

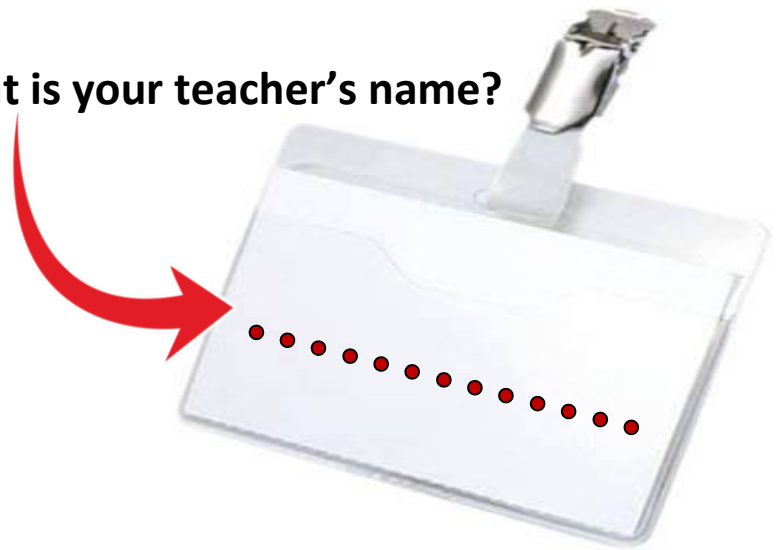
Malachi 2.¹⁻⁹

teachers

Your teacher ...



What is your teacher's name?



What do you like most about your teacher?

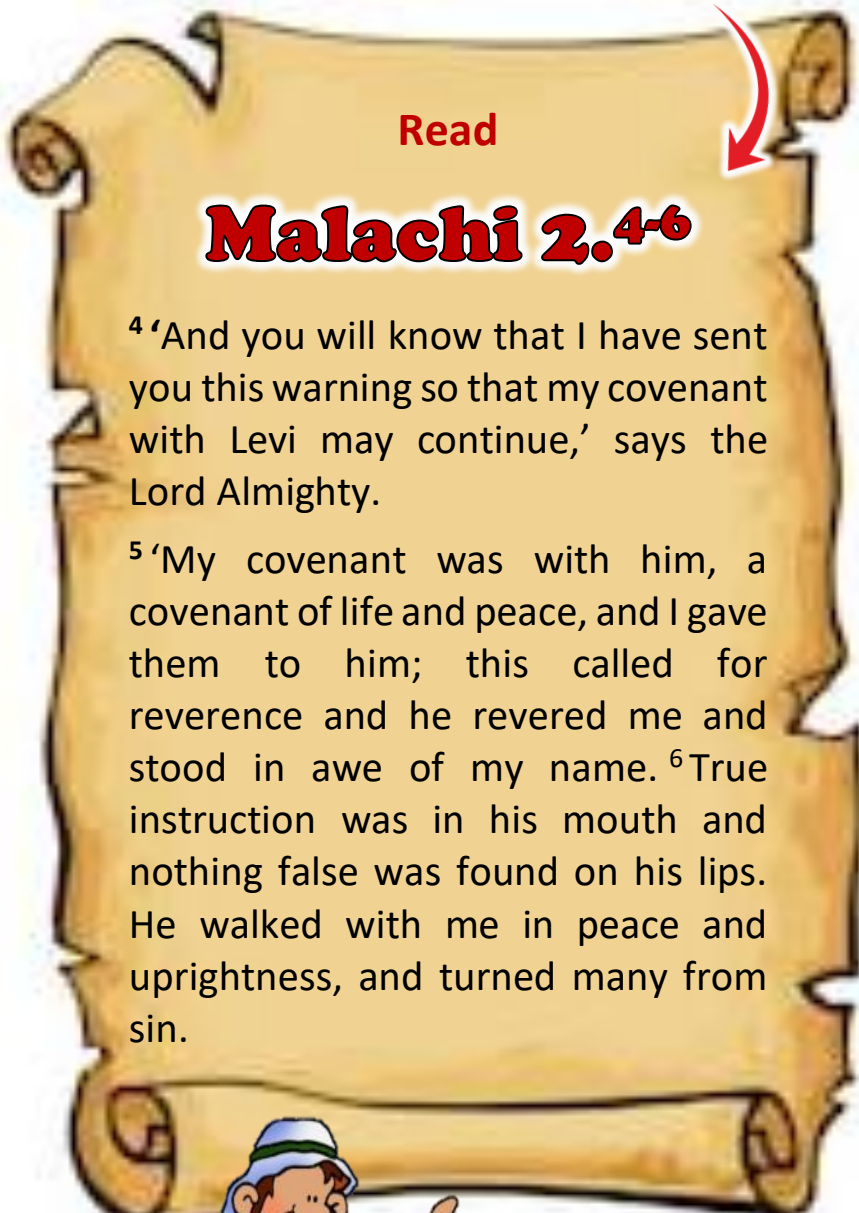
the
BEST
Teacher
EVER

Today's Bible passage ..

.. is all about teachers.

In particular, those who had been called by God to teach His people **the Bible**.

They were all descended from one of the sons of Jacob. He was called .. well, see if you can work out what he was called by reading the passage: here are the letters of his name –



Read

Malachi 2.4-6

⁴‘And you will know that I have sent you this warning so that my covenant with Levi may continue,’ says the Lord Almighty.

⁵‘My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. ⁶True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.



God tells us in the passage what His plan is.

When those He has called to be teachers of His Word (the Bible) do their job properly His people experience two great things.

Can you see what those two things are in verse 5?

“ _____ ”

and _____ ”

L I V E

That's interesting, isn't it?!

The names of this son of Jacob can be made to spell the word LIVE!

God's plan is that when the Bible is taught people should start really to

LIVE

Have you worked out what this son of Jacob was called? Your answer

“.. true instruction was in his mouth ..”

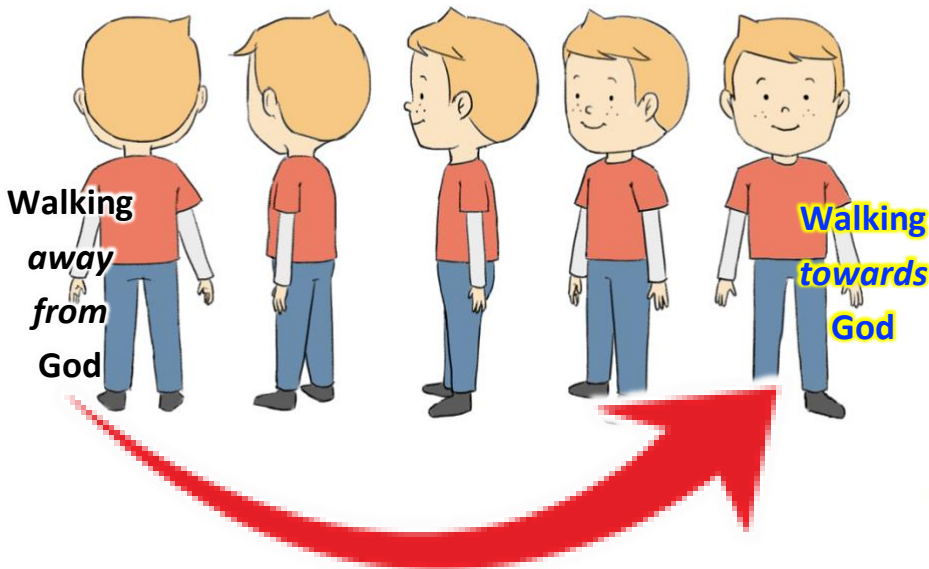
God said it's very important that those who teach the Bible don't make things up.

They must be very careful always simply to explain what's there.

They must teach people what God has already said in the Bible.

Have a look at the last verse of the passage again.

What will be the result of their teaching the Bible?



Read

Malachi 2.6

⁶True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.

By teaching the Bible truly they ...

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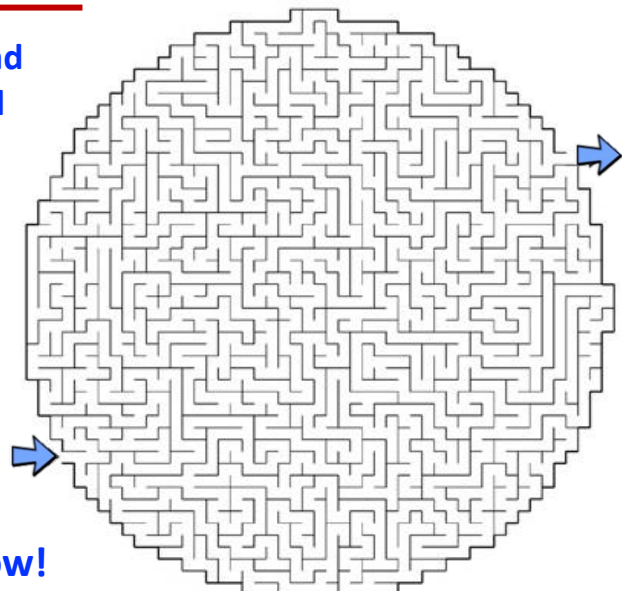
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If we're going to LIVE, we need God's Word to help us find our way in life. That's the job which those who are called to teach the Bible have been given.

The Bible explains where we've been going wrong.

It points us to Jesus as the one who forgives us and helps us start again when we've got it wrong: He is the one who says simply 'Follow Me!' and shows us the way!

See if you can find your way through this maze now!



A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning today.

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

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the Bible.

It's amazing to know that this is *Your* book, and that through it You still speak to Your people today! That makes it a very special book!

But sometimes it's hard to figure out what it means – and even why some bits are there!

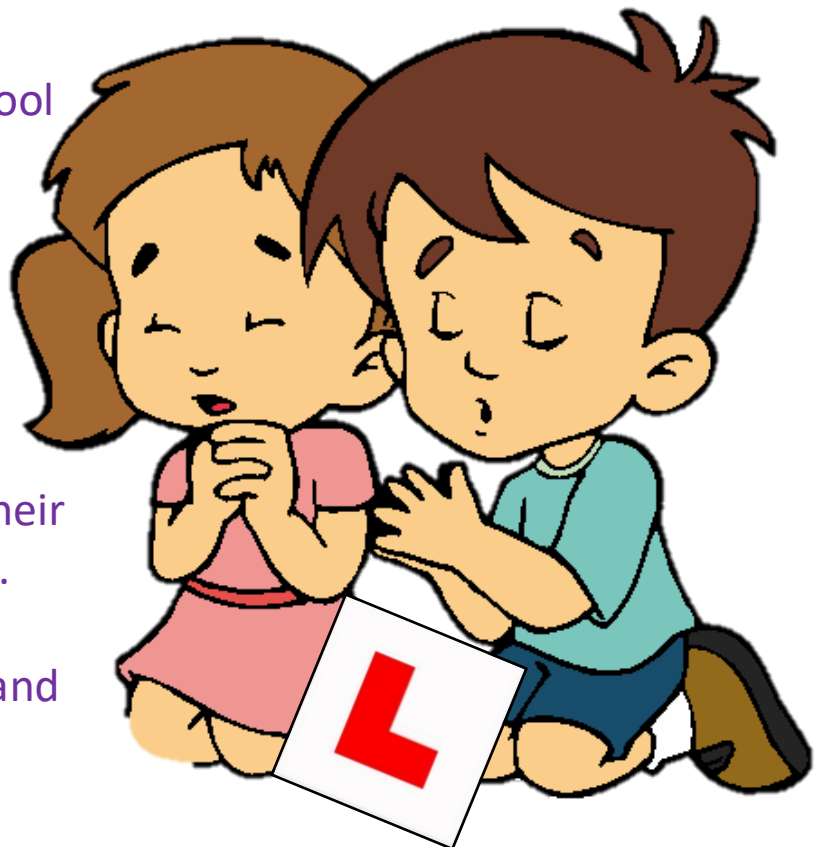
So I'm glad that You raise up in Your church people who will teach the Bible and explain what it means and how it applies to me.

Thank You for the people who teach me from the Bible at home: I like it when they teach me how much You love me – it makes me feel safe.

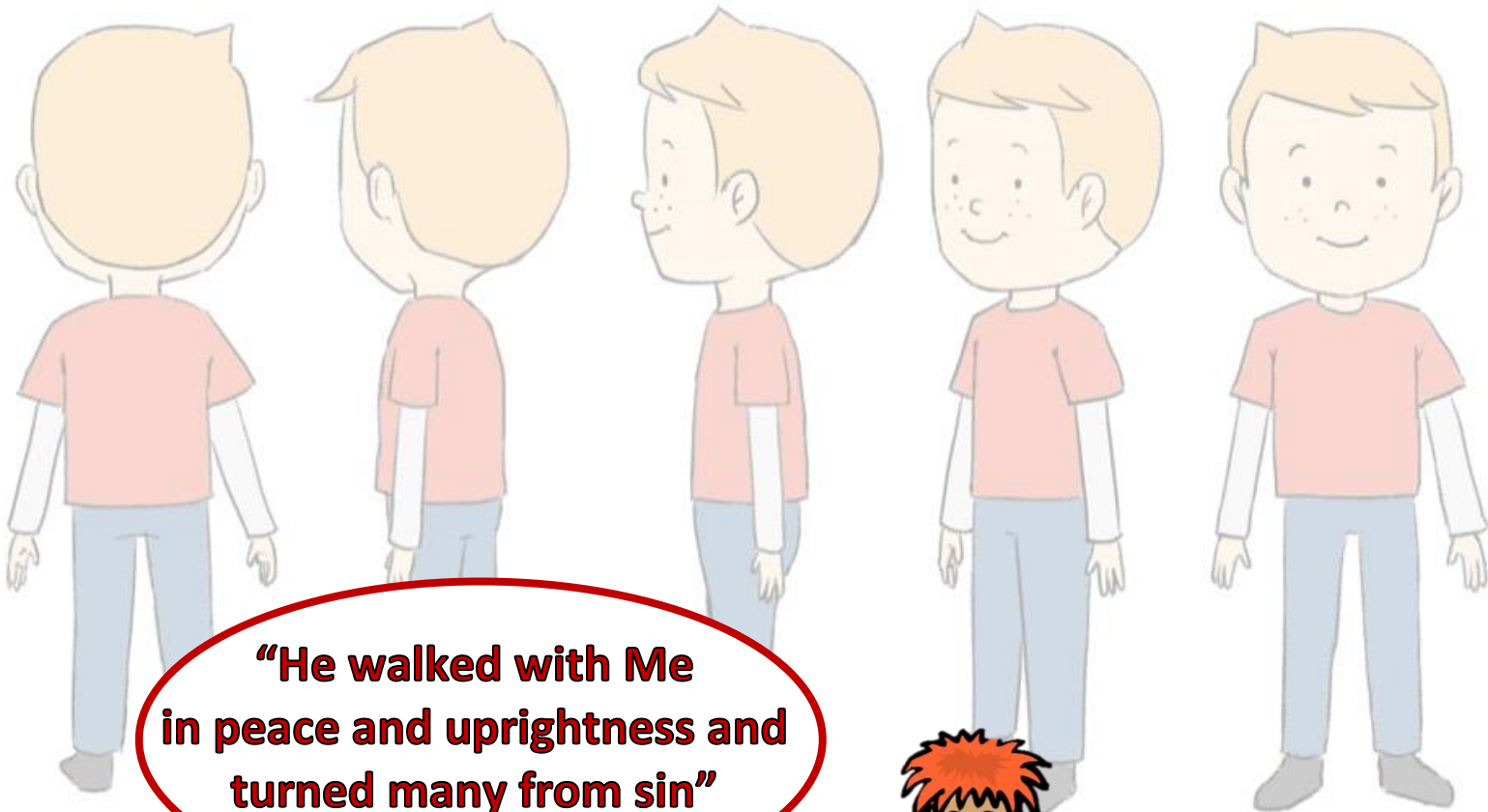
Thank You for all my Sunday School teachers – they make it really good fun learning all about You: it feels like it's a big adventure following You!

Thank You for all the ministers in Your church, too, who teach their people about You from the Bible.

Please help them to teach well: and help me to be a good learner!

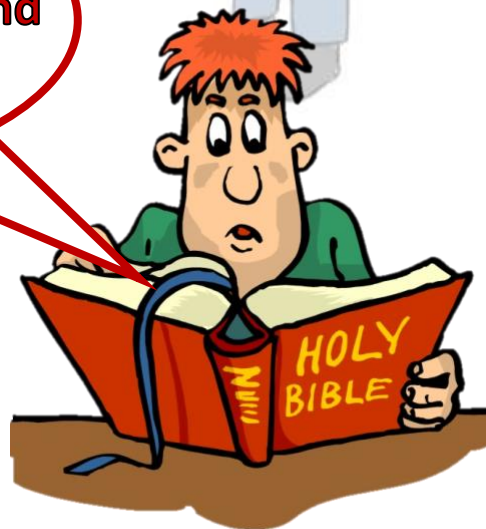


Today's verse for you to try and remember!



**"He walked with Me
in peace and uprightness and
turned many from sin"**

Malachi 2.6



A WORDSEARCH

Here's a wordsearch which contains some of the important words in the Bible

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

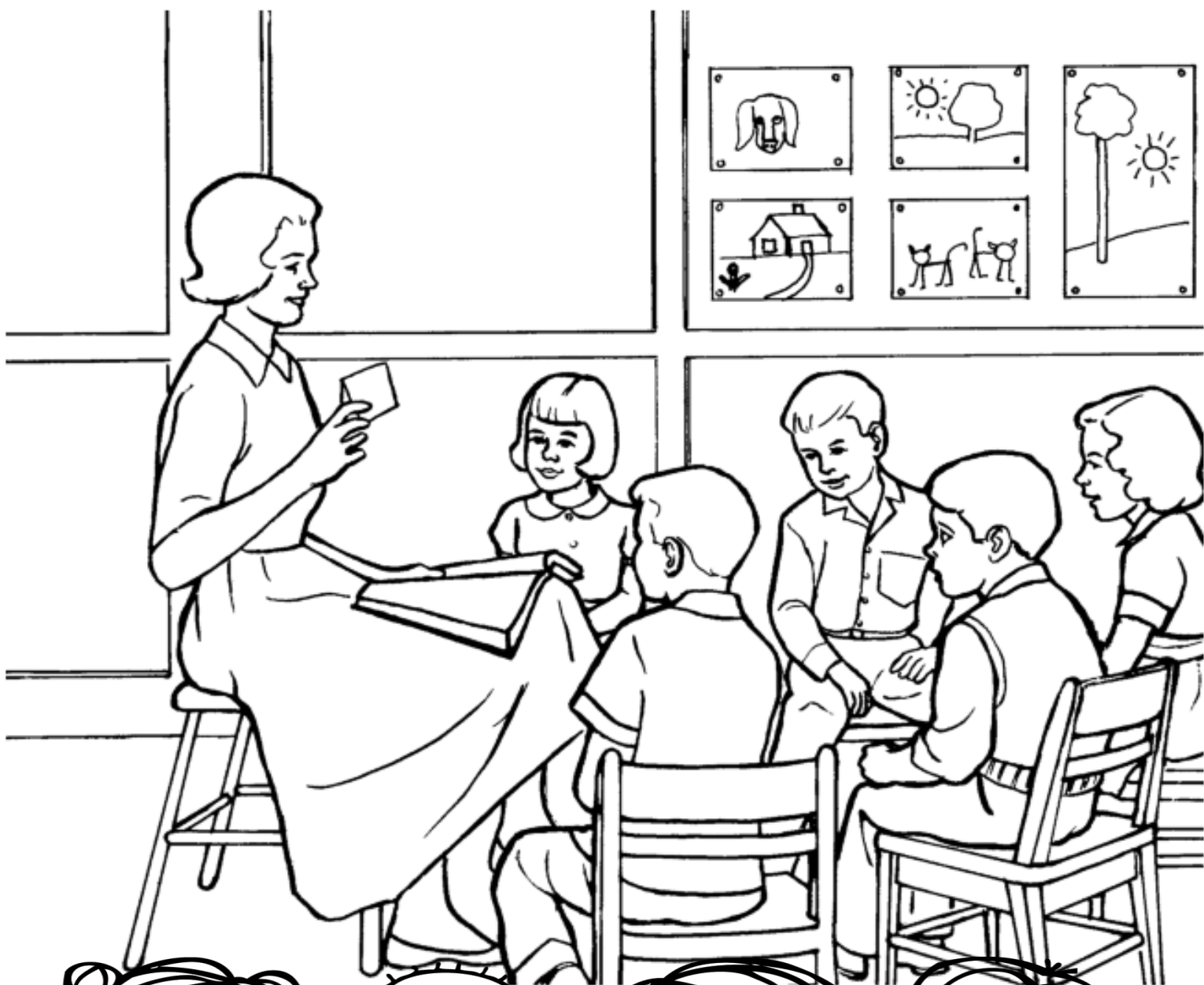


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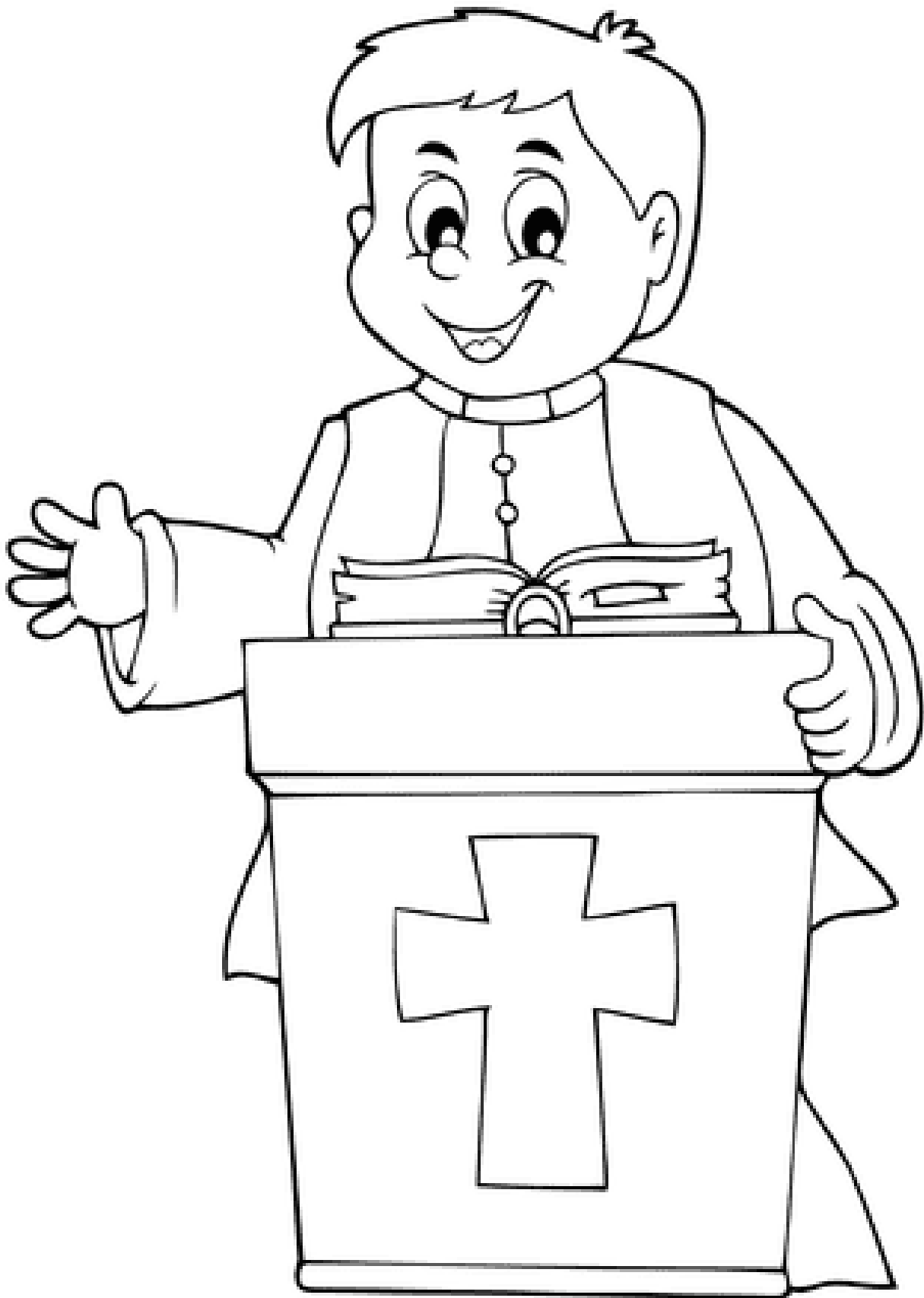
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For you to COLOUR IN



♥ teach me to walk in the light of His love ©nim



Thank You, Lord, for all the
people who teach me the Bible!