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God wants us, God's children, to trust Him. If you trust in something, it means you can rely on it. It means you can have the confidence and believing that it will do what it is supposed to do or what it promises to do.

For example, let's say your family bought you a brand-new swing. Perhaps the directions said that the swing could hold up to 150 pounds. If the instructions were correct, then you could have the confidence and believing that the swing would hold you. You could hop right onto the swing. You could rely on it.

In the same way, God wants us to trust Him. We can trust God in every situation. Unlike the swing that can get worn out with time, God is always the same. He is always with us, and He always wants to bless us and help us. It blesses God when we trust Him because then we make it available for God to take care of us.

Proverbs 3:5 and 6 tell us:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

As we trust God we will always be blessed. Psalms 84:12b tells us, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee [God]." The word for "man" in this verse means any person.

There are many accounts in God's Word where people trusted God. One of these is in the Book of Judges, chapter 7. In this Old Testament account, the Israelites were led by a wonderful man of God named Gideon.

One day a huge number of men, who were enemies, came to fight Gideon and the Israelites. God told Gideon that there

were too many Israelites to fight the enemy. God knew that if the Israelites won the battle with a large army, they would give themselves the glory and not God. So God instructed Gideon to tell the people that if anyone was afraid to fight, to go home. Thousands left.

God said there were still too many Israelites to fight the enemy, so this time God told Gideon to take the men down to the water to drink. Those that bowed down to drink were sent back. Judges 7:7 states that God said that the remaining 300 men that lapped (meaning those that knelt down and cupped water with their hands) could go to battle. God made the promise that these 300 men would win the battle against the enemy, and there were 135,000 of them! That means that for every believer there were 450 men who were enemies. Still, God promised that they would win!

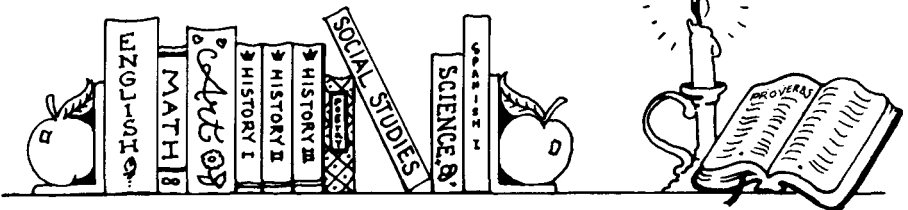
At night Gideon led his men down to the camp of the enemy. They surrounded the camp on three sides. All 300 men had been given a ram's horn trumpet, a torch and a pitcher, or jug. The pitcher was held carefully over the lit torch so that the torch would not go out, but also so that it would not flame up for the enemy to see it. Gideon told the men to do exactly as he did. Then, right when he knew God wanted him to, Gideon had the men blow on their trumpets and break their pitchers. They called out, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon" (Judges 7:20b). The enemy was so frightened that they began fighting each other. The Israelites won the battle.

We can trust God just as Gideon and his men did. No matter WHAT is happening around us, we can know that God is with us to guide and protect us. We will always win as we trust God and realize that He is our strength!



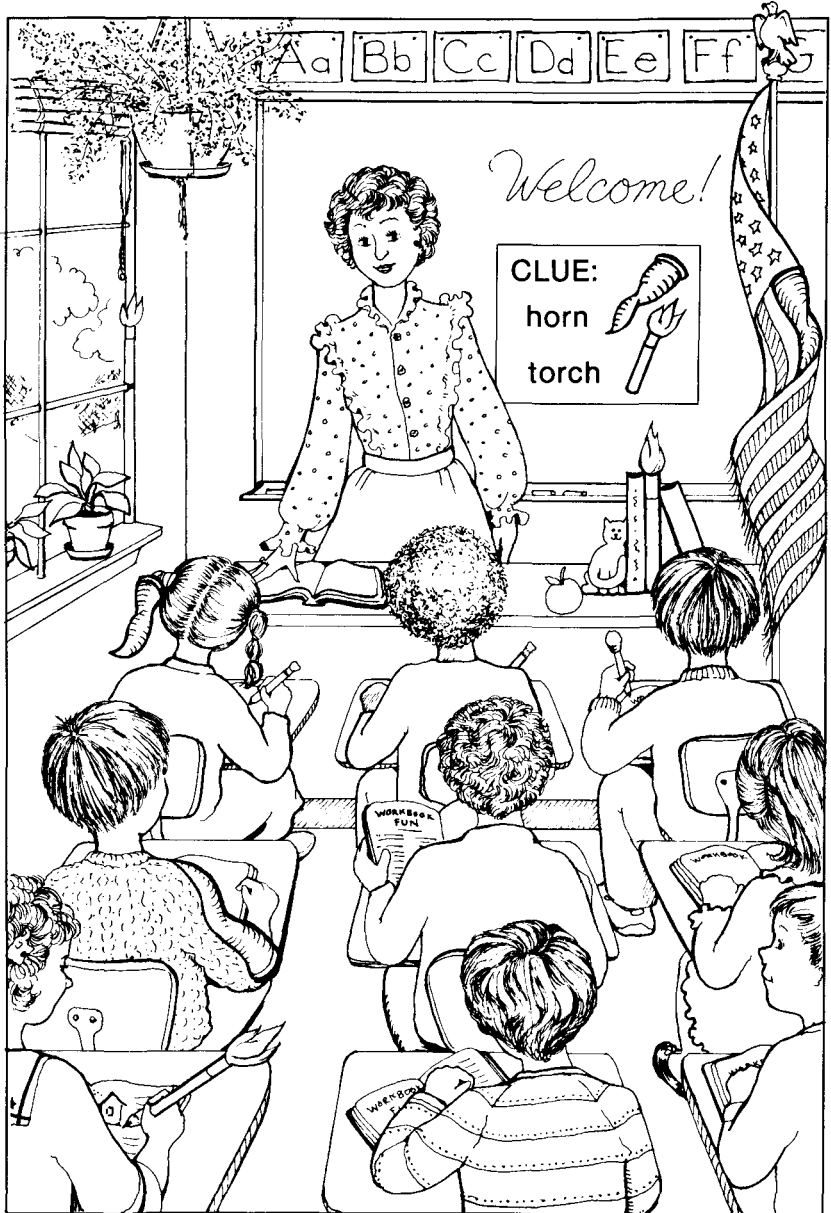
Do You Remember?

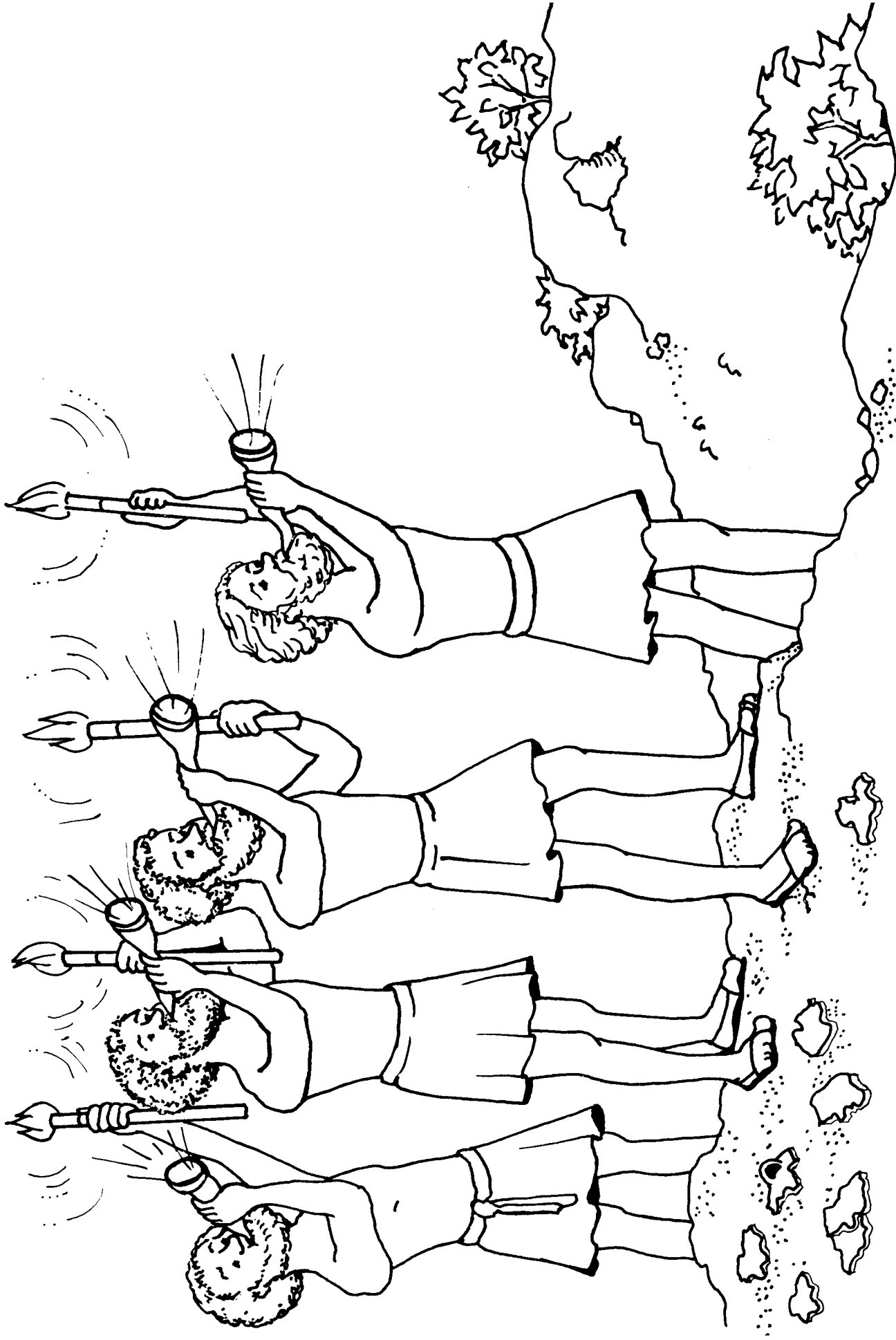
1. God wants us, His children, to _____ Him.
 - a. doubt
 - b. question
 - c. trust
2. We can trust God in _____.
 - a. some situations
 - b. every situation
 - c. no situation
3. God knew that if the Israelites won the battle with a _____ army, they would give themselves the glory and not God. So God instructed Gideon to tell the people that if anyone was afraid to _____, to go home.
 - a. small, sing
 - b. large, walk
 - c. large, fight
4. God made the promise that these 300 men would win the battle against the enemy, and there were _____ of them!
 - a. 135,000
 - b. 35
 - c. 135
5. No matter WHAT is happening around us, we can _____ that God is with us to guide and protect us.
 - a. know
 - b. guess
 - c. wonder



Hidden Pictures

In the picture below are three horns and three torches. Put a circle around each one.



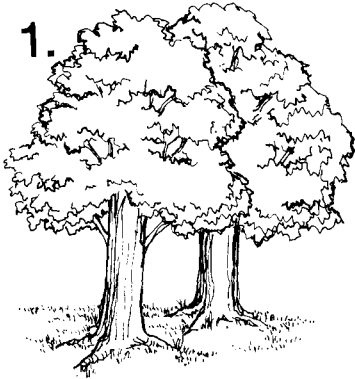


And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. Judges 7:20

Picture Puzzle Fun

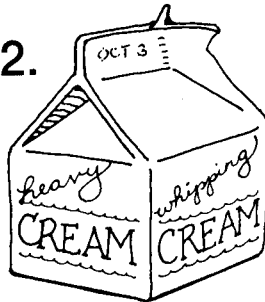
Fill in the picture words. Match the numbers by each picture with the number in each row of boxes. Once you have written in each word, the letters in the heavy squares will spell the missing word below.

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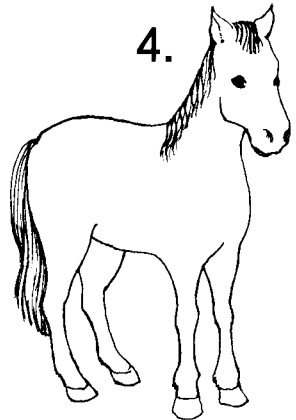


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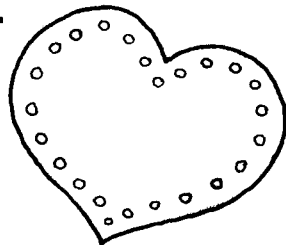
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WE CAN ALWAYS _____ GOD.

Heart Sharing

How has God been blessing your life lately?

What have you been learning by being in Children's Fellowship or being a part of your family Twig?

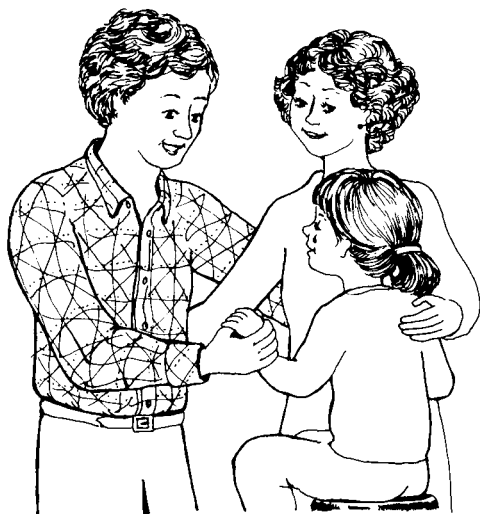
What have you learned from God's Word?

What have you applied from God's Word that blessed you?

Share any of these things by sending a letter or note to:

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The Way International
Box 328
New Knoxville, Ohio 45871

DEAR ♡,
I HAD AN EAR THAT WAS
HURTING. MOMMY AND DADDY
PRAYED FOR ME. THE NEXT
DAY I WAS HEALED.



TABIA
AGE: 5
CANADA

ANSWERS:
page 4: 1.c, 2.b, 3.c, 4.a, 5.a
page 8: 1. trees, 2. cream,
3. house, 4. horse, 5. heart
COMPLETED SENTENCE:
We can always TRUST God.

Mobile Fun



MATERIALS:

dowel (or hanger), string, scissors, heavy paper, pen or crayons, paper punch

WHAT TO DO:

1. Cut out five pieces of paper the same size.
2. Punch a hole in the center of the top of all five pieces. Then, punch a hole in the center of the bottom of two of them.
3. Write one word on each card. Write "we" and "can" on the cards with two holes, and "always," "trust" and "God" on the other three. (Look at the picture above.)
4. Decorate each word card any way you like.
5. Tie the words together with string, just like in the picture on this page.
6. Take a piece of string or yarn and tie each end to the dowel so that you can hang up your mobile.
7. Hang your mobile in a good place to help you remember that you can ALWAYS trust God.

Retemories

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Proverbs 16:20b:

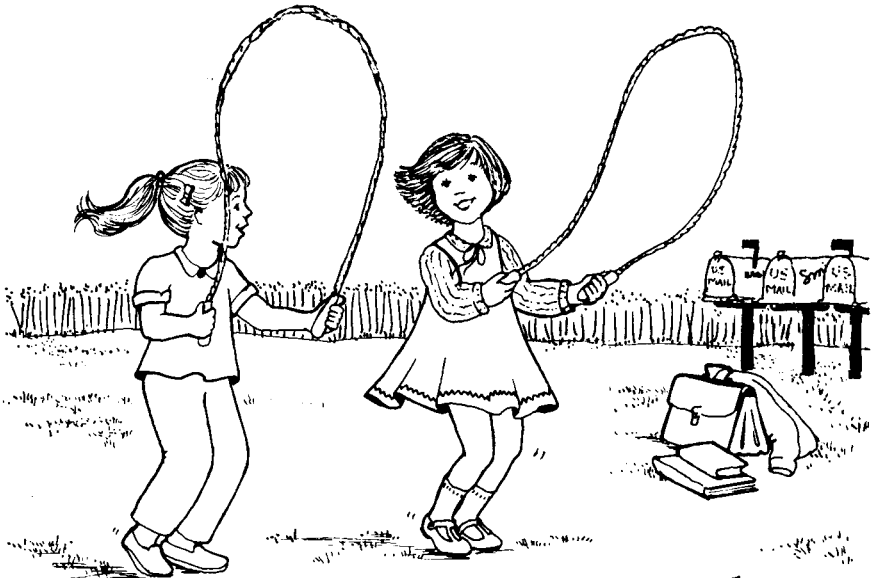
Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy *is* he.

Proverbs 29:25b:

Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

Psalms 18:2a:

The Lord *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.



Trust in the Lord with all thine heart...

We've Got a Great Big Wonderful God

We've got a great big wonderful God,
great big wonderful God,
A God who's always victorious,
Always watching over us,
Great big wonderful God.

We've got a great big wonderful God,
great big wonderful God—
A God who loves ev'ry-one of us,
done so much for all of us,
Great big wonderful God.

OUR GREAT BIG WONDERFUL GOD!

