

# Tonight's

See if you find the picture of someone running on every page of the worksheet (including this one)



## passage – 1 Samuel 12.<sup>1-5</sup>

## theme – Keep on running!



# why is it called a marathon?

The answer's on the back page!



**A** Because the first sponsor of the London 'marathon' run was the American firm Mars whose *Marathon* bars were very popular (*Marathon* bars became *Snickers* but have now been re-branded as *Marathon* bars).



**B** Because when it was first suggested that people should be asked to run for just over 26 miles one of the organisers said it was as impossible as being asked to fly to the planet Mars.



**C** Because in 490 BC the Greeks defeated the Persians at a place called **Marathon** and a messenger ran all the way from there to Athens (26 miles & 385 yards) to let the people know about the great victory they'd won.



# Samuel

**Read**  
**1 Samuel 12**  
**verses 1-2**

Samuel said to all Israel, 'I have listened to everything you said to me and have set a king over you. <sup>2</sup> Now you have a king as your leader.

As for me, I am old and grey, and my sons are here with you. I have been your leader from my youth until this day.

had done a really  
important job  
for God



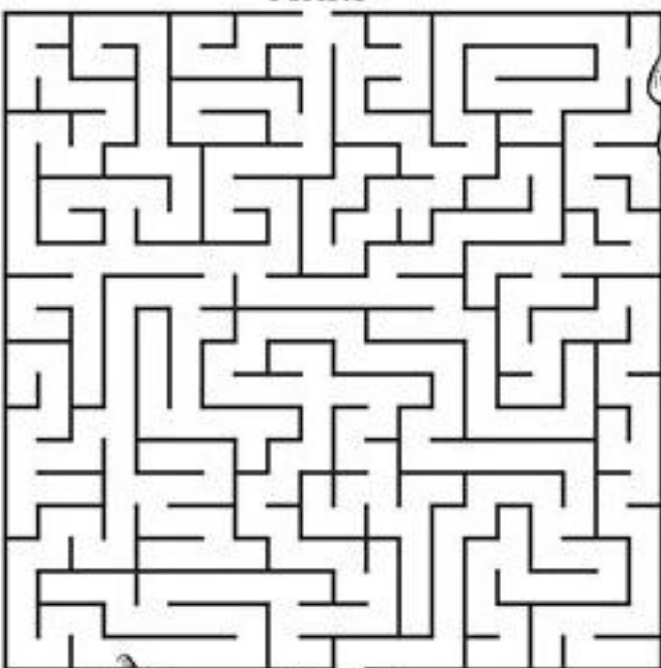
Samuel had been a young boy when he'd first trusted the Lord.

You can read about that in 1 Samuel 3.

He served the Lord faithfully all through his life.

Guide young Samuel to become a great prophet.

START



FINISH



**think . .**

The Bible says – *Remember your Creator in the days of your youth (Eccl.12.1).*

Why not tell the Lord right now that you want to serve Him all the days of your life?



# living for the LORD

## Jesus went around doing good

(read Acts 10.38)

He wants His people to learn to live the same way: He promises to help us to live like that.

Samuel didn't **S \_ E \_ L**

Please help me, Lord Jesus, to be **kind** &

**G \_ N \_ R \_ U \_**

He didn't **C \_ E \_ T**

Please help me, Lord Jesus, to be

**H \_ N \_ S \_**

He didn't make life **H \_ R \_** for others

Help me, Jesus, to be **H \_ L \_ F \_ L**

## Read 1 Samuel 12 verses 3-5

<sup>3</sup> Here I stand. Testify against me in the presence of the Lord and his anointed.

Whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes?

If I have done any of these things, I will make it right.'

<sup>4</sup> 'You have not cheated or oppressed us,' they replied. 'You have not taken anything from anyone's hand.'



## Here's a picture from this morning's passage

The man had been reading a bit from the Bible.

Philip told him all about Jesus.

As soon as he heard what Philip had to say, the man decided to make Jesus Lord in his life and live for Jesus always.

That's what Samuel had decided to do when he was still a young boy.

## Philip Told About Jesus Connect The Dots



**Read  
Hebrews 10  
verses 22-25**

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

# keep on running



how to  
keep going

**The start of a race is the easy part! Once you've been running for a while .. well, then it can be tempting to give up.**

**A marathon is 26 miles & 385 yards.**

**And that's a LOOOOOOOONG way!**

**The writer of the letter to the Hebrews wanted to help his readers keep going.**

**Read the passage above and see if you can spot the 'tips' he gives his readers to help them keep on running.**

**Draw \_\_\_\_\_  
to God**

Take time each day to be with God: read your Bible and tell Him how you are

**He who promised is**

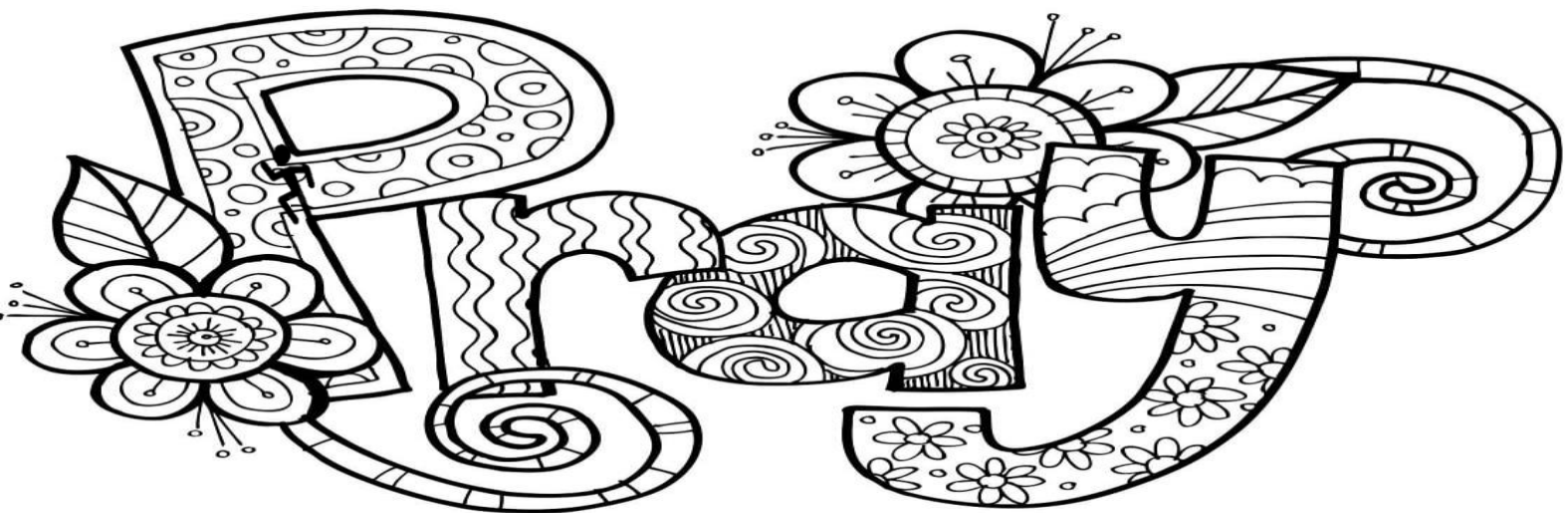
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**Remember that God has promised to help you, and is able to help you no matter what the problem you face!**

**Don't give up \_\_\_\_\_  
together**

Make sure to be at Sunday services. Worshipping the Lord helps remind you how great and able to help He is!

**Spur one**

----- **on**  
Like the crowd at a race keep encouraging your friends to follow Jesus!



*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 reading about Samuel!**

**But it's challenging, too!**

**I can find it hard to keep on following You for just ONE day – let alone a whole lifetime!**

**But I want to serve You well.**

**And I want to serve You all the days of my life.**

**Please help me to learn how to live well for You.**

**And help me encourage my friends always so that we can keep on 'running the race' together.**

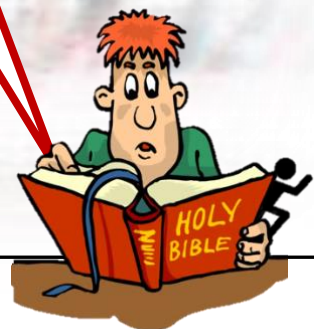
**Thank You, Lord Jesus for all the ways You help me!**



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

"I have been your  
leader from my youth  
until this day"

(1 Sam.12.2)



# Wordsearch

This Wordsearch is taken from Hebrews 10.23 – “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” See if you can find all the words.

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# COLOUR in the picture



Why is the race called a 'marathon'? Answer - C