Tonight's passage – 1 Samuel 7.[12-17]
theme – treats!

*Samuel knew that, although it's not always that dramatic, what God had called him to do was to teach the people the Bible. See if you can spot the picture of **an open Bible** on each page of the worksheet.*

If you were given treats all the time .. they wouldn't be a treat!

Holidays

Holidays are a special treat.

Where's your favourite place to go on holiday?

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Sweets

Yep, sweets are another treat! But it wouldn't do you any good to be eating sweets all day long!

What's your favourite sweet?

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Theme Parks

Going to a theme park is a big treat as well!

What would be your favourite theme park activity?

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the Lord our Helper

Ebenezer

Read 1 Samuel 7

verses 12-14

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen.

He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'

13 So the Philistines were subdued and they stopped invading Israel's territory. Throughout Samuel's lifetime, the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines. 14 The towns from Ekron to Gath that the Philistines had captured from Israel were restored to Israel, and Israel delivered the neighbouring territory from the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

Samuel set up a stone which he called simply Ebenezer to mark the place where something very special had happened.

God came to the rescue of His people in an amazing way! It was a bit like a special treat!

Can you remember what had happened?

"that day the LORD
T _ _ _ D _ _ _ D
with loud **T _ _ N _ _ R**
against the Philistines and
threw them into such a
panic that they were
routed"

1 Sam.7 verse 10

The stone was a reminder to the people that the Lord is always able and willing to help us.

There wasn't anything quite as dramatic as that during the rest of Samuel's long lifetime.

But the Lord who *had* helped them (in an amazing way!) *kept on* helping them: and bit by bit things got better.

Can you see from the verses in what ways the Lord helped them?

The people's enemies were S _ _ _ _ _ _

Captured towns were R _ _ _ _ _ _ _

There was P _ _ _ _ with their neighbours

Samuel their leader

FOLLOW YOUR LEADER!

Try copying the picture of Samuel teaching the people

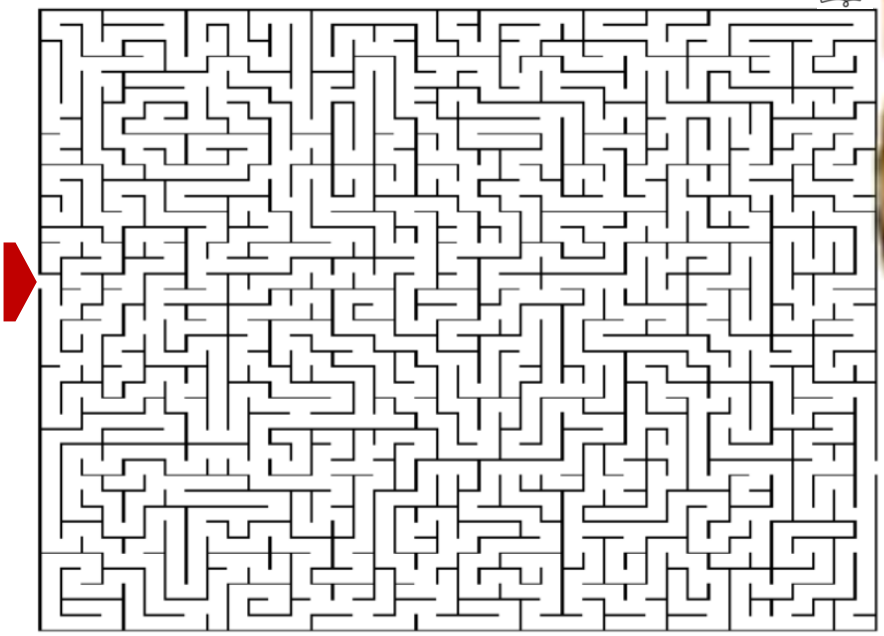
Read 1 Samuel 7 verses 15-17

15 Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life.

16 From year to year he went on a circuit from Bethel to Gilgal to Mizpah, judging Israel in all those places.

17 But he always went back to Ramah, where his home was, and there he also held court for Israel.

And he built an altar there to the Lord.



Samuel taught the people from the Bible: he wanted to help them know God as their King, and to know God's help wherever they were and whatever they faced.

Life can be a bit of a maze!
See if you can find your way to the right side!

the stone and the altar

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verses 12 & 17

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The stone

marked a very special occasion when the Lord stepped in and did an amazing thing.

Those 'amazing things' which the Lord does don't happen all the time, though!

They're a bit like treats – special ways in which the Lord reminds us of His love for us.

The altar

Most of the time, like Samuel did, the Lord means us to get on doing all the ordinary things which our lives involves.

But to do them as an act of worship.

And confident that as we go about our day by day living, the Lord will be at work through that.

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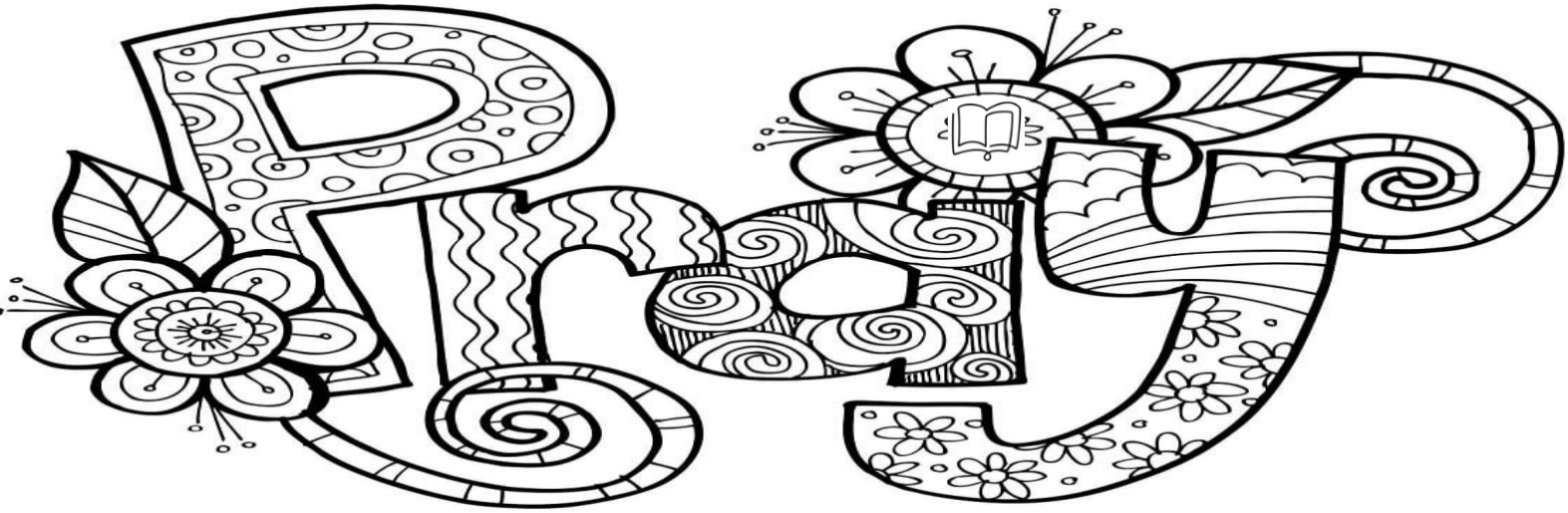
Samuel made his home a place of worship ...

How can you make your home a place where you worship the Lord?



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, I love hearing about all the amazing things You do!

I'm glad that You give Your people 'treats' like that!
They remind me how much You love Your people

But I liked reading here how for most of Samuel's life there was nothing that remarkable happening.

Thank You for reminding me today that as often as not You're quietly at work as Your people get on with what they're meant to be doing.

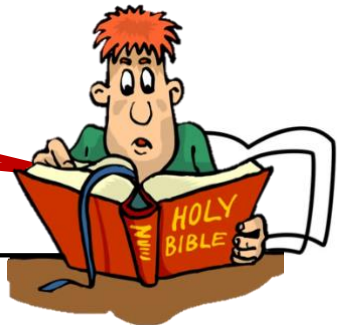
Help me to make everything I do each day a way in which I worship You.

Help me to spend time with You each day learning from You and looking to You for Your help.

Today's verse for you to try and remember!

And he built an altar there to the Lord

(1 Sam.7.17)



Wordsearch

Samuel taught the people from the Bible. It's a big book – in fact it's a library of books! Here are some of them See if you can find all the books listed at the bottom of the page!

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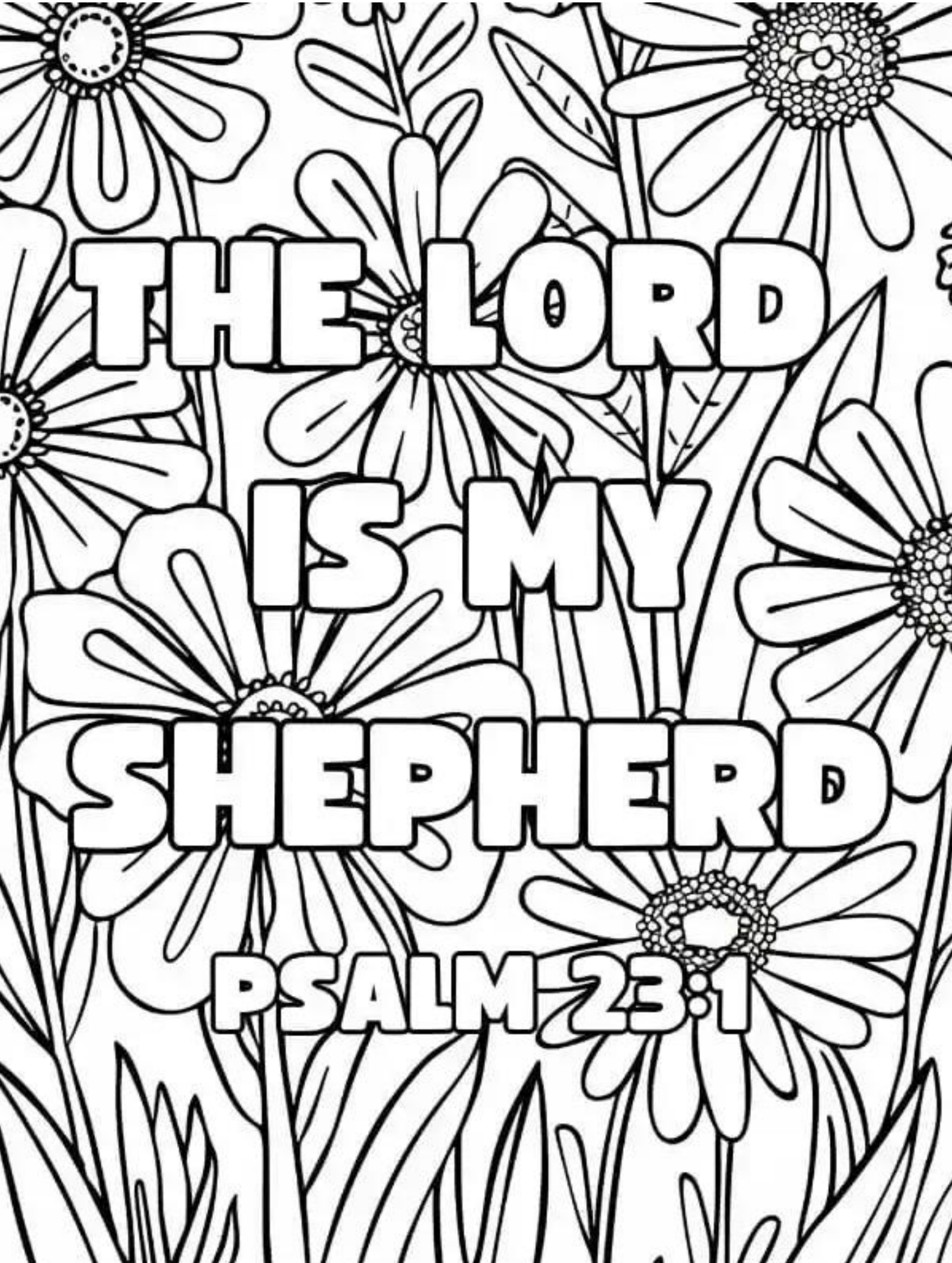
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