

Level 0

What Christians Believe

An Introduction to the bibletime series

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B.E.S.

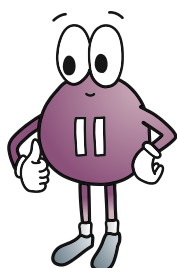
This cloud character is based on **Exodus 13: 21-22** and is a symbol of God's presence. He is a source of wisdom throughout the Bibletime stories, as he guides and teaches the character 'Q' about God. He's a gentle, friendly character who encourages us all to study God's Word, the Bible, in a deep and meaningful way.



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Q

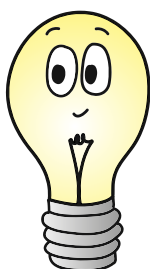
Q is an inquisitive and deep thinking character. He has lots of questions and is brave enough to ask them. He looks to his friends B.E.S. and Beam as wise and encouraging mentors, to help him find answers. In so doing, he helps us all to discover an even greater friend, Jesus.



NAME:

PAUSE

Pause is a happy, cheerful character. He does not speak but his presence indicates a time to pause, so that we can reflect on what has been discovered up to that point. Pause also reminds us to attempt the activity or questions after careful thought.



NAME:

BEAM

This lightbulb character is linked to Psalm 119: 105. He is 'shining his light' for Jesus. Alongside B.E.S., he helps Q and us to understand the Bible as God's instruction manual. He shows us how to live in relationship with God, fellowship with others and as witnesses to the truth of the Gospel.

STORY 1: The Bible

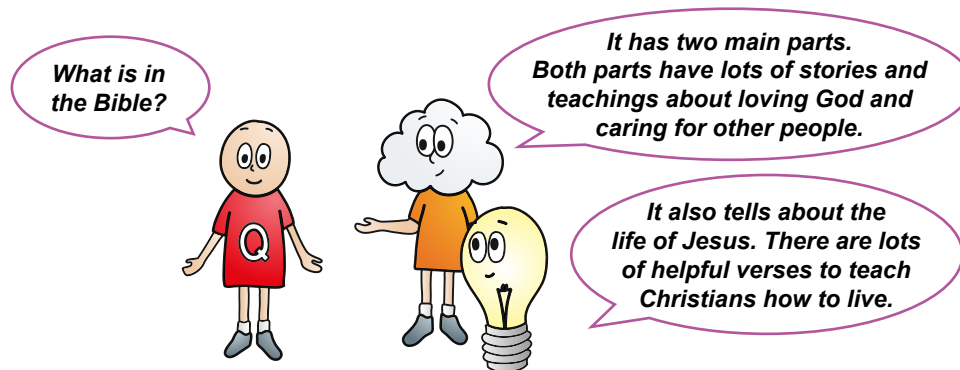
This story is about looking inside the Bible.



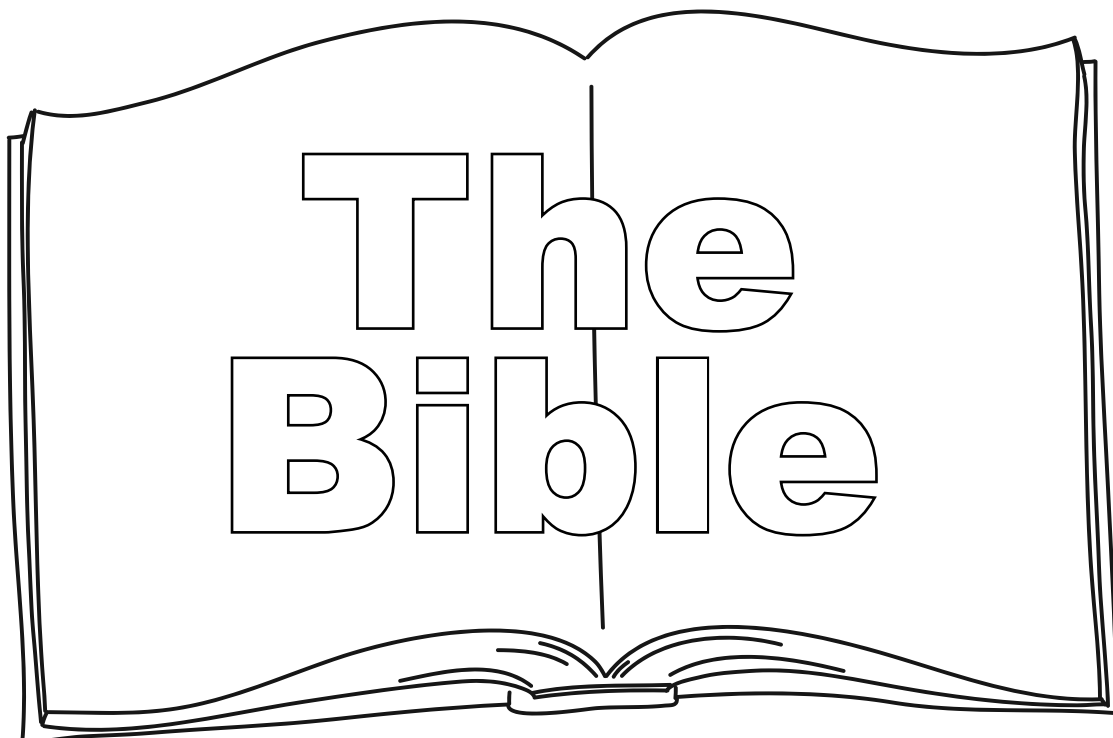
READ:
Luke 1: 1-4

Adult Guidance - Explain to the children that the Bible contains a collection of books, including letters, stories and songs. It was written by more than 40 people and took around 1,500 years to complete. It is split into 2 parts - the Old and New Testaments and tells us about God, the life of Jesus and how Christians should live. Genesis is the first book and tells us how God created the world and everything in it.

The Bible is a very special book that God has given to us. It tells us about God and His Son, Jesus.



Colour the Bible.



STORY 2: The meaning of Christmas

This story is about Jesus, God's Son, the Saviour of the world.

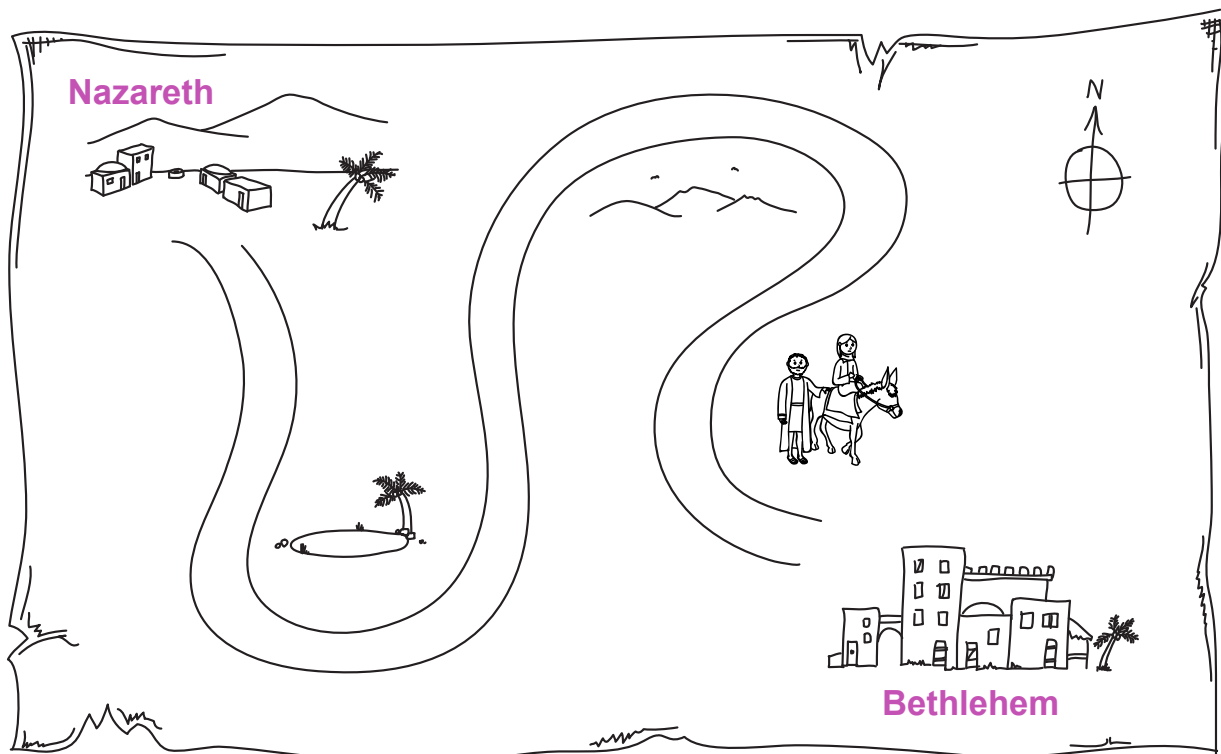


READ:
Luke 2: 1-20

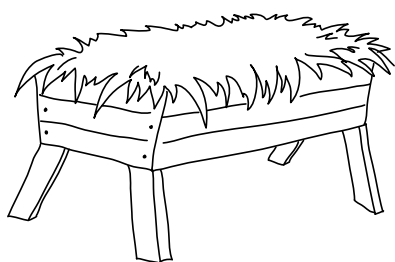
Adult Guidance - Help the children to understand that the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth were very different to theirs, but that He was the most special baby ever born. Explain why Mary and Joseph had to make a journey to Bethlehem using the map below. Explain what an inn is by using the equivalent term in your culture. Explain using the picture below that Mary laid Jesus in a manger, which was used to feed animals.

Mary and Joseph travelled on a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Draw a line along the path to show the journey Mary and Joseph took.



Bethlehem was very busy and soon the inns were full. They had to sleep in a place where the animals were kept. This is where baby Jesus was born.

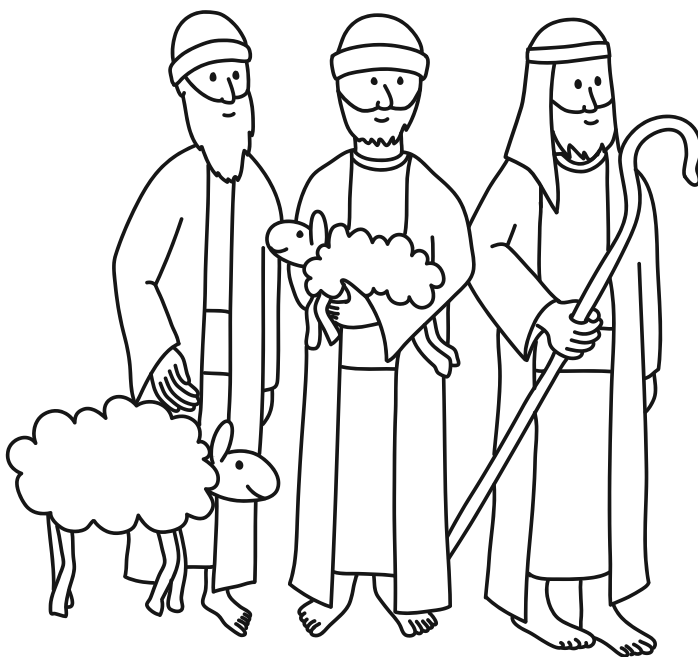


Jesus was a very special baby. The Bible tells us that He was the Son of God. God sent Jesus to be the Saviour of the world.

Mary wrapped Jesus in pieces of cloth and used a manger as his bed.

An angel appeared to some shepherds who were looking after their sheep and told them the good news. Jesus, the Saviour had been born.

Colour the picture of the shepherds and the angel.



Complete the sentences.

The angel told the shepherds good news.
Jesus was born.



The Bible tells us that God sent Jesus to help and save people. Christians believe that because of Jesus, people can feel happy and hopeful.

STORY 3: Making good decisions

This story is about two builders.

Adult Guidance - Jesus told a story about two builders. Both houses faced storms (Storms are difficulties in our lives. Examples may include worrying, or falling out with our friends), but only the wise builder's house stood firm. Life, like a house, needs a strong foundation. Jesus teaches that if we follow Jesus, our lives will be strong too.



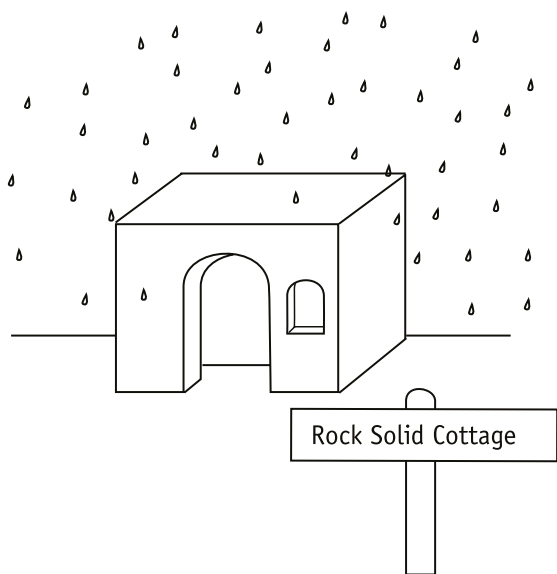
READ:
Luke 6: 46-49

A wise man built his house on rock, and a foolish man built his house on sand.

There was a big storm and a flood. The rain and wind beat against the houses.

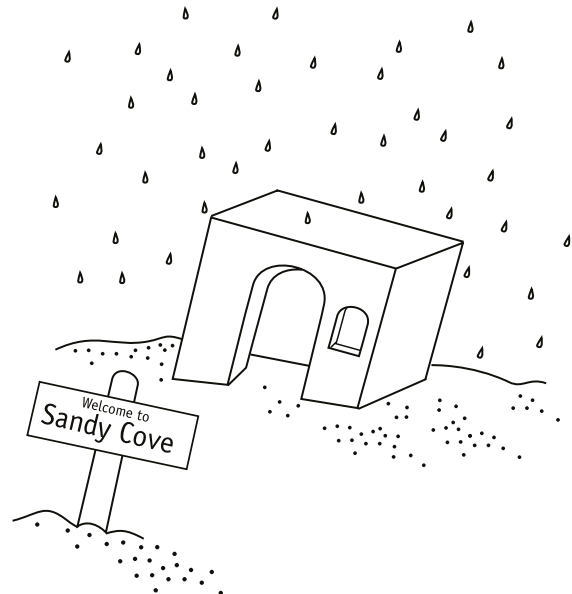
The house on the rock stood firm, but the house on the sand fell down!

Join the dots to reveal the words and colour the pictures.



Who built his house on a rock?

The wise man.



Who built his house on soft ground?

The foolish man.

STORY 4: Jesus calms a storm

This story is about the power of Jesus.

Adult Guidance - Talk about some of the things that frighten us. Explain why Jesus' friends were frightened of the storm. The Bible says that Jesus is with us when we trust Him, and He will help us not to feel afraid.



READ:
Luke: 8: 22-25

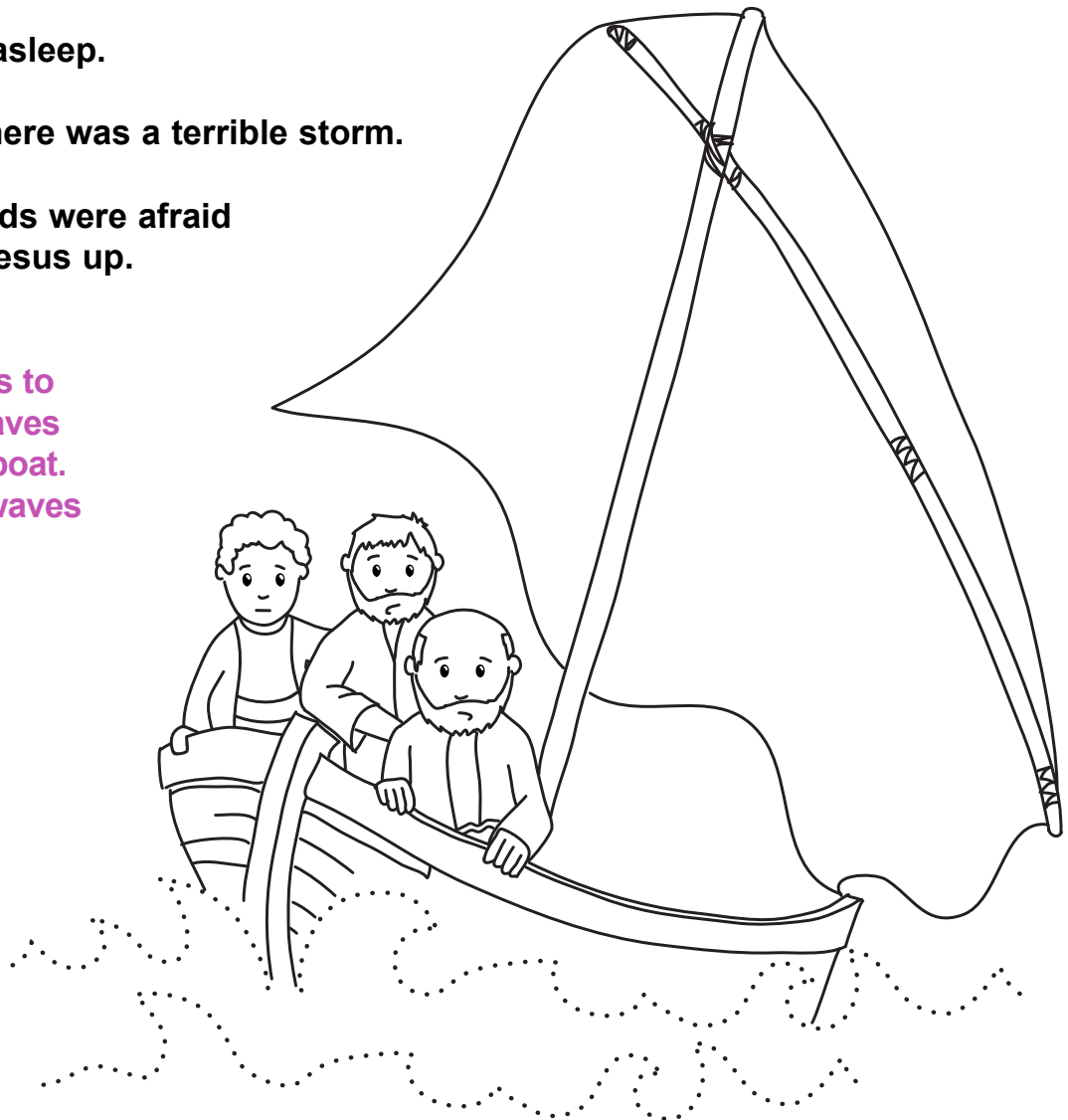
Jesus and His friends were in a boat.

Jesus was asleep.

Suddenly there was a terrible storm.

Jesus' friends were afraid
and woke Jesus up.

Join the dots to
make big waves
around the boat.
Colour the waves
blue.



Jesus asked His friends why they were
so afraid.

Then Jesus made the sea calm.

Jesus' friends saw His great power.

Wow! Jesus
stopped the storm! I don't
know anyone as powerful
as Jesus, do you?



STORY 5: Being a good neighbour

This story is about loving your neighbour.

Adult Guidance - Explain that Jesus told lots of stories to teach us important lessons. Make the point that Jews and Samaritans at this time did not get along very well. At the end, discuss different ways that we can help other people.



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Luke 10: 25-37

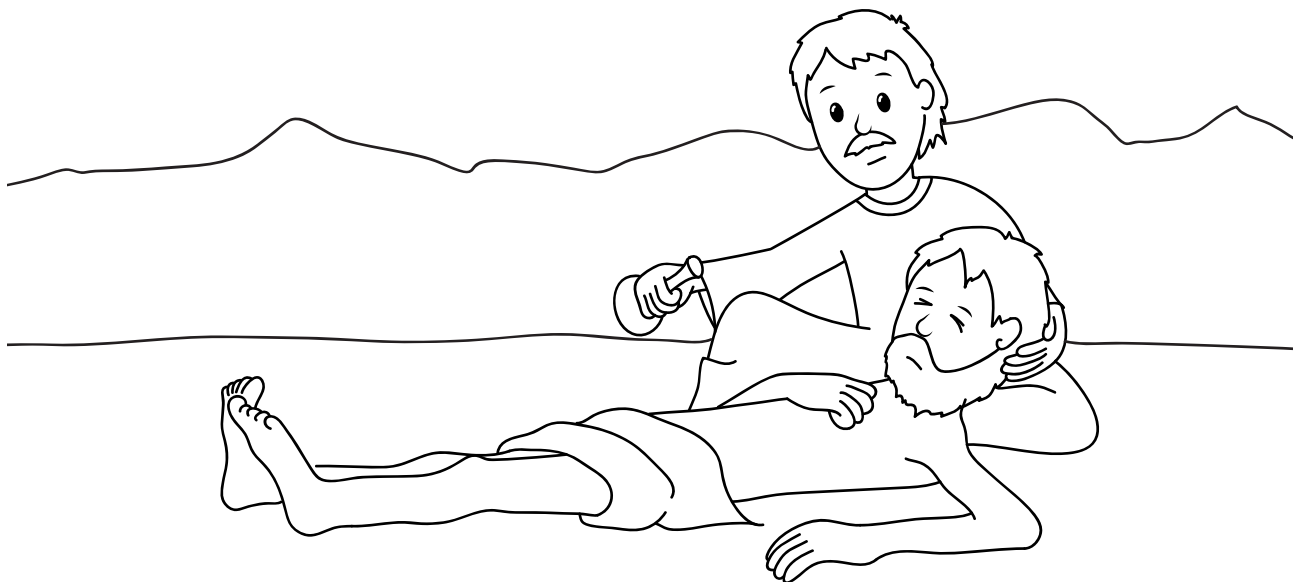
One day Jesus told a story.

A Jewish man went on a journey. Robbers hurt him and left him dying on the road.

A man was walking along the road. When he saw the hurt man, he passed by on the other side. Another man also walked past and didn't stop to help.

The third man who came along was a Samaritan. He was from a place called Samaria. He was very kind. He helped the man and made sure he was looked after.

Colour the picture.



The Bible says that we should be kind and helpful to others too.

Do you try
to help others?



STORY 6: Forgiveness

This story is about being sorry for doing wrong.

Adult Guidance - Talk about the importance of saying sorry when we hurt others. Give an example of forgiveness which might take place in your family.



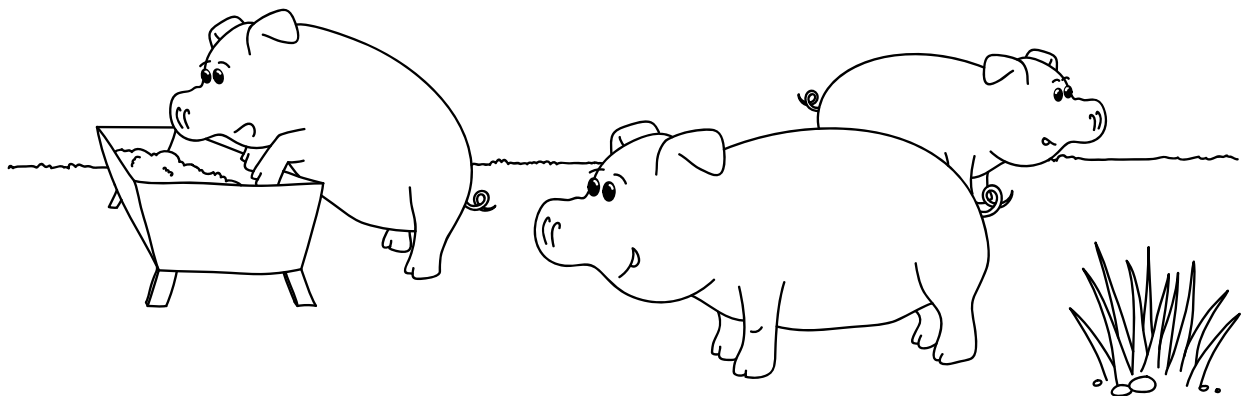
READ:
Luke 15: 11-24

Jesus told a story about a father and a son.

The son didn't want to live at home anymore. He asked his father for money. He took the money and went far away.

The son spent all his money. He had no friends left and no food to eat. He got a job looking after pigs.

Count the pigs and colour them pink.



Number of pigs =

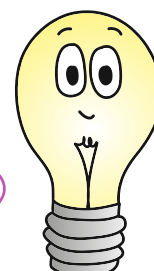
Then he decided to go home. He told his father he was sorry. His father was very happy to see him. He forgave his son and had a big party for him.

The Bible story reminds us of someone who will always forgive us when we are sorry.

Join the dots to find out who it is.

God

Christians believe that
God is a loving father.



STORY 7: Jesus heals ten sick men

This story is about saying "Thank You" to Jesus.

Adult Guidance - Talk about how it is good to say "Thank You". Talk about how it is also good to say "Thank You" to Jesus for the good things He has given us.



READ:
Luke 17: 11-19

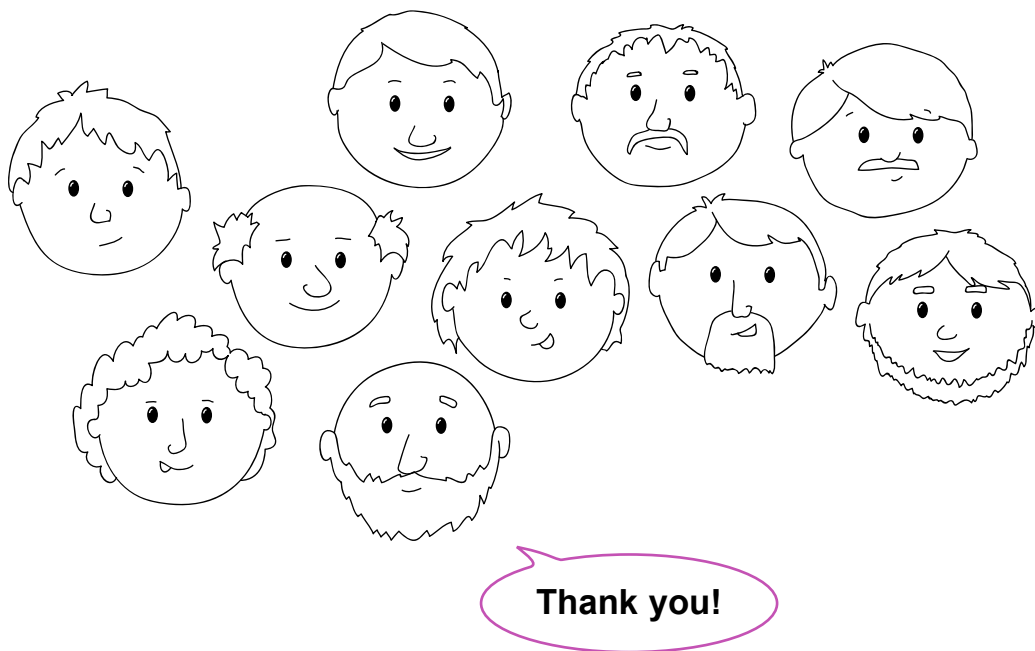
One day Jesus made ten very sick men better.

Their bodies were well again and they were very happy.

But only one of them came back to say "Thank You" to Jesus.

Jesus was pleased with this man, but He was sad that the others did not say "Thank You."

Put a red circle around the man Jesus was pleased with.



Trace the numbers to reveal the answers.

How many men were sick?

10

How many men said thank you?

1

The Bible says that people should say "Thank you" to Jesus for what He has done.

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STORY 8: The Darkest Day

This story is about Jesus dying.

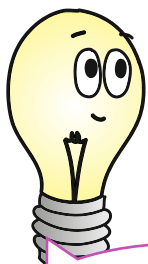
Adult Guidance - Be sensitive about which details in the narrative are suitable for this age-group. You will need to explain what sin is - the wrong things we do which make God sad. Jesus took the punishment for sin when He died on the cross.



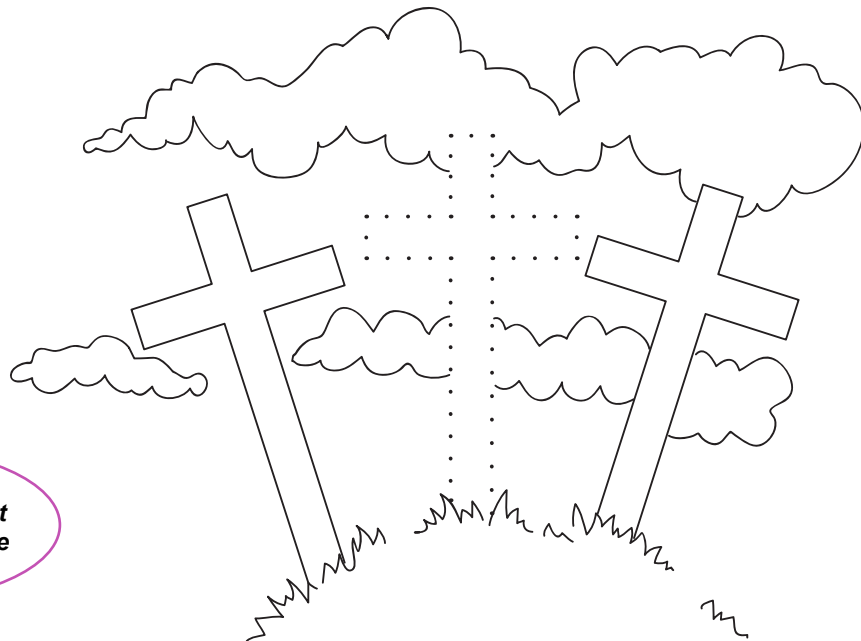
READ:
Luke 23: 1-56

Some people hated Jesus. A big crowd of people shouted for Jesus to be killed. Pilate, the man in charge, let the soldiers put Jesus on a cross to die.

Join the dots to make the cross. Colour the hill green. Learn the words.



God loves us
so much that He sent
Jesus, His Son, to die
for us.



“...Christ died
for our sins...”

1 Corinthians 15: 3

A kind man called Joseph put Jesus' dead body in a new tomb in his garden. He set a big heavy stone in front of the entrance.

The Bible tells us that Jesus died for our sins. He did not deserve to die. He had not sinned. Jesus died so that people could be forgiven and become part of God's family.

STORY 9: The brightest day

This story is about Mary discovering that Jesus is alive.

Adult Guidance - For Christians, the important thing is the wonder of Jesus being alive today and that He knows us, cares about us and loves us. Explain that "risen" means the same as being alive again.



READ:
Luke 24: 1-12

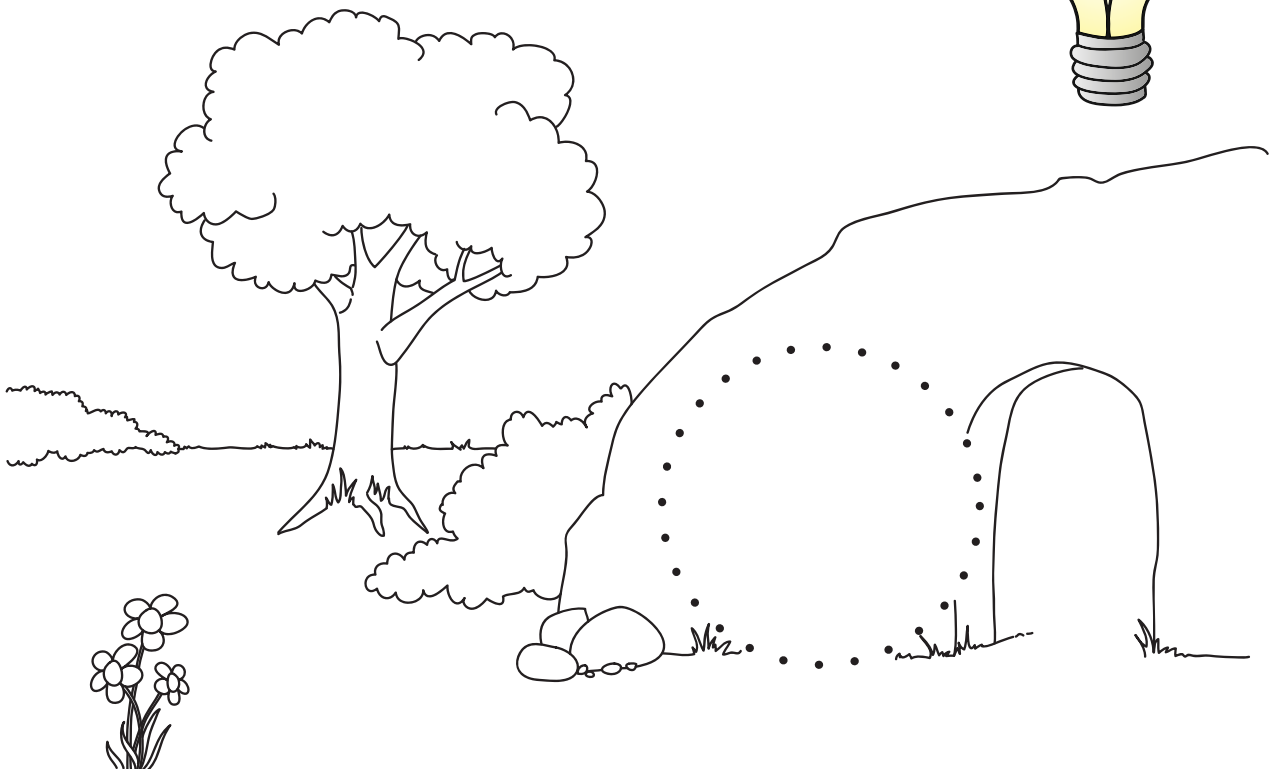
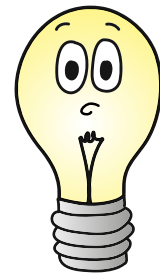
Mary was very sad when Jesus died.

On Sunday morning she got up early to visit the tomb in the garden with some other women. They got a surprise.

The big stone was rolled away and there were two angels inside the tomb.

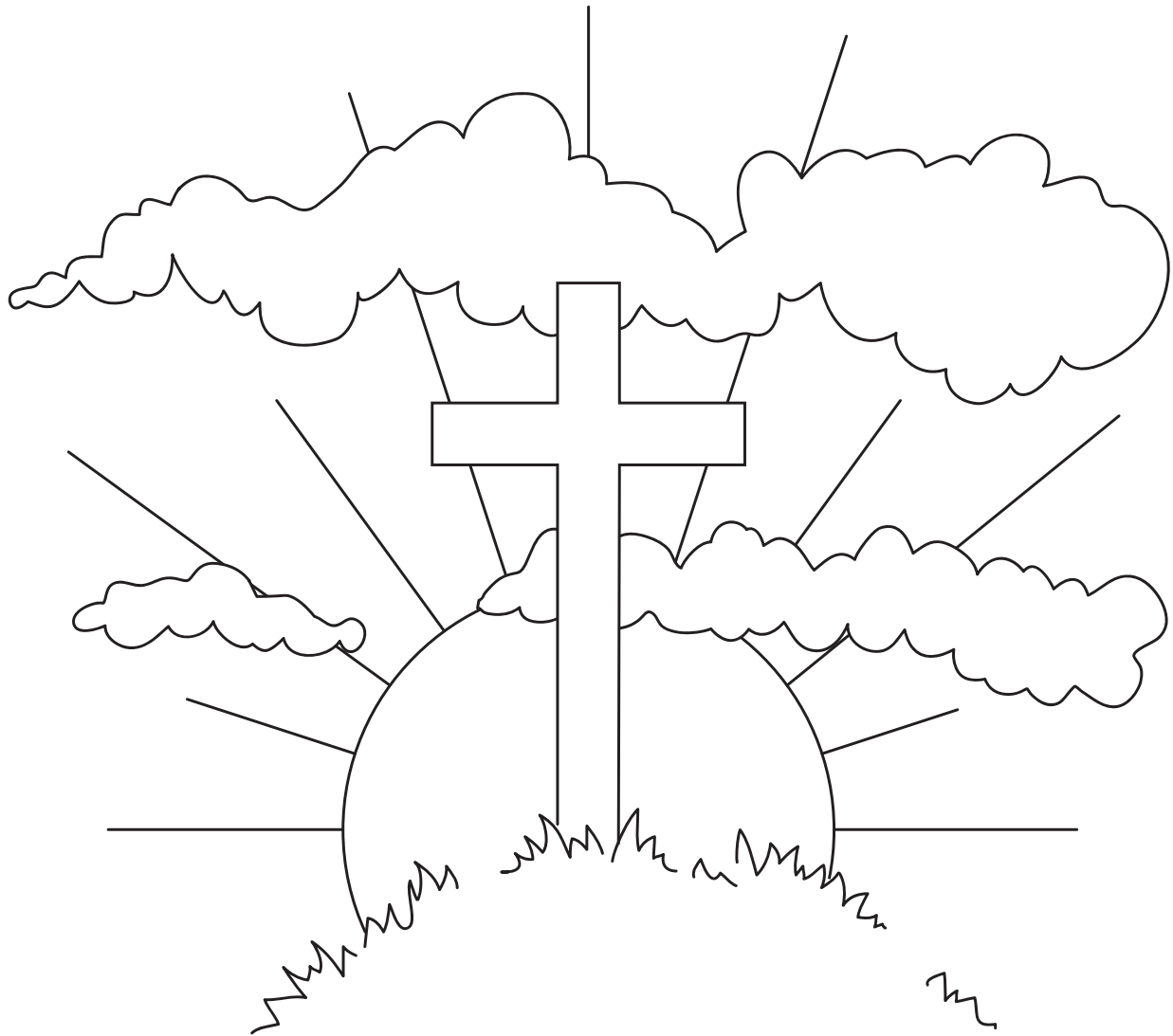
Join up the dotted line to show the stone rolled away.
Colour the big stone grey.
Colour the rest of the picture.

*Just imagine how
confused they must
have felt!*



The two angels told Mary and the other women that Jesus had risen from the dead. The women went and told Jesus' special friends the good news.

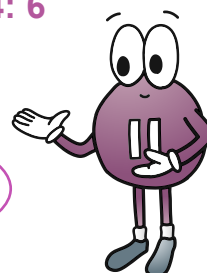
Colour the picture and words below.



“He is risen!”

Luke 24: 6

The Bible
tells us that Jesus
is alive today.



STORY 10: The future

This story is about Jesus coming back.

Adult Guidance - Remind the children that Jesus had come from Heaven to earth (Christmas story). Talk about promises and how important it is to keep them. Explain that the Holy Spirit is like the wind. We can't see Him but we can feel Him with us.



READ:
Luke 24: 45-53
Acts 1: 1-12

One day Jesus took His friends up a mountain. He told them that He was going back to Heaven to be with His Father.

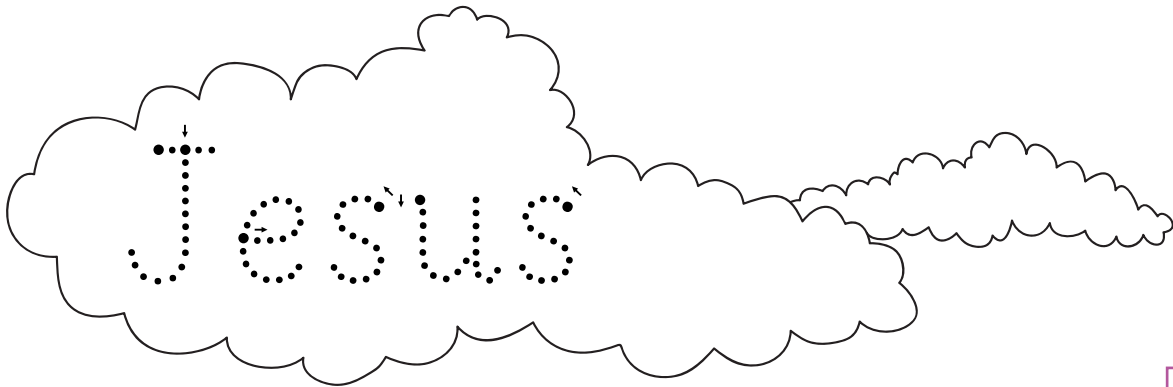
Suddenly Jesus was taken up to heaven and was hidden by a cloud.

As His friends watched Him leave, two angels promised that Jesus would come back some day. But for now, He would send the Holy Spirit to be their special helper, so they wouldn't feel alone.

This made the friends very happy.



Join the dots to show who will come again.



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Marks (to be entered by leader)

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Return your lessons to:

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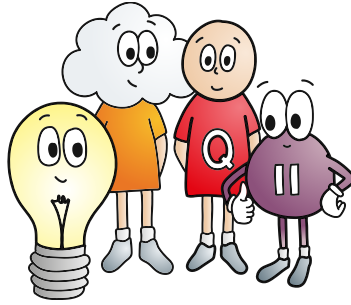
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His power, and the wonders He has done."*

Psalm 78: 4

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