



**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 Parents



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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## PART 1 PRAYER

Karunakal niranjirikkunnavane! uyarppudhivasathil ninte shrushtiyē puthuthaakaname. Karthave! ninnilulla sharanathodukoode nidrapraapichu ninte varavinu nokki ppaarthirikkunna njangalude vaangippoyavare nee ashwasippichu punya-ppeduthaname. Karthave! Ninte sharanathinmel nindrapraapicha ninte dhaasare-Abraahaminteyum Isahaakkinteyum Yakkobinteyum madiyil vasippikkaname.

Vannavanum varunnavanum marichupoyavare uyarppikkunnavanu-  
maayavan vaazhthappettavanaakunnu ennu shareerangalum aathmaakkalum  
orumichu attahasichu parayumaaraakaname. Amen.

## PART 2 QURBANA SONGS

1. Yachamaan varumannerathunaru...ayi than  
Munthirithoppil paniyaayi kaanmoro dhanyaraam  
Pakalellaam than koodeppanithor....  
kkavanara kettiparikarmicheedum  
Thaathaniruthum meshakkaai parikarmikkum suthan  
Roohkkudhisha paarakkaleethamudayu....nnoro...mudi  
Haleluyya....choodummakudathil.

(Luke 12:37)

1. Blessed are those servants good whom the Lord shall find Wakeful, working when He comes to His vineyard good Girding up His loins he serves them all. They who worked with Him from morn till eve, God the Father makes them sit and the Son serves them Lo, the Holy Paraclete, plaites them victor's crowns Haleluyya – setting on their heads.

2. Orupolingum (MorThoma)  
Undemelumninorma  
Uthakanameninpraarthannin  
Ormayebahumaanichorkkaai.  
StaumenkalosKuriyelaison.

2. (O MorThoma) as in heav'n  
Keep we here thy memory;  
Hear us as we honour thee  
Thy entreaties be our aid.  
StaumenkalosKuriyelaison.

3. Maramathin-uyareKarthave  
Kallanukittianintevaram  
Thrithvathekondaadimari-  
Chorumkaikkondeenam.

3. May departed ones receive  
Who confessed the Trinity  
What was promised to the thief  
Paradise with Thee, O Lord.

## Part 3 Old Testament

# CHAPTER 1 THE GREAT FLOOD

**Bible Reference:** Genesis 7 & 8

**Bible Verse to Learn:** "I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation." (Genesis 7:1)

**Aims:**

- God protects the righteous people.
- To understand that God is the only authorized one to create, protect and punish.



- ◆ **YOU** / Have you ever seen a boat?
- ◆ / Have you ever been in a boat?
- ◆ / Could you name different types of boats?

Let us make a 'Paper Boat'



(Teacher gives colour papers. Kids make paper boats in three or four groups. A small reward to be given for the best boat.)



## Let us sing a Yacht Song!!!

Noah obeyed the Word of God by constructing a beautiful Ark  
Out of Gopher wood, the marvellous and lovely one.

Again God Almighty told him, "I have determined to destroy  
Everything in the world with heavy rain and Great Flood."

(O...thithithaarathithitheithitheithakatheitheithom...)

You and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives shall be  
Entering to the ark before water covers up.

You shall bring two of every living thing into the huge ark

You shall bring them male and female for their sustenance.

(O...thithithaarathithitheithitheithakatheitheithom...)

After obeying his Lord God, Noah waited for Him to act,

And then God had closed the door of Noah's beautiful Ark.

When the 'Sun of Righteousness' said, entire world had been destroyed;

Only the righteous people were saved by Lord the God.

(O...thithithaarathithitheithitheithakatheitheithom...)

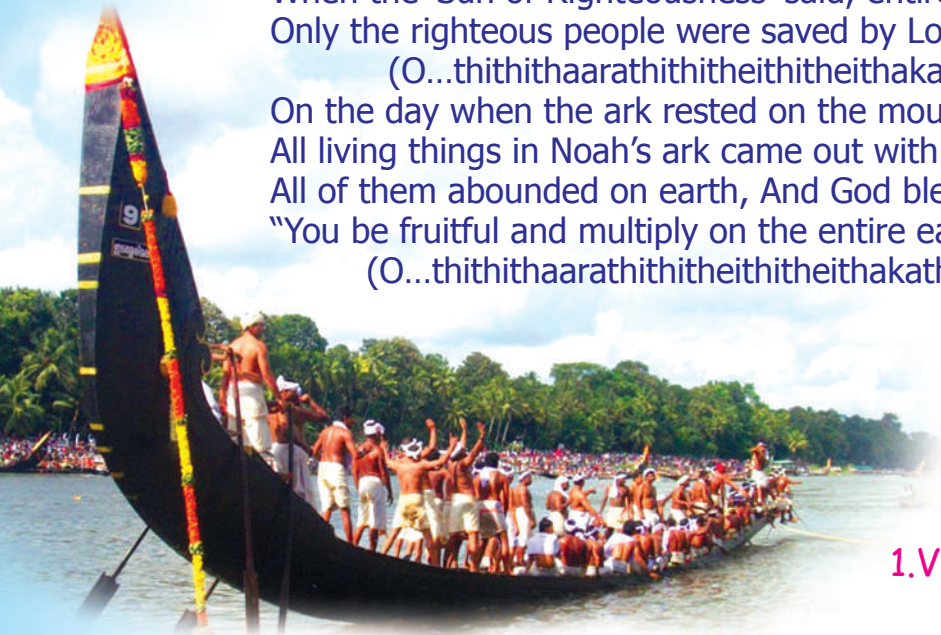
On the day when the ark rested on the mountains of 'Ararat'

All living things in Noah's ark came out with great joy.

All of them abounded on earth, And God blessed Noah's family,

"You be fruitful and multiply on the entire earth."

(O...thithithaarathithitheithitheithakatheitheithom...)



### 1. Vocabulary

Pemaari	-	Heavy Rain
Neer	-	Water
Pooka	-	Enter
NeethiSuryan	-	God
		(Sun of Righteousness)

2. By using which wood, did Noah construct the Ark? (Mark ✓ )

Teakwood

Rosewood

Gopherwood

3. On which mountain, did Noah's Ark rest after the Great Flood? (Mark ✓ )

Mount Sinai

Mount Moriah

Mount Ararat



#### 4. Find out:

- ◆ Have you seen a rainbow?
- ◆ There is a covenant behind rainbow appeared in the sky.
- ◆ Don't you know that?

Let us ask our teacher...

(Teacher explains it by referring Genesis 9:12-17)



#### Show the Way:

Could you help the various living things to reach Noah's Ark??

A central illustration of a wooden ark. Surrounding it are various animals, each enclosed in a circle: a golden retriever, an orange tabby cat, a peacock, a lion, a tiger, an elephant, and a giraffe. There are also many empty circles scattered around, intended for drawing a path for the animals to reach the ark.

Let us Help:



The people in this picture have lost everything in a heavy flood. How could we help them?  
Provide them food

.....

Give them clothes

.....

.....

What should we understand from this lesson?

# God Protects the Righteous People

Let us pray:

Martyrs! as in the time of the Flood, when the righteous Noah protected the creatures that entered with him in the Ark, let your intercession protect the world from the tides and whirls that encircle it.

(Sahadhenmare! Jalapralayakaalathil neethimaanaaya Noha thannodukoodo pettakathinakathu preveshippicha jeevajanthukkale athinte ullil marachukondapra-kaaram, ningal lokathe chuttiirikkunna thiramaalakalil ninnum chuzhalikalil ninnum njangale marachukollaname.)

Answer the Following:

1. Who all had entered into the Ark along with Noah?
2. What is the covenant behind rainbow appeared in the sky?
3. Sing the Yacht Song regarding the 'Great Flood'?



## CHAPTER 2

# ABRAHAM AND LOT

Bible Reference: Genesis 13 & 14

Bible Verse to Learn: "Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light."  
(1 John 2:10)

Aims:

- To understand the bible verse, "those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen."



- ◆ Who is helping this differently abled child?
- ◆ Have you ever helped your friends like this?
- ◆ Have you ever received help from your friends?

Share Your Experience



In Class I, you have already learned about Abraham, the Father of the Faithful. While Abraham was living in Haran, one day God had appeared to him and said, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land I will show you. I will bless you." So Abraham, who was seventy five years old, started his journey along with his wife Sarah. He also let his brother Haran's son Lot to accompany him. Lot's father Haran had passed away earlier. They reached the land of Canaan which God had showed him and lived there for many years. But later, having been struck by a great famine, Abraham and Lot left Canaan and settled in Egypt (Misrem).

When they reached the land of Egypt, both Abraham and Lot were immensely rich. It was quite regular that the servants of Abraham and Lot quarrelled each other. Abraham realized that conflict was not good among brothers, and he decided to share his possessions with Lot. Abraham told Lot to take the land which he desired. Then Lot had looked around and selected the land of Sodom at the other side of River Jordan which was very fertile and beautiful like the Garden of Eden. Henceforth, Abraham lived in Canaan and Lot in Sodom.

One day, the land of Sodom was attacked by enemies. Being afraid of the strong hostile army, the king of Sodom ran away. The enemies had looted Sodom's each and every wealth, and took Lot and his companions as captives. Having heard that his brother's son was captured by enemies, Abraham went with his army and defeated the hostile army, and liberated Lot and his acquaintances.

I...

(Colour the smiling face 😊 for those are correct, and weeping face ☹ for those are wrong:)

\* I will share my toys with my brother/sister.



\* I will help my brother/sister in studies.



\* I will quarrel with my brother/sister.



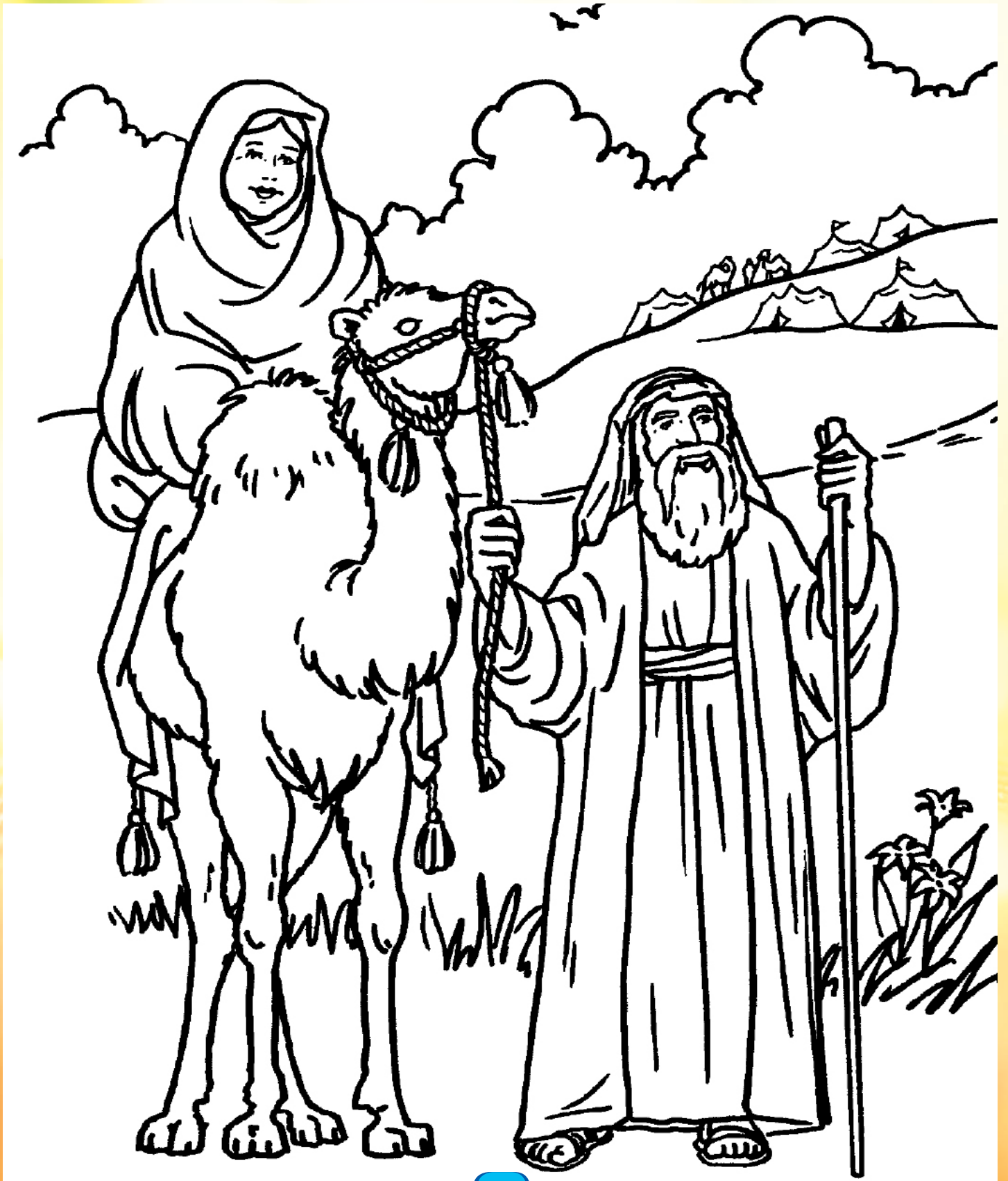
\* I will rescue my brother/sister in a dangerous situation.



\* I will speak only good things to my brother/sister.



Colouring:  
Abraham and Sarah starting their journey from Haran





## Give Exact Number according to the Order of Incidents

- ◆ Servants of Abraham and Lot quarrelled each other
- ◆ Abraham and Lot settled in Egypt.
- ◆ Canaan was struck by great famine.
- ◆ The king of Sodom got afraid and ran away.
- ◆ Abraham lived in Haran.
- ◆ Abraham let his brother Haran's son Lot to accompany him.
- ◆ Sodom was attacked by enemies.
- ◆ Abraham went with his army and liberated Lot and his acquaintances.
- ◆ Abraham decided to share his possessions with Lot.
- ◆ God appeared to Abraham.

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**St. Matthew 25:40**  
**“Just as you did it to one of the least of these,  
you did it to me.”**



**Let us  
participate  
in the House  
Construction  
Program to the poor  
done by MJSSA**

What are the different ways in which we could share our brotherly love?

1. By providing physical help
2. By donating our blood
3. By helping financially
4. By providing food and clothing
5. ....
6. ....
7. ....

Answer the Following:

1. Who is known as the ‘Father of the Faithful’?
2. What is the name of Abraham’s wife?
3. Name the place where God appeared to Abraham?
4. Who was Lot?
5. Why did Abraham share his possessions with Lot?
6. What was the peculiarity of the place which was chosen by Lot?
7. Explain the incident in which Abraham showed his brotherly love?
8. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in .....

Colour the Bible Verse:

Anyone who  
loves their  
brother and  
sister lives in  
the light.





## CHAPTER 3

# THE PRIME MINISTER OF EGYPT

**Bible Reference:** Genesis 39 to 41

**Bible Verse to Learn:** "Humble yourselves before the Lord,  
and He will lift you up." (James 4:10)

**Aims:**

God will lift up in honour those who are God-fearing  
and good in character.

Do you remember Who is this???



**Listen to the Hints to identify the Person:**

- ◆ Son of Jacob.
- ◆ God had given him the ability to interpret dreams.
- ◆ His brothers had thrown him in a pit.

**Have you got the answer? Say aloud and write .....**

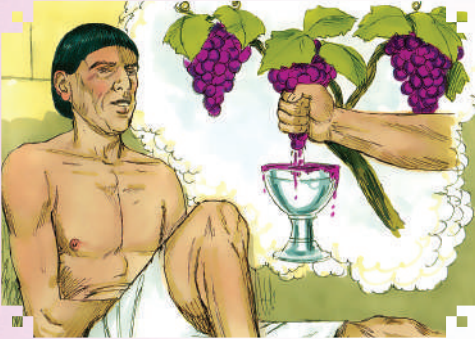
After being lifted up from the pit, his brothers sold Joseph to Midianite traders for money. Then in Egypt, one of Pharaoh's officials and the captain of the guard, named Potiphar bought Joseph from the Midianite traders. Potiphar was pleased with Joseph's behaviour and character. But his wife did not. She used to harass and scourge him whenever she got a chance. By believing his wife's lies about Joseph, Potiphar put Joseph in a prison.

He was imprisoned along with two officials of Pharaoh; one was the king's chief cupbearer and the other one his chief baker.





One night, both the officials in the prison had different dreams. Without knowing the meaning of their dreams, each of them became very sad. Joseph asked them, "Why you both look very gloomy today?" "No one is here to interpret the meaning of our dreams," and they replied. And Joseph said to them, "Don't all interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me."



Dream of the Baker  
(Teacher reads from Genesis 40:16-19)  
Dream of the Cupbearer  
(Teacher reads from Genesis 40:9-13)

Joseph prayed to God and explained them the meaning of their dreams. The meaning of the dreams was that the baker would be hanged up and the cupbearer would be restored back in Pharaoh's office within three days. On the third day, just as Joseph had interpreted to them, the chief baker was hanged and the chief cupbearer got his job back in Pharaoh's palace.



Joseph was still in the prison in loneliness.

Two years passed by. One night the king of Egypt Pharaoh himself had two different dreams. But both the dreams were more or less similar.





(Teacher reads aloud from *Genesis 41:1-8*)

Being frightful, suddenly Pharaoh woke up and he realized that it was dream. In the morning his mind was troubled; and so he called for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to him.

Immediately, the chief cupbearer remembered someone!!!  
*Can you guess, who is that???*

..... S .....

Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "My Lord, the imprisoned young Hebrew named Joseph has a talent given by God to interpret the meaning of dreams. When I was in the prison, I had a dream; he interpreted it and so it turned out as he said."

*Then the king ordered, "Bring Joseph to me now itself."*

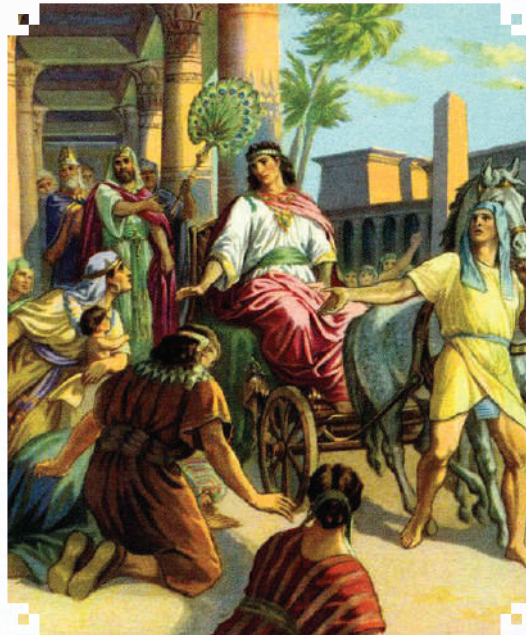


The men at the court brought Joseph to Pharaoh. Pharaoh explained his dream to Joseph. After hearing the king's dream carefully, Joseph prayed to God and started interpreting it:

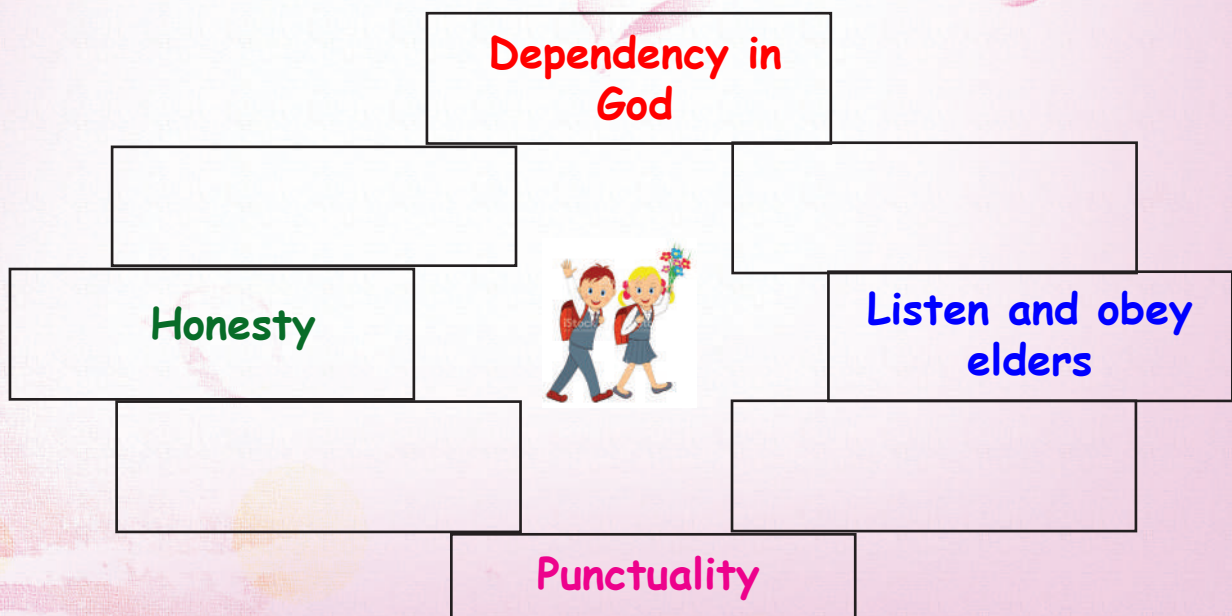


"Oh mighty king, the seven good cows are the seven good years having great harvest and richness in the land; while the seven ugly cows are the seven years of famine. If food is stored properly during the good years, it will be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine."

The king was very much pleased and appointed Joseph as the Prime Minister of Egypt. Then removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. Afterwards he had him ride in his chariot.

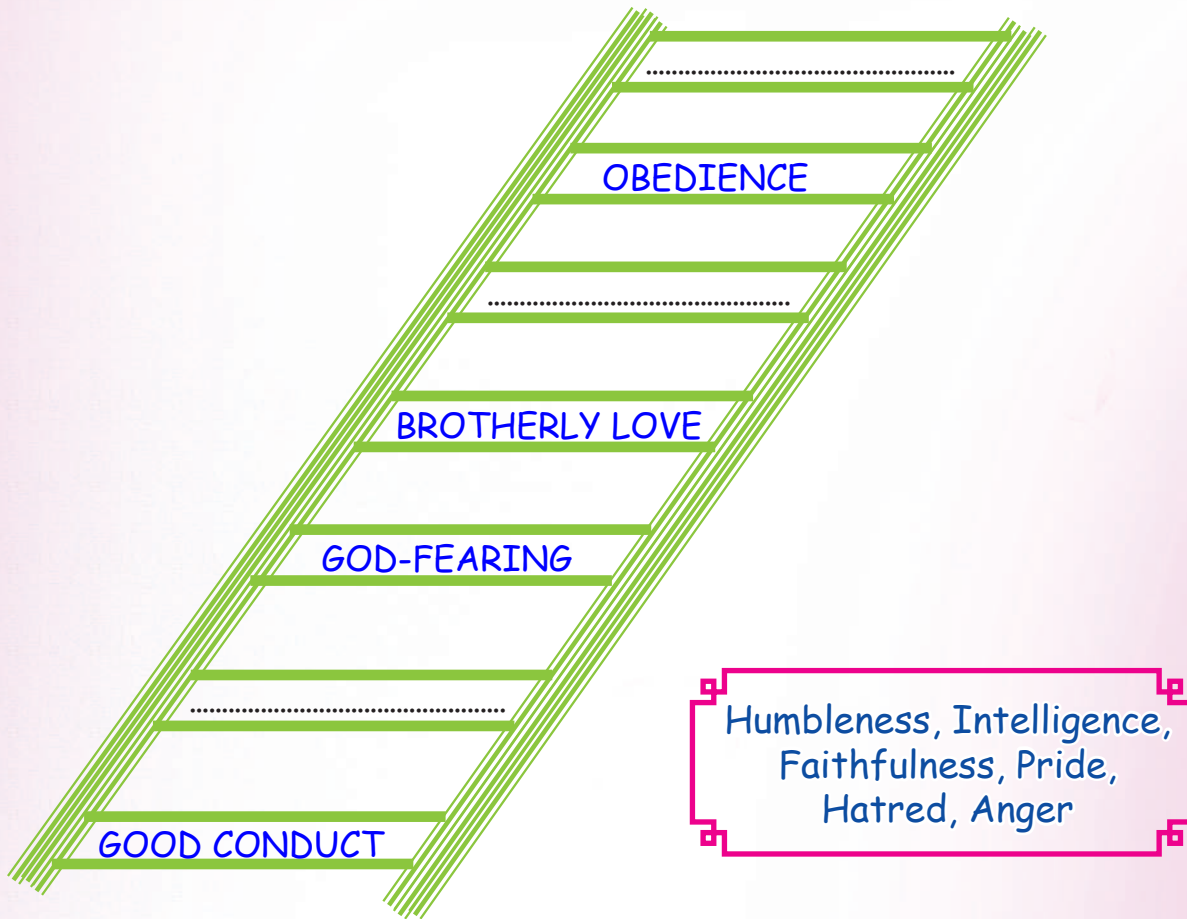


Like Joseph, what are the good characters that you should have when you become a leader?





What are the reasons that God had lifted up Joseph from a Prison to a Prime Minister?  
(Fill up the steps of the ladder by choosing correct answers from the column, and colour it)



**Answer the Following:**

1. To whom did the Midianite traders sell Joseph?
2. Who were the other prisoners in jail along with Joseph?
3. Who gave Joseph the talent of interpreting dreams?
4. What was Pharaoh's dream?
5. What was the meaning of Pharaoh's dream?
6. How did Pharaoh honour Joseph after interpreting his dream?

## CHAPTER 4

# MOSES: THE LEADER OF ISRAEL

Bible Reference: Exodus chapters 3, 4, 5, 12 & 31

Bible Verse to Learn: **"I can do great things through Him who strengthens me."** (Philippians 4:13)

### Aims:

- To do all things assigned by God in great commitment and dedication.
- To understand that if God is with us, we will become strong enough.



- ◆ Who is leading the pledge?
- ◆ Who elects a captain?
- ◆ What are the reasons for someone to be elected as a captain?  
(Discussion on leadership qualities then teacher organizes the thoughts)

- ◆ Do you remember the child Moses?
- ◆ Could you explain the incident of Moses being rescued from river Nile?
- ◆ What did God speak to Moses in the burning bush?



Recollect  
and  
Share.....





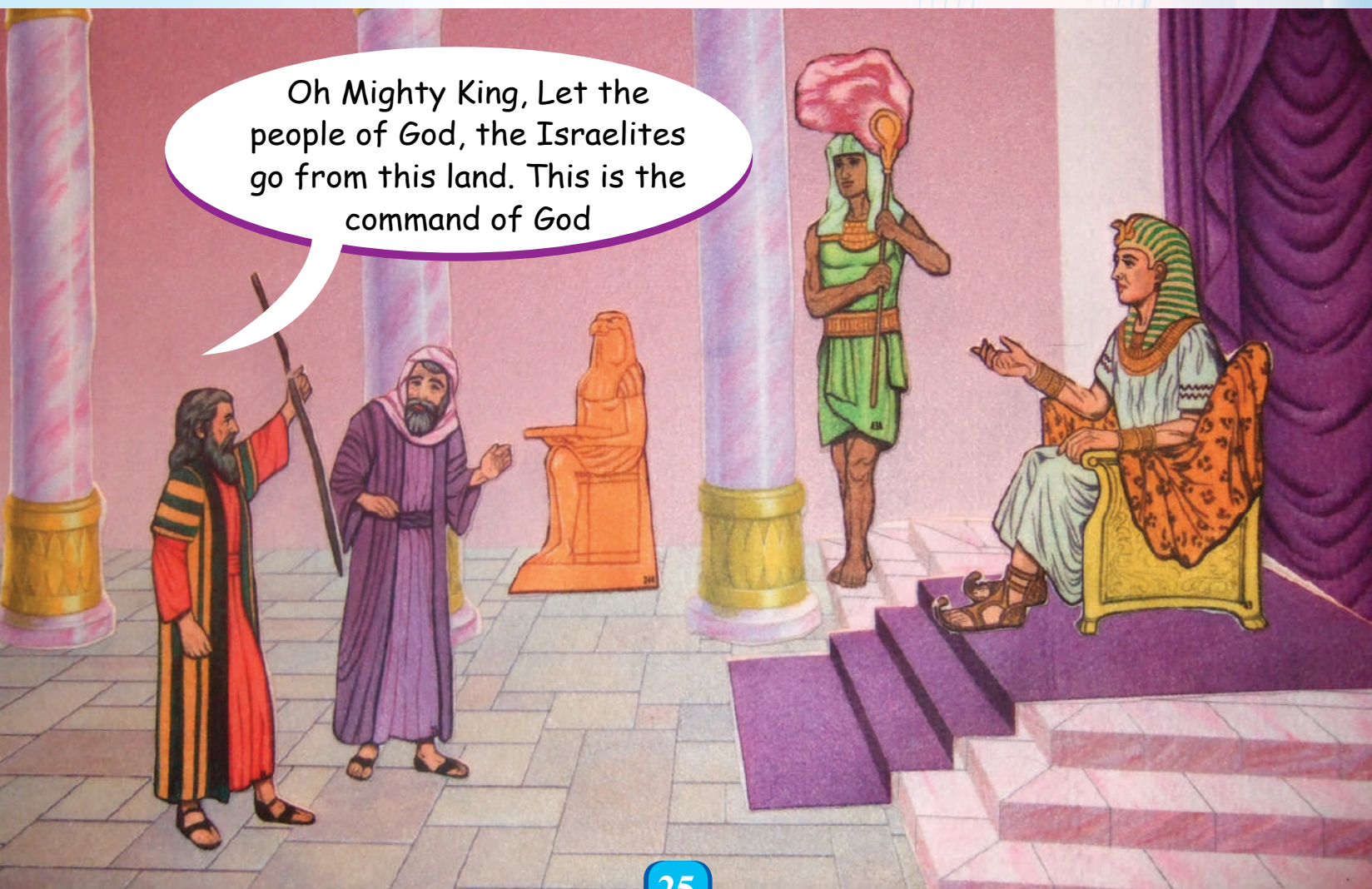
God had chosen Moses, who was obedient and God-fearing, as the leader of Israel in order to liberate the Israelites from the exile of Pharaoh. When the Israelites were struggling miserably because of forced labours imposed on them by the Egyptians, they cried aloud and prayed to God:

**"Lord God, do not punish us, but help us and liberate us."**

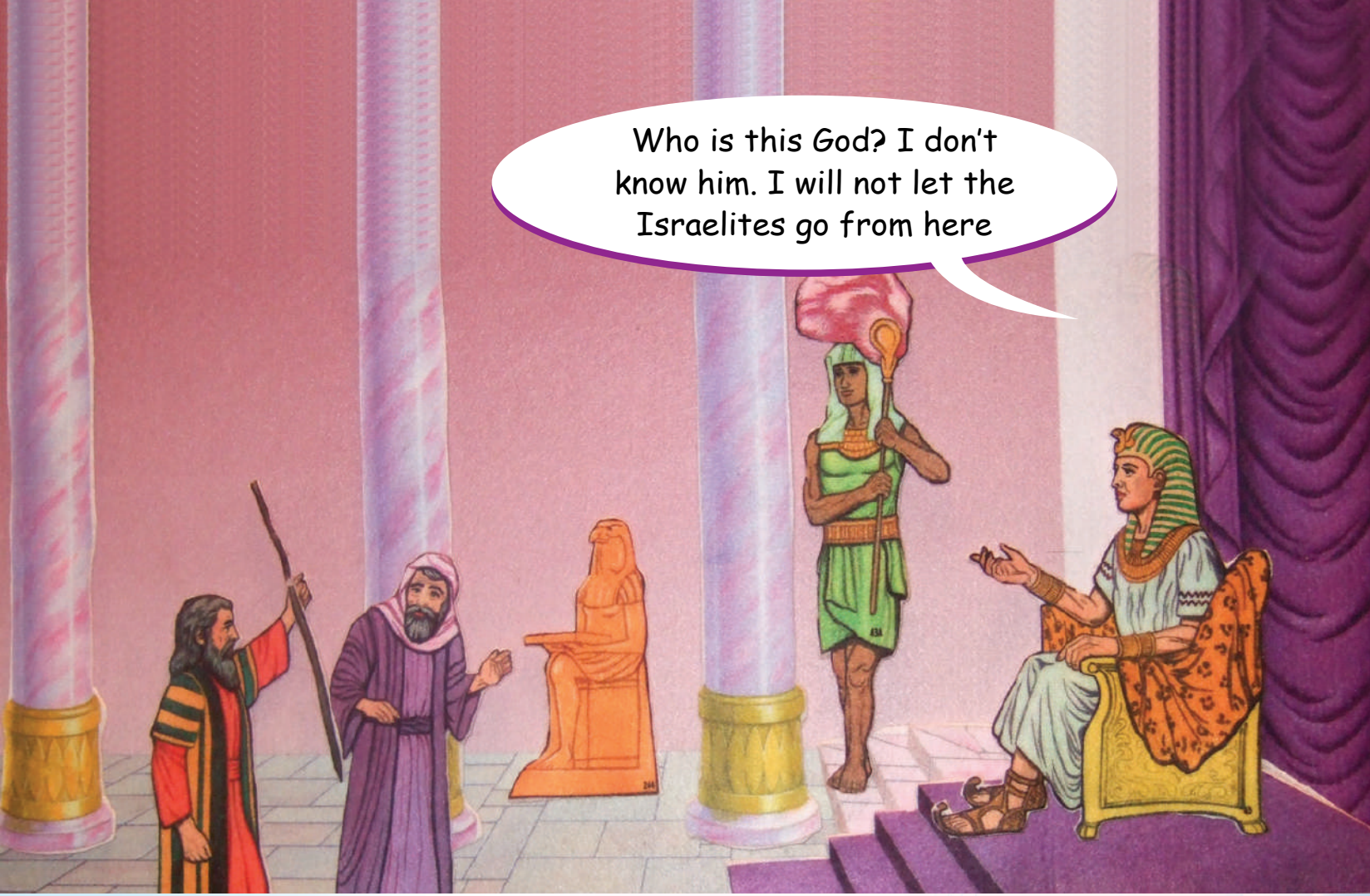
Having heard their cry, God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and said to him, "The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "O my Lord, who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? I have never been eloquent; I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then God said to him, I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak. Take with you your brother Aaron; he indeed shall speak for you to the people."

As God commanded him, Moses went to the palace of Pharaoh. His brother Aaron was also with him.

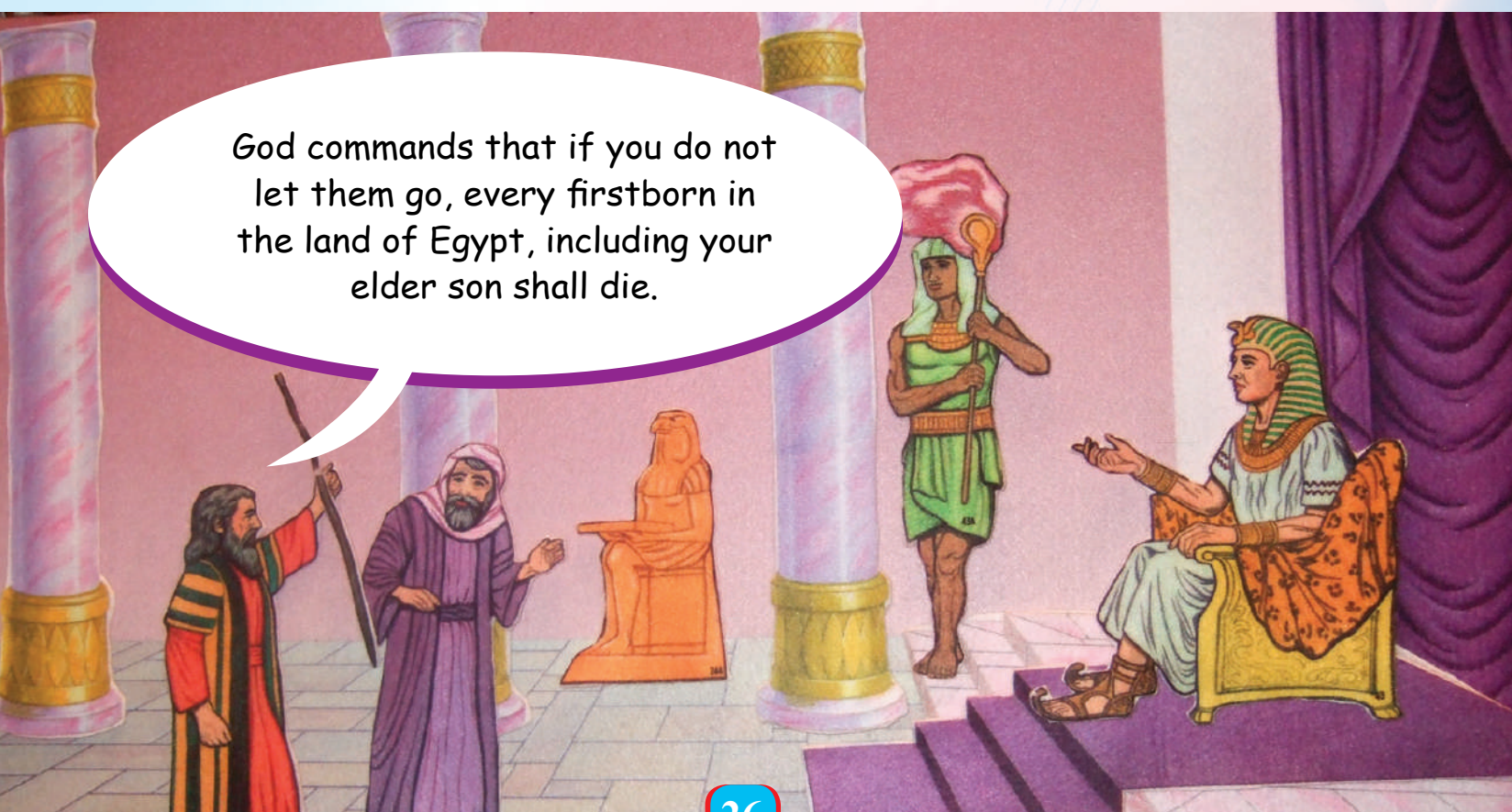
### Listen to the Conversation:







Who is this God? I don't know him. I will not let the Israelites go from here



God commands that if you do not let them go, every firstborn in the land of Egypt, including your elder son shall die.



Since Pharaoh did not obey the command of God, his elder son died. Besides, every Egyptian family was struck with the death of firstborn child. Pharaoh became very sad. He called Moses and Aaron, and said:

A great misery has smashed on my country. There is not even a single house without someone dead. I am afraid of your God. And now, you rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites

Thus Moses, the leader of Israelites, had delivered the people of God from the exile of Pharaoh; and he led them to Canaan.





After Israelites had gone out of the Land of Egypt under the leadership of Moses, they came into the valley of Mount Sinai. Then God said to Moses, "Let the people stay down at the valley; and you alone come up to the mountain." When Moses went up to the mountain, God gave him two tablets of stone and said:

Moses, Moses, here are the two stone tablets having Ten Commandments written on it, written with my own fingers. Keep it with you.



## TEN COMMANDMENTS

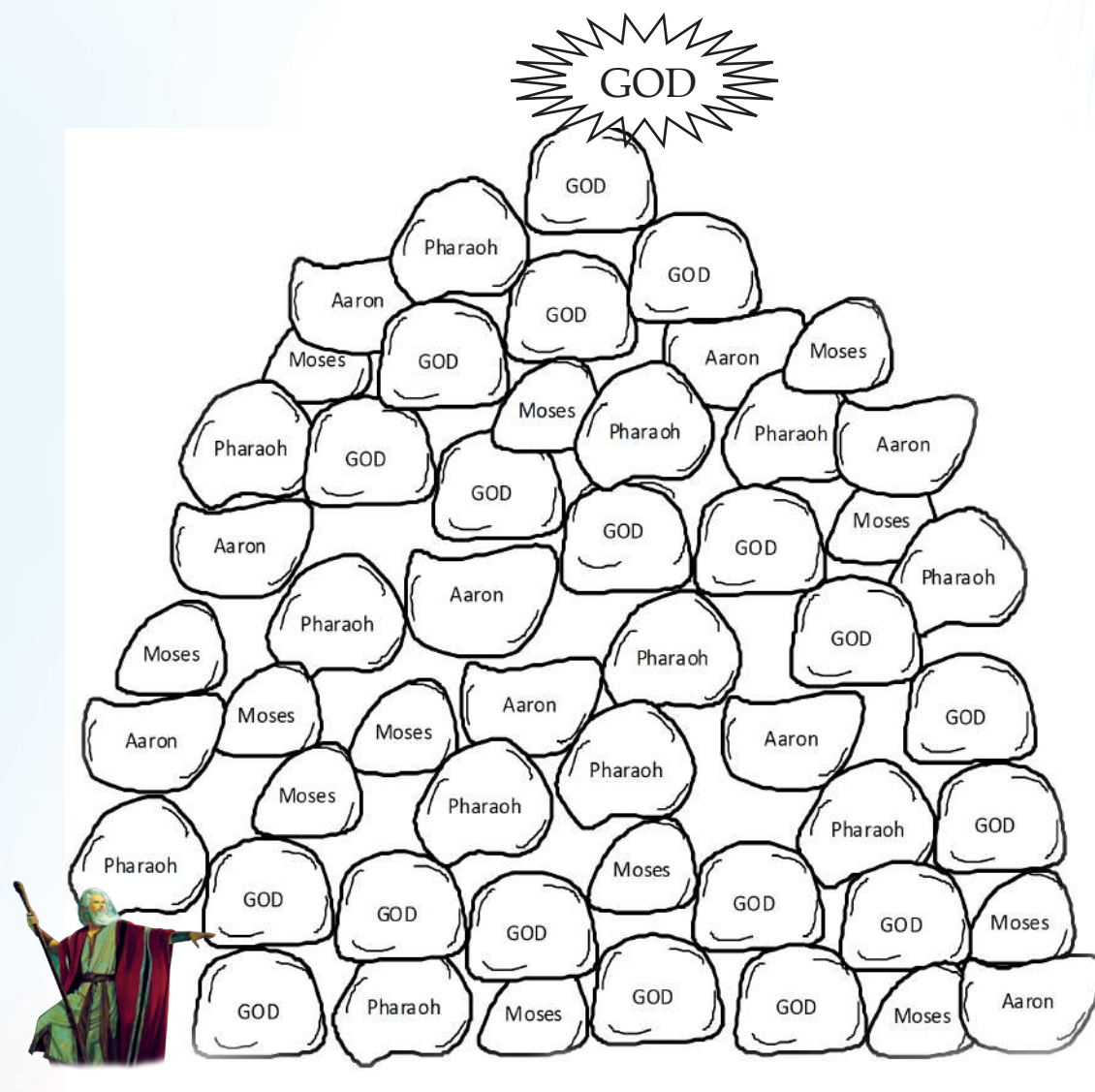
1. I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

5. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's house.



Show the correct way!

Moses wantsto reach the top of the mountain of Sinai. God is there. Be care-ful!! Help him by stepping only on those rocks having 'God' written on it. Give your favourite colour to 'God' rocks!!!



Let us pray:

Lord, bless and strengthen Your servants, the Supreme Head of our Church the Patriarch His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius Aphrem II, and the regional head of our Church the Catholicose His Beatitude Aboon Mor Baselious Thomas I. Grant them wisdom and strength that they may lead Your Church according to Your ways. Bless all the Metropolitans, priests and deacons of this church that they may lead Your people like Moses led the Israelites. Amen.

## Complete the Sun:

Moses was a good leader. You will also be a good leader in future. Have you ever thought of the qualities that a leader needs to have? Fill up the Sun by using the qualities of Moses and keep those qualities in your life:



## Answer the Following:

1. Name the current Supreme Head of our Church?
2. Name the current Regional Head of our Church?
3. Name the current Metropolitan of your Diocese/Region?
4. Name the current Vicar of your church?
5. Where did God appear to Moses?
6. What did Moses say to Pharaoh regarding the consequence, if he would not let the Israelites go?
7. Why did Pharaoh allow the Israelites to go from Egypt?
8. Where did Moses the leader lead the Israelites after the exile?
9. Which was the place where God gave Ten Commandments to Moses?
10. Recite any three of the Ten Commandments?

### MORAL VALUES

Do not speak anything bad about the Church and its clergy, even if for mocking.



## CHAPTER 5

# GOD PROVIDING WATER FROM THE ROCK

Bible Reference: Exodus chapters 14 - 17

Bible Verse to Learn: "My heart shall rejoice in your salvation." (Psalms 13:5)

Aims:

To understand that God Yahweh is always caring about His people.



## MANJANIKKARA PILGRIMAGE BY FOOT



Have you ever been participated in a pilgrimage by foot?

Let us have an interview with a pilgrim who went on to Manjanikkara by foot?

(An experienced pilgrim could be invited to the class and interviewed.)

Listen to the Conversation!!!

**Kids** : Do you go to Manjanikkara every year?

**Pilgrim** : Yes, I have been going for the last ten years continuously.

**Kids** : How many people participate in the pilgrimage?

**Pilgrim** : From various parts of Kerala, there join thousands and thousands of people.

**Kids** : Well, kids at our age, do they join the pilgrimage?

**Pilgrim** : Oh, plenty. Lots of parents come along with their little children.

**Kids** : Do you walk day and night continuously?

**Pilgrim** : We take rest on some places; again we walk. We walk during night time too.



- Kids** : Oh, at night!!! Then from where do you get food and water?  
**Pilgrim** : Huge mass of faithful people wait for us on both sides of the road with food and water. They serve it as an offering to God. Furthermore, churches will also provide facilities for us the pilgrims.
- Kids** : Who leads the journey?  
**Pilgrim** : Metropolitans and priests of our Church along with the pilgrimage coordinators.
- Kids** : Why do these much of people go to Manjanikkara?  
**Pilgrim** : In order to visit the tomb of the Patriarch of Antioch Moran Mor Ignatius Elias III, and to seek his intercession and blessings.
- Kids** : Could you please explain one of your experiences or reasons that you do the pilgrimage every year?  
**Pilgrim** : I didn't have a child even after long years of my marriage. I started participating in the pilgrimage, seeking intercession of the Holy Father, and praying to God. Afterwards God blessed me with a child. And I named him Elias. Children are the gifts of God.
- Kids** : We would also like to join the pilgrimage next year. Thanks a lot for your valuable time and your kindness to share your experience.





Look at the above picture:

- ✧ Who all are giving leadership to this journey?
- ✧ What kind of a land they are walking through?
- ✧ Do they have any places there to take rest?
- ✧ Is there any possibility to get some food and water?

### DESERT:

- + Filled with sand
- + Very hot weather
- + No habitation, nor human settlement
- + No trees for shades
- + No water to drink
- + No roads, nor pedestrian walks

Israelites were travelling through the desert or wilderness of Sinai. Moses and Aaron were leading the people. They were going to the land which was assured by God to be given, the Promised Land of Canaan. God, who was always taking care of His people, had delivered them from the bondage of Pharaoh and was leading them to Canaan. During daytime, God covered the sun by a pillar of cloud that they wouldn't be tired of its hot and heat rays. While in the night, God went in front of them in a pillar of fire to give them light and protect them from severe cold.

But the army of Pharaoh pursued the Israelites. When the people of Israel reached the Red Sea, they mumbled each other and wept in great anxiety, saying, "What should we do now? In front of us is Red Sea, and behind is the army of Pharaoh, where should we go?"

God had come for their help. Obeying the command of God, Moses lifted up his staff and stretched out his hand over the sea. Suddenly the waters were divided into two sides, forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Then Israelites crossed the sea through dry land and reached the other side. When Pharaoh's army entered into the dry land, the waters from both sides came back into its normal depth and covered the entire men of Pharaoh; not even a single one escaped.



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Israel crossing the Red Sea



Waters from both sides came back and covered the army of Pharaoh, when they entered in to the dry land.

Afterwards, the Israelites continued their journey through the wilderness. When they had no food to eat, they complained to Moses. Moses prayed to God. God gave Manna from heaven for them to eat. They were also provided with quail for meat.





When they thirsted for water, they complained again. Then also Moses cried out to God and God replied him, "Strike the rock with the staff in your hand." Moses struck the rock in the wilderness; and immediately water started to flow out of the rock. Having drunk enough and satisfied, they continued their journey to Canaan.



Hence, God had protected His people in wilderness for forty years by providing them food and water timely.

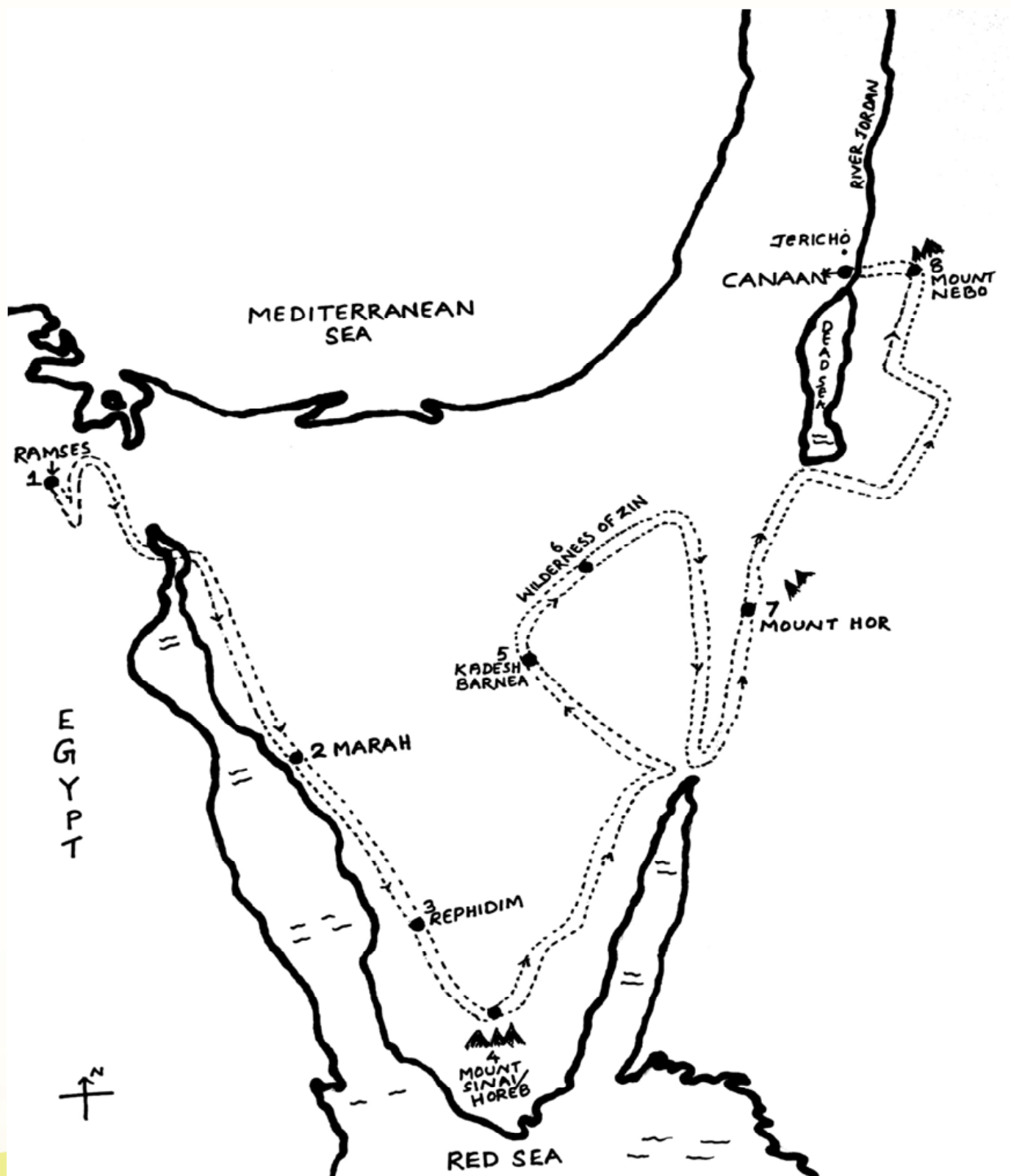
**Answer the Following:**

1. How did God help Israelites in their journey?
2. Who led the Israelites?
3. Name the sea which was divided into two when Moses lifted up his staff and stretched his hand on it?
4. What was the food given to Israelites by God from heaven?
5. Name the bird which was given to the Israelites for meat?
6. Where did Moses strike for water?
7. Name the desert/wilderness through which the Israelites travelled?
8. Name the Promised Land assured by God to Israelites?
9. Where is the tomb of the Patriarch St. Ignatius Alias III situated?
10. Who was the ruler of Egypt (Mesren)?

**Give Colour to the Bible Verse:**

My heart shall  
rejoice in your  
salvation.

Recognize the way through which the Israelites travelled to Canaan, and Colour the Map:





## Familiarize the important places in the journey of Israelites to the Promised Land



## CHAPTER 6

# VISION OF ISAIAH

**Bible Reference:** Isaiah 6

**Bible Verse to Learn:** "Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

**Aims:**

- To understand that God invites us too like prophet Isaiah, in order for experiencing the Kingdom of God.



"Holy, Holy,  
Holy Lord,  
God Almighty,  
by whose glory  
the heaven  
and the earth  
are filled."

One day, God appeared to prophet Isaiah in a dream. The prophet saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of His robe filled the temple. His face was glorious than the sun. Angel Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And they praised God always, singing,

**"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of His glory."**

Having seen the glory of God, Isaiah said,

**"Oh! I am a sinful person; yet my eyes have seen the King,  
the Lord of hosts!"**

Then one of the Seraphs flew down to him, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs, and touched his mouth with it. Thereby his sins were blotted out.





Again the prophet heard the voice of God saying,  
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And immediately he replied,  
 "Here am I; send me!"

In ancient times, God Yahweh had been communicating His will to His people through prophets. And prophets led the people according to the will and command of God.

There were lot of prophets in Israel, and one among them was prophet Isaiah, the son of Amos. Having been born in a palace, his living condition was good, and he received good education.

During that time, God had a complaint regarding his people. Let us understand it through the song:

AakaashameKelkka  
 Bhoomiyechevitharika  
 Njaanmakkalepottivalarathi  
 Avar ennodumalsarikkunnu.

Kaalathanteudayavante  
 Kazhuthathanteyajamaanante  
 Pulthottariyunnallo  
 Enjanamariyunnilla.

(Hear, O heavens and  
 Listen O Earth, Lord says,  
 I rear children and brought them up,  
 But they have rebelled against me.

The ox knows its owner  
 And the donkey its master's crib;  
 But Israel does not know,  
 My people do not understand.)

◆ Who was rebellious against God?

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◆ Who was called as the children of God?

.....

◆ What was God's complaint?

.....

When does God complain about us?

\* When disobeying God

\* When quarrelling with others

\*

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Prophet Isaiah, who was appointed by God, had advised the will of God to the Israelites and led them in the paths of the Lord.

Who all are advising the Will of God to us?

Metropolitans and Priests (The Clergy/Prelates)

Go to the church regularly

Read the Bible daily

Listen carefully the Sermons

Confess sins

Partake in the Holy Qurbano

Pray to God daily



**Like the prophet Isaiah, how could we show God to others?**

- + By sharing the love of God with friends.
- + By helping those who are struggling.
- + By keeping away from bad habits.
- + By encouraging others to get out of their bad habits.
- + By living a good modelled life.

**Give colour to the Bible Verse:**

Here am I,  
send me.

**Answer the Following:**

1. Who was the father of prophet Isaiah?
2. What did God say to Isaiah in his vision?
3. What was the reply of the prophet, when God called him?
4. How did the Seraph make the prophet pure?
5. What are the peculiarities of Angel Seraphs?
6. How did Seraphs praise God the Almighty?
7. Explain the vision seen by prophet Isaiah?
8. How do we prepare ourselves to hear the Will of God?
9. How could we show God to others, like prophet Isaiah?
10. Recite the song, "Aakashamekelkka.../Hear O heavens...?"

CHAPTER 7  
MINDSET OF CHRIST

Bible Reference: St. Mark 10:13-16; St. Luke 15:4-7; St. John 2:1-11; 9:1-7

Bible Verse to Learn: **“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”** (St. John 15:12)

**Aims:**

- To understand that God is love and we need to pour out the love of God to our fellow-beings.

Picture Reading

Look at the  
Pictures:



Teacher explains about the pictures

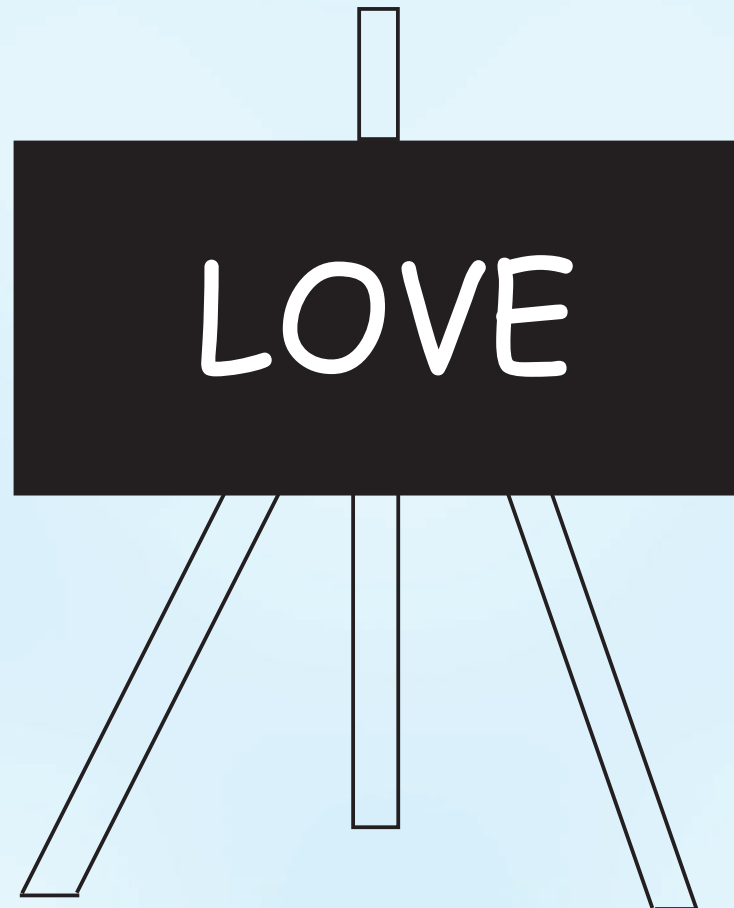


Now you say louder:

- o Who all are in the pictures?
- o What Jesus is doing in every picture?
- o Why Jesus is doing such thing?

Do you understand the basic mindset or nature of Jesus Christ?

READ ALOUD:



### Activities

1. How we could perform the Love of God?



SAY ALOUD

SOW LOVE  
and  
REAP LOVE

Colouring:

GOD IS LOVE

Let us sing together:  
(Being sung during the time of  
'Slomo' (Kiss of Peace'))  
"Anyonamsnehippinennnothiya  
Naadhanintesneham  
Vaaneedanamengalilenum  
SthuthiDeivathinuyarathil  
Bhoothalamengumnalshaanthi  
Maanavaridayilsampreethi."

Let's try to read together???

**Snehamaanakhilasaaramoozhiyil**  
("Love is the basic foundation of everything in this world.")  
By the great poet Kumaran Aashan.



Listen carefully while your teacher/parents read this:

(Philippians 2:1-5)

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

### FUN TIME Play and Enjoy

#### Things needed:

1. A dice/button having red on one side and green on the other.  
(You could make it by cutting and colouring a small hardboard.)
2. Dice/button in different colours for the individual players.

#### Rules:

Two players can play at a time. It is similar to the 'Snake and Ladder' game. Toss the dice one by one alternatively; and whoever gets 'green' can start the game. Put it in the first star. Toss the dice again; and if s/he gets green again, then move two stars ahead; and if gets red, move only one star. Continue the game by following the instructions on stars. Whoever reaches first at Jesus Christ will win the game. Now play and enjoy!!!

### Goodness Traing

Escape, whenever start a quarrel; as it is the trap  
of Satan



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Ah! Jealousy!  
Go back  
to 20



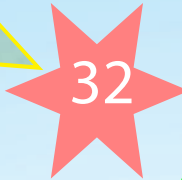
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Hold the hands of  
Mother Mary and  
go to 30



26



19

Hai, Lovel!  
Go on to 26



22



20



21



16

Ah! Serpant!  
Go back  
to 6



17



18



15



14



8



13



11



9



7



12

Hai! God's  
grace! Move  
on to 17



10



6



5



1



2



3



4

Ayyo  
Satan!! Go Back  
to 1





This is my  
commandment,  
that you love  
one another  
as I have  
loved you.

**Answer the Following:**

1. What was the commandment of Jesus Christ? (Bible Verse)
2. How did Jesus show his love towards the blind man?
3. Explain the story of Jesus loving kids?
4. What happened to the lost sheep?
5. How did Jesus show his love towards his mother during the wedding of Cana?
6. God is .....
7. How could we you perform the love of God?
8. Recite the Song which is being used during the time of 'Slomo' ('Kiss of Peace')?

## CHAPTER 8

# JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Bible Reference: St. John 4:1-42

Bible Verse to Learn: "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." (St. John 4:14)

### Aims:

- Jesus loves everyone.
- Living Water is the Word of God.
- Whoever drinks the Living Water will never thirst and tired.



What is the most necessary thing to sustain life for plants, animals and birds?

# WATER



What is the good thing that this small child doing?



Have you ever do something like this?

Having water is the right of everyone.  
We should not waste it.

One day Jesus was travelling to Galilee through Samaria. When he reached the Samaritan city of Sychar, he felt very tired because of the long journey. There situated in the city, the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph (the dreamer). Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, went on to the well and sat by it. It was about noon. And his disciples had gone to the city to buy some food. At that time, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well.

Listen to the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman:



Jesus : I feel very thirsty. Give me some water to drink.

Woman : How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of a lower caste, Samaria?

Jesus : If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is asking to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

Woman : Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?

Jesus : Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Woman : Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

Jesus : Go, call your husband, and come back.

Woman : I have no husband.

Jesus : You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.

Woman : Sir, I see that you are a prophet. I know that Messiah is coming; and when he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.

Jesus : I am he, the Messiah.

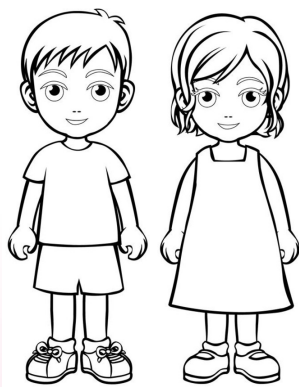
Having seen the Messiah, the Samaritan woman ran back to the city and said to everyone what had happened. A huge crowd came to him and believed him.

Have you understood that  
we need to drink the Living Water  
in order for sustaining our Spirit?

How should we prepare to drink the Living Water???

### Colouring:

Love God,  
our Lord



Learn the  
Word of God

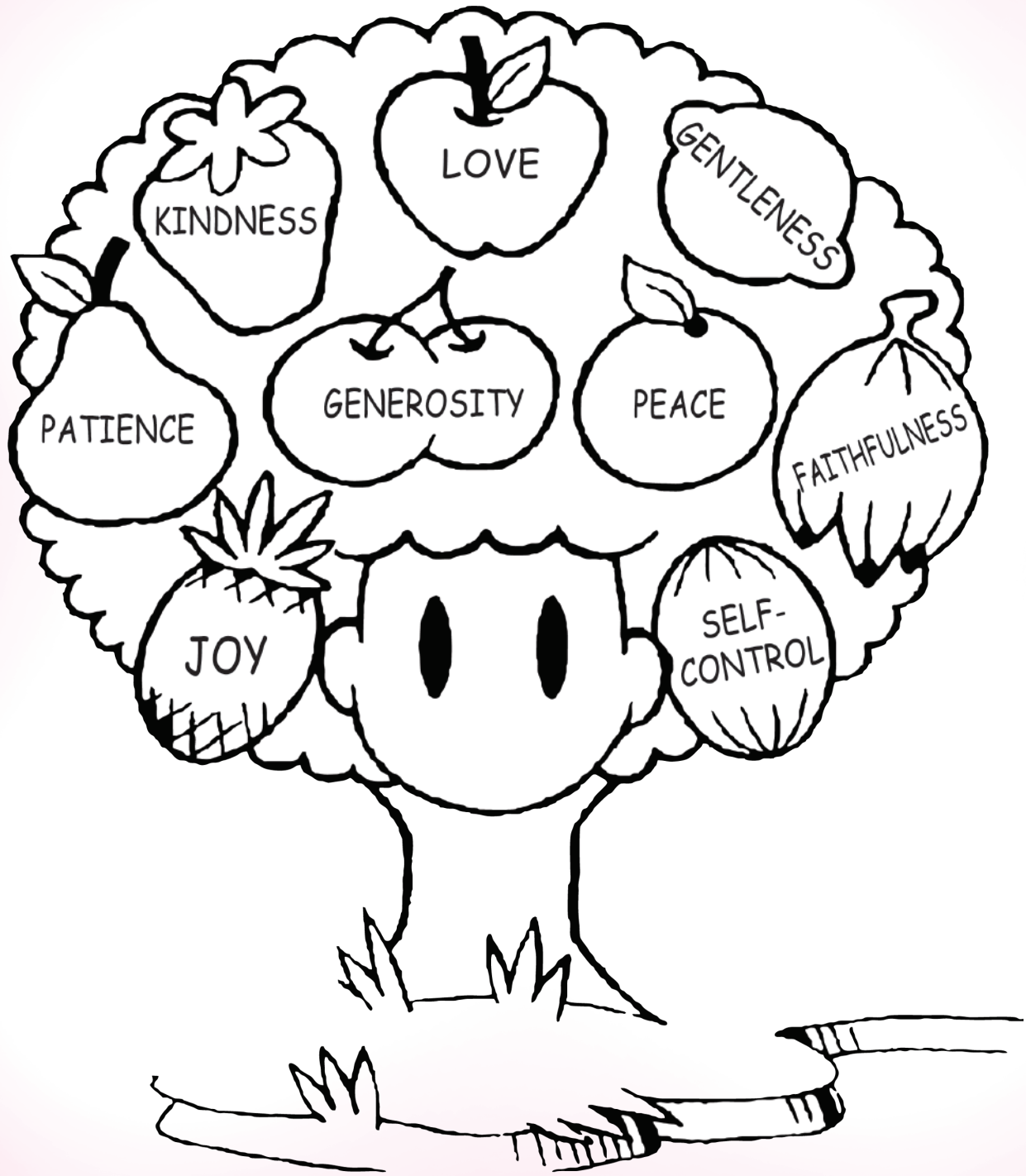
Pray  
Regularly

Have compassion  
to others



What are the qualities that others observe in us when we live with the Living Water, the Word of God?

(Give colour and Read Aloud)



Read Aloud...

What will it profit them  
if they gain the whole world  
but forfeit their life?

(St. Matthew 16:26)

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

Those who  
drink the water  
that I will give  
them will never  
be thirsty.

**Answer the Following:**

1. Why was the Samaritan woman reluctant to give Jesus water?
2. What is the peculiarity of the Living Water given by Jesus?
3. What did the Samaritan woman share to the people around the city?
4. What did the people do, who had come to Jesus after hearing the Samaritan woman?
5. What are the qualities that we need to have in order for receiving the Living Water, Jesus Christ?



## CHAPTER 9

# JESUS OVERCOMES TEMPTATION

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 4:1-11

Bible Verse to Learn: **"The Lord your God you shall fear; Him you shall serve."**  
(Deuteronomy 6:13)

Aims:

- Satan will tempt as what he did to Jesus. If we believe in God and worship Him, we can easily defeat Satan.



Look at the Picture:



- 1 Paul
- 2 Mathew
- 3 John

- Have you ever participated in physical games?
- Have you ever stand in this victor's podium?
- Who is standing at the first place in victor's podium?
- Who got second and third place?

What do we call those who win the games?

Colouring...

# WINNERS

One day Satan (Akalkkarusa) decided to defeat Jesus by tempting him. Satan thought that Jesus had had great hunger because of forty days fasting at the wilderness. Having assumed that it was the apt moment, Satan came near to Jesus, and said,

**"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."**

Satan thought that Jesus would be obeying his words. But Jesus had defeated him by the Word of God. Do you want to know what Jesus' replied?

**"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."**



Even though he was defeated, Aakalkkaruso did not want to leave Jesus. Then he took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,



"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

This time also Jesus defeated him with the Word of God, saying,

**"Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"**

Satan came to Jesus for the third time. He took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him,

**"All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."**



Jesus defeated Aakalkkaruso even for the third time too, by the Word of God, and replying,

**“Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.’”**

Having been understood that he could not defeat Jesus, Satan left him.

Satan tries to tempt every one of us. So we need to keep ourselves away from temptations. Let us worship our Lord God, and serve him.

Find out the different ways in which Satan tries to tempt kids and getting them away from God. And fill up the empty columns.

Encourage to Lie	
	Discourage to go to the Church
Encourage to Steal	
	Encourage to watch TV during the time of prayer
Discourage to read the Bible and Sunday School Lessons	

Let us defeat Satan, the tempter, how???

- By learning and obeying the Word of God.

.....

- By loving our parents.

.....

- By worshipping and praying to God alone.

.....



Give colour to the Bible Verse:

The Lord your  
God you shall  
fear; Him you  
shall serve.

Let us pray:

Lord! protect us from the terror by night;  
from the arrow that flies by the day;  
from the plague that travels in the darkness;  
and from the destruction of the wind in the noon.

Answer the Following:

1. What was the first temptation on Jesus by Satan?
2. Name the other name of Satan?
3. What was Jesus' reply for the first temptation?
4. What did Jesus say to Satan after seeing the kingdoms of the world and their splendour from the very high mountain?
5. How could we defeat Satan, the tempter?

# CHAPTER 10

## JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Bible Reference: St. Matthew 8:23-27; St. Mark 4:35-41; St. Luke 8:22-26

Bible Verse to Learn: "Nothing will be impossible with God." (St. Luke 1:37)

**Aims:**

- To understand that God is the creator and controller of everything.

### Picture Reading



(Police helps some kids to cross the road.)



Pedestrians should walk along the right side of a road.



Humb



Father and mother help their children to cross the road.



Children crossing the road at Zebra line.





## Discussion:

- \* What are the precautions taken to avoid road accidents?
- \* On which side of the road should the pedestrians walk?
- \* On which side of the road one should ride a bicycle?
- \* What is the significance of Zebra line?
- \* What is the signboard situated near by a school?
- \* Who are helping the kids to cross the road?

Now we have discussed about the precautions to be taken to avoid road accidents. We should follow the rules strictly. We are able to take precautions and obey rules in order to avoid road accidents. But we are not able to get rid of a natural disaster completely, such as earthquakes, cyclones etc. Only our Creator God could control it.

What will happen if there is a big storm and heavy waves in the sea?

1. Fishermen boat will be drowned.
2. Ships will be destroyed.
3. Water will forcefully enter into the coastal lands.
4. Houses situated at the coast will be smashed off.

- o What will happen, if there is an earthquake?
- o What will happen, if there is a volcano eruption?
- o What will happen if there is a rock erosion?

Who is the Only One to Control the Entire Universe?

Colouring...

# Creator God

One day Jesus, along with his disciples, was crossing across the Lake of Galilee on a boat.



While they were sailing the boat, Jesus fell asleep on a cushion in the stern (backside of the boat). After sometime, a windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. His disciples tried very hard to control the boat, but they couldn't. Being afraid that the boat would be sunk soon, they went to Jesus and woke him up, shouting,

**"Master, Master, don't you care that we are perishing?"** And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, saying, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm in the sea. The disciples were amazed. But noticing their fear and unfaithfulness, Jesus said to them, **"Why are you afraid, you of little faith?"** Then the disciples realized that Jesus is the creator and controller of everything.

### Holding the Hands of Jesus



God will protect us from dangers, diseases and depressions, if we walk faithfully with Jesus.



**Let us pray:**

O our True God, protect us from all evils, dangers, deceits, enemies, fears, lightning, thunders, diseases, persecutions, oppressions, hell of fire, and all those punishments which are beyond our toleration. Amen.

**Give colour to the Bible Verse:**

Nothing will be  
impossible  
with God.

**Let us sing together:**

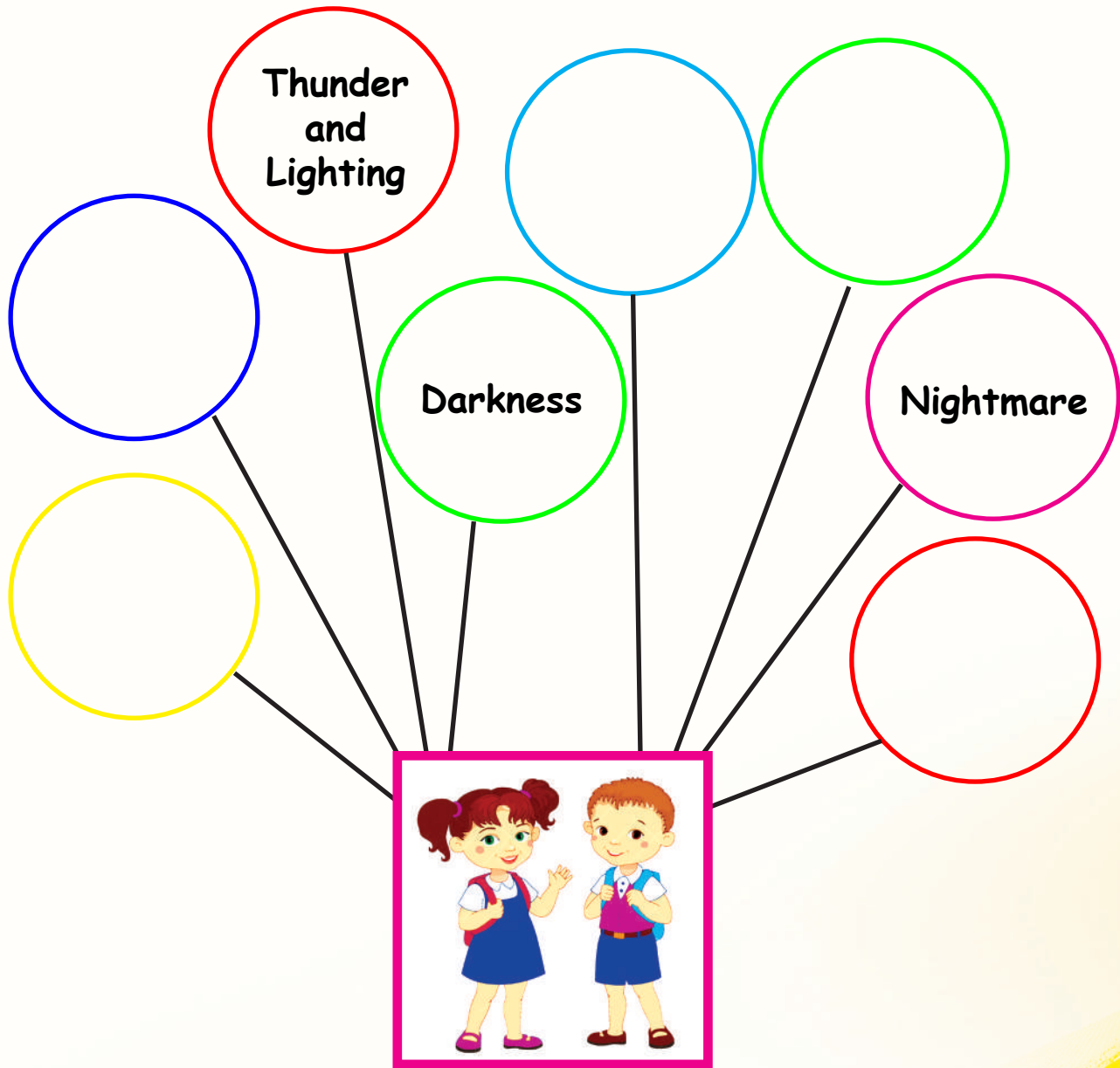
Akkarakku yathracheyyum Seeyon sanjaari  
Olangal kandu nee bhayappedenda.  
Kaattineyum kadalineyum  
Niyanthrippan kazhivullon padakilundu.  
Vishwaasamaam padakil yaathra cheyyumbol  
Thandu valichu nee valanjidumbol  
Bhayappedenda karthan koodeundu  
Aduppikkum swargeeya thuramukhathu.

**Answer the Following:**

1. Which was the lake he was travelling across, when Jesus calmed the storm?
2. Where was Jesus sleeping in the boat?
3. Who is the creator and controller of everything?
4. Whom did Jesus call, 'You of little faith'?
5. What happened when Jesus rebuked the wind?
6. What are the things to be done in order to get rid of fear from your minds?
7. Recite the Song, 'Akkarakkuyaathracheyyum.....'?

# Fill up the Balloons and Colour:

Write down the things you fear



God says,

**"Do not be afraid, I am with you."**



When we pray to Jesus in strong faith, the fear in our mind will go away. No danger will come to us, if Jesus is with us.





## CHAPTER 11

# REPENTANCE OF SAUL

Bible Reference: Act of the Apostles (Preksis) 9:1-18; 22:1-21; 26:9-18

Bible Verse to Learn: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain."  
(Philippians 1:21)

### Aim:

To understand that God will choose eligible persons to minister for the Kingdom of God.

### Listen to the Conversation:

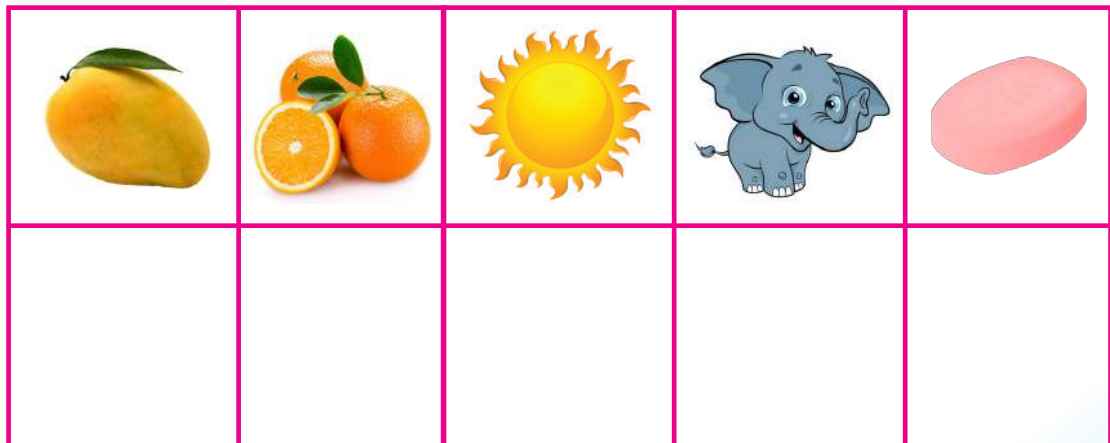
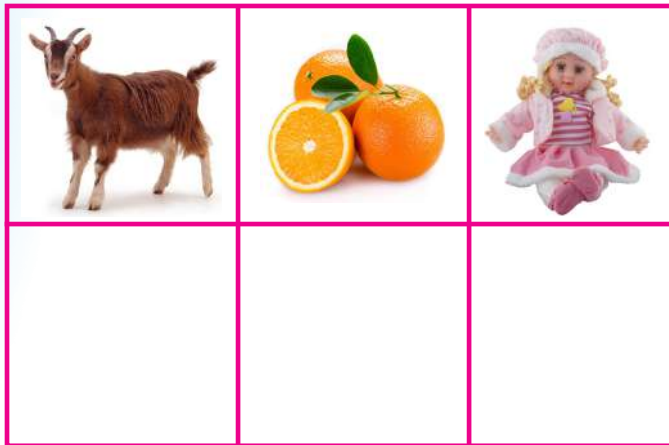
Voice: I will send you. You will speak for me.

Reply: But I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.

Voice: I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.

Revision: Whose voice is this?  
And who is replying?

Let us find out the speakers by writing the first alphabet of the pictures given below. Write it and read aloud:



Likewise God had elected Moses, the person, selected by Jesus Christ to work for the Kingdom of God was Saul.

Colouring...

# Saul

Saul was a Roman citizen involved in punishing and persecuting Christians. He was very educated and worked as a government official. He was the one who had been keeping the clothes of those who had stoned Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. One day he went on to Damascus with the authorized letters of Jewish high priests in order to bring Christians to Jerusalem as captives. When he was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

**"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"**

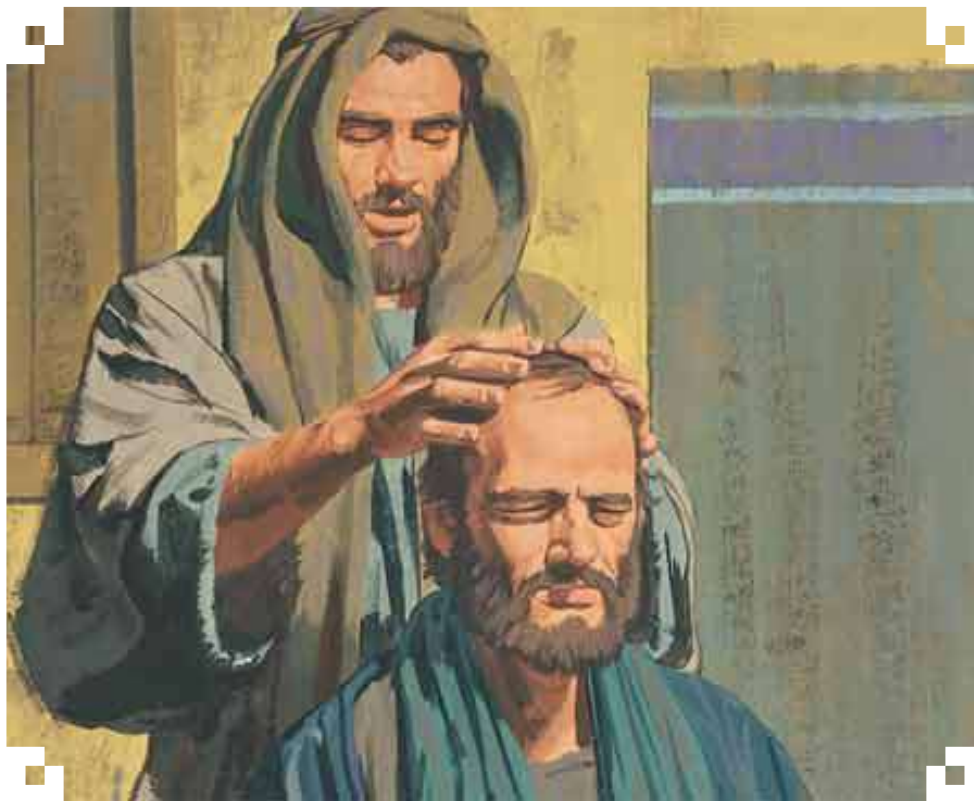




Being afraid of the voice, he asked, "Who are you, Lord?" And the reply came from heaven, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes, but could see nothing. He had lost his eyesight. The people with him led him to Damascus and brought him to the house of 'Judas' where he stayed for three days, spending time in prayer without eating or drinking anything.

After three days, the Lord commanded a priest named Ananias, who was a strong devotee of Jesus, to go to Saul. Ananias came to the house of Judas and laid his hands on him and prayed. Immediately something like scales of fish fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored.



Having realized his sins, Saul had repented and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Then he got baptized, received the name 'Paul' and became the apostle of Christ. Hence, the persecutor of the church had become its nourisher, who went on to different parts of the earth and preached the gospel of Christ. St. Paul is also included among the disciples of Jesus Christ. In AD 67, Emperor Nero had murdered him by sword, and he became a martyr. And the Church celebrates the commemoration of St. Paul along with St. Peter, the head of the disciples, on June 29 every year.



St. Peter and St.  
Paul, the apostles,  
Pray for us

**Let us Sing:**

Paulosesleeha... dhanyanchol  
Kettenithevam  
Ningalengalangariyichathozhi-  
chingoruvanvannariyichaal  
Vaanavanenkilumaadhoothan  
Thaanelkkumsabhayinshaapam  
Pala tharmupadheshangalaho  
Paarilmulachuparakkunnu  
Deivathinupadheshamtho-  
ttavasaanippippondhanyan.

Paul the Blessed Saint, the Lord's Apostle, said If  
one comes to preach to you Other doctrine than  
we knew, Be he man or angel bright, Curs'd be he in  
Church's sight; Doctrines all diverse arise, Shooting  
up with many lies; Blest is he who first and last  
Trusts God's truth and holds it fast.



Give colour to the Bible Verse:

For to me, living  
is Christ and  
dying is gain.

Match the Following

Saul	-	First Martyr
June 29	-	St. Paul
Stephen	-	Commemoration of St. Peter and St. Paul
St. Peter	-	Emperor
Nero	-	Head of the Disciples

Answer the Following:

1. Where was Saul going to bring Christians as captives?
2. Who gave the authorized letter to Saul in order to persecute Christians?
3. What was the voice heard by Saul when he fell down on the ground?
4. Name the person who laid his hands on Saul's head and prayed for him?
5. What was the name received by Saul after his conversion/baptism?
6. In which year did St. Paul was martyred?
7. On which date, does the Church commemorate the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul?
8. Prepare a short sermon and present in the class: "Jesus in my Saviour."



"Jesus in my  
Saviour"



## CHAPTER 12

# DISCIPLES RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

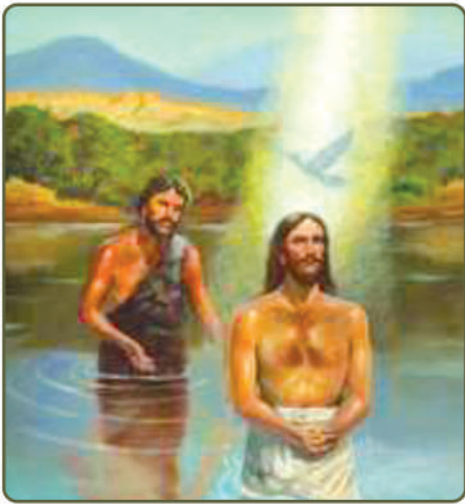
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Bible Verse to Learn: "Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16)

### Aims:

To understand that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, and the sins committed against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

### Do you Remember???



- \* Who all are in this picture?
- \* Which is the river in which they are standing?
- \* In which form, did the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus Christ?

- \* Does the Holy Spirit dwell in you?
- \* How did the Holy Spirit descend upon you?

## Through Holy Baptism and Holy Mooron





Feast of Pentecost was one of the major festivals of Jews. They celebrated it in remembrance of Moses received the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai. The Christian Church also celebrates the day of Pentecost as a feast after the disciples received the Holy Spirit on the first Feast of Pentecost after Jesus' resurrection. And it is celebrated every year on the 50th day after Easter.

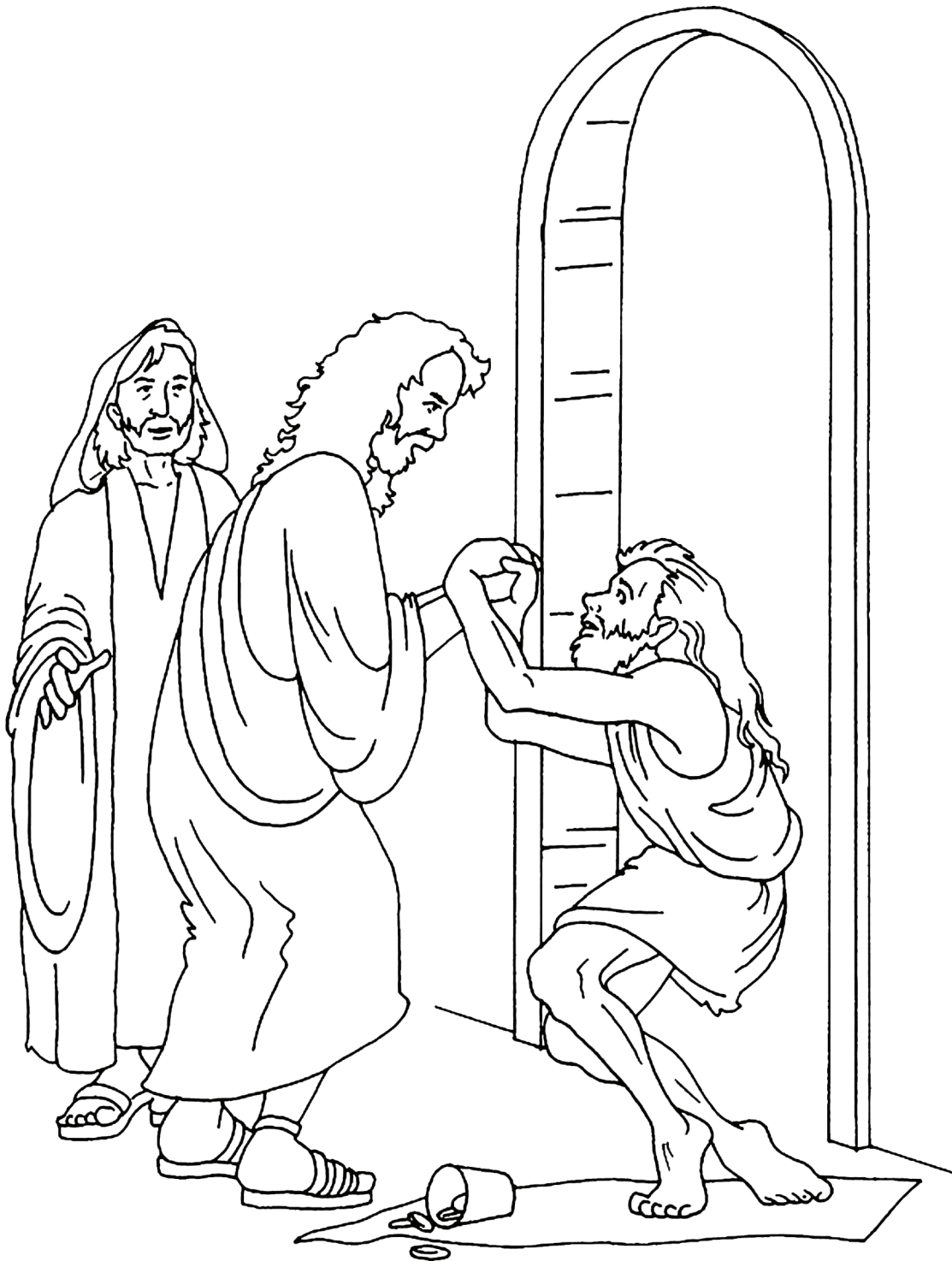
On the day of Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus were gathered together and praying in the House of Mark (Sehiyon Malika). And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind. It filled the entire house where they were sitting. When they looked up with great anxiety, divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. The fire tongue was the Holy Spirit. Hence the Spirit of God descended on the apostles in the form of divided fire tongues.



Having received the Holy Spirit, the fear of the apostles was gone off and they started to preach about Christ with the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing their preaching, lot of people believed in Christ and converted to Christianity. The apostles baptized everyone, healed the sick with the power of the Holy Spirit, and taught the crowd about the Kingdom of God.

Colouring...

**St. Peter heals a Crippled Beggar**



"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
stand up and walk."  
(Acts 3:6)



### Having Received the Holy Spirit, how should be our behaviour?

- Live our life witnessing Christ
- Behave everyone properly in love.
- Have mercy and compassion to everyone.
- Have patience.
- Not commit sins against the Holy Spirit.
- Abstain from every evils with the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Activity:

Prepare a sermon of three minutes against 'The evils which destroy us.'  
(The topics are smoking, drinking, jealousy, disobedience, anger etc. Give opportunity to every kid.)

Give colour to the Bible Verse:

Do you know  
that you are  
God's temple  
and that God's  
Spirit dwells in you?

### Answer the Following:

1. On which day the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost?
2. In which form did the Holy Spirit descend on the apostles?
3. What did the apostles do after receiving the Holy Spirit?
4. When did you receive the Holy Spirit?
5. What are the qualities that a person, who has received the Holy Spirit, should have?
6. Deliver the sermon which you have prepared?

## CHAPTER 13

# EDUCATION IS THE RICHEST WEALTH

Bible Verse to Learn: *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”*  
(Proverbs 1:7)

Aims:

To understand that the beginning of every knowledge is the fear of the Lord.

One night God Yahweh appeared to King Solomon in his dream.

Solomon, ask me,  
what should  
I give you.

God, give me a heart of  
wisdom to govern your  
people justly, discerning good  
and evil.

Because you have not asked  
for wealth, richness or faith,  
and asked only for wisdom,  
I am giving you great wisdom  
and broadmindedness like  
sands of the seashore.



Do you know what all things Solomon had done after receiving divine wisdom? He had said three thousand proverbs, and written one thousand and five songs of praise. He depicted the details of various plants, herbs, trees, birds, animals, reptiles and fishes. And therefore, people from around the world came to Solomon to learn his wisdom.

One day, two women came to Solomon and shared the reason of their sadness.

**First Woman** : Oh mighty king, when I was sleeping, she has taken my baby and laid here dead baby in its place. Have the kindness to get my baby back.

**Second Woman** : No, this is my child, O king. Her baby is the dead one. I will not give this child.

**King Solomon** : Get me a sword. (And a guard came up with a sword.) Divide the living infant into two, and give one piece to each woman.

Having heard the order of the king,





First Woman : (Threw herself at the king's feet and pleaded.) "Oh King, please do not kill my living baby. Let her have the child.  
 Second Woman : Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it.  
 King Solomon : Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his true mother. No mother lets her child to kill.

It was God's wisdom which helped Solomon to do justice.

Colouring...



Let's gain  
the Divine Wisdom

**Worldly Knowledge**

- Education
- Good books
- Newspaper
- Journals
- Television
- Computer
- Library

**Divine Wisdom**

- The Bible
- Prayer
- Worshipping God
- Sunday School Learning
- Bible Conventions
- Doing good things
- Fear of God

**The fear of  
the Lord is  
the beginning  
of wisdom.**

Let us pray

God, give us Your grace to live according to Your will,  
discerning good and evil. Amen.

## PART 5

# TRUE FAITH

## Holy Sacraments:

### 1. Define Holy Sacraments?

Sacraments are the visible acts of invisible means of grace, which our Lord ordered and instituted as essential for the salvation of the human race.

### 2. How many sacraments are there in the Church?

There are seven Holy Sacraments in our Church.

### 3. Which are the seven Holy Sacraments?

1. Holy Baptism
2. Holy Mooron (Chrism)
3. Holy Confession
4. Holy Eucharist (Qurbono)
5. Holy Ordination (Priesthood)
6. Holy Matrimony
7. Holy Anointing of the Sick

### Give the meanings of the Syrian Words:

- |                 |   |             |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 1. Evangelion   | - | Gospel      |
| 2. StaumenKalos | - | Stand well  |
| 3. Haabeebai    | - | My Beloved  |
| 4. Aahaai       | - | My Brothers |



## PART 6

# CHURCH HISTORY

1. How many apostles did Jesus have?  
Twelve Apostles
2. What is the meaning of the term 'apostle' (Sleeho)?  
One who is sent.
3. Who were the apostles of Jesus Christ?  
St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James, St. John, St. Philip,  
St. Bartholomew, St. Thomas, St. Matthew, St. James  
(son of Alphaeus), St. Thaddaeus, St. Simon, and Judas Iscariot.
4. Who was chosen by lot in place of Judas Iscariot?  
Matthias
5. Who was called to the group of apostles?  
St. Paul
6. 'St. Peter is called as the 'Head of the Apostles", Why?  
He is called as the 'Head of the Apostles' because he was entrusted  
to administer the church for Jesus Christ by Christ Himself.
7. Who preached the Gospel in India?  
St. Thomas
8. Where and when did St. Peter establish the Holy Throne of Apostolic  
Succession?  
Antioch, A.D. 37.
9. By which name the successors of St. Peter are known to the world?  
His Holiness Moran Mor Ignatius, Successor of the Apostolic Throne  
of St. Peter and the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
10. When does the Church celebrate the establishment of the Holy  
Apostolic Throne in Antioch by St. Peter?  
February 22.
11. Who is the current Catholicose of our Church?  
His Beatitude AboonMor Baselios Thomas I.

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