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CARIBBEAN BIBLE LESSONS



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Beginners • Age 4-6 • Learner Guide

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Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...' – Matthew 28:7a (NIV)

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Dear Parent

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the January to April 2024 issue in the series **Living the Word**.

We are happy to be able to continue to provide you with these books. We encourage you, as parents and caregivers, to help your child learn the lessons by reading the **BIBLE STORY** and the **BIBLE THOUGHT** with your child. Help him or her to know how to apply each lesson to his or her life. Make an effort to set aside time each week to go through the lesson and encourage your child to do the activities for each lesson.

We pray that what you uncover together will bless your hearts and strengthen your relationship with our Lord.

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UNIT 1 OVERVIEW

Unit Theme: OTHERS Unit Title: I Can Help Others

JANUARY 7

I CAN HELP

BIBLE THOUGHT

Help each other.

Based on
Galatians 5:13

JANUARY 14

I CAN FORGIVE

BIBLE THOUGHT

Forgive persons
who are unkind
to you.

Based on
Matthew 5:44

JANUARY 21

I CAN PRAY FOR OTHERS

BIBLE THOUGHT

Pray for each other.

Based on
James 5:16

JANUARY 28

I CAN SHARE

BIBLE THOUGHT

Be ready to share.

Based on
1 Timothy 6:18

I CAN HELP**STARTERS**
Bible Thought

Help each other. *Based on Galatians 5:13*

Jesse had eight sons. David was the youngest. David liked to help others. He helped his father, Jesse, at home by taking care of the sheep. He also helped his friend, King Saul. He would play music for him.

Three of Jesse's sons were soldiers in King Saul's army. They had to fight a lot of battles. Jesse loved his sons very much. He was very worried about them. He wanted to know if they were safe.

Jesse called David and said, "I want you to visit your brothers. Take some food for them. Take food for their leader, too. See if they are safe."

David got up early the next morning. He took care of his father's sheep. David left the sheep with a shepherd. He then filled a bag with roasted corn and bread for his brothers. He also filled another bag

with cheese for the leader of the army. David travelled to the camp as fast as he could.

When David arrived at the camp, he gave the food to the leader. When David saw his brothers, he ran and greeted them. David's brothers were safe.

David knew that he was helping his family and his friends. He felt very happy that he could help them.

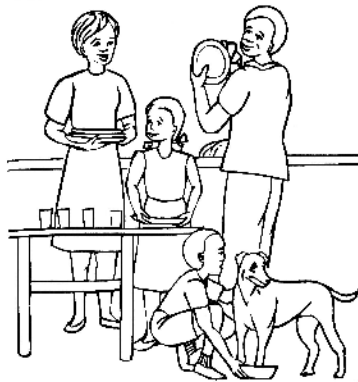
Based on 1 Samuel 17:12-22



What is the little boy in the picture doing?

What is the little girl doing?

Write your answers on the lines below.



I CAN FORGIVE**STARTERS****Bible Thought**

Forgive persons who are unkind to you.

Based on Matthew 5:44

The people of Israel loved David very much. They thought that he was a great fighter. They knew that he was blessed by God. That made King Saul very jealous of David. Saul was so jealous of David that he wanted to hurt him.

One day, David and his men went to hide in a cave. They went far into the cave to hide from Saul. Saul went into the cave, too. He wanted to rest. Soon, Saul fell asleep. He did not know that David and his men were in the cave.

David and his men saw Saul. David's men said to him, "Let's kill him!" But David said, "No! It would be wrong to kill him. He is God's servant."

David quietly walked over to Saul. He cut off a piece of Saul's robe.

Then, he hurried outside the cave and called out to King Saul.

“King Saul, Look!” David shouted. David showed Saul the piece of his robe. “I could have killed you, but I did not. I do not hate you. Why do you want to kill me?”

Saul looked at his robe. Saul saw that it was cut. He felt ashamed and he cried. Saul said, “David, you showed me love when I was unkind to you. You forgave me. You are a better man than I am. The Lord will bless you greatly.”

Based on 1 Samuel 24



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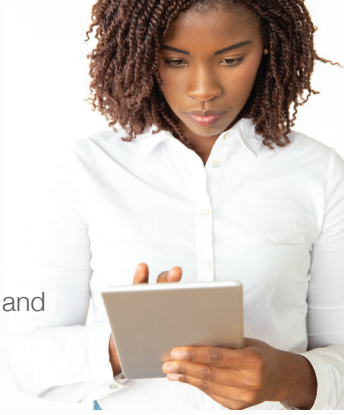
Unkind
Forgive

_____ those who are _____
to you.

Based on Matthew 5:44

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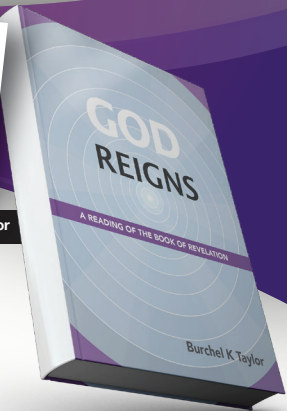
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