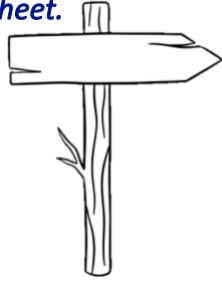


Tonight's

The Bible points you all the way through to Jesus as the one who gives you a new start: it's like a signpost, pointing you to Him. See if you can spot the signpost on every page of the worksheet.

passage – **1 Samuel 7.¹⁻⁶**

theme – **Starting again!**



A new
future

**start
again!**

Sometimes, when we've made a mess of things, we wish we could start again.

Good news! You can!

That's what today's passage is about.

It shows you that you *can* start again: and it tells you *how* to start again.

Maybe it'll help *you* to start again and follow **Jesus**



mourning

Read
1 Samuel 7
verses 1-2

¹ 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.

² The ark remained at Kiriath Jearim a long time – twenty years in all.

Then all the people of Israel lamented after the LORD.

The people of God were **sad**.

They were missing **God**.



The ark of the LORD was the sign to the people of God's presence with them and His rule over them.

For _____ years the ark had been away from the centre of their life as His people.

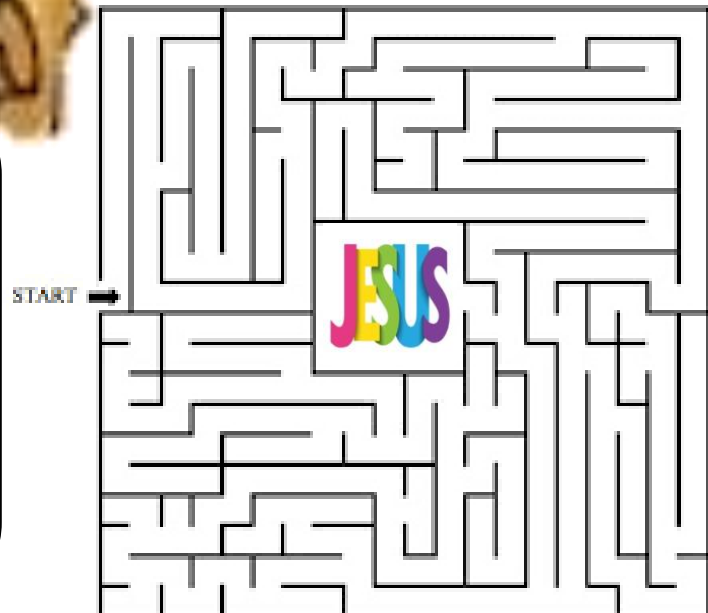
They discovered that life without God at the centre is very empty.

Try the maze below and see if you can find your way to Jesus at the centre

think ..

Is the Lord Jesus at the centre of your life?

Maybe through the Bible He's calling you now to have Him at the centre of your life.



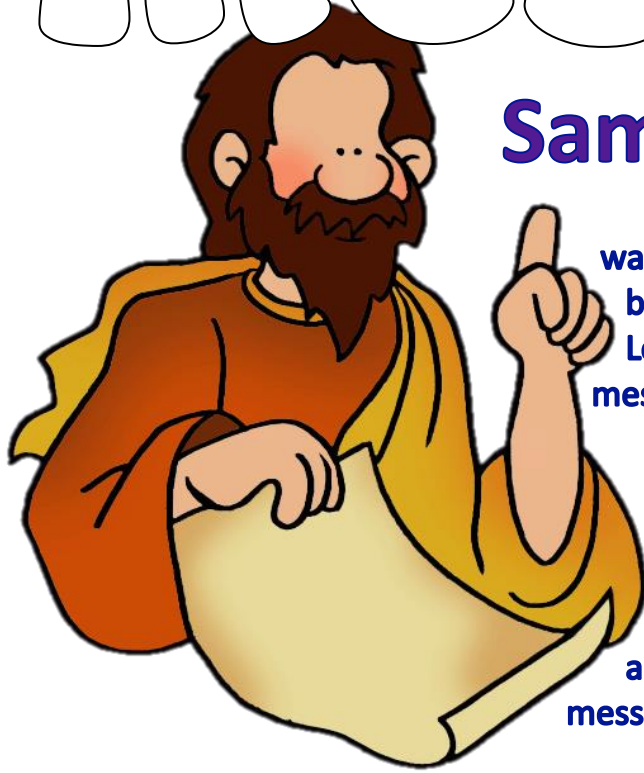
message

Samuel

Read

1 Samuel 7

verses 3-4



was a prophet. He'd been called by the Lord to bring God's message to the people.

He kept speaking that message to the people all through the years, and very slowly the message got through!

What is God's message?

God wants you to get to know Him through having Jesus with you as your Friend and as your King.

That means –

giving Jesus your _____

getting _____ of things which shouldn't be in your life

making sure you _____ Him only

³ So Samuel said to all the Israelites, 'If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.'

⁴ So the Israelites **put away** their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.

think . . .

What are some of the things you might need to put away from your life?



Mizpah

Read
1 Sam. 7
verses 5-6

⁵ Then Samuel said, 'Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with the LORD for you.'

⁶ When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before the LORD.

On that day they fasted and there they confessed, 'We have sinned against the LORD.'

Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah.

Mizpah was a special place for the people of God

It was the place where their ancestor, Jacob, had found a new start in his life.

And it was a place where the people had gathered many years previously to say sorry to God.

It was a good place to start again!

Here's how to start again –

They showed the Lord they wanted Him more than anything.

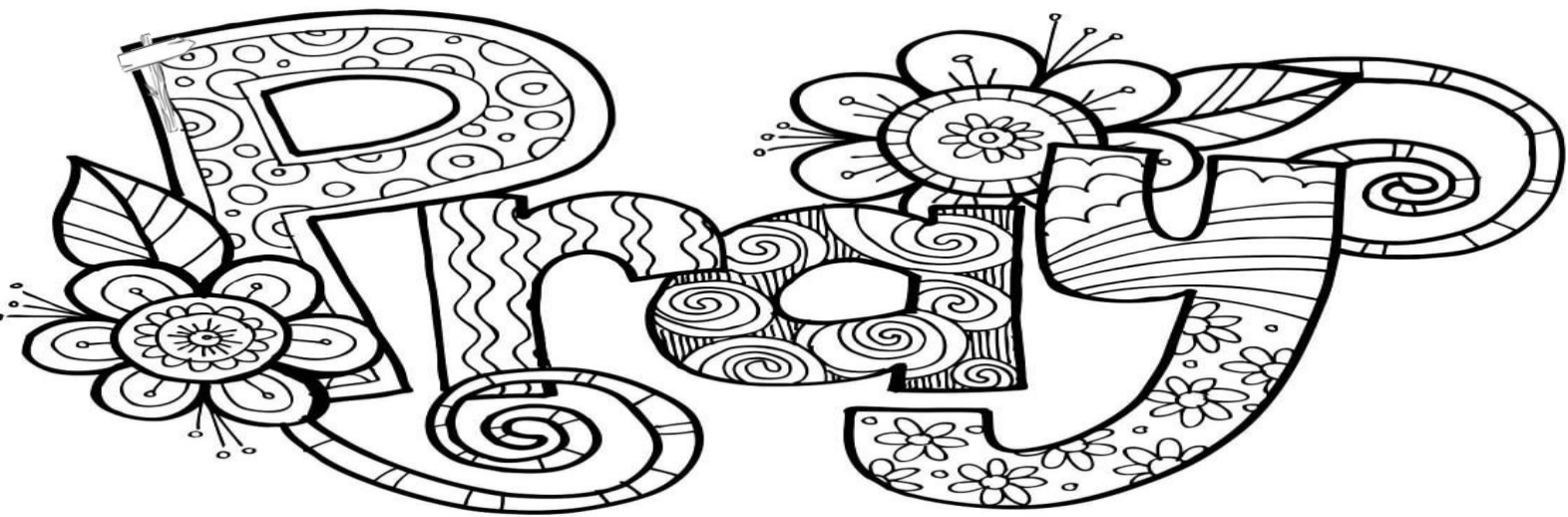
They told the Lord that they had sinned against Him.

Follow Me!



They thanked the Lord for giving them a leader in Samuel who would teach them God's Word.

God has given us *the* Leader in Jesus.
Make sure you follow Him & learn from Him!



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, it's great to know that I can have a new start!

I often forget about You.

Other things crowd in – I can spend hours playing with my toys, or playing with my friends: doing all sorts of things.

**I'm sorry for the ways that I go wrong.
That must make you very sad.**

**But I want to start again.
I want to learn to love You
with all my heart.**

**Help me to see what things
shouldn't be there in my life:
and help me to get rid of them.**

Help me, Jesus to serve You in all things.

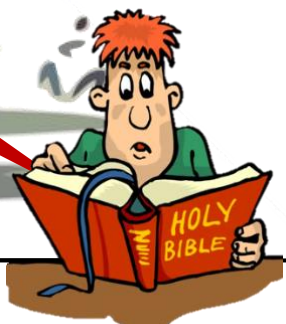


Today's verse for you to try and remember!



all the people of Israel
lamented after
the LORD

(1 Samuel 7.2)



Wordsearch

Samuel told the people to worship the Lord and serve Him only.
This wordsearch is all about worship. See if you can find all the words!

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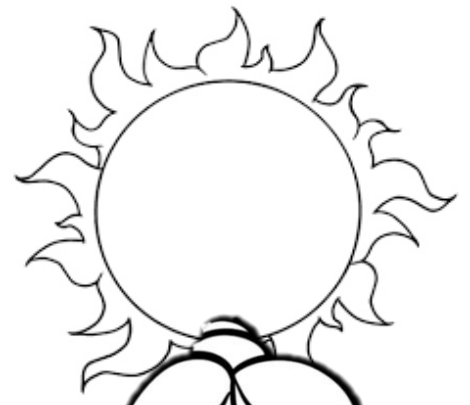
MERCY

SEEK



COLOUR in the picture

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