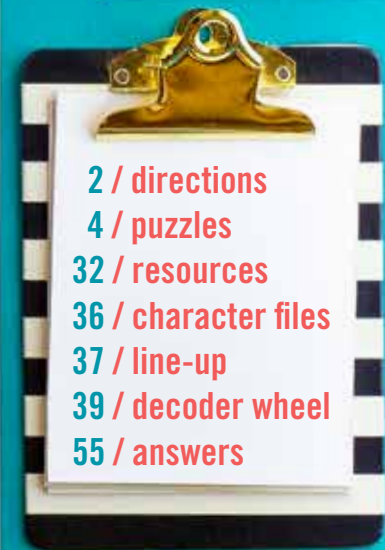




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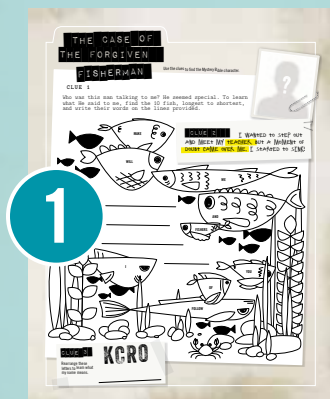


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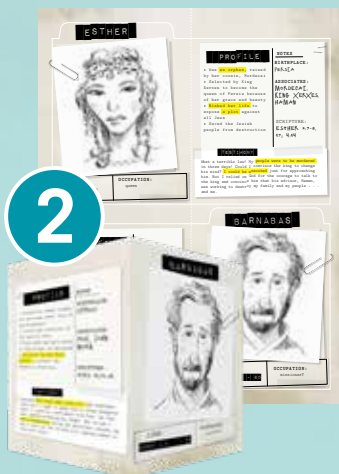
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### puzzles / pages 4-35



Print the 32 mystery puzzles

### character files / pages 40-54



Print the 15 pages of 30 character files.  
Cut each page in half, and then fold to create the character file.

### the lineup / page 37-38



Print two pages of The Lineup per child and cut out each small square.  
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### decoder wheel / page 39



Cut out and assemble the decoder wheel.

## SOLVING THE MYSTERY

### Investigate the scene

Each mystery has its own puzzle page. Explore the case by solving the puzzle and deciphering the clues. There's plenty of evidence--if you can find it.

### Study the characters

Dive into your files of Bible characters. Analyze their background, biography and testimony. Which characters do you suspect might be a match for the case?

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Identify the correct character. Then attach the person's Lineup picture to the puzzle sheet. But be careful: Some characters may be used in more than one case!

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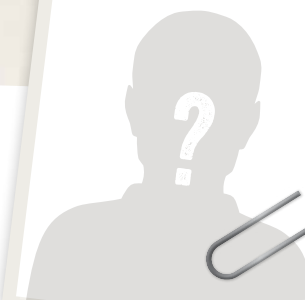
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# THE CASE OF THE TRANSFORMED TRAVELER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Jesus spoke to me as I traveled! Circle every fifth letter (do not count any numbers) to learn what He said to me. (Hint: 0 is a letter not a number.)



## CLUE 2

I ONCE THOUGHT IT WAS  
**RIDICULOUS** THAT JESUS  
WAS THE SON OF GOD. HE  
SURE **CHANGED MY MIND!**

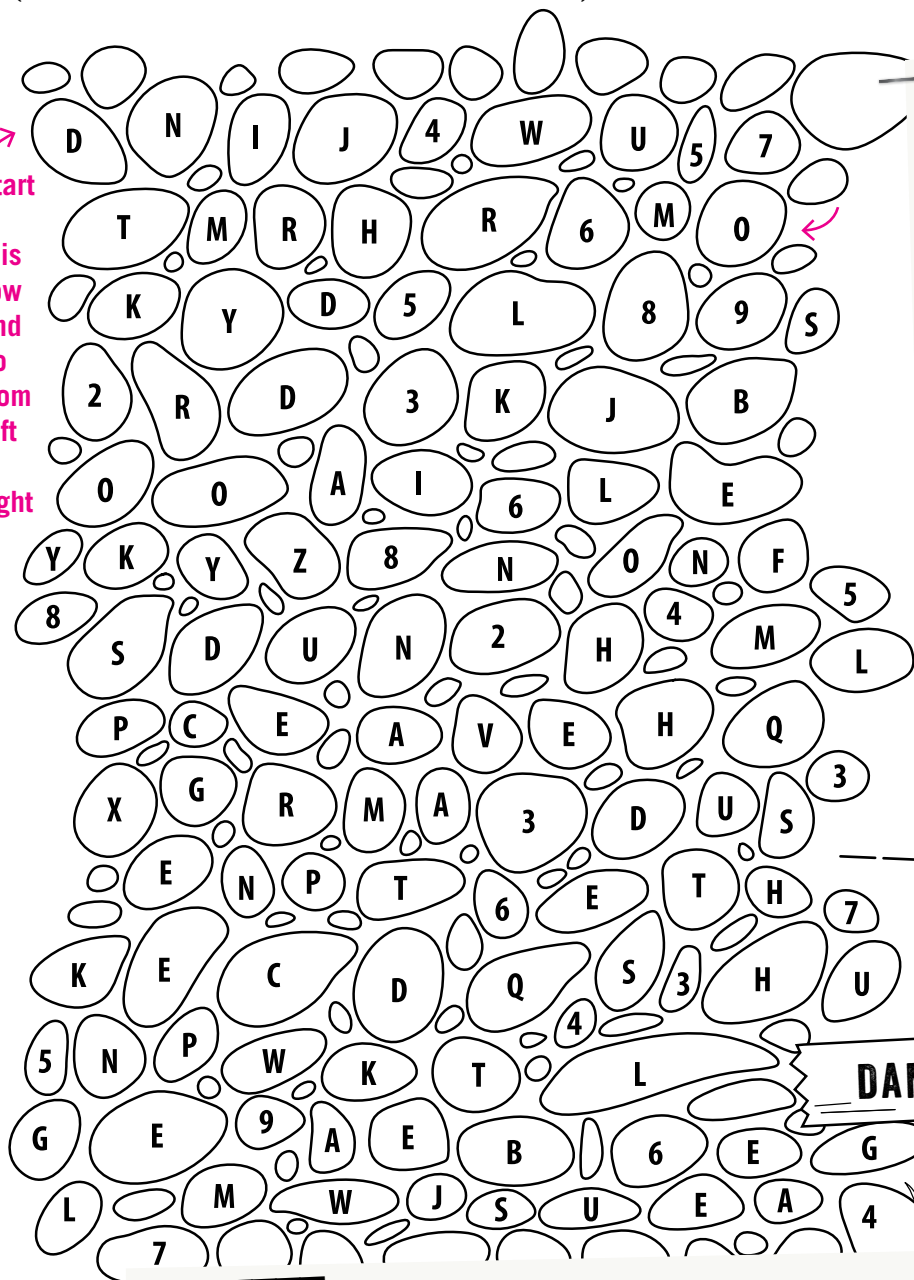
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## CLUE 3

Use code G on your decoder wheel

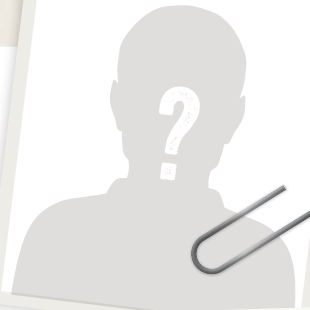
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# THE CASE OF THE FIRE WATCHER

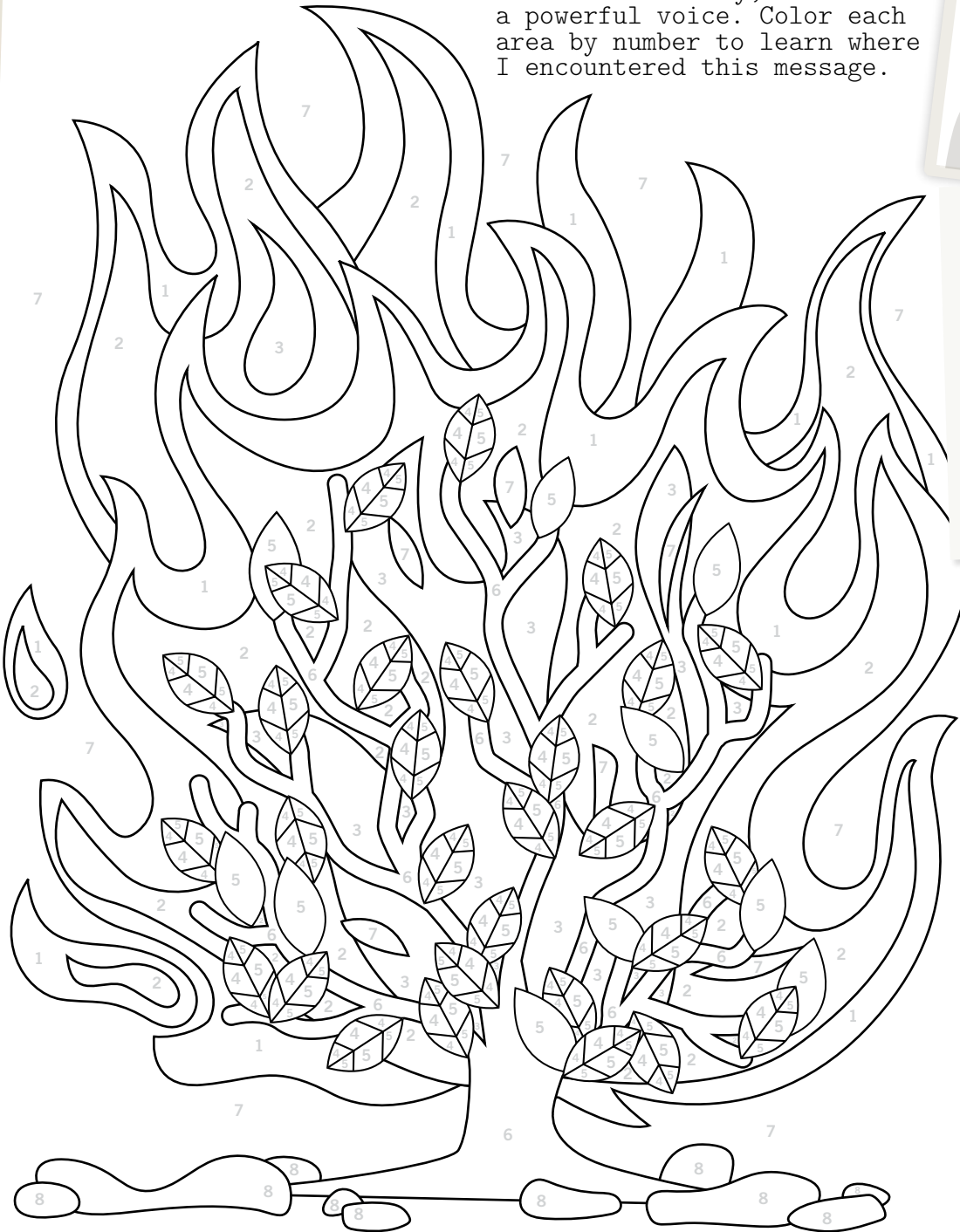
Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

**CLUE 1:** One day, I heard a powerful voice. Color each area by number to learn where I encountered this message.



## CLUE 2

I **WONDERED** WHY GOD WOULD CHOOSE ME TO HELP **FREE HIS PEOPLE**. I WASN'T A LEADER OR EVEN A GOOD SPEAKER!



## COLOR CHART

- 1 - yellow
- 2 - orange
- 3 - red
- 4 - light green
- 5 - dark green
- 6 - brown
- 7 - blue
- 8 - gray

## CLUE 3

Use **code H** on your decoder wheel.

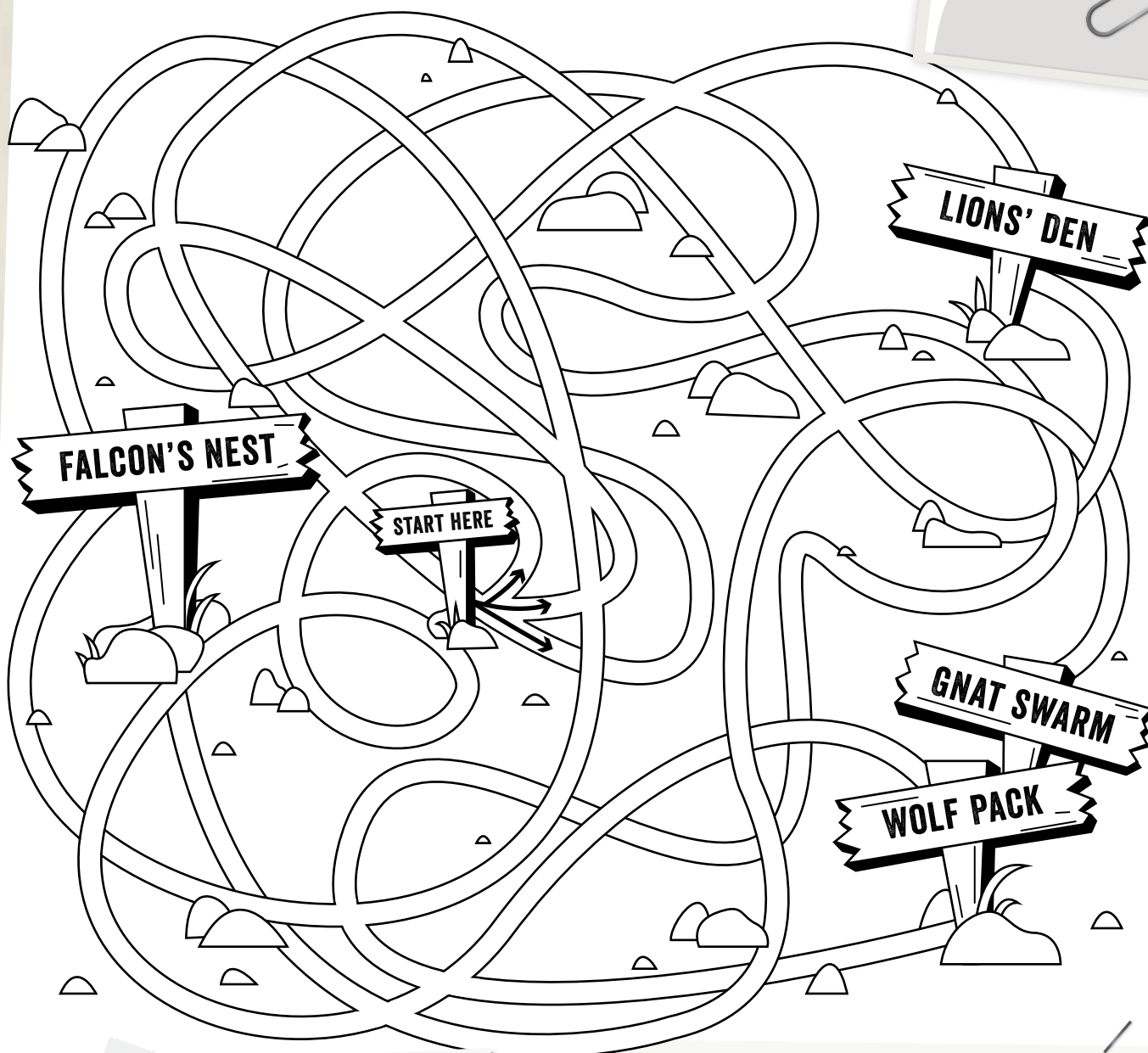
I led my people...  
**LZJGMYZ LZW JWV KWS.**

# THE CASE OF THE LONELY BELIEVER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Follow the right path to learn what creatures  
I had a very close encounter with!



## CLUE 2

I LIVED AND WORKED IN AN  
ENVIRONMENT THAT WAS **HOSTILE** to  
MY BELIEFS. YET THE LORD'S POWER  
**STRENGTHENED** MY FAITH IN HIM.

## CLUE 3

I did something  
the king didn't  
like!

Use **code K** to learn  
what it was.

EGPNTS IWGTT

IXBTH P SPN

# THE CASE OF THE LONE VOICE

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

People kept asking who I was! Unscramble each word to learn what I told them.

I MA EHT OVCEI  
“

— — — — —

FO OEN YICRGN UOT

— — — — — C — — — — —

NI ETH NSDLERWEIS

— — — — — W — — — — —,

KMAE TARTINGS HTE

— — — — — — — — — — —

YAW FO TEH RODL

”

— — — — — — — — — — —.



## CLUE 2

WOULD YOU LIE to  
PRESERVE YOUR LIFE?  
I KNEW THE TRUTH  
MIGHT GET ME IN  
TROUBLE. BUT I SAID  
IT ANYWAY, AND IT  
EVENTUALLY COST ME  
MY LIFE.

## CLUE 3

I sure didn't  
have a fancy  
diet.

Use code Y to learn what foods  
sustained me.

MPDVTUT

BOE XJME

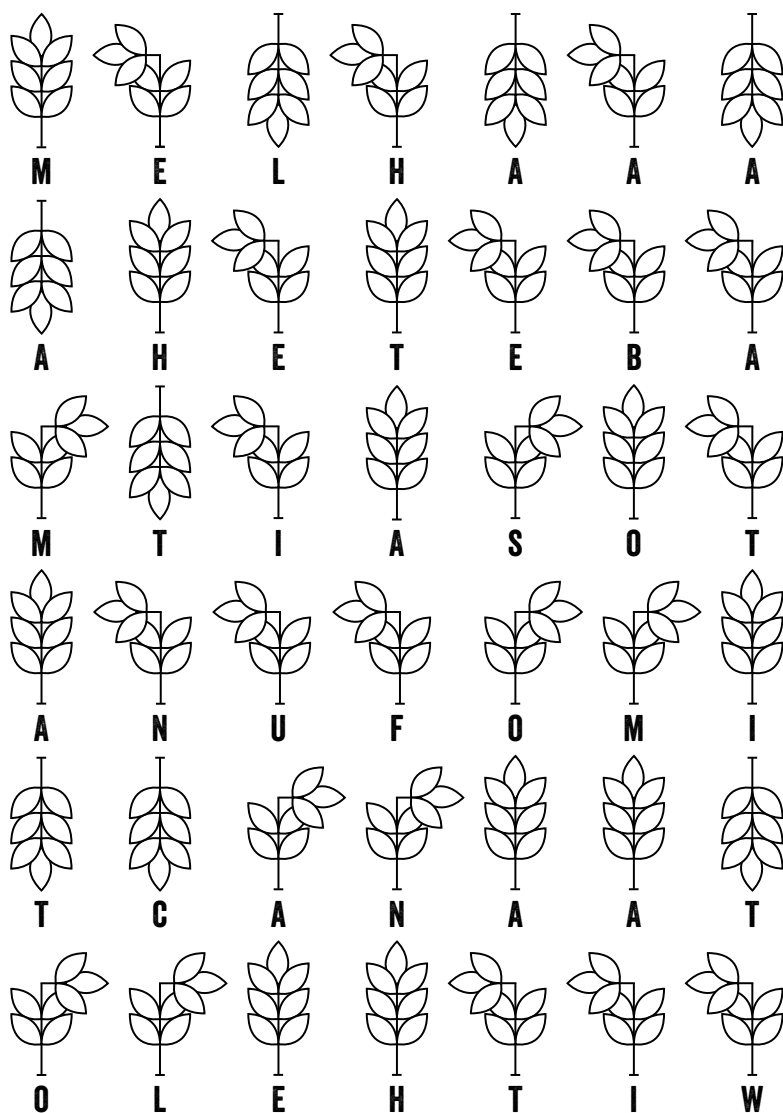
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# THE CASE OF THE HUMBLE HARVESTER

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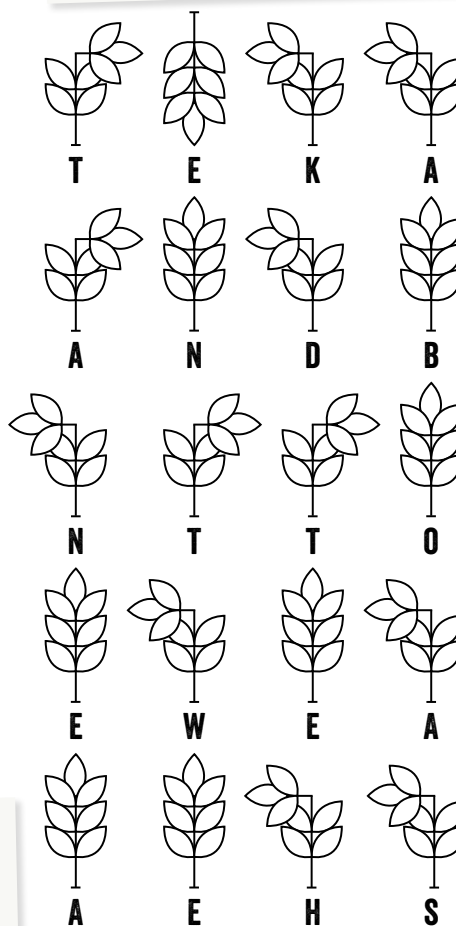
## CLUE 1

I was known to be very dedicated to my mother-in-law. Starting at the bottom, follow the stalks of grain in the direction they point to learn what people say about me.



## CLUE 2

I WORKED AS A GLEANER. I GATHERED LEFTOVER BITS OF WHEAT THAT THE REAPERS HAD MISSED DURING THE HARVEST.



## CLUE 3

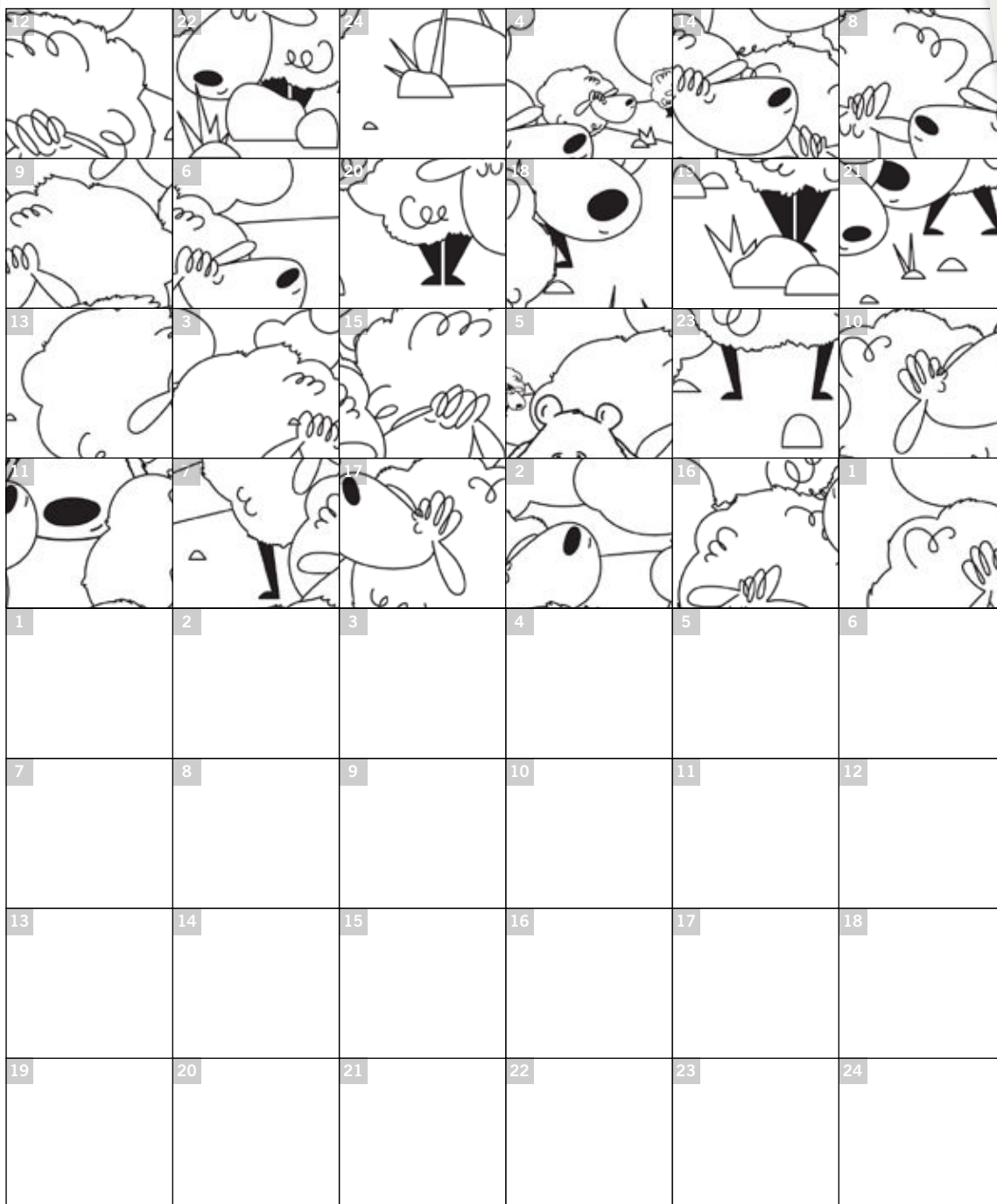
Read this message in a mirror:

I AM ONE OF ONLY FIVE WOMEN LISTED AMONG THE ANCESTRY OF THE MESSIAH.



# THE CASE OF THE PINT-SIZED PROTECTOR

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



## CLUE 1:

Guarding sheep wasn't easy. One time, I found a stranger in their midst. Redraw (or cut and paste) the pictures in the correct boxes below to learn what enemy I had to face.

## CLUE 2

EVERYONE WAS SCARED OF THIS HUGE FOE, BUT THE LORD'S STRENGTH WOULD HELP ME FIGHT.

## CLUE 3

Cross out every B, Z, K, Q and X to learn something about me that I'm well-known for.

QXI ZWZKRBOTQQEX KMZABNBY SZQOKNQXGBS.

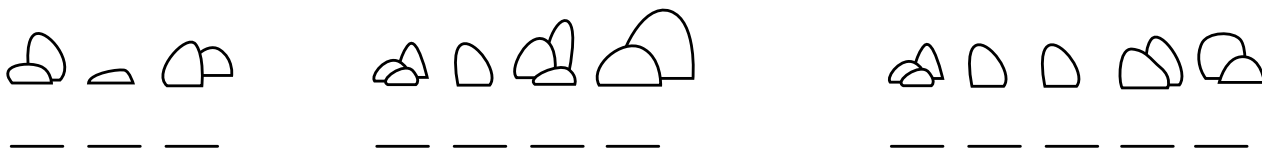
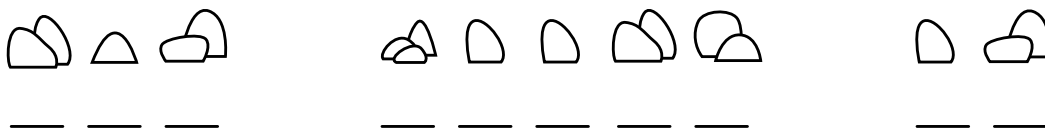
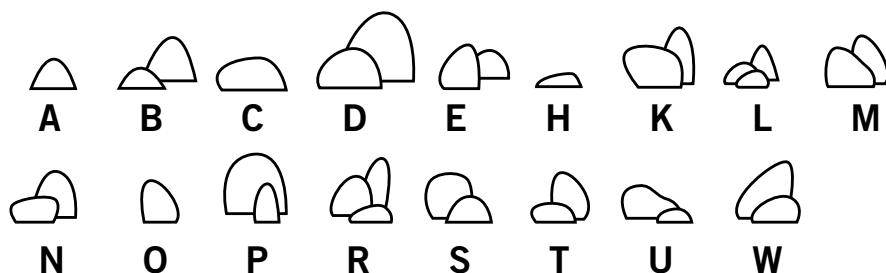
# THE CASE OF THE UNEXPECTED LEADER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



## CLUE 1:

Why did the Lord choose me to be king?  
Decode His message by filling in the letters  
that correspond to the rocks below.



## CLUE 2

I WAS AN  
IMPORTANT  
ANCESTOR  
OF JESUS.  
MANY PEOPLE  
DESCRIBE OUR  
LONG FAMILY  
LINE USING  
MY NAME.

## CLUE 3

I had a very close relationship with God.  
Use Code W to find out how God described me.

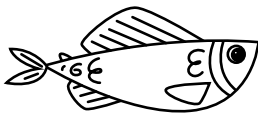
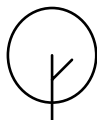
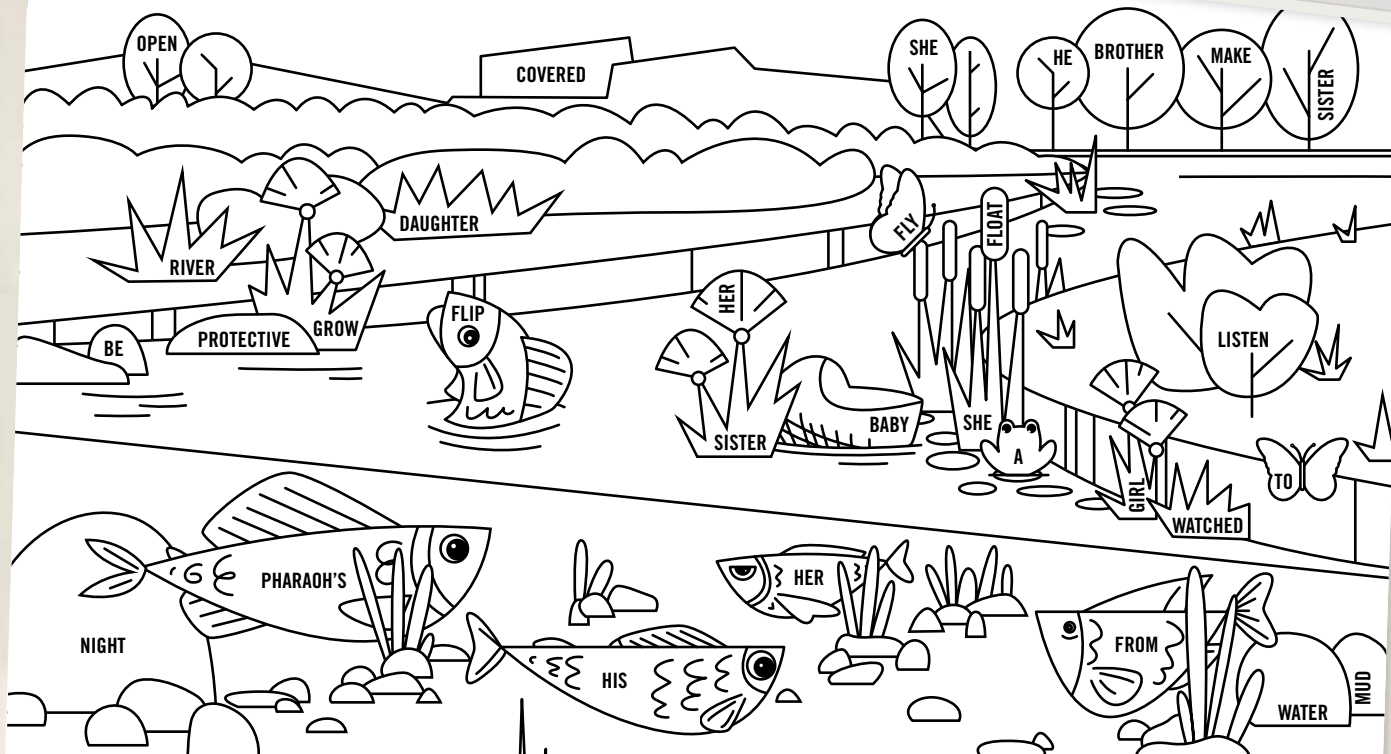
"D PDQ DIWHU PB RZQ KHDUW."

# THE CASE OF

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

CLUE 1:

Copy the words on the symbols in the river to the matching symbols below. Be sure to use an exact match!



## CLUE 2

GOD HAD THROWN THE  
ENEMY INTO THE SEA!  
WE COULDN'T CONTAIN  
OUR JOY. WE SANG AND  
DANCED ON THE SHORES,  
KNOWING THAT GOD HAD  
DELIVERED US.

## CLUE 3

Use **Code 1** to learn something else about me.

**Z NRJ R CVRUVI FW YVSIVN NFDVE.**



# THE CASE OF THE BRAVE LEADER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

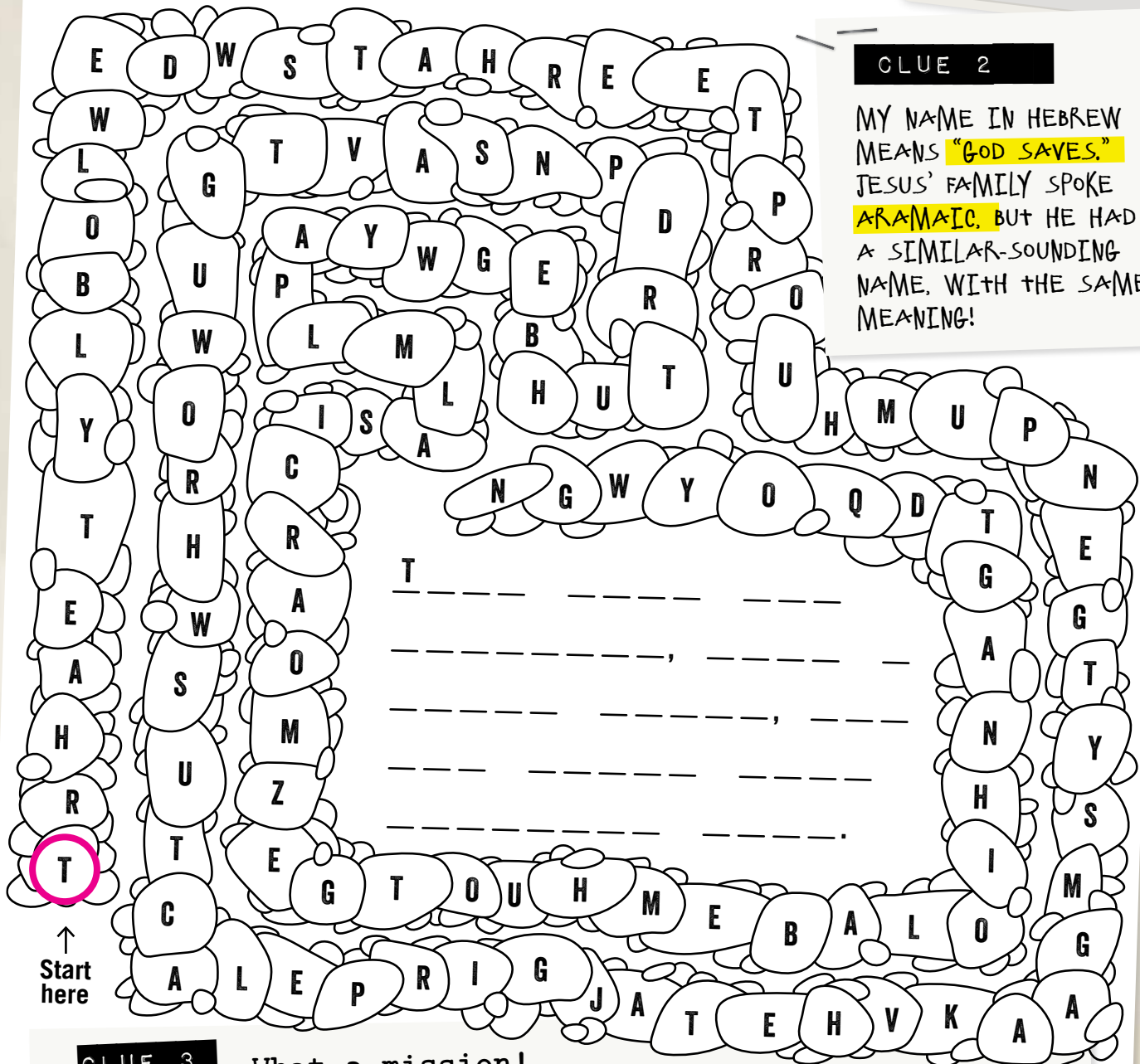
## CLUE 1:

I led a famous marching band around Jericho! Circle every other letter, copying those letters into the blanks below, to discover what my people accomplished.



## CLUE 2

MY NAME IN HEBREW MEANS "GOD SAVES." JESUS' FAMILY SPOKE ARAMAIC, BUT HE HAD A SIMILAR-SOUNDING NAME, WITH THE SAME MEANING!



↑  
Start  
here

## CLUE 3

What a mission!

Use Code V to  
decode God's  
encouragement  
to me:

FI WXVSRK ERH GSYVEKISYW!

!

# THE CASE OF THE FORGIVEN FISHERMAN

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

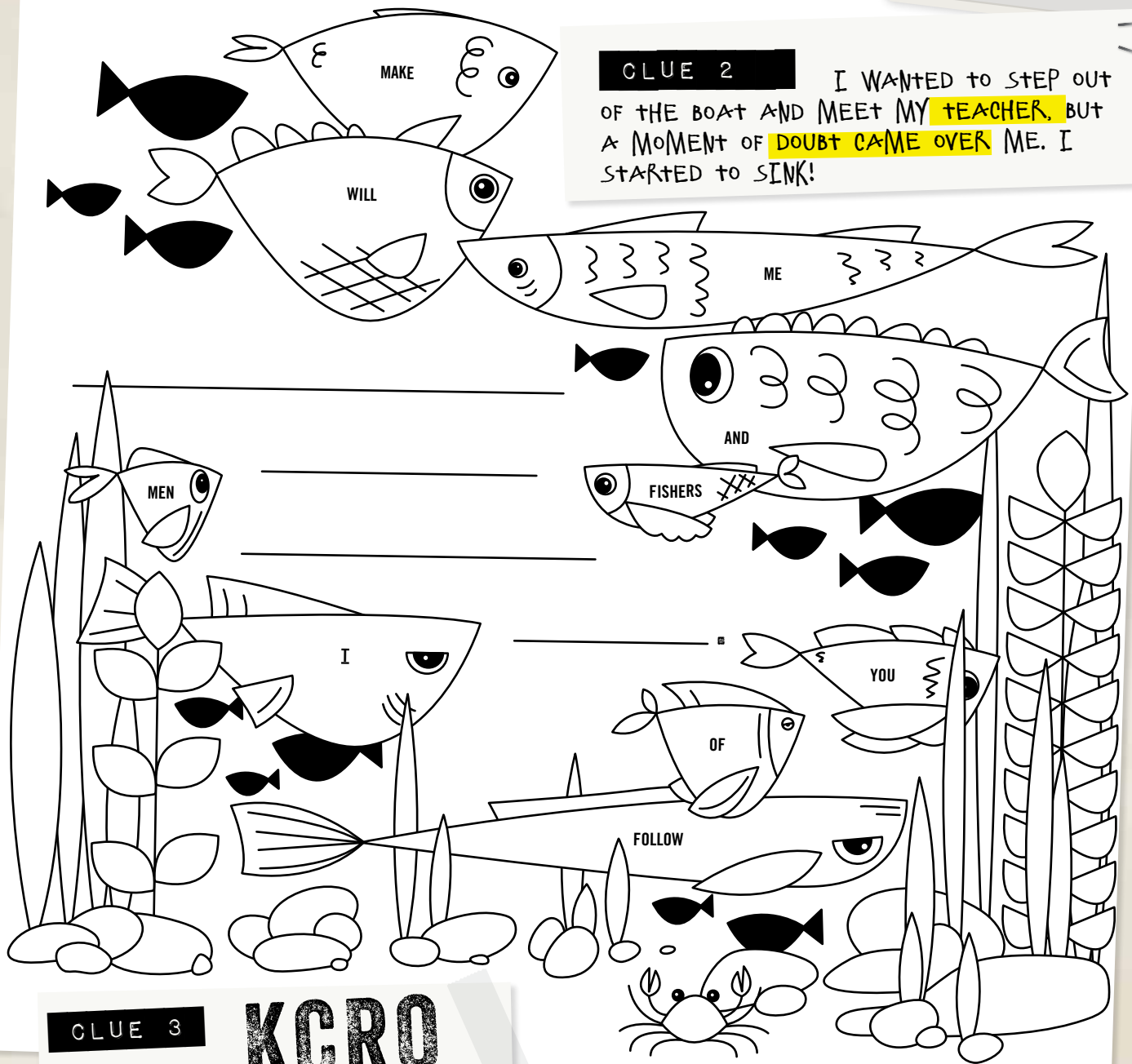


## CLUE 1:

Who was this man talking to me? He seemed special. To learn what He said to me, find the 10 fish, longest to shortest, and write their words on the lines provided.

## CLUE 2

I WANTED to STEP OUT OF THE BOAT AND MEET MY **TEACHER**, BUT A MOMENT OF **DOUBT** CAME OVER ME. I STARTED TO SINK!



## CLUE 3

**KCRO**

Rearrange these letters to learn what my name means.

# THE CASE OF THE RELUCTANT BATHER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Bathe seven times in the river? I didn't believe the prophet at first. But I decided to try. Cross out every word listed to reveal what happened to me after I washed in the river.

B F L E S H S O R E B L I S T E R W A S R O T  
R B L E E D I N G R E S T O R E D U L C E R S  
U N C L E A N L E P R O S Y S U F F E R I N G  
I L I K E F S T I N G T B L E M I S H G A S H  
S C A B S F W O U N D H L E P R O S Y S C A B  
E U R O T L E S I O N E B R U I S E F L E S H  
G T O F I I A B L E E D I N G C U T W O U N D  
A P A I N C U T S U F F E R I N G U L C E R S  
S O R E G T L I T T L E S O R E U N C L E A N  
H B O I L I S C R A T C H T O B L E M I S H P  
C H I L D O O U A N D ~~C U T~~ T S C R A T C H A  
R O T T E N R T B L I S T E R W A S B O I L I  
R O T I N F E C T I O N C L E A N R O T T E N

## WORD SEARCH

affliction  
bleeding (2)  
blemish (2)  
blister (2)  
boil (2)  
bruise (2)  
cut (5) (4)  
gash (2)  
infection  
leprosy (2)  
lesion  
pain (2)  
rot (4)  
rotten (3)  
scab (2)  
scratch (2)  
sore (4)  
sting (2)  
suffering (2)  
ulcers (2)  
unclean (2)  
wound (2)

## CLUE 2

"Go to SAMARIA." MY WIFE'S  
SERVANT GIRL SAID. "GO, AND  
YOU COULD BE HEALED." REALLY?

## CLUE 3

Use Code A to  
learn the name  
of the prophet  
I visited.

DKHRGZ



# THE CASE OF THE HOSPITABLE

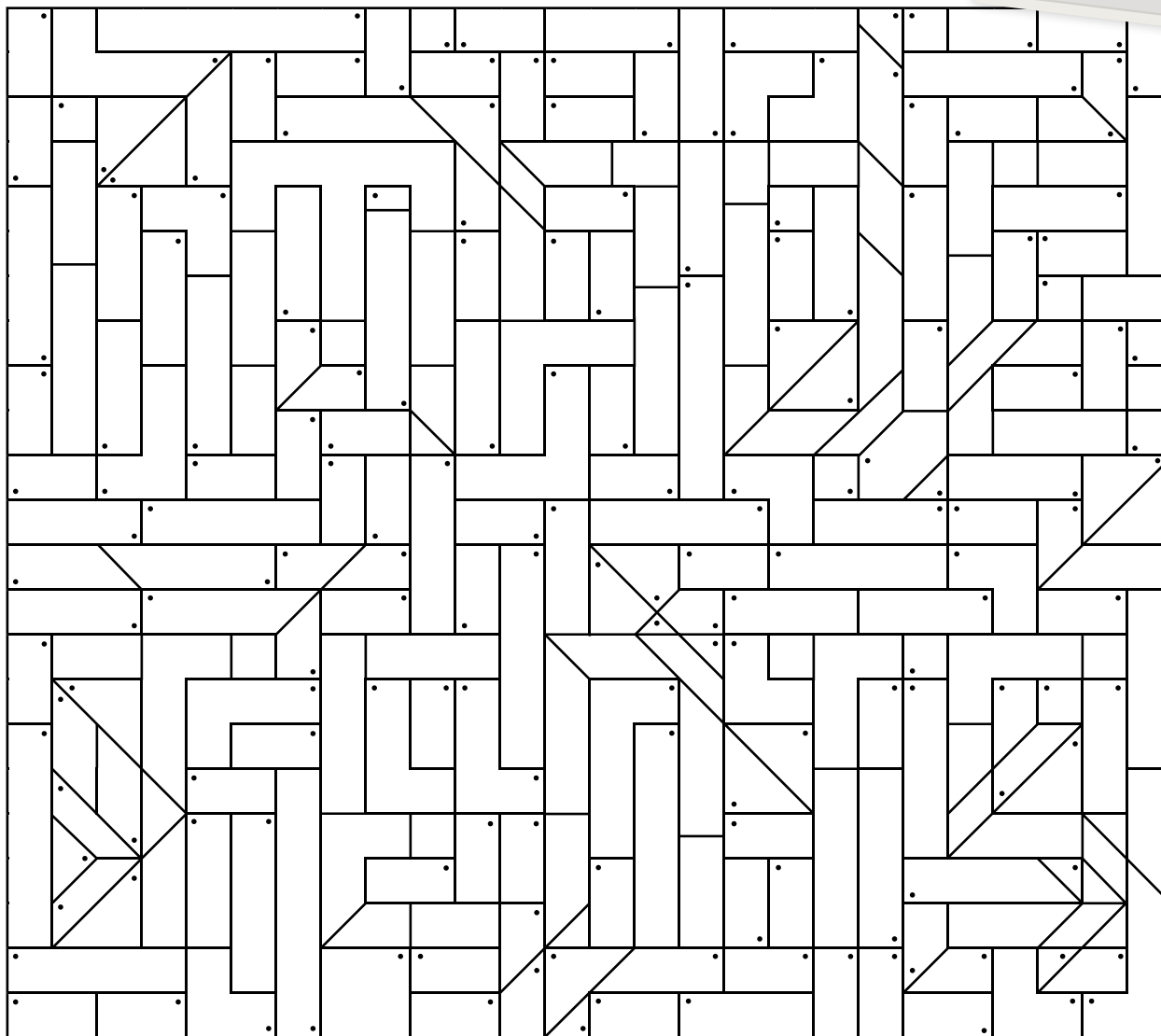
## TEACHER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



### CLUE 1:

Color the shapes with dots to learn what my husband and I did for work--with one of our friends, the apostle Paul.



### CLUE 2

BEING A NEW BELIEVER CAN BE HARD. WHEN OUR FRIEND APOLLOS STARTED PREACHING, HE DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL. WE HELPED HIM!

### CLUE 3

Use Code G to learn where you can find my story in Scripture.

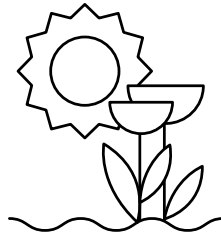
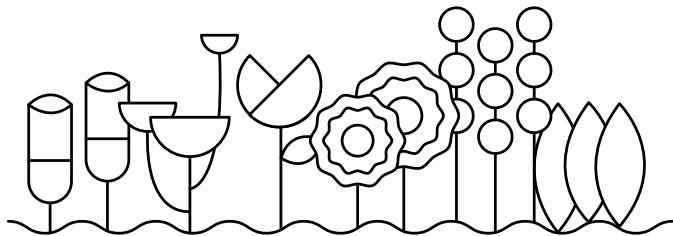
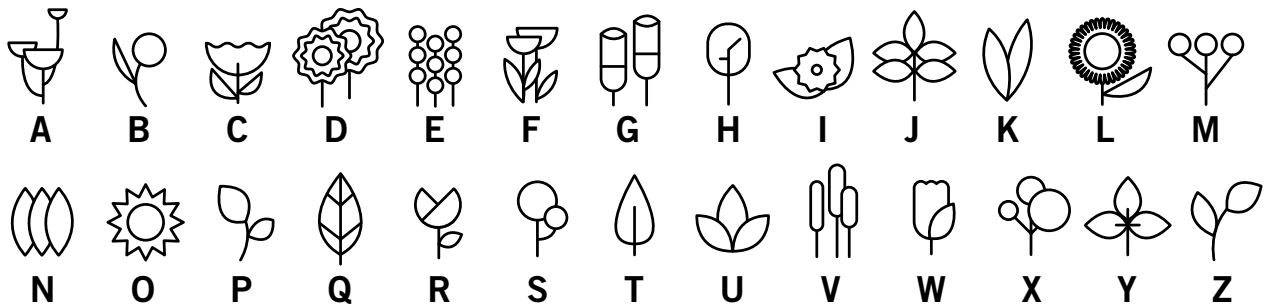
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# THE CASE OF THE TROUBLED FARMER

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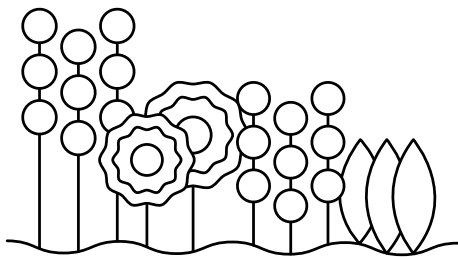
## CLUE 1:

I once had a great home. To learn where it was, find the symbols that match the sequences below and copy the letters into the spaces.



## CLUE 2

GROWING FOOD  
IS **HARD WORK!**  
IT WAS **EASIER**  
WHEN ALL THE  
WORK WAS DONE  
FOR US.



## CLUE 3

I had several children. But you  
may know about two of my sons.

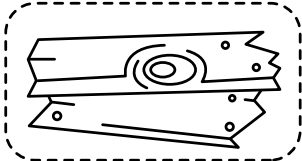

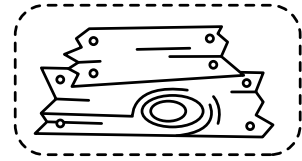
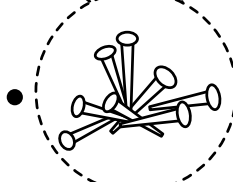
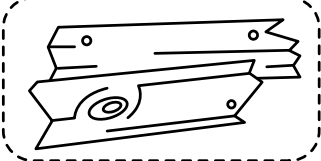

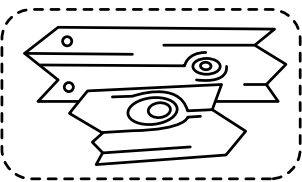

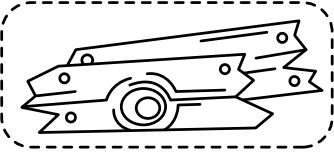
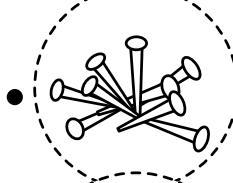
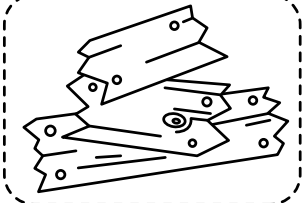
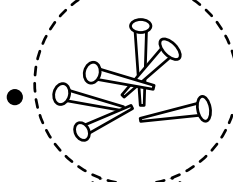
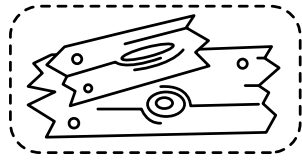

Use **Code Y** to learn their names.

**DBJO BOE BCFM**

# THE CASE OF THE OBEDIENT BUILDER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



	<b>O</b>	<b>A</b>	
		<b>I</b>	
	<b>G</b>		
	<b>B</b>	<b>T</b>	
	<b>E</b>	<b>R</b>	
	<b>A</b>	<b>O</b>	
	<b>J</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>B</b> _____		<b>B</b> _____	

## CLUE 1:

How many nails did each board take? Draw a line from each plank to matching nails. Copy the crossed out letters and rearrange them to learn what special project God had for me.

## CLUE 2

WHAT BEAUTIFUL  
COLORS! I'D NEVER  
SEEN SUCH A  
SIGHT BEFORE.  
AND WHENEVER I  
SAW THOSE COLORS  
AGAIN, I WOULD  
REMEMBER GOD'S  
PROMISE!

## CLUE 3

Use **Code H** to discover the material that God told me to use on my project.

YGHZWJ      OGGV

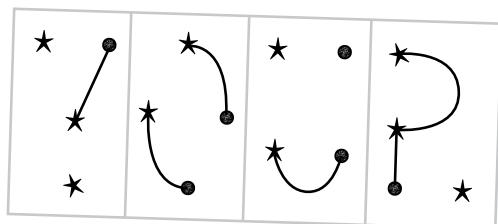


# THE CASE OF THE DELAYED DAD

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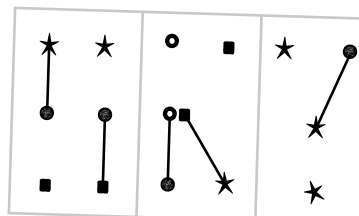
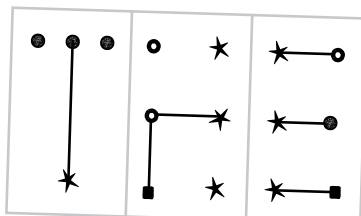
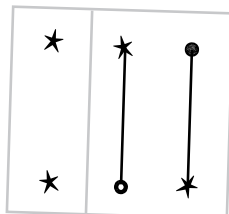
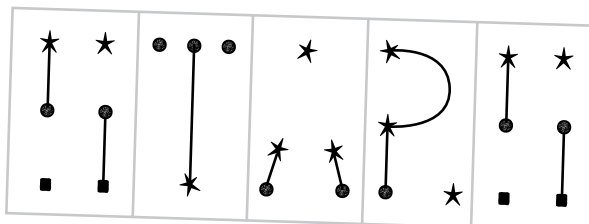
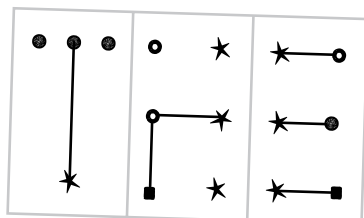
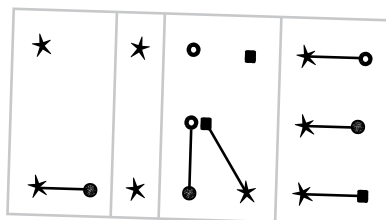
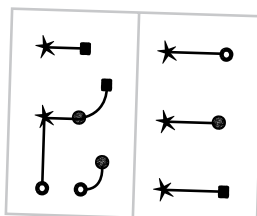
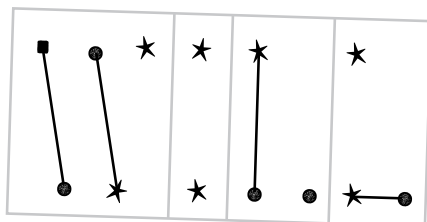
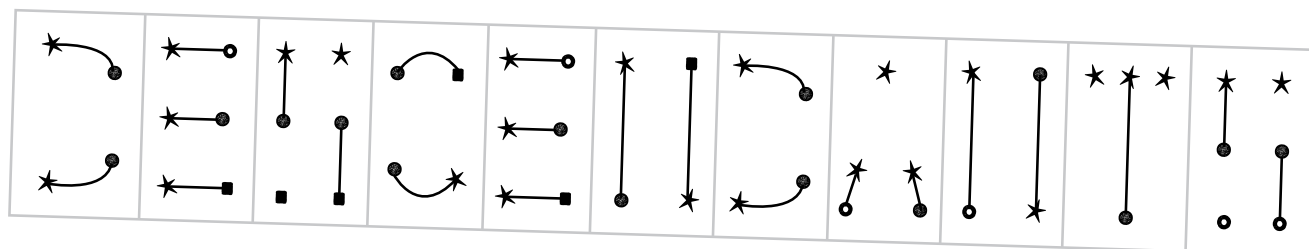
## CLUE 1:

I was an old man when God told me something that was hard to believe. Connect the matching shapes in each box to learn what He said.



## CLUE 2

DID THE LORD REALLY WANT MY SON'S LIFE? I WASN'T SURE WHAT HIS PURPOSE WAS, BUT I KNEW I NEEDED TO TRUST HIM.



## CLUE 3

Use Code T on your decoder wheel to discover the name of my wife.

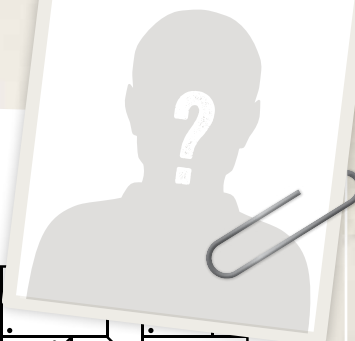
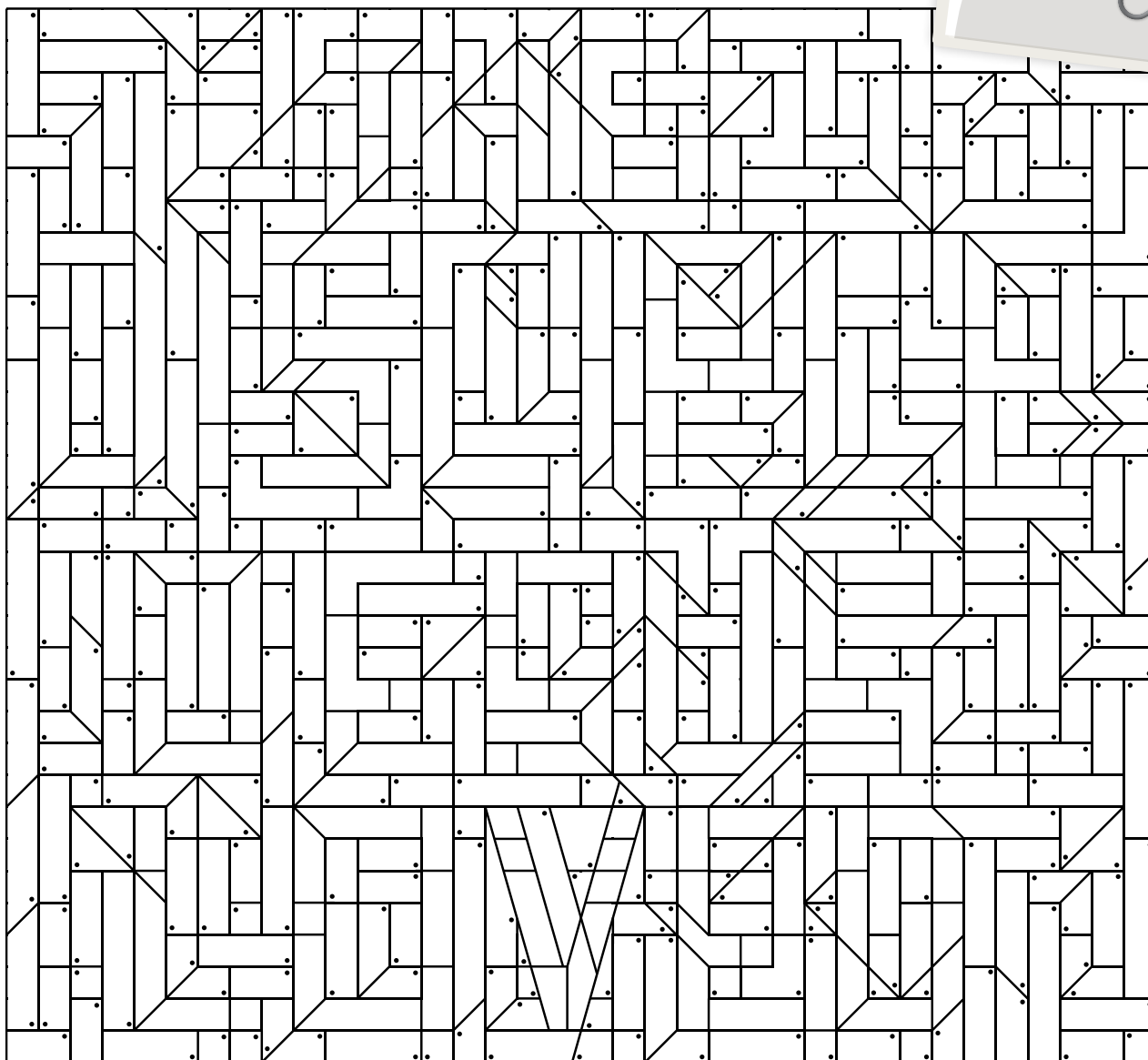
YGXGO

# THE CASE OF THE LOVING EXILE

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Color the shapes with dots to learn how I am sometimes described in Scripture.



## CLUE 2

MOST OF MY FRIENDS DIED BE-  
CAUSE OF THEIR FAITH. MAYBE  
I WAS FORTUNATE TO BE ONLY  
EXILED FROM MY HOME.

## CLUE 3

My brother and I were  
both students of a  
wonderful teacher.  
Rearrange the following  
letters to learn my  
brother's name.

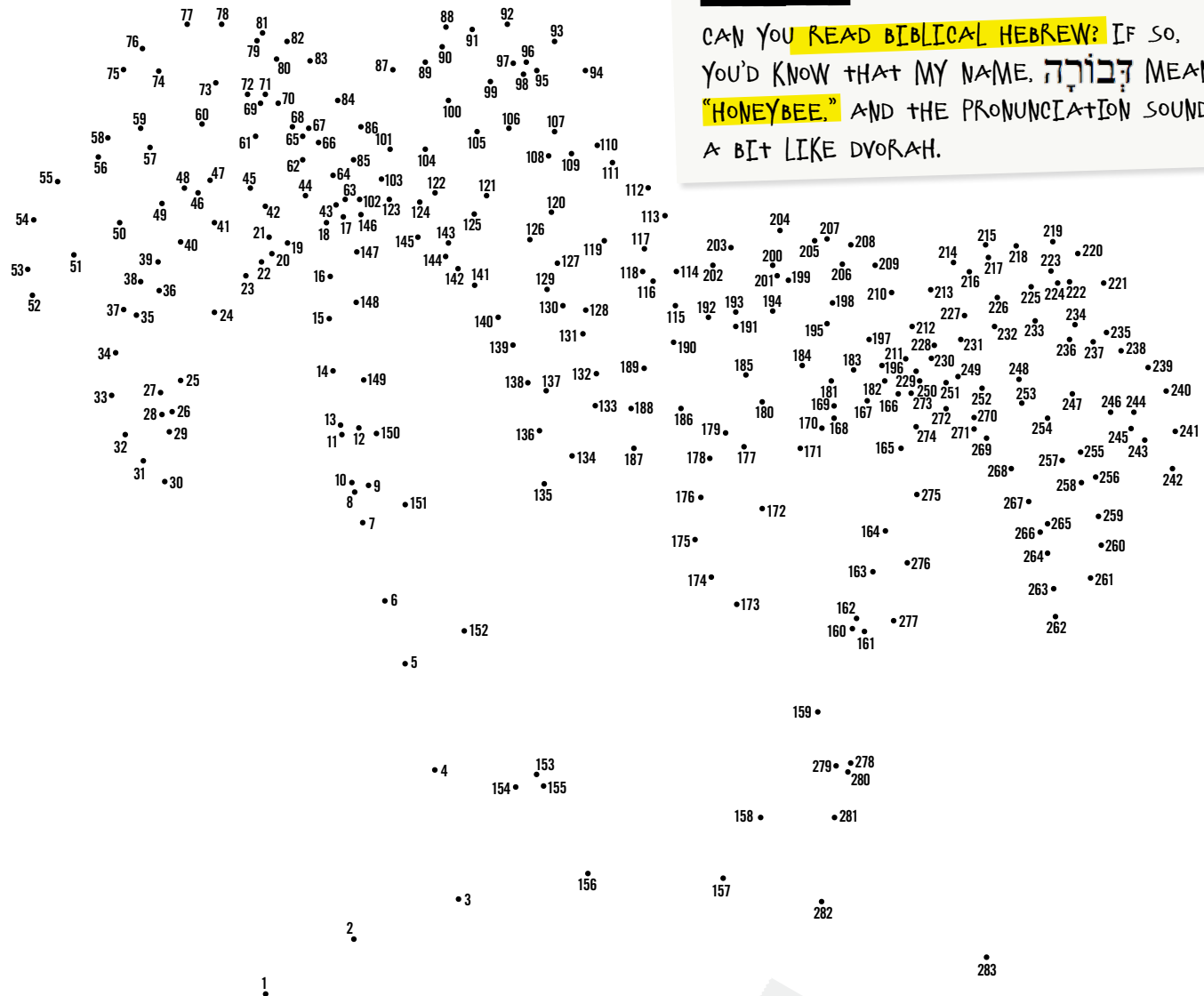
**AESMJ**

# THE CASE OF THE WISE WOMAN

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Many leaders have grand thrones or big, beautiful rooms to work in. Not me! Connect the dots by number to reveal the place where I advised my people.

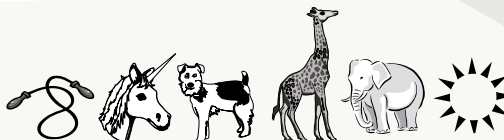


## CLUE 2

CAN YOU READ BIBLICAL HEBREW? IF SO, YOU'D KNOW THAT MY NAME, דְּבוֹרָה (DEBORAH) MEANS "HONEYBEE." AND THE PRONUNCIATION SOUNDS A BIT LIKE DVORAH.

## CLUE 3

Write the first letter of each object or animal in the blank below to help you find the Bible book where my story is told.





# THE CASE

# OF THE COLORFUL

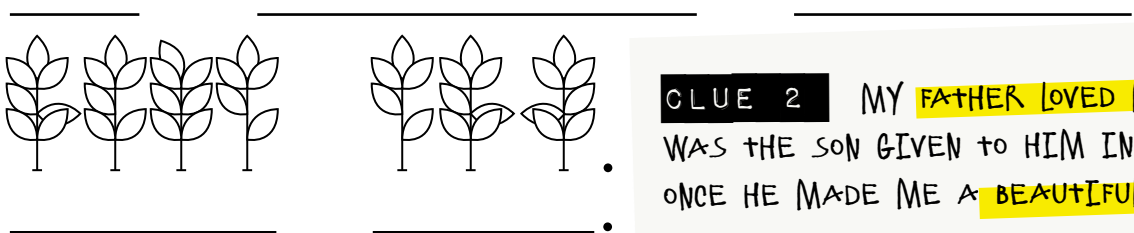
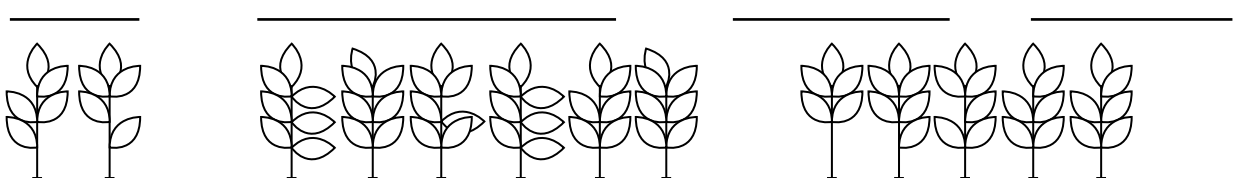
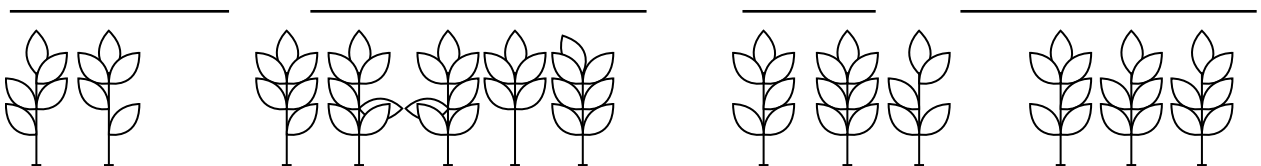
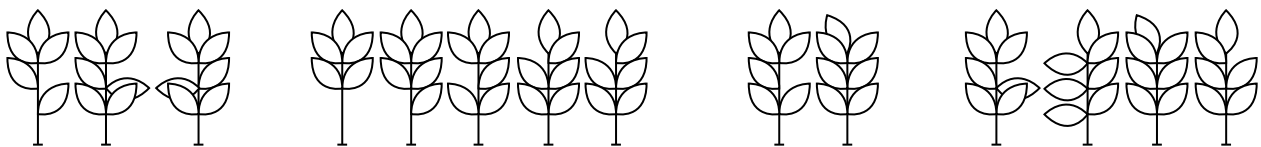
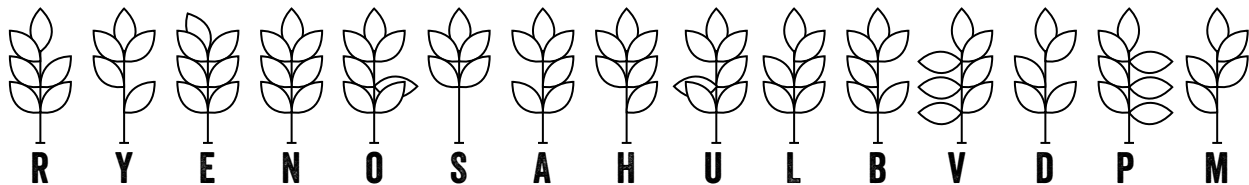
# DREAMER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



## CLUE 1:

Against my will, I was sent to a foreign land. I worked as a slave at first, but one day, the king told me something incredible. Transfer the letters of the matching wheat stalks to the spaces below to learn what he said.



**CLUE 2** MY FATHER LOVED ME. HE SAID I WAS THE SON GIVEN TO HIM IN HIS OLD AGE. ONCE HE MADE ME A BEAUTIFUL COLORFUL COAT!

## CLUE 3

Some people were very cruel to me. To learn their identity, unscramble these words (all names of colors), and transfer the first letter of each word to the blanks below.

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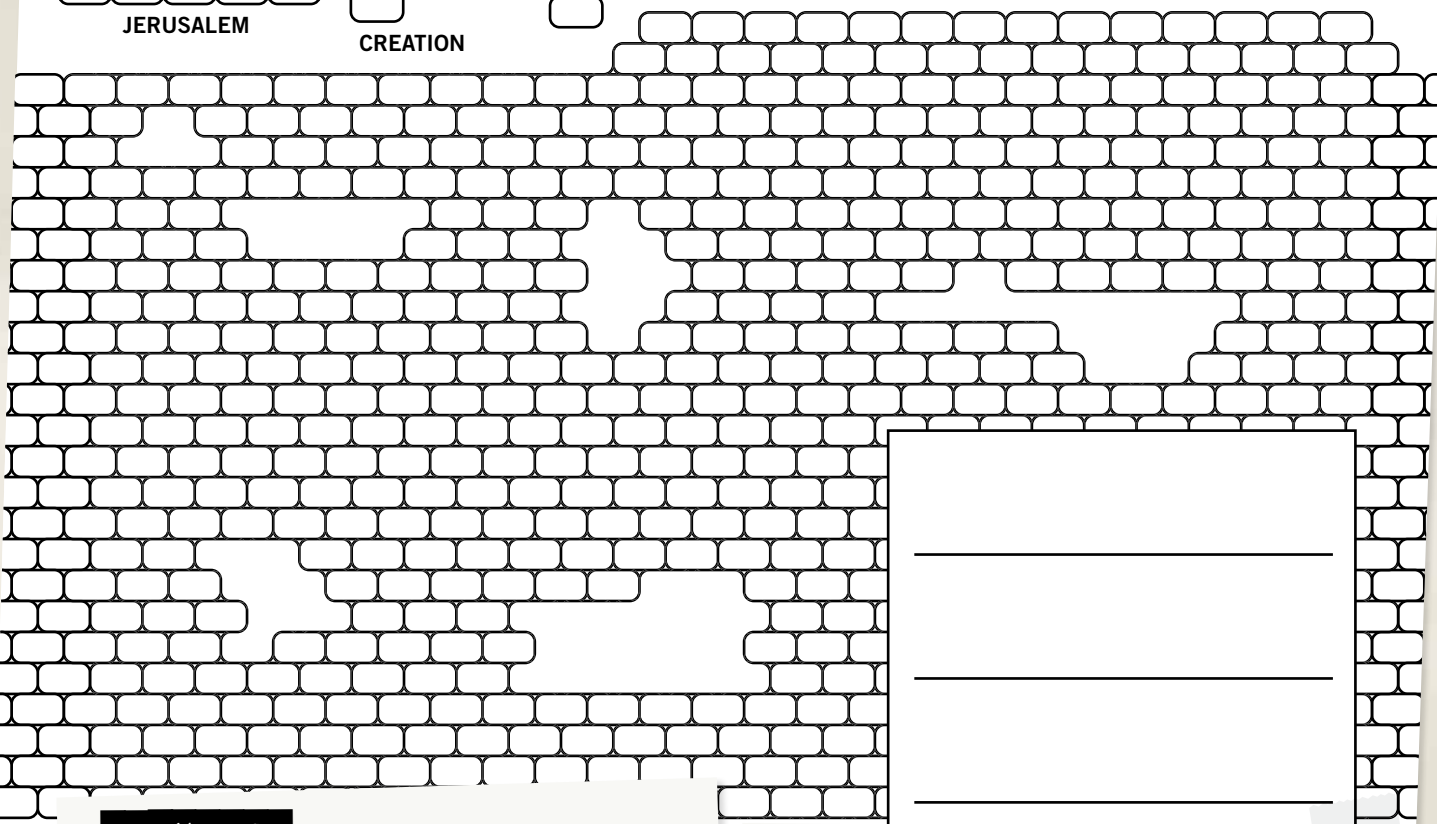
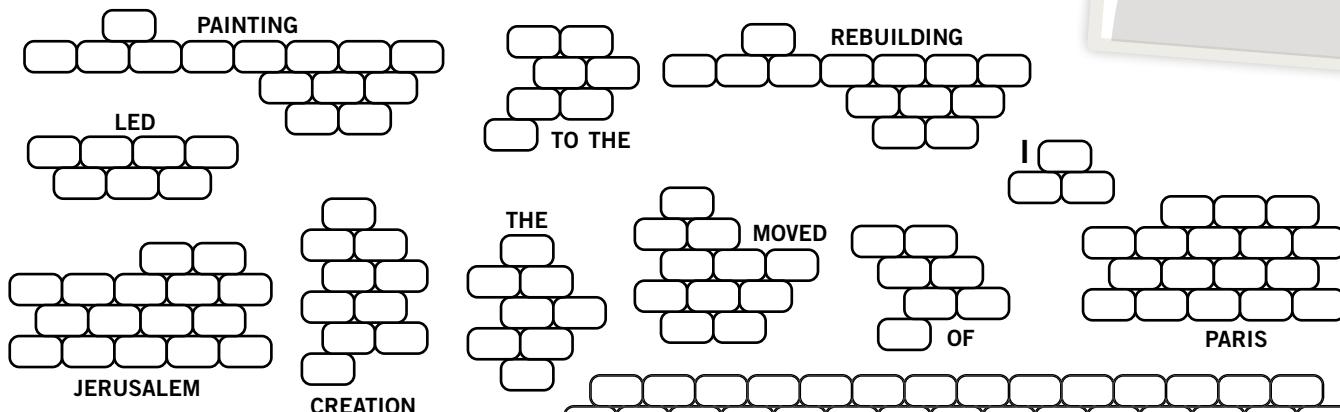
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# THE CASE OF THE CRYING CONSTRUCTION WORKER

Use the clues to identify the  
mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Finish building this wall by matching the correct shapes to the holes where they fit. Then copy the words to the blanks to learn what job I accomplished.




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## CLUE 2

MOST CUPBEARERS HAVE A SIMPLE, YET DANGEROUS JOB: TASTE THE KING'S WINE TO MAKE SURE IT ISN'T **POISONED**. BUT AS A CUPBEARER, I BECAME ONE OF MY KING'S MOST TRUSTED ADVISERS.

## CLUE 3

Use **Code X** to learn the name of one my co-workers. He helped restore God's temple.

**GBTC**

# THE CASE OF THE ROYAL ORPHAN

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

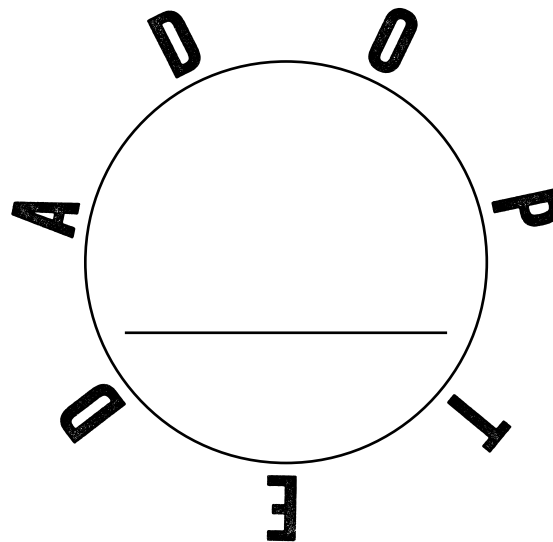


## CLUE 1:

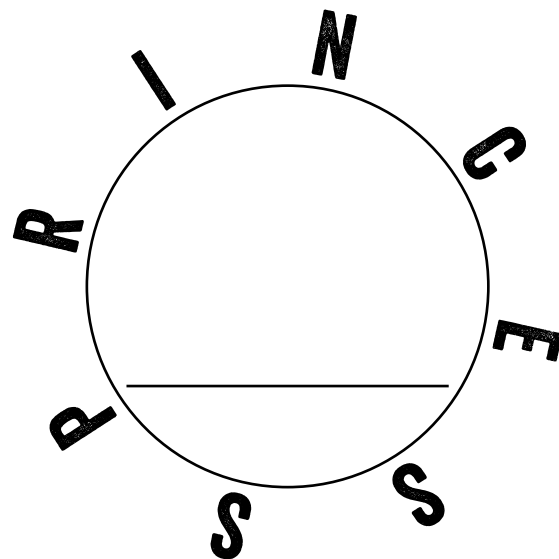
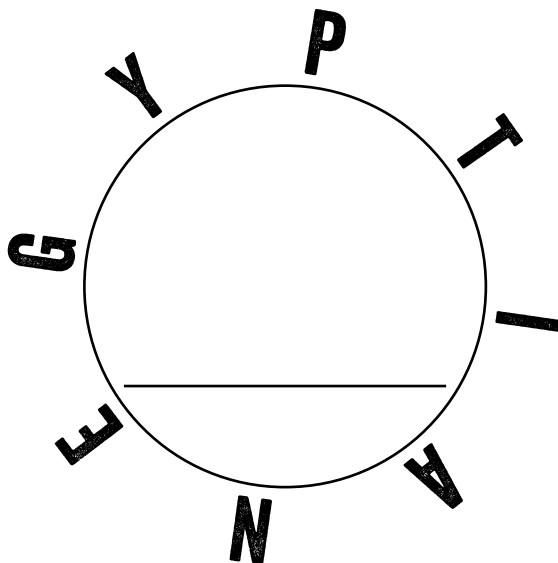
Something happened to me when I was a baby. To discover what happened, find the correct place to start reading on each word wheel. Then fill in the word in the blank.

## CLUE 2

AS A YOUNG MAN,  
I MADE A BIG  
MISTAKE. I KILLED  
A BULLY WHO WAS  
HARASSING ONE OF  
MY PEOPLE. THEN I  
RAN AWAY.



BY AN



## CLUE 3

My sister was  
pretty famous,  
too. You may  
know her.

Use Code W to discover her name.

**PLULDP**



# THE CASE OF THE PEEKING PERSON

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



## CLUE 1:

Why didn't I obey the angel? Because I disobeyed, I was transformed into something awful. Discover what I became. Find the hidden letters by decoding each clue, and then copying each letter into the space above the bottle.



## CLUE 2

WHEN I DOUBTED GOD, I DIDN'T  
KNOW I'D ONE DAY BE USED  
IN A WARNING FROM JESUS:  
"THOSE WHO TRY TO MAKE  
THEIR LIFE SECURE WILL LOSE  
IT, BUT THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR  
LIFE WILL KEEP IT."

## CLUE 3

I can't say I wasn't warned. Uncover the angel's message to me and my family by reading this sentence in a mirror.

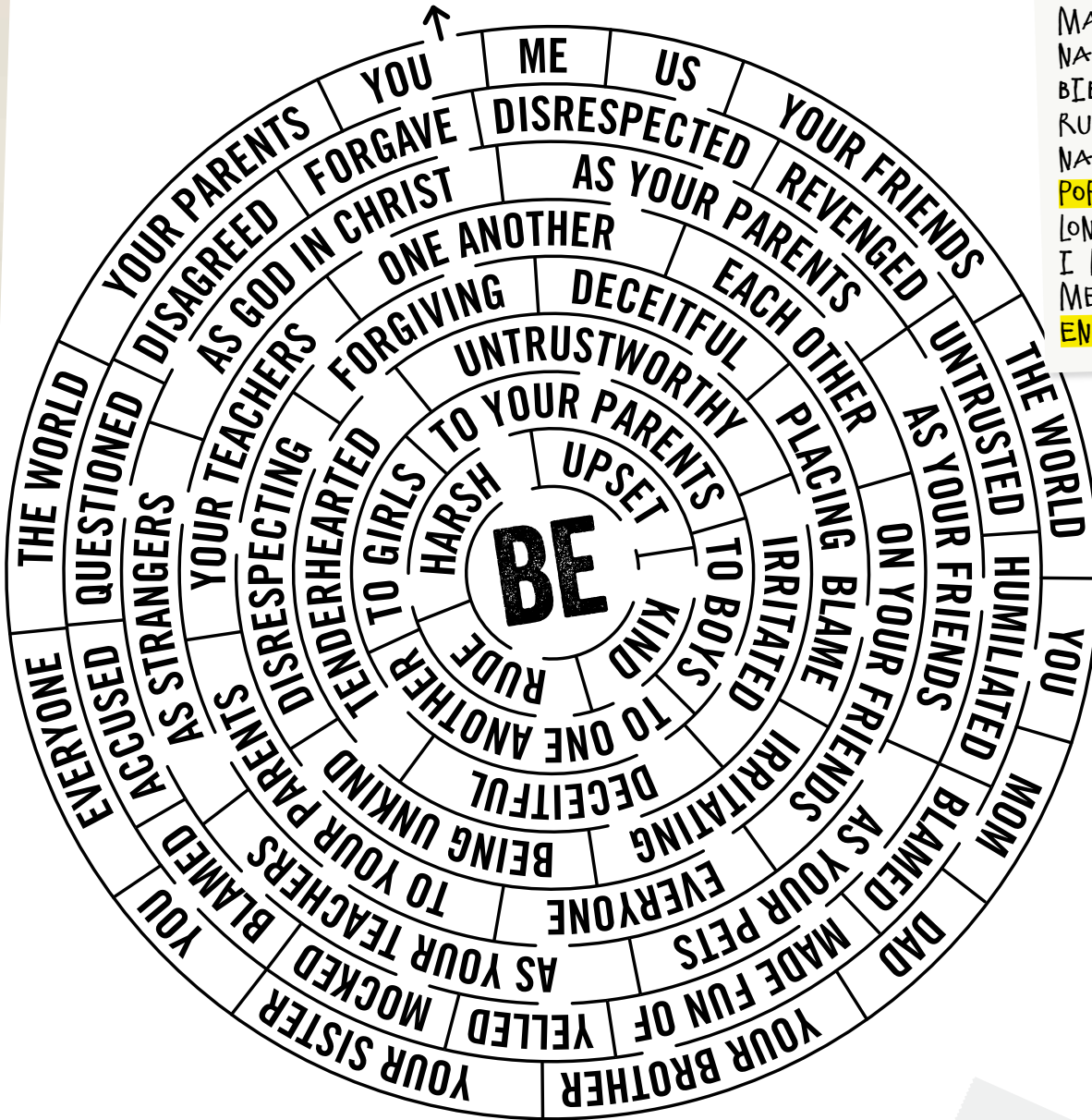
**DON'T LOOK BACK!**

# THE CASE OF THE APOSTLE'S ARGUMENT

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

My friend and I had a serious disagreement! Later, he had some good advice for all of us. To learn what he said, start in the center of the wheel. Circle one word or phrase in each row to find your way to the outside. Avoid the words that don't fit my friend's advice!



## CLUE 2

MANY KIDS HAVE NAMES FROM THE BIBLE. MICAH. RUTH. JOHN. MY NAME ISN'T AS POPULAR, too LONG MAYBE? BUT I LIKE IT! IT MEANS "SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT."

## CLUE 3

You might know about something nice I did for my friends. Read this clue in a mirror to discover what I did.

SOLD LAND AND GAVE MONEY TO CHRISTIANS

# THE CASE OF

## THE CHOSEN ONE

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

### CLUE 1:

Jesus probably spoke to me more than any other person! Discover what name He used for me by drawing a straight line from each question to the correct number. Unscramble the letters that you crossed out, and write the word on the lines below.

ON WHAT DAY DID GOD CREATE MAN?	
HOW MANY DAYS DID NOAH SPEND IN THE ARK?	
HOW MANY COMMANDMENTS DID GOD GIVE MOSES?	
HOW MANY DAYS DID JONAH SPEND IN THE BELLY OF THE GREAT FISH?	
HOW MANY DAYS DID THE ISRAELITES MARCH AROUND JERICO?	
HOW MANY TRIBES OF ISRAEL WERE THERE?	

### CLUE 2

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT to **KILL**  
**BABY BOYS**? MY HUSBAND AND I KNEW  
WE WERE **IN DANGER**. SO WE FLED to  
EGYPT UNTIL THE DANGER HAD PASSED.

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### CLUE 3

Use **code P** on your decoder wheel to learn where I was born, and where my husband and I raised our son.

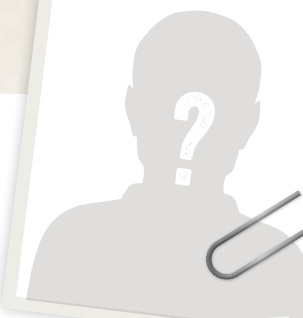
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# THE CASE OF THE TRAVELING DOCTOR

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

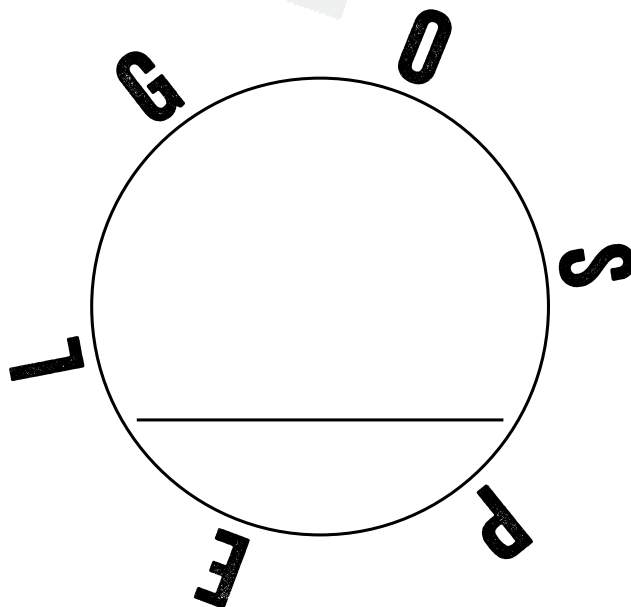
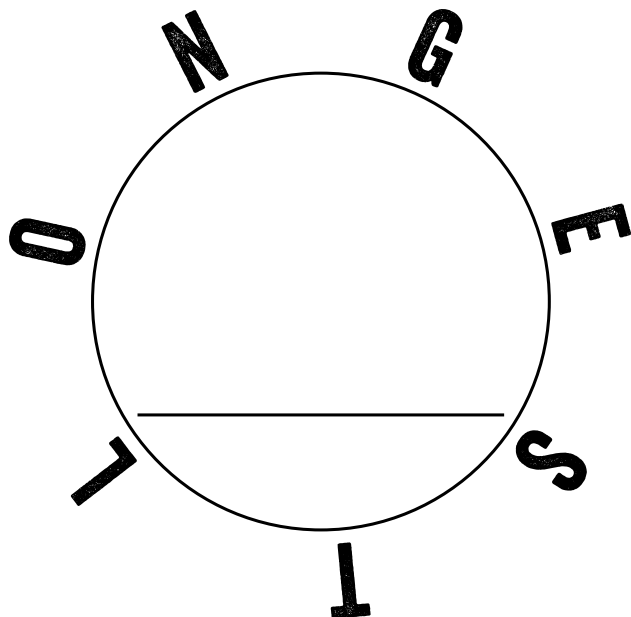
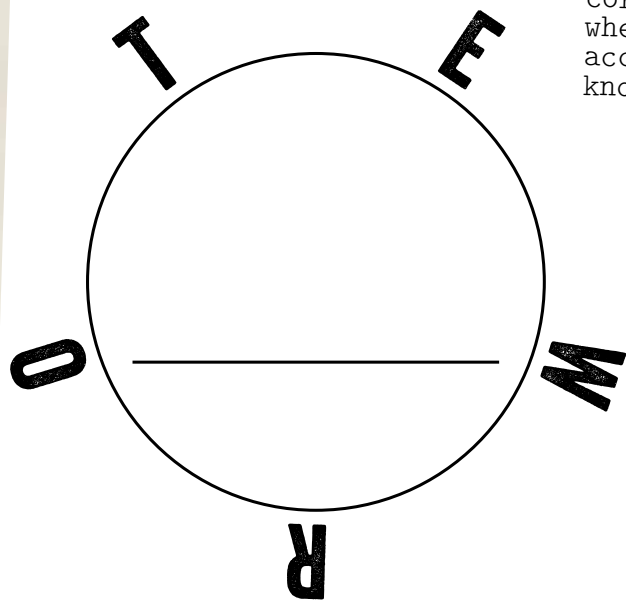
Start reading at the correct place on each word wheel to learn about an accomplishment that I'm known for.



## CLUE 2

MY FRIENDS WERE  
HAPPY TO HAVE  
ME ALONG. I'M A  
GENTILE, AND WE  
WERE PREACHING TO  
GENTILES. I'M ALSO  
A PHYSICIAN. WHEN  
YOU TRAVEL A LOT,  
HAVING A DOCTOR  
MAKES LIFE SAFER.

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## CLUE 3

You probably know  
the name of one of  
my good friends.

Use code Y to learn my friend's name.

UIF BQPTUMF QBVM



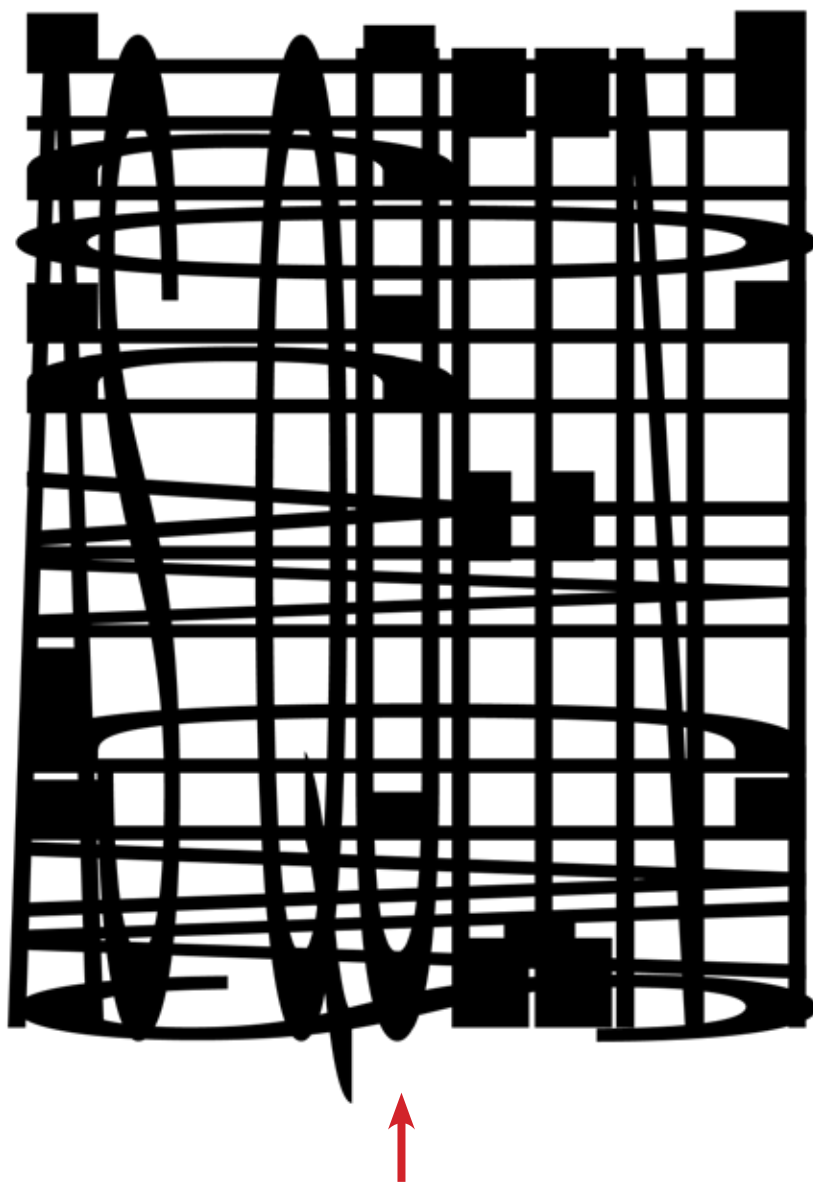
# THE CASE OF THE ROYAL RESCUER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



## CLUE 1:

Can you discover the hidden words in this image? Tilt your page almost to eye level, and then rotate it to read the second part. You'll learn something about me.



## CLUE 2

I NEVER REALLY KNEW MY PARENTS. WHEN MY FATHER AND MOTHER DIED, MY OLDER COUSIN TOOK ME INTO HIS HOME AND RAISED ME.

## CLUE 3

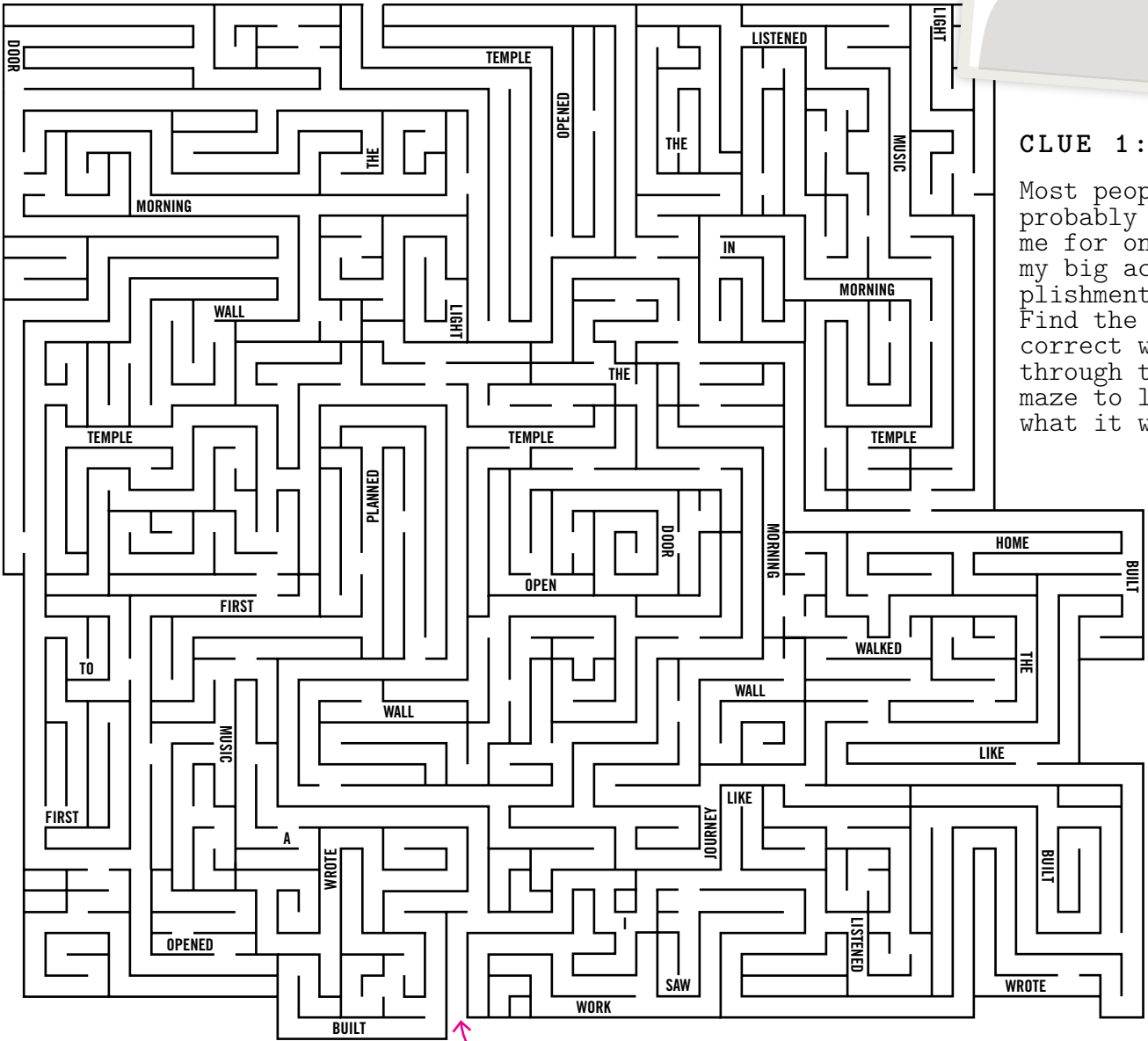
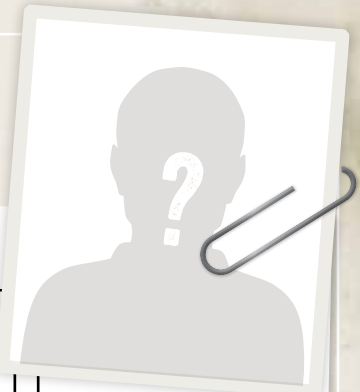
I wouldn't have been in a position to help anyone without my cousin's help.

Use **Code X** to learn the name of my cousin.

OQTFGECK

# THE CASE OF THE ROYAL BUILDER

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



**CLUE 1:**  
Most people probably know me for one of my big accomplishments. Find the correct way through this maze to learn what it was!

Start here

**CLUE 2**  
BEFORE MY DAD DIED, HE GAVE ME SOME WORDS TO LIVE BY. "BE STRONG," HE SAID "AND SHOW YOURSELF A MAN, AND KEEP THE CHARGE OF THE LORD YOUR GOD!" GOOD WORDS FROM A KING.

**CLUE 3**

Do you know my father? Write the first letter of each object or animal in the blanks to discover his name.

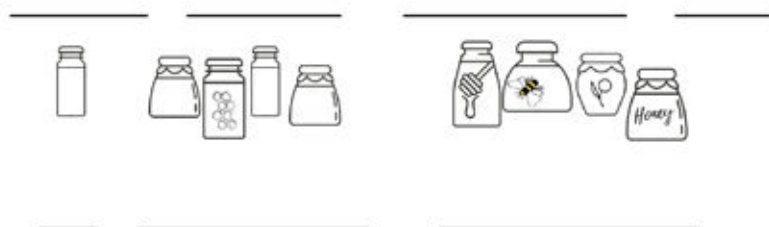
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# THE CASE OF THE HAIRY SITUATION

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1:

Is anything sweeter than honey? Maybe, but not for me. Once, I found some honey in a strange place. Match the markings on each honey jar to the letters below to learn where I found this very tasty treat!



## CLUE 2

I MADE A SPECIAL PROMISE to GOD, SO I HAD to FOLLOW SOME SPECIAL RULES. I COULDN'T GO to A GRAVE, EVEN WHEN SOMEONE I KNEW DIED. I COULDN'T CUT MY HAIR OR EVEN EAT GRAPES!

## CLUE 3

Whenever I think of the woman who betrayed me, a thought goes through my head.

Use Code J to reveal the answer.

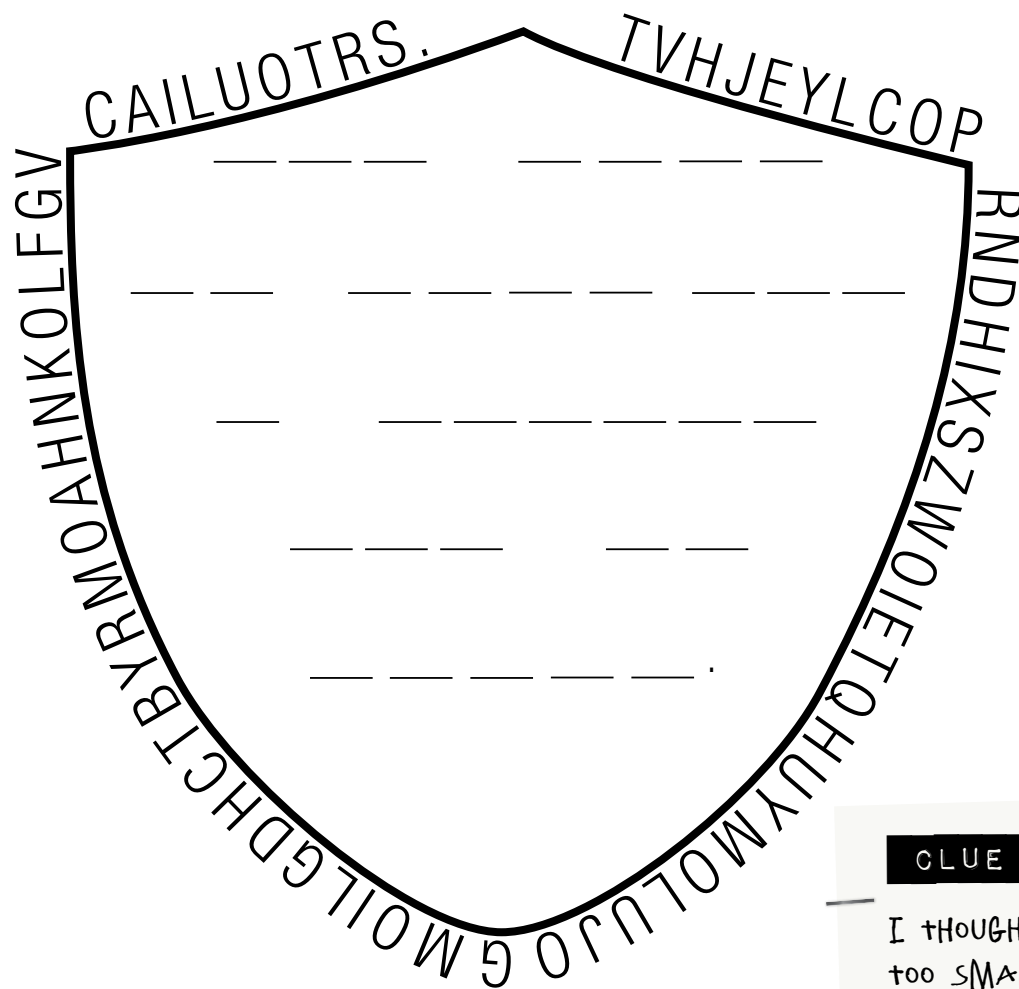
MEHIJ XQYHSKJ ULUH

# THE CASE OF THE MISMATCHED MILITARY

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## CLUE 1

I was the youngest in my family, weak and small. How could God use me? But one day, the Lord's messenger greeted me. And you wouldn't believe what He said! Start at the top right of the shield, and copy every other letter from the rim to the spaces below.



## CLUE 3

Hold this message to a mirror and flip it upside down to see something I accomplished:

**ԵՅԱՆ ԳՈԴ ԵՅԱԴ  
ԴԵՏՐՈՅԵԴ ԱՆ ԱԴԱՐ ԵՐ ԴԵ**

## CLUE 2

I THOUGHT MY ARMY WAS TOO SMALL. BUT GOD WAS IN CHARGE. I NEEDED TO **LEARN TO TRUST HIM.** HE NARROWED OUR NUMBERS DOWN TO JUST 300 MEN BASED ON **HOW THEY TOOK A DRINK OF WATER.**

OUR LITTLE ARMY MARCHED FORWARD WITH TRUMPETS AND TORCHES. WOULD GOD GIVE US VICTORY?



# THE CASE OF THE LAUGHING ANCESTOR

## CLUE 1

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

When you're my age, you try to see the lighter side of life. But why would I laugh after hearing good news that fulfilled my childhood dreams? Unscramble each word to learn what that news was.

" I SAW 09 SEARY  
\_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_

DOL HEWN HET  
\_\_\_\_\_

DORL DLOT EM  
\_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_

I DOWLU NOSO  
\_\_\_\_\_

EVAH A NOS  
\_\_\_\_\_ . "



## CLUE 2

MY DESCENDENTS BECAME  
GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE,  
ISRAEL. I GUESS I'D  
FORGOTTEN SOMETHING  
VERY BASIC AND VERY  
TRUE: NOTHING IS TOO  
DIFFICULT FOR THE LORD!

## CLUE 3

Not many people  
get a new name  
at this point in  
life. And I kind  
of liked my old  
name!

Use code Y to learn  
what that name was.

NZ OBNF

XBT TBSBJ

# THE CASE OF

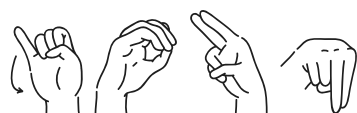
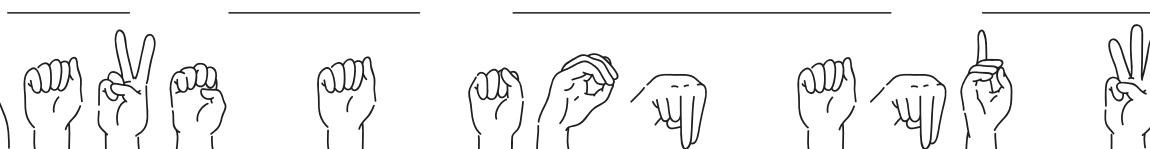
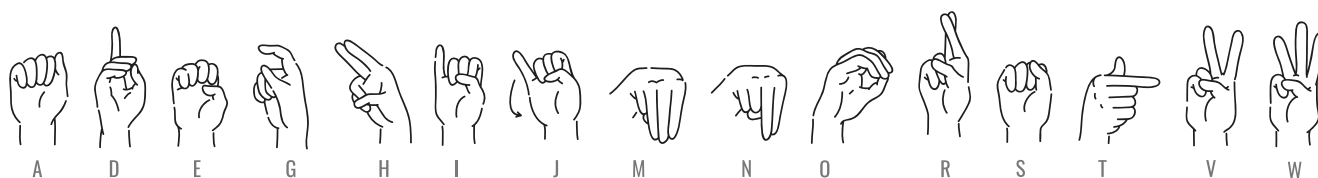
Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

## THE SILENT SPOUSE



### CLUE 1:

My husband was away at work when an angel gave him some incredible news. But he doubted that news and lost his voice as a result! Replace each sign with the correct letter in the spaces below to learn what that news was.



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**CLUE 2** MY SON HAD A STRANGE DIET AS AN ADULT. HE WILL MISS MY COOKING!

### CLUE 3

My cousin Mary came to visit when I was with child. Use code X to discover what happened.

K HGNV LQJP LWOR HQT LQA .

# THE CASE OF

## THE FIRST WITNESS

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.

### CLUE 1:

A few days after one of the most terrible days I've ever witnessed, a good friend of mine fulfilled a promise. Cross out every word listed to reveal what happened.

HTCSBJESUSDERITERGOS  
 THRSLDNESUFFERINGABB  
 AIUOEGRAVEEFROMDTSM  
 ERCRENTHORNSCHEDHOO  
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 ATEHGEBBRUISEFISRSTT  
 PODSTOMBSTONENEEHURT  
 HURTUCHIBURIALDMPAIN

### WORD SEARCH

burial (2)  
 death  
 cross  
 tombstone  
 pain (2)  
 suffering  
 blood  
 grave  
 tomb (2)  
 cut (2)  
 bruise  
 thirsty  
 tired (2)  
 crucified  
 dying  
 end (3)  
 destruction  
 gash (2)  
 bleeding  
 thorns  
 buried  
 hurt (2)

### CLUE 2

THE MAN LOOKED LIKE A GARDENER, OR SO I THOUGHT. BUT HE WAS **SO MUCH BETTER** THAN THAT.

### CLUE 3

Don't confuse me with another person who shares my name! She comes from Nazareth. Use **code S** to learn where I come from.

**THNKHSH**

# THE CASE OF THE MISSING MISSIONARY

Use the clues to identify the mystery Bible character.



CLUE 1:

I guess others have also learned to follow God's directions the hard way. But God had to get really serious with me. Redraw the puzzle pieces in the correct boxes below to learn how God got my attention.

## CLUE 2

GOD WAS TRYING TO TEACH ME SOMETHING. EVEN IN MY DISOBEDIENCE. I LEARNED THAT

## SALVATION

BELONGS TO  
THE LORD, AND  
NOT TO ME!

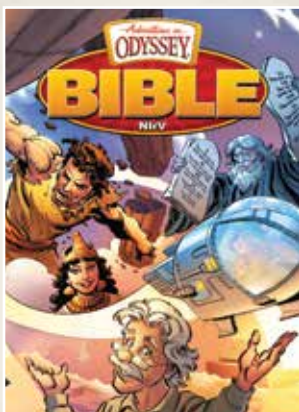
## CLUE 3

I couldn't believe that God wanted to save bad people. I had a lot to learn about God's grace. Use **code N** to discover where God sent me.

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# BIBLE LITERACY RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY



## Adventures in Odyssey Bible

Kids can enjoy reading God's Word with the characters from Adventures in Odyssey.



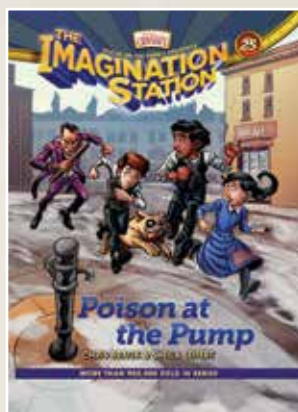
## Adventures in Odyssey Club

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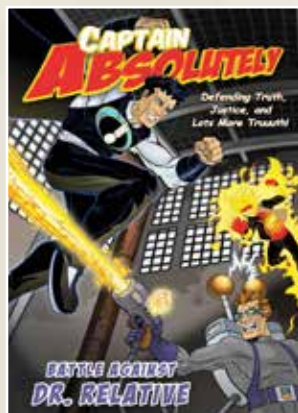


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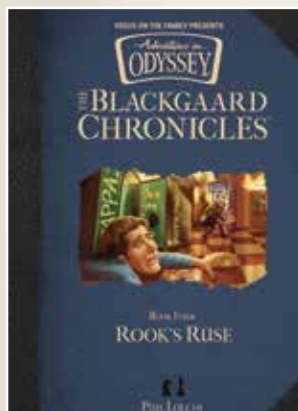
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