

# Tonight's

# passage – Isaiah 61.<sup>6</sup> theme – God's call!

The High Priest had a very important job. Here's a picture of the High Priest.



You'll find this picture at some point on every page of the worksheet: see if you can find all the pictures!

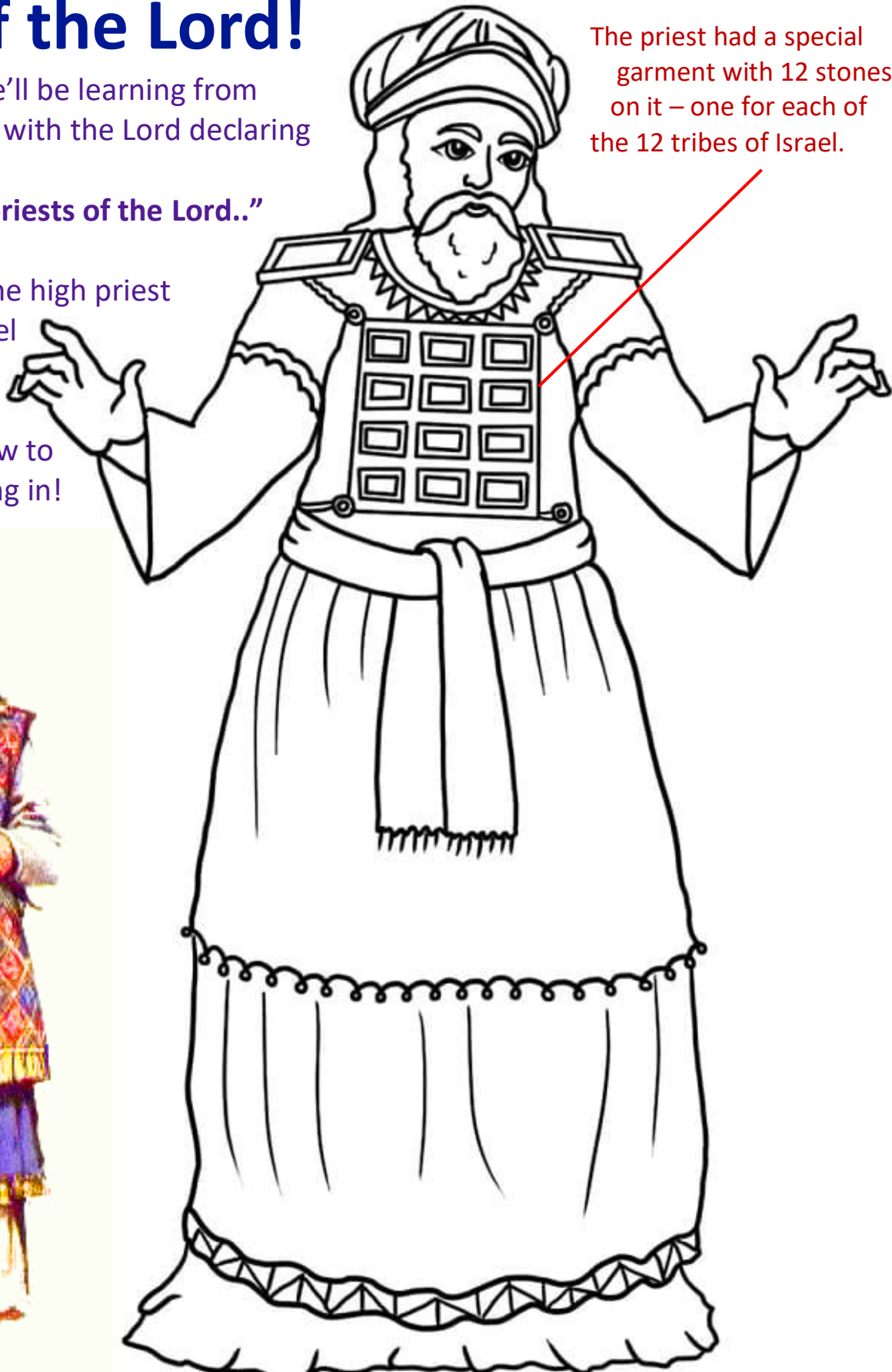
## Priests of the Lord!

It's just one verse we'll be learning from tonight: and it starts with the Lord declaring

**"You will be called priests of the Lord.."**

Here's a picture of the high priest of the people of Israel for you to colour in.

Use the picture below to guide you in colouring in!



The priest had a special garment with 12 stones on it – one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Read  
**Isaiah 61**  
verses 3b-6

# priests

## what did they do ?

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour.

<sup>4</sup>They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.

<sup>5</sup>Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

<sup>6</sup>And you will be called **priests** of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.



How many words of 3 letters or more can you make out of the letters **PRIESTS**?

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Here's a quick run-down of what the priests were called to do –



### Praise

God called His people to praise Him and the priests led the way.

### Reconnect

Sin creates a big barrier between us and God: the priests acted as a 'go-between' bringing God and us together again.

### Intercede

The priests were to pray for the people asking God to forgive them.

### Explain

It was the job of the priests too to help the people understand God's Word.

### Sacrifice

A big part of what the priests had to do was offering sacrifices to God.

### Tell

The priests were given authority by God to tell the people they were forgiven.

### Study

They had to be careful to do things God's way, so the priests studied hard.

Read  
**Exodus 19**  
verses 4-6

# a kingdom of priests



<sup>4</sup>“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for me **a kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.”

Just as the priests of the people of Israel were to serve as a bridge between them and God, so the whole people of Israel were to be like that for the world.

## **A kingdom of priests.**

They were to help the rest of the world come to know God: to know what He’s like and to learn how they could be His friends.

Priests were like a bridge because they connected God with His people.

The longest bridge in the world is the Danyang–Kunshan Grand Bridge, part of which you can see below: at 102 miles in length, that’s like a bridge from the centre of Aberdeen all the way to the Gleneagles Hotel (102.9m)!



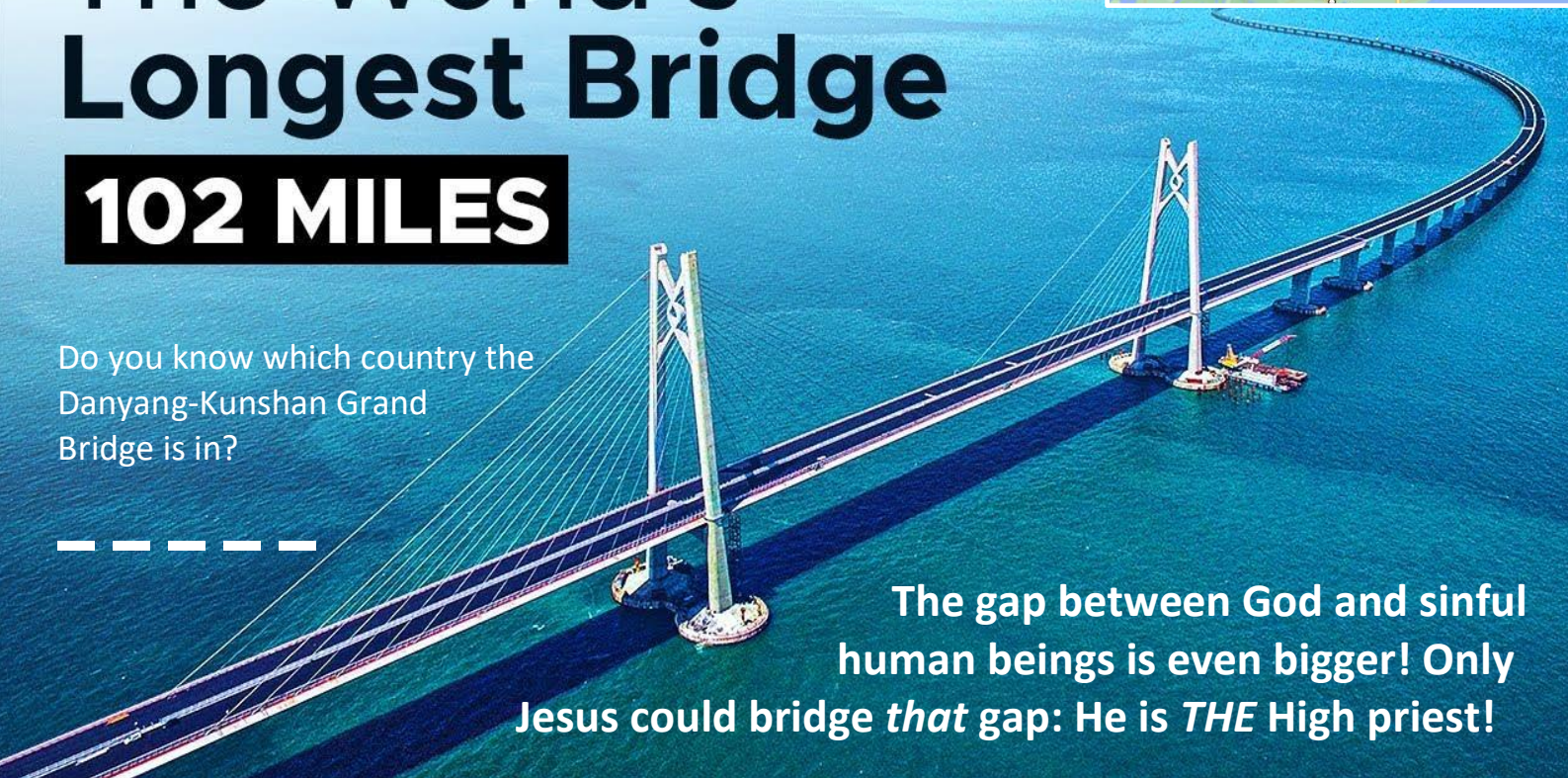
# The World's Longest Bridge

## **102 MILES**

Do you know which country the Danyang-Kunshan Grand Bridge is in?

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The gap between God and sinful human beings is even bigger! Only Jesus could bridge *that* gap: He is *THE* High priest!



# ministers of our God

Read

**Isaiah 61** verse 6

<sup>6</sup> And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named **ministers** of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

## Levites

the word 'minister' is the Latin word for a 'servant'. And it's the word which is used to describe the Levites in the Old Testament.

The Levites helped the priests in all the different jobs which had to be done in making God known to the people and in bringing their needs to the Lord.

They were the 'servants of the Lord.'

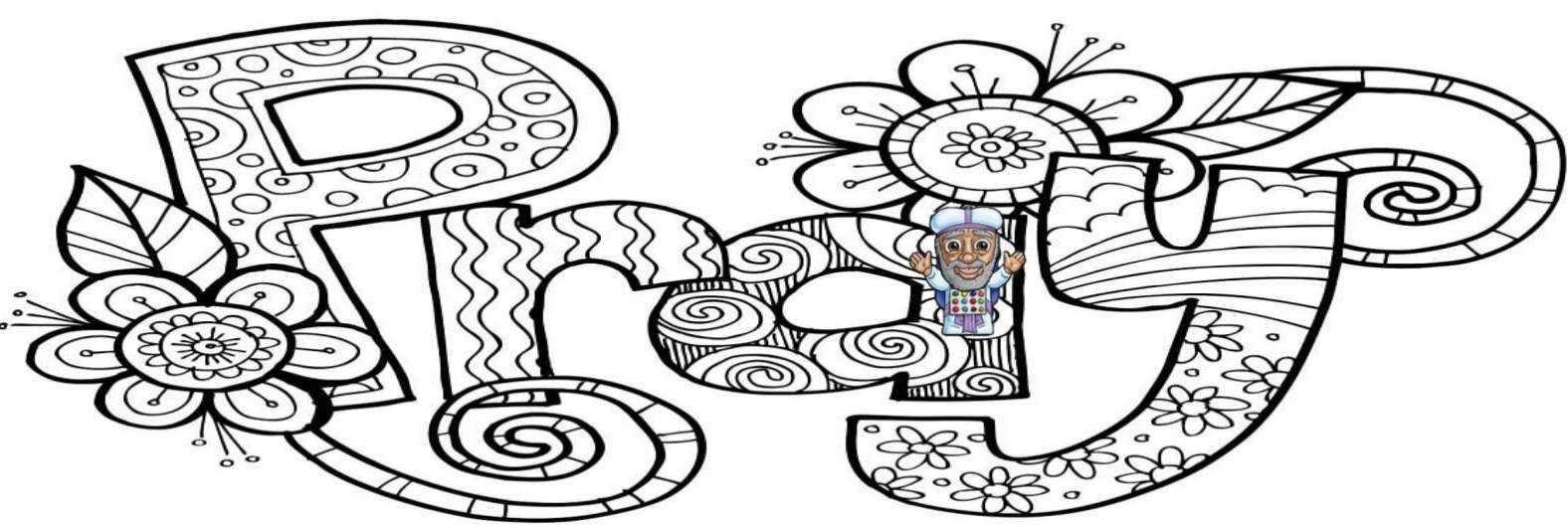


One of the tasks which the Levites had was that of carrying the 'ark of the covenant' – the 'ark' was a wooden box which contained the tablets on which the ten commandments had been written: it was a reminder to the people of the fact that God was present with them and that He spoke with His people too.

What else did the 'ark of the covenant' contain? You'll find the answer in Hebrews 9 verse 4 –

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\_\_\_\_\_ **'S S** \_\_\_\_\_ that had **\_ U \_ \_ E \_**

*I've given you 5 letters in red to get you started! What name do the 5 letters spell if you juggle them around a bit?*



*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Lord Jesus, knowing You is the best!**

**There's so much I want to learn about You – and so much I want to be able to tell my friends about You as well.**

**Help me to live in such a way that the people around me can begin to see what You're like and to discover for themselves what You've done for Your people.**

**Please help me to be a sort of 'bridge' between my friends and God – so that through me You can come across to them, and they can get to know You.**

**I'm glad to be Your 'servant', Jesus!**

**Show me each day what You want me to do, and please give me the strength to do it!**



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



**"You will be  
named ministers  
of our God."**

**Isaiah 61.<sup>6</sup>**



# A WORDSEARCH ...

The New Testament is full of people who love Jesus and want to serve Him. Some of His friends were Martha, Mary and Lazarus, who lived in a village called Bethany, not far from Jerusalem.

This Wordsearch is about SERVING THE LORD (being 'ministers'!)

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God	wondrous	praise	love	miracles
Bethany	sister	Lazarus	Martha	comfort
above	need	regard	high	others
serving	servanthood	Psalms	songs	gladness
worship	earth	Lord	joy	shout

# COLOUR in the picture

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE  
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

