

Book 1

DECODERS



For God so loved

(Your Name)

**that He gave His only
begotten Son, that if**

(Your Name)

believeth in Him

(Your Name)

**will not perish, but will have
everlasting life.**

(A ccording to John 3:16)

(Date)

Introduction

The purpose of the Character in Action program is to focus on developing Christ-like character in our children.

- Our **Mission** is to lead all children to be fully devoted followers of Christ.
- Our **Vision** is to invite all kids to know Christ in a way that transforms their daily lives and the lives of those around them.
- Our **Goal** is to assist parents in discipling their children to develop and demonstrate the character of Christ.

These character qualities have been divided into a four-year revolving program. Leaders are challenged with reviewing the character qualities and developing age-appropriate lessons for their “club”. Additionally, they are asked to intersperse their message with the Good News of the Gospel! That Christ died for our sins and that in confessing and repenting of our sins, believing that Christ rose again and conquered death, and giving our lives to Him we will have eternal life and not the condemnation of hell. What a wonderful message to share!

The Leaders instruct and demonstrate to children that doing things God’s way will allow the Lord to work in their lives and help avoid the consequences of sin. Leaders introduce qualities, that if adopted, will make children both good citizens and (if saved) living examples of our Lord.

Overview

Each week clubs will have the opportunity to memorize scripture and receive instruction on a character quality. There is a “lesson” that corresponds with each character quality for the week, with specific activities to help engraft God’s Word into your children and learn to both recognize these character qualities as well as demonstrate them in action.

Children will be asked to recite the character quality definition and scripture verse each week for the character quality on which we’re focused! Only after this is accomplished can they receive “points” for the other memory work or activities in that lesson. Memory work or activities are followed by a

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 which leaders will sign and date. A point will be given for each assignment completed. Once all the assignments for the lessons of each character quality have been completed in its entirety, then the child will receive an award sticker on their badge for that character quality. There are assignments throughout the book that will require adult help. So, please enjoy this opportunity to teach God’s character to your children!

Additionally, there are extra credit memory sections in the back of the book to memorize additional Scripture. ABC Verses, Fruits of the Spirit, and James 2 will earn an extra credit point per verse. Matthew 5, Matthew 6, and Matthew 7 do not earn points, but when each chapter is memorized and quoted word-perfect to the church, it will reap big rewards at the end of the year, but the greatest of these rewards will be the knowledge of God’s Word.

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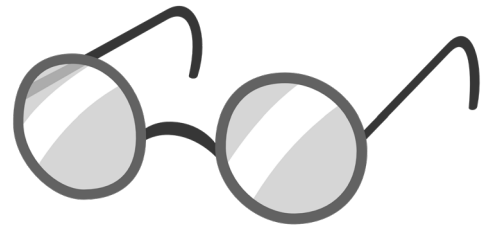
Lesson 1 - ALERTNESS

Let's get started!

*First...Memorize the Character Quality, Definition,
and Verse.*

Character Quality

Alertness



Opposite of Alertness

Carelessness

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1.1 Definition

Date

Being ready to see, understand, and act.

Initials

1.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Mark 13:33a: Take heed, watch and pray.

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1.3 Examples from Scripture



Jesus Demonstrates Alertness

Bible Story: A Woman Healed, Matthew 9:19-22

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1.4 Color the Picture



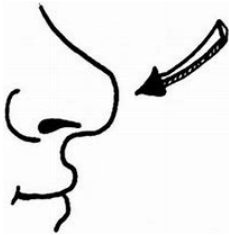
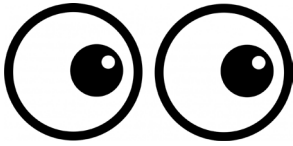
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1.5 Life Examples



God gave us senses to help us be more aware of our surrounding so we can be alert. Can you match the senses?



Lesson 2 - ALERTNESS

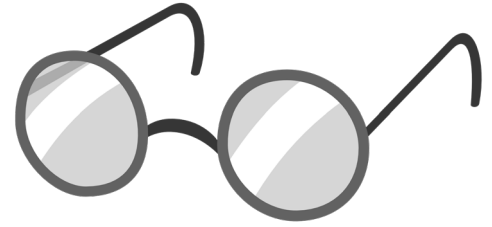
Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Alertness

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2.1 Definition

Date

Being ready to see, understand, and act.

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2.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

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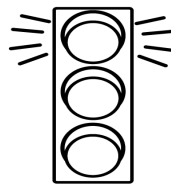
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2.3 Life Examples



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Watch the Signs! Traffic signs and signals teach us to respond immediately when we see warning signals. Do you know what these road signs mean?



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2.4 Practice Alertness



Can you think of a way you can show your parents that you can pay attention and be ready to act?

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2.5 Character in Action



Write or draw a picture of how you will show alertness at home this week with your family.

Lesson 3 - ALERTNESS

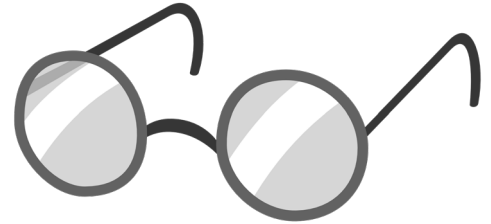
Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Alertness

Opposite of Alertness

Carelessness



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Date

3.1 Definition

Being ready to see, understand, and act.

Initials

Date

3.2 Verse (NKJV)

Mark 13:33a, Take heed, watch and pray

Initials

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3.3 Character In Action

How will you show Alertness at church or school this week?
(Write and/or draw a picture)



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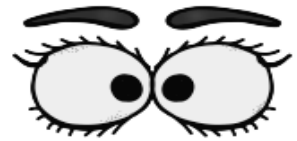
3.4 Practice Alertness



Being alert is an attitude of paying attention and being ready to do what is right. How does our verse help us to be Alert?

Give me five

1. Eyes on the speaker.



2. Quiet.



3. Be still.



4. Hands empty.



5. Listen.



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3.5 Activity

Color the page and try to find the 10 hidden objects.

Hidden Pictures: Jesus Healed a Blind Man

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, crown, fish, jug, moon, necktie, needle and thread, snail, sock, star.

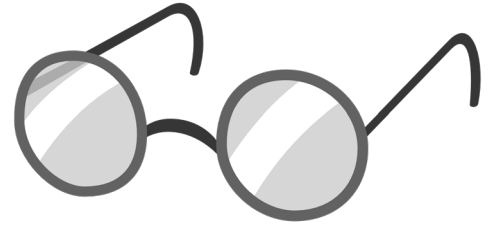


Lesson 4 - ALERTNESS

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Alertness



Opposite of Alertness

Carelessness

Initials

4.1 Definition

Date

Being ready to see, understand, and act.

Initials

4.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Mark 13:33a, Take heed, watch and pray.

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4.3 Recap on Alertness

RECAP

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Answer these questions with your teacher or parent:

- How did Jesus show Alertness?
- How can you use your senses to stay alert to danger?
- How can you be Alert to help people?



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4.4 Character in Action!

Date

Draw a picture of how you will be ready to SEE, UNDERSTAND, and ACT to help others around you and show them Jesus' love through you.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture illustrating their response to the prompt.

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4.5 Bible Example



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Matthew 24:42-44 Watch for Jesus to Return.

No one knows when Jesus will return, but He told us to Watch and Be Ready.



Lesson 5 - OBEDIENCE

Let's get started!

*First...Memorize the Character Quality, Definition,
and Verse.*

Character Quality

Obedience

Opposite

Disobedience



Initials

5.1 Definition

Date

Following the commands and instructions I'm given to the best of my ability.

Initials

5.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Jeremiah 7:23, Obey My voice and I will be your God, and you shall be My people.

Initials

Date

5.3 Examples from Scripture Jesus Demonstrates Obedience



Bible Story: Matthew 3:13-17, Colossians 3:20.

The Baptism of Jesus - God shows His response to Jesus' obedience.



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Date

5.4 Life Examples



Circle the pictures that you think show Obedience.



Initials

Date

5.5 Character in Action!



How can you show Obedience at home this week?

Lesson 6 - OBEDIENCE

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Obedience

Opposite

Disobedience



Initials

6.1 Definition

Date

Following the commands and instructions I'm given to the best of my ability.

Initials

6.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Jeremiah 7:23, Obey My voice and I will be your God, and you shall be My people.

Initials

6.3 Character in Action!



Date

Tell your teacher or a parent an example of how you demonstrated obedience in CIA or in school.

Initials

Date

6.4 Bible History



Genesis 3 - Adam & Eve Disobeyed God

The *opposite* of obedience is disobedience. How did Adam & Eve disobey God?

Color the Picture



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Date

6.5 Practice Obedience



Obey...

1. Right Away



“I will hurry
without delay to
obey your
commands.”
– Psalm 119:60

2. All the Way

“You have commanded us to keep your laws
diligently” – Psalm 119:4

3. In a Happy Way

“Do everything without grumbling or
arguing...” – Philippians 2:14-16



Lesson 7 - OBEDIENCE

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Obedience

Opposite

Disobedience



Initials

7.1 Definition

Date

Following the commands and instructions I'm given to the best of my ability.

Initials

7.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Jeremiah 7:23, Obey My voice and I will be your God, and you shall be My people.

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7.3 Character in Action!



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Tell your teacher or a parent an example of how you demonstrated obedience to God.

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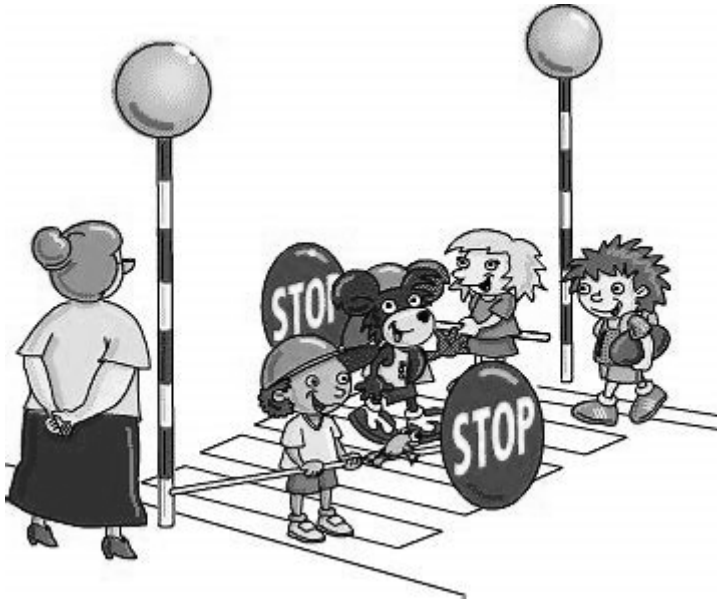
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7.4 Practice Obedience



How we can obey...

God...At Home...At School...In our Community



Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment. Ephesians 6.1



Follow directions quickly!



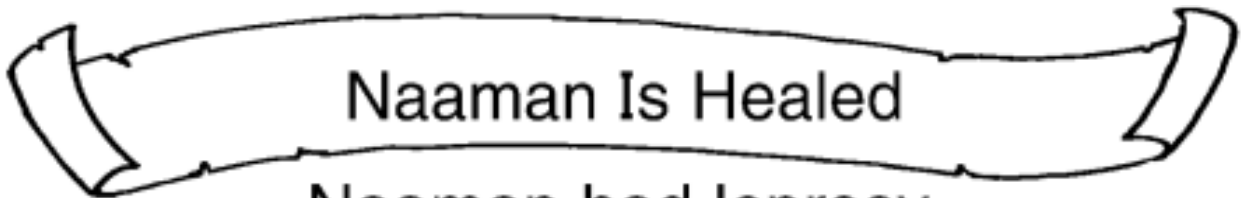
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7.5 Bible Activity



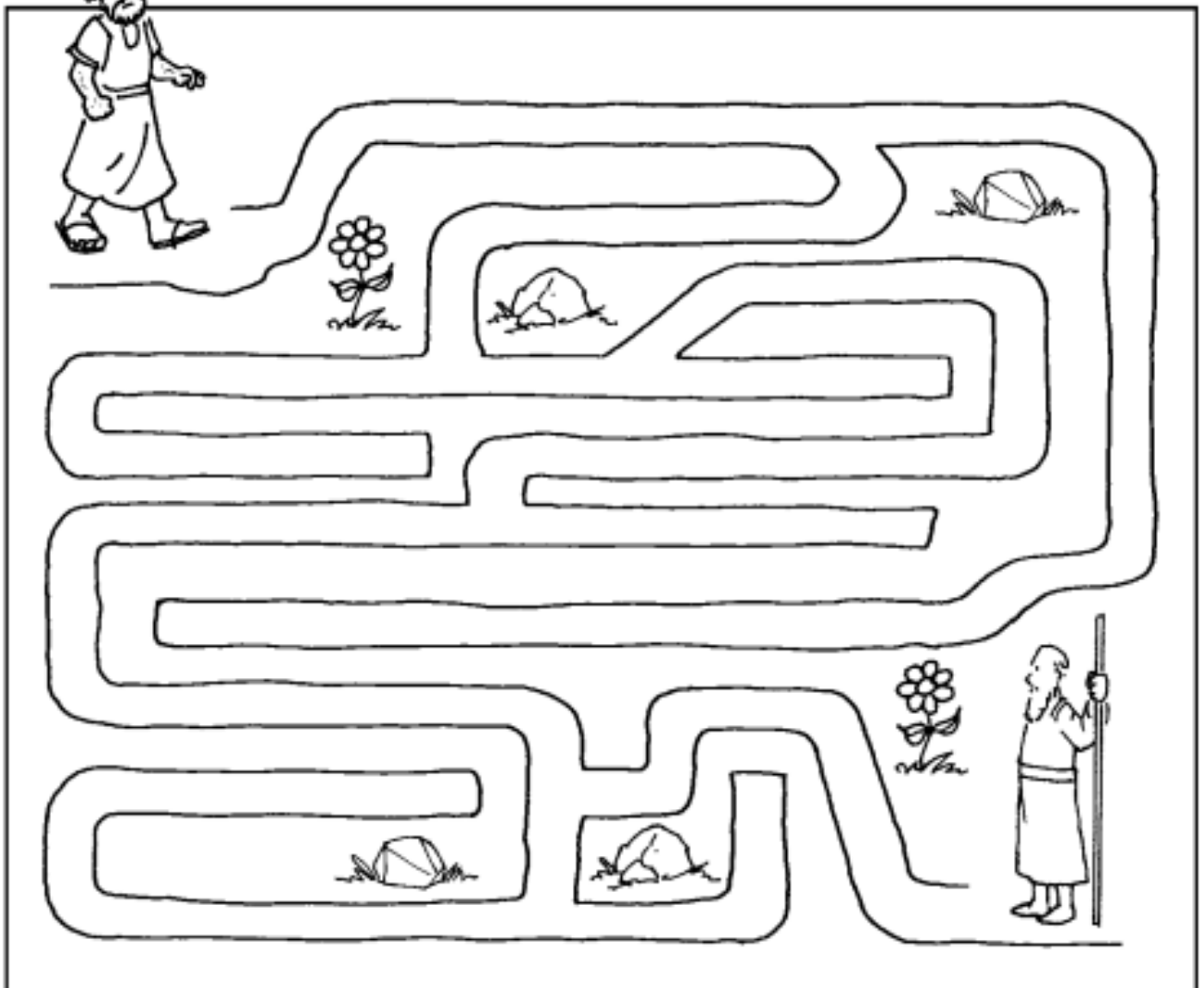
Naaman obeyed Elisha. 2 Kings 5:1-15



Naaman Is Healed

Naaman had leprosy.
He was very sick. He went to Elisha,
a prophet of God, to be healed.

Help Naaman get to Elisha.



Lesson 8 - OBEDIENCE

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Obedience

Opposite

Disobedience



Initials

8.1 Definition

Date

Following the commands and instructions I'm given to the best of my ability.

Initials

8.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Jeremiah 7:23, Obey My voice and I will be your God, and you shall be My people.

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8.3 Character in Action!

Date

Tell your teacher or a parent an example of how you demonstrated obedience in church or at school this week.



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8.4 Obedience Recap!

RECAP

Draw pictures of how you can show obedience to God, at home, in school and in your community.

To God

At Home

At Church or School

In My Community

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8.5 Examples from Scripture Jesus obeyed the will of God



John 5:30b, "I do not seek my own will but the will of the Father who sent me." (NKJV)



Lesson 9 - GRATEFULNESS

Let's get started!

First...Memorize the Character Quality, Definition, and Verse.

Character Quality

Gratefulness

Opposite

Ungratefulness



Initials

Date

9.1 Definition

Being sincerely thankful and expressing appreciation for what I have received.

Initials

Date

9.2 Verse (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:18, In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Initials
Date

9.3 Bible Examples



Jesus Gave Thanks - Matthew 15:32-38

Jesus offered God thanks for both the loaves and the fish.

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9.4 Activity



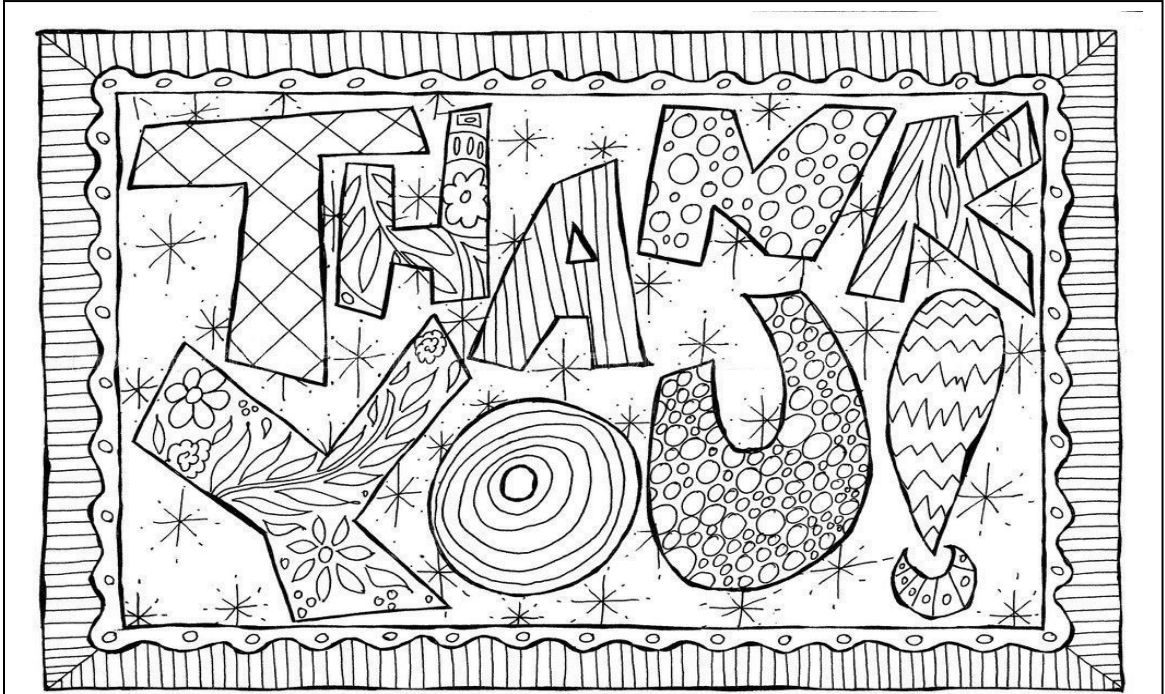
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9.5 Character in Action!



Our Memory Verse says to give thanks in every thing. What are some things you are grateful to God for? How can you show this to God? Draw a picture of or Write a Thank You note for something you are grateful for to God.



Dear God,
I am grateful for...

Lesson 10 - GRATEFULNESS

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Gratefulness

Opposite

Ungratefulness



Initials

Date

10.1 Definition

Being sincerely thankful and expressing appreciation for what I have received.

Initials

Date

10.2 Verse (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:18, In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Initials

Date

10.3 Bible History



Luke 17:11-19 The Grateful Man

The Bible tells us this story about a man who was a leper but Jesus healed him! He was 1 of a group of 10 men that Jesus healed but he was the only one that came to Jesus to say 'thank you'.



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Date

10.4 Practice Gratefulness



Draw a picture of different things you are thankful for.

Something outside I
am thankful for...

Something inside I
am thankful for...

Something fun I
am thankful for...

Something beautiful I
am thankful for...

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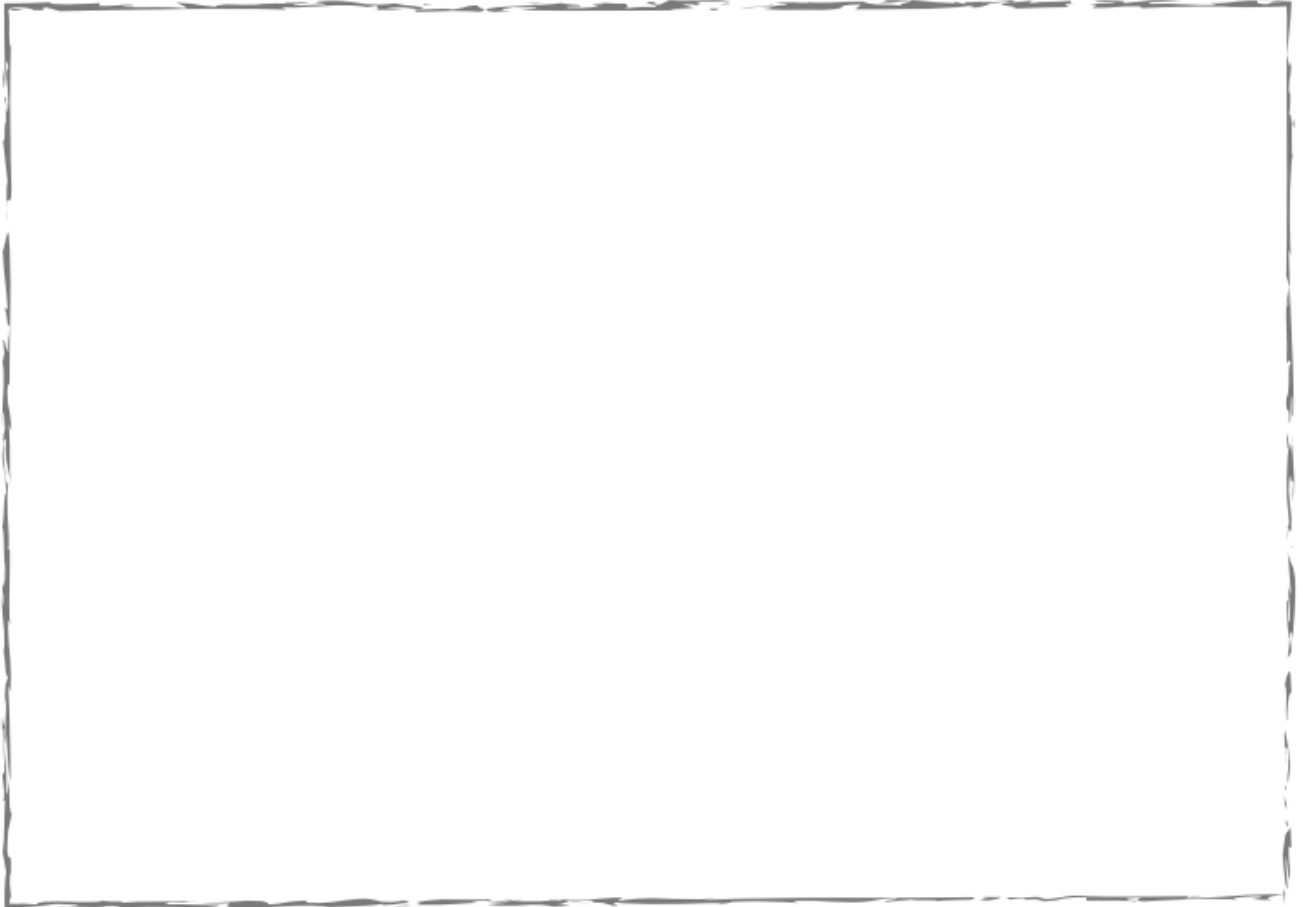
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10.5 Character in Action!



How can you show gratefulness to your family?

Draw a picture



Write words of thanks

I am thankful for _____

because _____.

Lesson 11 - GRATEFULNESS

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Gratefulness

Opposite

Ungratefulness



Initials

Date

11.1 Definition

Being sincerely thankful and expressing appreciation for what I have received.

Initials

Date

11.2 Verse (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:18, In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Initials

Date

11.3 Life Examples



Circle the pictures that you think show Gratefulness



Initials

Date

11.4 Bible History



The Israelites Complain, Exodus 15:22-24, 16: 2-20, Exodus 17:3-6

The Bible says the Israelites forgot the good things God had done for them and complained about not having food and water. Each time God took care of them but they were not grateful.



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11.5 Character in Action!

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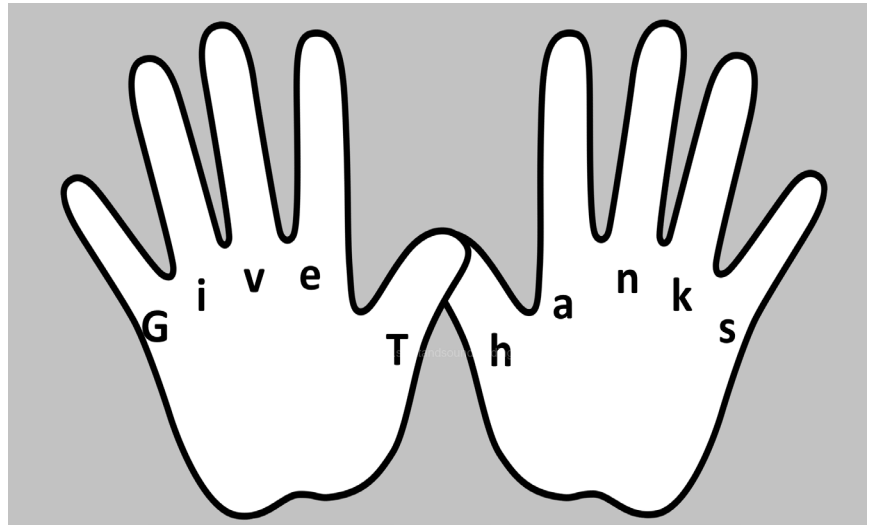
How will you show gratefulness at church or school this week?

GratITUDE

Is

Very

Easy



Thank others

Help others

Appreciate what you have

Notice your blessings

Know your gifts

Serve others

Lesson 12 - GRATEFULNESS

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Gratefulness

Opposite

Ungratefulness



Initials

Date

12.1 Definition

Being sincerely thankful and expressing appreciation for what I have received.

Initials

Date

12.2 Verse (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:18, In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Initials
Date

12.3 Gratefulness Recap

RECAP

GRATITUDE

We honor God by

SHOWING

Appreciation

AND

THANKFULNESS

TO OTHERS

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12.4 Bible Examples



Jesus Is Grateful to God

The Bible tells us how Jesus stopped to give thanks to God for many different things – for food, for people, for miracles, for children. It was important to Jesus to show God He was grateful.



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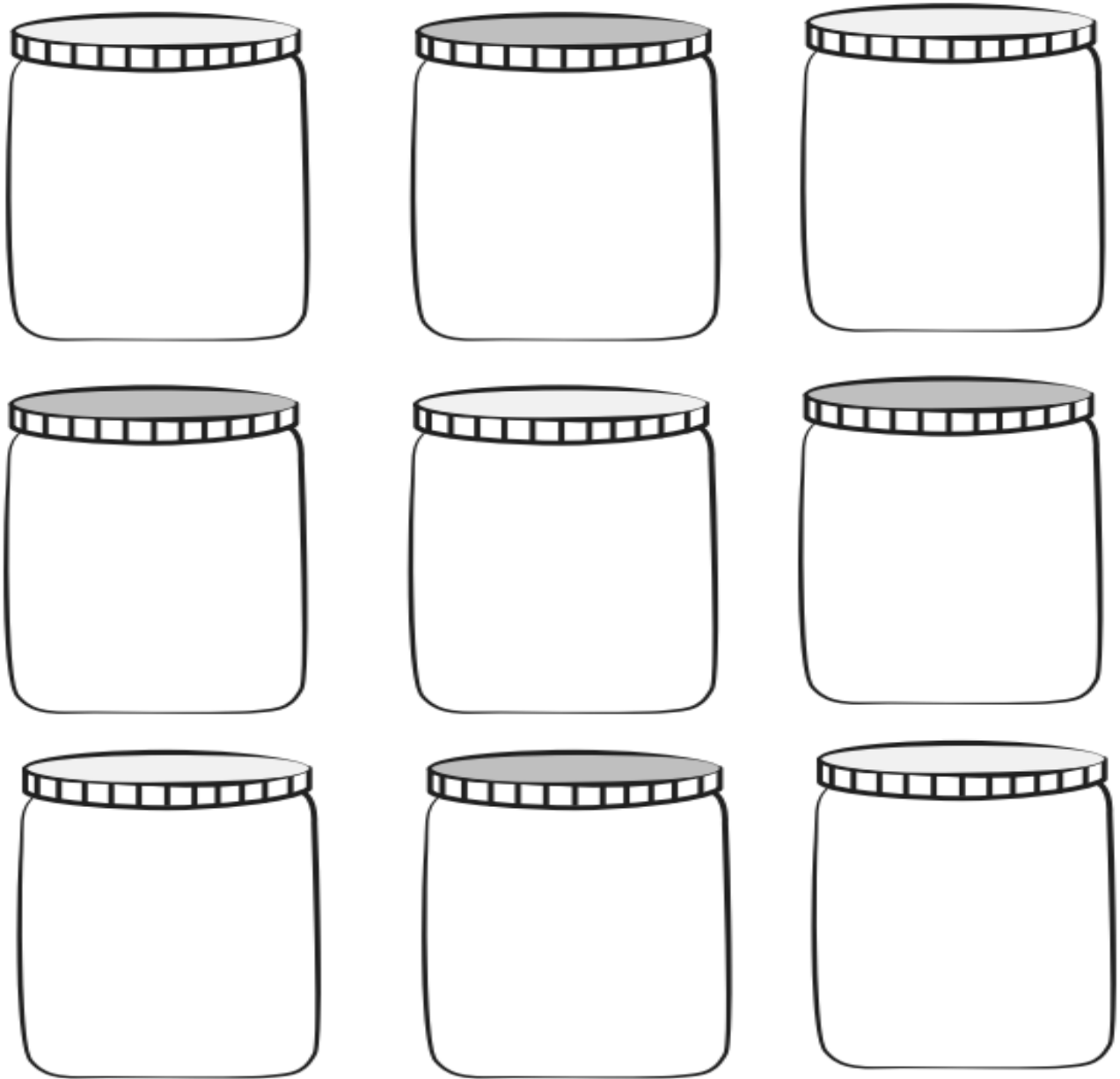
12.5 Character in Action!



How can you demonstrate Gratefulness in your community, giving thanks always for all things?

THANKFULNESS JARS

Draw a picture in each jar of things you are thankful for at home, at church, school and in your community!



Lesson 13 - DILIGENCE

Let's get started!

First...Memorize the Character Quality, Definition, and Verse.

Character Quality

Diligence

Opposite

Carelessness



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13.1 Definition

Date

Working with care, focus, and effort.

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13.2 Verse (NKJV)

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Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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13.3 Bible Examples



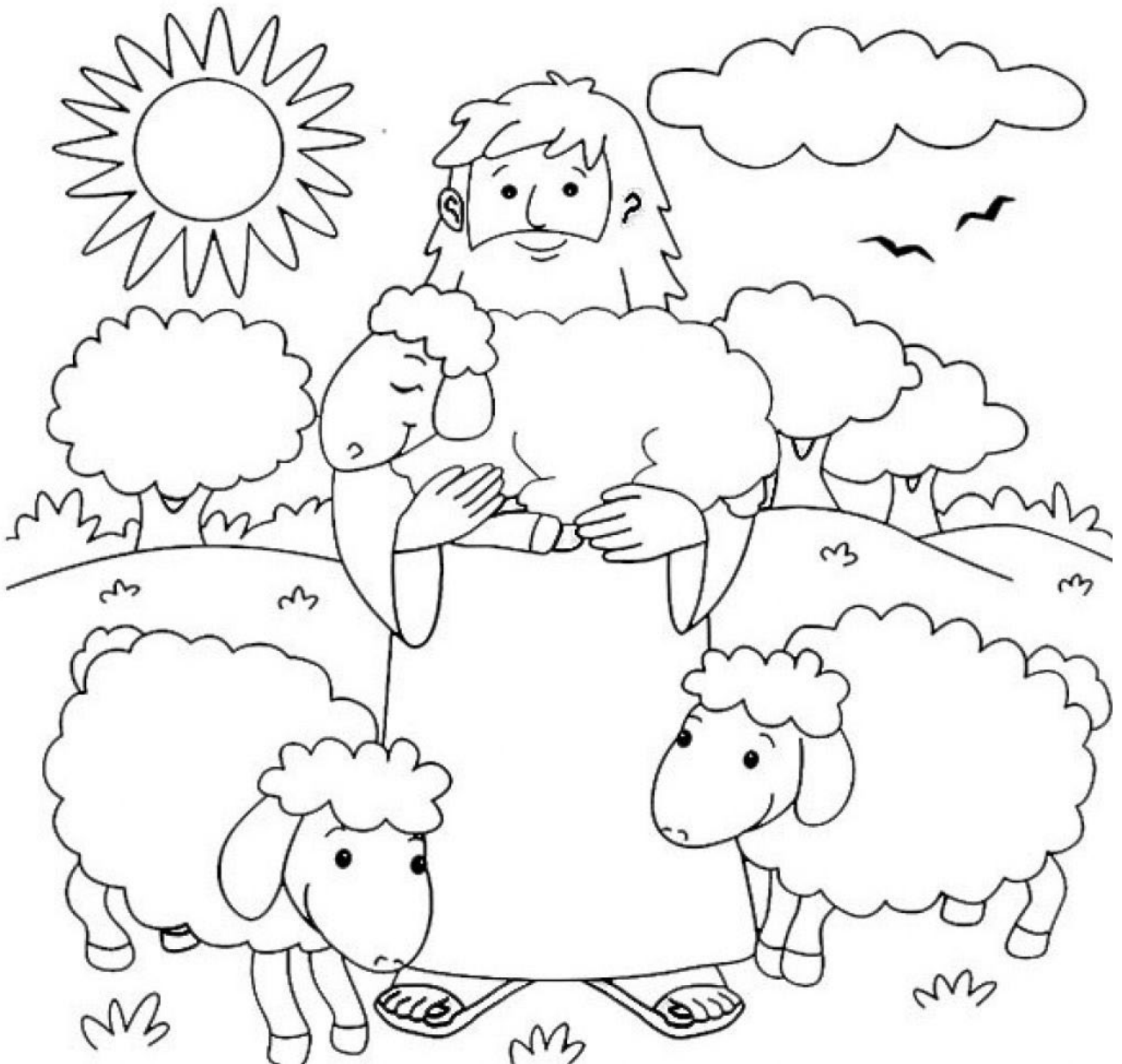
Jesus Is a Diligent Shepherd Matthew 18:10-14; John 10:14-15

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for us.

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13.4 Color the Picture



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13.5 Life Examples



Circle the pictures that show Diligence instead of Carelessness.



Lesson 14 - DILIGENCE

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Diligence

Opposite

Carelessness



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14.1 Definition

Date

Working with care, focus, and effort.

Initials

14.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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14.3 Character in Action!

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Tell your teacher a way that you can be diligent to be a help in your family.


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14.4 Bible Activity



The Lost Sheep

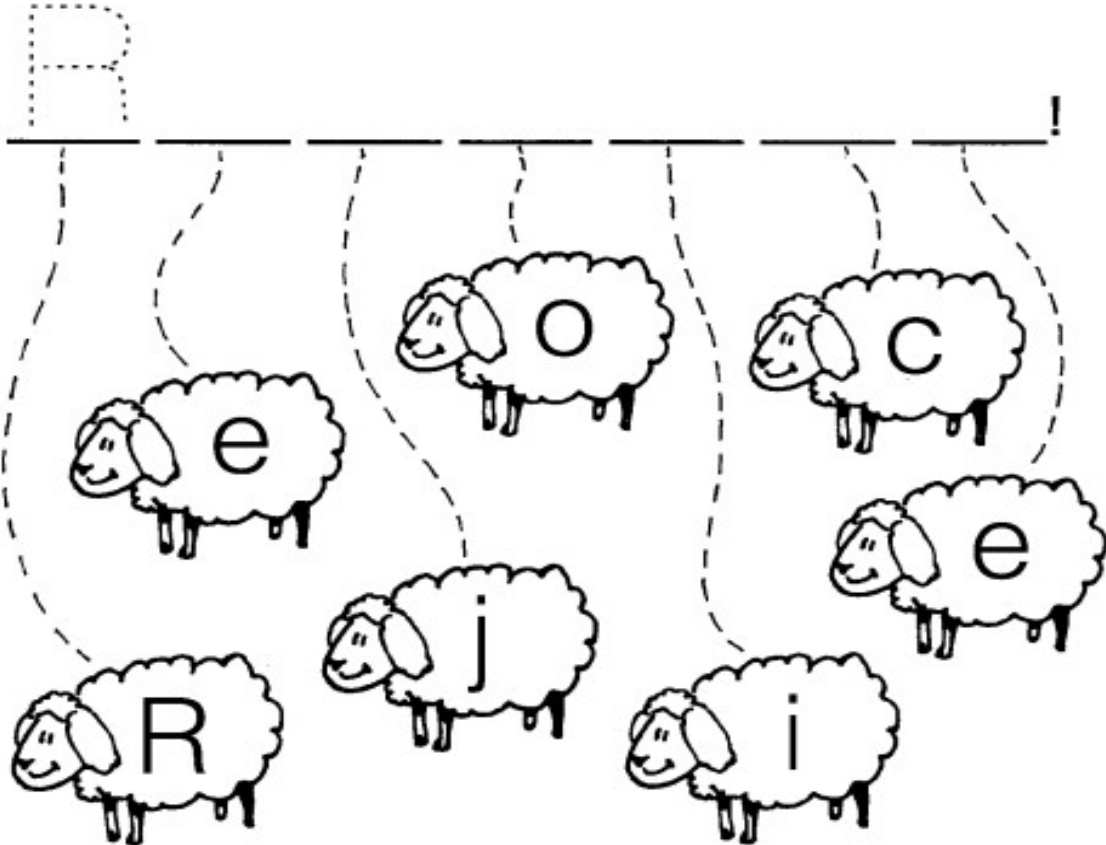
A  counted his .

1 was missing. So he went to look for the lost . He searched and found it.

The  carried the  home.

He was . He said:

Follow the path from each sheep to the line.
Write the letter on the line.



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14.5 Practice Diligence!



Write and draw a picture of a way you can do a task with care and attention to honor God.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to draw and write their response.

Lesson 15 - DILIGENCE

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Diligence

Opposite

Carelessness



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15.1

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Definition

Working with care, focus, and effort.

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15.2 Verse (NKJV)

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Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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15.3 Bible Examples



The Bible praises the ant who works diligently to store up food. -Proverbs 6:6-8



Proverbs also talks about how a diligent shepherd will know how his sheep are doing and take good care of them. -Proverbs 27:23



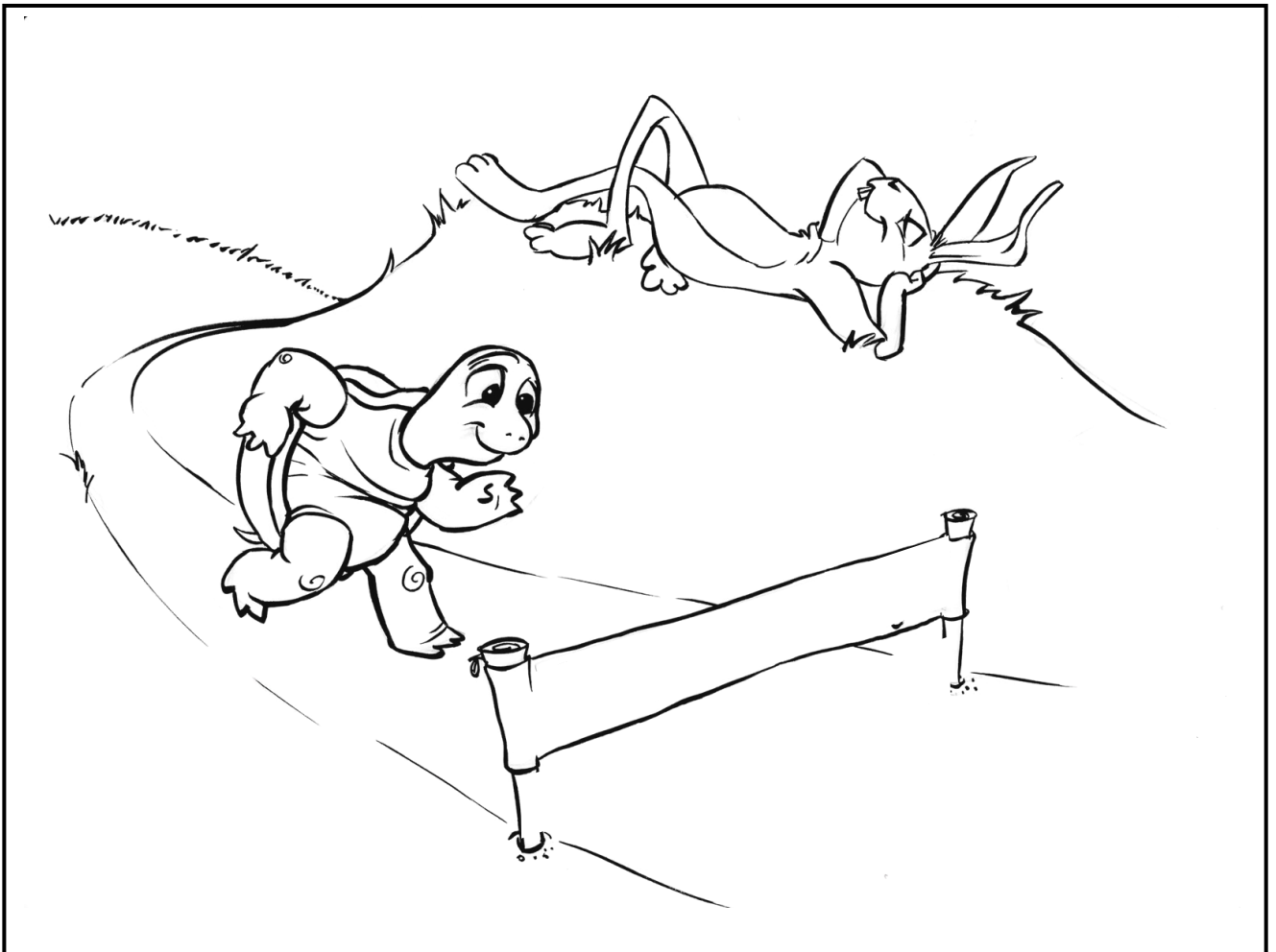
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15.4 Life Examples



Do you know the story of The Tortoise and the Hare? Who do you think was Diligent and who was Careless?



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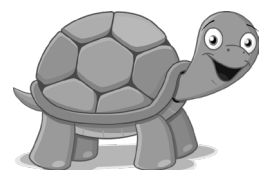
15.5 Practice Diligence!



I can learn from this story and be diligent by...

...Finishing what I start to the best of my ability.

...Pay attention to details to do the job well.



Lesson 16 - DILIGENCE

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Diligence

Opposite

Carelessness

Initials

Date

16.1 Definition

Working with care, focus, and effort.

Initials

Date

16.2 Verse (NKJV)

Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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16.3 Character in Action!



How can you be diligent in your class right now?

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16.4 Diligence Recap!

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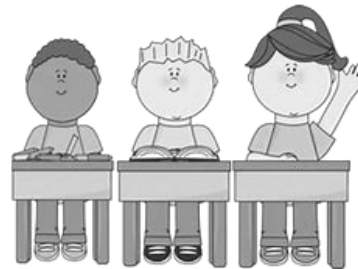
Give it Your Best



Work Hard



Pay Attention



Have a good attitude



Do it heartily as to the Lord.



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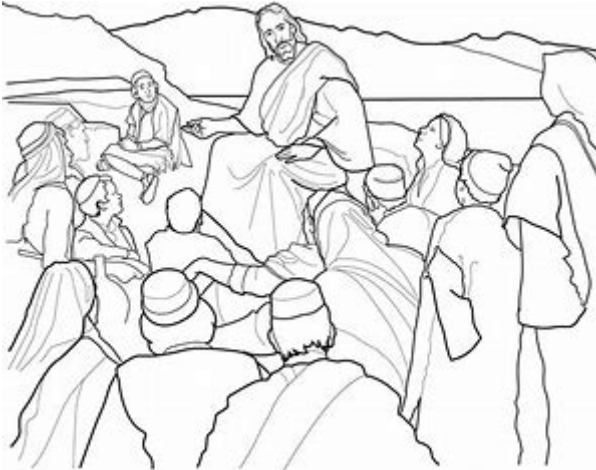
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16.5 Bible Examples



Jesus showed diligence in doing God's work.

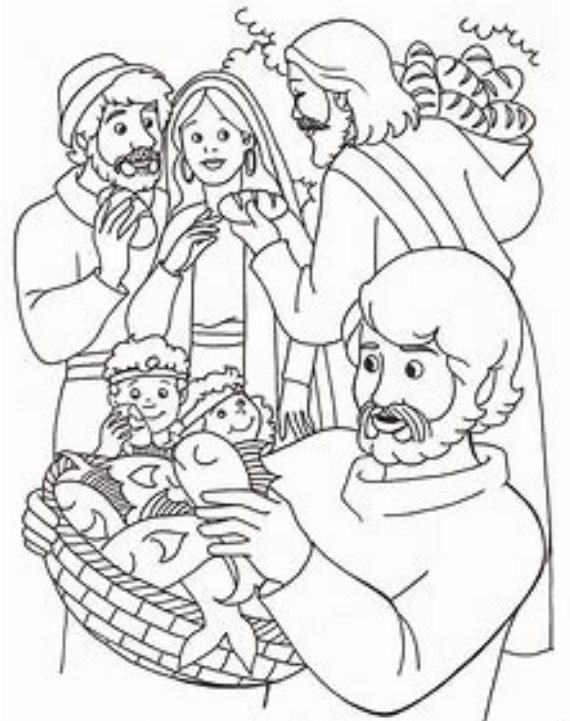
"I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." -John 9:4 (NKJV)



"Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I am come." -Mark 1:38 (NKJV)

Jesus showed diligence in caring for people.

"I have come to seek and to save that which is lost." - Luke 19:10 (NKJV)



Lesson 17 - SELF CONTROL

Let's get started!

First...Memorize the Character Quality, Definition, and Verse.

Character Quality

Self-Control

Opposite

Self-Indulgence



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17.1 Definition

Being able to control my thoughts, emotions, and behavior when I need to.

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17.2 Verse (NKJV)

Galatians 5:16, I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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17.3 Bible Examples



Luke 4:1-15 - Jesus Demonstrated Self-Control

The Bible says Satan tempted Jesus for 40 days in the wilderness. Jesus used Bible verses to resist temptation. The Bible also tells us that Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit, which means God helped him be self-controlled. It's the same for us! If we try to fight Satan and temptation on our own, it's very hard. If we ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit to help us fight Satan and temptation, we can be strong like Jesus!



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17.4 Practice Self-Control



1. Stop



Calm yourself

2. Think



Consider the Consequences

3. Act



**Control your tongue, hands,
and thoughts**

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17.5 Character in Action!



How can you show self-control (controlling your thoughts, emotions, and behavior) to honor God?

I can show self-control when I:

Lesson 18 - SELF CONTROL

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Self-Control

Opposite

Self-Indulgence



Initials

Date

18.1 Definition

Being able to control my thoughts, emotions, and behavior when I need to.

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18.2 Verse (NKJV)

Galatians 5:16, I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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18.3 Bible Example



Galatians 5:22-23 - Self-Control is a Fruit of the Spirit!

Our Self-Control grows when we “walk in the spirit” to grow closer to Jesus and allow His power to work inside us – not just by trying harder to be self-controlled on our own.

The Fruit of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23 CSB



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BONUS POINTS!

BONUS POINTS! Can you memorize the list of the Fruits of the Spirit in the next three weeks for 20 extra points?



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18.4 Life Examples



Put an **X** on the pictures that do **NOT** show **Self-Control**





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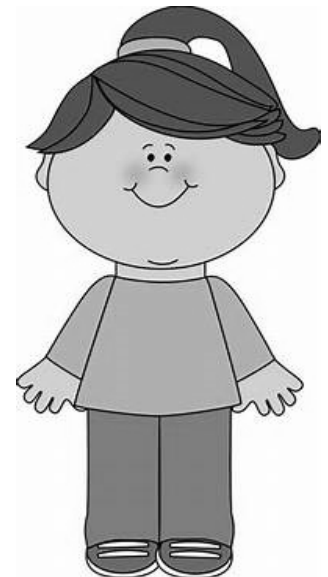
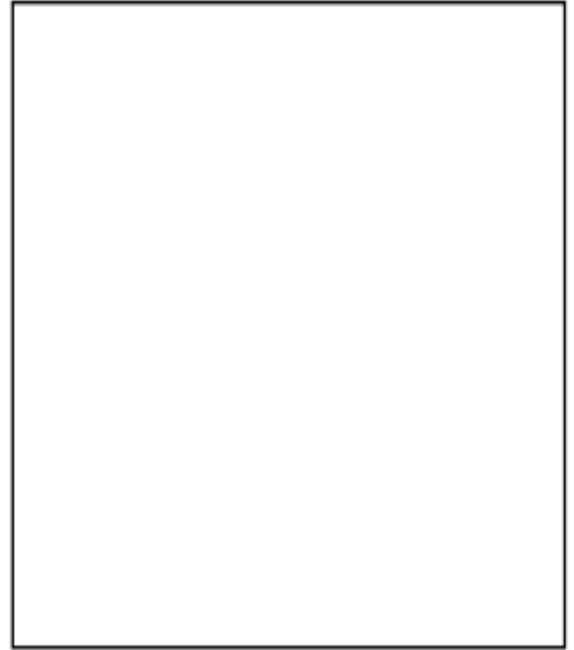
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18.5 Practice Self-Control

Write down how you can respond to show self-control at home with your family and draw a picture to illustrate it!

When I feel mad,

I can



Lesson 19 - SELF CONTROL

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Self-Control

Opposite

Self-Indulgence



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19.1 Definition

Controlling my emotions, thoughts, and behavior in the face of temptations.

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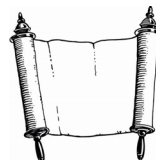
19.2 Verse (NKJV)

Galatians 5:16, I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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19.3 Bible History



Joshua 6:20, The Walls of Jericho

Proverbs 25:28, Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls. (NKJV)

Do you remember the story of Jericho? Jericho wasn't a big city, but it was surrounded by a giant wall about 5 feet thick and over 12 feet tall. The wall protected the people who lived inside. Once the wall came tumbling down, the city was unable to be protected anymore.

If we don't have self-control, we are allowing the walls that guard our heart from sin to begin to break down.



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19.4 Character In Action!



stay in **Control**

Do you remember the 3 steps to help with Self-Control from page 51? Write the steps and then draw or write an example of each step for how you can show Self-Control at church or in school.

Step 1: _____



Step 2: _____

Step 3: _____



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19.5 Self Control Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Help me to control
my emotions,
thoughts, and
behaviors today.



I want to be a blessing to
others and to be a light that
they might see your
goodness through me.

Lesson 20 - SELF CONTROL

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Self-Control

Opposite

Self-Indulgence



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20.1 Definition

Date

Controlling my emotions, thoughts, and behavior in the face of temptations.

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20.2 Verse (NKJV)

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Galatians 5:16, I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

**BONUS
POINTS!**

Bonus Points Memory Challenge!



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Were you able to memorize all the Fruits of the Spirit for 20 bonus points?

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20.3 Self-Control Recap

RECAP

For Christians, self-control is about resisting the temptation to break God’s law (which includes losing our temper) and react to others without demonstrating the Fruit of the Spirit in our thoughts and actions. The Holy Spirit gives Christians the power to use Self-Control to resist temptation. We can control our emotions, thoughts, and behaviors with Jesus’ help!

STOP THINK ACT PRAY



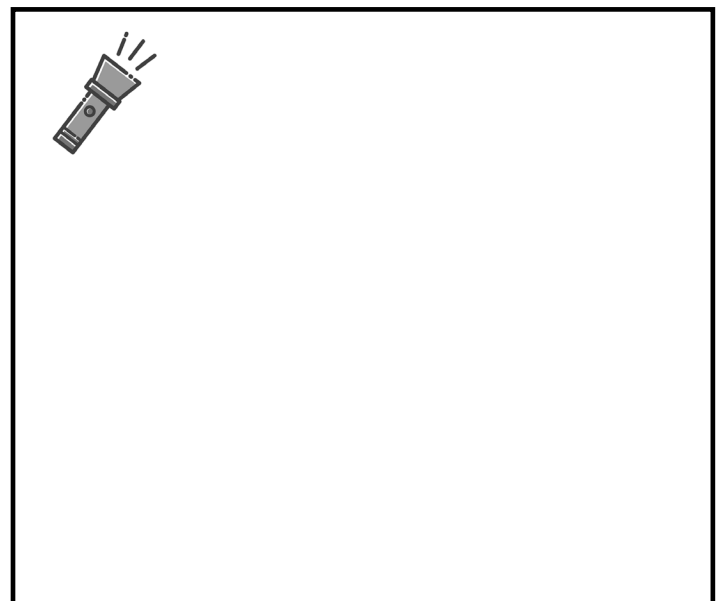
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20.4 Character in Action!

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How can you use Self-Control in your community to be a light to the world?

I can _____



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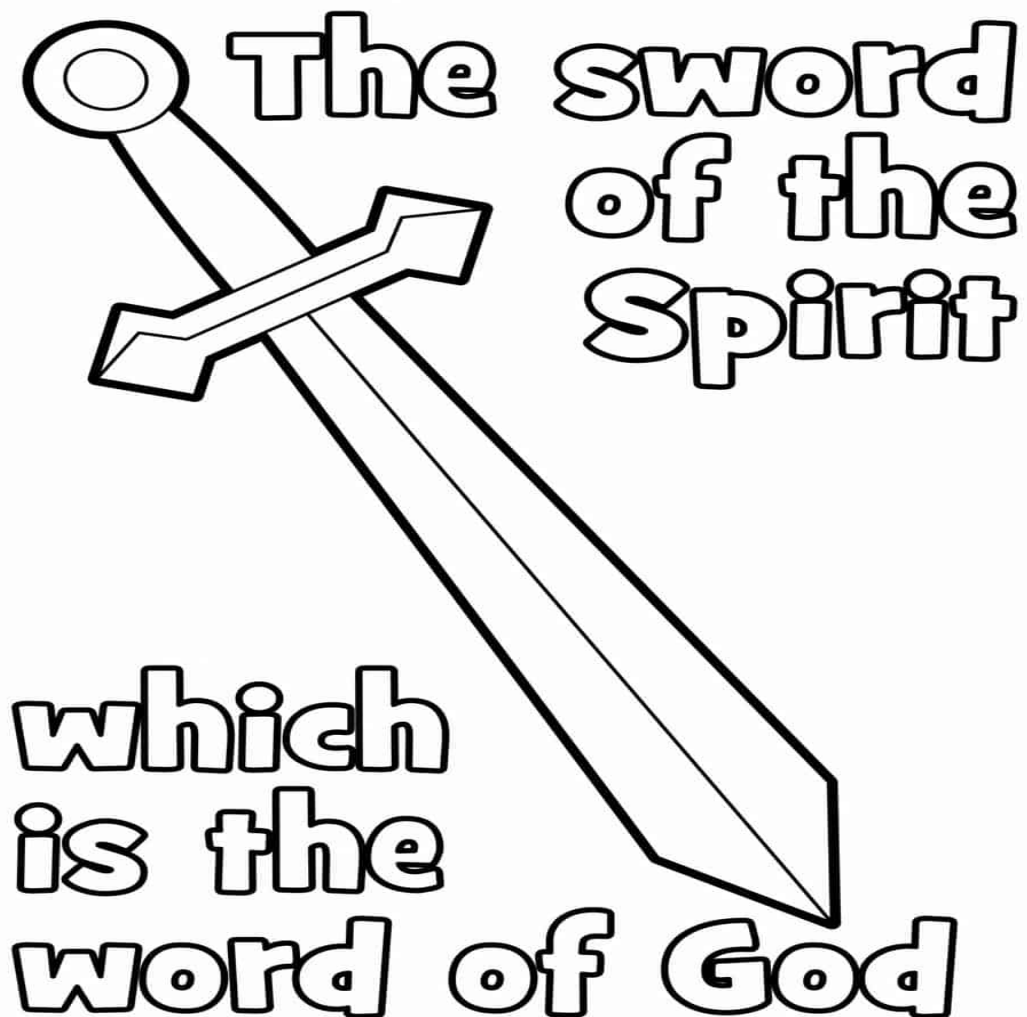
20.5 Bible Example



Jesus is the expert on overcoming temptation. He never sinned, despite being tempted, and He is compassionate towards our struggles with temptation.

Jesus helps give us the tools we need to overcome temptation and practice self-control.

Ephesians 6:17 talks about how we can protect ourselves against evil using the Armor of God. It says "take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Just like Jesus used the Word of God to answer Satan, we can use God's Word to help us.



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POINTS!**

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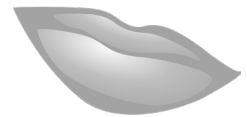
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Bible Verses (NKJV)

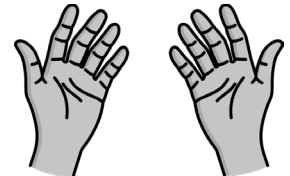


Can you read these verses with your parent?

Proverbs 8:7, “For my mouth will speak truth.”



Ephesians 4:28b, “Working with his hands what is good.”



Psalms 119:59, “I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies.”



Psalms 37:8, “Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret, it only causes harm.”



Lesson 21 - TRUTHFULNESS

Let's get started!

*First...Memorize the Character Quality, Definition,
and Verse.*

Character Quality

Truthfulness

Opposite

Deceitfulness



Initials

21.1 Definition

Date

Being honest and without deception

Initials

21.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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21.3 Examples from Scripture



Jesus Demonstrates Truthfulness

Bible Story: John 4:3-42, The Woman at the Well

The Samaritan woman recognized that Jesus told her the truth and believed in Him. Jesus wasn't afraid to tell the truth. We should not be afraid to tell the truth.

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21.4 Connect the Dots!

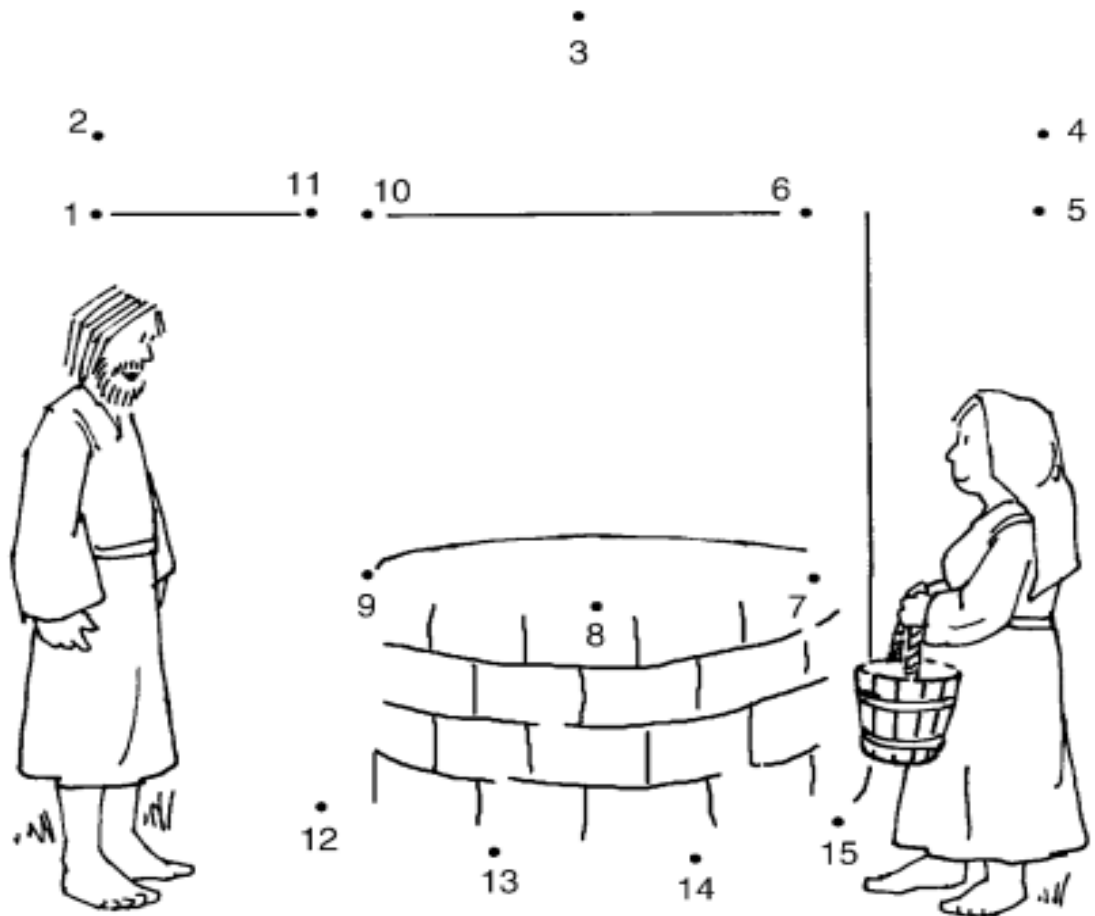


Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

Jesus met a woman drawing water from a well. He asked her for a drink.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



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21.5 Practice Truthfulness



Truth is very important to God.

In John 17:17 Jesus asks God the Father to, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (NKJV)

We should worship the Lord in ...

Trace the letters below.



Spirit

and

Truth

Lesson 22 - TRUTHFULNESS

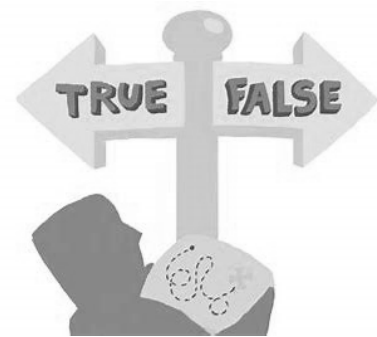
Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Truthfulness

Opposite

Deceitfulness



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22.1 Definition

Being honest and without deception

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22.2 Verse (NKJV)

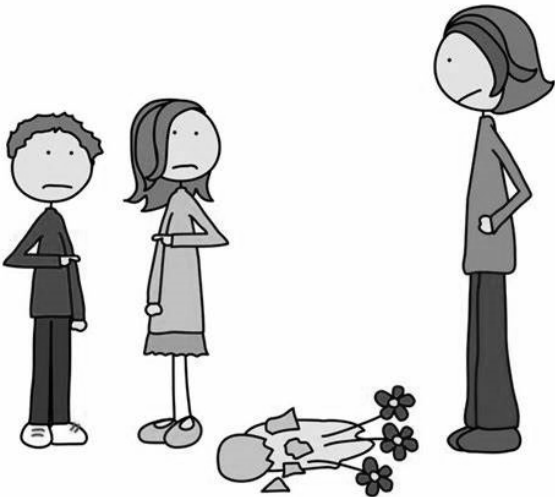
John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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22.3 Life Examples



Put an **X** on the pictures that you think show the **OPPOSITE** of Truthfulness.



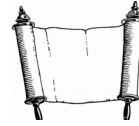
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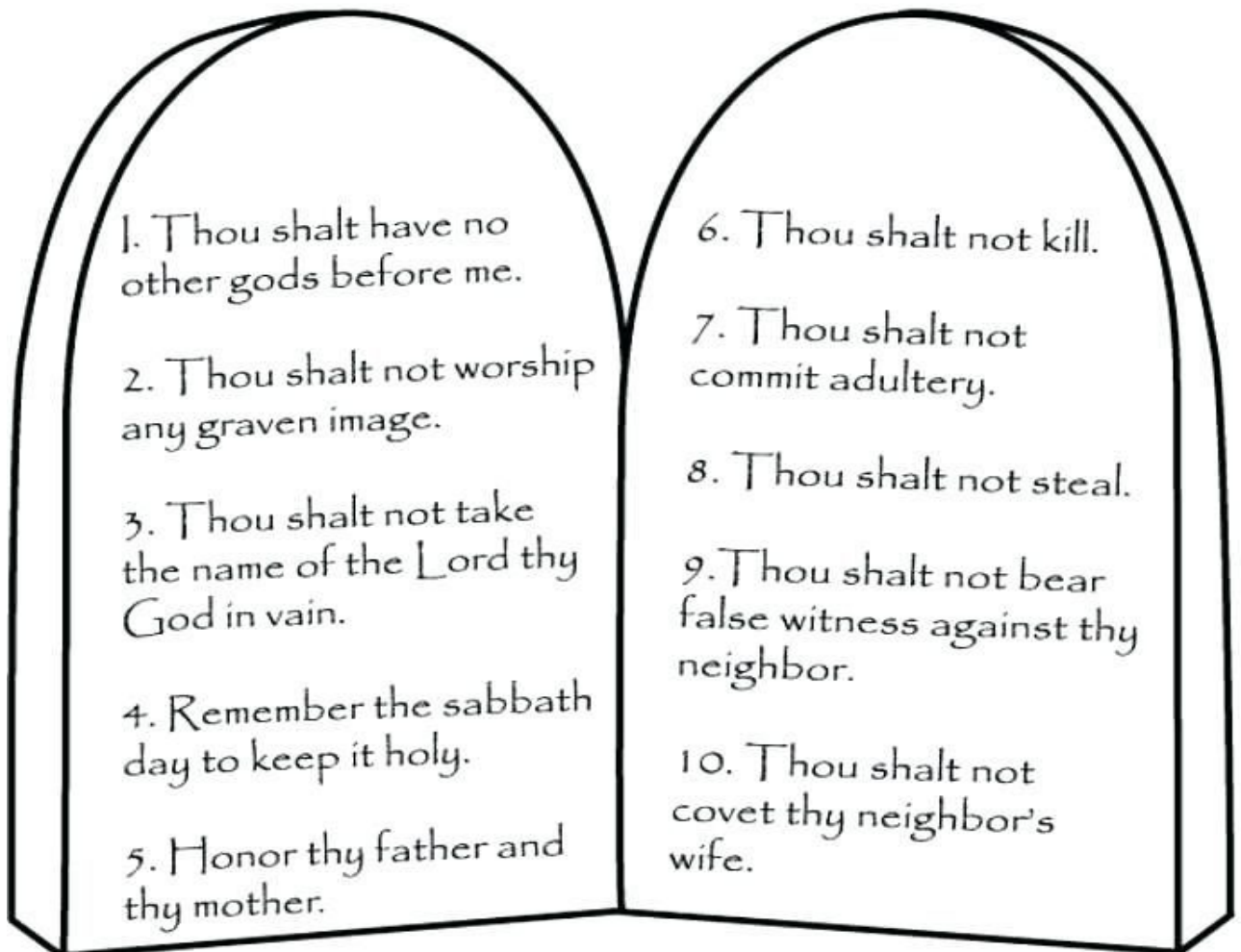
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22.4 Bible History



Exodus 20:16, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

Can you recite the 9th Commandment to your teacher?



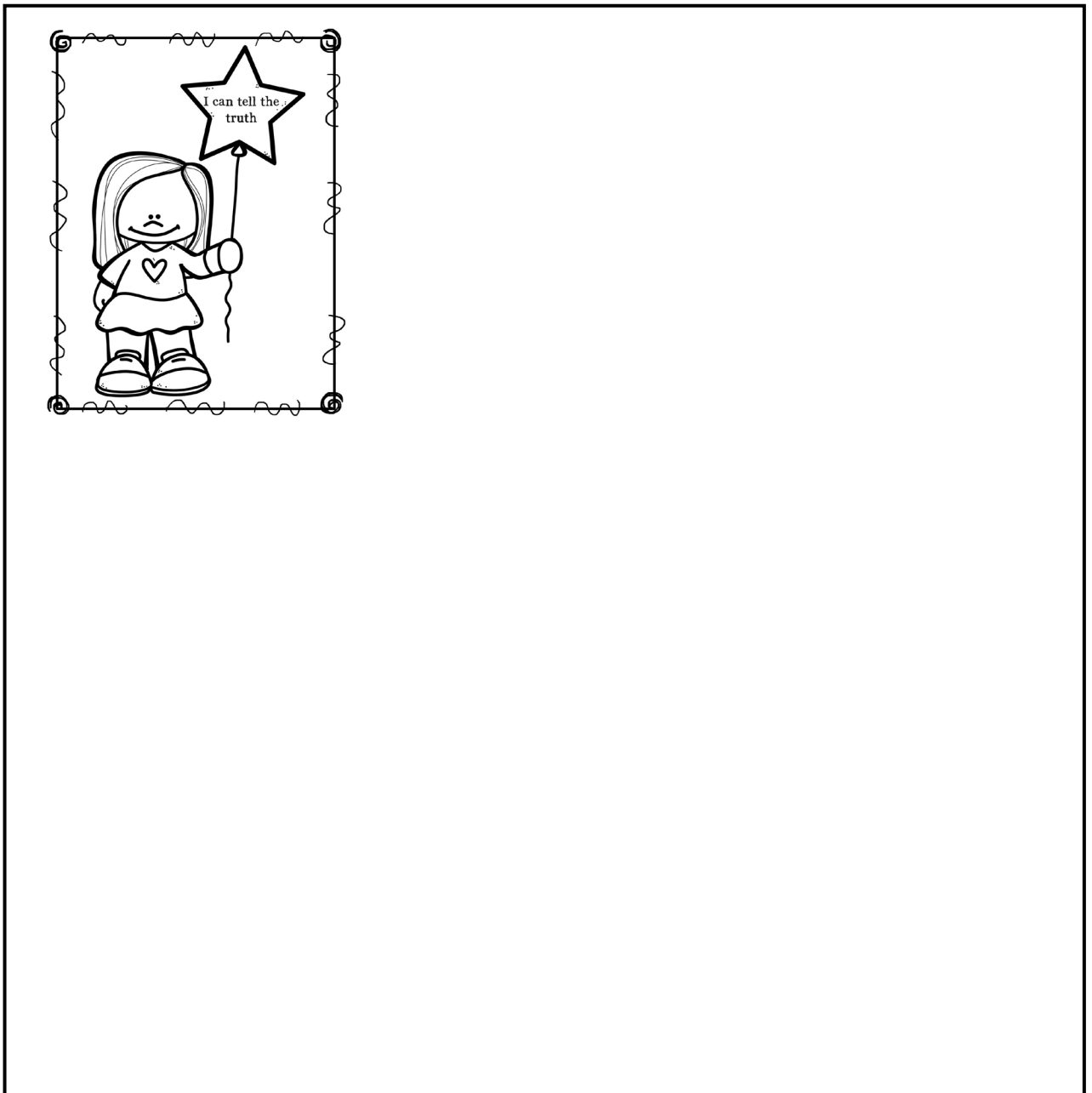
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22.5 Character in Action!



Tell your teacher how you can be truthful in school. Draw a picture for an example.



Lesson 23 - TRUTHFULNESS

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Truthfulness

Opposite

Deceitfulness



Initials

23.1 Definition

Date

Being honest and without deception

Initials

23.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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23.3 Character in Action!



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Tell your teacher or a parent about a time when you told the truth.

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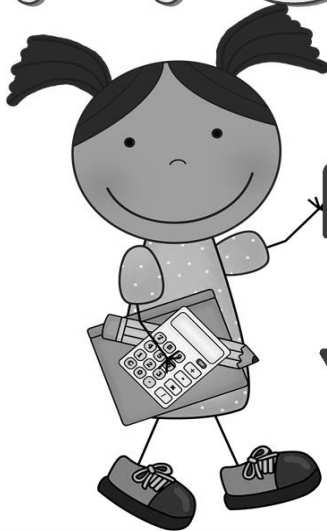
23.4 Practice Honesty



Ephesians 4:25, "Putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor." (NKJV)

How will you practice honesty?

Honesty



Being truthful with
yourself and others.

The Bible says we are to "Provide for **honest** things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

- 2 Corinthians 8:21

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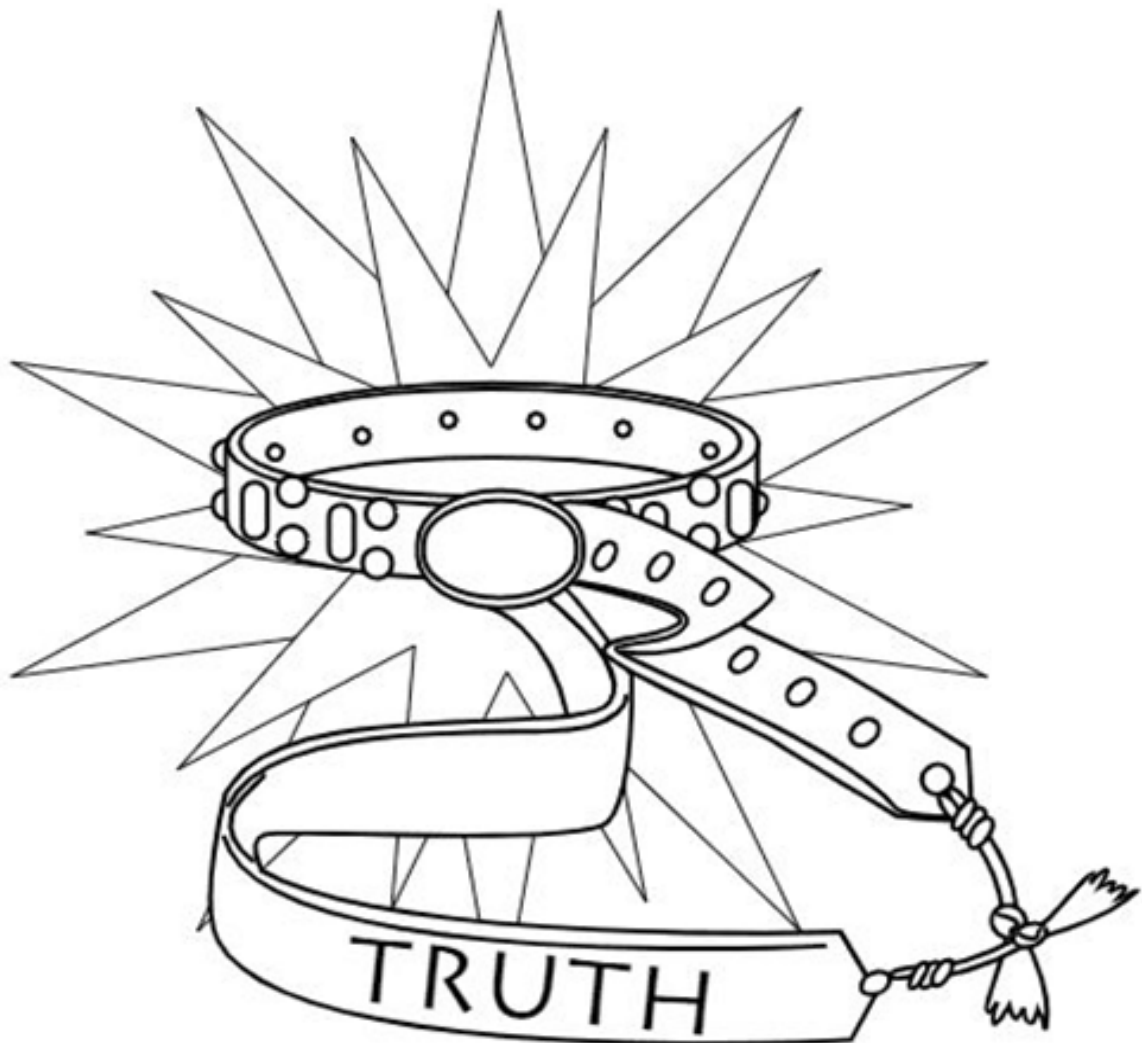
23.5 Bible Examples



Ephesians 6:14 - The Belt of Truth:

Truth is an important part of the Armor of God. Just as a belt holds everything in place, Truth is what guides all areas of our life.

The Belt of Truth



Lesson 24 - TRUTHFULNESS

Recite the definition and verse to your teacher.

Character Quality

Truthfulness

Opposite

Deceitfulness



Initials

24.1 Definition

Date

Being honest and without deception.

Initials

24.2 Verse (NKJV)

Date

John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, except through me.

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24.3 Character in Action!



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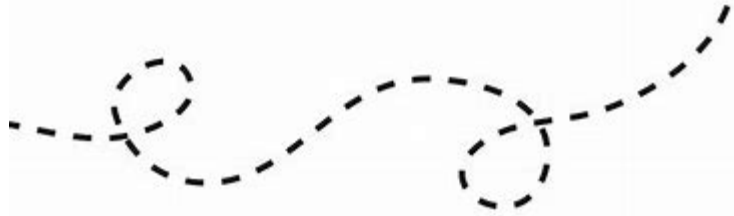
Tell your teacher or a parent about how you observed someone show truthfulness this week.

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24.4 Truthfulness Recap!

RECAP



- Truthful to God**
- Truthful to People**

Honesty Pledge



I will do my best to be truthful.
I will think about the things I say
each and every day. My words and
actions will be honest and true,
because that is the right thing to
do!



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24.5 Bible Examples



Jesus is Truth. He has promised us wonderful truths that we can trust in.



God loves you.

Jesus died on the cross so you can be forgiven.



Jesus will always be with you.



A-B-Cs of Character

NKJV

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother. (Proverbs 15:20)

Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31)

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3b)

For God hath not given to us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. (1 Timothy 4:8)

Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. (Psalm 93:5)

It is good for me to draw near to God: (Psalm 73:28)

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days. (Proverbs 19:20)

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. (Psalm 34:19)

Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Matthew 12:34)

Pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. (Matthew 6:6b)

Quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity. (1 Corinthians 16:13b-14)

Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, (Ecclesiastes 12:1)

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. (Isaiah 55:6)

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)

Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious and full of compassion and righteous. (Psalm 112:4)

Verily God hath heard me, He hath attended to the voice of my prayer. (Psalm 66:19)

We love him because He first loved us. (I John 4:19)

eXamine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Be **Z**ealous for the fear of the Lord all the day. (Proverbs 23:17)

The Fruits of the Spirit

(NKJV)

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

James 2: 18-24

(KJV)

18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *faith without works is dead*?

21. Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Matthew 5

(KJV)

Matthew 5:1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

Matthew 5:2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Matthew 5:3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:4 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Matthew 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Matthew 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Matthew 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5:25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Matthew 5:26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Matthew 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Matthew 5:30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Matthew 5:31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

Matthew 5:32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Matthew 5:33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

Matthew 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Matthew 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

Matthew 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

Matthew 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Matthew 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

Matthew 5:39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Matthew 5:40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.

Matthew 5:41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

Matthew 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Matthew 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Matthew 5:47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so?

Matthew 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 6

(KJV)

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:

Matthew 6:4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are*: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Matthew 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

Matthew 6:17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

Matthew 6:18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Matthew 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matthew 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

Matthew 6:28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

Matthew 6:29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Matthew 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of little faith?

Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

Matthew 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Matthew 7

(KJV)

Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Matthew 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Matthew 7:4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye?

Matthew 7:5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Matthew 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Matthew 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Matthew 7:10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Matthew 7:14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matthew 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Matthew 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Matthew 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matthew 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matthew 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Matthew 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Matthew 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Matthew 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

Matthew 7:29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

