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What you hold in your hand is an incredible resource, a tool designed to help us effectively partner with parents and lead children into a growing relationship with God.

Contained within the pages of this booklet you'll find:

- a. Important scriptures, such as our memory verse.
- b. Amazing and relevant Bible stories.
- c. Key points that make up the exciting messages planned for this entire series.
- d. A place to stamp for each service attended.

This booklet was created to inform you of exactly what our children's ministry will speak about each service. You'll be able to review with your children the messages covered, and also look ahead as the series unfolds.

So partner with us and help your children learn responsibility by bringing this booklet every service. Each time they visit, we will put a stamp in their book to show that they attended, and also filled out each point of that day's lesson in this book.

As an added incentive, we'll continue to give a special reward to those who have attended each day.



“He is on the Case!”

It's a great mystery why some would question God, or His plans for us. But perhaps those same people don't have certain powers of observation: It's elementary, of course! The most famous of detectives at one time could tell so much by a simple glance in your direction: “You've been at the school. You've eaten fish and chips for lunch. You haven't done your homework yet.”

How did he do that? Simple deduction: the books in your hands, the small stain of tartar sauce on your sleeve – and the fact that he spoke with your teacher just moments ago!

Detective work is all about using your senses, and in a similar way, we use ours to realize the obvious: God is real. He's in our lives, working on the case!

Look for the clues: see how carefully protected our tiny planet is as it hangs delicately balanced in a galaxy of extremes. Observe how we are protected from so much, and all by His grace. In the words of the famous detective himself, observe the flowers. Many other things in life are given to us because we need them: food, shelter, and the oxygen we breathe. Yet flowers are an embellishment – an extra thing for us to enjoy, provided to us by our Creator. Indeed, life is filled with embellishments! Look around: God wants us to enjoy life. All you have to do is use your eyes and see Him in every detail.

Use your ears as well: A great detective will listen carefully to the sounds all around. What do you hear? If you're at church, you'll hear the sounds of worship – of those thankful and grateful for His love. You'll also hear the sound of testimonies – the voices of those who have stories to tell of His guidance and deliverance. But outside of church, you can hear Him just as much: The earth is alive with sounds of praise!

Put on your thinking cap, and it all becomes obvious. Where are your thoughts? Our legendary detective once complained: “My mind rebels at stagnation!” In other words, he had to fill his mind with the right things. Paul said it a little differently when he told us to think only on things that are true, noble, right, pure, excellent or worthy of respect. A mind is a terrible thing to waste, so don't misuse yours!

It is a fairly easy trail of clues: simply use your eyes, your ears, and your mind, and you'll realize the obvious: God is on the case!



“He is on the Case!”

“Christ is the exact likeness of God, who can’t be seen. He is first, and He is over all of creation. All things were created by Him. He created everything in heaven and on earth. He created everything that can be seen and everything that can’t be seen. He created kings, powers, rulers and authorities. Everything was created by Him and for Him. Before anything was created, He was already there. He holds everything together.”

Colossians 1:15-17 NIRV

“Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers.” – Sherlock Holmes

“Never theorize before you have data. Invariably, you end up twisting facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts.” – Sherlock Holmes



1. _____ for clues. Don't get discombobulated! Simply look around: all you have to do is use your eyes and see Him in every detail.

"Ever since the world was created it has been possible to see the qualities of God that are not seen. I'm talking about His eternal power and about the fact that He is God. Those things can be seen in what He has made."
Romans 1:20 NIRV

A. FIGHT

B. LOOK

C. SMELL

2. Use your _____. If you listen, you can hear God in testimonies, worship, and the sounds of nature all around you.

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak for your servant is listening.'"
1 Samuel 3:10 NIRV

A. THUMB

B. FINGERPRINTS

C. EARS

3. Put on your _____ cap. You've seen and heard the evidence. Put your mind to good use, by listening to Paul's very logical advice.

"Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things." Philippians 4:8 NIRV

A. THINKING

B. BALL

C. DEERSTALKER



Memory Verse: "Ask, and it will be given to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 NIRV

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“Missing Person”

Rascals and rogues beware! Even if you are “the Napoleon of crime,” your sins will catch up with you – and you’re headed for a fall. A master detective is on the case even now, and the best thing to do is turn away from that rotten and miserable life of crime.

So many times in the history of our great detective, we find him searching the murkiest of places, associating with the lowest of persons to solve a mystery. It is somewhat like a case Jesus himself spoke of once, one about a missing person report. According to the evidence, the culprit in question took a great deal of money, and immediately ran off to another country far away. An eyewitness testified how this man spent all of it, and found himself looking for work in the grimy underworld of the day. Sometime later, it was even thought he was dead. But the case was cracked one bright day: the Prodigal Son returned home – and there he was welcomed by his father.

This is, at its core, a story of forgiveness. God is the Father, waiting with open arms for us to only think clearly again. It’s a study of scarlet: the blood of Jesus has covered our sins and washed us clean. Our fingerprints of sin are no longer all over the crime scene, and all the evidence has been thrown away. We are welcome home with forgiveness.

Yet the case wasn’t completely resolved at the end. There were some not happy to see what once was lost, now found. The older brother of this culprit was quite angry: he wanted to see justice done! He spent all his time working, while this swindler returns without paying the penalty? The older brother wanted revenge!

It doesn’t take a great analytical mind to see that a life dedicated to payback is a life dedicated to certain doom. What a wasted life, especially when Jesus tells us quite plainly: forgive, and you will be forgiven.

The verdict is in: we’re all guilty. But remember that Jesus wiped clean the crime scene. This is no longer a murder mystery: we once were dead, but now are alive again. Thanks to Him, we once were lost, but now we are found.



“Missing Person”

Jesus continued, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger son spoke to his father. He said, ‘Father, give me my share of the family property.’ So the father divided his property between his two sons.

“Not long after that, the younger son packed up all he had. Then he left for a country far away. There he wasted his money on wild living. He spent everything he had.

“Then the whole country ran low on food. So the son didn’t have what he needed. He went to work for someone who lived in that country, who sent him to the fields to feed the pigs. The son wanted to fill his stomach with the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

“Then he began to think clearly again. He said, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food! But here I am dying from hunger! I will get up and go back to my father. I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven. And I have sinned against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired workers.’” So he got up and went to his father.

“While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him. He was filled with tender love for his son. He ran to him. He threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattest calf and kill it. Let’s have a big dinner and celebrate. This son of mine was dead. And now he is alive again. He was lost. And now he is found.’

“So they began to celebrate.

“The older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants. He asked him what was going on.

“Your brother has come home,” the servant replied. “Your father has killed the fattest calf. He has done this because your brother is back safe and sound.”

“The older brother became angry. He refused to go in. So his father went out and begged him.

“But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve worked like a slave for you. I have always obeyed your orders. You never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me. Everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad. This brother of yours was dead. And now he is alive again. He was lost. And now he is found.’”



1. Your _____ will find you. Even if you think you're clever, your past deeds are always chasing you, clamoring for justice!

"But what if you fail to do your duty? Then you will be sinning against the Lord. And you can be sure that your sin will be discovered. It will be brought out into the open." Numbers 32:23 NIRV

A. DISCOVERY B. SINS C. DETECTIVE

2. It's time to think _____. The results of sin are not pretty, and take you to the lowest of places. Think clearly, as the Prodigal Son did, and return to the Father. His arms are open wide.

"Then he began to think clearly again." Luke 15:17 NIRV

A. CLEARLY B. OVER C. TWICE

3. Revenge is _____. It doesn't take a great analytical mind to see that a life dedicated to payback is a life dedicated to certain doom. What a wasted life, especially when Jesus tells us quite plainly: forgive, and you will be forgiven.

"Forgive people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you." Matthew 6:14 NIRV

A. SWEET B. WRONG C. OVERDUE



Memory Verse: "Those who belong to Christ Jesus are no longer under God's sentence." Romans 8:1 NIRV

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“The Twisted Lip”

In one most curious case, our great detective discovers a mystery: where is the decent man with a sterling reputation? And just who is this other unusual person that wears a twisted lip, and is found nearby the place where our good gentleman disappeared?

The solution to the puzzle is remarkable: they are both one and the same! This individual was wearing a disguise! At night, the culprit is a faithful husband and family man. But during the day he transforms into something else entirely.

As devious as this rascal may seem, the truth of the matter is this: we all have a temptation to live a double life. Know this: God can see through any disguise. If you think you’re fooling everyone, you need to get a clue! It’s time for us to take off the masks with one another, and show ourselves as we truly are.

We all want to appear as perfect Christians, but the facts sometimes may not match up. That’s why it’s best to be honest with one another. In our Bibles, James said it best when he told us to admit to each other our shortcomings – and pray with one another.

God puts people in our lives for just this purpose. Imagine Sherlock Holmes without his good friend Dr. James Watson. The good doctor is on hand to help, and believe it or not, to even scold his companion from time to time when he is not behaving right. Do you have a good friend, someone you can confide in? Is it someone who will speak honestly with you, and straighten you out when you go off the right path? Look around and pray: God will send you a sidekick!

As the nighttime descends on Victorian London’s underworld, the fog rolls across the cityscape, hiding a great many misdeeds. That’s usually when it is up to our team of heroes to catch those villains in the murky darkness. You can help: Don’t let the sun go down on your sinful nature – and don’t give the devil a chance. Stop sin’s diabolical plans, and you too can be like our hero in his battle against the gloomy shadows.



“The Twisted Lip”

“You can’t keep your true self hidden forever; before long you’ll be exposed. You can’t hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known.”

- Luke 12:2 (The Message)

“You heard about Christ and were taught about life in him. What you learned was the truth about Jesus. You were taught not to live the way you used to. You must get rid of your old way of life. That’s because it has been made impure by the desire for things that lead you astray. You were taught to be made new in your thinking. You were taught to start living a new life. It is created to be truly good and holy, just as God is.

So each of you must get rid of your lying. Speak the truth to your neighbor. We are all parts of one body. Scripture says, “When you are angry, do not sin.” (Psalm 4:4) Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry. Don’t give the devil a chance. Anyone who has been stealing must never steal again. Instead, they must work. They must do something useful with their own hands. Then they will have something to give to people in need.”

- Ephesians 4:21-28 NIRV



1. Throw off that _____. If you think you're fooling everyone, you need to get a clue! It's time for us to take off the masks with one another, and show ourselves as we truly are.

"You were taught not to live the way you used to. You must get rid of your old way of life. That's because it is polluted by longing for things that lead you down the wrong path." Ephesians 4:22 NIRV

A. CHAIN B. HOUND C. DISGUISE

2. Find a _____. Do you have a good friend, someone you can confide in? Is it someone who will speak honestly with you, and straighten you out when you go off the right path?

"So admit to one another that you have sinned. Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. It makes things happen." James 5:16 NIRV

A. SIDEKICK B. FOOTPRINT C. BLUE CARBUNCLE

3. Don't let the sun go _____. Don't let the sun go down on your sinful nature – and don't give the devil a chance.

"Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry. Don't give the devil a chance." Ephesians 4:26-27 NIRV

A. DOWN B. AWAY C. UP



Memory Verse: *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*
John 8:31-32 NIV

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“Eyes on the Crown”

In crime stories involving old London, it seems like just about every criminal mastermind is after the crown jewels. These are an incredibly important treasure: jewels, rings, scepters and of course the crowns themselves. You can't put a price on these fabulous objects – they are owned by kings and queens going back many centuries.

But these aren't the most valuable crowns in existence – in our Bibles, Paul speaks about one much greater. He writes that all of us who do our best to live as Christians and follow God's commands will “get a crown that will last forever.”

Why would anyone want to steal a crown, when something so much better waits for us in the future? The answer: greed and materialism. So many of us are possessed with what we do not possess! But with God things are quite backwards: in order to have more, you must give more. It's elementary: Don't let materialism and your love of things get in the way of your relationship with God. In other words, don't lose your crown!

What an incredible moment it will be when we do get that crown Paul speaks of. After doing all we can the best we can, a crown awaits each of us. And yet, do you know what to do with it when you receive one? You may suspect that we should all keep it upon our heads, of course. But not so! The truth is this: we all will be casting crowns! When we see Jesus, we'll toss them at His feet, because He alone is truly worthy to wear a crown.

This is something we should practice right now. Are you casting your crown at His feet? In other words, are you showing everyone who the real King of kings is?

The solution to today's mystery is quite simple: keep your eyes on the crown. Don't let materialism and the stuff of this world keep you from getting the one thing you need the most: the crown.



“Eyes on the Crown”

In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

So I do not run like someone who doesn't run toward the finish line. I do not fight like a boxer who hits nothing but air. No, I train my body and bring it under control. Then after I have preached to others, I myself will not break the rules and fail to win the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NIRV

“How often have I said to you that when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth?”
– Sherlock Holmes



1. Chase after the _____. Paul writes that all of us who do our best to live as Christians and follow God's commands will "get a crown that will last forever."

"All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

1 Corinthians 9:25 NIRV

A. SCOUNDRELS

B. BIBLE

C. CROWN

2. Don't let your crown get _____. So many of us are possessed with what we do not possess! But with God things are quite backwards: in order to have more, you must give more. It's elementary: Don't let materialism and your love of things get in the way of your relationship with God. In other words, don't lose your crown!

"But put God's kingdom first. Do what He wants you to do. Then all of those things will also be given to you." Matthew 6:33 NIRV

A. CAST

B. STOLEN

C. POLISHED

3. Start _____ crowns. Are you casting your crown at His feet? In other words, are you showing everyone who the real King of kings is?

"The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne." Revelation 4:10 NKJV

A. WEARING

B. CASTING

C. STEALING



Memory Verse: "All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever." 1 Corinthians 9:25 NIRV

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“The Game’s Afoot”

There was never a more exciting moment than when our great detective started to figure out a case. “The game’s afoot!” he’d call out. Filled with boundless enthusiasm, he followed a trail of clues until the very end, much like a bloodhound sniffing out clues.

He used many methods in his great adventures, but did you know that Sherlock Holmes would even use a bloodhound from time to time? The dog’s name was Toby, and this dog would follow a criminal’s scent relentlessly! Similarly, a great detective will only find success if he keeps on the trail of clues - and doesn’t get distracted. Keep your focus on where you want to be, and don’t get thrown off the scent. Your future will be no mystery so long as you keep to the chase!

Don’t let anything or anyone hinder you. Remember, you are irregular! What that means is this: don’t judge a book by the cover. Did you know that Sherlock Holmes solved a few of his toughest cases thanks to a group of children? He called them the Baker Street Irregulars. They’re proof that it doesn’t matter what you look like or what your size is: with God’s help, you can accomplish things no one else can!

So walk with confidence. Some thought Sherlock Holmes a bit arrogant. Yet he was only walking around in blessed assurance, putting his best foot forward. Even when the direst of circumstances surrounded him, he didn’t get catatonic. He had a sparkle in his eyes because of the challenge before him. You too can be likewise when you put your faith in God!

Just step forward with that same boundless enthusiasm, and call out, “The game’s afoot!”



“The Game’s Afoot”

“Ask, and it will be given to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7 NIRV

“I know the plans I have for you,” announces the Lord. “I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.” Jeremiah 29:11 NIRV

“Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9 NIRV

“I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13 NIRV

“See the value of imagination. We imagined what might have happened, acted upon the supposition, and find ourselves justified. Let us proceed.”
– Sherlock Holmes

“Education never ends, Watson. It is a series of lessons with the greatest for the last.” - Sherlock Holmes

“My mind rebels at stagnation! Give me problems! Give me work!”
– Sherlock Holmes



1. The game's _____! Sherlock Holmes knew a bloodhound named Toby, and this dog would follow a scent relentlessly! Similarly, a great detective will only find success if he keeps on the trail of clues - and doesn't get distracted. Keep your focus on where you want to be, and don't get thrown off the scent. Your future will be no mystery so long as you keep to the chase!

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 NIRV

A. AFOOT

B. DELAYED

C. AFOUL

2. You are _____! Don't judge a book by the cover. Did you know that Sherlock Holmes solved a few of his toughest cases thanks to a group of children? He called them the Baker Street Irregulars. They're proof that it doesn't matter what you look like or what your size is: with God's help, you can accomplish things no one else can!

"Then Peter began to speak. 'I now realize how true it is that God treats everyone the same,' he said. 'He accepts people from every nation. He accepts all who have respect for him and do what is right.'"

Acts 10:34-35 NIRV

A. CLUELESS

B. IRREGULAR

C. INSPECTOR

3. Walk with _____. Some thought Sherlock Holmes a bit arrogant. Yet he was only walking around in confidence, putting his best foot forward. Even when the direst of circumstances surrounded him, he didn't get catatonic. He had a sparkle in his eyes because of the challenge before him. You too can be likewise when you put your faith in God!

"I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13 NIRV

A. CLASS

B. CONSTABLES

C. CONFIDENCE



Memory Verse: “Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9 NIRV

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“Willing and Abel”

“Where is your brother Abel?”

It was the crime of the first century! Yet it wasn't a complete mystery to God, for He already knew the solution. Remember that nothing escapes His notice. He has far greater observation and deductive skills than the most famous detectives in history. Still, God asked Cain this simple question – perhaps in hopes the culprit would come clean and confess his horrible deed.

Let us therefore look back on the facts that surround this case, and perhaps see things how God did.

It all started long before the question was asked, of course. To begin with, both Cain and his brother Abel were doing well – and both giving offerings to God.

Fact one in this case: Cain didn't really give God his best. Unlike Cain, we need to be willing and Abel. Evidence shows that Cain didn't give his best for God, but Abel... was able. Consider the widow that Jesus saw, giving just a tiny amount. Yet God sees the truth behind our giving: When you do your very best – even if that is the tiniest amount – it pleases Him more than anything else.

Fact two in this case: Instead of focusing on making himself better, Cain became furious with Abel. This was his undoing, but it can be yours too, if you're not careful. Don't blame others, don't be jealous – and don't be a hater!

Fact three in the case: Because of his crime, Cain had a mark against him. When we do wrong in God's eyes, we too fall into a dangerous position. Yet because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we can receive a different mark altogether. You see, God can forgive us when we do wrong. In fact, He has marked us all for greatness! It is His will that we all succeed, so rise up to the challenge and make God proud. All you have to do is be willing – and able!



“Willing and Abel”

Abel took care of sheep. Cain worked the ground. After some time, Cain gathered some of the things he had grown. He brought them as an offering to the Lord.

But Abel brought the fattest parts of some of the lambs from his flock. They were the male animals that were born first to their mothers.

The Lord was pleased with Abel and his offering. But He wasn't pleased with Cain and his offering. So Cain became very angry. His face was sad.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why are you looking so sad? Do what is right. Then you will be accepted. If you don't do what is right, sin is waiting at your door to grab you. It longs to have you. But you must rule over it.”

Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let's go out to the field.” So they went out. There Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don't know,” he replied. “Am I supposed to look after my brother?”

The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground.

“So I am putting a curse on you. I am driving you away from the ground. It has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will not produce its crops for you anymore. You will be a restless person who wanders around on the earth.”

Cain said to the Lord, “You are punishing me more than I can take. Today you are driving me away from the land. I will be hidden from you. I'll be a restless person who wanders around on the earth. Anyone who finds me will kill me.”

But the Lord said to him, “No. Anyone who kills you will be paid back seven times.” The Lord put a mark on Cain. Then anyone who found him wouldn't kill him.

So Cain went away from the Lord. He lived in the land of Nod. It was east of Eden.

Genesis 4:2-16 NIRV



1. Be willing and _____. Cain didn't give his best for God, but Abel... was able. Consider the widow that Jesus saw, giving just a tiny amount. Yet God sees the truth: When you are able to do your best, it pleases God more than anything else.

"Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others." Mark 12:43 NIRV

A. ABEL

B. CAREFUL

C. BIG

2. Don't be a _____. Instead of focusing on making himself better, Cain became furious with Abel. Don't look to others at their gifts, don't blame others, don't be jealous – and don't be a hater!

"Get rid of all hard feelings, anger and rage. Stop all fighting and lying. Put away every form of hatred. Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done." Ephesians 4:31-32 NIRV

A. WITNESS

B. HATER

C. CONSTABLE

3. You are _____. Cain had a mark against him. Yet because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we can receive a different mark altogether. You see, God can forgive us when we do wrong. In fact, He has marked us all for greatness! It is His will that we all succeed, so rise up to the challenge and make God proud.

"You also became believers in Christ. That happened when you heard the message of truth. It was the good news about how you could be saved. When you believed, he marked you with a seal. The seal is the Holy Spirit that he promised." Ephesians 1:13 NIRV

A. RUNNING

B. INVESTIGATING

C. MARKED



Memory Verse: *“Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.”*
Ephesians 4:32 NIRV

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“Walking in the Dark”

Sir Henry Baskerville knew the path was dangerous. And yet Sherlock Holmes was asking him to walk it, all during the ominous darkness of a foggy night. It didn't make any sense to him. Even worse, with all that was going on lately, it seemed rather treacherous. But it was a walk of faith, and Holmes told him he had every confidence in his nerve and courage to do it. So seemingly alone in that journey, the man made his way into the hazy blackness of night. Would he make it to the end of his path safely? Only time would tell.

Reading this story, we trust our heroes to save the day. Throughout all his stories, Sherlock Holmes rarely told his friends, or the readers, that he knew all the answers ahead of time. But he usually did. And in the end, everything worked out – so everyone just assumed to trust him until then.

Consider a moment: is this not like our faith in God? He knows how it will all work out in the end. Our job isn't to question orders, but rather follow them! So have peace in your heart – and know that if trouble comes, He will indeed save the day.

Dr. Watson stayed close by his friend's side, and yet God is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Look back along the path you've taken to get this far: He has been with you all along and gotten you this far, hasn't He? Of course He has.

So have courage! God has every confidence in our nerve and fortitude, so step forth in faith, and know that He will always back us up. He has done great things, and He will continue to do great things for each of us.

In the fog of night, a growl was heard. Sir Henry Baskerville turned to see what it was, and was filled with terror! And yet there to save the day was none other than our hero, Sherlock Holmes, sweeping in at the right moment with a dramatic rescue.

God is an even greater hero in our lives. So trust Him, remember His faithfulness, and have courage: He'll be there for your walk in the dark.



“Walking in the Dark”

“We live by believing, not by seeing.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIRV

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid. You are with me.” Psalm 23:4 NIRV

“One more direction! I wish you to drive to Merripit House. Send back your trap, however, and let them know that you intend to walk home.”

“To walk across the moor?”

“Yes.”

“But that is the very thing which you have so often cautioned me not to do.”

“This time you may do it with safety. If I had not every confidence in your nerve and courage I would not suggest it, but it is essential that you should do it.”

“Then I will do it.”

Sherlock Holmes and Sir Henry Baskerville in *“The Hound of the Baskervilles”*



1. _____ Him. Sherlock Holmes rarely told his friends, or the readers, that he knew all the answers already. In the end, everything worked out, and everyone just assumed to trust him until then. It is much like our faith in God: He knows how it will all work out in the end, so have peace in your heart – and know that if trouble comes, He will save the day.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5 NIRV

A. UNDERSTAND B. TRUST C. FORGET

2. He’s always _____. Dr. Watson stayed close by his friend’s side, and yet God is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Look back along the path you’ve taken to get this far: He has been with you all along and gotten you this far, hasn’t He?

“But there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.”

Proverbs 18:24 NIRV

A. INVESTIGATING B. FAITHFUL C. JUDGING

3. Have _____! God has every confidence in our nerve and courage, so step forth in faith, and know that He will back us up.

“No! In all these things we will do even more than win! We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us.” Romans 8:37 NIRV

A. COURAGE B. CRUMPETS C. FORGIVENESS



Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 NIRV

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“Your Adventure Awaits”

“Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”
- Matthew 6:4 NIV

“But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.’ Saul said to David, ‘Go, and the Lord be with you.’ - 1 Samuel 17:34-37 NIV



“Your Adventure Awaits”

Sherlock Holmes was an incredible detective. His ability to gather evidence and clues, solving even the hardest cases, was something all great detectives could only wish they had. All he had to do was simply look at a person to find countless clues that others easily overlooked. But with as many incredible things as Sherlock did, he rarely got the credit for any of it.

Dr. Watson found this to be an injustice, knowing that Sherlock deserved just as much of the credit as the other detectives. And since no one would tell his story, Watson decided that's just what he would do. He never failed to write about each and every case Sherlock solved, proud of his friend and his accomplishments. He wanted the world to know who Sherlock was, so he wrote his story.

Have you ever felt unseen? Perhaps it feels like, no matter how hard you try, you're never good enough. Though that's a very real feeling we can experience, it just simply isn't true! And here's why: God sees you! There's never a moment in your life where God doesn't have his full attention on you. God sees you, even when no one else sees you!

Not only does He see you, but He also knows your heart. He sees the things you're doing when no one else is watching, whether good or bad. Remember David, the one who's famous for defeating the giant Goliath? Did you know he once was a nobody? No one knew, before he even faced Goliath, that he had fought a lion and a bear with his bare hands! No one saw his accomplishments before Goliath. No one knew who David was, but God did. God knew his heart! What David did in secret was good, and wasn't to be seen by others. And when it was time for him to face Goliath, he knew that the same God who rescued him from the lion and the bear would surely help him defeat Goliath as well. And we all know how that story ended!

Your story has just begun, and you know the Author! Just like Dr. Watson wrote Sherlock's story, God has written a beautiful story for your life and you're about to see it hit the headlines!



1. _____ sees you. There's never a moment in your life where God doesn't have his full attention on you. He saw David before anyone knew who he was. And God sees you, even when it seems no one else is watching.

"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
Matthew 6:4 NIV

A. GOD

B. EVERYONE

C. WATSON

2. God writes your _____. Your adventure has just begun, and you know the Author! Your life may be a mystery now, but the Author knows how it all turns out. Just like Dr. Watson wrote Sherlock's story, God has written a beautiful masterpiece for your life! He has wonderful plans for you that go beyond your understanding.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

A. MYSTERY

B. FAILURES

C. STORY

3. Your story is for _____. Your life is the evidence of God's faithfulness to all. Throughout the Bible, we read how God used King David to save His people. And his kingdom would have no end, because years later, one of his descendants grew up to become the King of kings, and Savior to us all. Long after all of us are gone, our stories will be told, and they'll hopefully be ones that bring healing and hope to those that read them.

"In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." *Matthew 5:16 NIRV*

A. YOU

B. EVERYONE

C. GOTTEN



Memory Verse: *“I know the plans I have for you,” announces the Lord. “I want you to enjoy success. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for the years to come.”* Jeremiah 29:11 NIRV

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Our great detective frequently received word from people who needed help all the time. Below is the third such correspondence from Ms. Gloria Scott.

Since every third one was always important, you'll find it posted below, complete with a secret message inside it. Can you figure out what it is?

Mr. Holmes,

Ask me how, and I say it is well! will you possibly be stopping by? given the history to this location, you must now search for clues and investigate possibilities. you know Matthew's will is written. find it!

Don't knock down walls, and be careful the fairly oversized door stays closed. will you please be kind? It opened yesterday.

Oh... to actually see you soon!
Farewell!



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