



Quick Start Guide

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6

Big Idea: Because Jesus loves me, I can always talk with Him in prayer.

Week 1: Planting Your Prayer Seed

Main Idea: Connecting with Jesus through daily prayers can lead to spiritual growth.

Bible Story: The Mustard Seed (Matthew 17:20)

Learning Objective: Students will learn that beginning a daily prayer is like sowing a seed, and growing a closer relationship with Jesus.

Week 2: Nurturing Your Prayer Life

Main Idea: Establishing and maintaining a consistent prayer life strengthens our relationship with Christ and draws us closer to Him every day.

Bible Story: Daniel's Unwavering Prayer Life (Daniel 6:10-23)

Learning Objective: Students will learn that consistent prayer, like watering a plant, grows a strong relationship with Jesus.

Week 3: Overcoming Prayer Obstacles

Main Idea: Prayer to Jesus strengthens our relationship with Him, even in tough times.

Bible Story: Jonah's Reluctance and Redemption (Jonah 1-3)

Learning Objective: Students will understand that challenges and distractions are opportunities to strengthen their prayer life.

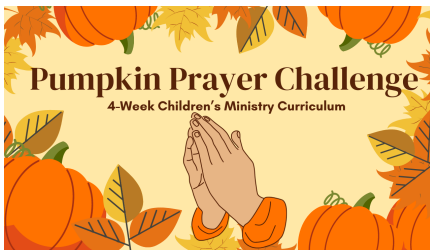
Week 4: Harvesting the Blessings

Main Idea: Expressing gratitude can strengthen our relationship with Jesus.

Bible Story: The Grateful Leper (Luke 17:11-19)

Learning Objective: Students will celebrate the blessings that come from a consistent prayer life and learn the importance of gratitude.

Each lesson includes various engaging activities for children, such as group games, object lessons, interactive Bible stories, memory verse exercises, teaching skits, discussion guides, craft activities, word searches, and coloring pages.



Week #1

Prayer Challenge

We're starting a Pumpkin Prayer Challenge! Each week we'll learn a new way to pray and get closer to Jesus. You'll find 7 fun and simple activities to help you pray every day of the week. Bring your tracker back next week to share how it's going. We want to help you make prayer a daily habit, something as normal as brushing your teeth but way more exciting because you get to talk directly to God!

Week 1: Planting Your Prayer Seed

- Sunday: Say a morning prayer asking God to help you focus on Him throughout the week. (You can do this in class today).
- Monday: Draw a "prayer seed" and write one thing you'll pray for this week.
- Tuesday: Pray before lunch for the people who prepared your food.
- Wednesday: Pray for your teachers and friends at school.
- Thursday: Pray for your family members individually.
- Friday: Say a bedtime prayer, thanking God for getting you through the week.
- Saturday: Review your "prayer seed" and notice if there has been any change or answer to your prayer.

Planting Your Prayer Seed: The Mustard Seed (Matthew 17:20)

Prayer - Pumpkin - Faith - Seed - Blessing - Trust

Grow - Garden - Jesus - Love - Ask - Hope

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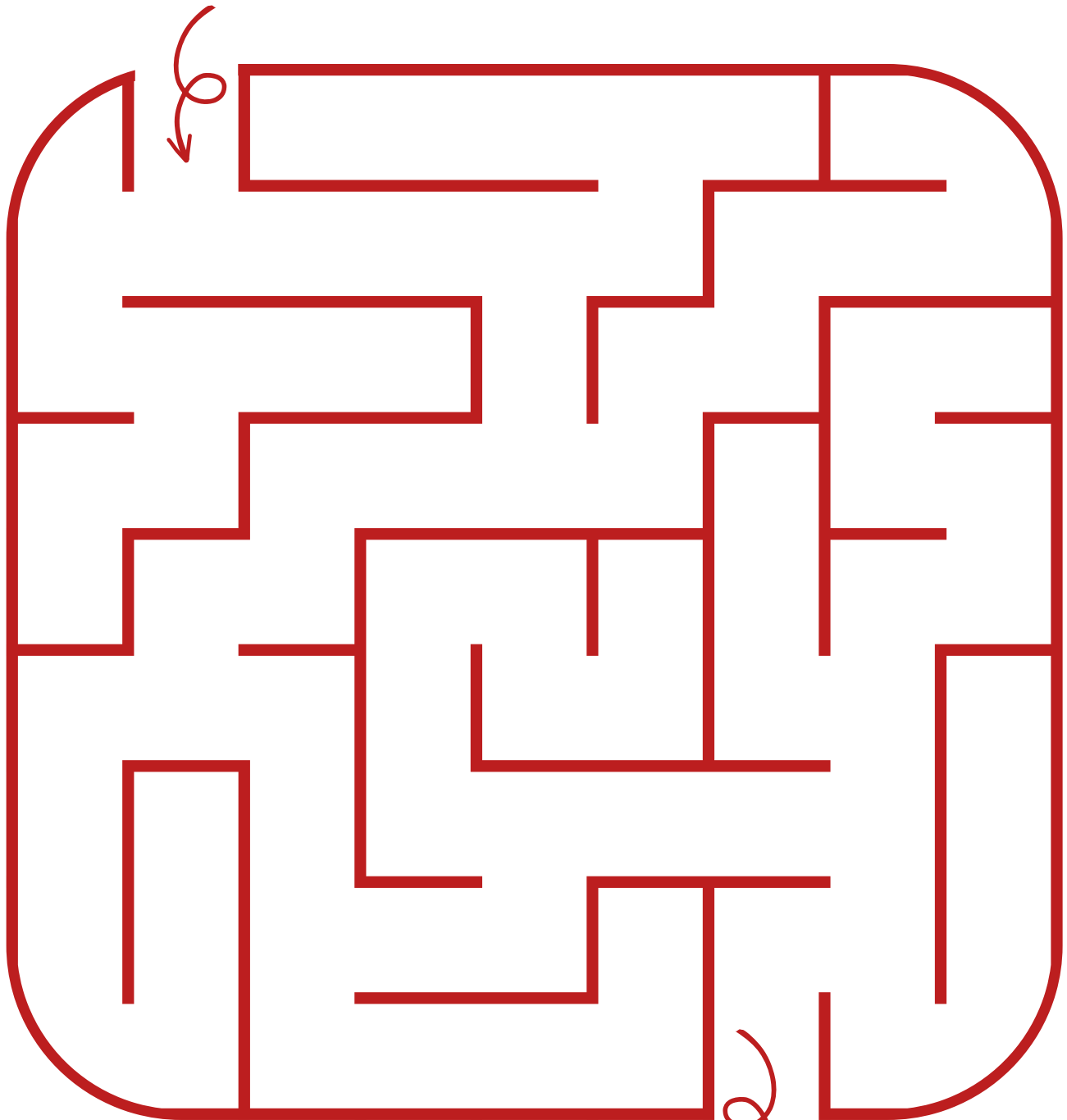
The Mustard Seed

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The Mustard Seed

Can you find the way out of this maze?



The Mustard Seed

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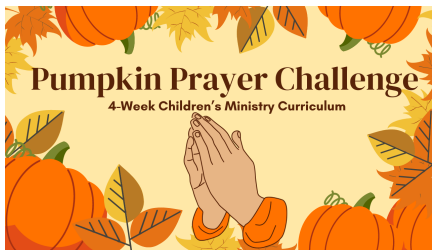
SMALL

GROWTH

FAITH

PRAYERS

JESUS



Week #2

Prayer Challenge

Let's talk about our progress on the Pumpkin Prayer Challenge! (Allow for children to share their progress and what activities were their favorite.)

I hope you all had a chance to plant your 'prayer seeds' and see God start to work. Remember, the most important part is being consistent. Just like a seed needs water daily to grow, our relationship with Jesus grows stronger with daily prayer. So don't worry if you miss a day; the key is to keep going! Are you all excited to nurture your 'prayer seeds' in Week 2 and see how they start to grow?"

Week 2: Nurturing Your Prayer Life

- Sunday: During church, pray for the message to touch not just your heart but others too.
- Monday: Pray for someone who is sick or in need.
- Tuesday: Say a prayer of gratitude before dinner.
- Wednesday: Pray for wisdom to understand your school lessons.
- Thursday: Write down or draw something you're thankful for.
- Friday: Pray for peace and rest in your home.
- Saturday: Reflect on your week and say a prayer thanking God for his guidance.

Nurturing Your Prayer Life: Daniel's Prayer Life (Daniel 6:10-23)

Daniel - Prayer - Lions - Babylon - Faithful - Church

Wi-Fi - Trust - Protect - King - Angel - Love

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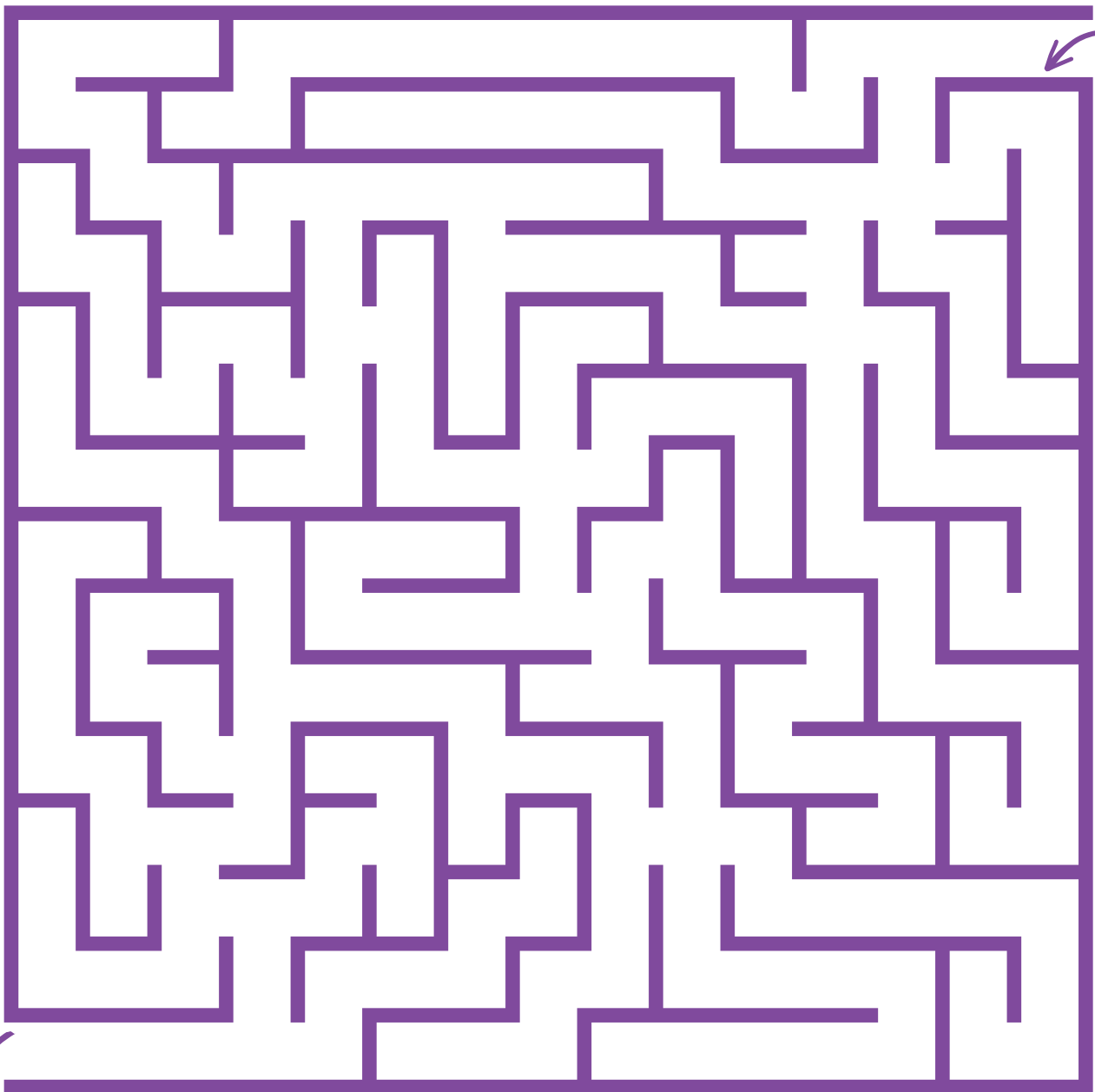
Daniel's Unwavering Prayer Life

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Daniel's Unwavering Prayer Life

Can you find the way out of this maze?



Daniel's Unwavering Prayer Life

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DANIEL

LIFE

BOND

PRAYER

CONSISTENT

CHRIST



Week #3

Prayer Challenge

Let's talk about our progress from last week's Pumpkin Prayer Challenge! (Allow for children to share their progress and what activities were their favorite.)

Remember, habits can be tricky to start, so if you missed a day or even a few days, it's totally okay. Each week is a fresh start to plant those 'prayer seeds' and watch them grow into something amazing. So don't give up; let's get excited for another week of prayer and growing closer to Jesus!

Week 3: Overcoming Prayer Obstacles

- Sunday: Pray for a willingness to overcome challenges this week.
- Monday: Identify a distraction and pray for focus.
- Tuesday: Pray for courage when you feel scared or anxious.
- Wednesday: Create a "prayer jar" and add your first prayer request.
- Thursday: Pray for someone you have a hard time getting along with.
- Friday: Add a second prayer request to your "prayer jar."
- Saturday: Review the prayer jar and pray for each request.

Overcoming Prayer Obstacles: Jonah's Reluctance (Jonah 1-3)

Jonah - Prayer - Compass - Whale - Map - Guide

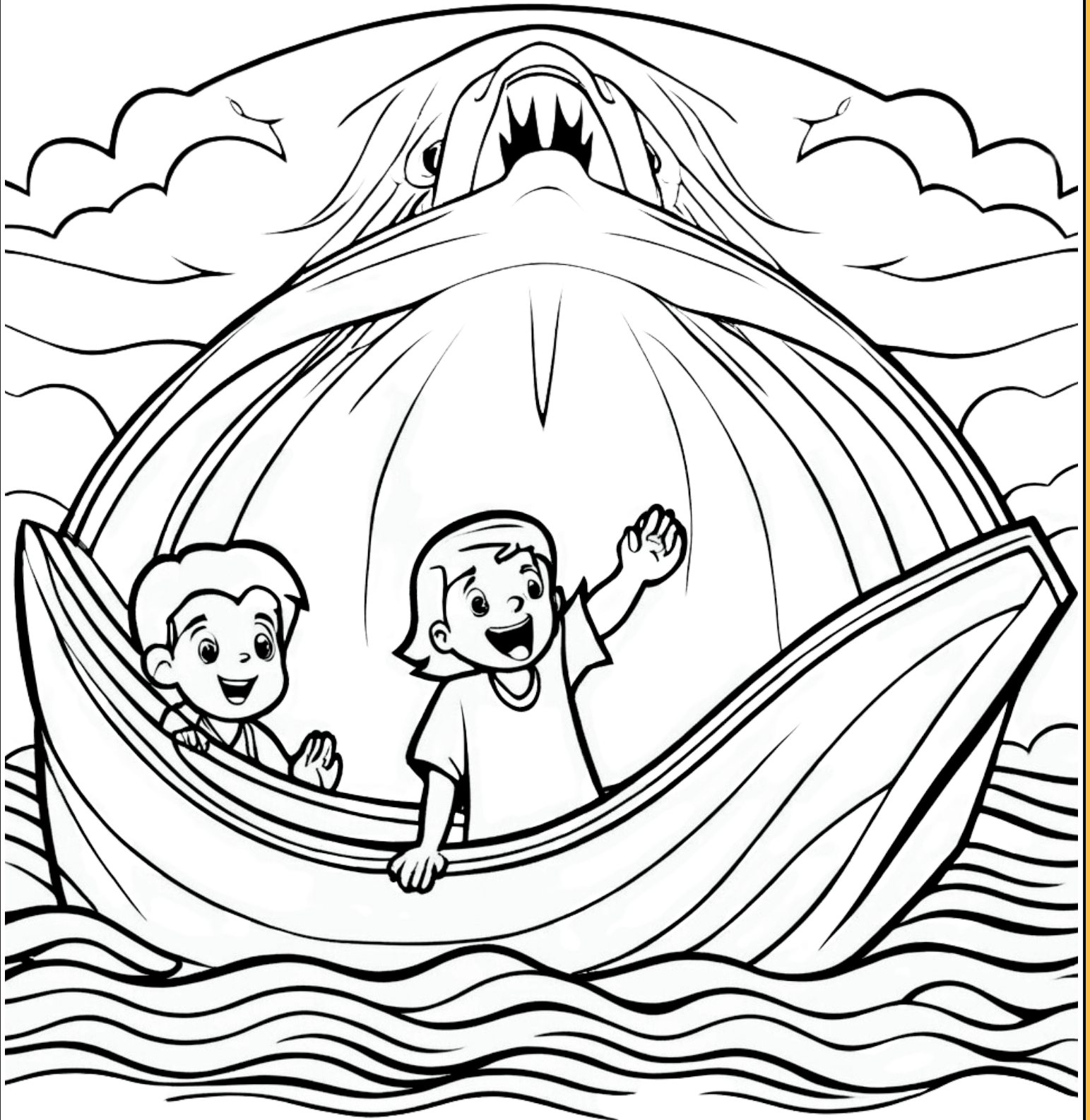
Lost - Ship - Storm - Nineveh - Obstacle - Trust

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V L H N P R A Y E R E
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Jonah's Reluctance and Redemption

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Jonah's Reluctance and Redemption

Can you find the way out of this maze?



Jonah's Reluctance and Redemption

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JONAH

RELUCTANCE

PRAYER

REDEMPTION

CHALLENGES

RELATIONSHIP



Week #4

Prayer Challenge

Wow, we're wrapping up the last week of our Pumpkin Prayer Challenge, and you all have been doing such an incredible job! How many of you feel like you're getting closer to God through these daily prayers?

As we hand out your activities for Week 4, remember that these prayer exercises aren't just for this challenge; you can do them anytime. Keep them in your Bible as a source of inspiration whenever you want to connect with God through prayer. So let's keep planting those 'prayer seeds' and get ready for our final week. Remember, every prayer is a chance for something amazing to grow!

Week 4: Harvesting the Blessings

- Sunday: Begin your day with a prayer of anticipation for the week's blessings.
- Monday: Share a blessing from the weekend and pray a prayer of thanks.
- Tuesday: Pray with a family member or friend.
- Wednesday: Write down a blessing you've noticed today.
- Thursday: Say a prayer thanking God for your talents and abilities.
- Friday: Write a thank-you note to God.
- Saturday: Reflect on the week's blessings and say a prayer of gratitude.

Harvesting the Blessings: The Grateful Leper (Luke 17:11-19)

Gratitude - Thankful - Blessing - Jesus - Prayer - Joyful

Leper - Healed - Faith - Praise - Harvest - Witness - Fruits

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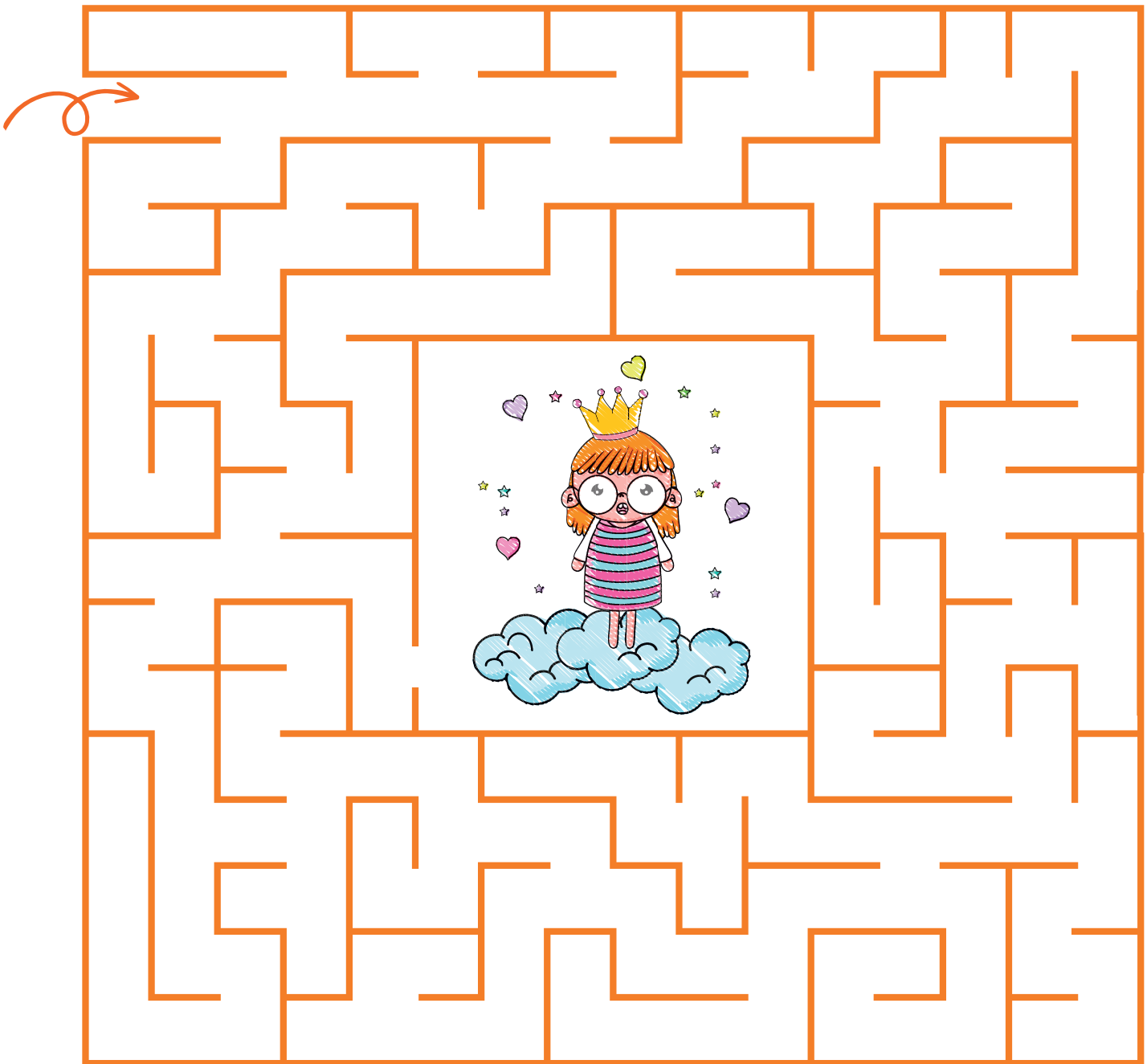
The Grateful Leper

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The Grateful Leper

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The Grateful Leper

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C M X H Z M S T R E N G T H I K P U W R E E G F D

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GRATEFUL

BLESSINGS

JOY

LEPER

JESUS

STRENGTH

“The Pumpkin Prayer”

Activity & Devotional for Pumpkin Carving

This time of year brings about a holiday that is often met with controversy within the church. Some people choose to embrace Halloween and some people choose to oppose it.

Some churches host [fall festivals](#), some hold [trunk-or-treats](#), and some don't acknowledge the holiday at all. Whether you choose to celebrate or not is up to your family and church. However, if you do choose to participate in the Halloween holiday, here's a way to celebrate from a Christian perspective.

Materials needed: pumpkin for carving, carving tools, trash bags, a copy of pumpkin prayer, candle for pumpkin, Bible

Some of you may have heard of or even read the pumpkin prayer before. It is a fun way to carve a pumpkin with your family or even in your children's church time. As you begin to carve your pumpkin, read the poem below. You can look up corresponding scripture ahead of time to read as you carve your pumpkin.

(If you want to leave in a classroom for an extended period of time, you can use a sharpie marker to draw the features on the pumpkin, just remember to explain that normally we would clean out a pumpkin when carving it and how that correlates to God cleaning out the sin from our lives).

Type or write out Matthew 5:16 and attach it to the stem of the pumpkin as a reminder to live our lives for God and his glory.



IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:16



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so that I can learn about You;

(cut the top off the pumpkin)

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.

(clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;

(cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given to me.

(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;

(cut ears shaped like a Bible)

Open my mouth to tell others You're near.

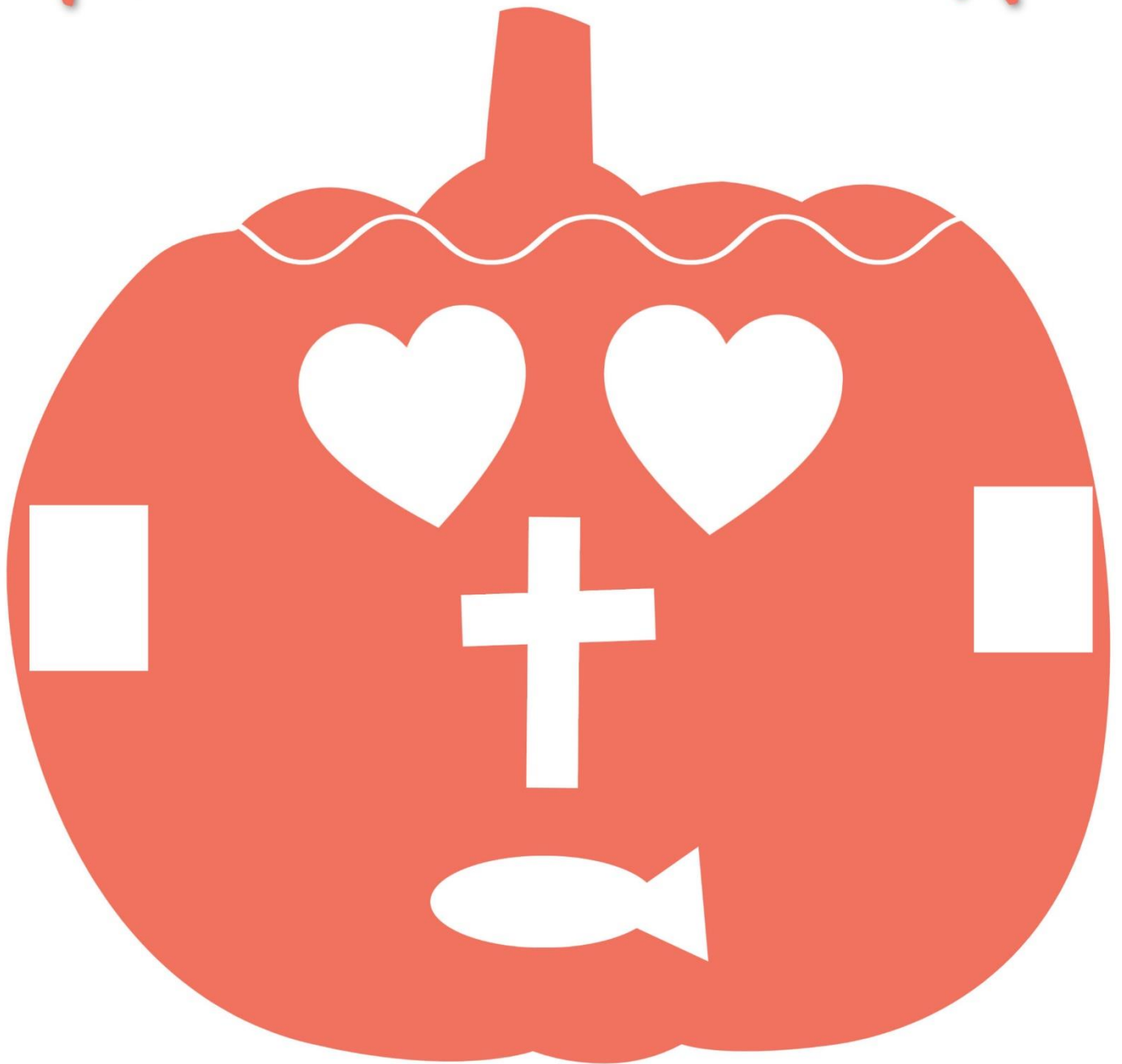
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do!

(place candle inside and light it)



PUMPKIN PRAYER



IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT
THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN
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