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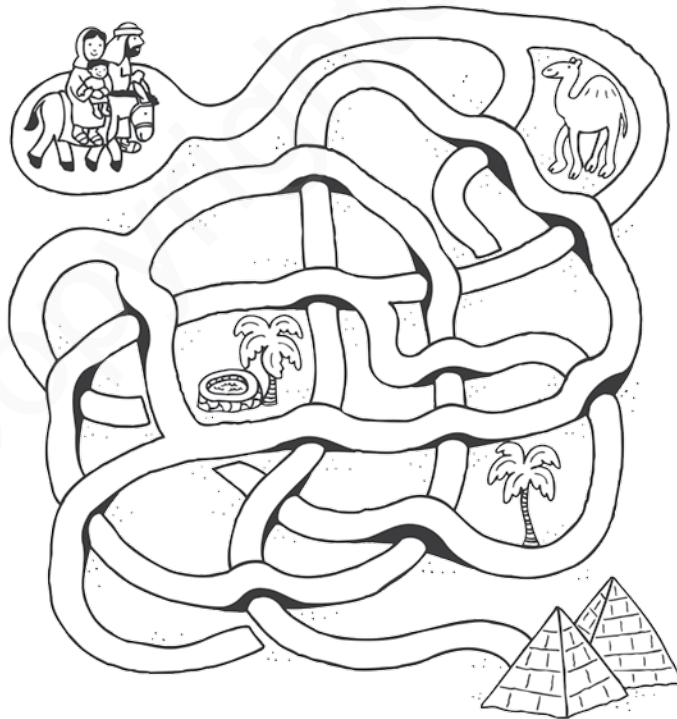
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How to Use This Book

Welcome to *Big Book of Bible Puzzles for Early Childhood*, a learning adventure for the early childhood children in your classroom or home! Children will be excited to review Bible stories and verses through completing mazes, dot-to-dots, picture puzzles, matching and counting activities, hidden pictures, and a variety of other enticing puzzles.

The Bible puzzles contained in this book teach Bible stories and verses in an age-appropriate way for early childhood children. The puzzles highlight 200 Bible stories and verses. One puzzle reinforces the verse through a Bible story. The second puzzle presents a modern-day life application of the verse. Both types of puzzles will engage early childhood children and provide a springboard for Bible learning. Plus, there is a section of bonus Bible verse puzzles!

How to Use This Book in Your Classroom

Use this book as a fun way to review Bible stories and verses and to practice emerging academic skills. These puzzles can also provide “something more” for older children in your group. Follow these easy steps for successful use of the puzzles:

1. Before class

- Find the puzzle that matches your lesson’s Bible story or verse (select one or more puzzles to use).
- Copy the puzzle you have selected. Make one copy of the selected puzzle for each child, plus a few extras for visitors or for children who want to start over.
- Check the puzzle’s directions and Bonus Idea for any extra materials you will need. In addition to pencils, some puzzles may require crayons, scissors, or glue sticks.

2. In class

- Give a pencil and a puzzle to each child. Read the puzzle directions aloud.
- Assist children as needed to complete the puzzle. Be ready to explain the Bonus Idea to children as they finish the main puzzle activity.
- Talk with children while they work on the puzzle. Your conversation can tie the children’s work to the Bible story and verse presented in each puzzle. The printed copy on each puzzle will help you communicate the important link between a Bible story and verse and the everyday lives of the children in your class.

How to Use This Book in Your Home

This book gives you a wonderful opportunity to help your child learn what the Bible says about loving God and following Him every day. You can use the puzzles in this book to talk about Bible stories and verses and to reinforce emerging academic skills. Follow these steps for a fun and valuable time of learning together:

1. Gather the materials needed for the puzzles.

- For most puzzles, nothing more than a pencil is necessary. Crayons, scissors, or a glue stick are needed for a few puzzles.
- You may want to buy your child a set of colored pencils to use in completing and coloring each puzzle.



The Bonus Idea at the bottom of each puzzle often involves a drawing activity. Suggest your child complete Bonus Idea activities on extra paper.

2. Keep *Big Book of Bible Puzzles for Early Childhood* in a special place.

- Get out the book and invite your child to work on several puzzles a week.
- Even if your child wants to hurry through the book, encourage him or her to complete only one or two pages at a time, so you can take time to review the Bible verse and Bible story presented on the puzzle pages.

3. Review the puzzles together to increase understanding.

- Sit with your child to read in the Bible the puzzle's Bible verse. You may want to allow your child to highlight the verse in the Bible.
- For reinforcement, read the verse again at bedtime.
- Briefly talk with your child about the life-application ideas presented in the puzzles and about the responses appropriate to your child's own life. Tell how you obey the verse too.
- As your child completes the puzzles, look back together at the puzzles he or she has finished. Review the Bible stories and verses.



This Bible learning time at home will create a solid foundation for your child as he or she begins to read the Bible. The hours spent on the puzzles and Bible learning will help you and your child build a relationship that will be remembered long after the puzzles are all completed.



Tips for Teachers and Parents

1. Create a supply box for children to use with the puzzles.

Include the following in the box:

- Pencils and copies of the puzzle(s) you have selected
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers for coloring the puzzles
- Scissors and glue sticks for completion of some puzzles
- Extra sheets of blank paper for use with Bonus Ideas

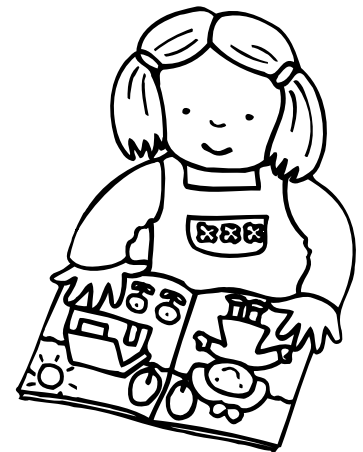


2. Be available to participate in the learning process.

- Help children figure out what to do on the puzzle page: read the directions and help them as needed while they work.
- Make sure to read aloud the short sentences that link the puzzle to the Bible story, Bible verse, or life-application idea. Help children apply the Bible story or verse to their own lives.







3. Help your children enjoy the puzzles.

- Many children are naturally drawn to puzzles and mazes. Reinforce this by communicating that completing the puzzles is a fun challenge and is helping them grow into the people God wants them to be.
- Use praise and encouragement to motivate a child who is working on a puzzle. For example, “Emily, I see you have circled all the matching objects. Good work!” or “Jayden, I can tell you are working hard connecting the numbers on this dot-to-dot!”
- Consider placing a sticker or stamp on each completed puzzle.
- Display completed puzzles on a bulletin board in the classroom or on the refrigerator door at home.
- If a child is not interested in a certain puzzle, tell him or her about the Bonus Idea. If the Bonus Idea fails to interest the child, provide the child with blank paper on which to draw. Challenge the child to draw something about the day’s Bible story. For example, for the story of the feeding of the 5,000, challenge a child to draw as many fish as he or she can to cover the page.
- Most children find it easy to occupy themselves by drawing. Even if their artwork does not relate to the Bible story, point out that they are using their God-given gifts of eyes, hands, and fingers. Staying positive will help your children to be more willing to try puzzles in the future.
- For Bonus Ideas that suggest writing, expect children to use inventive spelling for most words. Encourage children to express their thoughts without worrying about spelling words correctly.



Genesis 1: God Made the World

In the main picture, count all the different kinds of things God created. Fill in the chart below.

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We can thank God for making the sea, the land, and the trees. The Bible says, "God made the world and everything in it" (see Acts 17:24).

**BONUS
IDEA!**

Draw other flowers and stars in the picture.

Acts 17:24

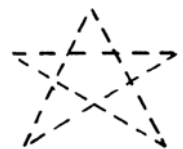
Draw a line to connect the stars in number order to see what God created first, second, third, fourth, and fifth.



God made so many amazing things in our world! The Bible says, “God made the world and everything in it” (see Acts 17:24).

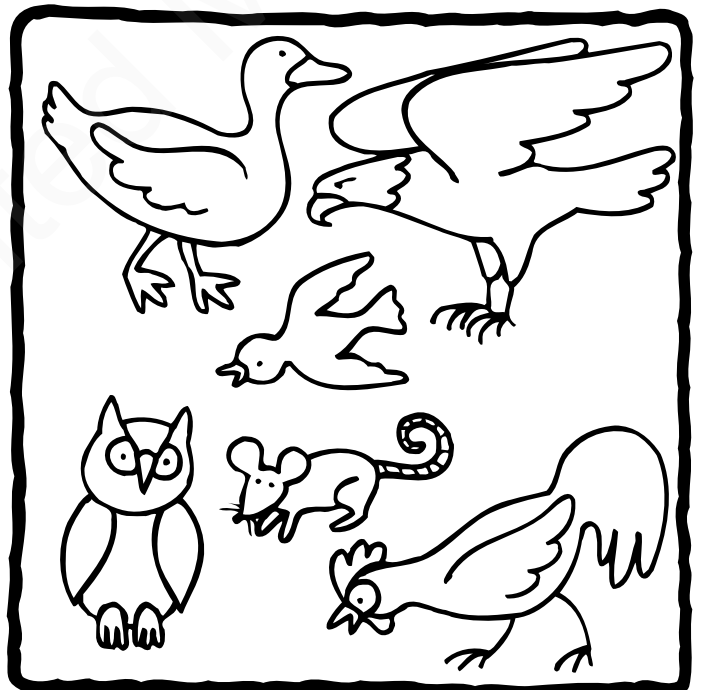
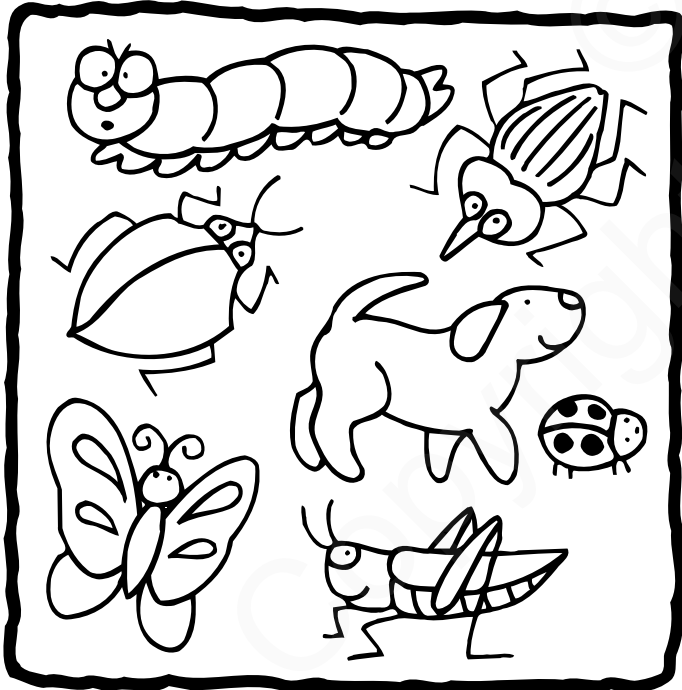
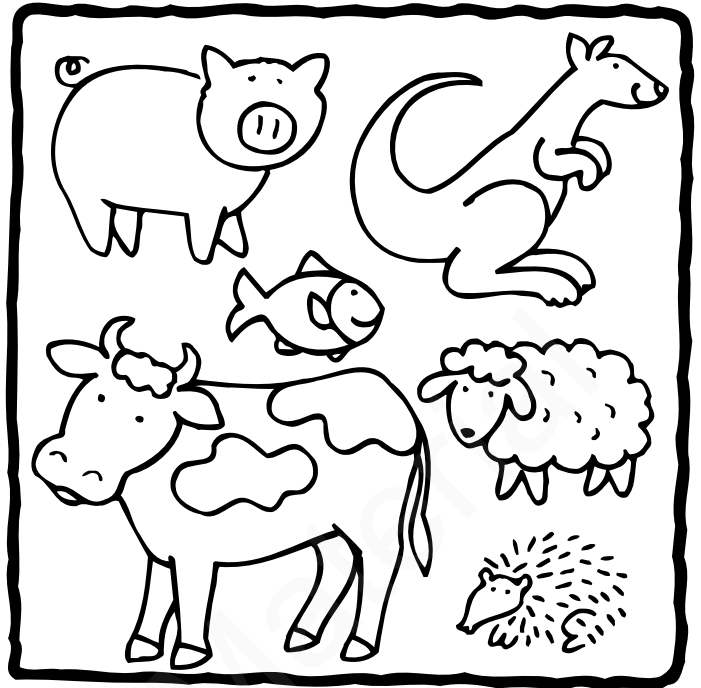
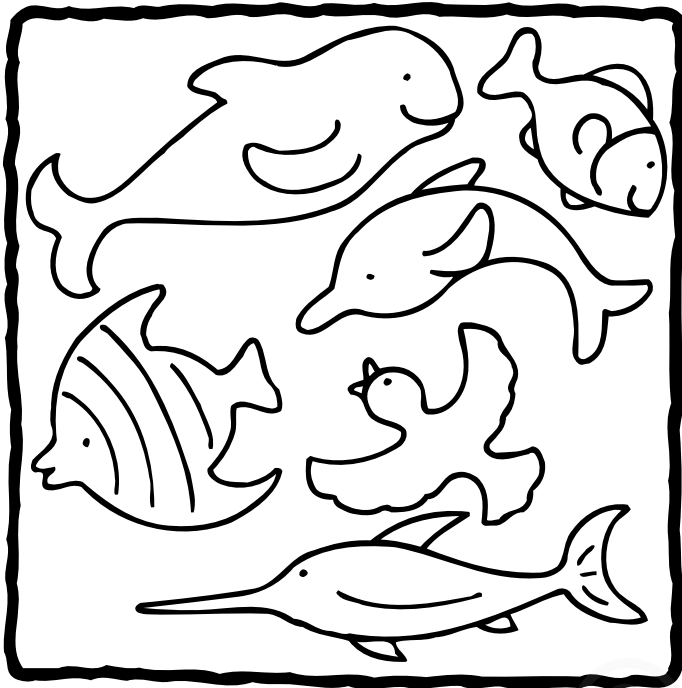
**BONUS
IDEA!**

Trace the dotted lines to draw a star. Try to draw one of your own.



Genesis 1: God Made Animals

In each group, draw an ✕ on the one that doesn't belong.



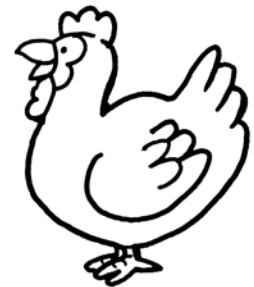
God made all the animals in the world. The Bible says, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

**BONUS
IDEA!**

How many fish are there? _____ How many birds are there? _____

Genesis 1:31

Circle the animals that start with the letter **B**.



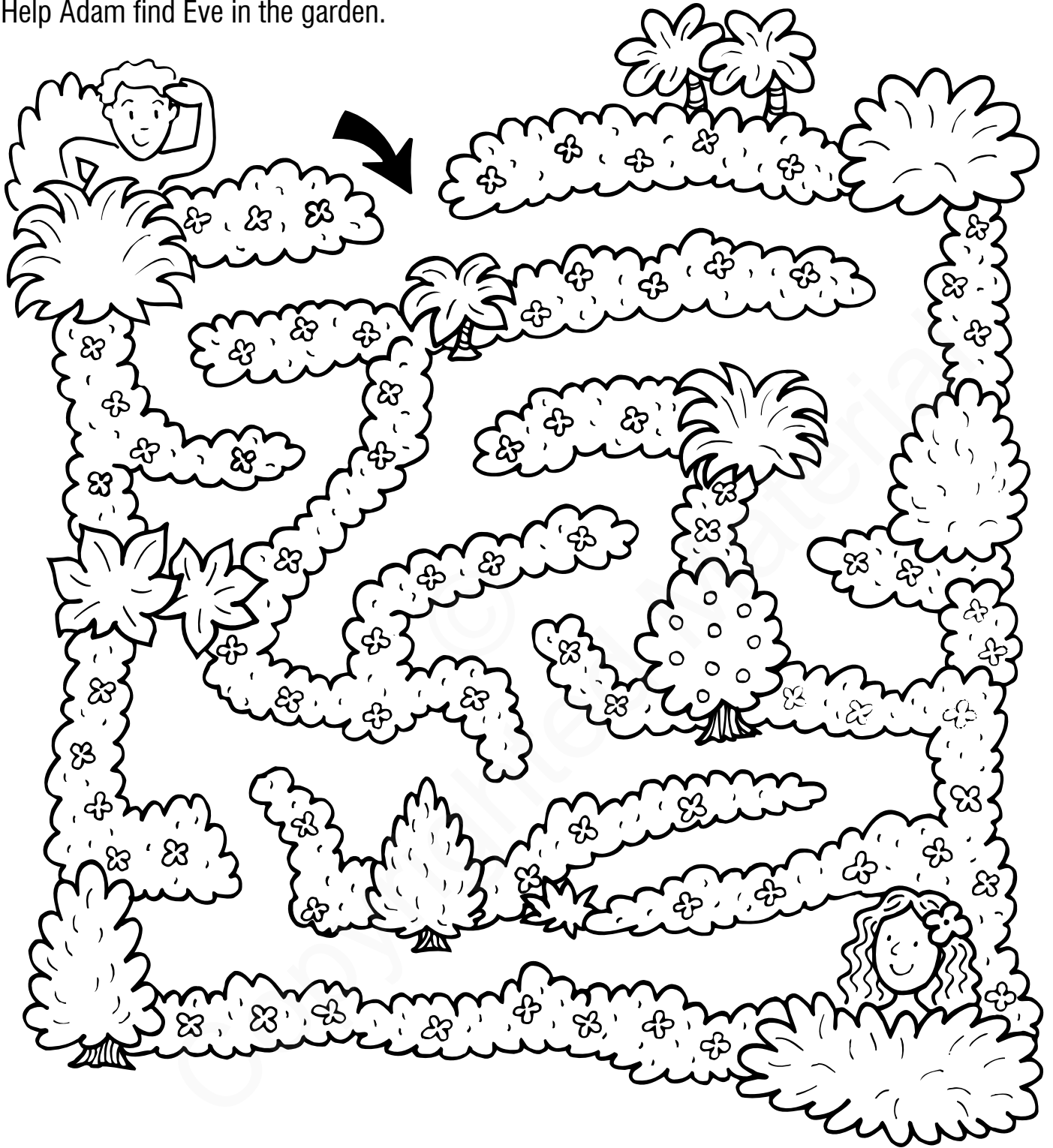
What is your favorite animal? The Bible says, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

**BONUS
IDEA!**

Draw animals God made that start with the same letter your name starts with.

Genesis 1: God Made People

Help Adam find Eve in the garden.



God made Adam and Eve. God made all people. We can thank God that He made us! The Bible says, "Pray always and be thankful" (see Colossians 4:2).

**BONUS
IDEA!**

Draw a picture of a garden you would like to live in.

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