

Faith-Growing Family Devotional Experiences

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Family Devotional Experience 1

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God Gives us Courage (1 Samuel 17)

Get cozy with your family and your laptop for 15 minutes of meaningful worship, Bible Discovery, prayer and fun!

Worship

Sing “Doxology”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjqcnFjVF6k>

Sing “To God Be the Glory”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0dQbfbSW0Q>

Bible Story

Watch a video from the [**Friends with God Story Bible**](#) based on 1 Samuel 17.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xoq4GmMlgBA>

Life Application

Watch Bryan’s story, and find out how God gave Bryan and his family strength and courage during a scary storm.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=411U4k6fTzs>

Prayer

(See Power Prayers from the [**I Am Friends With God Journal**](#))

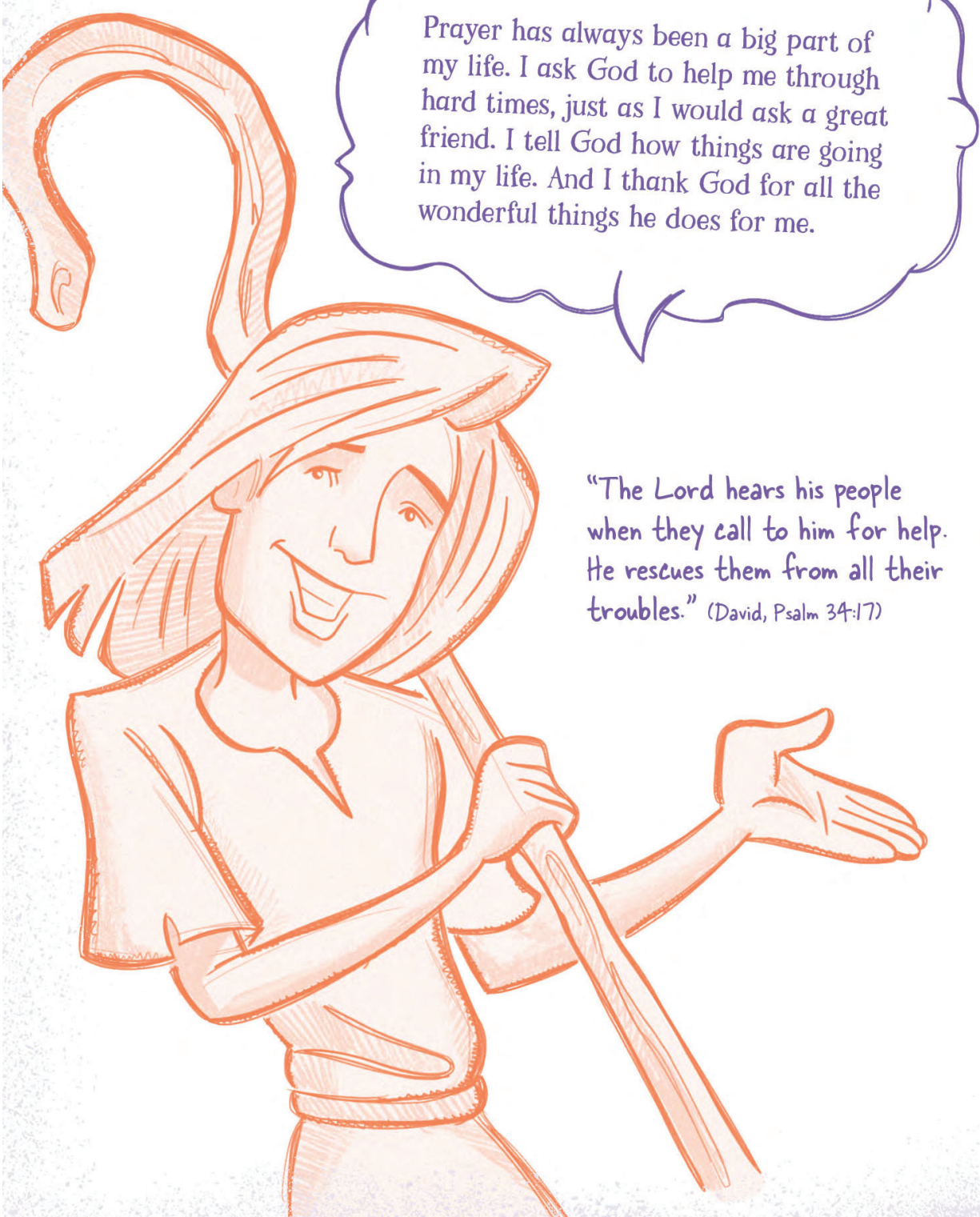
Read Psalm 34:17 together, and then pray for people in your life.

Bonus Activity

(See Super You from the [**Friends With God Activity Book**](#))

Create a fun superhero mask to remind you of God’s power!

Power PRAYERS



Prayer has always been a big part of my life. I ask God to help me through hard times, just as I would ask a great friend. I tell God how things are going in my life. And I thank God for all the wonderful things he does for me.

"The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles." (David, Psalm 34:17)

When you pray, God hears you, and God can make anything happen. Write some prayers on this page for yourself and the important people in your life.

Prayer for God to give something special to someone I know:



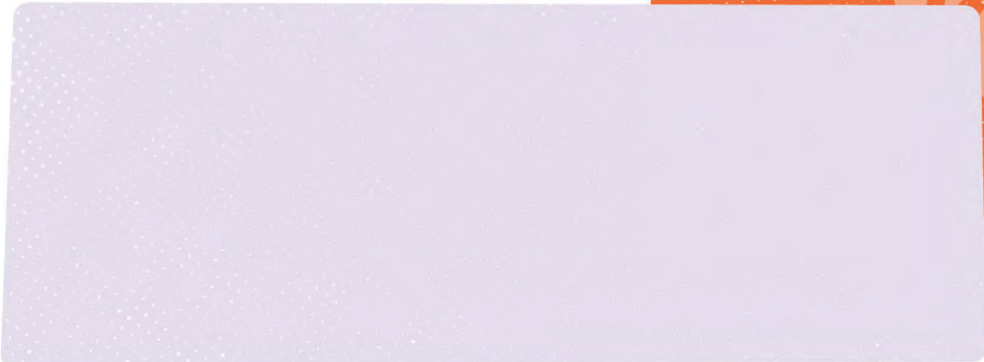
Prayer for someone I want to be safe:



Prayer for someone I want to be happy:



Prayer for a situation I can't control:



I'm David! Some people call me a hero because I beat a giant with a slingshot. Everyone else was afraid of him, but not me!

I knew God was with me.

Some heroes have slingshots, some put out fires, and others wear masks. If you were a superhero, what would your mask look like? Draw it here.

Super You



“Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation” (Hebrews 11:2).

Family Devotional Experience 2

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God Keeps His Promises (Genesis 15)

Get cozy with your family and your laptop for 15 minutes of meaningful worship, Bible Discovery, prayer and fun!

Worship

Sing “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CYNHT08_m0

Sing “Do Lord”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYPQexlarJ4>

Bible Story

Watch a video from the [Friends with God Story Bible](#) based on Genesis 15.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCcRK0efOMk>

Life Application

Watch a story of how God brought a family together!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYb6yh7oSUE>

Promises

(See The Promise Keeper from the [I Am Friends With God Journal](#))

Think about promises you’ve made and read 2 Corinthians 1:20. Thank God for keeping his promises to you and your family.

Bonus Activity

(See *Stars in Your Eyes* from the [Friends With God Activity Book](#))

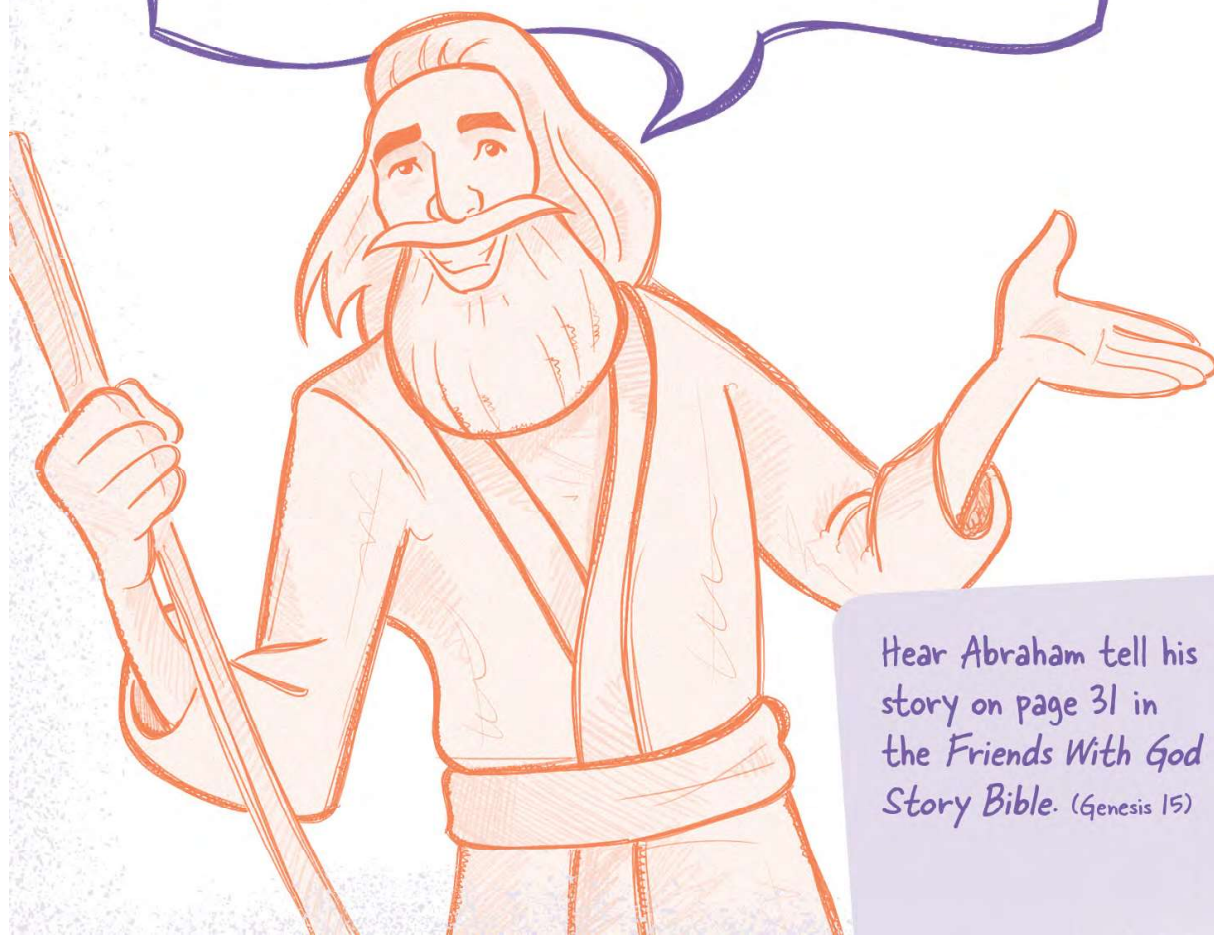
Connect the dots to discover a constellation!

The Promise KEEPER

My name is Abraham. People called me a friend of God. That's because I trusted God with everything in my life, even when it didn't make sense to me. I always knew God wanted the best for me and my family, so I believed him—no matter what.

God is such a faithful friend that he made me some amazing promises. He promised me a big family, and then he gave me a *huge* family—more than all the stars you can count in the sky.

Like a perfect friend, God keeps his promises. And God has promised you a lot of things, too. He promises to take care of all your needs, and he promises to never leave your side. God is always there for you.

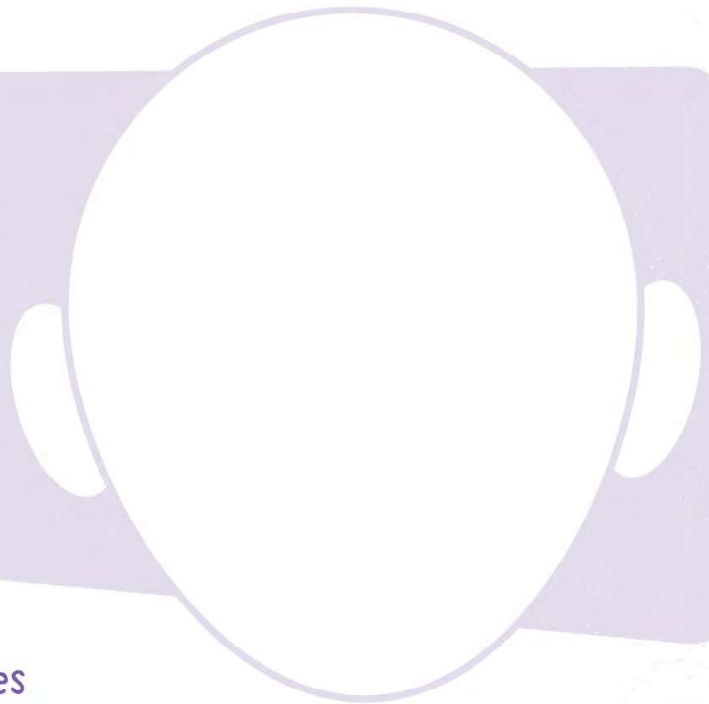


Hear Abraham tell his story on page 31 in the *Friends With God Story Bible*. (Genesis 15)

How does it make you feel to know that God keeps his promises to you?

When have you made a promise to someone? What happened?

Draw how your face looks when someone keeps a promise to you.



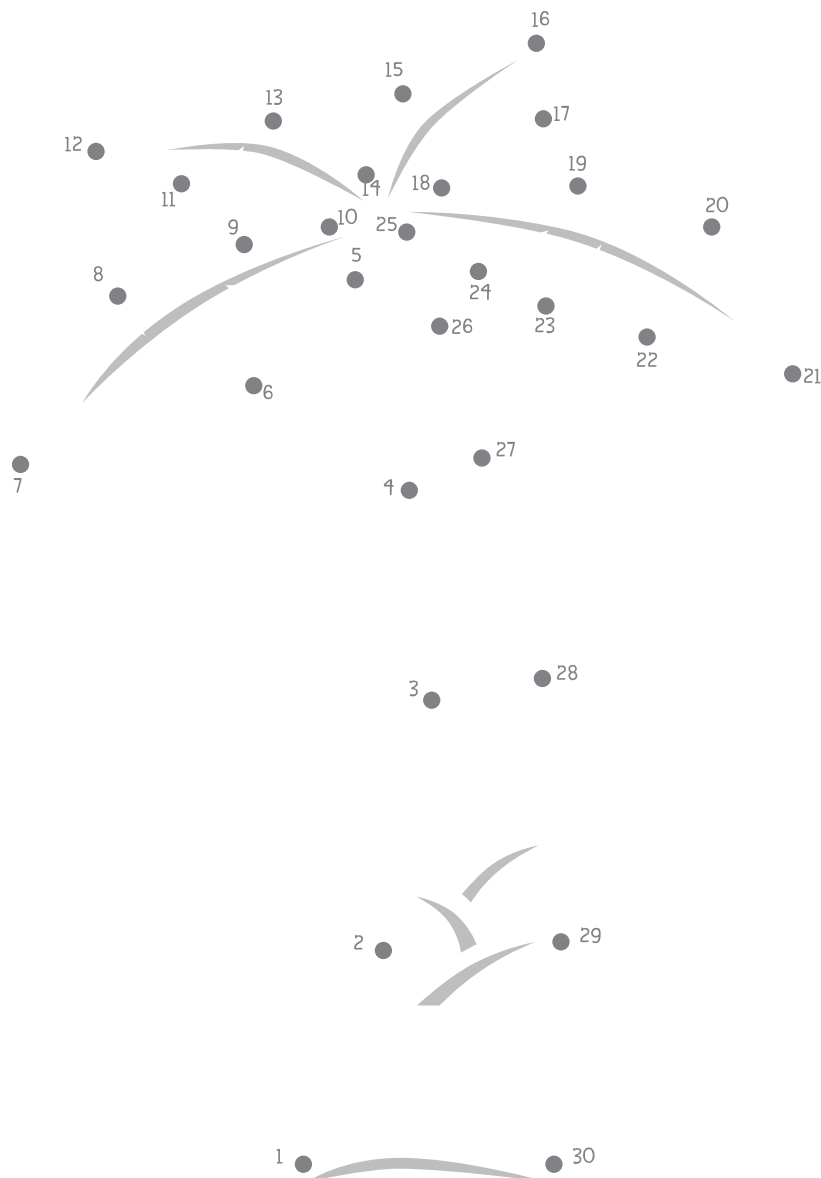
Three Epic Epiphanies

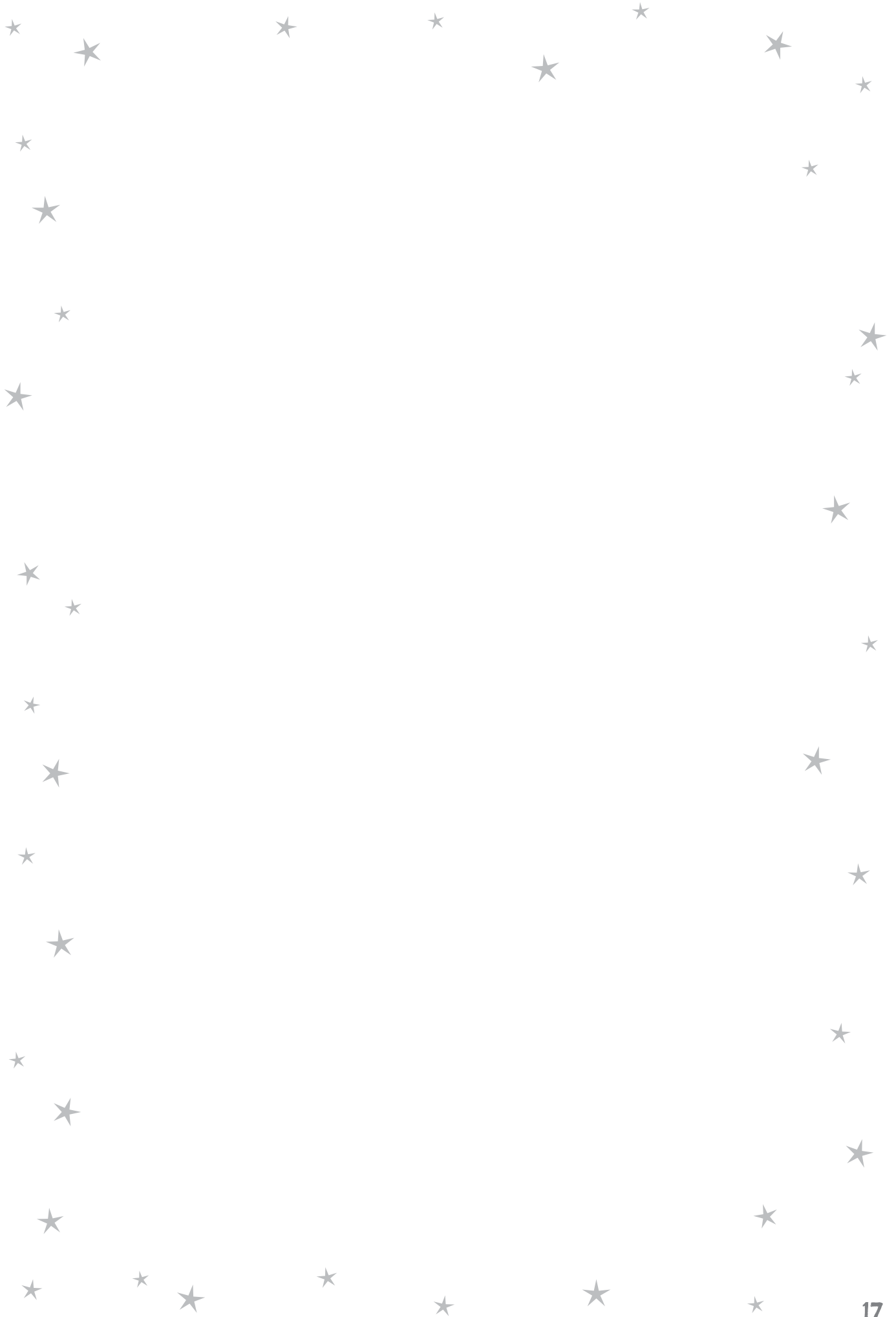
1. God keeps his promises.
2. God promises to always be your friend.
3. "For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!' " (2 Corinthians 1:20).

Stars in Your Eyes



My name is Abraham. When God made me his big promise, he took me outside and showed me the stars. Sometimes people see shapes in the stars when they connect them like dots. They call them constellations. Connect the stars—er, dots—on this page to see what this constellation is. Then, on the next page, draw your own constellation of one of your favorite things.





Family Devotional Experience 3

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God Loves Us (Luke 2:8-20)

Get cozy with your family and your laptop for 15 minutes of meaningful worship, Bible Discovery, prayer and fun!

Worship

Sing “Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus”

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

Sing “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T1CLIMjiTw>

Bible Story

Watch a video from the [Friends with God Story Bible](#) based on Luke 2:8-20.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlwCPqENW6Q>

Life Application

Watch how three friends created the Buddy Bench to help people make new friends on the playground!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVSa6TP_M4c

Prayer (See Epiphany from the [I Am Friends With God Journal](#))

Read John 1:14 and think about what you’d say to baby Jesus. Then, consider how you can share God’s love with others!

Bonus Activity

Make a door dangler!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfp0LjstSw4>

EPIPHANY

We shepherds had one of the most special epiphanies of all time: We got to see Jesus right after he was born. We were some of Jesus' very first friends. Wow!

Many people celebrate a holiday called Epiphany in the first week of January, right after Christmas. It's a day to remember the time God came to earth as a human. Celebrating the birth of Jesus can be a special time of epiphany for you, too, as you look for God in your own life. It's like bringing light to the darkness.

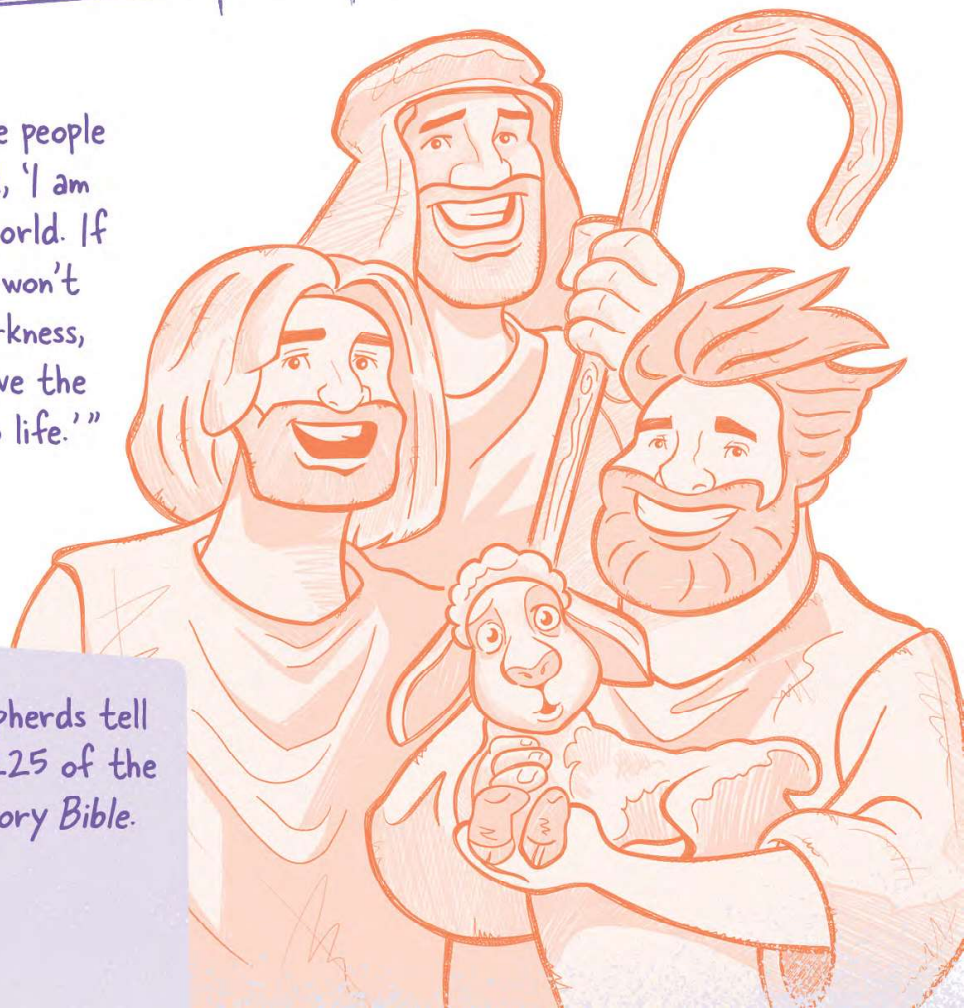
Imagine what it would have been like if you had been one of us shepherds at the manger or one of the wise men bringing gifts to little Jesus.

"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'"

(John 8:12)

You can hear the shepherds tell their story on page 225 of the *Friends With God Story Bible*.

(Luke 2:1-20)



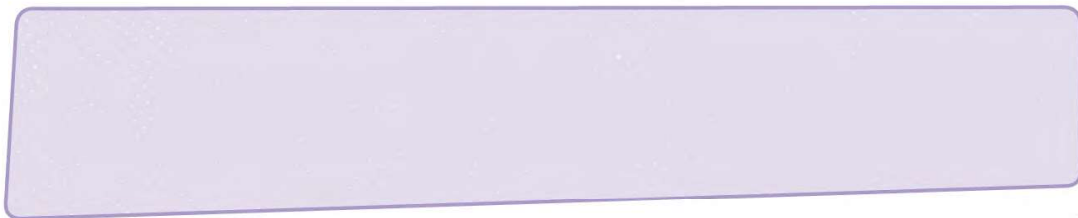
"So the Word became human and made his home among us.
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have
seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."

(John 1:14)


What do you think Jesus looked like as a baby?



What would you say to Jesus' mother, Mary?



What gift would you have given Jesus?



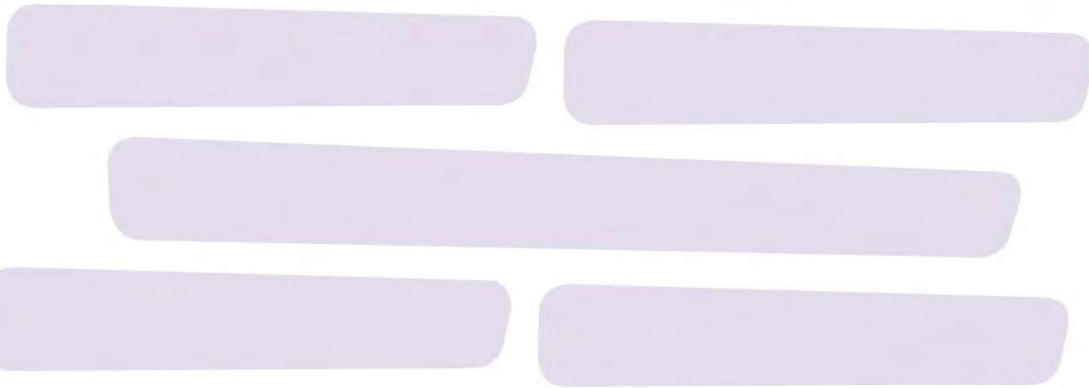
What prayer would you pray for baby Jesus?



God Through YOU

Since Jesus isn't walking around on the earth with us right now, he needs us to be his friends to the people around us. We are Jesus' body while he's gone, and we can use our hands, feet, eyes, ears, and mouths to show God's love to others.

Top Five Things to Do With My Hands



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Top Five Things to Do With My Feet



Five purple rectangular boxes for writing answers to the 'Top Five Things to Do With My Feet' section.

"All of you together are Christ's body,
and each of you is a part of it."
(1 Corinthians 12:27)

My Top Fives

Top Five Things to Do With My Eyes

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Top Five Things to Do With My Ears

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PIP QUIZ!

Describe one way God has helped you use your hands or feet to do something good for someone else.