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Dedication

To my Bill and all our children.
A grateful heart to Jim and Doris, Sally, Mary, and Lyndsay.
Psalm 78:1-7
Praise Jesus!

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Introduction

"O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!

In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures."

Psalm 104:24

The messages that God has sent us through the animals he created are as marvelous and varied as the animals themselves. Read what God says through the lives and habits of these amazing creatures. Take time to color the images and call to mind the wisdom and humor of God. He is the ultimate Creator and Artist. And he created you above all the animals, an image of Himself, filled with creativity!



Cow

"Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills." Read Psalm 50:10-15

God made all the cattle, and he owns all the cattle. In fact, he owns all the animals.

If he were hungry, he could just kill and eat any animal he wanted. He doesn't need us to feed him.

But he tells his people in this Psalm they are to give thank offerings to him. It's not because he's hungry—it's because he wants them to remember that they have a mighty God who made them and loves them and is taking care of them.

God gave us life, we didn't give him life. He gives us food to eat so we can keep living. He **created** you. He **feeds** you.

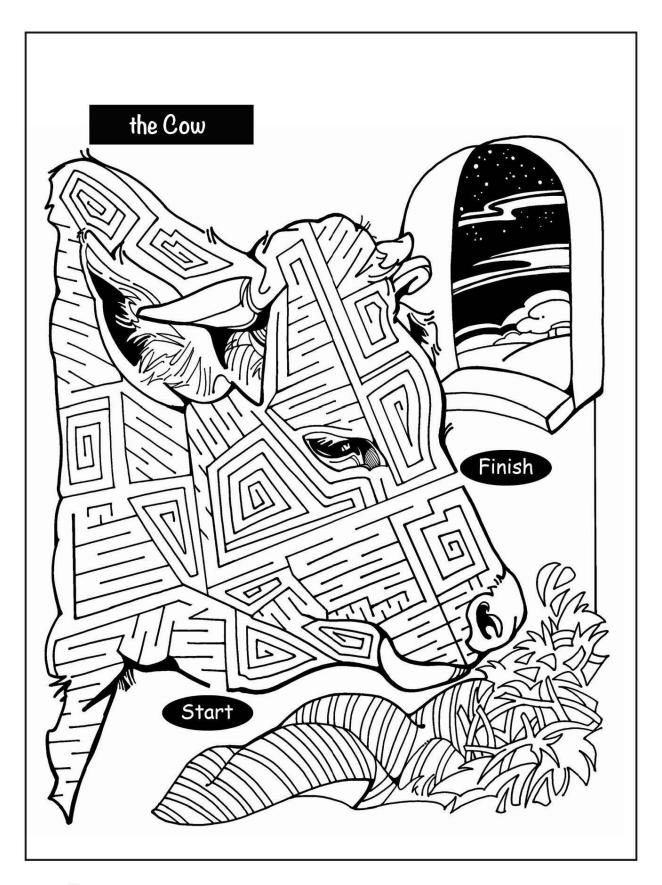
Your part is not to feed God or deliver God from trouble. **He doesn't need anything** from you. His desire is that you **enjoy** all that he has given you, you **thank** him for it, and you **trust** that he will keep giving you all you need.

"Father, thank you for creating me. I'm sorry that I so often forget to be grateful for all that you give me—my life, my food each day, my home, and my family. I'm sorry that I forget to thank you for loving me.

"Will you forgive me?

"I want to live a thankful life. I trust that you will give me good things every day, and that you will keep loving and caring for me every day. And when I call on you and ask you to forgive me and to help me, I trust you will deliver me."

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0	You want me to thank you for	
	In this scripture passage I see these three things are true about you 1 2 3	
0	It's my part to 1	

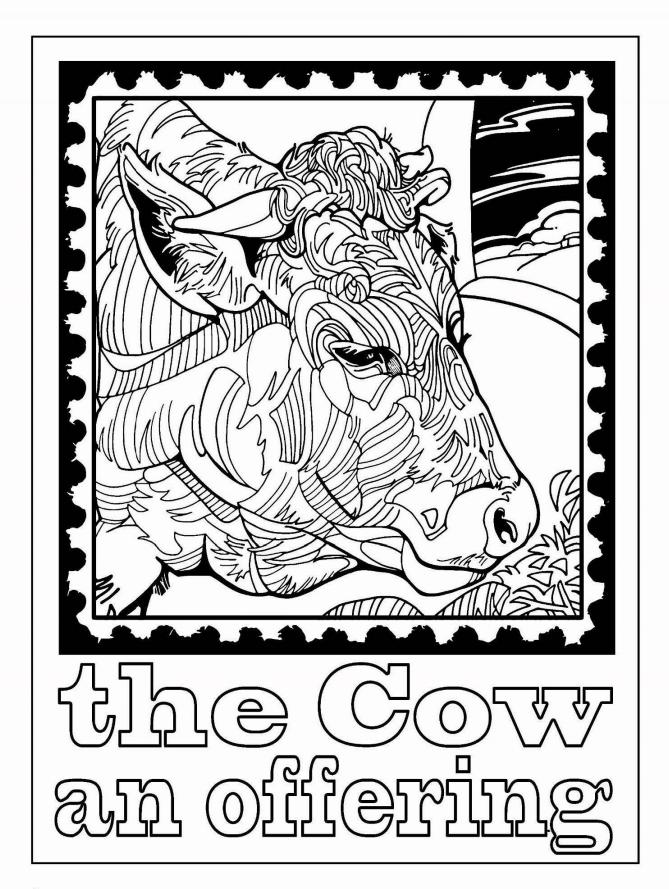


Cow

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belong to God cow hamburger milk strong belt fields hills pasture thanksgiving

cattle gifts master plow transportation



Cow

Sheep

"He calls his own sheep by name and leads them . . . "

Read John 10:1-15

Even though sheep look alike, their shepherds see differences in their faces and in their personalities. They know their sheep and call their sheep by name, and their sheep follow them.

Sheep have a tendency, though, to wander off. They get busy eating grass and they forget to follow the shepherd. Then the shepherd has to find them and bring them back home to safety.

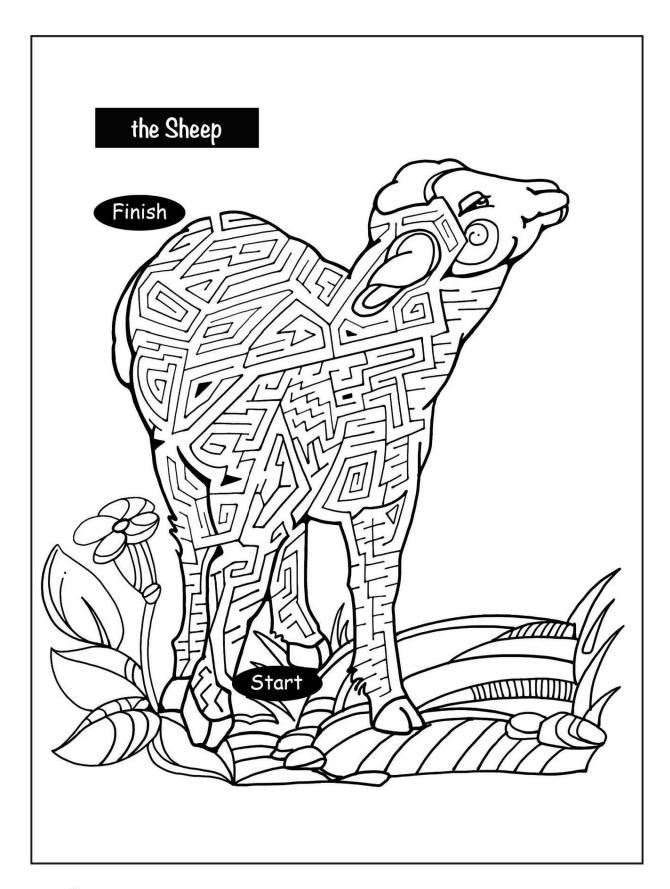
The Father says we are like sheep—we have all wandered off. We have all **gone astray**, the Bible says in Isaiah 53:6. We have ignored God and **gone our own way**. We are like lost sheep, wandering around the hills with no shepherd and no way to get home to the warm stable.

But the good news is that God **gave us Jesus**, his own Son, to be a shepherd for us, and he also **gave us his Holy Spirit**, who gives us wisdom, so we can know God, and trust him, and follow him (Ephesians 1:15-23).

Jesus **calls** his people by name, and they hear his voice and follow him. He **leads** us to safety. He loves us so much, he even was willing to **die** to protect us.

"Dear God, I sometimes ignore you and wander off and get lost. Thank you for Jesus, The Good Shepherd, who calls me by name and who leads me to safety. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving me ears to hear and wisdom to turn around and follow Jesus to safety"

	Journal Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
	We are all like sheep because we all have 1 2
	God, you gave me two things I need in order to be safe 1 2
	Jesus is like my good shepherd because he 1
	Write and memorize Psalm 119:176.

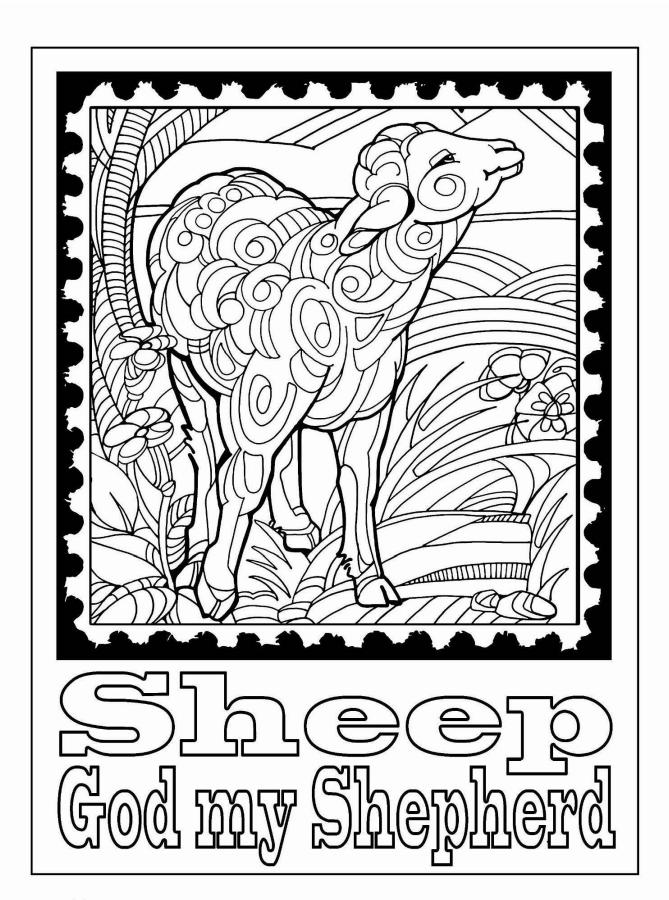


Sheep

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caring listen pasture restore still follow Lord quiet safety trusting

his voice no fear resting shepherd wander



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Dove

"I have seen the Spirit descending like a dove out of heaven, and it remained on him." Read John 1:29-34

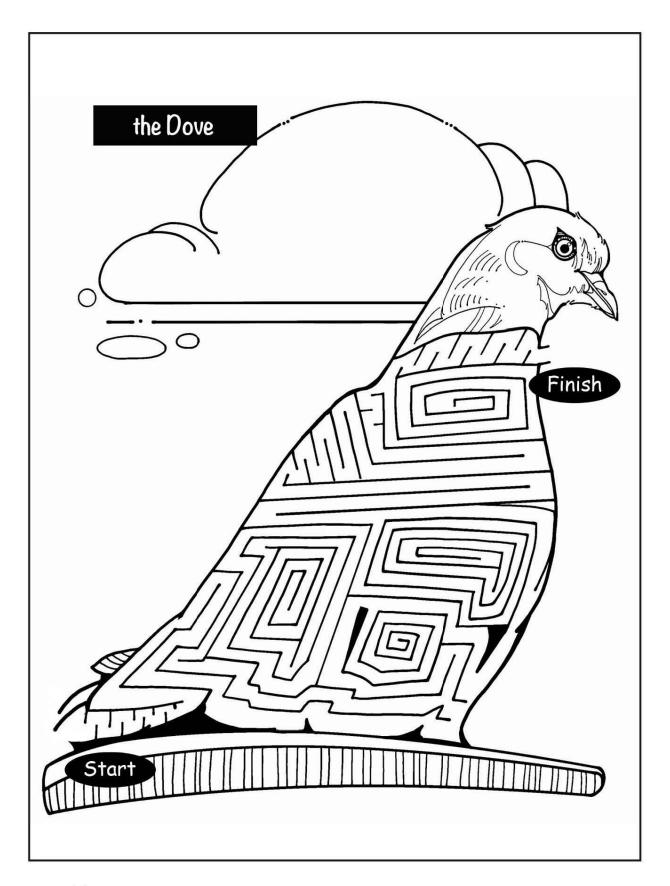
As Jesus came up out of the water after his baptism, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended as a dove sent down by God. It landed on Jesus and rested there.

The Holy Spirit took the form of a dove! Why not a mighty eagle or a protective hen? Why a dove?

- Jesus said doves were innocent (Matthew 10:16). The dove was seen as pure. It is white which stands for purity. God is also pure (James 1:13, Isaiah 43:15).
- The dove is gentle. It harms no one. God is also gentle with his people. He's compassionate. He remembers that we are weak (Isaiah 42:3, Exodus 34:6).
- The dove flies where it chooses. God also goes where he chooses—no one is smart enough to tell him where to go or what to do (John 3:8, Romans 11:34).
- The dove has keen eyesight. And God has the keenest
 eyesight of all— he can look into your heart and see what is
 hidden there (1 Samuel 16:7).

"Father, your Holy Spirit goes where he chooses, but your word says you will give him to those who ask you. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, my Savior and Lord, and the gift of your Holy Spirit who lives in me and gives me power to live a life well pleasing to you."

	Journal
	Date:
0	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	When I read John 1:32 I can see that it doesn't say a dove landed on Jesus. It says
	landed on Jesus.
\bigcirc	God, you are like a dove in at least four ways. You are
	1.
	2.
	3
	4
\bigcirc	When I read 1 Corinthians 3:16, I see that the Holy Spirit lives in people who believe and follow Jesus. Because the Holy Spirit lives in me, I have the power to live a life and to be
	and
	with my family, my friends, and even my enemies.
\bigcirc	Write and memorize Romans 8:15.

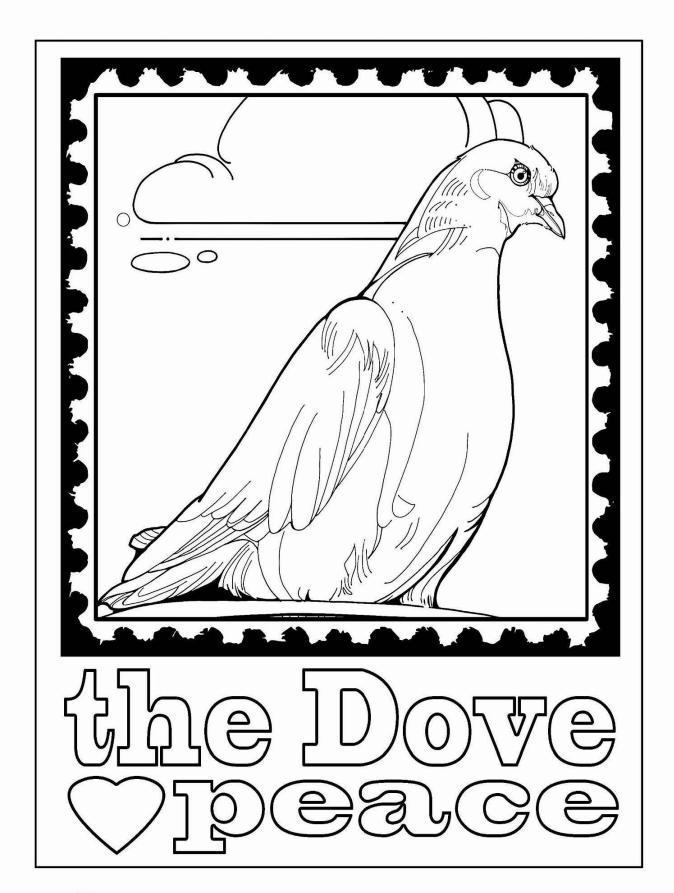


Dove

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be still for all heaven landing rest eyesight gentle Holy Spirit obey river

Father God gift Jesus peace Son of God



Dove

Ram

"Then Abraham went out and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son."

Read Genesis 22:1-14

God promised Abraham that he would have a son and that his son would grow into a great nation. And through this son, all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

Abraham waited and waited and waited. But no son.

Finally! After 25 years, God gave Abraham a son.

And then God tested Abraham, to see who had first place in Abraham's heart. He told Abraham to sacrifice his son.

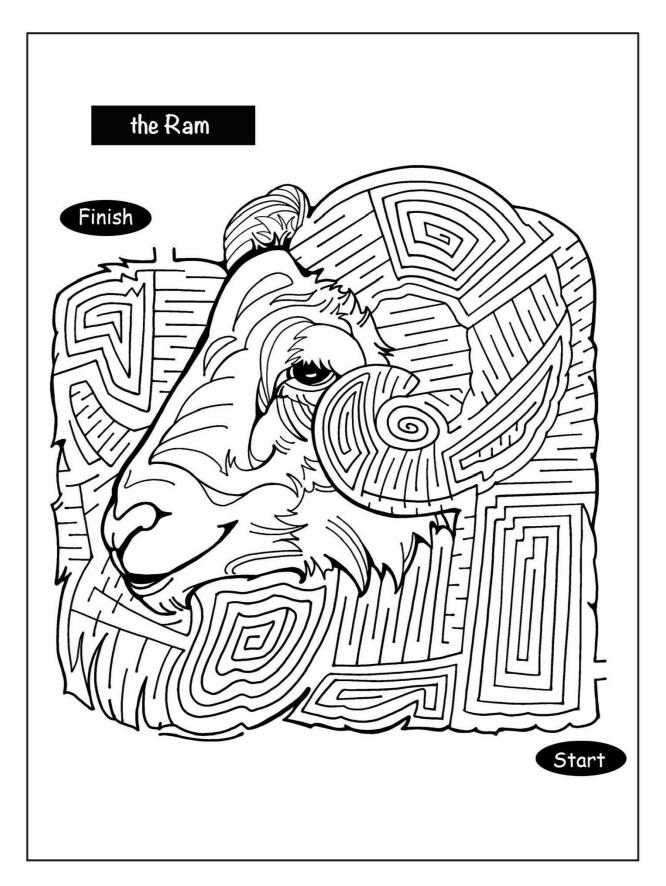
What? How could Abraham kill his beloved son?

While Abraham waited for his son all those years, he had learned to trust God more and more. Abraham believed that God would keep his promise. God had always kept his promises to Abraham. Because of this, Abraham believed that God would raise his son from the dead (Hebrews 11:19).

So with Isaac tied to the altar, Abraham took up the knife to kill him. But the Lord stopped him. Then Abraham saw a ram caught in the thicket. He sacrificed it instead of his son. God had provided a ram for the sacrifice, to take Isaac's place.

"Dear Lord, you are jealous over my love for you. You made me for yourself and you love me beyond the love of any human being. Abraham is the father of all who have faith, and I want to have his kind of faith. Help me trust you more and more every day."

	Journal
	Date:
\circ	Thank you, God for
0	When I read John 2:21-23, I can see that Abraham's actions showed that he trusted God. Our lips may say we believe God, but our actions are what show what we really believe . If I I can jump off a high dive at the pool without getting hurt, I will climb up and Some kids never can do it. Their lips may say they it is safe, but since they never jump, their say they probably don't believe.
0	When God tested Abraham, everyone could see that he was faithful (devoted to God's commands). Everyone could also see that God is faithful (devoted to keeping his promises). God commanded Abraham to offer up Isaac as a And then he provided a ram for Abraham to offer, and he kept his promises to Abraham. Isaac grew up and was the father of the great nation of Israel and through that nation all the nations of the earth have been blessed.
\bigcirc	God is asking me to do a hard thing and I want to show him that he has first place in my heart so I will



Ram

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Abraham Father obedient ram stop brush Isaac offering sacrifice test

command knife provide son trust God



the Rann God Provides

Ram

Goat

"And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering..."

Read Leviticus 23:19

God told the Israelites that sin required a blood sacrifice.

The wages of sin are death. God is kind and does not kill us the moment we sin, but he did require his people to sacrifice animals for a sin offering. He did this for two reasons: 1) to remind them of their guilt, and 2) to tell them that he would send a savior who would die in their place. God said He would, one day, send a man who would pay for their sin (Isaiah 53).

The people were to offer a male goat or lamb that was without **defect** or **blemish**. This told them the Savior who would come would be **sinless**. And, in the fullness of time, God sent his Son, Jesus, who was without sin or spot, and who died in our place.

John the Baptist called Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Jesus was the Spotless Lamb.

It is sad that Jesus had to die for my sins and yours.

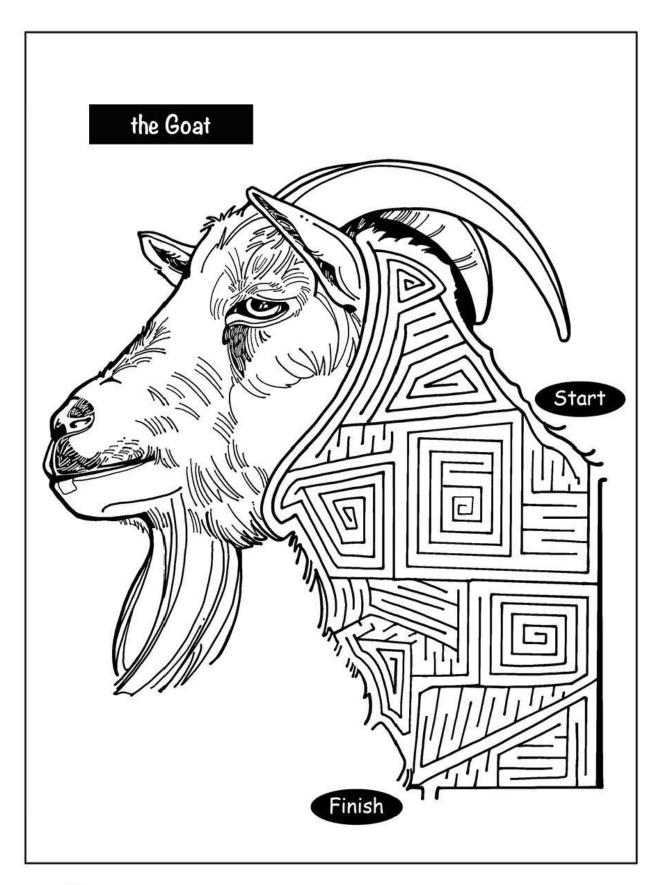
But that's not the end of the story!

He came back to life according to God's plan! He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 3:18).

Because he was the perfect sacrifice and because he came back to life and he still lives, there is now no more need to sacrifice goats as a sin offering (Hebrews 7:26-28). Jesus paid it all!

"Father my heart is filled with worship as I remember how you sent your Son, Jesus, as the One and Only sacrifice to forgive us of our sins."

	Journal
	Date:
0	Thank you, God for
	I can see that God made this strange command, "Offer a male goat for a sin offering," for two reasons 1
0	I think God commanded they give goats that were without spot or blemish because
\bigcirc	We don't offer goats today because
0	I praise you Jesus for becoming my sacrificial lamb that took the punishment for my sin. No one can take away my sin but you. Thank you for coming to live inside me so that all of your goodness now lives in me. Write and memorize John 1:29.



Goat

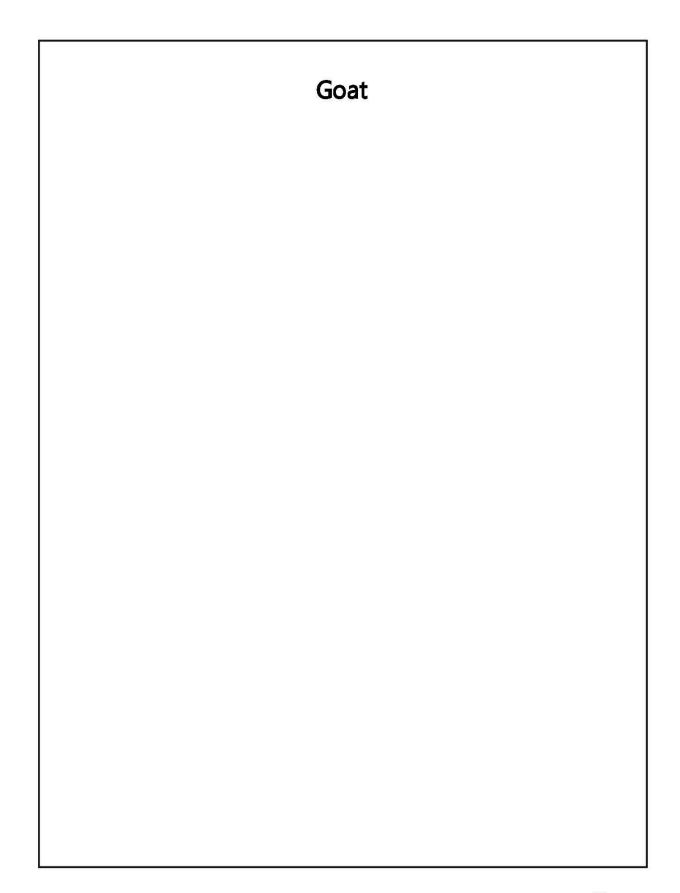
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best choose give obey sacrifice blemish forgiveness no spot offering worship

blessed free not guilty perfect yearly



The Goat is very useful



Deer

"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants after you, O God." Read Psalm 42

There lived a famous king whose name was David. He is probably the one who wrote the Psalm above. David is describing his passion to know God. His desire for God is like a deer searching for a drink of cool water. The deer is panting—he's desperate for a drink. He might feel like **he'll die if he doesn't get a drink** soon.

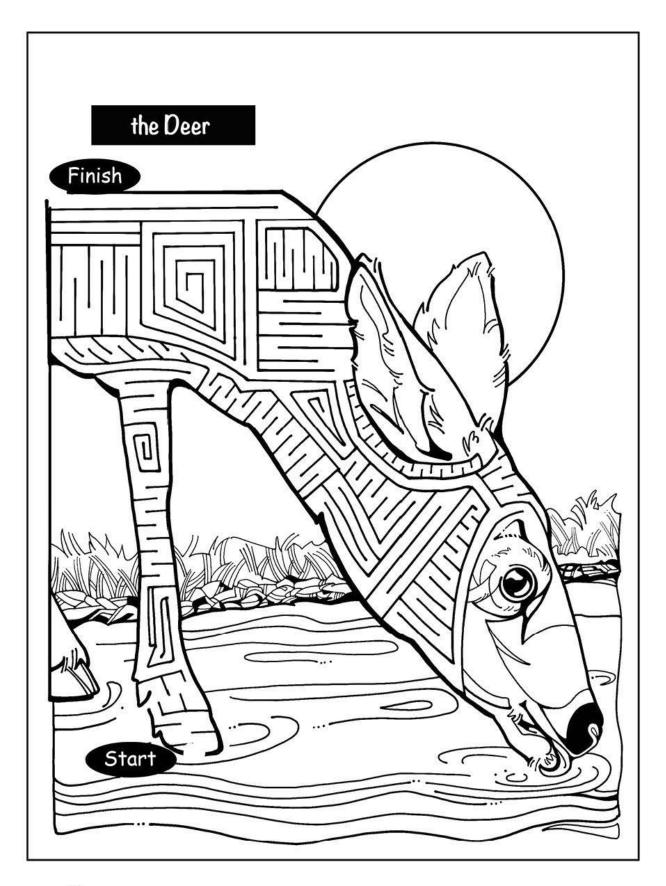
As we read on, we discover David is in pain. His enemies are attacking him, and he is waiting for God to deliver him. He feels like God has forgotten him. He feels desperate—he might even die if God doesn't come soon to save him. And yet he trusts God, so he tells himself there's no need to be disturbed.

David's hunger and thirst for God included his desire to trust and obey God all the days of his life. Even when he was in hard places, he praised God.

And though David was not perfect his trust and his desire to be obedient pleased God so much that he called King David a man after his own heart. David's close relationship with God gave him great joy and made him a great king.

"Oh, Lord, you are the only source of joy and peace. I want to know you more. Give me a heart that hungers and thirsts to know, trust, and obey you always. I will not get discouraged when I am not perfect. I will confess my sin, trusting you to be faithful and just to forgive."

	Journal
	Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	A deer needs water because
	To have a heart that pants after God means to a) feel like I'll die if God doesn't give me a drink of water b) feel like I want God to slow down c) feel like I want to be close to God all the time d) feel like I need to take a nap
	When David was in trouble he cried out to God. When I am in trouble or even just bored, I sometimes look to these other things instead of God for help or comfort
	David was not perfect. I am not perfect either. To help me remember to confess my sin so I can have a close relationship with God, I will write and memorize 1 John 1:9.



Deer

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Bible King David pray seek thirsty for God deer listen read swift water

drink obey river talk to God worship



The Deer Thirsty for God

Deer

Falcon

"That path no bird of prey knows, neither has the falcon's eye seen it."

Read Job 28

There are hidden walking paths, says God, that not even the keen eye of a falcon can see from above. He gave the falcon extremely sharp eyesight—it can see a small animal, that will make a tasty meal, from two miles away! And yet this passage tells us that even if men dig deep into the earth and tunnel down where the falcon can't see, they still won't find wisdom.

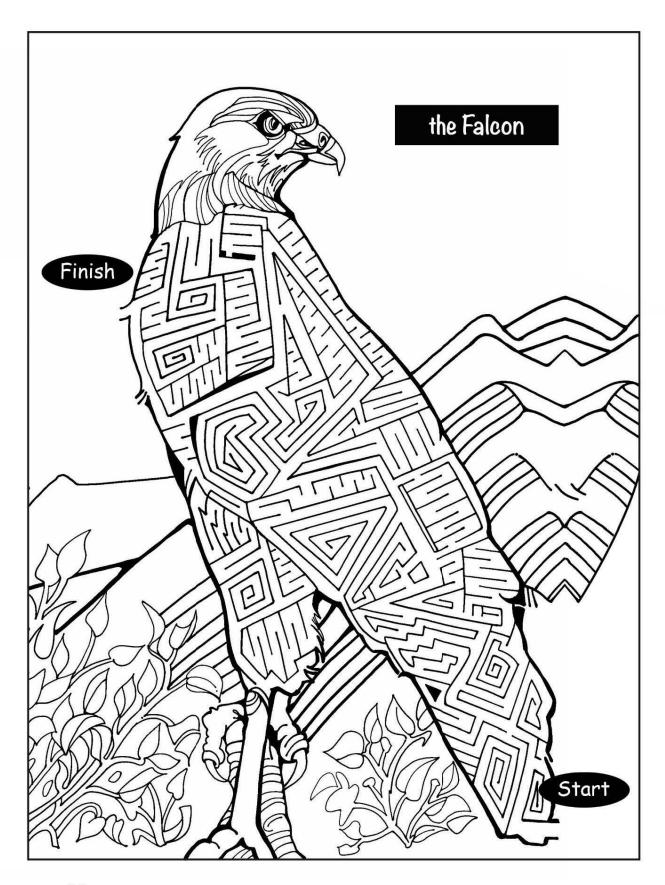
In verse 23 we are told that God understands the way to wisdom—he alone knows where it dwells.

But he has told us where it dwells, as well. Proverbs 9:12 says the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Makes sense, doesn't it? God alone knows where wisdom dwells and that makes him different from us. That makes him high and holy. So we look to him in reverent awe, and that shows we are beginning to be wise.

And the Bible also tells us if we ask God for wisdom, he'll give it to us in generous amounts (James 1:5). We don't need to dig into the earth. He freely gives it.

"Father I don't want to be a fool. I want to be wise. I'm so glad you know where wisdom lives. Thank you for promising to give wisdom to people who ask you. Please make me wise as I continue to read your word. I believe that you are the source of all wisdom and that you are willing and able to share your wisdom with me."

	Journal
	Date:
	Thank you, God for:
	God gave the falcon keen eyesight. I think he is willing to give me keen spiritual eyesight so I will see
\ /	When I read Proverbs 18:6 and 14:16, I see that it is important to be wise, because
O F	Read Matthew 7:24-27 and draw a picture to go with those verses.



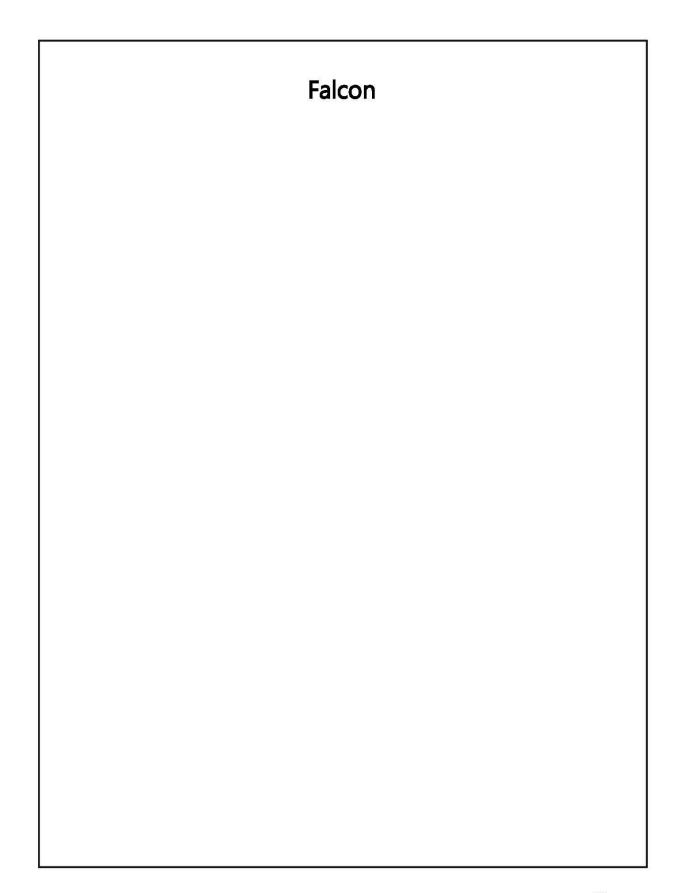
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eyesight God's design keen share wisdom of God





Fish

"Here is a boy with five barley loaves and two small fish.

But what difference will these make among so many?"

Read John 6:1-11

Here we read about one small boy with two small fish.

There are over 30,000 different types of fish in the oceans, and there are millions of small boys in the world.

How can one small boy, two small fish. and five barley loaves do anything important?

The boy was hanging out with the multitudes of people who were spending the day with Jesus, listening to his stories and teachings. One small boy in the middle of a huge crowd.

As the people listened it grew late and they were hungry. But no one had brought lunch! Only this boy. **He was prepared**.

Jesus took the boy's lunch, thanked His Father, and then fed the entire crowd! Jesus did a miracle. He multiplied the boy's lunch.

We all have something to offer back to God. He has given you talents and abilities that he wants to use. He wants us to offer back what he's given us. He wants us to use our talents for his glory.

And he is able to multiply our gifts, just as he multiplied the loaves and the fish, and use them to help others.

"Father, thank you for the gifts you have given me. Help me to learn to use them well so I'll be prepared when you call on me. Multiply my talents for your glory and to help others."

Journal			
	Date:		
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for		
\bigcirc	In the story of the loaves and fish I can see that God can multiply my resources. The dictionary says the word "resources" means		
\bigcirc	Father, you have created me with a special gift or talent, and this is one resource I can use for your glory. This gift or talent is		
	I will study to grow my gift. Others who also have this skill and who can teach me are 1		
	Father, you kindly gave me this talent to enjoy. But I know it is not given just for fun. This is how I can serve you with my gift		
0	Write and memorize Colossians 3:23.		

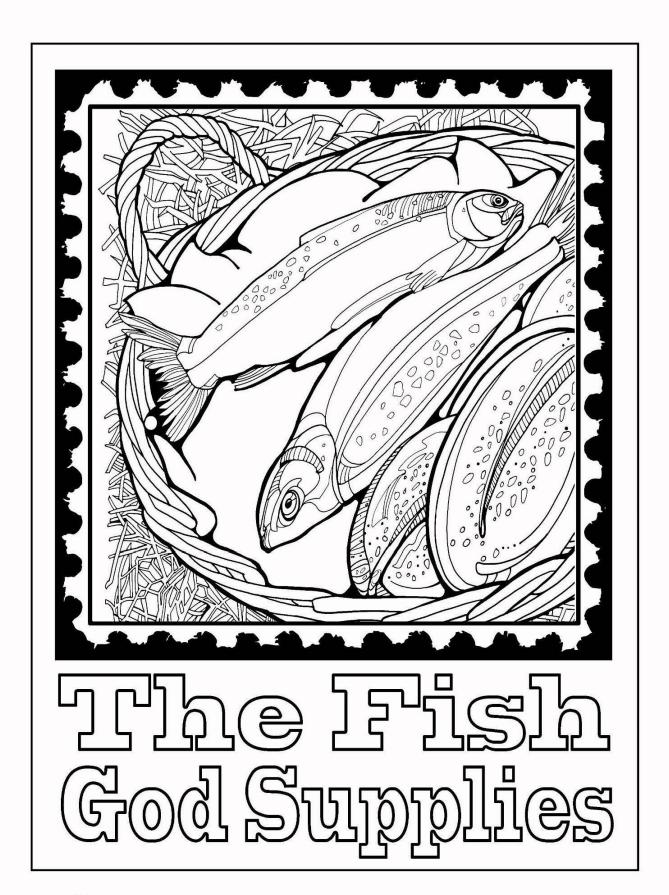
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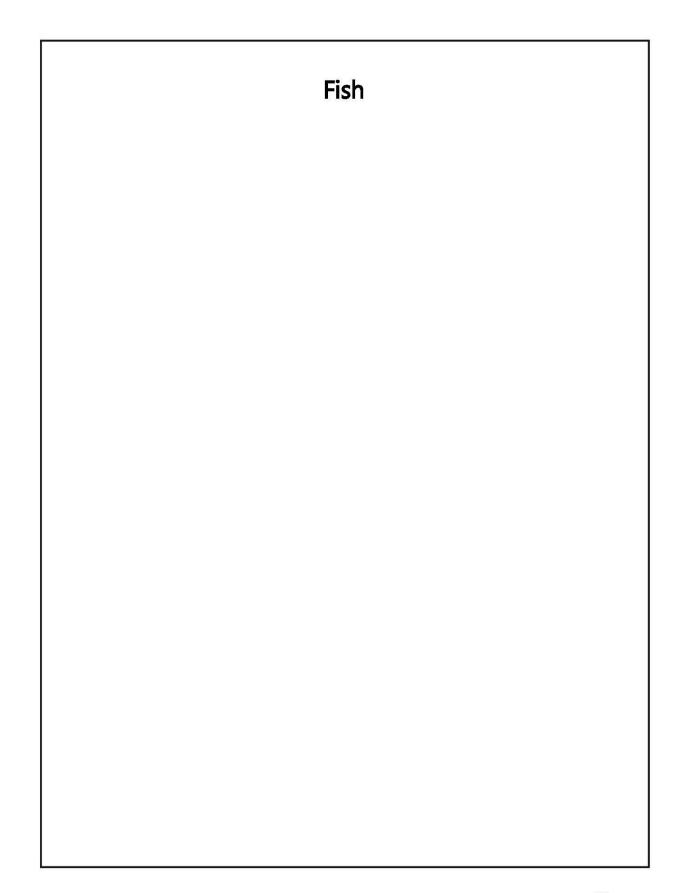
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bread five God supplies lunch two





Sparrow

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care."

Read Matthew 10:26-31

Have you noticed how very small a sparrow is? Out in the wide world, filled with houses, trees, and sky, we often miss seeing them as they go about their business.

Think of their color. They are usually an ordinary tan or brown that blends into the background. We are more likely to notice these birds when they are together in large groups on housetops. Even then, the single, little bird gets lost among so many.

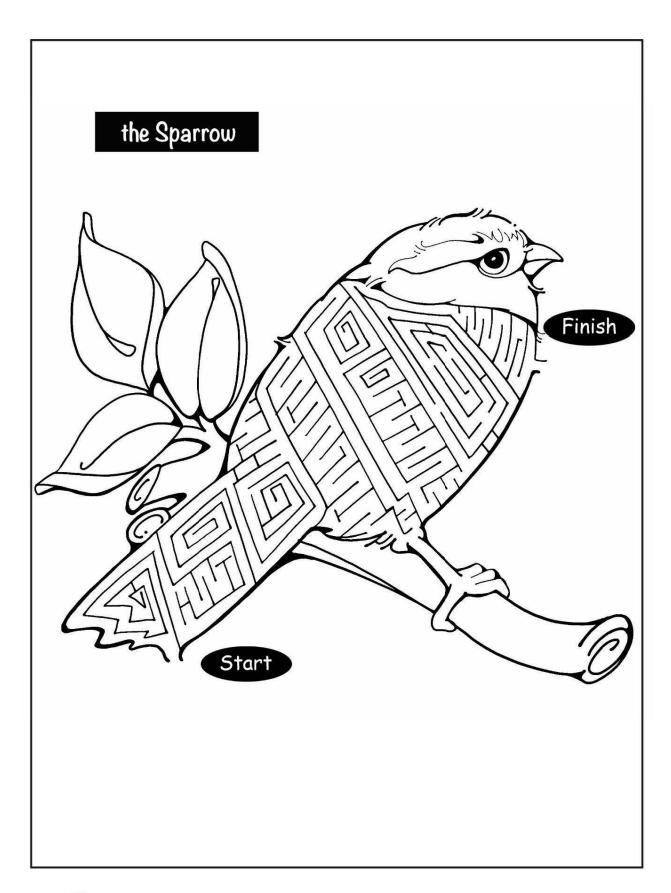
They are so small and ordinary that they aren't worth very much. Jesus said that people who bought them at a market could get two for a penny!

But Jesus also said there is Someone who notices—and watches over every tiny bird in the world. Not even one falls to the ground without our Father God seeing. He cares about every single sparrow and notices when they are hurt.

If the Father is carefully watching over birds, how much more carefully is He watching over you? To Him you are many times more valuable than any sparrow. You are His child. He loves you.

"Thank you, Jesus! Because you paid the price for my sins, your Father is my Father too. Though I feel small and ordinary, our Father notices me. Make me mindful, Father, of your presence in my life. I want to live a fearless life, remembering you are with me always. I Praise You."

		Journal
		Date:
\circ	Thank you, Go	od for
\bigcirc		m not too small for you to notice me. In Matthew 10:29 you u are with me every minute of the day. Write the verse below.
	want to harm r my good and y for	re the lie that says you watch over me in anger or you me. No. Your word says that you watch over me in love for your glory. Psalm 23:1-4 tells me that the You lead us's sake. So we need not fear evil ure us and your rod and staff us.
\bigcirc	Father, When	se to trust your care over me because you are a good I am fearful, I will tell myself these things about what you circle your answer)
	1) You are	my Father a stranger someone who doesn't like me much
	2) You	forget about me watch over me leave me when I am in trouble
	3) I am	worthless your enemy a child you value



Sparrow

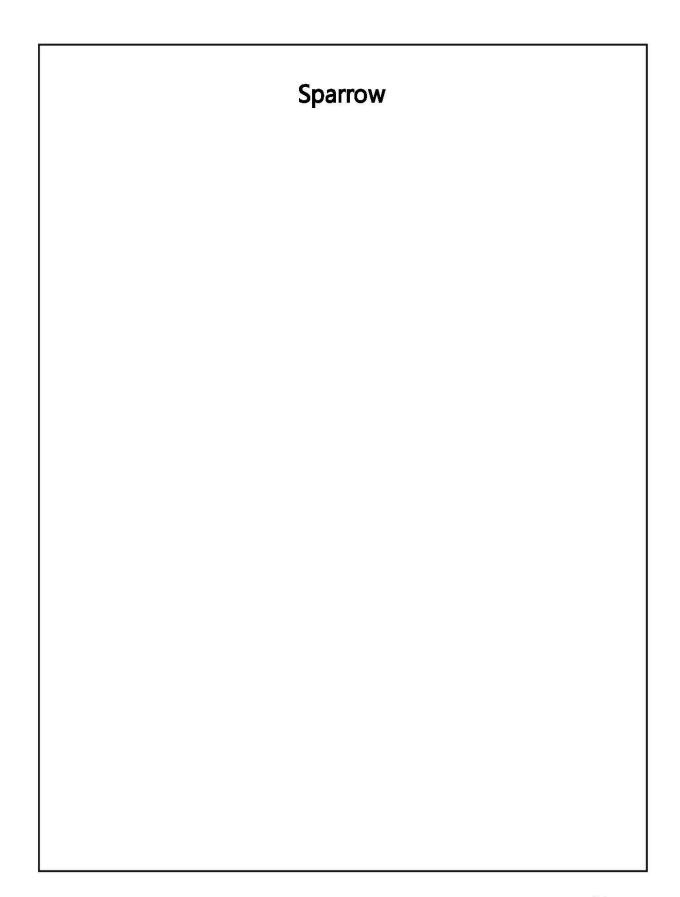
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Grasshopper

"We were in our own sight as grasshoppers and so we were in their sight." Read Numbers 13:1-2; 13:26-33

Shocking! It is the people of the Lord God Almighty who are saying these words. They went in to spy out the land God gave them, and they saw giants occupying their promised property.

Immediately they began to see themselves as tiny grasshoppers by comparison. Looking at the giants, they believed what they saw and not what God said. This is always dangerous.

We see fear rise up, spreading throughout God's army as they take their eyes off of Him.

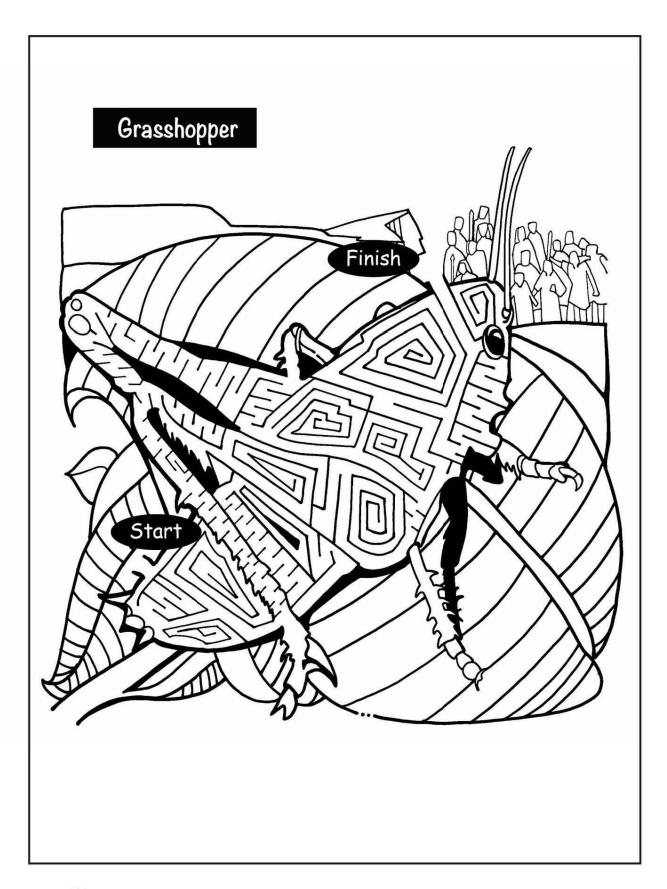
"No," the enemy whispers, "You cannot take this land that God has promised you. You are as small and weak as grasshoppers and the giants are big and mighty."

But we know if they would shake off the lies, look to God—who has promised to go before them and give them the land—and agree with what he says about them, he would give them victory.

Only two out of that whole army believed God, and they received what he promised them.

"Father, if you are for us, who can stand against us? I believe and agree with what you say. When you make a promise, you keep it. It doesn't matter how big or strong I am—what's important is how strong you are! I am never a grasshopper but always more than a conqueror because Jesus lives in me by your Spirit. I praise you!"

	Journal Date:
0	Thank you, God for
0	God's people called themselves grasshoppers because
0	Write Romans 8:37.
0	In Romans 8:37, God calls his people
0	Read Numbers 13:2; 13:17-30 and 14:31-33. I see in these Scriptures that you were pleased with the only two people who believed in what you said. They were:
	and In Hebrews 11:6 I learn about what pleases God. It is my



Grasshopper

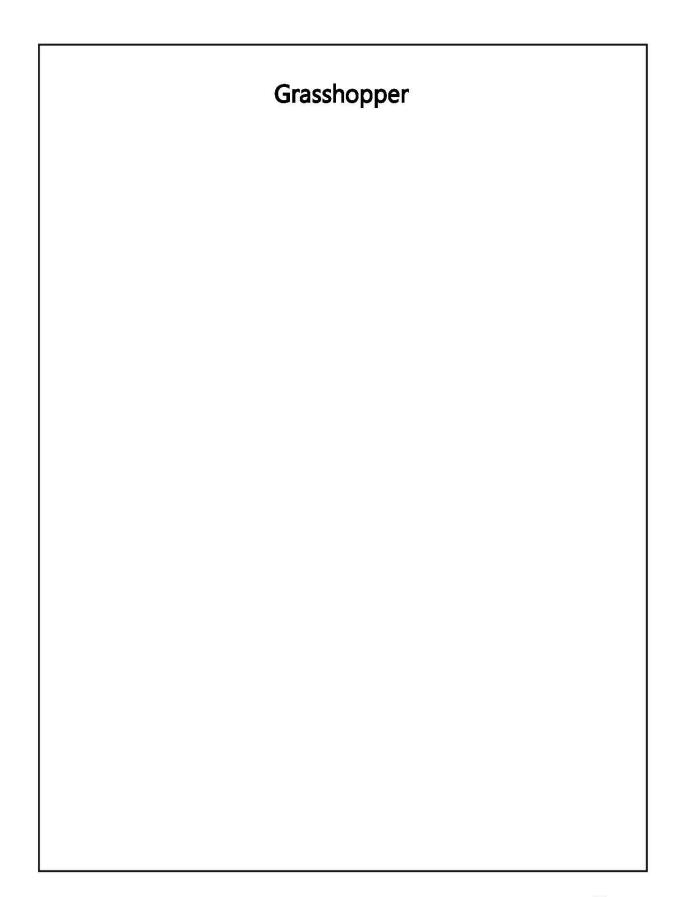
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Horse

"The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the Lord." Read Proverbs 21:31

We don't use horses to fight in wars anymore, but back before we had drones and missiles, men would often ride specially trained horses into battle. These mighty horses were not afraid to charge straight at the enemy line. They were trained to rear and stomp and kick. Normally horses won't step on a person if they can help it. But war horses were fierce. They wanted to win. They needed to win. Their lives depended on it.

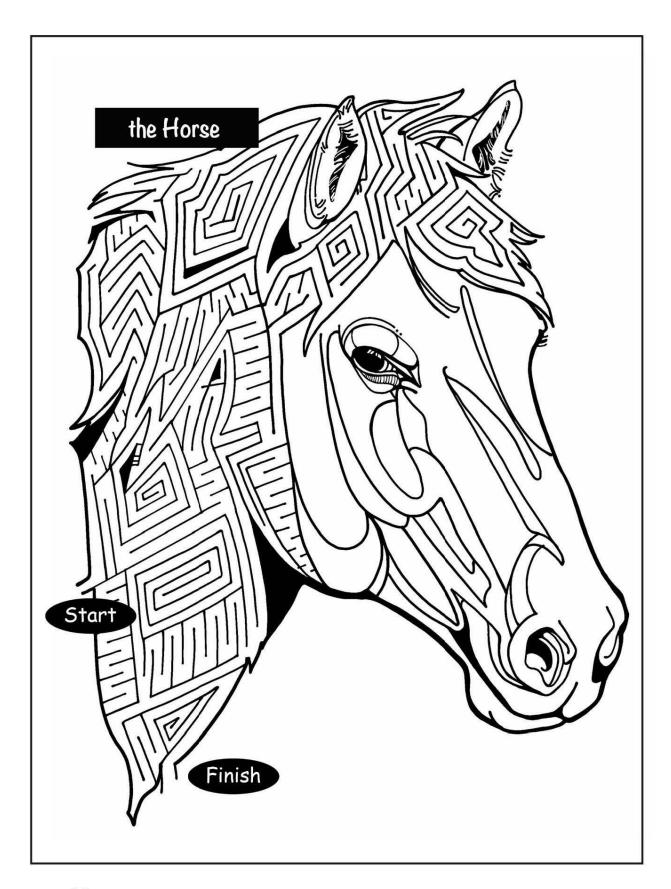
Here Proverbs teaches us something about winning. We should do our duty to prepare for any challenge or test, and then we should bravely charge forward at God's command.

And after that? We can trust God for the outcome.

Victory is in God's hands, and his wisdom is far beyond ours. He knows everything and acts according to what he knows. In the Bible he says those who come to him must believe that he exists and that is he is a rewarder of these who seek him and believe in him. So when the battle is over, if we have placed all our faith in him, we will receive a reward! We can't lose!

"Father, I do not like to lose. When I work hard, I want to win. Help me to see your wisdom and blessing in the outcome, whether I win or lose. Show me where I can improve to see greater results, and I will trust you for the outcomes because you always give me what is best for me."

	Journal Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	In Proverbs 21:31 it says victory belongs to the Lord. That means
	 a) God decides who wins and who loses, not us b) we can never lose a basketball game because God always makes us victorious c) we should not bother to prepare because we can't win d) if I lose at anything it's because I was not prepared
\bigcirc	Father, I see from this verse that the horse and rider
	 a) lay around playing video games b) worked a little bit every day when their mothers made them, but stopped working as soon as their mothers weren't looking c) were prepared for battle, which means they had to train every day d) went into battle with half their armor missing and their socks falling down
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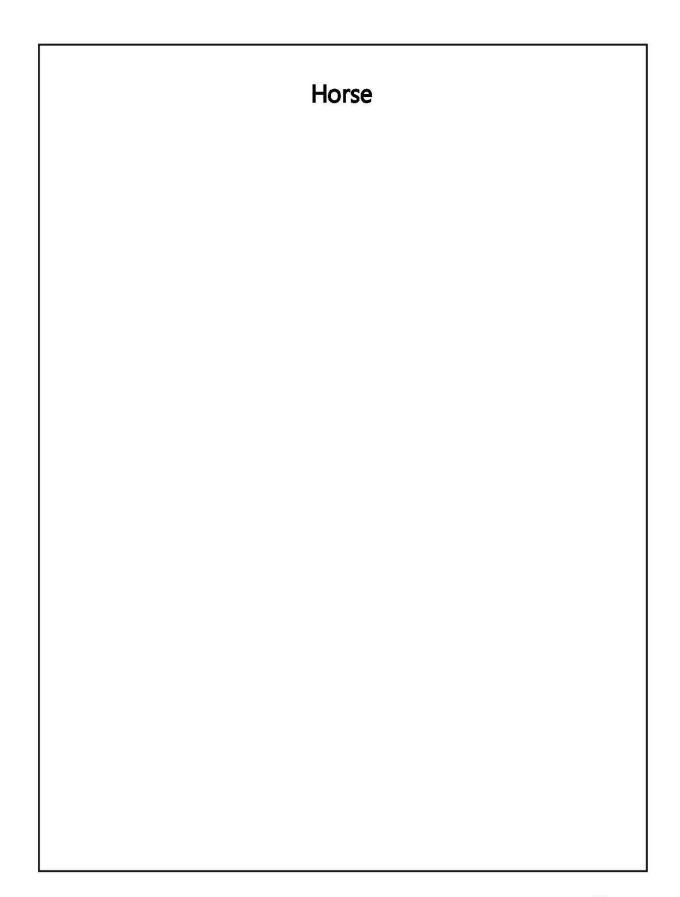
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the Horse swift & sure



Donkey

"See your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey . . . "

Read Matthew 21:5 and Luke 19:28-40

Jesus had spent almost three years working miracles and teaching people the good news of God's kingdom. He was about to enter Jerusalem when he told his disciples to go to a nearby village and bring him a young donkey that was waiting for him.

The disciples brought him the colt, and Jesus sat on it. What must that donkey have felt?

The King of Heaven and Earth had chosen to ride him through the streets of Jerusalem! Multitudes of people gathered around praising God as the donkey walked, slowly and lowly, carrying the King of Glory. The worship was exploding with all eyes upon Jesus.

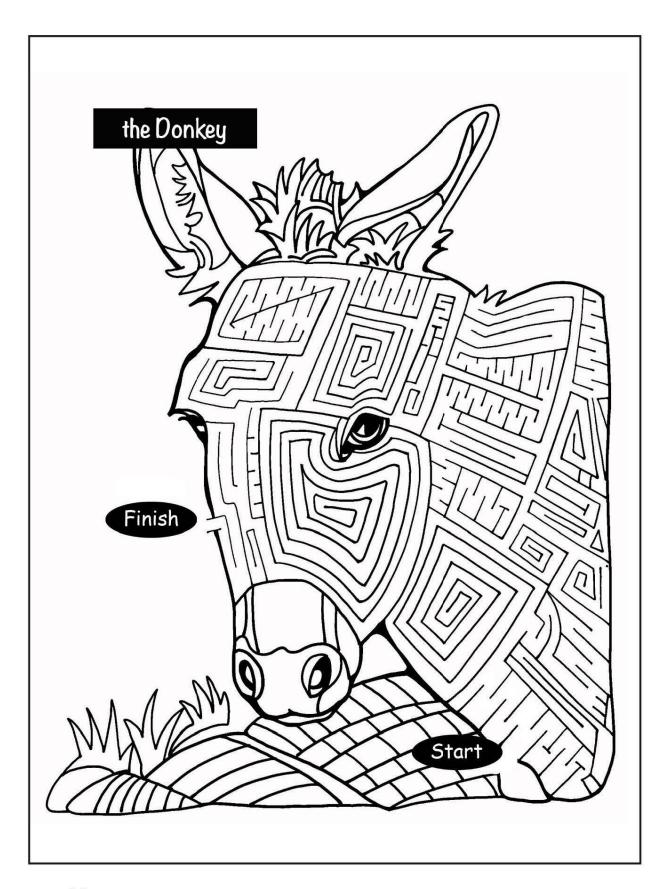
Even though we aren't walking through Jerusalem as the donkey did, we can show off Christ to people. The Bible says that he lives in us. That he is "Christ in you, the hope glory," (Colossians 1:27). And when we serve others, they can see Jesus in us.

Just as Jesus chose that colt, he has chosen you as well to "proclaim his excellencies," (1 Peter 2:9).

As you walk through your days—at school or at home—do you show Jesus to others?

"I worship you, God, and your Son, Jesus. Not just with my song but by giving you my hands and feet—my talent and obedience. I thank you for choosing me to carry your love to others. This gives my life joy! Every day I worship you in my heart."

	Journal
	Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	I think that Jesus came riding into town on a donkey because
\bigcirc	I know that Jesus wants me to show off his glory. These are ways that I can humble myself so he can shine through me 1
\bigcirc	Draw a picture to show how you imagine a mighty king might look as he enters a city.



Donkey

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Donkey

Raven

"Consider the raven: they don't sow,
they don't reap, they have no warehouse or barn,
and God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds?"

Read Luke 12:22-34

Jesus knew that we people have a tendency to worry.

Back then, people worried about what they would eat and what they would wear. They worried about how they would survive. Parents nowadays sometimes worry about how they will pay bills or where they should send you to school or how they will take care of your grandparents. Have you ever heard your mom or dad worry?

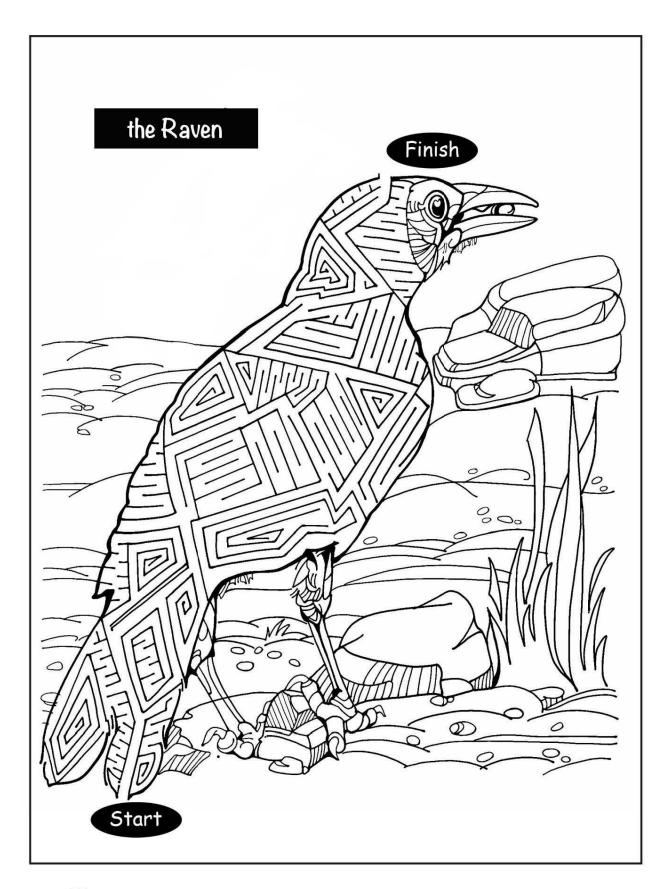
But why worry? The ravens don't sow or reap, and yet God feeds them. The ravens don't have bank accounts or schools or nursing homes, and yet God takes care of them every day.

If God feeds the birds who can't work for their food or pray for their food, how much more will He take care of you? There's no need to worry—he loves you way more than he loves the ravens. If he never forgets the ravens, he will for sure never forget you.

Jesus also tells us not to worry about what we will eat or what we will wear **because our Father knows we need these things.**Tell him what you need (1 Peter 5:7), and then relax. He's got this. He'll give you the proper things at the proper times.

"Thank you, Father for reminding me about the ravens. I belong to you and I trust you to give me what I need when I need it. And there is no need to worry! I praise you for your faithfulness to me and my family."

	Journal
	Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	Write out Luke 12:24.
\bigcirc	Jesus wants us to "consider" the ravens who don't sow or reap. This means
	 a) I should think about how the ravens get their food b) I should think about how ravens always look scary c) I should think about whether ravens can sew clothing d) I should think about what color ravens are
\bigcirc	I worry about these things
\bigcirc	Because God is my loving Father who made me and takes care of me, I choose not to worry but to trust God for these things



Raven

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the Raven God feeds

Raven

Quail

"They asked and he brought them quail, he fed them well with the bread of heaven ... "

Read Psalm 105:39-45

They asked and **God gave**. And he did not feed them with small morsels of tasteless food. He fed them with the fat, juicy, plump, delicate, tasty meat of the quail. **He fed them well!**

James 4:2 and 3 says we don't have because we don't ask, or when we do ask, we ask with selfish motives, wanting to spend what God gives us on our own pleasures. What comforting verses. We can ask God for anything, knowing he will give us what is good, and he will withhold things that will hurt us or encourage us to be greedy.

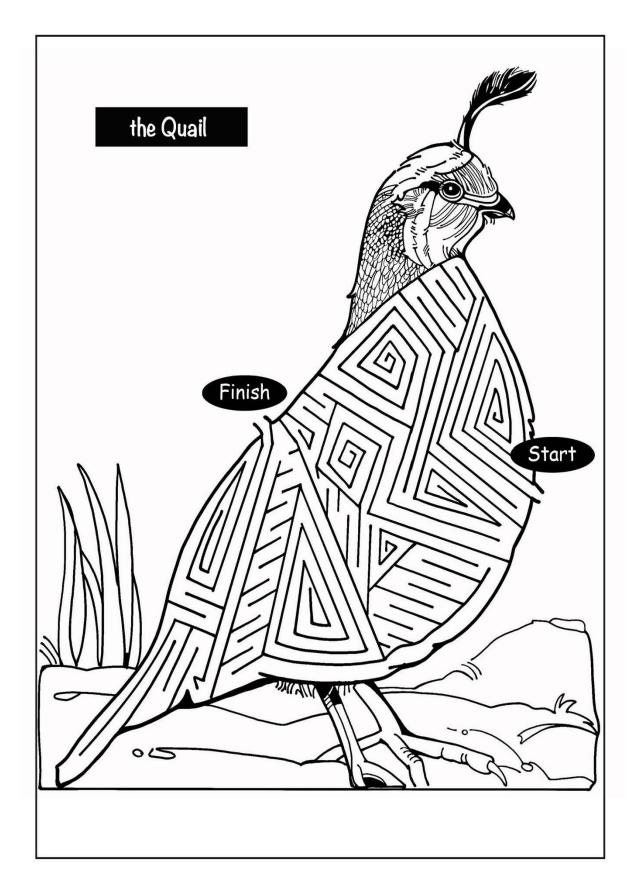
Think of it! We need only to ask him for what we need or want and then we can rest and trust Him to give us the thing that is best.

Are you afraid that your request is too big or too selfish? Ask anyway. God will let you know if you are asking for the right things.

Perhaps you don't feel like you are good enough to ask God for anything. Good News! Jesus has taken your sins upon himself and received the punishment for them. Praise his name! You are free to come to God with your desires. So be bold in faith. Ask him. He gives us more than morsels because he loves us!

"Father, thank you for creating me. I'm sorry I so often forget to be grateful for all you've given me. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sins. I can now come to you in bold faith. I will obey and ask you for what I want. I trust you to give what is best for me."

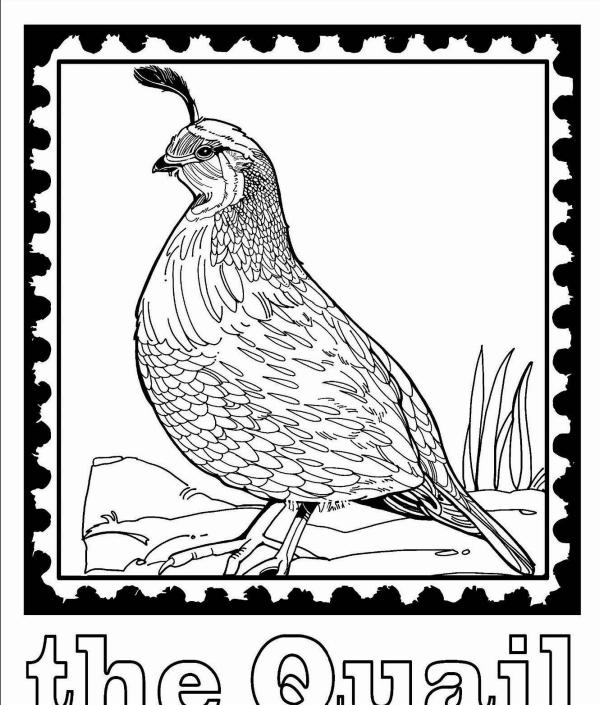
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\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	In Psalms 105:40 I see that the people God for what they wanted. And God's response to His people was this
0	Father, I have needs and I have wants. I believe, from the scriptures above, that you want to hear from me about these desires. This shows me how much you love me and want to talk with me in prayer. These three things are on my heart to bring to you today
	For my friends
	For myself
	Teach me to know that my true hunger is for your Word. It is my daily bread and fills my heart with these good things 1



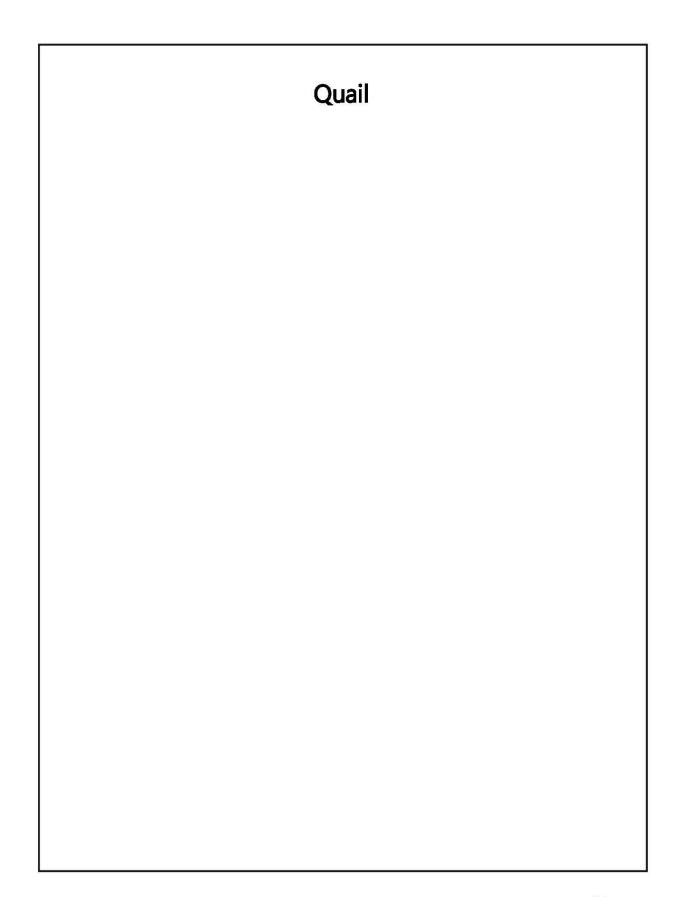
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The Quality God from God



Ant

"Go to the ant you sluggard. Consider her ways and be wise; which having no chief, overseer or ruler, provides her bread in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest."

Read Proverbs 6:6

Are you a sluggard? The definition of a sluggard is one who is a do-nothing loafer. A lazy person.

I can tell you for sure that God did not make you this way.

In this verse God tells us to go find an ant and carefully examine its daily habits. You will soon see that the ant is not a sluggard! Rather it is hardworking, consistent, and successful.

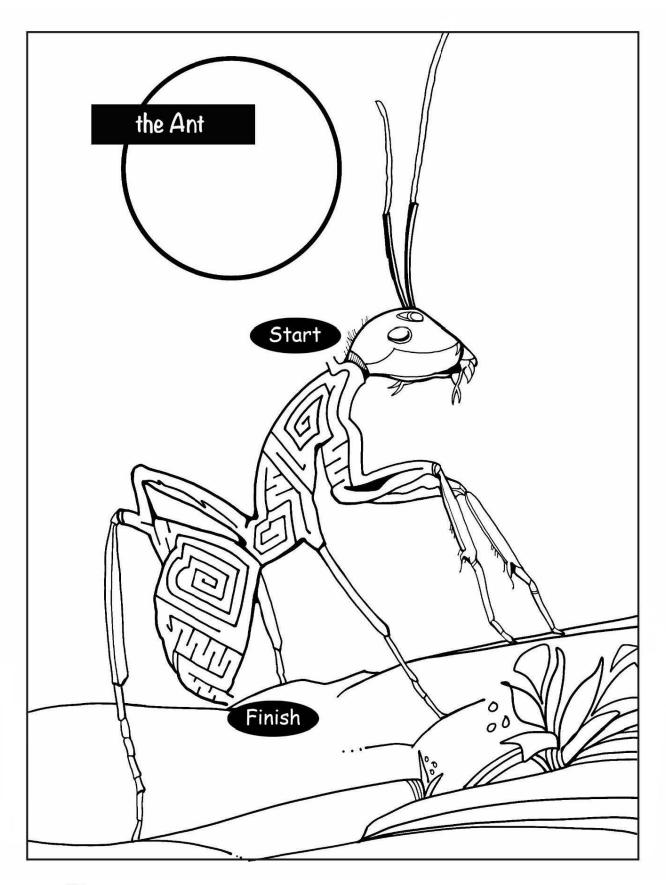
God tells us that we should work six days a week (Exodus 20:9). And he tells us to work hard like the ant.

When God made you, he gave you gifts, talents, and abilities so you are able to do all he calls you to do. Are you busy about what God has made you to be? Are you working to the best of your ability no matter how small the task?

Your Father is watching you and if you are faithful in small things, God will know he can trust you with big things, as well. Plus, you will have the joy of obeying him and seeing success God's way.

"Father, by your grace I say, 'No,' to any temptation to be lazy. You did not make me to be lazy. Cause me to know the gifts, talents, and abilities you've given me. Please bring me teachers and mentors that will help me grow in these gifts so that I may use them for your glory. Help me to be faithful in the smallest task."

	Journal
	Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
\bigcirc	Three things you teach me about the ant are 1
	2
\bigcirc	When I feel like a job is too hard and I am tempted to give up, I will remember Hebrews 13:20 and 21, which says that God is the one who
	people with every
	God. I want to be pleasing to God so I will use the equipment he has given me to get the job done.
\bigcirc	This is what I have learned about you by reading this verse about the ant
0	This is what I have learned about myself as your child from this verse about the ant

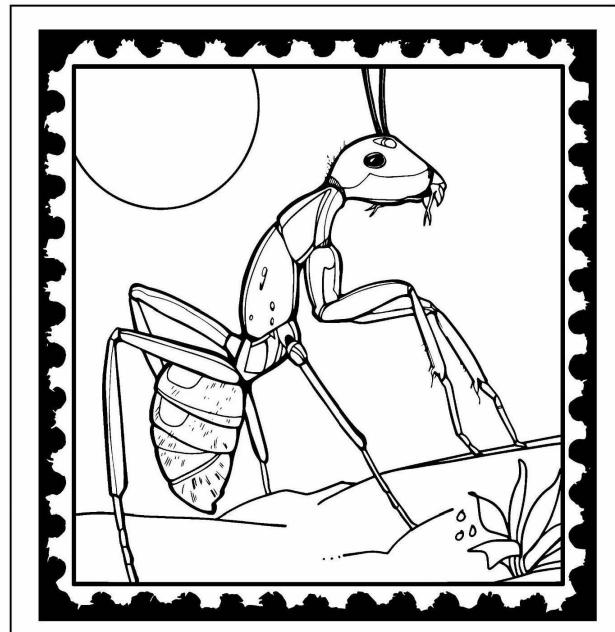


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Ant

Wolf

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves."

Read Matthew 7:15-19

The wolf is a wonderful animal made by God. In Genesis chapter 31, we are told that everything God has made is good. And that includes the wolf!

Still, I would not want to be walking to school or a friend's house and meet a ravenous wolf along the way. How about you? Wolves have big, sharp teeth, and ravenous wolves are licking their lips, thinking about tearing into the flesh of a chubby little sheep.

And Jesus, our Good Shepherd who is watching out for his flock, didn't use this example of a wolf for nothing. He is giving a strong warning.

False prophets will tear the flock up. They will eat the sheep.

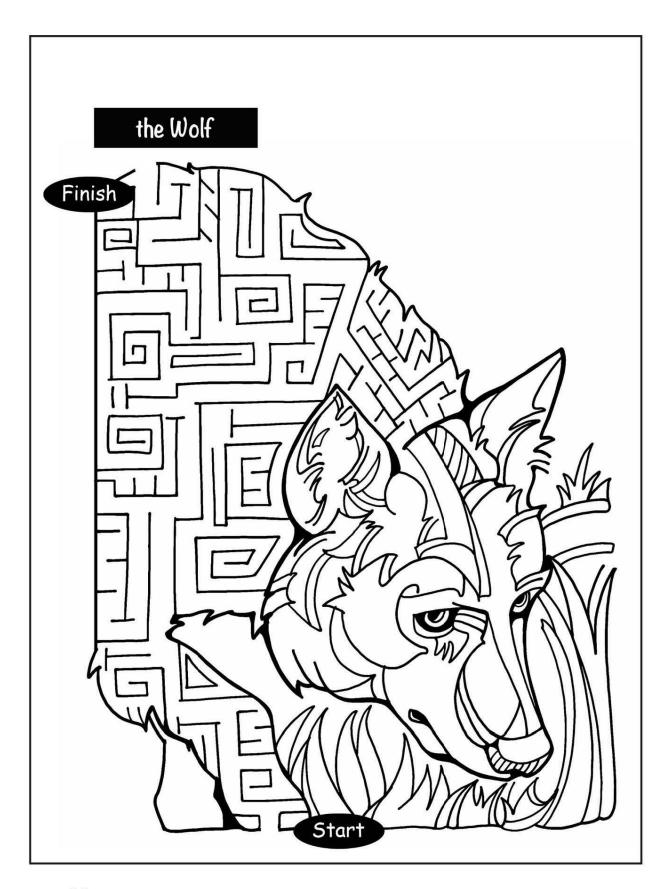
Paul and Peter also warned people to run from false prophets.

A sheep who goes snuggling up to a ravenous wolf won't be able to tame him. The sheep won't live long. And if you mess around with false prophets you may not live to tell the tale.

If we prayerfully check what others say against the Bible, like the Bereans did (Acts 17:11), we will stay safely in the truth.

"Jesus, you are my Good Shepherd. You laid down your life—died on the cross for my sins. You said you would never ever leave me. I believe you. You will guide me into all truth as I read my bible. Your truth makes me wise and safe. You are the Truth!"

	Journal
	Date:
\bigcirc	Thank you, God for
	The wolf is a wonderful animal that you have made. But you say that there is a type of wolf out there that is a danger to my soul and that is someone who
	One way that you protect me from lies is by giving me your Word—the Bible—to read. This way I can learn the truth from the lie. In Psalm 19 I read that your Word a) is going to be made into a major motion picture b) makes me wise and joyful c) is too hard to understand d) Is not really important
	Thank you for the Bible, Father. It is true because you are true and everything you say is true. Your truth makes me wise and safe. You will guide me into all truth if I will read and believe. Write John 14:6.



Wolf

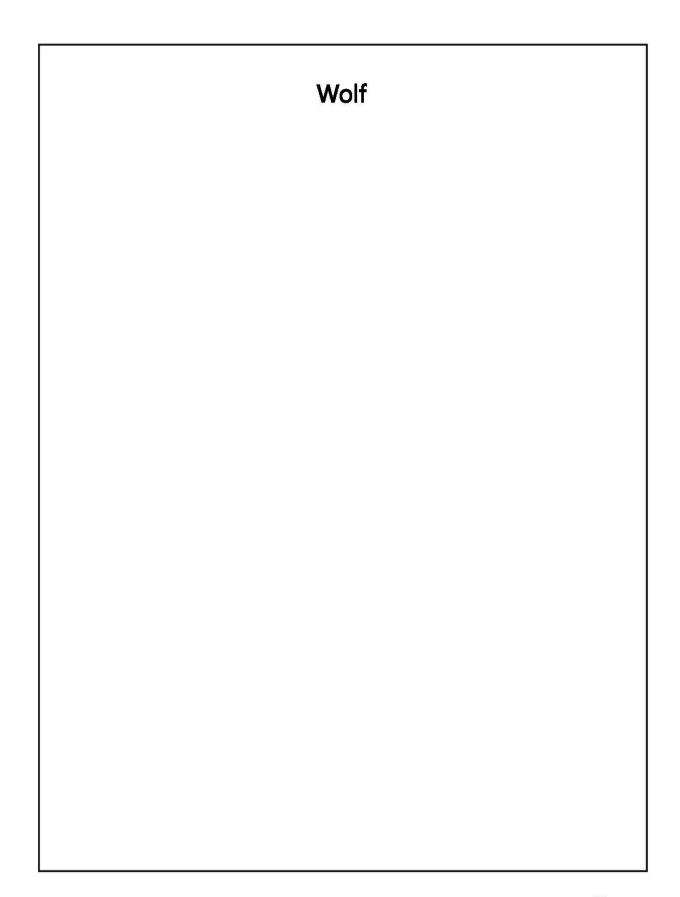
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God's Word protects us



Bear and Cub

"Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly."

Read Proverbs 17:12

A mama bear whose cub is at risk is a furious animal who will kill anything or anyone who threatens her babies. Yet God said it is better to run into a wild, rampaging mama bear who is looking for her cubs than to hang out with a foolish, doubting person.

How can that be?

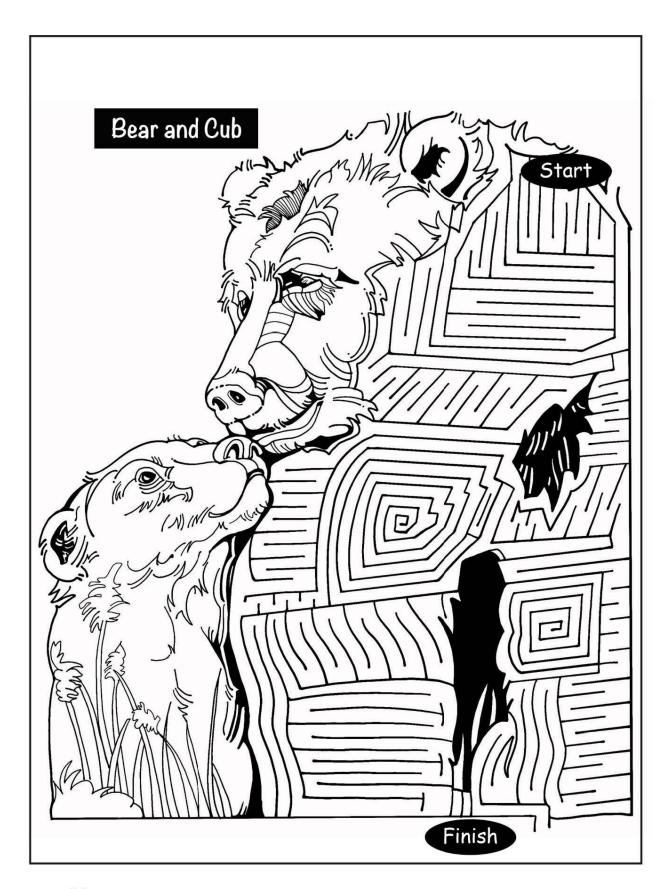
God tells us that a fool says in his heart that there is no God. Fools don't think God made them, loves them, or cares for them.

Such foolish thinking makes people bold to sin. This makes them dangerous. Not only are they bold to sin, but they also want you to join in their sinful ways (1 Peter 4:4).

God can protect you, so don't be afraid to speak to unbelievers—they need to hear the truth. After all, God says that we all at one time were foolish until the gospel gave us new hearts. So approach with caution, having prayed for protection, and then share the Good News! God does exist. He does love us, and He does care for us. He proved it when he sent his son to die for us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:28).

"Father, when I think of all the ways you show me your love and goodness every day, it makes me want to worship you. You say it is more dangerous to keep friendship with an unbelieving fool than to stumble upon a hostile bear robbed of her cubs. You do not want me to be robbed of my faith in you. Help me choose good friends of faith."

Journal
Date:
Thank you, God for
When a mama bear sees her cubs in danger, she
Write down the definition of "wise" and "foolish"
It is safer to run into a furious bear than to hang out with a foolish person because
Read and write Proverbs 13:20.
I will ask God to help me choose wise friends because



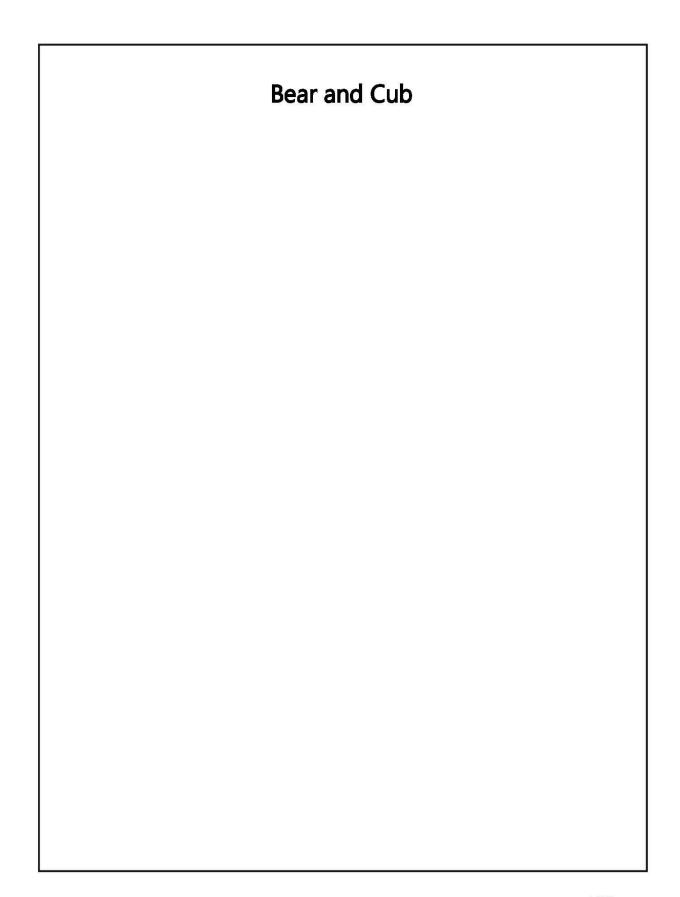
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Antelope

" ... according to the blessing of God ... these are the animals you may eat ... the gazelle, and the antelope ... "

Read Deuteronomy 12:15, 14:4-5

Most of us don't eat antelope today, but back when the Israelites were wandering in the desert the antelope was their food. God didn't want the people to kill off all the antelopes, so he made the antelope fast. It can run up to 55 mph and even a bit more when it sees an enemy wolf or coyote (or a hungry Israelite!) coming. It can leap and run away quickly.

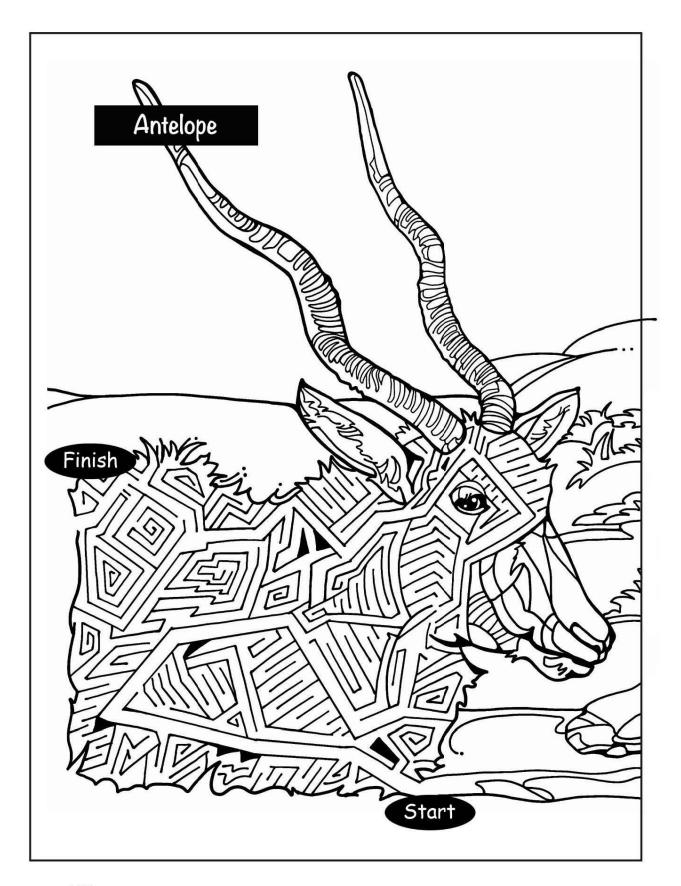
The antelope will also warn its friends by flashing its white tail as it runs away.

What do you do when you see danger coming?

God wants you to run from danger. When you are tempted to disobey God, run fast in the other direction. And be sure to warn your friends if you see they are sinning. You have power to run away from sin because God's Holy Spirit is working within you to will and to do for God's good pleasure. Resist Satan, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, he will draw near to you (James 4:7 & 8). You have the victory!

"Father, you say when someone tempts me to sin, I should run away. And fast! You are for me and not against me, and your plans for me are good. I trust your promptings to leave bad company. Thank you for Jesus, who lives in me and gives me the power to obey. And help me to warn my friends to run from danger!"

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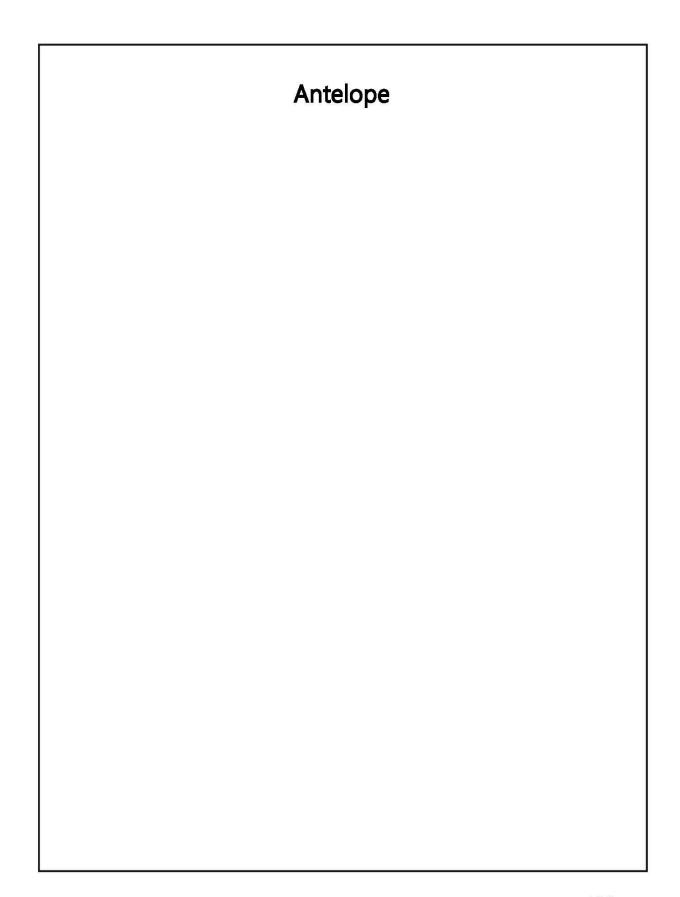
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Amtelope Leaps for joy



Camel and Gnat

"You blind guides who strain a gnat and swallow a camel."

Read Matthew 23:23-24

People 2000 years ago would place thin fabric over the mouth of a jug before they poured a drink. This was because little insects would get into the jug and drown. The cloth would strain them out so they would not get into the cup.

In the verse above, Jesus was painting a picture we would remember. How silly it would be for a man to strain out the tiny bugs but swallow a big camel.

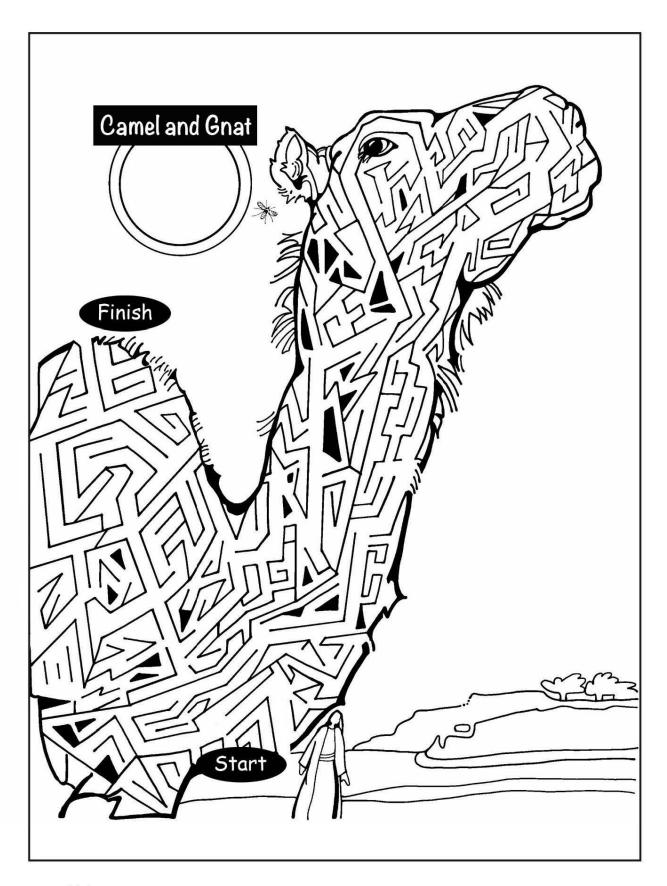
Jesus called the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees hypocrites and blind leaders because they kept small religious laws down to the tiniest detail, but they didn't keep more important laws.

For instance, they gave a tenth of the smallest plants in their gardens to God, but they threw poor widows out of their houses when they were late with the rent.

God had told them that they should love justice and mercy and they should walk humbly in faith with God (Matthew 23:23, and Micah 6:8). But they were often arrogant. Ignoring God, they acted unjustly and without mercy.

"Father, Jesus tells us in these verses, the things that line up with your heart: justice, mercy and faith. Help me to not be proud of rule keeping. I want to love what you love. Give me a heart that obeys out of love and not one that is full of pride over keeping the tiniest rules while looking for loopholes that allow me to gain at my neighbor's expense."

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\bigcirc	Thank you, God for	
\bigcirc	Jesus was talking to these people when he used the example of the camel and the gnat	
\bigcirc	The gnat is very, very tiny compared to a camel. In this verse the gnat stands for	
\bigcirc	When Jesus talks about the camel in this story he is talking about	
	When have I obeyed a smaller law outwardly but failed to love justice and mercy and to walk in humble faith with God?	

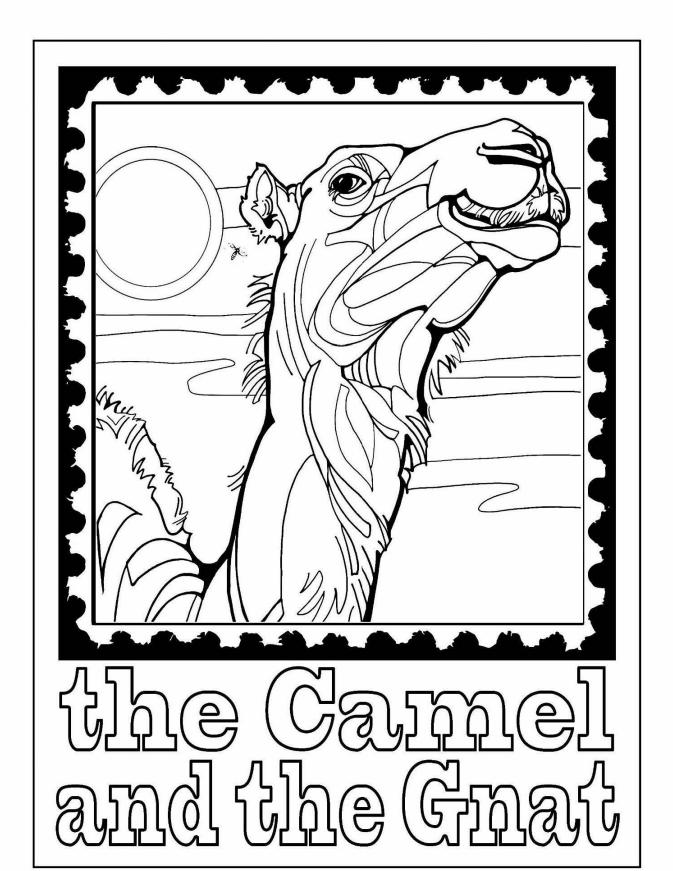


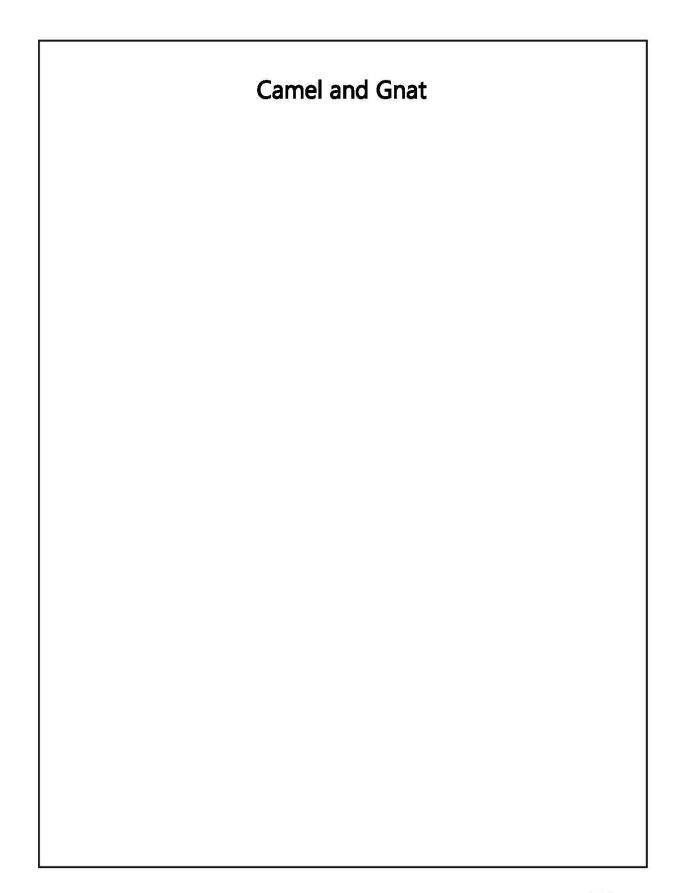
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Fly

"As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honor."

Read Ecclesiastes 6:6

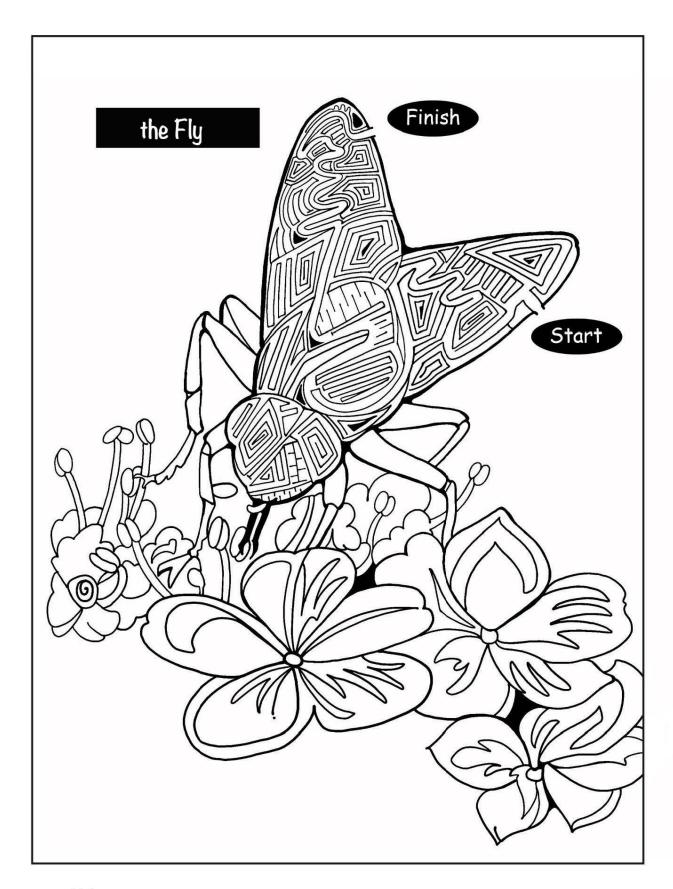
Dead flies are small, so they may not seem like anything we need to be concerned about. But dead flies carry infection and they corrupt whatever spot they occupy. They can ruin something that is fresh, clean, precious, and beautiful—the very things God made us to be when we received his Spirit into our hearts. The Bible says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come," (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are fresh and new—we don't want dead flies to spoil us.

God is a good Father and these words from Ecclesiastes are meant to warn us. To make us wise about overlooking sins we might call small. A little lie, a little grudge, a little gossip, a little hesitation in obeying our parents—these things are never small.

If unchecked, these "small" sins will grow bigger and bigger and bring a stink to our lives. Jesus in us will get our hearts back in line with the Father if we confess our fault and continue to walk with him. He is merciful.

"Father, you are so good to warn me! Please show me now if there is any area in my heart where 'small' sins hide, like dead flies, and give off a bad smell to you and to others. By your grace I choose to say 'no' to sin and 'yes' to your good way. Thank you for your grace and forgiveness Father. I start fresh today, in Jesus' name, amen."

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0	Thank you, God for:	
\bigcirc	I remember the last time I tried to kill a fly. It was really bothering me by:	
0	I do not like to eat a fly with my meal. When one tries to land on my food I do this:	
\bigcirc	Lord, I see that you are saying in this verse that little sins can spoil a good thing. Little sins are like flies sitting upon a clean heart. These small sins look and smell bad to you. In order to put them away and get my heart clean before you, I will	
\bigcirc	Write Psalm 51:10; John 1:9:	



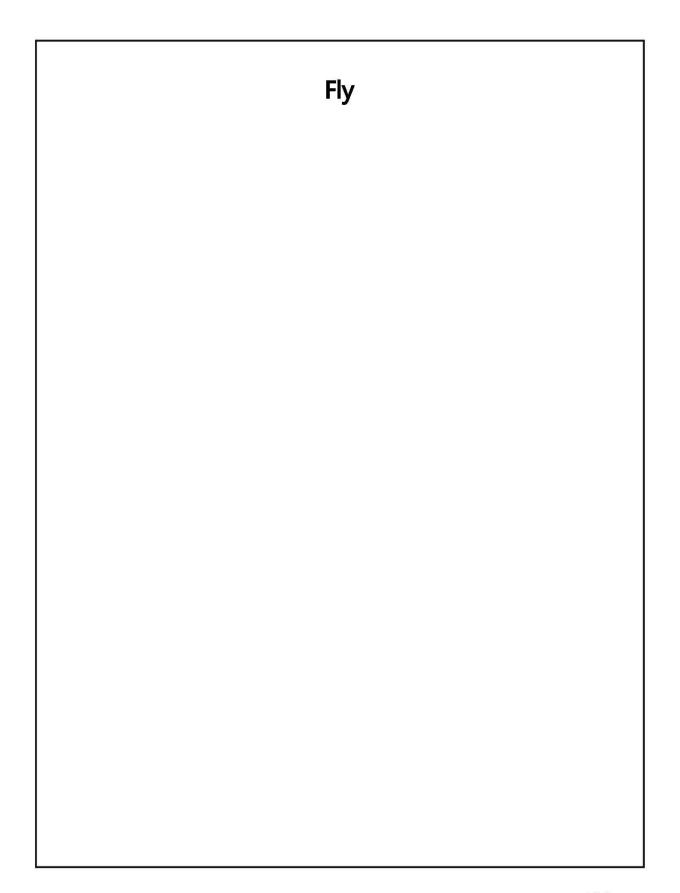
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Fox

"Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love ... "

Read Song of Solomon 2:15

Foxes love to dine on fruit and berries they find in our gardens and vineyards. They love the tender new fruit and they can quickly destroy the crop of an entire season.

But you won't spot these little foxes stealing fruit during the day—they do their thieving at night when all are asleep.

In the verse above, is God telling us to go catch little foxes from vineyards outside? No. The vineyard the Father is talking about is the vineyard of our heart where God's love exists. And the "foxes" are those thoughts of evil and temptation that come from the enemy of our souls—Satan. These thoughts tempt us to sin against our neighbors and our God.

God calls these thoughts "foxes" because they come in the nature of a fox who is crafty and subtle. They come while we are not watching and actively pursuing the things of God.

We can catch them and run them off by **praying** and **studying God's Word**.

"Heavenly Father, I need your help to catch those little foxes—the lies whispered to me by the enemy of my soul. I will listen to you and what you say in the Bible. I will not listen to the foxes that try to ruin the place where your love is alive. By your grace I will reject any thoughts that come into my head that are contrary to your Word. Amen."

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"cro Gal	d calls those bad thoughts that run across our minds "foxes." My op" will be ruined if I don't drive those foxes off. When I read latians 5:22 and 23, I can see that my spiritual "crop" is made up at least nine "fruits." They are
	o ways I can catch those foxes and keep them from stealing my e and joy and all my fruit
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Fox

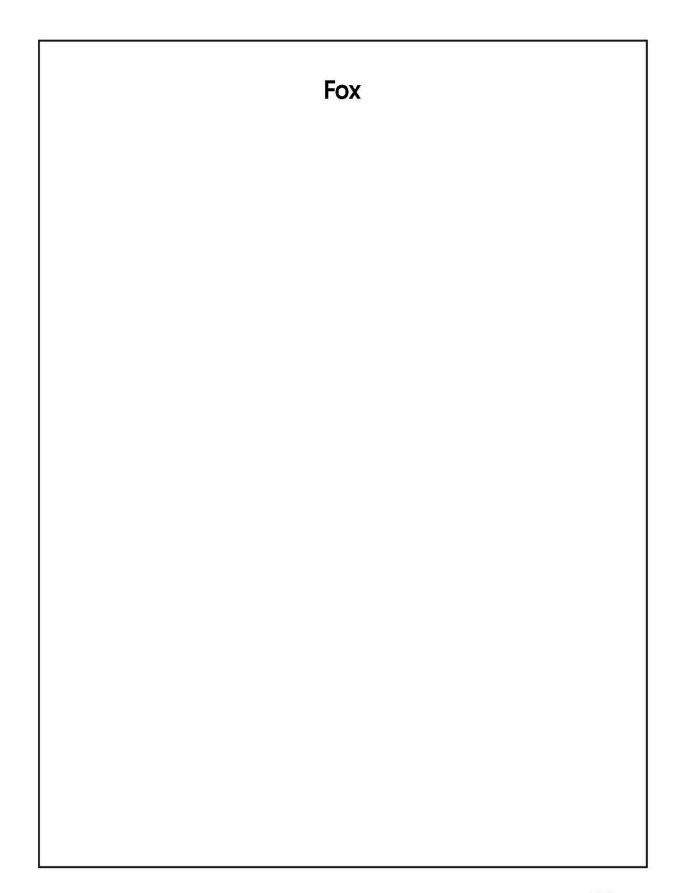
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Moth

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt." Read Matthew 6:19-21

There are over 140,000 kinds of moths flying around the world. Certain varieties found in homes eat up people's clothes!

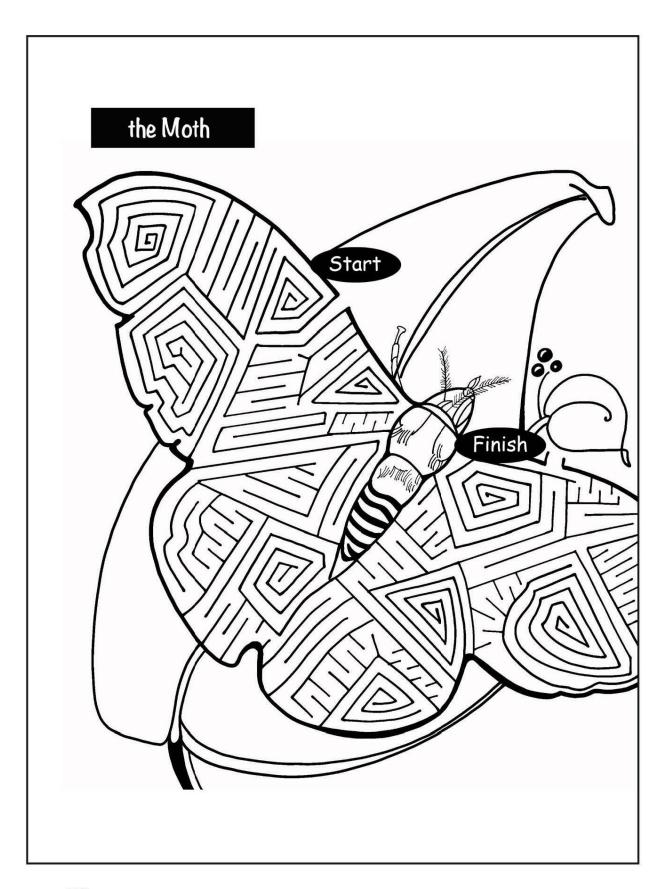
In our verse above, Jesus is telling us not to fill our heart with the treasures of this world that are soon spoiled. You buy something here, and you take it home and enjoy it awhile, but the time comes when it gets old, rusty, spoiled, or eaten up by moths.

But in heaven nothing will ever break or be ruined. Jesus tells us to store up treasure there. How do we do that?

To purchase and store up treasures in heaven you **spend time in prayer, praise, gifts of giving, care and love for others**, and in return you receive what never spoils or fades. You receive treasures of **love, joy, peace, friendship with God and people**. But when we are generous toward God and others, we are not only storing up treasures in heaven, we are also gaining here and now. Because generosity frees us from greed, fear, unhappiness, and selfishness—all those things that steal our joy now. We can have hearts that are free and happy.

"Father, I want to have a heart that longs for the treasure of your presence and love. Nothing can separate me from the love that is in Christ Jesus. It never rusts, spoils, or is eaten by moths. You are my treasure—a treasure money can't buy."

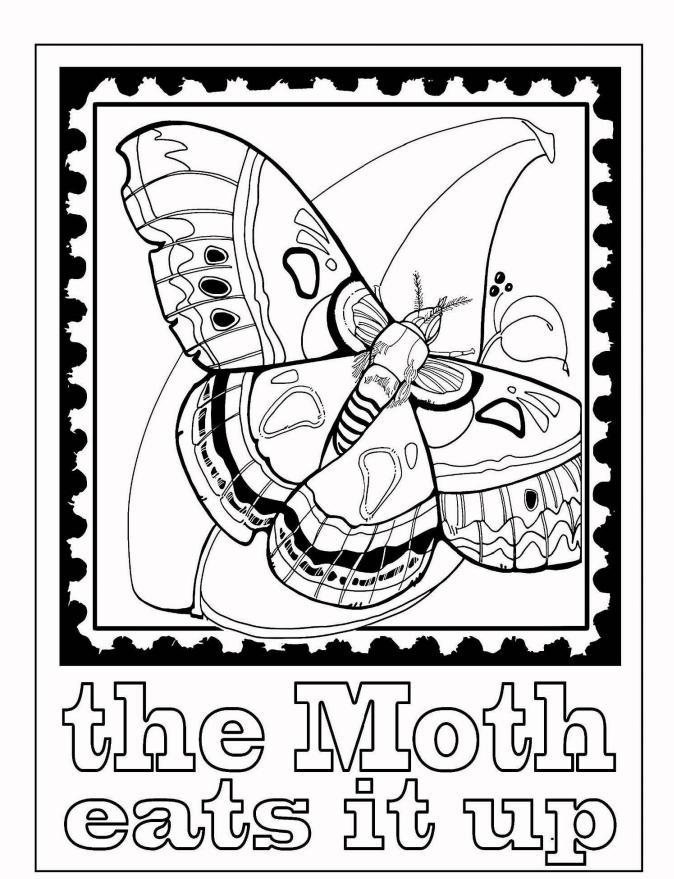
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\bigcirc	Thank you, God for	
\bigcirc	Father, I thank you for this warning that is for my good. Please examine my heart and show me if I am too fixed on anything that rusts, spoils, or fades. I may treasure these things too much	
	This is what I can do to keep my heart happy and free from the love of things that will not last	
0	These are the things freely given to me by you that will never be corrupted, destroyed or eaten by moths	
	The thing I most seek from you today is something money can't buy. It is	

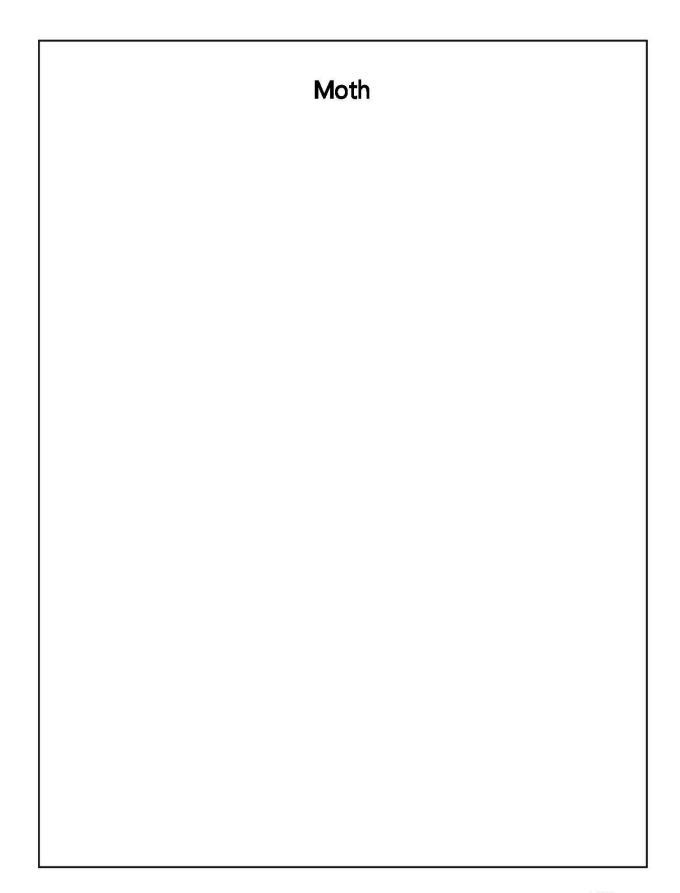


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Ox

"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away you shall surely return it."

Read Exodus 23:4

This command is thousands of years old. From the creation of the world, God has required all people to love their enemies.

But it is so hard to do.

If we do not love God and want to obey him, we cannot and will not love our enemies.

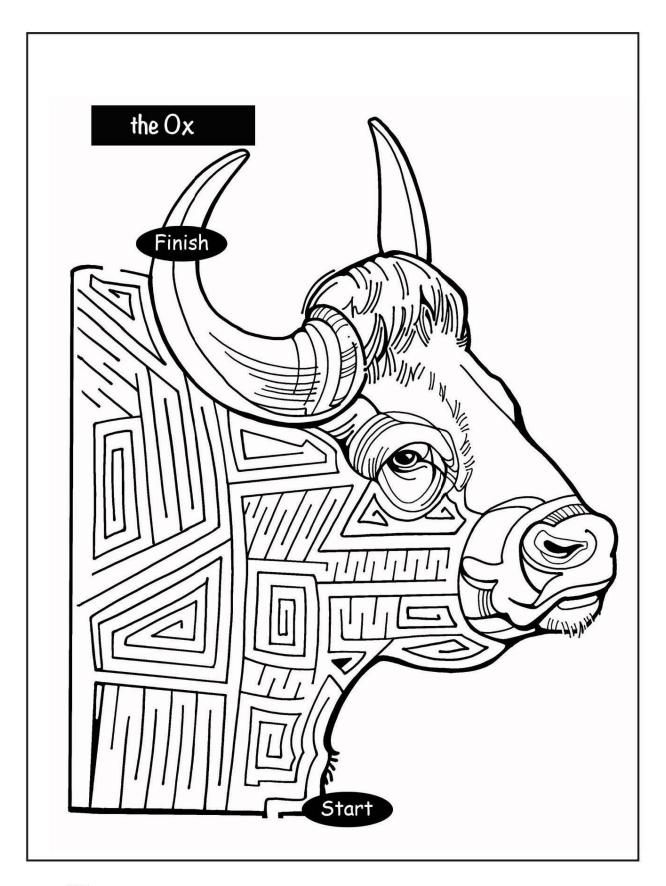
But the good news is that if we desire to bless our enemies, God will do it through us. He will.

We may not see our enemy's ox running off, but we can help our enemies with other hardships. This verse is clear. Do not take advantage and do not ignore the difficulties of your enemies. See their trouble as an opportunity to show God's love to them. When you do this God will be honored and glorified, and his love through you will soften your heart and maybe the hearts of your enemies, as well. This is another one of the many ways that God will bless us.

Test God in this: do one kind thing for an enemy and see if you are not filled with joy from God.

"Father, helping my enemy whom I do not like and who does not like me is a hard thing to do. But I know that you love us both. By your grace I will help my enemy in prayer and any other way you show me. Your love and peace are strong and help me to follow your commands."

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\bigcirc	The verse in Exodus 23:4 tells me how to treat the property of my neighbor as well as my enemy and it is this	
\bigcirc	When I read Matthew 10:8, I see that I have	
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	mercy.	
	It is hard to love someone who is against me. But you loved me when I was your enemy. I want to pass that love on to others. I believe if I say "yes" to Jesus Christ loving my enemies through me, this will happen	
\bigcirc	When I see my enemy in trouble, I will	
	 a) laugh behind his back b) tell others he got what he deserved c) tell him I am sorry for his troubles, even though I don't mean it d) pray, asking God to help him and asking God to show me how to help him. And then I will help him. 	



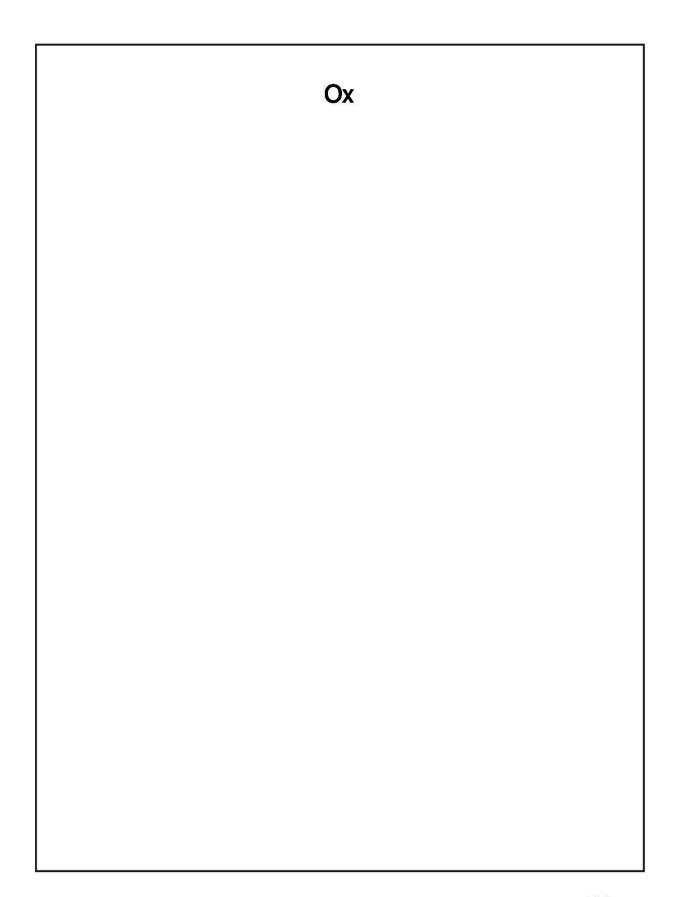
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Lion

"Do not weep. See. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed." Read Revelation 5:5

Lions are mighty kings of the jungle. They are swift and strong, and they protect their territory against all foes.

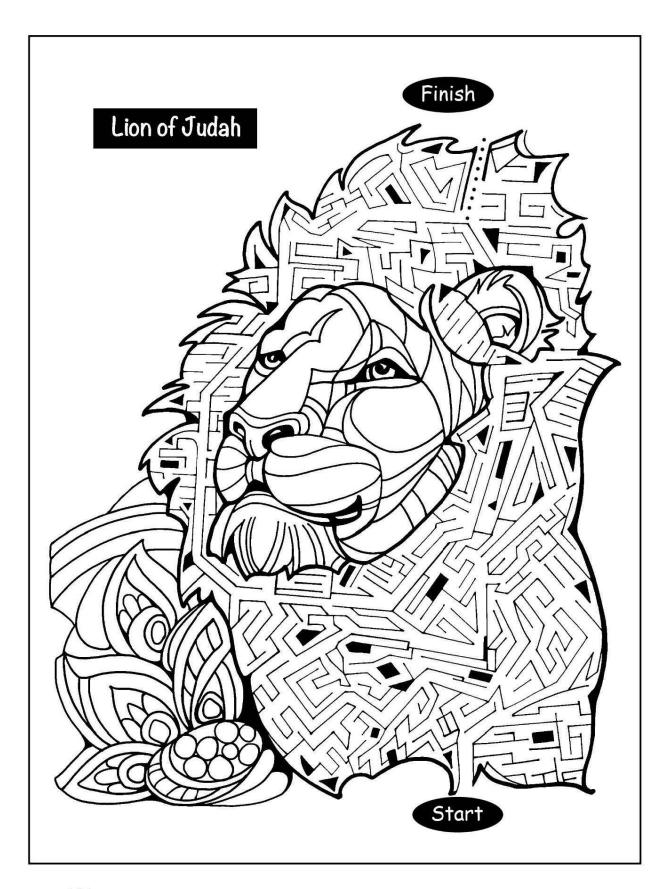
In this verse God calls Jesus the Lion of Judah, in part because Jesus is the **King of Kings** and because **he has triumphed over evil and protected his territory**—not allowing evil to advance against him or his people.

In this world we have troubles and weeping. When God sees your tears, he wants to hear about them. Do your troubles come from **a wrong** that you have done? Ask God to forgive you. Do they come from a source outside of you? Ask God to help you pray for others. He will do it. He loves you.

One day you will be in heaven with Jesus and there will be no more tears and no more sorrow. But even here and now you can take comfort in knowing that King Jesus already triumphed over Satan when he died on the cross and rose again from the dead. He now sits at the right hand of God in heaven and prays for you!

"Thank you, God, for Jesus, your son, the Lion of Judah, who loves me and prays for me. He has power and victory over all evil. Thank you that King Jesus lives in my heart and gives me his power over my sins and his love for those who hurt. Thank you for caring about my tears and for your promise that one day all my tears will be wiped away."

Journal Date: Thank you, God for Jesus is called the Lion of Judah because Sometimes my tears and troubles are caused by a ______ I have done. Sometimes my tears and troubles come from a source outside myself. · I am sad about these sins that someone did and I am sad about this sickness or sorrow that someone I know has I can take comfort now because King Jesus a) triumphed over Satan when he died on the cross and rose from the dead b) sits at the Father's right hand and prays for me c) will return one day to take me to heaven where there will be no more tears, sickness, sadness, or sin d) all of the above



Lion

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Eagle

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Read Isaiah 40:27-31

Eagles have strong, powerful wings, and with just a few mighty flaps, they rise up into the sky. They don't have to puff and pant—taking off is easy for an eagle.

And have you ever seen them soar? They ride the air currents and don't have to flap their wings at all.

Have you been praying for something specific and waiting on the Lord to answer? Be encouraged! This is good word for people who are waiting on a good God to answer their prayer.

This promise in Isaiah tells us that the waiting does not last. It will come to an end. So do not give up on your prayers or your faith. Though now you may grow weary, your loving Father will give you the strength you need, as you wait, and after the waiting you will soar like an eagle. Only instead of riding the air currents, you will float with ease and peace on the wind of God's love. So keep on believing. When you hear his answer, you will soar even higher than you are now because his answer will be just what you need. And in His grace, you will agree with his ways.

"Father, I have been praying for something that is important to me. I know it is important to you too because you love me. I know you hear my prayer and always answer at the perfect time and in the perfect way!"

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\bigcirc	Thank you, God for			
\bigcirc	When I read Matthew 7:7-11 I can see that you will			
	a) give me a serpent when I ask for a fish b) give me a stone when I ask for bread			
	c) give me good gifts when I ask d) ignore me when I ask			
\bigcirc	Write Isaiah 65:24.			
\bigcirc	As I learn about the eagle, I learn to soar above my worry and fear			
	because your promise in Isaiah is true. Here is my praise to you for your answer			
\bigcirc	Father, while I wait for your answer, I will pray for my friend who needs these things			



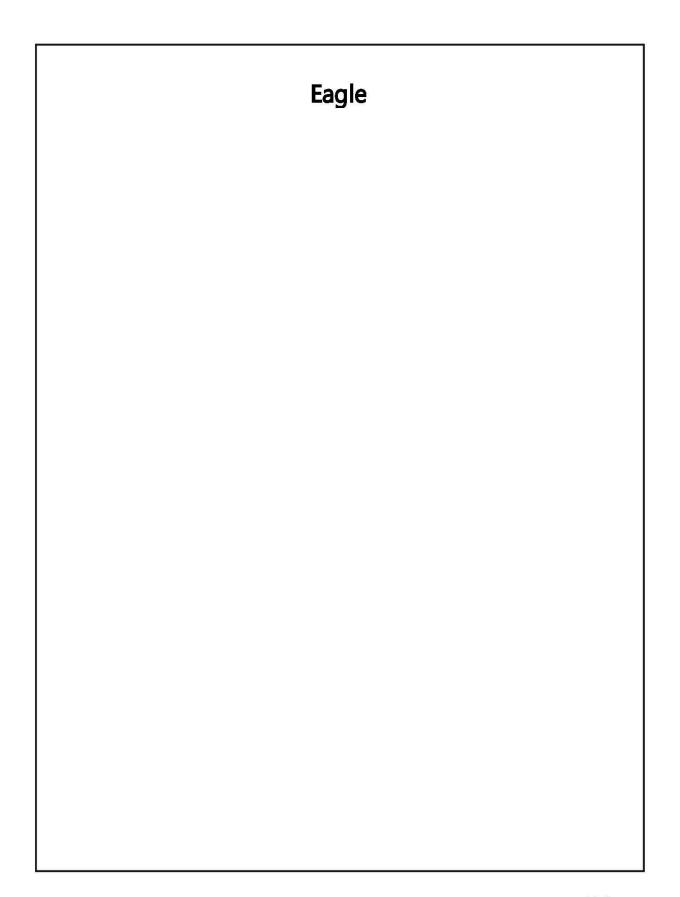
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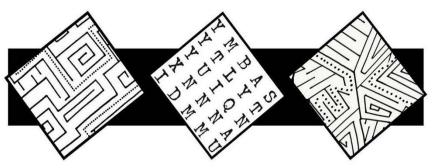
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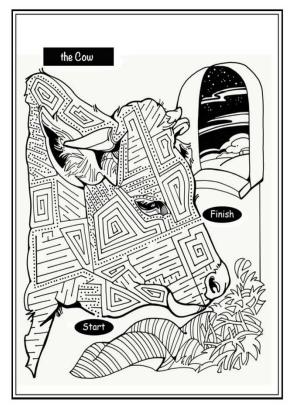
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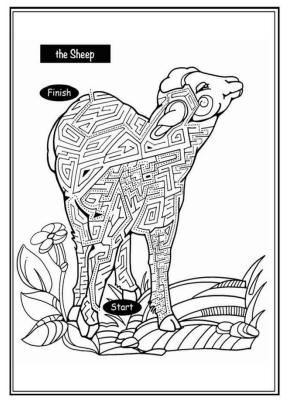


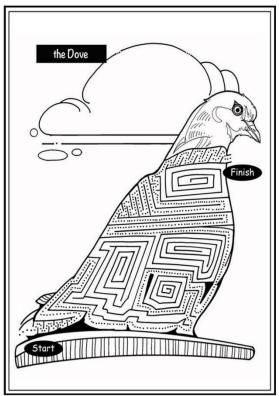


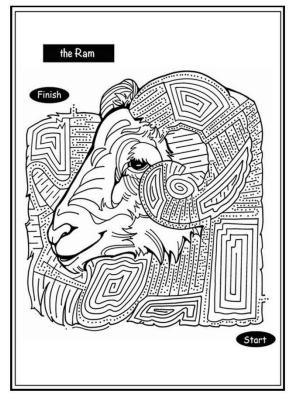
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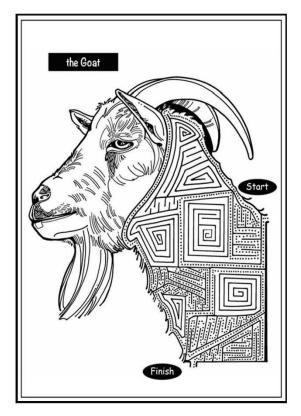


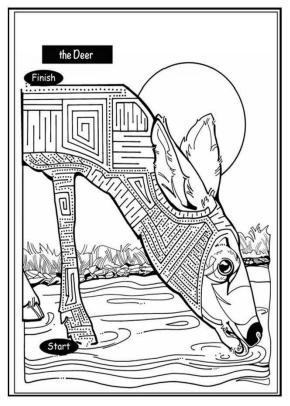


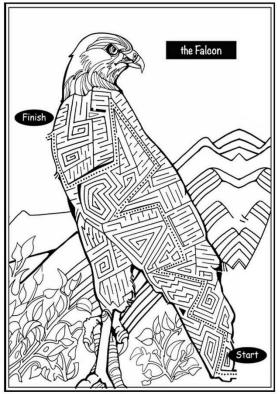


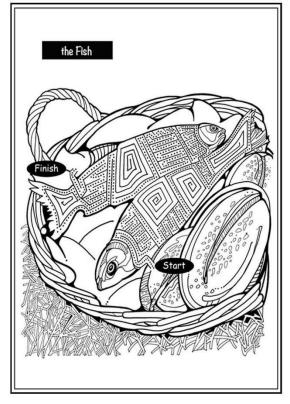


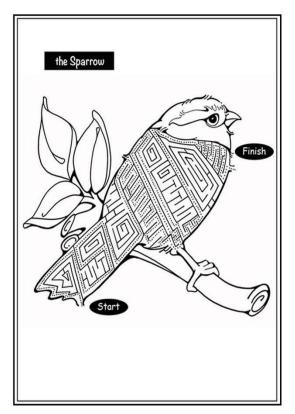


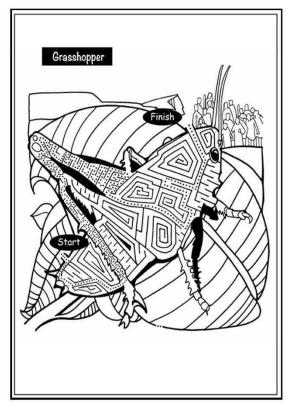


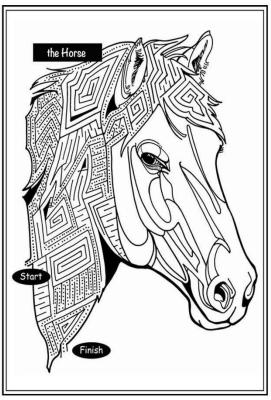


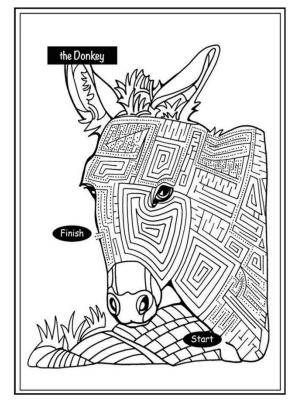


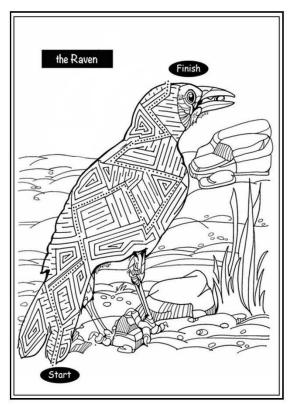


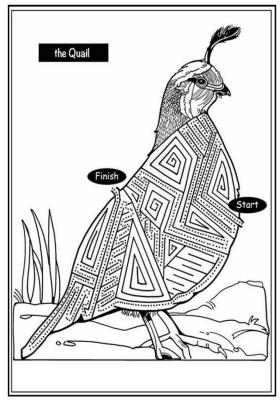


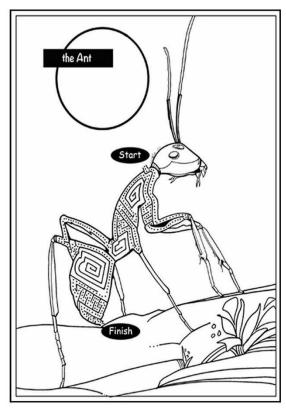




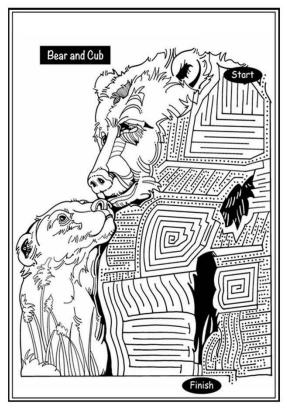


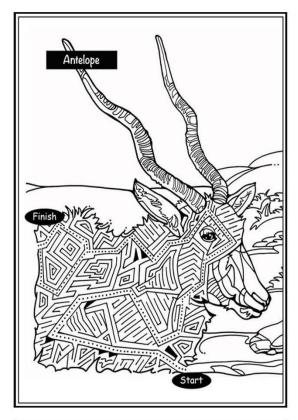


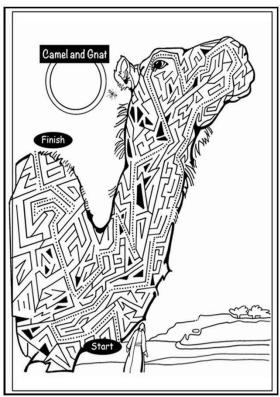


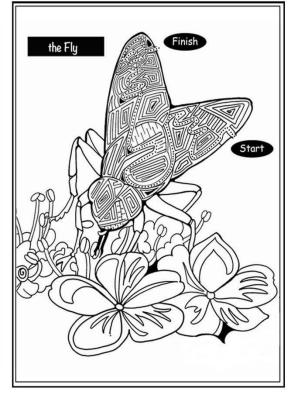




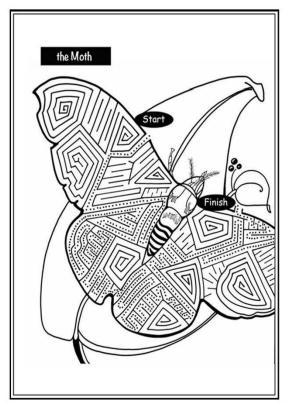


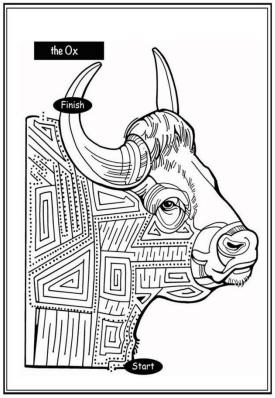


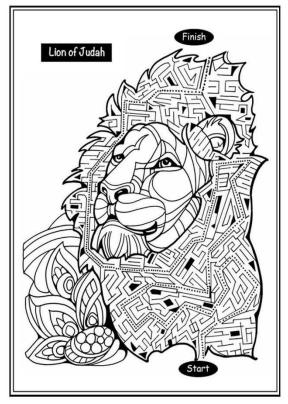


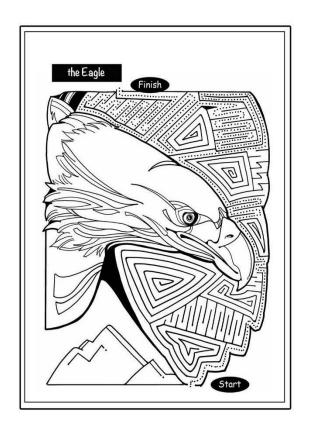


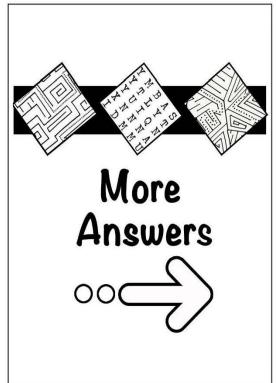




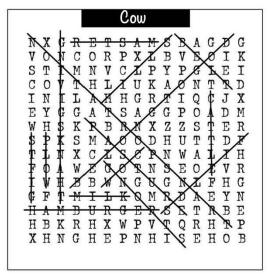


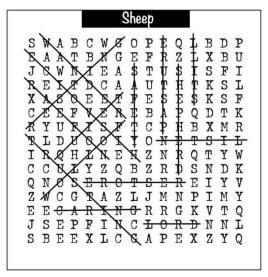


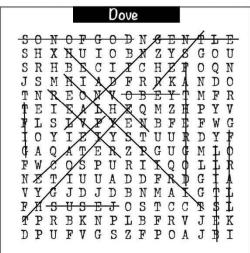


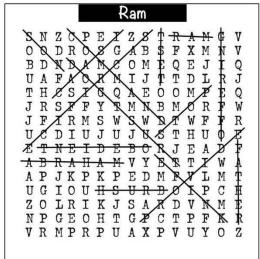


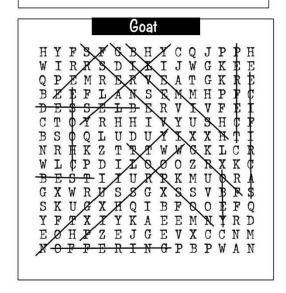
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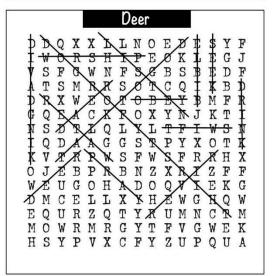


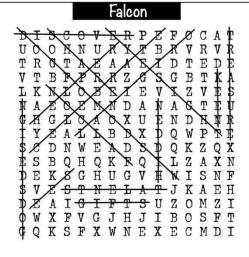


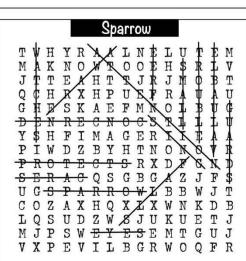


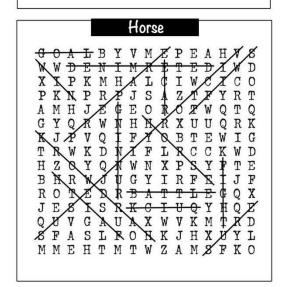


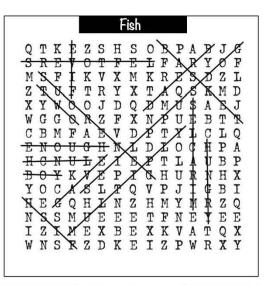




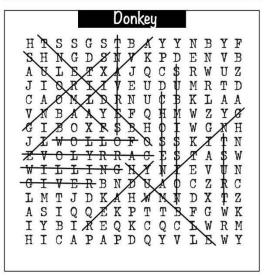


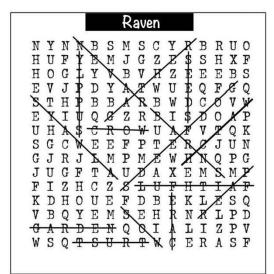


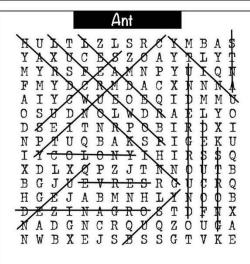


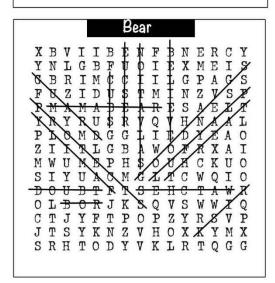


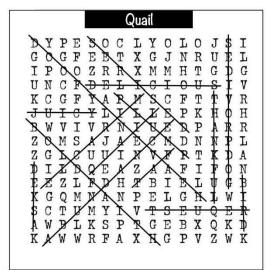




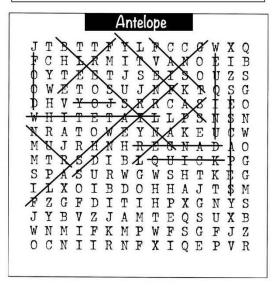


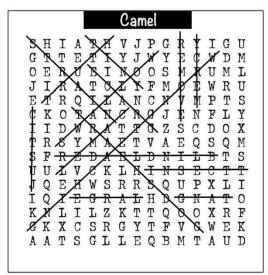


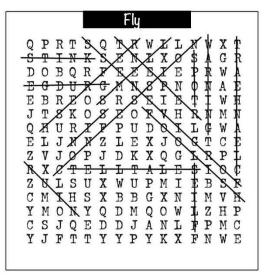


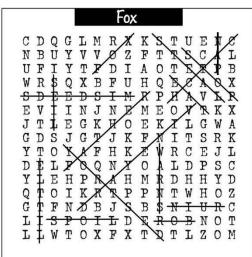


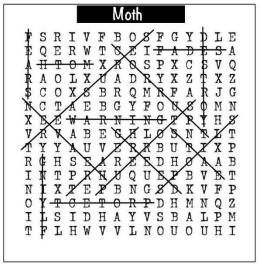


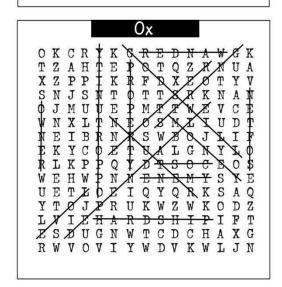


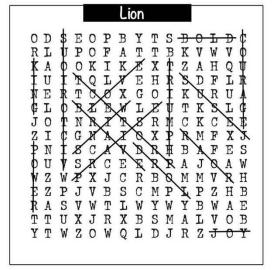


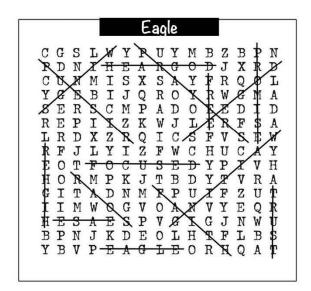












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