

# Tonight's

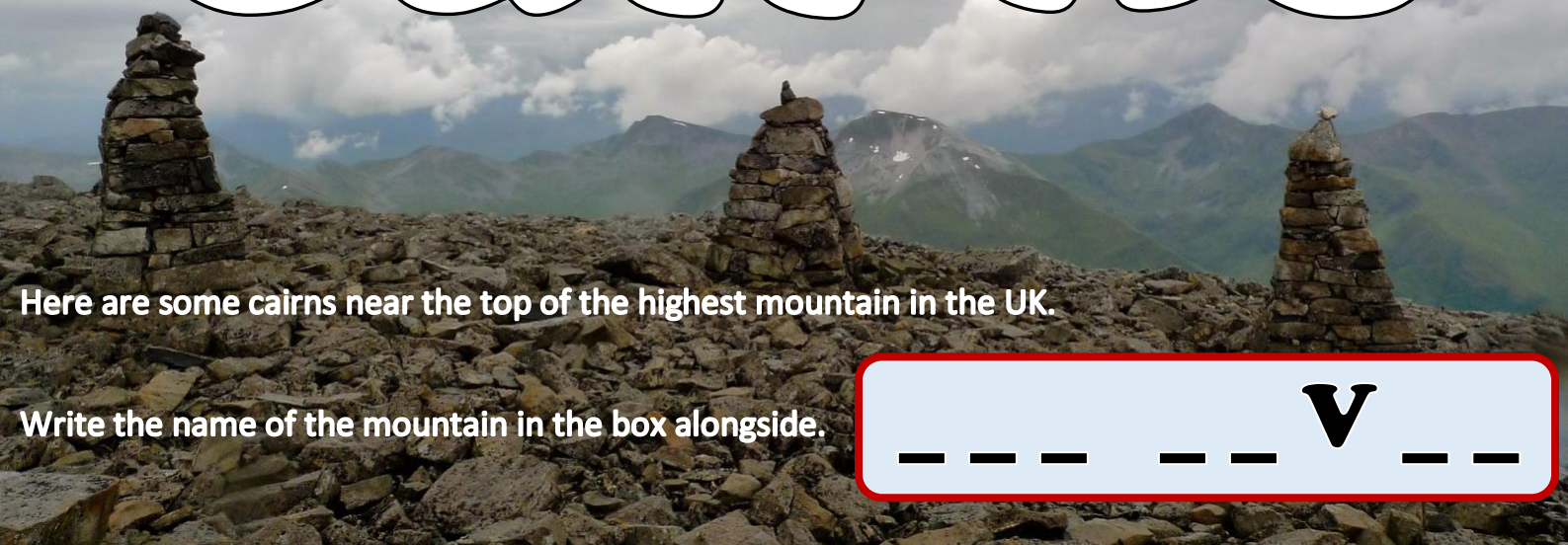
People are very quick to blame, and to point the finger at others!  
You probably are as well! See if you can find the pointing finger on every page of the worksheet (including this one!)



passage – 1 Samuel 11.<sup>12-15</sup>

theme – A new start!

# cairns



Here are some cairns near the top of the highest mountain in the UK.

Write the name of the mountain in the box alongside.

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Cairns are sometimes used to mark the way so that people don't get lost – like the ones high up on a mountain: when the mist comes down they keep people on the right path.

Sometimes cairns are used as a memorial – like this one down at the south of Argyll (you can see Ireland in the background!).

This memorial is a reminder of the people who died in a tragic helicopter crash in 1994

Cairns have been used like that for thousands of years and tonight's passage centres around a memorial of stones at a place called Gilgal. The name Gilgal probably means

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**Read**  
**1 Samuel 11**  
**verses 1-2, 6 & 11**

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.'

<sup>2</sup> 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.'

remember  
this guy?



**Nahash was not a nice guy at all!**

The people of Jabesh Gilead sent a message to Saul asking for help ..

BUT THANKS BE TO  
**GOD!**  
HE GIVES US  
THE VICTORY  
THROUGH OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

**Colour in  
all the  
words –  
and learn  
this first  
lesson  
from the  
passage!**

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

All God's people gathered together and went out to battle against Nahash.

<sup>11</sup> they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

# finding fault

**Read**  
**1 Samuel 11**  
verses 12-13

It's easy to see the faults in other people!

The people of God had just enjoyed a remarkable victory.

And the first thing they did was to start pointing the finger at those who hadn't wanted Saul to be their leader!

They wanted these men to be punished!

But if you point the finger at someone else,

how many fingers are pointing back at you?

These men hadn't wanted Saul to reign over them. But the people of God hadn't wanted **GOD** to reign over them!

They were all just as guilty!

**ARRESTED FOR WRONG-DOING!**  
See if you can spot all 10 differences between the two pictures below

<sup>12</sup>The people then said to Samuel, 'Who was it that asked, "Shall Saul reign over us?" Turn these men over to us so that we may put them to death.'

<sup>13</sup>But Saul said, 'No one will be put to death today, for this day the Lord has rescued Israel.'



**Read**  
**1 Samuel 11**  
**verses 14-15**

<sup>14</sup> Then Samuel said to the people, 'Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.'

<sup>15</sup> So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the Lord.

There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

# going back to Gilgal

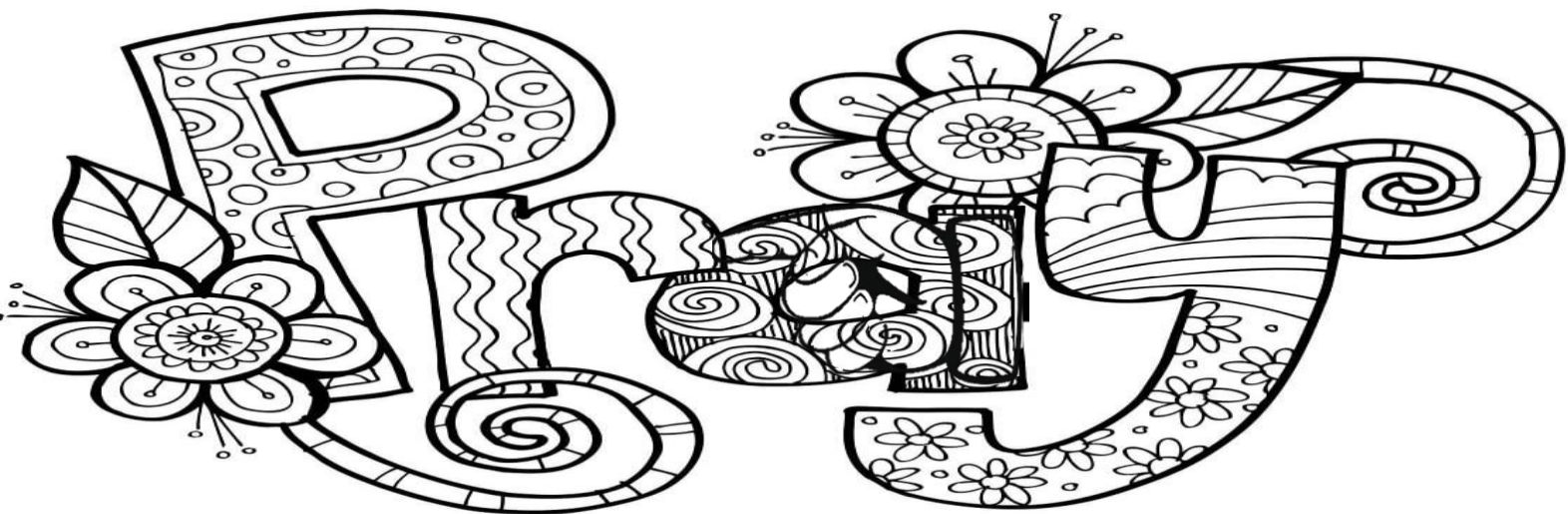
## Back to the future!

There was a memorial of stones at Gilgal which was a reminder to the people of how the Lord had parted the waters of the river Jordan and enabled the people to cross into the land which He had promised to them.

Samuel took the people there to remind them that Saul's becoming king was like a new start for them all.

Maybe it's time for you to make a new start and commit yourself again to the Lord Jesus as King in your life!





*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 for all that You teach us in the Bible.**

**It's good to be reminded that no matter how big the problem may be, You're always able to sort it out.**

**Even though we don't deserve that at all!**

**Help me to remember how kind and forgiving You are to me, and to be as kind towards others myself.**

**And help me to remember all the ways in which You have shown us how good and strong You are.**

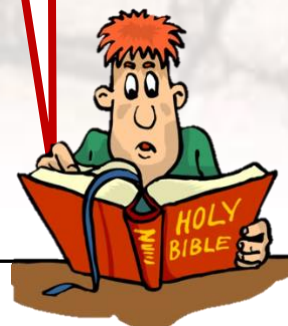
**Help me to trust You always. Please help me to serve You faithfully and well every day.**



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

Come, let us go to  
Gilgal and there  
renew the kingship

(1 Sam.11.14)



# Wordsearch

This is quite a difficult Wordsearch all about Joshua. He was the one who led the people of God across the river Jordan and set up a memorial at Gilgal. See if you can find all the words.

H L B M A J J X X Z K I S X X T S B K N K V Y T  
S L L E Z C Q N Z F Q Y Y T H I T F Z F U W E H  
X E C A V X V W J Q N P E C P C V M O S Q U J E  
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Ark of the Covenant

The Promised Land

Jordan River

Courageous

Israelites

Obedience

The Lord

Jericho

Joshua

Moses

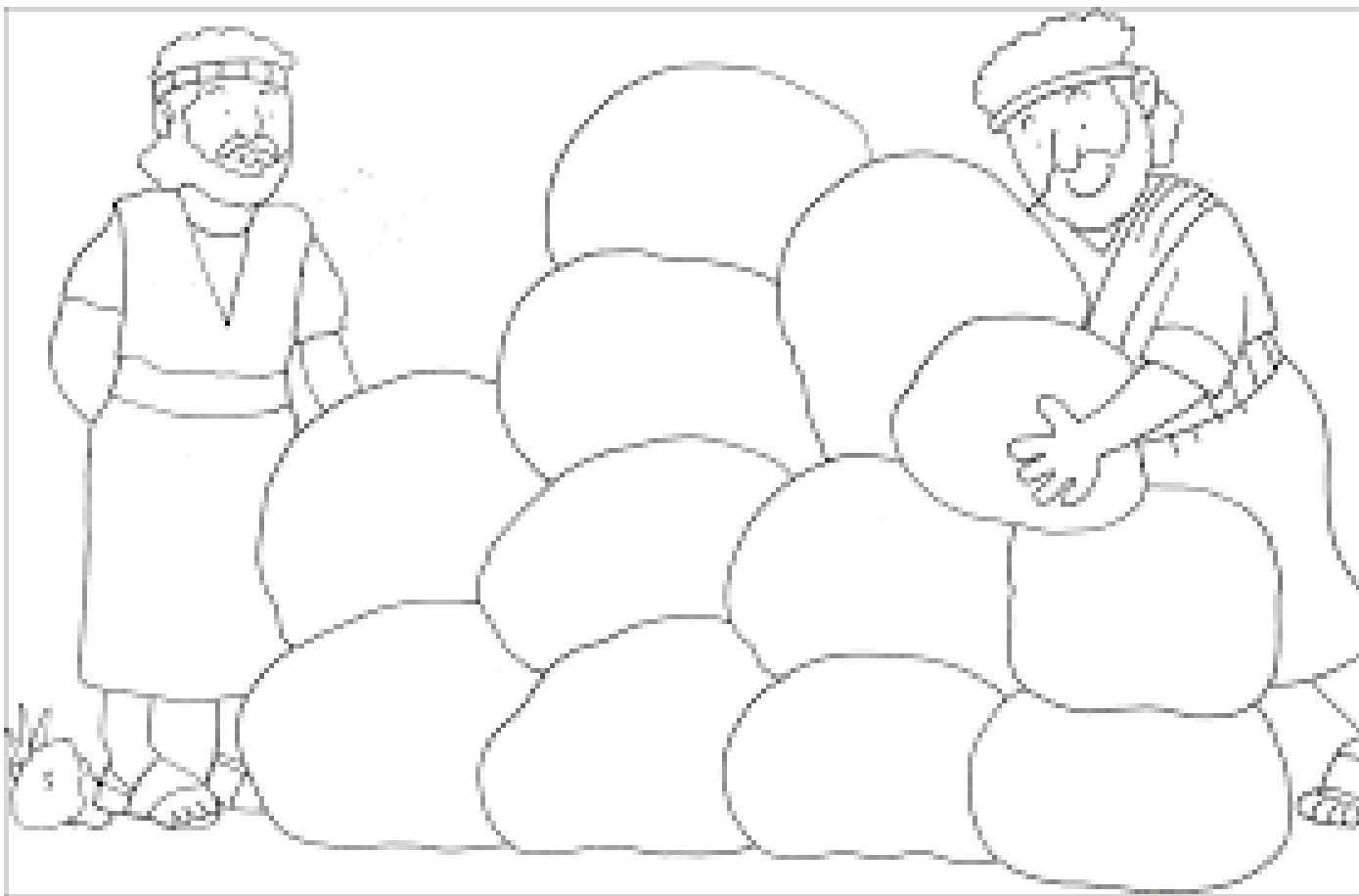
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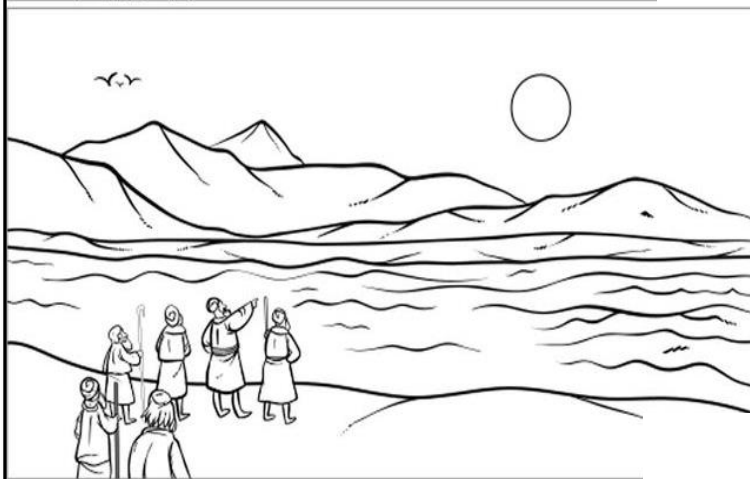
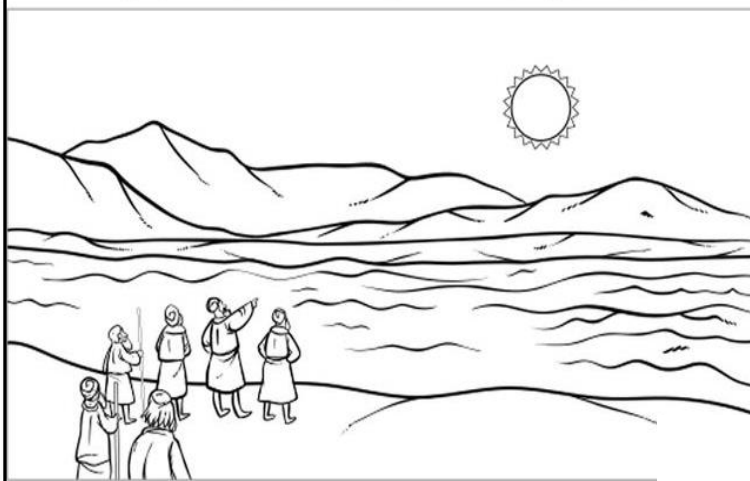


# COLOUR in the picture

## Joshua stacks the stones



Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



God stopped the river.