

A Note to Parents:

A strong foundation in the Word of God is the most important thing you can leave your kids. You want your children to know not only the Bible but also the God who has revealed Himself to us in its pages. The prayer of our hearts is that through the work of the Spirit, God would use His Word to introduce our kids to Jesus. It's a message that we want to give them at home as well as in the church.

All sorts of Bible story products are available today, but they are not all equal. Many Bible products are presented to kids in a way that seems to communicate the primary message: "Be good."

What sometimes gets lost in the journey through the Bible and its many stories is the good news of what Christ has done to save the lost. In other words, when we focus on reinforcing good behavior, we may be missing the heart-change brought about by the gospel. Even worse, we condition our kids to think that the Bible is all about them.

The One Big Story brand has been creating products that focus on the big story, draw our attention to God, and point us to Jesus at every turn. Whether at home or in the church, this *Bible Story Coloring and Activity Book* is designed to serve as both a stand-alone activity book as well as a companion to The One Big Story Bible, Bible storybooks, and devotional.

We understand that sometimes the best way to help a child understand and engage with a story is through physical activity. With coloring pages

and activities arranged in biblical order, you can easily find a page that pairs with your current reading and emphasizes key points to remember.

"Be good" is not the message of the Bible. "Be saved" is. We want our children to know that God is good, and He is the hero who sent His Son to die for our sins.



Remember:

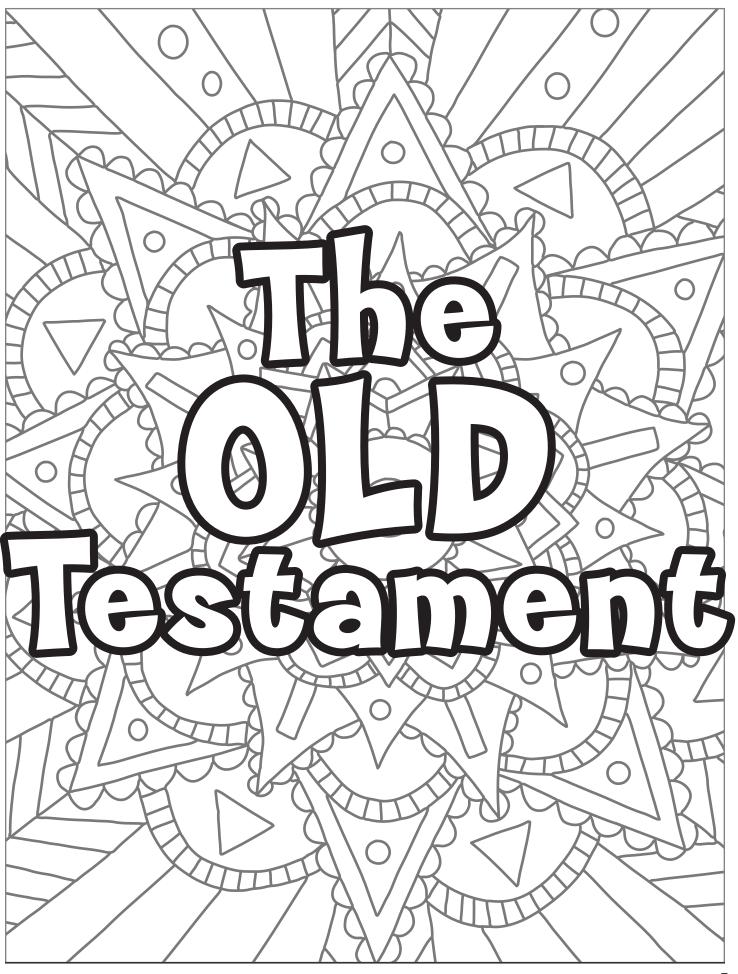
For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.—John 3:16

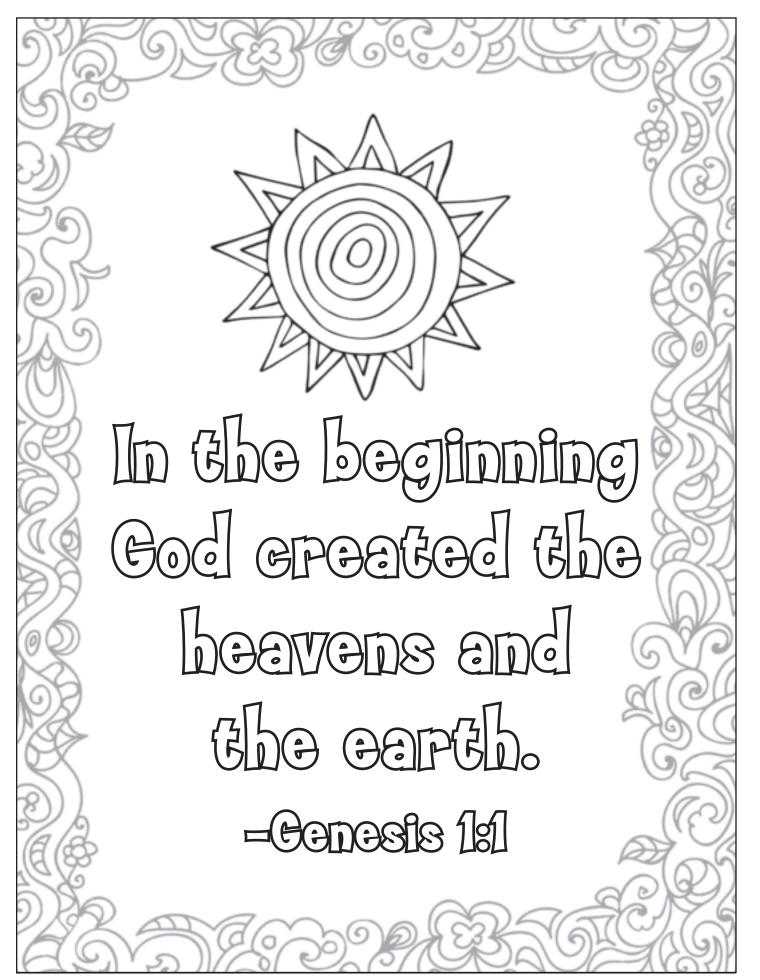
Read:

Just before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His disciples a great commission. This means that He gave all of His followers, even those who live today, a very important job. You can read the great commission in Matthew 28:16–20. Jesus came to save us all from sin. But He also taught us how to live in a way that pleases God. Our very important job is to share everything about Jesus. He wants everyone to know that He came to save us and that God wants us to live a life of obedience to Jesus. Sharing this big news with the whole world may sound scary, but Jesus reminds us, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Think:

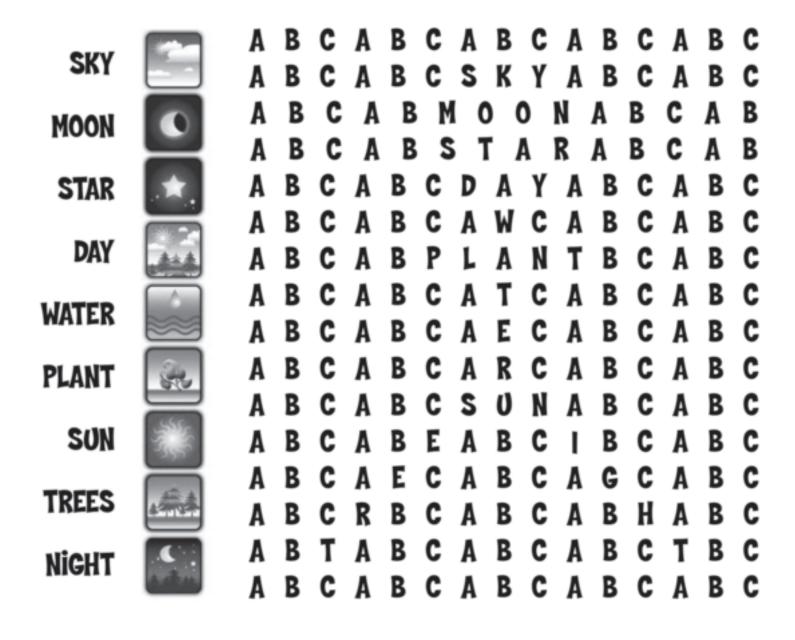
- 1. What do all the stories of the Old Testament and the New Testament have in common?
- 2. The heroes of the Bible often had to be brave for God. What are some ways you can be brave enough to tell others about Him?
- 3. Name two or three Bible stories that seem to fit together. What did the people in these stories learn?
- 4. Think of your favorite Bible character. How is your life today different from that person's? How are your lives the same?
- 5. Jesus came to earth to save His people. Why do you think He came as a tiny baby rather than as a mighty King?
- 6. If you could write a letter to someone from the Bible, who would it be? What would your letter say?





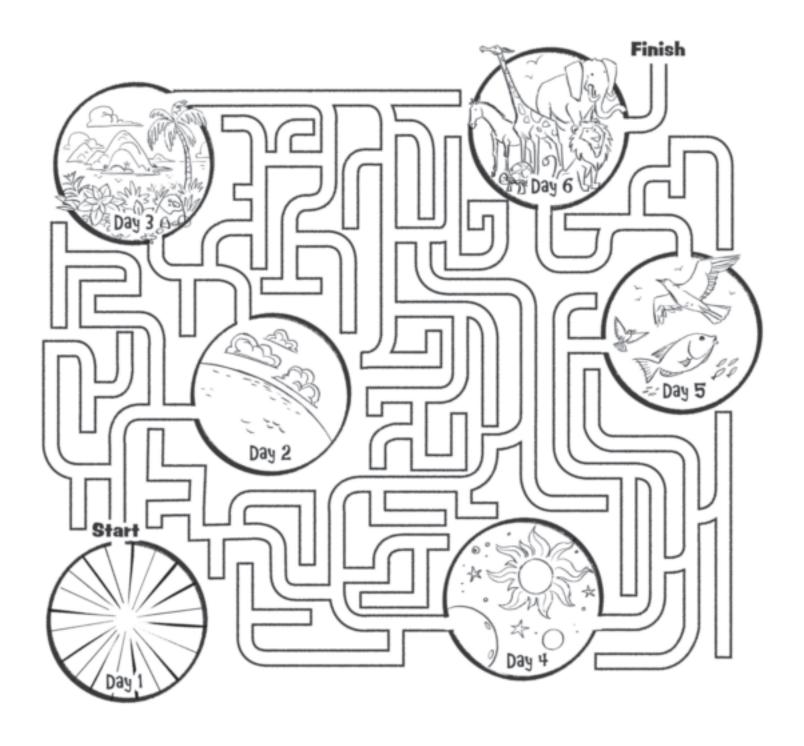
Word Search: Creation

Below are some of the things God created in the very beginning. Use a crayon or marker to highlight the words and uncover God's most special creation.

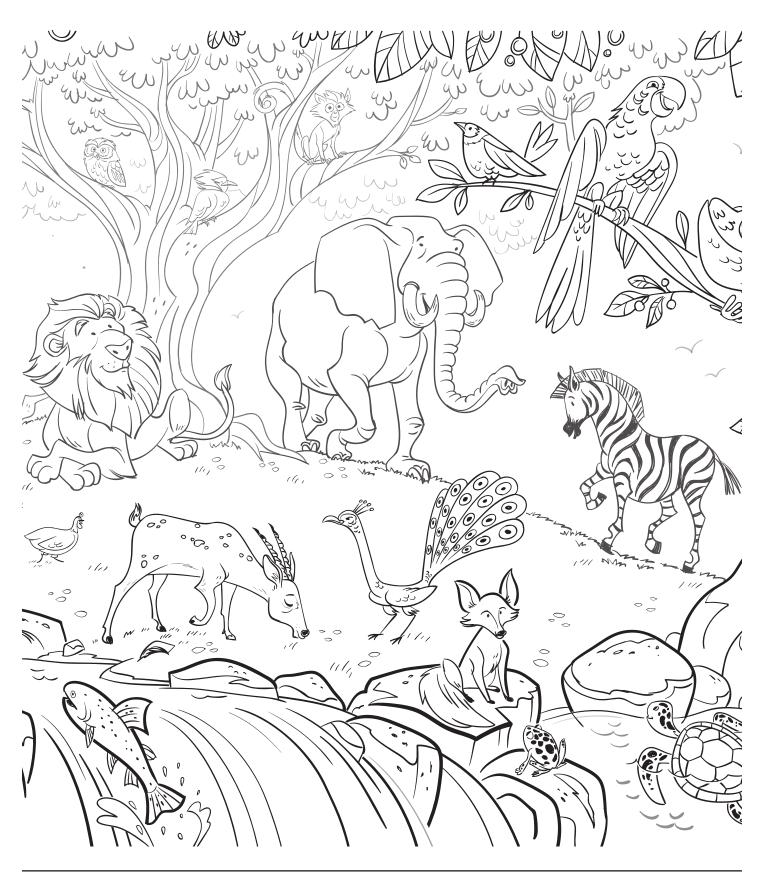


Maze: Days of Creation

Find your way through the maze. Start at day 1 and go through all the days of creation to the finish after day 6. What did God create each day?



God Created the World



Find It: Hidden Animals

Color spaces with one dot brown. Color spaces with two dots green. Find the animals hidden in the tree and color them any color.

