

# Malachi 4.4-6

## Get ready!

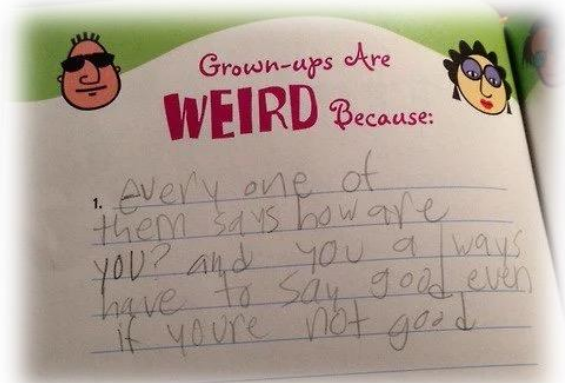


### Confused ..

There are lots of things in life which will leave you confused!



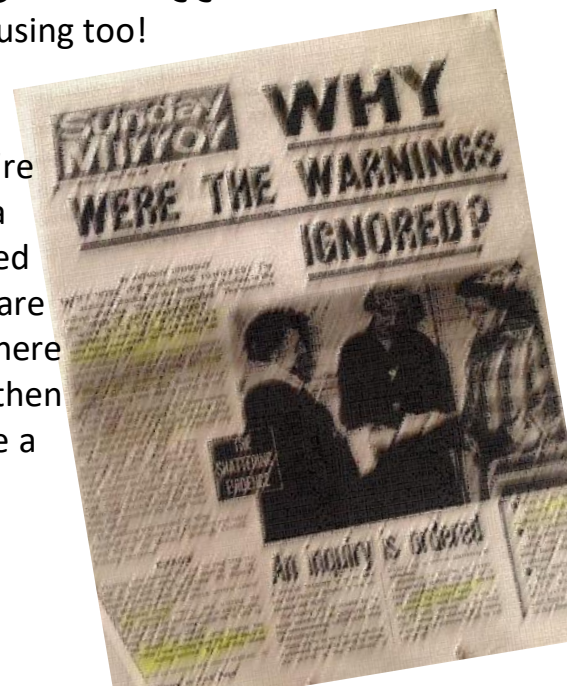
.. like **grown-ups!** They can be really confusing sometimes!



Sometimes **things that happen** in the world can be really confusing too!

So if you're out on a hike and confused as to where you are and how to get where you want to be .. then it's helpful to have a

**map**



# Road signs help as well!

How many of these road signs do you recognise?

Do you know what each of them means?

Some of them are obvious (like the one which tells you to **STOP!**)



But with some of them you really need to have read and remembered **the Highway Code**



Write below each of these signs what you think they mean.

If you were on a journey, driving by car, then you'd need to remember what each of these signs meant.

Otherwise, you might end up well and truly

## lost.

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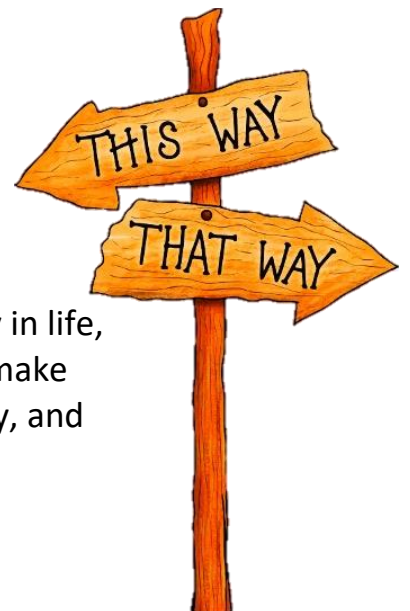
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# Today's Bible passage

.. is just a few short verses.

But it's all about finding your way in life, and how God has helped you to make the right choices, go the right way, and be ready for all that you'll face.



Read

## Malachi 4.4-6

4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.

6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents;

or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

God showed His people how to travel through life.

## Remember

God had given His people good and clear instructions about how to live their lives.

The Bible's a bits like the Highway Code.

Before heading out onto the road people need to read it, learn from it – and then also

**remember**

what it says and means!



That helps you keep on the right track.

Here's a puzzle to test your knowledge of road signs!

## Going to school ..

*(I know you're on holiday now!)*

The boy is late for school! He doesn't have a lot of time and he can't afford to take the wrong road.

So which road should he take?

If he's learned the Highway Code and **remembers** what the road signs mean ...

... he should be all right and on time!



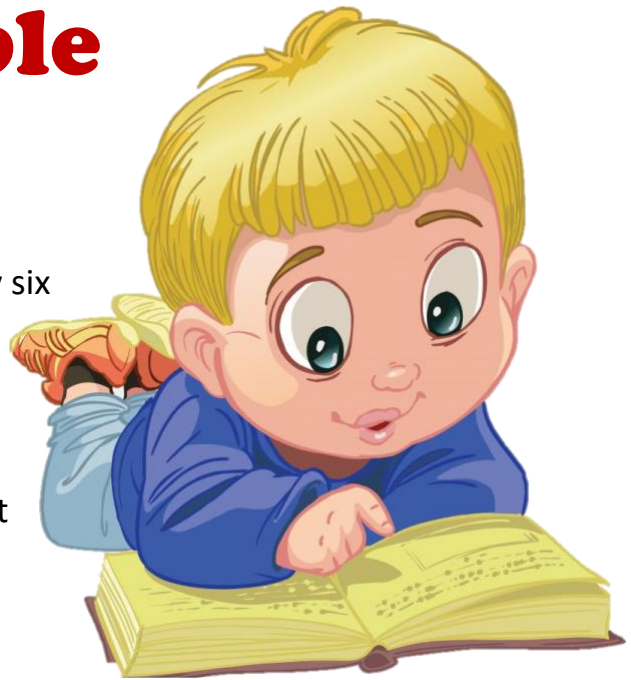
# Reading the Bible

is really important

The Bible's a big book! In fact it's made up of sixty six books in total! That's a lot of reading!

And a lot to remember!

The best way to remember all that God has taught us in the Bible is by making sure we read it!



TIP  
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Try getting hold of some Bible Notes and getting into the habit of reading a little bit of the Bible every day over the summer

Read

## Malachi 4.5-6

<sup>5</sup> "See, I will send **the prophet Elijah** to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes.

<sup>6</sup> He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents;

or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

There was something else that God said He would do which would help His people to be ready

## Listen

God told the people He would send **the prophet Elijah**.

The Bible makes it clear that this 'prophet-like-Elijah' was actually **John the Baptist**.

He warned people to get ready for Jesus' coming, and told them what they should do.

## Being at worship

is also really important

Hearing what God has to say through the preacher or your teacher is also a part of how God gets you ready, and shows you what you should do.



# 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 all that You do for me day by day.

I'm glad it's the summer holidays now! I should think my teachers will be very glad too that they're getting a holiday now!



Thank You for my teachers, and for all the people who love me and look after me.

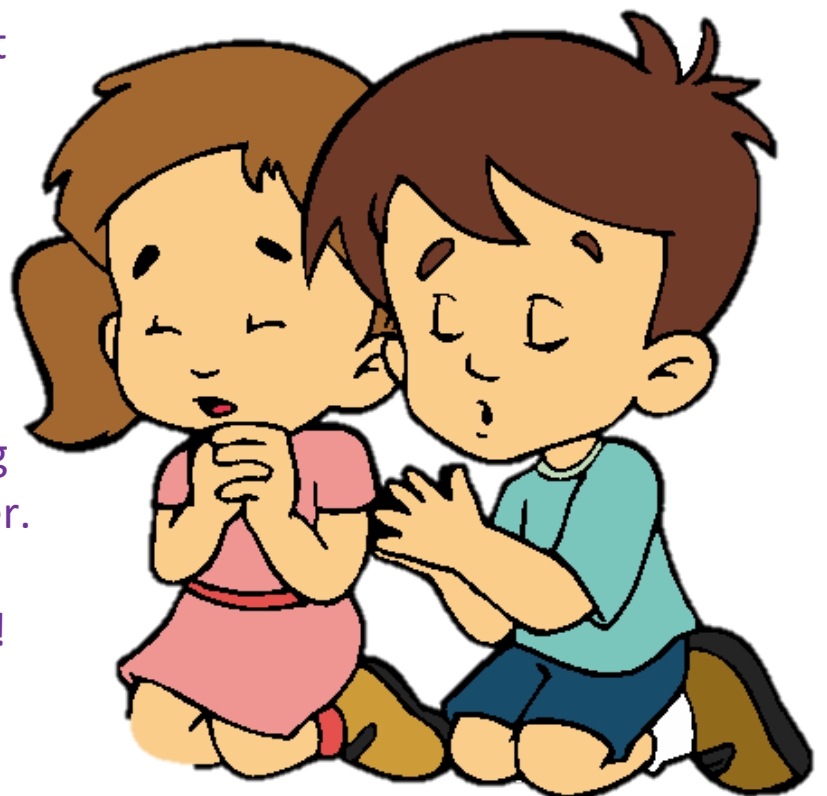
Thank You, Jesus, that You love me! Knowing that makes me very happy. And makes me feel very safe as well.

I'm sorry that often I forget what You've taught us in the Bible.

Sometimes I'm not very good at remembering things!

Please help me to be learning from You every day, and growing up to know You better and better.

Thank You, Jesus, for everything!  
You're the best!



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

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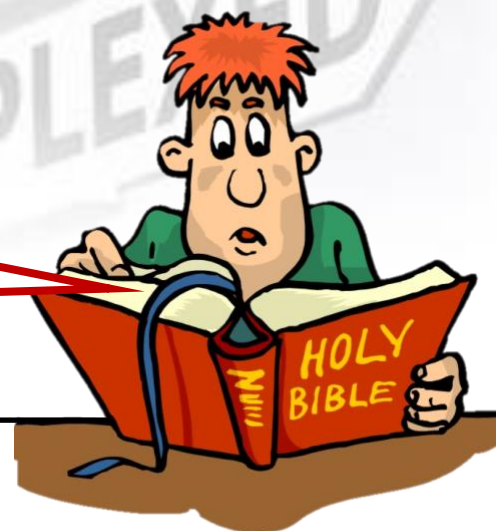
UNSURE

UNCLEAR

DERPLECTED

**"See, I will send the prophet  
Elijah to you before that  
great and dreadful day of  
the Lord comes.."**

*Malachi 4.5*



# A WORDSEARCH

The passage today spoke about  
'the prophet Elijah'.

You can read about Elijah and  
the false prophets of Baal in  
1 Kings 18



WORD SEARCH

## ELIJAH AND THE FALSE PROPHETS OF BAAL

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

KISHON VALLEY  
PROPHET  
KING AHAB  
ASHERAH  
ALTAR  
YHWH

ELIJAH  
STONES  
BAAL  
BULL  
MOUNT CARMEL  
HEAVEN

FIRE  
JARS  
ISRAELITES  
RAIN  
OBADIAH  
SACRIFICE



# Spot the difference!

Here's a picture from that story of 'the prophet Elijah' in 1 Kings 18!

## THE PROPHETS OF ELIJAH & THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

There are 8 differences between the two pictures: can you spot them all?



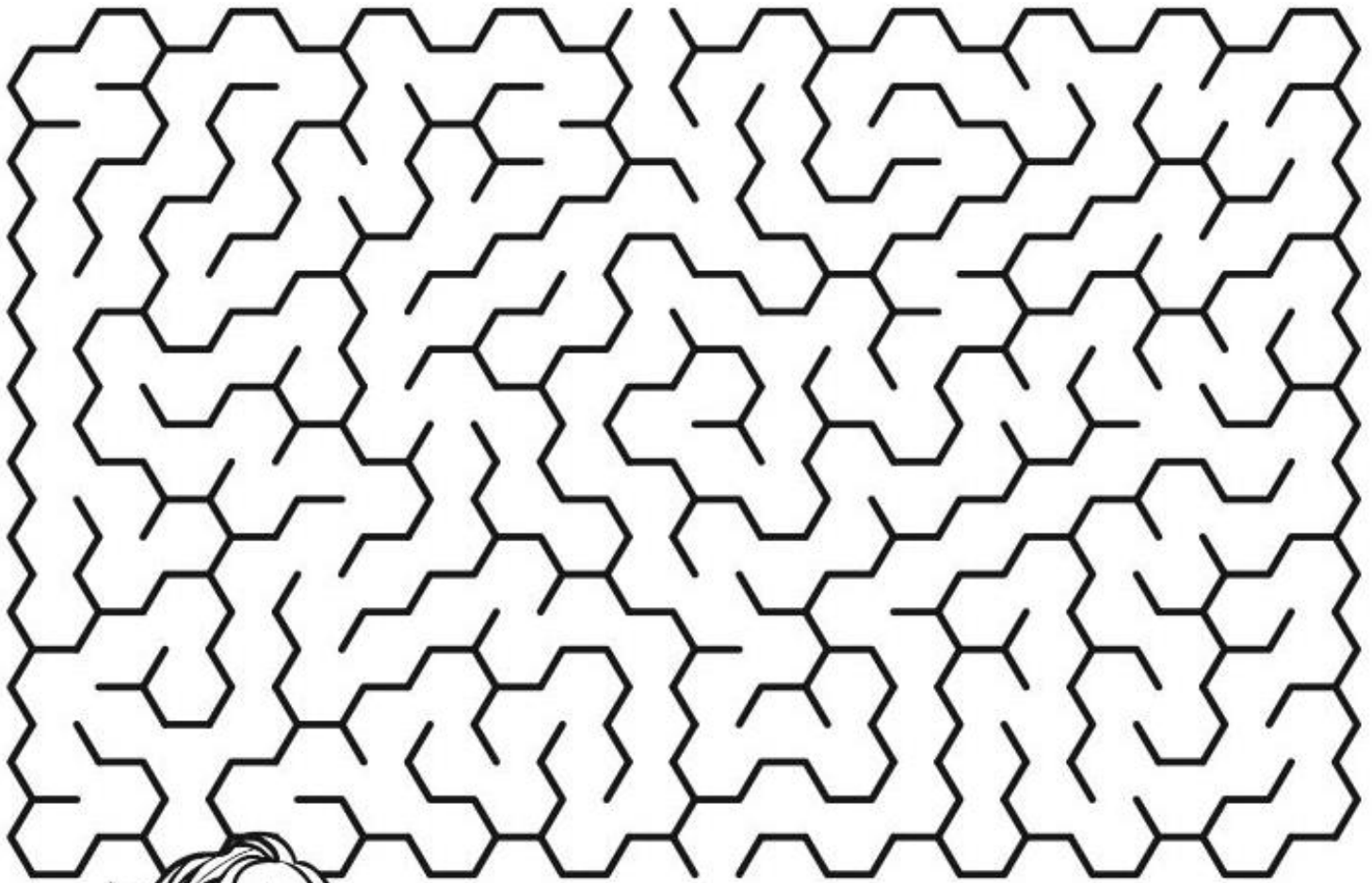
# God does a MAZE ing things

You can read this story in 1 Kings 17.

The prophet Elijah faced a lot of challenges!

The son of the lady Elijah was staying with had died: Elijah prayed that God would restore the boy back to life: and God did just that!

Can you rise to the challenge and help Elijah find his way to the boy?



START



# For you to COLOUR in

Colour in these pictures of John the Baptist



