



KBC workbook: Mark

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Dedicated To:

My patient and understanding husband who picked up the slack to make this book possible.

My four incredible children who desire to know and follow Jesus with their whole hearts.

You are an inspiration!

Lovingly, and most of all, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for showing me grace and truth; for refining me daily, teaching me to surrender everything to you, and blessing me with your Holy Spirit.



Welcome to your very own KBC workbook: Bonfire edition. This edition is probably for you if you:

- * Have been exposed to Biblical lessons in the past
- * Are comfortable writing about ideas, prayers, and narrations on what you've read
- * Enjoy drawing events you've read about
- * Have the ability to look up Bible verses on your own

Are you ready to dive deep into your Bible study and learn more? In this workbook you will learn new ways to interact with and study the Scripture you are reading. As you read Mark and the Kids' Bible Commentary you will have a chance to:

- * Draw pictures about what you read
- * Hide God's word in your heart by memorizing Bible verses
- * Write out prayers
- * Make comic strips
- * Learn to highlight important information
- * Act out what you learn



Did you know?

Hiding God's Word in your heart by memorizing scripture can help you fight against sin and temptation.

Drawing and acting things out can help you remember what you're learning better.



Reading God's word is the first step in getting to know him on a deeper level. Being in his word will help you draw close to him and get to know him. This Kids' Bible Commentary workbook will help guide you in ways you can interact with what you read and allow God to speak to you. Be creative and have fun along the way as you seek to know God more. Interacting with God's word in these ways will help you remember what you read and put your faith into action.

? Say What?!

Bible Journaling

Writing about, drawing reflections, and/or applying scripture you are reading to your life, so you can dive deeper into his Word and get to know God more.

Have you ever noticed how people around you have different abilities than you do? Maybe you love music and want to learn to play like your best friend, but you have a hard time reading all the notes. On the other hand, maybe your brother struggles with math, and you don't understand why, because for you, it's so easy! God didn't design us to all think and act alike. He created us with unique gifts and abilities. God created you to think and learn differently than your parents, siblings and friends. If you want to experience God's best for your life, that means following his plan for you, not the plan he has for someone else. Throughout this book, you are going to learn several ways of studying the Bible, in hopes of finding ways that work best for you.

Prayer is so important to make a connection and build a relationship with God. We will see Jesus make prayer a priority all through out the book of Mark. If prayer is important to Jesus, shouldn't we also make sure to prioritize prayer in our lives? It's not about doing it a certain way or saying just the right words. Instead, it's simply about talking to God and getting to know him better. So, relax and talk to God like he is your best friend, because that's exactly what he wants to be.



Did you know?

The Bible is the living, active Word of God. This means that, even though it was written thousands of years ago, it still speaks to us today and can be applied to our lives also.



Introduction

Before we jump into this study, write out a prayer to ask God for help on this journey of studying Mark.

Dear God,

In Jesus' name, amen!



Mark 1

Jesus tells his followers in Mark 1:14 that "The time has come. The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news." What do you think Jesus means when he calls people to repent?



Words have disappeared from the verse below, see if you can fill in what's missing.

"Very _____ in the morning, while it was _____ dark, _____ got up,
left the _____ and went off to a _____ place, where he _____."
Mark 1:35 (NIV 2016)

Drawing Connections

Mark 1:40-45 talks about how Jesus healed a man with leprosy. Draw a comic strip showing what happened. Notice how, even after Jesus healed him, he was disobedient. How did his disobedience affect Jesus? How does our disobedience affect others also?

CALL OUT TO GOD

Dear Jesus,

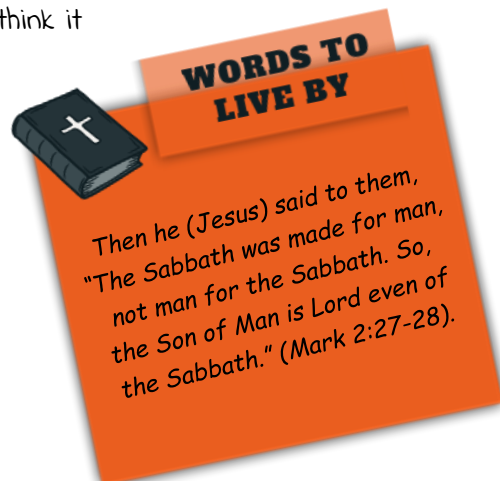
Thank you for showing me how important prayer is through your example. Help me to remember to take time throughout the day to spend time talking to you and building a relationship with you.

In Jesus' name, amen.



Mark 2

God created the sabbath (See KBC: Mark page 14) so we could have a day to rest. Taking a day to rest our bodies and focus on God allows us to get ready for a new week not only physically, but also spiritually as we rest in the Lord. What do you think it means to rest in the Lord and how can you do that this week?



When we take time to be still and reflect on the past week, we can see all the amazing ways God was at work. Was there something that happened this week that could have been God's hand at work? Did he draw you to his word? Did he teach you a lesson? On the lines below, write about how you saw God working this past week.

CALL OUT TO GOD



Heavenly Father,

You hold everything in your mighty hands. Thank you for being at work in my life. Help me to have open eyes to see where you are working and help me to have open ears to hear when you speak.

In Jesus' name, amen.



Mark 3

Real life characters:

Real Life Events:

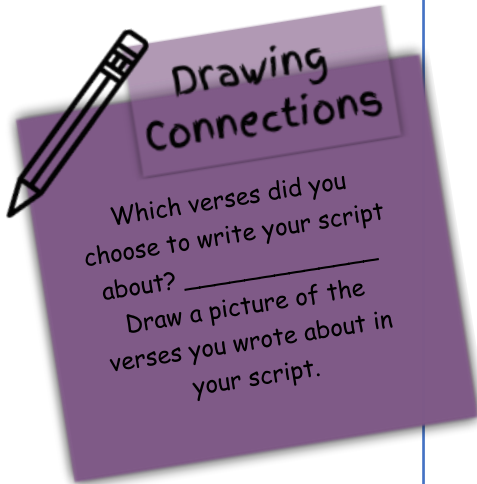
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Take Action



Think closely about the details of what happened in this chapter of Mark. Write out a script for one of the events to act out. After writing your script, double check if it is accurate by rereading the verses you wrote about. Remember, these are historical events that actually took place. They aren't made up stories. When we are retelling Biblical events, we need to be careful to tell them correctly; like a historian would. After you finish writing your script, have some fun by acting it out with your friends.





Take a close look at verses 13-17. Jesus called his disciples to follow him for a specific purpose what was that purpose?

Jesus calls you to follow him too. He has a plan for you and your life. when we follow him completely, we are able to experience his best for our lives. what do you think it look like to follow Jesus completely?



WORDS TO LIVE BY

[Jesus said] "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." (Mark 3:35).



Drawing Connections

Think about all four of the parables Jesus taught in chapter four. Can you draw a picture of each of the parables?

The Parable of the Sower (4:1-20)

A Lamp on a Stand (4:21-25)

The Growing Seed (4:26-29)

The Mustard Seed (4:30-34)

WORDS TO LIVE BY

[Jesus said] "Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown." (Mark 4:20).



In your own words, write what Jesus was teaching in each parable and how it could be lived out.

The Parable of the Sower:

A Lamp on a Stand:

The Parable of the Growing Seed:

The Parable of the Mustard Seed:

**CALL OUT
TO GOD**



Lord,

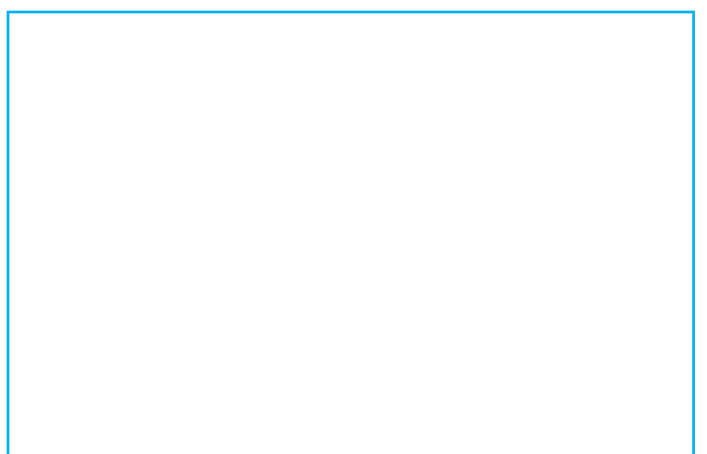
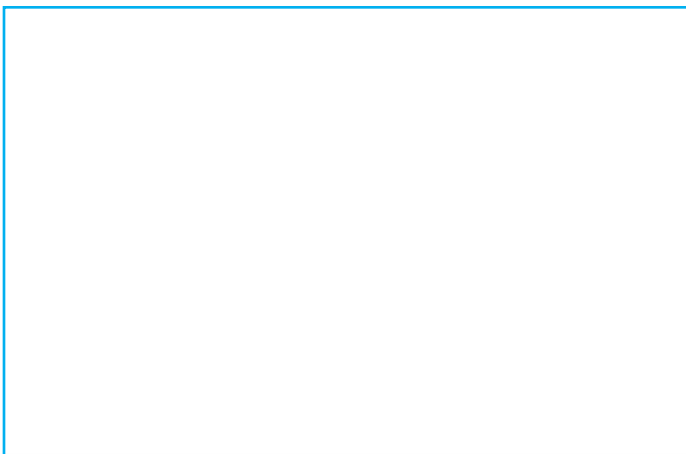
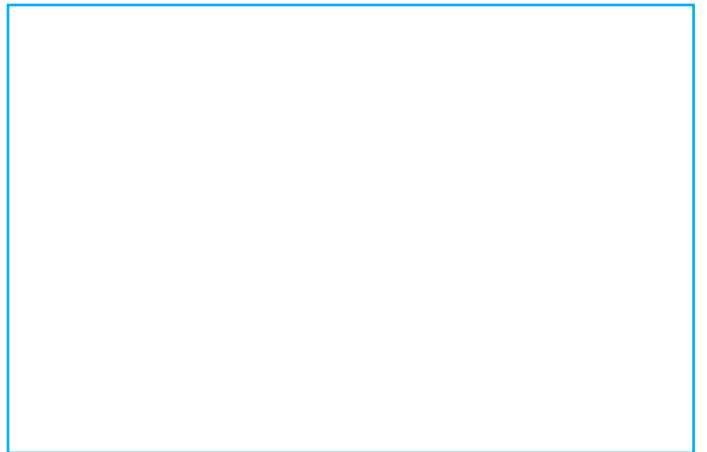
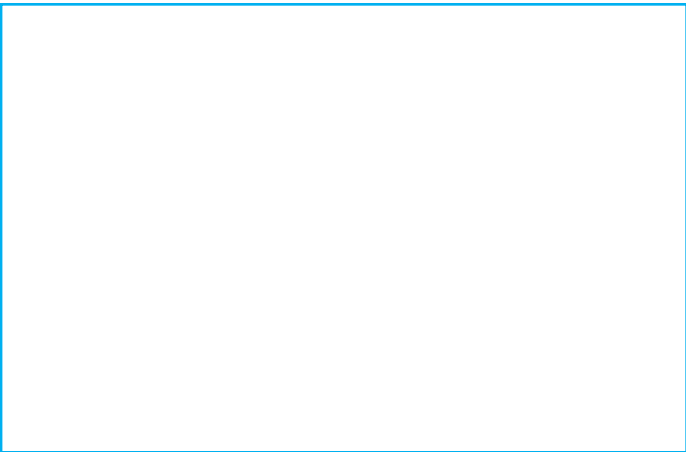
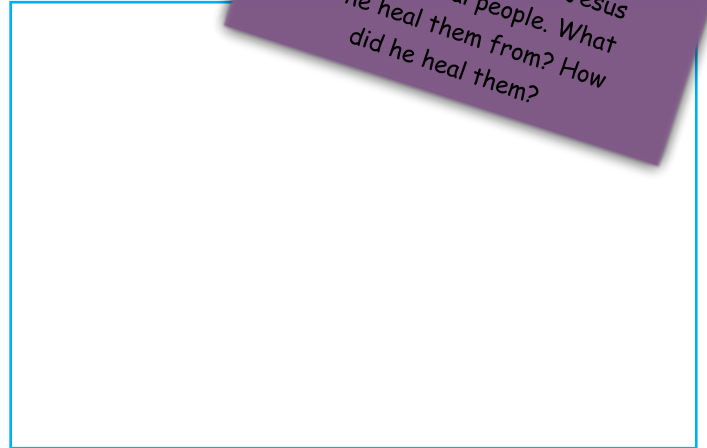
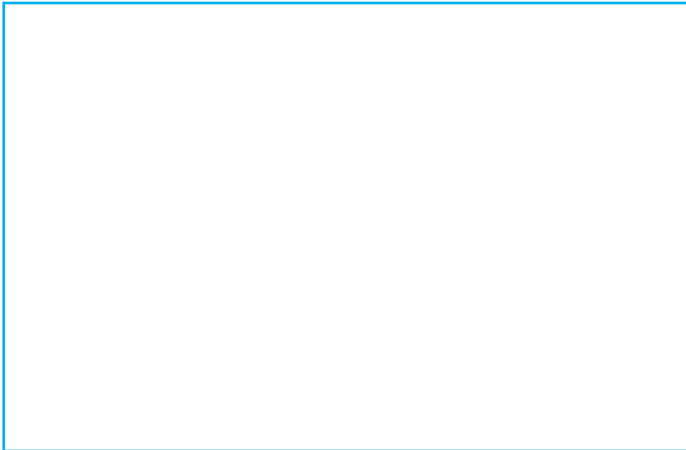
You are our Great Teacher. Thank you
for taking time to teach us how to live.
Help us to see where we can change
and apply your teachings to our lives.
Refine us and make us who you want us
to be.

In Jesus' name, amen.



Drawing Connections

A comic strip tells a story in picture form. Can you draw a comic strip of the events that happened in chapter five? Think back about how Jesus healed several people. What did he heal them from? How did he heal them?





words have disappeared from the verse below, see if you can fill in what's missing.

"Later that _____, the boat was in the _____ of the lake, and he [Jesus] was _____ on _____. He saw the _____ straining at the _____, because the _____ was against them. Shortly before _____ he went out to them, _____ on the _____. " Mark 6:47-48a (NIV)

After Jesus saw the disciples struggling, why do you think he waited to go out to them?

Read the *Picture This*. This event comes from the old testament of the Bible. It can be found in Genesis 39-41 and is about a man named Joseph. Before he was thrown into prison, he was sold into slavery by his own brothers. Talk about tough times!

Sometimes, we go through struggles in life, not because God causes them or because he wants us to go through hurt, but because we live in a fallen, sinful world.

As we read about both the struggles of the disciples and the struggles of Joseph, God is there with them. Our plans and the way we see things does not always match **his** plan or the way **he** sees them. When we don't understand, we can find peace in knowing he sees the big picture and wants his best for your life.



PICTURE THIS!

You are the right-hand helper to the king, successful in everything you do because God is helping you along the way. Just when things are going really well though, you are falsely accused and thrown in prison. For two years, you sit in that prison cell for something you didn't do. (Read the full story in Genesis 39-41)



How is God working in the midst of that struggle?

Remember, you can take anything to God in prayer. Write out a prayer on the lines below.

Dear God,

In Jesus' name, amen.

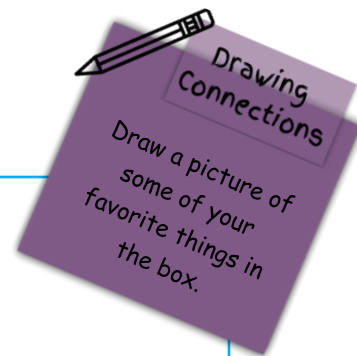
we've read about a lot of places in the past 7 chapters! See if you can find them on the map?

- ☐ The Jordan River- where John baptized Jesus (Mark 1:5)
- ☐ Capernaum- where Jesus healed a man who couldn't walk (Mark 2:1)
- ☐ Galilee- where a great multitude came from to follow Jesus (Mark 3:7)
- ☐ Jerusalem- where another large group of people came from to hear Jesus (Mark 3:8)
- ☐ Gerasa- where Jesus healed the demon-possessed man (Mark 5:1)
- ☐ Nazareth- Jesus' hometown (Matthew 2:23, Mark 6:1)



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In chapter eight, we see Jesus provide for the physical needs of the people, after feeding them spiritually for three days. These people traveled from faraway places to hear Jesus teach and see him work. They were hungry for Jesus. They were hungry for his words and truth to be spoken into their lives so much that they ignored their physical needs. Do you hunger for Jesus more than anything else in your life? Do you hunger for Jesus more than screens? Do you hunger for him more than sports? Do you hunger for him more than food? For more than sweets? Or, is there something else that you hunger for more than Jesus?

When we put anything ahead of Jesus, good or bad, it takes Jesus' rightful place as Lord of our lives. When God shows us anything we have put ahead of him, we need to confess that and surrender it to him. Are you ready to do that?

Dear God,



Mark 9

Let's take a closer look at some verses in this chapter. Sometimes when we are reading it's helpful to pick the verses apart to really ignite our understanding. So, let's try that with Mark 9:30-32 (NIV).

Grab a few highlighters or colored pencils and see if you can highlight with the colors listed below for these verses.

Green: Places

Blue: The Names of God/Jesus/Holy Spirit

Purple: People/Groups of People

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Let's try another one. This time, grab some more colors and see if you can include any of the other colors that are needed for the verse below.

Red: Jesus and his words

Orange: Jesus' miracles

Yellow: The Kingdom of Heaven

Green: Places

Blue: The Names of God/Jesus/Holy Spirit

Purple: People/Groups of People

Pink: Numbers

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became a dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. Mark 9:2-3



Mark 10

Let's try some more Bible highlighting as we dive deep into studying parts of chapter ten. Some people like to write directly in their Bible so they can see their notes along with the scripture they are reading. Others would rather make notes on separate paper or in a notebook. There is no right or wrong way to do this, but make sure to check with your parents before making any marks in your Bible.

In case you want a refresher, here is that handy chart:

Red: Jesus and His words

Orange: Jesus' miracles

Yellow: The Kingdom of Heaven

Green: Places

Blue: The Names of God/Jesus/Holy Spirit

Purple: People/Groups of People

Pink: Numbers

Let's take a look at Mark 10: 13-16 (NIV)

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Why do you think the disciples would turn people away when they brought their children to Jesus?

What was Jesus' response to what the disciples were doing?

What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."?



Drawing Connections

The last week of Jesus' life is the focus of the next several chapters. Use the sticky note on page 65 of the KBC: Mark to help you draw pictures of the events you have read about this week and will be reading about in the weeks to come.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

Sunday

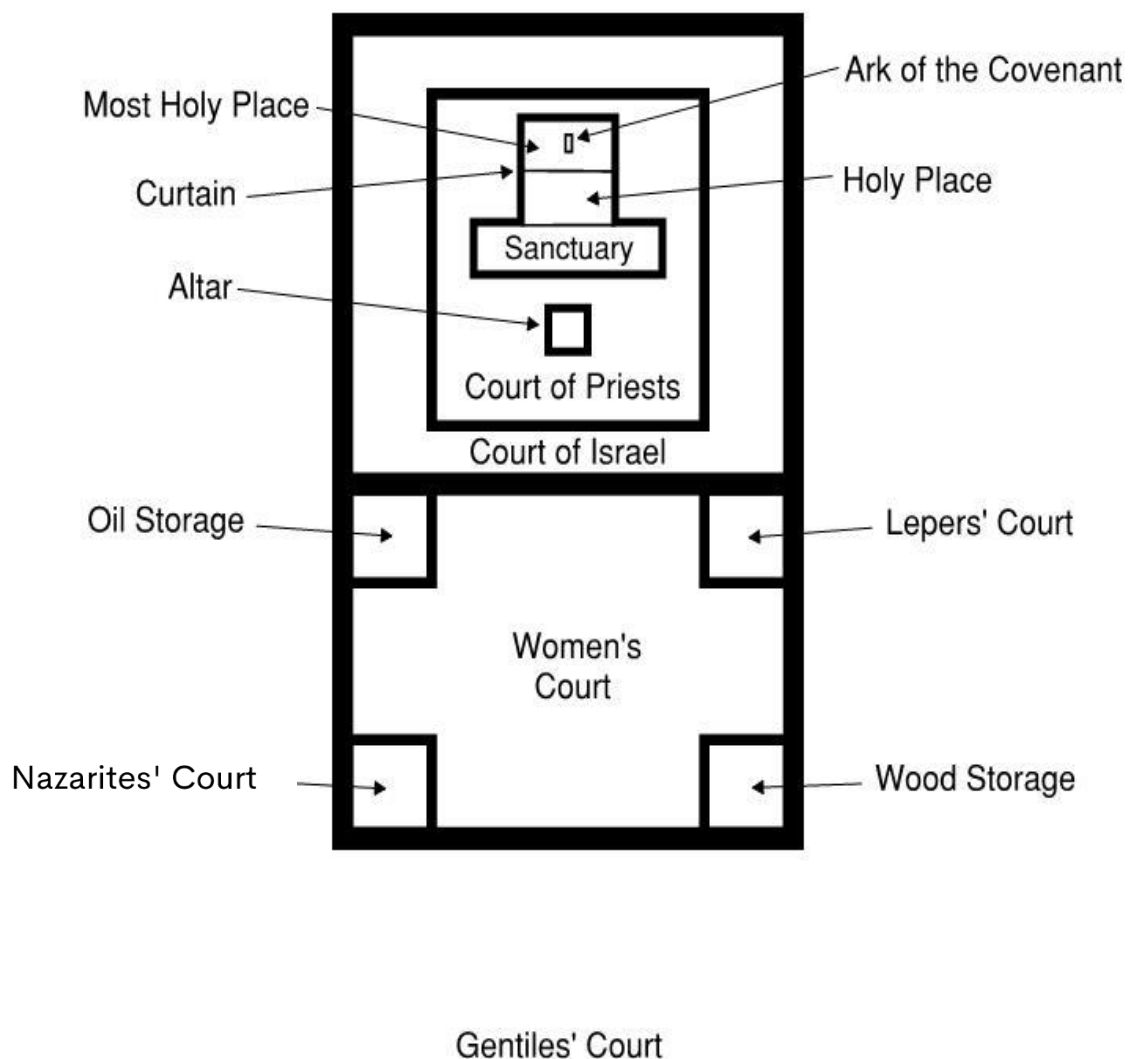
Mark 12

In chapter eleven and twelve, we see some events take place in the Temple. Do you remember those events?

Can you find where each of the events happened on the diagram below and draw a picture to help you remember?

*Jesus cleared the Temple of the money changing tables in Mark 11:15-19 (This happened in the Gentiles' Court)

*The woman who offered two small copper coins did this in the treasury of the Temple in Mark 12:41-44 (The women's Court)



Drawing Connections

Jesus predicted in Mark 13:1-2 that the Temple would be destroyed. What do you think the Temple looked like before the Romans destroyed it?

The Temple that stood in Jesus' time was the second one built. It was called Herod's Temple. This was not the original Temple that Solomon built in the old Testament. You can read about the building of Solomon's Temple in 1 Kings 5-6 and its destruction in 1 Kings 25.

What was the purpose of the Temple?

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Both Solomon's and Herod's Temples may have been destroyed, but now, we have the honor of being a temple. When we give our lives to Jesus, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He is our Helper who guides us in living out God's best for our lives.

CALL OUT TO GOD

Father,
You hold everything in your mighty hands. Help me to trust your perfect plans and surrender to the lead of the Holy Spirit.
In Jesus' name, amen.

Drawing Connections

Have you ever been hurt by someone? Have you ever done something to hurt someone else? Draw a picture showing what happened in the boxes below.

Jesus understands hurt better than anyone else. He was hurt and rejected by those closest to him, but he didn't get angry and treat people badly because of his hurt. Instead, he prayed and asked God to forgive them. Take how you are feeling about what you drew about above and bring it to him in prayer.

Lord Jesus,

As we read about Jesus dying on the cross in chapter fifteen, let's reflect on why Jesus did this. In John 8:34, Jesus says, "very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."



Just like this stickfigure, we are trapped in sin. It is master over us, but Jesus loves us so much that he wanted to set us free from that chain that holds us to sin.

How can Jesus free us from sin? _____

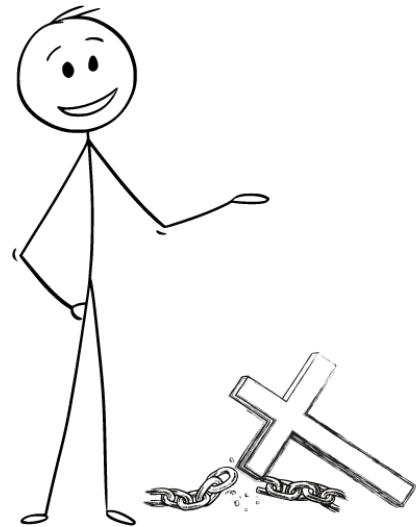
Let's look at another verse for the answer. Romans 6:23a says, "For the wages of sin is death." This means, that the punishment for sin is death- an eternal separation from God. Everyone of us deserves death. Everyone of us deserves to be separated from God for eternity. The thing is, God loves you so much that he doesn't want you to be separated from him. That is why he sent Jesus. Even though Jesus was fully God, he came to earth and lived a human life like ours. He was born a baby, grew into a child, and then became a man. He had family and friends. He was loved by some, but hated by others.

There is a big difference between the way Jesus lived and the way we live though. Jesus was never a slave to sin like we are. Jesus was tempted but NEVER gave in to sin. That's why Jesus can take our punishment of death and set us free all we have to do is repent (which means to admit we've sinned and go the other direction- following Jesus instead of sin).



WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." Romans 6:16-18 (NIV)



Have you ever sinned?

YES ☐ OR ☐ NO

It might be hard to admit, but all of us have sinned at some point in our lives.

Are you ready to be freed from the chain that makes you a slave to sin?

YES ☐ OR ☐ NO

Are you ready to ask for forgiveness?

YES ☐ OR ☐ NO

If you are, call out to God on the lines below. Open up to him and tell him what's in your heart.

Dear God,

In Jesus' name, amen



We left off in chapter fifteen with Jesus' burial. Jesus was placed in the tomb and the tomb was sealed with his body inside. Yet, God did a miraculous thing!

What happened to Jesus? _____

Drawing Connections
 Jesus didn't stay in that tomb, did he? Draw a picture of what happened three days after Jesus was placed in the tomb.

Take Action

What you need:

Ingredient	What it represents
Packaged dinner roll dough or Your favorite dinner roll recipe	The tomb where Jesus' body lay
Cinnamon	Jesus' grace
Sugar	Jesus' forgiveness
Full size marshmallows	Jesus' body wrapped in burial cloth

TRY THIS! With the help of an adult, grab the ingredients listed and follow the steps below.

Step 1: Take your marshmallow (Jesus' body wrapped in burial cloth) and roll it in the cinnamon and sugar (Jesus' grace and forgiveness he showed to each of us.)

Step 2: Place your prepared marshmallow in the dough, sealing it all the way around the marshmallow.

Step 3: Bake according to directions on dough package.

Step 4: Once cooled, break open the "tomb." Notice how "Jesus' body" is gone, but his "grace and forgiveness" remain. Friends, he has risen! He didn't stay in the grave. He took on our punishment, but he overcame death.



WORDS TO LIVE BY

So, Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. (Mark 15:46a).

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. (Ephesians 1:7-8a).



WORDS TO LIVE BY

Then, he [Joseph of Arimathea] rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. (Mark 15:46b).