



**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, one true God.**

**Glory to Him, and may His grace and mercy
be upon us for ever. Amen.**



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PREFACE

Dear associates in Christ,

Malankara Jacobite Syrian Sunday School Association (M.J.S.S.A.) is functioning as a spiritual organization of the Church, with its headquarters at Puthencruz, in order that the children of the members of Jacobite Syrian Christian Church would nurture depending and fearing in God; they would realize and experience Christ and the light of Christ would enlighten the society through them; and they would become virtue-based citizens by learning the Bible, true faith, history, prayers and liturgy of the Church. On every Sunday, classes are conducted after the Holy Qurbana in a structured way having textbooks from Class I to XII.

Accepting the continuous request of our students, teachers, parents, Reverend priests and Their Eminences Metropolitans to revise the textbooks as per the needs of the present era, M.J.S.S.A. presents such a more attractive and student-centred text book. This new curriculum tries to introduce Jesus Christ to our kids in various ways such as games, drawings, colourings, songs, and stories.

Mastertrainers of the Educational Department has given leadership in this challenging endeavour. M.J.S.S.A. is much obliged to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, Mr. T.C. Alias Master, Rev. Fr. Eldhose Karuthedathu, Rev. Fr. Jijo Varghese, Rev. Fr. Shaji Varghese, Rev. Fr. JaisonBlayil, Rev. Fr. JyothisPothara, Mr. Eldhose Mathew, Mr. A.G. Alias Master, Mr. Siju Paul, and Mr. P.V. George. Along with gratefully acknowledging the contributions of the Executive Committee Member Mr. P.V. Jacob as the Coordinator of the Curriculum Committee, M.J.S.S.A. appreciates the efforts of all the Curriculum Committee members. Express special thanks to Rev. Fr. Varghese Paul Thombra, co-ordinator Sri. P.V. Jacob and T.C. Alias Master for their sincere efforts in English translation work. Sincere gratitude also goes to Smart Creations Angamali and Modern Graphics Angamali for the design works. M.J.S.S.A presents this new text book curriculum with authentic approval, after several discussions and meetings presided by the President of M.J.S.S.A. His Eminence Mor Aphrem Mathews Metropolitan.

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To the Parents...



Dear parents,

“Let the children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (St. Matthew 19:14). Children are the gifts of God. They are good. But today’s world leads human beings to evils. On one hand there are alcohol, drugs, overwhelming influence of media; and on the other anger, hatred, disobedience, and disrespect towards parents and elders... How far our kids are interested in spiritual matters...? Have you ever thought of it? What is its reason?

They have not received true divine feeling. Therefore, unless we grow them carefully today, we may have to regret tomorrow. This textbook is prepared to help the kids nurturing in spiritual experience as well as enhancing their knowledge. And this book becomes worthy, only when the lessons are taught in the intended way. Some activities could be done only with the help of parents. Your dedication and time are necessary for the kids to learn the lessons accurately which is taught on every Sunday. If so, we will surely be able to develop a generation which is filled with Divine Love.

To the Kids...



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Go through the book and see...

What all things are prepared for you...

To know, to learn, and to worship God with a fearing heart...

Lot of space is there in these beautiful pages...

To colour, to sing, to speak, to share and to enact...

Come,

Let us move forward in the image of Christ.

Let us grow by holding Christian values.

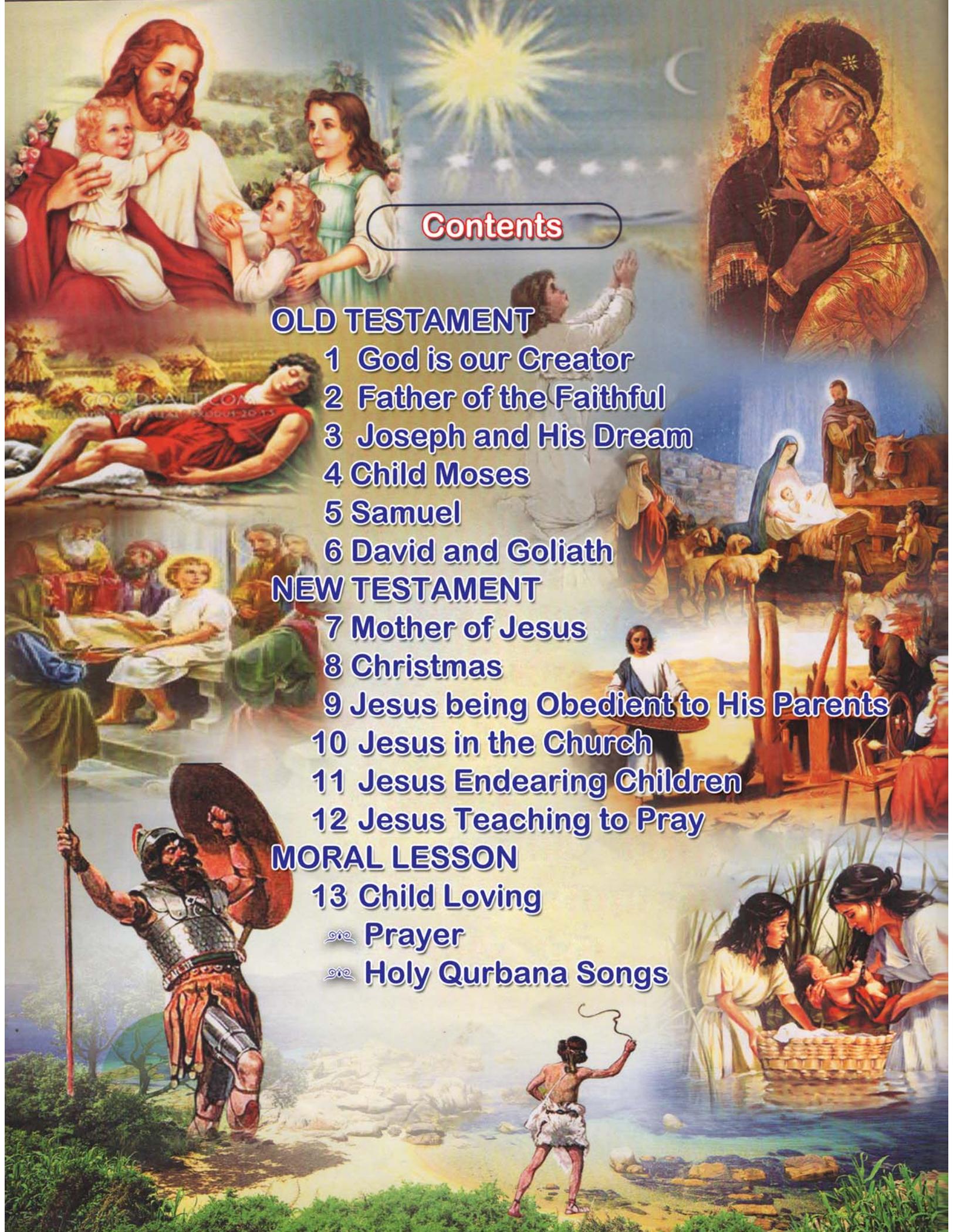
Let us advance by knowing our society and nature.



To the Teachers...

Dear Teachers,

The new curriculum is an attempt to introduce Jesus Christ to a child in relation to his/her own day to day living circumstances, not only by reading and speaking, but also by thinking and acting. Every chapter is prepared in a way that a minimum of three periods/hours are required to finish it. Please ensure that you try to read and understand the chapter as a whole, and to prepare the presentation well in advance. You are encouraged to utilize your God-given talents to organize more activities supplementing the activities given in each chapter. You are requested to confirm that the aim and message of every chapter are communicated properly to each kid through the lesson and its activities. It is not to be said that the message of each chapter is communicated properly only by enough prayer and preparation. May every child be able to realize and experience Christ through you and through each lesson.



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Chapter 1

God is our Creator

Bible Reference: Genesis 1; 2:4-8

Bible Verse to Learn: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

Aim:

- ◆ God created everything.
- ◆ God loves and protects everything.
- ◆ We also have to love and protect every living thing.

Let us look around...

- ♥ What all things we see in the sky???
- ♥ What we see in the garden???
- ♥ What could we see in the river???
- ♥ Do you like them???
- ♥ Who has created them?

Heaven and Earth

Land and Sea

Sun and Moon

Wind and Rain

Thunder and Lightning

Stars and Planets

Birds and Animals

All these are created by

GOD.

When God said, "**Let it be there,**"
then everything was there.

Read Aloud

GOD

CREATION

CREATOR

UNIVERSE

SKY

SUN

MOON

STARS

LIVING THINGS

Identify the following pictures



Animals

God had an order for creation

FIRST DAY Light, Day and Night Sky

SECOND DAY Sky

THIRD DAY Land, Sea, grass, plants and trees

FOURTH DAY Sun, Moon and Stars

FIFTH DAY Reptiles, Birds Whales and Fishes

SIXTH DAY

On the sixth day, after creating various animals, God looked at His every creation. And God saw everything was good. But God realized that there was no creation in His own image and likeness.

God took dust of the ground and made a human form.

Then He breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and the man became a living being.

God created man in His own image and likeness

Who created us? (Give colour)

God created man
on
the Sixth Day

G O D

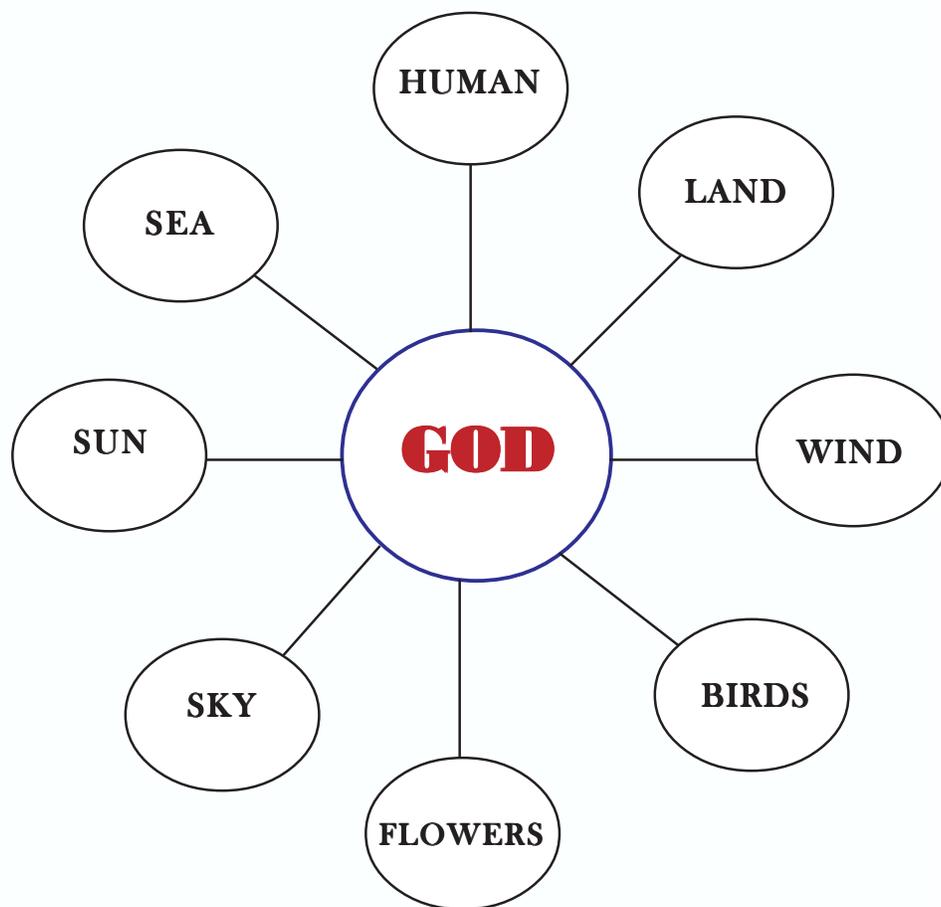


On which day God created the following?

(Write the correct answer in the given box)

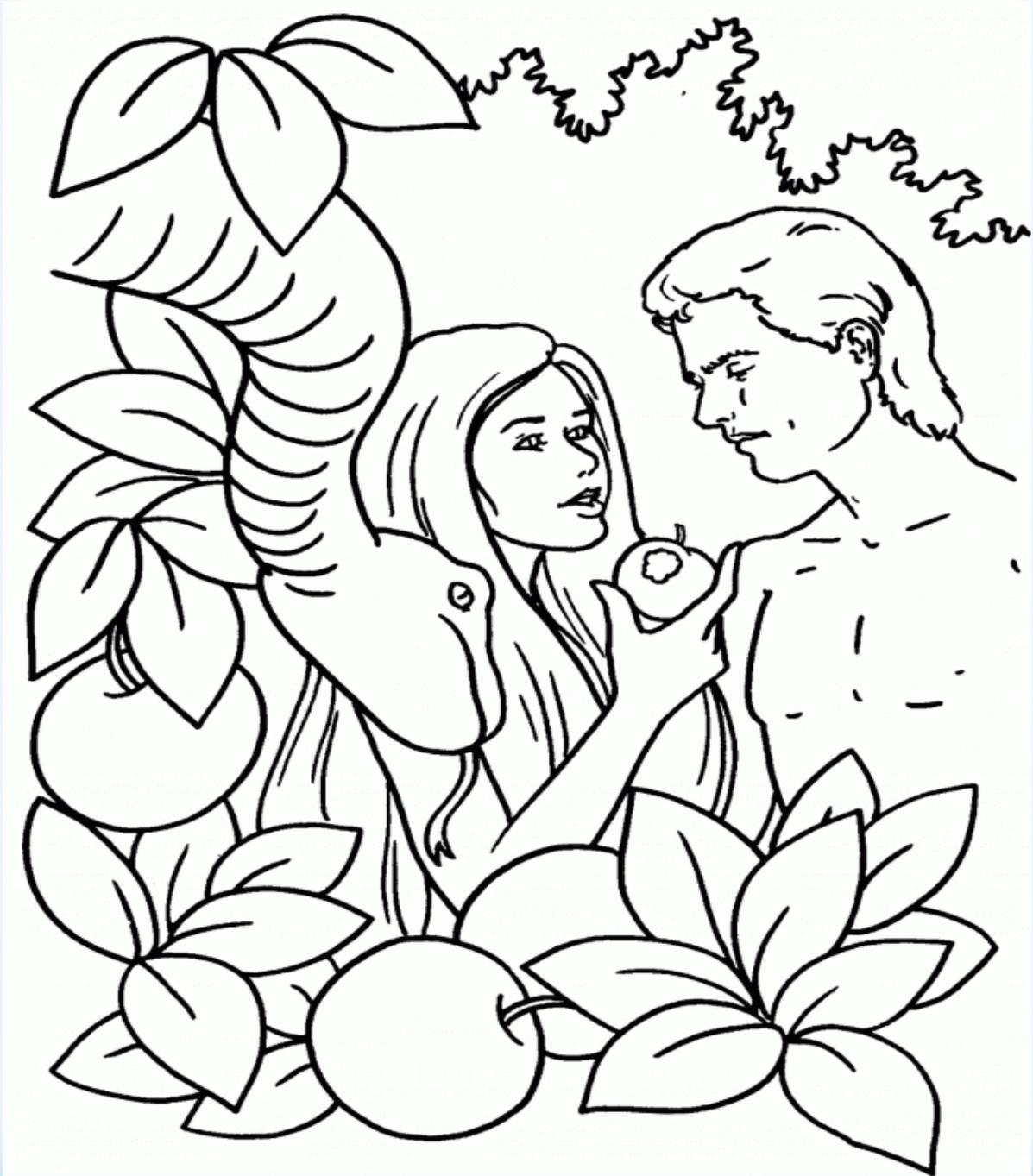


Give **'Yellow'** to those which has formed when God said 'Let there be';
and give **'Green'** to those which God has made by His own hands.



God named the first man 'Adam'. God let Adam to live in the Garden of Eden, which was very beautiful and marvellous. One day, God saw that Adam was living alone. God felt very sad and created a woman as companion for Adam. Adam named her 'Eve'. God said to both of them, "You have to take care of all the living beings in the Garden of Eden." Afterwards, along with all the living creatures, Adam and Eve lived together very happily in the Garden of Eden.

Give Colour:



Let us sing together:

Adam nammudevallyappan
Havvanammudevallyamma
Eden ennathottathil
Deivamavarepaarppichu

What should we do?

- ◆ God protects us.
- ◆ We also have to take care of all living creatures in the world.
- ◆ We should not destroy anything.

How we could take care of God's Creation?

(Give **green** to the box under right answer and **red** to the box under wrong answer)





My Pledge

I,(name)
love God;
depend on God's grace;
pray to God;
respect and obey my parents and teachers;
take care of land, plants, trees and animals.

Let us pray:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
By whose glory the heaven and the earth are filled,
Hosanna in the Highest.**

(Thantesthuthikalaal

Aakaashavumbhoomiyumniranjirikkunna

BalavanaayaDeivamThampuran

Parishudhan, Parishudhan, Parishudhan,

UyarangalilSthuthi.)

Homework:

Colour the below picture; and likewise the children in the picture, please plant a tree in your courtyard and take care of it.



FOR THE EXISTANCE OF MY EARTH.....

Give Colour to the Bible Verse and Learn it:

IN THE
BEGINNING,
GOD
CREATED THE HEAVEN
AND THE EARTH

Let us praise God:

**I praise you O God, my Lord,
for creating me in this beautiful world.**

Answer the Following:

1. Who is the creator of everything?
2. Name the first human?
3. Who was given by God to Adam as a companion?
4. Where did God let Adam to live in?
5. Who created us?
6. How did God create man?

Chapter 2

Father of the Faithful

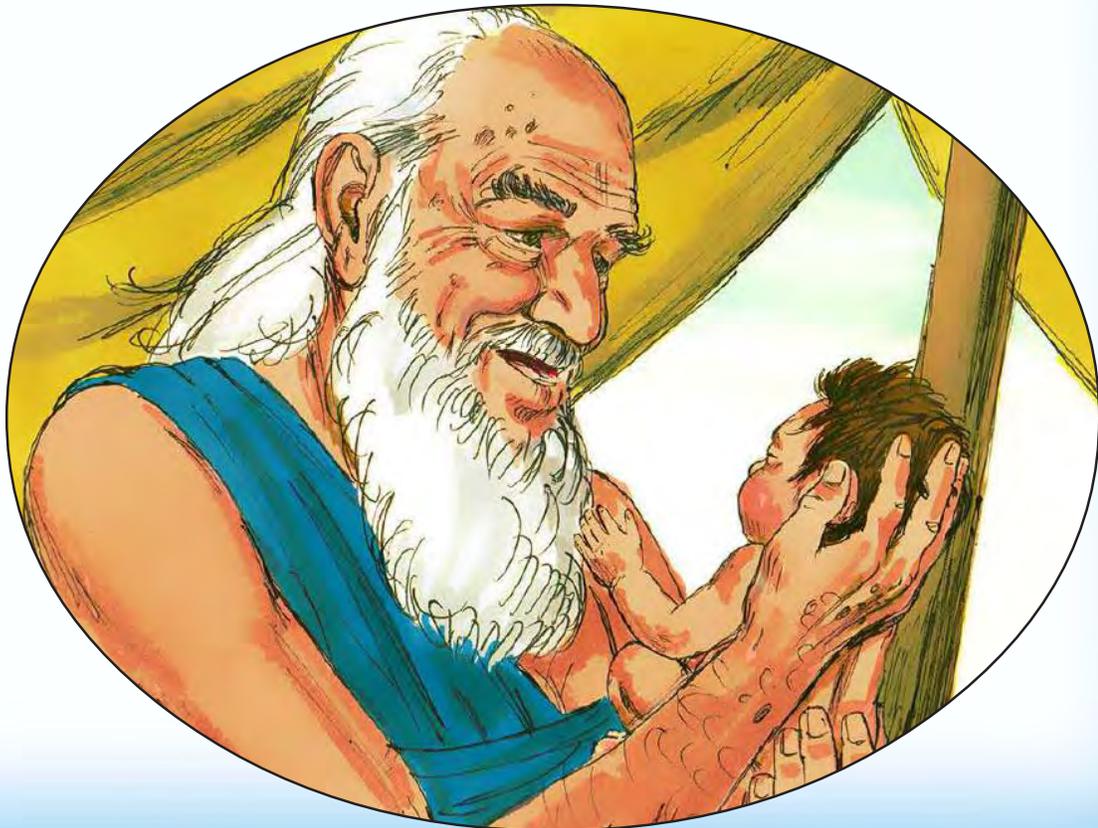
Bible Reference: Genesis 12: 1-9

Bible Verse to Learn: "I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

(Genesis 15:1)

Aims:

- ◆ Nothing is impossible for God
- ◆ God fulfils all His promises
- ◆ God will bless us



Look at the Picture



DISCUSSION

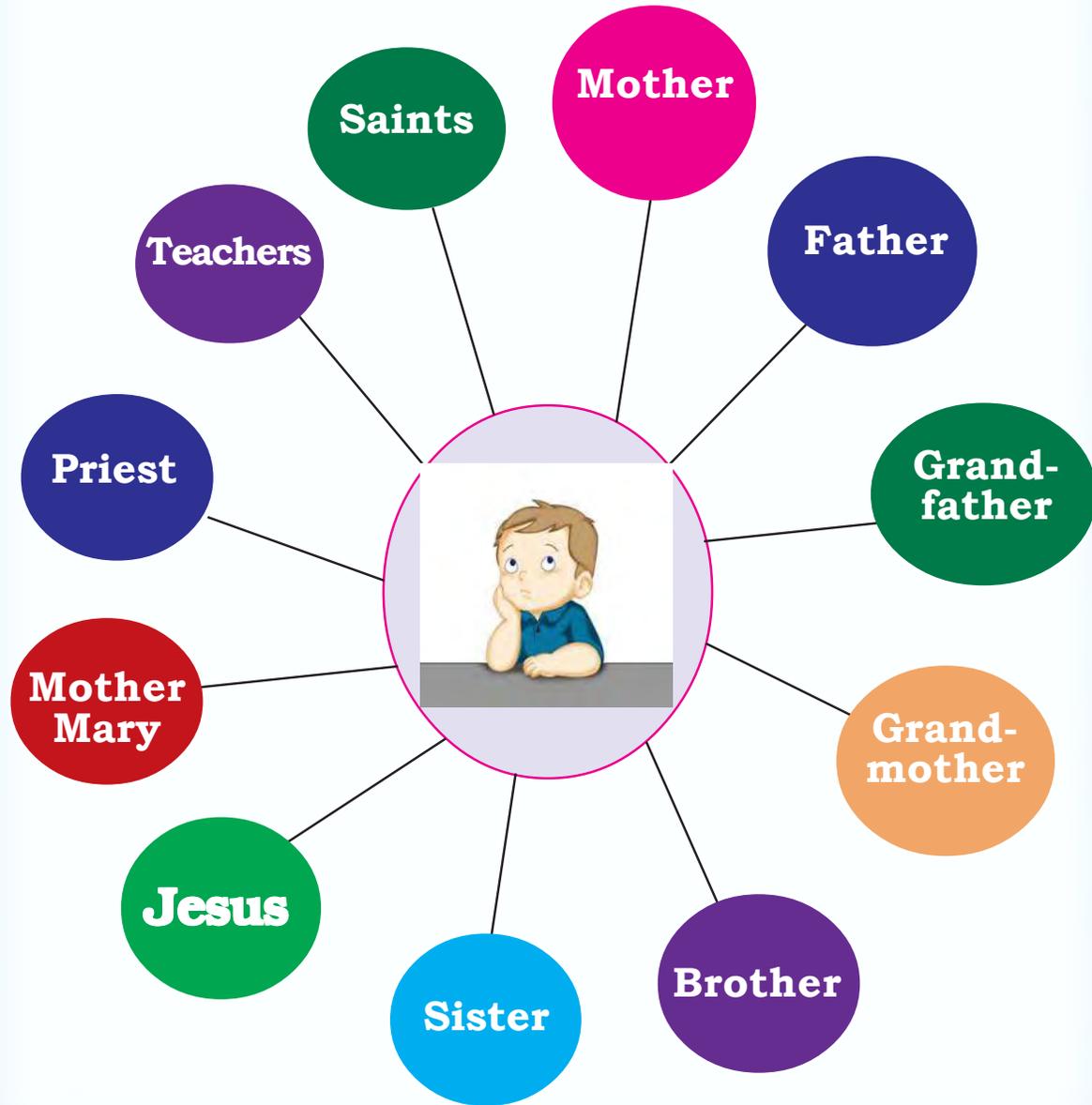
- ◆ Why does this child jump into the hands of his father without any fear?
- ◆ Will he be getting any accidents or injuries? Why?
- ◆ What is he thinking in his mind while jumping?



I am jumping into the hands of my dad.
Dad will catch me without falling.
I trust my dad that I am always safe in the
hands of my dad.

Likewise, in whom else do you trust?

SAY LOUDER



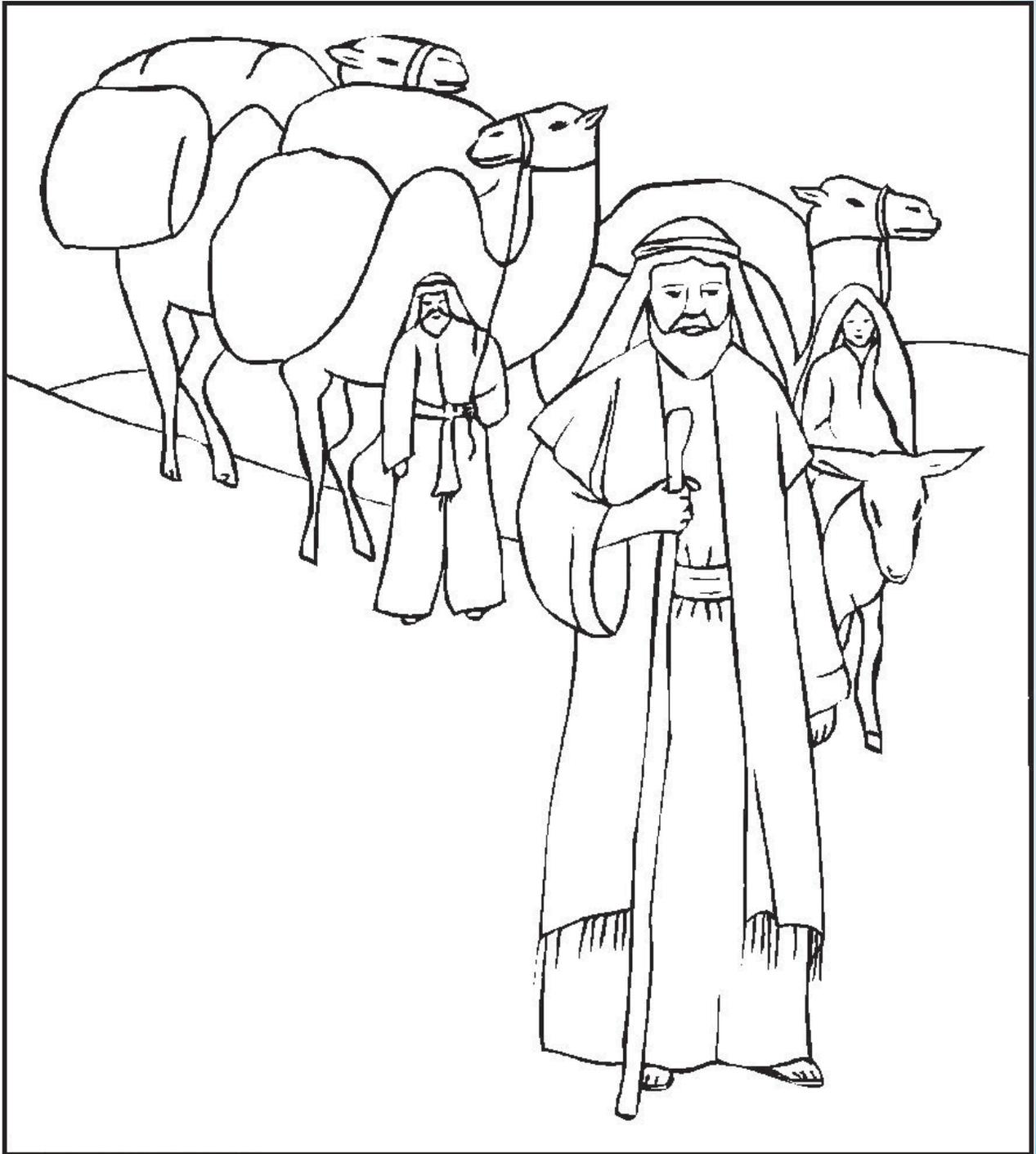
Long years ago, there was a God-fearing man lived in the town of **Ur**. His name was Abraham. He trusted in God than anything else. Sarah was his wife. They were very rich and had a lot of camels, sheep and land. But they did not have a child even though they were very old.

When Abraham was seventy five years old, one day God said to him,

- ◆ Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
- ◆ I will bless you.
- ◆ I will make your name great.
- ◆ I will give you children.
- ◆ I will bless those who bless you.
- ◆ I will curse those who curse you.

Abraham believed everything that God said to him. He never doubted it. Being obedient to God's commandment, he started his journey to the land which God is about to show him.

Colour the Picture of Abraham's Journey:



What could have been Abraham thinking during his journey?



- ◆ To which country God is leading me?
- ◆ Will there be anyone to help me when I reach there?
- ◆ Will the people of that land welcome me wholeheartedly?

Abraham consoled himself and said in his mind.

**My God always fulfils His
promises.
God will protect me.
I only have to trust and obey
Him.
My God Yahweh is wi**



**Do you know to which land God had led Abraham?
(Give colour and read aloud)**

CANAAN

And hence Abraham entered into the Promised Land of Canaan, the land which God had shown him. He lived there and worshipped God.

Do you know the significance of Canaan?

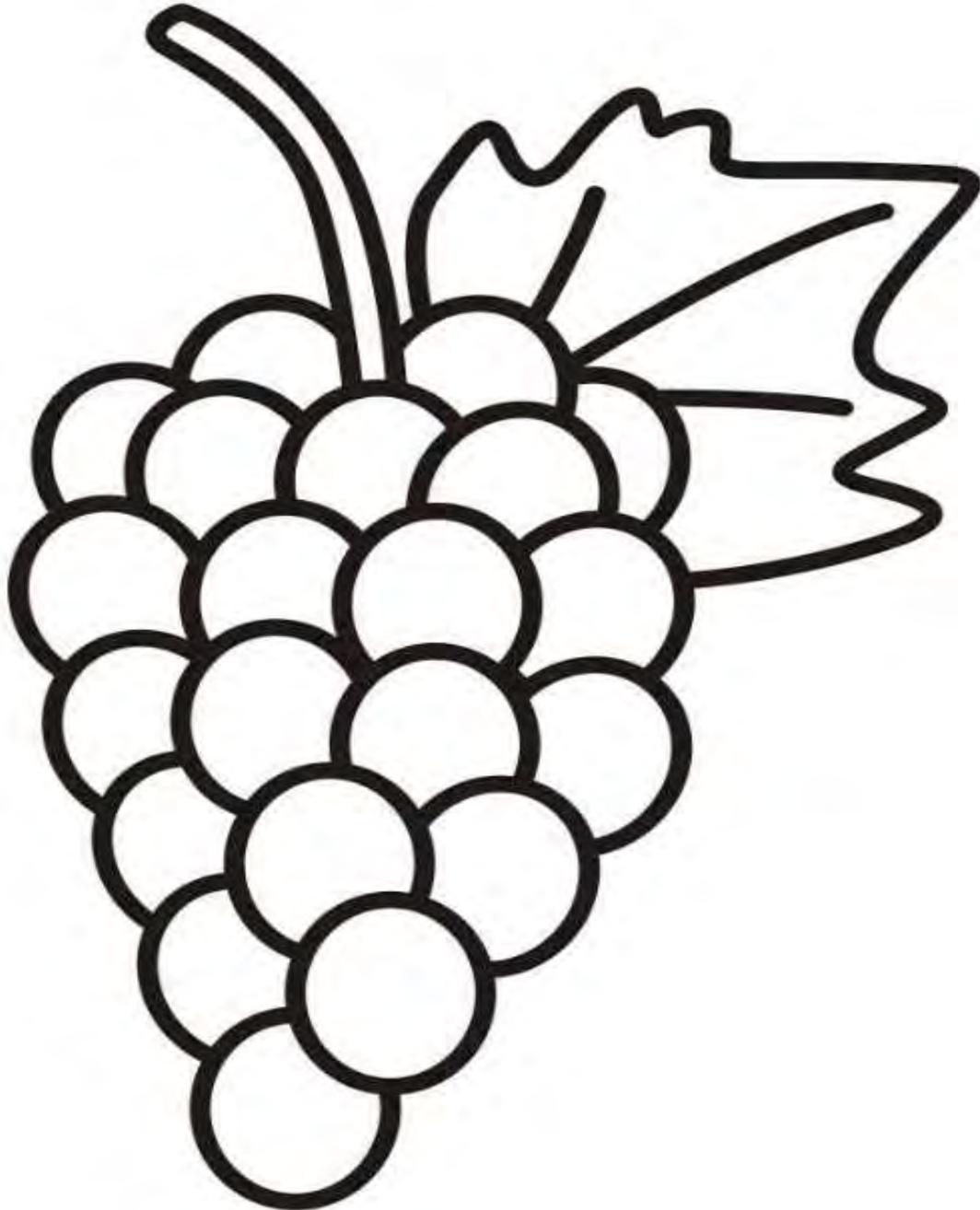
Canaan was known as the land flowing with milk and honey.

The soil and weather of Canaan was very good for cultivation.

The fruits grown in Canaan were very big and most delicious.

A bunch of grapes grown in Canaan was so big that at least two people were needed to carry it.

Look at it. Oh! How big it is!!! Colour the Bunch of Grapes.



Even though they have reached the Promised Land, Abraham and Sarah were very sad. God did not give them a child. God had seen the sorrow of the old couple. God knew that Abraham and Sarah had believed and trusted in Him wholeheartedly. So He had mercy upon them. God, who fulfils His promises, had blessed Abraham and Sarah by giving them a child. Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah was ninety years old when they became a dad and a mom.



Abraham named his Son

(Give colour and read aloud the name of Abraham's son)

ISAAC

The meaning of the name 'Isaac' is



Say aloud the meaning of the term you understand from the above picture and mark the correct one.

Laughter
Gloomy



I believe in God wholeheartedly.
I believe that I am a gift of God given to my parents.
I believe that God who blessed Abraham
would bless me too.



Give Colour:

ABRAHAM:

FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us Pray:

“Blessed is He, who has come and is to come, in the name of the
Lord God. Glory be to Him in the Highest.”

*(“DeivamaayaKarthavin tethirunaamathil vannavanum
varuvaanirikkunnavanum aayavan vaazhthappettavan
aakunnu.UyarangalilSthuthi.”)*

Answer the Following:

1. From which land did Abraham start his journey?
2. What did God say to Abraham to do?
3. What was God’s promise to Abraham?
4. Where did Abraham and Sarah reach?
5. How old was Abraham when Sarah gave birth to Isaac?
Whose gift are children?

Chapter 3

Joseph and His Dream

Bible Reference: Genesis 37: 5-8

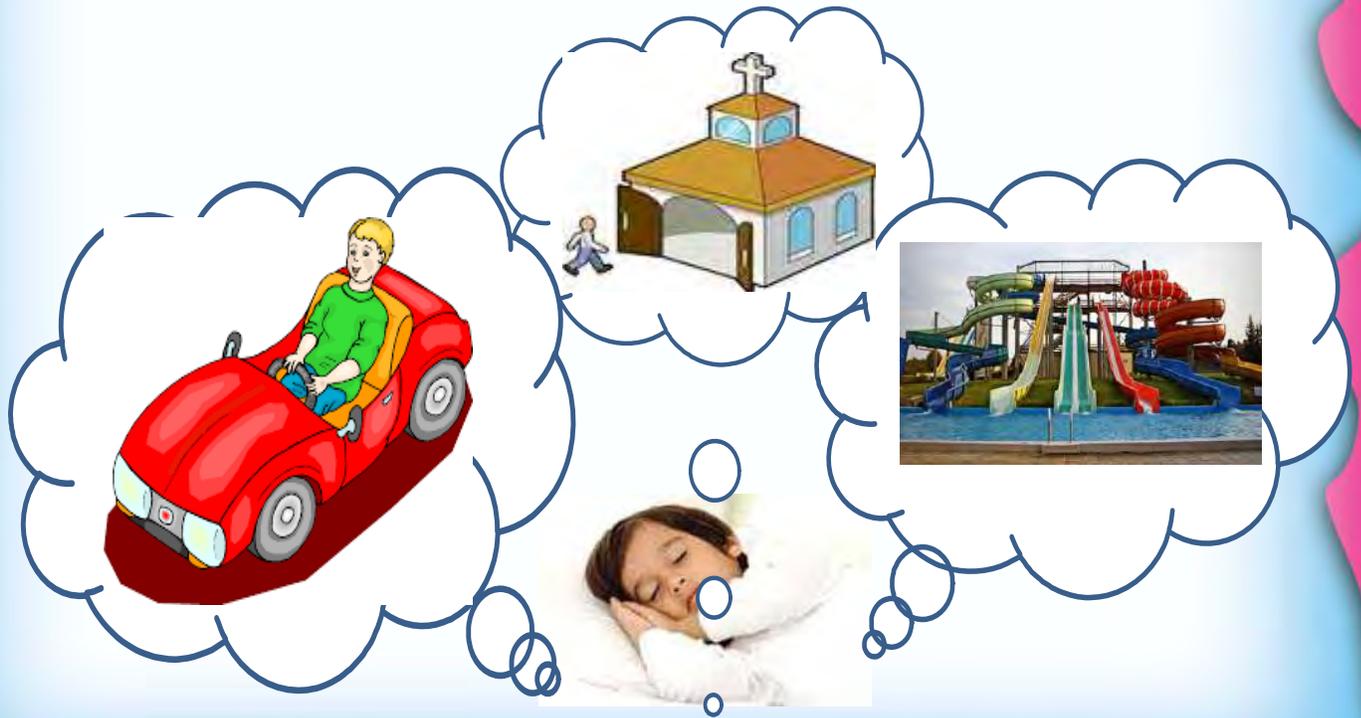
Bible Verse to Learn: "How good and pleasant it is when brother live together in unity!" (Psalm 133: 1)

Aims:

- To enhance mutual love among kids.
- To recognize the importance of brotherly love.
- To understand that God will elevate those who depend on Him.
To realize that God loves everyone.

Do you dream??? YES NO

Could you explain what this child is dreaming?



Explain one of the DREAMS you had!!!

Likewise we could see a famous dreamer in the Bible. He was Joseph, one among the twelve sons of Jacob.

Colour Jacob and his Twelve Sons:



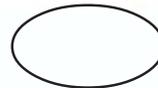
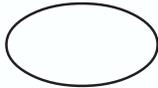
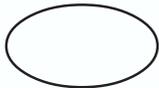
Jacob loved his son Joseph than any other sons. He used to give him new dresses and wonderful gifts. Joseph was very handsome too.

Peculiarities of Joseph

- ◆ He used to pray every day.
- ◆ He was a person of good character.
- ◆ He loved everyone.
- ◆ He gave respect to his parents and elders.
- ◆ He had the ability to dream and explain its meaning.

Look at the below pictures.

(Give ✓ to good conduct and ✗ to bad conduct.)



Jacob and his sons were good farmers. They used to cultivate everything for their food.

One day Joseph had a dream.

Joseph and his brothers were binding sheaves in the paddy field. Suddenly Joseph's sheaf rose and stood upright; then the sheaves of his brothers gathered around his sheaf, and bowed down to it.



After some days, Joseph had another dream, which was more fabulous.

The Sun, the Moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to him!!!



His brothers realized that one day they would have to bow Joseph. And therefore, they became very jealous towards him.

One day, Joseph came to the valley where his brothers were pasturing their father's flock. His brothers, who became jealousy towards Joseph, had thrown him in a pit in the wilderness.



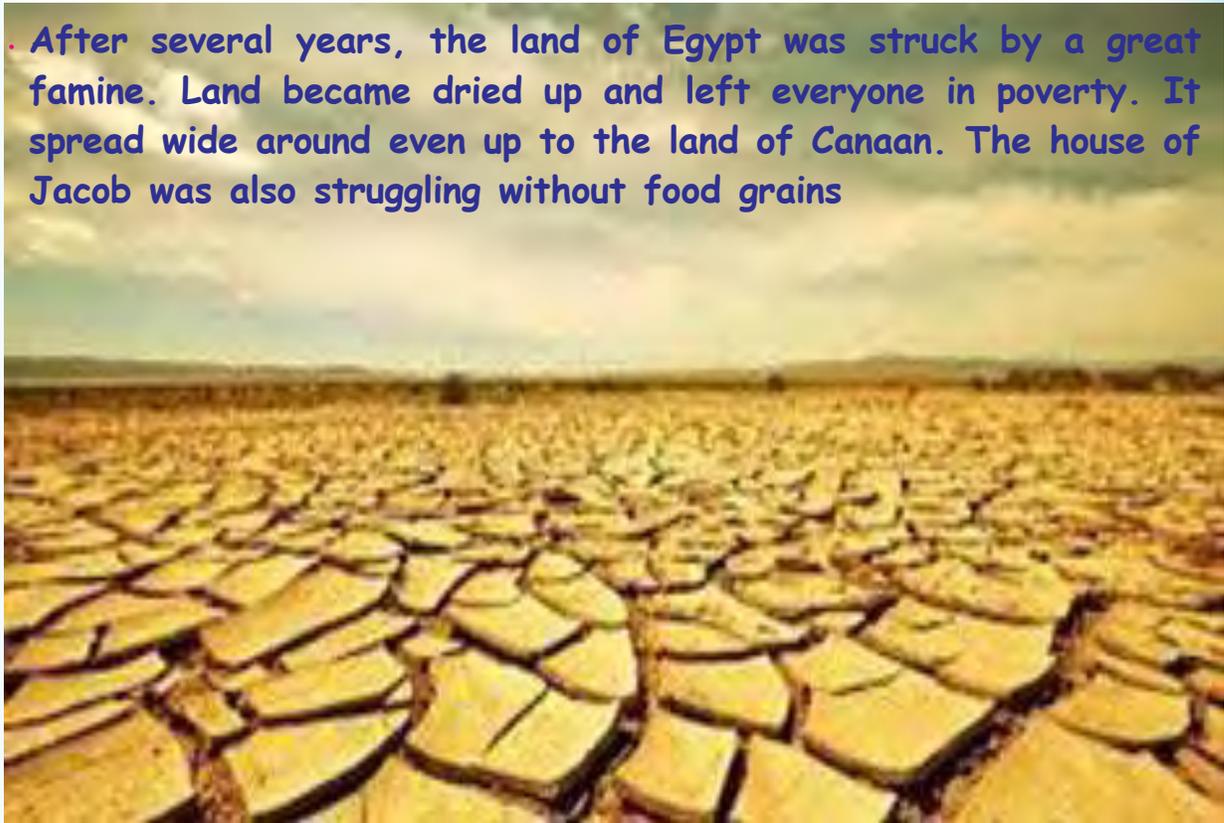
Colour the Picture of Joseph inside the Pit:



While his brothers were having food, some Arabic traders (Ishmaelites) were coming down on that way. His brothers suddenly lifted him out of the pit and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. And they took him to Egypt.

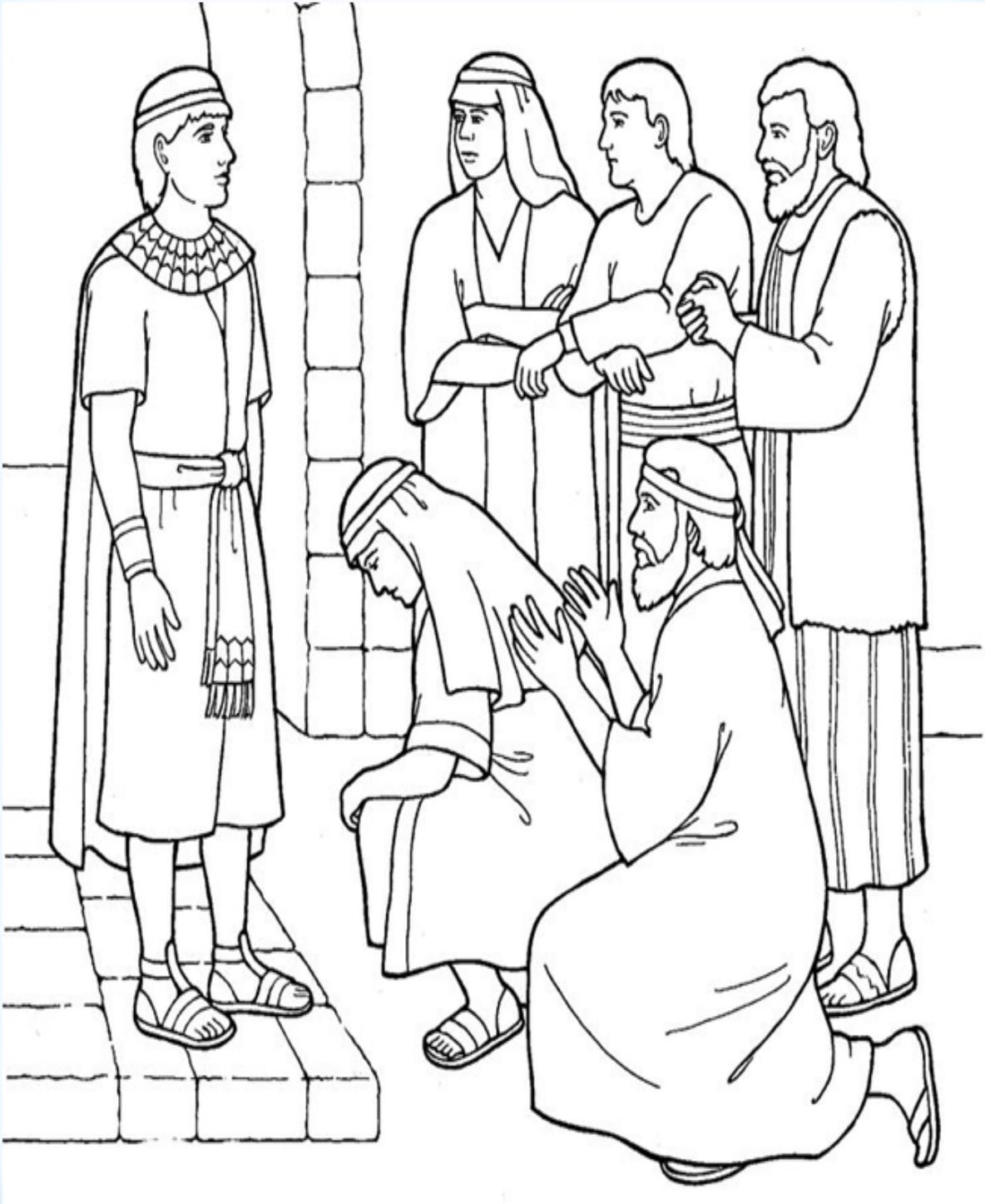
The Almighty God did not want to trouble Joseph anymore. He raised him step by step; and Joseph became the Prime Minister of Egypt. During his time, Egypt became very rich and fruitful.

After several years, the land of Egypt was struck by a great famine. Land became dried up and left everyone in poverty. It spread wide around even up to the land of Canaan. The house of Jacob was also struggling without food grains



But the storehouse of Joseph had plenty of food grains. People around the land came to the Prime Minister of Egypt for buying grains. By hearing this, Joseph's brothers also came to Egypt to have some grains for their food. When Joseph saw his brothers, even after several years, he suddenly realized them and welcomed them warmly. He wholeheartedly gave them food and grains. But his brothers were not able to recognize their younger brother Joseph.

Colour the below Picture



Brothers requesting grains to the Prime Minister Joseph

- ♥ Like Joseph, we also have to love our brothers.
- ♥ Whoever hates us, God loves us.
- ♥ God will raise us to heights.

Let us sing and Praise God:



*EnteYeshuEnikkuNallavan
AvanEnnumMathiyaayavan
AapathilRogathilVanpreyaasang
ManameAvanMathiyaayavan.*



Prayer

**Holy Art Thou O God!
Holy Art Thou O Almighty!
Holy Art Thou O Immortal!
Crucified for us, Have mercy on us.**

*(Deivame Nee Parishudhanaakunnu
Balavane Nee Parishudhanaakunnu
MaranamIllathavane Nee Parishudhanaakunnu
NjangalkkuvendiKurishikkappettavane,
Njangaludemelkarunaundakaname.)*

Answer the Following:

1. Name the father of Joseph?
2. How many sons did Jacob have?
3. God raised Joseph to the Prime Minister of
4. What were the peculiarities of Joseph?
5. What should we do in order to get elevated by God?
6. Explain any one of Joseph's dreams?

Chapter 4

Child Moses

Bible Reference: Exodus 2: 1-10

Bible Verse to Learn: "I will be with you." (Exodus 3: 12)

Aim: To understand that God safeguards us.



Can you identify the difference between the kids in below pictures?



(Teacher organizes discussion)

Have you ever heard about a child who was floun on water and rescued by God? The name of the child was

MOSES

The child Moses was born in Egypt. His father was Amram and his mother was Jochebed. They were living in Egypt as slaves of king Pharaoh, who was very cruel and had no fear of God.

Though the parents were gifted with Moses, they were not so happy during his birth.

Could you look at the picture and identify the reason for their sadness?

"Every boy that is born to Israelites should be thrown into the river Nile."



Oh! What should be done???. How can the child be rescued???. His parents decided not to throw their child in the Nile. But they let Moses to stay with them, and hid him in the house. No one came to know that there was a boy child growing in the house.

But after a few months, as Moses grew, people from outside used to hear the sounds of a small child playing and crying inside the house. Then his parents told themselves, "We cannot hide our child anymore. If Pharaoh would come to know that we are hiding a boy child here, he will surely kill us. We need to do something to rescue our child." They took a papyrus basket, and decorated it. Then his mother put him in the basket and placed it on the river.

Colour the below Picture

Moses in the Papyrus Basket



Moses' elder sister, Miriam was hiding far away and looking at what would be going to happen to her younger brother. Suddenly, she got excited, "Oh! King Pharaoh's daughter is coming to take bath in the river along with her friends."

What would have they seen?



The princess saw a beautifully decorated papyrus basket in the river. She went near to it and noticed a small baby sleeping inside it. She was very happy that she did not have a child. She took the child from the river and named him 'Moses'.

The name 'Moses' has a meaning:

**ONE WHO DRAWN
OUT OF WATER**

The princess became very much worried and anxious that she couldn't feed him. She asked her friends,

Oh! Who will breastfeed him??
And who will be helping me to
nurture him up??



Miriam was overhearing it
and she replied immediately.



I will bring one person.

The princess was so happy and allowed Miriam to bring that person. With great joy in her mind, Miriam ran very fast to her house and came back with Moses' own mother.



The princess handed over Moses to his mother. And hence, as a little prince, Moses could live in the palace along with his own mother.

Do you understand how did God protect and take care of Moses?

Let us sing together:



DeivamNammeKaakkunnu
DhinavumNammePottunnu
AapathonnumKoodaathe
DeivamNamme
Karuthunnu.

(God protects us daily
God provides us daily
Without any
harmfulness
God takes care of us daily.)



Name the person through whom God protected and took care of Moses?

Read Aloud:

Through the Princess of Egypt

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

I will be
with you

Let us Pray

Lord!have mercy upon us.
Lord!be kind and have mercy.
Lord!accept our worship and prayers
and have mercy upon us.

Answer the Following:

1. Who were the parents of child Moses?
2. What was the name of Moses' elder sister?
3. Who was the king of Egypt?
4. What was the order of Pharaoh?
5. What was the material used for making the basket in which Moses was placed on the river?
6. Through whom did God protect and rescue Moses?



Chapter 5

Samuel

Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 1

Bible Verse to Learn:

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9)

Aim: Be prepared to hear God’s call.



Identify the media through which God speaks to us???



Who does wake you up in the morning every day???

Let us learn about a small child who was wake up by God

Long years ago, in Israel, there was a person named Elkanah. He was very much dedicated to God. Even though he was married to Hannah for many years, they did not have a child. And they became very sad. His wife Hannah used to go to the church and spent her time in weeping and praying. She gave a promise to God:



"If You give me a boy child,
then I will submit him before
You."

The priest of the church, Eli had consoled her and blessed her.

Let us Sing:

Thou who receive our
prayers
Thou who grant
supplications;
Hear our prayers and atone
Granting requests in mercy.

*Praarthanaye
Kelkkunnavane
Yachanaye Nalkunnavane
Paarthanakettee
Dhaasarude
Yachanayenalkeedaname.*

Among the following guys who is praying???



In the very next year, God blessed Hannah by giving her a child. And Elkanah and Hannah named him

(Please colour the name)

SAMUEL

Do you know the meaning of the name 'Samuel'???

Asked from God

Samuel had grown up. In order to keep their promise to God, his parents took young Samuel to the church and dedicated him to God. Thence after Samuel started to live in the church along with priest Eli.

One day, while Samuel was sleeping, he heard a voice of someone calling him,

Samuel.....

Samuel.....



Suddenly he wake up and replied aloud, **"Here I am"** and ran to priest Eli and said, **"Here I am, for you called me."**

But Eli said, **"I did not call you my boy; go and lie down again."**

So he went and lay down. After sometime he heard the same sound, calling him again, **"Samuel..... Samuel....."** He went to the priest, but he replied the same that he had not called him. Then for the third time also, the call repeated. Samuel ran and went to Eli. Having been realized that it was God calling Samuel, the priest told him, **"Go, lie down, and if you hear the same voice calling you again, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for Yourservant is listening.'**" He heard the same voice again, calling him, **Samuel..... Samuel.....;** and he replied,



**"Speak, Lord, for
Your servant is
listening."**

God had raised the child Samuel, who was obedient to His call and commandment, to the position of a priest and a prophet of Israel.



How should I prepare myself to hear the Calling of God???

(Complete the Petals and Colour the Flower)



TO WHOM WE PRAY???
(Colour the alphabets)

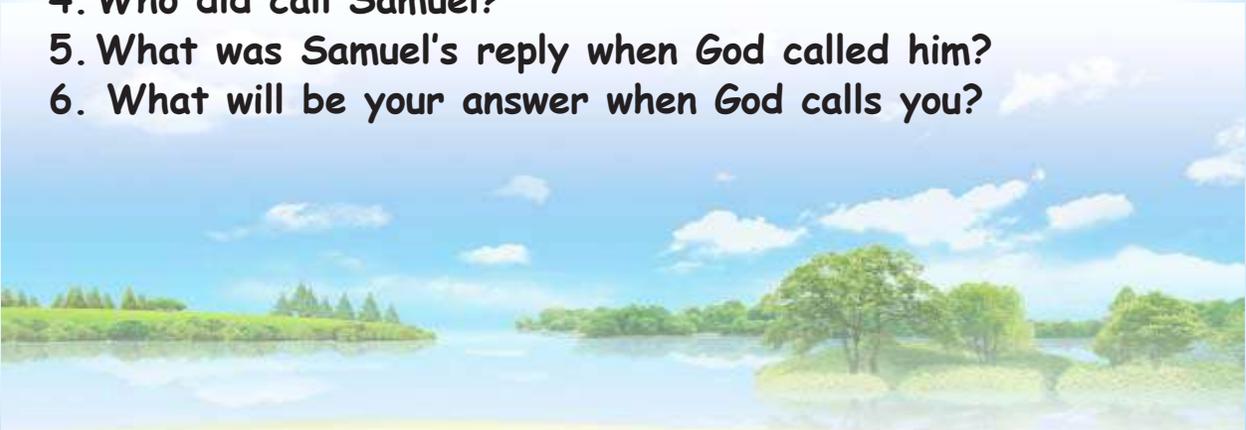
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Let us Pray:

Glory be to Thee, O God.
Glory be to Thee, O Creator.
Glory be to Thee, O Christ, our King,
who does pity sinners, Thy servants. Barekhnor.

Answer the Following:

1. Who were the parents of Samuel?
2. "Hannah spent her time in weeping and praying." Why?
3. What is the meaning of the name 'Samuel'?
4. Who did call Samuel?
5. What was Samuel's reply when God called him?
6. What will be your answer when God calls you?



Chapter 6

David and Goliath

Bible Reference: 1 Samuel 17: 12-54

Bible Verse to Learn: "The Lord is my strength and my shield."
(Psalm 28:7)

Aim: Dependence in God strengthens everyone.



Which is the biggest animal in land?
Who controls the elephant?
What does the Mahout (elephant rider) carry in his hand?



Have you seen a small man controls the biggest animal elephant?
Not strength and size are important, but wisdom and courage.

There were very big and tough men lived in long years back. They were called champions or giants. One such giant was Goliath.



But there was a small boy who defeated this champion courageously by depending on God. Do you know who he was?

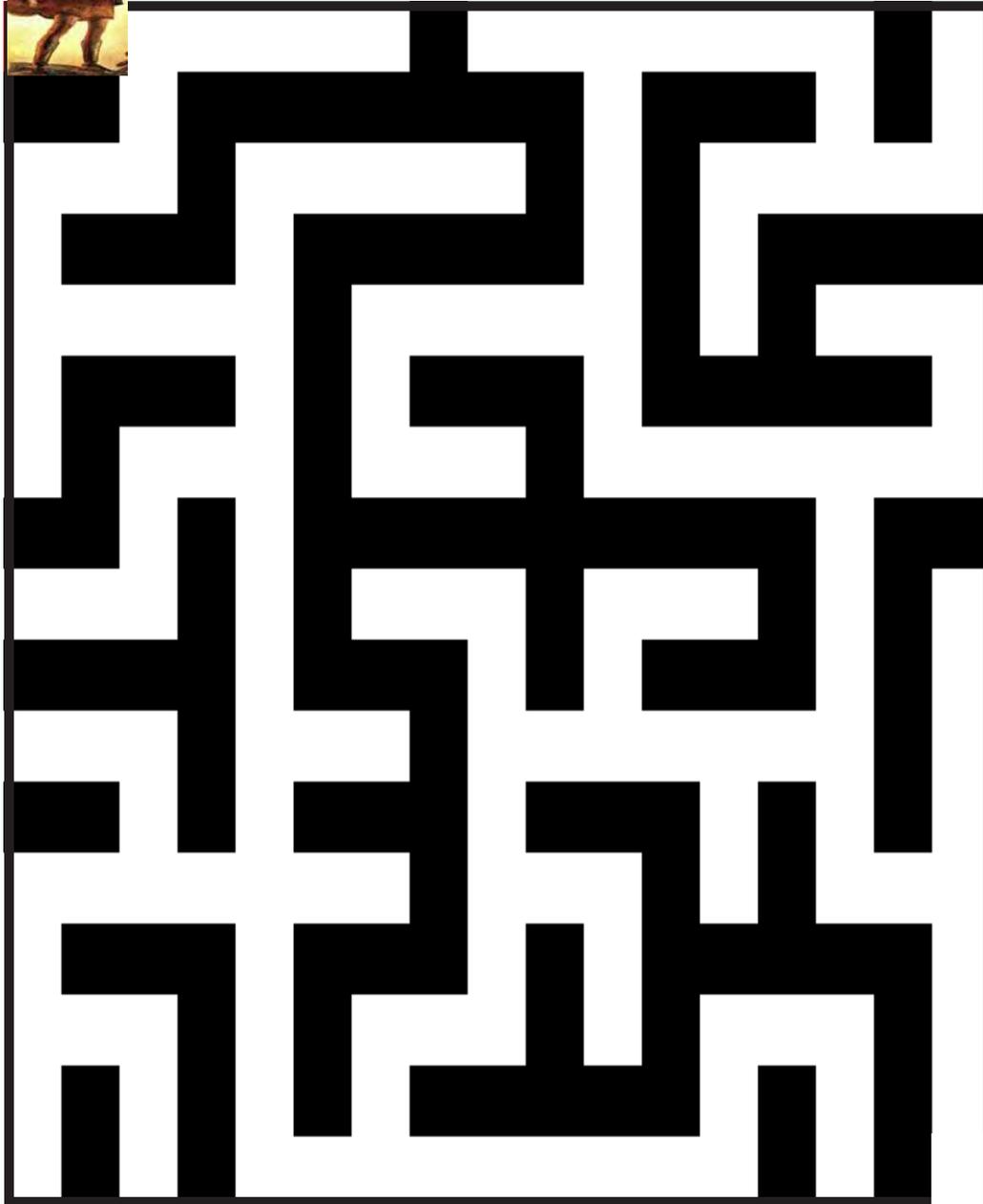
DAVID



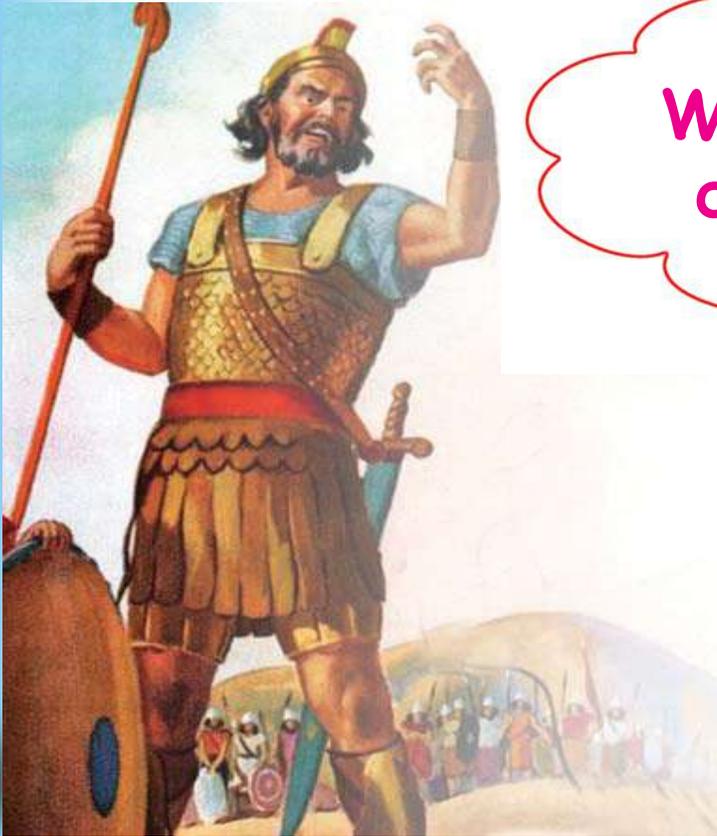
In Bethlehem, there lived an old man named Jesse. David, the youngest among his eight sons, became a shepherd filled with divine grace. One day, having prepared a box full of eatables, Jesse called David and said, "My dear son, your brothers are fighting against Philistines, our enemies at the Valley of Elah. Take this food, go and give to them."

David's mind was overwhelmed with joy that he could see his elder brothers after a long time. As quickly as possible, he began his journey to the valley of Elah.

Could you help David to reach upon his Brothers???



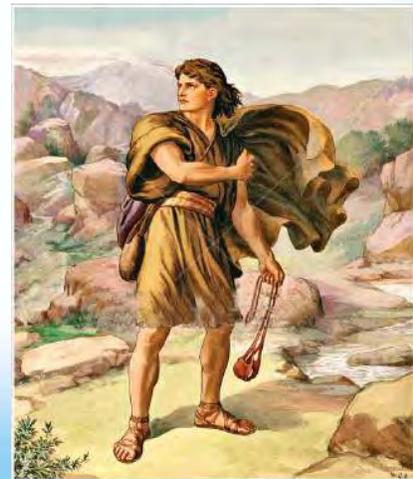
David reached the valley of Elah very safely. While he was engaged in chatting with his brothers, suddenly he heard a loud noise. He turned back and saw a giant



Who is there to defeat me???

When the army of Israelites saw the giant man Goliath, they had trembled with fear. Even Saul, the king of Israel had hid himself inside his tent. But David had no fear on him. Do you know why?

Yahweh is with me;
and I will fight
against him.



Everyone became so amazed because of David's courage. King Saul had clothed David with his armour. But David was not used to it and found it very difficult to walk with it. So he removed it. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag. His sling was in his hand, and he drew near to Goliath.

When Goliath looked and saw David, he disdained him and said, "**Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks and stones?**" And David replied him, "I have come to you in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel; and the Lord will deliver you into my hands today."

Then David took a stone from his bag, and slung it towards Goliath. The stone, which moved upwards in the sky without losing its aim, struck directly on Goliath's forehead. And the giant Philistine, with a loud noise, fell face down on the ground. He never got up afterwards.



Give colour to the Bible Verse:

The Lord is
my strength
and my shield.

Answer the Following:

1. Who was the father of David?
2. What was David?
3. Where did David go to see his brothers?
4. Against whom, were the brothers of David fighting?
5. Why did the army of Israelites tremble with fear?
6. What were the weapons of David?
7. Look at the picture of Goliath and name his weapons?
8. How did David defeat Goliath?

Chapter 7

Mother of Jesus

Bible Reference: St. Luke 1: 26-38

Bible Verse to Learn: "Nothing is impossible for God." (St. Luke 1:37)

Aim:

- ◆ God uplifts the humble.
- ◆ We need to be very humble towards our parents and elders.
- ◆ We need to obey them.



Introduce Yourself:

- ♥ What is the name of the place where you live?
- ♥ Who all are there in your house?
- ♥ What is the name of your school?
- ♥ Where is your mother's house?

The house of the mother of Jesus, Mary was at Bethlehem. Her father was Joachim and mother was Hannah. She was so humble to everyone. Mary, who lived with her parents in obedience and humility, was betrothed to a carpenter named Joseph.

At that time, God the Father had chosen Mary to become the mother of His Son, Jesus. And God sent the angel Gabriel to announce this glad news to Mary.

One day, when Mary was praying, an angel appeared to her and said:



Do you know, what did the angle said to Mary?



Read aloud...



"Hail Mary, full of Grace, our Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

When she heard this, Mary became very much afraid.



●●● Then Gabriel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. God's grace will come upon you. And you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."

Having bowed her head in humbleness, Mary replied to the angel, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



With the power of the Holy Spirit,
Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ.
And we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ as
Christmas.



Mary, because of her humility and meekness, was blessed to give birth to the Son of God Jesus Christ. Therefore, St. Mary is the Mother of God.

Role-play:

Let the children enact the conversation between St. Mary and Gabriel in the classroom.

COLOURING



Find out the good qualities of the Mother of God:

Prayer

Humbleness

Humility

Mocking Others

Anger

Lying

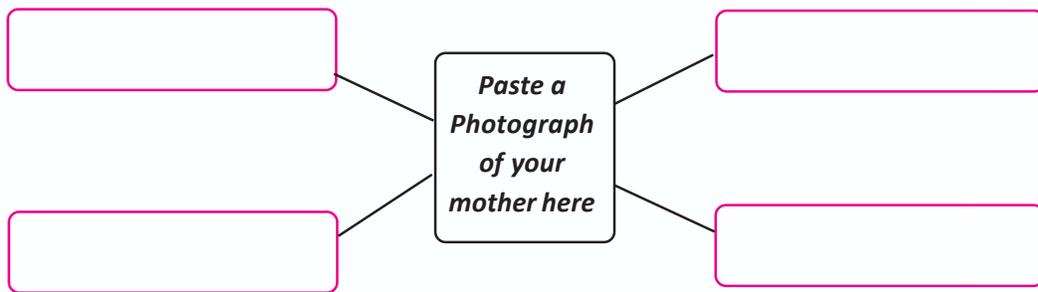
Love

Quarelling

Obedience

Fear of God

THE QUALITIES I FIND IN MY MOTHER



I and My Family

(Colour this family)



Let us read aloud:

- ❖ I will pray together
- ❖ I will obey my parents
- ❖ I will behave humbly
- ❖ I will love everyone
- ❖ I will live fearing God



Give Colour to the Bible Verse:

Nothing is impossible for God.

Let us Pray:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace!

Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, our Lord Jesus Christ. O Virgin Saint Mary, O Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at all times, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Let us Sing:

Bhaktharpukazhchabhaajaname
Ninniludhichorekasuthan
Thrikkaralnjangalilalivaan
than
Pakkalapekshaanakkenam.

Thou whose praise the church
does sing
Intercession for us bring
Unto Him, thine only Son
That we may not mercy shun.

Answer the Following:

1. Who is the mother of Jesus Christ?
2. Name the angel who announced the will of God to St. Mary?
3. Name the birthplace of St. Mary?
4. Who were the parents of Virgin Mary?
5. To whom Mary was betrothed?
6. Who said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord"?
7. What was the job of Joseph?
8. What are the good qualities that you have found in St. Mary?

Chapter 8

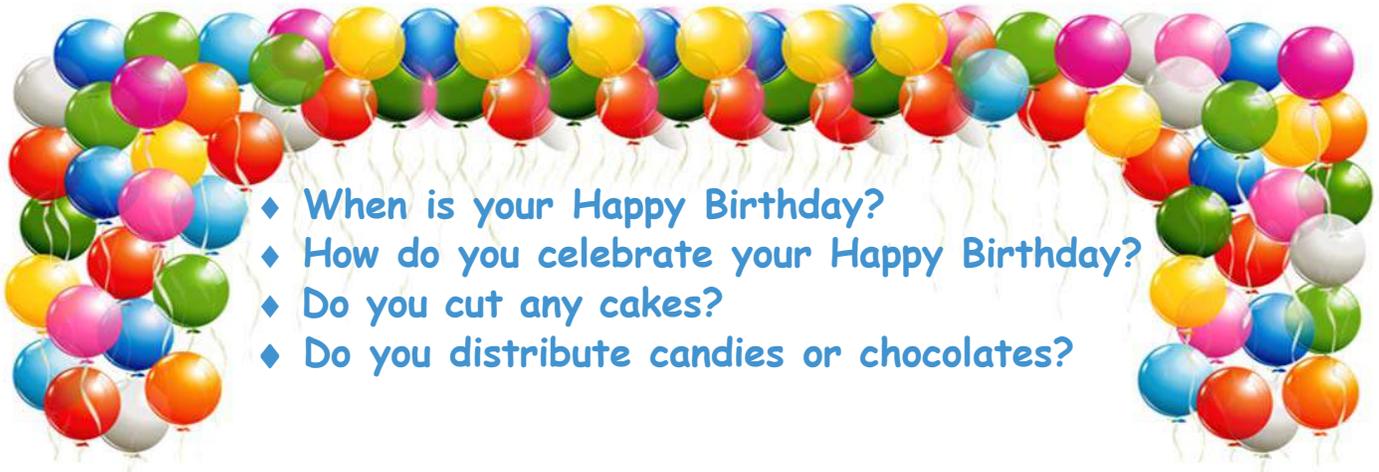
Christmas

Bible Reference: St. Luke 2: 1-20

Bible Verse to Learn: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (St. Luke 2: 14)

Aim:

- ◆ To understand the love and humility of God.
- ◆ To realize that we should also live in love and humility.



- ◆ When is your Happy Birthday?
- ◆ How do you celebrate your Happy Birthday?
- ◆ Do you cut any cakes?
- ◆ Do you distribute candies or chocolates?



Let us sing the Happy Birthday Song!!

Have you ever hear about the birthday of Jesus Christ??

**We celebrate
the birthday of Jesus Christ as
Christmas**

Do you know when we celebrate Christmas?

DECEMBER 25

Give your favourite colour to the correct answer:

During the month of Christmas, it is

Rainy season

Summer

Winter

We have learned about Joseph and Mary in the previous chapter. The Roman Emperor, who ruled in Bethlehem, had ordered that everyone's name should be registered. Joseph and Mary also came to Bethlehem in order to register their name. But they did not get a place to



stay there because lot of people came there to register their names. Mary, conceiving Jesus in her womb, was struggling with pain. At last, they had found a cave. And Mary gave birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ there in the cave. They wrapped the infant Jesus in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.



Where did you born?

Cave

Hospital

House

Where did Jesus born?

Cave

Hospital

House

In Bethlehem, there were shepherds living in the valleys, keeping watch over their flock by night. In that night, an angel of God appeared to them and said:



"Do not be afraid; I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in Bethlehem a Saviour, Jesus. You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."



And suddenly, a group of angels sang from the heaven, praising God,



**"Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men."**

LET US SING A CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG

(The Teacher trains a carol song and let the children sing it together)

Find out the meaning of the word 'Jesus' by colouring the below alphabets.

SAVIOUR

When the angels left the shepherds, they started their journey to Bethlehem in that night itself. When they reached the place, they had found the child lying in the manger. They were so happy and bowed their heads down showing him deep respect. Then they returned, glorifying and praising God.

God loved human beings very much than any other creatures. And that is the reason why God sent His Own Son Jesus Christ as our Saviour.



Give colour to Santa Claus:



What all other things could we do while celebrating Christmas??



Colour the Bible Verse:

Glory to God
in the highest, and
on earth peace,
good will
toward men.

Answer the Following:

1. When do we celebrate Christmas?
2. What is the meaning of the word 'Jesus'?
3. To whom did the good news of Jesus' birth was brought?
4. Who said, "Do not be afraid; I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people"?
5. What did a group of angels sing from the heaven?

Chapter 9

Jesus being Obedient to His Parents

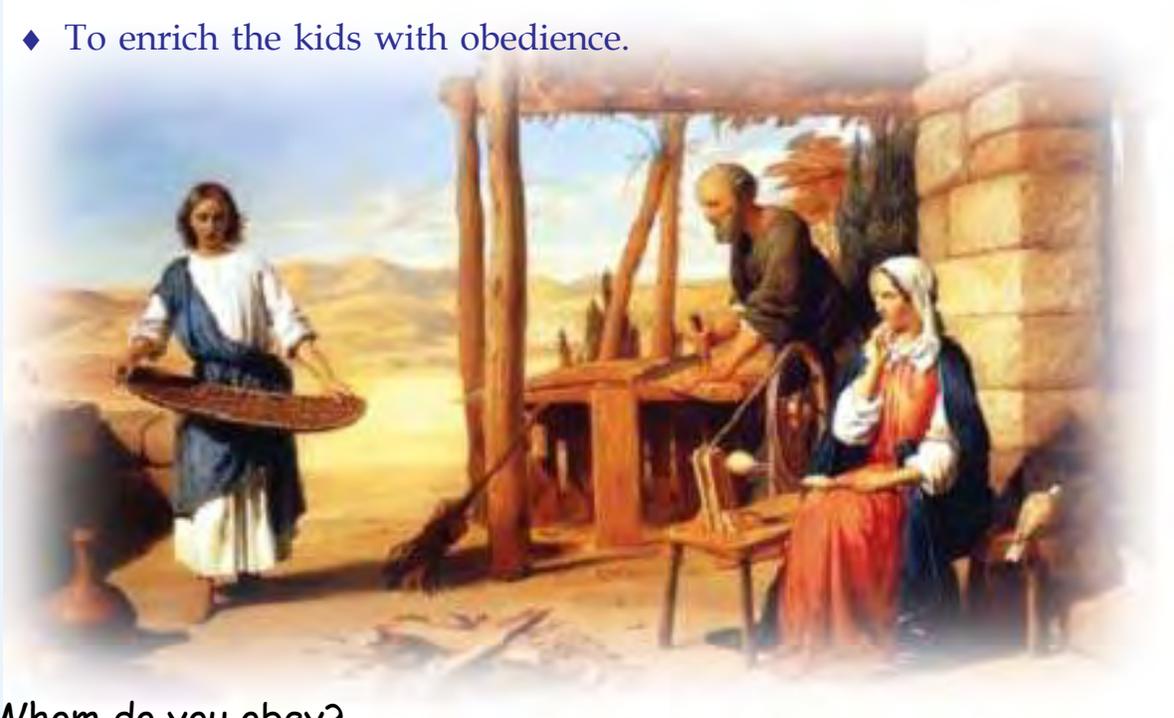
Bible Reference: St. Matthew 21: 28-32

Bible Verse to Learn: **"To obey is better than sacrifice."**

(1 Samuel 15:22)

Aim:

- ◆ To enrich the kids with obedience.



Whom do you obey?

In how many things, do you obey your parents?



Jesus was obedient to his parents in everything that they had said to him. And Jesus only likes obedient kids.

Let us learn a story said by Jesus Christ:

There was an old man who had two sons. One day the man thought in his mind:



Oh! I am so tired; and I am not able to go to the vineyard today. Let me ask my sons to go and do the work.

No, I will not.

He went to his elder son and said:

Son, I am so tired today. Could you go to the vineyard?



Then he went to his younger son and said:

Son, could you go to the vineyard today? I am so tired.

Sure father, I will go.



After sometime, both the brothers thought in their minds:



Oh! I was not supposed to say like that to my father. I should obey him. I am going to the vineyard.



Even though I said to my father that I would go, I am not going. I have some other things to do.

Among these two brothers, to whom do you like to identify yourself?



Shall we give colour to the childhood of Jesus??



What was the job of Joseph?
And what is Jesus doing?



MY PLEDGE

Like Jesus,
I will also obey my parents;
I will help them in their works;
I will keep my house and surroundings clean;
I will go to the church;
I will obey my teachers;
And I will live as an obedient kid.

Let us Pray

Lord Jesus,
give Your grace to us
that we will also obey our parents and
teachers, like you obeyed your parents
in everything. Amen.



Colour the Bible Verse:

TO OBEY IS
BETTER THAN
SACRIFICE.

Answer the Following:

1. What is better than sacrifice?
2. Who did decide to go to the vineyard by obeying his father?
3. What kind of children does Jesus like most?
4. How could we help our parents?
5. Explain the story of 'the father and the two sons'?

Chapter 10

Jesus in the Church

Bible Reference: St. Luke 2: 41-51

Bible Verse to Learn: "I must be in my Father's house." (St. Luke 2:49)

Aim:

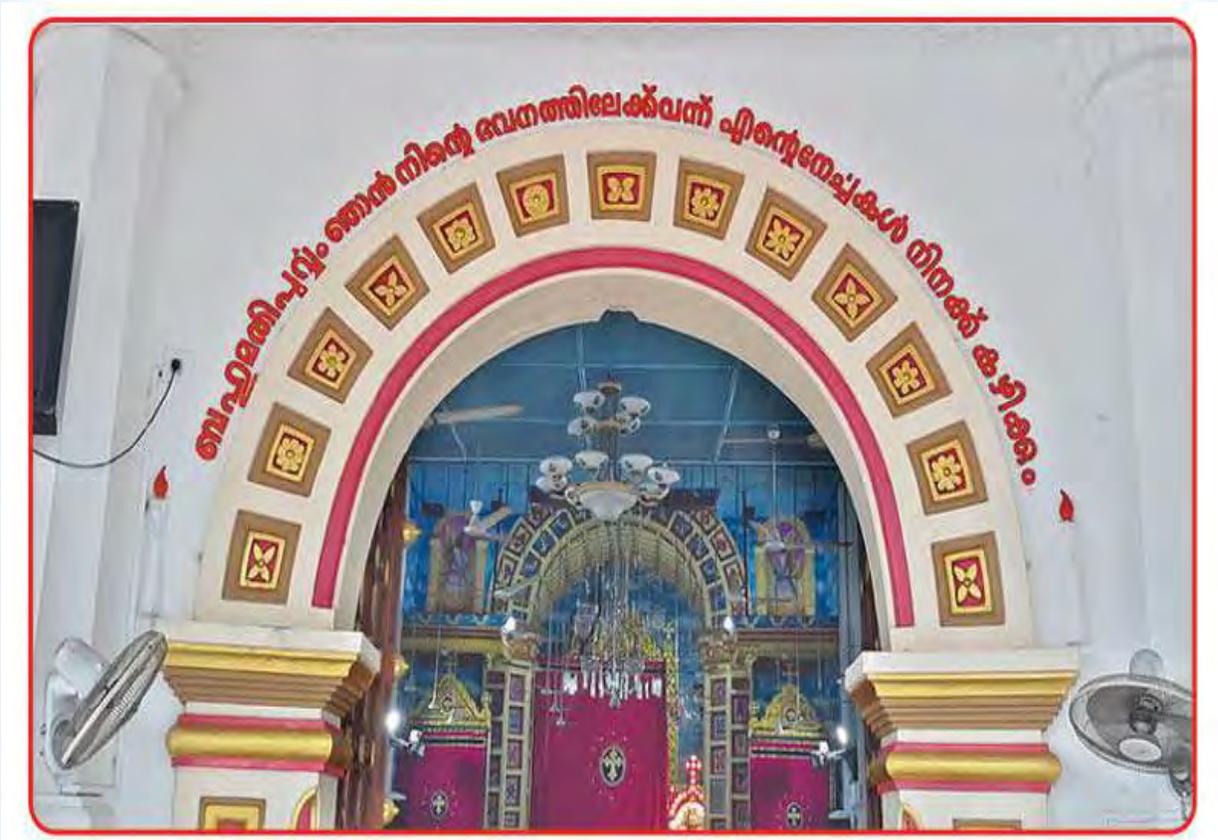
- ◆ We need to go to the church regularly.
- ◆ We need to love our church.
- ◆ We need to grow in the Word of God.



Paste a Picture of Your Church Here:



- ◆ With whom do you go to the Church?
- ◆ What do you do when you see a Church or a Cross?
- ◆ Do you know the prayer while we enter into the Church?



"In reverence, I will enter Your House, and offer my vows to You."
(Bahumathipoorvamnjaannintebhavanathilekkuvannuentenerchakalninakkukazhikkum)

Put a ✓ on the place where you stand inside the church:

Holy Place

Praakaaram

Varandhah

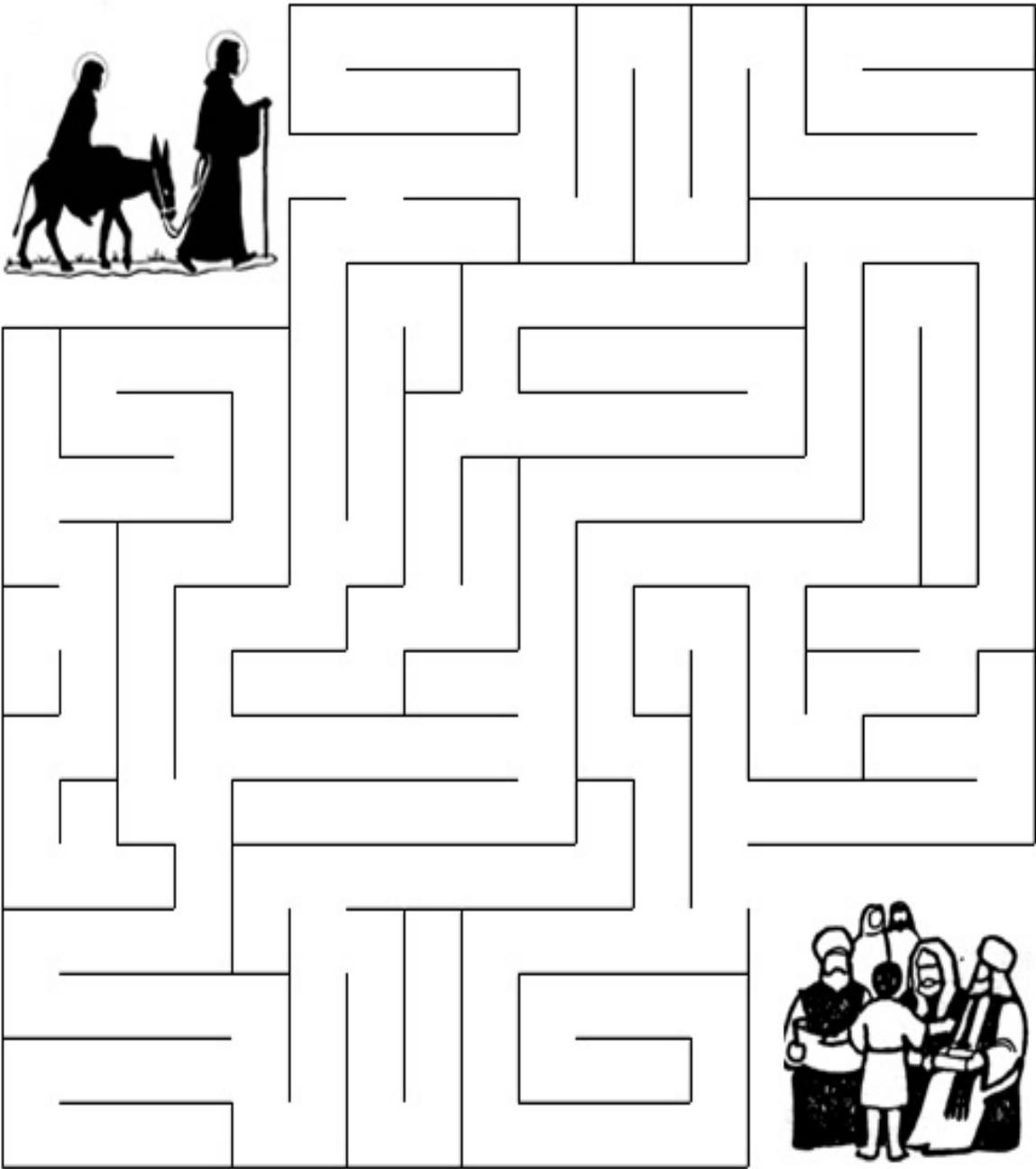
Jesus, when he was twelve years old, went to Jerusalem Temple along with his parents for the Festival of Passover (PesahaPerunnal). Because of large number of people coming for the Festival, there was a great rush in the Temple.

Find out the Answers:

- ◆ What is the name of your church?
- ◆ Which the main festival/feast (perunnal) of your church?
- ◆ Do you come to the church, even before the Holy Qurbana starts?

After attending the festival, Joseph and Mary started to return. They thought that Jesus had already begun his journey along with his relatives. But, after travelling a long distance only, they came to realize that he was not with them. With anxiety and weeping, they went back to the Temple.

Please help them to find out the way



Joseph and Mary searched Jesus everywhere; but they could not find him. At last, they had found him inside the Temple, sitting among the priests, speaking to them the Word of God and answering their questions. And they were amazed at his knowledge. When his parents saw him they were very happy and surprised. Mary ran to him and said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, we have been searching for you in great anxiety." He replied her, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Being an obedient son, he went back with his parents.

Our church celebrates a Feast on February 2 every year. Can you say the name of the Feast?

Give Colour

MAYALTHO

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Where should we stand during the Holy Qurbana celebrated on a Church Festival Day?

Nearby the toys shop

Inside the Church

In front of the
Ice cream store

Colour the Bible Verse:

I MUST BE
IN MY
FATHER'S
HOUSE

Answer the Following:

1. Name the festival for which Jesus had gone to the Temple?
2. Name the place where the 'Prayer Table' is situated inside the church?
3. What was Jesus doing inside the Temple?
4. What did Jesus reply to his mother Mary when she ran to him?
5. What is the prayer to be recited while entering the church?

Chapter 11

Jesus Endearing Children

Bible Reference: St. Mark 10: 13-16; St. Matthew 19: 13-15

Bible Verse to Learn: "You change and become like children."

(St. Matthew 18:3)

Aim:

Let the children know that Jesus loves them very much.



Have you ever noticed that how the priests bless the sick and pray for them?



One day, Jesus was sitting at the bank of river Jordan and teaching the Word of God to a large crowd of people. Some mothers brought their little children to him in order that he would touch them, lay his hands on them, and bless them. Lot of sick people were also there to get cured, and Jesus was healing them as well. His disciples were also with him.



The crowd was rushing to get nearer to Jesus. Even the mothers with their children also tried to get closer to him. But, his disciples stopped the mothers and spoke to them harshly. Seeing this, Jesus said to them:

**“Let the little children come to me;
do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that
the kingdom of God belongs.”**

When the mothers and the children heard this, they became very happy. The little ones ran nearer to Jesus. He, with lots of love and affection, endeared them to his heart. And he laid his hands on their head and blessed them.



**Jesus loves you very much.
Go nearer to Him.
He will bless you.**

Give colour to Jesus who loves us



Colour the Bible Verse:

YOU CHANGE
AND
BECOME
LIKE CHILDREN.

Answer the Following:

1. Who had stopped them, when the mothers and the children came to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say to his disciples?
3. How did Jesus bless the little ones?
4. Where was Jesus teaching the crowd the Word of God?
5. In our church, who has the authority to bless by laying hands on one's head?

Chapter 12

Jesus Teaching to Pray

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 6: 9-13

Bible Verse to Learn: "Pray without ceasing."
(1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

Aim:

- ◆ To develop the habit of praying.
- ◆ To learn the Lord's Prayer



- ◆ At what time you wake up in the morning?
- ◆ What all sounds you hear from the surroundings when you wake up?

Let the Children speak up:

Birds Chirping

Church bell ringing



What should we do after waking up every morning?



Likewise, every living thing in this world starts its day by praising God the Creator.

How should we pray???



By folding our hands on our chest.



By facing towards east.

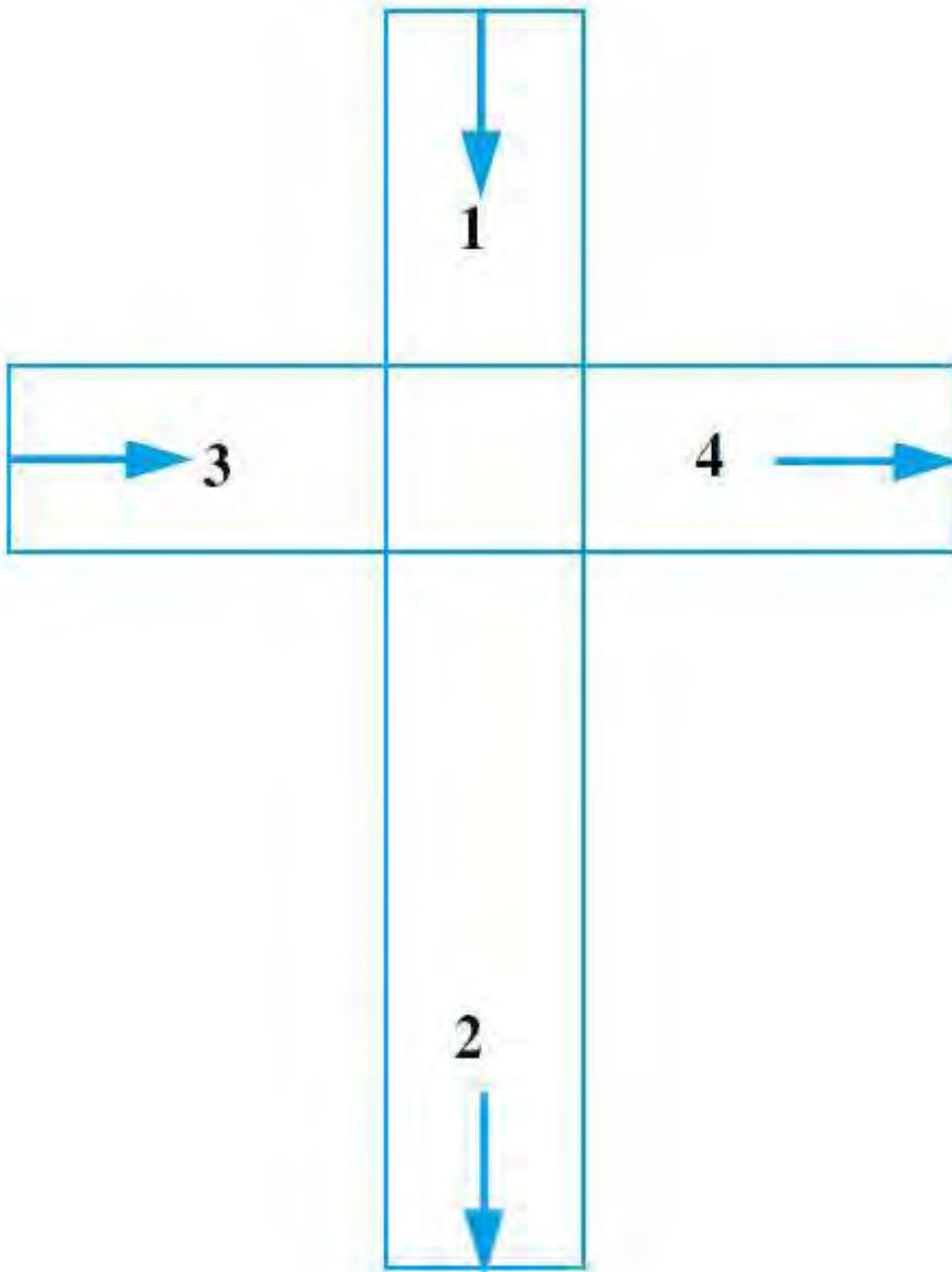


By making the sign of Cross.

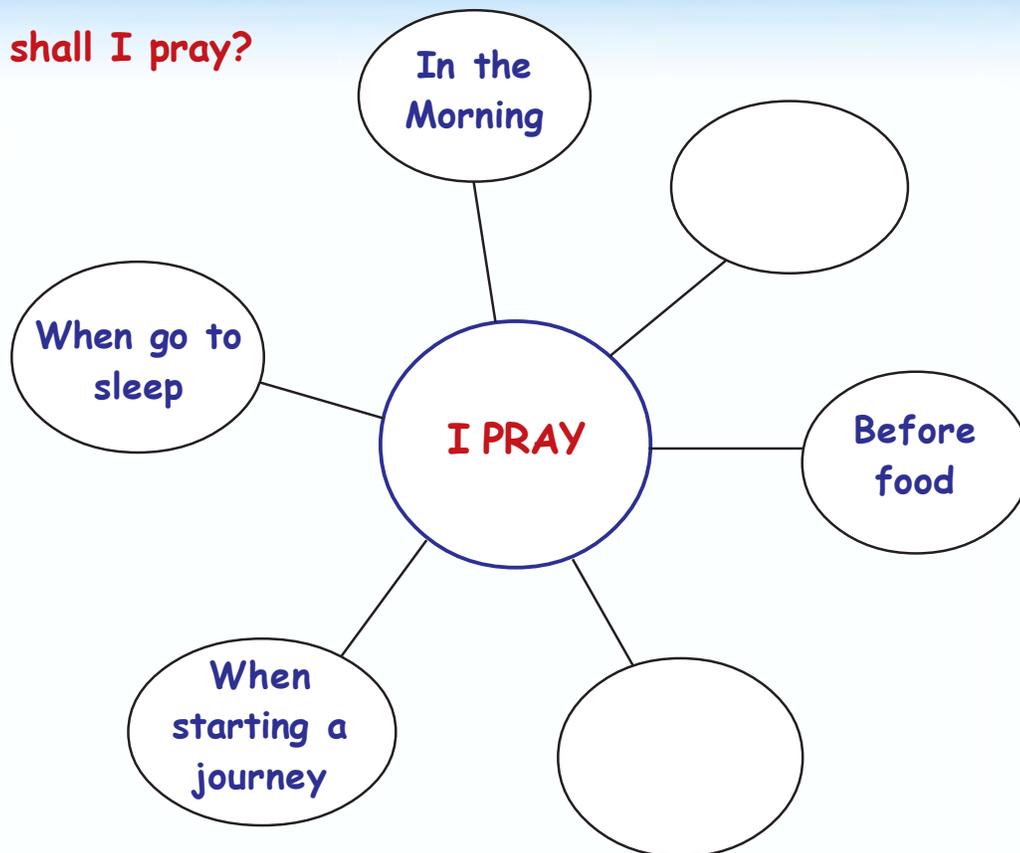
How do we draw/make the sign of Cross?

Hold together the thumb, index finger and the middle finger. Then draw from the forehead to the chest; and then from the left arm to the right arm.

Make the Sign of Cross and Colour the Cross



When shall I pray?



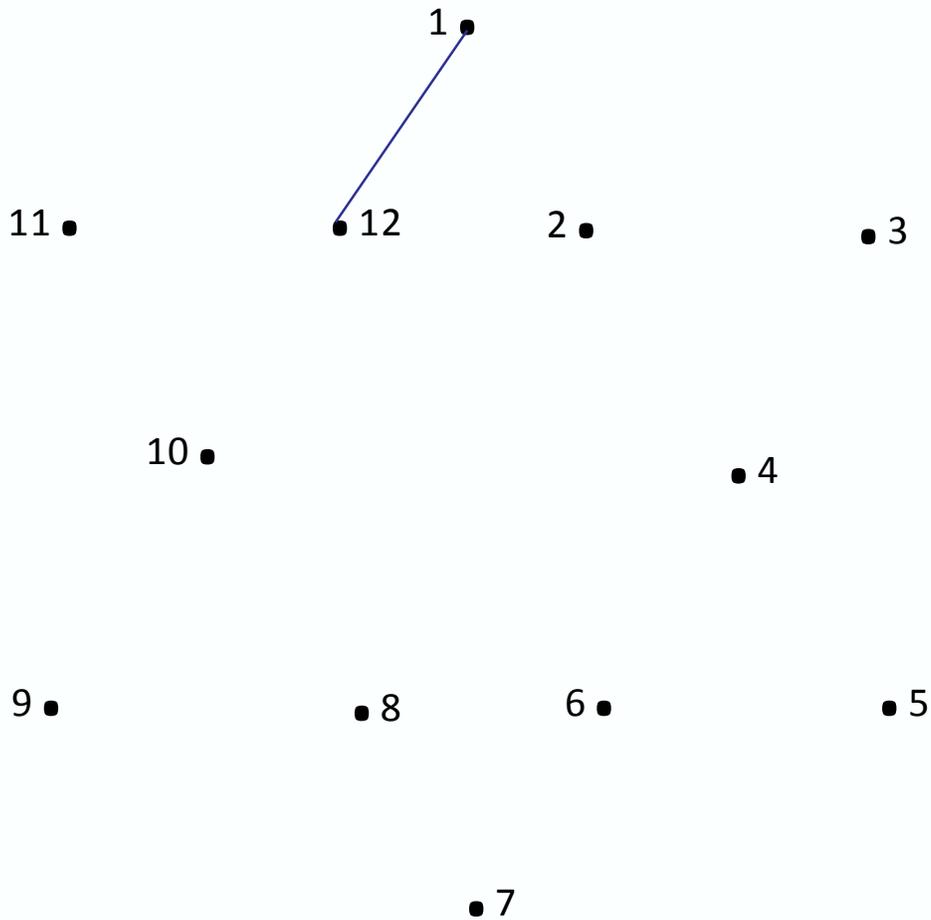
One day when Jesus was praying, his disciples requested him to teach them, 'how to pray'. In reply, Jesus instructed them to pray in such a way that:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven!
Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
Lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from the evil one;
For Thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

You will receive a gift, if you learn by-heart and recite the prayer
taught by Jesus Christ.

GIFT FROM MY TEACHER

(Join the dots and colour it)



Colour the Bible Verse:

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

Answer the Following:

1. How should we pray?
2. How do we make the sign of Cross?
- 3.
- 4.



Chapter - 13

Child Loving

Aim: To let the kids understand that they should love their parents in any situation, who have suffered great troubles and pains in order to nurture them.



Mom, why your face is so dark and skin has got wrinkled?

When you were small, my face got burned and all these bad colouring and marks are its after effects.



How did it happen, mom?

You were only six months old. Our house was very small and its ceiling was made of hay. Dad had gone for his job. You were sleeping inside your cradle, and I was doing some work in the courtyard. Suddenly, I saw that frightening scene...



What did you see, mom?

Our house was burning!!! The fire got up even over the ceiling. I cried aloud thinking of you; I called your dad aloud; no one was there to help me. I did not wait for anyone..... Immediately I went inside of the burning house, and screaming loudly..... my son..... my son..... and that was my only aim.





How did you rescue me, my dear mom?

I jumped into the blazing fire, took you from the cradle, and ran outside. But by then, the fire caught up my dress, leaving me burnt. And these marks on my face and body are the after effects of that burning. Afterwards, your dad was the one who took care of you and me.



We could make a new house only because of your dad's hard work.

Dear mom, now your face is more beautiful than before. On that day, if you did not rescue me..... Mom, let me kiss on your face.....

God has entrusted our parents to nurture us. They will rescue us from all dangers. We should obey them. We should take care of them, when they become old. Then we will be strengthened in Spirit and filled with wisdom; and God's grace will be with us always



Discussion:

Discuss about how you could help your parents and elders in your house?

TRUE FAITH

1. Who is your Creator?

Ans: God is my Creator.

2. Does God watch over you?

Ans: Yes, God watches me throughout day and night.

3. Who is Jesus Christ?

Ans: Jesus Christ is the Only Son of God.

4. What is the name of our Church?

Ans: Holy Jacobite Syrian Christian Church.

5. What is church?

Ans: Church is the house of God where God lives.

6. How should we stand inside the church?

Ans: Inside the church, we should stand with our feet together, bowing our heads and facing towards east. God watches us always.

Prayer - Kaumo

(LEARN BY-HEART)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one true God. Glory to Him, and may His grace and mercy be upon us for ever. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, by whose glory the heaven and the earth are filled, Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is He, who has come and is to come, in the Name of the Lord God, Glory be to Him in the Highest.

Holy Art Thou, O God!
Holy Art Thou, O Almighty!
Holy Art Thou, Immortal!
(†) Crucified for us have mercy upon us.
(Three Times)

Lord have mercy upon us;
Lord be kind and have mercy;
Lord accept our prayers and worships; and have mercy upon
us.

Glory be to Thee, O God!
Glory be to Thee, O Creator!
Glory be to Thee, O Christ our King, who does pity sinners,
Thy servants, Barekhnor.

Our Father, who art in Heaven! Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; Lead us not into
temptation; But deliver us from the evil one; For Thine is the
kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee; blessed art
thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, our
Lord Jesus Christ. O Virgin Saint Mary, O Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at all times, and at the hour of our
death. Amen.

Prarthana - Kaumo

Pithavum Puthranum ParishudhaRoohayumaaya sathyamulla eka Deivathinte
thirunaamathil thanikku sthuthi. Nammude mel thante karunayum
manogunavum ennekkum undaayirikkatte. Amen.

Thantesthuthikalaal aakaashavum bhoomiyum niranjirikkunna balavanaaya
Deivamthampuraan parishudhan, parishudhan, parishudhan,
UyarangalilSthuthi.Deivamaaya Karthavinte thirunaamathil vannavanum
varuvaanirikkunnavanum aayavan
vaazhthappettavanaakunnu.UyarangalilSthuthi.

Deivame nee parishudhanaakunnu
Balavaane nee parishudhanaakunnu
Maranamillathavane nee parishudhanaakunnu
Njangalkkuvendikrooshikkappettavane
Njangaludemelkarunacheyyaname.

(Three Times)

NjungaludeKarthavenjungalodukarunacheyyaname
NjungaludeKarthavekrupaundaayinjungalodukarunacheyyaname
NjungaludeKarthavenjungaludeshushrooshayumpraarthanayumkaikkondu
njungalodukarunacheyyaname.

Deivameninakkusthuthi
Srushtaveninakkusthuthi
PaapikalaayaninteadiyarodukarunacheyyunnaMashiharaajaave
ninakkusthuthi. Barekkmor.

Swargasthanaaya njungaludePithave! Ninte thirunaamam parishudhamaakkappedename. Ninte raajyam varename. Nintethiruvistam swargathilepole bhoomiyilum aakaname. Njangalkku aavashyamulla appam innunjangalkkutharaname. Njungalude kadakkaarodu njungal kshemichirikkunnathupole njungalude kadangalnjangalodumk shemikkaname. Njangale pareekshayilekku preveshippikkaruthe. Ennaalo dhushtanilninnu njangale rakshikkaname. Enthukondennal rajyavum shakthiyumm ahatvavum ennekum ninakkullathaakunnu. Amen.

Krupa niranja Mariyame ninakku samaadhaanam. Njungalude Karthavu ninnodu koode. Sthreekalil nee vaazhthappettavalaakunnu. Ninte udharaphalamaaya njungalude Karthav Yesu Mashiha vaazhthappettavanaakunnu. Deiva maathavaya vishudha kanyaka MorthMariyame ippozhum eppozum njungalude marana samayathum paapikalaaya njangalkkuvendi apekshichukollaname. Amen.

Holy Qurbana Songs

1. Bhoovilashesham

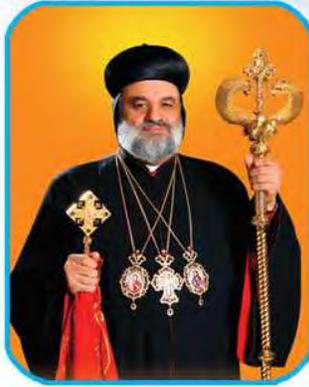
Deivathaalpreritharaaya
Sleehanmaar poi
Jaathikalidayil
Bhoothalaseemayatholam
Nallevan-gelion
Kaikkolvor-kkokkeyezhum
Bhagyamithenn-ariyichu
Swarga mahaaraajyam.

1. Those apostles,
Chosen, sent by God, they went
To ev'ry place,
Through all the world
Gentiles heard from them the news
The Gospel grace.
They proclaimed the kingdom
Heav'n's rule of freedom
For the faithful bliss.

1. Moran eeshoKurishum† Nin
Maathrujanathinpraarthanayum
Adikaleyumninkopathin
Vadikaleyummaacheedenam.

2. By Thy Cross, O Jesus Lord,
By Thy Mother's praying word,
Take from us and from our path
Punishments and rods of wrath.

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