

# Tonight's

See if you can find the picture of the donkey on every page of the worksheet



## passage – 1 Samuel 9.<sup>1-17</sup>

## theme – Always more!

# more!

### OLIVER TWIST

Charles Dickens wrote a famous book about a boy called Oliver Twist.

He became known as the boy who asked for **more**.

**The Bible's a bigger book, and it explains how God always gives so much more!**

Today's passage shows God doing just that – giving a lot more than those involved could have imagined!

Colour in the picture of Oliver Twist asking for more





**Read**  
**1 Samuel 9**  
verses 1-4

There was a Benjaminite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bekorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup> Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.

<sup>3</sup> Now the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, 'Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys.'

<sup>4</sup> So he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and through the area around Shalisha, but they did not find them. They went on into the district of Shaalim, but the donkeys were not there. Then he passed through the territory of Benjamin, but they did not find them.

# lost!



**a common problem!**

Have you lost something recently?

It easily happens! And it's annoying when it does!

The story here begins with just that problem. For a farmer back then losing his donkeys would have been like finding your pick-up truck had gone missing!

A **big** problem! But something bigger was actually going on. God was going to use the problem to get the young man Saul to meet the old prophet, Samuel, who had some amazing news for Saul!

**God is at work in our lives!**

He knows what He's doing! We must learn to trust Him, even when we think that nothing much is going on!



Join the dots and you'll find that the lines here all make sense!

Start here →

# ask!

## giving up or asking for help

When you've got a problem and you've tried to sort it out, sometimes you feel like giving up!

In the story, who felt like just giving up?

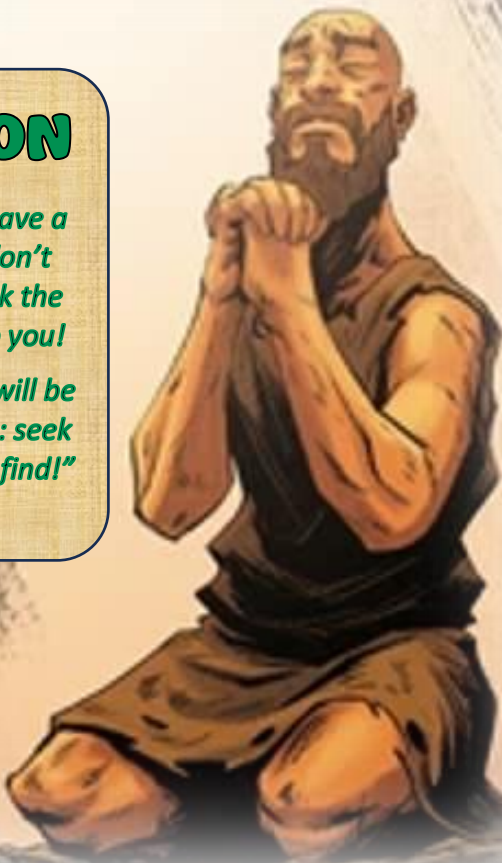


His servant had a bright idea, though. He figured that Samuel might be able to tell them what to do.

### LESSON

*When you have a problem, don't forget to ask the Lord to help you!*

*"Ask, and it will be given to you: seek and you will find!"*



## Read 1 Samuel 9

verse 5-10

<sup>5</sup> When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him, 'Come, let's go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us.'

<sup>6</sup> But the servant replied, 'Look, in this town there is a man of God; he is highly respected, and everything he says comes true. Let's go there now. Perhaps he will tell us what way to take.'

<sup>7</sup> Saul said to his servant, 'If we go, what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have?'

<sup>8</sup> The servant answered him again. 'Look,' he said, 'I have a quarter of a shekel of silver. I will give it to the man of God so that he will tell us what way to take.'<sup>9</sup> (Formerly in Israel, if someone went to enquire of God, they would say, 'Come, let us go to the seer,' because the prophet of today used to be called a seer.)

<sup>10</sup> 'Good,' Saul said to his servant. 'Come, let's go.' So they set out for the town where the man of God was.



**Read**  
**1 Samuel 9**  
**verses 11-17**

<sup>11</sup> As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some young women coming out to draw water, and they asked them, 'Is the seer here?'

<sup>12</sup> 'He is,' they answered. 'He's ahead of you. Hurry now; he has just come to our town today, for the people have a sacrifice at the high place. <sup>13</sup> As soon as you enter the town, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people will not begin eating until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterwards, those who are invited will eat. Go up now; you should find him about this time.'

<sup>14</sup> They went up to the town, and as they were entering it, there was Samuel, coming towards them on his way up to the high place.

<sup>15</sup> Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed this to Samuel: <sup>16</sup> 'About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over My people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. **I have looked on My people, for their cry has reached Me.**'

<sup>17</sup> When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the Lord said to him, 'This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern My people.'

more!

**donkeys or**  
**destiny**

**Saul was looking for his donkeys, but God was not just going to give him his donkeys back, He was going to give Saul a whole new destiny!**

**He was going to make Saul the king. Saul wouldn't be looking after his father's donkeys any longer, he'd be ruling over God's people!**

Remember ...

He is able to do  
**IMMEASURABLY**  
more than all we ask or imagine.

why?

God tells us why He is doing this.

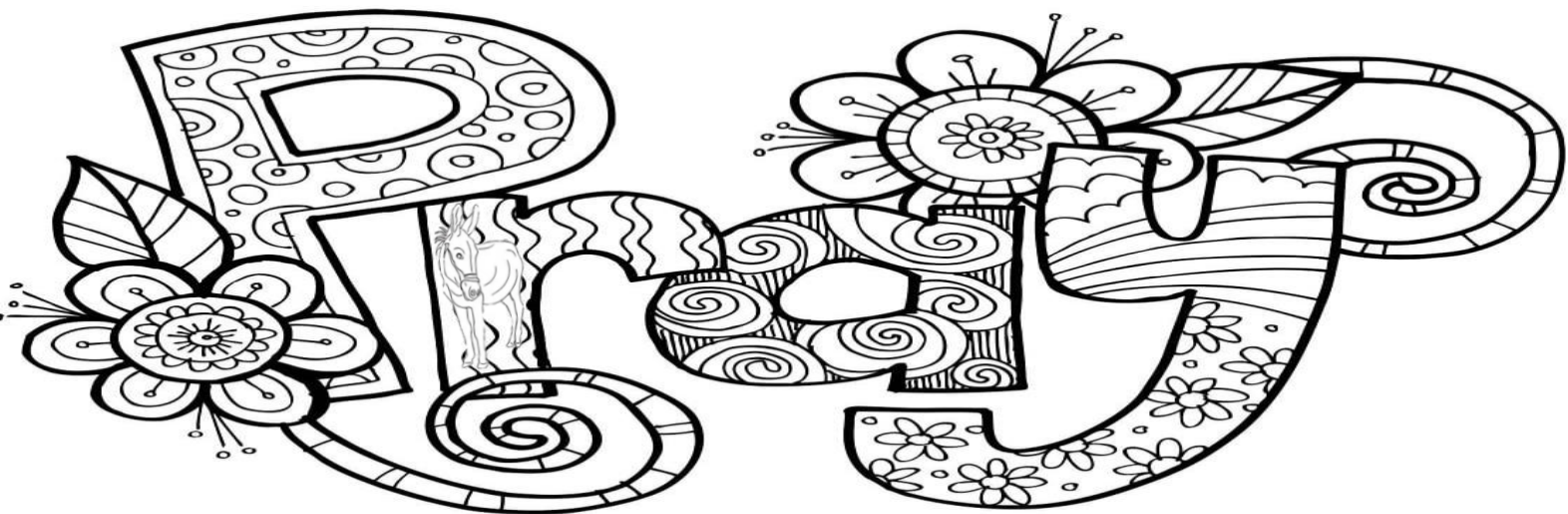
**I have**

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**for their cry has reached Me**

God  
hears  
our  
prayers!



*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 learn that even when things seem to be going wrong and life is full of problems, You're still at work!**

**Help me to remember that when nothing seems to be working out the way I'd hoped it would.**

**And help me not to give up, but to *look up!***

**Thank You, Jesus, for reminding me that You're always able to do so much more than all we might ask or imagine!**

**Please help me to listen to what You teach in the Bible so that, like Saul and his servant, I'll be able to know what way to take.**

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, for everything!**



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

'Perhaps he will  
tell us what way  
to take.'

(1 Sam.9.6)



# Wordsearch

Today's Wordsearch is based on Philippians 4.6 where Paul explained how, when we're anxious about anything, we're to take our problems to God in prayer! Try & find all the words.

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# COLOUR in the picture

Another Saul of the tribe of Benjamin found more than he expected...!

