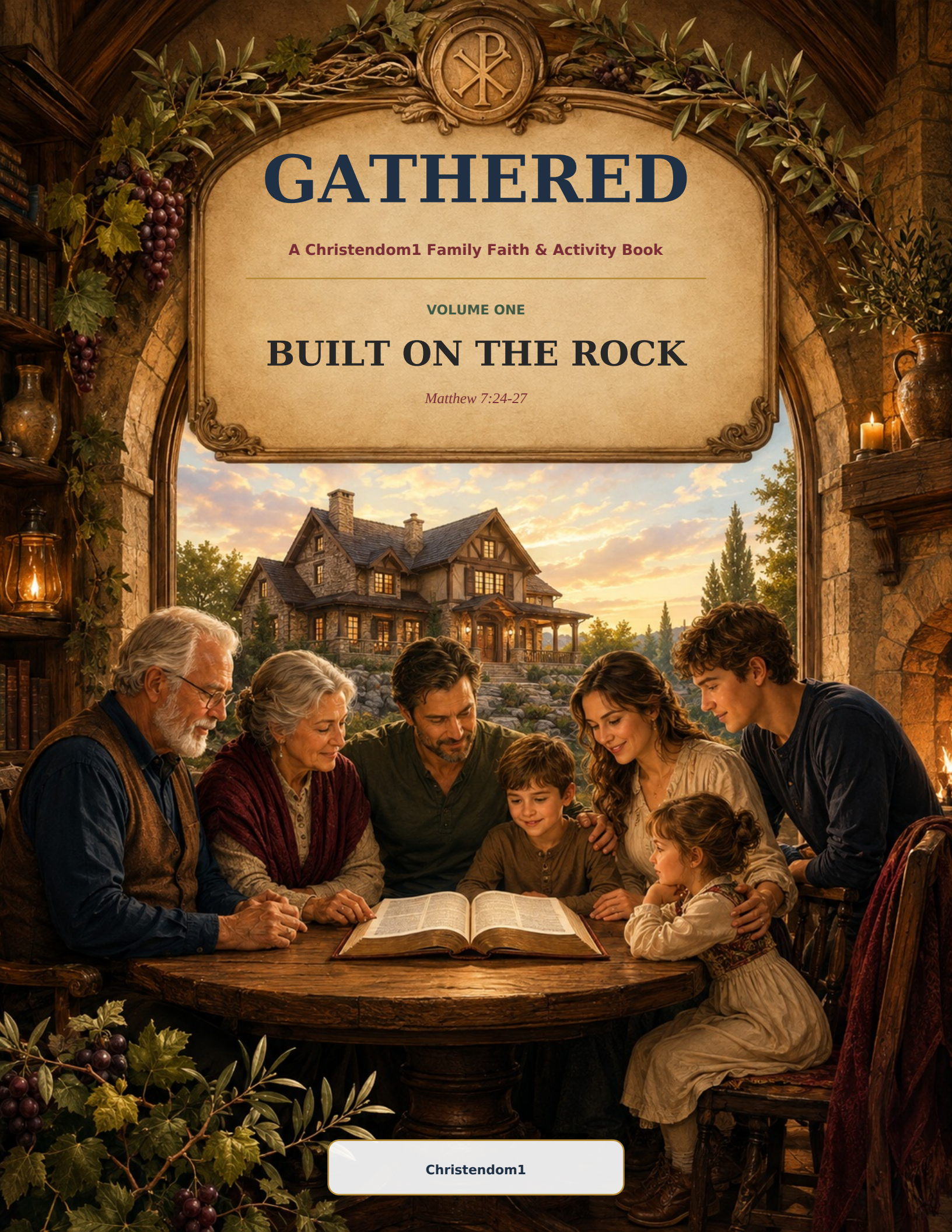
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A Christendom1 Family Faith & Activity Book

VOLUME ONE

BUILT ON THE ROCK

Matthew 7:24-27



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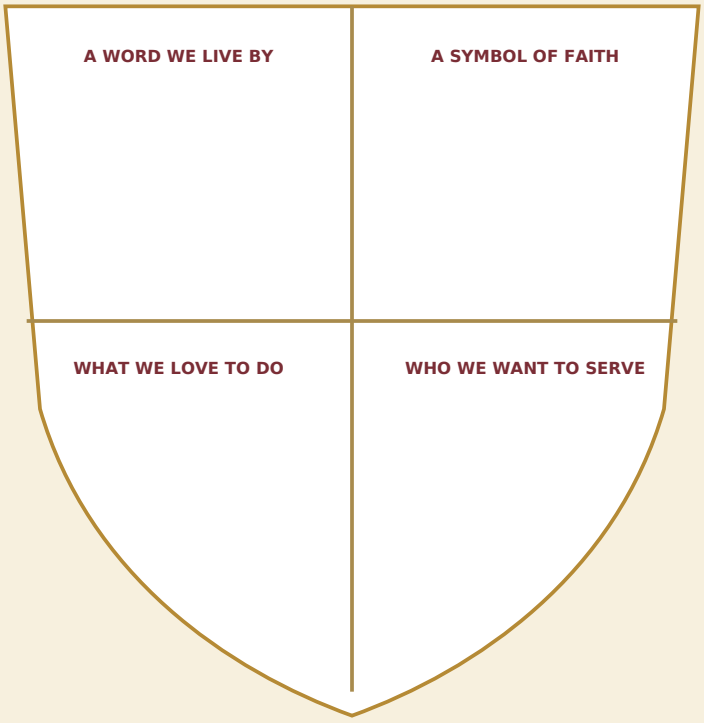
THIS BOOK BELONGS TO OUR FAMILY

Family name

Family members

Date we began

CREATE YOUR FAMILY CREST



Draw together. Every person may add one detail.

WELCOME TO FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

No one is too young to participate, and no one is too old to wonder.

GATHER

Bring a Bible, crayons or colored pencils, one regular pencil, and about 30-45 unhurried minutes. Read aloud, take turns, and let every answer be heard.

CHOOSE YOUR ROLES

1	2	3	4	5
READER	**BIBLE FINDER**	**ARTIST**	**DISCUSSION LEADER**	**PRAYER LEADER**
Reads the story	Looks up passages	Leads coloring	Asks the questions	Closes the time

EVERY AGE HAS A PLACE

LITTLE HANDS

Preschool

Point, color, match, move, and answer with pictures.

GROWING FAITH

Elementary

Search Scripture, solve puzzles, and explain ideas.

GO DEEPER

Teens + Adults

Reflect honestly, connect beliefs to choices, and lead.

DO TOGETHER

Everyone

Pray, play, serve, and make one family decision.

OPENING PRAYER

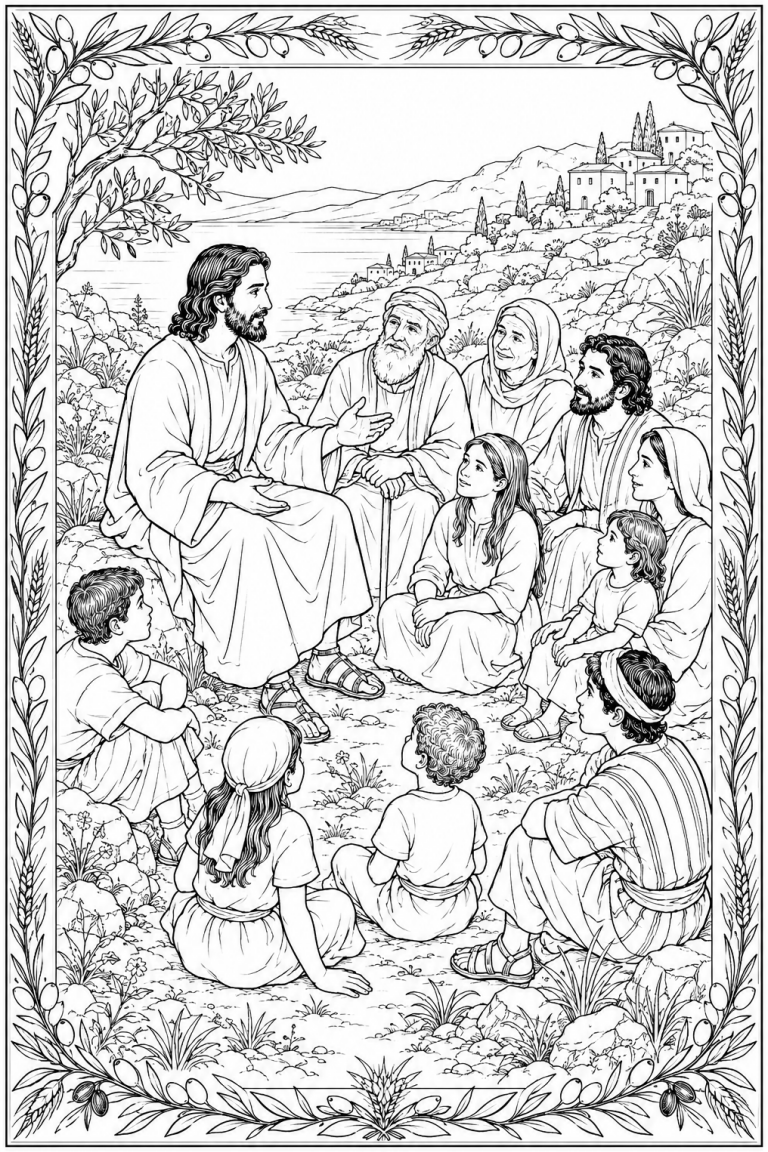
Lord Jesus, gather our family around Your Word. Give us ears that listen, hearts that trust, and courage to do what You teach. Build our home on the foundation that cannot be moved. Amen.

Tip: Rotate the roles each time so every person learns to lead and listen.

JESUS TELLS A STORY

Matthew 7:24-25

The strongest home begins with a foundation no storm can move.



THE WISE BUILDER

As Jesus finished teaching, He wanted the people to understand that hearing His words was only the beginning.

He described a wise builder who chose solid rock for his foundation. Building there required care, patience, and work, but the builder knew the house needed something stronger than appearances.

Jesus said that a person who hears His words and puts them into practice is like that builder. The wisdom was not merely knowing what was right. The wisdom was doing it.

When rain fell, water rose, and winds struck the house, it remained standing because it had been founded on rock.

HE HEARD. HE OBEYED. HE BUILT.

TALK WHILE YOU COLOR

LITTLE HANDS

Point to something strong in the picture. What makes it strong?

GROWING FAITH

Why is doing what Jesus says different from only knowing His words?

GO DEEPER

What faithful choices are usually made long before a difficult moment arrives?

WHEN THE STORM CAME

Matthew 7:26-27

Both builders heard. Both built. Both faced the storm. The foundation made the difference.

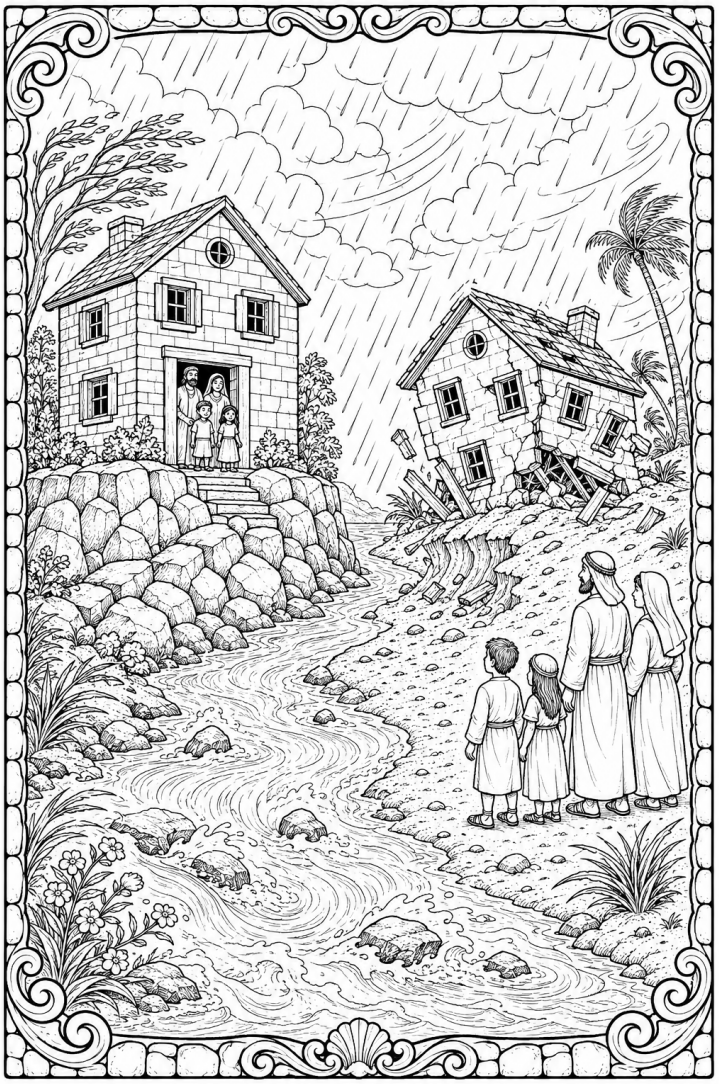
THE OTHER BUILDER

Another builder also heard the teaching, but he did not put it into practice. He chose sand for his foundation. The work may have seemed easier, and the house may have looked finished, but underneath it had nothing firm to hold it.

Then the rain came. Water rose, and wind struck both houses. The house on rock stood. The house on sand fell because its foundation could not hold.

Jesus was teaching more than construction. Every life and every household is being built on something. His words become our foundation when we trust Him enough to live them. Storms reveal what ordinary days have been building.

A FOUNDATION IS HIDDEN - UNTIL IT IS TESTED.



DO TOGETHER

Name one thing each person notices in the storm picture.

Then complete the sentence together:

Our family becomes stronger when we _____.

Examples: pray honestly, tell the truth, forgive, keep promises, ask for help, serve others.

PUT THE STORY IN ORDER

Matthew 7:24-27

Write 1 through 6 in the circles. Then retell the story in your own words.

CARD A

ORDER

The rain, wind, and rising water arrive.

CARD B

ORDER

Jesus teaches the people how to live.

CARD C

ORDER

The house founded on rock remains standing.

CARD D

ORDER

A builder hears but does not put the words into practice.

CARD E

ORDER

A wise builder hears, obeys, and chooses rock.

CARD F

ORDER

The builders finish their houses.

DO TOGETHER: One person reads each card while everyone acts it out.

LITTLE HANDS: FIND THE STORY CLUES

Color every clue. Put a star beside the clue that helped the house stand.

HEAR _____ BUILD _____ ROCK _____ STORM _____ STAND _____

WHAT ARE WE BUILDING ON?

James 1:22

A family foundation is formed by repeated choices, not merely good intentions.

LITTLE HANDS

Draw or name something that helps your home feel safe, kind, and loving.

GROWING FAITH

What is one teaching of Jesus that is easy to hear but sometimes difficult to do?

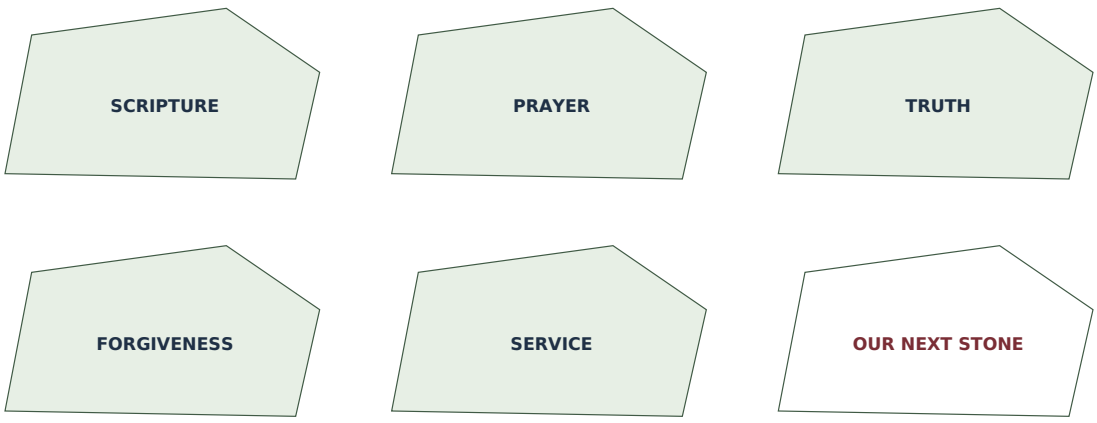
GO DEEPER

What false foundations tempt families today - approval, comfort, money, busyness, appearances, or something else?

DO TOGETHER

Choose one practice your family will strengthen this week. Make it specific enough to know whether you did it.

FOUNDATION STONES



Circle the stone your family most needs to strengthen. Write your own on the blank stone.

SCRIPTURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Find each object at home, read the passage, and record one word or picture it brings to mind.



DOOR

John 10:9

Jesus is the door. What does He welcome us into?

OUR WORD OR PICTURE:



LAMP

Psalm 119:105

How does God's Word help us see the next step?

OUR WORD OR PICTURE:



BREAD

John 6:35

What hunger can only Christ satisfy?

OUR WORD OR PICTURE:



WATER

John 4:14

Where do we need Christ's living water?

OUR WORD OR PICTURE:



TABLE

Psalm 23:5

Who could we welcome or encourage at our table?

OUR WORD OR PICTURE:



ROCK

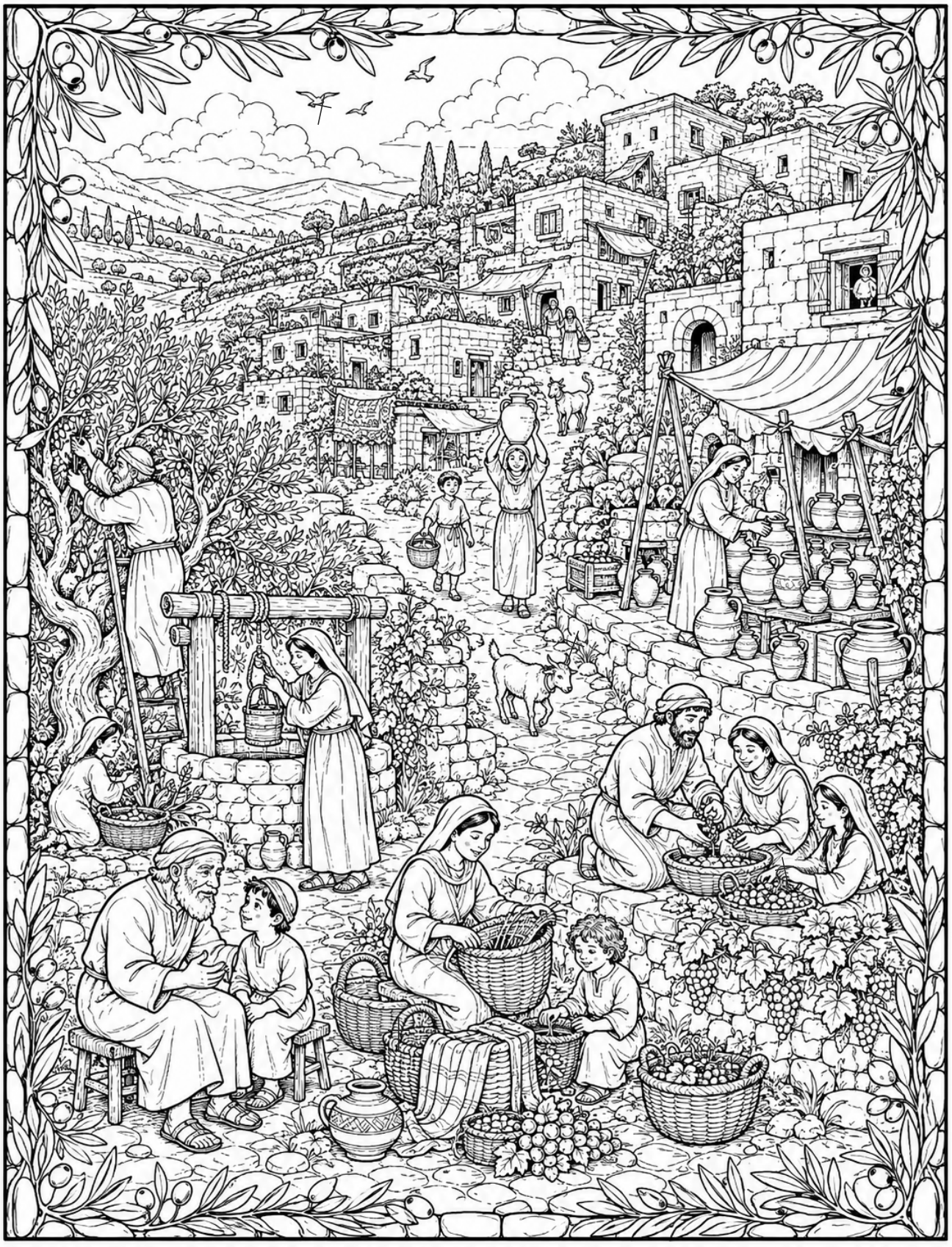
Psalm 18:2

What makes God a safe foundation?

OUR WORD OR PICTURE:

FIND 7 HIDDEN CROSSES

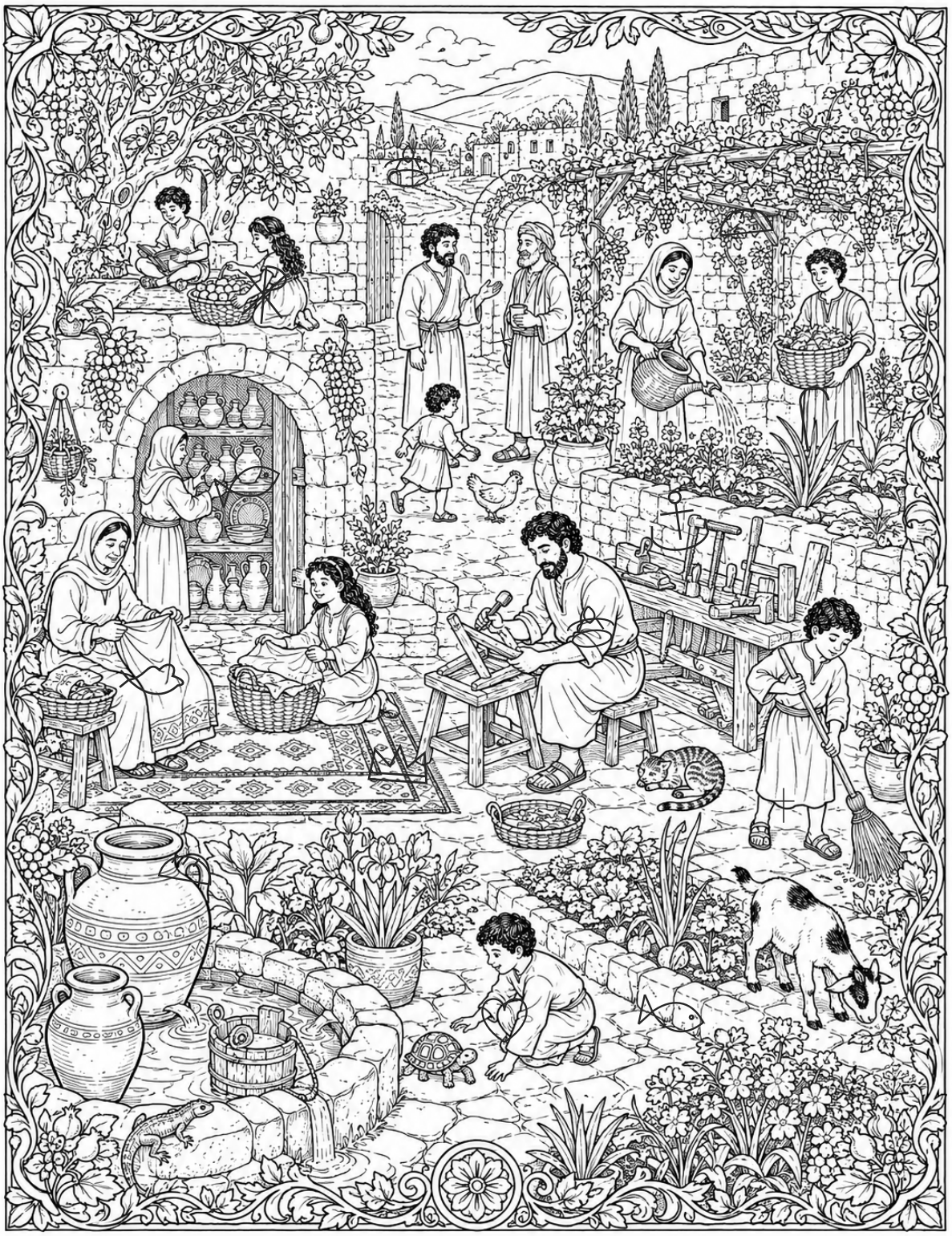
Seven small crosses are tucked into the hillside village. Circle each one when you find it.



FOUND: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

FIND 15 HIDDEN CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Search the family courtyard. Circle every symbol, then color the scene together.



WORD BANK - FIND ALL 15

3 crosses | 2 fish | 2 loaves | 2 lamps | 1 dove | 1 shepherd's staff
1 crown | 1 anchor | 1 heart | 1 Chi Rho

COUNT IT TOGETHER

Count silently, record one answer per team, then compare. An exact count earns 3 points; closest earns 2.



Do not peek: the exact counts are on the picture-game answer page.

OBJECT	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	POINTS
FISH				
LOAVES				
LAMPS				
DOVES				
CROSSES				
ANCHORS				

CHRISTENDOM WORD RACE

How many words can your family make? Play individually or in teams.

C	H	R	I	S	T	E	N	D	O	M

RULES

Set a 3-minute timer. Use only the letters in CHRISTENDOM. Use each letter only once in a word. Words must have at least 3 letters; no names or abbreviations.

SCORING

3 letters = 1 point | 4 letters = 2 points | 5+ letters = 3 points | faith word = +2 | unique word = +1

ROUND 1: 3-LETTER WORDS

Write one letter above each blank.

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___

ROUND 2: 4-LETTER WORDS

Write one letter above each blank.

___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___

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___ ___ ___ ___

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___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___

ROUND 3: 5+ LETTER WORDS

Write one letter above each blank.

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___ ___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___ ___

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___ ___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___ ___

FINAL SCORES

PLAYER / TEAM 1

_____

SCORE: _____

PLAYER / TEAM 2

_____

SCORE: _____

PLAYER / TEAM 3

_____

SCORE: _____

PLAYER / TEAM 4

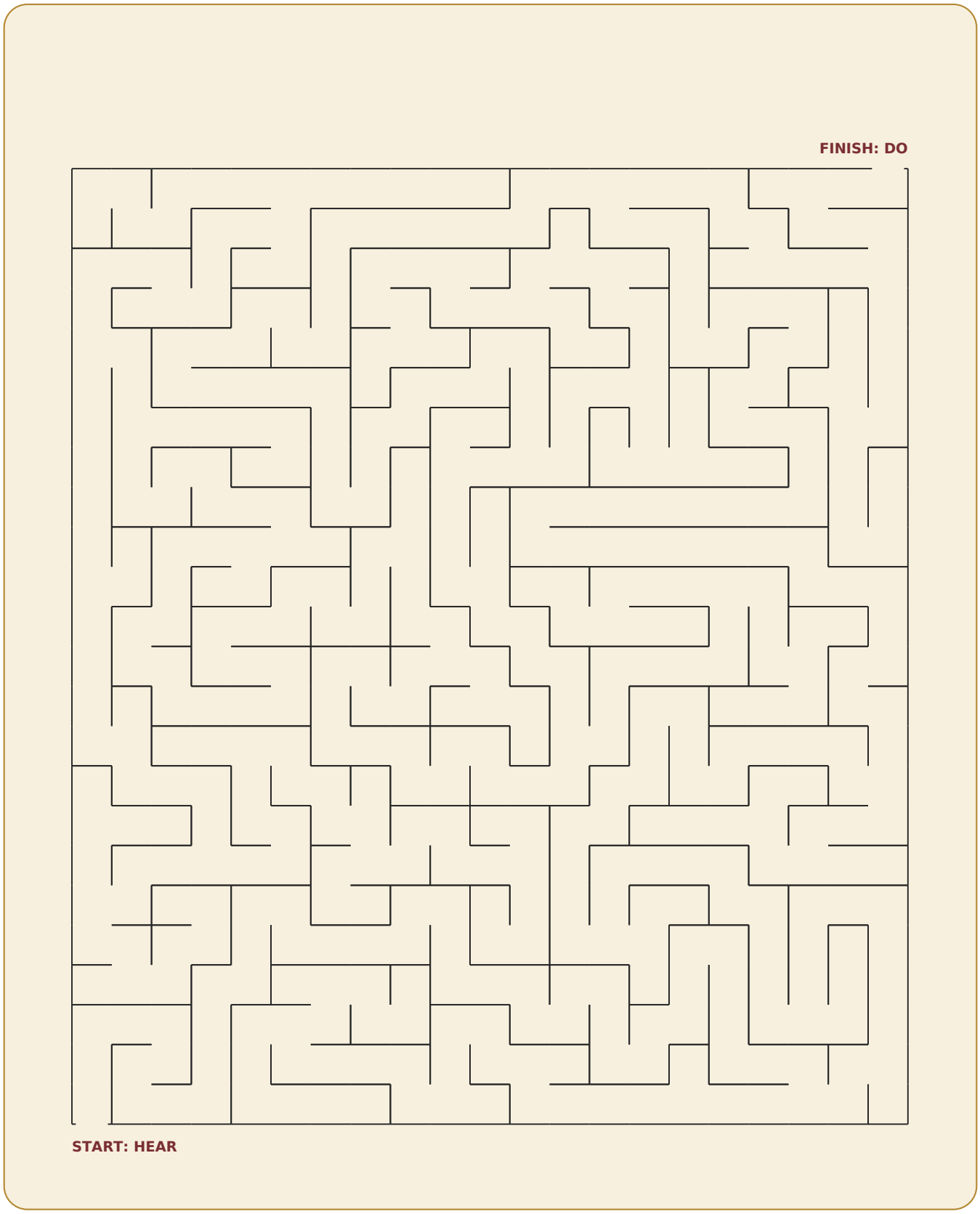
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SCORE: _____

BUILD ON THE ROCK

Matthew 7:24

Begin at HEAR. Follow the open path through the storm until you reach DO.



Family rule: take turns at every dead end. No one solves the whole path alone.

FAMILY PUZZLE LAB

James 1:22

Three challenge levels. Help one another without taking over.

LITTLE HANDS: HEAR IT, THEN DO IT

Draw a line from each teaching to its matching action below.

LOVE OTHERS	FORGIVE	PRAY
MAKE PEACE	TALK WITH GOD	SHARE

GROWING FAITH: WORD SEARCH

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

FIND FORWARD, BACKWARD, UP, DOWN, OR DIAGONALLY

ROCK
WISE
HEAR
JESUS
TRUTH
HOUSE
OBEY
STORM
BUILD
FAITH

GO DEEPER: CODE

Use A=1, B=2, C=3 and continue through Z=26.

2 - 5

4 - 15 - 5 - 18 - 19

15 - 6

20 - 8 - 5

23 - 15 - 18 - 4

A FAMILY PRACTICE

What is one way we can live this decoded message this week?

COLOR TOGETHER

Joshua 24:15

Little hands color the large words. Older artists take the intricate outer details.



Choose one color that represents your family and tell why you chose it.

PLAY THE STORY

Choose, act, laugh, explain. The goal is remembering together, not performing perfectly.

BIBLE CHARADES

Choose a card. Act without words while everyone guesses the story.

1 Noah builds the ark	**2** David faces Goliath	**3** Moses parts the sea	**4** Daniel prays
5 Jonah and the great fish	**6** A neighbor is helped	**7** Jesus calms the storm	**8** The lost sheep is found

WOULD YOU RATHER?

There is no wrong choice - but everyone must explain why.

CHOICE 1

Walk through the Red Sea or watch the walls of Jericho fall?

Why?

CHOICE 2

Bring one basket of loaves or help gather twelve baskets afterward?

Why?

CHOICE 3

Stand beside David before Goliath or beside Daniel before the lions?

Why?

CHOICE 4

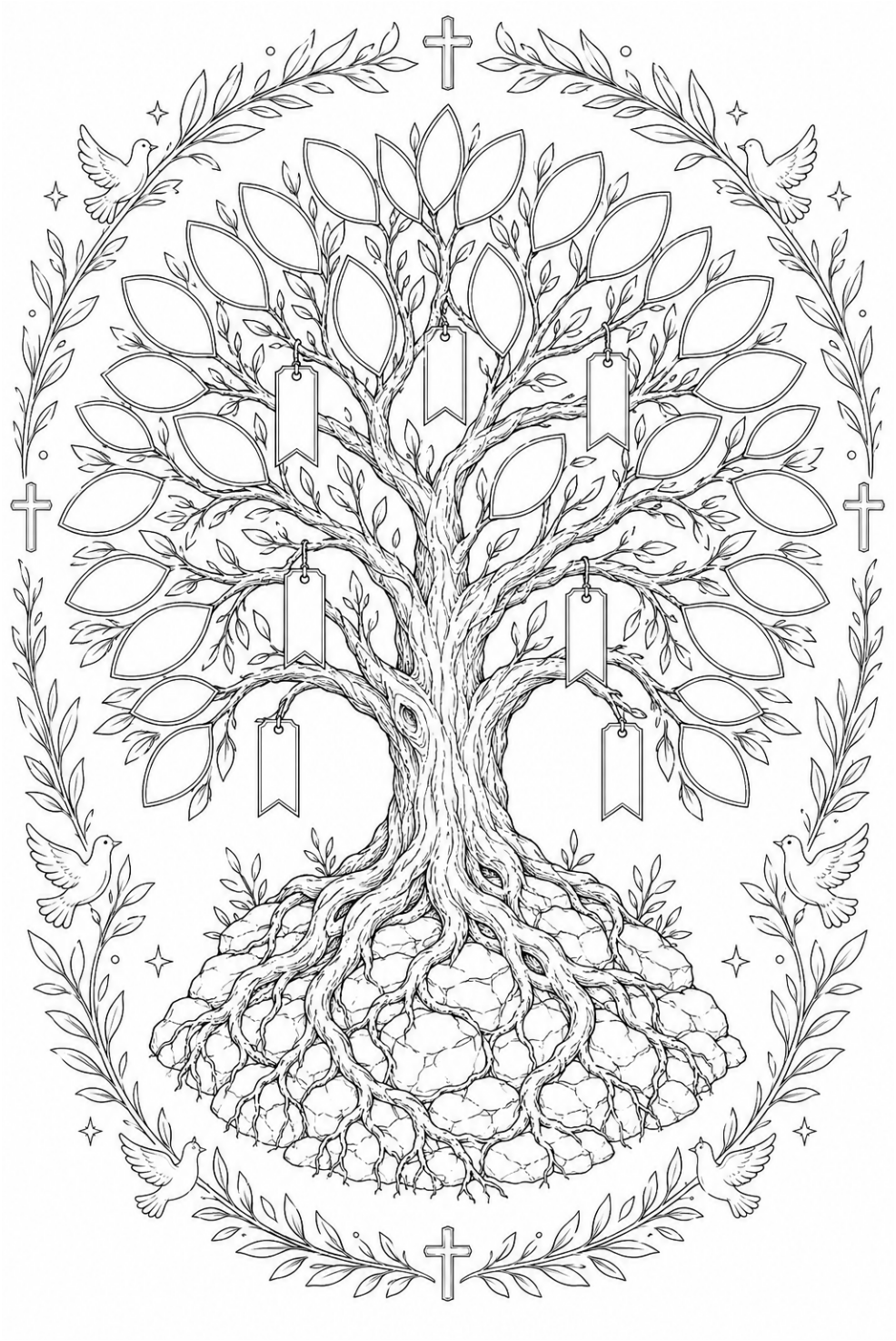
Help build the ark or help build the house on rock?

Why?

OUR FAMILY PRAYER TREE

Psalm 1:3

Write directly into the leaves and ribbons. Add color as you pray.



ROOTS

Thank God for what has held us.

TRUNK

Pray for our household.

LEAVES

Add people and present needs.

RIBBONS

Record prayers to remember.

FAITH IN ACTION

Galatians 5:13

Choose one act of service. Small faithfulness becomes part of the family foundation.

CHOOSE A FAMILY MISSION

- ☐ Write an encouragement note.
- ☐ Donate food or needed supplies.
- ☐ Prepare a meal or treat for someone.
- ☐ Help with a yard or household task.
- ☐ Call or visit someone who is lonely.
- ☐ Thank a community helper.
- ☐ Clean or care for a shared space.
- ☐ Create our own service idea.

MAKE THE PLAN

WHO WILL WE SERVE?

_____

WHAT WILL WE DO?

_____

WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

_____

WHAT DO WE NEED?

_____

AFTERWARD

What did we notice? Where did we see God at work? What should we do again?

_____

OUR FAMILY COVENANT

With God's help, we choose to build our household on Christ.

- ☐ Build on the words of Jesus and practice what He teaches. — Matthew 7:24-25
- ☐ Seek God's kingdom before comfort, approval, or appearances. — Matthew 6:33
- ☐ Speak the truth in love, even when honesty requires courage. — Ephesians 4:15
- ☐ Forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven us. — Colossians 3:13
- ☐ Honor one another and listen before answering. — Romans 12:10; James 1:19
- ☐ Use our freedom, time, and gifts to serve one another. — Galatians 5:13
- ☐ Choose faithfulness together: as for us and our house, we will serve the Lord. — Joshua 24:15

SIGNED TOGETHER

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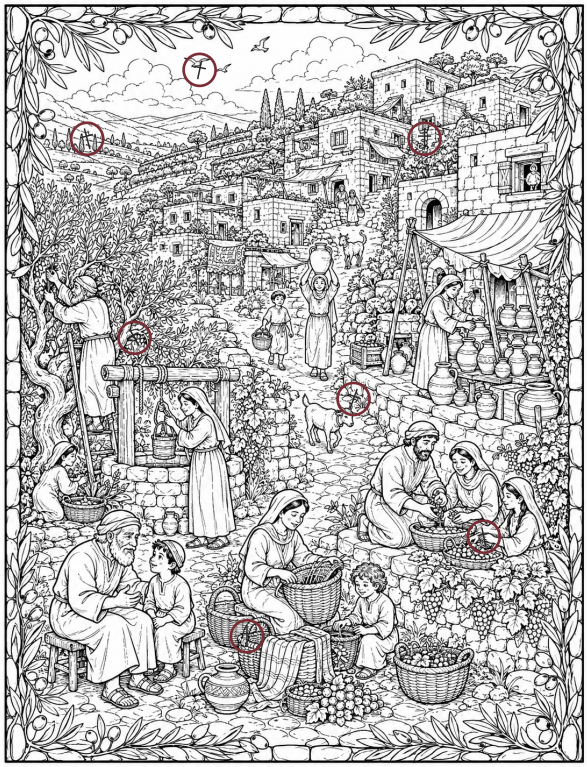
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PICTURE GAME ANSWERS

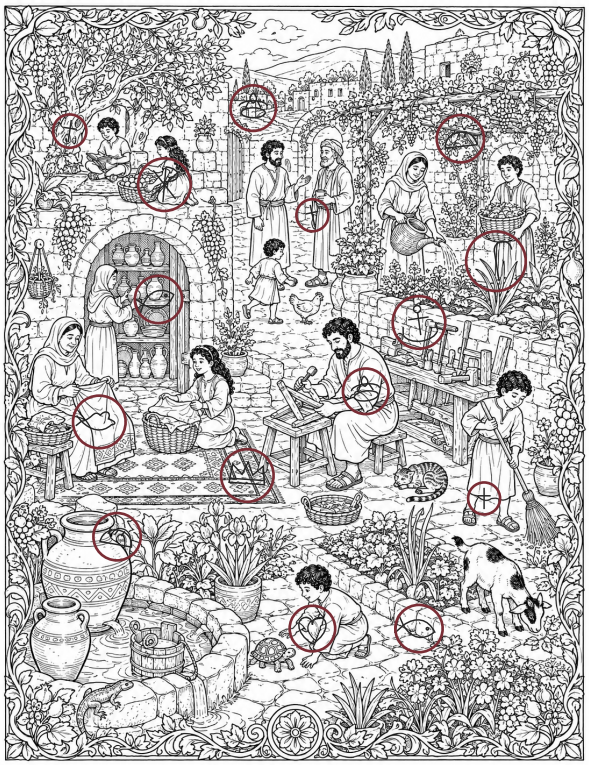
Hidden objects are circled; counting-game totals are listed below.

7 HIDDEN CROSSES



Use the circles to check every discovery.

15 HIDDEN SYMBOLS



Use the circles to check every discovery.

COUNT IT TOGETHER

12 fish | 10 loaves | 8 lamps

7 doves | 6 crosses | 5 anchors

THE 15-SYMBOL COUNT

3 crosses | 2 fish | 2 loaves | 2 lamps

1 dove | 1 shepherd's staff | 1 crown

1 anchor | 1 heart | 1 Chi Rho

The CHRISTENDOM Word Race has no fixed key - every valid word counts.

ANSWER KEY & CLOSING

Check the puzzles, then close your family time in prayer.

STORY SEQUENCE

1. Card B - Jesus teaches the people how to live.
2. Card E - A wise builder hears, obeys, and chooses rock.
3. Card F - The builders finish their houses.
4. Card D - A builder hears but does not put the words into practice.
5. Card A - The rain, wind, and rising water arrive.
6. Card C - The house founded on rock remains standing.

WORD SEARCH

ROCK: row 8, column 5, up

HOUSE: row 11, column 11, up-left

WISE: row 4, column 10, down-left

OBEY: row 7, column 10, down-left

HEAR: row 5, column 8, down-left

STORM: row 8, column 8, left

JESUS: row 10, column 8, up

BUILD: row 8, column 9, down

TRUTH: row 5, column 10, down-left

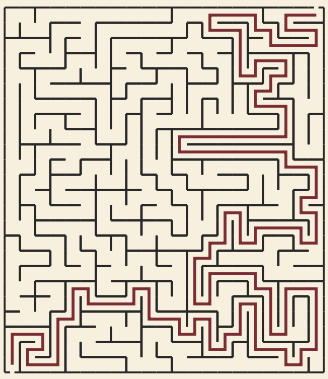
FAITH: row 2, column 7, down-right

SCRIPTURE CODE

BE DOERS OF THE WORD

James 1:22

MAZE SOLUTION

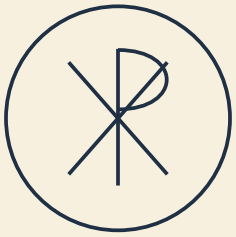


CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting our family here. Help us remember what we heard and give us courage to do it. Make our home steady in truth, generous in love, quick to forgive, and ready to serve. Be the rock beneath everything we build. Amen.

OUR NEXT FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

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