

God looks after His people: From Exodus to Joshua

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Use this sheet to plan your session—or fill it in quickly at the end of the session so that the leader next week knows what has been taught, how the session went, which songs were sung etc. You may find it helpful to keep these planning sheets in a ringbinder at church.

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Sydney to Hobart yacht rescue

On Boxing Day in 1998, 114 yachts left Sydney Harbour in the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. When they left the harbour they didn't know about the ferocious storm that they were sailing into. Of the 114 yachts that started the race, only 44 made it to Hobart. Twelve boats were abandoned, five boats sank and six men lost their lives.

Michelle Blewitt worked for the ACT Ambulance Service as a paramedic. She and fellow paramedic, Kristy McAlister, worked on an ambulance helicopter. They helped rescue patients in difficult locations and transported them to hospital. They were aboard a helicopter on their way back to Canberra from Sydney when they were called to take part in rescuing some people from a damaged yacht called Stand Aside. Realising they were in huge danger, the crew of Stand Aside had radioed for help.

The helicopter travelled 70 kilometres out to sea off the coast near Merimbula in New South Wales. When they arrived at the scene they were faced with extreme conditions. The helicopter was being buffeted by winds of up to 60 knots. It was getting dark. They could hardly see. It was raining heavily. The waves that were crashing around the boat were 20 metres high! With the wind and the waves it was extremely noisy.

Michelle was attached to a wire cable and was winched out of the helicopter into the ocean to try to rescue the stranded men. All the time the wind was howling. The men were clinging to a life raft that was attached to the yacht. They were barely holding on. They were being smashed by the waves and were rolling in the ocean as it pitched their life raft into the air and brought it back down into huge troughs.

Michelle was dropped into the water and swam to the life raft. When she got to the men she had to help reassure one of them who was very scared and afraid of heights. She attached one of the sailors to a rescuing device called a 'strop'. Battling against the wind, rain and surf, Michelle gave the signal to the helicopter to winch her up. Just as she

did this she was hit by a 20 metre high wave and was held under the water for a long time. Eventually she surfaced and was about to be lifted up, when a gust of wind lifted the life raft and threw it into her, smashing her on the head and dragging her back under the water. She was stunned. 'I remember going under the water and seeing black starry things for a minute,' she says. Having a helmet on probably saved her from being knocked out.

However there was a problem. The rope of the life raft was now tangled all around the winching wire. This was very serious indeed. If the rope could not be untangled, the wire would have to be cut to stop the helicopter being dragged into the sea. This would mean that Michelle and the remaining sailors would be left in the raging sea. Things were looking desperate. The wind was howling. The helicopter was straining to stay in position.

Michelle managed to remain calm enough to find her knife. She cut the rope and the life raft was flung free of the winch by the wind. Michelle and her patient were winched up into the helicopter.

There was one remaining patient. Despite the wild weather and the huge risk to return to the water with the winch cable having kinks in it, Michelle volunteered to go down again to rescue the final person. 'There was one survivor left on a sinking boat with no life raft, so we weren't going to leave him there,' she said.

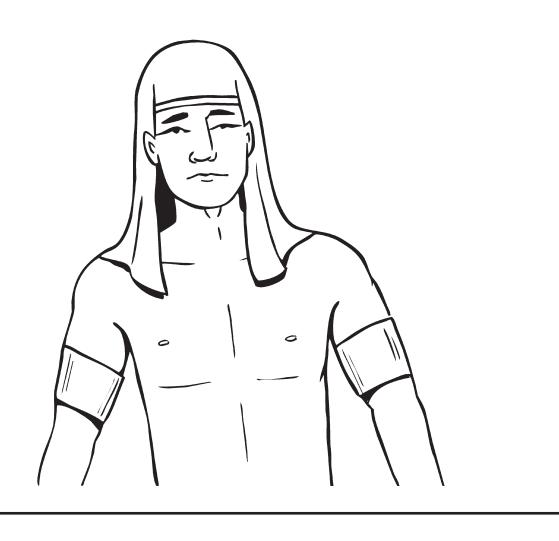
She dropped down the cable into the water. She swam to the last man and attached the strop. They were pulled to the helicopter.

Michelle had risked her life in extremely dangerous conditions to help some stranded people. If it hadn't been for her and the helicopter crew, those men from the Stand Aside would never have survived the night.

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I have seen my people are suffering.

I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians.

I will bring my people out of Egypt.

I will give them a good land, rich in milk and honey.

Go to the king. I am sending you to lead my people out of this country.

HERE IS MY MESSAGE FOR ISRAEL: ! AND WITH MY MIGHTY AM THE -SH & WILL PUNISH THE AND FREE YOU FROM . I WILL ACCEPT YOU AS MY ** , AND I WILL BE YOUR GOD. THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I WAS THE ___ WHO _ _ YOU FROM THE EGYPTIANS. I WILL BRING YOU INTO THE ____ THAT I SOLEMNLY PROMISED ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB, AND IT WILL BE YOURS. I AM THE LORD!

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Red Sea Rescue God delivers the knock-out blow in saving his people.

At dawn vesterday the people of Israel were delivered from the clutches of the Egyptian army in a daring escape across the Red Sea. The entire army of the king's elite forces of cavalry and chariots who had been in pursuit of the Israelites was drowned in the incident. The Israelites were last seen heading into the Sinai desert behind their leader, Moses, and his associate, Aaron.

This is the most extraordinary of all the miracles that have been done by the God of the Israelite people. The Red Sea became a passageway of escape for Moses' people. However, for the Egyptian soldiers the sea became a grave.

Eyewitness accounts say that God told Moses to hold out his walking stick over the water. This caused a passageway to form in the sea for the Israelite people to walk across on dry ground. All of the men, women and children, carrying their possessions and bringing their animals with them, were able to cross the sea with a wall of water on either side.

Jacob Weiss, who crossed with his entire family, described the scene as 'truly amazing'. Jacob said, 'We hoped that God would find a way for us to escape, but we were starting to doubt him. Today was just incredible. We now can't doubt the strength of our God. He has rescued us from our enemies.

After the Israelites were safely through the water, the Egyptians chased after them. It was here that God's anger turned on the Egyptian forces. As the new day dawned, Moses again held out his arm over the water. This time the water rushed towards the army. They were swamped by the water and were all drowned.

Cheop Ramsas, an Egyptian General, was forced to look on as all his troops were killed. 'It was the most extraordinary and terrifying thing I have ever seen, he said. 'This God must be the real thing. We were stupid to disobey him. He left no one in doubt as to who was in control.

For the Egyptian people, there is now only a sense of relief that they are finally rid of the people who have been the cause of so much trouble lately.

The office of the Egyptian king declined to comment.

OTHER NEWS:

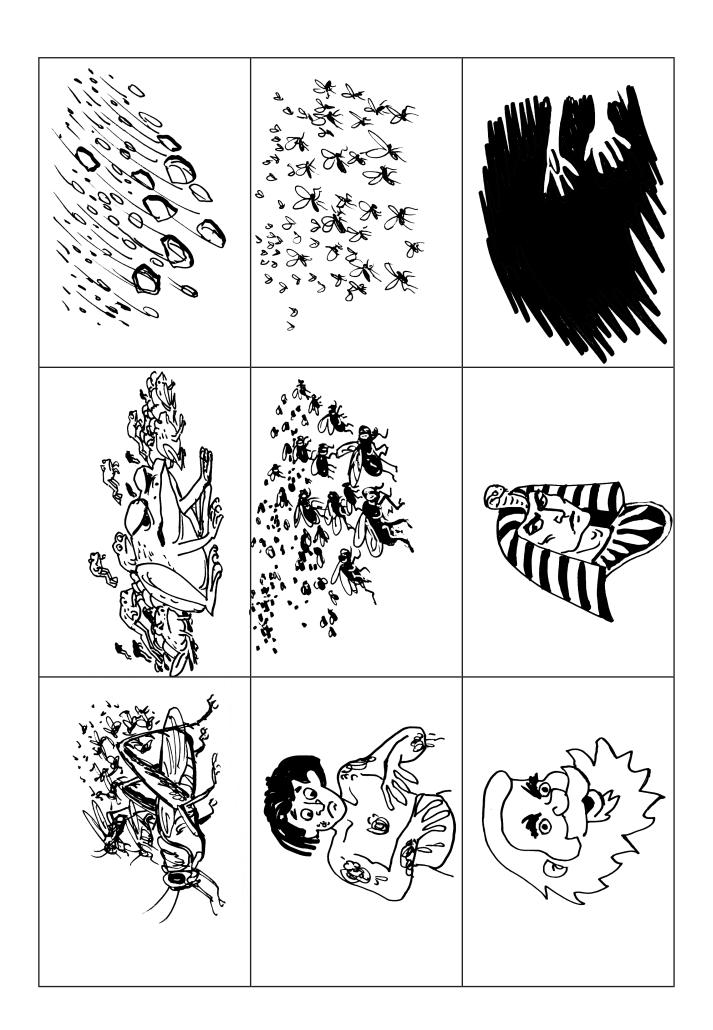
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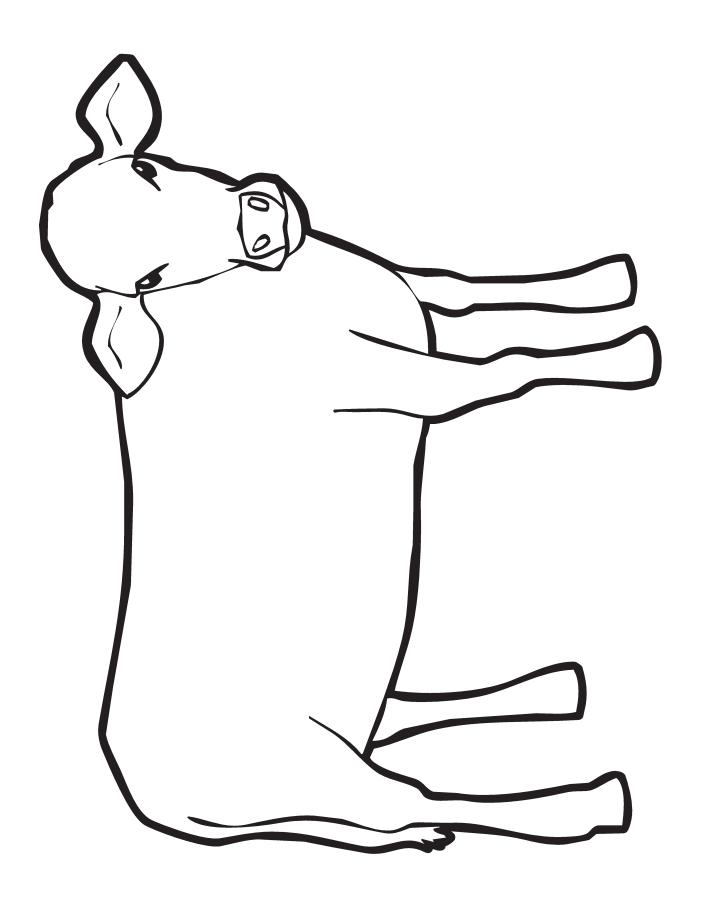
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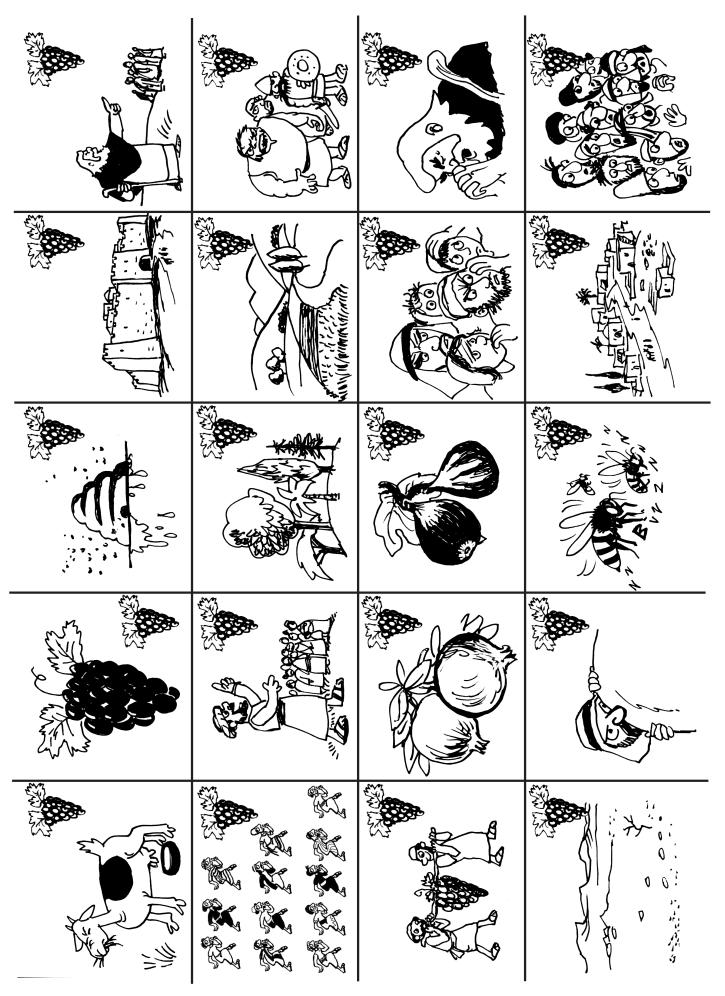
Hailstones	Gnats	Darkness
Frogs	Flies	The king
Locusts	Sores	Moses



Canaan Intelligence Agency

Area explored:
Length of mission: 40 DAYS
Number of spies: 12 PEOPLE - ONE FROM EACH TRIBE
Essential findings:
THE LAND WE DISCOVERED WAS RICH IN _I_ ANDY.
CLEARLY THIS LAND IS VERY FTE. THERE IS LOTS OF
F T GROWING THERE.
THE PEOPLE IN THE LAND ARE VERY _TN_, AND THEIR CITIES
ARE _AR AND W D. THERE ARE THREE AK
CLANS. IN THE SOUTHERN _ER_ WERE THE AMALEKITES.
IN THE HILL $C___R_$ ARE THE HITTITES, JEBUSITES AND
AMORITES. ALONG THE MEDITERRANEAN S AND THE
_O_P_ RIVER ARE THE CANAANITES.
RECOMMENDATIONS BY JOSHUA AND CALEB:
DESPITE THE OBVIOUS STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LAND,
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WE T GOD AND MOVE INTO
THE LAND IMMEDIATELY. GOD WILL GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO
DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES. WE MUST RELY ON HIM.
HE CAN BE TRUSTED.
Signed: ,
Joshua caleb
JOSHUA & CALEB

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Psalm 107 v 1

Shout praises to the Lord! He is good to us, and His love never fails.

Matthew 28 v 20

I will be with you always.

John 14 v 26a

The Holy Spirit will come and help you.

Romans 8 v 28a

We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves Him.

2 Corinthians 12 v 9

My kindness is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak.

Revelation 21 v 4

God will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain.

John 3 v 16

Everyone who has faith in Jesus will have eternal life.

Psalm 34 v 18

The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope.

Luke 15 v 7

There is happiness in heaven because of one sinner who turns to God.

Acts 3 v 19

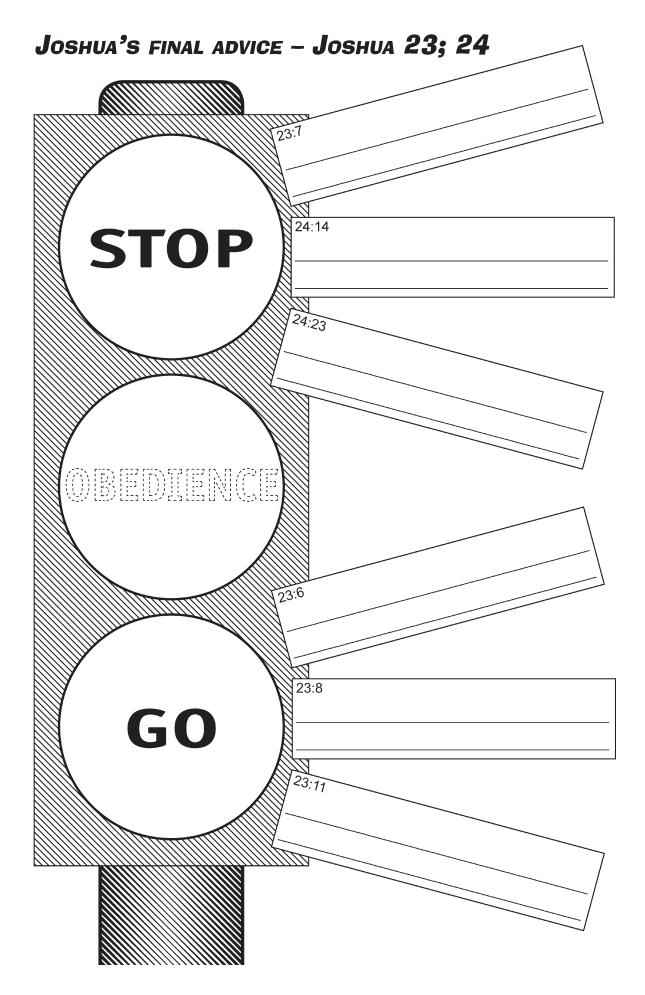
So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.

1 Corinthians 10 v 13b

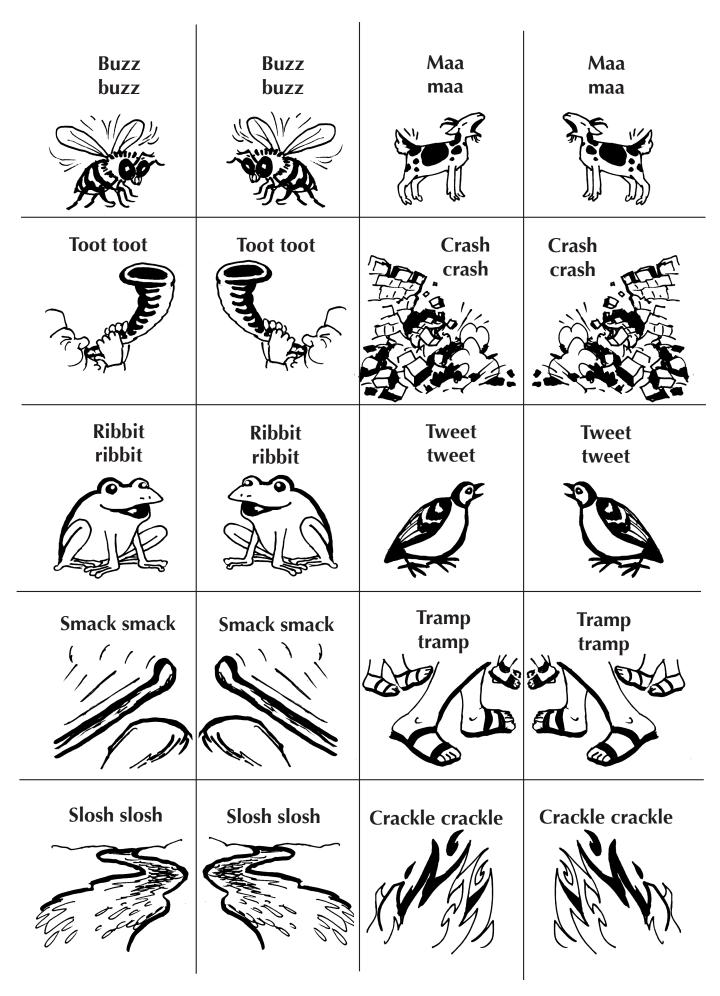
God can be trusted not to let you be tempted too much, and He will show you how to escape from your temptations.

Hebrews 2 v 18

Because Jesus has suffered and was tempted, He can help anyone else who is tempted.



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