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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- People look at the outside of a person, but God looks at the heart. Take turns naming three things about yourself that God can see and others can't.
- Share about a time you were afraid. How can God help when you are afraid?
- How is Jesus a greater King than David?

## David Was Anointed

1 Samuel 16-17

### STORY POINT: GOD CHOSE DAVID TO BE KING INSTEAD OF SAUL.

Saul was the king of Israel, but he disobeyed God. So God chose a new king for Israel. God sent Samuel to Bethlehem to visit a man named Jesse. One of Jesse's sons would be Israel's next king. Jesse had eight sons. One by one, Jesse's sons approached Samuel, but God had not chosen them.

Jesse sent for his youngest son, David. God told Samuel, "He's the one!" Samuel anointed David. God's Spirit was with David, and Samuel went back home.

When the Philistines gathered an army to fight Israel, King Saul got his army ready too. The Philistines had a great warrior named Goliath. None of the Israelites wanted to fight Goliath.

David saw how the Israelites were so afraid. David told King Saul, "I'll fight him!" David trusted God to keep him safe.

David chose five smooth stones from a nearby stream and met Goliath armed only with the stones and a slingshot. David ran toward Goliath. He slung a rock and hit Goliath in the forehead.

Goliath fell facedown, and David killed him. The Israelites won the battle, and the Philistines ran away.

*Christ Connection: David did not look like a king or a mighty warrior, but God chose him to be king over Israel and gave him victory over Goliath. The Israelites were too weak and afraid to face Goliath; they needed David to fight on their behalf. In a similar way, though Jesus did not look like a warrior or king, we need Him to fight for us. Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.*



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# Bible People Puzzle

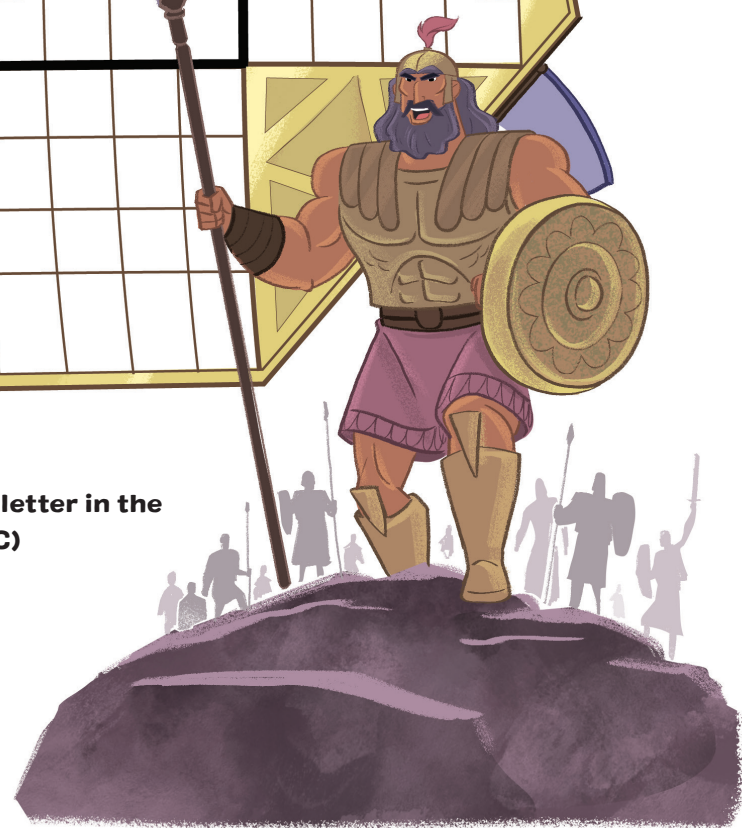
Use the clues to match each person with a description.

Tip: If the description fits, mark the box with an O.  
If it does not fit, mark it with an X.

1. The judge was not rejected by God.
2. Samuel was not a warrior or shepherd.
3. The shepherd trusted God to rescue him.
4. Saul was not a judge and did not trust God to rescue him.
5. Goliath challenged Israel in battle.
6. The judge anointed two kings.
7. Goliath was not a king.



	rejected by God	challenged Israel in battle	anointed two kings of Israel	trusted God to rescue him	shepherd	king	warrior	judge
Samuel								
Saul								
David								
Goliath								
shepherd								
king								
warrior								
judge								



## Another Anointed

Move forward or backward in the alphabet from each letter as instructed. Write the new letter in the space provided to discover whom God chose to be king instead of Saul. (Example: A + 2 = C)

**B + 2**

**G - 6**

**J + 12**

**E + 4**

**K - 7**

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think David felt when he saw Saul in the cave?
- Why is it sometimes hard to choose peace and forgiveness over revenge and conflict?
- Who can you show mercy to this week?

## David Showed Mercy

1 Samuel 24

**STORY POINT: DAVID SHOWED MERCY EVEN THOUGH SAUL HATED HIM.**

David was hiding in the wilderness. King Saul was jealous of David and went looking for him. David and his men were hiding in the back of a cave when Saul happened to pass by. Saul decided to go inside.

David got close to Saul and secretly cut off the corner of Saul's robe. Saul didn't realize that David was there. David did not let his men fight against Saul. Then Saul left the cave and went on his way.

David left the cave and called to Saul, "My lord the king!" Saul turned around, and David knelt low before him.

"See, God handed you over to me today in the cave. I had a chance to kill you, but I showed mercy." David showed Saul the corner of the robe that he had cut.

When Saul heard David's words, he cried. "You are more righteous than I," Saul said, "because you have done what is good to me though I have done what is evil to you. May God reward you for your kindness."

Saul realized God was with David, and he knew David would be the king of Israel.



*Christ Connection: Christ Connection: David showed mercy to Saul, his enemy, because David trusted God's plan. Jesus also trusted His Father's plan. He died on the cross so His enemies could experience God's mercy and live forever as part of God's family.*

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# Not Alike

Find and circle the 12 differences between the two pictures.



# Fact Check

Circle the word that correctly fits in each blank. Look up the reference in your Bible to check your work.

Saul wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ David. (1 Samuel 19:1-2)

hug      kill

David and his men were hiding in a \_\_\_\_\_ when Saul happened to pass by. (1 Samuel 24:3)

cave      basement

David secretly cut off the corner of Saul's \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 24:4)

robe      ear

David followed Saul and called out, "My lord the \_\_\_\_\_!" (1 Samuel 24:8)

enemy      king

When Saul heard David's words, he \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 24:16)

cried      laughed

"You are more \_\_\_\_\_ than I," Saul said. (1 Samuel 24:17)

righteous      sneaky

Saul realized \_\_\_\_\_ was with David. (1 Samuel 24:18)

no one      the Lord

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What ways has God shown grace and mercy in your family?
- How does the knowledge of God's everlasting kingdom affect your priorities in life?
- Who or what can you always count on?

## God's Covenant with David

2 Samuel 6-7

**STORY POINT: GOD PROMISED THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD COME FROM DAVID'S FAMILY.**

God chose David to be the next king of Israel. David lived in a beautiful palace in the city of Jerusalem.

One day, David was talking with Nathan the prophet. David said, "I live in a palace of nice cedar wood, but the ark of God sits inside a tent! Shouldn't God have a nicer house than I do?" David wanted to build a temple for the ark of God.

That night, God gave Nathan a message for David. This is what God told Nathan to say:

"David, are you going to build a house for Me to live in? My house has been a tent. Did I ever ask anyone to build a temple for Me?"

"You used to be a shepherd, David, but I made you a king. I promise you, David, that you and your descendants will be kings. When you die, one of your sons will be king. He will build a house for Me. When your son dies, his son will be king. Someone in your family will be king forever."

Nathan told David everything God said. David prayed: "God, I don't deserve anything You have done for me, and You promise to do so much more! You are so great! There is no one like You! God, please keep Your promises. I know Your words are always true."

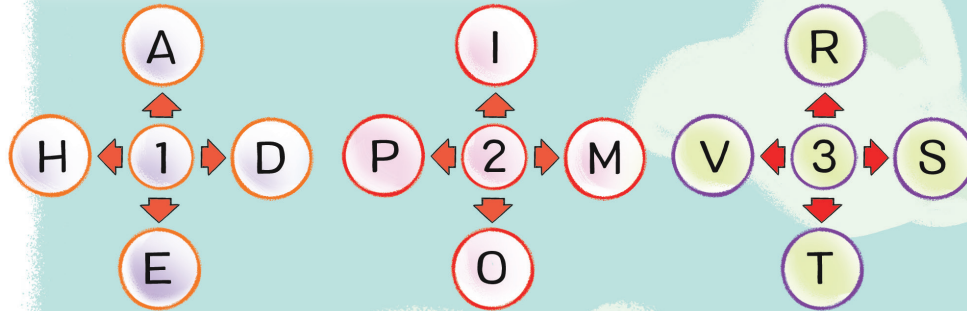
*Christ Connection: God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will rule over God's people forever.*



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# A Future Promise

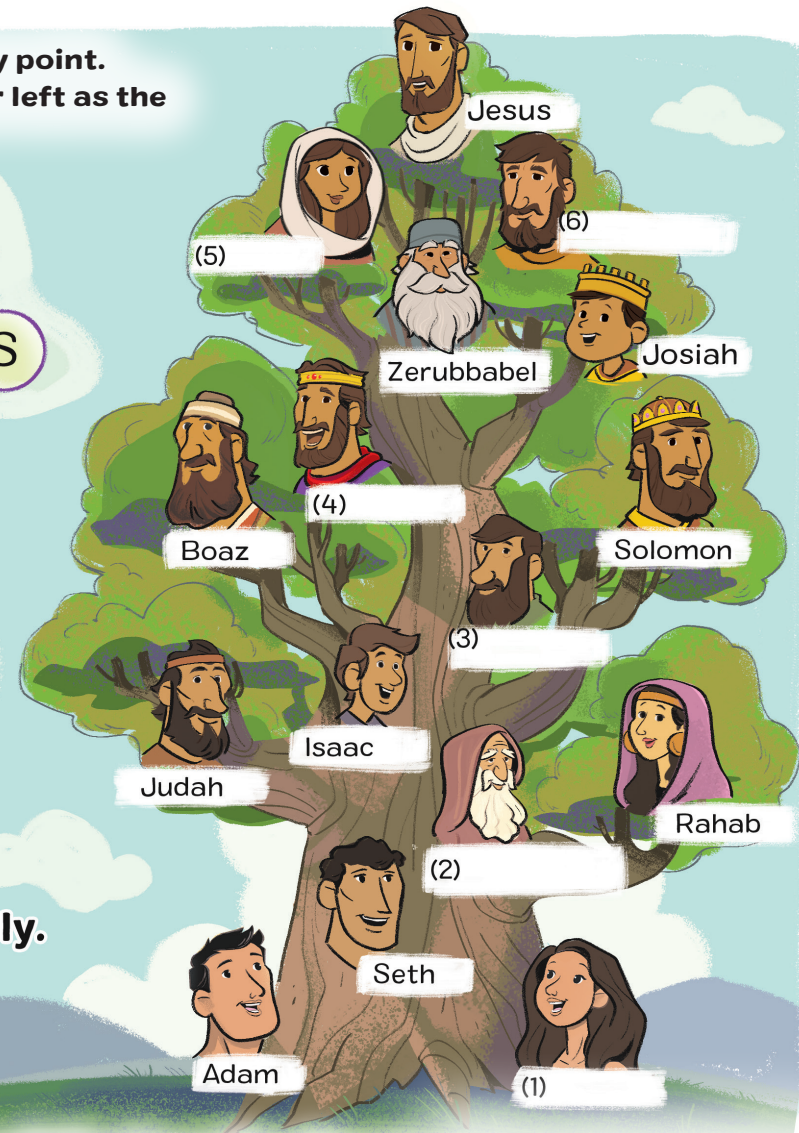
Use the code to fill in the missing letters from today's story point. Find the numbered group and then move up, down, right, or left as the arrow indicated to choose a letter.



God \_\_\_\_\_  
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that the \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 → 1 ↓ 3 → 3 → 2 ↑ 1 ↑ 1 ←

would come from \_\_\_\_\_'s family.  
 1 → 1 ↑ 3 ← 2 ↑ 1 →



## David's Family Tree

Find the references in your Bible to fill in the missing names on the family tree. (Name list: Abraham, David, Eve, Jacob, Joseph, Mary)

- (1) Genesis 3:20
- (2) Matthew 1:2
- (3) Genesis 25:26
- (4) Matthew 1:6
- (5) Matthew 1:18
- (6) Matthew 1:20

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you think Mephibosheth felt in today's Bible story?
- Share about a time you regret not being kind to someone.
- Honor a family member you have seen showing kindness recently.

## David's Kindness

2 Samuel 9

### STORY POINT: DAVID SHOWED KINDNESS TO JONATHAN'S SON.

David was a good king for Israel. One day, David thought about King Saul and his family. David and Saul's son Jonathan had been best friends. He had promised to be kind to Jonathan's family.

David said to one of Saul's servants, "I want to show kindness to someone from Saul's family. Is anyone still alive?" The servant said, "Yes, Jonathan's son—the one whose feet were injured—is still alive."

The servant told David where Jonathan's son lived. His name was Mephibosheth. David called for him to his palace.

"Mephibosheth!" David said.

Mephibosheth answered, "I am your servant."

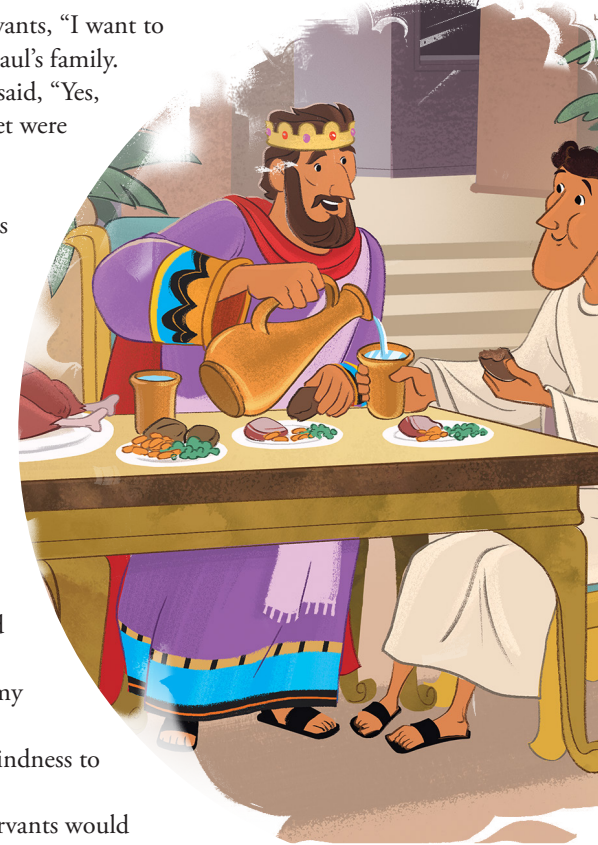
"Don't be afraid. I made a promise to your father, Jonathan, and I want to show you kindness for your father's sake."

David told Mephibosheth what he would do for him. "I will give you all the land that belonged to your grandfather, Saul. Also, I want you to eat all your meals at my table."

"Why would you show such kindness to someone like me?" he wondered.

David made sure that Saul's servants would take care of the land and farm it for Mephibosheth. From that time on, Mephibosheth lived at the palace and ate his meals at King David's table as if he were one of King David's own sons.

*Christ Connection: King David showed surprising kindness to Mephibosheth even though he didn't have to. In a greater way, God shows surprising kindness to us. Because of Jesus, He invites us into His family and gives us life with Him forever.*

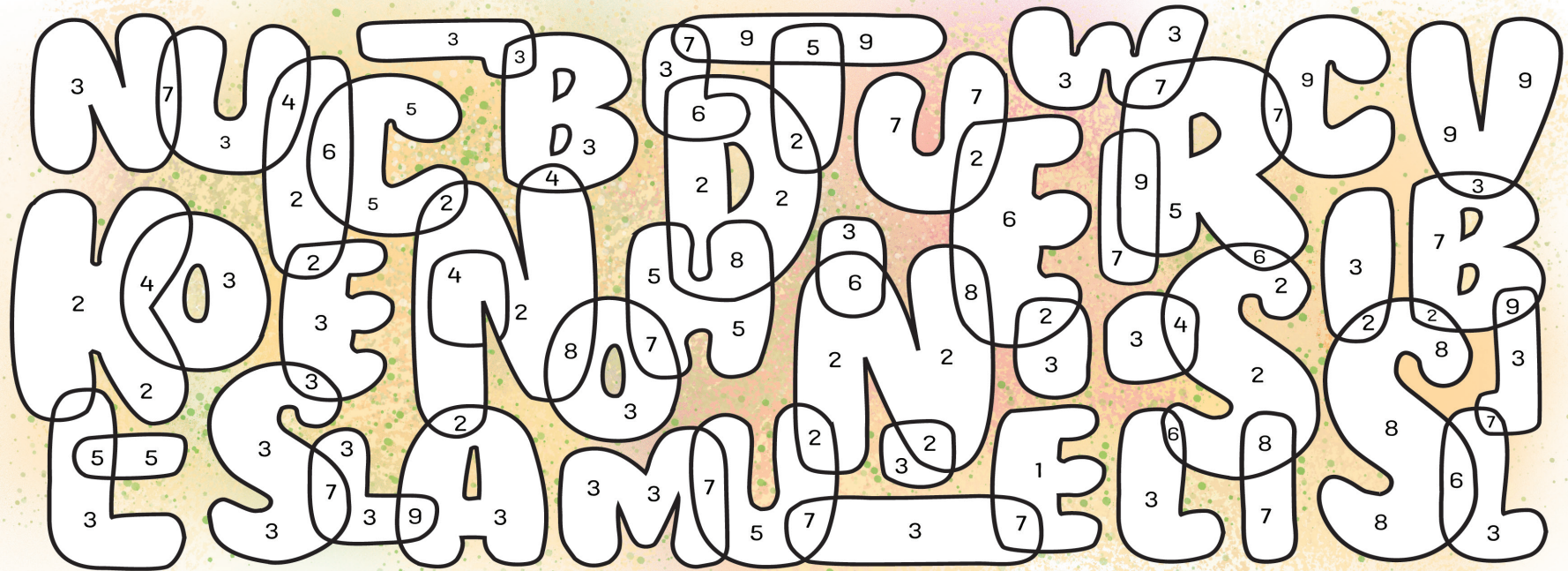


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# Color by Number

Color in the spaces marked with even numbers to reveal a hidden word. Then circle its definition below.

1. the ability to judge a particular situation or subject
2. an unfriendly or hostile state, attitude, or action
3. the quality or state of showing a gentle nature and a desire to help others



## The Greatest Kindness

Use the words in the word list to fill in the Christ Connection.

Word List: *family, forever, greater, Jesus, kindness, Mephibosheth*

King David showed surprising \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ even though he didn't have to.  
 In a \_\_\_\_\_ way, God shows surprising kindness to us. Because of \_\_\_\_\_, He invites us into  
 His \_\_\_\_\_ and gives us life with Him \_\_\_\_\_.



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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Read Psalm 51 together. What parts of David's prayer stand out to you?
- Do you ever try to hide your sin? Why?
- How do you feel knowing that Jesus died for your sin—past, present, and future?

## David Sinned and Was Restored

2 Samuel 11–12; Psalm 51

### STORY POINT: DAVID REPENTED AND GOD FORGAVE HIM.

David was the king of Israel. One spring, David sent out the army. David stayed in Jerusalem. One evening, David looked out from his palace and saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba. David sent his messengers to get Bathsheba, and she came to David's house. Later, Bathsheba told David that she was going to have a baby; the baby would be David's.

David knew what he had done was wrong. So David made a plan to make sure no one found out that Bathsheba's baby was his.

David called Uriah home from the battle and told him to go spend time with his wife. But Uriah refused to visit his wife.

So David instructed the leader of the army to send Uriah into the hardest part of the battle so he would be killed. This time, David's plan worked. David took Bathsheba into his house to be his wife, and she had a baby boy.

God knew what David had done, and He was not happy with David. God sent Nathan the prophet to talk to David. God had given David a position of great power, and David took what wasn't his. David realized he had sinned against God. David deserved to die. David confessed his sin and prayed, "God, create a clean heart for me." God wanted David's heart to change so that he would not want to sin again.

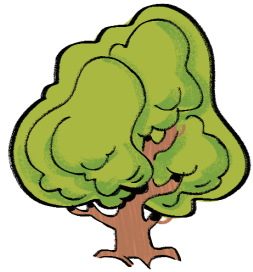
*Christ Connection: When David sinned against God, God forgave him, but sin always comes with a price. God spared David's life, but David's son died. When we sin, we deserve death. But we can receive God's forgiveness because God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the price for our sin.*



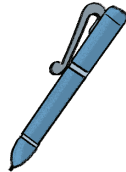
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# Word Equation

Work the word equation from left to right, writing out the letters to find a word that means “turning from sin and turning back to God.”



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-D



## The Deeds of David

Number the events from David's life in the order they happened.

- \_\_\_\_\_ David sinned and then repented.
- \_\_\_\_\_ David became Israel's king.
- \_\_\_\_\_ David fought Goliath and killed him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel anointed David.
- \_\_\_\_\_ David showed mercy to King Saul.
- \_\_\_\_\_ David showed kindness to Jonathan's son.

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## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What three words would you use to describe God?
- Share something you worry about and then pray as a family for God's comfort and guidance.
- Why do you think people sometimes wander from God?

## David's Psalm

Psalm 23

**STORY POINT: DAVID WROTE A PSALM TO PRAISE GOD.**

In Bible times, people wrote songs called psalms to praise God. David loved God with all his heart, and he wrote many of the psalms in the Bible. Before David was a king, he was a shepherd. He fought off lions and bears to protect the sheep. When David thought about God, he realized that God is like a shepherd. This is a psalm that David wrote about God:

"The LORD is my shepherd.  
I have everything I need.  
He lets me rest in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.  
He gives me strength, and  
He leads me along the right  
paths  
for His name's sake.  
Even when I go through the  
darkest valley,  
I do not fear danger,  
for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff  
comfort me.  
"You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Only goodness and faithful love will be  
with me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the LORD forever."

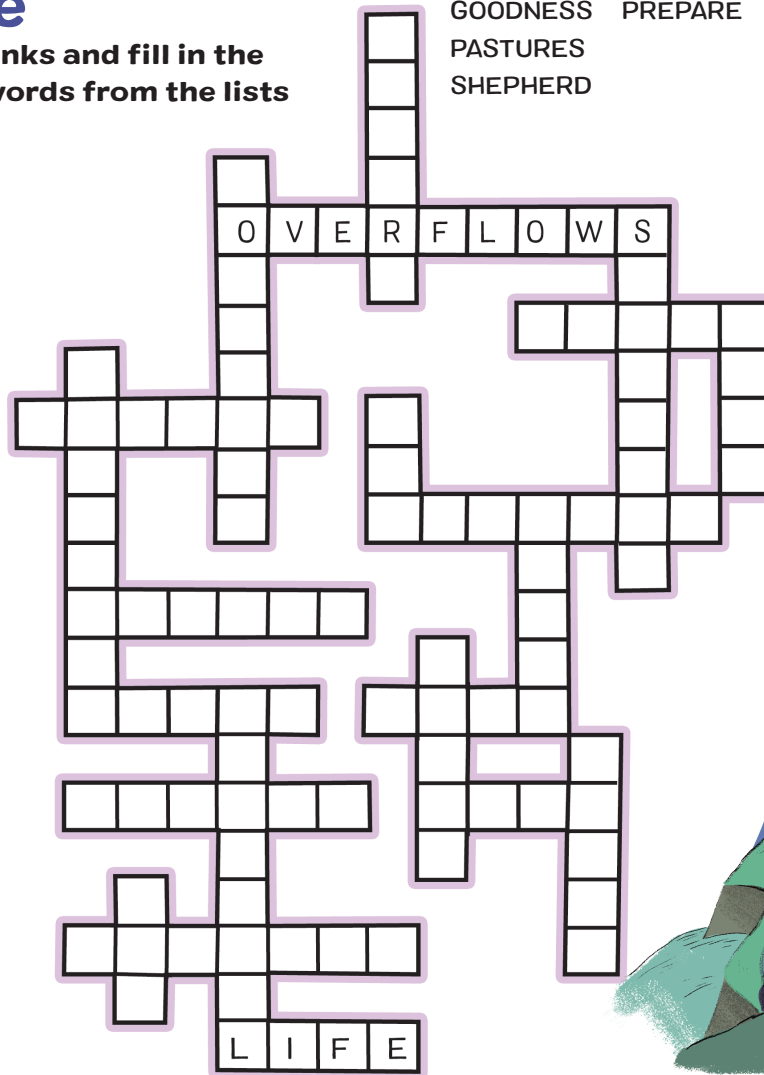


*Christ Connection: David compared God's love, protection, and guidance for His people to that provided by a shepherd for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He laid down His life to save people from sin. Because of Jesus, we have hope that one day we will live with God forever.*

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# Shepherd Word Puzzle

Count the blanks and fill in the puzzle with words from the lists provided.



8 letters:  
 FAITHFUL  
 GOODNESS  
 PASTURES  
 SHEPHERD

7 letters:  
 COMFORT  
 PREPARE

6 letters:  
 ANOINT  
 RENEWS  
 VALLEY  
 WATERS

5 letters:  
 DWELL  
 LEADS  
 PATHS  
 STAFF  
 TABLE

4 letters:  
 DAYS  
 LORD  
 LOVE

3 letters:  
 CUP  
 ROD



## Psalm 23

Choose a verse from Psalm 23 and write it below. Underline the words that are most important to you.