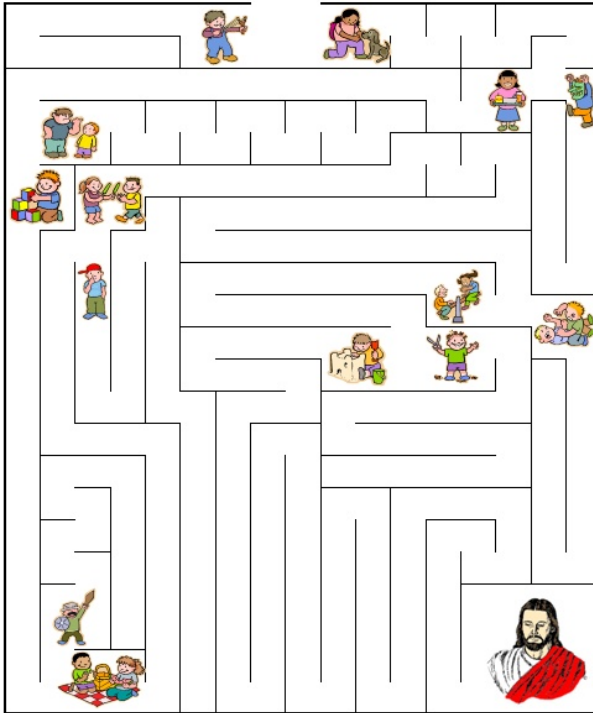
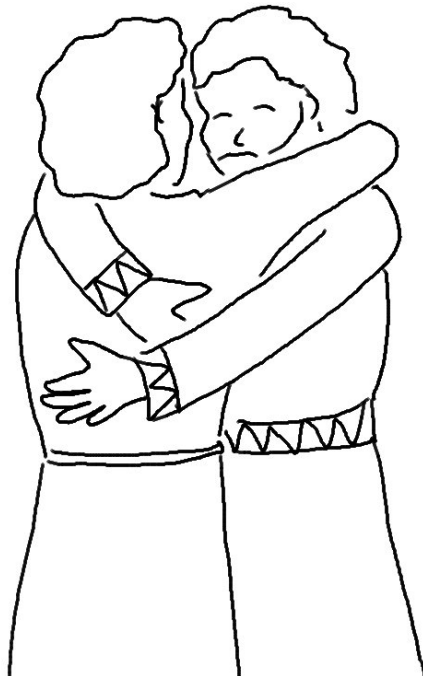



If you want to have friends, how should you act? See if you can figure it out as you find your way to Jesus

Proverbs 18:24_{NLT}

Sabbath

Over the last two weeks we have learnt about King Saul and his disobedience to God and David and his love for God.

King Saul knew that because of his actions, God had rejected him and at times, as the Bible puts it, "a tormenting spirit" would fill him with depression and fear. Someone suggested that music might help and so David, who was famous for his harp playing, was called to play for the king. When he played, the tormenting spirit left the king and he felt better.



Jonathan was the eldest son of King Saul and he became good friends with David. In fact, Jonathan thought so much of David that he gave him his own princely robe!

Have you ever had a best friend? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long did it take for you to become friends?_____

How old were you when you became friends? _____

What do you like doing together? _____

Do people ever try to break up your friendship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you ever have arguments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you like about your friend? _____

What don't you like about your friend? _____



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Refer: 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20 NLT; *Patriarchs and Prophets* p649-662; *The Bible Story* vol4 p14-40

Sunday

God was with David and he was successful at everything he did. After he killed Goliath, Saul made him commander of the army. As the army led by David returned, the women met them singing,

"Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!"

This made Saul jealous; so when David was playing his harp the next day the king hurled his spear at him, but David escaped.



Now everyone knew that King Saul had promised that the man who killed Goliath could marry one of his daughters, but when the time came for David to marry Merab, Saul's eldest daughter, he married her to someone else. David was not upset because as it turns out, Michal, Saul's younger daughter had fallen in love with David. Saul told David if he would kill 100 Philistines and bring the evidence to him, then David could marry Michal. Saul hoped the Philistines would kill David, but God was with him and he was successful.

As David's success grew, so did Saul's jealousy. One day, Saul ordered that David be arrested and killed! Jonathan warned David to hide until he convinced the king to change the order, and David could return.

Since Jonathan was the eldest son of the king, it was expected that he would become the next king. But Samuel had anointed David to be King after Saul. Now Saul either knew or suspected this and it wasn't long before he again tried to kill David.



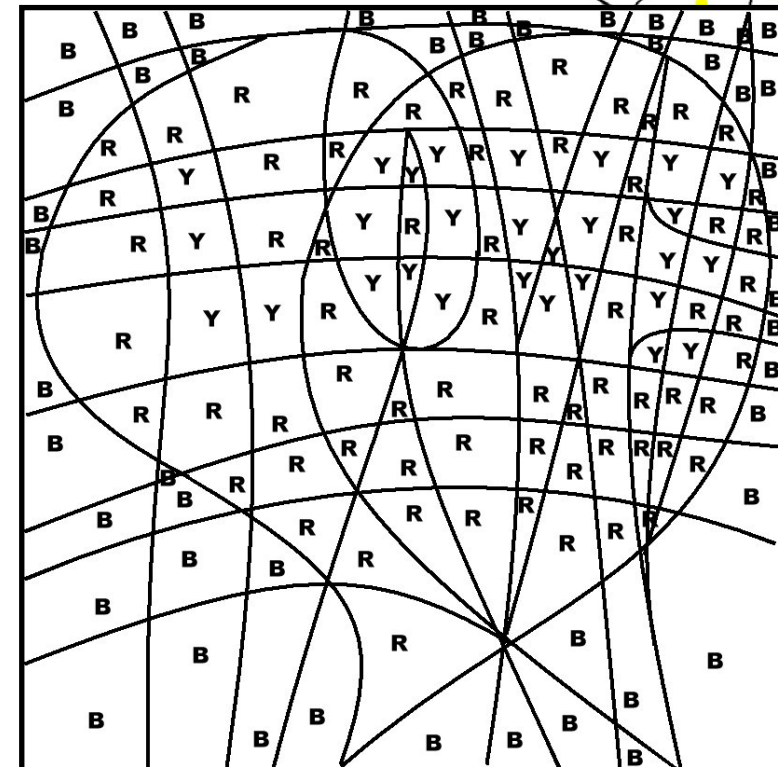
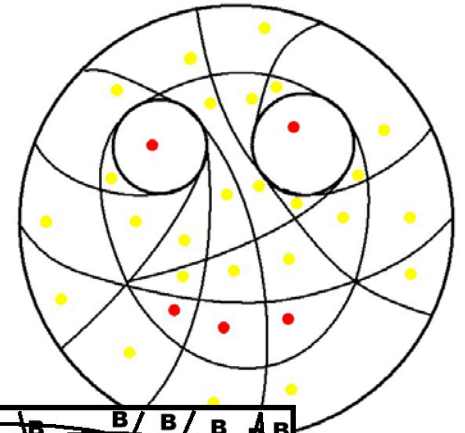
This time David fled to his house then escaped out the window. Michal put a statue in David's bed, with a goat's hair pillow for hair; when the soldiers arrived to arrest David she showed them the bed and said he was sick. The ruse was found when King Saul ordered that David be brought in his sick bed.

David escaped and went to see Samuel. Saul heard and sent troops to arrest him; but the troops started prophesying to God and forgot what they were doing. So Saul went too but the same thing happened to him.

Friday

What is the best way to make new friends?

1. Ask them questions – get them to talk about themselves.
2. Find things that you both like, and talk about them.
3. Find things that you both like and plan to do them together.
4. Spend most of your time with friends who help you to make good choices, not bad choices.



Y = Yellow
R = Red
B = Blue

Thursday

Have you ever murdered someone? I'm sure the answer is no; most people never will, at least not in the way that the law understands murder. Jesus understood it differently however. Read what Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5:21-22. "You have heard that our ancestors were told, "You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to _____ But I say, if you are even _____ with someone, you are subject to _____!"

Have you ever been angry with someone?

Is anger always a sin?

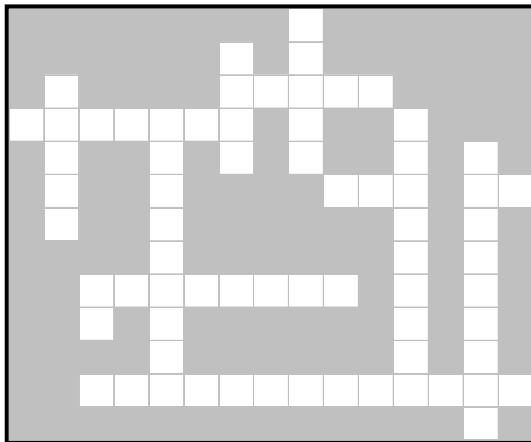
Ephesians 4:26 NLT says, "Don't sin by letting anger control you," or in the NIV, "In your anger do not sin."

Jesus was angry when he threw the money changers and merchants out of the temple in Matthew 21:12-13

So anger is not always a sin because Jesus never sinned. Jesus was angry with what we call 'Righteous anger.' He was angry because the people were disrespecting God; He did not lose control or sin while He was angry. Jesus was never angry about the way that He Himself was treated.

Sometimes we may experience righteous anger when we are angry that someone else is being hurt, but most of the time we are angry because of how someone is treating us, or how we will be affected by someone or something.

When you find yourself angry, you need to talk to God. Talking to Christian parents and friends can also be helpful too.



Monday

After David left Samuel he went and found Jonathan. Jonathan didn't believe him at first, but David said "Your father knows that we are friends, so he hasn't told you. Tomorrow is the feast and I am expected to eat with the king. When he asks, tell him you gave me permission to visit my family."

Jonathan agreed and said, "You hide in the field, and I will come to do some target practice. If I tell the servant boy 'the arrows are ahead of you', then it is not safe."

On the second day King Saul asked where David was. When Jonathan told him, Saul flew into a rage, "Don't you know that while David is alive, you will never be king! Then Saul hurled his spear at Jonathan!

When Jonathan returned to the practice field he shot his arrows past his servant boy; then he sent the boy back to town so he could meet with David. They parted as friends, saying, "With the Lord as our witness, may we be friends forever, both us, and our children."

After that, David went to Nob to see the Ahimelek the priest; he asked for food and a weapon, and was given the old holy bread from the Sanctuary and Goliath's sword, but he didn't tell Ahimelech why he was there because Doeg the Edmonite who worked for Saul was there too.

Then David went to the Philistines, hoping that King Achish would hide him. But some of the officers recognized him; so he pretended to be insane, drooling and talking nonsense until Achish sent him away.

David and Jonathan promised to be friends forever, even though Jonathan knew that if David became the king, that he, himself would not become the king.

Find the words that Jonathan and David said when they parted. They are underlined above.

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Tuesday

David moved into the cave of Adullam. Soon he was joined by his family and then more and more people - anyone who was in trouble found shelter with David until he had 400 men plus more women with him! Then David made arrangements for his parents to stay with the King of Moab, and he and his men moved to the forest of Hereth in Judah.

All this time Saul sought news of David. Doeg the Edmonite told Saul that he had seen David talking to the priest so Saul sent for the priests and accused them of plotting against the king. They denied it but Saul lost his temper and ordered the guards to kill them all.

The guards would not touch God's priests so Saul ordered Doeg to do it; and he slaughtered all the priests and went to their town and totally destroyed it. Only Ahimelek's son Abiathar escaped and joined David.

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Use the code to see why Saul told Jonathan when Jonathan asked why he wanted to kill David.

1 Samuel 20:31^{NLT}

Wednesday

What had happened to Saul? First he's trying to kill David, then his own son Jonathan, and now he has had all of God's priests murdered? As you can see, Saul had turned totally away from God and Satan was controlling him with jealousy, fear and anger.

This term we have been learning about the 10 Commandments. The last Commandment to look at is number six. Read it in a modern version and fill in the missing words of Exodus 20:13.

"___ (7d) **must** ___ (4a) ___ (3d)." ^{NLT}

Most modern versions of the Bible use the word "murder", but some of the older versions like the KJV say "kill" and this has caused some confusion because there were times in the Old Testament when God commanded people to kill, like when Samuel told Saul to destroy the Amalekites. Would God command people to break His own law?

Malachi 3:6^{NLT} "I am the ___ (8a), and I do not ___ (1d)."

The answer is no, and is explained by the difference between "kill" and "murder." Thefreedictionary says that murder is "unlawful killing" without "justification or excuse." In many societies, including those found in Old Testament times, the most common punishment for crime was capital punishment - death. (There were no jails)

If someone killed someone else, the person responsible had to flee to a city or refuge and stay there until the elders of the city held a trial and determined if the killing was an accident or murder. If it was murder then he would be executed (put to death) by the family of the person he had murdered. If it was an accident they had to wait for two things to happen before they could return home. What?

Joshua 20:6^{NLT} "He must continue to live in that city until the death of the ___ (2a) ___ (5a) who was in office at the same time of the accident. After that, he is free to return to his own home in the town from which he ___ (6d)."

(2a) ___ (5a) who was in office at the same time of the accident. After that, he is free to return to his own home in the town from which he ___ (6d).

Use the missing words to finish the crossword.

