



**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, one true God.**

**Glory to Him, and may His grace and mercy
be upon us for ever. Amen.**

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Beginners
(Year 1 and Year 2 in the UK Schools.)

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PREFACE

Dear associates in Christ,

Malankara Jacobite Syrian Sunday School Association (M.J.S.S.A.) is functioning as a spiritual organization of the Church, with its headquarters at Puthencruz, in order that the children of the members of Jacobite Syrian Christian Church would nurture depending and fearing in God; they would realize and experience Christ and the light of Christ would enlighten the society through them; and they would become virtue-based citizens by learning the Bible, true faith, history, prayers and liturgy of the Church. On every Sunday, classes are conducted after the Holy Qurbana in a structured way having textbooks from Class I to XII.

Accepting the continuous request of our students, teachers, parents, Reverend priests and Their Eminences Metropolitans to revise the textbooks as per the needs of the present era, M.J.S.S.A. presents such a more attractive and student-centred text book. This new curriculum tries to introduce Jesus Christ to our kids in various ways such as games, drawings, colourings, songs, and stories.

Mastertrainers of the Educational Department has given leadership in this challenging endeavour. M.J.S.S.A. is much obliged to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, Mr. T.C. Alias Master, Rev. Fr. Eldhose Karuthedathu, Rev. Fr. Jijo Varghese, Rev. Fr. Shaji Varghese, Rev. Fr. JaisonBlayil, Rev. Fr. JyothisPothara, Mr. Eldhose Mathew, Mr. A.G. Alias Master, Mr. Siju Paul, and Mr. P.V. George. Along with gratefully acknowledging the contributions of the Executive Committee Member Mr. P.V. Jacob as the Coordinator of the Curriculum Committee, M.J.S.S.A. appreciates the efforts of all the Curriculum Committee members. Express special thanks to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, co-ordinator Sri. P.V. Jacob and T.C. Alias Master for their sincere efforts in English translation work. Sincere gratitude also goes to Smart Creations Angamali and Modern Graphics Angamali for the design works. M.J.S.S.A presents this new text book curriculum with authentic approval, after several discussions and meetings presided by the President of M.J.S.S.A. His Eminence Mor Aphrem Mathews Metropolitan.

For,
Executive Committee
Chev. M.J. Markose (General Secretary)

To the Parents...



Dear parents,

“Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (St. Matthew 19:14). Children are the gifts of God. They are good. But today’s world leads human beings to evils. On one hand there are alcohol, drugs, overwhelming influence of media; and on the other anger, hatred, disobedience, and disrespect towards parents and elders... How far our kids are interested in spiritual matters...? Have you ever thought of it? What is its reason?

They have not received true divine feeling. Therefore, unless we grow them carefully today, we may have to regret tomorrow. This textbook is prepared to help the kids nurturing in spiritual experience as well as enhancing their knowledge. And this book becomes worthy, only when the lessons are taught in the intended way. Some activities could be done only with the help of parents. Your dedication and time are necessary for the kids to learn the lessons accurately which is taught on every Sunday. If so, we will surely be able to develop a generation which is filled with Divine Love.

To the Kids...



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Go through the book and see...

What all things are prepared for you...

To know, to learn, and to worship God with a fearing heart...

Lot of space is there in these beautiful pages...

To colour, to sing, to speak, to share and to enact...

Come,

Let us move forward in the image of Christ.

Let us grow by holding Christian values.

Let us advance by knowing our society and nature.

To the JSOC, UK Sunday School Teachers



Dear Teachers,

This textbook for the Beginners group (the children attending Year 1 and 2 in the UK Schools) of our Sunday Schools in UK is the specially adapted version of the MJSSA Class I and II textbooks. It is designed to be taught in the Sunday Schools, which don't have the prospect of having all the ten classes according to the MJSSA Syllabus. This book is planned to be taught in 20+ Sunday School sessions over two academic years. Where there is a session only once a month, prior to each lesson, the work sheets and activities of each lesson may need to be assigned for doing at home with parental help, so that the teachers will be able to cover one lesson each per Sunday School Session. For each lesson the teachers may kindly refer to the specially prepared teacher's handbook sent electronically, to present these lessons effectively to the UK circumstances.

I am much obliged to the MJSSA and its educational department for producing such wonderful modern textbooks for all the classes and that we are allowed to adapt it to our limited situation. I express my earnest gratitude to the UK Patriarchal Vicar H.G Dr. Mathews Mor Anthimose for inspiring and guiding these adapted text books for UK. The effort of the 25 teachers in the 5 different textbook committees, who has supported the project with their valuable suggestions is also gratefully remembered here. Without the formatting and textual assistance offered by Mr. George John, teacher of the St. Mary's Church, Manchester, this would have been impossible. Thank you, George, for your valuable time and support.

This textbook is an attempt to introduce Jesus Christ to a child in relation to his/her own day-to-day living circumstances, not only by speaking and reading, but by thinking and acting also. You are requested to confirm that the aim and message of every chapter are communicated effectively to each child through the lesson and its activities. I don't need to mention specially that the message of each chapter is communicated properly only by enough prayer and preparation. May every child be able to realize and experience Jesus Christ through you and through each lesson.

Your' in the Service of the Lord
Fr. Dr. Biji Chirathilattu Markose
On the Feast of Epiphany, 2019

Dear Teachers,

Sunday Schools in UK vary widely in terms of the number of teachers and students. Sunday Schools in UK may be broadly divided into the following two categories -

- **Small Sunday Schools:** The number of teachers is less than 10, or teachers are not available for each year, or there are very few children making it difficult to hold separate classes for each year.
- **Large Sunday Schools:** The number of teachers is 10 or more, and there are sufficient students in the year groups, allowing for separate classes to be held for each year.

These textbooks have been designed to suit the needs of both the Small and Large Sunday Schools.

- **Small Sunday Schools** should have combined classes for Years 1 and 2 students, and should alternatively teach Year 1 syllabus in one year and Year 2 syllabus in the next year. Annual Exams would be held only for the syllabus taught during the year. Students would move from Beginners Group to the Primary group after completing the syllabus for Years 1 and 2, over a 2-year period.
- **Large Sunday Schools** should have separate classes for Years 1 and 2. Year 1 students would move to Year 2 at the end of the year. Year 2 students would move to Year 3 at the end of the year.

The teachers and the Parish Vicar should jointly decide if their Sunday School is Small or Large.

Yours in the Service of the Lord
Fr. Philip Thomas



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Chapter 1

God is our Creator

Bible Reference: Genesis 1; 2:4-8

Bible Verse to Learn: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

Aim:

- ◆ God created everything.
- ◆ God loves and protects everything.
- ◆ We also have to love and protect every living thing.

Let us look around ...

- ◆ What all things do we see in the sky???
- ◆ What we see in the garden???
- ◆ What could we see in the river???
- ◆ Do you like them???
- ◆ Who has created them???

Heaven and Earth

Land and Sea

Sun and Moon

Wind and Rain

Thunder and Lightning

Stars and Planets

Birds and Animals

All of these are created by

GOD

When God said, "Let it be there",
then everything was there.

Read Aloud

GOD

CREATION

CREATOR

UNIVERSE

SKY

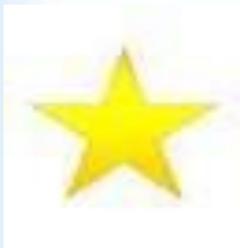
SUN

MOON

STARS

**LIVING
THINGS**

Identify the following pictures



God had an order for creation

FIRST DAY → Light, Day and Night Sky

SECOND DAY → Sky

THIRD DAY → Land, Sea, grass, plants and trees

FOURTH DAY → Sun, Moon and Stars

FIFTH DAY → Reptiles, Birds, Whales and Fish

SIXTH DAY

On the sixth day, after creating various animals, God looked at His every creation. And God saw everything was good.

Then God took dust of the ground and made a human form.

Then He breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and the man became a living being.

God created man in His own image and likeness

Who created us? (Give colour)

God created man
on
the Sixth Day

G O D

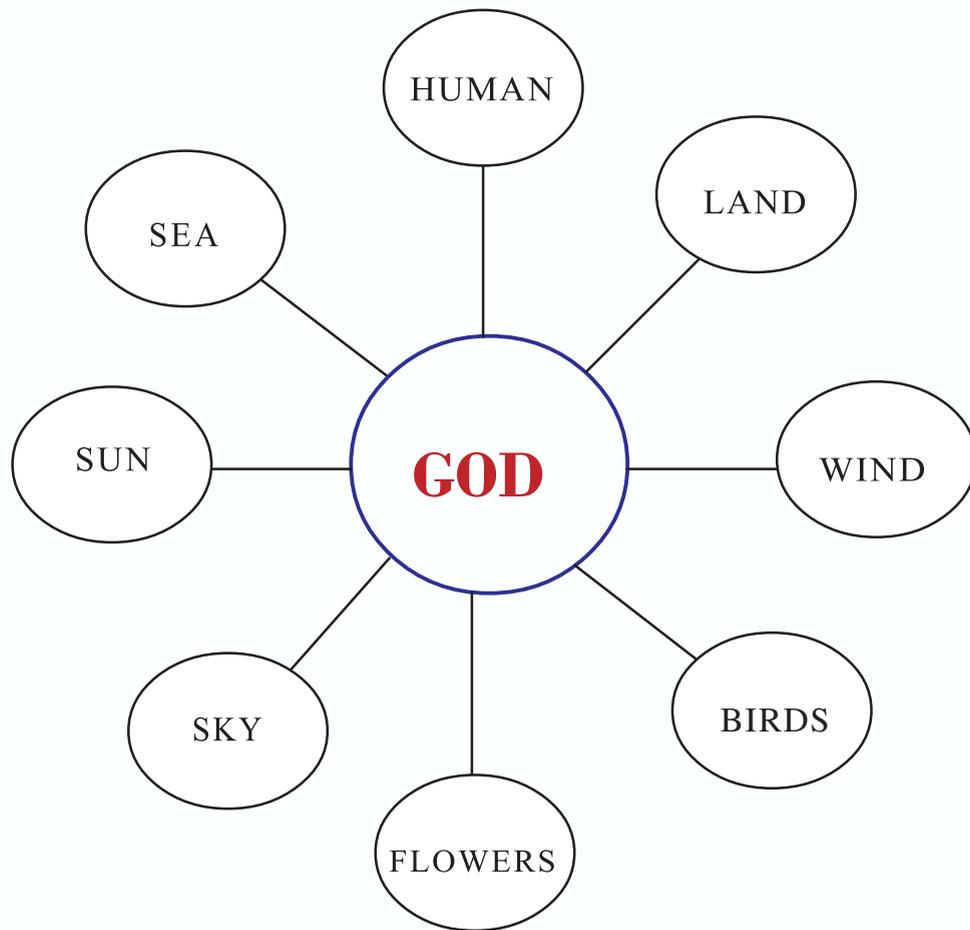


On which day God created the following?

(Write the correct answer in the given box)

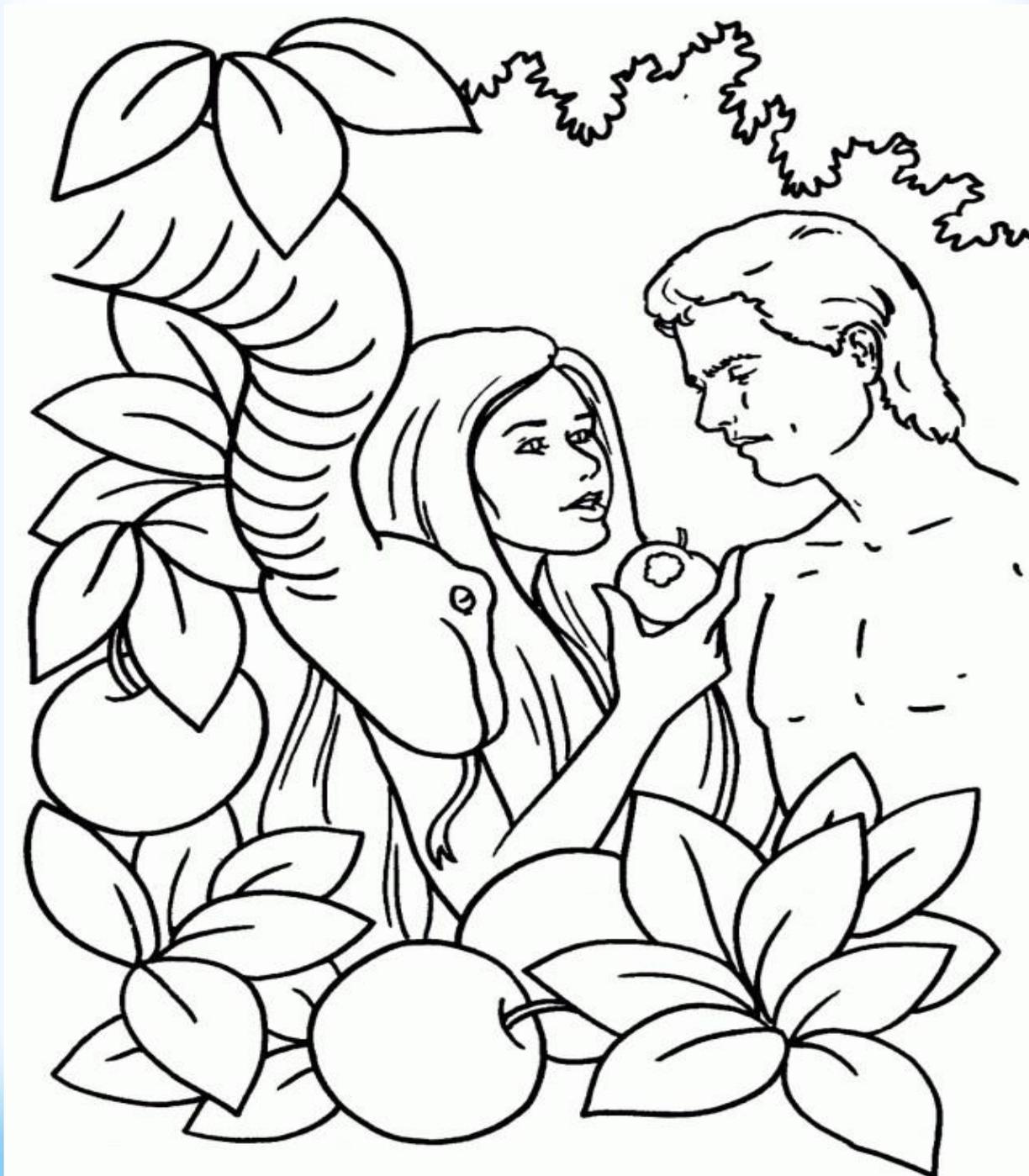


Give 'Yellow' to those which has formed when God said 'Let there be';
and give 'Green' to those which God has made by His own hands.



God named the first man 'Adam'. God let Adam to live in the Garden of Eden, which was very beautiful and marvellous. One day, God saw that Adam was living alone. God felt very sad and created a woman as companion for Adam. Adam named her 'Eve'. God said to both of them: "You have to take care of all the living beings in the Garden of Eden." Afterwards, along with all the living creatures, Adam and Eve lived together very happily in the Garden of

Give Colour:



Let us sing together:

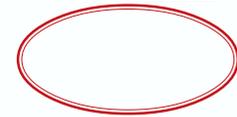
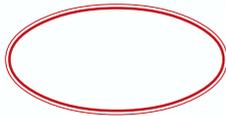
*Adam nammudevallyappan
Havvanammudevallyamma
Eden ennathottathil
Deivamavarepaarpichu*

What should we do?

- ◆ God protects us.
- ◆ We also have to take care of all living creatures in the world.
- ◆ We should not destroy anything.

How we could take care of God's Creation?

(Give **green** to the box under right answer and **red** to the box under wrong answer)





My Pledge

I,(name) will
love God;
depend on God's grace;
pray to God;
respect and obey my parents and teachers;
take care of land, plants, trees and animals.

Let us pray:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
By whose glory the heaven and the earth are filled,
Hosanna in the Highest.**

(Thantesthuthikalaal

Aakaashavumbhoomiyumniranjirikkunna

BalavanaayaDeivamThampuran

Parishudhan, Parishudhan, Parishudhan,

UyarangalilSthuthi)

Homework:

Colour the below picture; and likewise the children in the picture, please plant a tree in your courtyard and take care of it.



FOR THE EXISTANCE OF MY EARTH.....

Give Colour to the Bible Verse and Learn it:

IN THE
BEGINNING,
GOD
CREATED THE HEAVEN
AND THE EARTH

Let us praise God:

**I praise you O God, my Lord,
for creating me in this beautiful world.**

Answer the Following:

1. Who is the creator of everything?
2. Name the first human?
3. Who was given by God to Adam as a companion?
4. Where did God let Adam to live in?
5. Who created us?
6. How did God create man?

Chapter 2

Father of the Faithful

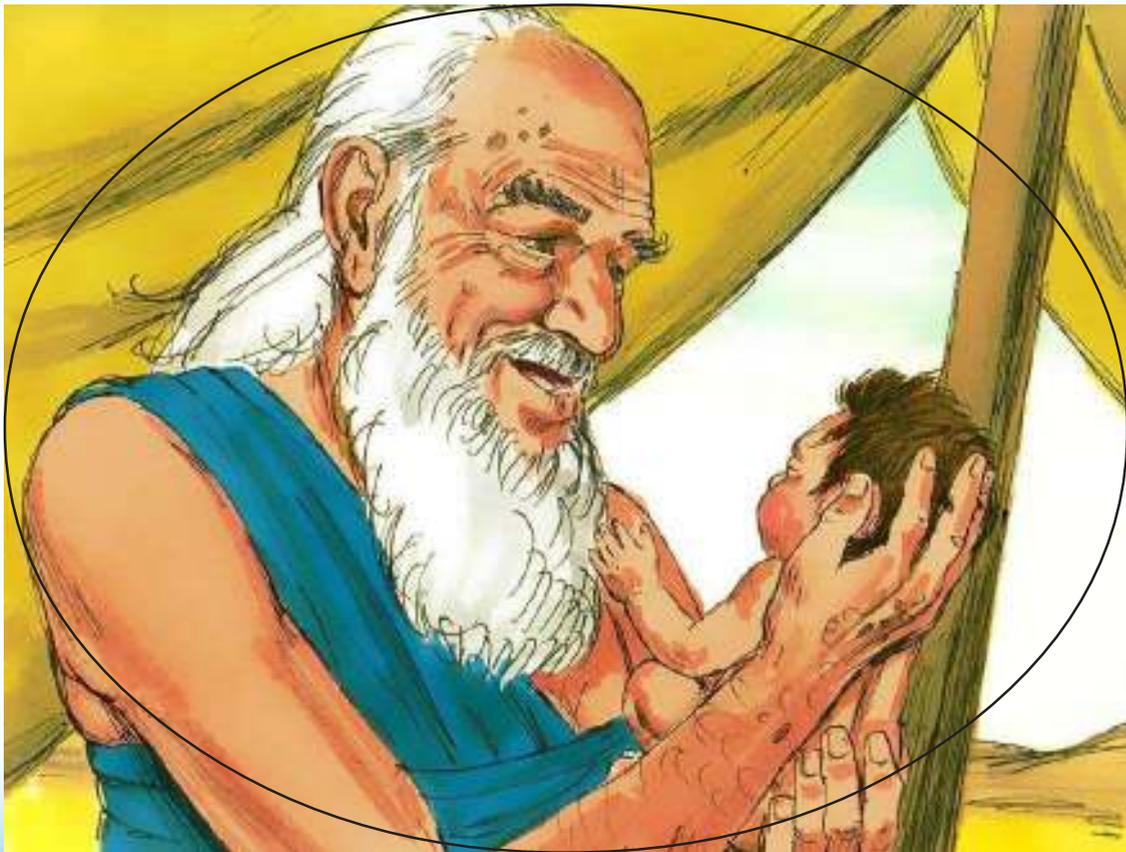
Bible Reference: Genesis 12: 1-9

Bible Verse to Learn: "I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

(Genesis 15:1)

Aims:

- ◆ Nothing is impossible for God
- ◆ God fulfils all His promises
- ◆ God will bless us



Look at the Picture



DISCUSSION

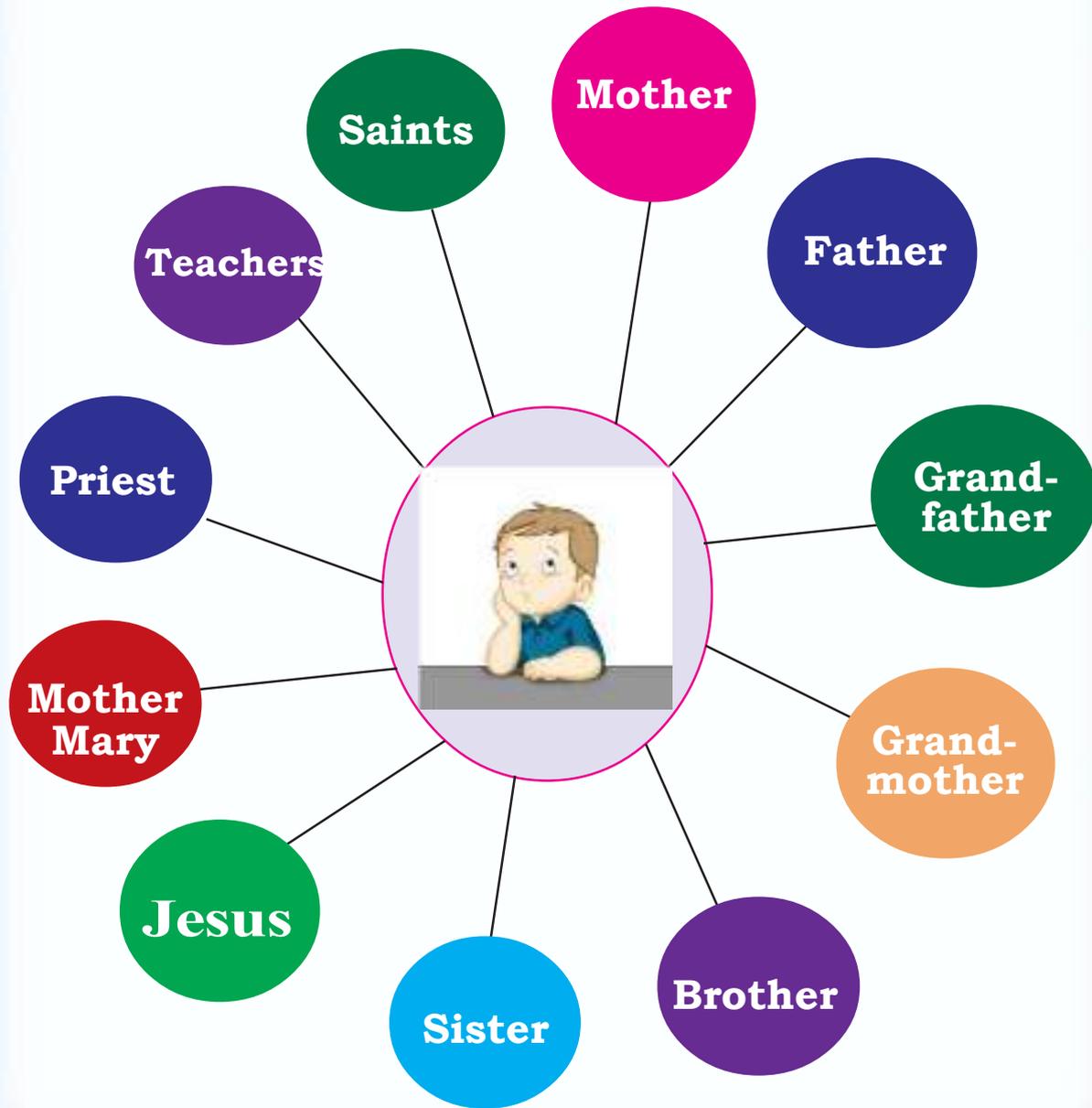
- ◆ Why does this child jump into the hands of his father without any fear?
- ◆ Will he be getting any accidents or injuries? Why?
- ◆ What is he thinking in his mind while jumping?



**I am jumping into the hands of my dad.
Dad will catch me without falling.
I trust my dad that I am always safe in the
hands of my dad.**

Likewise, in whom else do you trust?

SAY LOUDER



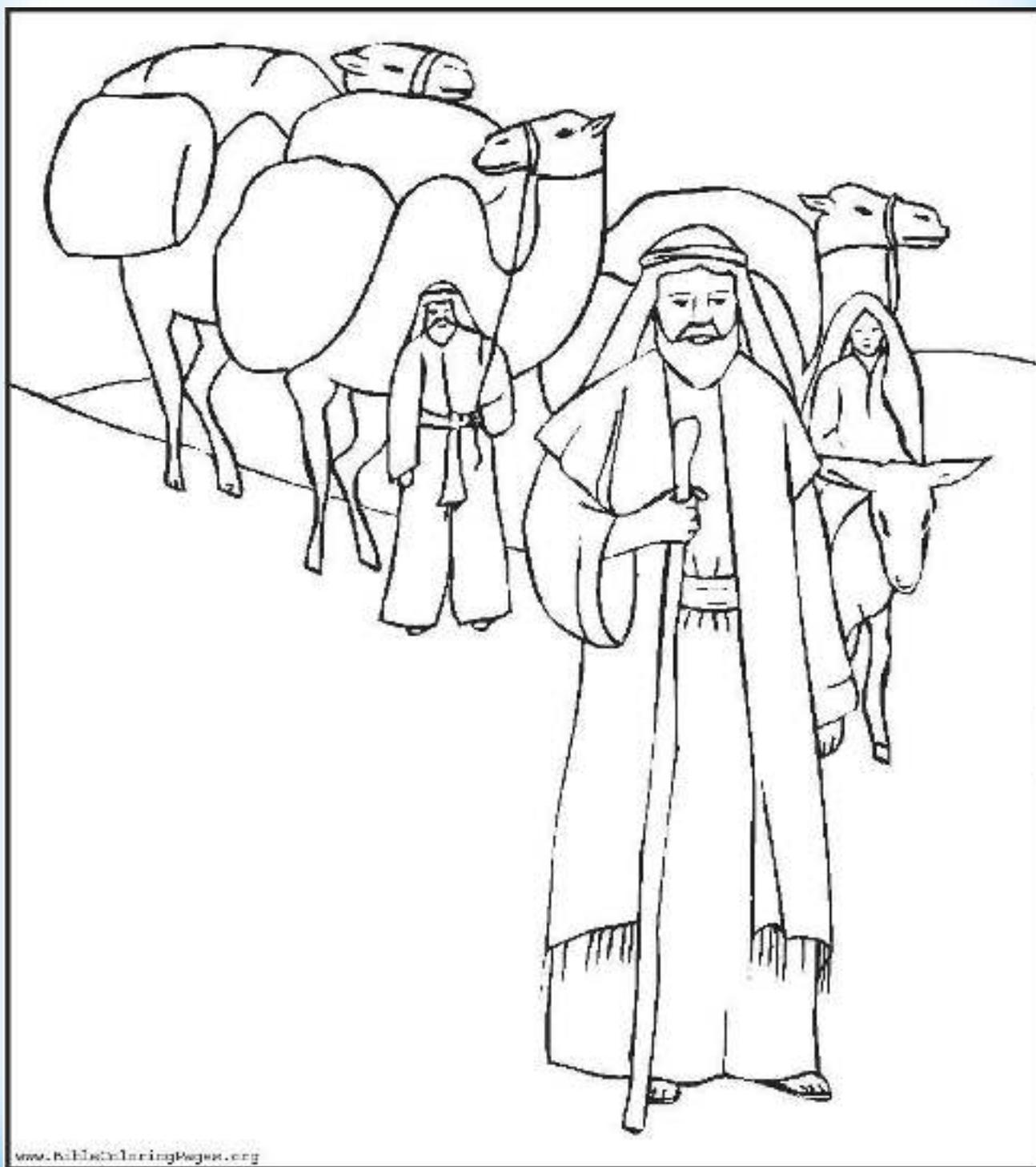
Many years ago, there was a God-fearing man in the town of **Ur**. His name was Abraham. He trusted in God more than anything else. His wife was Sarah. They were very rich and had a lot of camels, sheep and land. But they did not have a child even though they were very old.

When Abraham was seventy-five years old, one day God said to him,

- ◆ Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
- ◆ I will bless you.
- ◆ I will make your name great.
- ◆ I will give you children.
- ◆ I will bless those who bless you.
- ◆ I will curse those who curse you.

Abraham believed everything that God said to him. He never doubted it. Being obedient to God's commandment, he started his journey to the land which God was about to show him.

Colour the Picture of Abraham's Journey:



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What could have been Abraham thinking during his journey?

- ◆ To which country God is leading me?
- ◆ Will there be anyone to help me when I reach there?
- ◆ Will the people of that land welcome me wholeheartedly?

Abraham consoled himself and said in his mind.



**My God always fulfils His
promises.
God will protect me.
I only have to trust and obey
Him.
My God Yahweh is with me.**

**Do you know to which land God had led Abraham?
(Give colour and read aloud)**

CANAAN

And hence Abraham entered into the Promised Land of Canaan, the land which God had shown him. He lived there and worshipped God.

Do you know the significance of Canaan?

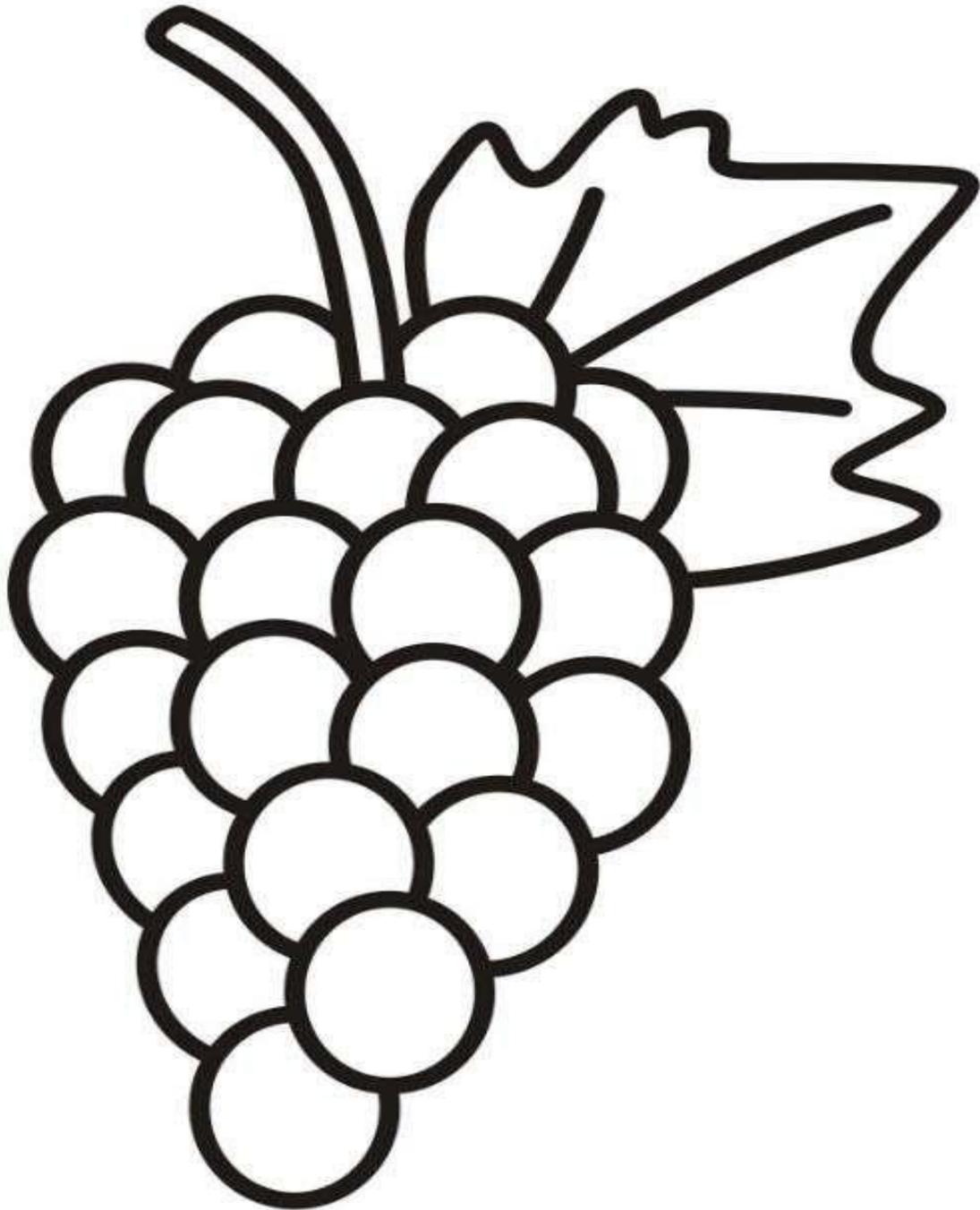
Canaan was known as the land flowing with milk and honey.

The soil and weather of Canaan was very good for cultivation.

The fruits grown in Canaan were very big and most delicious.

A bunch of grapes grown in Canaan was so big that at least two people were needed to carry it.

Look at it. Oh! How big it is!!! Colour the Bunch of Grapes.



Even though they had reached the Promised Land, Abraham and Sarah were very sad. God had not given them a child. God had seen the sorrow of the old couple. God knew that Abraham and Sarah had believed and trusted in Him wholeheartedly. So He had mercy upon them. God, who fulfils His promises, had blessed Abraham and Sarah by giving them a child. Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety years old when they became a dad and a mom.



Abraham named his Son

(Colour and read aloud the name of Abraham's son)

ISAAC

The meaning of the name 'Isaac' is



Say aloud the meaning of the term you understand from the above picture and mark the correct one.

Laughter

Gloomy

I believe in God wholeheartedly.

I believe that I am a gift of God given to my parents.

**I believe that God who blessed Abraham
would bless me too.**

Colour:

ABRAHAM: FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us Pray:

“Blessed is He, who has come and is to come, in the name of the Lord God. Glory be to Him in the Highest.”

***Deivamaaya Karthavin tethirunaamathil vannavanum
varuvaanirikkunnavanum aayavan vaazhthappettavan aakunnu.
Uyarangalil Sthuthi.***

Answer the Following:

1. From which land did Abraham start his journey?
2. What did God say to Abraham to do?
3. What was God’s promise to Abraham?
4. Where did Abraham and Sarah reach?
5. How old was Abraham when Sarah gave birth to Isaac?
6. Whose gift are the children?

Joseph and His Dream

Bible Reference: Genesis 37: 5-8

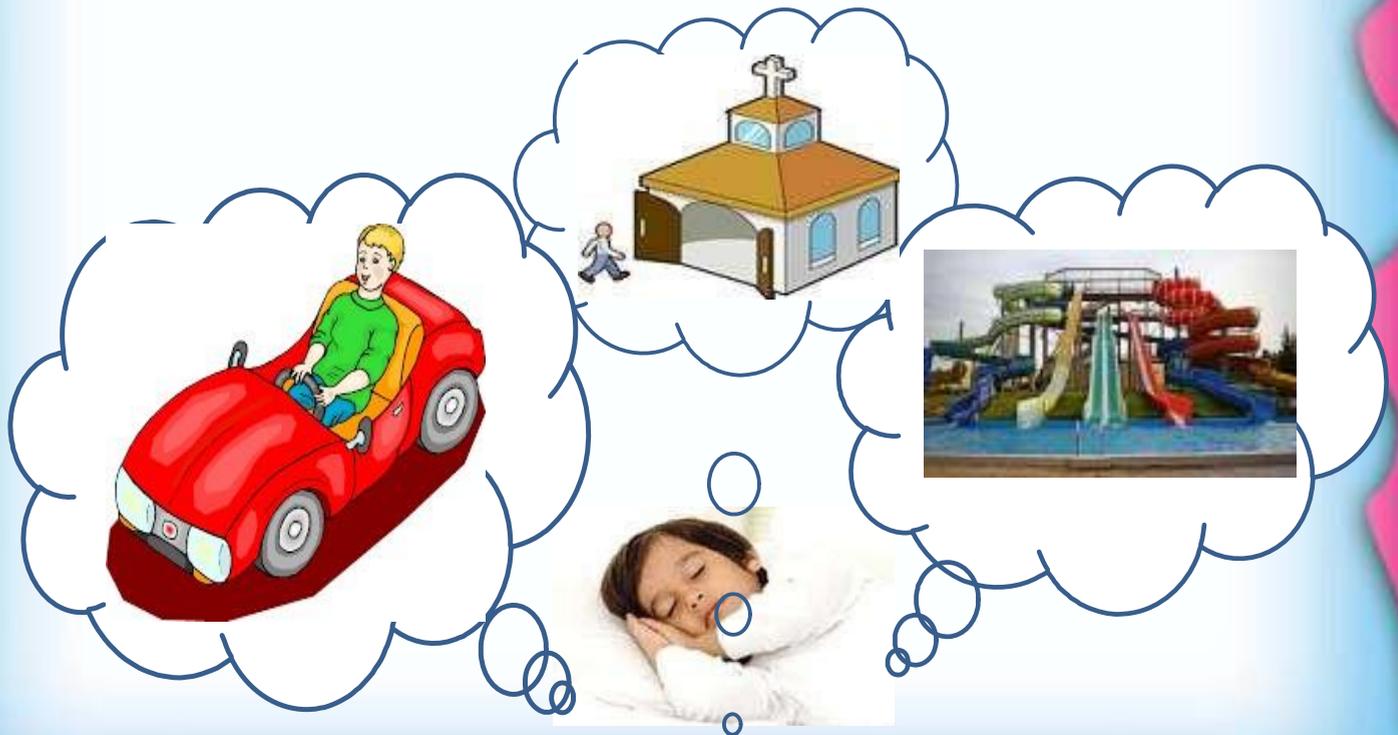
Bible Verse to Learn: "How good and pleasant it is when brothern live together in unity!" (Psalm 133: 1)

Aims:

- To enhance mutual love among kids.
- To recognize the importance of brotherly love.
- To understand that God will elevate those who depend on Him.
To realize that God loves everyone.

Do you dream??? YES NO

Could you explain what this child is dreaming?



Explain one of the DREAMS you had!!!

Likewise, we could see a famous dreamer in the Bible. He was Joseph, one among the twelve sons of Jacob.

Colour Jacob and his Twelve Sons:



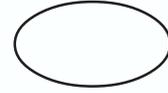
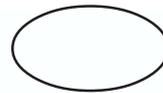
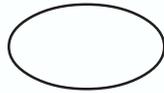
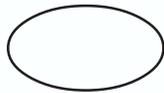
Jacob loved his son Joseph than any other sons. He used to give him new dresses and wonderful gifts. Joseph was very handsome too.

Peculiarities of Joseph

- ◆ He used to pray every day.
- ◆ He was a person of good character.
- ◆ He loved everyone.
- ◆ He gave respect to his parents and elders.
- ◆ He had the ability to dream and explain It's meaning.

Look at the below pictures.

(Give ☺ to good conduct and ☹ to bad conduct.)



Jacob and his sons were good farmers. They used to cultivate everything for their food.

One day Joseph had a dream.

Joseph and his brothers were binding sheaves in the paddy field. Suddenly Joseph's sheaf rose and stood upright; then the sheaves of his brothers gathered around his sheaf, and bowed down to it.

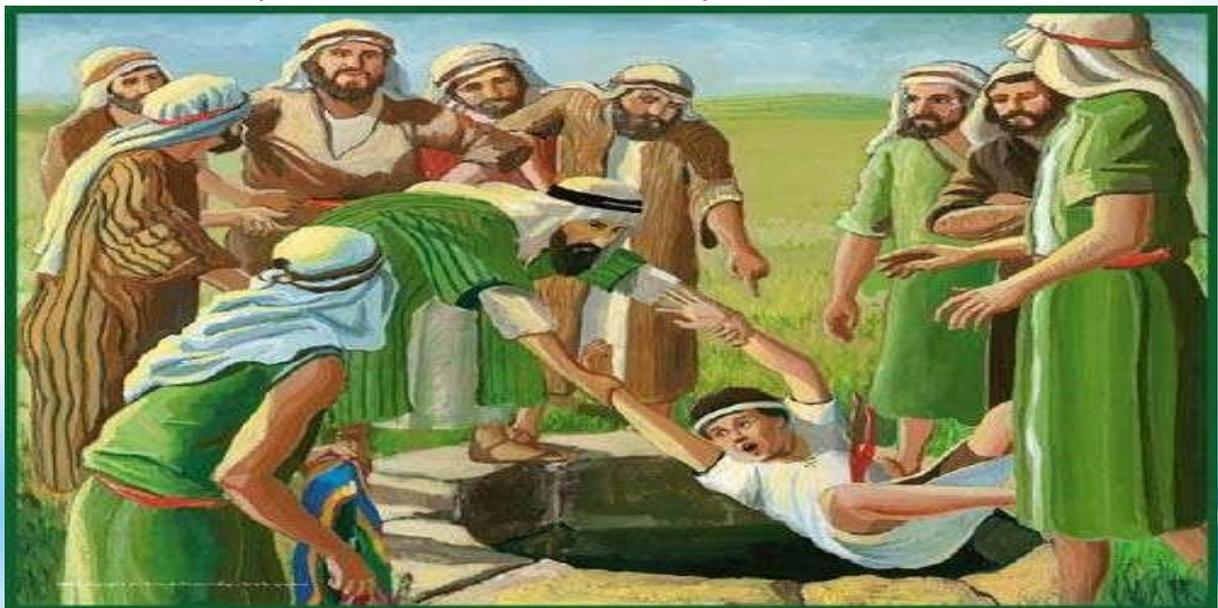


After some days, Joseph had another dream, which was more fabulous. **The Sun, the Moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to him!!!**



His brothers realized that one day they would have to bow before Joseph. And therefore, they became very jealous towards him.

One day, Joseph came to the valley where his brothers were pasturing their father's flock. His brothers, who became jealous towards Joseph, had thrown him in a pit in the wilderness.



Colour the Picture of Joseph inside the Pit:



While his brothers were having food, some Arabic traders (Ishmaelites) were coming down on that way. His brothers suddenly lifted him out of the pit and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. And they took him to Egypt.

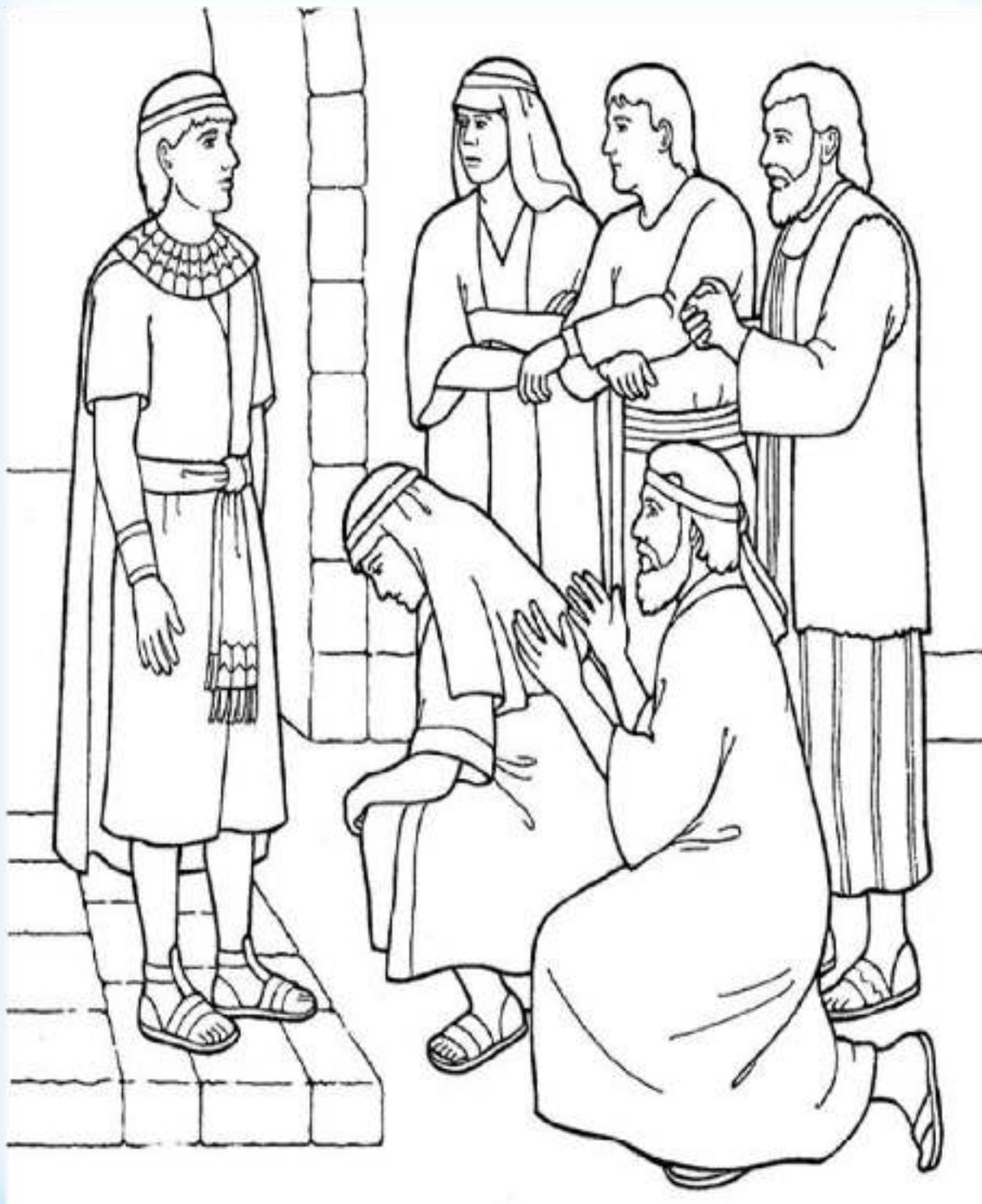
The Almighty God did not want Joseph to have any more trouble. He raised him step by step; and Joseph became the Prime Minister of Egypt. During his time, Egypt became very rich and fruitful.

After several years, the land of Egypt was struck by a great famine. Land became dried up and left everyone in poverty. It spread wide around even up to the land of Canaan. The house of Jacob was also struggling without food grains



But the storehouse of Joseph had plenty of food grains. People around the land came to the Prime Minister of Egypt for buying grains. By hearing this, Joseph's brothers also came to Egypt to have some grains for their food. When Joseph saw his brothers, even after several years, he suddenly realized them and welcomed them warmly. He wholeheartedly gave them food and grains. But his brothers were not able to recognize their younger brother Joseph.

Colour the picture below



Brothers requesting grains to the Prime Minister Joseph

- ♥ Like Joseph, we also have to love our siblings.
- ♥ Whoever hates us, God loves us.
- ♥ God will raise us to heights.

Prayer

Holy Art Thou O God! Holy Art Thou O Almighty!

Holy Art Thou O Immortal! Crucified for us, Have mercy on us.

(Deivame Nee Parishudhanaakunnu, Balavane Nee Parishudhanaakunnu;
 MaranamIllathavane Nee Parishudhanaakunnu;
 NjangalkkuvendiKurishikkappettavane, Njangaludemel karunaundakaname.)

Lord have mercy upon us! Lord be kind and have mercy upon us!
 Lord, accept our worship and prayers and have mercy upon us!

(Njangalude Karthave njangaludemel karunacheyyaname, Njangalude
 Karthave krupayundayi njangaludemel karuna cheyyaname, njangalude
 Karthave njangalude sushrooyam namaskaravaum kaikondu njangalude mel
 karunachecyyaname!

Answer the Following:

- 1.Name the father of Joseph?
- 2.How many sons did Jacob have?
- 3.God raised Joseph to the Prime Minister of
- 4.What were the peculiarities of Joseph?
- 5.What should we do in order to get elevated by God?
- 6.Explain any one of Joseph's dreams?

Chapter 4

David and Goliath

Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 17: 12-54

Bible Verse to Learn: "The Lord is my strength and my shield."
(Psalm 28:7)

Aim: Dependence on God strengthens everyone.



Which is the biggest animal in land?

Who controls the elephant?

What does the Mahout (elephant rider) carry in his hand?



Have you seen a small man controlling the biggest animal elephant?

Not strength and size are important, but wisdom and courage.

There were very big and tough men who lived in the long past. They were called champions or giants. One such giant was Goliath.



But there was a small boy who defeated this champion courageously by depending on God. Do you know who he was?

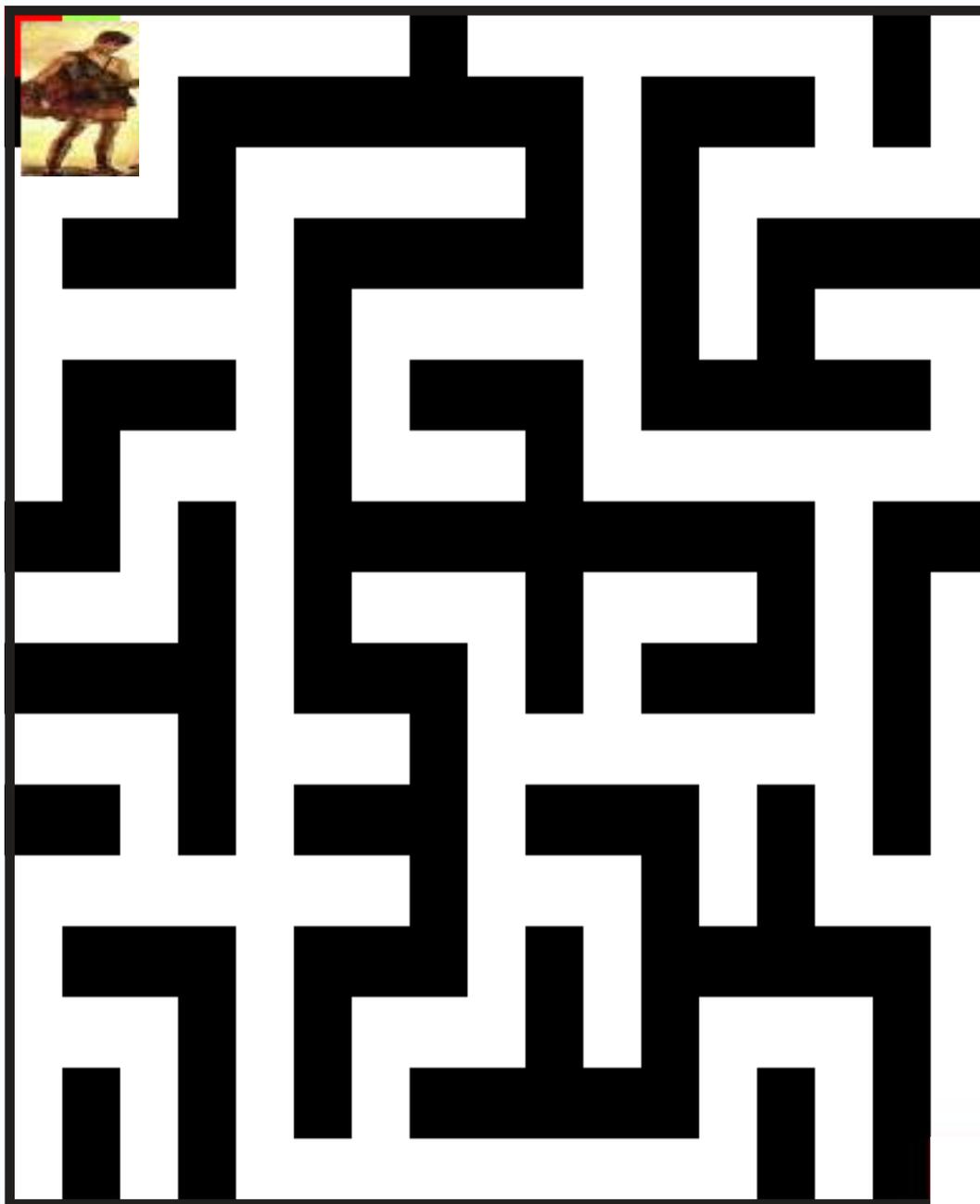
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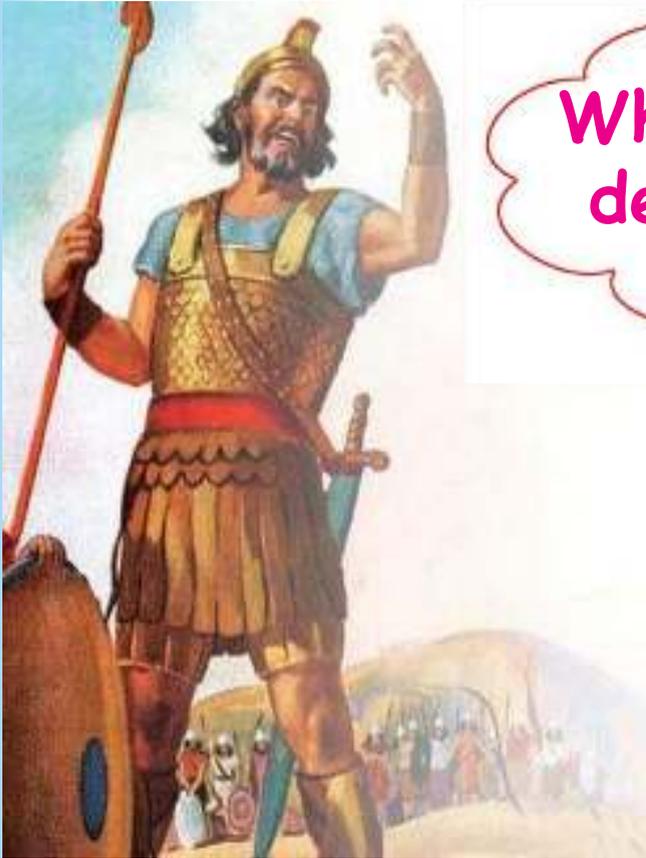
In Bethlehem, there lived an old man named Jesse. David, the youngest among his eight sons, became a shepherd filled with divine grace. One day, having prepared a box full of eatables, Jesse called David and said, "My dear son, your brothers are fighting against Philistines, our enemies at the Valley of Elah. Take this food, go and give to them."

David's mind was overwhelmed with joy that he could see his elder brothers after a long time. As quickly as possible, he began his journey to the valley of Elah.

Could you help David to reach upon his Brothers???



David reached the valley of Elah very safely. While he was chatting with his brothers, suddenly he heard a loud noise. turned back and saw a giant.



**Who is there to
defeat me???**

When the army of Israelites saw the giant man Goliath, they had trembled with fear. Even Saul, the king of Israel had hidden himself inside his tent. But David had no fear on him. Do you know why?

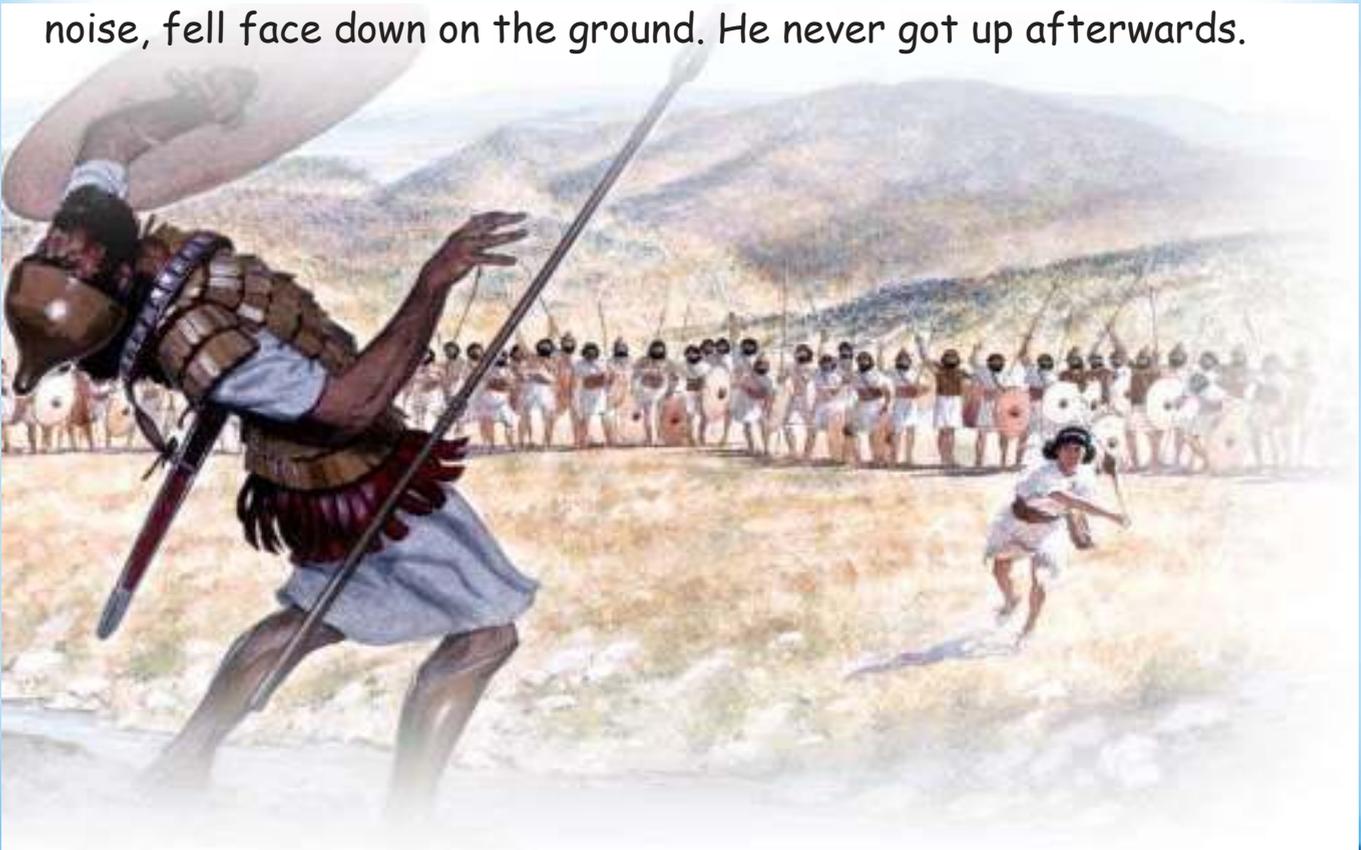
**Yahweh is with me;
and I will fight
against him.**



Everyone was so amazed by David's courage. King Saul had clothed David with his armour. But David was not used to it and found it very difficult to walk with it. So, he removed it. Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones and put them in his shepherd's bag. His sling was in his hand, and he drew near to Goliath.

When Goliath looked and saw David, he disdained him and said, "**Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks and stones?**" And David replied to him, "I have come to you in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel; and the Lord will deliver you into my hands today."

Then David took a stone from his bag and slung it towards Goliath. The stone, which moved upwards in the sky without losing its aim, struck directly on Goliath's forehead. And the giant Philistine, with a loud noise, fell face down on the ground. He never got up afterwards.



Give colour to the Bible Verse:

The Lord is
my strength
and my shield.

Answer the Following:

1. Who was the father of David?
2. What was David's job?
3. Where did David go to see his brothers?
4. Against whom, were the brothers of David fighting?
5. Why did the army of Israelites tremble with fear?
6. What were the weapons of David?
7. Look at the picture of Goliath and name his weapons?
8. How did David defeat Goliath?

Chapter 5

Mother of God

Bible Reference: St. Luke 1: 26-38

Bible Verse to Learn: “Nothing is impossible for God.” (St. Luke 1:37)

Aim:

- ◆ God uplifts the humble.
- ◆ We need to be very humble towards our parents and elders.
- ◆ We need to obey them.



Introduce Yourself:

- ♥ What is the name of the place where you live?
- ♥ Who all are there in your house?
- ♥ What is the name of your school?
- ♥ Where is your mother's house?

The house of the mother of Jesus, Mary was at Bethlehem. Her father was Joachim and mother was Hannah. She was so humble to everyone. Mary, who lived with her parents in obedience and humility, was betrothed to a carpenter named Joseph.

At that time, God the Father had chosen Mary to become the mother of His Son, Jesus. And God sent the angel Gabriel to announce this glad news to Mary.

One day, when Mary was praying, an angel appeared to her and said:



Do you know, what did the angle said to Mary?



Read aloud...



"Hail Mary, full of Grace, our Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

When she heard this, Mary got frightened.

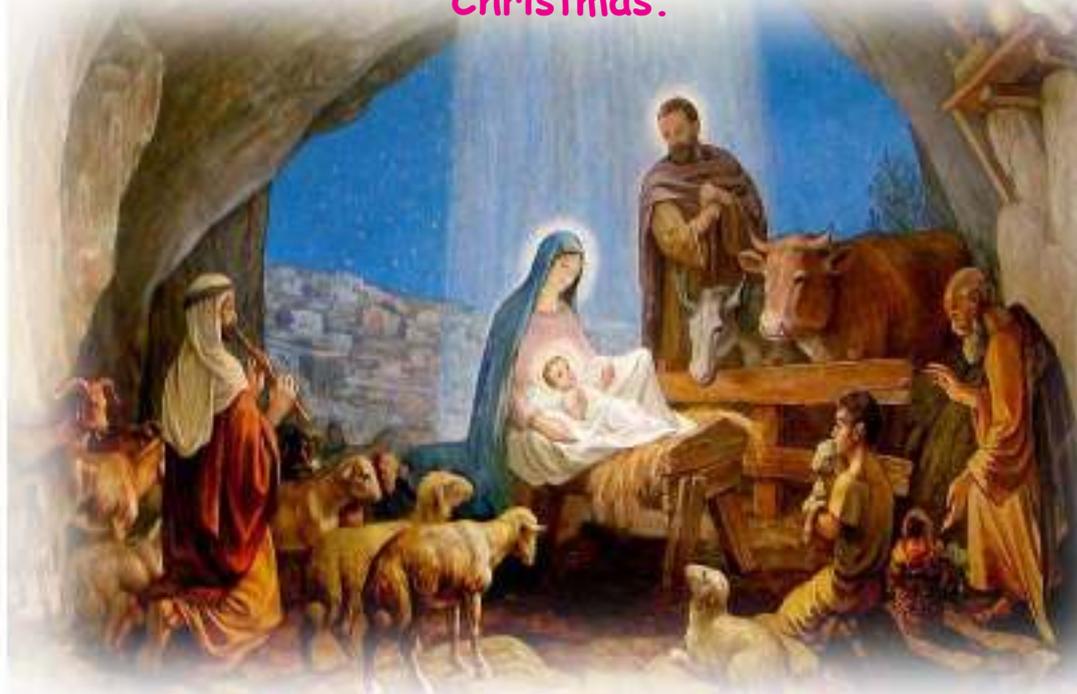


●●● Then Gabriel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. God's grace will come upon you. And you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."

Having bowed her head in humbleness, Mary replied to the angel, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



With the power of the Holy Spirit,
Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ.
And we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as
Christmas.



Mary, because of her humility and meekness, was blessed to give birth to the Son of God Jesus Christ. Therefore, St. Mary is the Mother of God.

Role-play:

Let the children enact the conversation between St. Mary and Gabriel in the classroom.

COLOURING



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Find out the good qualities of the Mother of God:

Prayer

Humbleness

Humility

Mocking Others

Anger

Lying

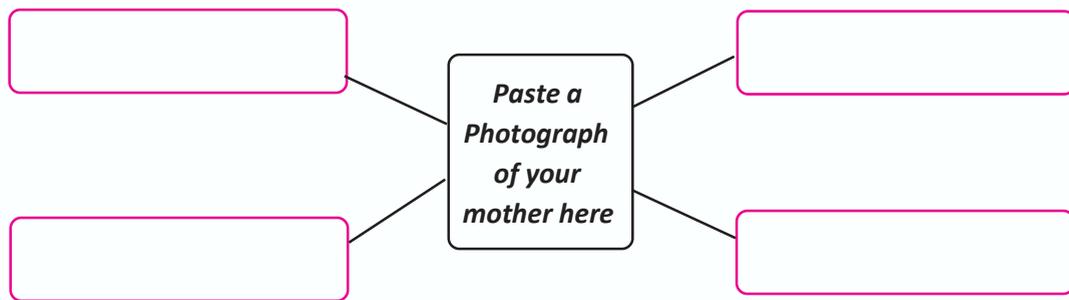
Love

Quarelling

Obedience

Fear of God

THE QUALITIES I FIND IN MY MOTHER



I and My Family

(Colour this family)



Let us read aloud:



- & I will pray together
- & I will obey my parents
- & I will behave humbly
- & I will love everyone
- & I will live fearing God



Colour the Bible Verse:

Nothing is impossible for God.

Let us Pray:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace!

Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, our Lord Jesus Christ. O Virgin Saint Mary, O Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at all times, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Let us Sing:

Bhaktharpukazhchabhaajaname	Thou the one who is the object of
Ninniludhichorekasuthan	Your devotees' praises
Thrikkaralnjangalilivaan	Intercession for us bring
than	Unto Him, thine only Son
Pakkalapekshaanakkenam.	That we may not mercy shun.

Answer the Following:

1. Who is the mother of Jesus Christ?
2. Name the angel who announced the will of God to St. Mary?
3. Name the birthplace of St. Mary?
4. Who were the parents of Virgin Mary?
5. To whom Mary was betrothed?
6. Who said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord"?
7. What was the job of Joseph?
8. What are the good qualities that you have found in St. Mary?

Chapter 6

Christmas

Bible Reference: St. Luke 2: 1-20

Bible Verse to Learn: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (St. Luke 2: 14)

Aim:

- ◆ To understand the love and humility of God.
- ◆ To realize that we should also live in love and humility.



- ◆ When is your Happy Birthday?
- ◆ How do you celebrate your Happy Birthday?
- ◆ Do you cut any cakes?
- ◆ Do you distribute candies or chocolates?



Let us sing the Happy Birthday Song!!

Have you ever heard about the birthday of Jesus Christ??

**We celebrate
the birthday of Jesus Christ as
Christmas**

Do you know when we celebrate Christmas?

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Give your favourite colour to the correct answer:

During the month of Christmas, it is

Rainy season

Summer

Winter

We have learned about Joseph and Mary in the previous chapter. The Roman Emperor, who ruled in Bethlehem, had ordered that everyone's name should be registered. Joseph and Mary also came to Bethlehem to register their name.



But they did not get a place to stay there because lot of people came there to register their names. Mary, conceiving Jesus in her womb, was struggling with pain. At last, they had found a cave and Mary gave birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ there in the cave. They wrapped the infant Jesus in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.



Where were you born?

Cave

Hospital

House

Where was Jesus born?

Cave

Hospital

House

There were shepherds living in the valleys, in Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flock by night. That night, an angel of God appeared to them and said:



"Do not be afraid; I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in Bethlehem a Saviour, Jesus. You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."



And suddenly, a group of angels sang from the heaven, praising God,



**"Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men."**

LET US SING A CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG

(The Teacher trains a carol song and let the children sing it together)

Find out the meaning of the word 'Jesus' by colouring the below alphabets.

SAVIOUR

When the angels left the shepherds, they started their journey to Bethlehem in that night itself. When they reached the place, they had found the child lying in the manger. They were so happy and bowed their heads down showing him deep respect. Then they returned, glorifying and praising God.

God loved human beings very much than any other creatures. That is the reason why God sent His Own Son Jesus Christ as our Saviour.



Give colour to Santa Claus:



What all other things could we do while celebrating Christmas??



Colour the Bible Verse:

Glory to God
in the highest, and
on earth peace,
good will
toward men.

Answer the Following:

1. When do we celebrate Christmas?
2. What is the meaning of the word 'Jesus'?
3. To whom did the good news of Jesus' birth was brought?
4. Who said, "Do not be afraid; I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people"?
5. What did a group of angels sing from the heaven?

Chapter 7

Jesus being Obedient to His Parents

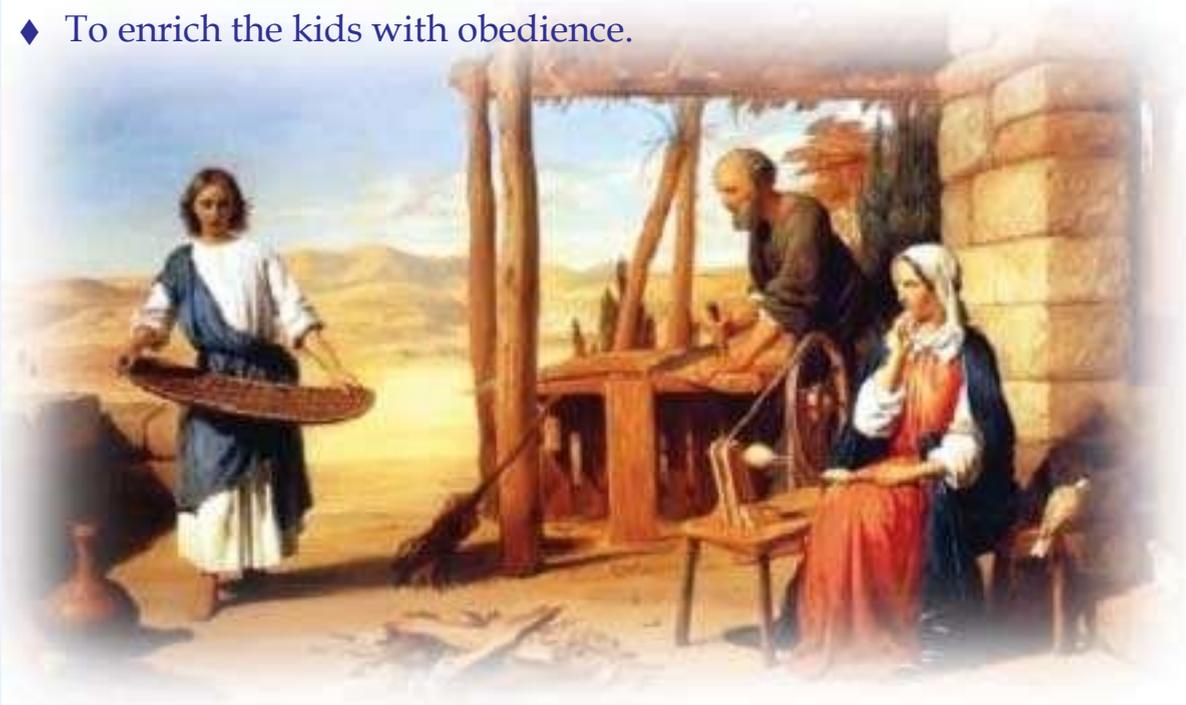
Bible Reference: St. Matthew 21: 28-32

Bible Verse to Learn: **"To obey is better than sacrifice."**

(1 Samuel 15:22)

Aim:

- ◆ To enrich the kids with obedience.



Whom do you obey?

In how many things, do you obey your parents?



Jesus was obedient to his parents in everything that they had said to him. When he was even 30 years old, he obeyed his mother and helped a wedding feast. He obeyed his Father God even to die on the cross. Jesus only likes obedient kids.

Let us learn a story said by Jesus Christ:

There was an old man who had two sons. One day the man thought in his mind:



Oh! I am so tired; and I am not able to go to the vineyard today. Let me ask my sons to go and do the work.

He went to his elder son and said:

Son, I am so tired today. Could you go to the vineyard?

No, I will not.

Then he went to his younger son and said:

Son, could you go to the vineyard today? I am so tired.

Sure father, I will go.

After some time, both the brothers thought in their minds:



Oh! I was not supposed to say like that to my father. I should obey him. I am going to the vineyard.



Even though I said to my father that I would go, I am not going. I have some other things to do.

Among these two brothers, to whom do you like to identify yourself?



Shall we give colour to the childhood of Jesus??



What was the job of Joseph?
And what is Jesus doing?



MY PLEDGE

Like Jesus,
I will also obey my parents;
I will help them in their works;
I will keep my house and surroundings clean;
I will go to the church;
I will obey my teachers;
And I will live as an obedient kid.

Let us Pray

Lord Jesus,
give Your grace to us
that we will also obey our parents and
teachers, as you obeyed your parents
in everything. Amen.



Colour the Bible Verse:

TO OBEY IS
BETTER THAN
SACRIFICE.

Answer the Following:

1. What is better than sacrifice?
2. Who did decide to go to the vineyard by obeying his father?
3. What kind of children does Jesus like most?
4. How could we help our parents?
5. Explain the story of 'the father and the two sons'?

Chapter 8

Jesus Endearing Children

Bible Reference: St. Mark 10: 13-16; St. Matthew 19: 13-15

Bible Verse to Learn: "You change and become like children."
(St. Matthew 18:3)

Aim:

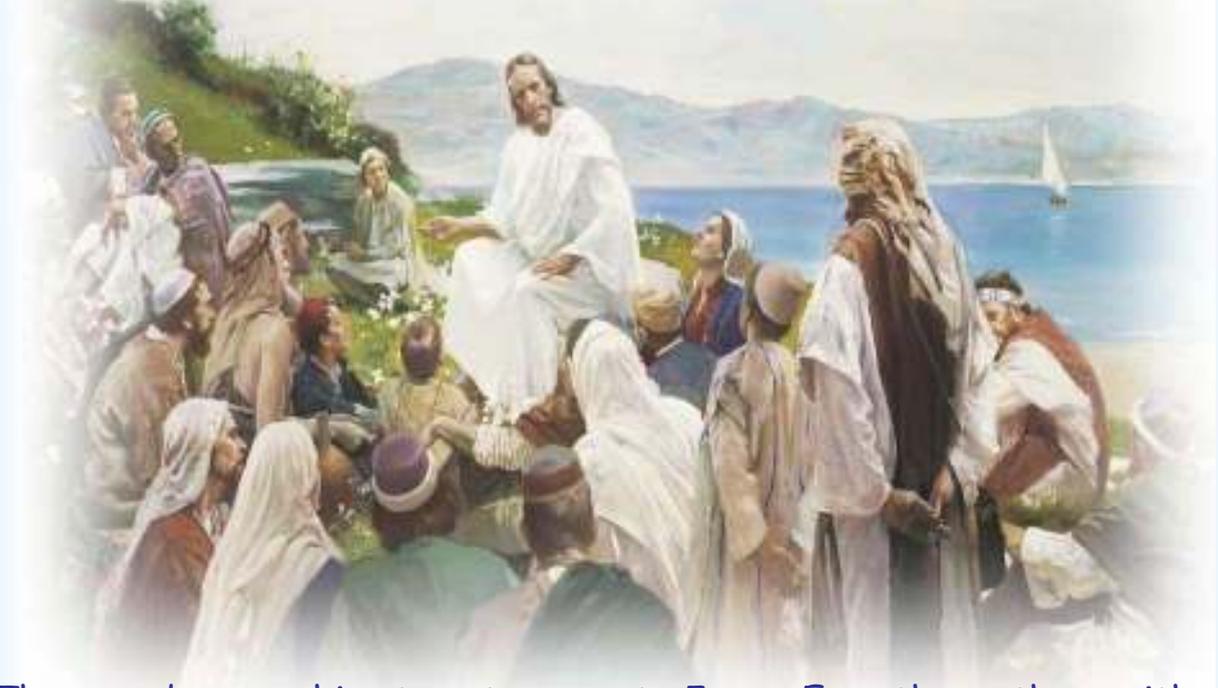
Let the children know that Jesus loves them very much.



Have you ever noticed that how the priests bless the sick and pray for them?



One day, Jesus was sitting at the bank of river Jordan and teaching the Word of God to a large crowd of people. Some mothers brought their little children to him in order that he would touch them, lay his hands on them, and bless them. Lot of sick people were also there to get cured, and Jesus was healing them as well. His disciples were also with him.



The crowd was rushing to get nearer to Jesus. Even the mothers with their children also tried to get closer to him. But his disciples stopped the mothers and spoke to them harshly. Seeing this, Jesus said to them

**“Let the little children come to me;
do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that
the kingdom of God belongs.”**

When the mothers and the children heard this, they became very happy. The little ones ran nearer to Jesus. He, with lots of love and affection, endeared them to his heart. And he laid his hands on their head and blessed them.



**Jesus loves you very much.
Go nearer to Him.
He will bless you.**

Give colour to Jesus who loves us



Colour the Bible Verse:

YOU CHANGE
AND
BECOME
LIKE CHILDREN.

Answer the Following:

1. Who had stopped them, when the mothers and the children came to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say to his disciples?
3. How did Jesus bless the little ones?
4. Where was Jesus teaching the crowd the Word of God?
5. In our church, who has the authority to bless by laying hands on one's head?

Chapter 9

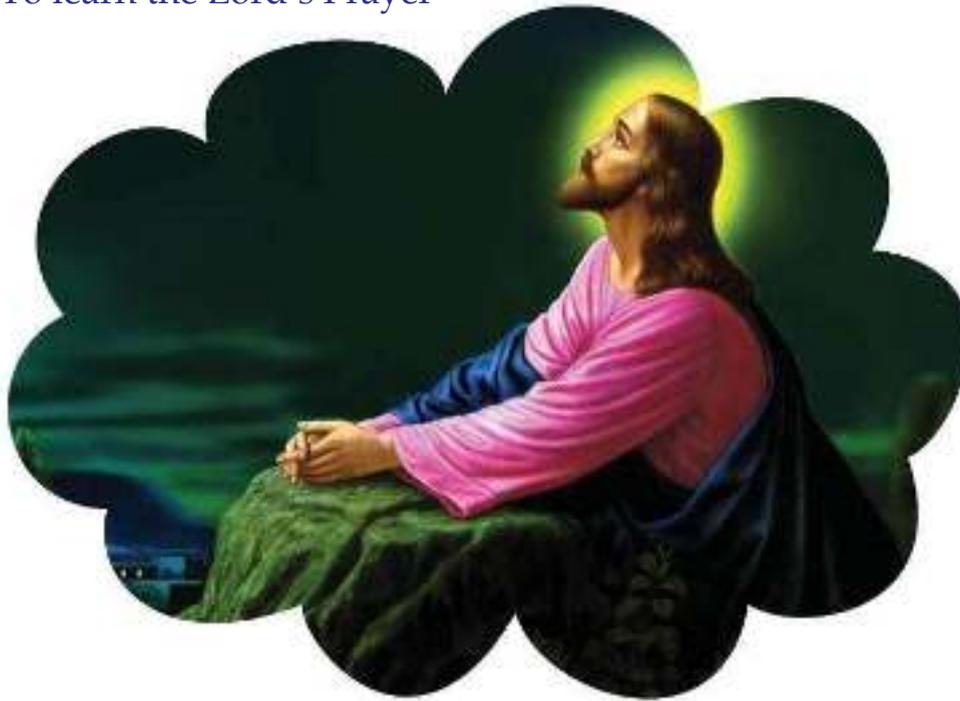
Jesus Teaching to Pray

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 6: 9-13

Bible Verse to Learn: "Pray without ceasing."
(1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

Aim:

- ◆ To develop the habit of praying.
- ◆ To learn the Lord's Prayer



- ◆ At what time do you wake up in the morning?
- ◆ What all sounds can you hear from the surroundings when you wake up?

Let the Children speak up:

Birds Chirping

Church bell ringing



What should we do after waking up every morning?

Likewise, every living thing in this world starts its day by praising God the Creator.



How should we pray ???



By folding our hands on our chest.



By facing towards east.



By making the sign of Cross.

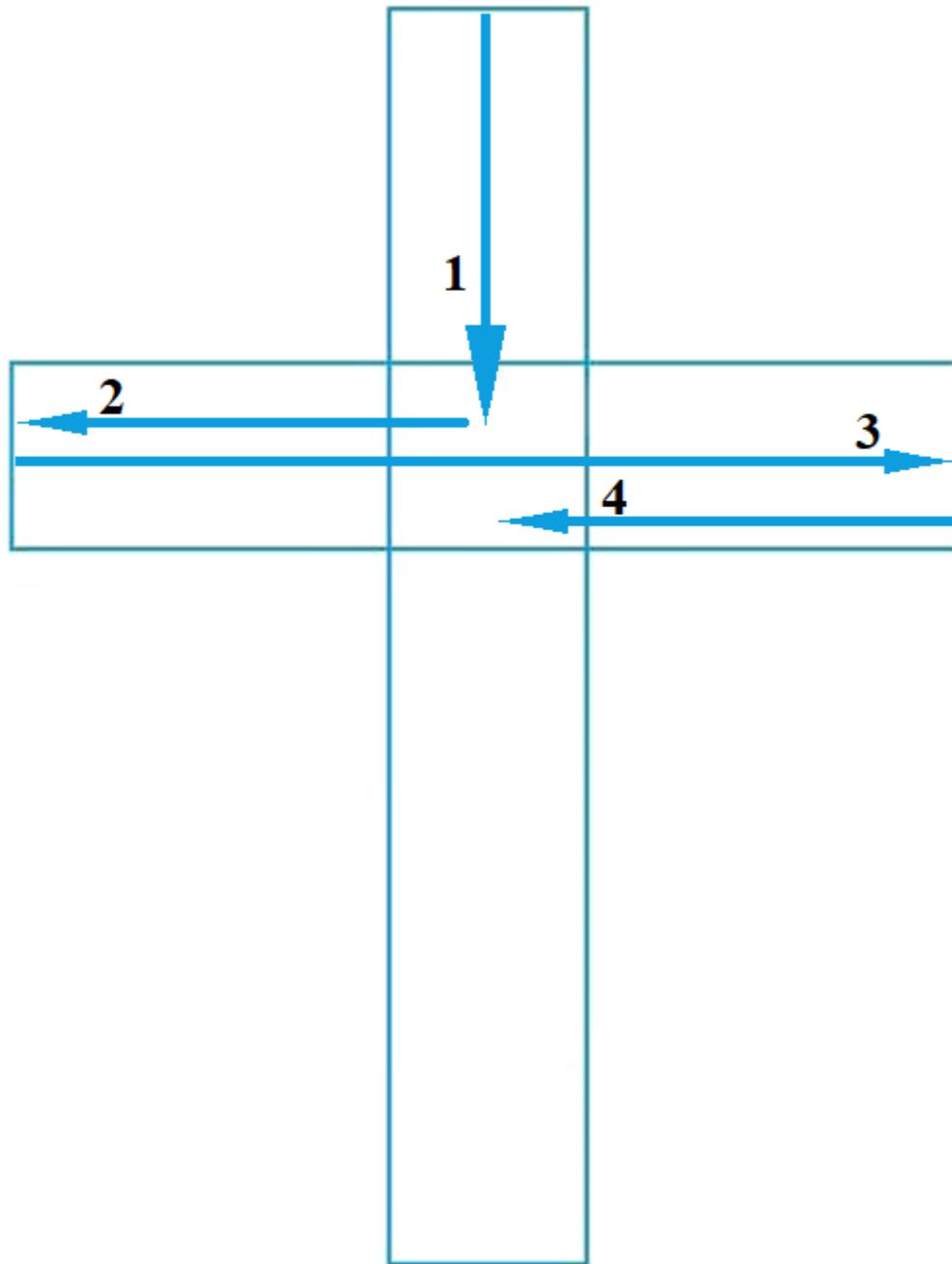
How do we draw/make the sign of Cross?

Hold together the thumb, index finger and the middle finger. Then draw from the forehead to the chest; and then from the left arm to the right arm.

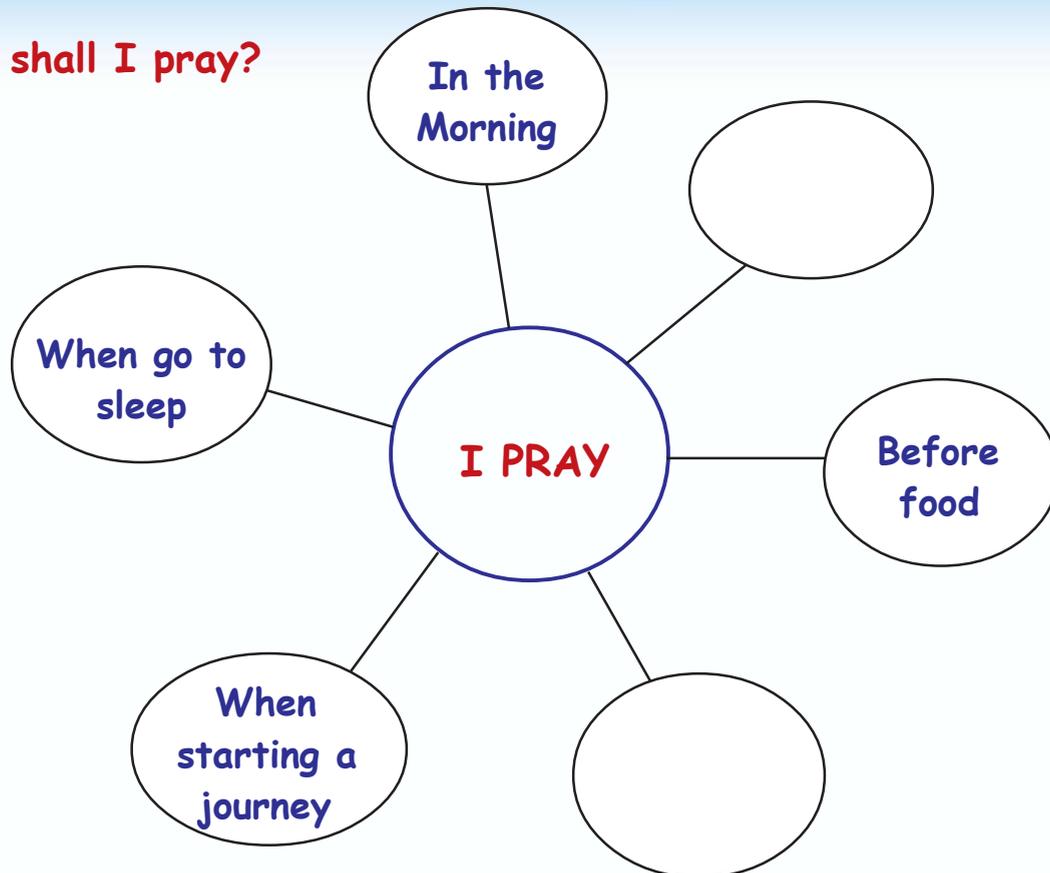
Meaning of Making the Sign of Cross: (Kurishu Varayude Saaramsham)

The forehead symbolizes the heaven, chest the earth, left shoulder our sinful nature and right shoulder the children of God. Since our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ came down from heaven to earth in order to save us, we draw the sign of cross from forehead to chest; and as He redeemed us from our sinful nature to become the children of God, we draw cross from left shoulder to right shoulder.

Make the Sign of Cross and Colour the Cross



When shall I pray?



One day when Jesus was praying, his disciples requested him to teach them, 'how to pray'. In reply, Jesus instructed them to pray in the following manner:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven!
Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from the evil one;
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

What should you do when you see a Church or a Cross?

A sign of the cross

What is the prayer to be said before entering the church?

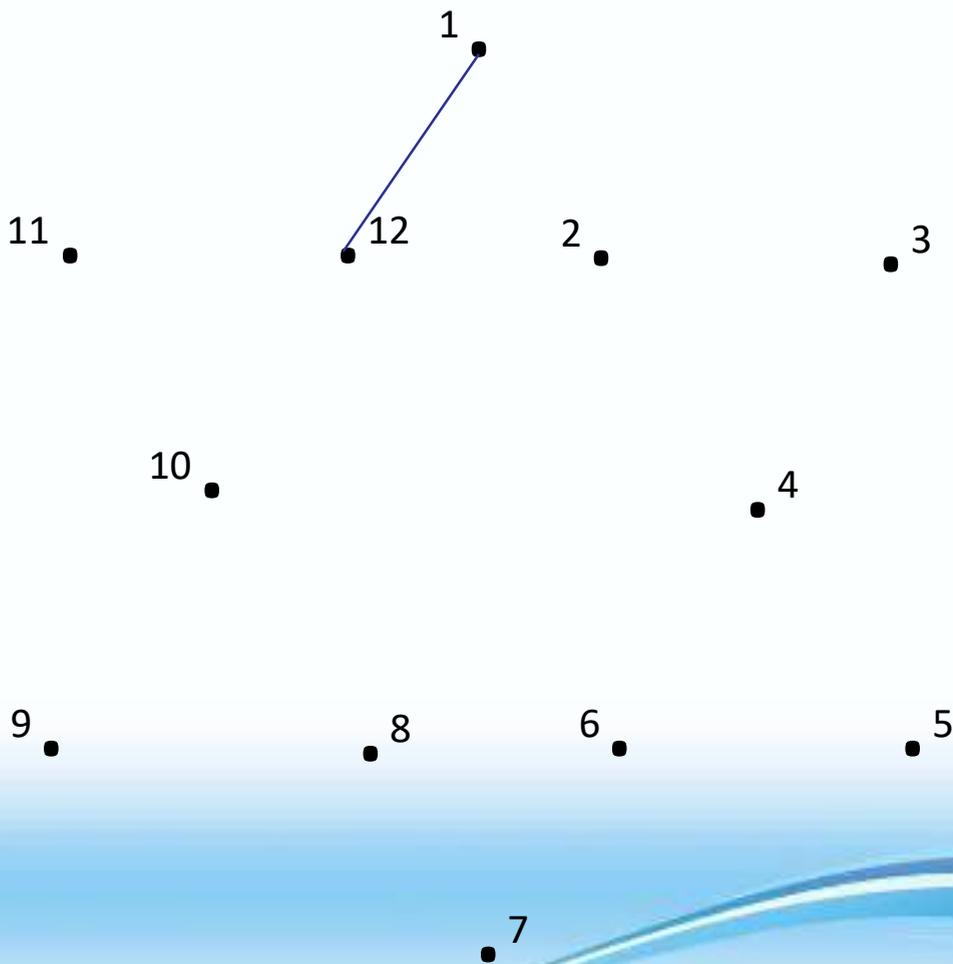
"In reverence, I will enter Your House, and offer my vows to You."

(Bahumathipoorvamnjaannintebhavanathilekkuvannuentenerchakalni nakkukazhikkum"

You will receive a gift, if you learn by-heart and recite the prayer taught by Jesus Christ.

GIFT FROM MY TEACHER

(Join the dots and colour it)

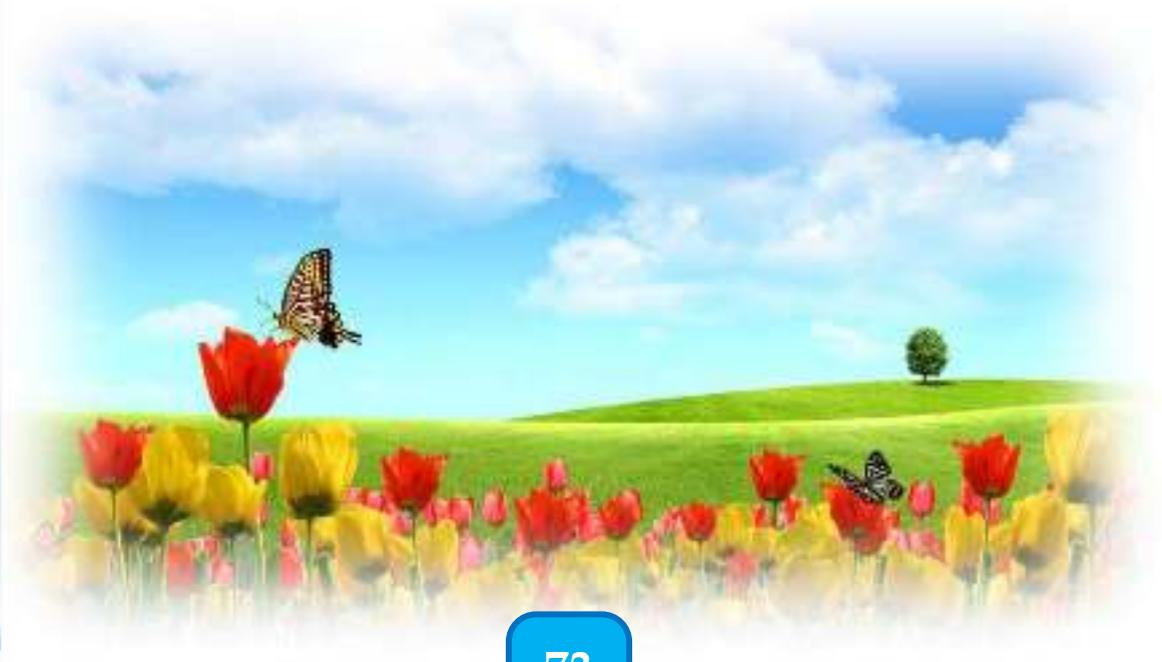


Colour the Bible Verse:

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

Answer the Following:

1. How should we pray?
2. How do we make the sign of Cross?
3. What should we do when we see a cross or church?
4. Recite the prayer to be said while entering the church?



Chapter - 10

The Love of the Parents

Aim: To let the kids understand that they should love their parents in any situation, who have suffered great troubles and pains in order to nurture them.



Mom, why your face is so dark and skin has got wrinkled?

When you were small, my face got burned and all these bad colouring and marks are its after-effects.



How did it happen, mom?

You were only six months old. Our house was very small and its ceiling was made of hay. Dad had gone for his job. You were sleeping inside your cradle, and I was doing some work in the courtyard. Suddenly, I saw that frightening scene...



What did you see, mom?

Our house was burning!!! The fire got up even over the ceiling. I cried aloud thinking of you; I called your dad aloud; no one was there to help me. I did not wait for anyone..... Immediately I went inside of the burning house, and screaming loudly..... my son..... my son..... and that was my only aim.





How did you rescue me, my dear mom?

I jumped into the blazing fire, took you from the cradle, and ran outside. But by then, the fire caught up my dress, leaving me burnt. And these marks on my face and body are the after-effects of that burning. Afterwards, your dad was the one who took care of you and me.



We could make a new house only because of your dad's hard work.

Dear mom, now your face is more beautiful than before. On that day, if you did not rescue me..... Mom, let me kiss on your face.....

God has entrusted our parents to nurture us. They will rescue us from all dangers. We should obey them. We should take care of them, when they become old. Then we will be strengthened in Spirit and filled with wisdom; and God's grace will be with us always.



Discussion:

Discuss about how you could help your parents and elders in your home?

TRUE FAITH

1. Who is your Creator?

Ans: **God is my Creator.**

2. Does God watch over you?

Ans: **Yes, God watches me throughout day and night.**

3. Who is Jesus Christ?

Ans: **Jesus Christ is the Only Son of God.**

4. What is the name of our Church?

Ans: **Holy Jacobite Syrian Christian Church. It is the Indian section of the Universal Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch and all the East.**

5. What is church?

Ans: **Church is the house of God where God lives.**

6. How should we stand inside the church?

Ans: **Inside the church, we should stand with our heads bowed and facing towards east. God watches us always.**

Prayer - Kaumo (LEARN BY-HEART)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one true God. Glory to Him, and may His grace and mercy be upon us for ever. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, by whose glory the heaven and the earth are filled, Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is He, who has come and is to come, in the Name of the Lord God, Glory be to Him in the Highest.

Holy Art Thou, O God!
Holy Art Thou, O Almighty!
Holy Art Thou, Immortal!
(✠) Crucified for us have mercy upon us.
(Three Times)

Lord have mercy upon us;
Lord be kind and have mercy;
Lord accept our prayers and worships; and have mercy upon us.

Glory be to Thee, O God!
Glory be to Thee, O Creator!
Glory be to Thee, O Christ our King, who does pity sinners,
Thy servants, Barekhor.

Our Father, who art in Heaven! Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into
temptation; But deliver us from the evil one; For Thine is the
kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee; blessed art
thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, our
Lord Jesus Christ. O Virgin Saint Mary, O Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at all times, and at the hour of our
death. Amen.

Prarthana - Kaumo

Pithavum Puthranum ParishudhaRoohayumaaya sathyamulla eka Deivathinte
thirunaamathil thanikku sthuthi. Nammude mel thante karunayum
manogunavum ennekum undaayirikkatte. Amen.

Thantesthuthikalaal aakaashavum bhoomiyum niranjirikkunna balavanaaya
Deivamthampuraan parishudhan, parishudhan, parishudhan,
UyarangalilSthuthi.Deivamaaya Karthavinte thirunaamathil vannavanum
Varuvaan irikkunnavanum aayavan
vaazhthappettavanaakunnu.UyarangalilSthuthi.

Deivame nee parishudhanaakunnu
Balavaane nee parishudhanaakunnu
Maranamillathavane nee parishudhanaakunnu
Njangalkkuvendi krooshikkappettavane
Njangaludemel karunacheyyaname.

(Three Times)

Njanggalude Karthave njanggalodu karuna cheyyaname
Njanggalude Karthave krupaundaayi njanggalodu karunacheyyaname
Njanggalude Karthave njanggalude shushrooshayum praarthanayum kaikkondu
Njanggalodu karuna cheyyaname.

Deivame ninakku sthuthi
Srushtave ninakku sthuthi
Paapikalaaya nintediyaarodu karunacheyyunna Mashiharaajaave
ninakkusthuthi. Barekhor.

Swargasthanaaya njanggaludePithave! Ninte thirunaamam
parishudhamaakkappedename. Ninte raajyam varename. Nintethiruvistam
swargathilepole bhoomiyilum aakaname. Njanggaluku aavashyamulla appam
innunjangalkkutharaname. Njanggalude kadakkaarodu njanggal
kshemichirikkunnathupole njanggalude kadangalnjangalodumk shemikkaname.
Njanggal pareekshayilekku preveshippikkaruthe. Ennaalo dhushtanilninnu
njanggal rakshikkaname. Enthukondennal rajyavum shakthiyum ahatvavum
ennekkum ninakkullathaakunnu. Amen.

Krupa niranja Mariyame ninakku samaadhaanam. Njanggalude Karthavu
ninnodu koode. Sthreekalil nee vaazhthappettavalaakunnu. Ninte
udharaphalamaaya njanggalude Karthav Yesu Mashiha
vaazhthappettavanaakunnu. Deiva maathavaya vishudha kanyaka
MorthMariyame ippozhum eppozum njanggalude marana samayathum
paapikalaaya njanggalukuvendi apekshichukollaname. Amen.

Holy Qurbana Songs

1. Bhoovilashesham
Deivathaalpreritharaaya
Sleehanmaar poi
Jaathikalidayil
Bhoothalaseemayatholam
Nallevan-gelion
Kaikkolvor-kkokkeyezhum
Bhagyamithenn-ariyichu
Swarga mahaaraajyam.

1. Those apostles,
Chosen, sent by God, they went
To ev'ry place,
Through all the world
Gentiles heard from them the news
The Gospel grace.
They proclaimed the kingdom
Heav'n's rule of freedom
For the faithful bliss.

1. Moran eeshoKurishum ✠Nin
Maathrujanathinpraarthanayum
Adikaleyumninkopathin
Vadikaleyummaaicheedenam.

2. By Thy Cross, O Jesus Lord,
By Thy Mother's praying word,
Take from us and from our path
Punishments and rods of wrath.

CHAPTER 11

DISOBEYING THE COMMANDMENT: A SIN / (DISOBEDIENCE IS SIN)

Bible Reference: Genesis 2:15, 3:23

Bible Verse to learn: "To obey is better than sacrifice." (1 Samuel 15:22)

Aims:

- God knows everything
- Disobedience is sin
- We need to obey the Commandment of God
- We need to obey our parents

Have your teacher told you that you should not receive any candies or toys given by any strangers while on your way to school?

Have your teacher instructed you not to get a ride from a stranger, when your parents are not with you?

Then, what would happen, if you disobey your teacher?

(Let the children share their thoughts.)

**If we disobey our parents or teachers,
we will end up in severe danger.**

Could you recite the song which we have learned in
Class I about the very first parents,
Adam and Eve?

Adaam nammude valyappan

.....

.....

Deivam avare paarppichu.



In the beginning, the almighty God, Yahweh, created Adam and Eve and loved them very much. He let them to live in the beautiful Garden of Eden. God gave them every freedom and entrusted them to take care of all plants and animals in the garden. But, He told them one thing:

"You may freely eat the fruit of every tree of the garden; but you shall not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat from it you shall die."

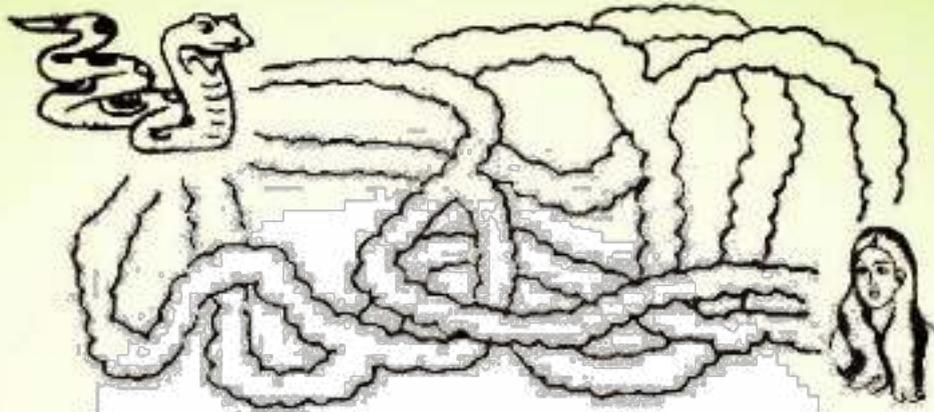
Adam and Eve lived happily and peacefully in the Garden of Eden by obeying and loving their God.

Give appropriate colour
to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden



When seeing that Adam and Eve were living joyously in the garden, Satan became jealous towards them. One day, he came to Eve in the form of a Serpent.

Please find the way through which Satan reached Eve.



Look at the conversation between Serpent and Eve:



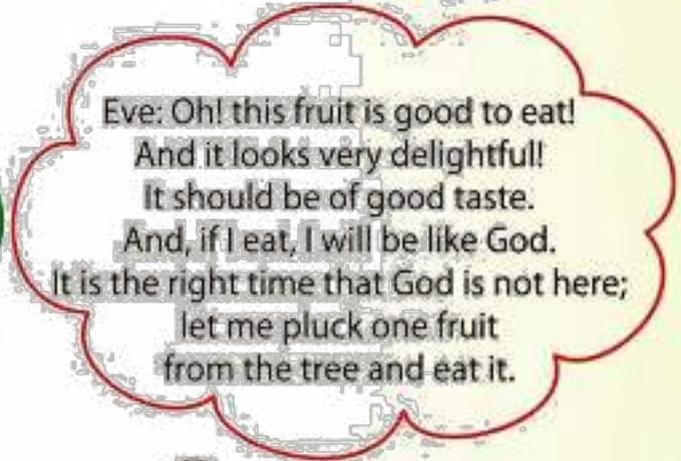
Serpent: Did God say, "You shall not eat the fruit of any tree in the garden?"



Eve: Well, we could eat from every tree; but God told us not to eat the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor to touch it. If we do so, we shall surely die.



Serpent: Oh no, you will not die. If you eat from it, you will be like God.



Eve: Oh! this fruit is good to eat! And it looks very delightful! It should be of good taste. And, if I eat, I will be like God. It is the right time that God is not here; let me pluck one fruit from the tree and eat it.



Eve ate the fruit and gave one of it to her husband, Adam.



When they ate the fruit, which was forbidden to them, God became so angry. Because of trespassing His commandment and disobeying Him, God expelled them out of the Garden of Eden.

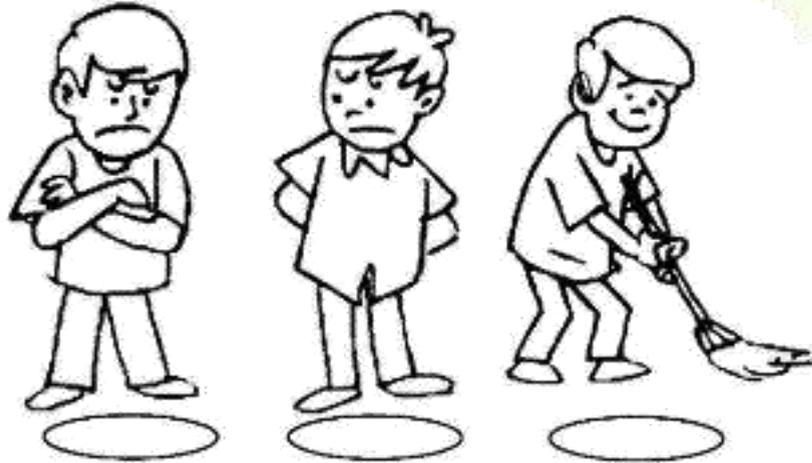
Colouring:



What is the way to receive God's blessings?
(Please colour the letters, and read aloud)

OBEDIENCE

Please tick the boy who is obeying his mother?



MY PLEDGE

God is my creator. I love God and obey His commandments.

I love my parents and teachers; and obey them.

I will respect everyone and behave properly.

I will help elders.

I will protect plants and animals, and keep my surroundings clean and tidy.

I will be the protector of the entire creation of God.



Let us sing together

Velivu niranjoreesho nin velivaal kaanunnu
Velivi-adiyaar-akhila-dhaaramadaam velivum nee
Kaanthya njangale nee thaathan
Kathire shobhippikk-enum.

Velivin thattil vasikkum punya nithe parishudha
Venda kashtatha veen chindhayum-adiyaa-reenn-ozhikka
Sal-kriyakalkku manam shudhayaa
Sangathi varane njangalkku.

By Thy light we see the light Jesus full of light
Thou true light dost give the light to Thy creatures all
Lighten us with Thy bright light
Thou the Father's light divine.

Thou who dwellest in the light mansions holy pure
Keep us from all hateful thoughts, from all passions vile
Grant us cleanness in our hearts
Deeds of righteousness to do.

Answer the Following Questions:

1. Who knows everything?
2. Where did God let Adam and Eve to live?
3. In which form did Satan come to Eve?
4. Which was the tree whose fruit was forbidden to Adam and Eve?
5. What was God commanded to Adam and Eve?
6. Why did God expel Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?
7. Name any three things that God commanded us not to do?

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

“TO OBEY
IS BETTER
THAN
SACRIFICE.”

CHAPTER 12

CAIN AND ABEL

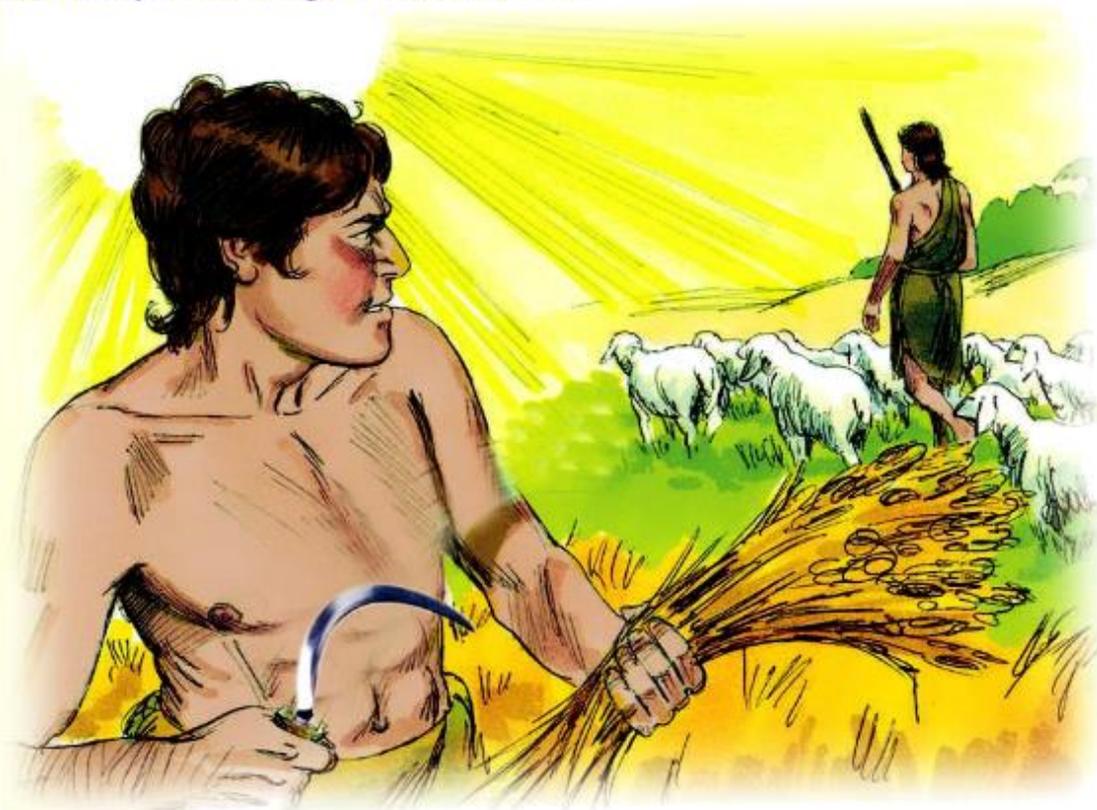
Bible Reference: Genesis 4:1-15

Bible Verse to learn: "Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light."

(1 John 2:10)

Aims:

- Offer sacrifice to God with pure heart
- We are the keepers of our brothers and sisters
- Jealousy and anger leads to sin



Have you noticed the picture?

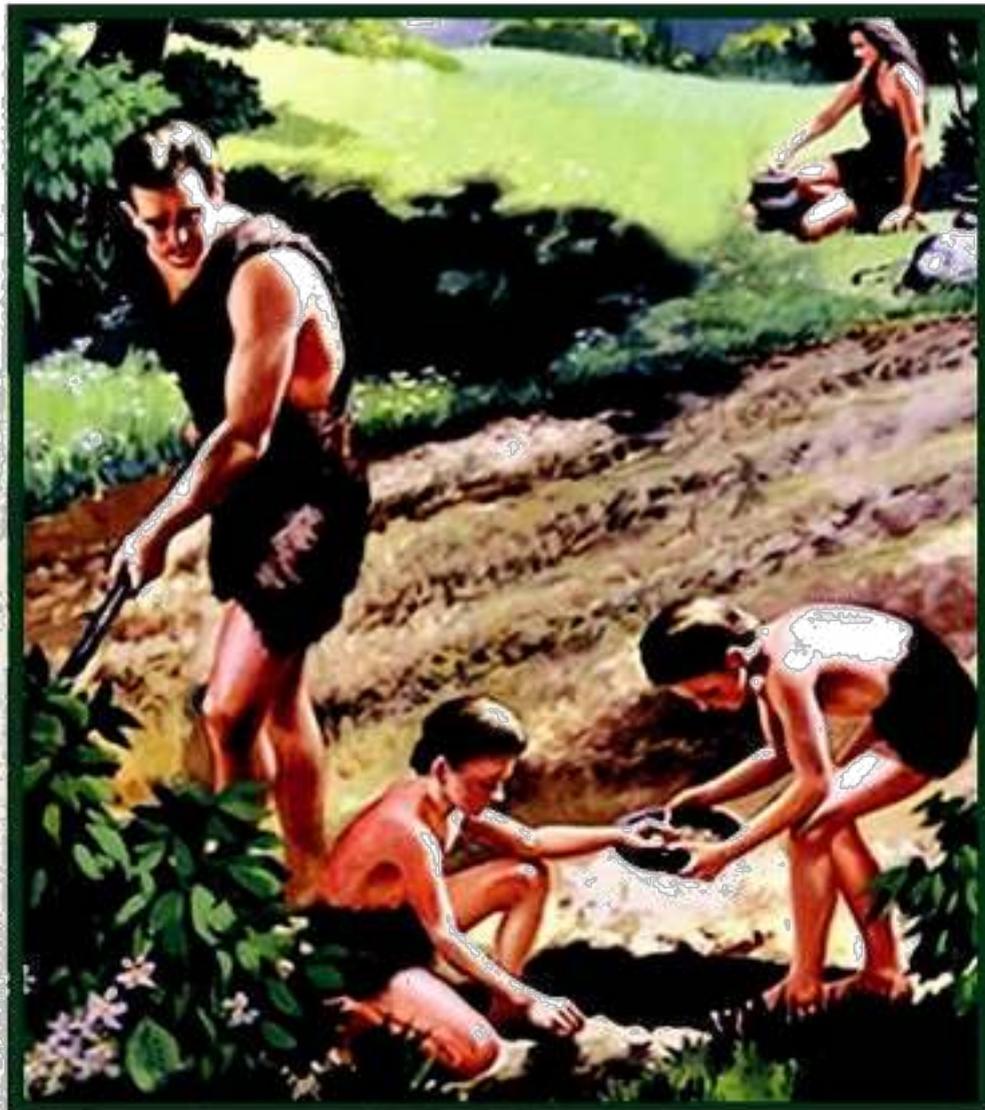
What are they doing?

What do we call them according to their jobs?

(Let the kids answer it individually.)

- What kind of cultivations do you have in your courtyard?
- Which is the plant you grow as your own?
- What is the status of your 'My Tree' which you have planted in last year when you were a student of Class I?
- Do you help your parents in farming ?

Do you know, how Adam and Eve are living now,
after being expelled out of the Garden of Eden
because of disobeying God?



- Adam has to work hard tirelessly.
- Their farm land is full of huge stones and thorns.
- Eve also is working hard to sustain their life.

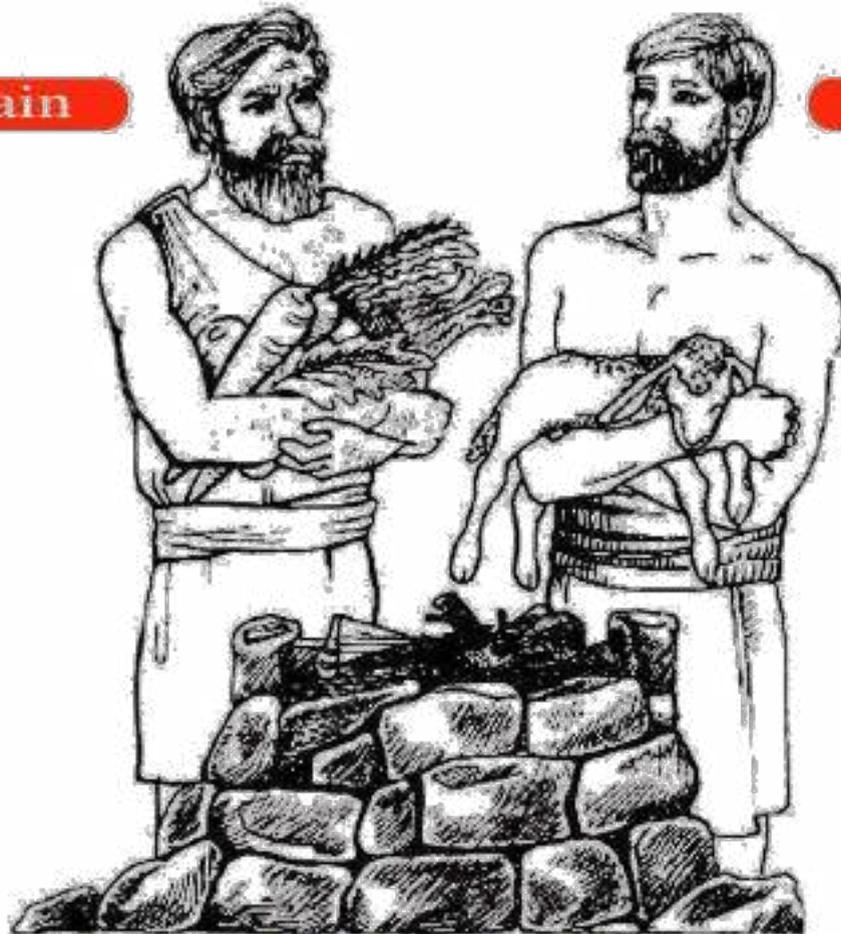
Have you noticed in the picture the two other boys working with Adam and Eve? Can you name them?

They are the sons of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel.
The elder brother Cain was a farmer and
the younger one Abel was a shepherd.

**Do you bring any offerings with you while you come to the church?
What all things you bring as offerings?**

(Let the kids answer it individually.)

**Likewise, one day Cain and Abel brought some offerings to God.
Let us find out their offerings by colouring the picture below:**



What was Cain's offering?

What was Abel's offering?

**God had come down and looked upon
their offerings as well as their hearts.
And He had accepted the offering of Abel.**

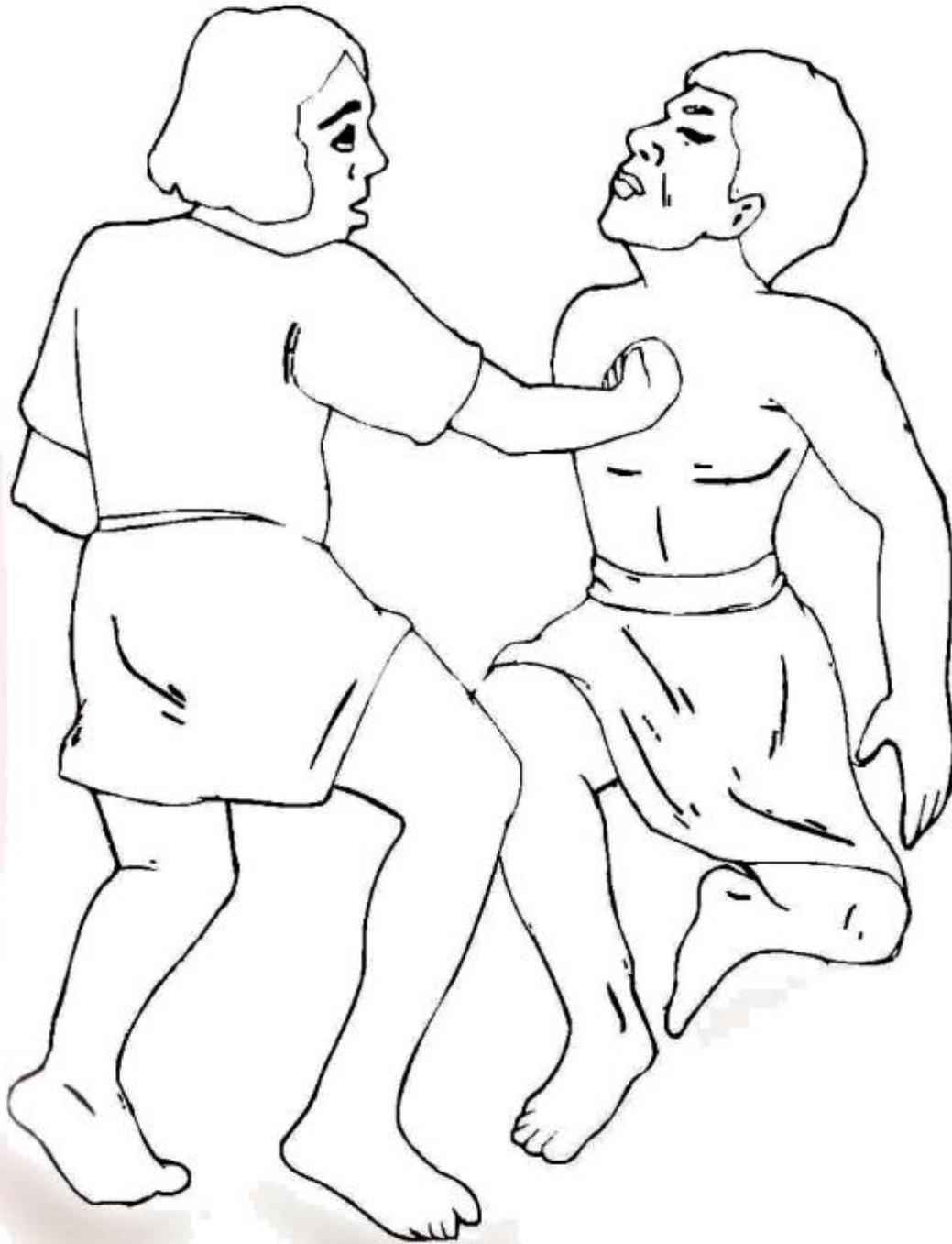
Do you know the reason why God accepted Abel's offering?

- **Abel brought his offering to God with pure and good heart.**
- **while Cain brought it with impure heart.**

When Cain realized that God did not accept his offering, he became angry and jealous towards his younger brother.

And what did he do to his brother?

Colour the below picture and find out what did Cain do to his brother Abel?



Cain took Abel to a field. There they had a big fight with each other.

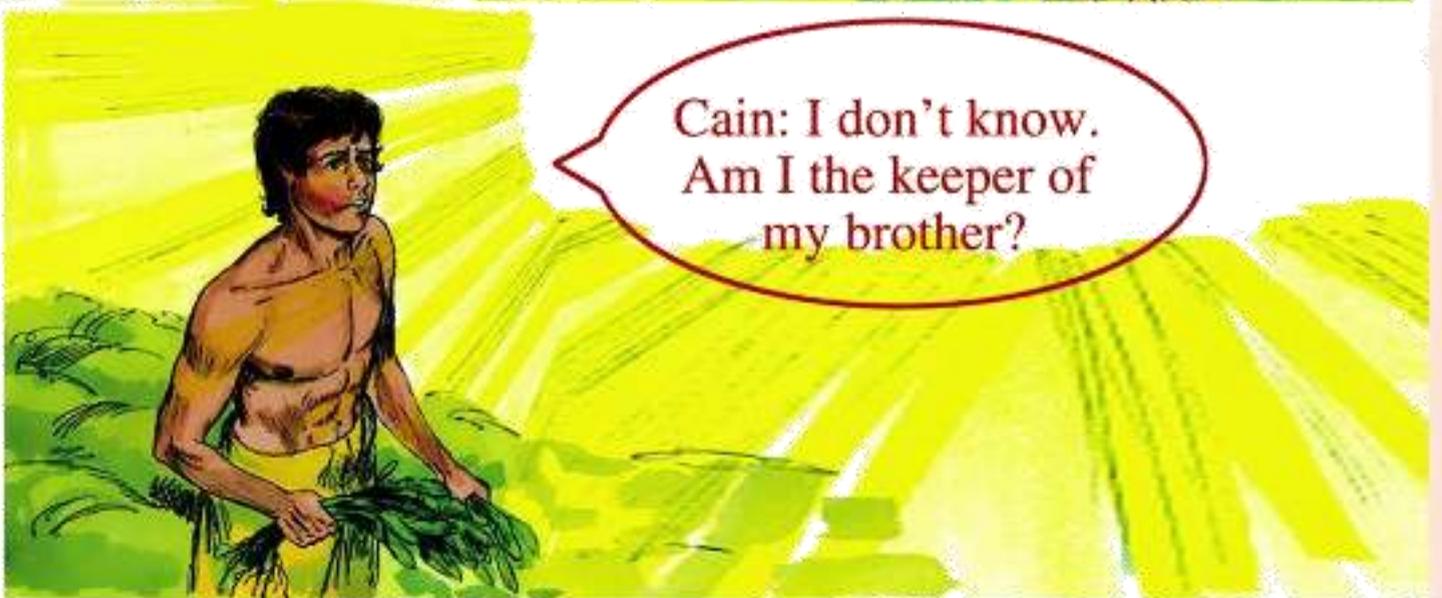
Abel was defeated and killed by his brother Cain.

When Cain found that his brother had died, he looked around; and made sure that no one was there watching him. Immediately, he ran away. But God was watching everything from heaven, and called him:

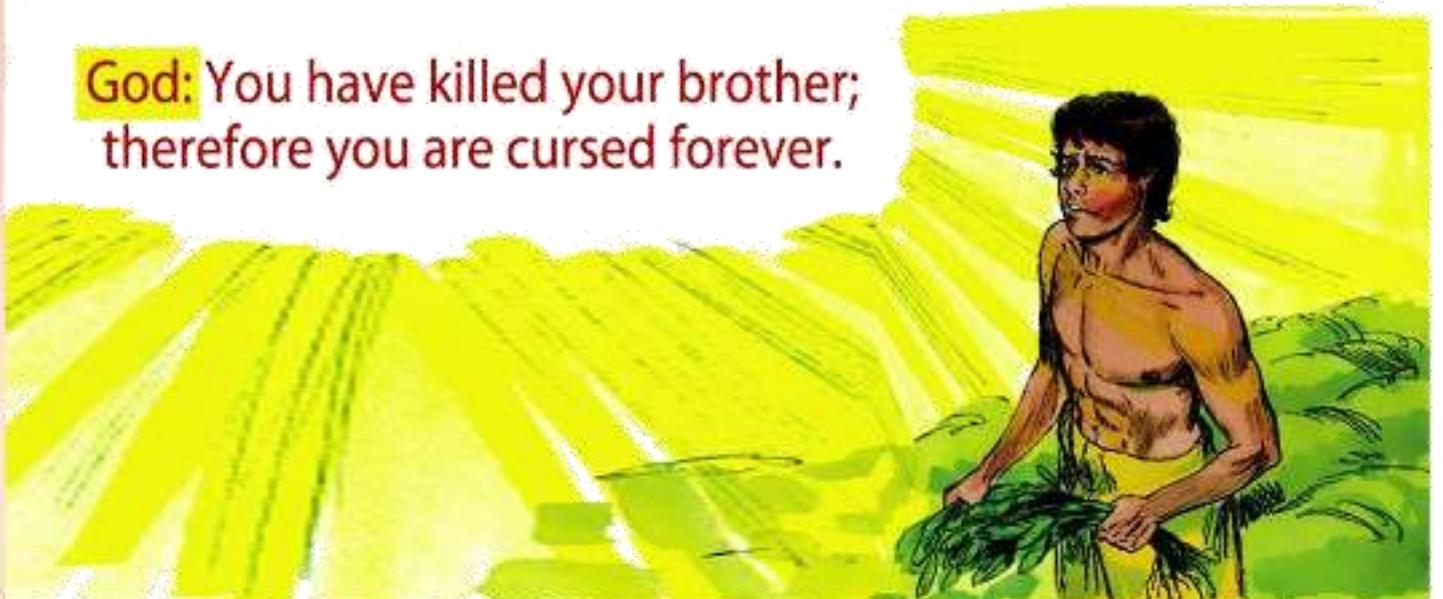
God: Cain, where is your brother Abel?



Cain: I don't know.
Am I the keeper of
my brother?



God: You have killed your brother;
therefore you are cursed forever.



God had thrown out Cain from His presence.

Let us sing together

Habelin kunjAADum Nohinude kaazhchayathum
Abrahaam than baliyum kaikkonda Karthave
Nombum praarthanayum kaikkondu
Anpaaal adiyaare kaakka.

God who didst receive the lamb blameless Abel brought
Who the gift of Noah took Abram's sacrifice
See our fast and hear our pray'r
Answer by Thy grace our pleas.

Let us all please God
by doing the following things as shown in the pictures below.



I will love my brother.

I will bring offering to God with
a good and pure heart.



Let us all read the prayer together, which is to be recited
whenever we enter to the church.

**“In reverence I will enter into Your house,
and bring my offerings to You.”**

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

“Anyone who loves
their brother
and sister
lives in the light.”

Answer the Following Questions:

1. Who were the sons of Adam?
2. What was the job of Cain?
3. What was Abel doing?
4. What was the offering of Cain to God?
5. What did Abel bring to God as an offering?
6. Whose offering did God accept? Why?
7. God did not accept the offering of Cain. Why?
8. What did Cain do when he got angry?
9. What was the punishment given to Cain?
10. How should we please God?
11. What is the prayer to be recited before entering to church?

CHAPTER 13

THE SACRIFICE OF ABRAHAM (ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE)

Bible Reference: Genesis 22: 1, 19

Bible Verse to Learn: "Do not be doubtful, but believe." (St. John 20:27)

Aims:

- We should not give up belief in God even the situations are very difficult.
- God give trials to us in order to examine our faith.



Have you ever heard about Offering Feasts (Nercha)?

Have you ever participated in 'Children's Feast' (Paithal Nercha)?

What are the preparations we do for conducting a Feast?

Where do we submit the offerings?

(Let the children share their experience.)

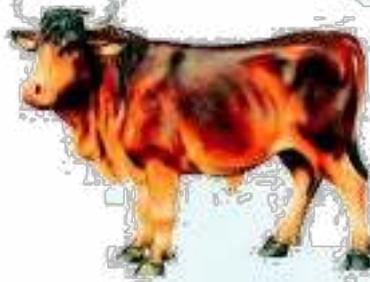
Please let the children to notice offering feasts while attending the Sunday services.

The offering materials I have noticed:

1. Neyyappam
2.
3.
4.
5. Pachor

During the Old Testament times, birds and animals were brought as offerings or sacrifice to God.

Things offered as sacrifice to God

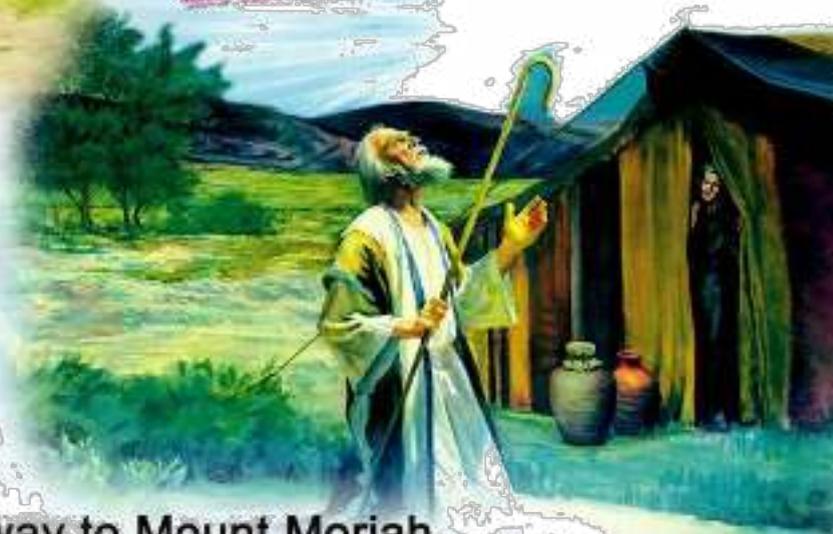


We have learned in Class I about the Father of Faithful, Abraham. Isaac, his son whom had been gifted by God during Abraham's old age, had become a God-fearing child with good conduct.



Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the mountain of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering to me.

One day, Yahweh the Almighty God called Abraham and told:



God had showed Abraham the way to Mount Moriah. Having believed and submitted to God wholeheartedly, Abraham started his journey to the mountain along with his beloved son, Isaac.

Colour the picture of Abraham and Isaac who are on the way to Mount Moriah



What would be their conversation while on the way to the mountain?
(Complete the Conversation)

Isaac: Father, where are we going?

Abraham:

Isaac: Why we are going there?

Abraham:

Isaac: Then, where is the lamb for burnt offering?

Abraham: **God will provide.**

After travelling a long distance, Abraham and Isaac reached Mount Moriah.
Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order.

He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on the top of the wood.
Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to sacrifice his son.

**Abraham, Abraham!
Do not lay your hand
on the boy or
do anything to him.**

Suddenly, he heard
the voice of Yahweh
from heaven,

And Abraham looked up and saw a ram (lamb),
caught in a thicket by its horns.
He went and took the ram and offered
it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.



Abraham believed in God. He submitted everything to God.
He revealed his faith and obedience to God by showing his readiness to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering to God.

Hence, he is being known as the **'Father of Faithful'**.

God had protected Isaac. What all things we need to do in order that God will protect us?

Love our God

Pray to God

Being Obedient to God

Believe in God

Submit to God

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

“Do not be doubtful,
but believe.”

Answer the Following Questions:

1. Which is the place where Abraham took his son Isaac to offer him as a sacrifice?
2. What did Abraham answer when Isaac asked about the lamb for burnt offering?
3. What did God tell to Abraham when he laid his son on the altar and about to sacrifice him?
4. What did Abraham sacrifice as a burnt offering to God instead of Isaac?
5. Who is the 'Father of Faithful'?
6. What do we need to do in order that God will protect us?

CHAPTER 14

DAVID AND JONATHAN

Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 18:19

Bible Verse to Learn: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (St. John 15:13)

Aims:

- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- We have to share with others, the love of God.



Have you heard about the story of two dearest friends - ant and dove, where the dove rescued the ant, and the ant rescued the dove?



- Who helped the ant to cross the spring?
- How did the ant cross the spring and reach the other side?
- Who was trying to hunt the dove?
- What did the ant do to the hunter?
- How did the ant rescue the dove's life?

List the qualities of your best friend



Do you remember the story of David and Goliath which you have learned in Chapter 4? The Philistine army had been defeated by the death of their leader Goliath. Israelites became very happy and welcomed David to King Saul's palace with warm reception. While on the way to the palace, people were praising David by singing and dancing wholeheartedly.



Do you know, how they praised David?

- o How brave David is!
- o Our Lord is with David.
- o While Saul had killed thousands, David killed ten thousands.

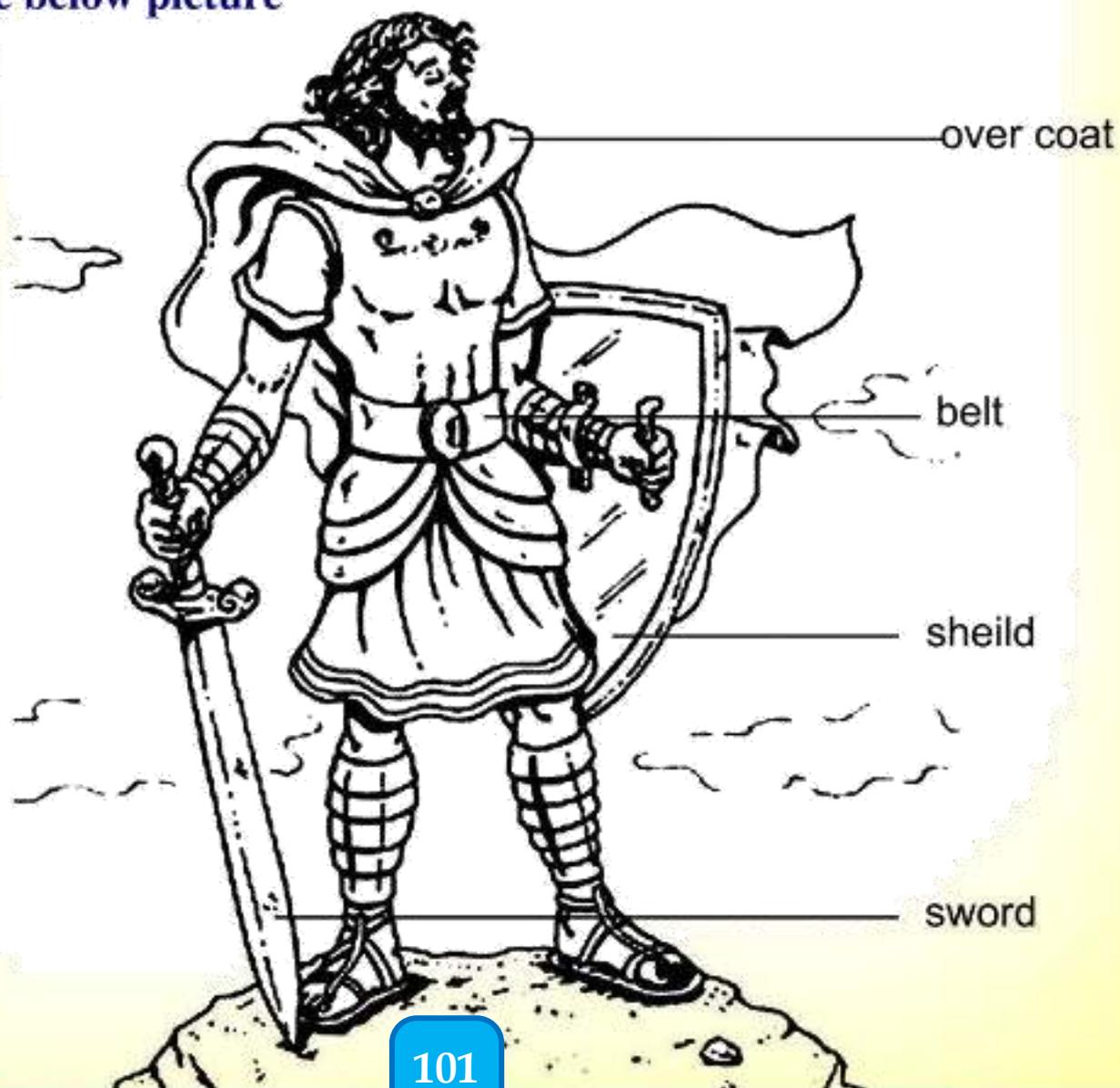
Then onwards David stayed in the palace. With his blessed talent of playing harp, David pleased everyone in the palace.

Jonathan, the son of king Saul, liked David very much. He loved David as his own soul. He gifted his robe, sword, armor, bow and belt to David.



NOW DAVID LOOKS VERY CUTE !!!

Colour the below picture



Israelites started to love David more than their king Saul. They were always singing praises to David. Therefore, Saul became jealous to David and hated him. He decided to kill him. Saul tried to kill David twice by throwing his spear. But the Lord came for David's help and rescued him.

When Saul failed in his attempts to kill David, he commanded his son Jonathan to kill David. But they were great friends.

What happened then?

Jonathan: My father Saul is trying to kill you. You go and hide somewhere.

David: Oh, then I will surely go and hide somewhere.

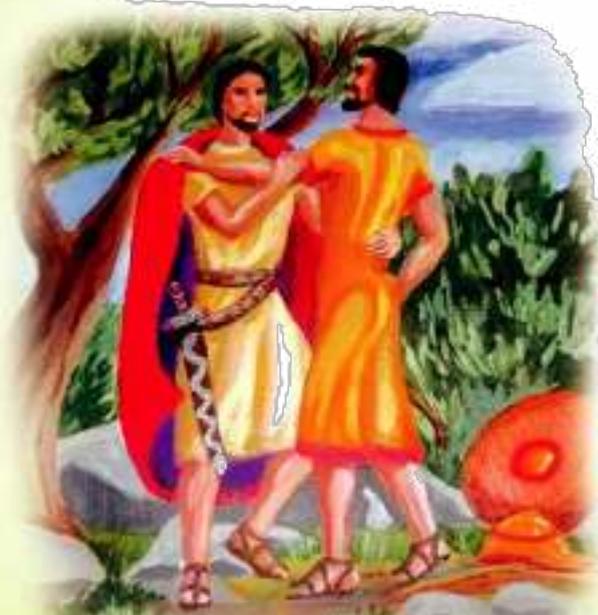
Jonathan: You go to the field and hide nearby the stone 'Ezel'. I will go to my father and try to understand what he is going to do against you. I will come back with a helper boy and shoot three arrows to the side of the stone, as though I shoot at a mark. Then I will send the boy to get the arrows back. If I say to the boy, 'Look, the arrows are on this side of you, collect them,' then you are safe. But if I say to the boy, 'Look, the arrows are beyond you,' then it means that my father is still angry and trying to kill you.

David: Alright.

Jonathan: (After coming back, saying to the boy) Run and find the arrows that I shoot. (While the boy was running to collect the arrows, Jonathan shoot an arrow again, saying) "The arrow is beyond you."

(When Jonathan sent the boy back, David came out from his hiding place, realizing that Saul is going to kill him. He came near to Jonathan. He bowed three times, and they wept together and kissed each other.)

Jonathan: Go in peace, the Lord shall be between me and you.



**JONATHAN IS A MODEL BEFORE US,
WHO RESCUED HIS BEST FRIEND DAVID,
EVEN THOUGH HIS FATHER
ORDERED HIM TO KILL DAVID.**

Activity

Here is your friend, who is worried about the demise of his mother. He lives with his stepmother who always beats and scolds him. His father gets angry towards him every time. Most of the days, he comes to the school even without his lunch.

How can we help this little friend??

(Let the kids share their viewpoints. The teacher helps them by supplementing their views with the role of the church, social organization orphanages, Sishubhavan etc.)

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

NO ONE HAS GREATER
LOVE THAN THIS,
TO LAY DOWN ONE'S
LIFE FOR
ONE'S FRIENDS

Answer the Following Questions:

1. Who was the son of King Saul?
2. Who is a good friend?
3. How did Saul try to kill David?
4. Who gifted David his robe?
5. How many enemies were killed by David, while Saul killed thousand?
6. Give any three qualities of a good friend?

CHAPTER 15

BAPTISM OF JESUS

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 3: 13-17; St. Mark 1: 9-11; St. Luke 3: 21.

Bible Verse to Learn: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (St. Matthew 3: 17)

Aim: To understand that Jesus is the beloved Son of God.



Let us sing together

**Parishudhaatmaave shakthi pakarnnidane
Aviduthe balam njangalkkaavashyam ennu Karthave nee ariyunnu.**

(Gist: Holy Spirit! Give us Your strength. Oh Divine Spirit, You know that Your strength is essential for us.)

Let us learn the occasion where the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus Christ:

Jesus was at the age of 30. At that time, John the Baptist, the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth, was preaching the gospel in Judea. And he proclaimed,

**“The Kingdom of God is near.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.”**



Hearing the preaching of John the Baptist, many people had confessed their sins and repented. John had baptized them in River Jordan. He was baptizing the people, and therefore he was known as John the Baptist

Let us familiarise with Malayalam and Syriac words:

Baptism – Snaanam or Mamodheesa

Baptist – Snaapakan or Mamdhono

- ◆ **John's clothing was of Camel's hair.**
- ◆ **He wore a leather belt around his waist**
- ◆ **His food was locusts and wild honey.**
- ◆ **He was the son of Zachariah and Elizabeth.**
- ◆ **He is the forerunner of Jesus Christ.**



PICTURE READING

(Please the correct answer)

Which is the river where Jesus and John the Baptist are?

(Jordan River / Nile River)

From where did the voice come?

(From the Baptist / From Heaven)

In the form of which bird, did the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus?

(Crow / Dove)

Let me explain:

Let every kid to explain the baptism of Jesus Christ.



Do we have the Holy Spirit?

Yes / No

Are you baptized?

Yes / No

Have you ever seen the baptism of a child?



Notice carefully the baptismal font in your church, and colour the picture below.



Grade A B C

INTERVIEWING THE MAIN ALTAR ASSISTANT

(Teacher gives prior notice to the altar assistant (sexton); also prepares the students to ask questions from the below questionnaire.)

- Who officiates baptism?
- Does the font have water filled to the full?
- Which type of water is used, cold or hot?
- Will any other things be added to the water?
- Is soap used for baptism?
- Is the child anointed with oil?
- What is the role of godfather and godmother?
- Who gives name to the child?

(Giving an opportunity for the kids to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism may help them to understand it properly. And let the kids to have a discussion on Baptism in the class.)

Ask and Know



● **My age during my baptism?**

.....

● **Name of the priest who baptized me?**

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● **Name of my Godfather/Godmother?**

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● **My baptismal name?**

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● **Name of the church where I was baptized?**

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● **The date in which the Holy Spirit descended on me?**

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TO REVISE:



When does the church celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ?

January 6 (Epiphany/Danaha Perunnal)

Who was the forerunner of Jesus Christ?

John the Baptist



Let us pray:

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your holy Spirit from me.”

(“Deivame! Vedippulla hrudayathe ennill shrushtikkename. Sthirathayulla ninte aatmaavine ente ullil puthuthaakkaame. Ninte munnal ninnu enne thallikkalayaruthe. Ninte aatmaavine ennill ninnum edukkukayum aruthe.”)

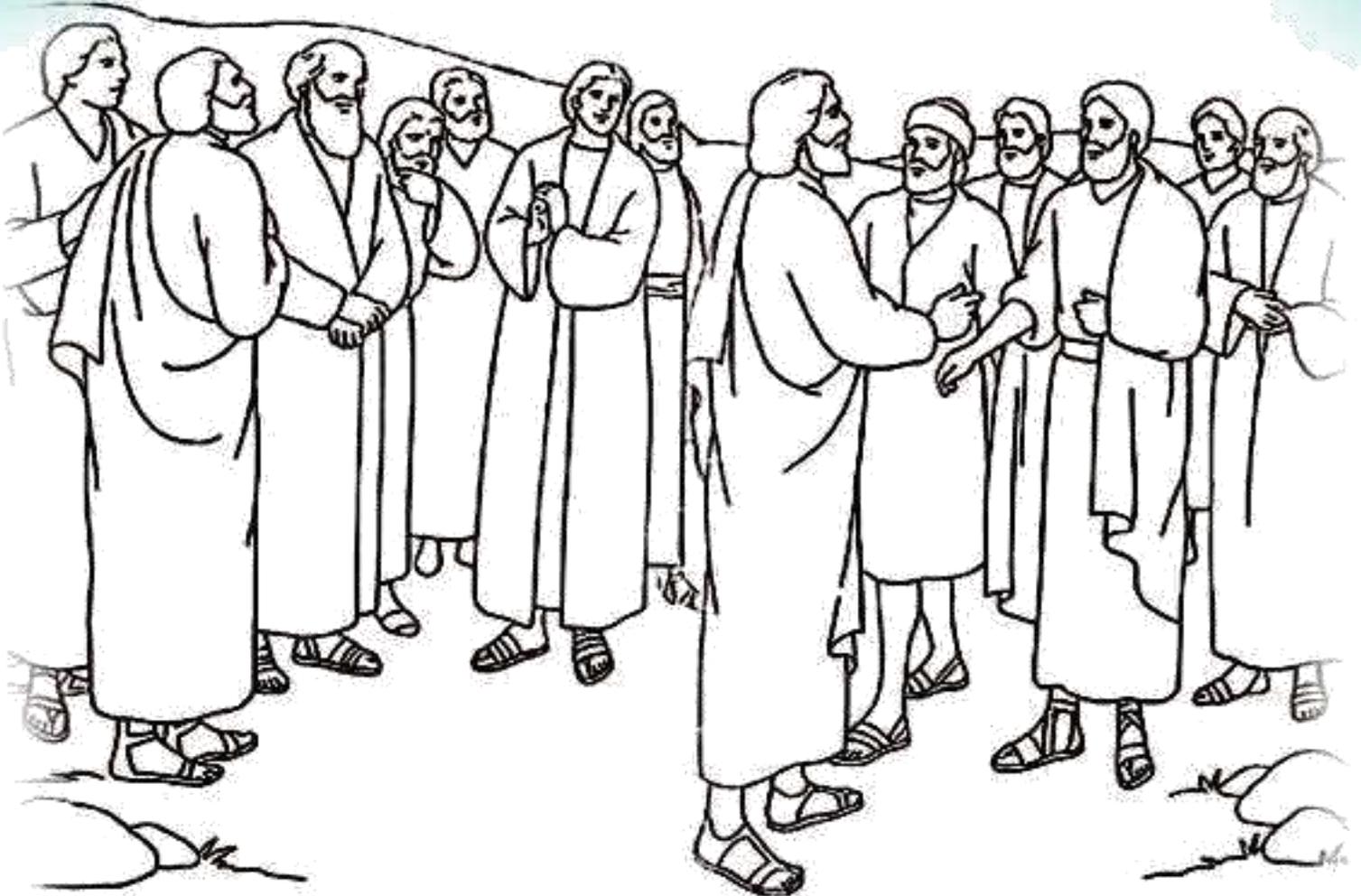
Answer the Following Questions:

1. Who was the forerunner of Jesus Christ?
2. Who were the parents of John the Baptist?
3. What was the voice heard from heaven during the time of Jesus' baptism?
4. In which form did the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus?
5. When does the church celebrate the baptism of Jesus Christ?
6. Who baptized Jesus Christ?
7. What was the food of John the Baptist?
8. What is your baptismal name?

Whom do you invite to your house for Onasadhya?
**The friends whom we invite are known as 'guests' (athidhi), and
we the ones who invite our friends are called 'hosts'
(aathidheyan)**

During the time of Jesus, there has been a
wedding ceremony at Cana. Jesus, along with his
mother St. Mary and his twelve disciples, was
invited as a guest.

**Colour the picture of Jesus and the Twelve Disciples
participating in the Wedding at Cana**



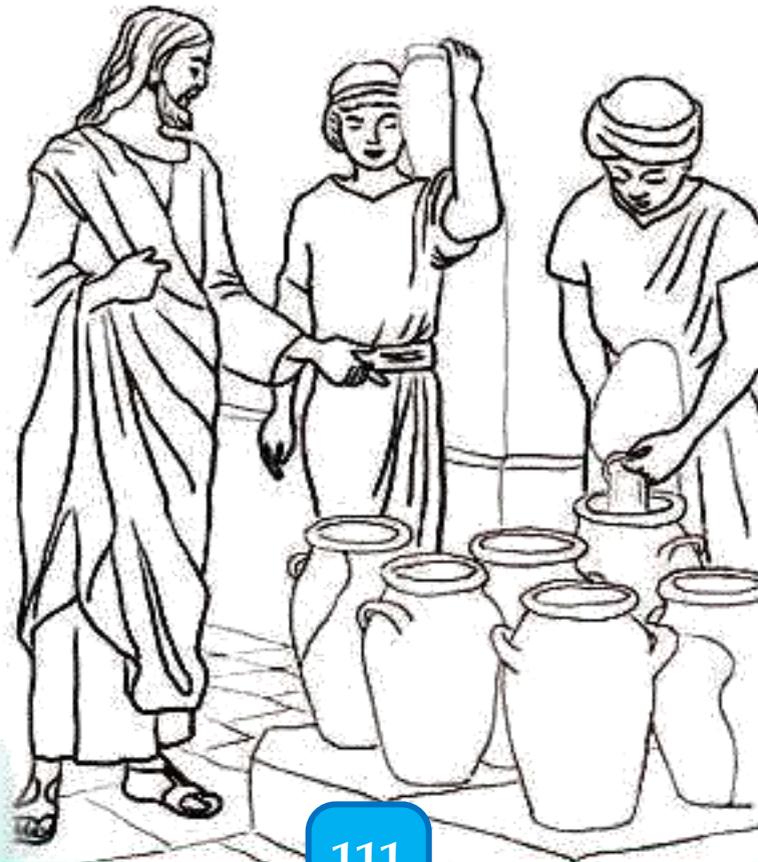
**Let us all get familiarized with
the Twelve Disciples of Jesus:**

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| 1. Simon Peter (Kepha) | 7. Thomas |
| 2. Andrew (Peter's brother) | 8. Matthew (Levi) |
| 3. James (Son of Zebedee) | 9. Thaddaeus (Judas) |
| 4. John (Son of Zebedee) | 10. James (Son of Alphaeus) |
| 5. Philip | 11. Simon (The Canaanite) |
| 6. Bartholomew | 12. Judas Iscariot |

During those days in Galilee, one of the major items for a wedding feast was wine. While the wedding celebrations were going on, the host of the feast came to know that the wine had given out. There were lot of people yet to have the feast, and therefore the bridegroom and his family had become very sad. Realizing their distress, Mary, mother of Jesus told him that their wine had given out. She believed in her son that he could perform miracles.

Now standing there were six stone water jars used for religious purification. Obeying the request of his mother, Jesus asked the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled all the six jars up to the brim.

Colour the picture of servants obeying Jesus and filling the stone water jars:



Jesus had looked to heaven and prayed. Then he told to the servants,

“Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.”

The steward tasted it. He got amazed and called the bridegroom and said to him that the wine was of great quality. The entire family had become very happy. They expressed their thankfulness to Jesus and mother Mary.

Which was the first miracle performed by Jesus?

**Turning water in to
wine at the wedding
in Cana.**

What we need to do when distress and struggles come to our lives?

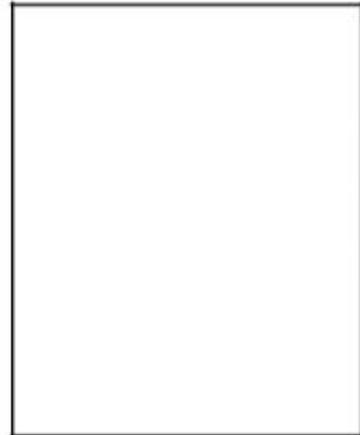
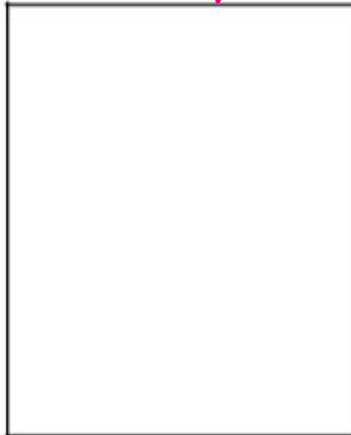


**We need to intercede to St. Mary.
Jesus will hear the plea of his
mother and
answer our request.
He will console us
in our sufferings and distress.**

You have learned that it is MOTHER MARY'S request that initiates the transformation of water to wine in the Marriage feast at Cana.

Collect the pictures of Saints of our Church

Saints Pray for Us





Let us sing together:

Cease not, O Holy mother!
Intercession for us all
Pray to thine own only Son
That He may give us mercy.



(Nirtheedaruthe Maathave! , Njangalkkayull-ardhanaye
Njangalil aardhratha thonneedaan, Ekaatmajanod-
arthikka.)

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

Do
Whatever
He tells you

Answer the Following Questions:

1. Who were the disciples of Jesus Christ?
2. Where did Jesus turn water into wine?
3. Name the person who tasted the wine and commented that it was of great quality?
4. Obeying whom, did Jesus turn water into wine?
5. How many jars did the servants fill with water?
6. Who said to whom, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward"?
7. Which was the first miracle performed by Jesus?
8. Sing an intercessory song of St. Mary?

CHAPTER 17

MERCIFUL JESUS

Bible Reference : St. Mark 10: 46-52

Bible Verse to Learn : **"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."**

(St. Matthew 5:7)

- Aims:**
- ◆ Jesus is merciful
 - ◆ We also need to be merciful towards our fellow beings.



- ◆ Does anyone approach you for help?
- ◆ How do you help them?
- ◆ Explain the pictures below.



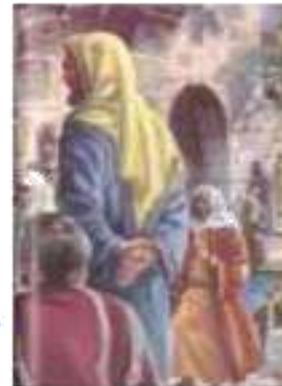
Bartimaeus was a blind beggar, who requested for the mercy of Jesus Christ. He used to sit by the roadside of Jericho.

One day,



'Why a large noise is being heard today?
I have never heard such a voice before!!

A person named Jesus is coming through this way. He heals the sick. This is the voice of the crowd accompanying him.



Oh! I cannot see Jesus. And no one is here to help me. What should I do? Let me call his name louder. He will surely hear me and have mercy on me.

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”





Who is calling my Name and crying aloud? Let him come to me.

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

What do you want me to do for you?



My teacher, let me see again.

Jesus had mercy towards him and blessed him. Immediately he regained his sight.



Hai! I got my sight back again. My Jesus showed mercy to me.

How we could show mercy towards our fellow beings?

Let us visit an orphanage and give food for the residents on our birthday.		Let us console those who are in sorrow.
	Let us take care of the sick.	

Visit, Help and Console:



Practice the Goodness

- ◆ Visit the sick; help and console them.
- ◆ Respect, obey and love our priests and metropolitans who lead us towards heaven by providing spiritual food.

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy

Answer the Following Questions:

1. Who was the beggar sitting at the roadside of Jericho?
2. What did Bartimaeus say crying aloud to Jesus?
3. How did Bartimaeus get his eyesight back?
4. How could we show mercy towards our fellow beings?
5. What does the merciful receive?

CHAPTER 18

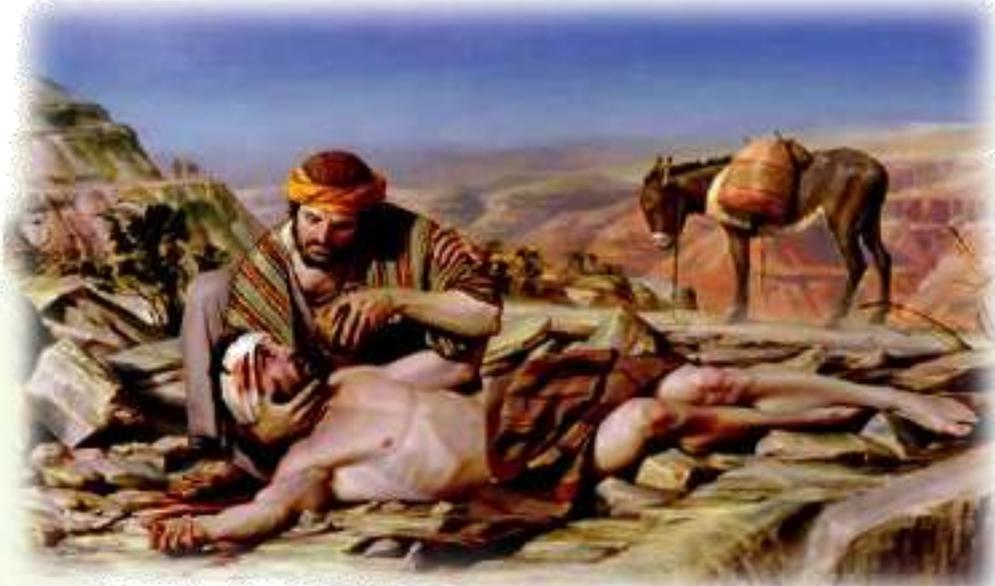
GOOD FRIEND

Bible Reference: St. Luke 10: 30-37

Bible Verse to Learn: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (St. John 15:13)

Aims:

- To understand that when we love our fellow beings, we love God.
- To enable kids to realize good friends and to become a good friend.



Manu, Deepu and Joel were good friends. They used to do everything together playing together, studying together, going to church together, and so on. One day Joel met with an accident. His bicycle had crashed with a motorbike. His relatives took him to a hospital. As they reached the hospital, the doctor advised for blood transfusion immediately. His relatives approached his intimate friends Manu and Deepu and requested them to give blood for Joel.



Manu (fatty guy): Oh! I feel so tired and I don't have much blood in my body. I may feel sick afterwards. You may approach someone else.

Deepu (Lean guy): It is really sad that Joel's life is in danger. I understand that Blood donation is a great thing. I could donate my blood for Joel.



Thus Deepu's blood has rescued the life of Joel.

Among Manu and Deepu, who is Joel's real good friend? (Let the children share their thoughts.)

Jesus also taught us a story about good friend. Let us look into that.

One day, a Jewish man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. After a long time, while on his way, he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him, looted him and went away leaving him half dead.



Blood was dripping out from his wounds who had fallen aside the road.



After sometime, a Jewish priest was going down that road. When he saw the wounded man, he passed by on the other side without helping him.



Afterwards, a Levite, who was assisting the worships, also came to the place and saw him. Not at all considering the wounded man, he too passed by on the other side.



After a while, a Samaritan came through the place. When he had noticed a man laying on the roadside having wounded severely, he came near to him. With a compassionate heart, he descended from his donkey, went to him, bandaged his wounds, and poured oil on them.



Then he put him on his donkey, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.



The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii (money), gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend."

Whom do you like the most in this story told by Jesus?

Jewish Priest



Levite



Samaritan



TO REMEMBER

**A FRIEND IN NEED
IS A FRIEND INDEED**

Getting inspired from this story, what will you do, if one of your friends studying in your class got injured?

(Let the kids share their thoughts.)



Distinguish 'good qualities' and 'bad qualities' among the following words. Please mark '✓' for which you will follow and 'x' for which you should not.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Being a good friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Patience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using bad words | <input type="checkbox"/> Lying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being Obedient | <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting with friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Prayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercifulness | <input type="checkbox"/> Laziness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting angry | <input type="checkbox"/> Loving others |

Please learn by-heart the following bible verse and colour it.

NO ONE HAS
GREATER LOVE
THAN THIS;
TO LAY DOWN
ONE'S LIFE FOR
ONE'S FRIENDS

Answer the Following Questions:

1. On his way to which place, had the Jewish man been attacked?
2. Who came first on the way where the Jewish man was laying wounded?
3. Who helped the wounded Jewish man?
4. How did the Samaritan help the wounded man?
5. Who is a friend indeed?

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CHAPTER 19

BOUNDLESS LOVE

Bible Reference: St. John 15: 12

Bible Verse to Learn: “This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.”

Aim: To keep throughout our lives the commandment, “Love one another as I have loved you.”



In the above picture, you see a mother pelican bird and her five hatchlings. The baby birds take the blood of their mother as food during the initial days of their birth. For that the mother pelican hews on her chest very hard with her sharp pecks of her beak. The hungry hatchlings drink their mother's blood and grow bigger.



Look at the Conversation

Mom, why are you hewing your chest?

My dear children, you are so cute and small. You have to drink my blood for a few days to grow bigger.





Oh no mother! You will die, won't you?

**Even if I die, you will have to live longer.
I live only for you guys, my children.**



**Our loving mother, what shall we give
back to you for your great love?**

LOVE AT CALVARY

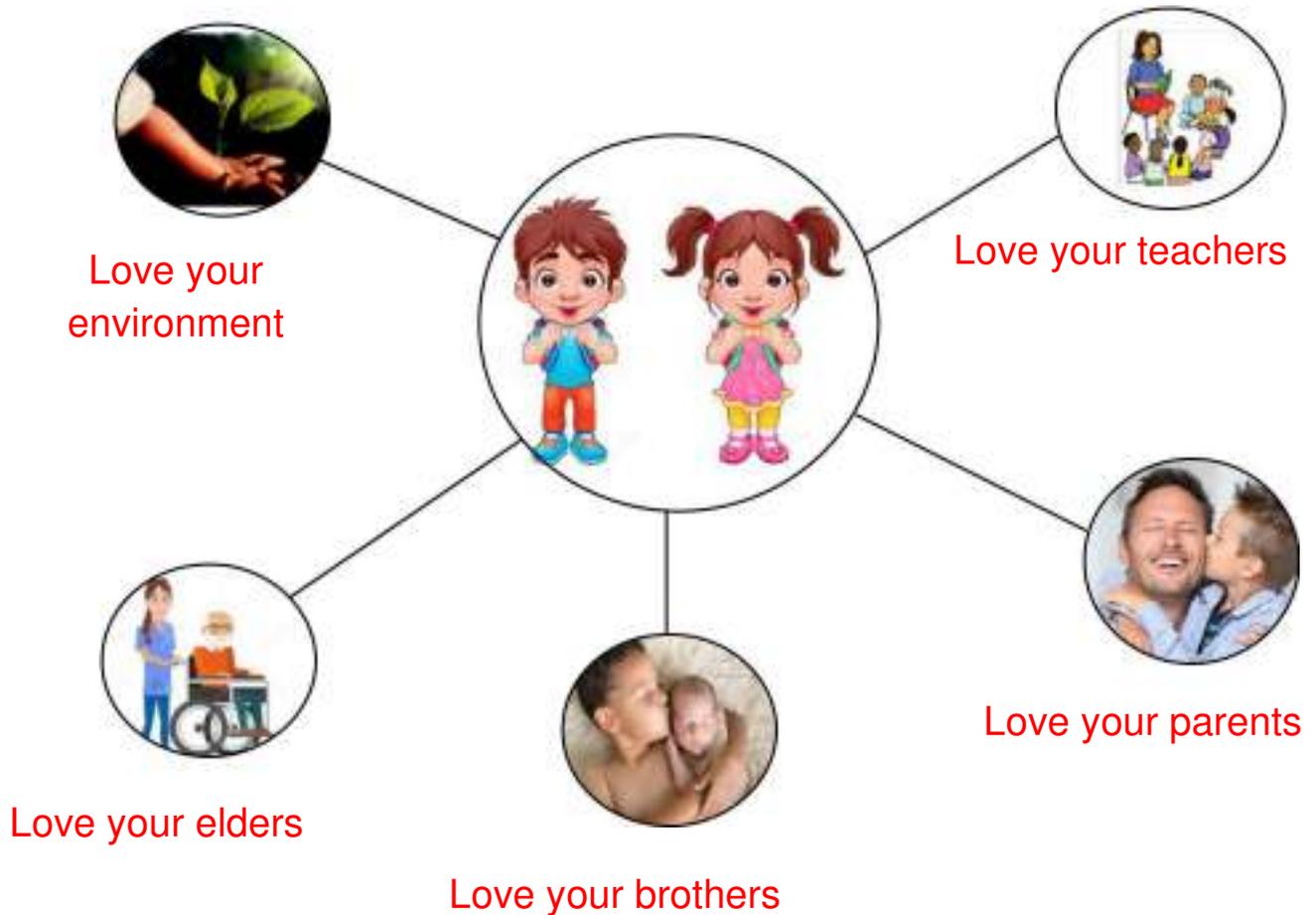


Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has given even the last drop of his blood to redeem us from sins, and revealed his love towards us.

Let us sing and praise the Lord:
Krooshil kandu njaan nin snehathe
Aazhamaarnna nin maha thyaagathe
Pakaram enthu nalkum njaan ini
Hrudhayam poornnamaayi nalkunnu Naadhane!

**God is Love.
God loves every one of us.
Likewise, we need to grow in love.**

Let us share God's love.



Prepare a small
speech on Love
and present it in the class.
(Not exceed five sentences.)



Holy Qurbono Songs

(Bhoovila-shesham
Deivathal preritharaaya
Sleehe-nmaar poyi
Jaathikalidayil
Bhoothala seemayatholam
Nallevan gelion
Kaikkolvo-rkkokkeezhum
Bhagyamithe-nnariyichu
Swarga mahaa-raajyam.)

Those apostles,
Chosen, sent by God, they went To every place
Through all the world.
Gentiles heard from them the news The Gospel Grace.
They proclaimed the Kingdom Heavens rule of freedom
For the faithful bliss

Parishudhanmaare ningal Praarthippin Karthaavodaai Adikaleyum
ninkopatthin Vadikaleyum maayicheedaan

Plead for us, O you holy Saints Pray to Him whose will you did That from
anger we be spared That from scourges we be hid

Kaazhchaathil... Karthaave nin Thiruvullam... thusthippettu
Nallamari... chor punyapett-
Eerayarra... nandhikkenam

May this offered Eucharist
By the priest, appease Thee, Lord May it gladden angels high, Our departed
ones absolve.

TRUE FAITH

Questions and Answers

1. Who is God?
God is the creator and protector of everything.
2. What do you mean by One Triune God?
One Triune God is the union of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
3. Who is Jesus Christ?
Jesus Christ is the Only Son of God and our Saviour.
4. What is the meaning of the name 'Jesus Christ'?
Jesus' means 'Saviour' and 'Christ' or 'Messiah' means 'the anointed one'.
5. Why did the Son of God become a man and come to this world?
In order to save us, the humanity, from our sins.
6. Will Jesus, the Messiah come to the world again?
Yes, Jesus Christ will come again to join with Him those who live according to His will.
7. How did Jesus Christ redeem and save us?
Through His crucifixion, death and resurrection.
8. Why does the Church instruct us to stand facing east while praying?
Because the Second Coming of Jesus will be from the east.
9. Which are the ordained positions in our Church?
Metropolitans, Priests, and Deacons.

Learn the meaning of the following words

Kurielaison	=	Lord, have mercy upon us
Amen	=	So be it, truly
Barekhmor	=	Bless me O Lord

CHURCH HISTORY

1. Who is the founder of the Church?
Jesus Christ
2. Who is the Head of our Church?
The Patriarch of Antioch and all the East
3. Who is the Metropolitan of our Diocese/Region?
His Eminence
4. In which place did the followers of Christ were called
'Christians' for the first time?
Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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