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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.



“THERE’S POWER IN A NAME”

Wiping the dust off an ancient slab of rock, the archaeologist adventurer sees something that surprises him: a name. In 2014, archaeologists discovered a stone with writing on it some 3,000 years old, and on that stone was written the name “David.”

This was one of the first times archaeologists had seen the famous Bible king’s name etched in stone – it was a remarkable find. Just imagine the excitement at the discovery of this name!

As you travel, you’ll begin to see more and more the importance in a name. For example, an explorer needs a passport. It has a name on it, and is needed wherever one travels around the world, from Nepal to Egypt to the darkest parts of Peru. A passport is essentially our identity. We pull it out when needed – which is just about everywhere we go when on our quest.

In the Bible, identity was important. People’s names had meaning. Some names meant something great, while others were not so good. Your name has meaning too. What do people think of when they hear your name?

It’s up to us to make our identity what it needs to be, and we should never answer to the wrong name! Others may try to identify us the wrong way, calling us things we are not. According to God, we are the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. We are a chosen royal priesthood!

God knows our true identity, which is what we’re called to do while on our quest here on earth. Listen carefully to His voice in prayer and reading of His word – and find your true identity. It’s your passport to an incredible life of adventure!



“THERE’S POWER IN A NAME”

“You should want a good name more than you want great riches. To be highly respected is better than having silver or gold.”

Proverbs 22:1 NIRV

“A good name is better than fine perfume.” **Ecclesiastes 7:1 NIRV**

“You will not be called Abram anymore. Your name will be Abraham, because I have made you a father of many nations.”

Genesis 17:5 NIRV

“And God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.’”

Genesis 17:15 NIRV

“Your name will not be Jacob anymore. Instead, it will be Israel. You have wrestled with God and with people. And you have won.”

Genesis 32:38 NIRV

“I will make you into a great nation.
I will bless you. I will make your name great.
You will be a blessing to others.”

Genesis 12:2 NIRV



1. **Your name has _____.** God has many names that identify His character: El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty), Jehovah-Raah (Lord My Shepherd), Jehovah Rapha (Lord That Heals), Jehovah Jireh (Lord Will Provide), Jehovah Shalom (The Lord is Peace), Adonai (Lord and Master), and many more. That's what we think of when we hear His name. But here's a good question: what do people think of when they hear *your* name?

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves."

2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

A. NOTHING

B. MEANING

C. PASSPORT

2. _____ **answer to the wrong name!** Others may try to identify us the wrong way, calling us things we are not. According to God, we are the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. We are a chosen royal priesthood!

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God." **1 Peter 2:9 NIV**

A. JUST

B. PLEASE

C. DON'T

3. **God wants to change our _____!** Look to the Bible for amazing examples of people He has transformed: Abram the Fatherless became Abraham the Father of Many Nations. Sarai the Princess became Sarah the Mother of Many Nations. Jacob the Trickster became Israel the Nation. Simon the Fisherman became Peter, the Rock. And Saul the Persecutor became Paul the World-Traveling Evangelist. It doesn't matter where you are in life: starting now, your name can start to have a whole new meaning!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" **2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV**

A. CLOTHING

B. CURRENCY

C. IDENTITY



MEMORY VERSE:

“You should want a good name more than you want great riches.”
Proverbs 22:1 NIRV

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The Lord is there for you, whatever your need. Below you can find just some of His names we’ve uncovered in the Old Testament!

El Shaddai	_____	Lord God Almighty
El Elyon	_____	The Most High God
Adonai	_____	Lord, Master
Yahweh	_____	Lord, Jehovah
Jehovah Nissi	_____	The Lord My Banner
Jehovah-Raah	_____	The Lord My Shepherd
Jehovah Rapha	_____	The Lord That Heals
Jehovah Shammah	_____	The Lord is There
Jehovah Tsidkenu	_____	The Lord Our Righteousness
Jehovah Mekoddishkem	_____	The Lord Who Sanctifies You
El Olam	_____	The Everlasting God
Elohim	_____	God
Quanna	_____	Jealous
Jehovah Jireh	_____	The Lord Will Provide
Jehovah Shalom	_____	The Lord is Peace
Jehovah Sabaoth	_____	The Lord of Hosts



“WATCH OUT FOR PITFALLS!”

It wouldn't be an adventure if there weren't some risk or danger. That's all part of the excitement! In front of nearly every treasure lurks pitfalls and traps designed to keep you from fortune and glory. You've got to keep on your toes, or you could wind up falling into a dark pit or worse.

Fortunately, there was an adventurer who showed us how to avoid all the nasty traps. Not too long ago, Jesus was walking along in a desert wilderness. He was hungry and tired – but he was smart enough to see some traps up ahead. Right there in the desert, he showed us how to whip temptation!

The story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness gives us some important clues on how to avoid trouble ourselves. We can be tempted in three different ways, but Jesus helps us all by showing us clearly with this story how to sidestep trouble and avoid those nasty pitfalls!



“WATCH OUT FOR PITFALLS!”

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13 NIV



1. **Pitfall Number One** is _____. We have a body and a soul, and sometimes that body wants to do things God isn't pleased with. Sometimes we feel tempted to call people names, think bad thoughts, or do the things we know we shouldn't. Those are the times we need to remember to kill those desires, and live the way He wants us to.

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves."

2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

A. YOURSELF

B. DARTS

C. HOPING

2. **Pitfall Number Two** is _____. We can't be jealous of the things other people have, or think only about the things we don't have. Don't be tempted by materialism!

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God." **1 Peter 2:9 NIV**

A. WORDS

B. STUFF

C. SPIKES

3. **Pitfall Number Three** is _____. Don't be tempted to think you don't need God or others as you journey on this quest!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" **2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV**

A. BOULDERS

B. ACTIONS

C. PRIDE

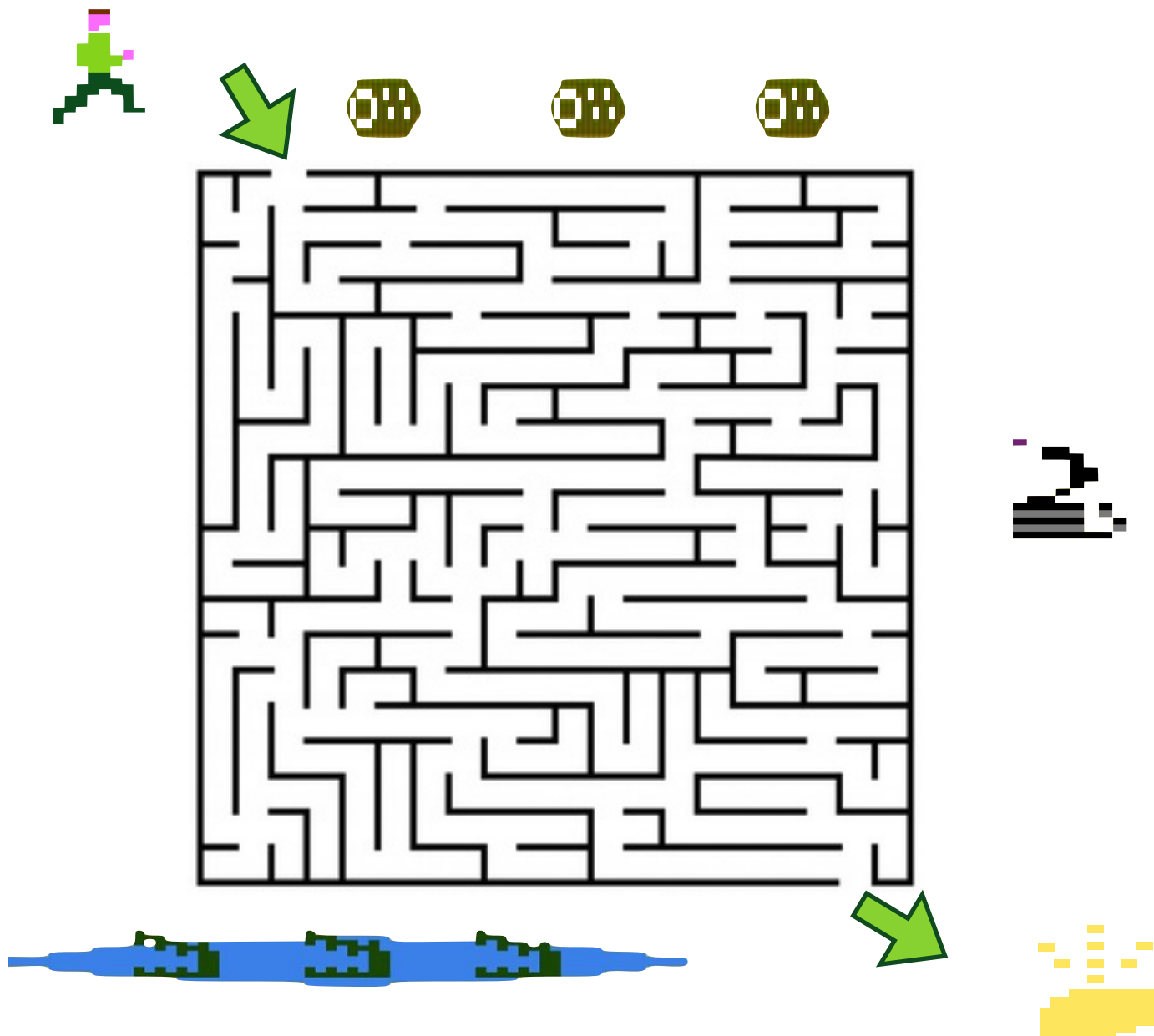


MEMORY VERSE:

“Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted.”

Luke 11:4 NIRV

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“DON’T LOSE HIS PRESENCE”

It has been the subject of movies and the subject of archeologist’s dreams: to find the lost ark. What is the ark? In the Bible, the Ark of the Covenant quite simply was a large, golden and ornate box that contained God’s presence. It was highly important to the people of Israel, handled with extreme care. It was even carried before them into battle.

Yet, over time it vanished. Recorded history doesn’t show a trace of what happened to it. How could something that was so important just disappear?

God’s presence is very important in our lives – we can’t do anything without Him. Just like the Israelites, we could lose sight of what is important if we’re not careful to handle His presence the right way. How do we avoid the fate of the Israelites?

By looking at the contents of the mysterious Ark of the Covenant, we can find important clues in our quest to keep God’s presence in our lives.



“DON’T LOSE HIS PRESENCE”

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.” **Exodus 25:8 NIV**

“Glory and majesty are all around Him. Strength and joy are in the place where He lives.” **1 Chronicles 16:27 NIRV**

“Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.” **Psalms 51:11 NIV**

“Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.” **Psalms 100:2 NKJV**





1. The first thing in the Ark of the Covenant were the _____.

If we want to keep God's presence in our lives, it's a good idea to live in a life that is pleasing to Him. This simple list of laws inside the Ark of the Covenant is a guide to help us keep us on the right path.

"But for all time to come I show love to all those who love me and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:6 NIRV

A. SANKARA STONES B. TEN COMMANDMENTS C. PEACOCK'S EYE

2. The second thing in the Ark of the Covenant was _____.

The staff was a symbol of authority, what was used to lead and guide the people. Giving *that* to God was a big deal – the early Israelites let Him lead the way. If we want to keep God's presence in our lives, we should do the same. Give up that pride, and let the Lord lead you in all your ways.

"The Lord said to Moses, 'Put Aaron's staff back in front of the ark where the tablets of the covenant are kept.'" Numbers 17:10 NIRV

A. AARON'S ROD B. DAVID'S CROWN C. NAOMI'S SPORK

3. The third thing in the Ark of the Covenant was a _____.

This contained manna. This is the miraculous bread that fell from heaven just when it was needed. It is what God used to show His faithfulness to the Israelites. God is our provider, our everything. Trust, and know that He will take care of you. You can live an adventure of faith!

"Be happy with what you have. God has said, 'I will never leave you. I will never desert you.'" Hebrews 13:5 NIRV

A. GOLDEN JAR B. ANCIENT SCROLL C. CRYSTAL SKULL



MEMORY VERSE:

“When you look for me with all your heart, you will find me.”

Jeremiah 29:13 NIRV

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It seems hard to believe, but the Israelites lost sight of what was most important to all of us. What are some ways that we can honor God’s presence in our lives? List a few things you can do at home to keep yourself close to Him:



“YOU CARRY A TREASURE”

In 1947, a young boy adventurer on a quest for fun had discovered something in a cave that stunned the world: The Dead Sea Scrolls. Wrapped up and placed in jars of clay, these words from the Bible were handwritten a few thousand years ago, before Jesus was even born in Bethlehem.

The significance of this discovery was this: reading these scrolls, archeologists discovered that over the course of 2,000 years, the Word of God had not changed one bit. It remained the same as what we read in our Bibles today.

To think, these scrolls had remained in jar of clay, buried in a cave, just waiting to be unearthed. Fortunately, they were discovered – and the Word was shared with the world once more.

Around a hundred years after the Dead Sea Scrolls were first hidden in a cave in Qumran, the Apostle Paul wrote something interesting. He wrote in the book of 2 Corinthians that we ourselves are all simple jars of clay. He added that like the ones found by this young boy, we contain gifts, treasures and the unchanging Word of God.

The question is, will you keep these hidden and buried away for years and years? Or will you share them with the world?



“YOU CARRY A TREASURE”

Treasure is kept in clay jars. In the same way, we have the treasure of the good news in these earthly bodies of ours. That shows that the mighty power of the good news comes from God. It doesn't come from us.

We are pushed hard from all sides. But we are not beaten down. We are bewildered. But that doesn't make us lose hope. Others make us suffer. But God does not desert us. We are knocked down. But we are not knocked out. We always carry around the death of Jesus in our bodies. In that way, the life of Jesus can be shown in our bodies.

We who are alive are always in danger of death because we are serving Jesus. So his life can be shown in our earthly bodies. Death is at work in us. But life is at work in you.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12 NIRV



1. We are all _____ of clay. We are simple in creation, but designed by God for a specific purpose and calling.

“Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay. You are the potter. Your hands made all of us.” Isaiah 64:8 NIRV

A. SHARDS

B. JARS

C. BATS

2. Inside our jars are _____. These are gifts, put there to help others. Imagine a jar or treasure chest filled with treasure, but just sitting there buried in the dirt, never going anywhere! Archeologists find buried treasures all over the world, but we should never bury *our* gifts and talents.

“We all have gifts. They differ in keeping with the grace that God has given each of us.” Romans 12:6 NIV

A. CAMELS

B. TALENTS

C. CHURCHES

3. Inside our jars is the _____. It is a treasure and the most valuable message ever sent, one that should be shared with everyone we can.

“Treasure is kept in clay jars. In the same way, we have the treasure of the good news in these earthly bodies of ours.” 2 Corinthians 4:7 NIRV

A. WORD

B. GOLD

C. WATER



MEMORY VERSE:

“Treasure is kept in clay jars. In the same way, we have the treasure of the good news in these earthly bodies of ours.”

2 Corinthians 4:7 NIRV

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You have God’s message of love inside you! Don’t keep it buried or hidden. What are some ways that you can share His love with the world?



“THE QUEST FOR THE LOST ARK”

It is the most sought after of Biblical treasures and also one of the most mysterious. There are claims that it has been spotted in the Caves at Qumran, seen beneath the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, hidden within an Orthodox Church in Axum, Ethiopia - or buried in a sandstorm near Tanis, Egypt. Yet we know very little about the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant, despite the excavating of archeologists all over the world. The recovery of the lost Ark would be the greatest archaeological discovery of all time.

What is the Ark? In the simple terms, it was God's presence amongst the Israelites. The Ark was a box made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold, carried by two long bars. It rested in the Tabernacle within the sacred, innermost area called the Holy of Holies, but it also traveled with them into battles against the enemy.

God's presence was important. The Ark led Joshua and the Israelites across the River Jordan and around the walls of Jericho. It was hugely important to King David, the high priests and later kings of Israel. Yet, over time, it vanished without a trace.

Before we point fingers at the Israelites for their lack of concern over losing the Ark of the Covenant, how have you yourself treated God's presence in your life? Do you still need God to lead you and guide you - and is He in the innermost places of your heart? Or have other things entered your life to the point that you aren't quite sure where He is anymore?

The Ark of the Covenant may not be found in our lifetime, but God's presence can always be found. Knock and the door shall be opened, and invite God back into the innermost area of your heart.





FOLLOW THE PATH OF LIGHT!

The treasure inside you is a message of light for all the world. God doesn't want anyone to perish, and He wants you to be in Heaven with Him. If that's something you want as well, the path is simple!

First, admit you're not perfect. We've all sinned. Paul told us, **"It is written, 'No one is right with God, no one at all.'"** (Romans 3:10 NIRV)

Put another way, everyone has made a wrong turn. We may not be sinister villains, but the Bible tells us that all have sinned. That's everyone! We've all done things that God isn't pleased with, and found ourselves going in a bad direction. We're way off course without Him!

The bad news is this: **"When you sin, the pay you get is death."** (Romans 6:23 NIRV)

Uh-oh. Sin is the road to destruction. In the book of Romans, Paul shows us God's law. He shows us the price we have to pay when we do those things we know God doesn't want. And unfortunately, it is a very high price.

But here's where things get better. Much better! You see, Someone else paid that price. Our Bible tells us, **"But here is how God has shown His love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."** (Romans 5:8 NIRV)

You read that right! Someone had to pay the price for us to find our way. His name is Jesus. He didn't have to do it, but Jesus showed His love for us by paying for the wages of sin. He died for our sins!

It's a good thing God allows us to change directions! Paul told us, **"We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. That happens to all who believe."** (Romans 3:22 NIRV)

Never think it is too late to turn things around. God is there, waiting for you to change your path, and head His way.

So set a new course, and make a right turn! **"Say with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord.' Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved."** (Romans 10:9 NIRV)

It's simple to do. Follow Jesus, our ultimate Hero and Savior, and find yourself on the right path to a new heavenly destination!



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