

Hello boys and girls

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Prayer :

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for creating me in Your image, perfect and holy. Thank you for sending Jesus. I know that it is only through Him that I am saved and made perfect again. Help me to not only focus on the gifts and celebrations on my birthday but to always remember my purpose and the reason for my existence, to praise and honour You with my life. Help me to be a light to my friends and family and to share Your love. Amen



Hello boys and girls, Jazz and I have just gotten back from our cousin's birthday party. He turned five years old today. He had his party at a play park. There were lots of fun activities like a jumping castle, a climbing wall and arcade games. His mommy also prepared lots of sweet treats for us to enjoy and it was a great celebration.

We were so excited to give him his gift. He loves super hero toys and Lego. Jazz and I saved some of our pocket money and bought him a Lego action figure.

We love birthdays, not only our own but sharing in the excitement when someone else celebrates a birthday. Mommy and Daddy have always made our birthdays special. Mommy always tells the story of when I was born. She says I was very small when I was born, small enough to fit into a shoe box. Everyone was so worried because I had to stay in the hospital for one month to grow bigger and stronger. Mommy says that she felt afraid that I would become ill or worse that I would die. She says that she prayed for me every day, and as she prayed I grew and became stronger and stronger. After ten days I was able to go home with Mommy and Daddy to meet Jazz. It was a miracle.

Mommy read to us from the Bible that God knew us even before we were born. God knows our beginning and our end. He knows each part of us, our nose, our ears and even the hairs on our head. He knows our thoughts and the secrets of our hearts. He created us. Mommy says that birthdays are a great reminder of God's love toward us. Each day that is added to our lives is a blessing but also an opportunity to be a blessing to others. How amazing is it that with billions of people on earth God knows each and every one of us.

The Bible also tells us that we were created in God's image. I know what you are thinking, we all look so different. God created man perfect and holy as He is perfect and holy but sin came into the world and messed up the perfect thing that God had created. So God sent Jesus to die for our sins so that when we stand before God He sees us as holy and perfect through Jesus. When a baby is born it does not know about being naughty or rude, it does not know about sadness or pain. Sin comes and messes with that perfect baby as it grows up and changes the image of God into something ugly. Mommy says that birthdays should remind us of the reason we were created by God, to worship and serve Him. It should remind us of His perfect plan for us, to prosper us and give us hope and a bright future.

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Help Moses decipher the 5th commandment.

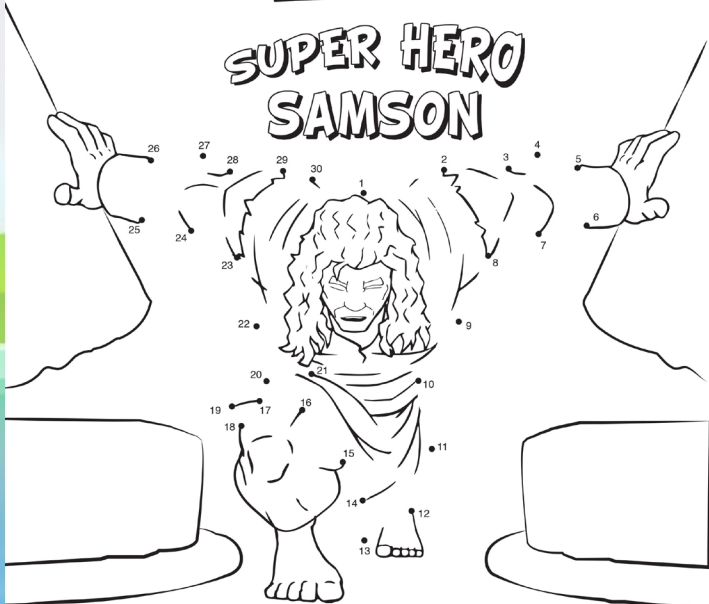
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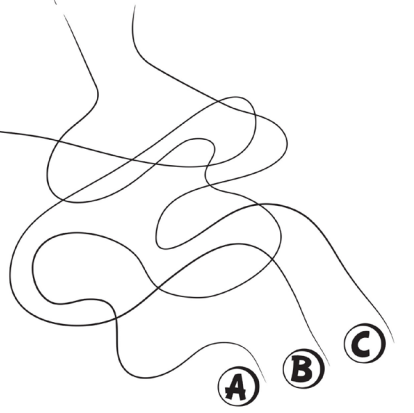
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Connect the dots and help Samson to push down the pillars.



6 Read about strong man Samson in Judges 13-16

Which stone did Super Hero David throw at Goliath?



Answer



Read about David, the giant slayer, in 1 Samuel 17:19-50



Connect the object to the hero to whom it belongs.

DAVID		
JOSHUA		
MOSES		

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WISDOM
will give you a
garland
to *grace*
your head
and present you with a
glorious
crown.

Proverbs 4:9

TRUST in the Lord

with all your HEART

& lean not on your own understanding;

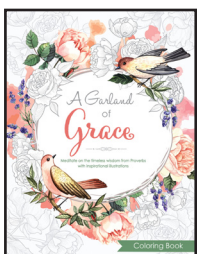
in all your ways



& submit to Him, He will make

your PATHS straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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