

# Search & Know

On Day 1 of creation, God created light. On Day 2, He created the heavens and separated the sky from the water. Look at the other created things listed below. Draw a line to match each one to the day on which God created it. There may be more than one item for a particular day.

**Day 3**

- a. kumquat
- b. praying mantis
- c. constellation Orion
- d. falcon

**Day 4**

- e. dugong
- f. sloth

**Day 5**

- g. sea horse

**Day 6**

- h. echidna
- i. tinamou
- j. Venus fly trap



## Pray

Almighty Father, we praise You that You have marvelously created all things with Your power. Give us thankful hearts for all that You have made for us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Lesson 1

# God Made Us: God Creates the World

### Genesis 1-2

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. On each day of creation, God made a different part of the world.

After five days, God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the animals. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. Let them rule over the fish and the birds, and over the animals."

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God blessed them and said, "Fill the earth and rule over every living thing." God said, "I have given you every plant and every tree for food." And it was so. God saw everything that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

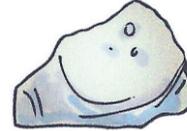
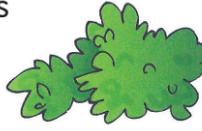
Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and everything that filled them. On the seventh day, God finished His work and rested. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.



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-  1 sun
-  1 Bible
-  1 owl
-  4 clouds
-  3 stars
-  5 white flowers
-  Jesus' face
-  3 rocks
-  8 raspberries
-  1 mouse
-  4 shrubs
-  10 apples
-  1 man
-  1 fish
-  2 water birds
-  1 worm
-  6 fireflies
-  1 binoculars



**Discovery Facts:** Genesis is the first of the five books of the Pentateuch written by Moses, which also include Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Jesus quotes the Pentateuch more than thirty times in the Gospels.

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## Bible Words

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

## Take-Home Belief

I believe God made me and all creatures.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that God created the world. There are many opportunities to marvel at God's creation and talk about His goodness in making the world. Go for a walk together. Use binoculars made of cardboard rolls secured with duct tape to spy God's created things, or take pictures of things you spy as you walk. Print the pictures, and put them in a homemade scrapbook. Add this week's Bible Words. Thank God for the beautiful world He created. Ask Him to help you be a good caretaker of it.

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Each statement below is wrong. Change one word or phrase so that it tells the truth of the Bible story.

1. King Nebuchadnezzar began to persecute the Christians.
2. After the Passover was over, Herod was going to put Peter to work.
3. When Peter was arrested, the Christians began to lose hope.
4. Peter was guarded very closely. They put him in stocks.
5. That night, Elijah stood next to Peter and a light shone in the cell.
6. The angel hugged Peter and woke him up so he could follow him.
7. They miraculously passed the guards and went through the iron pillar.
8. When Peter knocked at the door, a servant girl named Rhonda came to answer.
9. Rhoda was so excited to see Peter that she brought him in immediately.
10. The others in the house thought Rhoda was so telling the truth.
11. Peter kept knocking, and when everyone saw him they were speechless.
12. Peter told them what had happened and how Philip had rescued him.

## Pray

Almighty Father, we praise You that You created angels and command them with Your power. Give us peace-filled hearts that You are always with us and that You protect us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Lesson 2

# God Made the Angels: An Angel Rescues Peter

Acts 12:4-17

Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword. He saw that it pleased the Jews. So he arrested Peter also. He put him in prison with four squads of soldiers to guard him. But earnest prayer for Peter was made to God by the church.

Herod was about to bring Peter out to judge him. On that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains. Sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to Peter. A light shone in the cell.

The angel struck Peter on the side and woke him. He said, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself. Put on your sandals. Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

And Peter went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real. He thought he was seeing a vision.

They had passed the first and the second guard. They came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them on its own. They went out and soon the angel left him.

When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent His angel. He rescued me from the hand of Herod."

Peter went to the house of Mary. Many were there praying. He knocked at the door of the gateway.

A servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. She knew Peter's voice. In her joy, she did not open the gate. She ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate.

They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so.

Peter kept knocking. When they opened the door, they saw him. They were amazed! So the word of God increased and multiplied.



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Find and circle the words in the Word Box. The words may be printed horizontally, vertically, diagonally, or backwards. Then use all the words to retell to a friend the Bible story of Elijah, the widow, and her son.

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 T D Y J V V K P M A O J U J Z  
 F H C I K F G J B F R B O E P

Elijah	bread	son
God	water	death
Zarephath	flour	revived
widow	oil	life
	illness	

## Pray

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for Your constant love and care. Thank You for all the ways You care for us every day. Thank You especially for the faith, forgiveness, and eternal life You give us through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

## Lesson 3

# God Cares for Us: Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath

1 Kings 17:8-24

King Ahab was more evil than all the kings who came before him. He worshiped a false god named Baal.

The prophet Elijah went to King Ahab. Elijah warned the king, "God says there will be no rain for years."

Then God told Elijah, "Arise! Go to live in Zarephath. I told a widow there to feed you."

Elijah went to the city gate. He saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her, "Bring me a little water. I would like a drink." As she was going for water, he also asked for bread.

She said, "I only have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering sticks so I can make bread. We will eat it and die."

Elijah said, "Do not be afraid. Go and make bread. First, make me a little bread. Bring it to me. After that, make something for yourself and your son. God says, 'The jar of flour shall not run out. The jug of oil will not be empty, until the day I send rain to the earth.'"

She did as Elijah said. They ate for many days. The jar of flour did not run out. The jug of oil did not run out.

After this, the woman's son became ill and died. The woman said to Elijah, "What did I do wrong? Did my sin cause my son to die?"

Elijah was sad and said, "Give me your son." He took the boy up to his own bed. Elijah prayed, "God, let this child come back to life."

The Lord listened to Elijah's prayer. The child's life came into him again. Elijah brought the child to his mother. Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

The woman said, "Now I know that you are a man of God. Now I know God's word you speak is true."



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2 vessels of water



1 Bible



4 jars of oil



2 bundles of sticks



3 loaves of bread



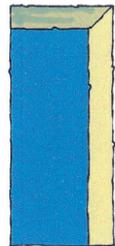
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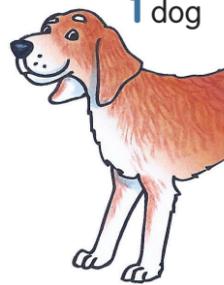
2 ravens



2 hiking boots



1 window



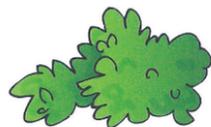
1 dog



2 butterflies



1 caterpillar



5 bushes



Jesus' face



**Discovery Facts:** The name *Elijah* means “the Lord is my God,” and his message went hand in hand with the meaning. Elijah’s role was to stand against idolatry and preach repentance to God’s people.

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## Bible Words

[Cast] all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

## Take-Home Belief

I believe God cares for me.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that God cares for His children. God used Elijah to sustain the woman of Zarephath. God used the widow to sustain Elijah. Make a pictorial wreath that reflects how God sustains your family. Take pictures of your home and family, your favorite foods and clothes, and your family at work and play. Attach the photos to the rim of a sturdy paper plate. On the inside of the plate, write these words: “God sustains us by His wisdom and power. He gives us food and clothing, home and family, work and play, and all that we need from day to day.” Talk with your children about how God sent Jesus to take care of our greatest need. Jesus is our Savior!

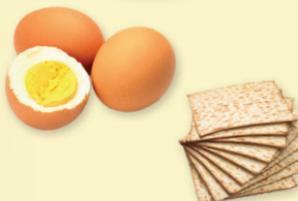
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Below are some Hebrew Passover terms and their English equivalents. Unscramble the English words, and write the correct word on the line. Then draw a line to match the correct image to the word.



**Seder:** redor

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**Matzoh:** lveaeednu rdeba

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**Beitzah:** satrode geg

\_\_\_\_\_



**Charoset:** plpaes & ntsu

\_\_\_\_\_



**Karpas:** rslapey

\_\_\_\_\_



**Maror:** tibter rbhe

\_\_\_\_\_

**Z'roah:** satrode tema

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## Pray

Almighty Father, we praise You that You are so merciful to Your people, and we thank You for Your great love in defending us from danger through Your Son's sacrifice. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Lesson 4

# God Protects Us: God Rescues Israel

**Exodus 12:1-28; 13:14**

The Lord said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Then he will let you go. Speak now to the people."

So Moses said, "Thus says the Lord: About midnight, I will go out in the midst of Egypt. And every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt. Then you may know that the Lord makes a difference between Egypt and Israel."

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This month shall be the first month of the year for you. Kill some lambs at twilight. Then take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts of the houses. Eat the meat that night, roasted on the fire. In this way you shall eat it: with your belt on, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in a hurry. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night. I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you."

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel. He said to them, "Go and kill the Passover lamb."

At midnight, the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.

Then Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron, "Up! Go out from among my people. Go, serve the Lord, as you have said. Be gone, and bless me also!"

God led the people toward the Red Sea. And they camped at the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud. And by night there was a pillar of fire to give them light.



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1 face of lamb



1 Bible



11 sandals



3 loaves of flat bread



Jesus' face



1 red belt



1 cat



2 birds



8 stars



4 glasses



1 angel



4 plates

2 walking sticks



4 goblets



1 trail sign



**Discovery Facts:** At the Passover table today, a place is set for each person. An extra place is set for Elijah, to symbolize the return of Elijah to proclaim the coming Savior.

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## Bible Words

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.  
2 Timothy 4:18

## Take-Home Belief

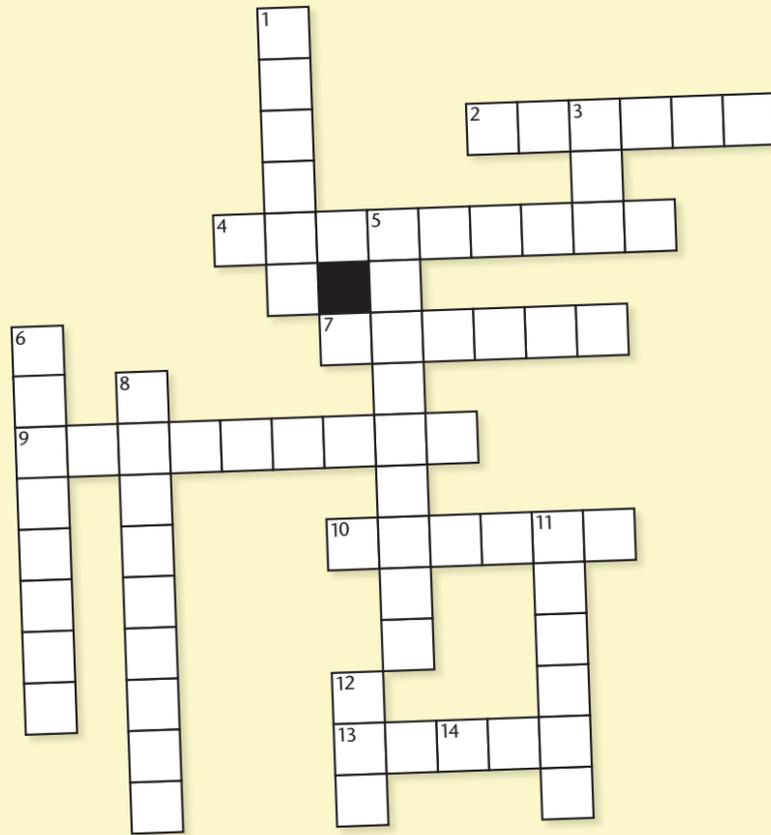
I believe God protects me from danger and evil.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that our heavenly Father protects us from all harm and danger. He guards and protects us from all evil. That doesn't mean that nothing bad will ever happen to us. It means God uses His power, wisdom, and strength for our good. When tough situations happen in your family (and they will), look at the situation with eyes of faith. Review with your child how God guided you or brought you through the move, sickness, or trouble. Then pause and thank Him.

# Search & Know

Use Luke 2 to help you answer each crossword clue below.



## Across

2. Man who held Jesus in the temple
4. What Jesus asked the temple teachers
7. Where Jesus was laid when born
9. First visitors to see Jesus
10. Day on which Jesus was circumcised and named
13. Messenger to the shepherds of Jesus' birth

## Down

1. A counting of people
3. Jesus is also this
5. Kind of cloths in which Jesus was wrapped
6. What Jesus did in the temple when He was 12
8. Town where Jesus was born
11. Where Jesus was taken 40 days after His birth
12. What Jesus always obeyed

## Pray

Dear Jesus, we thank and praise You for coming to earth as true man to act in our place under God's Law and to fulfill it for us. Give us grateful hearts because You, as true man and true God, suffered and died in our place to save us. In Your name we pray.  
Amen.

## Lesson 5

# Jesus Is True Man: Jesus Is Born

## Luke 2

In those days, the Roman ruler told all the people to register for a census. All went to be registered, each to his own town. Joseph also went to Bethlehem. He took Mary.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to her first child, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths. She placed Him in a manger, for there was no room for them in the inn.

Not far away were shepherds out in the field. They were watching over their flock by night. The glory of the Lord shone around them. They were filled with fear.

An angel said, "Fear not. For behold! I bring you good news of a great joy for all people. To you is born this day a Savior. He is Christ the Lord. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly there were many angels. They praised God and said, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth!"

The angels went away. Then the shepherds said, "Let us go and see this thing."

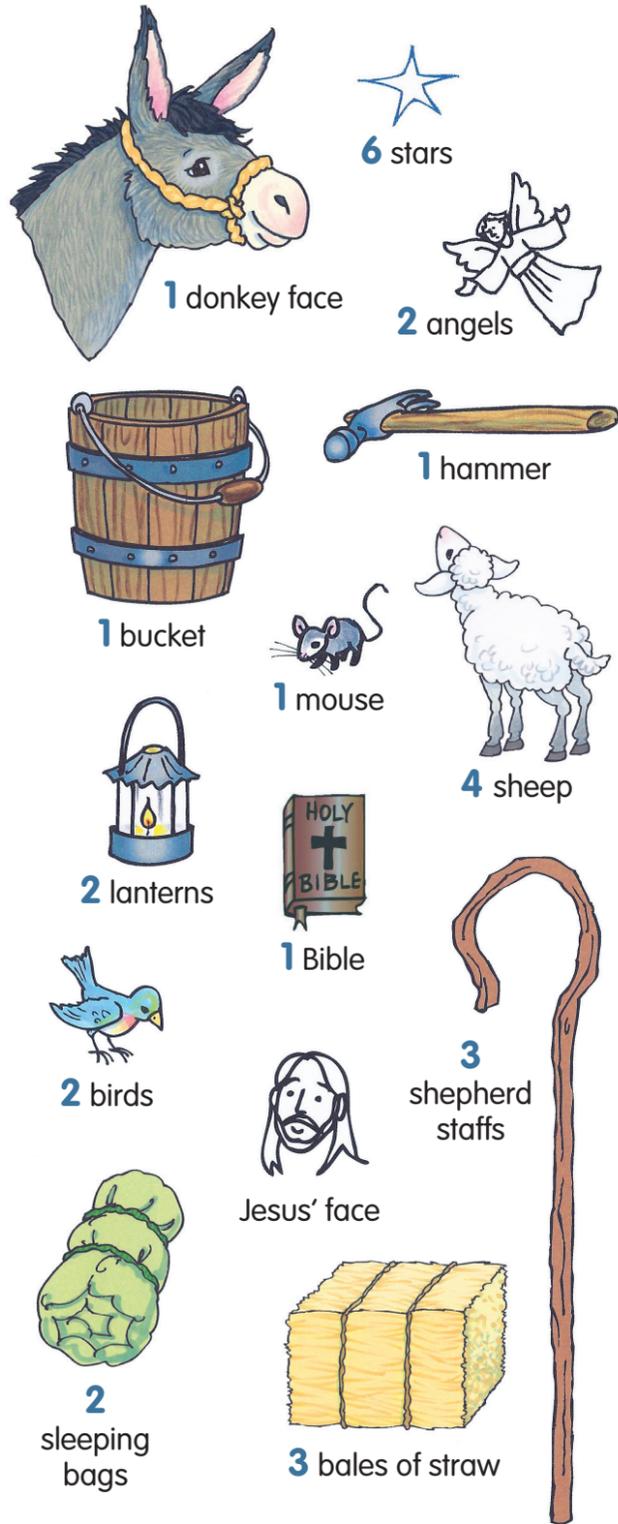
They went quickly. They found Mary and Joseph and the baby in a manger. When they saw it, they told others about this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. Mary treasured up all these things in her heart.



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**Discovery Facts:** In Bible times, immediately after a birth, a midwife would bathe the child in warm water and rub him or her with salt. The baby would then be tightly wrapped in strips of torn cloth called *swaddling cloths*.



## Bible Words

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:14

## Take-Home Belief

I believe Jesus is true man.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that Jesus was born as a real human. Being human was a necessary thing for Him to be our substitute—to live perfectly and then die for our sin. The Bible tells us that Mary wrapped the human baby Jesus in swaddling cloths and placed Him in a manger.

Take a strip of cloth or baby blanket and show your child how to swaddle a baby. Talk about how swaddling helps the baby feel secure. Then remind your child that when Jesus died, He was also wrapped in cloths and placed in the tomb. But Jesus didn't stay in that tomb. He rose from the dead on Easter morning. He didn't need those cloths anymore. His victory secures our salvation.

# Search & Know

Use the words contained in the fishing boat to complete this Bible story summary of Jesus Rebukes the Storm (Luke 8:22–25).



Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ got into a \_\_\_\_\_ to go across the Sea of Galilee. As they sailed, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_. A \_\_\_\_\_ came upon them. The boat began to fill with \_\_\_\_\_. The disciples were in \_\_\_\_\_. The disciples woke up \_\_\_\_\_. They cried, "We are going to \_\_\_\_\_!" Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Suddenly, everything was \_\_\_\_\_. Then Jesus asked the disciples, "Where is your \_\_\_\_\_?" The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_. They said, "Who is this that even the winds and waves \_\_\_\_\_ Him?"

## Pray

Dear Jesus, You are almighty and amazing! In any storm of life that we may face, help us to trust in You and in Your power to save and help us. Because You conquered sin, death, and Satan for us, we know that You can do all things. Be with us always, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## Lesson 6

# Jesus Is True God: Jesus Rebukes the Storm

Luke 8:22–25

Large crowds gathered to hear Jesus. He spoke to people with special stories called parables. Many people did not understand the stories. But Jesus explained all these stories to His disciples.

One evening after Jesus had done a lot of teaching, He said, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, the disciples took Him with them in the boat. And other boats were with Him.

A great windstorm arose. The waves came into the boat. They were so high that the boat was filling with water.

Jesus was in the back of the boat, called the stern. He was asleep on the cushion.

The disciples woke Jesus. They said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care? We are perishing!"

He awoke and rebuked the wind. He said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped. There was a great calm.

Then Jesus said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

The twelve disciples were filled with great fear. They said to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water, and they obey Him!"

The disciples still did not understand who Jesus was. They would still learn that He was the Messiah. They would learn that He was the Son of God.



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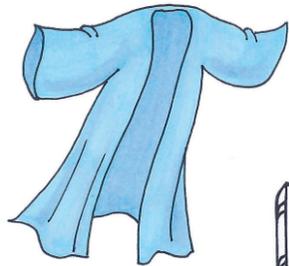
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5 praying hands



1 brown robe



1 blue robe



1 Bible



6 small fish



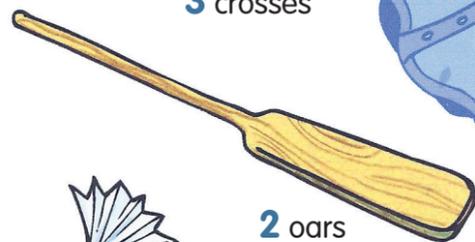
Jesus' face



3 crosses



1 rain poncho

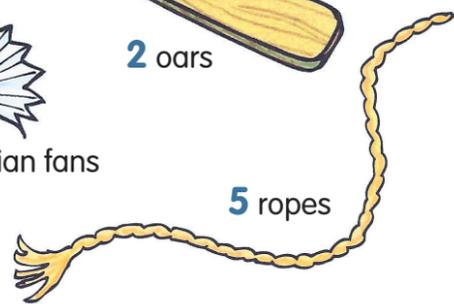


2 oars



3 accordion fans

5 ropes



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**Discovery Facts:** Fishing boats in Galilee were often made of cypress and cedar, wood readily available in the region. These boats were not deep and could have taken on water easily in a storm.



## Bible Words

[Jesus Christ] is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20

## Take-Home Belief

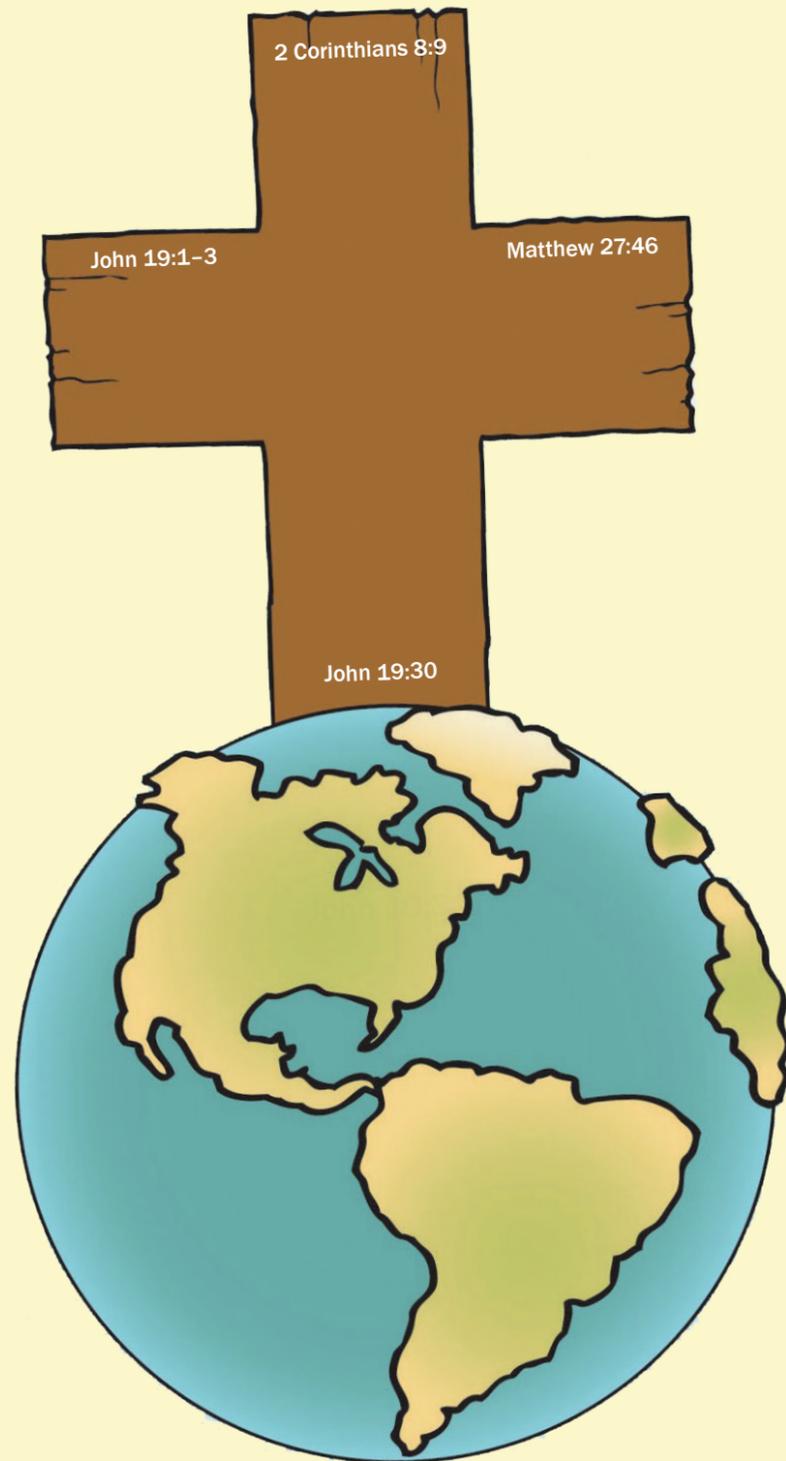
I believe Jesus is true God.

## Family Faith Talk

In this week's Bible lesson, your child learned that Jesus is true God. Just as Jesus' friends the disciples turned to God for help in troubles, lead your children to do the same thing. Sirens sounding? Say a prayer. Hail pounding? Say a prayer. Sickness attacking? Say a prayer. Jesus hears it. He is still at work in the lives of His people. Jesus is the one true God, who came to save us from our sin and promises to be with us always.

## Search & Know

One at a time, read each verse written on the cross below. Write a short description of what the verse says Jesus did for us.



## Pray

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving Your life on the cross for us to buy us back for God. Give us grateful hearts as we remember every day that it is only because of Your redeeming sacrifice for us that we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. In Your saving name we pray. Amen.

## Lesson 7

# Jesus Is Our Savior: Jesus Suffers, Dies, and Rises

**Matthew 27:27-54; 28:5-6**

The soldiers of the governor took Jesus, stripped Him, and put a scarlet robe on Him. They twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and put a reed in His right hand. Kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on Him and struck Him on the head.

Pilate took water and washed His hands before the crowd. He said, "I am innocent of this man's blood. See to it yourselves."

And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

The soldiers led Jesus away. They seized Simon of Cyrene and laid on him the cross. He carried it behind Jesus.

They came to the place that is called The Skull. There they crucified Him and the criminals. One was on His right and one was on His left.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The people stood by, watching. But the rulers and the soldiers mocked Jesus.

There was darkness over the whole land. Then Jesus called out with a loud voice. He said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And He breathed His last.

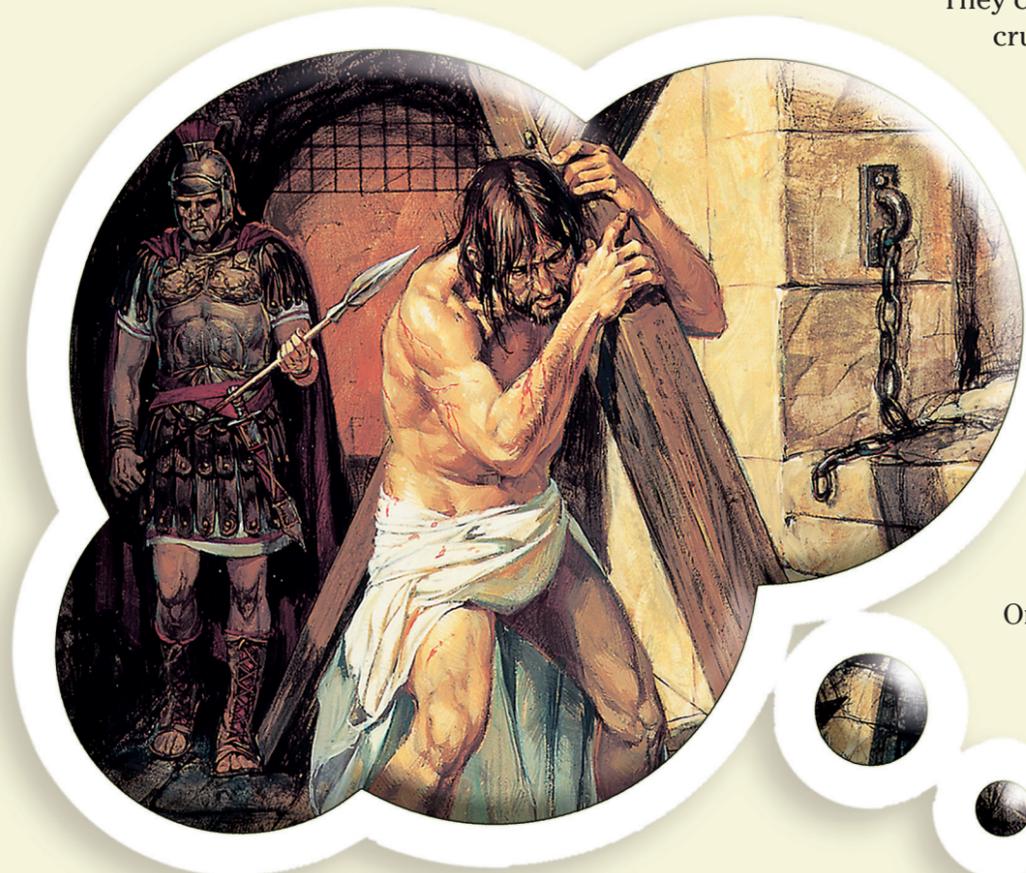
Now there was a man named Joseph. He took down Jesus' body. He wrapped it and laid Jesus in a tomb cut in stone. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed. They saw the tomb.

On the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

But when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

Then, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. The men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Jesus is not here.

"He has risen!"

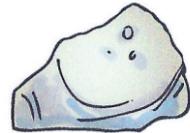


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3 bushes



5 rocks



4 birds



1 crown of thorns



1 red scarf



1 Bible



1 helmet



1 sun



2 belts



10 small crosses



2 plumes



3 clouds



1 first-aid kit



Jesus' face



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**Discovery Facts:** The place outside Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified was called “Golgotha,” which means “Place of a Skull.” Scholars think it was referred to by this name because of the rocky formation on the hillside that resembled a skull.



## Bible Words

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8

## Take-Home Belief

I believe Jesus suffered and died to pay for my sins.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that his or her Savior is Jesus Christ. He paid for our sins on the cross and rose again on Easter. Go on a hunt for crosses. When you find one, show your child how to take a digital picture of the cross. What kind of crosses did you find? Let the crosses remind you and your child that Jesus is our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

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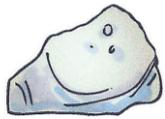
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6 flowers



1 mouse



5 rocks



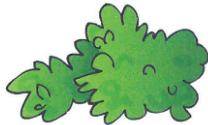
1 sun



Jesus' face



3 clouds



2 shrubs



2 green robes



2 angels



1 Bible



3 spiders



1 compass



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**Discovery Facts:** Angels bring messages of God's will to people. They brought messages to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the disciples at Christ's ascension.



## Bible Words

[Jesus says,] I will come again and will take you to Myself. John 14:3

## Take-Home Belief

I believe Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare a place for me.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that the risen Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father, but He is also with you and your child to the very end of time.

Play a game to teach this truth. Set ten objects on a table. Have your child close his or her eyes while you remove an object. Then have your child guess the object you took. After your child guesses, return the object that was only hidden from view. Take turns hiding objects and naming what's missing. Remind your child that even though we don't see Jesus now, He promises to return.

## Search & Know

The “timing” of the story is off. Write numbers on the flames below to mark the sentences in story order.



As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.



Ten virgins took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.



The foolish virgins asked the wise virgins for oil because their lamps were going out.



The wise virgins said they didn't have enough oil to share, so the foolish virgins went to buy more oil.



At midnight there was a cry, “Come out and meet the bridegroom!”



The foolish virgins asked, but were not let into the marriage feast.



The bridegroom came and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast.



The door was shut.

## Pray

Holy Bridegroom, we thank You that we can be certain we will live with You in heavenly joy forever. Through Your Word, keep us faithful to You and watchful and prepared for Your coming. In Your name we pray. Amen.

## Lesson 9

# Jesus Will Return: The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

From the temple, Jesus and His disciples went to the Mount of Olives, where He taught them about the end times. “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom,” He said. “Five were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps, but no extra oil, with them. The wise took jars of oil along with their lamps. When the bridegroom was late, they all got tired and fell asleep. At midnight someone shouted, ‘Look! The bridegroom is coming! Go and meet him!’

“Then all of the virgins got up and started lighting their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Let us have some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ the wise answered, ‘otherwise there will not be enough for all of us. Go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

“While they were gone to buy some oil, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went into the marriage feast with him.

“After the doors were closed, the other virgins returned and called out, ‘Lord! Lord, open the door for us!’

“‘Really, I don’t know you,’ he answered.

“Watch out,” Jesus said, “because you don’t know the day or the hour when the Son of Man is returning.”



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# Search & Find



5 lit lamps



1 Bible



5 unlit lamps



10 stars



1 moon



1 sleeping cat



4 clumps of grass



5 crowns



2 s'mores



3 necklaces



4 bracelets



2 kittens



Jesus' face



**Discovery Facts:** To trim a lamp, the user had to cut off the charred ends of the wicks and add oil. Lamps required large amounts of oil and would have to be replenished about every fifteen minutes.

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## Bible Words

The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command. . . . And the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4:16

## Take-Home Belief

I believe Jesus helps me to be ready for His return.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned a parable Jesus told about five wise virgins and five foolish virgins waiting for a bridegroom. Although parables are hard for young children to understand, you can help teach the point: Jesus gives us faith and makes us ready for the time when He comes to take us home to be with Him. While we wait, we seek to hear God's Word and use His Sacraments. We want Jesus to keep our faith strong.

What can you do to be ready? Regularly go to church and Sunday School. Speak confidently and with joy about how Jesus makes you ready to be with Him.

# Search & Know

Circle the best answer below each statement.



1. Nicodemus came to Jesus
  - a. in the morning.
  - b. at lunch time.
  - c. at night.
2. Nicodemus called Jesus
  - a. Friend.
  - b. Teacher/Master.
  - c. Savior.
3. Jesus told Nicodemus you have to be born of \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God.
  - a. Water and the Spirit
  - b. Earth and rain
  - c. Your mother
4. The work of the Spirit is like \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ice.
  - b. the wind.
  - c. a rainbow.
5. As Moses lifted up the \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness, so must Jesus be lifted up.
  - a. Ten Commandments
  - b. tent
  - c. bronze serpent
6. When Jesus said the Son of Man will be lifted up, He was talking about when He would \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. die on the cross.
  - b. sit on His throne in heaven.
  - c. be picked up when He fell.
7. The Holy Spirit makes us \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bad.
  - b. new creations.
  - c. wrong.
8. The Holy Spirit changes our
  - a. desires.
  - b. outfit.
  - c. hair style.

## Pray

Holy Spirit, thank You for giving us a new birth of faith through Baptism. We're so grateful You help us to see Jesus as our Savior and to understand God's ways. Fan the flame of faith in our hearts! In Jesus' powerful name we pray. Amen.

## Lesson 10

# The Spirit Creates Faith: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

### John 3:1-16

There was a man named Nicodemus. He was a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night. He said to Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God. No one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said, "How can a man be born when he is old?"

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

Nicodemus said, "How can these things be?"

Jesus said, "Are you the teacher of Israel? You do not know these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, I have told you about things on earth.

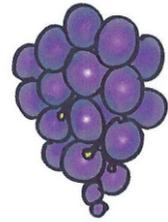
"But you do not believe. How can you believe if I tell you about things from heaven? Remember how Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness? So must the Son of Man be lifted up. Whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."



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# Search & Find



5 grape clusters



4 water jugs



2 cats



1 windsock



1 Bible



7 shells



5 flowers



1 moon



6 crosses



3 doves



2 crescent moons



3 flashlights



Jesus' face



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**Discovery Facts:** Nicodemus was a leading Pharisee and member of the Council. The Pharisees were lay leaders, mostly from the middle class. They accepted the entire Old Testament while adding many rules and man-made laws to it.



## Bible Words

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.  
1 Corinthians 12:3

## Take-Home Belief

I believe the Holy Spirit gives me faith.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child heard Jesus explain to Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit works a new birth of faith through Baptism for all who believe. When you talk with your child about Baptism, remind him or her of the blessings God gives, especially faith to believe in Jesus. Here are a few other things you can do.

Have your child talk to his or her godparents and thank them for praying for his or her spiritual growth. Get out Baptism pictures and mementos. Talk about the special things that happened the day your child was baptized.

# Search & Know

Unscramble the clues to complete the sentences.



toitmne  
noinadet  
laevu  
locsedd  
yloH pirSti  
lubfaetiu  
larbiu

1. Mary opened an expensive jar of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' feet.
3. Judas was upset because of the extravagance of Mary's gift and \_\_\_\_\_ her.
4. Jesus said that Mary had done a \_\_\_\_\_ thing.
5. Mary anointed Jesus' body for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Mary understood the true \_\_\_\_\_ of who Jesus was and what He was doing.
7. Mary was moved by the \_\_\_\_\_ to live as God's child and do this good work.

## Pray

Dear Jesus, You came to earth to serve me by saving me from sin, death, and the devil. Please help me show Your love to others by serving them. In Your name I pray. Amen.

## Lesson 11

# The Spirit Renews Us: Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus

### John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived. Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead.

They gave a dinner for Jesus there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Jesus at the table.

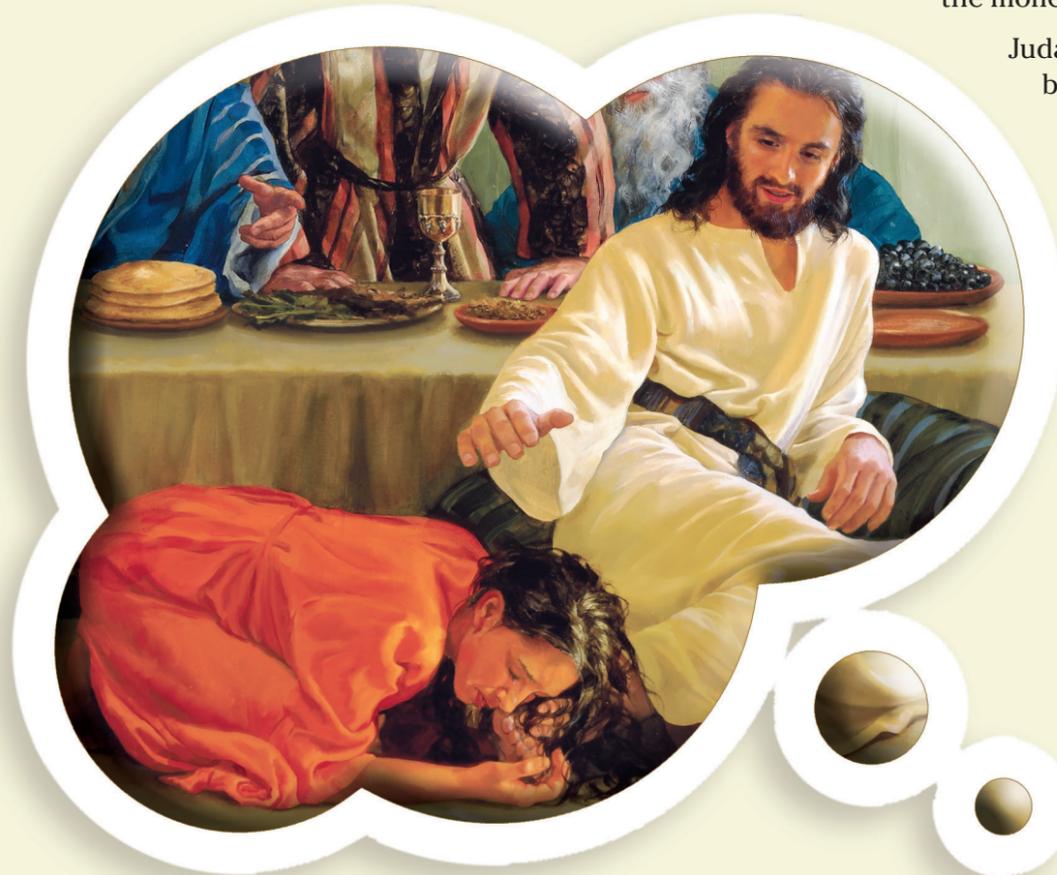
Mary took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and she anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair.

The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples (he was the one who was about to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

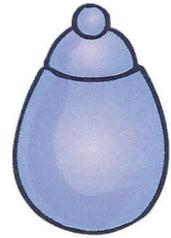
Judas said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money-bag, and he used to help himself to what was put into the bag.

But Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."



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# Search & Find



7 jars



2 campfires



6 grumpy faces



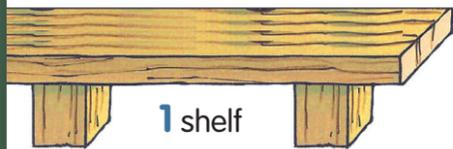
1 Bible



8 hearts



2 dogs



1 shelf



2 bowls



3 butterflies



3 sandals



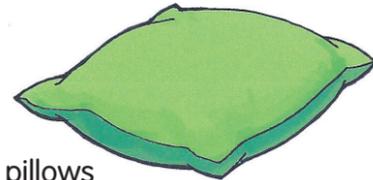
Jesus' face



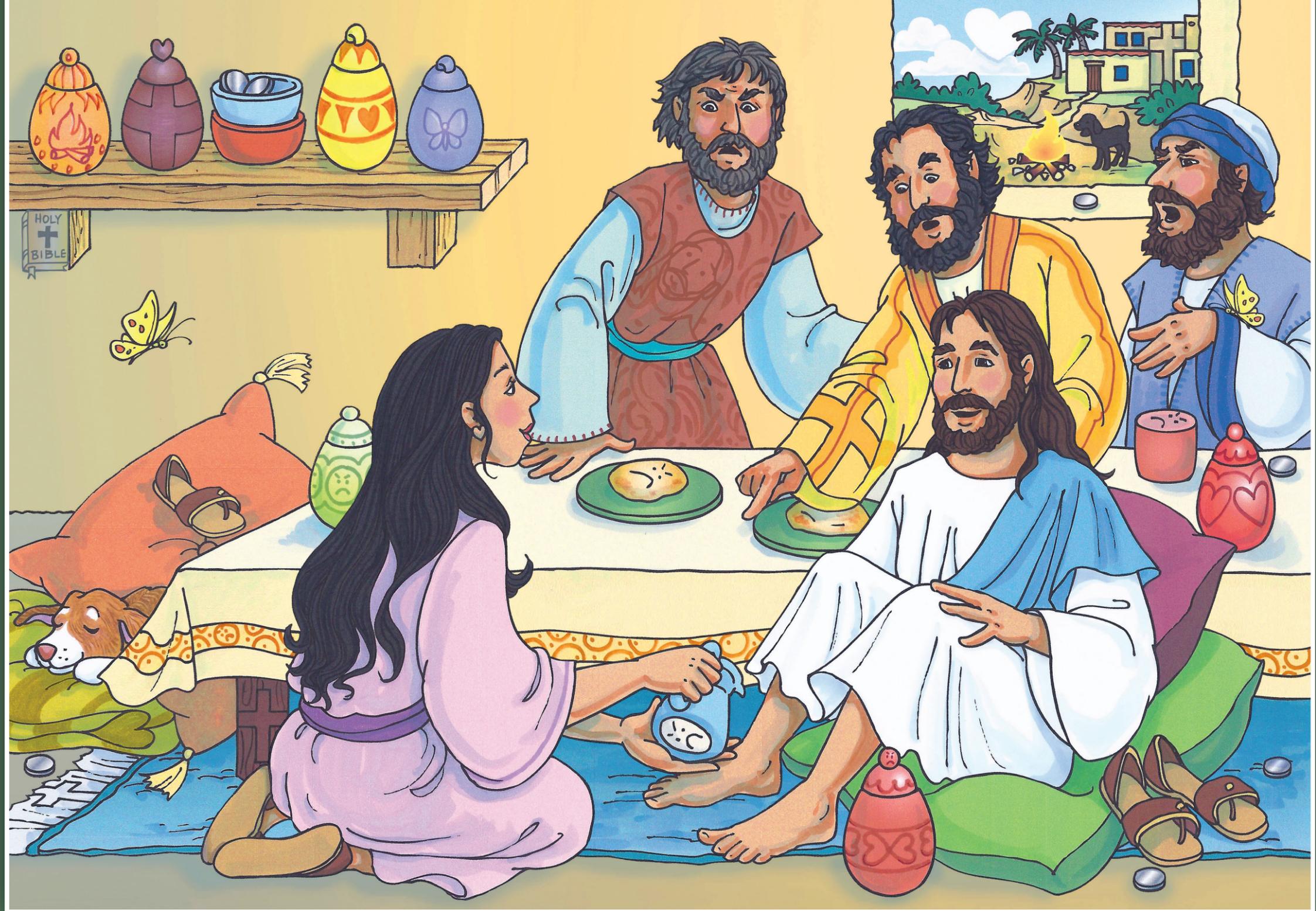
5 coins



5 crosses



3 pillows



**Discovery Facts:** Most people in Jesus' day wore sandals, so feet were dusty and dirty. Hosts were expected to provide water for their guests for foot washing or have a slave perform the task.

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## Bible Words

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17

## Take-Home Belief

I believe the Holy Spirit helps me live as God's child.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that the Holy Spirit works in the lives of God's children. The Holy Spirit creates in God's children a selfless and generous love. When you see this selfless love in your child, thank God. His Spirit is at work, helping your child say no to sin and yes to living as God's child. This Spirit-filled living includes praying, resisting temptations, and saying "I am sorry" and "I forgive you."

Draw around your child's hands onto poster paper. Inside the hands, have your child write or draw ways he or she can show love this week. Then pray for God the Holy Spirit's help in doing this.

# Search & Know

Read each sentence. If the statement is true, color the coin.  
If the statement is false, leave it uncolored.

1. Before the story, Jesus told people to beware of the poor people on the streets because they might steal from them.



2. Jesus sat down across from the temple treasury to watch people put money into the offering box.



3. Jesus was disappointed because the rich people had lots of money but they didn't give lots of money.



4. Jesus didn't like the poor widow's offering because it wouldn't help out the temple very much because it was so small.



5. Jesus explained what He observed to everyone around in the temple courts.



6. Jesus said that the widow who put in only two small copper coins put in more than everyone who was contributing to the offering box.



7. The widow kept nothing for herself.



## Pray

Holy Spirit, forgive us for doing good things only to please others. Give us hands and feet that serve others with joy and give God the glory. Fill our hearts and minds with thankfulness for God's blessings, motivating us to do good works. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Lesson 12

# The Spirit Produces Good Works: A Widow's Offering

### Mark 12:41-44

One of the scribes asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus said, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love Him with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to Him, "You are right, Teacher."

Jesus said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Later, Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes. They like greetings in the marketplaces. They like the best seats in the house of prayer. They like the places of honor at feasts. But they take away widows' houses. And they pretend to make long prayers. They will receive greater punishment."

Then Jesus sat down near the treasury. He watched the people put money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow came. She put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

Jesus called His disciples to Him. He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all. For they all gave out of their abundance. But she has put in everything she had. It was all she had to live on."



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# Search & Find



3 doves



1 offering basket



8 handprints



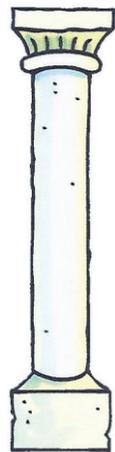
5 copper coins



1 praying hands



5 silver coins



4 columns



2 green sashes



5 money bags



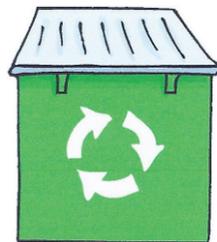
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1 Bible



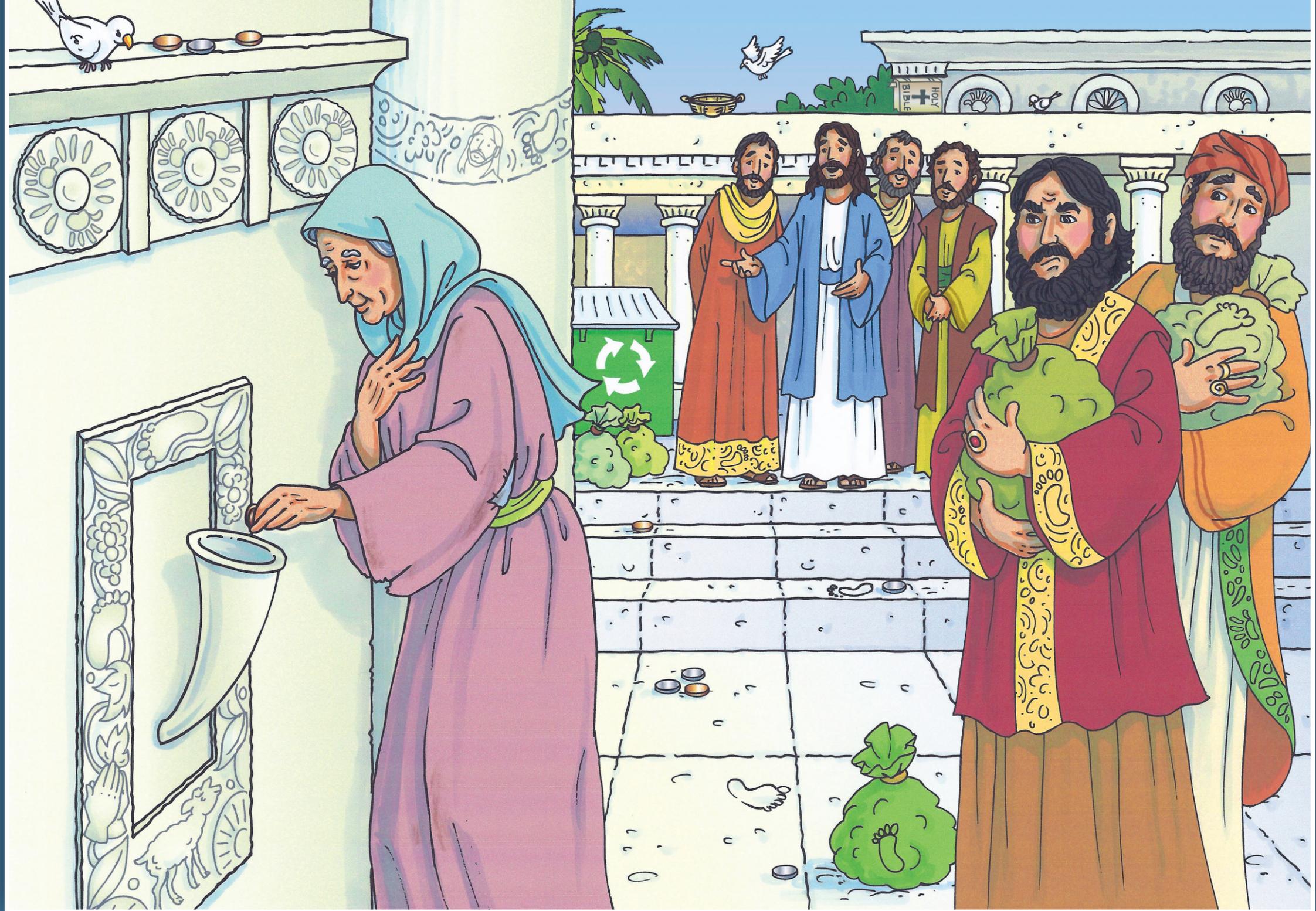
8 footprints



1 recycling bin



Jesus' face



**Discovery Facts:** The tiny copper prutah (PROO-tah) or mite was the smallest unit of currency. Archeologists have found thousands of these little coins, showing that they were extremely common at the time of Jesus.

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## Bible Words

We are . . . created in Christ Jesus for good works . . . that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

## Take-Home Belief

I believe the Holy Spirit helps me do good works.

## Family Faith Talk

In this Bible story, your child learned that the Holy Spirit moved a poor woman of God to give a rich offering—all she had. As you prepare your offerings for church and Sunday School, invite your child to be part of that experience. Share with him or her the joy you have in giving. Together, recognize this as the work of the Holy Spirit, who gives us faith and helps us share with others the gifts God has given to us.

# Search & Know

Review Acts 8:26–39. As a present-day witness through God’s Word of Philip’s teaching, answer each question below.

**Where did this Bible story take place?**

**Who was there?**

(Be sure to read Acts 8:29 carefully as you answer this question.)

**What didn’t the Ethiopian man understand at first?**

**What did Philip tell the Ethiopian?**

**Who helped Philip know what to tell the Ethiopian?**

**How do you know the Ethiopian man came to faith in Jesus?**

## Pray

O Holy Spirit, You give us faith in the triune God, and You help that faith to grow in us. Give us the desire and the power to tell others the Good News of salvation, found only through faith in Jesus. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Lesson 13

# The Spirit Makes the Church Grow: Philip and the Ethiopian

**Acts 8:26–39**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south. Take the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.

And Philip rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a court official of Candace, the queen. He was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship. Now he was returning, seated in his chariot. He was reading the prophet Isaiah.

And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

So Philip ran to him. He heard him reading Isaiah the prophet. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep He was led to death and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth.”

And the Ethiopian said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this? About himself? About someone else?”

Then Philip opened his mouth. Beginning with this Scripture, he told him the Good News about Jesus.

And as they were going along the road, they came to some water. The Ethiopian said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop.

They both went down into the water, Philip and the Ethiopian. Philip baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away.

The Ethiopian saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus. He preached the Gospel to all the towns by the sea.



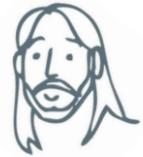
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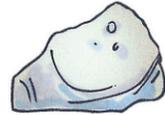
3 lily pads



Jesus' face



1 angel



7 rocks



1 Bible



3 rings



3 fish



6 crosses



2 frogs



4 Baptism shells



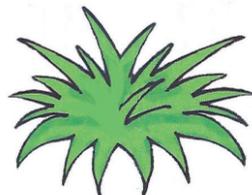
3 scrolls



1 trail map



6 dates on palm trees



4 tufts of grass



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**Discovery Facts:** The Ethiopian was reading out loud because people at the time were trained to read aloud. Ancient handwriting and books were sometimes difficult to read because a manuscript might have no spaces between words and vowels might be left out.



## Bible Words

As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you. John 20:21

## Take-Home Belief

I believe the Holy Spirit makes God's Church grow.

## Family Faith Talk

This week, your child learned that the Holy Spirit makes the Church grow. Your child also heard how God had an angel send Philip to help a man from Africa who did not understand the words Isaiah the prophet wrote about Jesus.

Many people do not understand God's Word. Through offerings and prayer, you can support the work of your local church as it spreads the Gospel. You might also consider donating a children's Bible in honor of your child to your local library so other children may come to believe in Jesus.





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