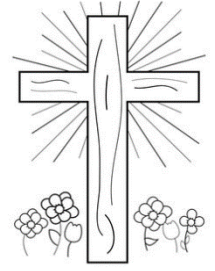




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Based on 1 Cor 1:3-9



GOD IS FAITHFUL

Sam and Holly were sitting at the table enjoying their breakfast. Sam said his usual morning prayer, "Lord, we thank your for our peaceful sleep last night and the promise of a new day. Guide and direct us today and accept our thanks for all the blessings you have given us and our breakfast today. Amen."

Someone looking in through the window and listening to Sam's prayer may have wondered about just how much they had to be thankful for. The breakfast was obvious, because you can smell bacon cooking from a distance away, but they didn't have much furniture or floor coverings. However, they did have a wonderful old pig and her eight piglets.

Sam was a very hardworking man so why the thanks to God for the peaceful night? He had milked the cow and let her out into the field. He had cleaned out the stables, and the pigpen, fed the chickens and collected the eggs and fixed a broken door. Sam did the things that were usually done by Holly.

Sam's normal job was as a railway man and Holly worked all day in and around the house. As well as the jobs Sam did for Holly on a Sunday morning, she cared for her two children and had a busy day. In Sam and Holly's home Sunday was a day the family went to church and their favourite saying was "God is faithful." Holly knows this because that's what it says in I Corinthians v9 and if God is faithful then so must we.

On this particular morning Sam was looking at the dark clouds gathering in the sky and was concerned they would get wet walking to church which was over a kilometre away, but Holly said that's no excuse to stay home. And that's when the biggest thunder clap they had ever heard happened and the heavy downpour happened. Sam said, 'When we go to church, there may not be house to return too.' Holly's only reply was here usual statement, 'God is faithful, we need the rain for the garden.'

They finished their breakfast without another word being spoken. After that it was time to get dressed for church. On the way to church Sam saw the creek not far from the house was beginning to rise and if it broke its bank then it might come into the house. Holly wasn't too worried about her house; she was more worried about the pigs being washed down the creek.

Sam was going to the pigs to move them on higher ground, Holly grabbed Sam worried he would be carried away by the rushing water. Holly said better we lose the pigs than you – think of the children. Now the water was rising fast and was almost up to the steps it had passed by the lower window and flooded the room below and all Sam could say was 'God is faithful.'

When the water had gone as quickly as it rose, Sam walked to how the pigs had managed and to his surprise they were all in the pen safe and sound because all the flood rubbish had kept the water out of the pigpen. They were only wet because of the rain that landed on them.

Can you guess what Holly said to Sam?

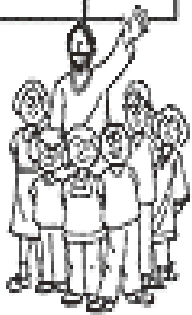
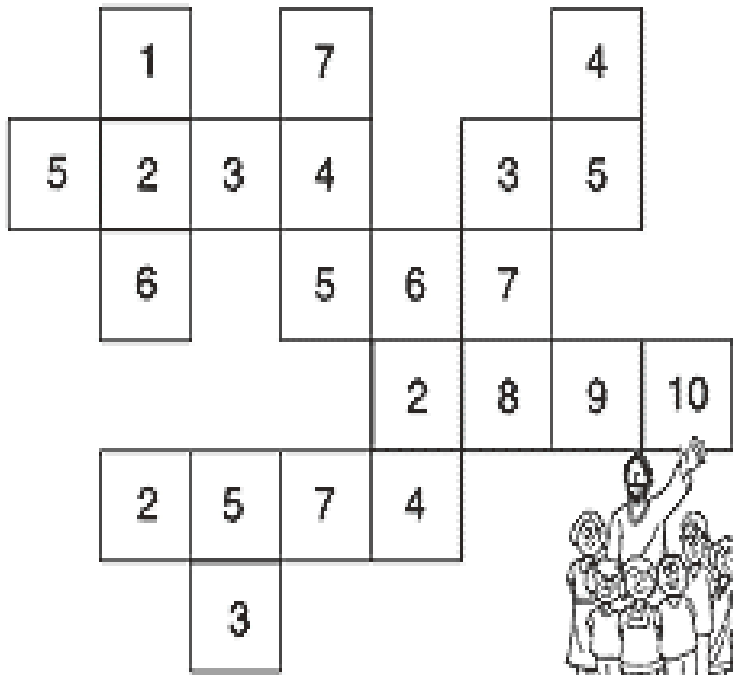
'God is faithful'.



Jesus Keeps You Strong

Be friends with Jesus.


Help the child find her way to Jesus.
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Jesus Keeps You Strong

Paul told the Corinthians that ...

Unscramble each word to spell the name of one of the items that is pictured. Then use the circled letters to complete the sentence.



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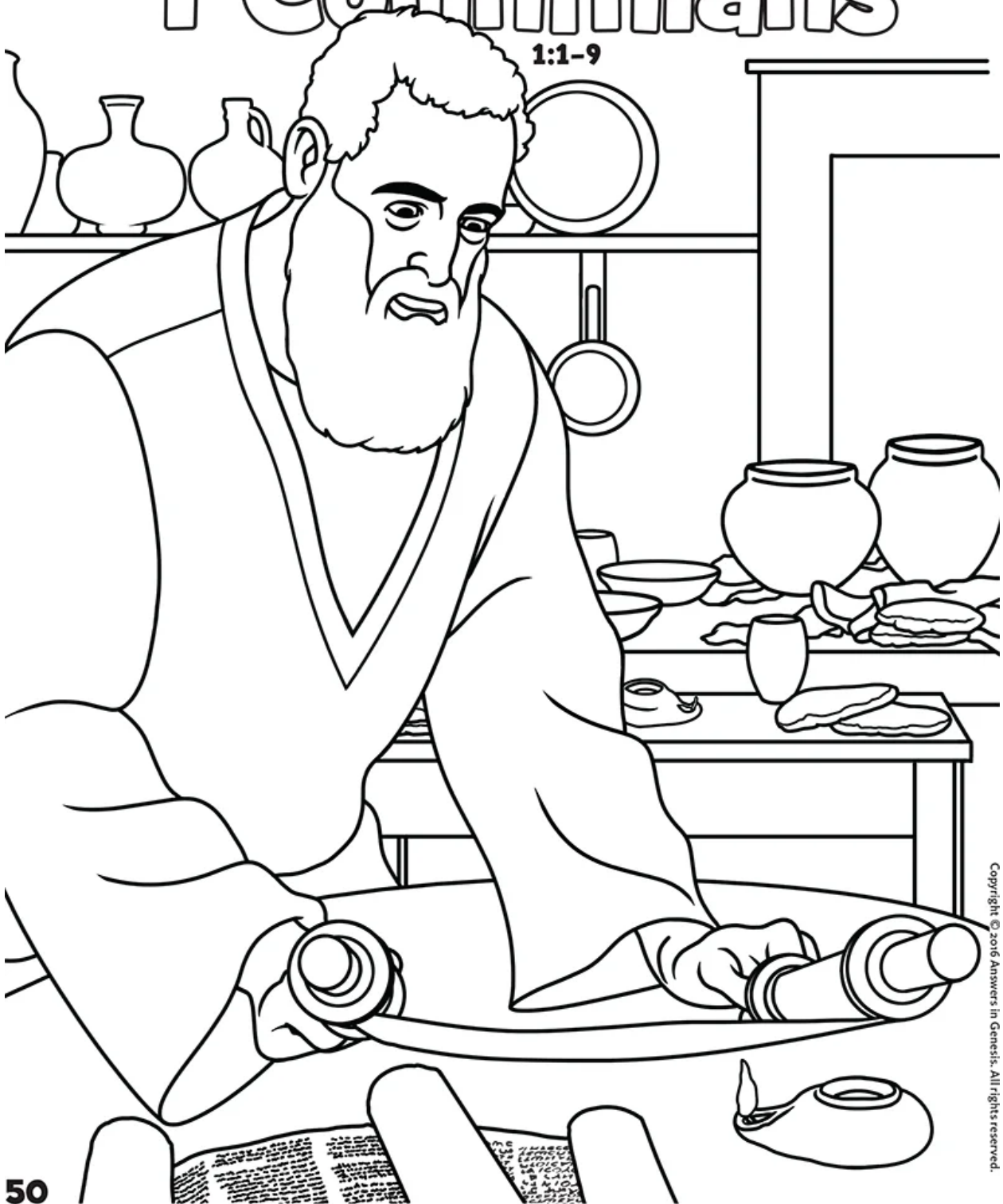
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God is _____.

I Corinthians

1:1-9



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When we are giving food and water to others we are doing because we love Jesus and want to help other people to love Him too!

GOD IS FAITHFUL DOOR HANGERS



WHAT YOU NEED

- Different colour paper
- Texta colours
- Glue
- Elastic band
- Sticky tape
- Scissors

METHOD

- Cut out a cloud shape from the white paper
- Write or have an adult write 'God is faithful' and 'God keeps God's promises' on the cloud shape as in the diagram above.
- Cut out one strip of paper from each of the colours
- Glue them on the top of the back of the cloud
- Use the sticky tape to tape the elastic band on the back of the top of the cloud.
- Place it on a doorknob so that every time you open the door you are reminded that God is faithful and God keeps God's promises.
- Have a lot fun



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83FWweYeKI4>

