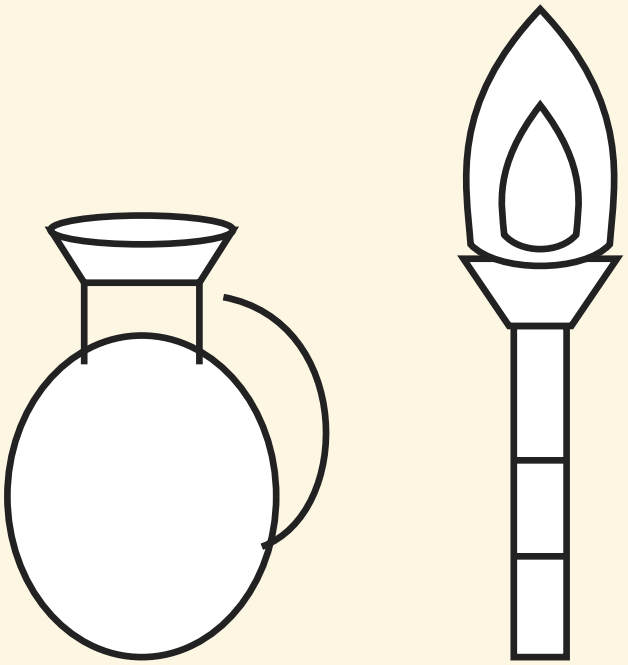
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Gideon

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Gideon lived when enemy raiders called Midianites kept sweeping into Israel, stealing crops and driving everyone into hiding. Gideon was threshing wheat inside a winepress — hiding his work — when an angel appeared and greeted him as a mighty warrior. Gideon laughed in disbelief: his family was the weakest in his tribe, and he was the least important in his family. God promised to be with him, and Gideon asked for signs, including the famous test with a fleece of wool: wet fleece on dry ground one morning, dry fleece on wet ground the next. God patiently gave both signs. Gideon gathered an army of thirty-two thousand men to face the enormous Midianite camp.

REMEMBER:

God can do big things through small, willing people. (told in our own words)

Gideon

The unlikely army leader

Then God did something shocking: He told Gideon the army was too big — if Israel won with a huge army, they would boast that they had saved themselves. So Gideon sent home everyone who was afraid, and twenty-two thousand left. Still too many, God said. At the stream Gideon kept only the three hundred men who stayed alert. Three hundred, against an army like a swarm of locusts! That night God told Gideon to visit the enemy camp, where he overheard a soldier's dream of a loaf tumbling into a tent — a sign that God had already given Gideon the victory.

How the story ends:

That night, Gideon divided his three hundred men around the camp. Each man carried a trumpet and a torch hidden inside an empty jar. At Gideon's signal, all at once, they blew their trumpets, smashed their jars so the torches flared up, and shouted for the Lord and for Gideon. The sleeping Midianites woke to noise, light, and shouting on every side — and in the confusion they ran for their lives. Israel was saved, not by numbers or strength, but by God working through a small, obedient band led by a man who thought he was nobody.

GIDEON — WORD SEARCH

Find Gideon's Words

Find all 8 words from the story. Words go across, down, or diagonally.

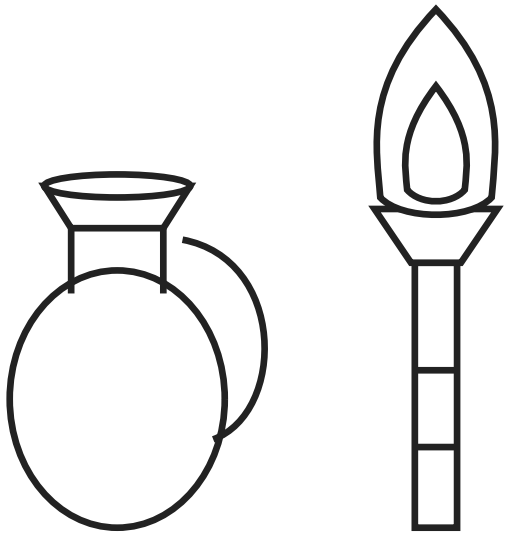
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Words to find:

TORCH • JAR • ARMY • ANGEL

FLEECE • SWORD • NIGHT • TRUMPET

Color & Talk: Gideon



Talk about it:

1. Why did God make Gideon's army smaller instead of bigger?

2. Gideon felt like the least important person. How does God see small people?

Hannah

The mother who prayed

Hannah longed for a child, but year after year, no baby came. In her time and place that sorrow was doubled by teasing — her husband's other wife mocked her for it whenever the family travelled to worship at Shiloh. One year, Hannah slipped away to the temple area alone. With tears running down her face, she prayed silently, her lips moving but no sound coming out. She made God a serious promise: if He gave her a son, she would give the boy back to God for a lifetime of service. The old priest Eli watched her and, misunderstanding, accused her of being drunk. Hannah gently explained that she was only pouring out her sorrow to God. Eli blessed her, and Hannah went home with a lighter heart, trusting God before she saw any answer.

REMEMBER:

God hears my prayers, and I will keep my promises to Him. (told in our own words)

Hannah

The mother who prayed

God remembered Hannah. In time she had a baby boy and named him Samuel. She cared for him tenderly at home until he was old enough, and then — keeping the hardest promise a mother can make — she brought him to Shiloh and presented him to Eli: this is the child I prayed for. Samuel stayed at the temple to serve God, and Hannah visited him every year, bringing a little robe she had sewn with her own hands. Hannah also sang a joyful song of praise, thanking God for lifting up the humble. And God blessed her further: she became the mother of more sons and daughters. Samuel grew into one of the greatest prophets in Israel's history.

HANNAH — WORD SEARCH

Find Hannah's Words

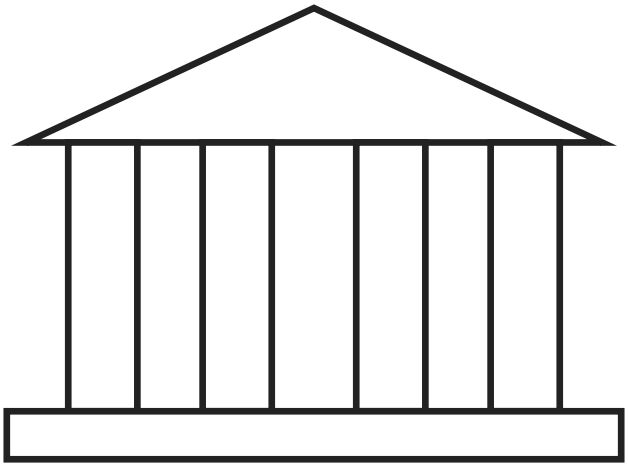
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Words to find:

PRAY • TEMPLE • SON • SAMUEL
PROMISE • SONG • TEARS • GIFT

Color & Talk: Hannah



Talk about it:

1. Hannah prayed honestly about her sorrow. What do you pray about most honestly?

2. Why was Hannah's promise hard to keep? Why did she keep it anyway?

Josiah

The boy king who found the Book

Josiah became king of Judah when he was only eight years old. Most boy kings might have played with their power, but Josiah grew up seeking God with his whole heart. As a young man he cleaned the land of the pretend gods and idols his people had been worshipping, and at twenty-six he ordered repairs to God's temple, which had fallen into ruin. During the repairs, the high priest Hilkiah made an astonishing discovery in the rubble and storage rooms: the Book of the Law — God's own written words, which had been lost and forgotten for years. The royal secretary carried the scroll to the king and began to read it aloud.

REMEMBER:

God's words show me the right way, so I will listen and obey. (told in our own words)

Josiah

The boy king who found the Book

As Josiah listened, his face fell. The Book described blessings for obeying God and serious trouble for turning away — and Josiah realised how far his nation had wandered. He tore his robes in grief, a sign of deep sorrow, and immediately sent messengers to ask God what to do. Then Josiah did something wonderful: he gathered everyone — young and old, great and small — in the temple, stood by his pillar, and read the whole Book aloud to them himself. Together, king and people made a fresh promise to follow God and obey His words with all their hearts. Josiah led the nation in celebrating the Passover feast properly for the first time in many years, and the writers of his story say no king before or after turned to God quite like Josiah — all because a lost Book was found, read, and taken seriously.

JOSIAH — WORD SEARCH

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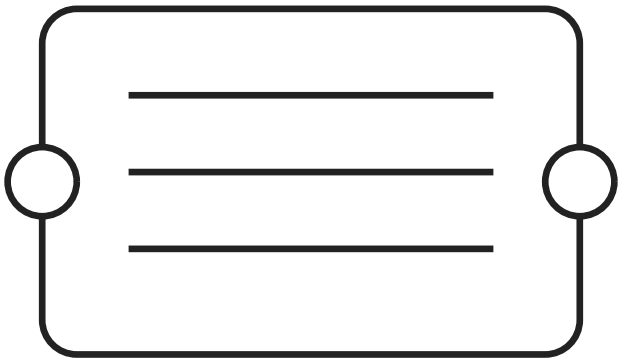
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Words to find:

KING • BOOK • SCROLL • TEMPLE
YOUNG • WORD • FOUND • LAW

Color & Talk: Josiah



Talk about it:

1. How old was Josiah when he became king? What is amazing about his story?

2. Why did Josiah tear his robes when he heard God's Book?

Nehemiah

The cupbearer who rebuilt a wall

Nehemiah was the cupbearer to the king of Persia — a trusted servant who tasted the king's drinks to keep him safe. Nehemiah's own people lived far away in Jerusalem, and one day his brother arrived with terrible news: Jerusalem's walls were broken down, its gates burned, and the people there were in trouble and disgrace. Nehemiah sat down and wept. For days he prayed and went without food, confessing his people's sins and asking God to help. Then, trembling a little, he made his request to the king himself: please let me go and rebuild my city's walls. The king — moved, Nehemiah believed, because God's good hand was on him — said yes, and even sent letters and timber to help.

REMEMBER:

When God's work looks big, I will pray — and then pick up my tools. (told in our own words)

NEHEMIAH — THE STORY, PART 2

Nehemiah

The cupbearer who rebuilt a wall

Nehemiah travelled to Jerusalem and inspected the broken walls quietly by night, riding around the rubble. Then he gathered the priests, officials, and families and told them the truth about the ruins — and the good news that the king and God were behind the rebuilding. 'Come, let us rebuild,' he said, and the people answered, 'Let us start!' Families took sections of wall: goldsmiths, perfumers, priests, and parents with their daughters, each building the stretch in front of their own homes. Enemies mocked the work, then plotted and threatened — so the builders worked with a tool in one hand and a sword at their side, with trumpeters ready to sound the alarm. Nehemiah refused to stop, answering his enemies: I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. In just fifty-two days, the whole wall stood finished — and even their enemies admitted that God had helped them do it.

NEHEMIAH — WORD SEARCH

Find Nehemiah's Words

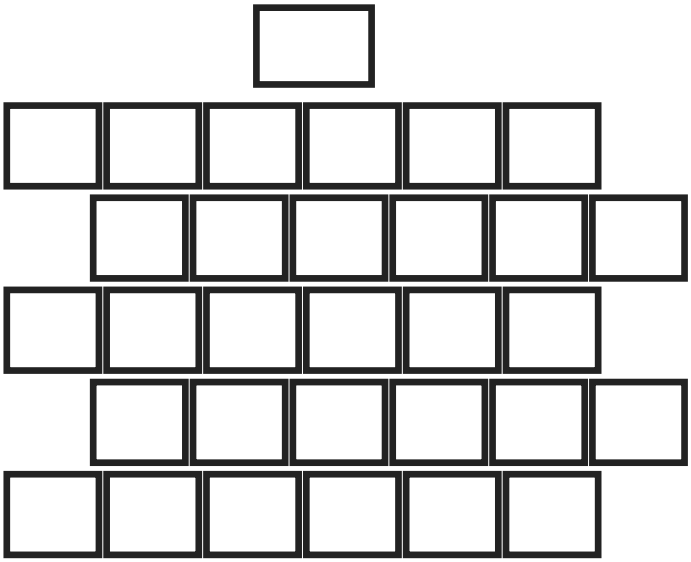
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Words to find:

WALL • KING • CUP • BUILD
GATES • PRAY • WORK • CITY

Color & Talk: Nehemiah



Talk about it:

1. Nehemiah prayed first, then worked hard. Why do both matter?

2. Families each rebuilt the wall in front of their own home. What is your family's 'section of wall'?

LYDIA — THE STORY, PART 1

Lydia

The purple-cloth seller with an open home

Lydia was a businesswoman from the city of Thyatira who sold purple cloth — a luxury fabric dyed a rich colour that kings and wealthy people loved. She had moved to Philippi for her trade, and she already worshipped God, joining a group of women who met for prayer by the river outside the city, since there was no synagogue there. One Sabbath, a traveller named Paul arrived at the riverbank with his friends. Paul sat down and told the women about Jesus. As Lydia listened, God opened her heart, and she believed the message completely. She and everyone in her household were baptised in the river that day. Lydia's very first act as a follower of Jesus tells us exactly what kind of person she was: she insisted — she would not take no for an answer — that Paul and his friends come and stay in her home.

REMEMBER:

Everything I have can be shared to welcome and help others. (told in our own words)

LYDIA — THE STORY, PART 2

Lydia

The purple-cloth seller with an open home

Lydia's open home became the meeting place of the brand-new church in Philippi. When Paul and Silas were later thrown into prison in that city, beaten, and then freed after a miraculous earthquake at midnight, whose house did they go to? Lydia's — where the believers gathered, encouraged them, and sent them on their journey in peace. Historians consider Lydia the first follower of Jesus in Europe that we know by name. She was not a preacher or a king. She was a hardworking seller of beautiful cloth who used what she had — her house, her table, her welcome — to help God's work grow. Generosity does not wait until we are rich; it starts with opening the door we already have.

LYDIA — WORD SEARCH

Find Lydia's Words

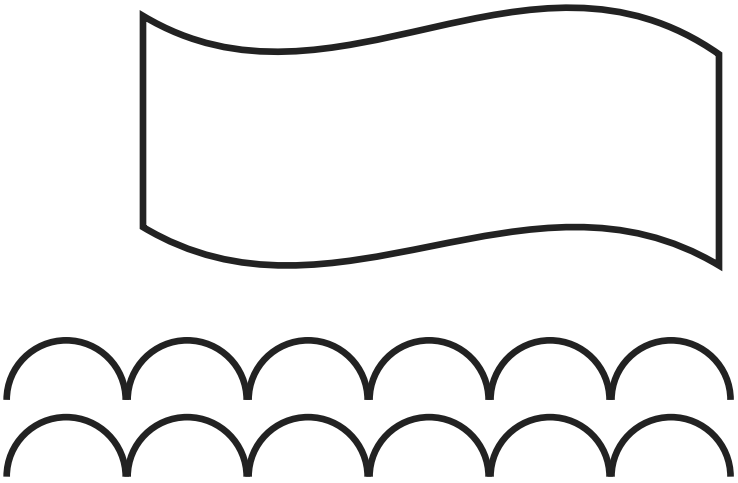
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Words to find:

PURPLE • CLOTH • RIVER • PAUL
HOME • WELCOME • PRAY • SELLER

Color & Talk: Lydia



Talk about it:

1. What was Lydia's job? What did she do with what she had?

2. Why do you think Lydia insisted that Paul stay at her house?

Timothy

The young helper who learned from home

Timothy grew up in the town of Lystra, with a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice, and a grandmother named Lois. From the time he was small, Eunice and Lois taught him the Scriptures at home — the stories, the promises, the right way to live. Their sincere faith lived in them first, and then it took root in Timothy too. When the apostle Paul visited Lystra on his travels, the believers there spoke warmly of young Timothy: honest, faithful, eager to serve. Paul invited Timothy to join his travelling team, and Timothy said yes — leaving home to carry the good news about Jesus from city to city, through shipwrecks, hardships, and wonderful adventures.

REMEMBER:

I am not too young to know God and help His people. (told in our own words)

TIMOTHY — THE STORY, PART 2

Timothy

The young helper who learned from home

Timothy became Paul's most trusted helper — 'my true son in the faith,' Paul called him. Paul sent Timothy to encourage churches, carry important news, and sort out problems, and later Timothy led the church in the great city of Ephesus while he was still a young man. Some people may have looked down on him for being young. Paul wrote him two letters — which are still in our Bibles today — urging him: do not let anyone look down on you because you are young; instead, set an example in what you say, how you live, how you love, and how you believe. And Paul reminded him to fan into flame the gift God had given him. Timothy's story shows that faith taught at a kitchen table can grow into faith that strengthens whole cities.

TIMOTHY — WORD SEARCH

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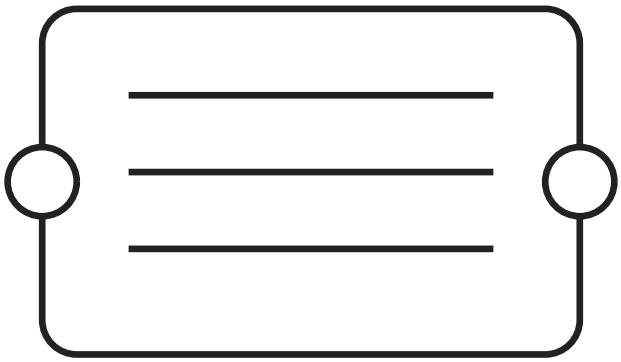
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Words to find:

PAUL • LETTER • YOUNG • FAITH
MOTHER • TEACHER • HELPER • CHURCH

Color & Talk: Timothy



Talk about it:

1. Who taught Timothy about God? Who teaches you?

2. Paul said young people can set an example. In what ways can a kid set an example?

Answers: Gideon

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Answers: Hannah

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Words: PRAY, TEMPLE, SON, SAMUEL, PROMISE, SONG, TEARS, GIFT

Answers: Josiah

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Answers: Nehemiah

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Words: WALL, KING, CUP, BUILD, GATES, PRAY, WORK, CITY

Answers: Lydia

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Answers: Timothy

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Words: PAUL, LETTER, YOUNG, FAITH, MOTHER, TEACHER, HELPER, CHURCH

Virtue: God Uses the Small

Gideon shows us: God Uses the Small. Read the memory line out loud together, then copy it in your best handwriting.

God can do big things through small, willing people. (told in our own words)

Quiz — circle the right answer:

How many men were in Gideon's final army?

A. Thirty-two thousand

B. Three hundred

C. Ten thousand

Virtue: Prayer & Promises

Hannah shows us: Prayer & Promises. Read the memory line out loud together, then copy it in your best handwriting.

God hears my prayers, and I will keep my promises to Him. (told in our own words)

Quiz — circle the right answer:

What did Hannah bring Samuel every year?

A. A toy

B. A little robe she had made

C. A cake

Virtue: Loving God's Word

Josiah shows us: Loving God's Word. Read the memory line out loud together, then copy it in your best handwriting.

God's words show me the right way, so I will listen and obey. (told in our own words)

Quiz — circle the right answer:

What was found during the temple repairs?

A. A treasure chest

B. The Book of the Law

C. A crown

Virtue: Working Together

Nehemiah shows us: Working Together. Read the memory line out loud together, then copy it in your best handwriting.

When God's work looks big, I will pray — and then pick up my tools. (told in our own words)

Quiz — circle the right answer:

In how many days was the wall finished?

A. One year

B. Fifty-two days

C. Ten days

LYDIA — VIRTUE & COPYWORK

Virtue: Generosity & Welcome

Lydia shows us: Generosity & Welcome. Read the memory line out loud together, then copy it in your best handwriting.

Everything I have can be shared to welcome and help others. (told in our own words)

Quiz — circle the right answer:

What did Lydia sell?

A. Bread

B. Purple cloth

C. Olive oil

Virtue: Growing in Faith

Timothy shows us: Growing in Faith. Read the memory line out loud together, then copy it in your best handwriting.

I am not too young to know God and help His people. (told in our own words)

Quiz — circle the right answer:

Who taught Timothy the Scriptures at home?

A. His teachers at school

B. His mother Eunice and grandmother Lois

C. The king

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