

2 Timothy 4.¹⁸

safely home!

heading home!

Tonight's message will be centred around the middle part of this one verse in Paul's letter to Timothy.

The Lord .. will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom

It's really all about the way in which Jesus has come to take us 'home' – to our true home, which is being with God in heaven.

We've all been made with that sort of longing to go home, but the Bible says that we've all lost our way.



We're like sheep who have wandered off and got lost.

We need a shepherd to come looking for us and to bring us safely back!

That's who Jesus is (our Shepherd) and that's what He's come to do!

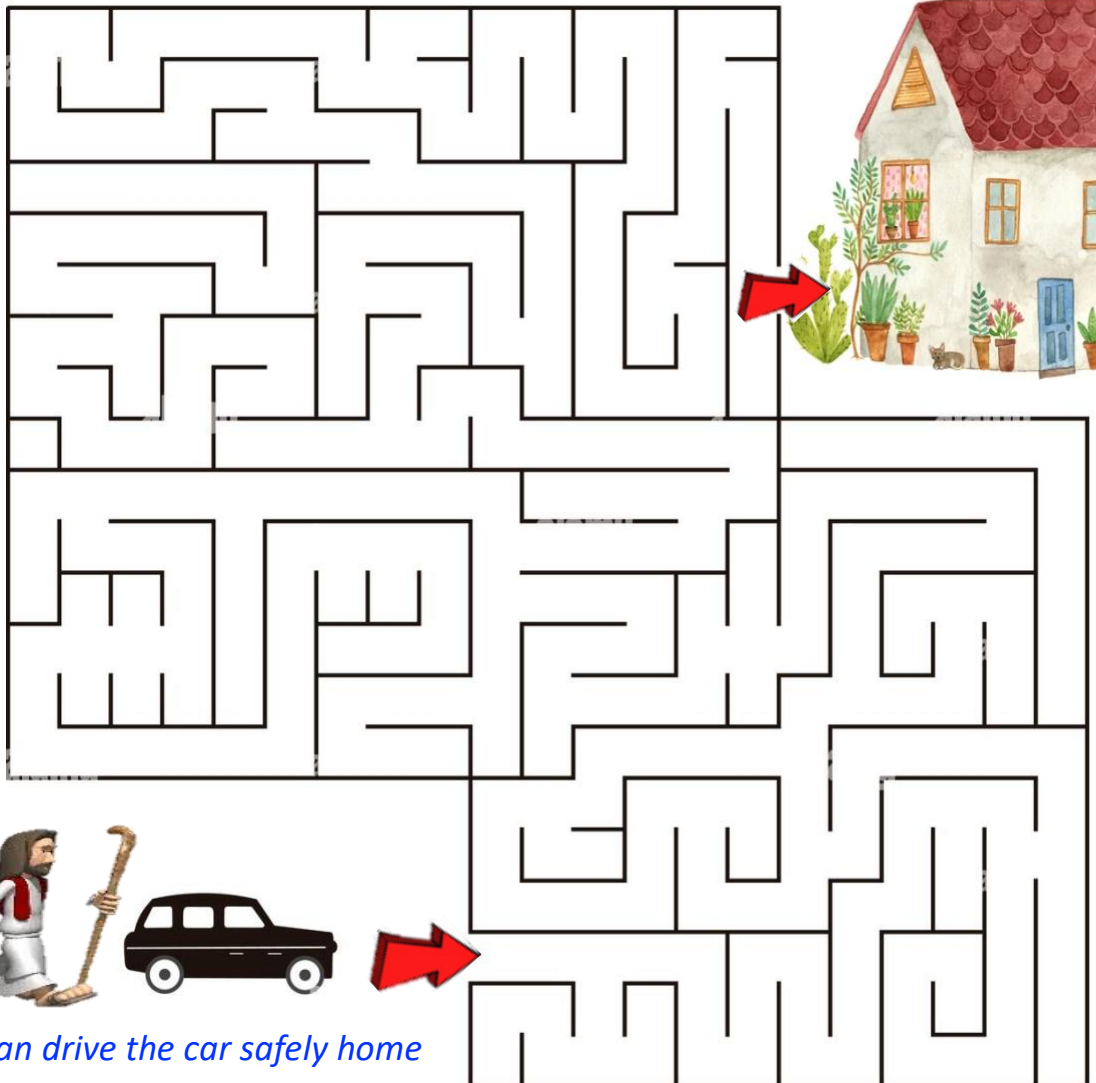


See if you can drive the car safely home

Read

2 Timothy 4.¹⁸

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and **will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.** To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



give thanks to the Lord!

The book of Psalms in the Bible was a song book for believers.

The psalm from which the Bible reading is taken tonight is Ps.107.

It celebrates exactly the promise about which Paul was writing to Timothy – how the Lord will take us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

The psalm is divided into a number of sections, each of which describes this in a slightly different way.

Have a read of this section of the psalm to start with.



Once you've read the passage alongside, fill in the answers below.

How did these people start off?

Some _ _ _ **d** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **e** _ _ _ _
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What did the Lord do for them?

He _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **w** _ _ _ _ _ _ _
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today's passage

Read

Psalm 107

verses 4-9

⁴Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

⁵They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

⁶Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. ⁷He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

⁸Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, ⁹for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

here's another section of the psalm ...

All at sea!

Read

Psalm 107 verses 23-31

²³Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. ²⁴They saw the works of the Lord, His wonderful deeds in the deep. ²⁵For He spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves. ²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away. ²⁷They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distress. ²⁹He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰They were glad when it grew calm, and He guided them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind.

When you see this graphic of the cup of crayons, colour in the words or the picture



Storms can make it hard for sailors out in their boats at sea.

Sometimes we can feel a bit like that: we can start to wonder whether we'll cope or survive!

That's what's called being "all at sea"!

Highlight the words in the passage which describe the sailors being 'all at sea'.



The Lord brought them safely home! Fill in the blanks ...

He **g** _____ them to their _____



Ps. 107

Psalm 107 describes how the Lord helps all those who trust in Him through the difficulties they face in life – and brings them safely home.

In all the different sections of the psalm there's a similar pattern which starts with –

In his letter to Timothy, Paul speaks about 'every evil attack': as you follow Jesus there you'll have to face lots of difficulties.



1. trials

2.



So .. what do you do when you don't know what to do?

When it feels like there's really nothing you can do to sort things out?

prayer

There's a great line in Psalm 107 which keeps being repeated – and it tells you exactly what you should do!

then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble!

The Lord makes a wonderful promise in the Bible: He says that –

"everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"



3. help

That's what the psalmist celebrates. No matter what the problem was, the Lord heard their cry and met them in their need. He rescued them from their trial, and brought them **safely home**.

That's what Jesus has promised He'll do for all who trust in Him!

How does the writer of the psalm say we should respond?

Fill in the words below!

Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good, His love
endures for ever





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Thank You, Lord, that You love us!

How amazingly good You are in all that You do!

You help us in all our problems. You rescue us from all the mess that we make. You protect us through all the dangers which come our way.

It's great to know that the reason You've come is to bring us safely through all the different difficulties there are and bring us safely home!

I could never make it on my own!

I'm so thankful to You that I've been forgiven and that You've begun to work in my life to get me ready for being with You in Your home for ever!

Thank You, Jesus, for everything!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

“Then they cried out
to the LORD in their trouble,
and He brought them out
of their distress”

Psalm 107.28



A WORDSEARCH ..

Here's a Wordsearch based on the story of Jesus calming the storm.

You can read the story in Mark 4.35-51

*"Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!'
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm"*

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