

God loved the world and sent His Son.
JOHN 3:16

AGES 1-2

PLAY with Fish 

Gather paper, a marker, scissors, and a basket. Cut a sheet of paper into six or eight rectangles. Draw a simple fish shape on each rectangle. (Option: Use small toy fish.) Scatter the fish on the floor and invite your child to gather all the fish in the basket. Suggest your child scatter the fish and you pick them up. Repeat a few times. Hold your child and look at the Bible story picture (reverse side) together as you tell the Bible story.

BABIES

USE a "NET"

Pretend a washcloth is a net the next time you bathe your baby. Put it under the water and say: "Jesus told Simon Peter to put the nets from his boat into the deep water, and the nets filled with fish!" Pull up the cloth, pretending it is filled. Remind him that Jesus did things that no one else could do. Let your baby dip and pull up the cloth in the water.

ENJOY a Snack

Place this page in a ziplock bag. Provide fish crackers and something to drink. Talk about the Bible story. Offer a cup or a bowl and challenge your child to scoop up all the fish. Mention that Jesus helped the fishermen catch many fish. Say the Weekly Verse: "Jesus went about doing good. Acts 10:38."

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CONVERSATION

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Your child learned that Jesus did things no one else could do. Jesus helped His friends catch fish after they had worked all night and caught nothing.

LIVE IT OUT

Allow your child to use an aquarium net to scoop plastic fish from a bowl of water. Review the Bible story as your child scoops. Remind your child that Jesus can do things people cannot do.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus helped people because He loved them.

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Jesus Helped the Fishermen

BASED ON LUKE 4:42–5:11

WEEKLY VERSE: Jesus went about doing good. *Acts 10:38*

LIFE POINT: Jesus did things that no one else could do

BABIES

Jesus told Simon Peter to put the nets from his boat into the deep water.

Simon Peter dropped his nets into the water. The nets filled with fish.

Simon Peter called for a second boat to come help.

Both boats filled with fish.

The men were amazed with all the fish they caught.

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Jesus got in Simon's boat. He talked to the crowd from the boat.

Jesus told Simon to put his nets in the deep water. Simon said they had fished but not caught any fish.

The men did as Jesus said and put the nets in the deep water.

The nets filled with many fish. The men called for another boat to come help them. The men were surprised at all of the fish.

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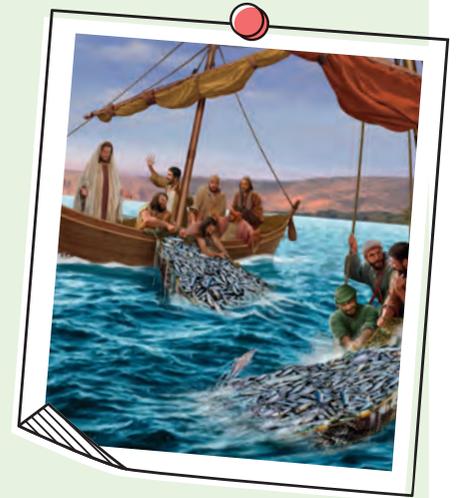
The crowds were coming close to Jesus. He saw two boats in the lake. Jesus climbed into one boat that was Simon's. Jesus told Simon to push away from the shore.

Jesus taught the people from the boat. He then told Simon to go to the deep water and put his nets into the water.

Simon told Jesus that they had fished all night and caught nothing. But Simon did as Jesus said.

The nets filled with fish! So many fish were in the nets that they began to tear. The men called the other boat out to help them.

Simon fell down in front of Jesus. He and all the men were surprised at all of the fish. The men came to shore and then followed Jesus.



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Jesus Helped the Fishermen* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

UNIT VERSE

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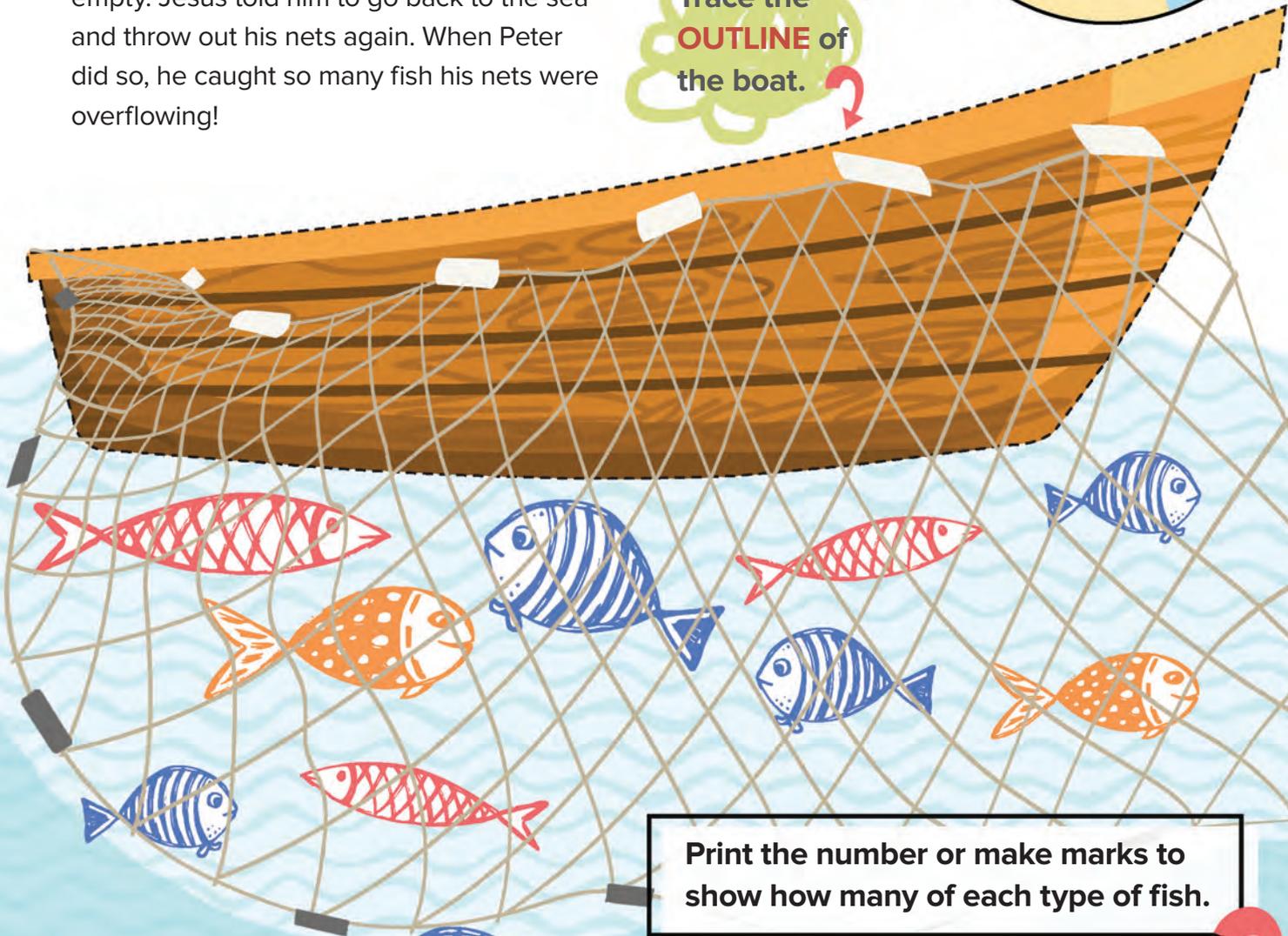
—JOHN 3:16

AGES 3-5

TRACE the Boat

After fishing all night, Peter's nets were empty. Jesus told him to go back to the sea and throw out his nets again. When Peter did so, he caught so many fish his nets were overflowing!

Trace the **OUTLINE** of the boat.



Print the number or make marks to show how many of each type of fish.

COUNT the Catch

Count the number of each type of fish caught in the net.



Three horizontal white bars for counting or marking the number of fish.

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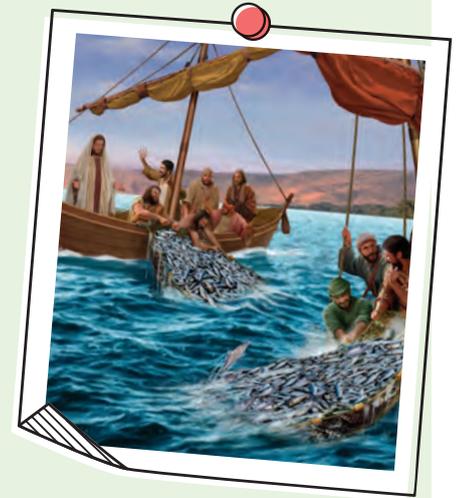
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LIFE POINT: Jesus did things that no one else could do.



One day Jesus was standing by a lake. He was teaching people about God. All the people were crowding around Him.

Jesus saw two boats nearby. One of the boats belonged to Simon Peter. Jesus got into Peter's boat. Jesus asked him to take the boat away from the shore so the people could see Jesus. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the people.

When Jesus finished teaching, He told Peter, "Go out into the deep water. Let down your nets to catch some fish."

Peter said, "Jesus, we have fished all night and have not caught any fish. But because You say so, I will do it."

Peter threw the nets into the water. When Peter tried to pull the nets into the boat, they were so full of fish that they began to break. Peter waved to the fishermen in the other boat to come help him. They worked together to pull the heavy nets into the boats. Peter and his friends, James and John, were amazed when they saw all the fish Jesus helped them catch!



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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LIVE IT OUT

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus loves people.



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UNIT VERSE

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and sent His Son.

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KINDER.



Follow the **FISH**

Jesus helped Simon and the other fishermen catch so many fish that they needed two boats to hold all of them! Look at the fish and number them so that they say the Life Point:
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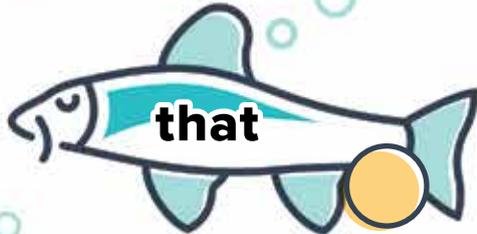
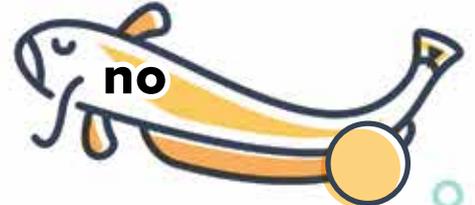
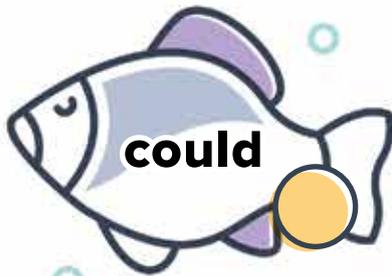


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WHO Is It?

Who heals people?
Who is powerful?
Who does things
no one else can do?
Trace the letters to
find the answer.

Jesus



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CONVERSATION

Jesus Helped the Fishermen

LUKE 4:42–5:11

Jesus taught about God in many places and large crowds followed Him.

One day as several people were crowding around Jesus, He was standing by a lake. Jesus noticed two boats at the edge of the water. He got into one of the boats.

Jesus asked Simon, the owner of the boat, to push the boat into the water.

Jesus sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.

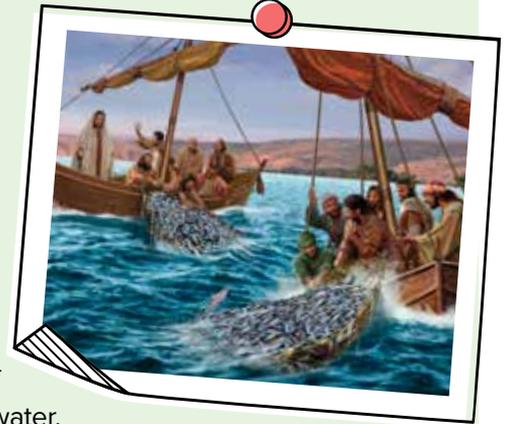
When Jesus finished teaching, He told Simon, “Take the boat into deep water and let your nets down to catch fish.” Simon and the other fishermen had fished all night, but had not caught anything. However, Simon obeyed Jesus and let down the nets.

After Simon obeyed Jesus, they caught so many fish that their nets began to tear! There were so many fish, another boat came to help!

Simon and the other fishermen were amazed at what Jesus had done! Simon knew that Jesus was special.

Jesus told Simon, “From now on, you will help people learn about Me.”

Simon and the fishermen brought their boats back to the shore and decided to follow Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

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LIVE IT OUT

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LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus performed miracles.

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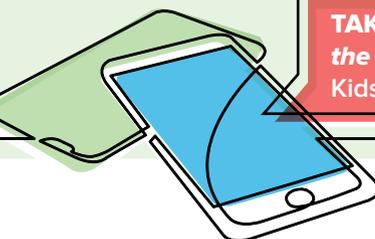
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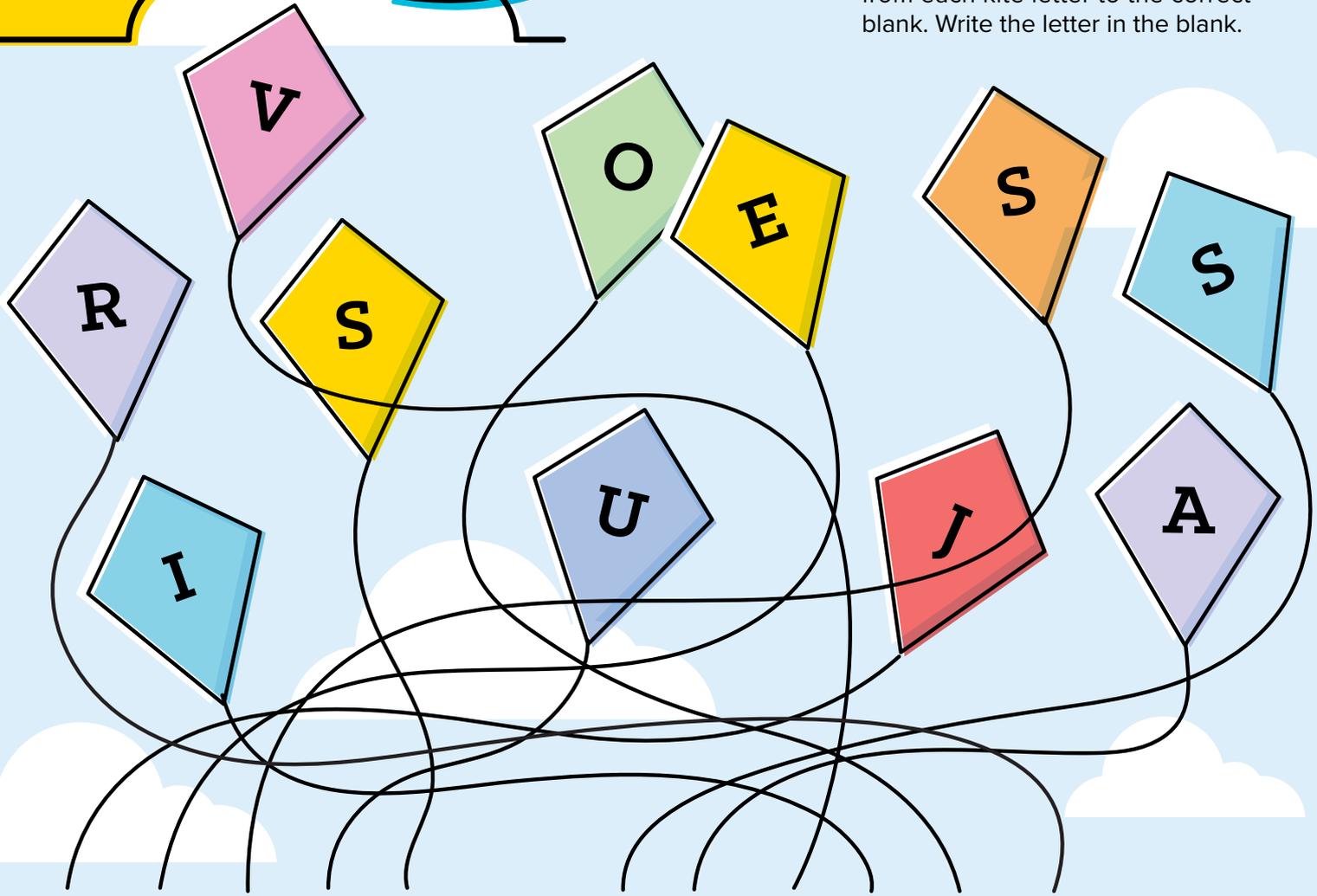
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For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
JOHN 3:16 (CSB)

GRADES 1-2

CAPTURE
the Kites

Think about today's Life Point. Complete the words by drawing a line from each kite letter to the correct blank. Write the letter in the blank.



_____ is the _____ sent by God.

What did Jesus tell Nicodemus that a person must do in order to live forever in heaven with God?

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CONVERSATION

Nicodemus Visited Jesus

JOHN 3:1-21

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a Jewish leader. One night he came to visit Jesus. Nicodemus said, “Teacher, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God because no one could perform the miracles You do unless God was with Him.”

Jesus helped Nicodemus understand how he could know God. Jesus told Nicodemus that a person cannot live forever in heaven with God unless he is born again. Nicodemus was confused and asked, “How can a person be born two times?”

Jesus told Nicodemus that a person can be born twice: once as a baby and then as a child of God. Jesus explained, “When you are born the first time as a baby, you are born with flesh. When you are born the second time, you are born as a child of God.” People can see with their eyes when a baby is born, but people cannot see with their eyes when a person is born into God’s family because it is something God’s spirit does in a person’s mind and heart.

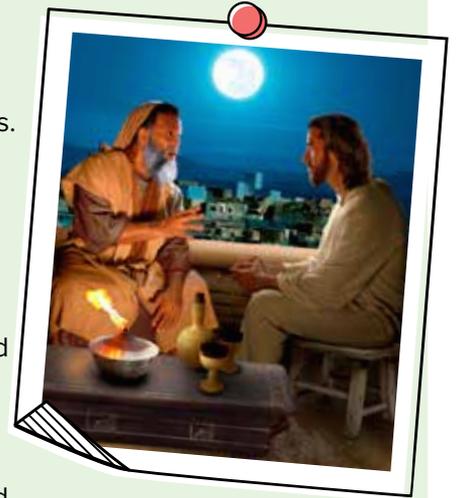
How a person is born again was hard for Nicodemus to understand. Because Nicodemus was confused, Jesus continued to talk with him. Jesus told Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that He sent His one and only Son so that everyone who believes in Him would not have to live separated from God but would have everlasting life with God in heaven.”

People who believe that Jesus is God’s Son are forgiven of their sins and will live forever in heaven. People who do not believe that Jesus is God’s Son are not forgiven of their sins and will not live forever in heaven.

Jesus helped Nicodemus understand that God sent Him to be the Savior of the world.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 3:16

LIFE POINT: Jesus is the Savior sent by God.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child heard that Jesus is the Savior. One night Nicodemus visited Jesus and asked Him questions. Nicodemus learned that he could not earn eternal life by obeying the law; he needed a Savior. Jesus is the Messiah whom God sent.



LIVE IT OUT

After your family reviews the Bible story, together read aloud the Weekly Bible Verse, John 3:16. Read the verse in several different translations. Help your child memorize her favorite translation of the verse.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was sent to be my Savior.



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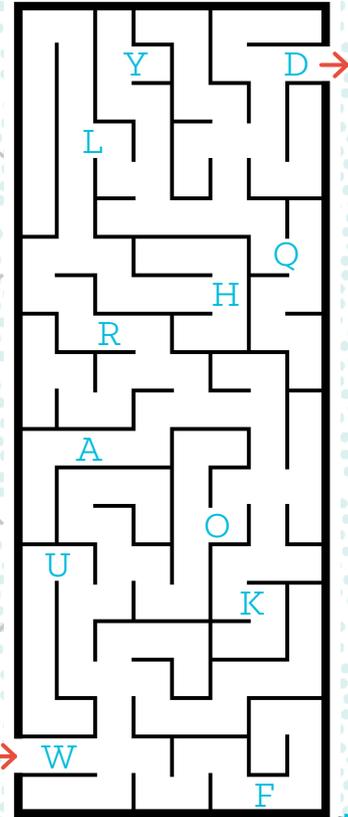
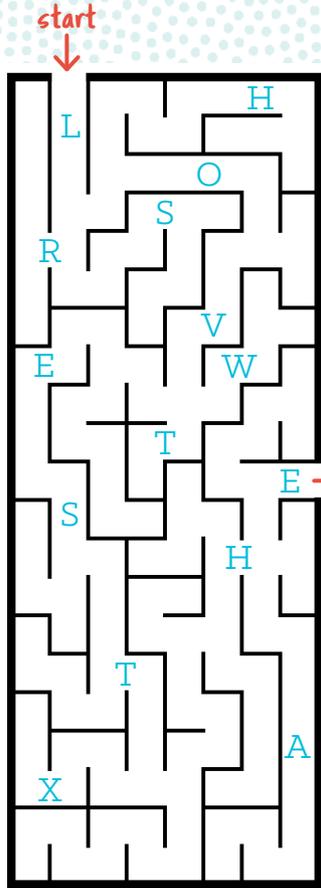
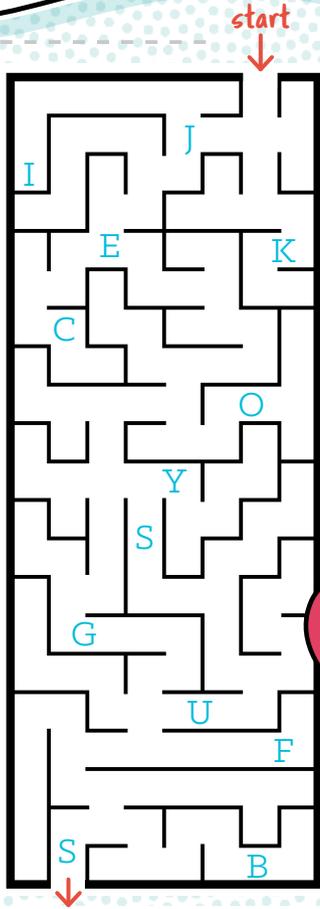
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BIG LOVE

GRADES 3-4

Write the letters you come to as you find your way out of the maze.



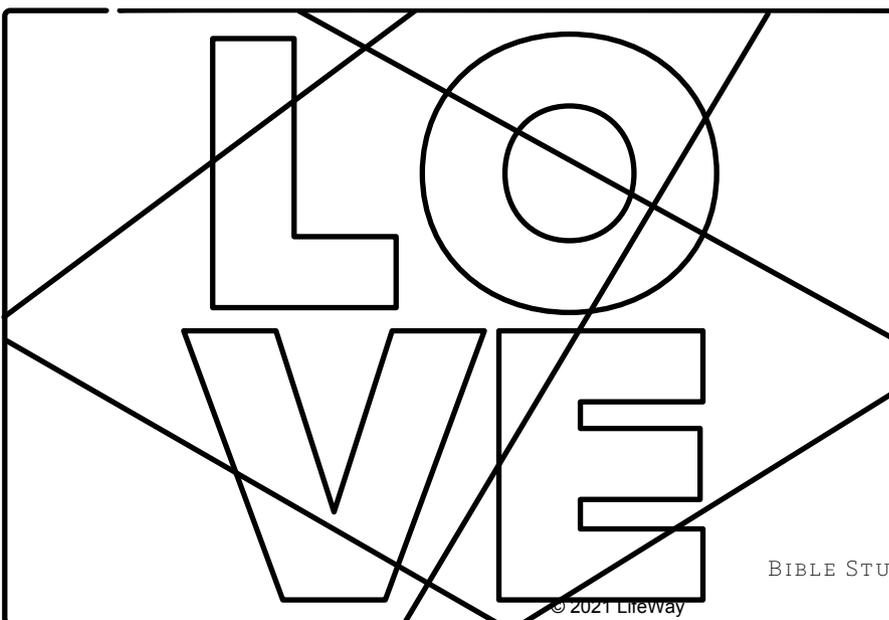
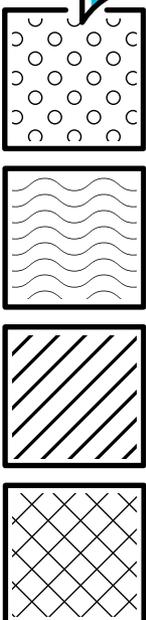
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SHOWING LOVE

God showed His love in this way: He sent His One and only Son to save the world. Complete the picture by filling in all the areas broken up by the black lines with a solid color or the patterns in the boxes.



Ever wondered what happened to Nicodemus after his visit with Jesus? The Bible gives us some clues later in the Book of John. Take a look at John 19:38-40.

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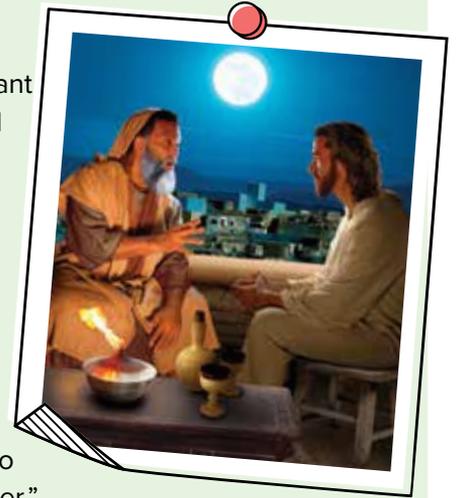
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Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit helps a person begin a new life of faith in God. “Do not be amazed that I said you must be born again,” Jesus said.

Jesus continued to teach Nicodemus: “God loved the world so much He gave His One and only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.” Jesus explained to Nicodemus that God did not send His Son into the world to judge and punish the world. God sent His Son so that the world would be saved through Him.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 3:16

LIFE POINT: Jesus is the Savior sent by God.



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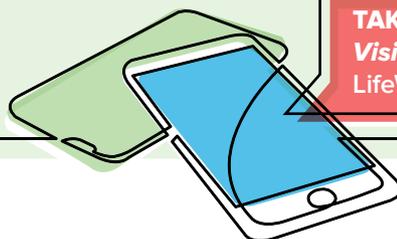
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GRADES 5-6

In Other WORDS

Write the correct letter in each blank to match Jesus' saying to Nicodemus with the phrase that describes what Jesus meant.

UNIT VERSE

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16 CSB

- **1** You must be born again. *(John 3:7)*
 - **2** The Son of Man must be lifted up. *(John 3:14)*
 - **3** Everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*
 - **4** The light has come into the world. *(John 3:19)*
- A** Jesus would die for sinners by being raised up on a cross.
 - B** Jesus, the perfect Son of God, took on a human nature and lived among people.
 - C** Christians do not go to hell when they die but live forever in God's presence.
 - D** When Jesus saves someone, they receive a new spiritual life.

WORD Trade

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross allows people to trade their sin for His righteousness. Use the keybank to trade out each word in the sentence. Write the new sentence in the line provided.

Keybank:

Swap this word	For this word
God's	Save
Sinned	Was
Of	To
And	Always
All	God's
Fall	Sending
Glory	Sinners
Have	Plan
Short	Jesus

All have sinned

and fall short

of God's glory.

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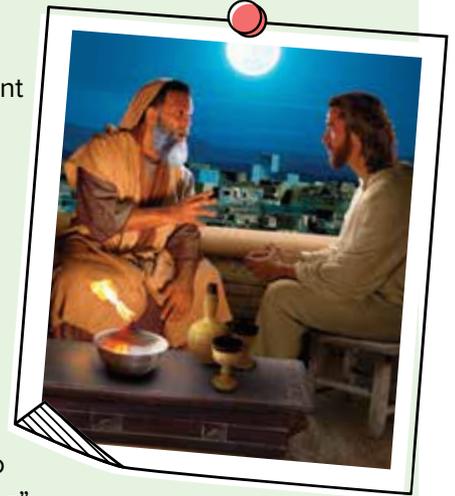
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