

Tonight's

The people of Bethshemesh were glad when the ark of the Lord was returned to their land. Try and spot the picture of the happy face on every page of the worksheet!

passage – **1 Samuel 6.¹³-7.¹**



theme – **Rejoice in the Lord!**

The Lion of Judah



Jesus is described in the Bible as 'the Lion of Judah' (Revelation 5.5).

It's a phrase which reminds us that He's the great King.

It also reminds us that He's not a 'pet' – we're to honour Him as God

Read 1 Samuel 6

verses 13-14

¹³Now the people of Beth Shemesh were harvesting their wheat in the valley, and when they looked up and saw the ark, they **rejoiced** at the sight.

¹⁴The cart came to the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and there it stopped beside a large rock. The people chopped up the wood of the cart and sacrificed the cows as a burnt offering to the Lord.

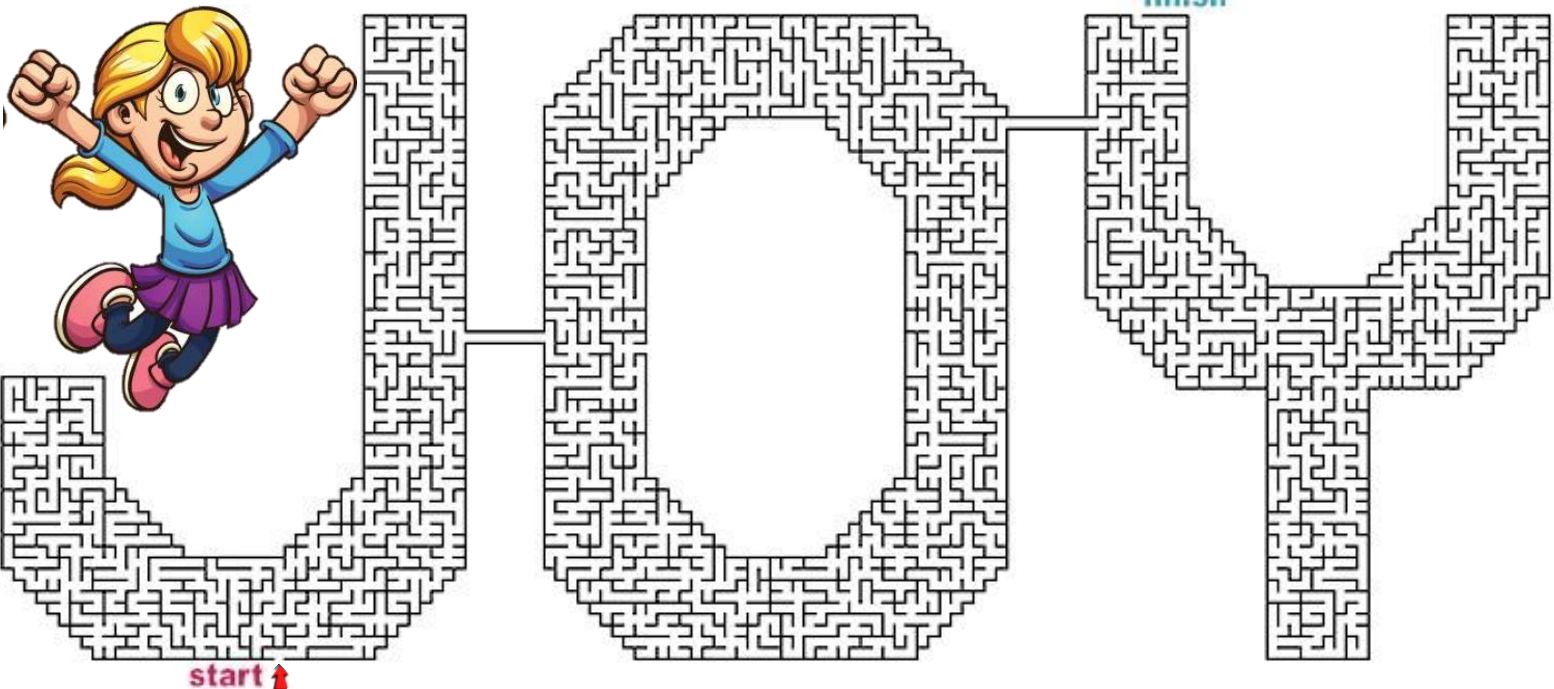
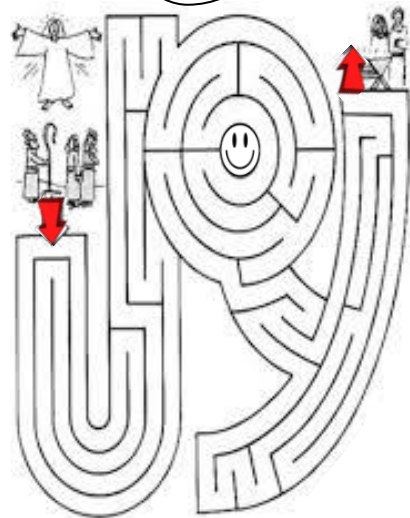


The people of Bethshemesh **rejoiced**

They were glad that the ark of God had come back. It reminded them that God was present with them.

God wants you to know real joy in your life. That joy comes through having Jesus always with you.

Can work your way through these mazes!



worship the Lord with gladness

Psalm 100:2

Worship the Lord
with gladness;
come before him
with joyful
songs.

Read
1 Samuel 6
verses 15-16

¹⁵The Levites took down the ark of the Lord, together with the chest containing the gold objects, and placed them on the large rock. On that day the people of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices to the Lord.

¹⁶The five rulers of the Philistines saw all this and then returned that same day to Ekron.

Joy becomes praise!

The people of Bethshemesh were over the moon to know that the Lord was with them!

They knew that life just isn't the same when He's not there: having the Lord with us is the best!

They wanted to let Him know how glad they were to have Him among them as their God.

How did they show the Lord how glad they were?

They _____
_____ and _____
_____ to the LORD

think . .

How can you best show the Lord that You're glad to have Him as your God and King?

How can you get yourself ready for a Sunday so that when you join others in worship you're full of joy?

How might you 'make sacrifices' for the Lord?



Read

reverence

1 Sam.6 v.19 - **7** v.1

¹⁹ But God struck down some of the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, putting seventy of them to death because they looked into the ark of the Lord.

The people mourned because of the heavy blow the Lord had dealt them.

²⁰ And the people of Beth Shemesh asked, 'Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, this holy God? To whom will the ark go up from here?'

²¹ Then they sent messengers to the people of Kiriath Jearim, saying, 'The Philistines have returned the ark of the Lord. Come down and take it up to your town.'

7¹ So the men of Kiriath Jearim came and took up the ark of the Lord. They brought it to Abinadab's house on the hill and consecrated Eleazar his son to guard the ark of the Lord.



This part of the story is a bit scary!

The people of Israel were going to have to learn just what the Philistines had been learning: God is not a tourist attraction!

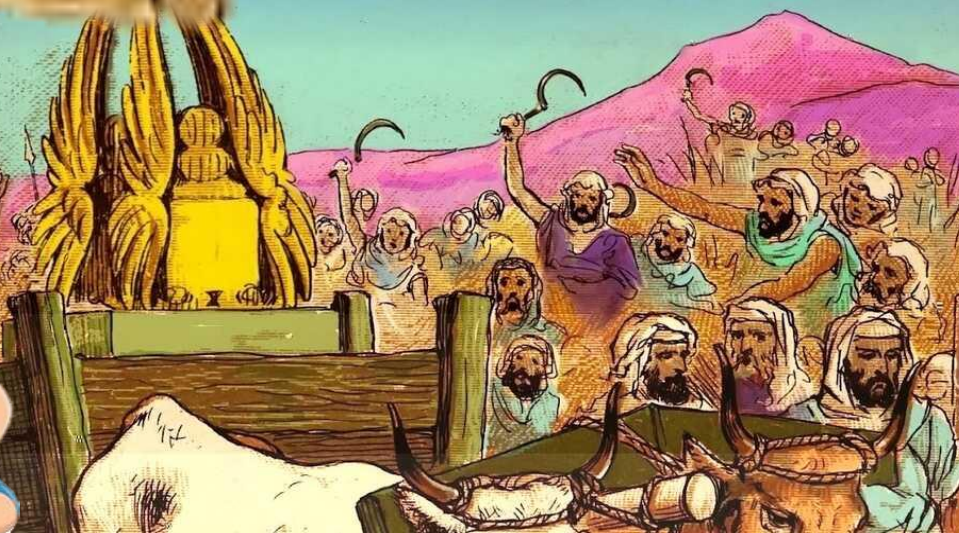
What happened is a reminder to us all that God is altogether holy, and our worship is always to reflect that.

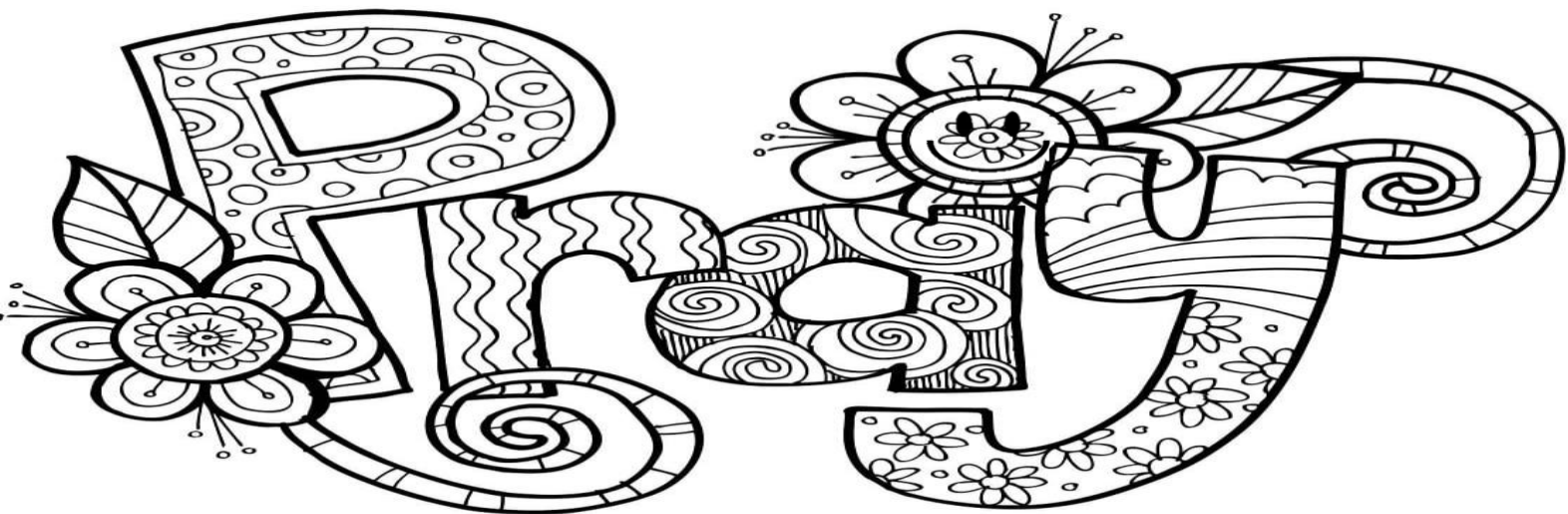
We're not to be casual and careless in the way in which we worship the Lord.



think . . .

How can you show the Lord the respect or the reverence which He is due?





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, thank You that You speak to us through the Bible.

**Some of the stories – like this one! – are quite scary.
But I'm glad that You tell us what we need to know.**

**And I'm glad that You remind me how much
You love to be with Your people.**

**Knowing that You're with me always
makes me feel happy and safe.**

**I'm glad that although You're
the mighty God who made
and runs the universe, You
still come to be our Friend.**

**Help me to learn how to worship
You and to honour You for who
You are.**

Help me to live well for You every day.



Today's verse for you to try and remember!

Who can stand in the
presence of the Lord,
this holy God?

(1 Samuel 6.9)



Wordsearch

Jesus is the Lion of Judah who is worthy of all our praise.

This wordsearch is all about worship. See if you can find all the words!

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PURE HEART

HALLELUJAH

FORGIVEN

JEHOVAH

PERFECT

WORSHIP

HEAVEN

PRAISE

WISDOM

CHRIST

CROSS

GLORY

HONOR

JESUS

PEACE

TRUST

AGAPE

HOLY

LOVE

SIN



COLOUR in the picture

I WILL*
PRAISE
HIM FOR
I AM*
FEARFULLY
AND *
WONDERFULLY
MADE.

FROM
PSALM 139:14

