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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- How do we receive the Holy Spirit? (See Acts 2:38.)
- How does the Holy Spirit help us?

## The Holy Spirit Came

Acts 2

**STORY POINT: GOD KEPT HIS PROMISE TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were gathered together. All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven. Then tongues appeared like flames of fire, and they rested on each of the disciples. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak in languages they didn't even know!

Now, Jews were in Jerusalem who had come from every nation. They heard the disciples' voices in their own languages, and they were amazed!

Peter stood up and reminded the people of something the prophet Joel had said long ago: "God says, 'I will pour out My Spirit on all people ... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Peter said, "Even though God planned for Jesus to die, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him. But God raised Jesus from the dead."

Then Peter said, "Jesus is alive! He went up to heaven to be with God the Father." Peter continued, "When you killed Jesus, you killed the Messiah!"

The Holy Spirit convinced the people that Peter was telling the truth. "What must we do to be saved?" they asked. Peter told the people to repent—to turn away from their sins and to turn to God. Everyone who believed Peter's message was baptized. That day, about three thousand people joined Jesus' followers.

*Christ Connection: God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the gospel with the entire world. God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior.*

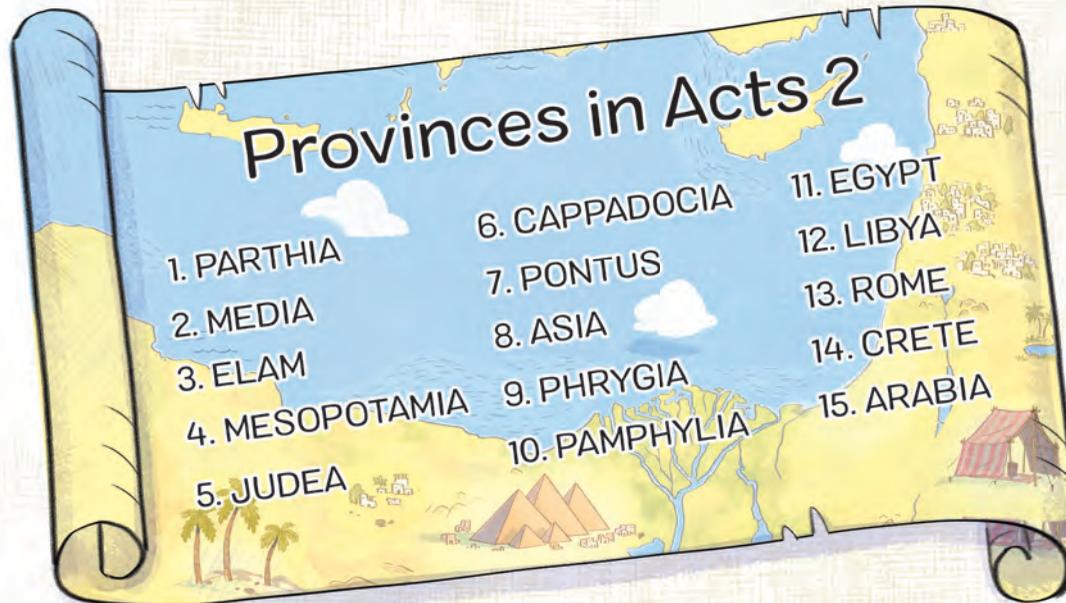


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# For the Nations

Use the code to discover what happened in Acts 2.

Key: (2,5) = second province, fifth letter (A)



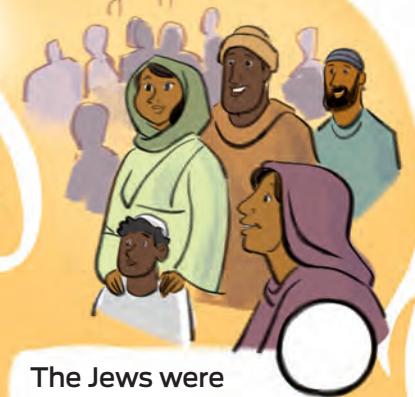
Peter preached to the crowd about Jesus.



The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.



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The Jews were amazed to hear the disciples speaking in their own languages.

## Pentecost Pictures

Number the events in the order they happened.

4,7	1,5	11,1	9,2	7,2	12,1	10,6			
8,2	6,3	2,4	14,2	15,5	14,4	6,1	5,5	3,4	13,4

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think the man felt when he was healed?
- How can we help people who are in need? Why is meeting only spiritual needs not enough? Why is meeting only physical needs not enough?
- Who do you know needs healing? Pray for that person.

## Peter Healed a Man

Acts 3-4

**STORY POINT: THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE PETER POWER TO HEAL A MAN.**

One afternoon, Peter and John went to the temple to pray. They saw a man sitting by a gate. The man could not walk.

Peter said to the man, "I don't have any silver or gold for you, but I will give you what I do have." Then Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"

Peter reached out and helped the man up. All of a sudden, the man's feet and ankles were strong. He could walk! He went into the temple with Peter and John, and he praised God.

The next day, the religious leaders asked Peter and John, "How did you heal this man?"

Peter said, "This man was healed by the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You nailed Jesus to a cross, but God raised Him from the dead. It is because of Him that this man is healed!"

The religious leaders didn't know what to say. They ordered Peter and John to never preach or teach in the name of Jesus again. Peter and John said, "We cannot be quiet. We must tell people about what we have seen and heard."

Peter and John met with other believers and prayed that God would give them power to speak boldly and without fear.

*Christ Connection: After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to begin working. With the power of Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who was lame. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the good news about Jesus.*



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## What's in a Name?

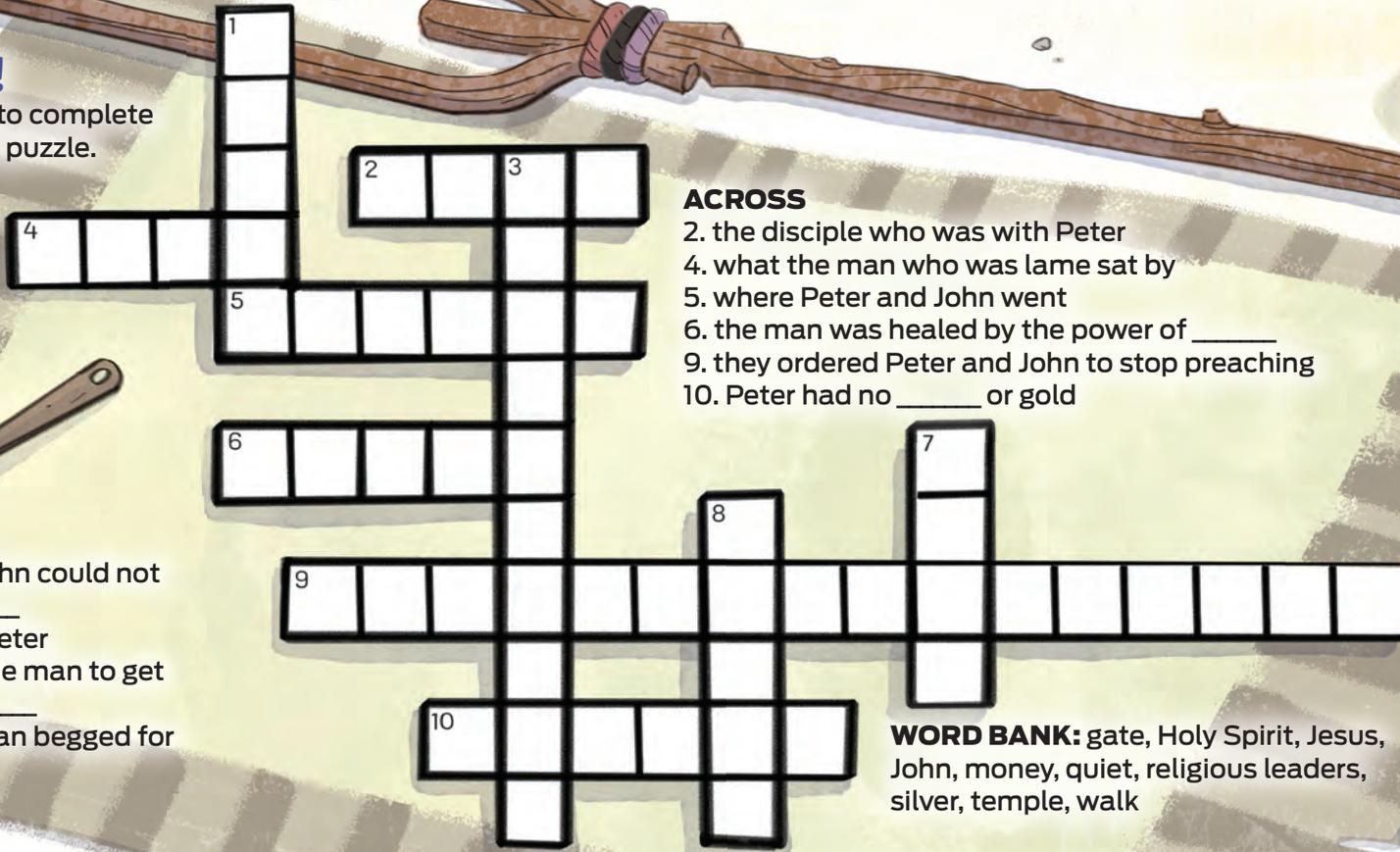
Match each name with its meaning.  
Compare your answers with a friend.

Abraham  
Ruth  
Adam  
John  
Peter  
Esther  
Jesus  
Sarah

“stone”  
“princess”  
“Yahweh is gracious”  
“man”  
“father of many”  
“Yahweh is salvation”  
“friend”  
“star”

## Healed!

Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



### ACROSS

2. the disciple who was with Peter
4. what the man who was lame sat by
5. where Peter and John went
6. the man was healed by the power of \_\_\_\_\_
9. they ordered Peter and John to stop preaching
10. Peter had no \_\_\_\_\_ or gold

### DOWN

1. Peter and John could not keep \_\_\_\_\_
3. who filled Peter
7. Peter told the man to get up and \_\_\_\_\_
8. what the man begged for

**WORD BANK:** gate, Holy Spirit, Jesus, John, money, quiet, religious leaders, silver, temple, walk

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What is the best news you've ever heard?
- Is it hard or easy for you to wait for something? How do you think God's people felt waiting for the Messiah?
- How do you feel knowing that God the Son came to earth to rescue sinners?

# Jesus Was Born

John 1

**STORY POINT: JESUS CAME TO BRING US LIFE.**

John, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote to tell people about who Jesus is. John wrote that the Word—Jesus—existed before the world even began. The Word has always existed with God, and the Word has always existed as God. He was with God in the beginning. When God spoke at creation, all things were created through His Word.

The Word brought life into the world and light for all people. God sent a man named John the Baptist to tell people about the light so they might believe. The true light was coming into the world to give light to everyone.

When Jesus came into the world, people did not recognize Him. His own people did not accept Him. But this is good news: to everyone who did accept Him, He gave them the right to be children of God.

The Word became a human and lived among us. He was full of grace and truth. People received blessings from Jesus, grace upon grace.

No one has ever seen God, but Jesus—God's one and only Son—has shown us what God is like.

*Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was no ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world as a human to bring us life. He brought light into darkness and showed us what God is like.*



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## In-car-what?!

Fill in the blanks with the letters from *INCARNATION* to discover the definition. (10 = tenth letter)

G    d         he      S            be       me              hum       .  
 10            8            10 6            3 7            4            7 11

How many words can you form from the letters **INCARNATION**? List them below.

## Into the World

For each statement, circle the correct phrase to fill in the missing words.

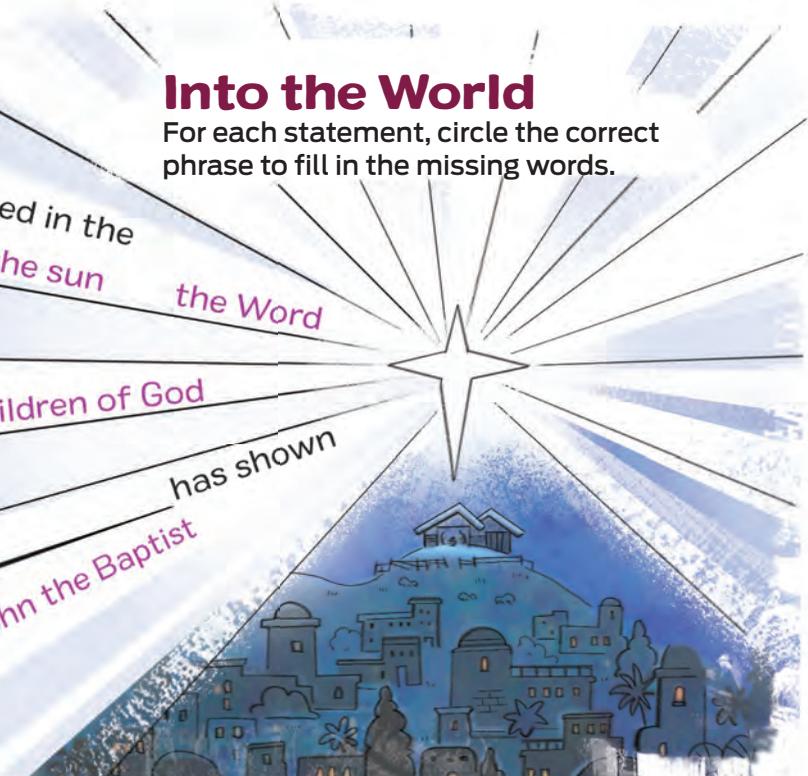
John wrote that \_\_\_\_\_ beginning, before the world even began. \_\_\_\_\_ existed in the \_\_\_\_\_  
 the sun      the Word

God sent a man named \_\_\_\_\_ to the light. \_\_\_\_\_ to be a witness  
 John      Moses

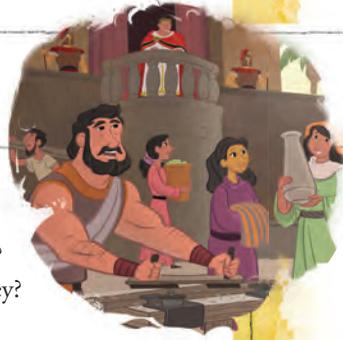
To everyone who accepted Jesus, He gave them the right to be \_\_\_\_\_  
 whatever they wanted to be      children of God

The Word became \_\_\_\_\_ and dwelt among us.  
 a dove      flesh

No one has ever seen God, but \_\_\_\_\_ has shown us what God is like.  
 Jesus      John the Baptist



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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Have you ever been mistreated because of your faith?
- How do you think hard times can bring us closer to God?
- Describe a time you were encouraged by someone else.

## Faithful in Hard Times

1 Peter 1-2

**STORY POINT: PETER ENCOURAGED BELIEVERS WHO FACED PERSECUTION.**

In the early church, Jesus' followers faced persecution. People mistreated the believers because of their faith, and many believers were forced to leave their homes and go to different cities.

Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote a letter to encourage them. He wanted to help these believers be faithful in hard times.

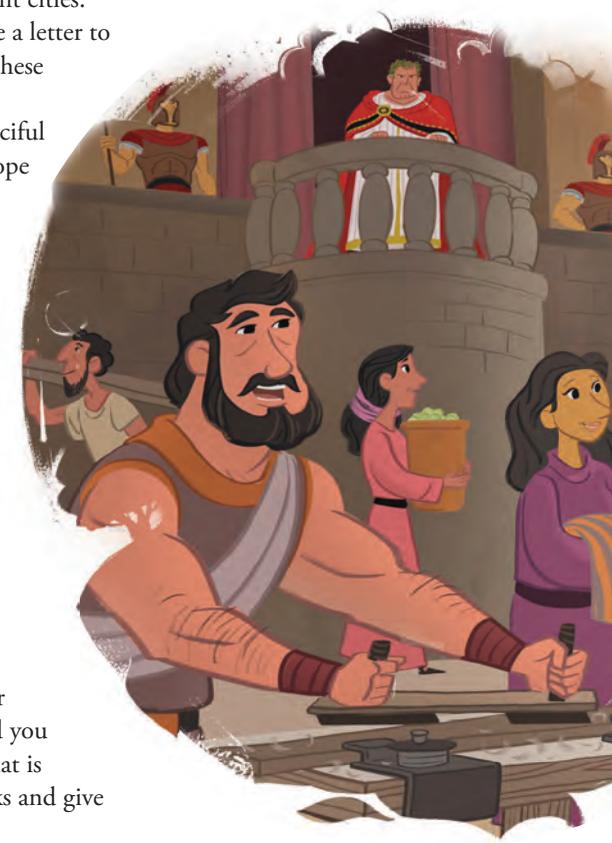
Peter said, "Praise God! He is merciful and has given us new life. We have hope because of Jesus, whom God raised from the dead." Peter reminded believers that because we are children of God, we have blessings in heaven that cannot be taken away or destroyed. When hard times happen, God is honored as we trust Him by faith.

Peter also wrote, "Hope in Jesus and be holy." Peter reminded the believers that before they trusted in Jesus, they lived however they wanted. Jesus gave His life to save them so they could have a better life—true life through His Word.

Peter said, "This world is not your home. Do not live like people around you who do wrong things. Instead, do what is good. Others will see your good works and give glory to God."

Jesus gave us an example to follow. He suffered for us, dying for our sins so that we could live for what is right.

*Christ Connection: The Bible says Christians will suffer for following Jesus. Peter encouraged believers who faced persecution for their faith. Through suffering, God can make us more like His Son. Jesus gives us hope and true life so we can live joyfully for Him, even in hard times.*



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## Profile of Peter

Find the references in the Bible. Fill in the facts about Peter.

Also known as (John 1:42):

\_\_\_\_\_

Family (John 1:40):

\_\_\_\_\_

Work History (Matthew 4:18):

\_\_\_\_\_

### Major Life Events

Matthew 14:28-31: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mark 9:2-3: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 22:54-62: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:14,38: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Acts 3:6-8: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B Z I P R T C F N D L  
 R A N B W H Q Z D B H  
 C O O W G E S W C L R  
 J Q F H L E F M P E Q  
 E N C O U R A G E D N  
 S Z D M R P C B T O I  
 U R B E L I E V E R S  
 S L H I M N D Q R U E  
 P E R S E C U T I O N  
 I F O L L O W I N G Z  
 T C I N L Z P B W C A

## Circle Around

Fill in the words missing from the story point. Then find and circle all the story point words in the word search.

\_\_\_\_\_ encouraged \_\_\_\_\_

who faced \_\_\_\_\_ for

following \_\_\_\_\_.

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Where do we get the power to live like Jesus? (See 2 Peter 1:3.)
- Have you ever noticed Christlike qualities in family members? Honor those family members by giving examples.
- What can your family do together to share the love of Jesus with others?

## Living Like Jesus

2 Peter 1

### STORY POINT: PETER INSTRUCTED BELIEVERS TO LIVE LIKE JESUS.

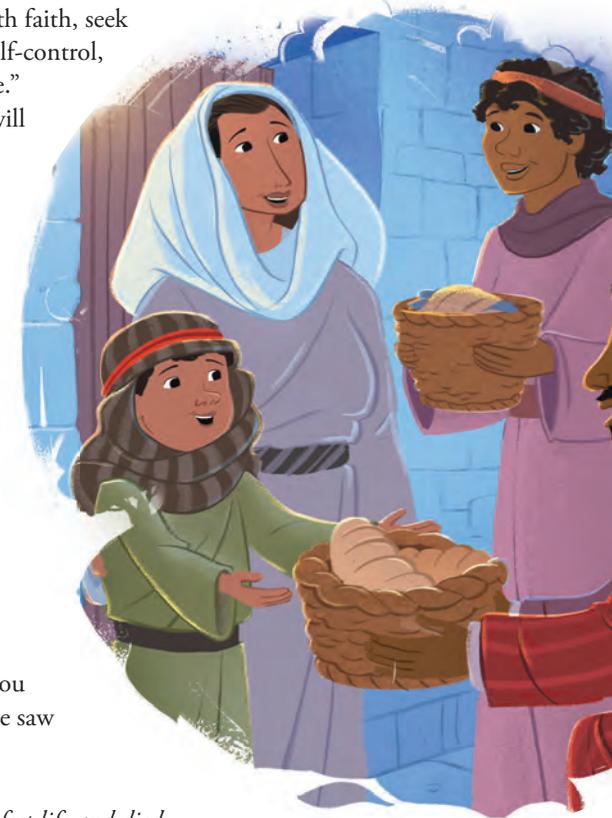
Peter was one of Jesus' disciples who became a leader in the early church. He wrote two letters in the Bible to help believers who were facing hard times.

Peter wrote, "We have everything we need because we know Jesus. He gives us power to live for Him. This is how we should seek to live. Along with faith, seek these things: goodness, knowledge, self-control, patience, brotherly affection, and love." When we have these qualities, Jesus will be glorified in our lives.

Peter wanted the believers to remember what Jesus had done for them. Jesus did the greatest work by dying on the cross. He has taken away our sins! Because of Jesus, God invites us into His kingdom and gives us eternal life. Peter wrote, "God has chosen you and given you His power, so do everything you can to live like Jesus."

Peter also wrote, "You already know what I'm telling you. I want to keep reminding you as long as I am living so that you will remember even after I'm gone. We did not tell you made-up stories. We told you what we saw and heard."

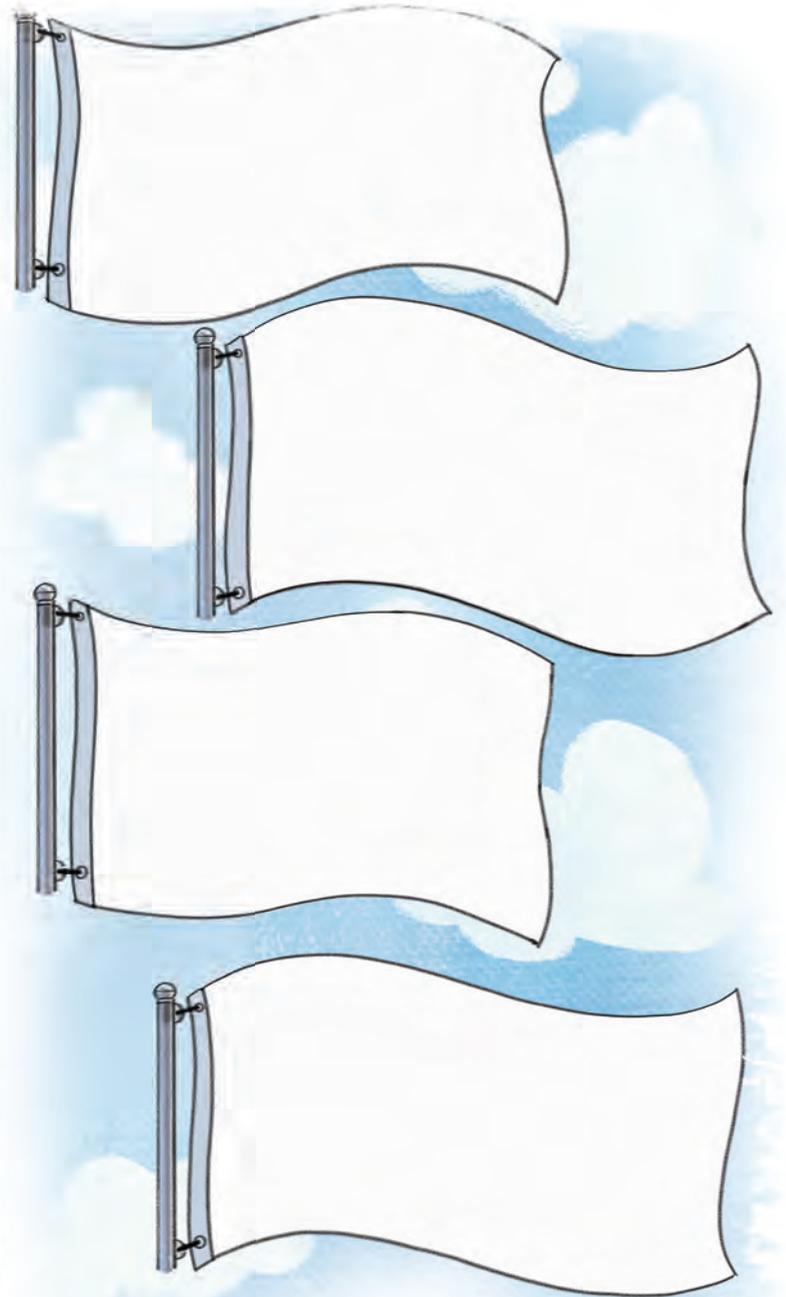
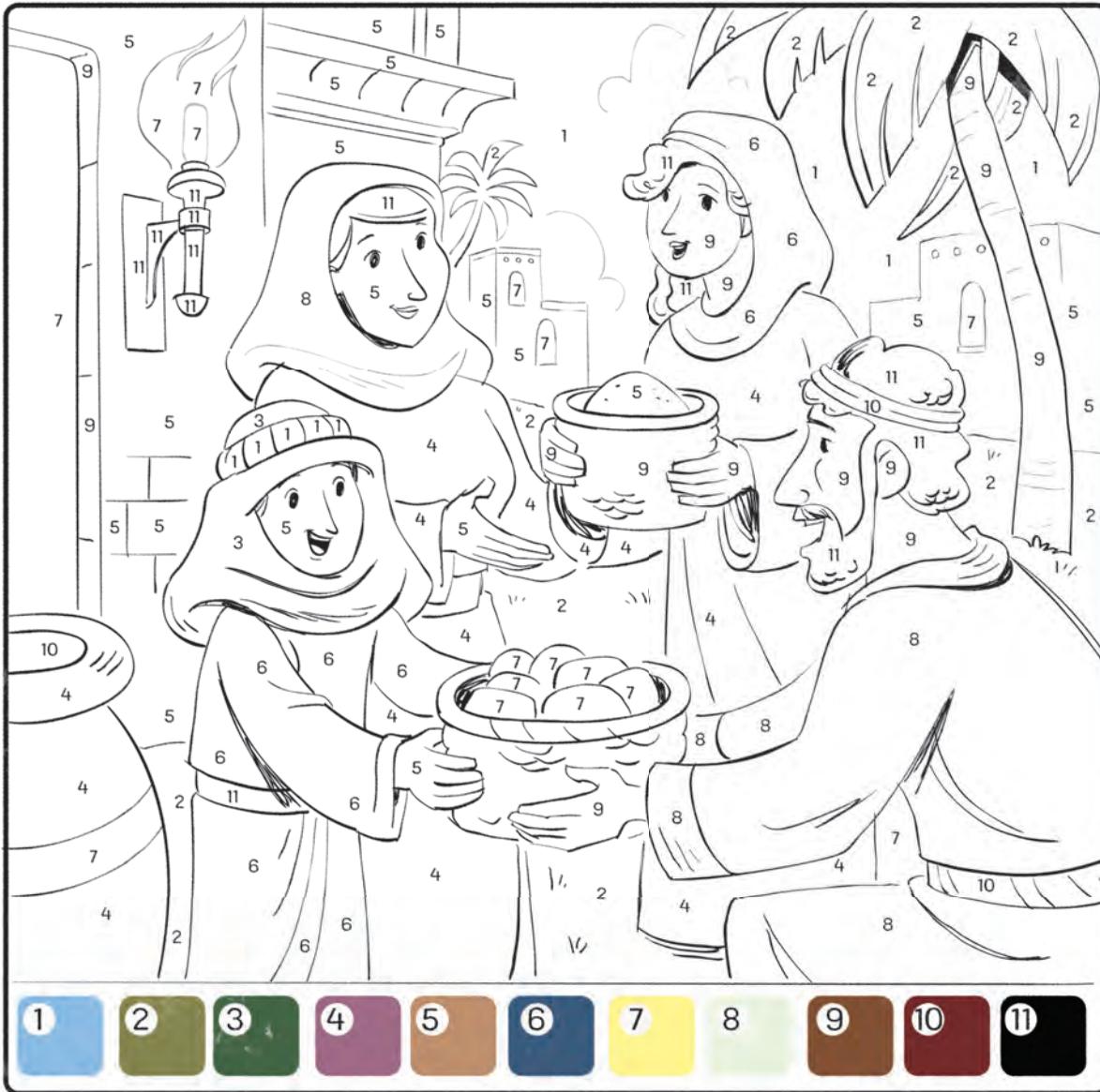
*Christ Connection: Jesus lived a perfect life and died the death we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sins and changes our hearts. Jesus calls and empowers His followers to live like Him.*



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# Color by Number

Use they key to color in the spaces.



## Like Jesus Flags

Design flags to represent four of the eight characteristics listed in 2 Peter 1:5-7.