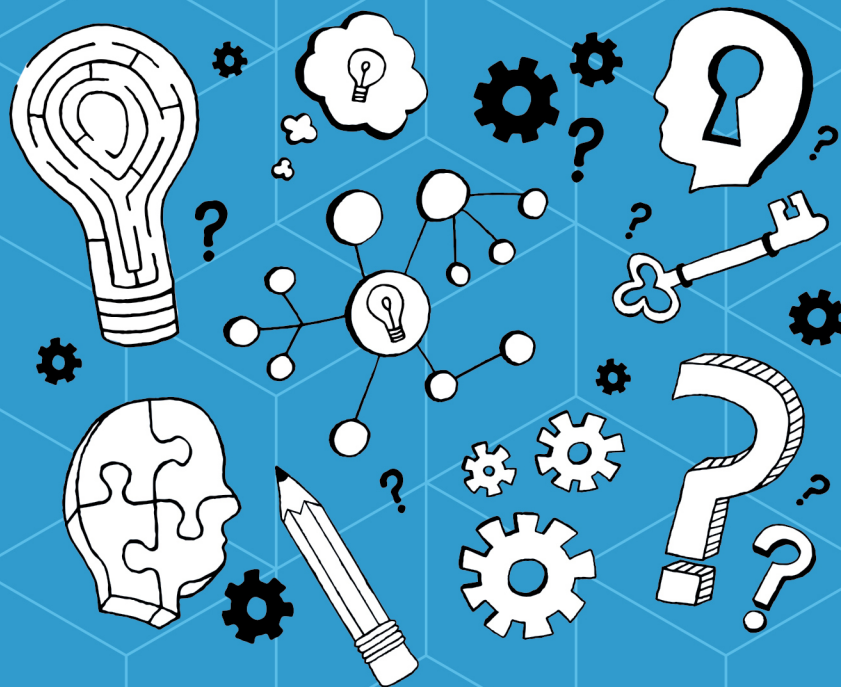


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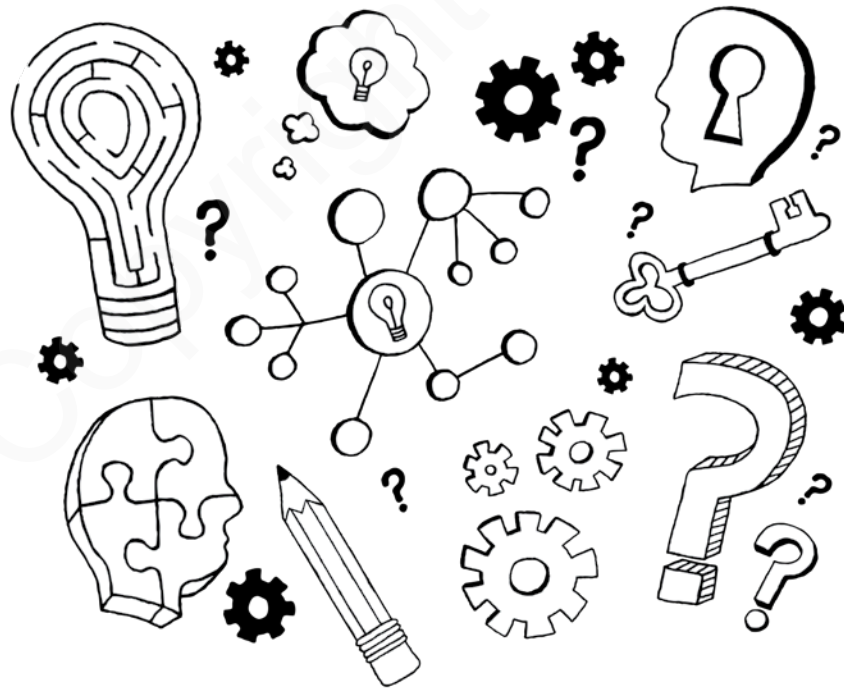
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# How to Use This Book

Welcome to *Big Book of Bible Puzzles for Preteens*, a learning adventure for the preteens in your classroom or home! Preteens will be excited to review Bible stories and verses through completing mazes, codes and ciphers, hidden pictures, and a variety of other enticing puzzles. The puzzles contained in this book teach Bible stories and verses in an age-appropriate way for preteens and highlight over 150 Bible stories.

## How to Use This Book in Your Classroom

Use this book as a fun way to review Bible stories and reinforce what your preteen learns through Bible study. Follow these easy steps for successful use of the puzzles:

- Find the puzzle that matches your lesson's Bible story or verse. Select one or more puzzles to use.
- Make multiple copies of the puzzle you have selected.
- Check the puzzle's directions for any extra materials you will need.
- Give a puzzle to each child.
- Assist children as needed to complete the puzzle.
- Talk with children while they work on the puzzle. The printed copy on each puzzle will help you communicate the important link between a Bible story 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 preteen learn what the Bible says about loving God and following Him every day. Follow these steps for a fun and valuable time of learning together:

- For most puzzles, nothing more than a pencil is necessary. Crayons, colored pencils, scissors, or tape are needed for a few puzzles.
- Invite your child to work on several puzzles a week.
- Encourage your child to complete only one or two pages at a time.
- Encourage your preteen to read the puzzle's Bible verse.
- Briefly talk with your preteen about the life-application ideas presented in the puzzles and about the responses appropriate to your preteen's own life. Tell how you obey the verse too.
- Look back together at the puzzles your preteen has finished. Review the Bible stories and verses.



# Leading a Child to Christ

One of the greatest privileges of serving in children's ministry is to help guide children to become members of God's family. Pray and ask God to prepare the kids you know to understand and receive the good news about Jesus. Ask God to give you the sensitivity and wisdom to communicate effectively and to be aware as opportunities occur.

When talking with children about salvation, use words and phrases they understand; never assume kids understand a concept just because they can repeat certain words. Avoid symbolic terms that will confuse literal-minded thinkers. As you watch and pray, you will see kids developing relationships with God.

Here are some questions you can ask and things you can discuss with a child who is interested in accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Encourage the child to look up and read the Bible verses along with you.

Read John 3:16. **Why did God send Jesus to earth?** (God loved us so much that He wants us to have eternal life with Him.)

**First John 3:1 says that God wants us to be His children. But sin, doing wrong, separates us from God.** Read Romans 6:23. **What do you think should happen to us when we sin? (die) But what is God's gift to us? (eternal life in Jesus)**

**Jesus willingly died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins.** Read 1 Corinthians 15:3. **But Jesus didn't stay in the tomb. After three days, He came back to life! Jesus died so that we can live forever in heaven with Him.**

**Are you sorry for the wrong things that you've done? If you are, what should you do?** Read 1 John 1:9. **Our sins are wiped away when we're truly sorry for what we've done and when we turn to God.**

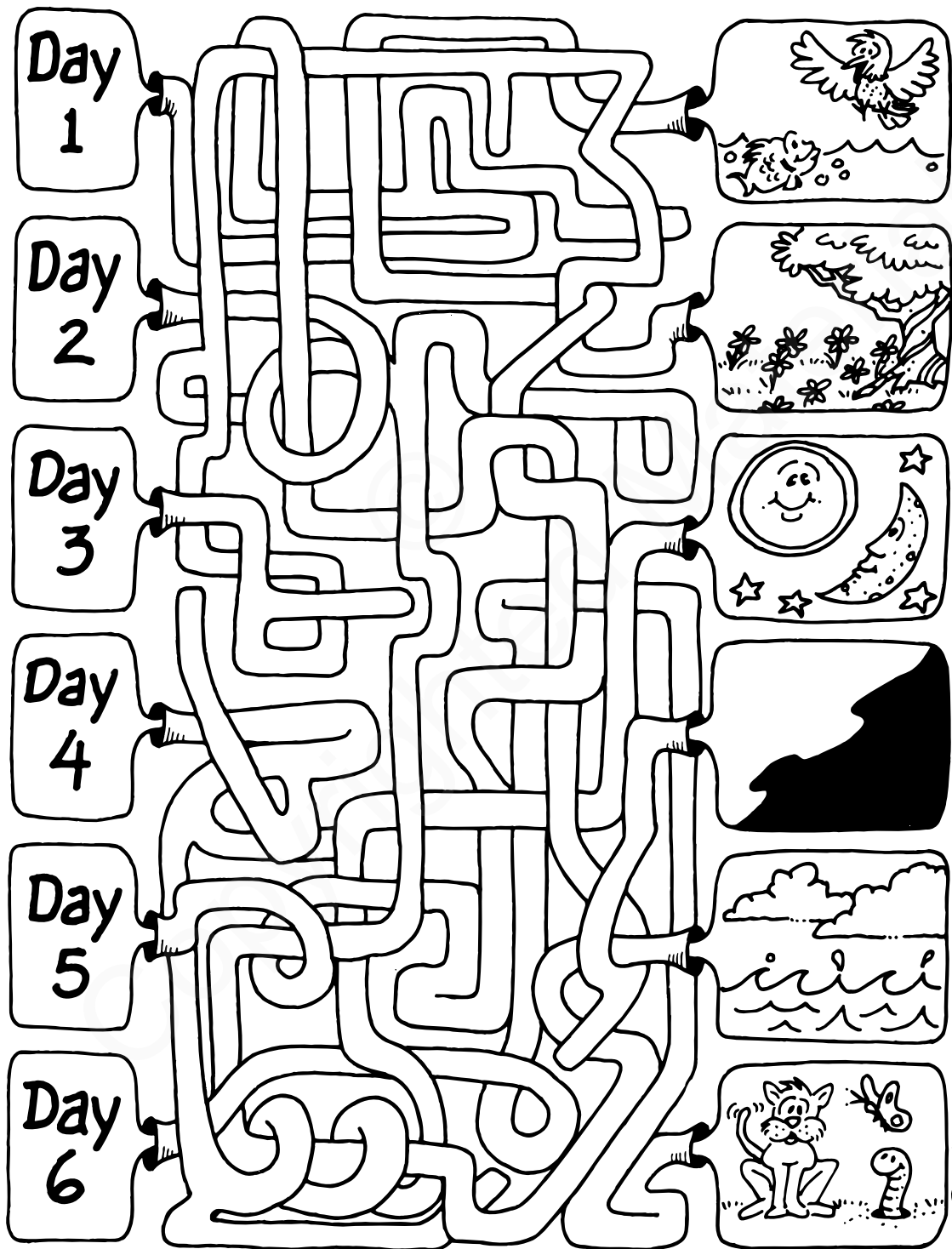
Read Ephesians 2:8. **How are we saved? (by God's grace, through faith) Christian faith is a life-long adventure here on earth. With Jesus as Lord of our lives, we build a life of submitting to God, following Jesus, and keeping in step with the Spirit.**

At this point, continue to talk with the child about accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. Include what your church teaches about how this happens. If you have any questions about salvation, talk with your pastor or children's ministry leader.

**God wants every person to accept the free gift of eternal life that He's offering. What do you need to do about this?**

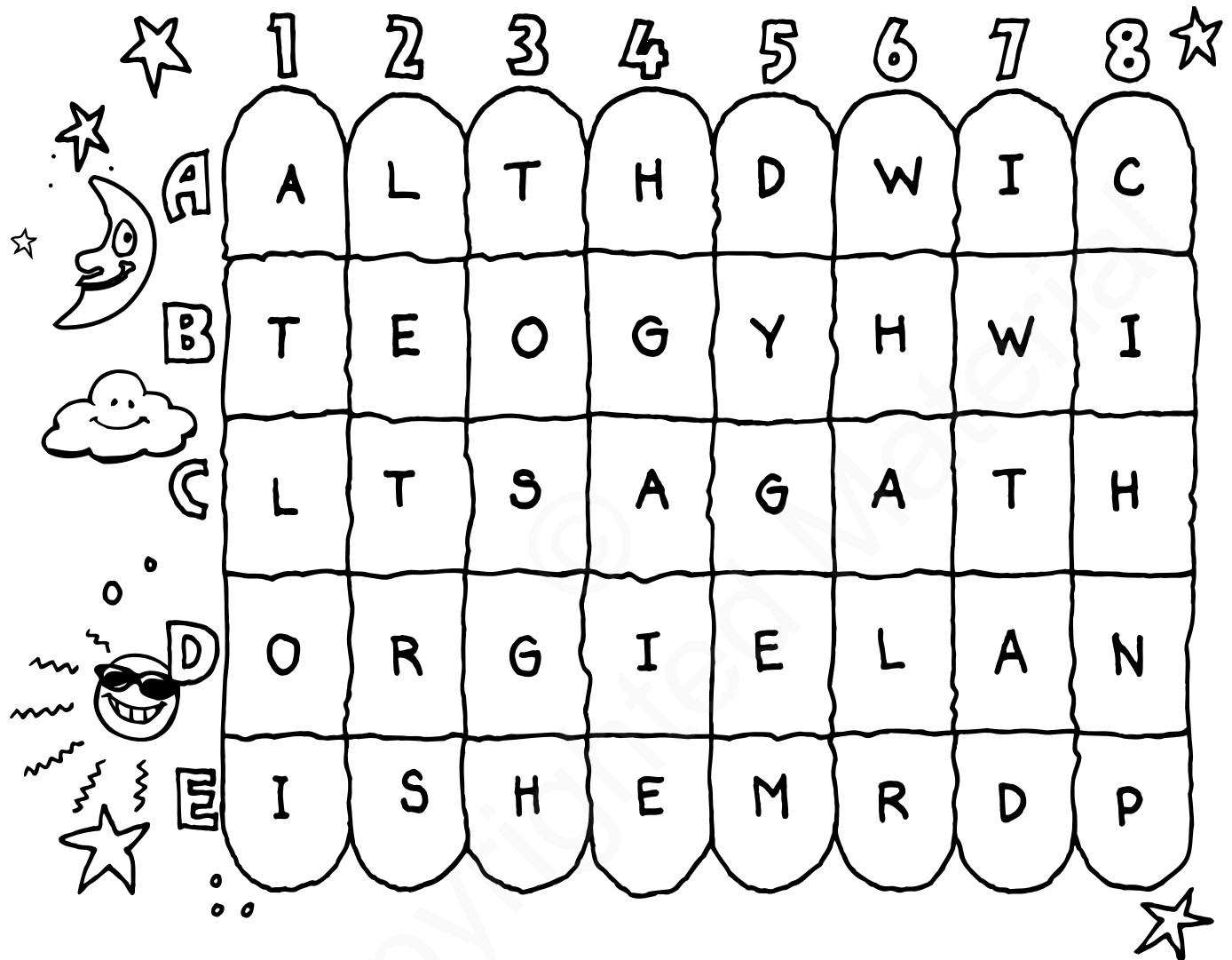
# Let There Be ...

Read Genesis 1:1–25. Starting with Day 1, find the correct path through the maze to the things God created on that day. Do this until you have matched all the days with the correct pictures.



# The Beginning

Do you know how the world began? Use the graph to find out. Each column has a number and each row has a letter. Use the number and the letter combination to solve this puzzle. (Example 5C = G) Read the story in Genesis 1:1—2:3.



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| 6C | 2A | 5E | 7A | 3D | 8C | 2C | 5B | 8E | 1D | 7B | 5D | 6E |

# Something Special

Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Copy the letter found to the left of the dot onto the corresponding blank below. Some columns will have more than one letter. For extra help, put a piece of paper on the right side of the puzzle. Move it to the right to reveal one column at a time. When complete, you will find out about God's special creation. Read Genesis 1:27.

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# Strange Tree

A sad event occurred at a tree in God's garden. Use the code from the strange tree below to solve the puzzle. Read the story in Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-23.

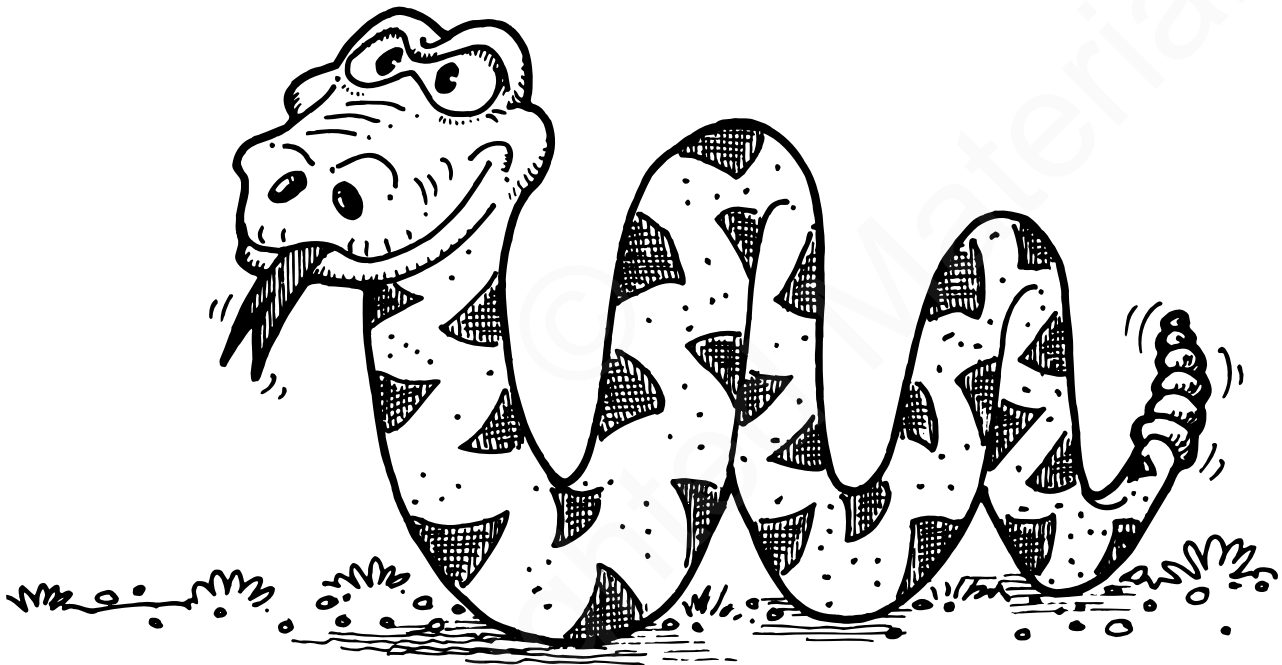
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# Where Are You?

Starting with the first puzzle box, copy the letter directly below the number 1 to the blank space under the number 1 in the second puzzle box. Move all the letters in each column to the empty boxes before you move on to the next number. Cross out each letter after you move it. When complete, read the question in the second puzzle box. Then answer the question on the blank lines below. Read Genesis 3:6–19.

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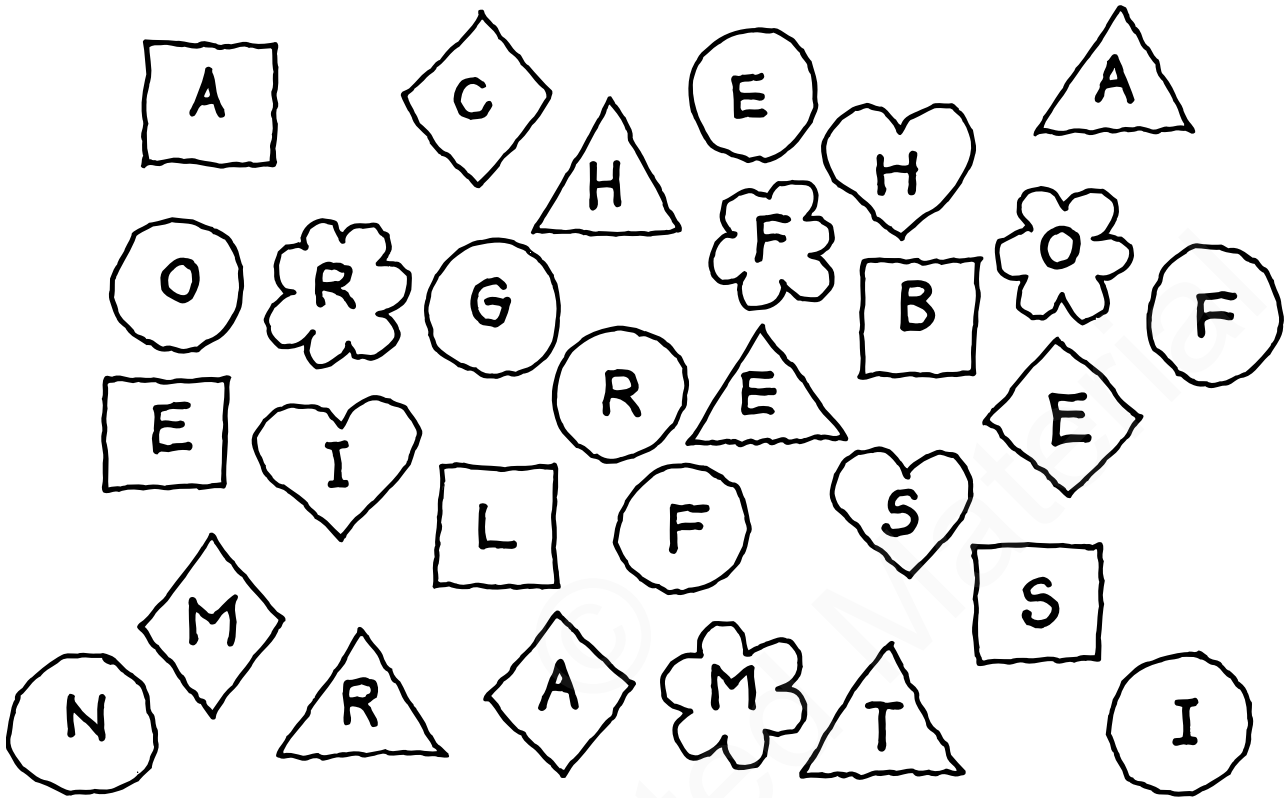
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# Offerings

To solve this puzzle, collect all the letters in each shape below. Unscramble the letters found in the same shape to discover why God looked with favor on Abel's offering and not with favor on Cain's offering. Then read the story in Genesis 4:1–15.



# Answers

## **Let There Be ... 9**

Day 1. picture 4, light/dark; Day 2. picture 5, water/sky; Day 3. picture 2, trees/plants; Day 4. picture 3, sun/moon/stars; Day 5. picture 1, sea creatures/birds; Day 6. picture 6, animals

## **The Beginning 10**

God created all things with his almighty power.

## **Something Special 11**

God created man in His own image.

## **Strange Tree 12**

The first sin came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

## **Where Are You? 13**

Why did Adam and Eve try to hide from God?

## **Offerings 14**

Abel's offering came from his heart.

## **Rainbows 15**

Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood.

## **The Promise 16**

I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you.

## **Separation 17**

If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.

## **Who's Who? 18**

1. Abraham; 2. three men; 3. Sarah; 4. servant; 5. the Lord; 6. child, promise