

Miracle at the Wedding

I hadn't even finished breakfast when I heard my father calling me, "Hurry, Asriel, we must not be late!"

My father was the head servant for a wedding that day in Cana, where we live. Since I was the oldest son, I had to go along and help while my little brothers stayed home and played.

Father seemed nervous as we pulled the cart full of supplies to the house. He had never been head servant before. He wanted everything to turn out perfect.

Soon the house was crowded with people rushing back and forth. They pointed this way and that, hurrying to get everything ready. Father was busy checking the food and wine. He had

spent a lot of time adding up how much of everything was needed. I made so many trips in and out of the house that I was tired before the dinner even started!

Finally the guests came and the feast began. I heard some people talking to a man named Jesus. I didn't know Him but someone said He was from Nazareth. Something about Him caught my attention and I began to watch Him.

Suddenly, something really awful happened. Father came running and told me that the guests were out of wine. Soon they would be asking for more. But we had no more! Father was

afraid he would never be head servant again.

I was working near Jesus when His mother walked up to Him. She told Him that we were out of wine. Why did she do that? Did she think He would go and get some?

I walked back to where my father was trying to get the last drops of wine out of the pots. He was very upset. Then Jesus' mother came up and said we should do what Jesus told us.

Jesus said to fill six waterpots with water. As we did, I asked Father what we were going to do with them. He told me servants shouldn't ask questions. They should just obey. When the pots

were all full of water, Jesus told us to fill the guests' glasses!

Father did as he was told. I began to fill glasses too. Sure enough, it looked like wine! But what would happen when they tasted it?

The governor of the feast tried the wine. With a surprised look he called the bridegroom over to him. He said that it tasted even better than the first wine! My father was so thankful that Jesus was there.

I had never seen a miracle before that day. Since then this same Jesus has done many more miracles in our land. I have decided to be one of His followers.

Hidden Words

Find and circle each of the words of the memory verse in the puzzle below.

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Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Miracles of Jesus is the theme for our new unit of lessons. A basis for this study must be an understanding of the word *miracle*. Your child will learn that it is “a supernatural happening which cannot be explained by natural causes.”

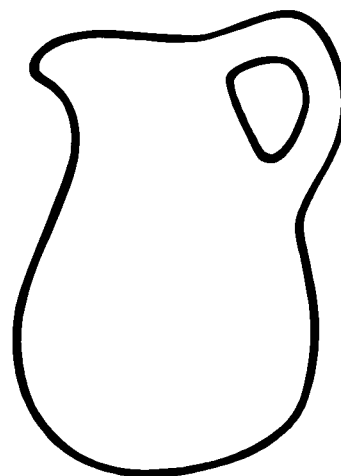
We begin the series of four lessons with the story of Jesus' first miracle—the changing of water into wine at the marriage in Cana. Your child will learn that Jesus is still performing miracles today.

As your child studies the memory verse for this lesson, help him learn it by writing each word of the verse on a separate slip of paper. Let him arrange the papers in the proper order. He might have fun attaching the slips to the door of your refrigerator, with magnets. Or he could tape each paper onto a backing sheet using double-stick tape.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: John 2:23
MONDAY: Matthew 17:27
TUESDAY: Matthew 21:19
WEDNESDAY: Mark 8:19,20
THURSDAY: John 4:53
FRIDAY: John 7:31
SATURDAY: John 10:37,38



Bible Text

John 2:1-11

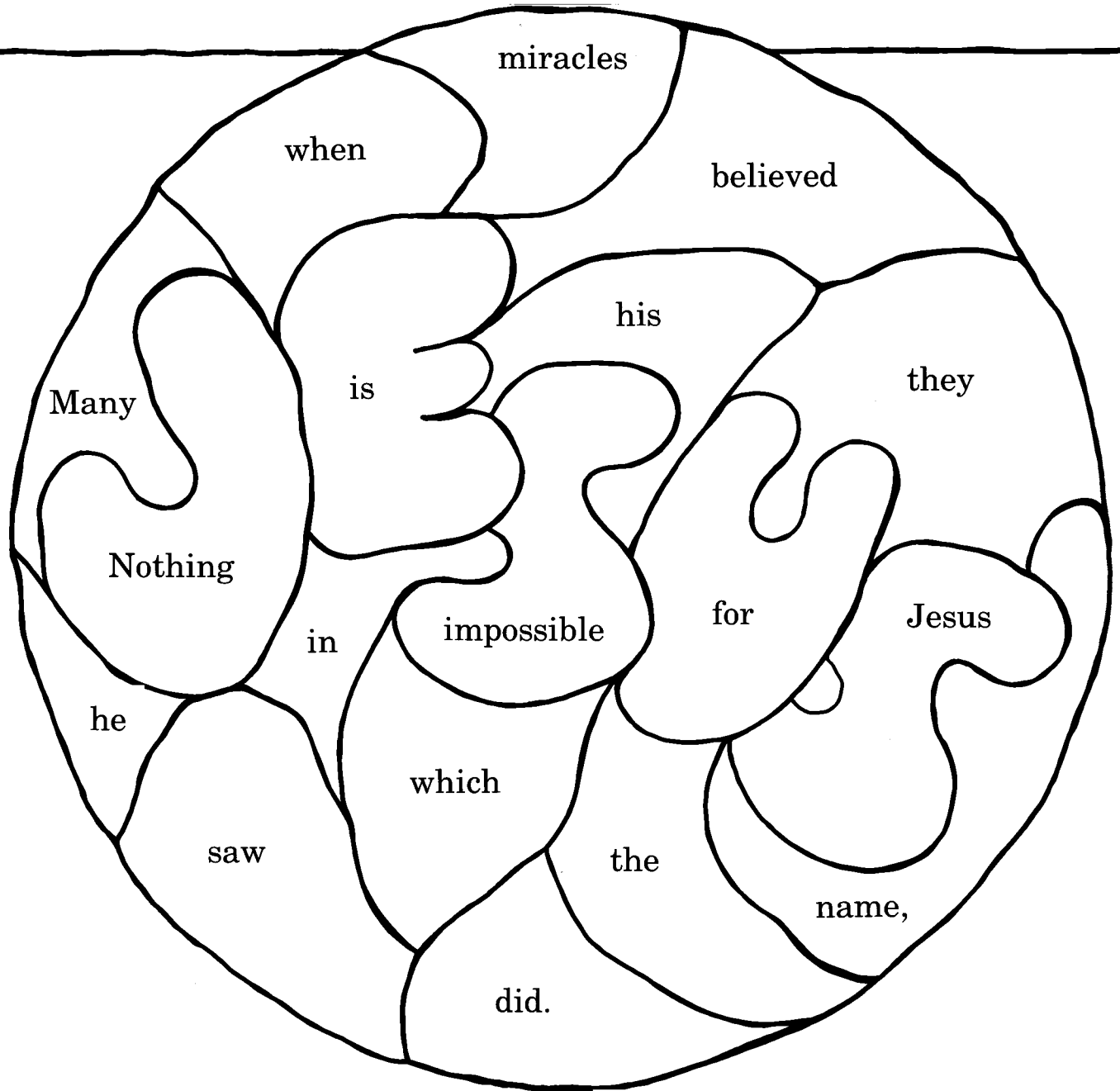
Memory Verse

Many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.
— John 2:23

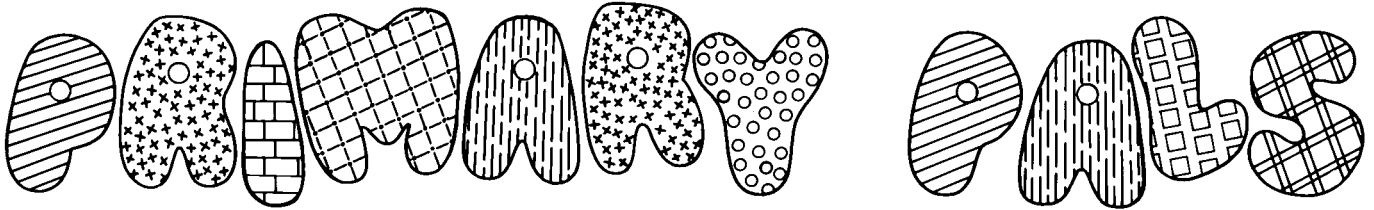
Just Believe

Color the parts of the circle that have the words from your memory verse in them. What name do you see? What special message do the left over words say about Him?

Memory Verse: Many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.



Name: _____



Jesus, the Healer

“Dad, what’s a centurion?” Jon asked as he carried his Bible into the living room.

Motioning to his son to join him on the couch, Mr. Thompson answered. “A centurion was an officer in the Roman army. He was in charge of one hundred soldiers. What are you reading about?”

“About when Jesus healed the centurion’s servant.”

“Tell me what happened.”

“Well, one of the centurion’s favorite servants was real sick. In fact, he was going to die. Then the centurion heard about Jesus. He sent someone to ask Jesus to come and

make his servant well. But this next part I don’t understand. The Jews said that the centurion had built them a synagogue. What’s that?”

“A synagogue is like a church building. It is where the Jewish people worship. Romans didn’t usually help the Jewish people like that. What happened next?”

“Before Jesus even got to the house, the centurion sent some friends with a message. He didn’t think he was good enough to have Jesus come to his house. He said that Jesus could just say the words where He was and the servant would be healed. And that’s just what happened!”

“Tell me, Jon, how was his faith like ours today?”

Jon thought for a minute and then said, “Jesus is in Heaven now. So we have to pray and ask Him to help us with what we need also!”

Mr. Thompson smiled. “That’s right. Now let me tell you about someone who used faith like that. You know the Smith family at church. Well, about the time you were born, Sister Smith was very sick. She got so sick that she couldn’t eat and was so weak they knew she couldn’t live much longer.

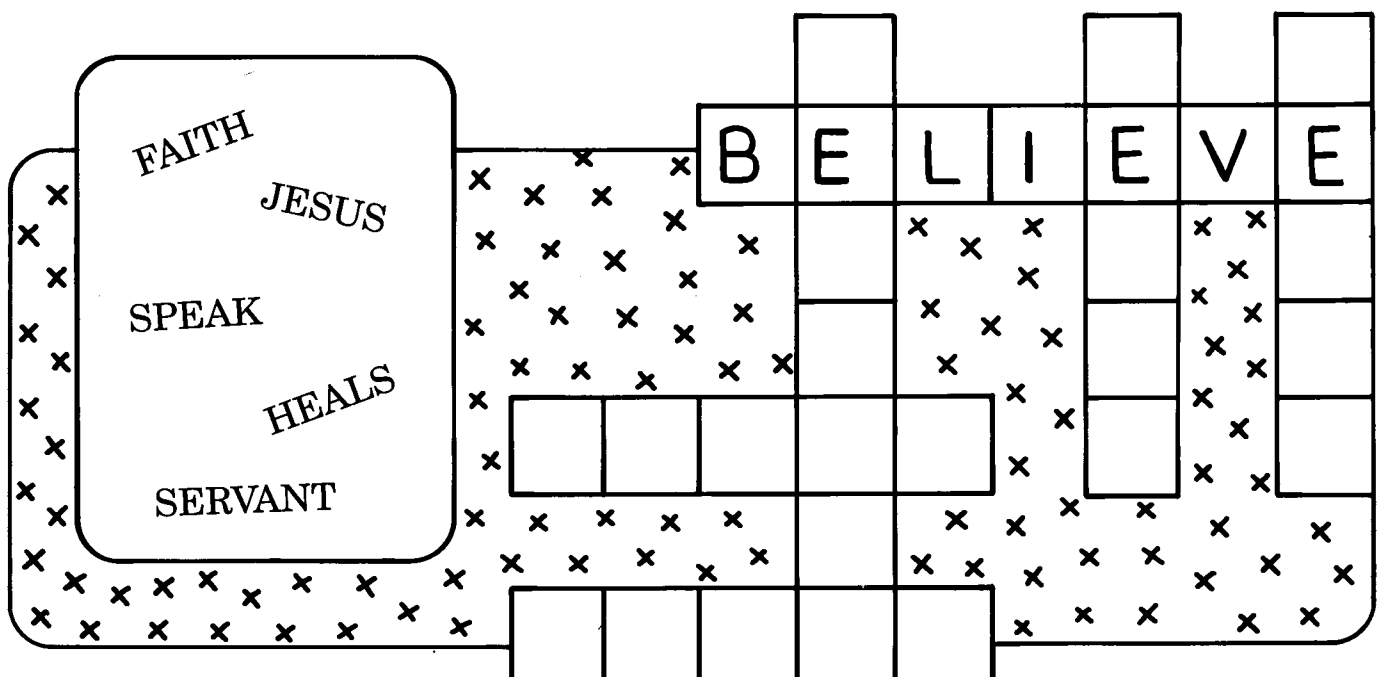
“But, she wanted to trust God. She had read in the Bible, ‘I am the Lord that healeth thee.’ She knew that He

had saved her from sin and had given her power to live for Him. He surely could heal her body. One night we had a special all-night prayer meeting for her. That very night she woke up and felt that Jesus was in her room. She knew He had healed her. In the morning she got up and made breakfast and ate with the family! She hadn’t been able to do that for months. Within two days there was no sign of the sickness. She’s been well ever since and that’s been over seven years ago.”

Jon smiled and said, “I want to have faith just like the centurion and Sister Smith. I know Jesus can do anything!”

Crossword Puzzle

Write the words from the list where they fit in the grid.



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Parent's Corner

This lesson illustrates the miraculous power of Jesus to heal the sick. This is very important for the primary child to learn, because it is at this young age that a basic faith and trust in God is established.

Your child will listen to the account of how Jesus healed the centurion's servant by merely speaking the words. We want the children to understand that the belief the centurion had was necessary, and it is also necessary for us to believe God when we come to Him with a request.

Although short, the memory verse for this week is an easily-remembered statement which sums up our belief in God's power to heal. Help your child review this verse by letting him spell it out using alphabet macaroni.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Exodus 15:26

MONDAY: Matthew 4:23

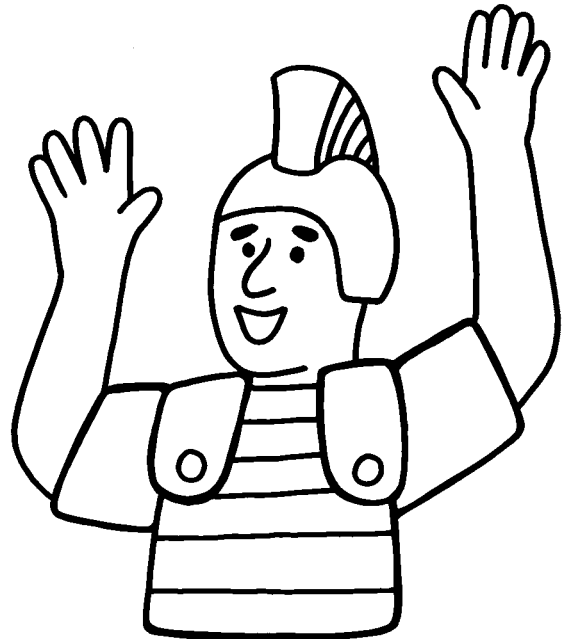
TUESDAY: Matthew 8:16

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 53:5

THURSDAY: Matthew 8:14,15

FRIDAY: Luke 6:19

SATURDAY: Matthew 9:29,30



Bible Text

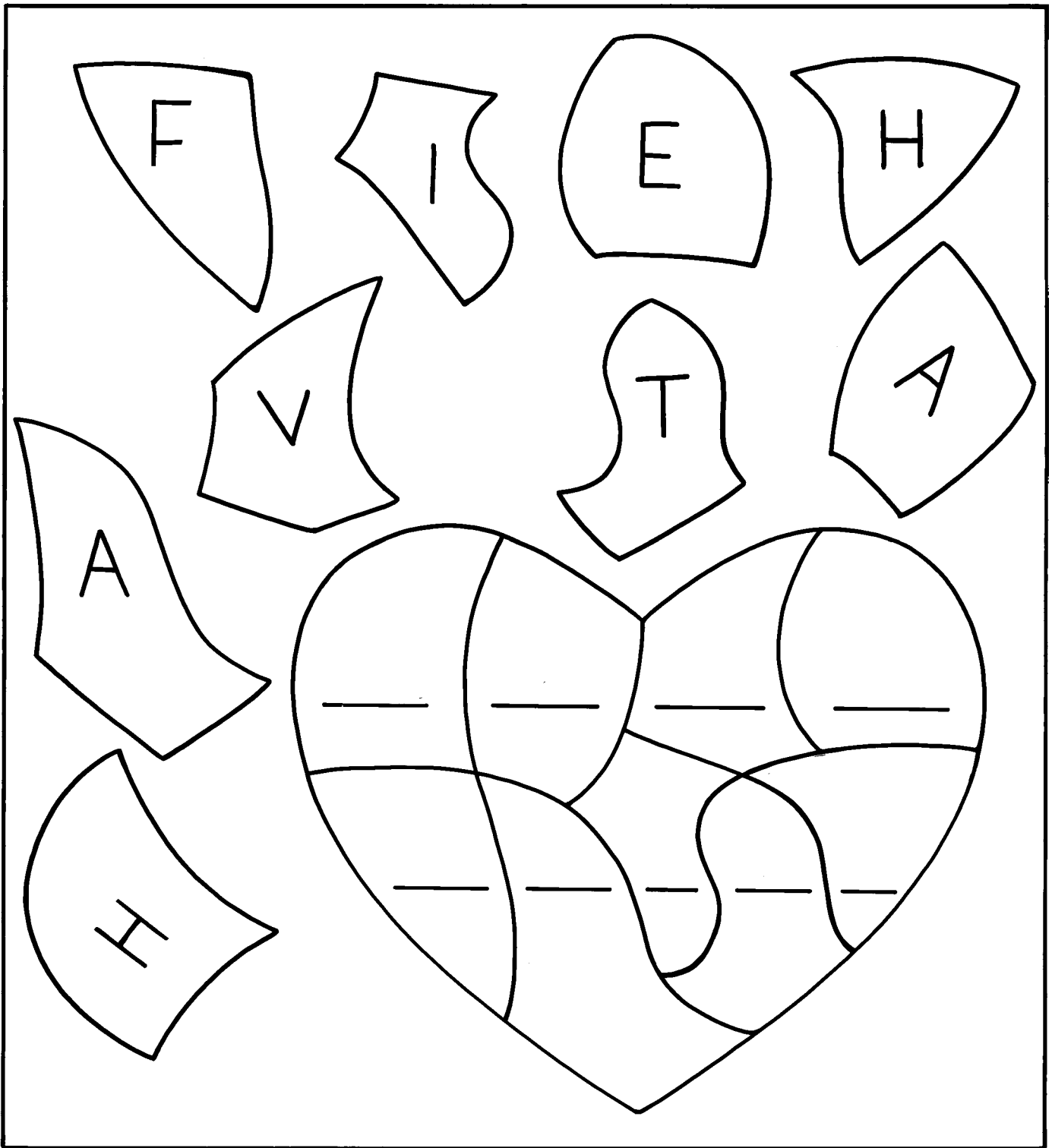
Luke 7:2-10

Memory Verse

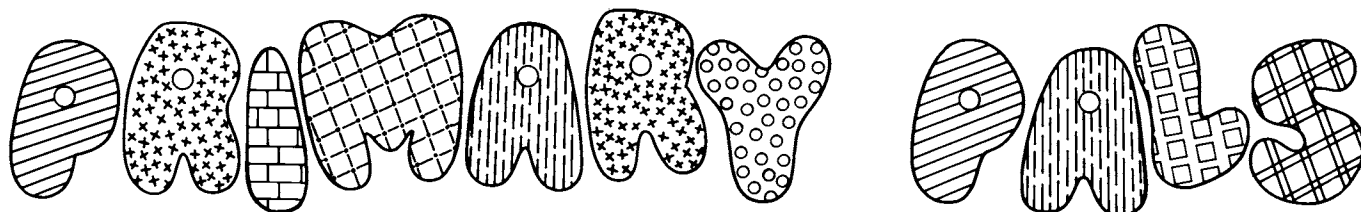
I am the LORD that healeth thee. — Exodus 15:26

Trust Jesus

Match the shapes with letters in them to the shapes in the heart puzzle. Write the correct letter on each line. You will find a special message.



Name: _____



Sadness Turned to Joy

Oh, what a sad day it was. I had just come from the market here in the town where we live. My mother was crying in the doorway of our house. I asked what was wrong. She told me that our neighbor's son had just died. What made it so sad was that he was her only son. Her husband was dead and now she would be all alone.

As people heard the news that day, there was much sadness in our little town. It was hard to understand why God let such a thing happen. Didn't He care about the widow? Does He care about people at all? Does He care about me?

I asked my mother what she thought. She told me, "This is a sad

thing that has happened, Mary. But we must never forget that God is always good. He cares very much for the widow and for all of us."

Most of the people of our town were going with the widow to bury her son. Everyone was sad and crying as they walked.

I thought again about what my mother had told me. But I still wasn't sure that God really cared for me. As I walked with the crowd toward the city gate, I prayed God would help me trust Him.

Just as we passed through the gates a crowd of people met us. There was a Man at the front that they seemed to be following. As He came close, I could

see that He felt sorry for the widow. What a look of love He had on His face! Who was this Man?

He walked up to the widow and said, "Weep not." I wondered how He could expect her to stop crying on a day like this.

Then He touched the coffin and said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." And our neighbor's son, who was dead, sat up! He began to speak to the people around him. We were all so surprised we hardly knew what to do.

The widow's sadness turned into joy. All of her friends were happy too. Everyone was smiling and laughing

now. I wanted to know who this Man was who could do such a miracle. I found out that His name was Jesus. He was the Savior who had been promised. God had visited our town!

In the days that followed I went to hear Jesus teach. He told us many wonderful things about life here and life after death. As I heard Him speak, I knew that God really did care for me. Not only could Jesus bring the dead to life, but He came to give us new life. He told us that through Him we can be born again. I decided then to give my life to Jesus and serve Him forever. I'm sure glad I did!

Choose and Write

Choose the correct answer to each question. Write the answer on the lines.

What did Jesus say to the mother who was crying?

Smile Weep Not
Go Away Leave

What did Jesus say to the young man who had died?

Sleep Walk Arise Sit

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Parent's Corner

One of the magnificent aspects of Christ is that through Him we have life—both physical and spiritual. Our lesson brings out that since He created life, He can also restore life.

This reality is beautifully illustrated in the account of Jesus' raising the widow's son from death. As you study this lesson with your child, he should be able to visualize how the woman's sorrow was changed to joy when this miracle took place.

Let your child make a Life Book using pictures cut from magazines. Help him select pictures depicting living things created by God. These can be cut out and pasted on pages of paper. Then punch holes at the top or side of each page and lace the book together with brightly colored yarn.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: John 1:4

MONDAY: Matthew 9:18,25

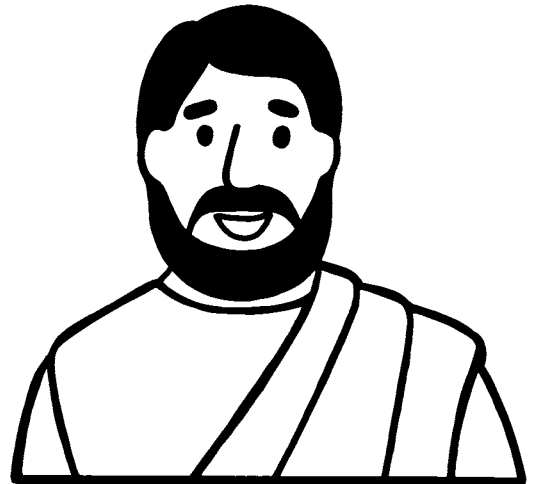
TUESDAY: John 11:43,44

WEDNESDAY: John 11:25

THURSDAY: John 14:6

FRIDAY: Acts 9:40

SATURDAY: Matthew 11:5



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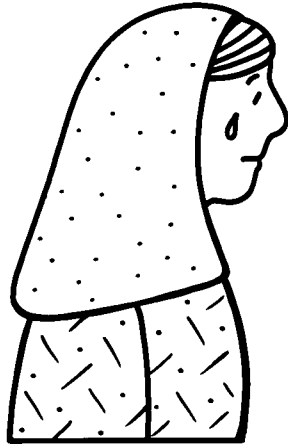
Luke 7:11-16

Memory Verse

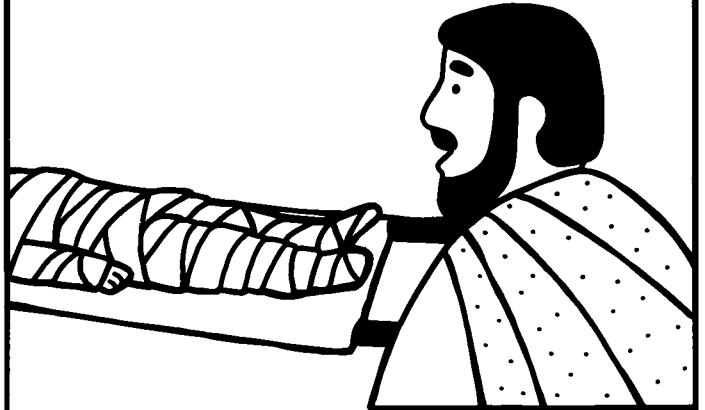
In him was life; and the life was the light of men. — John 1:4

Alive Again!

The picture story below shows the young man's mother and Jesus. Finish the picture story by drawing the man after Jesus made him live again.



The dead man's mother cried.



Jesus said, "Arise!"

The man was alive again! (Draw a picture of the man.)

Name: _____

PRINCE AND PAIS



Walking on Water

Splash! Water sprayed everywhere when Steve jumped off the diving board and hit the surface of the water.

“How did you like that?” Steve sputtered as he swam to the side where his friend Jerry sat.

“Pretty good splash. Now, let’s see you walk on water,” Jerry said with a laugh.

Steve lifted himself out of the pool and sat down. “I can’t do that myself, but I know Someone who did.”

Jerry laughed again and said, “Oh, sure you do. Now I’ve heard everything. Who walked on water?”

“Two people. Jesus and Peter, His

disciple. You’ve never heard about that?”

Jerry shook his head, “I guess not. Tell me about it.”

“Well, we just studied it in Sunday school yesterday. Jesus told His disciples to get into a boat and cross the Sea of Galilee. Jesus stayed behind. During the night, while they were crossing the sea, a storm arose. The disciples rowed and rowed, but the boat was tossed about by big waves.”

“They must have been worn out!” Jerry said.

“I suppose so,” Steve continued, “but listen to what happened next. All of a sudden they saw Someone walking

on the water toward them. They were really scared! They thought it might be a ghost or something like that.”

“I thought you said Peter walked on the water too.”

“I’m getting to that,” Steve went on. “Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘It is I.’ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘If it’s really You, ask me to walk on the water too.’ So Jesus said, ‘Come,’ and Peter walked on the water for a while. Then he started to sink.”

“What do you mean? Why did he sink?” Jerry asked.

“Peter started looking at the waves and he got afraid. But Jesus took hold of his hand and got him back on top. So they walked over to the boat and climbed in. As soon as they did, the

wind quit blowing. And that’s how two people walked on the water.”

The two friends got up and walked over to the concession stand to get some lemonade. As they sat in the sun with their cool drinks, Jerry said, “That’s an interesting story all right. But I know I can’t walk on water, so what good is it to us?”

Steve thought for a moment. “We might never need to walk on water. But sometimes there are hard things to face. You know, like a test or a bully at school. Those can seem like impossible things, but with Jesus you can, well, walk on top of them just like Peter did when he had his eyes on Jesus. It’s worked for me since Jesus saved me. You need to come to Sunday school and learn about Jesus too.”

Hidden Words

Find and circle each of the words hidden in the puzzle below.

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Parent's Corner

This lesson tells of the dramatic account of how Jesus walked on the water to His disciples. Your child will learn how Peter wanted to walk on the water toward Jesus and was able to do so until he became afraid.

As you talk over this story together, your child should understand that when Jesus calls us to do something, He makes a way, even though it may seem impossible.

Help your child make a memory verse sign this week. Give him two spring-type clothespins. Let him decorate them with flowers or stripes using felt-tip marker pens. Make a small signboard from construction paper, and glue it to lightweight cardboard. Have him carefully print his memory verse on the signboard. Attach the two clothespins to the base to hold up the sign, and let him place the sign on a dresser or table where he can read and study it daily.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Mark 9:23

MONDAY: John 14:13

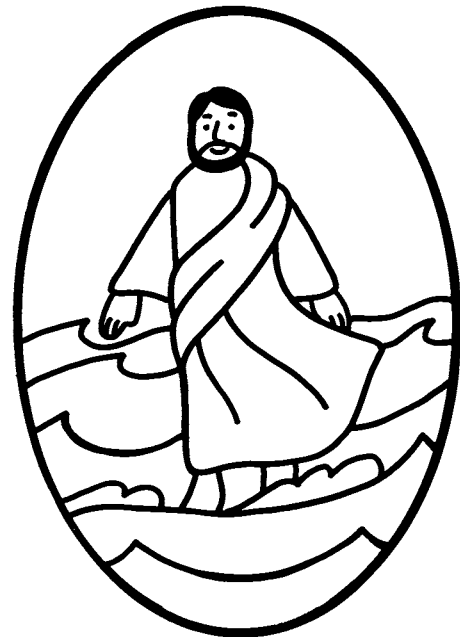
TUESDAY: John 3:2

WEDNESDAY: Exodus 14:21

THURSDAY: Luke 1:37

FRIDAY: Genesis 18:14

SATURDAY: John 11:40



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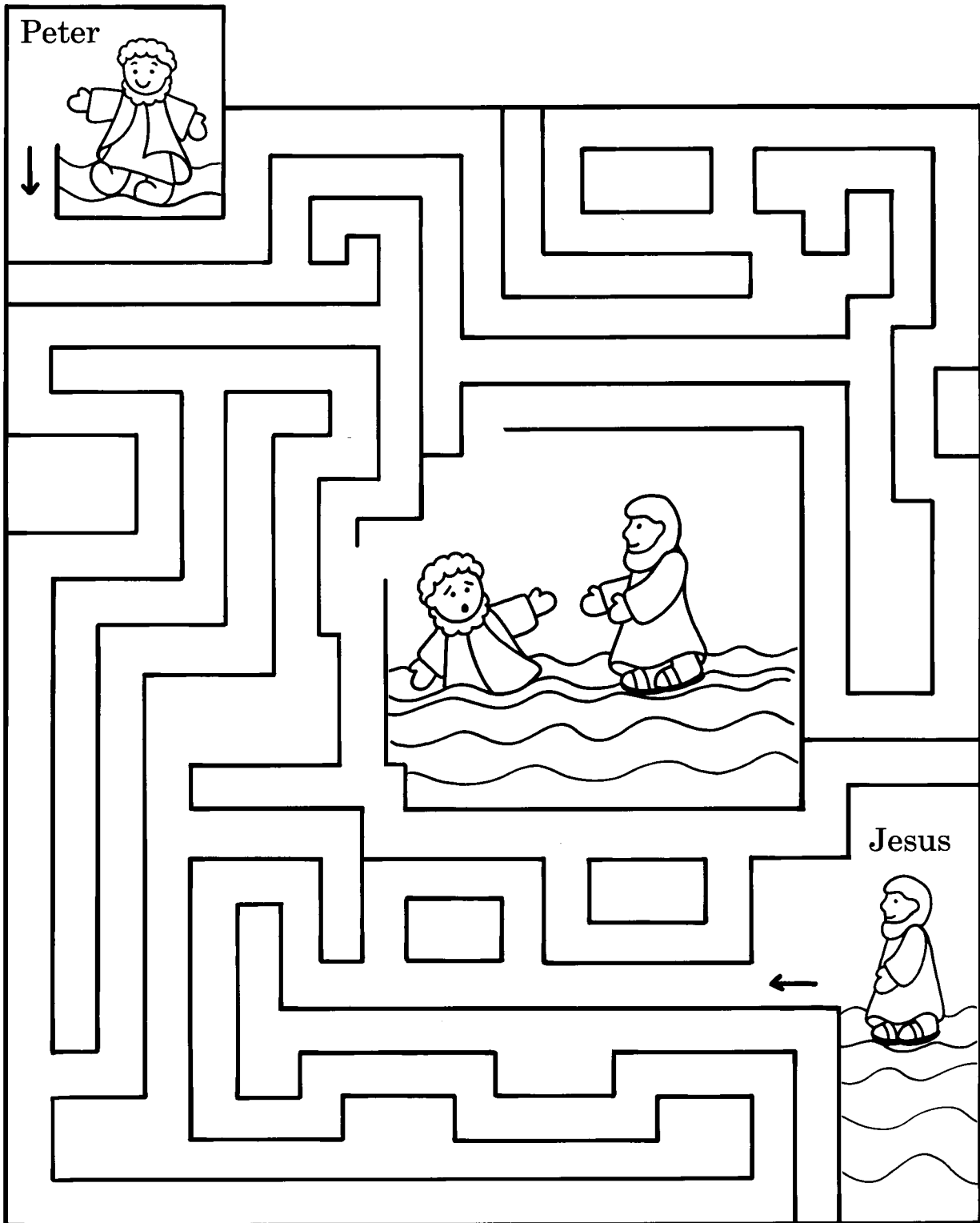
Matthew 14:22-23

Memory Verse

All things are possible to him that believeth. — Mark 9:23

Don't Be Afraid

Follow through the paths from both ends to help Peter and Jesus meet in the center of the water maze.



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