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GOD'S PROMISES

KIDS LEADER GUIDE
FALL 2025

God is powerful.

GOD CHOSE MOSES



LEADER BIBLE STUDY



GOD LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God is all-powerful and in control of all things.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Exodus 3:1–4:17;
12:31–41; 13:21–22; 14

UNIT VERSE

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Psalm 147:5 (CSB)

WEEKLY VERSE

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SUGGESTED FOR THE WEEK OF

September 14

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story on the following pages.)

It is impossible to overstate the importance of the exodus in the Bible's storyline. The Israelites' escape from Egypt defined God's chosen people more than any other event. They were freed from their captivity by the strong hand of the Lord, the great I AM. Old Testament authors referred to the exodus over 100 times in stories, psalms, wisdom literature, and prophecies.

In Exodus 13, the Lord gave explicit instructions to Moses regarding how the Passover was to be observed. "Remember this day ..." (13:3), "you must ..." (13:5–6), "keep this statute ..." (13:10), "let it serve as a sign ..." (13:9). Repetition in the Bible is an indicator that something is significant to God. Why was God so adamant His people remember what He had done for them in Egypt? As amazing as the first exodus was, it foreshadowed something even greater, and God did not want His people to miss it.

When Jesus walked by the Jordan River roughly 1400 years after God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, John saw Him and called out, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) For those who had ears to hear, Jesus' identity was fully revealed from the earliest days of His ministry.

Just as God used Moses to rescue His people from Egypt, He used Jesus to save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21) The Israelites were saved by the blood of their Passover lambs, but we are saved by the blood of the perfect Son of God. (1 Peter 1:19) As Pharaoh and his riders were cast into the sea, so is our sin. (Micah 7:19) God led the Israelites with a pillar of fire and cloud, but He leads us, as believers, by the power of His Spirit (Romans 8:14). The Israelites ate manna and drank water from a rock. We are fed by the true Bread of Life (John 6:32–33), and we drink Living Water (John 4:10–14) that allows us to never thirst again.

God's power over Pharaoh was great, but it pointed to a much greater truth. God had the power to save His people once and for all. Jesus was the only One who could lead God's people into the true promised land where anyone who believes would live with Him forever.

As you pray this week, praise God for His acts of power. Ask Him to remind you that nothing is impossible for Him and that He is worthy of all your worship.



PRACTICE BIBLE SKILLS

- Hold up the index cards so kids can see the words *BEFORE* and *AFTER* then place the cards facedown on the table.
- Point out the stack of Old Testament cards on the table.
- Invite kids to take turns choosing one of the index cards and a “Books of the Bible Card” from the top of the stack. If kids choose the *BEFORE* card, they must name the book in the Bible that comes right before the book on the card. If they choose *AFTER*, they must name the book that comes right after.
- Instruct kids to mix up the index cards between each person’s turn.

- » Printables: “Books of the Bible Cards”—Print the Old Testament cards. Stack the cards on a table at the front of the room.
- » Bibles
- » marker
- » index cards—Write *BEFORE* on a card and *AFTER* on another.



MISSIONS EMPHASIS

- Show the “Aaron Taylor Photos” as you say: “Aaron Taylor started a church called Living Hope Church in Columbus. The church then started a ministry center called Finding Hope. The center provides a place for families to get the help they need and also tells them about Jesus. The center helps local communities with day-to-day ministries and helps churches as they minister to the people in their areas.”
- Place the “US Map” on the floor.
- Direct the kids to gather around the map and touch it with one finger.
- Lead kids to pray for Aaron, his wife, Elizabeth, and their two daughters as they serve at Living Hope Church. Also, pray for the ministries of the church and the Finding Hope Center.

- » Printables:
 - “Unit 1 Missions: Columbus, Ohio”
 - “US Map”
 - “Aaron Taylor Photos”



INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

- Show kids the potato and place it on the table. Hold a drinking straw half with two fingers and jab it into the potato. The straw should bend or break but will not go through the potato.
- Ask: “Who thinks they are powerful enough to poke a drinking straw into this potato?”
- Invite a few volunteers to try.
- After several attempts, take a straw and place your thumb over the top opening, then forcefully jab the potato. This time, it should go in!
- Show the “Unit 1 Banner” and remind kids that in this unit they are learning about who God is. Mention that today kids will learn that God is the most powerful, more than anyone or anything.

- » Pack Item
 - 1: “Unit 1 Banner”
- » raw potato
- » plastic drinking straws cut in half
- » plastic table covering—Cover a table in the front of the room.

OPTION: “God Chose Moses” coloring page (Printables)



STUDY THE BIBLE



» Pack Items

- 1: “Unit 1 Banner”
- 2: “Unit 1 Verse”
- 4: “Snake or Not? Points”—Place the cards facedown on the floor.

» Teaching Picture 2

» Music

» Videos

» non-sharp stick from a tree

- » dry erase marker, eraser, and marker board or poster board—Write the Unit Verse on the board. Include several blanks in place of words.

1. BIBLE STORY

- Show the Teaching Picture and say: “In this unit, you will learn a lot about who God is by studying the ways He worked through Moses.”
- Guide kids to turn in their Bibles to Exodus 3 where the story is found.
- Encourage kids to listen closely to hear all the ways God showed He is all-powerful in today’s Bible story.
- Open your Bible to Exodus 3 and tell the Bible story.

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The chariots started to come closer, and the Israelites cried to Moses, “What have you done? It would have been better to stay in Egypt than to die in the wilderness!” Moses lifted his staff and stretched out his hand. God pushed back the waters, and the Israelites walked to the other side on dry ground.



STUDY THE BIBLE

All of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and officers chased after the Israelites and went into the dry bed of the sea. God told Moses to stretch his hand out over the sea again. When Moses did, the sea splashed back into place and covered all of Pharaoh's chariots. Not one Egyptian survived. When the Israelites saw the great power of God, they trusted God and believed in Him.

EXODUS 3:1-4:17; 12:31-41; 13:21-22; 14

2. REVIEW

- Hold up the stick and remind kids that one way God showed His power to Moses was to turn his staff into a snake.
- Ask kids to share other ways God showed His power in today's Bible story.
- Form two or three teams and explain that you will ask a Review Question.
- If the team answers correctly, you will give someone from the team the stick. She will use it to point to one of the "Snake or Not? Points" cards on the floor. The team will receive the number of points on the card (indicated by 2 sticks or 4 sticks). If there is a snake on the card, the team will not receive any points. Tell teams to hold on to the cards they choose.
- The team with the most points wins.
- Invite kids to praise God for His great power by singing "No One Like You."
- Show the "Scripture Sketches" video.

3. LIFE ACTION

- State that, just as God worked in mighty ways to save His people from captivity in Egypt, He continues to work in mighty ways today.
- Discuss some ways God saves people today. Guide kids to understand God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus. Refer to "Sharing the Gospel with Kids" on page 5 for more information.
- Say: "Moses delivered God's people from physical captivity, but Jesus delivered God's people from the captivity of sin."
- Pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to forgive sin and offer eternal life.
- Show "The Adventures of Dab and Derek" video.

4. UNIT VERSE

- Show the "Unit 1 Verse" and review it together before hiding it from view.
- Invite a volunteer to come to the board to fill in the blanks. He may ask the group for help if he gets stuck.
- After the verse is filled in correctly, rewrite the verse with new blanks and invite a new volunteer to fill in the missing words.
- Continue rewriting the verse as time allows.

REVIEW

QUESTIONS

- » What did Moses see as he was caring for sheep? *(a bush that was on fire but did not burn, an angel that appeared in a flame)*
- » God heard the cries of His people. What did God command Moses to do? *(to go to Egypt and lead His people away from Egypt)*
- » How did God guide the Israelites as they traveled? *(with a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night)*
- » What did the people do when they saw Pharaoh's chariots coming? *(They were scared and complained to Moses)*
- » How did the Israelites get across the Red Sea? *(God pushed the waters back to make a path on dry ground)*
- » What happened as Pharaoh and the Egyptians crossed the Red Sea? *(God caused the water to cover the chariots)*



LIVE IT OUT

CHOICE 1

- » Pack Item
- 5: “Mighty Match Cards”—Randomly place the cards facedown on a table or the floor.
- » Kids Activity Pages
- » pencils

CHOICE 1

Mighty Match

- Encourage kids to complete “Fireproof” on their Kids Activity Pages and allow volunteers to share the answers.
- Lead kids to form two to four teams.
- Point to the “Mighty Match Cards” on the table and state that there are matching pictures of the different mighty acts God did to save His people.
- Invite teams to take turns choosing someone from their team to find a match by turning over two cards.
- If the cards do not match, place them facedown in the same spot.
- If a team finds a match, they may go again.
- Encourage teams to choose someone new to turn over cards each time.
- Continue playing the game until every match has been found.
- The team with the most matches wins!
- Briefly go over each mighty act on the cards.
- Remind kids that God chose Moses to save His people from slavery in Egypt. Through Moses, God showed everyone that He is all-powerful.

CHOICE 2

- » Kids Activity Pages
- » pencils

CHOICE 2

Hands Out

- Ensure there is enough space for kids to move from one side of the room to the other.
- Lead kids to stand on one side of the room.
- Choose one volunteer to move to the opposite side of the room.
- Instruct the volunteer to stretch out his hand in front of him.
- When his hand is out, kids on the other side of the room will begin walking toward him. When he puts his hand down, kids must stop. If anyone is caught moving after his hand is down, they are out.
- The game will reset when the first person makes it to the other side, and a new volunteer will stretch out her hand.
- Remind kids that when God instructed Moses to raise his staff and stretch out his hand, the waters of the Red Sea were pushed back. When God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the seas again, all of Pharaoh’s army was covered by the sea, and no one survived. God is powerful, and He saved His people!
- Guide kids to complete “Through the Sea” on their Kids Activity Pages and allow volunteers to share the answer.



LIVE IT OUT

□ CHOICE 3

Pick Up Quick

- Remind kids that even after many of God’s mighty acts, Pharaoh would not let His people go. Finally, Pharaoh freed the Israelites, so they gathered their things and moved out quickly.
- Form groups of three and give each group a piece of paper and a pencil.
- Point to the beanbags and explain that teams will compete against each other to pick up as many beanbags as possible.
- Kids will take turns tossing one bag in the air, then collecting as many beanbags as possible before that bag hits the floor.
- Direct kids to use the paper and pencil to keep track of the number of beanbags their teammates gathered after each round.
- The team that picked up the most beanbags wins.
- State that Moses and the Israelites witnessed firsthand that God is powerful and in control of all things.
- Encourage kids to complete “Fireproof” on their Kids Activity Pages and allow volunteers to share the answers.

□ WRAP UP

- As kids leave, ask them to share which powerful act God did to save His people impressed them the most.
- Remind kids to take home their One Conversation pages and review them with their families.

CHOICE 3

- » Kids Activity Pages
- » pencils
- » 10 beanbags—Spread the beanbags on the floor. Add more beanbags for a larger group.
- » paper

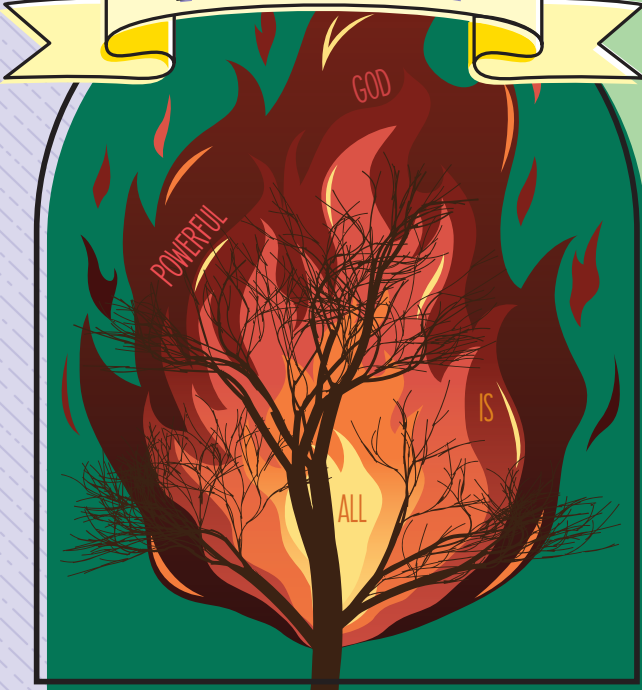
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UNIT VERSE

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Psalms 147:5 (CSB)

FIREPROOF



Circle the four words hidden in the burning bush.
Then put the words together to complete a phrase
that is true about God in the blanks below.

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God appeared to Moses in a bush that was on fire but did not burn to prove He is powerful. Name one way God told Moses to prove God's power to Pharaoh.



(Read Exodus 4:1-9 for help.)

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THROUGH
THE SEA

The Israelites saw the great power of God, and they trusted Him. There is no one like God! Only one line leads through the sea. Mark the way out by tracing the correct line.



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CONVERSATION

LIFE POINT

God is powerful.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Through the Bible story, your child heard how God showed His power to Pharaoh. God freed His people! Then God showed His power again by parting the Red Sea for the Israelites.



LIVE IT OUT

Help your child name the ways God showed His power when the Israelites left Egypt. Lead your child to write the words of Psalm 147:5 on a sticky note and place it in her room, on the refrigerator, or on a mirror as a reminder that God is powerful!



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God is all-powerful and in control of all things.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Psalm 147:5

Monday: Ephesians 6:10

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:29

Wednesday: Romans 1:20

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 6:14

Friday: Zephaniah 3:17

Saturday: Psalm 59:17

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Exodus 3:1–4:17; 12:31–41;
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WEEKLY VERSE Psalm 147:5



Check out our **BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE AT HOME** resource for weekly family discipleship and worship.



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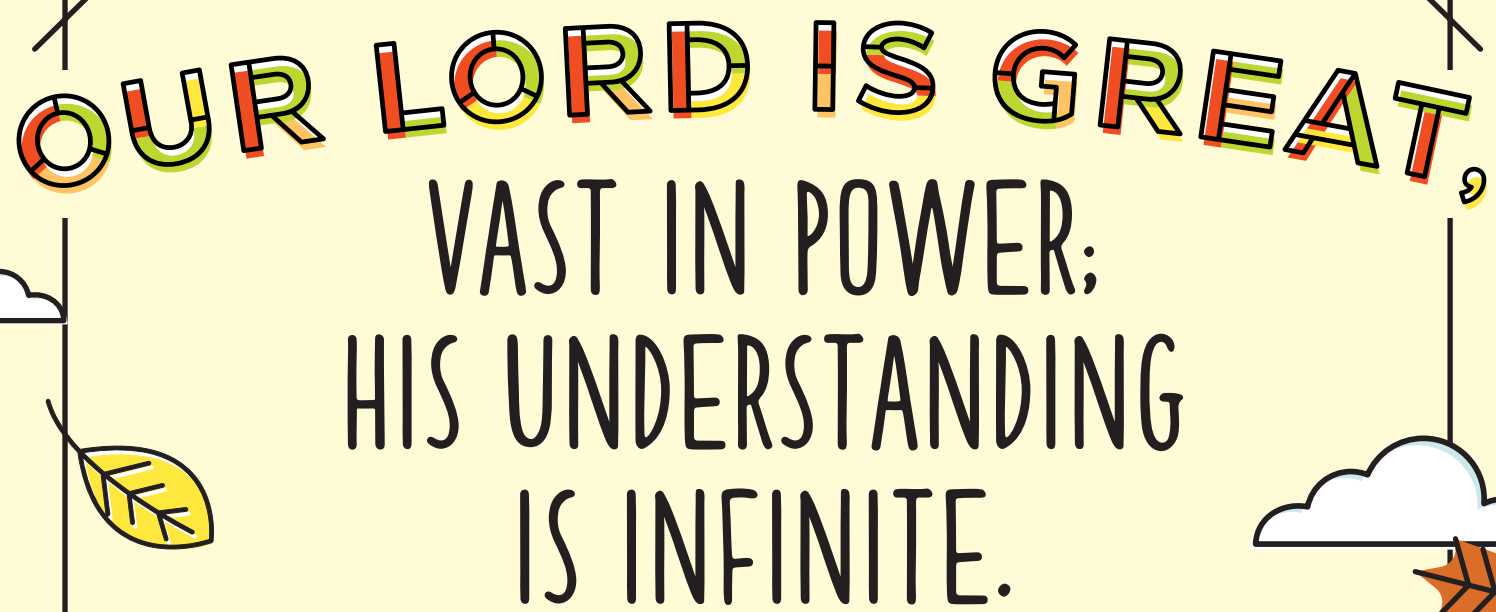
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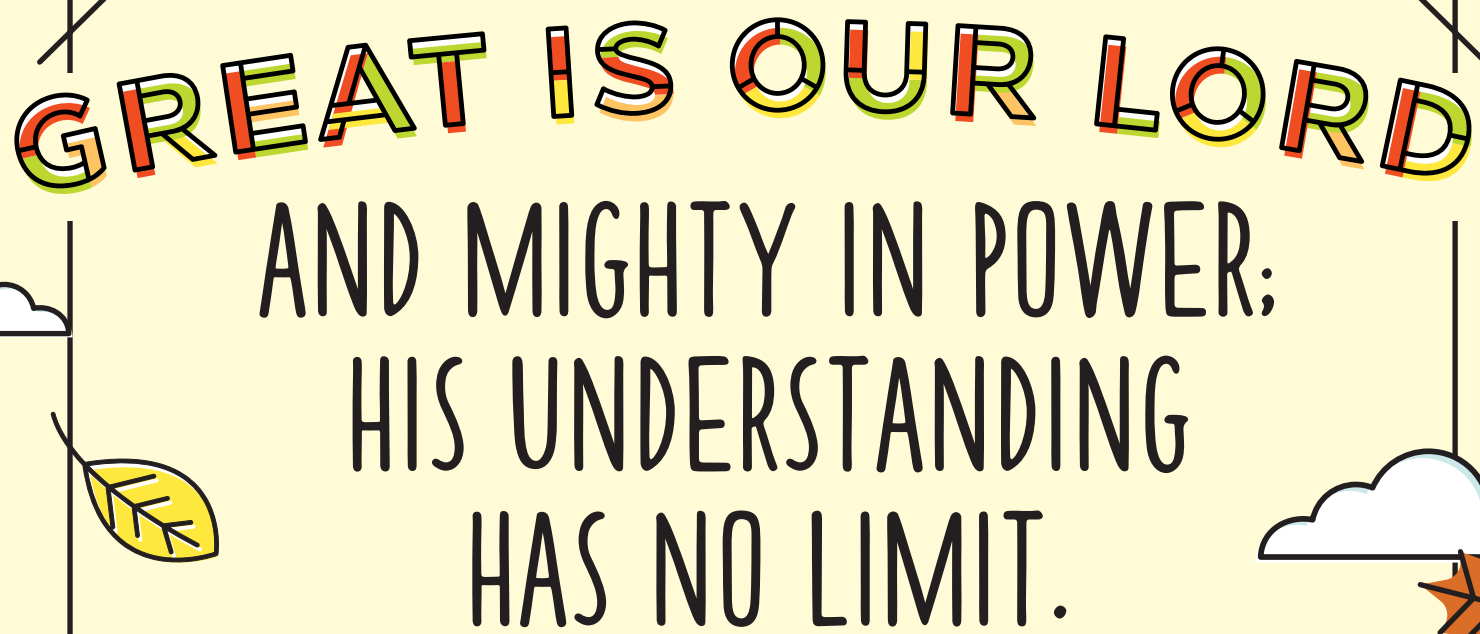
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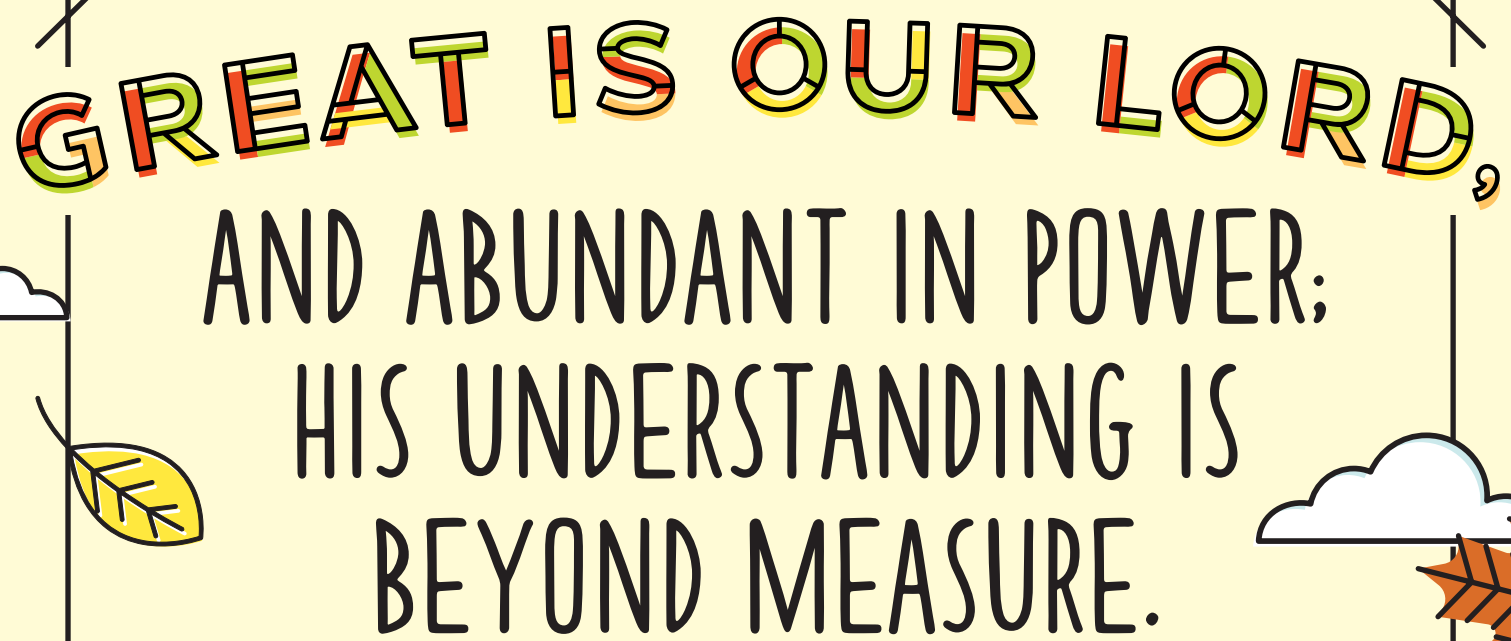
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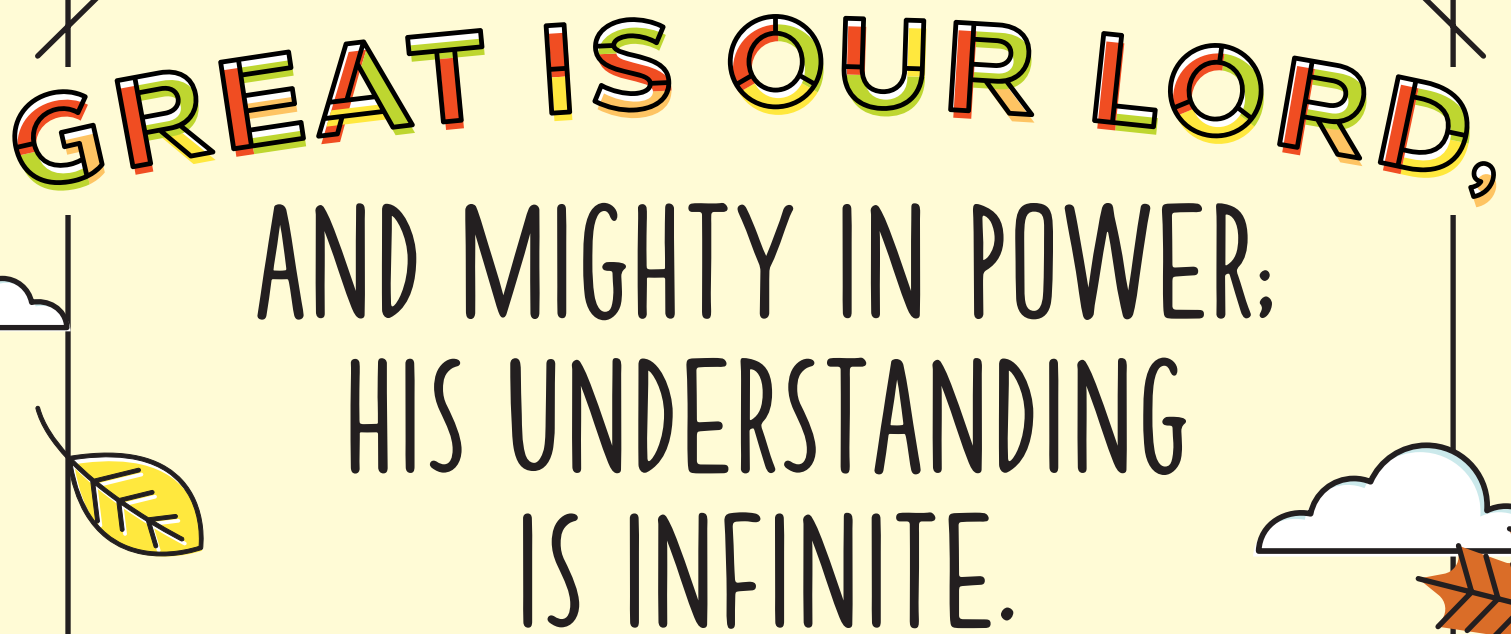
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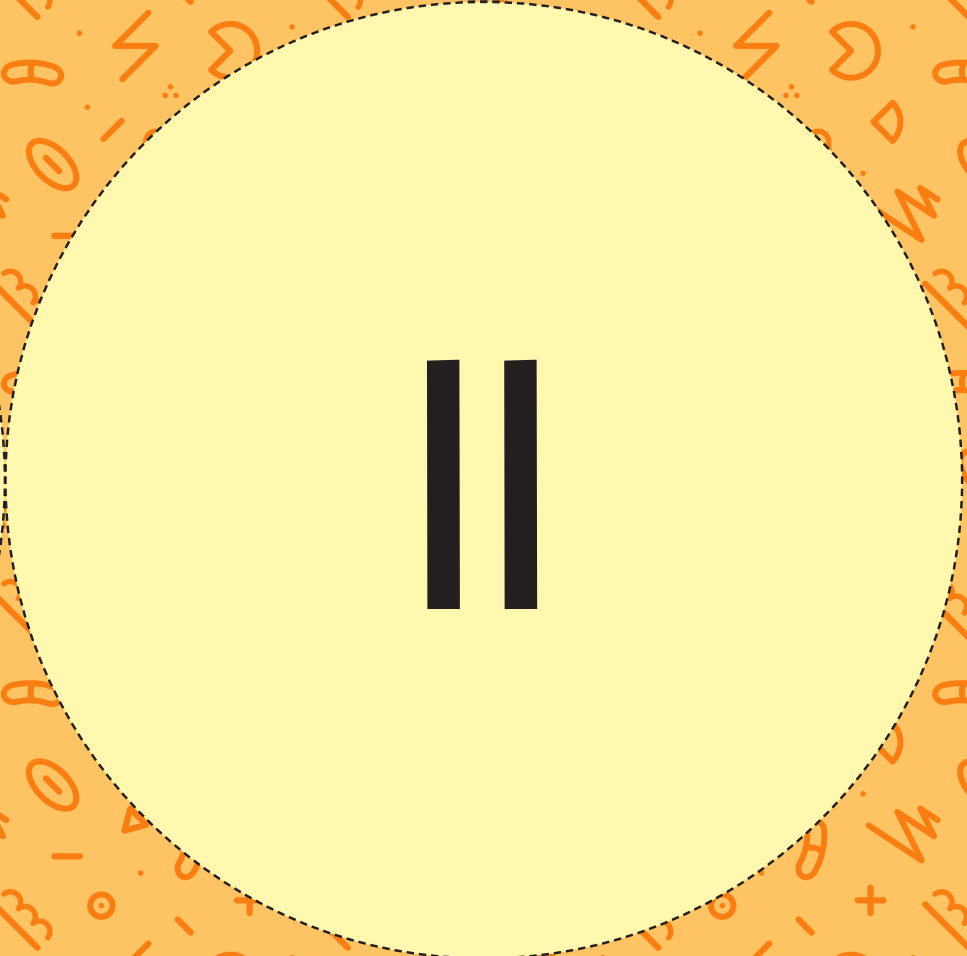
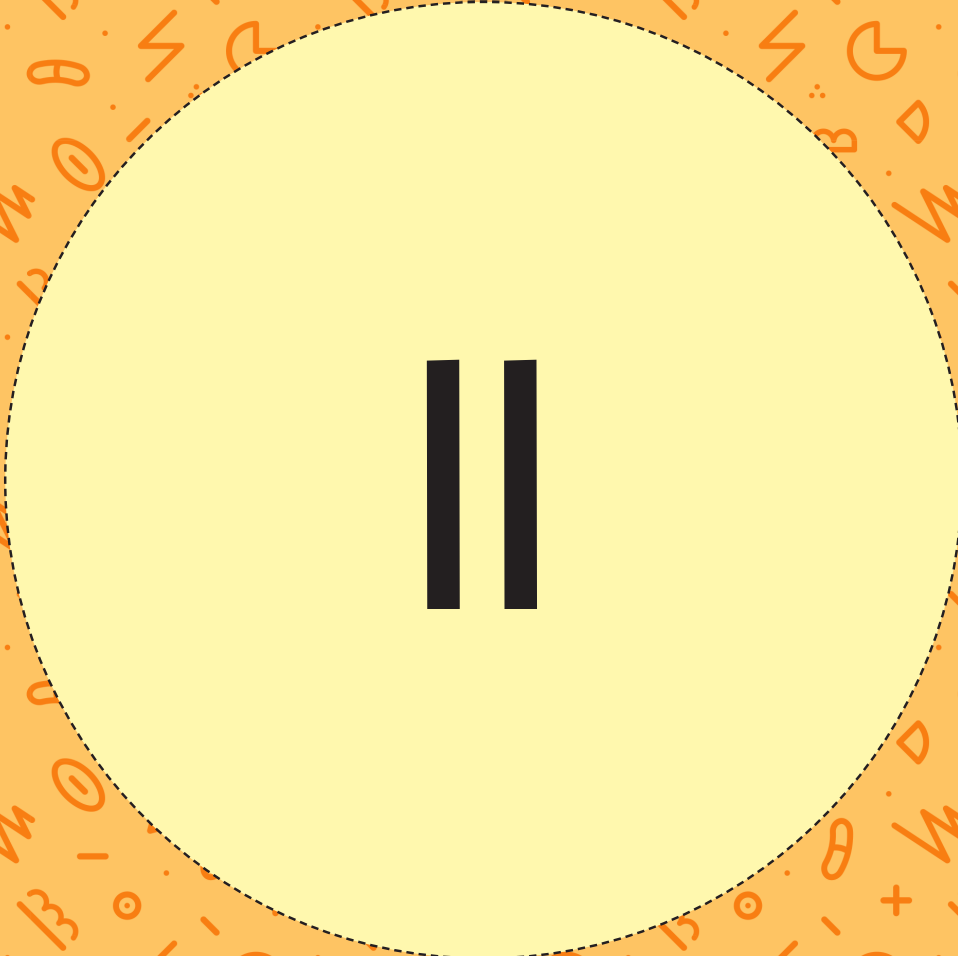
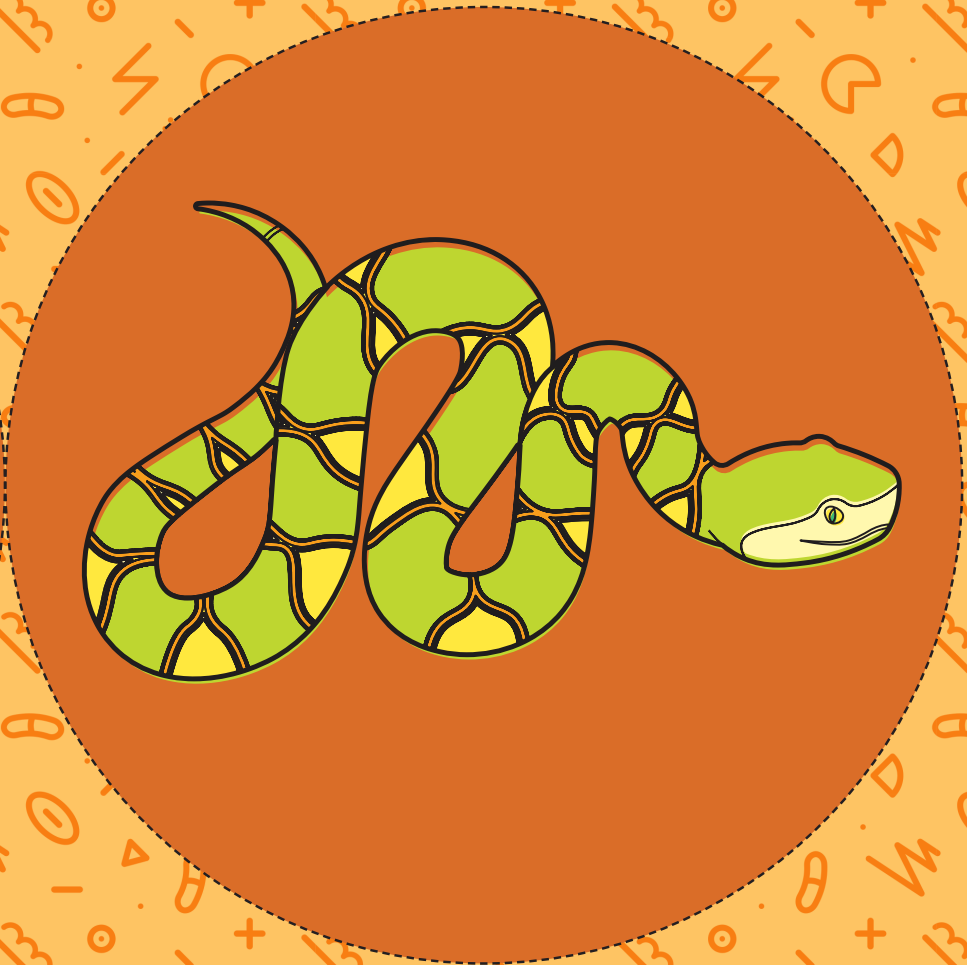
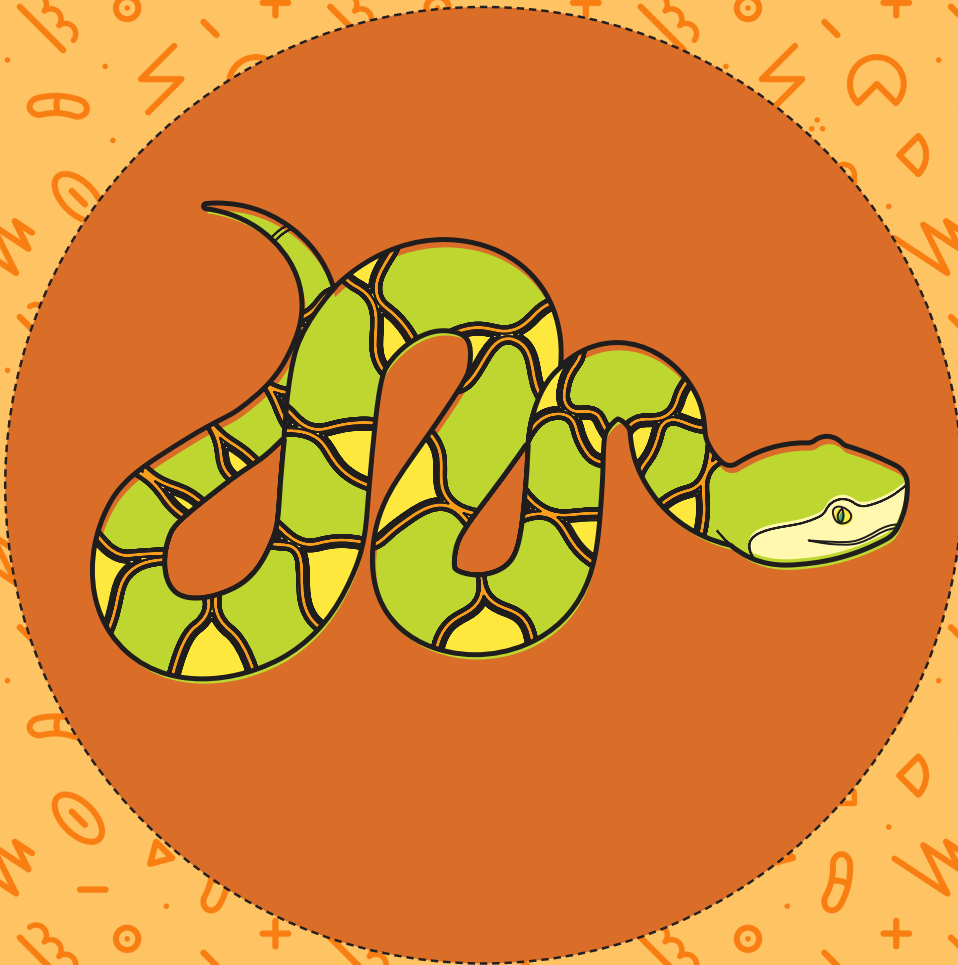
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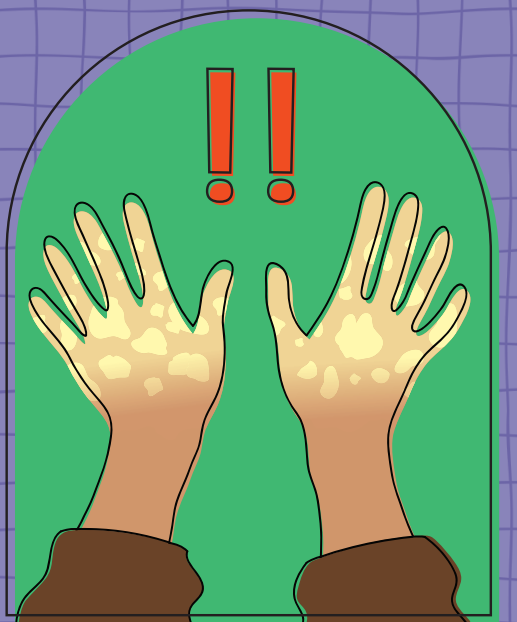
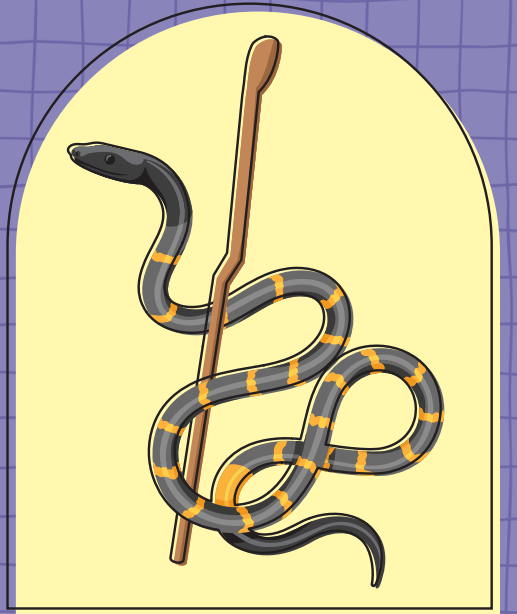
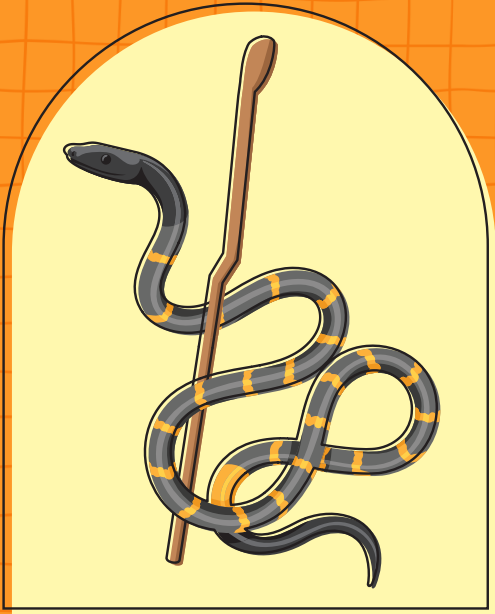
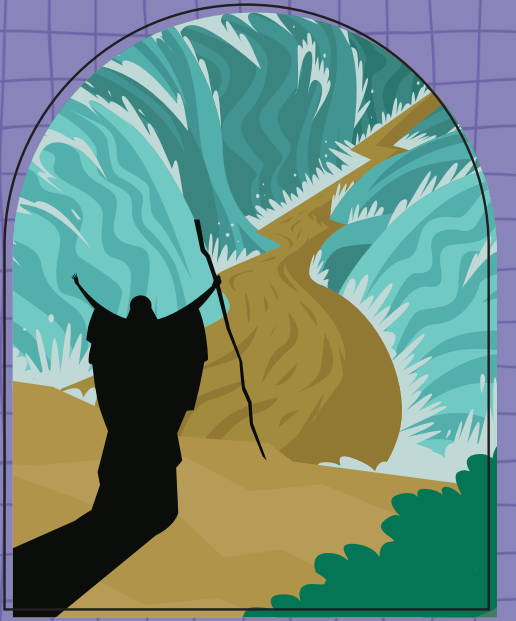
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PSALM 147:5 (NKJV)







Genesis



Exodus



Leviticus



Numbers



Deuteronomy



Joshua



Judges



Ruth



1 Samuel



2 Samuel



1 Kings



2 Kings



1 Chronicles



2 Chronicles



Ezra



Nehemiah



Esther



Job



Psalms



Proverbs



Ecclesiastes



Song of Songs



Isaiah



Jeremiah



Lamentations



Ezekiel



Daniel



Hosea



Joel



Amos



Obadiah



Jonah



Micah



Nahum



Habakkuk



Zephaniah



Haggai



Zechariah



Malachi





Matthe



Mark



Luke



John



Acts



Romans



1 Corinthians



2 Corinthians



Galatians



Ephesians



Philippians



Colossians



1 Thessalonians



2 Thessalonians



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Titus



Philemon



Hebrews



James



1 Peter



2 Peter



1 John



2 John



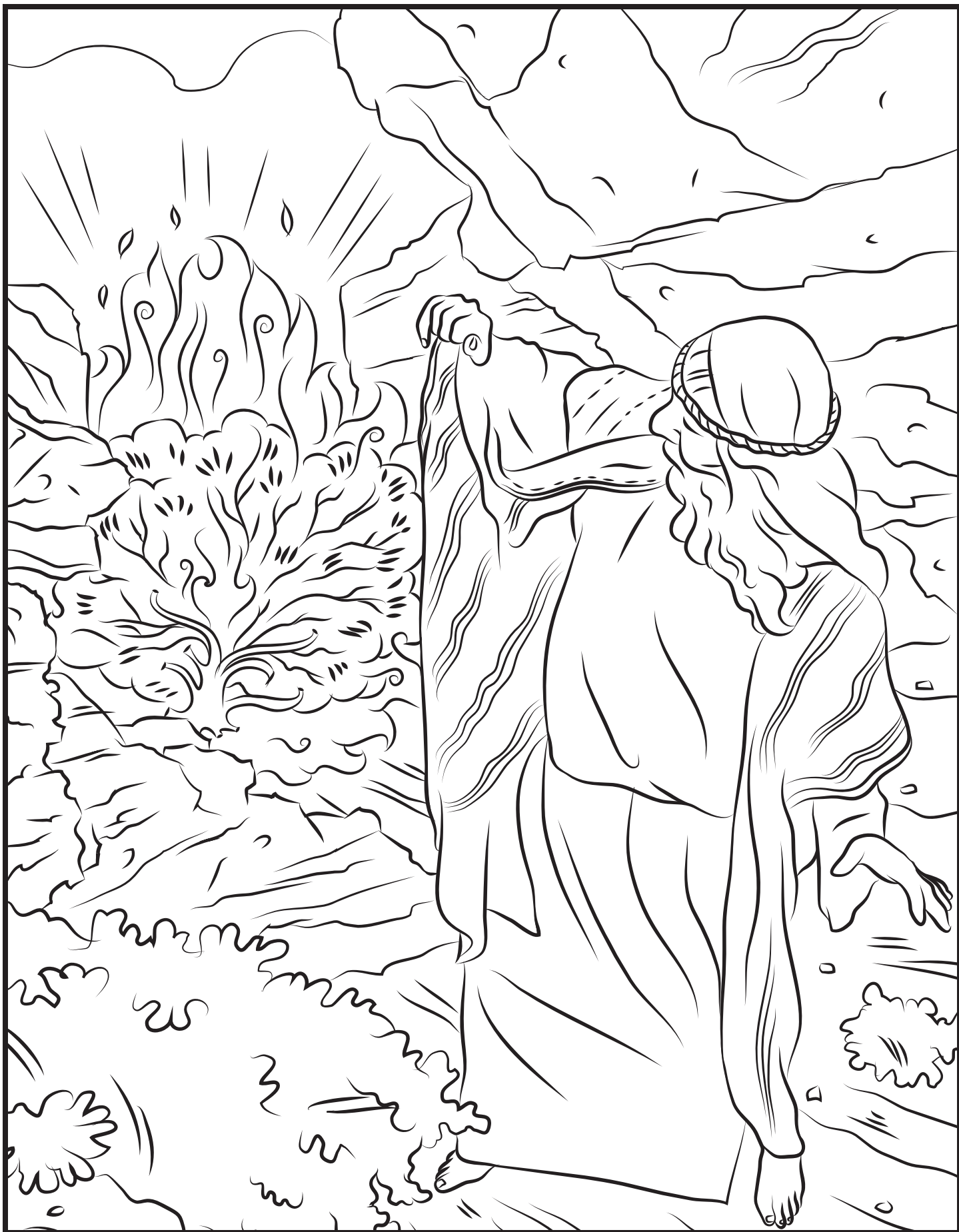
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Revelation



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Columbus, Ohio



Send Columbus

Columbus, Ohio, describes itself as all-American, typical, ordinary, average and so normal that they are special. If you ask any researcher or big business what America thinks or wants, you come to Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus is closer to the average US demographic (part of the population who share characteristics such as age, gender, ethnicity, or income) than any other major city in the nation. No matter how you look at Columbus—by race, income, and even spirituality—Columbus is all-American. That's why it is not surprising that people everywhere know who Columbus is.

With the Ohio State University, Columbus has one of the largest on campus community in the world. And with immigrant communities like the 80,000 Nepalis and 40,000 Somalians living there, their influence reaches way past the city limits. There are over 2 million people in the city, but only 1 out of every 10 is a believer.

Even though it seems like there are so few believers around that the gospel is pretty much invisible in Columbus, but don't believe it. In the city called the most American city in the nation, people are hearing the gospel for the first time and more new churches are being started than ever before. But more churches need to be started. That's where we come in. We can pray for those who start churches and send money or supplies to help them. By working together, there is no limit to what God can do in Columbus.



**UNIT 1 MISSIONS: US MAP**

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