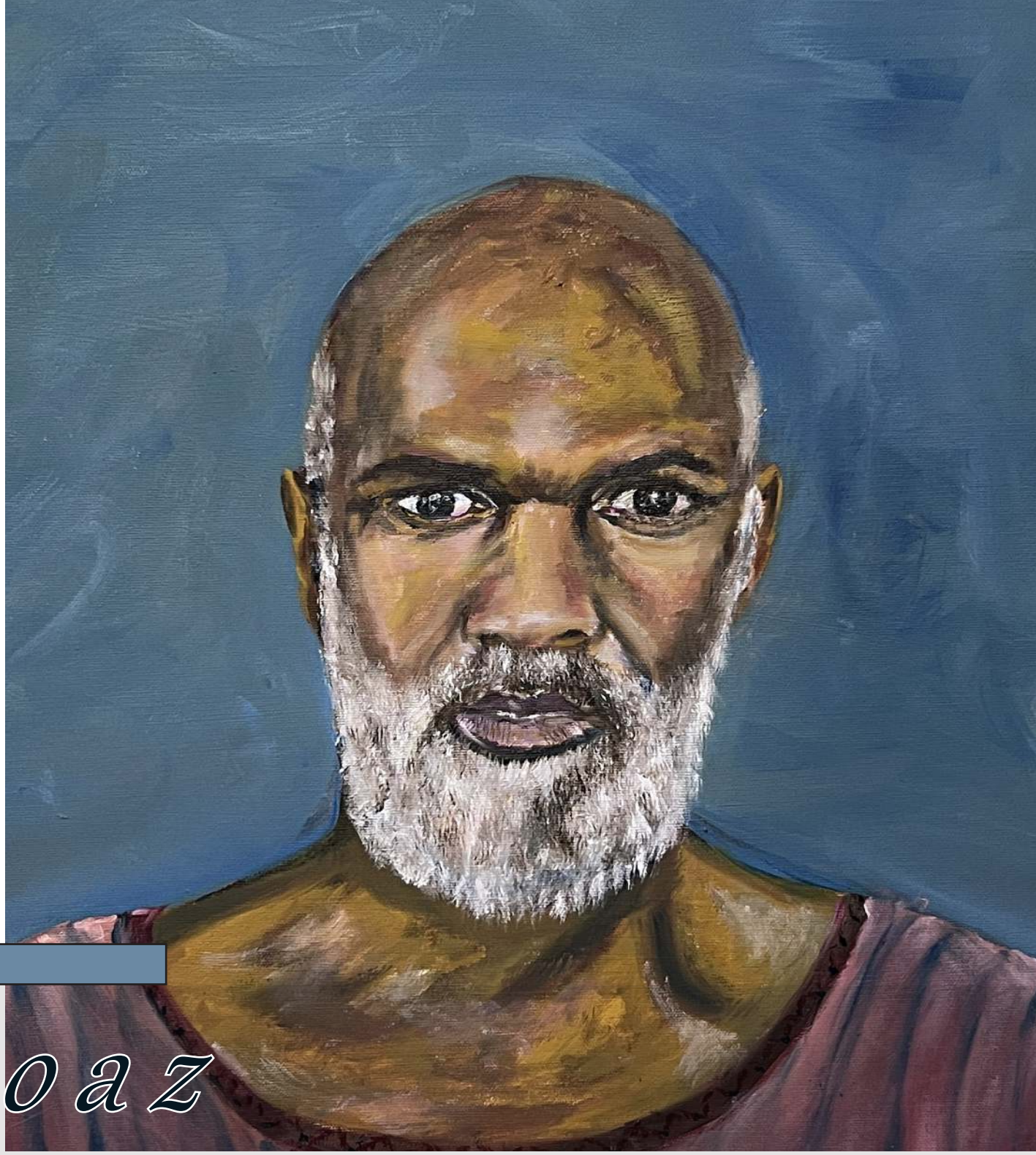


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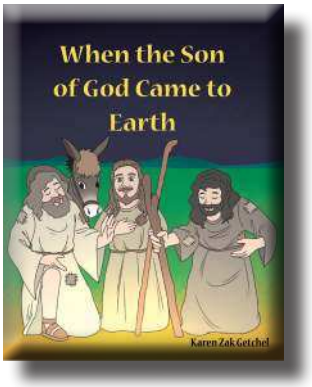
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Elisha



From Fields to Miracles: The Story of Elisha

Imagine walking down a dusty road with the summer heat beating down on you. Up ahead, you see a man in a simple robe. He's not surrounded by guards or servants, and he carries nothing but a walking stick. At first, nothing about him seems unusual—but as he draws nearer, you recognize him from the stories you've heard.

This man is a prophet of the living God! Everywhere he goes, tales of miracles seem to follow in his wake—miraculously feeding one hundred men (2 Kings 4:42–44), saving a widow from debt by blessing her with a jar of oil that would not run out (2 Kings 4:1–7), and praying to God so that a child would be raised from the dead (2 Kings 4:8–37). He is Elisha—one of the most faithful prophets in all Israel. Despite his humble appearance, he was indeed full of power. But his power didn't come from being a king, commanding an army, or building great cities. His power was invisible to the eye, yet far more meaningful—because its source was not human strength, but the Word of God.

Elisha faithfully allowed God's will to guide his life so that he could, in turn, bring God's Word to those who needed it most. He showed no favoritism. It didn't matter whether someone was a king in a palace or a widow with nothing—Elisha treated each with the same care, delivering the message and help that God desired them to have.

Who Was Elisha?

Where did this humble man of God come from? The Bible tells us that he was called by God. In 1 Kings 19:19–21, Elijah went out to seek Elisha and found him plowing in his father's fields with twelve teams of oxen. As Elisha drove the last team by, Elijah threw his mantle over him. This was Elijah's call to Elisha, to leave his work and family behind and become a prophet of God. It was a great honor for Elisha to be chosen by God to speak His words and perform His works for the people of Israel.

It was not without cost, though. After receiving the mantle, in 1 Kings 19:20, Elisha asked to go back and say goodbye to his mother and father. Elijah allowed this, but reminded him that a great honor had been given to him. As with all of God's servants, Elisha would have to be careful not to let earthly attachments hold him back from doing the will of God.

So Elisha returned home—but not for long. He cut up his wooden plow for firewood and prepared a farewell feast. The smell of roasting meat from the sacrificed oxen filled the air. The household gathered, perhaps surprised at this sudden and costly celebration. Elisha shared the meal freely, showing that he was leaving nothing behind to come back to. His old life was finished. Then, with the feast over, he left his father's farm to follow Elijah.

Elisha went on to serve God with Elijah faithfully for many years, no doubt growing in faith and loyalty to God throughout that time. Finally, the day came when God would take Elijah away, and Elisha would step into the role of being God's prophet in Israel.

Receiving a Double Portion (2 Kings 2:1–15)

After crossing over the Jordan River, Elijah turned to Elisha and asked, "What shall I do for you, before I am taken from you?" (2 Kings 2:9). You might think Elisha would ask for extra food, more money, a horse, or something else to make the work of a prophet a little easier. But Elisha knew, from his faith, that God would provide all those things as they were needed. Instead, he asked, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

Why would Elisha ask for this? In ancient Israel, the "double portion" of an inheritance was given to the oldest son in the family (Deut 21:15-17). By asking this, Elisha was showing the close relationship that had developed between Elijah and himself, like a son to a father. Since God had already called Elisha to follow in Elijah's footsteps, Elisha knew the responsibility of being God's prophet to Israel would soon rest entirely on him. What would he need most? The spirit of faithfulness and dedication to God that would help him speak God's word, even when it wasn't popular or well received.

It can be very hard to live differently from those around us, but God's people are called to be set apart—see Leviticus 20:26 and Romans 12:2. Many of God's prophets in the Old Testament, and many believers in the Gospel Age, have held to God's standard of righteousness even when it cost them popularity, money, or friends. They stayed faithful not because they were strong-willed or stubborn, but because they received the Spirit of God in their hearts.





When we have the holy Spirit from God within us, we have strength and courage—even when we don't feel strong or brave. We can have peace, knowing that God will help us through every trial and difficulty. If we are going to stay faithful to God, even when He asks us to do hard things, that is what we need most of all. That's the kind of "superpower" that never runs out, helping us live courageously for God no matter what we face.

A Moment Elisha Would Never Forget

Elijah's response to Elisha was, "This is a very hard thing you've asked for. But if you see me taken away, it will be done for you." They continued walking and talking, but before long, it happened. Suddenly, a chariot of fire, pulled by fiery horses, appeared racing between them. Before Elisha could even speak, Elijah was lifted into the sky by a whirlwind and disappeared from sight. Dust swirled in the air. The only sound was the pounding of Elisha's own heartbeat. In his hands lay Elijah's mantle—the same one thrown over his shoulders years earlier while plowing the field.

Elijah was gone, but God was still with Elisha. He had witnessed Elijah taken away, and now, with the "double portion" of Elijah's spirit, Elisha would step forward to do the work God had given him—trusting the same power and walking in the same faith.

The Faith of the Captive Child (2 Kings 5:1–14)

One of the greatest examples of God's power working through Elisha is the healing of Naaman. Naaman was not an Israelite, but the commander of the Syrian army, the enemy of Israel. He had everything he could have wished for: success in battle, high rank in the army, the respect of important people, and a reputation for bravery. In fact, 2 Kings 5:1 tells us that God had even given him victory in battle over Israel. But there was one thing he did not have—good health. Naaman was a leper, suffering

from a disease that would slowly disfigure and eventually kill him.

God was about to show Naaman His power, using perhaps the most unlikely person to deliver the blessing of healing. On one of the Syrian army's raids into Israel, they had captured a little girl and carried her away from her home and family. She became a servant in Naaman's household. It's hard to imagine the loneliness she must have felt—but her faith in God remained strong. Even more, she had a heart of love, not bitterness, toward her captors. Instead of cursing Naaman out of bitterness in his leprosy, she shared the key to her faith so that he might be healed.

In 2 Kings 5:3, she told Naaman's wife, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." God used the words of this faithful young servant to begin a miracle that would reveal His glory and mercy. Hearing of the prophet in Israel who could heal him, Naaman—once the conqueror—was now the one seeking help. With a letter from the king of Syria himself, Naaman prepared to set out on the journey from Syria to Israel.

The sound of clattering hooves echoed through the streets as Naaman's chariot rolled forward. Servants loaded gifts—silver, gold, and fine clothes—onto pack animals. Soldiers rode alongside, their armor gleaming in the sun. Naaman sat tall, but inside, perhaps he felt a mixture of hope and uncertainty. Would a prophet from a nation he had defeated really heal him? Still, the little girl's words must have been running through his mind on repeat, and so the commander pressed on toward the land of Israel.

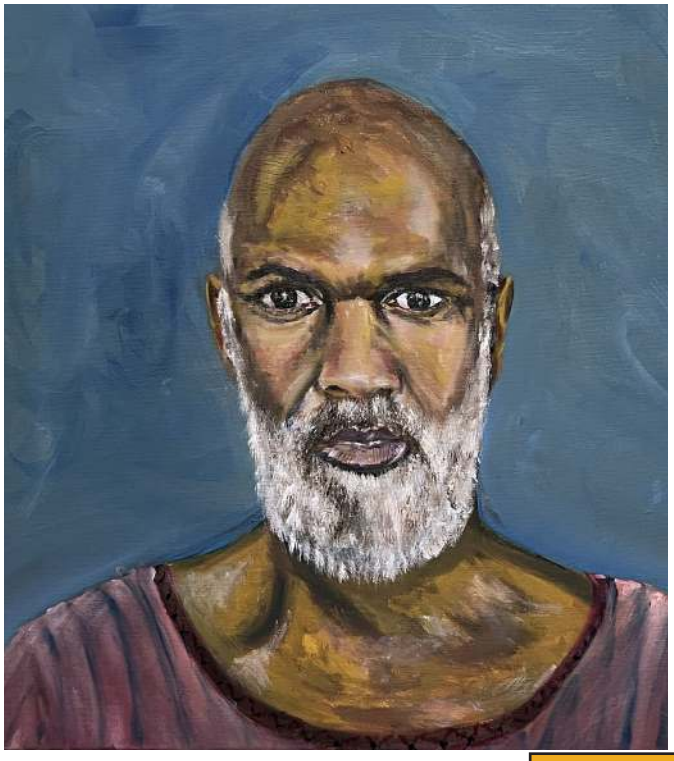
The King's Lack of Faith

The king of Israel, however, did not share the faith of the little servant girl who had been taken captive to Syria. When Naaman arrived at the palace and handed him the letter from the king of Syria, the king did not rejoice that his enemies were seeking the healing power of the living God. Instead, as we read in 2 Kings 5:7, he panicked. Tearing his clothes in despair, he cried, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

The king wasn't thinking about what God could do for Naaman—only about what he himself could not do. Of course, he could not heal leprosy; only God could. But as he sat in his palace, surrounded by blessings God had allowed him to enjoy, he failed to see the hand of God even as it was all around him.

Things might have ended poorly if Elisha had not heard of Naaman's arrival and request. The prophet sent word to the king, gently rebuking him: "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." Elisha had no hesitation or doubt that God could heal this man—and that confidence made all the difference. Like the servant girl, Elisha had an unshakable faith in God that gave him strength.

When Naaman accepted Elisha's invitation, 2 Kings 5:9 tells us that he gathered his horsemen



and chariots and rode out to the prophet's home. The contrast could not have been greater—Elisha's humble dwelling on one side, and on the other, the parade of soldiers and chariots announcing the arrival of a powerful general. It was a vivid picture of the difference between trusting in God's power and trusting in the power of men.

Naaman was used to seeing his army and chariots as symbols of his strength—tools to bend the world to his will. Perhaps he thought, "If the king of Israel and this prophet see the power I command, they will surely be impressed—or intimidated—into granting me the healing I need."

Elisha, however, possessed a far greater power than any earthly force. He didn't need to parade his miracles or seek the approval of men. His quiet confidence came from a deep trust in God and firsthand experience of how God moves in human lives. Secure in the love and affirmation of the true and living God, Elisha had no need for the applause of the world.

Naaman's Instructions

When Naaman's impressive military parade arrived at Elisha's door, the prophet was neither intimidated nor impressed. Instead of greeting Naaman personally, Elisha sent a messenger with simple instructions: "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean" (2 Kings 5:10).

This was the healing Naaman needed—and it could be obtained so easily! Just wash in the Jordan River. But Naaman was furious. First, Elisha had not even come out to meet him. As a man of high rank, Naaman expected honor and personal attention. Second, the instructions seemed insulting. Why wash in the small, muddy Jordan when Syria had larger, cleaner rivers? Naaman had pictured Elisha waving his



hands, chanting, or calling down God's power from heaven—some grand display to match the seriousness of his condition and the stature of his office.

But Elisha was showing him that God's power doesn't depend on human spectacle to be real. In a way, it's like our modern obsession with social media. We feel the need to post pictures and updates for approval, focusing on appearances while neglecting deeper relationships. God doesn't work like that. He doesn't seek to impress; He yearns for our hearts—whether we're a captive servant girl, a farmer like Elisha was when God called him, or even a diseased general from a foreign army.

Naaman's problem was that he thought miracles had to be grand and ceremonial. That's human thinking—believing something is important only if we make a big event out of it and lots of people see us in the middle of it. But in God's view, no such showmanship is needed. His power can be displayed at any time or any place that suits His purposes. The key to faith is not where or how something happens, but whether we humbly obey. God's power works through simple obedience, not through pomp and display.

Are we willing to follow God's way instead of our own? When His plan leads us somewhere we wouldn't choose, do we argue and resist, or do we trust His wisdom as greater than ours? If we choose humble obedience, we can see His hand in everything—both in blessings and in trials. In hardship, His presence brings peace. In deliverance, His love brings joy.

Naaman nearly missed God's power altogether. Angrily preparing to leave, he was stopped by his servants, who reasoned with him: "If the prophet had told you to do some great thing, wouldn't you have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be clean'?" (2 Kings 5:13). They were in effect saying, "What do you have to lose by following the prophets' instructions?"

Finally, Naaman relented. We can imagine the tension as an angry Naaman stepped into the Jordan, dipped himself once… twice… until the seventh time—when, as 2 Kings 5:14 says, "his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." The relief and joy that follow would have overwhelmed those watching, and Naaman himself.

Naaman's story reminds us: God's answers may not come the way we expect—but if we humbly submit to His word, we will see His hand at work as it reveals His power and mercy in our lives.

Elisha: A Life of Faith and Action

The life of Elisha offers lessons that are deep and meaningful, yet still within reach for anyone walking with God, no matter their age or experience. His example of faith is not remarkable because of personal greatness or extraordinary power, but because he trusted God completely. Anyone of any age or walk of life can do the same! From the day God called him out of his father's field, through Elijah's departure in the whirlwind, to the healing of Naaman and beyond, Elisha consistently placed God's will above his own. Even as God's power worked miraculously through him, he never became proud or self-important. In his own eyes, he remained simply a humble servant of God.

That same humility is seen in the little maidservant who set this great miracle in motion. To the world, she may have seemed insignificant—just another servant in Naaman's household—but to God, she was precious. She had the courage to speak up about the prophet Elisha, and through her words, Naaman received not only physical healing, but also a testimony of God's glory.

Like her, we can be a blessing in ways we might never imagine. We can reflect God's healing grace, mercy, and love into a broken world. All it takes is the courage to use the opportunities God places before us. Who knows how God might use you today to point someone to Him?



Elisha Heals the Waters of Jericho

Key Verse: *"The men of the city said to Elisha, 'Look, our city is well situated, but the water is bad and the land is unfruitful.' He said, 'Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it.' ... Then he said, 'This is what the Lord says: I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unfruitful.'"* — ***2 Kings 2:19-21***

Let's continue, my dear children, learning about the prophet Elisha... After Elisha received Elijah's mantle and the Spirit of God, he came to the city of Jericho. The men of the city told him, "This city is good, but the water is bad, and the land does not give fruit." Then Elisha asked for something very simple: "Bring me a new bowl with salt." He took the salt, went to the spring, threw it into the water, and said: "This is what the Lord says: I have healed this water."

And from that day on, the water became clean and healthy, and the land gave fruit again.

The bad water represents the things that are broken in our lives: sadness, sin, anger, and disobedience. But when Jesus enters our hearts, He brings healing and cleansing… (Read this little paragraph again and keep it in your mind and heart).

The new bowl and the salt teach us that God wants us to be new creations in Christ, carrying His favor, His joy, and His power to others. Just like Elisha, you too can be an instrument of blessing wherever you are.

Prayer:

"Dear Lord, clean my heart like You cleaned the waters of Jericho. Make me a new child (or young person), full of Your Spirit, so I can share the fruit of love, obedience, and faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen."



Elisha and the Poisoned Stew

Key Verse: *"He said, 'Bring some flour.' He put it into the pot and said, 'Serve it to the people to eat.' And there was nothing harmful in the pot."* — ***2 Kings 4:41***

We have already learned so much about the life of the prophet Elisha, but listen—there is still more… One day, there was a famine in the land, Elisha was with the sons of the prophets in Gilgal. They decided to make a large pot of stew for everyone.

But something happened: one of the young men went out into the field to gather herbs, and without realizing it, he brought back a poisonous plant and put it into the pot. When they began to eat, everyone noticed that the food was bad and cried out, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" Yes, the stew was poisoned… and they could not eat it.

Elisha, trusting in the Lord, asked for some flour and threw it into the pot. Then he said: "Serve it to the people." And a miracle happened: the food became good, and everyone was able to eat safely!

This story teaches us that God takes care of us in everything—even in the food we eat. It also shows us that what is bad can be transformed into something good when we place it in God's hands.

In our lives, sometimes the enemy wants to put bad things in our hearts, like anger, sadness, or bad words. But when we let Jesus come into our lives, He cleans everything bad and turns it into something good and healthy.

Prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank You because You take care of me in every detail. Clean my heart from all that is bad and fill it with Your love and goodness. Make my life like healthy food that nourishes others. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen."



Elisha and the Floating Axe

Key Verse: *"The man of God asked, 'Where did it fall?' When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float." — 2 Kings 6:6*

My dear child, pay close attention to this story in the life of the prophet Elisha… On one occasion, the sons of the prophets told Elisha that the place where they lived was too small, and they wanted to build a bigger place near the Jordan River. They began to cut wood, and while one of them was working, his axe fell—the iron part sank into the water!

The young man was very worried because the axe was borrowed, so he ran to Elisha and told him what had happened. Elisha, the prophet of God, asked him where it had fallen. Then Elisha cut a stick, threw it into the water, and miraculously, the iron axe floated!

The young man was able to take it back, and this taught them—and us—that God cares even about the smallest problems in our lives.

My little friend, God is not only concerned with great miracles. He also cares about the small details that trouble us. The Lord is love, and just as He made an axe float, He can also help you with your homework, at school, at home, and in things that may seem impossible or unimportant.

Never forget: "We can trust that the Lord always takes care of us."

Prayer:

"Lord, thank You because You take care of me in the big things and also in the small ones. Help me to trust You in every detail of my life, knowing that You are powerful and You love me. In the name of Jesus, Amen."



Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

Key Verse: *"They will eat and have some left over." — 2 Kings 4:43*

One day, a man came to the prophet Elisha and brought him an offering: twenty barley loaves from the first ripe fruits of his harvest, and a little fresh grain to present to the prophet. It was a time of famine, and Elisha was in Gilgal. It was a gesture of gratitude to God. Elisha said to his servant, "Give this food to the people so they may eat."

The servant answered in surprise, "How can I set this before a hundred men? It's too little!" But Elisha said, "This is what the Lord says, 'They will eat and have some left over.'"

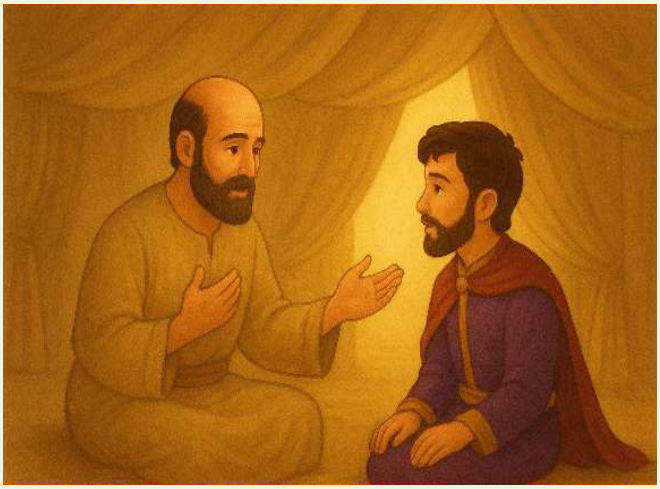
And that's exactly what happened. They all ate, and there was still food left over, because when God blesses, the little becomes much.

Dear child, sometimes we think what we have is too little—our time, our talents, our strength. But in God's hands, the little is multiplied and is enough to bless many.

Never think that what you can give to God is too small. He rejoices in His heart when we give with love, and He multiplies it. Always remember this teaching: "Never think that what you can give to God is too small."

Prayer:

"Lord, I want to give You the little I have, because I know You can multiply it. Make my life a blessing to many people. Thank You because You always provide more than we need. In the name of Jesus, Amen."



Elisha and Hazael--God Fulfills His Purpose

Key Verse: *"I know everything that is in your heart." — 2 Kings 8:12*

One day, the prophet Elisha traveled to the city of Damascus. There, the king of Syria, Ben-Hadad, was very sick. He had heard about the great miracles God had done through Elisha, so he sent his servant Hazael with many gifts to ask the prophet if he would recover from his illness.

When Hazael arrived, he found Elisha. The prophet looked at him carefully and suddenly began to weep. Surprised, Hazael asked, "Why are you crying, my lord?" Elisha answered, "Because I know the evil you will do to Israel… and I also know that you will become the king of Syria."

God had shown Elisha that although Hazael seemed humble at that moment, one day his heart would be filled with pride and cruelty when he became king. And everything happened just as God had said, showing that the Lord knows every heart and always fulfills His purpose, even in difficult times.

Remember this, dear child: sometimes people may look kind and good on the outside, but God sees beyond appearances. He looks at our hearts, our thoughts, and our true intentions. That's why we should always ask the Lord to cleanse our hearts and help us do what is right before Him.

The life of the prophet Elisha teaches us to trust in God's wisdom, because He sees what we cannot see. Even when things seem confusing or unfair, God has a perfect plan, and He always fulfills it for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Prayer:

"Dear Lord, thank You because You know my heart and my thoughts. Help me to be honest, humble, and obedient. Teach me to trust in Your plans, even when I don't understand them. May I serve You with joy and always do what pleases You. In Jesus' name, Amen."



Elishaand the Arrows of Faith

Key Verse: *"Then he said, 'Take the arrows… Strike the ground.' So he struck the ground three times and stopped." — 2 Kings 13:18*

Now we come to the Bible story where the prophet Elisha was very sick, and everyone knew that his time on Earth was almost over. Even so, King Joash of Israel went to visit him. The king was very sad and cried when he saw Elisha so weak, because he knew that Elisha had been a great servant of God, and that many times, through his prayers, the Lord had helped Israel.

But even in his sickness, Elisha gave the king one last lesson. He told him, "Take a bow and some arrows." The king obeyed. Then Elisha said, "Open the window toward the east."

When the king did, Elisha placed his hands over the king's hands and said, "Shoot the arrow." The king obeyed, and Elisha explained, "This is the Lord's arrow of victory over Syria."

After that, the prophet told the king to take the arrows and strike the ground. The King obeyed again and struck the ground three times—but then he stopped. Elisha said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times! Then you would have completely defeated your enemies. But now you will only win a few times."

Elisha wanted to teach him that he needed faith and perseverance—that when God gives us something to do, we must do it with all our heart and not give up.

Let's learn from this: sometimes children (and adults too) do things just to obey, but without giving their whole heart. God wants us to do everything with faith, enthusiasm, and love.

If we pray, serve, study, or help others, let's do it with joy and trust in the Lord!

Elisha shows us that true faith doesn't stop halfway. God wants us to keep believing and obeying until the end, because He always fulfills His promises.

Prayer:

"Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for teaching me to obey You with all my heart. Please increase my faith so that I never give up. Help me do everything with joy, love, and trust in You. I want to keep believing and obeying as You teach me in Your Word. In Jesus' name, amen."

Young Chef

Grilled Cheese





Bryant is from New Mexico, USA and he is 11 years old.

His favorite thing to cook is a Grilled Cheese Sandwich.



Ingredients:

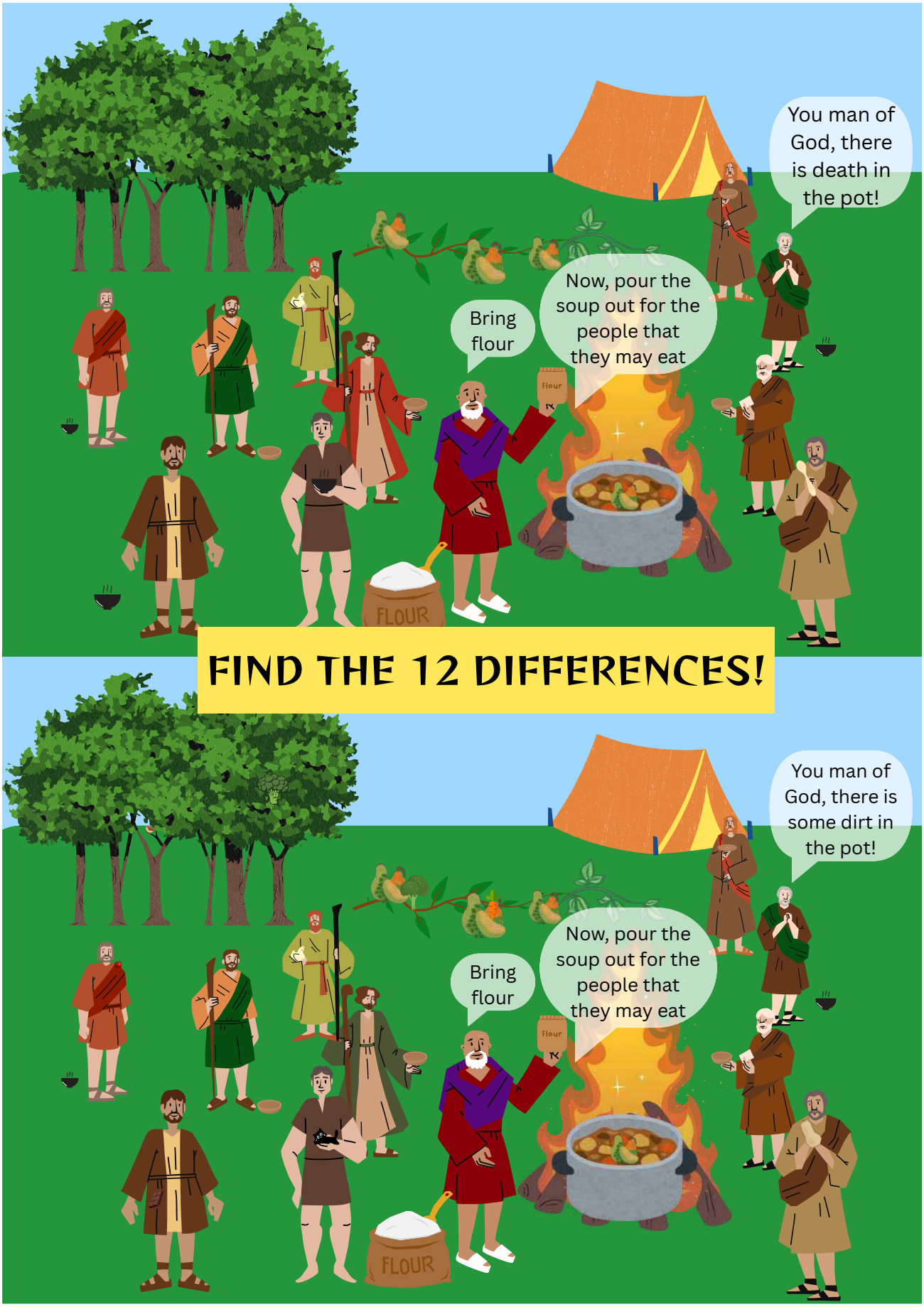
- Sliced bread
- Butter
- Cheese

Preparation:

1. First, you butter the bread on one side.
2. Then (before turning on the heat to the pan), you put one piece of the bread into the pan. Make sure the buttered side is on bottom touching the pan, and the plain side is facing up.
3. Then put a piece of cheese on top of the plain side. Then put the other piece of bread on top of the cheese, butter side facing up.
4. Then turn on the heat to the pan.
5. Use a spatula or tongs to flip the grilled cheese often, to get both sides toasted but not burnt, and the cheese melted in the middle.
6. Then take it out of the pan, and put it on a plate, and let it cool down for one or two minutes.

Then it's ready to eat! Enjoy!



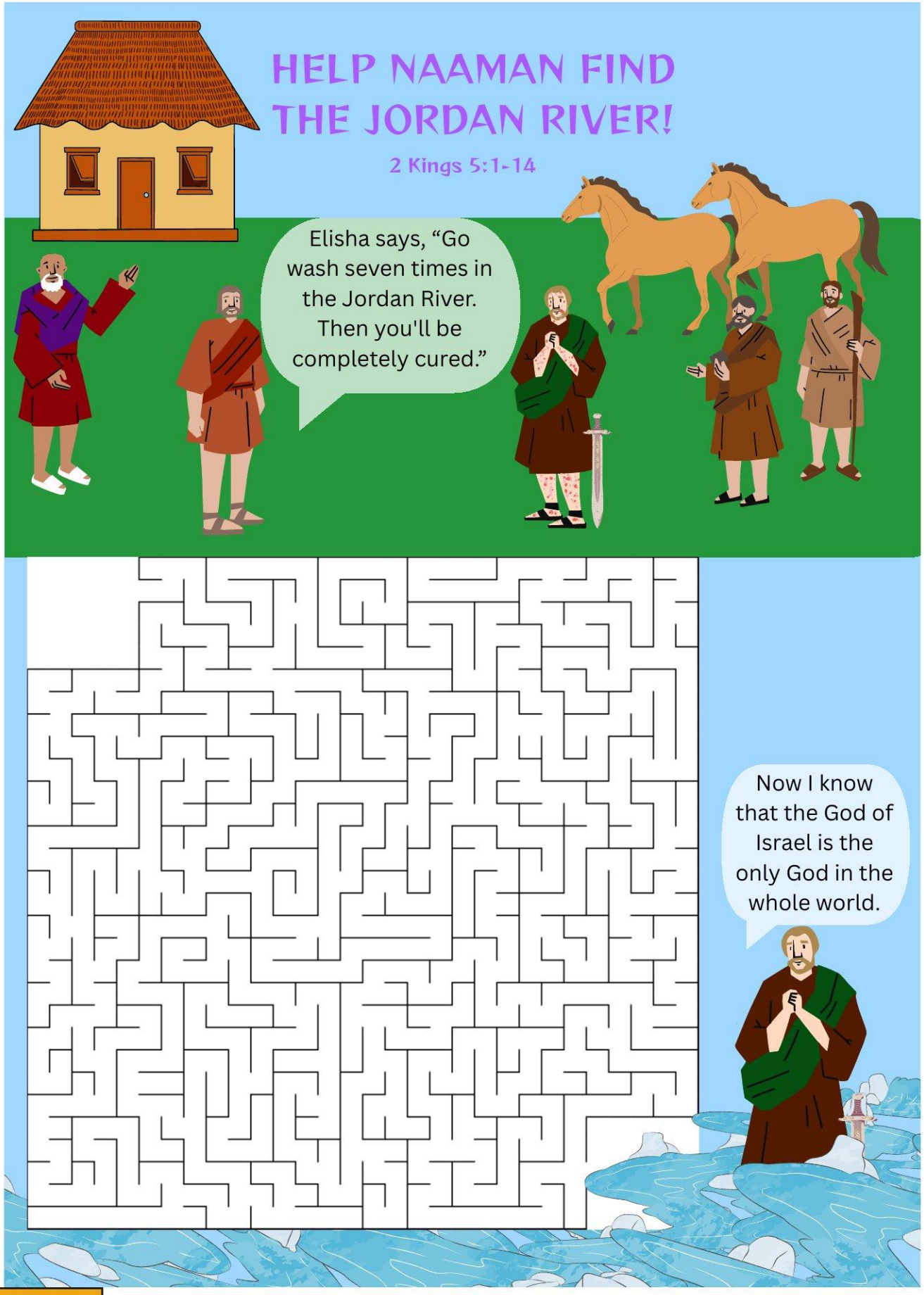

You man of God, there is death in the pot!
Now, pour the soup out for the people that they may eat
Bring flour
Flour
FLOUR
FIND THE 12 DIFFERENCES!
You man of God, there is some dirt in the pot!
Now, pour the soup out for the people that they may eat
Bring flour
Flour
FLOUR

Find the Hidden Objects



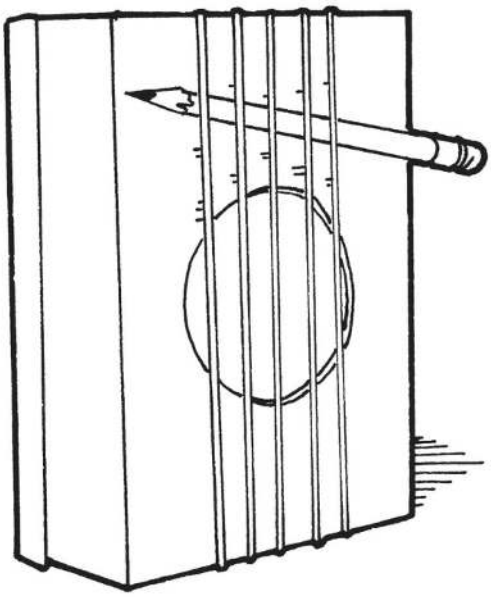





HELP NAAMAN FIND THE JORDAN RIVER!
2 Kings 5:1-14
Elisha says, “Go wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then you'll be completely cured.”
Now I know that the God of Israel is the only God in the whole world.

Discovery Activity # 17

Can you make this KID COOL "shoe box" guitar?





What you need:

1. A large shoe box
2. Five super large rubber bands
3. A long pencil - even better when not sharpened!
4. An adult to cut out the hole (VERY dangerous!)
5. A piece of duct tape
6. Safety goggles

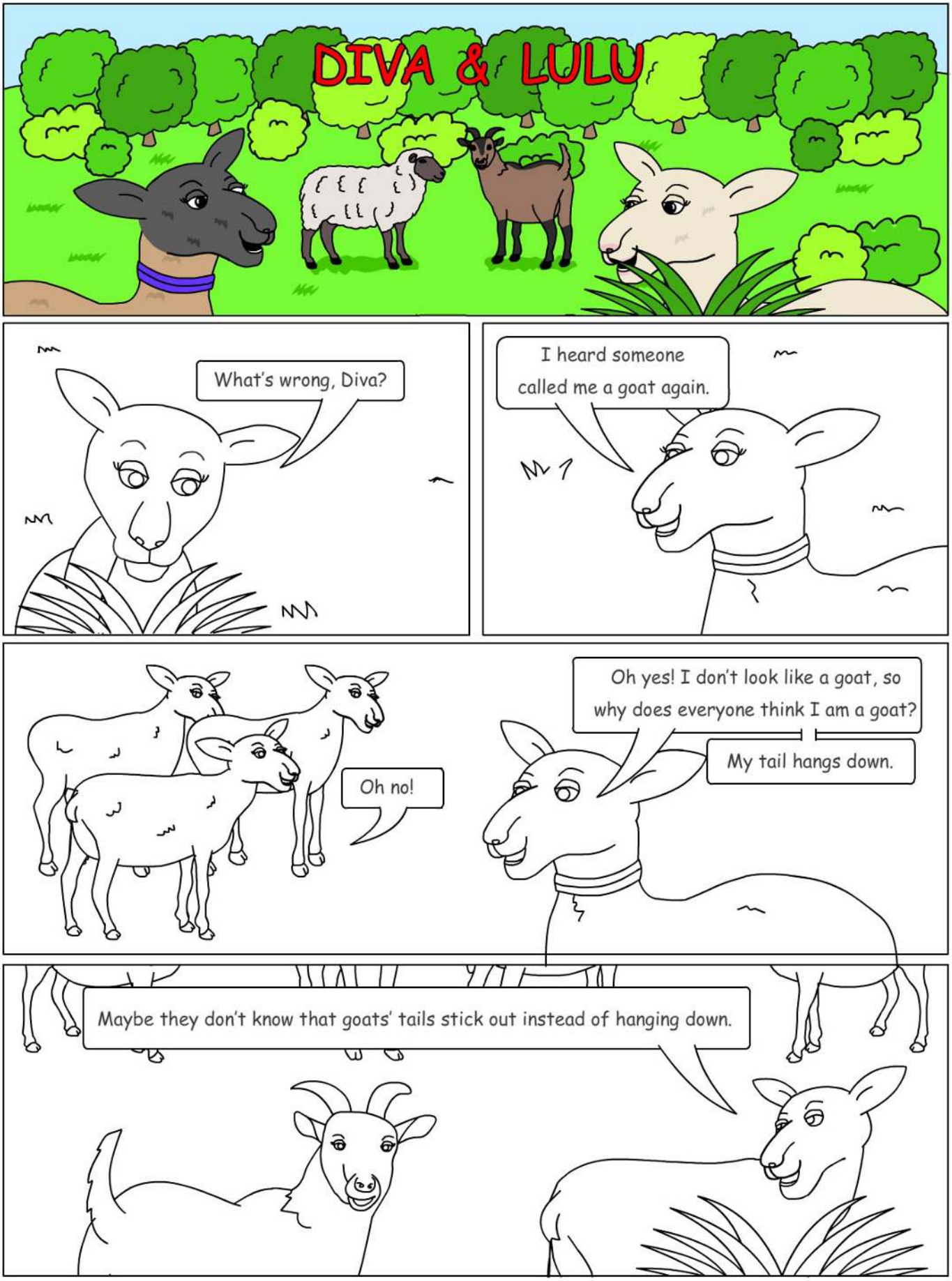
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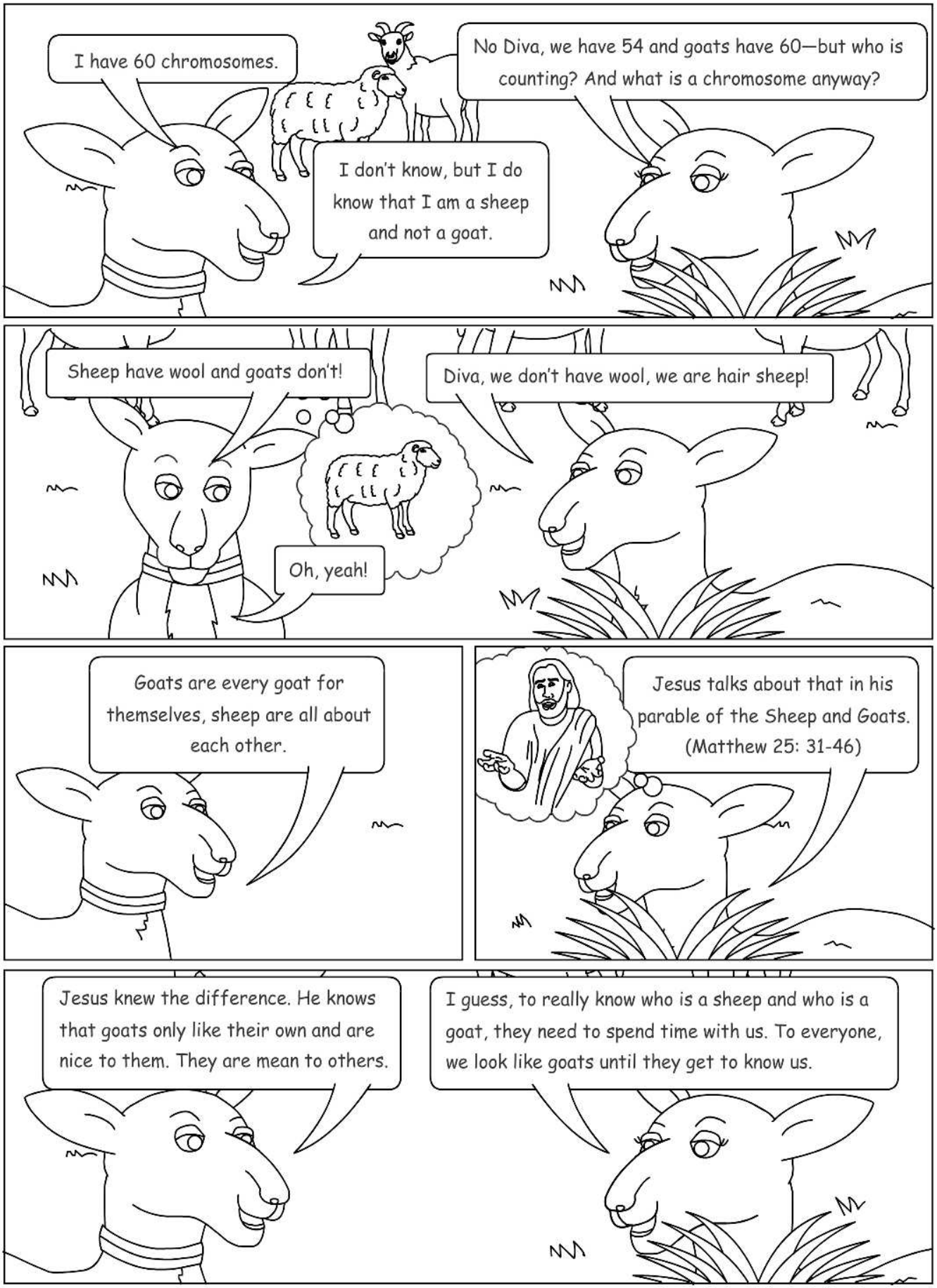
1. Have an adult cut out a large hole in the box as shown.
2. Wrap the five large rubber bands around the box – lengthwise.
3. Tuck the (unsharpened) pencil underneath the rubber bands as shown.
4. You could duct tape the pencil on one end to the box for easier control
5. Strum the rubber bands back and forth with your fingers.
6. Experiment with the sounds and various pitches!
7. Move the pencil back and forth and see if you can change the pitch.

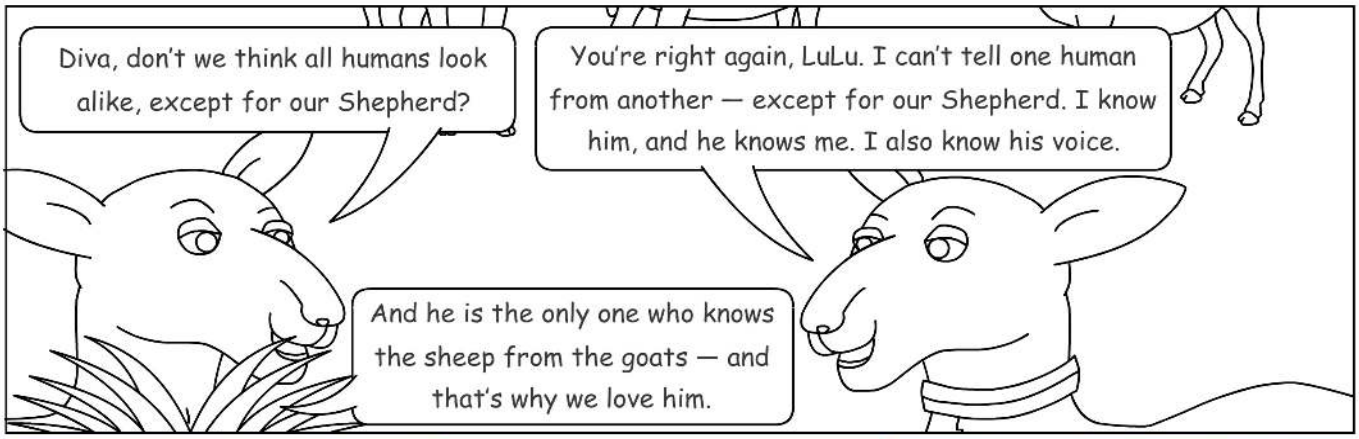
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You should hear different notes like the sounds of a musical instrument. McWizKid music!

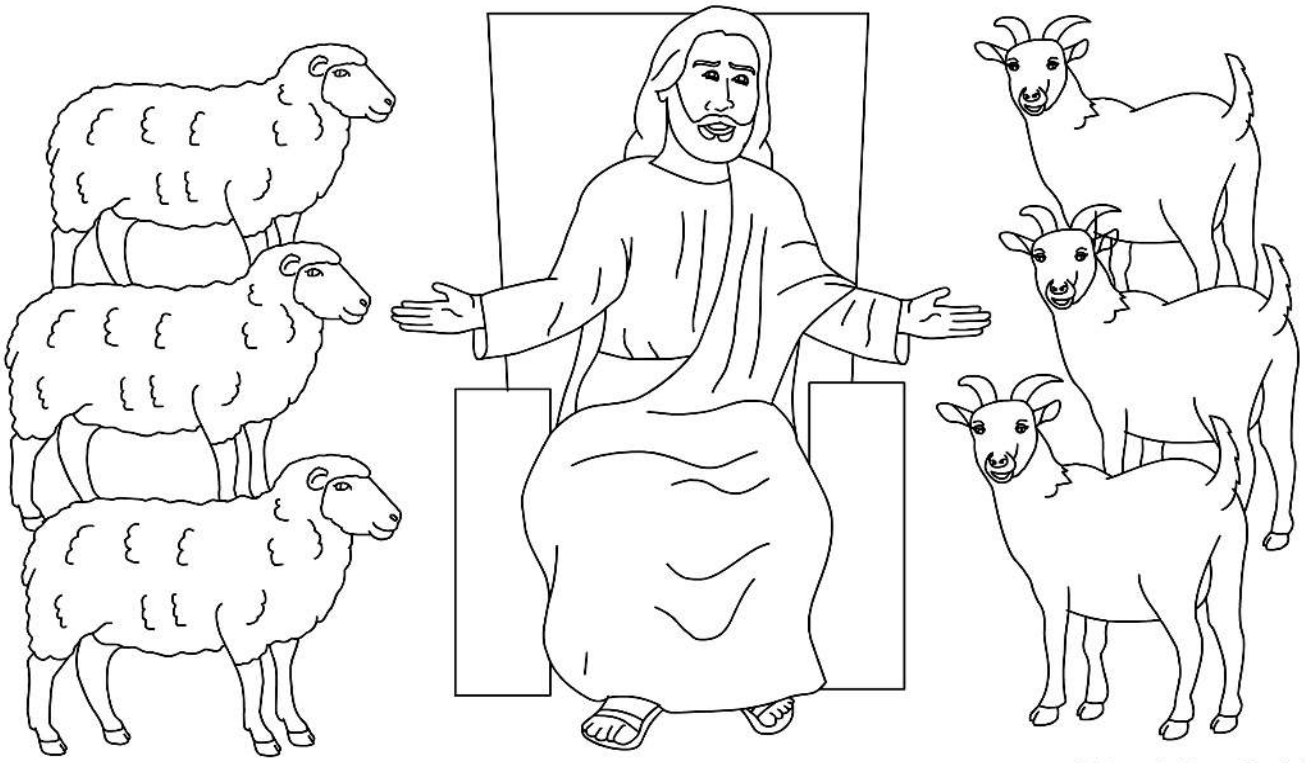
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DIVA & LULU
What's wrong, Diva?
I heard someone called me a goat again.
Oh no!
Oh yes! I don't look like a goat, so why does everyone think I am a goat?
My tail hangs down.
Maybe they don't know that goats' tails stick out instead of hanging down.


I have 60 chromosomes.
No Diva, we have 54 and goats have 60—but who is counting? And what is a chromosome anyway?
I don't know, but I do know that I am a sheep and not a goat.
Sheep have wool and goats don't!
Diva, we don't have wool, we are hair sheep!
Oh, yeah!
Goats are every goat for themselves, sheep are all about each other.
Jesus talks about that in his parable of the Sheep and Goats. (Matthew 25: 31-46)
Jesus knew the difference. He knows that goats only like their own and are nice to them. They are mean to others.
I guess, to really know who is a sheep and who is a goat, they need to spend time with us. To everyone, we look like goats until they get to know us.







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May God bless each of you for your questions. I recieved a great blessing in searching the Scriptures with you.

Miss Molly

Ask Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why is the Church called the Bride of Christ?

Shreya
Age 10, Alabama, USA

Hi Shreya, let's go to the Scriptures to find the answer.

The Church is identified as the Bride, in **Ephesians 5:25-27**, which compares Christ's love for the Church, to a husband's love for his wife.

The Church as the Bride of Christ shows a relationship of intimate love and faithfulness.

The Holy Word is the Bible.

The Bride remains pure for her Bridegroom (Christ), their **spiritual** marriage, characterized by Faith, Holiness, and submission to Him as the Head of the Church.

This involves an intimate relationship with Jesus, commitment to spiritual growth, praying, and scripture study, and living a life of love, devotion, and good works, asking forgiveness of our sins daily, asking to be Washed in the Blood of Jesus.

1 John 1:9, Matthew 6:12: forgive our debts (sins).

May God Bless your Day.

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

When the water turned to blood, what were the people drinking?



Shaban
Age 7, Kenya

Shaban,

I have wondered about this question also, let's go together to the Bible, and find the answer.

Exodus 7:24 "So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink."

Egyptians drank groundwater, they dug from along the Nile, to get drinking water.

Thank you for such a good question.

May God Bless your Day,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Why was Moses hiding in the basket, then placed in the river?



Alvin
Age 7 Kenya

Hi Alvin, let's go to the Scriptures.

Exodus 1:7-10 tells us that there was a New King over Egypt. He said, "The children of Israel are more and mightier than we, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in event of war, they also will join our enemies, and fight against us."

Exodus 1:15-16— The Pharoah told the midwives for the Hebrew women, when they would see them on the birthstool, if the child is a son, then you shall kill him.

Exodus 1:22—"Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, 'Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive'"

Moses' mother put him in the basket to save his life, hoping that someone would find and save him.

Exodus 2:2-10

Thank you for the question.

May God Bless your Day,

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

What did Pharaoh do to Moses when Moses' snake swallowed his snakes?



Brighton Age 7, Kenya

Hi Brighton,

Let's look at **Exodus 7:8-13.**

Verse 11—Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers, so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments

Verse 12— They threw down their staffs, which also became serpents! But then Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Verse 13— Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

"This was a Miracle from GOD." Pharaoh did not do anything to harm Moses, but he did not listen to Moses or obey God.

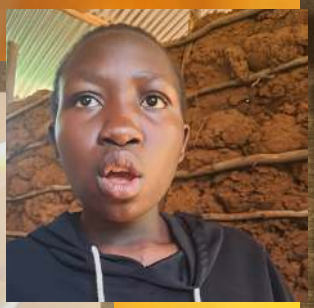
Thank you for your question, May God Bless your Day.

Miss Molly

Dear Miss Molly,

Where did the Israelites go from Egypt?

Ivyne
Age 13, Kenya



Hi Ivyne,

Exodus 15:22-26 tells us that Israel went into the Wilderness (desert) of Shur, then came to Marah.

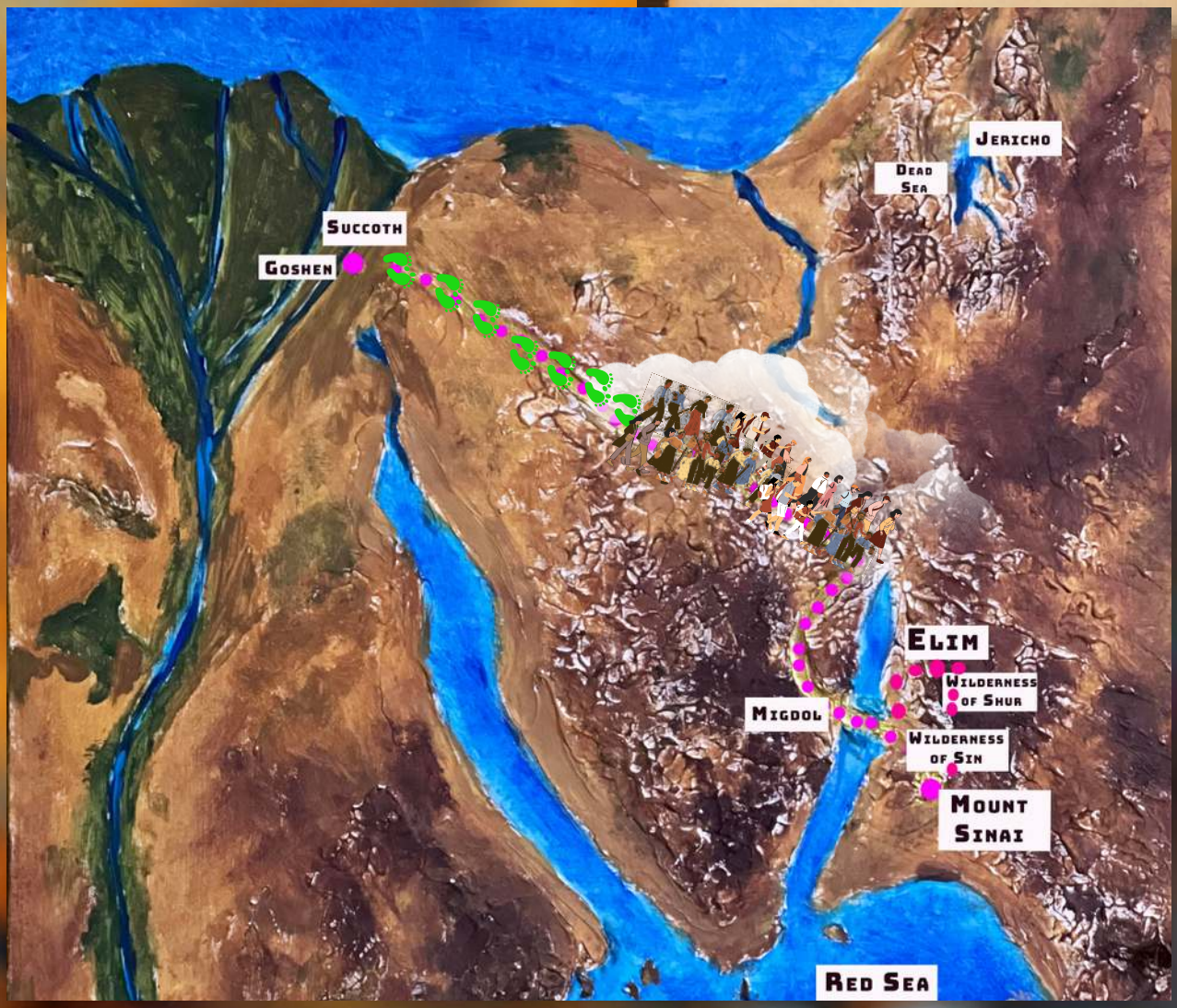
Exodus 15:27— Then they came to Elim

Exodus 16:1—Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim, and Sinai

May God Bless your Day

Miss Molly

Take a look at the map to see their travels.



Cape Buffalo





The Cape Buffalo can only be found on the continent of Africa. They are of the bovine family, which means they are related to the common cattle you might be familiar with, but the Cape Buffalo have never been domesticated. That means they have never been tamed or people-friendly.

The Cape Buffalo is known to be one of the most dangerous animals in Africa. They are very tough and unpredictable. It is because of their nature, they have earned many nicknames: Black Death, Windowmaker, and Mafia of the Bush. They pose a danger to anyone they view as a threat, and they will fiercely protect their young and their old alike by forming a circle around them, or charge them as a group.

Can you imagine a group of buffalo coming at you at 35 miles per hour (56 kph)? The fastest a human can run is 27 mph (44 kph), but the average man running for his life might only get to 19 mph (31 kph). So, you might not want to be caught on the ground near a herd of Cape Buffalo. The herd size ranges from 50 to 500, depending on the season. The buffalo bull can top out at 2000 pounds (907 kg). Did you know that 2000 pounds is a ton? That is about the weight of a small car.

The buffalo are also known for their helmet. Their horns fuse on the top of their heads and form a shield known as a “boss”. Even a domesticated bull is a very dangerous animal. These wild and unpredictable Cape Buffalo bulls will fight off lions and crocodiles to protect themselves and



other members of the herd, and are responsible for killing about 200 people per year.

They live in herds led by a cow. A cow is the name for a female bovine. We tend to use the term to describe cattle in general, but it really describes a female who has been a mother at least once. These buffalo can live from 10 to 25 years and mostly eat grass and when need be, leaves and twigs.

They love to wallow in the mud. Who doesn't like a good mud bath, right? Just like pigs, who also wallow in the mud, the mud helps cool them off on a hot summer day, and it also helps keep the flies, fleas, and ticks off them. They also have the oxpecker bird to get any parasites that the mud didn't deter. These oxpeckers also like ear wax and spend their days getting a free ride on the back or face of the buffalo.

Cape buffalo are also really good swimmers. They don't hang out in the waters because of the crocodiles. As they graze or migrate through the "savannah" (an open grassy plain in the tropical and subtropical regions of Africa), there will be times when they need to cross rivers or watering holes. They may also go into the waters to escape predators that are not as comfortable in the waters.

Perhaps the LORD had the Cape Buffalo in mind when He questioned Job (Job 39:8-12).

"Will the wild ox consent to being tamed? Will it spend the night in your stall? Can you hitch a wild ox to a plow? Will it plow a field for you? Given its strength, can you trust it? Can you leave and trust the ox to do your work? Can you rely on it to bring home your grain and deliver it to your threshing floor?"



Pig



Did you know that there are 730 breeds of pigs worldwide, and most of them live in China and Europe? Pigs are not native to the Americas, but were brought here, and because they can adapt to pretty much any environment, they have flourished.

Pigs are very intelligent and are ranked among the top five in the animal kingdom. Some say they are even smarter than dogs. Pigs are sometimes kept as pets and can be housebroken like dogs. Also, like dogs, pigs love to have their bellies rubbed, and if they are standing when you rub them, they will fall over in pure joy and almost fall asleep.

When a mom pig is ready to have her babies, she will do what is called “nesting” if she is able. She will pick weeds or hay and make a giant pile of them and then burrow undeath the pile to have her babies. A mommy pig is called a “sow”. A daddy pig is called “boar”. A baby pig is called a piglet. If the pig is a large breed, she will have piglets once a year and could have about 13 piglets. If it is a small breed, like a Potbelly pig, they can have about 6 or 7 piglets twice a year. As you imagine, you can very quickly be overrun with pigs in a very short period of time if you allow them to breed. When piglets are born, their eyes are open, and they immediately exit thier mom and walk around her side so that they can nurse.



You might have heard the term “pig pile”. Pigs love to sleep in a pile from the time they are born.

Pigs are “omnivores”, which means they like to eat vegetables, roots, fruits and nuts, as well as a little protein, whether it be bugs or something dead it found. They use their strong noses and “root”, they dig up the ground looking for good stuff in the dirt. Because they constantly root, they are a problem for farmers. There are a lot of “feral” pigs, that is they were left to go wild, and they can dig up crops or eat them as well. Pigs have been trained to find special mushrooms.

Pigs can also be dangerous. Even domesticated pigs. Sows can be protective of their babies, and so you need to be careful when approaching those adorable little piglets if the mom doesn’t know you. Also, the males can be very territorial, and they have teeth called tusks that grow extra long and become very sharp as they get older. Before you even know what happened, you might get cut very badly.

Fun Facts:

- The smallest pig is the Pygmy Hog and is only found in northern India. It is only 8 inches tall (20.32 centimeters)
- The largest pig was a Poland China breed, named Big Bill, and he weighed 2,552 pounds (1157 kg).
- Pigs don’t sweat, which is why they like to roll in the mud to cool off and protect their skin
- They can run up to 11 miles per hour (17 kph).
- Pigs are found everywhere except Antarctica.
- Only domesticated pigs have curly tails.
- There are over 60 different breeds of domesticated pigs.
- Pigs and hogs belong to the family known as “swine”.



In the Bible, pigs are considered “unclean” animals, and the people of Israel were not allowed to eat them (see Deuteronomy 14:8).

There is an incident where Jesus met two men who were controlled by demons. Jesus freed the men from their control, and the demons went into a herd of swine and drove them crazy. The pigs were so confused and upset that they all ran down the hill and into the Sea of Galilee and drowned. The herdsmen who were caring for the swine ran to town and told everyone what happened, and the whole town came to see Jesus. When they came, they saw the men calm and clothed, and it scared the people, so they asked him to leave and go away. One of the men wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him to go tell everyone what happened, and he did. See Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39.



Machu Picchu



Machu Picchu means “Old Mountain” or “Old Peak” in the Incan native language called “Quechua”.

Machu Picchu is an ancient city built very high up in the Andes Mountains in southern Peru. Peru is a country in South America. Peru is sandwiched between Brazil and the Pacific Ocean.

This Incan city sits on the side of the mountain at almost 8 thousand feet (2,400 meters). Today it is the home to some chinchillas, llamas and various birds that don’t mind being out in the middle of nowhere and high up in the mountains. This city was built at some time









in the 1400s, and was abandoned for some unknown reason and was unknown to outsiders for almost 500 years.

Because so little is known about this city, they estimate that from 300 to 1400 people would have lived there. It is also thought that it was only occupied for about 100 years.

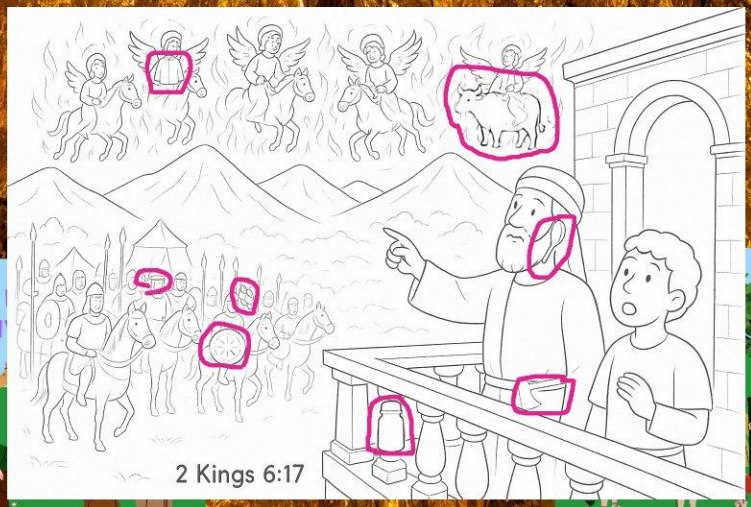
How did they build it? They either pushed the granite rocks (some weighing 55 tons) up the side of the mountain or chiseled them out of the side of the mountain to build the city. The people were very skilled in that they fashioned the stone so that no mortar (or cement) was needed to hold the stones in place. There are more than 150 buildings on the mountain and 100 flights of stairs. They even built stone canals, drinking fountains, and aqueducts so that the city had a continual water supply. There is a natural spring on the mountain that was used to source the water. The tools that they used to

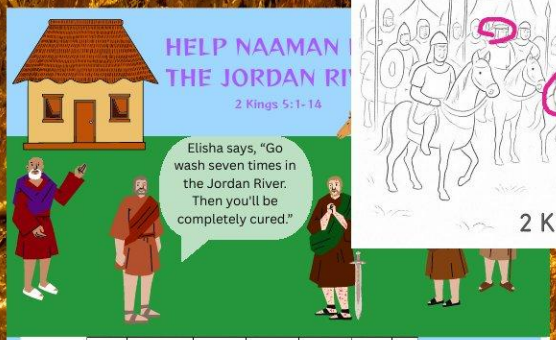
build the entire city were made of wood, stone or bronze. They didn't have cranes, trucks, bulldozers, or any special tools that we have today. With their limited technology they were able to do some amazing architectural feats.

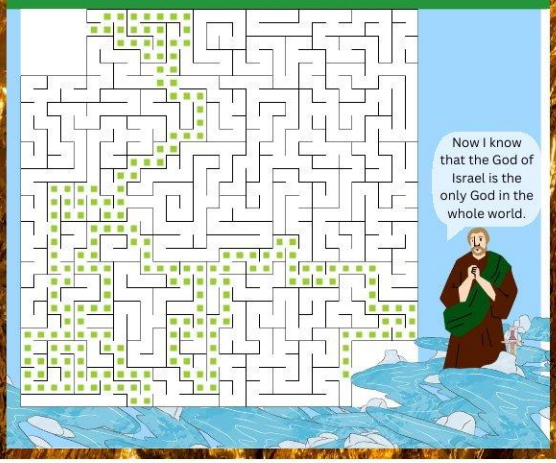
You will also notice terraces on the side of the mountain. Even that feature of the city was carefully planned so that the water would run off, but would not take the soil with it. Also, by terracing, they could use the area for farming corn (maize) or potatoes, or even grazing of llamas and alpacas.

When we look at people of history, we see the amazing things that they were able to do with so little. We don't need great skill or technology to accomplish great things; most of what is needed is determination. God tells us that "without a vision the people perish", (Proverbs 29:18), which means, if we don't have a purpose, if we don't have a goal, we are kind of wasting our time. It is important to have a purpose in our lives and to pursue it. Without God people can do some amazing things, but with God, we can change the world.



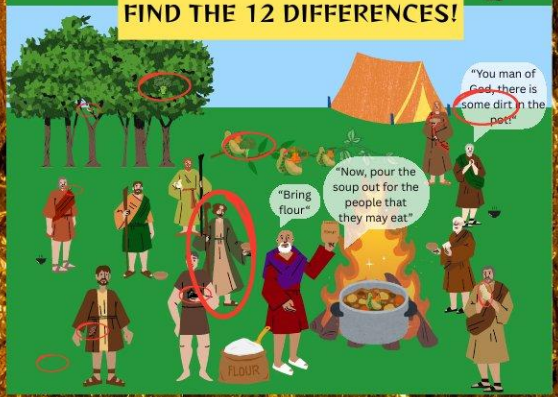








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