



Lesson 6. If God made a perfect world, why is it so broken?

Equipment: crayon, stick, paper, pens, Bibles

Activity: Make a crayon etching. Fill a page with bright crayon colours. Draw over it with a thick layer of black crayon. Now scratch through the picture with a stick to make a beautiful picture. While you are drawing, pray. Start by thanking God for all the beautiful things he has given us. Next give Him all the dark things that fill your heart and mind. Talk to Him about all your fears and worries and hurts. And lastly, ask him to make something beautiful of all of this. Pray that His beauty and light will shine through.



Today we come to a difficult but wonderful truth. The world is a broken place, but our God is bigger and stronger than any brokenness and he can bring life, light and joy out of darkness, pain and sorrow.

Our Bible Readings for today:

- John 16:33 Does Jesus promise that we will have an easy life? What does he promise? What do you think this means?
- 1 Peter 1:3-9 Do these verses start to answer some of your questions? We have a living hope and joy in God who loves us.
- Romans 3:23 God gave us free choice and we make bad choices that hurt him and others and ourselves. This is sin.
- Romans 6:23 Sin brings death to our hearts and bodies and our world, but God freely gives LIFE to all who accept it
- John 10:10 This is my favourite verse in the Bible. Because I choose to let Jesus face the thief in my life and I LIVE in Him.

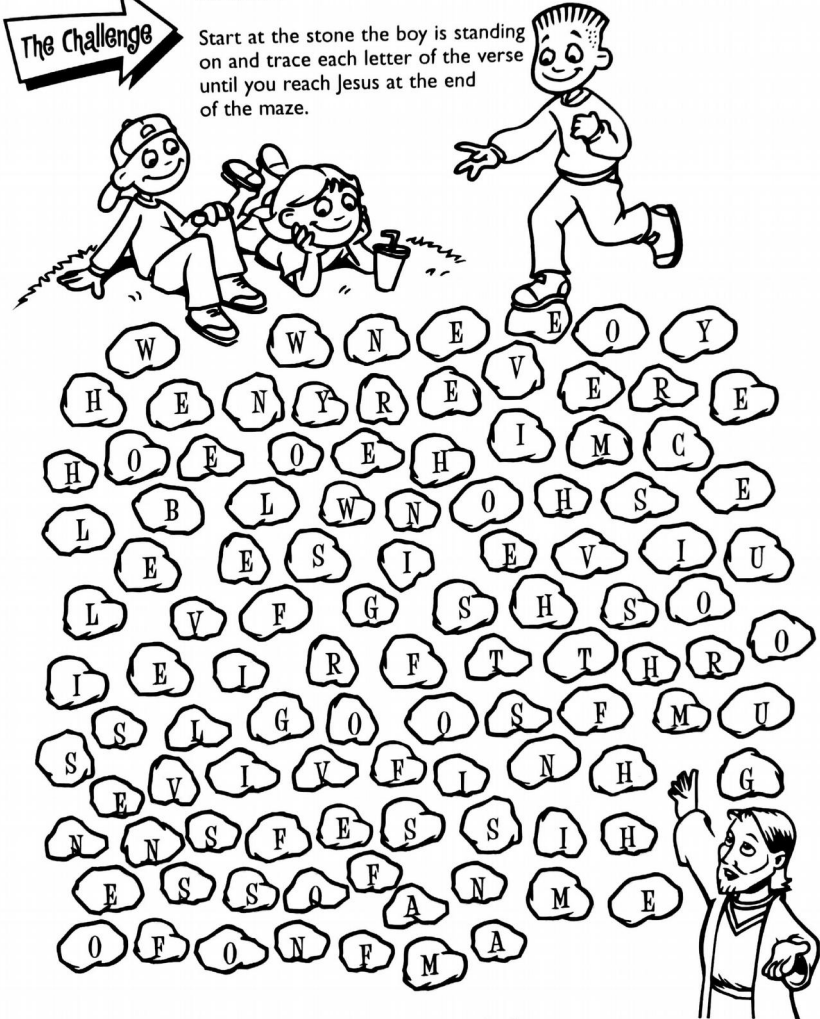
IN STEP WITH JESUS

Acts 10:43

"Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



Start at the stone the boy is standing on and trace each letter of the verse until you reach Jesus at the end of the maze.



Let's pray together: Lord, this world is a broken place and my heart is a broken place too. You are full of mercy and love and light. Please forgive me for all the times I hurt you and others and myself. Help me to trust You and give me and my family your peace. Amen.