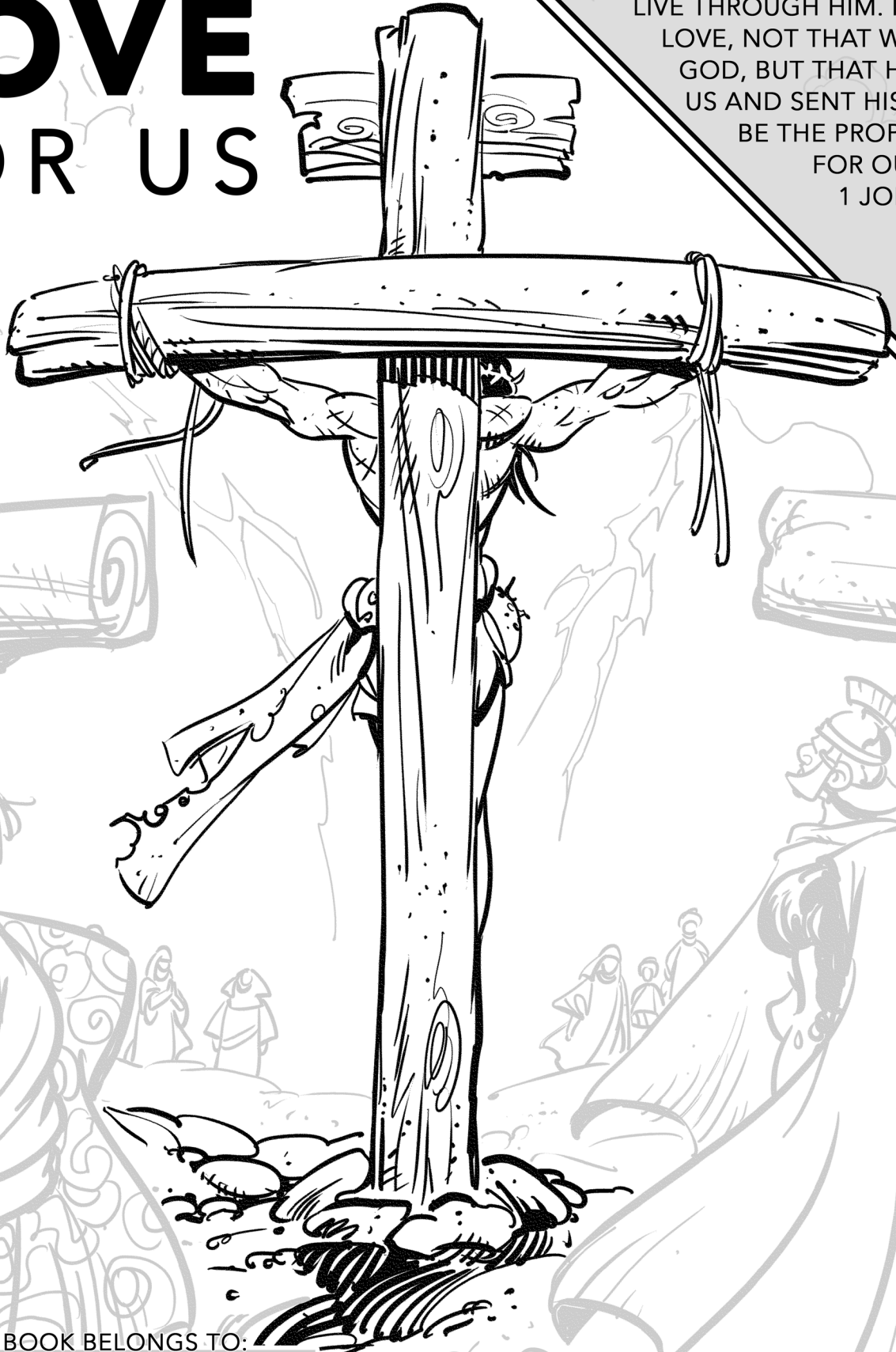


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BIBLE STUDY

Number Five



LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 3:14-15

"We know that we have passed from death to _____, because we love the brethren. He who does not _____ his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."



LOOK UP & READ TOGETHER JOHN 15:9-12



"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."



What is one of the ways we can know we have passed from death to life?
Because we _ o _ e _ o _ e _ a _ o _ _ e _ . (FILL IN THE BLANKS)

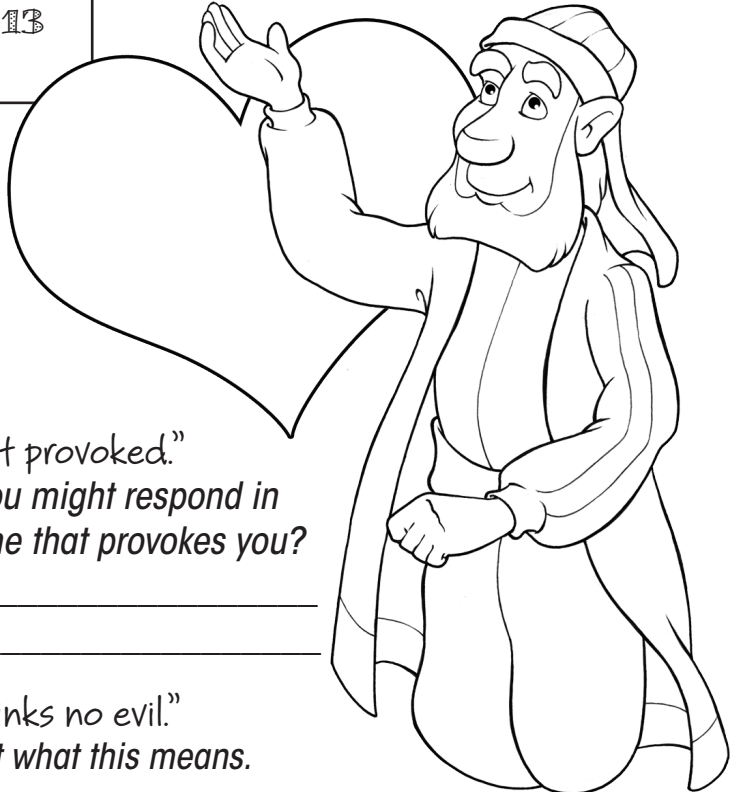
Let's continue to define

I LOVE



We have considered that **love** suffers long, is kind, does not envy, does not parade itself, & is not puffed up

Let's turn again to **1 CORINTHIANS 13** and read **VERSE 5**.



"Love does not behave rudely."
This means when someone acts in a rude way to me, I am not to be rude back to them. This can be tough!

"Love does not seek its own."
Let's talk about what this means.



"Love is not provoked."
List 2 ways that you might respond in **love** to someone that provokes you?

1. _____
2. _____

"Love thinks no evil."
Let's talk about what this means.

A **COUNTERFEIT** Christian might say, "to **love** is not that important."
But it is **VERY IMPORTANT** for a Christian to listen to what **God** says!

LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 4:20-21

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and _____ his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not _____ his brother whom he has seen, how can he _____ God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must _____ his brother also."



You may ask:

"What if I don't like someone? How can I **love** them?"



You need to understand that we are not called to like the brethren, we are called and commanded to **love** them! But we can choose to **love** or we can choose not to **love**.

love looks past the things in a person's life that it does not like and sees the person.

If this were not so, it would be impossible for **God** to love sinners (us).

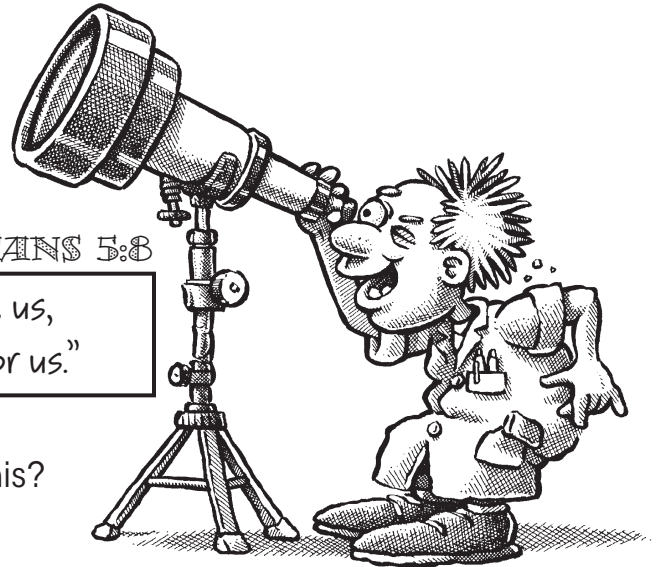
LOOK UP & READ ROMANS 5:8

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



You may be thinking,

"How can I do this? How can I **love** like this?"



THE FIRST key to answering these questions is:

LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF JOHN 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do _____."



What does it say? "Without Me you can do _____."

We need God's help!

THE SECOND key to answering these questions is:

LOOK UP, READ, & WRITE OUT PHILIPPIANS 4:13

" _____ "

_____ "



Where does our strength _____ to **love** come from?

- _____ ourselves
- _____ our parents
- _____ our friends
- _____ our Lord



LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF JOHN 15:4

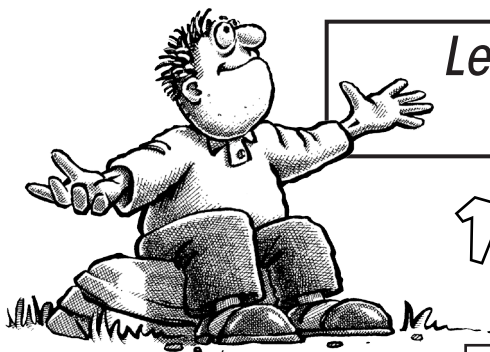
“_____ in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you _____ in Me.”



To **ABIDE** in Christ is to have no sin in my life that I have not confessed.

To **ABIDE** means that I do not do anything that I would not want Jesus to share in. **ABIDING** means that I take all my concerns to Him and that I get all wisdom, life, & strength from Him.

It's not as if I always have to think about **God**, but I don't allow anything in my life that would hinder my fellowship with **God**.



Let's take a closer look at some aspects of **ABIDING IN CHRIST.**

1st I need to daily confess all known sin to the Lord, and acknowledge again that I want the Lord to guide & direct me. **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."

PSALM 139:23-24 SAYS

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."



2nd I need to consider my actions, whether they are pleasing to the Lord or not. At the end of **COLOSSIANS 1:16** it says that **God** created me for His good pleasure so I must seek to please Him in all things. So, when I'm thinking about doing something, the question shouldn't be if it is right or wrong, but does it please Jesus?

3rd I need to daily take my concerns to Jesus by praying to Him, as it says in

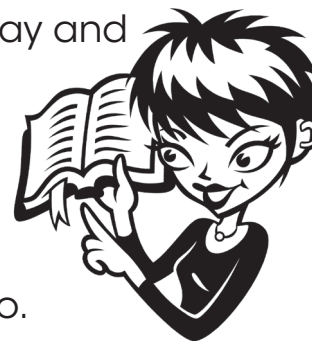


1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

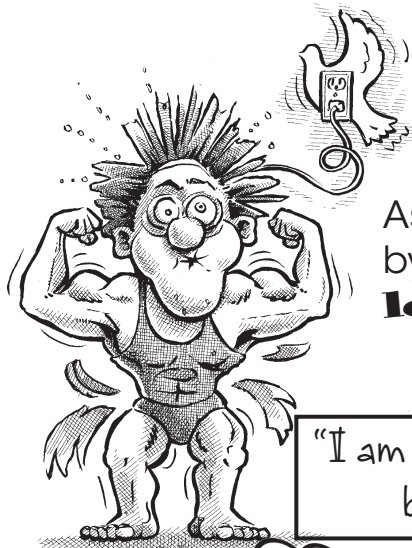
Jesus tells us how to pray (*talk to God*) in **MATTHEW 6:9-15**.

How do I stay close to Jesus and grow in Him?

4th I read **God's** Word, the Bible, every day and I respond to **God** as I'm reading.



As I **ABIDE** in Christ, it will be **God's love**, by His Spirit, that will come out of my life to **love** others as Christ commands us to do.



LOVE UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF **JOHN 15:5**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do _____."

LOVE UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF **PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

"I can do _____ things through Christ who strengthens me."



So, as I **ABIDE** in Christ, the fruit that will come out of my life, that is pleasing to Him, will be His **love**.



ACTIVITY PAGE

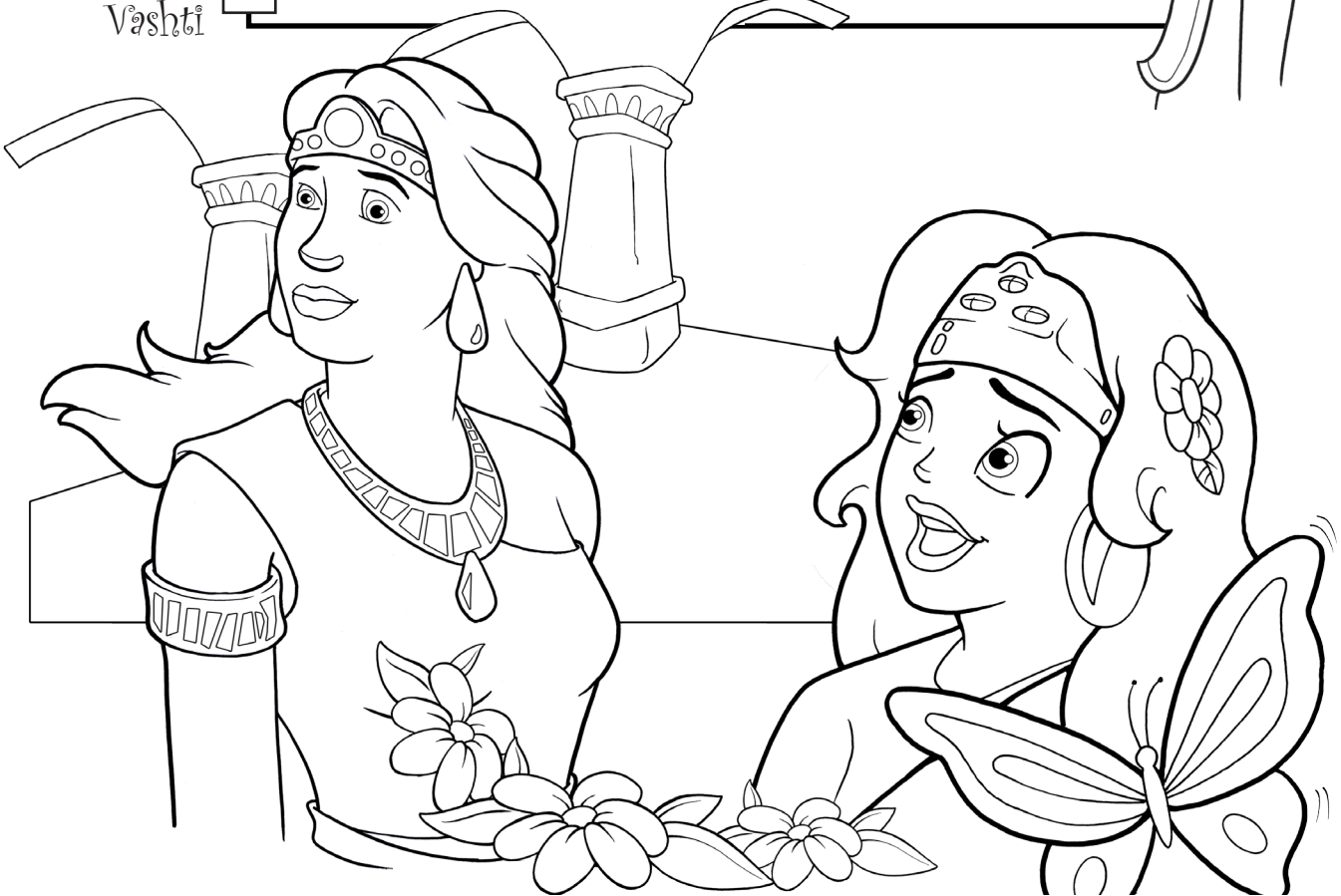
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Women of the Bible

- Anna
- Bathsheba
- Deborah
- Dorcas
- Elizabeth
- Esther
- Eve
- Abigail
- Hannah
- Leah
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- Mrs. Noah
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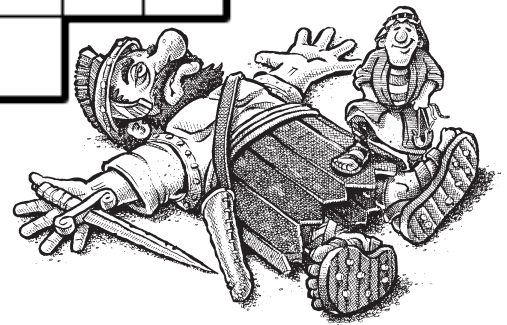
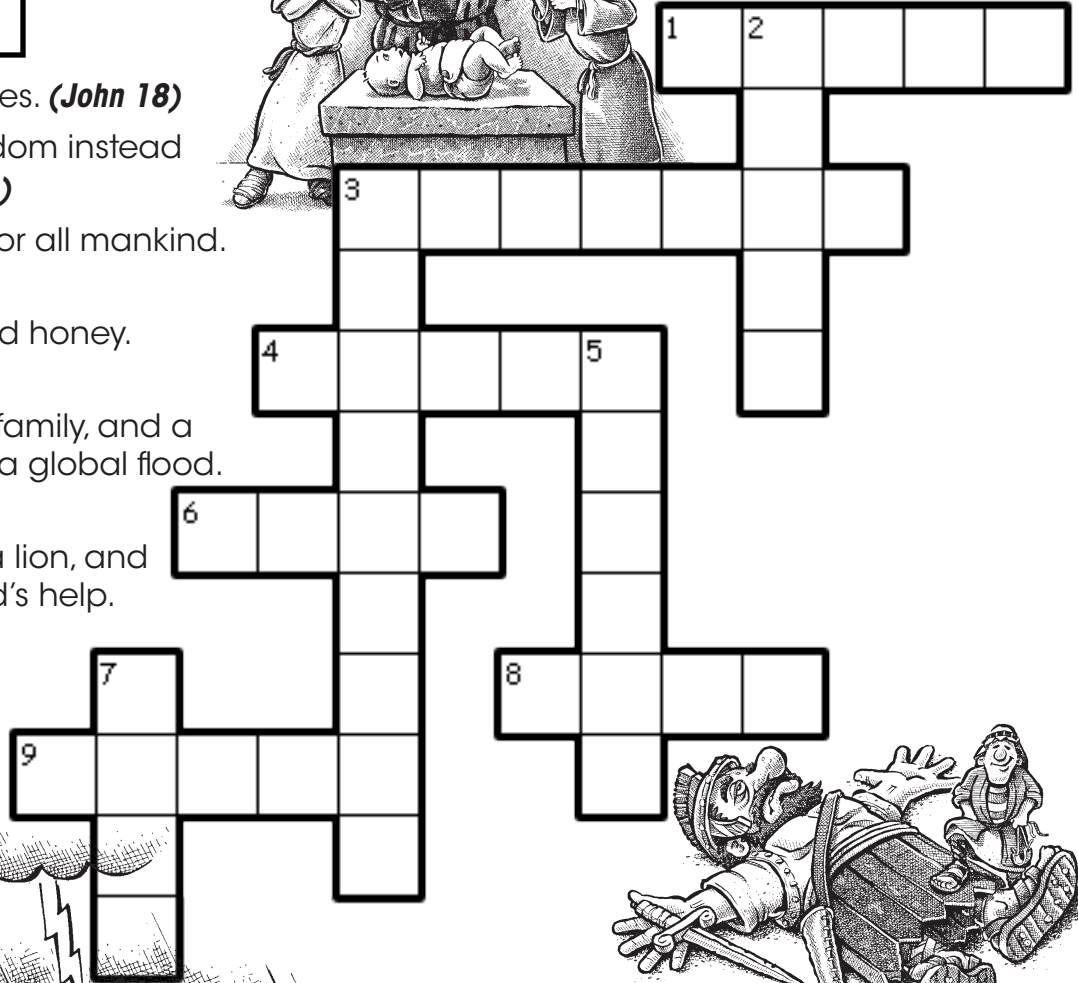




ACTIVITY PAGE 2

ACROSS:

1. I denied Jesus 3 times. (*John 18*)
3. I asked God for wisdom instead of wealth. (*2 Chronicles 1*)
4. I died on the cross for all mankind. (*John 19*)
6. I ate locusts and wild honey. (*Matthew 3*)
8. God saved me, my family, and a bunch of animals from a global flood. (*Genesis 5-9*)
9. I fought off a bear, a lion, and a giant soldier with God's help. (*1 Samuel 17*)



DOWN:

2. I was Noah's great grandfather and I didn't die. (*Genesis 5:24*)
3. We came to see baby Jesus after an angel appeared to us in the fields. (*Luke 2*)
5. I killed an army with a donkey's jawbone. (*Judges 15*)
7. My name was Saul but was changed to _____. (*Acts 13*)