

Tonight's

Tonight's story starts with a nasty guy (Nahash) who plans to do something very nasty to people – gouging out their right eyes! Yuck! See if you can find an eye on every page of the worksheet!

passage – 1 Samuel 11.¹⁻¹¹

theme – Jesus saves!



Map the story

Sometimes a map helps! This map shows you where the action in 1 Samuel 11 took place.

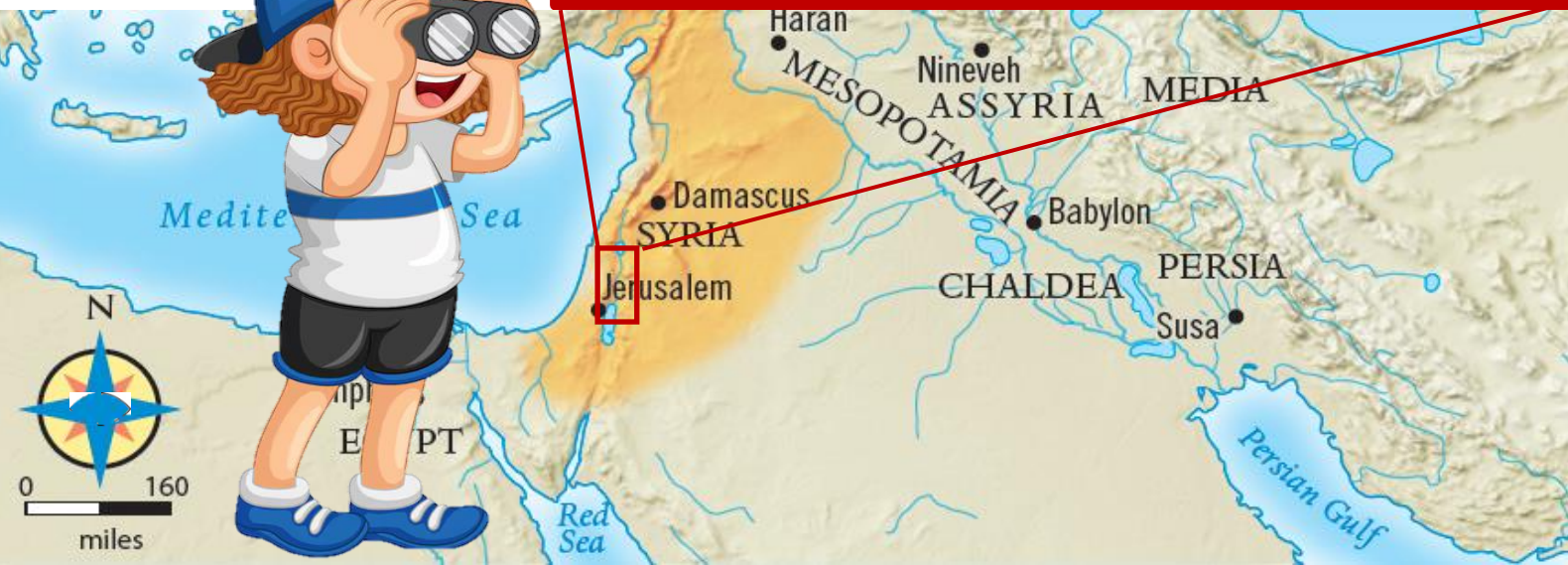
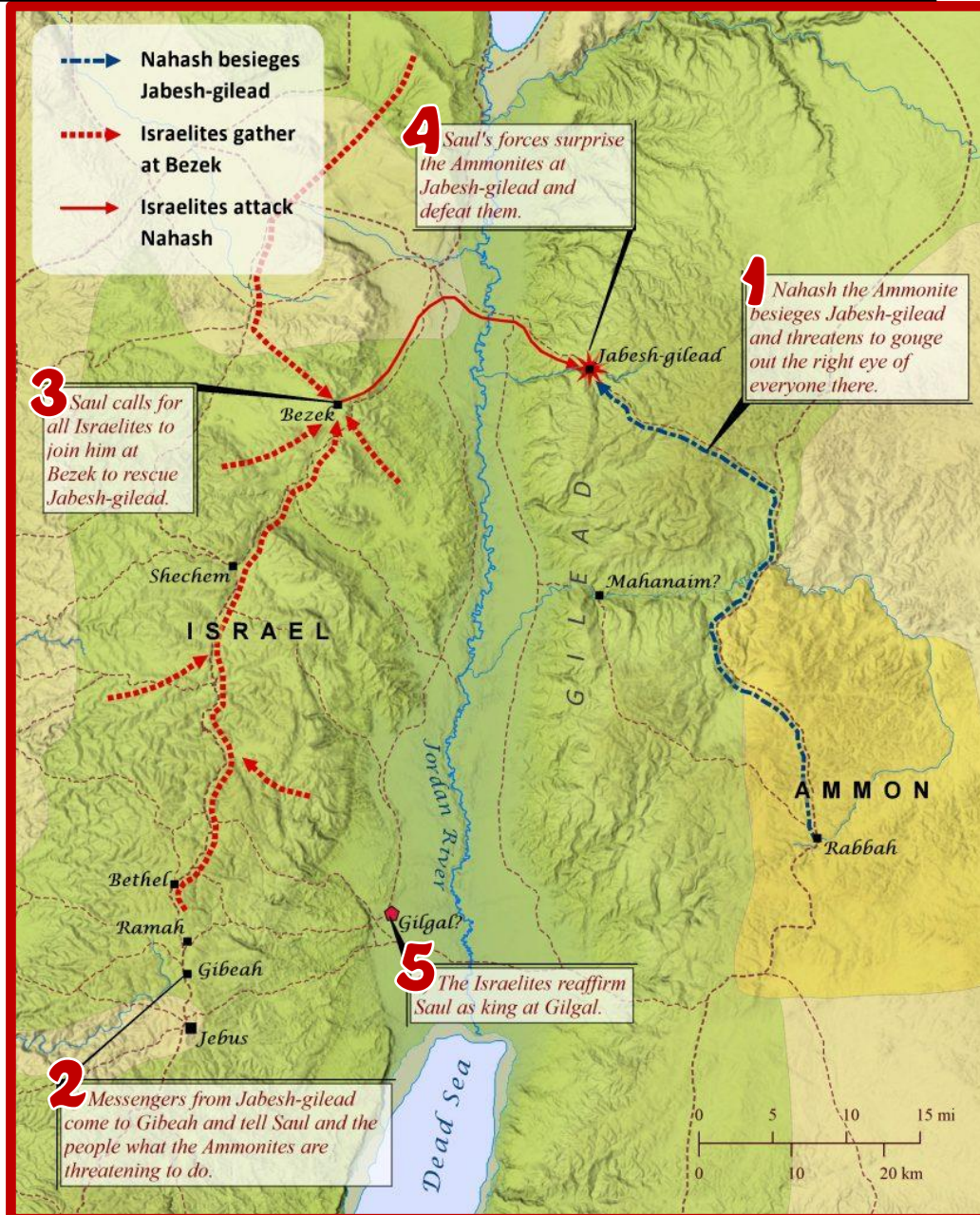
See if you can find all the places on the map.

The king of **Ammon** attacked the people of **Jabesh Gilead**.

The people of Jabesh Gilead sent a message to Saul at **Gibeah**.

He gathered his forces at **Bezek**, and from there they attacked the king of Ammon, and defeated him.

The place called **Jebus** on the map is what would be known as the city of Jerusalem.



Read
1 Samuel 11
verses 1-2

Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead.

And all the men of Jabesh said to him, 'Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you.'

² But Nahash the Ammonite replied, 'I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel.'

our problem:



sin

This chapter is all about God saving His people.

Which is what the whole Bible is about really!

The chapter here starts by showing us what it is that we need to be saved from. Let's begin with the guy who was causing the trouble.

The king of the Ammonites was called –

**He was a nasty guy:
a VERY nasty guy!**

His intention was not just to cause a lot of harm but to leave the people in complete

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Fill in the missing letters from the letters below which are in the wrong order.

scared

The Bible tells us that that's our biggest problem – we're going to be totally ashamed: unless we're rescued and saved! But who's going to do that?



our condition: villains

Read
1 Samuel 11
verses 4-5

**The people who
needed help were
NOT good guys!**

The people of Jabesh Gilead had a 'back story'!

They had sided with people who had done some dreadful things.

(You can read about that in the book of Judges).

And the people who'd done those dreadful things were from

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**God tells us in the Bible that all of us
are like the people of Jabesh Gilead – we all
far short of what God calls us to be and we're
.. villains!**

⁴ When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and reported these terms to the people, they all wept aloud.

⁵ Just then Saul was returning from the fields, behind his oxen, and he asked,

'What is wrong with everyone? Why are they weeping?'

Then they repeated to him what the men of Jabesh had said.



The two pictures below LOOK as though they're the same. But they're not! See if you can find the three differences between them. You'll have to look closely to spot them!

We may LOOK all right – but God says we're not!



Read
1 Samuel 11
verses 6-9

⁶When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he burned with anger.

⁷He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, 'This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel.'

Then the terror of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out together as one.

⁸When Saul mustered them at Bezek, the men of Israel numbered three hundred thousand and those of Judah thirty thousand.

⁹They told the messengers who had come, 'Say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, "By the time the sun is hot tomorrow, you will be rescued."'

When the messengers went and reported this to the men of Jabesh, they were elated.

our salvation:
the Spirit
of God

the work of the
Holy Spirit

Jesus said that

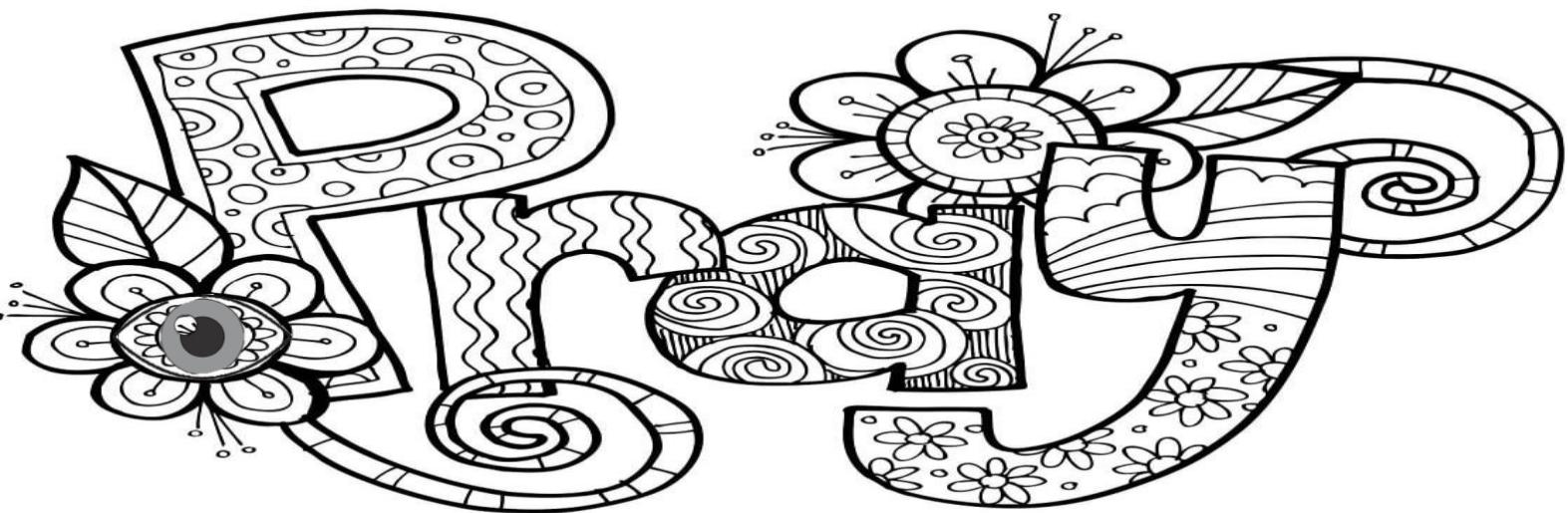
Apart
FROM
Me ^{you can do}
Nothing
JOHN 15:5

Saul could have done nothing on his own: but with the help of the Spirit of God he was able to win a great victory!

Jesus promised that He would give His Holy Spirit to all who trust in Him!

Colour in the verse below from Philippians 4.13

I can do all things through Him who gives me strength



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

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for all that You teach us in the Bible.

**I don't like it when bullies start throwing their weight around!
And that man Nahash seemed a really nasty bully!**

**So I'm so thankful that You have promised to give Your Spirit to
all Your people, and that He helps us cope with everything!**

**Please help me to look out for
my friends when they're
facing problems.**

**Help me to be quick to
come to their help –
and please help me
to be brave and kind.**

**Thank You, Lord, for all
the ways in which You help
me every day.**

You're the best!



Today's verse for you to try and remember!



“By the time the sun
is hot tomorrow you
will be rescued”

(1 Sam.11.9)



Wordsearch

This Wordsearch is about Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to His followers.

See if you can find all the words

B L L A D W G C L A I A X R N
D X S L S G N C O S A M I O O
Q N R H P K Y O I M H S A I K
N O R M I O L E R S M O K A X
W I U K R A C C E P T A W B K
H F Y U I E M O B G H Z N E A
H J T G T V C C V V B A S D J
G W N H N I N O Q W G D N S E
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Z Z G L O V E S R G L R T Y D
F A T H E R E E P A B E R S Y
M U R O P S O L I E T V U E E
K O O B E Y V O M Z M E T L O
H C Q N E I P R Z B F R H F U

FATHER
ASK
FOREVER

WORLD
COMMAND
ORPHANS

OBEY
LIVE
MYSELF

COUNSELOR
SPIRIT
TRUTH

SHOW
LOVE
ACCEPT



COLOUR in the picture

I AM
FILLED
WITH THE
SPIRIT OF GOD

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:11

