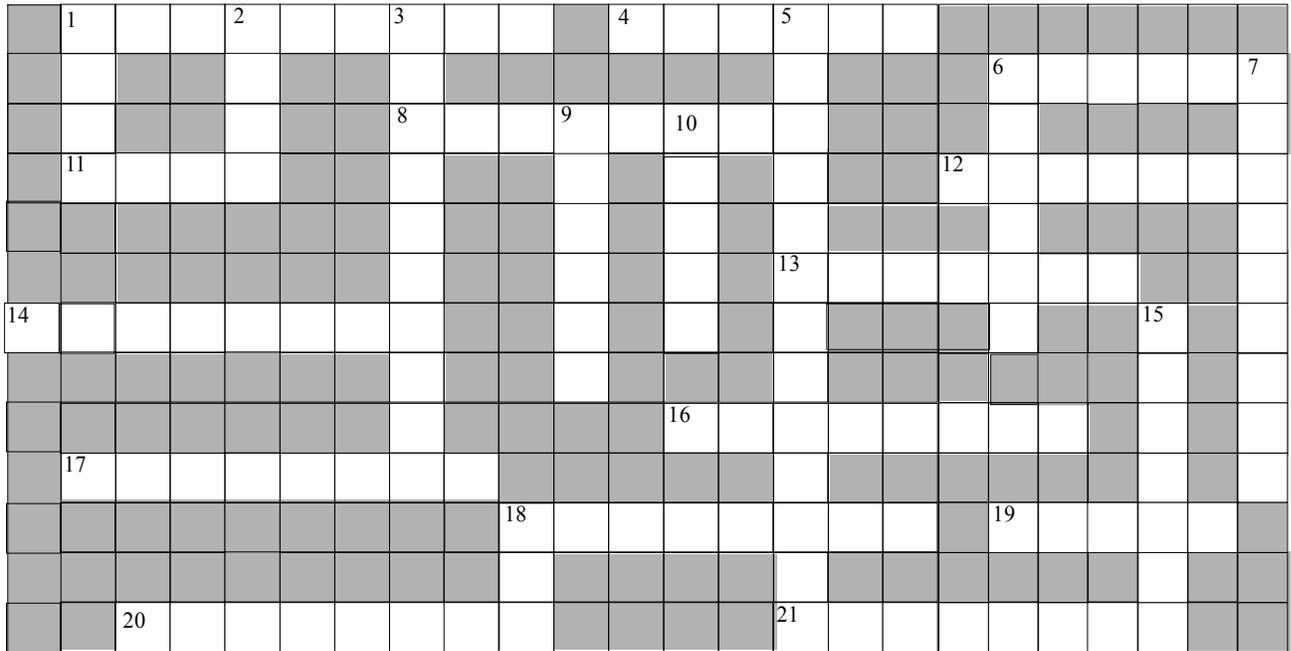


PROVERBS from SOLOMON



Look up the verse and fill in the blank word in the puzzle. These verses are from NIV.

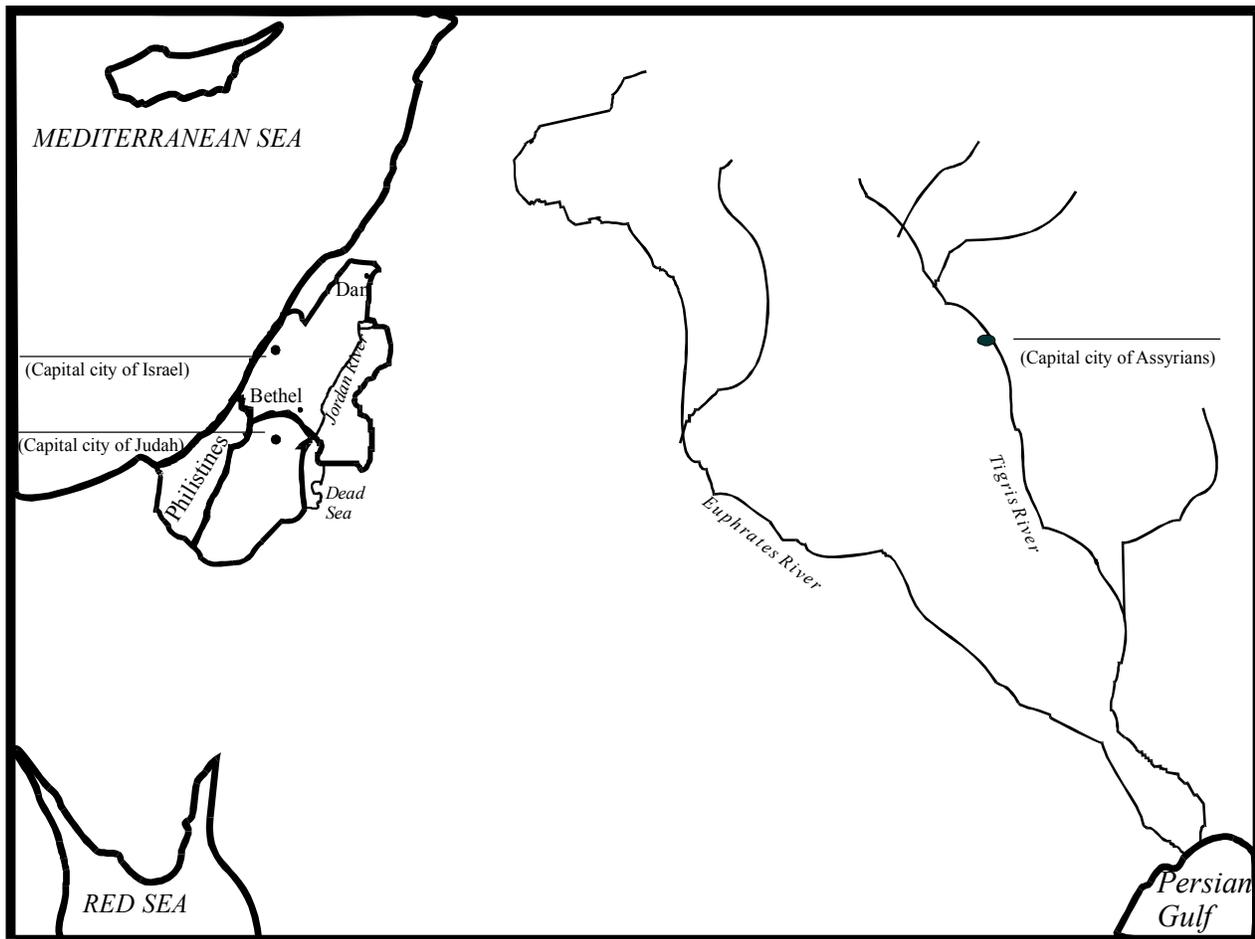
CLUES: ACROSS

1. Prov 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of _____, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.
4. Prov 12:16 A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an _____.
6. Prov 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the _____ and the good.
8. (and 2 down) Prov 6:6-8 Go to the ant, you _____; consider its ways and be _____! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.
11. (18 down). Prov 24:29 Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has _____ to me; I'll _____ that man back for what he did."
12. Prov 20:11 Even a child is known by his _____, by whether his conduct is pure and right.
13. Prov 1:10 My son, if _____ entice you, do not give in to them.
- 14 and 19. Prov 17:22 A _____ is good medicine.
16. Prov 16:2 All a man's ways seem _____ to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.
17. Prov 5:21 For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he _____ all his paths.
18. (and 14 down)Prov 16:7 When a man's ways are _____ to the LORD, he makes even his _____ live at peace with him.
20. Prov 21:23 He who guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself from _____.
21. Prov 11:27 He who seeks good finds _____, but evil comes to him who searches for it.

DOWN:

1. Prov 11:17 A _____ man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.
3. Prov 5:11-14 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, "How I hated _____! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors.
5. Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own _____; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
6. Prov 24:1 Do not envy _____ men, do not desire their company.
7. Prov 22:1 A good name is more _____ than great riches!.
9. Prov 15:1 A _____ answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
10. Prov 29:11 A fool gives vent to his _____ but a wise man keeps himself under control.
15. Prov 25:28 Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self _____.

What Happened to God's people after Solomon died?



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When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam was hard on the people and _____ tribes left to have their own country and their own king. Their first king was Jeroboam, and he and all the other kings in the northern kingdom were _____ kings. They (did, did not) listen to what God wanted them to do!

Using the names under the map, write the names of countries and cities where they belong. Color Israel orange and Judah red and color the rest of the map.

The worst thing the people did was to stop worshipping God and instead worshiped idols. They build golden _____ and temples for them in Bethel and Dan and stopped worshipping God at the Temple in Jerusalem. Draw a dot at Bethel and Dan to show where the golden calves were.

After about 200 years, the Assyrian armies took over Israel and took all the people to their country to work for Assyria. They brought strangers to live in Israel. Draw a line to show where the Israelites were taken.

These people never returned to the Promised Land, because they would not follow God but worshipped idols. Do you think God was being fair to these people?

Who Am I?

Read the story in each "bubble".

Write the name of the person who matches it.

Look up the verses if you can't remember the story from class.

Samuel

Saul

David

Solomon

Jeroboam

Rehoboam

Elijah

Ahab

I am the third King.
I asked God for wisdom to rule the people.
I built the Temple for God in Jerusalem.
I wrote most of the Proverbs.



I am _____
Read 1 Kings 3-11

I was one of Solomon's leaders.
I became King of the 10 Tribes
and built golden calves for the
people to worship instead of
God!



I am _____
Read 1 Kings 12-14

I am the worst King
Israel ever had!
I made the people worship idols.
My wife Jezebel had an innocent
man killed so I could have a
vineyard I wanted.



I am _____
Read 1 Kings 17-21

I am a Solomon's son.
I took my friend's advice to make
life harder on the people.
Ten tribes decided to leave the
kingdom!



I am _____
Read 1 Kings 12-14

I am Israel's 1st King.
I am a good warrior.
But I didn't always
do what God wanted, so
I was replaced as King.



I am _____
1 Samuel 9 & 10

I am the last Judge and I'm also
a prophet and priest. I went to
work for God when I was a boy. I
annointed Israel's first 2 Kings,
and told them what God wanted
them to do.



I am _____
1 Samuel 1, 7, & 8

I fought a giant!
I played the harp.
I am the 2nd King.
I brought the ark
of God to Jerusalem.
I wrote many Psalms.



I am _____
1 Samuel 16 - 2 Sam 18

I am a Prophet.
I tried to make Ahab & Jezebel
listen to God. I challenged 450 false
prophets to a duel! God took me to
heaven in a fiery chariot!

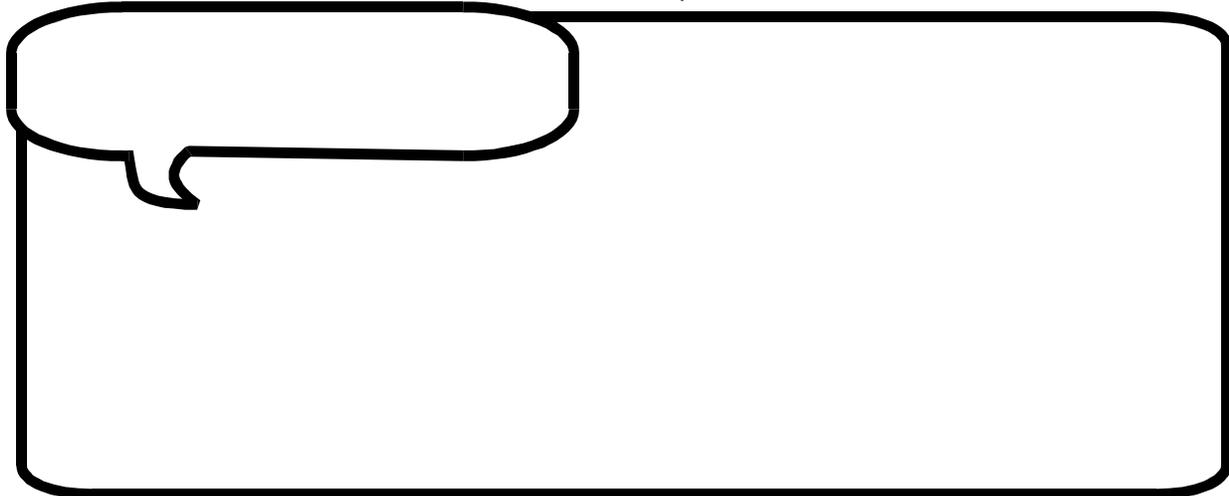


I am _____
Read 1 Kings 16-2 Kings 2

MAKE A CARTOON STRIP: Draw the people in the big boxes and write what they are saying in balloons, like the one drawn in the 1st box. Draw a story about Hezekiah or about Josiah.

First read the two stories. Read about Hezekiah (king of Judah) and Sennacherib (king of Assyria) in 2 Kings 19:1-36.

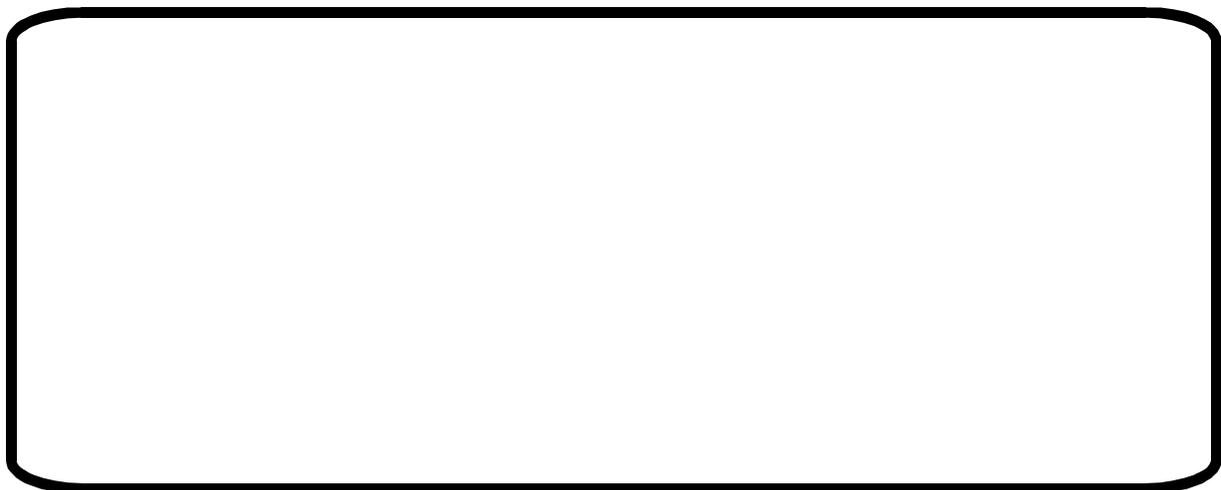
Then read about Josiah and what he found in the Temple in 2 Chronicles 34:1-32.



Sennacherib's messengers tell Hezekiah not to trust God - OR - Josiah is made king when he's 8 years old.



Hezekiah takes Sennacherib's letter to Temple to ask God what to do - OR -
Josiah tears his robes when he hears the Book of the Law



Sennacherib's army wakes up to find 185,000 men dead - OR -
Josiah reads the Law to people and promises to follow God

The Power of Prayer



Read Daniel chapter 3 and Daniel chapter 6.
These are the stories of four brave heroes whose faith in God is very strong. In these stories, they are facing death if they do what God wants!!!
They must have prayed powerful prayers!!
Pretend you are one of these people and write what you

Dear God,
I am _____ and I am about to be killed by _____ .

I believe that _____

I won't be afraid if _____

Please help me with these things:

Think about what Daniel, and Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego talked about with God when they faced their hard decisions. Remember how an angel (or maybe Jesus) went right in to the furnace with the three men? That must have really helped them be brave.

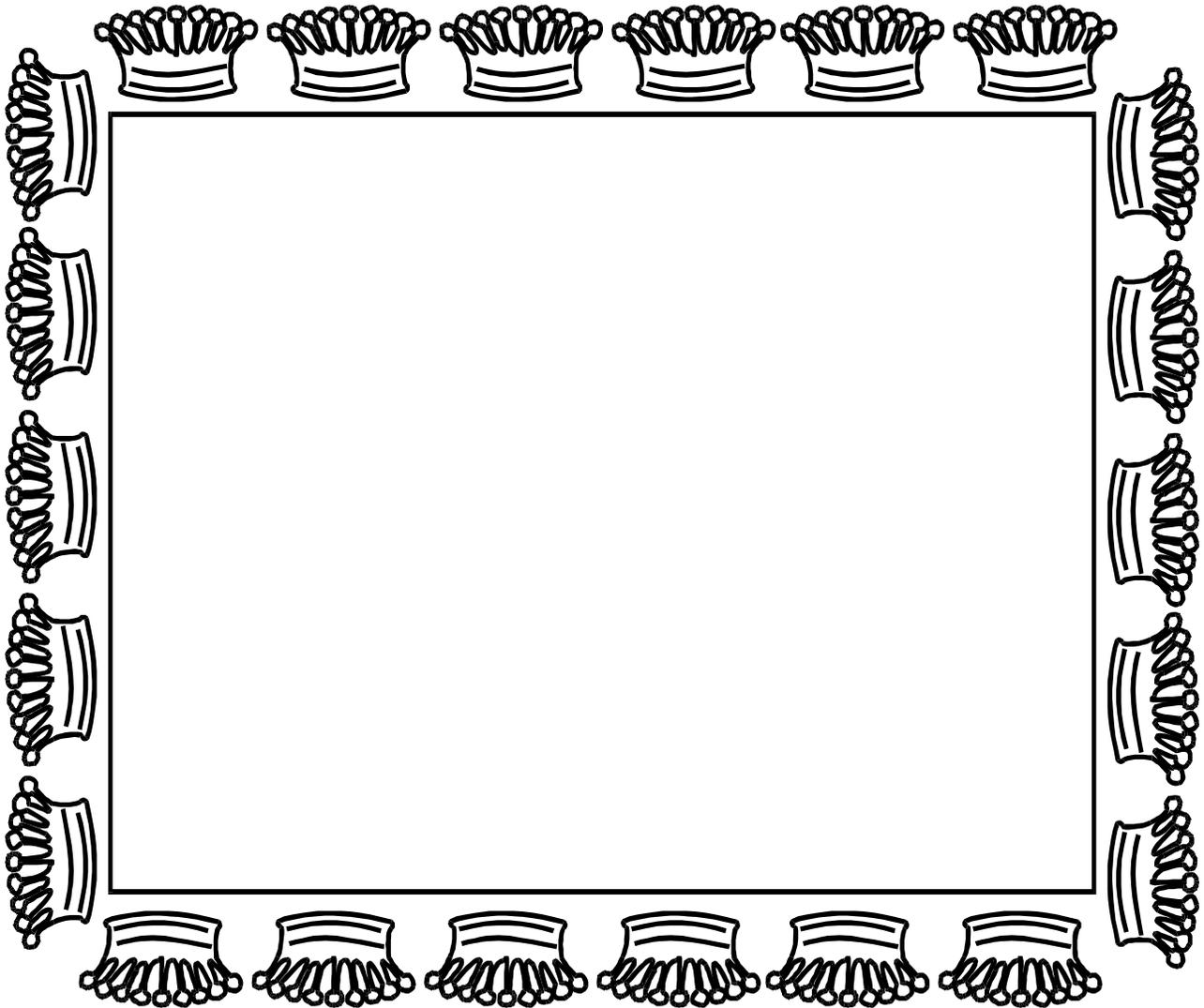
Will God be right with us when we have hard times? Can you pray as hard as Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego when you need to do something hard?

This week, try to stop and pray for God to help you when you have a hard decision to make at school or at home.

Queen Esther

Esther's and her uncle Mordecai were _____ who lived in Persia, but no one knew she was a Jew. Esther became King Xerxes' Queen. One time, _____ told the King's soldiers that some men were plotting to kill him. Later, wicked _____ came up with a plan to get rid of Mordecai - and all the Jews. Mordecai told Esther she must talk to the King. But even the Queen couldn't go in to speak to the King without being asked, and anyone could be killed unless the King held out his scepter to them when they came in the room. What would Esther do?? She went in to see the King! And he let her speak! She invited him and Haman to two dinners, and then asked the King to help her people not be killed. The King found out that it was _____ who saved his life and _____ who tricked him, and the King had Haman killed. Queen _____ is honored for saving the lives of her people.
READ the whole story in the book of Esther

Fill in the blanks: Haman Mordecai Jews Esther **Now draw a picture** of Esther in the box.



Help Nehemiah and the Jews rebuild the wall around Jerusalem

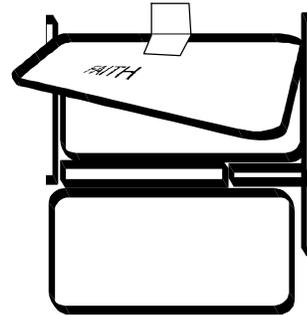
Three kings of Persia helped the Jews return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple and the city. King Cyrus proclaimed that anyone who wanted to go home could go and work on the Temple, and other people should help them. King Darius encouraged their work and told their neighbors to not give them any trouble, and promised to help pay the expenses from the treasury. King Xerxes helped Nehemiah to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall.

What does it take to build a wall? You might think you just stack rocks on top of each other and that's it! But big projects like that city wall took more than just rocks. Cut out the "rocks" from the next page and tape each rock on the wall over the verse that fits it.

Sometimes we have really hard things to do, too!
We should use the same things to help us that Nehemiah used!

CUT OUT EACH OF THESE "ROCKS"
AND TAPE THEM IN THE WALL

Tape the rocks just at the top,
so you can lift the "rock"
and see the verse underneath.



COURAGE

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MONEY

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MATERIALS

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WORKERS

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THE CREDIT

GIVE THANKS
TO GOD