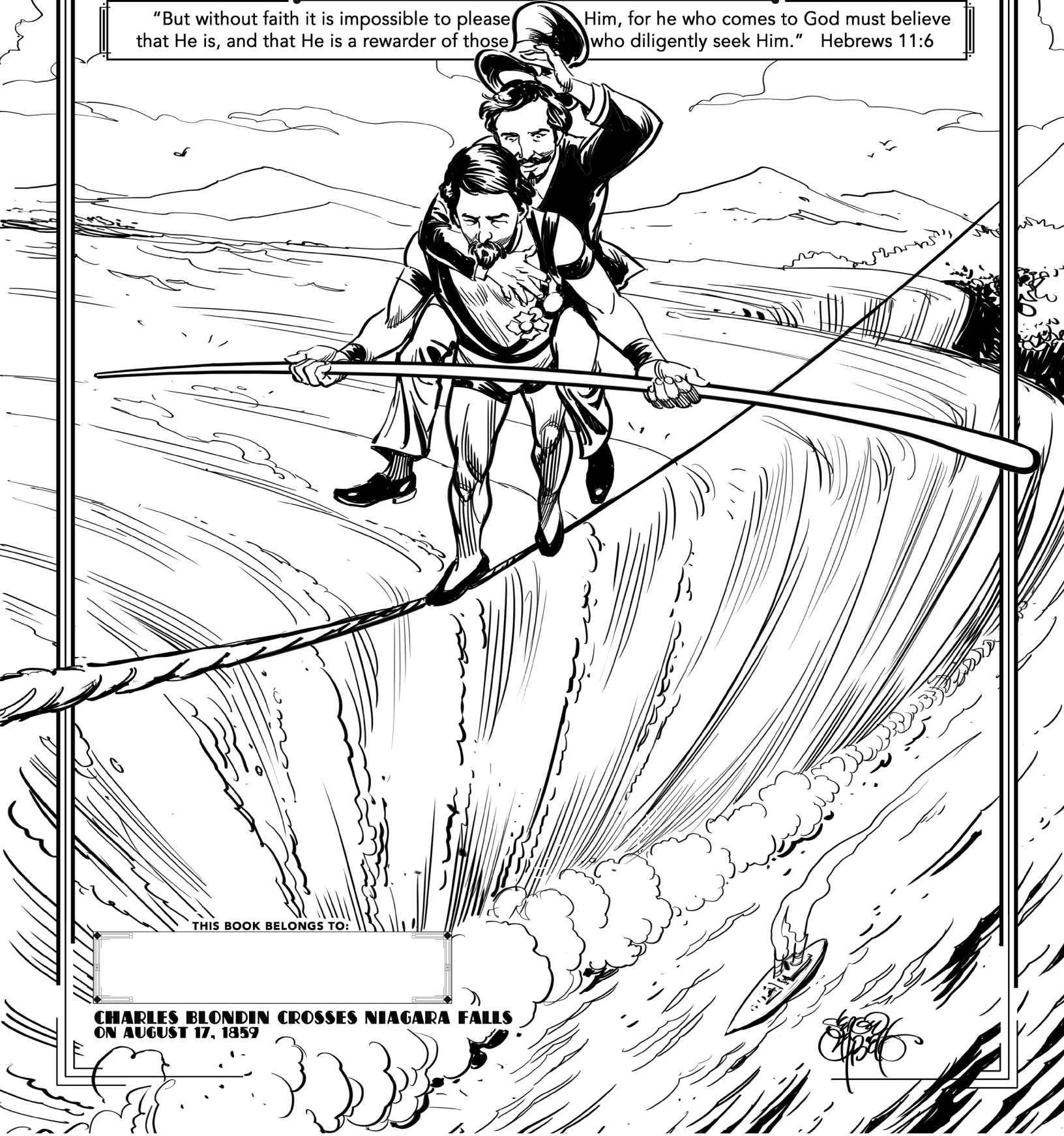


# FAITH

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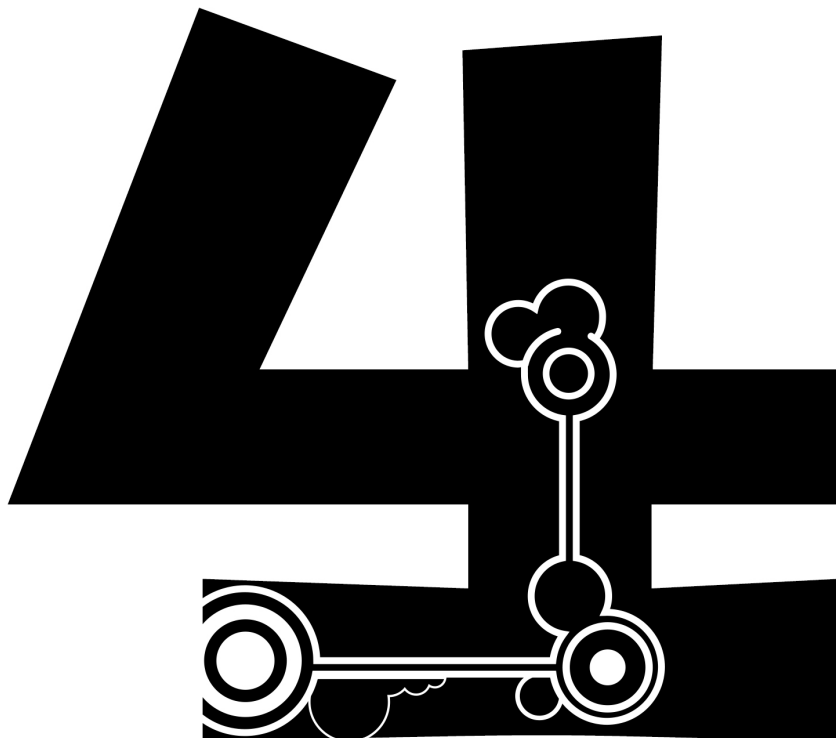
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## BIBLE STUDY



Practice saying the memory verse together!

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."  
Hebrews 11:6



In our last study, we gave a **DEFINITION** of **FAITH**.

Who can say it? Can you fill in the blanks?

"**FAITH** is \_\_\_\_\_ **GOD'S WORD** and \_\_\_\_\_ upon it, no matter how I \_\_\_\_\_, because **GOD** \_\_\_\_\_ a **GOOD RESULT**."

So, what are three things that we need to do to come to

**GOD?**



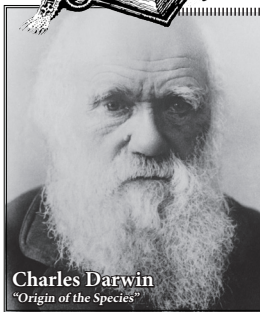
Okay, here they are! The first one is an easy one!

# **1** **BELIEVE** that **GOD** is

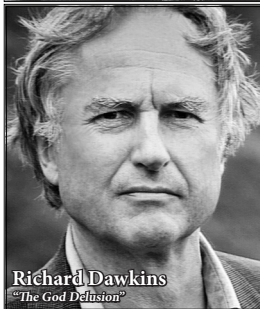
This means that you have to **BELIEVE** that **GOD** really does exist.

Psalm 14:1 says,

"The fool has said in his heart, 'there is no God.'"



Charles Darwin  
"Origin of the Species"



Richard Dawkins  
"The God Delusion"

Do you know what a "fool" is? The dictionary explains that a person who is a fool has no sense or judgment and is someone who acts unwisely. Also, a fool is someone who does what he wants to do and who prefers temporary pleasures instead of serving **GOD** or being eternally happy in heaven.

It's no wonder that in the **BIBLE**, Psalm 14:1 says "The fool has said in his heart, 'there is no God.'" This person, the fool, doesn't really **BELIEVE** that there is no **GOD**, he just says it to himself in his heart. He just keeps trying to convince himself over and over again that there is no **GOD**.

Everyone knows that there is a **GOD**, a **CREATOR**. Even the person who has had no contact with a missionary or anyone to explain what the **BIBLE** is or what it says, **KNOWS** there is a **GOD**!

Just **LOOKING** up at the sparkling stars in the night sky convinces them that there is a **CREATOR**.

Do you know what an atheist is? Atheists say that they don't **BELIEVE** that there is a **GOD**, but atheism is a learned behavior. People must be taught to **BELIEVE** something so foolish.



So, again, what does Psalm 14:1 say? The \_\_\_\_\_ has said in his \_\_\_\_\_, "there is no \_\_\_\_\_."

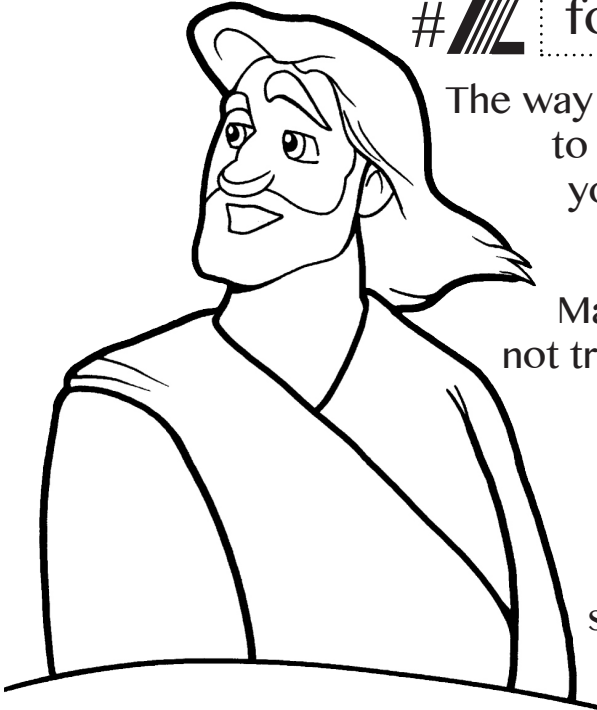
We don't want to be fools, do we? You don't want to be a fool, do you? So, the first thing you have to do is to BELIEVE that GOD exists.

The next thing you need to do is:

#2

**BELIEVE** in GOD for who He really is

You may have **WRONG** views about GOD.



The way you think about GOD may cause you to not want to spend any time with Him. It's not GOD'S fault, it's your wrong thinking! Your views may be so wrong about GOD that you don't want to know Him.

Maybe someone has said things about GOD that are not true, which causes you to not care about GOD. And because of what someone says that is wrong, that causes you to not want to come to GOD.

If you have a wrong concept about GOD, you probably won't come to Him. You don't want to spend time with "your idea" of GOD. But that's not the way GOD REALLY is, just the way you THINK He is.

So, what are some of the wrong ideas about GOD that people might think? We often BELIEVE other people's ideas about GOD because we have not LOOKED to see what GOD says about Himself in His WORD, the BIBLE.

Think about this. Would you want to go to GOD with any of these wrong ideas about Him?



**IDEA #1**

**GOD IS MEAN:** Rules, rules, rules, and if we don't obey His rules we'll get in trouble. GOD is no fun, He has no joy, and He never smiles. He is always serious and harsh.

Do any of you think that GOD is like this?

**IDEA #2**

**GOD IS NO FUN:** He never wants anyone to have fun or enjoy themselves. He always goes around LOOKING for anyone who is having fun and tries to stop them.

Would you want to go to GOD if He was like this?

YES  NO





### IDEA #3

**GOD HAS FAVORITES:** He likes some people more than others, and treats some people more special than other people.

Would you want to go to a **GOD** like this?

### IDEA #4

**GOD HAS LIMITED POWER:** **GOD** can only do certain things and cannot do other things. **GOD** can help some people, but cannot help you. Why talk to **GOD** about your problems, if you're not sure that He can really help you.

Would you find it hard to pray to **GOD** if He was like this? Why? Does He really care about people and their problems?

### IDEA #5

**GOD IS UNINVOLVED:** It's as if **GOD MADE** this wonderful world, but now doesn't get involved and He is not available to help us.

Would you find it difficult to pray to **GOD** if you **BELIEVED** these wrong ideas about Him?



Do you have any of these wrong ideas about who **GOD** is?

Well, if you think **GOD** is like any of these ideas, you probably won't want to come to Him. Who would? Those are wrong ideas that people have come up with about **GOD**. *But GOD'S WORD*, the **BIBLE**, tells us the truth about who **GOD** really is and what He is really like.

We will not come to **GOD** if we doubt His existence.

Again, Hebrews 11:6 states, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is..."

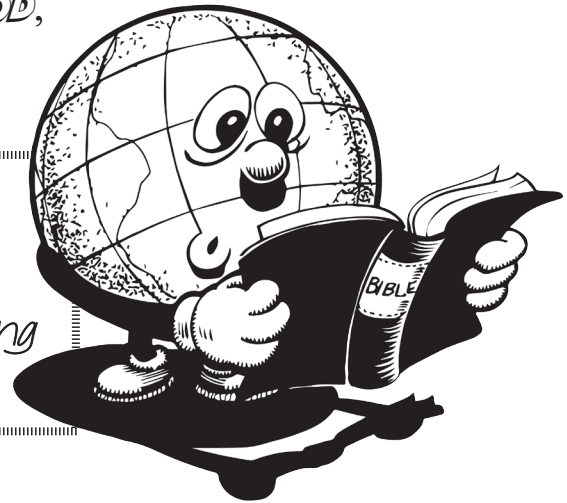
This means you must **BELIEVE** that **GOD** is who the **BIBLE** reveals Him to be. **FAITH** holds on, **BELIEVING** that **GOD** is!



Let's **LOOK** at some verses that tell us a little about **GOD**, and the truth about who **GOD** is.

Read & Fill in the Blanks of Psalm 90:1-2

"Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the \_\_\_\_\_ were brought forth, or ever You had formed the \_\_\_\_\_ and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."



**GOD** is from everlasting to everlasting. This means He is "the eternal **GOD**." This means He is without limitations, without beginning or ending. It means He will be **GOD** forever and ever! Isn't that amazing?



Read & Fill in the Blank of Malachi 3:6

"For I am the Lord, I do \_\_\_\_\_ change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."



This means that **GOD** doesn't change! Can you think of anything else that doesn't change? It seems that everything else is always changing. *But* **GOD** never changes!

Read & Fill in the Blank of Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday, today, and forever."



Read & Fill in the Blank of Psalm 119:89

"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.."



This means that **GOD'S WORD** will not change. Many people say things that they do not mean. When **GOD** says something, He means it and will not change.

When **GOD** says He will never leave His children, (those who follow Him) He means it.



Hebrews 13:5 says

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you."



Here is more about who **GOD** is; the **BIBLE** tells us that the Lord is with us and is everywhere at all times. Talk about what it means that **GOD** is with you and He is everywhere.

**LOOK** up, read, & Fill in the Blanks of Psalm 139:7-12

"Where can I go from your \_\_\_\_\_?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend into \_\_\_\_\_, you are there;  
If I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Even there your hand shall lead me,  
And your right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, Surely the darkness shall fall on me,  
Even the night shall be light about me;  
Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from you,  
But the night shines as the day  
The darkness and the light are both alike to you."



Read Jeremiah 23:23-24

"Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord,  
And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in  
secret places, So I shall not see him? says the Lord: Do  
I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord."

**GOD** claims to be everywhere.

**GOD** is everywhere!

Isn't this the kind of **GOD** you want to come to,  
a **GOD** who sees you and cares for you? **GOD**  
also tells us He will abundantly pardon us, when  
we have done wrong.

Read Psalm 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us."



That is, if we do what  
1 John 1:9 says...

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our  
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



**REMEMBER**, there are 3 things we need to do to come to **GOD**.



**THE FIRST ONE IS...**

# 1

**BELIEVE** that **GOD** is

**THE SECOND ONE IS...**

# 2

**BELIEVE** in **GOD** for who He really is

**AND HERE IS...**

# 3

**BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found

You must **BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found or you will not go to Him. If you

don't **BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found, it is no wonder you don't go to Him. Do you **BELIEVE** **GOD** can be found? **GOD** is a **GOD** that can be found!



### Read these Scriptures:

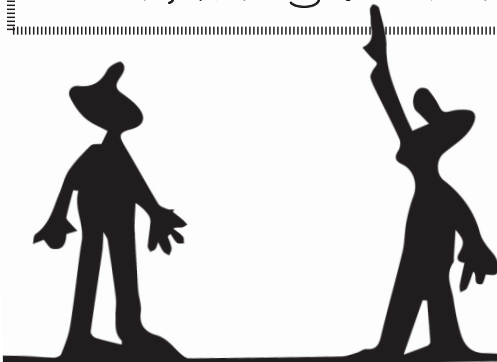
(this is what **GOD** says about those who seek Him.)



"As for you... know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever." 1 Chronicles 28:9

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me." Proverbs 8:17

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13



So, are you willing to seek **GOD**?  
What does **GOD** say?

- You'll never find Me.
- If you seek Me you might find Me.
- You will find Me when you seek for Me with all your heart.

So...

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

What is the reward? We'll talk about this in the next study.

**Know this... GOD can be found!**



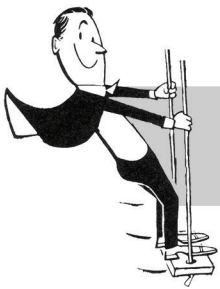
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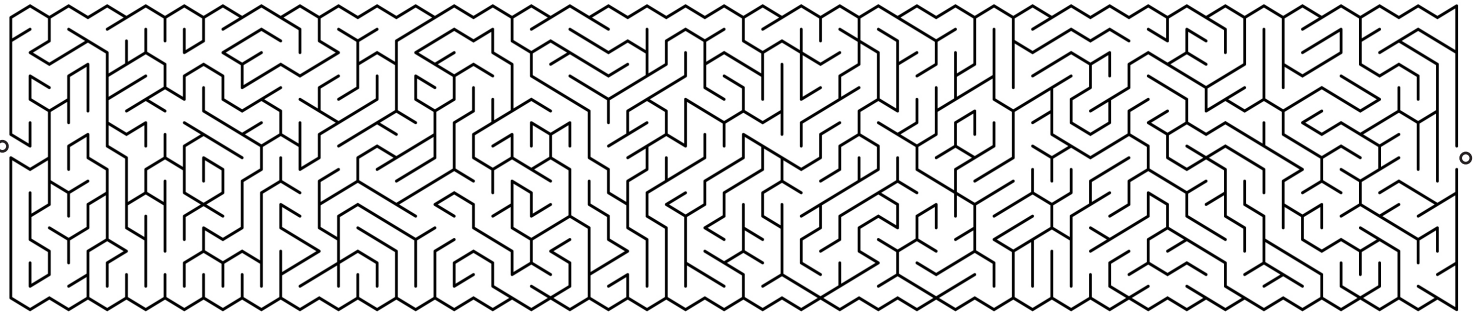
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# ACTIVITY PAGE

# 2



Jesus is the door between God and humanity. But, according to the Bible, there is one thing Jesus expects of us before He allows us to pass through, one all-important key to the door. Do you know what that key is? You'll find out when you play:

## THE KEY TO THE KINGDOM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The answer will be revealed if you follow the proper path through the maze.

