

Tonight's



passage - 2 Kings 14.²³⁻²⁹

theme - **one last chance**

3 strikes ..

In 10-pin bowling if you get 3 strikes in a row it's called a

- a) TARZAN
- b) TIMPANI
- c) TRIPLET
- d) TURKEY

Tick what you think is the correct answer!



In baseball, '3 strikes' means something a bit different!

Fill in the missing word

Fill in the number of years Jeroboam was king



THREE STRIKES YOU'RE

Jeroboam II

Today's passage tells the story of a king called Jeroboam (he was the second king to have that name, so he's Jeroboam II).

He reigned for a long time (..... years), and his long reign was really the last chance Israel had to get things right with God.

Read



2 Kings 14. 23-25

king Jeroboam



²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and he reigned for forty-one years.

Build up your own 'fact file' on Jeroboam II from what you learn in the verses printed in the panel.



²⁴ He did evil in the eyes of the Lord and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.

His father's name _____

²⁵ He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through His servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher.

He was king for ____ years

Viewed by God as _____

Enlarged the kingdom of Israel from _____ to the _____

the Lord speaks

It sounds like Jeroboam II was quite successful!

What happened, though, had more to do with what the Lord was pleased to do. In this passage and the verses on the next page there are two things we're told the Lord did.

The first thing He did was send them prophets who brought the people a clear word from Him.



Read **Jonah 4.2** and fill in the truth about the Lord which Jonah knew

"YOU ARE _____ and _____ God, slow to _____ and abounding in _____"



the Lord saves



Take a close look at how **verse 25** starts and how **verse 27** ends.

At first glance it looks like



was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel: at least that's what you'd think if you only read verse 25.



But you need to take a closer look to see what was *really* going on: verse 27 makes it very clear that actually it was

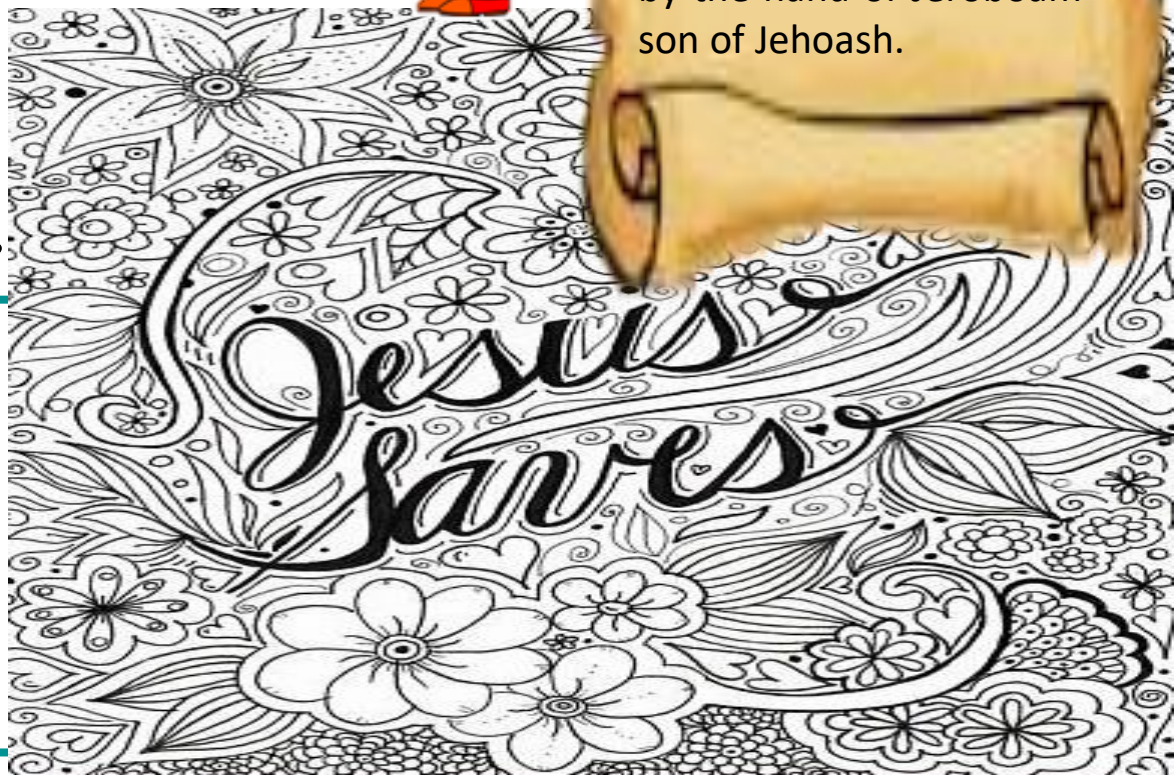


who saved them! And there's no one better at doing that!

Fill in the blanks above using the letters below

MELTED
OH
JAR
BOOR

Try colouring in the picture here to remind yourself of what Jesus does!



Read

2 Kings 14.

25-27

²⁵ Jeroboam was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through His servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher.

²⁶ The Lord had seen how bitterly everyone in Israel, whether slave or free, was suffering; there was no one to help them. ²⁷ And since the Lord had not said He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash.



Read

2 Kings 14. 26

26 The Lord had seen how bitterly everyone in Israel, whether slave or free, was suffering; there was no one to help them.

the Lord loves



← This verse is the real centre of the whole passage.

It explains why God spoke His word into the life of the people – and why He saved them.

It was because He loved them.

Colour in the picture alongside which reminds you of a very famous verse in the Bible – **John 3.16**.

There's another famous bit in the bible which speaks about God's love for His people: you can find that in Exodus 3.7-8.

Look up the passage and see if you can fill in the missing words below.

"The LORD said, I have _____ the misery of My people in Egypt.

I have _____ them crying out because of their slave drivers,

and I am _____ about their suffering. So I have

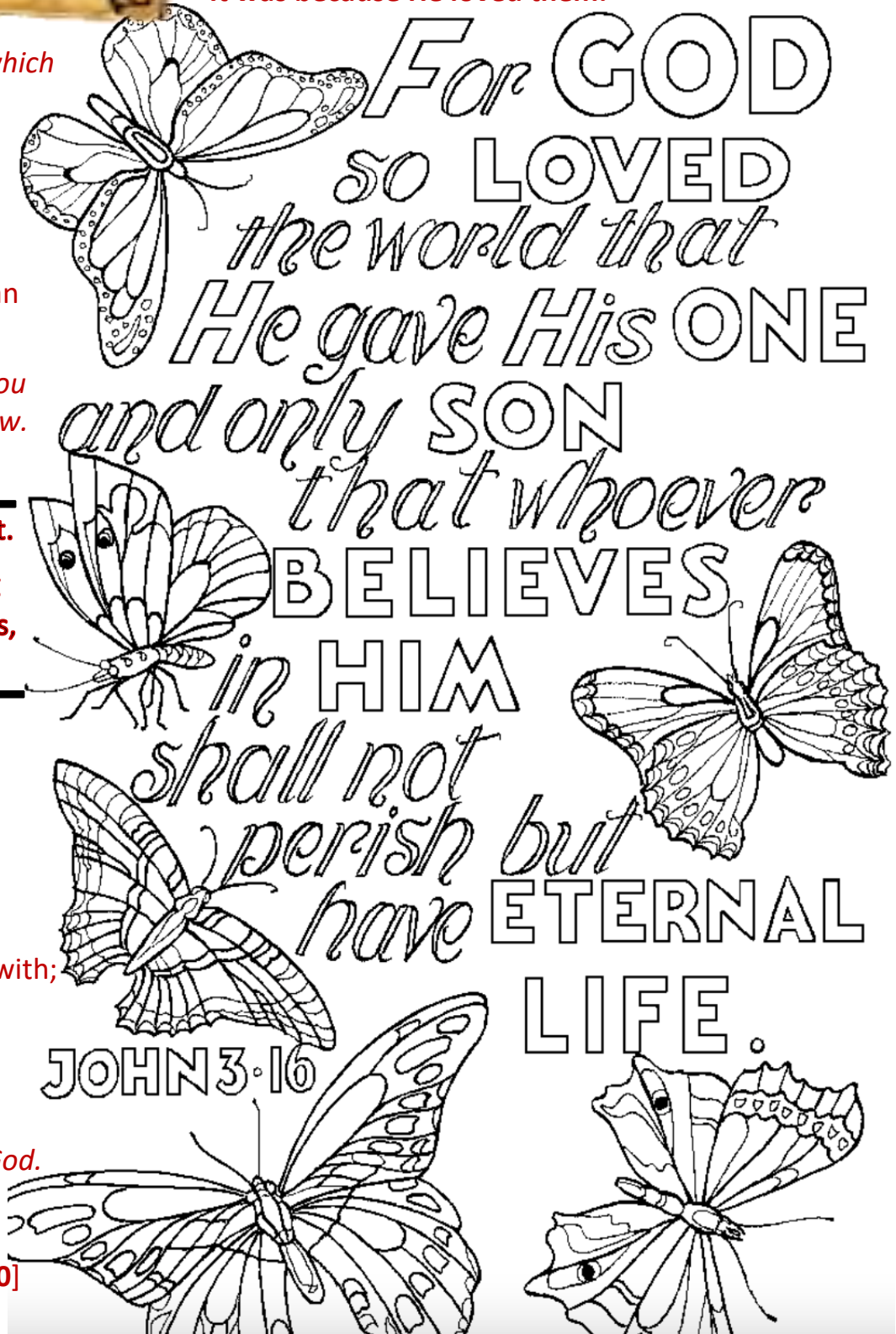
come down to _____ them from the hand of the Egyptians .."

In His love for us the Lord
sees all that we're struggling with;
hears all our groans;
feels all our pain;
and He comes to help us.

Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand [Is.41.10]

For GOD
SO LOVED
the world that
He gave His ONE
and only SON
that whoever
BELIEVES
in HIM
shall not
perish but
have ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN 3.16





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

Thank You so much, Lord Jesus, that You love us.

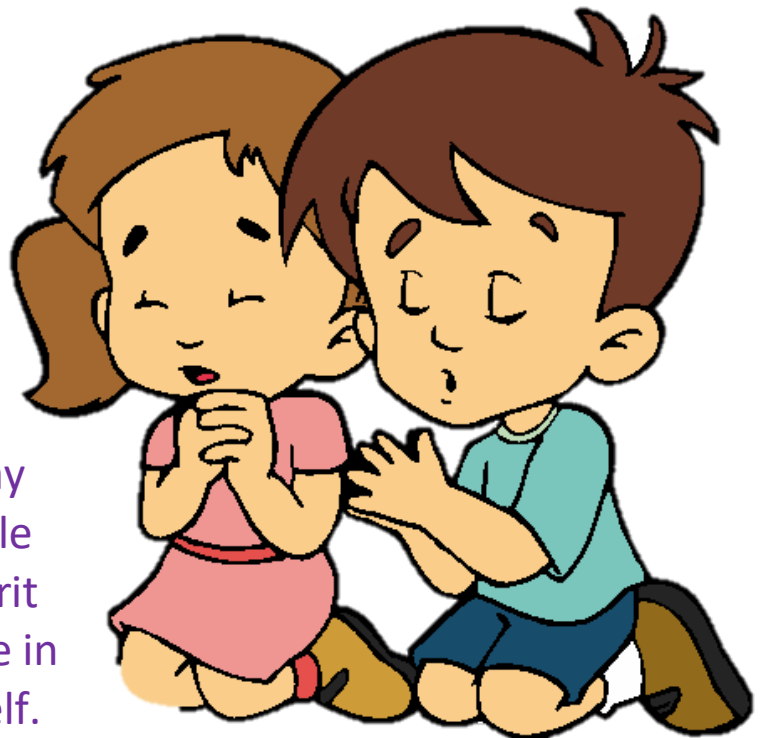
Thank You for reminding me that even when I get things wrong and go badly astray, You don't give up on me.

I'm glad that You speak to us through Your Word, the Bible.
You remind me of who You are and what You're like.

And You remind me, too, how important it is to follow You in the way I live my life.

I'm sorry for the times when I've got it wrong – for things I've said or done which haven't been right.

Please forgive me, and help me day by day to be learning from the Bible and to be looking to Your Holy Spirit to strengthen me, so that I can live in a way that points others to Yourself.

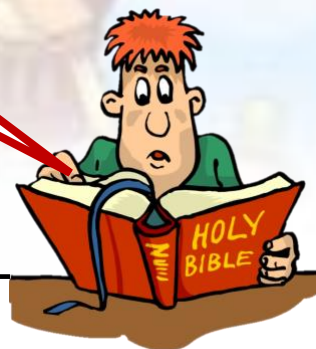


**Today's verse for you
to try and remember!**

JESUS SAVES

“.. The LORD said, I have seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.”

Exodus 3.7



A WORDSEARCH ..

Amos and Hosea, as well as Jonah, brought God's message to the people of Israel during the long reign of Jeroboam: try and find all the Old Testament prophets in this wordsearch.

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

Zephaniah

Micah

Amos

Daniel

Jeremiah

Zechariah

Habakkuk

Jonah

Joel

Ezekiel

Isaiah

Haggai

Nahum

Obadiah

Hosea

Lamentations

COLOUR IN THIS MAZE!

This is the story of another time when the Lord saved His people – on that occasion through a young lady called Esther. You can read that story in the book of Esther in the Bible.



FINISH



†
GO BACK
& TRUST
THE LORD!
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PLEASE
HELP ME
GOD.

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GO BACK
& PRAY TO
GOD FOR
HELP!
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GO BACK
& SAY "YES"
TO THE
LORD!
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START



HELP QUEEN ESTHER SAVE HER PEOPLE!!