's ministry in Samaria, where many Samaritans, including Simon Magus, believed and were baptized.





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13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,

14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

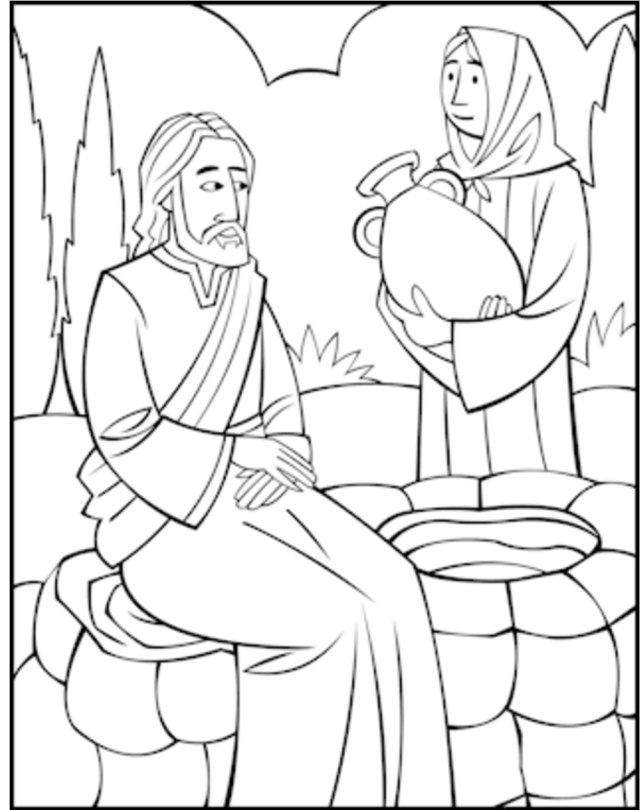
16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."



**Why did Jesus use water to describe what he can give people?**

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**What does it feel like when you are really thirsty?**

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**Did the woman at the well understand what water Jesus was talking about at first?**

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**What did Jesus prove when he talked about the woman's husbands?**

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**How did that comment impact the woman at the well?**

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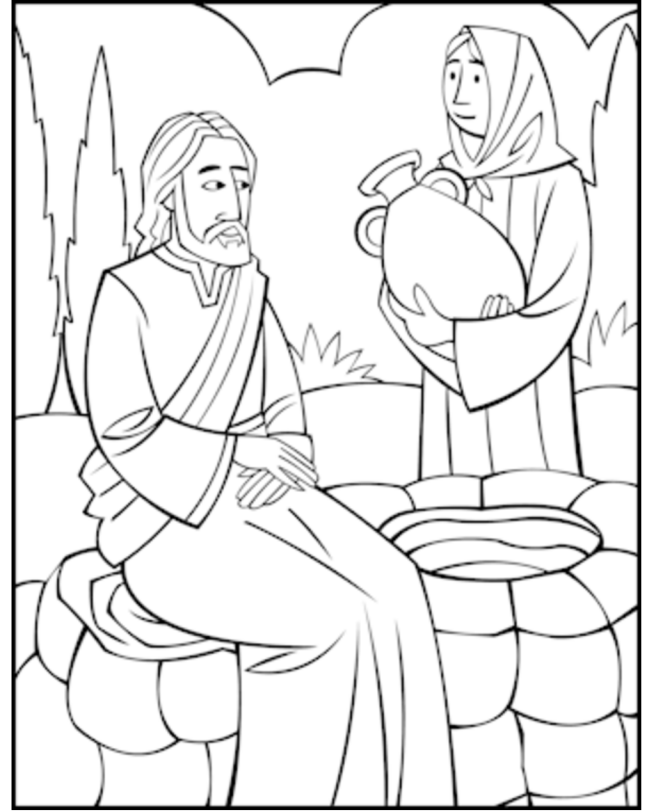
**Did she try and start an argument after he exposed her sins?**

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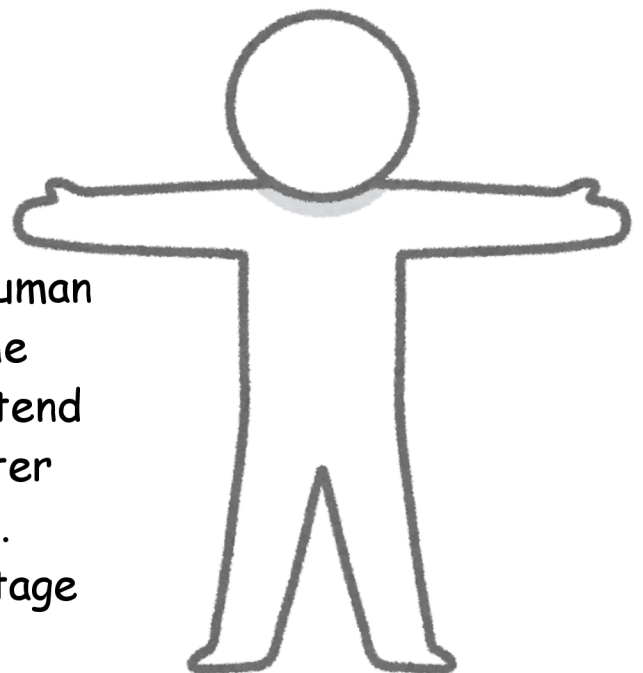
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Jesus used water as a metaphor to represent spiritual life, specifically the spiritual refreshment and eternal life that comes from following him and his teachings. He often spoke of himself as "living water," highlighting that he provides the ultimate spiritual nourishment that satisfies a person's deepest needs and leads them to God.



Water is absolutely essential for life. It plays a vital role in numerous bodily functions, from regulating temperature to carrying nutrients, and even protecting vital organs. Without sufficient water intake, the body cannot function properly and serious health issues can arise

Approximately 55% to 78% of the human body is made up of water, with the average being around 60%. Infants tend to have a higher percentage of water (around 78%) compared to adults. Men generally have a higher percentage of water than women.





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21 “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”



Why did the woman talk about where her people worship?

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Have you ever been in trouble and tried to distract your parents?

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Did Jesus tell the woman the direct truth?

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Where is a good place to worship Jesus?

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How did Jesus introduce Himself to the woman at the well?

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Circle Mount Gerizim on the map and circle Mount Zion (Jerusalem) on the map

The Samaritan controversy revolves around the location of God's chosen sanctuary.

While Jews consider Jerusalem and Mount Zion as holy, Samaritans believe Mount Gerizim, near Shechem (modern Nablus), is the true temple mount.

This disagreement was a major point of division between the two groups, leading to separate religious practices and identities.



How can you worship Jesus?

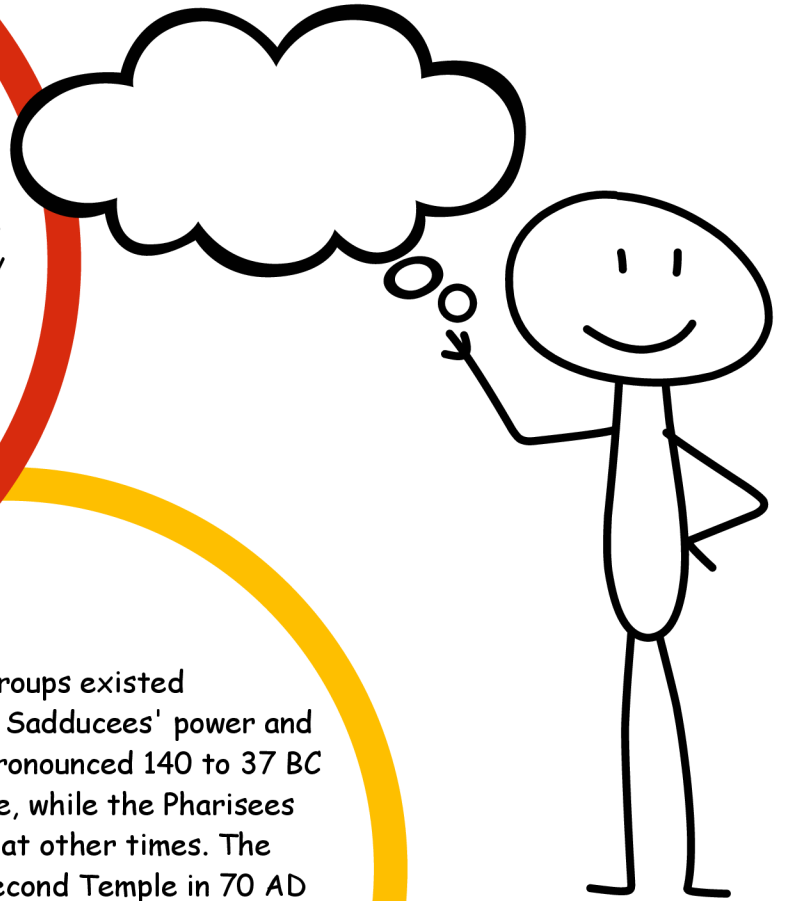
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The woman's question about worship revolves around the proper location for worship. Jews only worshipped in the temple. Samaritans only worshipped on Mount Gerizim. Jesus explains that, once His mission is complete, that worship will not be confined to any one place on earth.

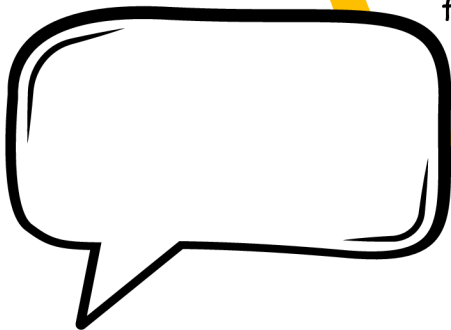


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The Pharisees were a prominent Jewish social movement and school of thought during the time of Second Temple Judaism (roughly 516 BC to 70 AD) in the Levant. They were not a geographically confined group, but rather a presence within Jewish society, particularly within synagogues and communities throughout the Holy Land. Their influence extended to how Jews interpreted and applied the Torah in their daily lives.

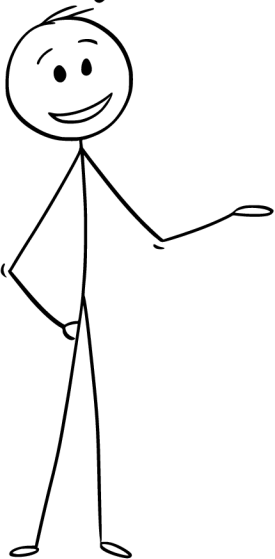


While both groups existed at the same time, the Sadducees' power and influence were more pronounced 140 to 37 BC and under Roman rule, while the Pharisees gained prominence at other times. The destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD marked the end of the Sadducees' influence, while the Pharisees' teachings and traditions formed the basis of Rabbinic Judaism.



Rabbinic Judaism is the form of Judaism that has been the mainstream tradition since the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD. It is based on the teachings and interpretations of the rabbis, who are seen as experts in Jewish law and tradition.

The Sadducees were a prominent group within Jewish society during the Second Temple period (roughly 200 BC to 70 AD), primarily associated with the priestly class and the Temple in Jerusalem. They held significant political and religious influence, serving as the aristocracy and holding positions on the Sanhedrin.





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## The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

*Jesus' willingness to talk to women, even strangers, was seen as a challenge to ancient Jewish customs. This act displays Jesus' message of love for all people and His wisdom and understanding of His creation.*

*Jewish law, may have restricted interactions between men and women, especially unmarried women*



Did Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman impact the disciples when they returned from getting food? How?

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How do you know the Samaritan woman was excited after speaking with Jesus?

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What could Jesus mean by saying he had food to eat that the disciples knew nothing about?

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33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

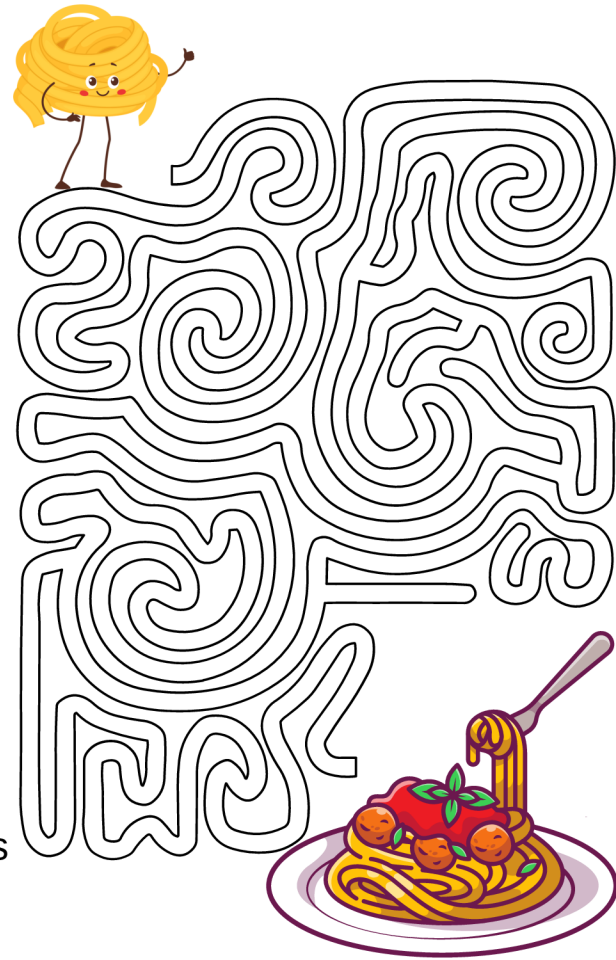
34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

35 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

37 Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.

38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."



Jesus declares that his "food" is to do God's will and finish his work - what do you crave more than food?

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Does Jesus compares the spread of the gospel to a harvest?

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What does "the fields are ripe for harvest," mean?

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How do you know if people are ready to believe and receive the good news?

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Can one person can sow the seed (preach the gospel), and another can reap the harvest (people coming to faith)?

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Jesus says the sower and the reaper will rejoice because they have shared in the work of bringing people to eternal life. Is that teamwork?

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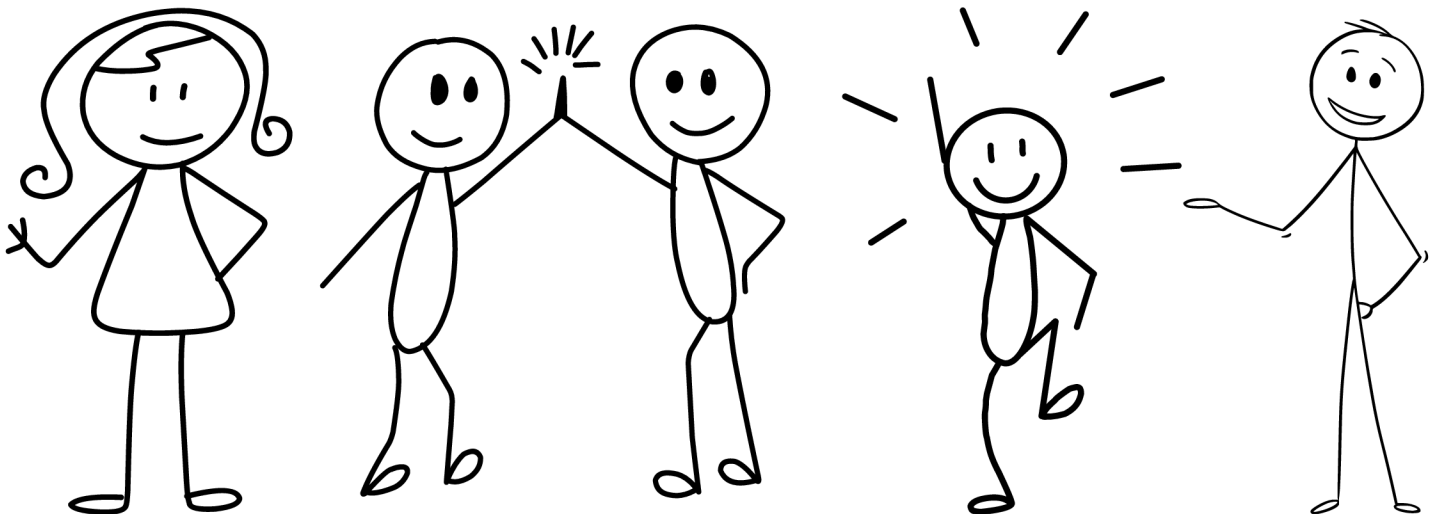
You might not always see people accept Jesus as their Savior when you witness to them, but the seed you plant may grow and another Christian may lead that person to Jesus, you never know. How can you be encouraged by this?

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Have you ever played a team sport where you participated in earning points for your team but didn't actually score the point? Could the point have been earned without your participation?

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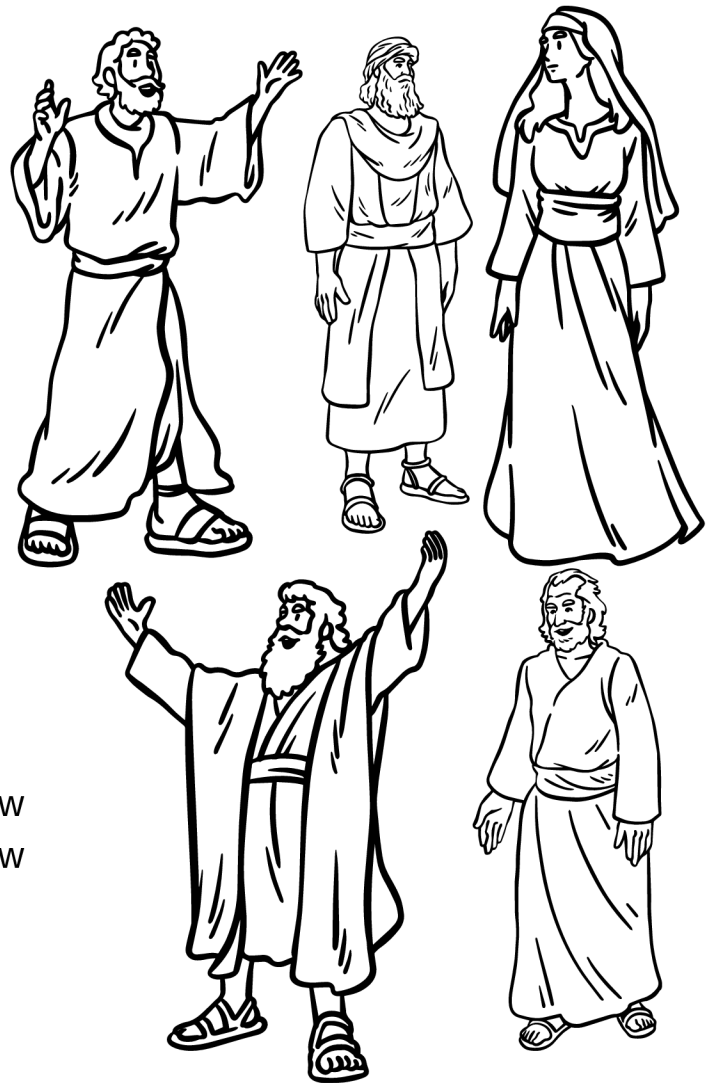
### Many Samaritans Believe

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

41 And because of his words many more became believers.

42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."



**What does testimony mean?**

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**Can you share personal experiences, encounters, and reflections of God's work in your life?**

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**Your personal story with Jesus is important - but knowing your Bible when you share with non-believers about Jesus is more important. Does that encourage you to read and study your Bible?**

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## Jesus Heals an Official's Son

43 After the two days he left for Galilee.

44 (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.)

45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there.

46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.

47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.



Do you know of anyone who is sick?

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Can Jesus heal people who are sick?

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Does Jesus always heal people who are sick?

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Why doesn't Jesus always heal those we love?

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# Heaven



### God's Will and Purpose:

God's wisdom and love has no boundaries. This even applies to death of a loved one. God always has specific reasons for not healing. We may never know the exact reason, but many times His wisdom includes the need to test someone's faith, allow time for spiritual growth, or encouraging someone to draw closer to Him and give them a greater understanding of His plan.

### The Need for a Greater Understanding:

Understanding God's will may require a deeper understanding of His purpose for each person, which is very unique and special. This may not always involve physical healing, but the gift of coming to heaven and having no more pain and enjoying eternal life with Jesus.

Is Heaven a wonderful place?

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What does eternity mean?

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Can you be excited about Heaven?

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Do you know someone who was sick and was healed in a special way?

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Remember to pray for....

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48 “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.”

49 The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 “Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.”  
The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living.

52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.”

53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and his whole household believed.

54 This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

# HOPE



How do you think the royal official felt when he heard the news about his son?

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Does God use miracles to reveal His power?

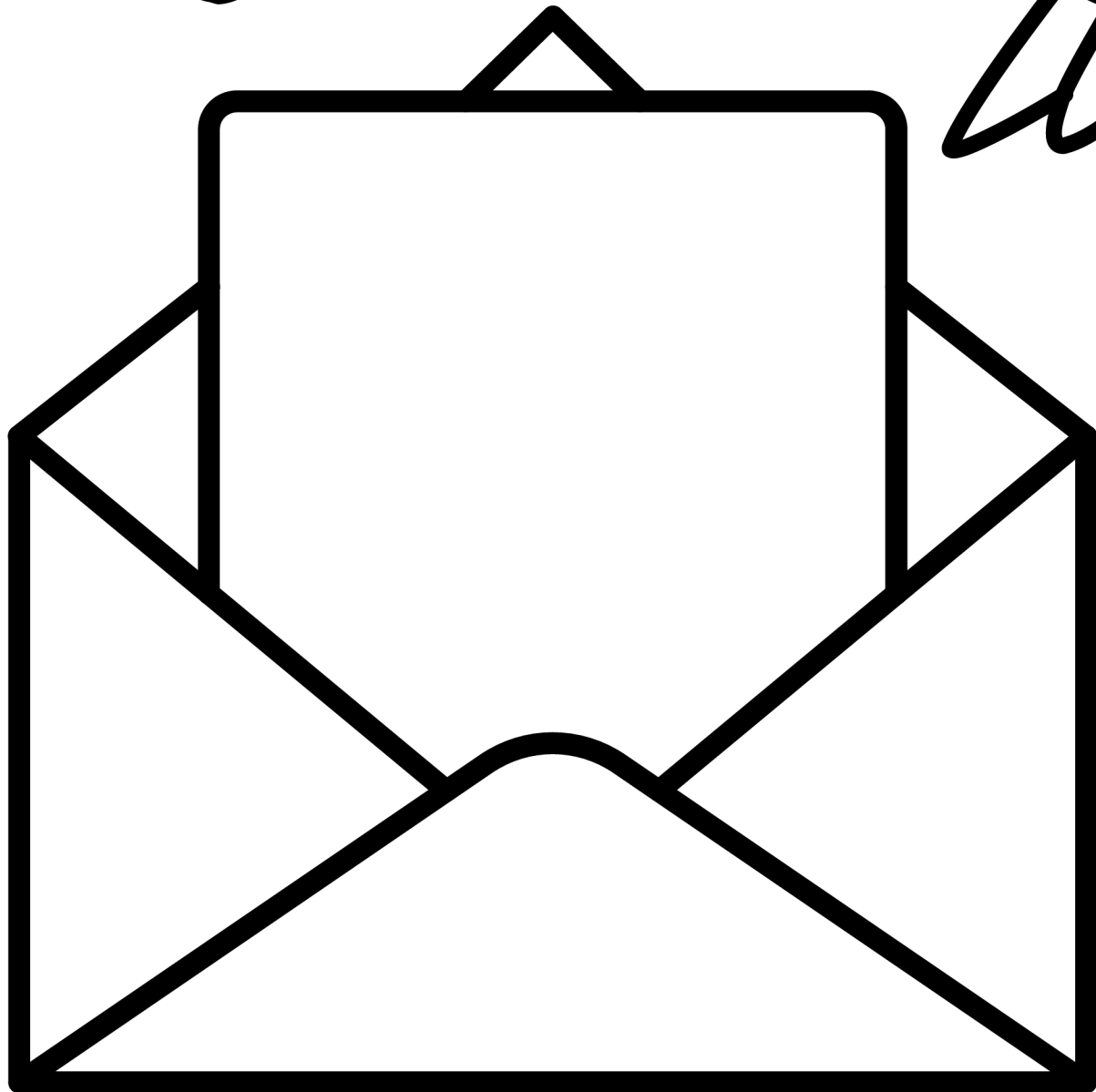
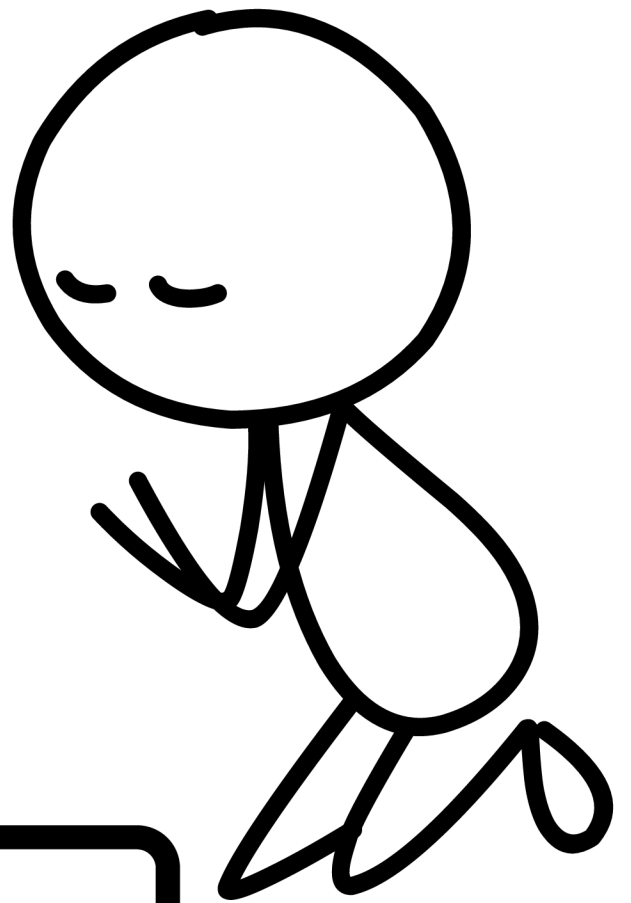
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Do you look for miracles in your own life?

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**THANK  
YOU!**





# John 5

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## Jesus Heals a Lame Man

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days.

<sup>2</sup> Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches.

<sup>3</sup> Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

<sup>5</sup> One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

The type of Holy Day is not specified, scholars debate whether it was the Passover or another "feast". Because we don't know, we must be content to know that we won't know, and therefore knowing will not be known.





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**During the time of Jesus, there were 7 primary annual feasts or holidays ordained in the Torah**

- **The Seven Feasts:**

1. Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is a major Jewish holiday that commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It is a seven- or eight-day festival traditionally celebrated in the early spring, beginning on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan
2. Unleavened Bread - (Hebrew: Hag HaMatzot) is a seven-day Jewish festival that commemorates the Israelites' hasty departure from Egypt during the Exodus. It is one of the three biblically mandated pilgrimage festivals and is inextricably linked with Passover (Pesach), with the two terms often used interchangeably today
3. First Fruits - The Jewish festival of First Fruits (Hebrew: Reishit Ketzir or Yom HaBikkurim) is a biblical appointment centered on gratitude for God's provision and the dedication of the harvest's initial yield. While the term can refer to the broader harvest season, it specifically identifies two key events in the Jewish calendar: Reishit Ketzir (The Beginning of the Harvest) and Shavuot (The Festival of Weeks/Pentecost)
4. Weeks (Pentecost/Shavuot) - Shavuot (the Jewish "Festival of Weeks" or "Pentecost") is a major biblical holiday that celebrates both the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and the completion of the spring wheat harvest. The festival occurs exactly 50 days (seven weeks) after the second night of Passover, following a period of daily spiritual preparation known as the Counting of the Omer.



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During the time of Jesus, there were 7 primary annual feasts or holidays ordained in the Torah

- **The Seven Feasts:**

5. Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah), - The Feast of Trumpets, widely known today as Rosh Hashanah (the "Head of the Year"), is the Jewish New Year celebration. It is the first of the three "Fall Feasts" and marks the beginning of the High Holy Days (or "Days of Awe"), a ten-day period of intense reflection and repentance that concludes with Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement)
  - a. The Shofar (Trumpet): The holiday's biblical name, Yom Teruah, literally means "Day of Blowing". The primary commandment is to hear the sounding of the shofar (a ram's horn), which serves as a spiritual "wake-up call" for repentance. Traditionally, it is blown 100 times during the synagogue service.
6. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) - Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, is the holiest and most solemn day of the Jewish year, occurring on the 10th of Tishrei (usually September or October) to mark the culmination of the 10 Days of Awe. It is a day dedicated to repentance, prayer, and fasting for 25 hours, aimed at seeking forgiveness for sins, reconnecting with God, and purifying oneself for the year ahead.
7. Tabernacles (Sukkot) - Sukkot, or the Feast of Tabernacles, is a major week-long Jewish holiday (starting October 16, 2024, or October 5, 2025) that celebrates the fall harvest and commemorates the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, living in temporary shelters. It is a joyous, Torah-commanded festival characterized by building and dwelling in a temporary, roofed hut called a "sukkah" and waving the "Four Species" (citron, date palm, myrtle, and willow)



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- Pilgrimage Festivals: Jesus regularly attended the three major festivals requiring travel to Jerusalem: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles.
- Additional Celebrations: Jesus also observed other Jewish traditions not in the Torah, such as Hanukkah (the Feast of Dedication, John 10:22).
- Weekly Sabbath: The weekly Shabbat was the most frequent "holiday" Jesus celebrated, with the Gospels noting it was his custom to go to the synagogue.
- Significance: These holidays were viewed as prophetic, with the first four (spring feasts) fulfilled by Jesus' death and resurrection, and the fall feasts relating to future events.

How many Jewish Feasts were there?

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Does the Bible say what feast Jesus was attending in John 5?

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When the Bible doesn't specifically say something should we get upset?

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Is it fun to debate and research information in the Bible?

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What Book should you use to study the Bible?

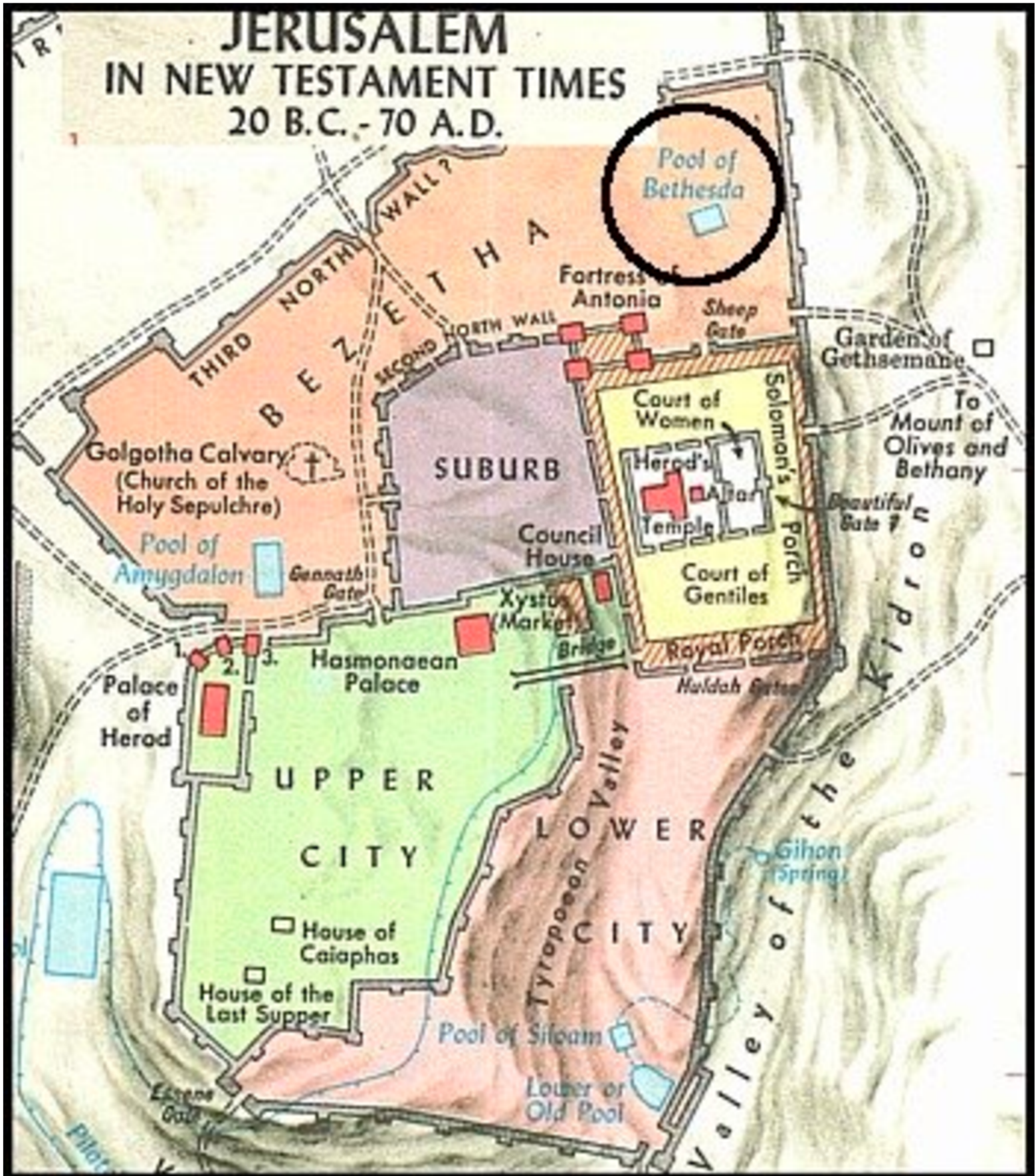
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Find the Sheep Gate:





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People gathered at the Pool of Bethesda in John 5, specifically in its five porticoes.

A portico is a covered entrance to a building, featuring a roof supported by columns, often with a gable.

They believed the pool's waters had miraculous healing powers. According to local legend, an angel would periodically stir the water, and the first person to enter afterward would be healed of any disease

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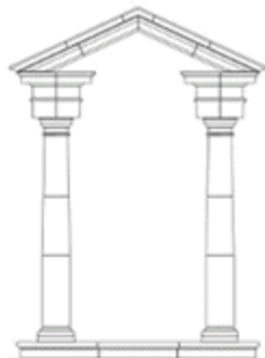
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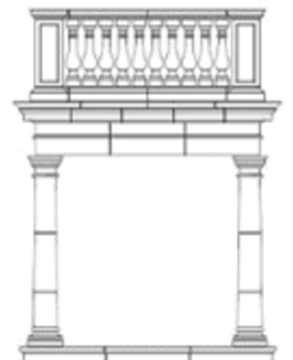
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