

# Malachi 1.1-5

## the message

### Sending a message

Here are some different ways people have found of sending a message: see if you can recognise what these different ways are.



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S \_ G \_ A \_ S



M \_ R \_ E  
C \_ D \_



S \_ G \_  
L \_ N \_ U \_ G \_

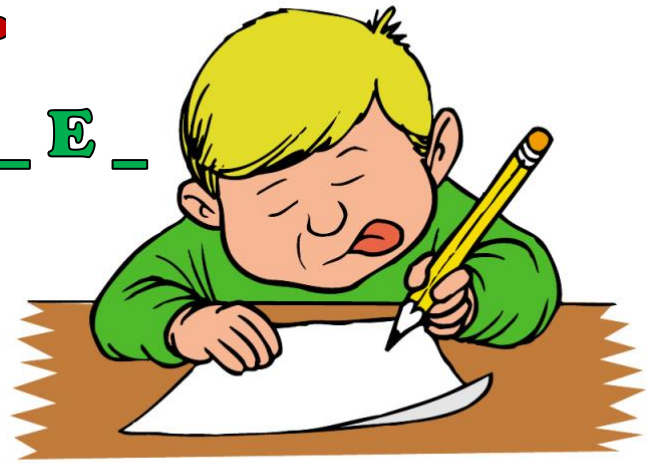


T \_ L \_ P \_ O \_ E  
C \_ L \_

T \_ X \_  
M \_ S \_ A \_ E

# some other ways..

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S\_N\_I\_G AN  
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# .. and here's a very old way -

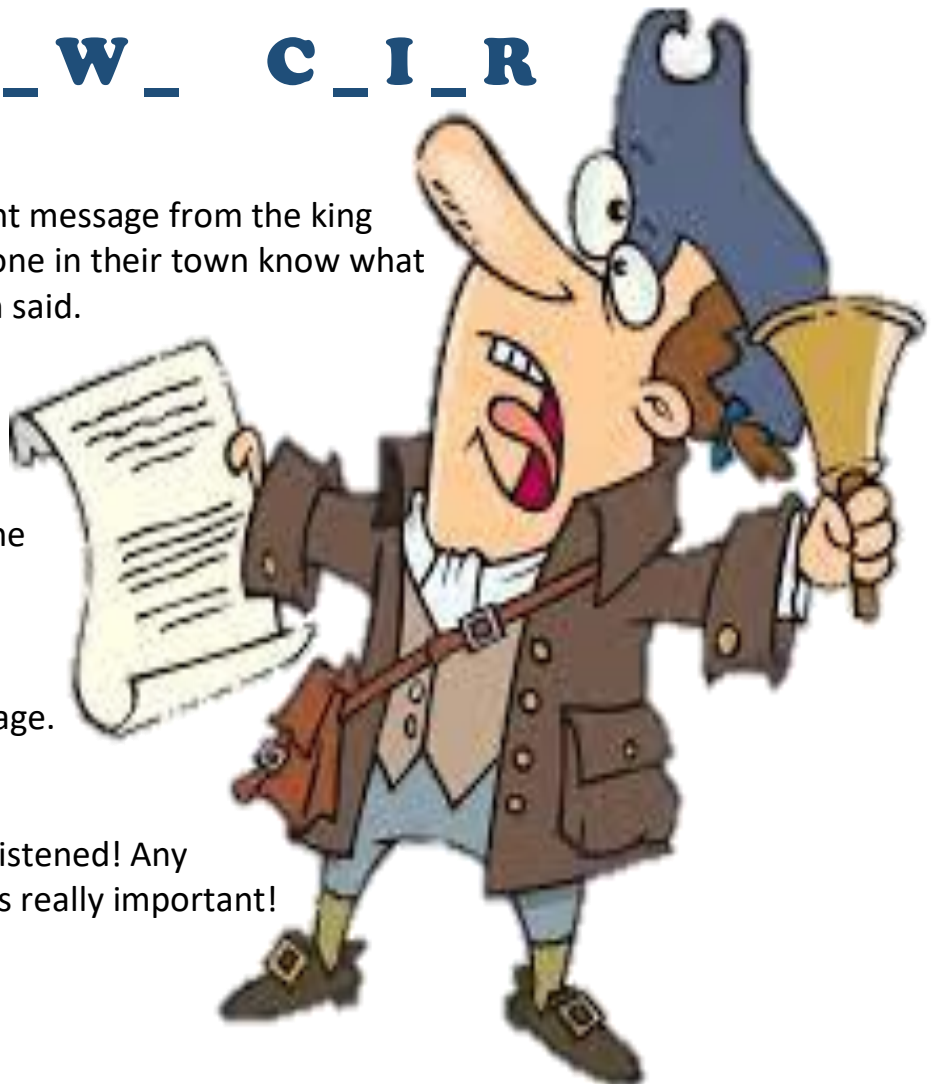
This sort of person was called a **T\_W\_ C\_I\_R**

These people often had an important message from the king or queen: their job was to let everyone in their town know what the message from the king or queen said.

They needed to have a good, loud voice, and they usually had a bell as well, which they rang to get everyone in the place gathered around.

Then they would read out the message.

And they made sure that everyone listened! Any message from the king or queen was really important!



# Malachi



Malachi was that sort of man. His name means –

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(Here are the letters you'll need to get what his name means)

**M M E S S Y**

**G R E E N**



**Malachi had an important message to bring to the people from the King.**

**In other words – from *GOD!***

**Read**

## **Malachi 1.1-2**

A prophecy:

The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi.

<sup>2</sup>“I have loved you,” says the Lord.

“But you ask, ‘How have you loved us?’

Here’s how he starts his message.

You can see straightaway –



**The person from whom it comes**

— — — — —

**The people to whom it’s sent**

— — — — —

**The person by whom it’s delivered**

— — — — —

## Here's a bit of a puzzle for you.

During the war, when they wanted to send important messages – but wanted to keep the message a secret – they sometimes used a special code.

So Malachi's message would have read like this –

**LEYDI OHOEH RTUVA DSSOV !YALE**

Which would have had you scratching your head and thinking –

'That makes no sense at all!'

But in fact it made perfect sense! If you knew the code it was easy!

I'll let you into the secret and tell you how the code worked.



First, they put the five words in five rows, one above the other

Like this .....

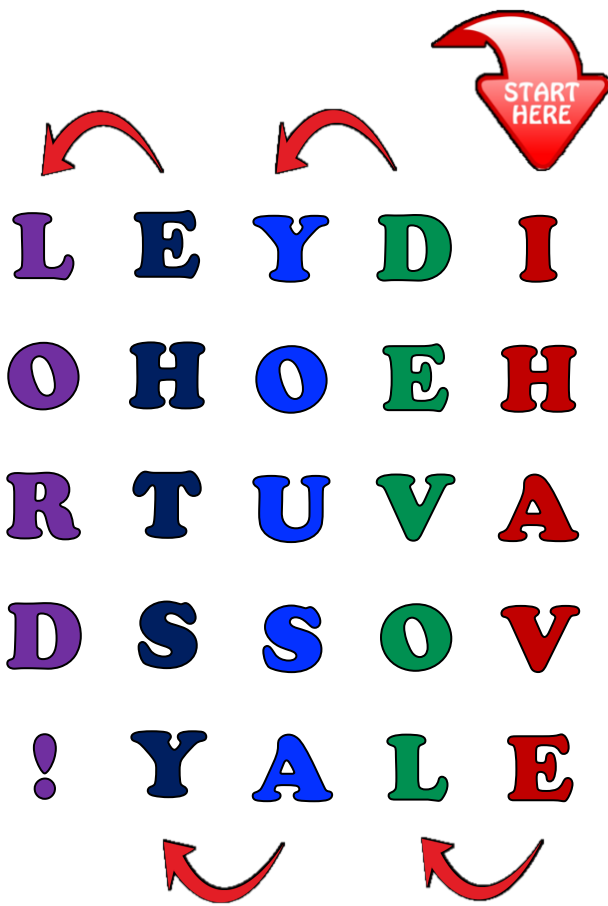


L	E	Y	D	I
O	H	O	E	H
R	T	U	V	A
D	S	S	O	V
!	Y	A	L	E

... which you maybe think doesn't make a lot more sense!

Unless you know the code .....

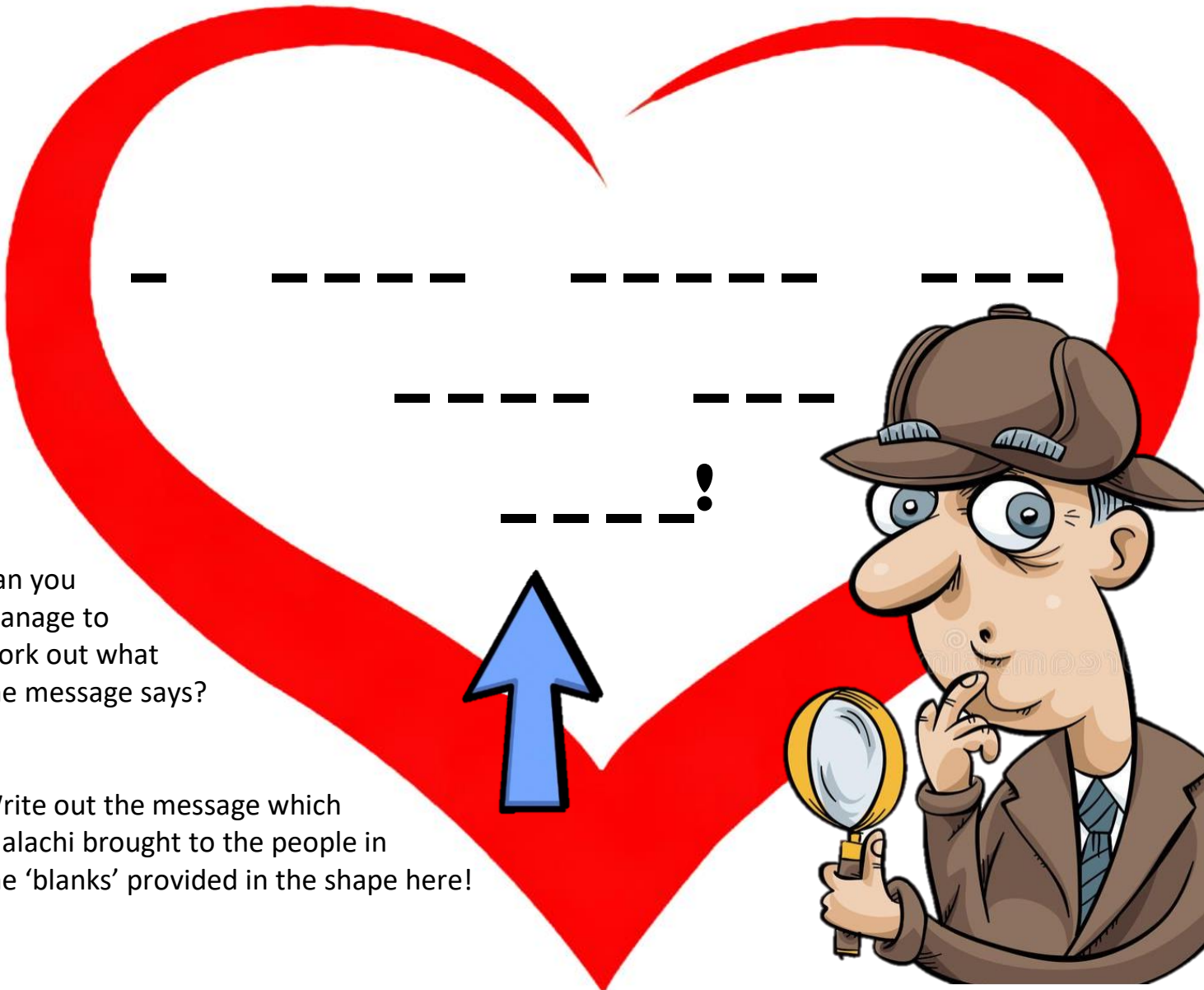




But they were now able to read the message.

They started at the top right corner and read

- down** that column,
- then **up** the next column,
- then **down** the next column,
- up** the next column
- and then **down** the last column



Can you manage to work out what the message says?

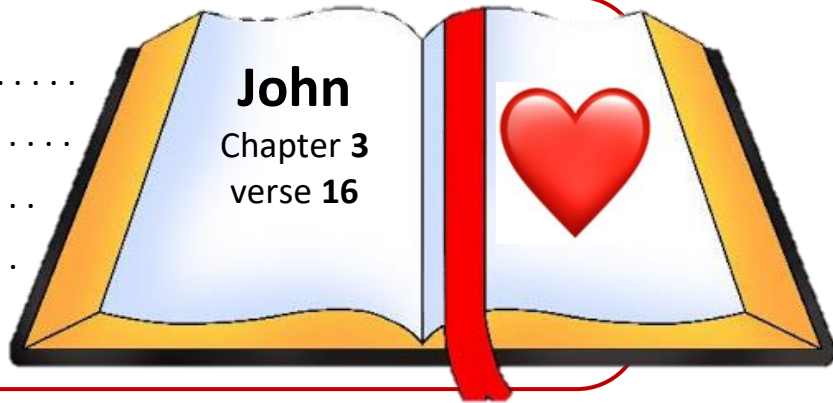
Write out the message which Malachi brought to the people in the 'blanks' provided in the shape here!



Here are some other Bible verses which tell you the same message.

Look them up in a Bible and write them carefully in the boxes provided below

“For God . . . . .  
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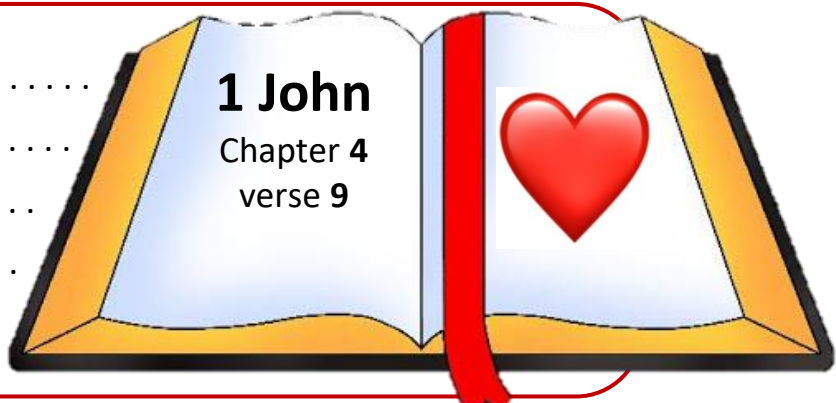


**Romans**  
Chapter 5  
verse 8

“But God . . . . .  
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“This is how God . . . . .  
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# A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning today.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)

Thank You, Jesus, for what You teach me in the Bible.

Thank You for the message which You sent through Malachi. I'm glad that You always want to remind me how much You love me.

Sometimes I forget that You love me.

Sometimes when I've got things wrong, and I realise how nasty I've been, I wonder how anyone could possibly love me!

I think it's amazing that You love me – and You tell me in the Bible that You love me always, no matter what!

What a great message that it!

I think Malachi must have been really glad to let the people of his day know that You loved them like that!

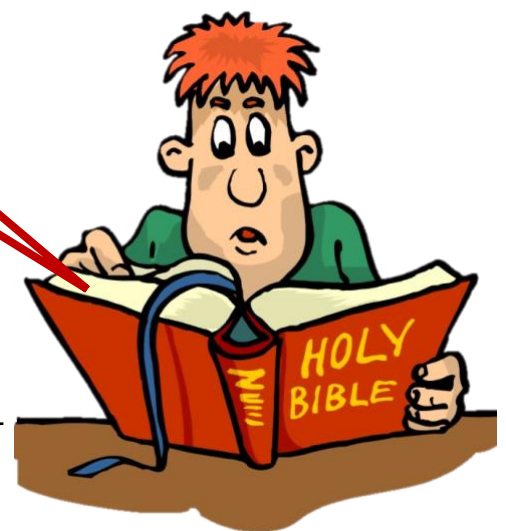
Help me to be Your messenger, just like Malachi was. Help me to let my friends know that You love them too!



# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

**"I have loved you,'  
says the LORD"**

*Malachi 1.2*



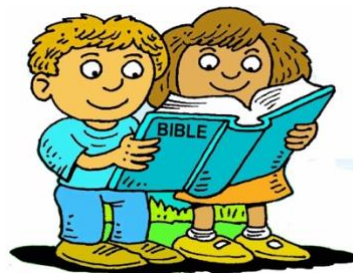
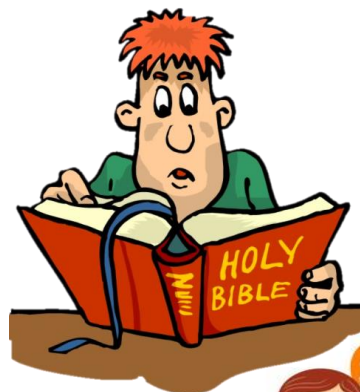
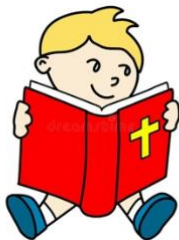
# A WORDSEARCH

See if you can find these books of the Old Testament

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I	C	N	J	A	Z	A	E	H	S	L	M	E	J
S	O	M	A	L	E	S	T	P	H	E	K	R	O
A	J	O	H	A	P	H	A	R	H	I	S	E	N
C	O	A	E	C	H	O	I	O	O	N	A	M	A
H	E	E	M	H	A	S	S	V	B	A	L	I	H
V	L	X	I	I	N	E	E	E	A	D	E	A	U
N	E	O	C	O	I	A	L	R	D	M	U	H	Z
H	I	D	A	I	A	N	C	B	I	A	M	D	R
C	A	U	H	A	H	E	C	S	A	N	A	A	E
H	G	S	E	Z	R	A	E	J	H	A	S	E	H
T	G	S	G	N	I	K	I	I	I	H	I	M	T
U	A	C	A	S	I	M	H	O	K	U	I	E	S
R	H	Z	M	A	S	T	R	J	L	M	I	O	E

- JOEL
- NAHUM
- PROVERBS
- JEREMIAH
- I-II KINGS
- HOSEA
- ZEPHANIAH
- MALACHI
- ECCLESIASTES
- AMOS
- OBADIAH
- HAGGAI
- EXODUS
- DANIEL
- RUTH
- ESTHER
- I-II SAMUEL
- MICAH
- JONAH
- EZRA

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# Another WORDSEARCH!

Here's a WORDSEARCH about another messenger who brought God's message

## A Messenger Sent from God

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."  
Mark 1:2 (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)



V J P O I V S T C O N F E S S  
E A A M C L H M P R O P H E T  
Z K T G A G N R M X J R G C C  
S W H D I A L T E L T E F J H  
J X N A D R R C S O R A S V C  
R A T R S E Q H S C E C A U E  
S S O U S V J O E U P H P M S  
B J C E C O B N N S E I I T N  
U I D A Z L A E G T N N K C K  
J B T K L Z P Y E S T G Q H C  
O H Z E A L T Y R V A K F R A  
H V O I C E I Y E W N I I I N  
N S L L B T Z N T L C L S S R  
L I N B H K E A G V E H P T B  
C N G O S P E L W R I V E R R

LOCUSTS

PATH

GOSPEL

VOICE

PROPHET

CALLING

HONEY

STRAIGHT

CHRIST

JOHN

REPENTANCE

PREACHING

RIVER

JESUS

DESERT

JORDAN

SANDALS

BAPTIZE

MESSENGER

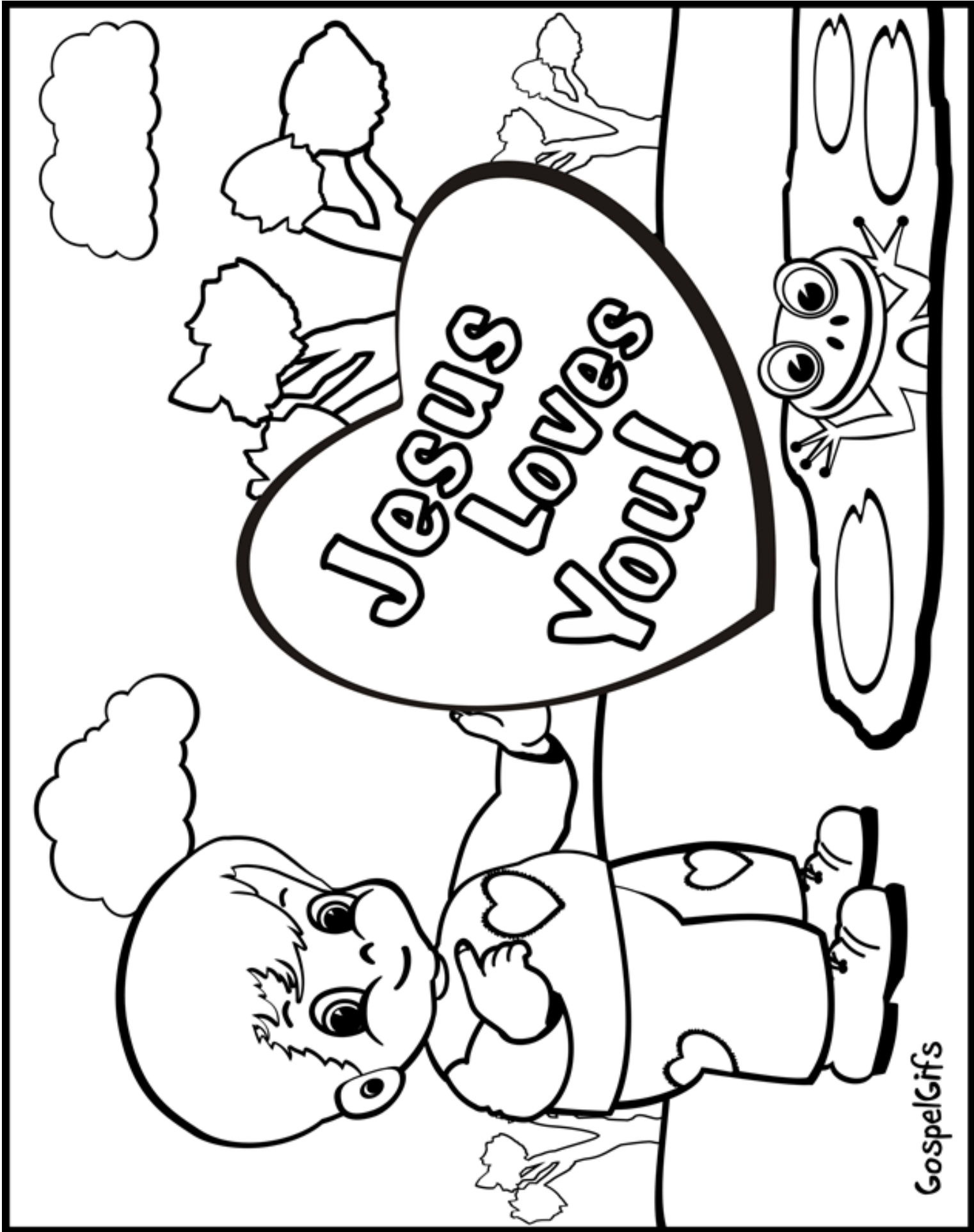
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**For you to COLOUR IN  
(and get through!)**



Find your way through the maze.

We are praying to God.  
He is our loving father in heaven.



JESUS  
LOVES YOU

