Dear Parent or Guardian,

Congratulations!

You and your child have made it to *WingRunner*®, the second Sparks® handbook.

Similar to *HangGlider*®, you will see 12 chronological Bible biographies.

We use the word *biographies* instead of *stories* to emphasize the real people and events of the Bible. **These biographies are not meant to replace the Bible text.** Instead, we recommend reading the Bible text with your child before or after reading the Bible biography or listening to it on the CD.

These biographies are dramatic and creative retellings that make the historical characters and settings come alive for Sparkies. In some places, we have added detail beyond what Scripture gives us. These details are based on our research and best guesses about what might have happened. However, we have been very careful not to include anything that changes the facts or truth of the Bible!

You will enjoy familiar sections on missions, salvation, books of the Bible and Christian living. **Keep in mind that Red Jewel 1.1, Red Jewel 2 and Green Jewel 4.3 can be completed at any time during the year.**

The *WingRunner* handbook introduces

The CD is a powerful tool for Bible memory and learning. You can use it in many ways:

Set aside times during the week for your child to recite his or her verse(s) along with the CD.

Encourage your child to **sing along** with the books of the Bible songs.

Listen to the Sparks character stories together and talk about ways you both can live out Bible truths in real-life situations.

Print the full version of each biography from the CD, and read it aloud with or to your child. Try the at-home activities that go along with each biography. (To print, insert the CD into your computer. Double-click the icon for your CD drive. Open the appropriate file folder and locate the biography by title. You will need Adobe® Reader software to view and print the files. To download this free software, go to adobe.com.)

We pray this handbook can be a tool as you seek to lead your child to KNOW, LOVE and SERVE Jesus Christ.

You say it!

Track 1

John 3:16

For God so loved the world
That He gave His one and only Son,
That whoever believes in Him
Shall not perish
But have eternal life.

To finish this section:

- Say John 3:16.

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World – everyone

Track 2

Chloe, Joel and Jacob sat at the table in the backyard clubhouse. They thought about what to give their Sparks leader, Mrs. Torres, for her birthday.

"So Jacob, what's your idea?" asked Chloe.

"I think we should give her *this*!" said Jacob. He pulled out a silver yo-yo from his pocket. "It's made of a special metal, so it spins really fast. See – watch!"

Jacob whirled the yo-yo down to the floor. It whizzed up and down and then back up again.

"That's nice, Jacob," said Chloe.

Joel ducked under the table. Then he came up holding a dusty lamp made of glass.

"You want to give Mrs. Torres your mom's old, broken lamp?" asked Chloe, puzzled.

"Here, look. See, the bottom part glows. And the lamp shade looks like a red cap. Does that remind you of anything?"

Chloe and Jacob thought for a moment. Then they shouted, "Sparky!"

"I think we should make Mrs. Torres a Sparky lamp," said Joel.

You said these two letters and verses in the HangGlider Rank.

You say it!

S is for Savior. Track 3

1 John 4:14

... The Father has sent His Son
To be the Savior of the world.

P is for Power. Track 4

Psalm 147:5

Great is our Lord
And mighty in power ...

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To finish this section:

- Tell your leader what "S" and "P" stand for.
- Say 1 John 4:14 and Psalm 147:5

You say it!

A is for According to the Scriptures. *Track 6*

1 Corinthians 15:3

... Christ died for our sins According to the Scriptures.

R is for Raised. *Track 7*

1 Corinthians 15:4

That He was buried, That He was raised on the third day According to the Scriptures.

To finish this section:

- Tell your leader what "A" and "R" stand for.
- Say 1 Corinthians 15:3 and 15:4.

Track 5

"OK, here's the plan," said Joel. "First, I need to make this light work."

Joel peered inside the lamp. "Hmm," he said. "Oh, I got it."

"I'll be right back!" he yelled. He ran out of the clubhouse.

A few minutes later, Joel came back holding a tiny battery. He fit it inside the lamp. Then he flicked on the switch. The lamp lit up.

"Hey!" shouted Chloe. "Let there be light."

"Next, we have to put this stuff on it to protect it." Joel opened a can of white paint. He brushed it all over the lamp.

"Whew, that smells!" said Jacob, holding his nose.

"OK," said Joel. "Now we just wait until this dries. Then tomorrow we can paint Sparky on the lamp."

The next day, Joel and Chloe sat at the table and painted. Jacob walked around the clubhouse with his new camera.

Click. Click. Click.

"Do you HAVE to take pictures right now, Jacob?" asked Chloe, upset. "We're trying to work."

Click. Click. Click. "Come on, just let me practice," whined Jacob.

Suddenly, the kids heard a knock on the door. "Who could that be?" wondered Joel.

"I hope it's not Mrs. Torres!" said Jacob.

Track 8

"Quick! Hide the lamp," whispered Chloe.

Joel set the lamp behind a big barrel of toys and games. Then Jacob opened the door.

"Hi, guys," called a little girl's voice. A pair of blond pigtails bobbed into the room.

"Emma!" said Chloe. Emma was her younger neighbor.

"What are you doing?"

Emma raced to the barrel and pulled out a jump rope. Suddenly she stopped. "Hey, what's this?"

She reached down and picked up the Sparky lamp.

"No, Emma!" yelled Joel. "Don't touch that! The paint is still wet and I don't want – "

Emma's fingers let go of the lamp. Joel dove to catch it, but it was too late.

SMASH! The lamp fell to the floor and broke into a hundred tiny

Here are two more letters and verses from the HangGlider Rank. Now you're really flying!

You say it!

K is for Keep.

Track 9

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law
And yet stumbles at just one point
Is guilty of breaking all of it.

S is for Saved.

Track 10

Acts 16:31

..."Believe in the Lord Jesus,
And you will be saved ..."

To finish this section:

- Tell your leader what "K" and "S" stand for.
- Say James 2:10 and Acts 16:31.

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You say it!

You learned these two verses in your *HangGlider* handbook.

John 20:31 *Track 12*

... These are written
That you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ,
The Son of God ...

Psalm 118:1 *Track 13*

Give thanks to the LORD,
For He is good ...

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To finish this section:

- Say John 20:31 and Psalm 118:1.

Track 11

The kids stood in the clubhouse. They stared at the broken lamp.

"Oh, wow!" said Joel.

Emma started to cry. "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to."

Jacob patted Emma on the back. "That's OK, I'm sure we'll think of something."

Joel sat down at the table. "Looks like Mrs. Torres won't be getting anything from US this year," muttered Joel. He crossed his arms on the table and put his head down.

"Yes, pray," answered Chloe. "Prayer is just talking to God. We can talk to God about anything – even this. Come on, Joel."

The kids gathered around the table. Chloe prayed, "Dear Lord, we really want to make Mrs. Torres' birthday special. Please show us what to do. Amen."

Click. Click. Click.

"Jacob," said Chloe in her mom voice. "Is it really the best time to be taking pictures?"

Track 14

The next day, Chloe, Joel and Jacob carried a shiny, wrapped box to Mrs. Torres' house.

Brrring! Chloe rang the bell.

"I hope she likes it," said Joel.

Soon Mrs. Torres opened the door. "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Torres!" the kids shouted. Chloe held up the gift.

Mrs. Torres gasped. "What a surprise! You shouldn't have."

"Come on," Chloe begged. "Open it!"

Mrs. Torres opened the box. She pulled out a red photo album. Inside the album were all the pictures from Jacob's camera. The kids had written their favorite Bible verses around the pictures.

Mrs. Torres looked at each picture slowly. She didn't say a word.

Chloe explained, "We tried to make you a Sparky lamp first, but it broke. So, we thought maybe you'd like something else –"

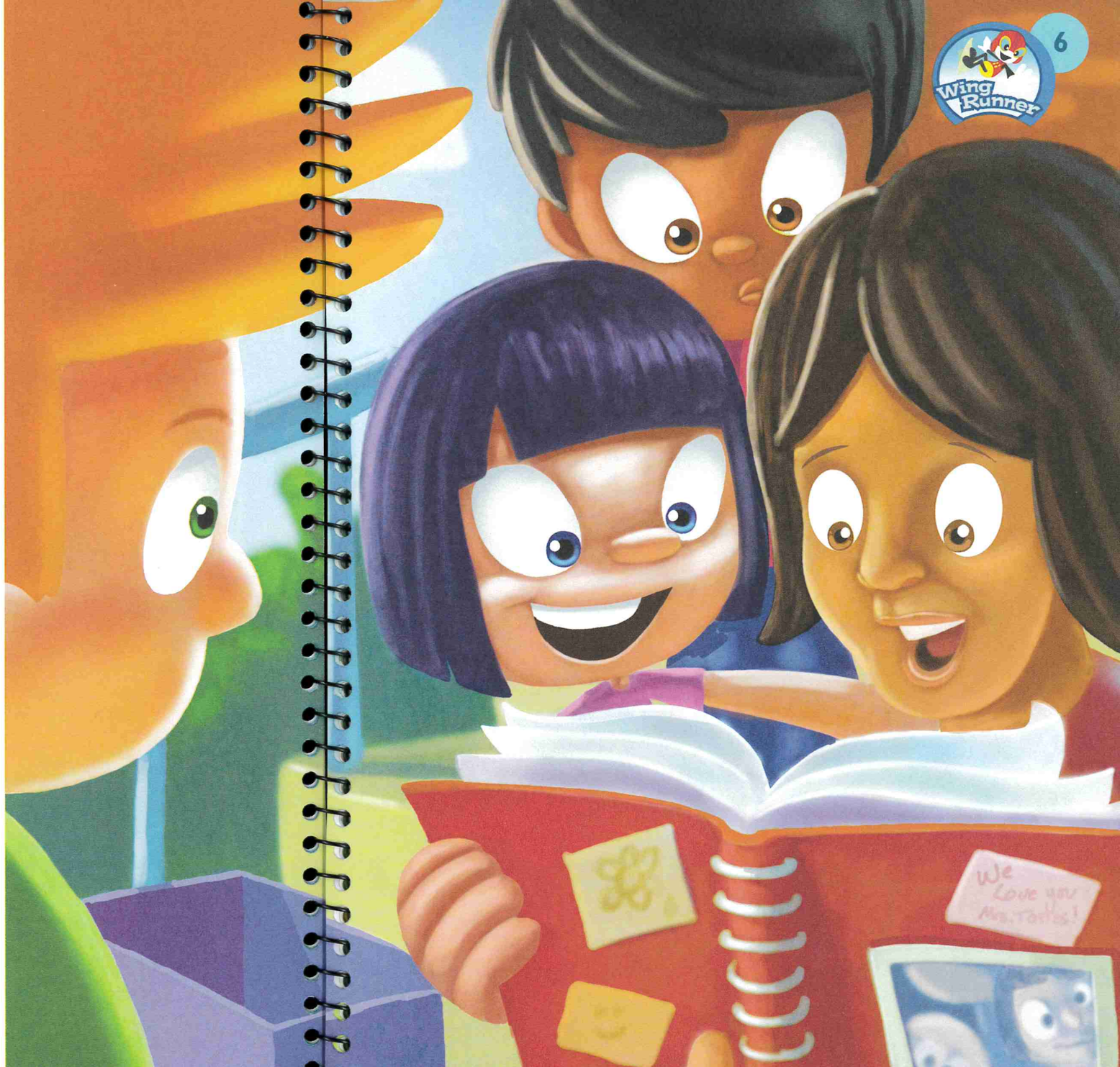
"Oh, I love it!" said Mrs. Torres. Her eyes filled with tears. "Sparkies, this is much better than any lamp. It's perfect!"

"Oh good," said Chloe.

"And – your gift also reminds me of another gift. See, you wrote about it here in Romans 6:23."

"We did?" asked Jacob. He looked inside the album.

"Yes. God gives us a gift. And *this* gift will never break or fade or go away.



You say it!

Track 15

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,
But the gift of God is eternal life
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

To finish this section:

- Say Romans 6:23.

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Wages – what someone earns for what he does, like an allowance

Sin – to disobey God by doing, saying or thinking bad things

The verse you just learned is about God's gift to you.
To have God's gift, you must trust Jesus Christ as your Savior.
That means you trust (believe) Jesus died on the cross for your sins and rose again.
Once you trust Christ, God gives you the free gift of **eternal life.**
Eternal life is the best gift of all.
You will be with God while you are here on earth.
You will be with God forever in heaven.
You will be with God forever and ever.

JOHN
TITUS
MARK
LUKE
ACTS
JAMES

Find these six New Testament books in the puzzle below.

A C T S J R L
H E S S A C U
M A R K M U K
B T T A E J E
T I T U S K T
J O H N T O I

You say it!

Track 16

Say all 27 books of the New Testament. Listen to the song on the CD to help you remember.

Matthew	Ephesians	Hebrews
Mark	Philippians	James
Luke	Colossians	1 Peter
John	1 Thessalonians	2 Peter
Acts	2 Thessalonians	1 John
Romans	1 Timothy	2 John
1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	3 John
2 Corinthians	Titus	Jude
Galatians	Philemon	Revelation

To finish this section:

- Say all 27 books of the New Testament.

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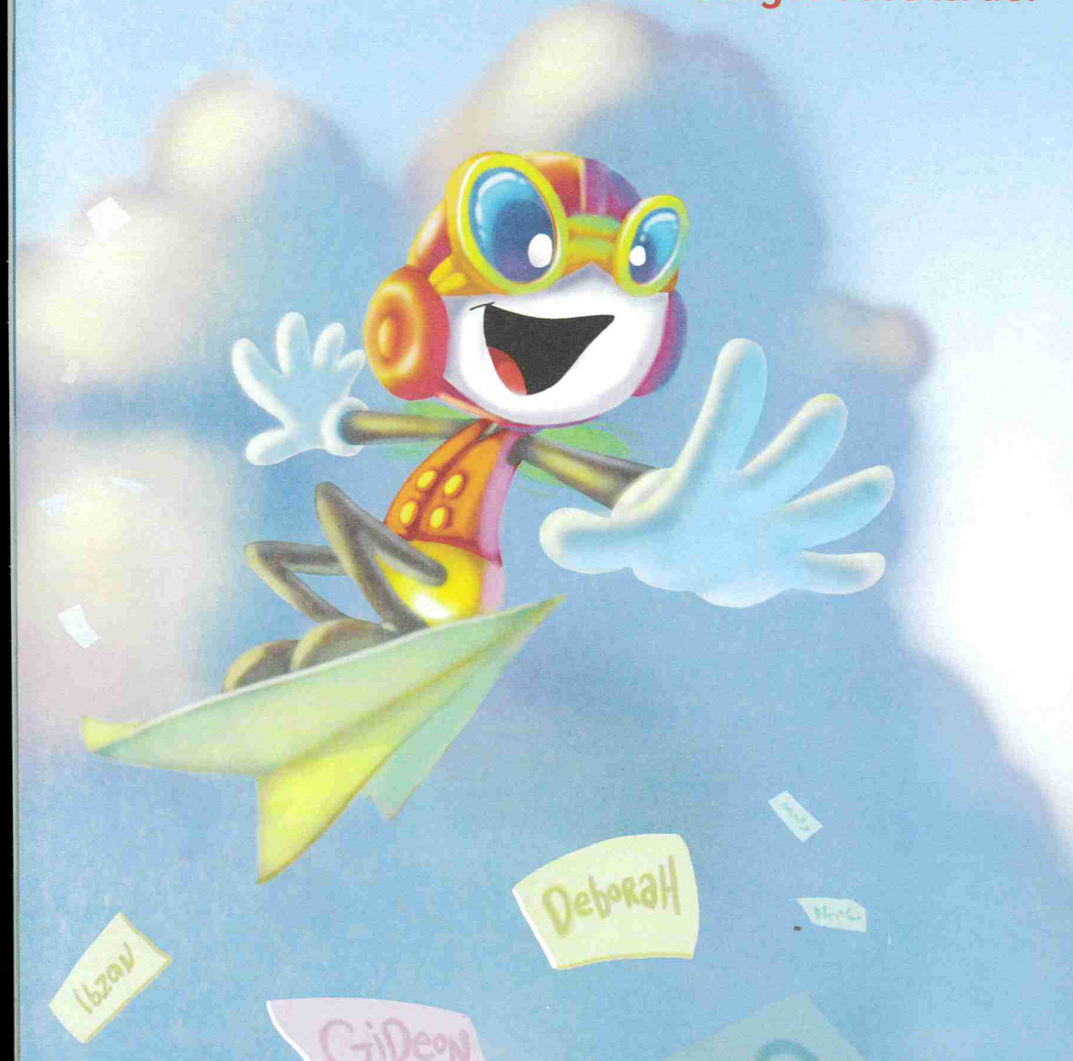
Red Jewel 1

The Judges Save Israel



Bring a Friend.

God wants all children to hear about His Son, Jesus Christ. Bring one new boy or girl to any Awana club in the church where your Sparks club meets.

I brought _____
Child's Name

to _____
Club Name

on _____.
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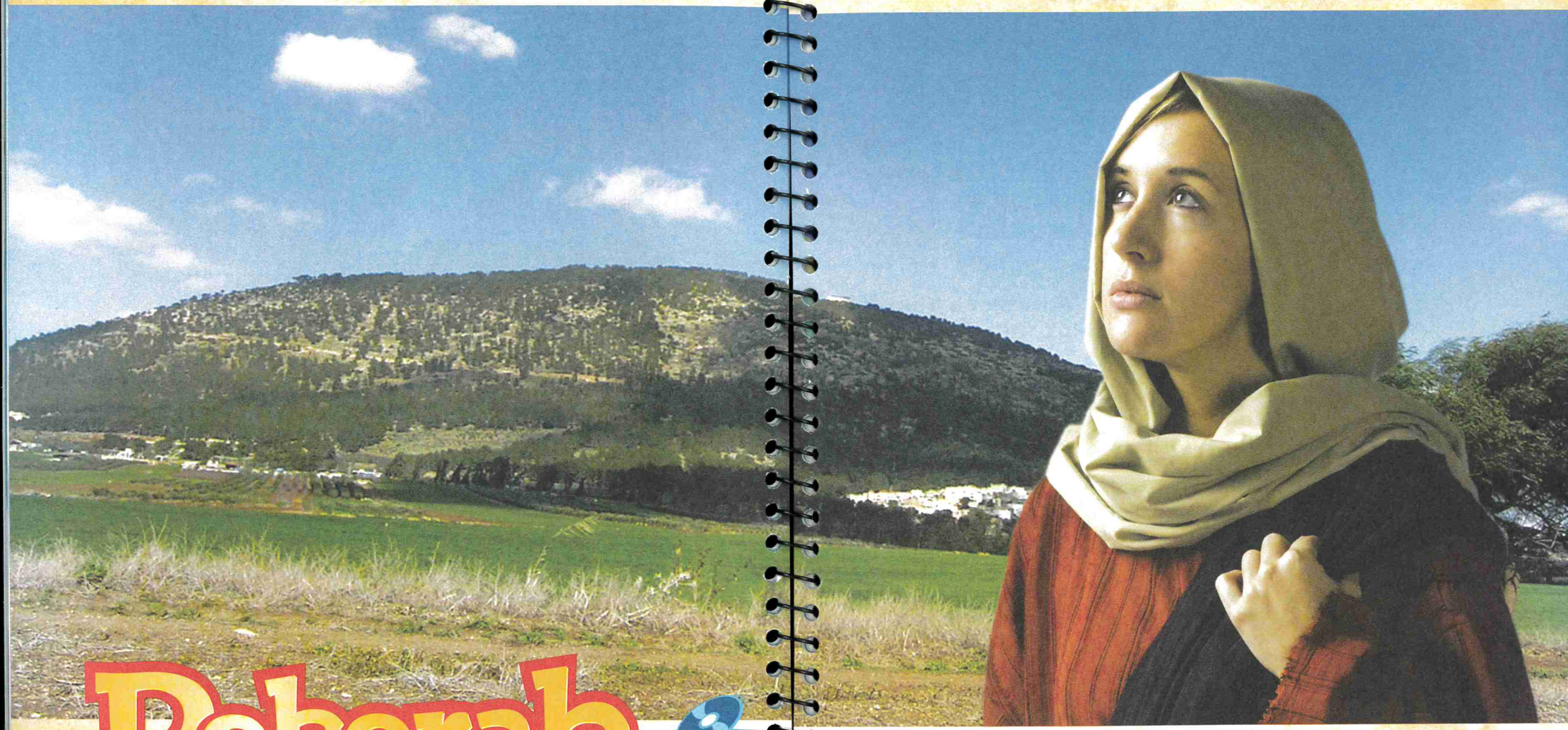

Deborah

Track 17

A Mother in Israel

Deborah sat under the shady palm tree. A

Every day, they told her their problems.

She reminded them of what's right, just like moms do.

But today, Deborah must talk to *one*

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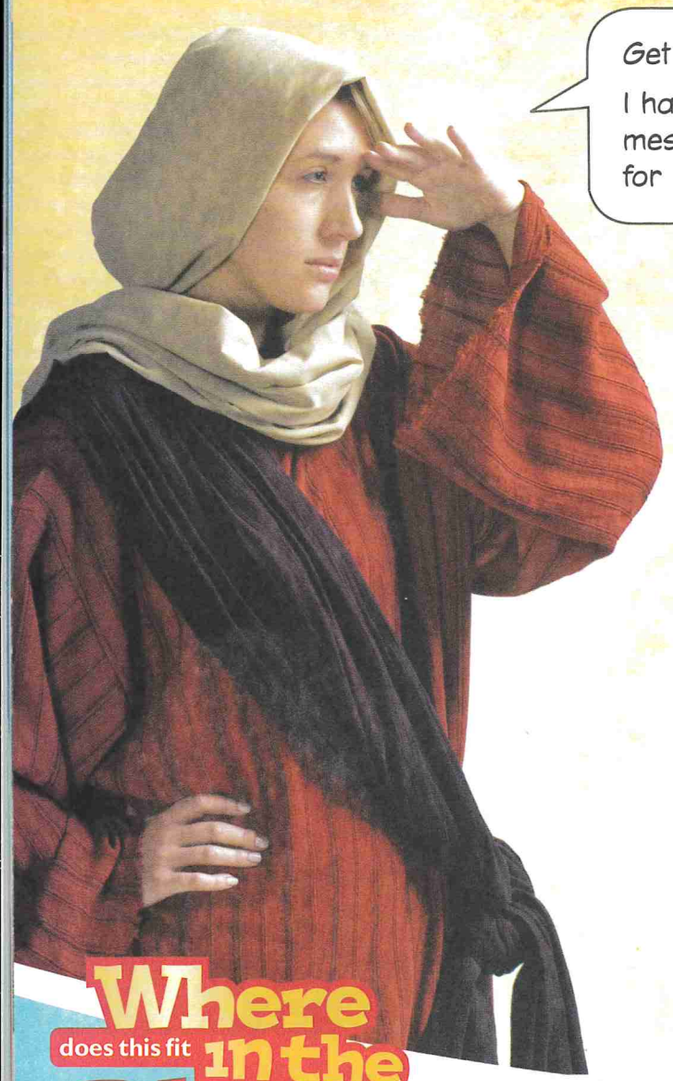

A message from the one true God? What could it be?

To find out, listen to Track 17.

PARENTS! The entire biography is also available on the CD as an Adobe PDF so you can print it out and read it with your Sparkie.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Judges – God sends judges

After Joshua died, the Israelites had trouble with their enemies because they did not keep their promise to obey God. But whenever they prayed, God sent a **judge** to lead and help save them. Deborah was one of these judges.

You say it!

Track 18

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the LORD your God
With all your heart
And with all your soul
And with all your strength.

Track 19

Psalm 96:2

Sing to the LORD, praise His name;
Proclaim His salvation day after day.

To finish this section:

- Say Deuteronomy 6:5 and Psalm 96:2.

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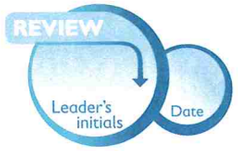


Learn from Deborah's biography:

Judges 13-16

Samson

The Strong Judge

Track 20

ROOOAAAAARRR! The lion charged at Samson.

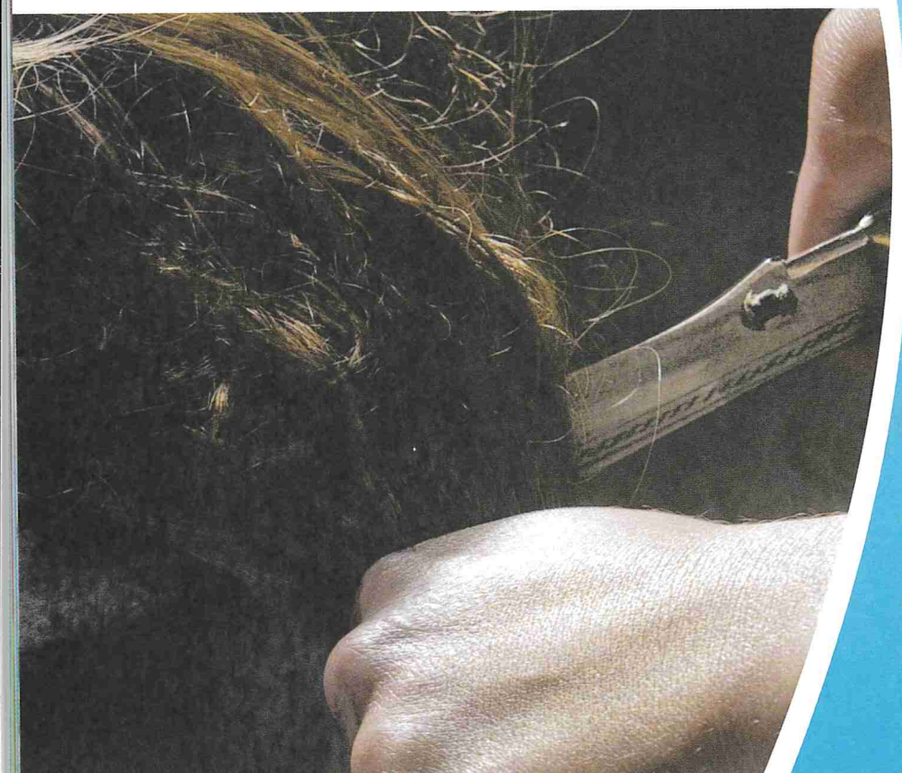
Samson thought fast. He had no sword. He had no stick. What should he do? That lion wanted to eat him for lunch!

Uh-oh! This doesn't look good. To find out what happens to Samson, listen to Track 20.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Samson was a judge. He fought against Israel's enemy, the Philistines. But Samson was not holy (he didn't do what God wanted).

Jesus Christ is the perfect judge. The holy Jesus Christ came to fight against our enemy, Satan. Jesus saves us from sin and makes us holy.



You say it!

Track 21

Jeremiah 32:27

"I am the LORD,
The God of all mankind.
Is anything too hard for Me?"

Track 22

Leviticus 19:2

... "Be holy because I,
The LORD your God, am holy."

Mankind – people

Holy – without sin; doing what God wants

To finish this section:

- Say Jeremiah 32:27 and Leviticus 19:2.

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Learn from Samson's biography:

- God is the one who makes His people strong.

1 Samuel 3

Samuel

Track 23 **The Listening Prophet**

Inside the temple, you couldn't hear a sound – not even a squeak or a shuffle or a whisper. The boy Samuel lay fast asleep on his mat. Only the lights from the lamp of God flashed and flickered in the night.

Suddenly, a voice called out, "Samuel!"

Samuel awoke, startled. *That must be Eli,* he thought. Samuel helped the old priest, Eli, each day in the temple.

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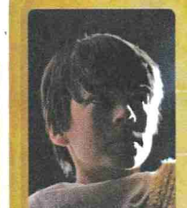

Name: Samuel

Address: God's house at Shiloh

Job: Listening to God's Word

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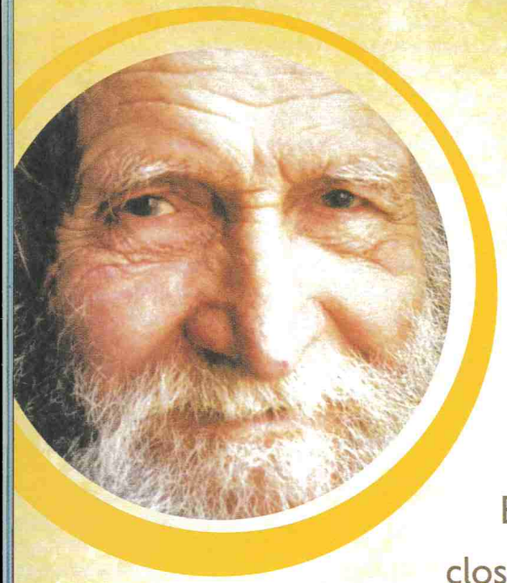

Now Eli could barely see, and Samuel had to help him more than ever.

Samuel ran to Eli's room. "Here I am," he said.

Eli didn't answer. Samuel moved close to Eli and shook his arm gently. Eli grunted in his sleep. Then he opened his eyes.

"Here I am," Samuel repeated. "You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli answered. "Go lie down." The old man rolled onto his side and closed his eyes again.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Judges – God sends judges

Samuel was the last judge. He was also a prophet. He spoke God's Word to the sinful Israelites. When they started to obey God again, God helped them win against the Philistines.

Samuel returned to his mat. *Maybe it was just a dream,* he thought. Soon he fell asleep.

"Samuel!" a voice called.

Who was calling Samuel? Find out by listening to Track 23.

PARENTS! You can print this entire biography from the CD as a PDF.

You say it!

Track 24

Proverbs 20:11

Even a child is known by his actions,
By whether his conduct is pure and right.

To finish this section:

- Say Proverbs 20:11.

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Learn from Samuel's biography:

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You just earned your WingRunner Pilot Wings and Red Jewel 1.
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The Kings Rule Israel
KING DAVID
Glue

David

Track 25

The Shepherd King

The shepherd boy David let out a whistle that only his sheep knew. They followed him to a shady, grassy place. It was near a spring right place. They could take long drinks. They could eat and lie down in the soft, green grass.

"David!" called a voice behind him. David turned

Member Name: David

Hometown: Bethlehem

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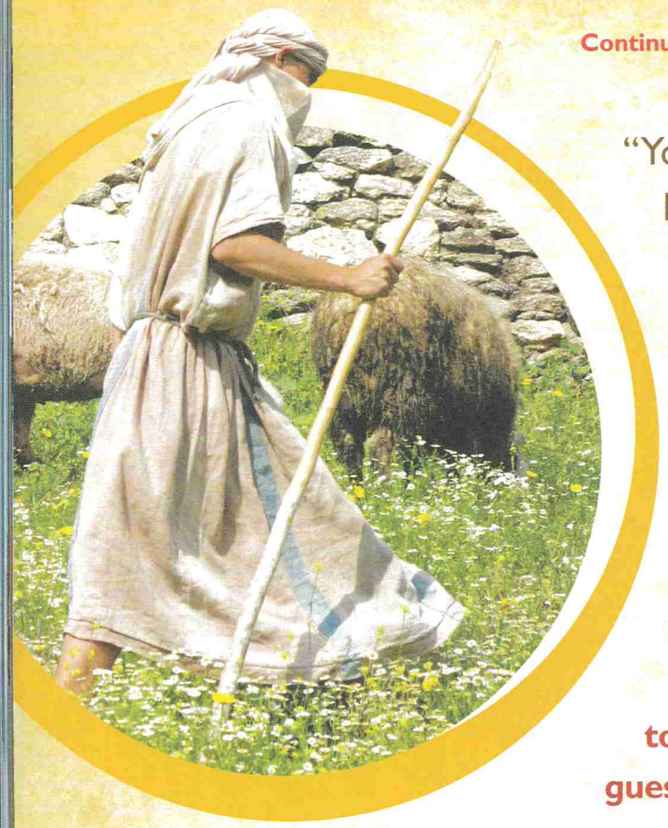

"You must come to the house right away!" he said. "The prophet Samuel wants to see you."

Oh, no!

Why did Samuel want to see David? Look on page 37 for a hint and then listen to Track 25 to see if you guessed right!

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Where does this fit in the Bible?

The Israelites wanted a king. God gave them King Saul, but he did not obey the Lord. Then God chose David as king. David had a heart that loved and obeyed God. Jesus Christ came from the family of David. He was born in David's town, Bethlehem. Jesus Christ is King for

You say it!

Track 26

Psalm 23:1-2

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters.

I shall not be in want – I have everything I need.

Track 27

Psalm 23:3

He restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Restores – to make like new

Paths of righteousness – doing what God says is right

To finish this section:

- Say Psalm 23:1-3.

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Learn from David's biography:

2 Chronicles 1:1-13; 1 Kings 3:7-15

Solomon

The Wise King

Track 28

The young King Solomon stood up before all the important grown-ups in but they stopped him with their questions:

"When will you start

"How will you keep peace in the land of Israel?"

"Will you be a good king, just

Nation of Israel

Name: Solomon

Address: Jerusalem

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Solomon looked at all the faces before him. There were more faces than he could ever count! Suddenly, he felt very small. He didn't know the answers to any of their questions. He didn't know how to be a king.

Oh, if only his father, King David, were still alive to tell him what to do!

Then Solomon had an idea.

What was Solomon's idea?
To find out, listen to Track 28.

PARENTS! You can print this entire biography from the CD as a PDF.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Solomon was the third king of Israel. He followed God for most of his life. But when he started to worship fake gods, God split the kingdom of Israel into two lands. Solomon's son (and his son's sons) only ruled the smaller land, called Judah.

You say it!

Track 29

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Track 30

Psalm 23:5

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

Fear no evil – not be afraid

Rod and staff – reminders that God protects and cares for you

To finish this section:

- Say Psalm 23:4-5.

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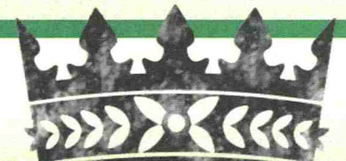
Learn from Solomon's



1 Kings 19

Elijah

Track 31

The Running Prophet

Elijah heard a message from the evil Queen Jezebel. *Oh, no!* She loved the fake god Baal. And she wanted to kill Elijah, the prophet of the one true God.

The mighty prophet became mighty afraid. He turned around, tucked his robe up into his belt and started to run – fast! He ran as far away from Jezebel as he could go.

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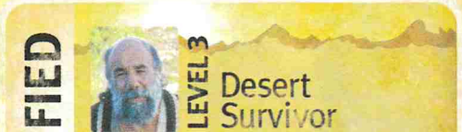

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He and his servant kept on running until they reached Beersheba, a city way down south in the land of Judah.

Then Elijah went out alone into the desert. He plopped down under a shady tree and prayed, "Oh Lord, I give up. Please take my life. I am a good-for-nothing prophet."

Wow! Elijah was having a really BAD day! Does it get any better? Listen to Track 31 to find out.

PARENTS! You can print this entire biography from the CD as a PDF.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Elijah was a prophet when King Ahab and Queen Jezebel ruled Israel. The kings of Israel were wicked. None of them obeyed God like King David had.

In the New Testament, a prophet like Elijah came. His name was John the Baptist. He turned people back to the one true God.

You say it!

Track 32

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and love
Will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

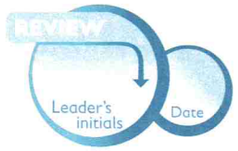
Track 33

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on Him
Because He cares for you.

To finish this section:

- Say Psalm 23:6 and 1 Peter 5:7.



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Learn from Elijah's biography:

- God cared for Elijah when he felt scared and ready to give up.
- Even when things look bad, God is still at work.

Track 34

Say the verses of Psalm 23 all together now.

Psalm 23:1-6

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
In the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

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Surely goodness and love
Will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

To finish this section:

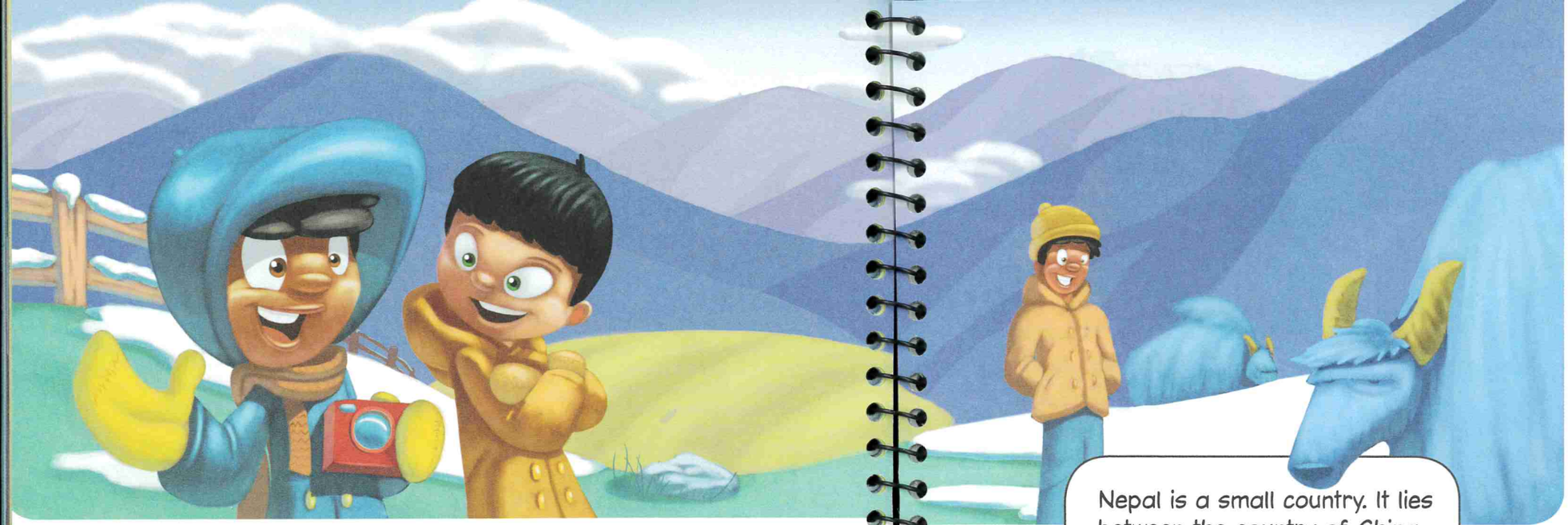
- Say Psalm 23:1-6.

GOOD JOB!

You are starting

Red Jewel 2

Missionary Activities



Track 35

A Friend From Faraway

Chloe opened the clubhouse door. She saw Joel inside, working at the table.

"What are you doing, Joel?" asked Chloe.

"I'm writing a letter to my friend Ramesh."

"Ramesh? Who's Ramesh?" Chloe asked. She walked over and sat down next to Joel.

"He's a boy I met on a trip I took with my dad. He lives in the country of Nepal. That's where he goes to Sparks."

"Nepal? I've never heard of that! Where is it?"

"It's far away. It took us a long time to get there in our plane! But I saw the highest mountain in the whole world there – Mount Everest!"

"Wow! So did you climb it?" joked Chloe.

Joel laughed. "No – I wish!".

"So they have Sparks over there too? What do they do on club night?"

Note to parents and leaders:

Nepal is a small country. It lies between the country of China and the country of India. The highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal.

You do it!

Find a popular name for a boy or girl who lives in another country. Ask your parent or your Sparks leader for help. (Your local library should have books about kids from other countries.)

Write the name on the line:

_____

A Faraway Home

Find out two things about the country where the boy or girl lives. Write these things on the lines below. Ask your parent or Sparks leader for help.

To finish this section:

- Write a popular name for a boy or girl who lives in another country.
- Write two things about the country where this

A Very Different Sparks Club

Actually," said Joel. "Ramesh and his friends don't have a club night."

"They don't?" asked Chloe, confused.

"No. They go to club on Saturday mornings instead."

"Oh," said Chloe. "Then when does Ramesh watch cartoons?"

"Ramesh doesn't have a TV. He plays outside instead. And every morning before school, Ramesh sells newspapers to help his family get money for food."

"Food? You mean like pizza and hamburgers? I'm getting hungry."

"No, Ramesh's favorite food is rice with meat curry. He shared some with me. It was kind of good – but spicy!"

"Oh. Well, who drives Ramesh to club on Saturday, his mom or his dad?"

"Neither one," said Joel. "Ramesh always walks to club – and it takes him one whole hour to get there!"

"Whoa! Then he must be a good walker. Is he good at the game where you have to walk fast with a beanbag on your head?"

"Yeah. But their beanbags are different from ours. They make them out of socks!"

"Ewww!" Chloe wrinkled her nose.

"I'm sure they're clean," said Joel. "Just like *my* socks. Here, wanna smell?" he teased.

"C'mon, stop it!" said Chloe. "I'm being serious here. Ramesh HAS to know John 3:16, doesn't he? That's the Sparks key verse."

"Yeah, but he says it here in a different language. Look!"

Joel handed Chloe a letter from Ramesh. On it was John 3:16 written in a language called Nepali.

Chloe looked at the verse. "I can't even read it!" she cried.

She put down the paper. "This doesn't sound like Sparks at all. It's too different."

You do it!

Draw a picture of something from the country you are learning about. You could draw a flag or a person or a food from the country.

Hey Sparkies, did you know?

Some Sparks clubs in Nepal make their own game supplies.

- They make batons out of bamboo sticks.
- They make pins out of water bottles. They fill each bottle with different colored water, like red, yellow,

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- Draw a picture of something from the country.

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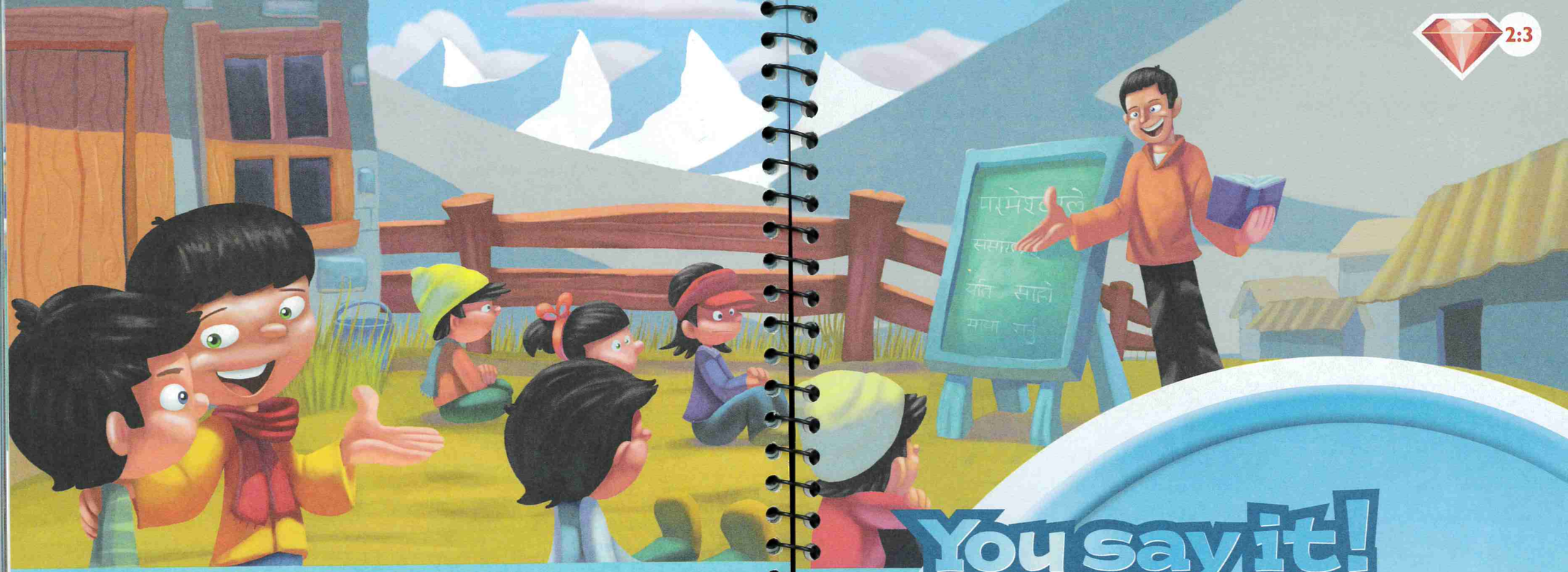

Not That Different After All!

Track 37

"Chloe, Sparks club in Nepal is really not as different as you think," said Joel.

"It's not?"

"No," said Joel. "There are a lot of things that are the same."

"Like what?" asked Chloe.

"Well, Ramesh and his friends learn about the Bible and they memorize lots of verses, just like we do."

"Yeah, and what else?" Chloe still wasn't so sure.

to invite their friends to come with them too."

"OK, that's a few things – anything else?"

"Yep, and this one's the most important! When Ramesh was 8, he trusted Jesus Christ to be his Savior."

"Hey, I did that too," said Chloe, "when I was 6."

"See – I told you we weren't that different," said Joel, smiling. "That's why God tells us to share the

You say it!

Track 38

Mark 16:15

He said to them,
"Go into all the world
And preach the good news
To all creation."

Good News – the news about Jesus Christ: He died for our sin and was raised to life again

To finish this section:

- Say Mark 16:15.

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Red Jewel 2:3 completed.

Track 39

Tell Everybody!

A few days later, Joel dashed over to Chloe's house and knocked on the door.

"Hi, Joel!" said Chloe, as she opened the door.

"Look at this!" said Joel, out of breath. "I just got a letter from Ramesh."

"What does it say?" asked Chloe.

"Ramesh wrote some exciting news. He said that he started teaching his little sister all of the things that he learned at Sparks. Then both his sister and his mom trusted Christ as their Savior too. Can you believe it?"

"Wow, that's amazing!" said Chloe.

"Yeah, and when Ramesh grows up, he says he wants to be an Awana leader in his church."

"Hmm," said Chloe. "Maybe I should stop fighting with my little brother so much and start teaching him my Sparks verses instead!"

You do it!

To finish this section:

- Tell someone in your family about a Bible verse or one of the Bible people you learned about at Sparks.

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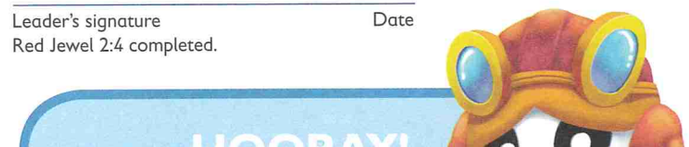

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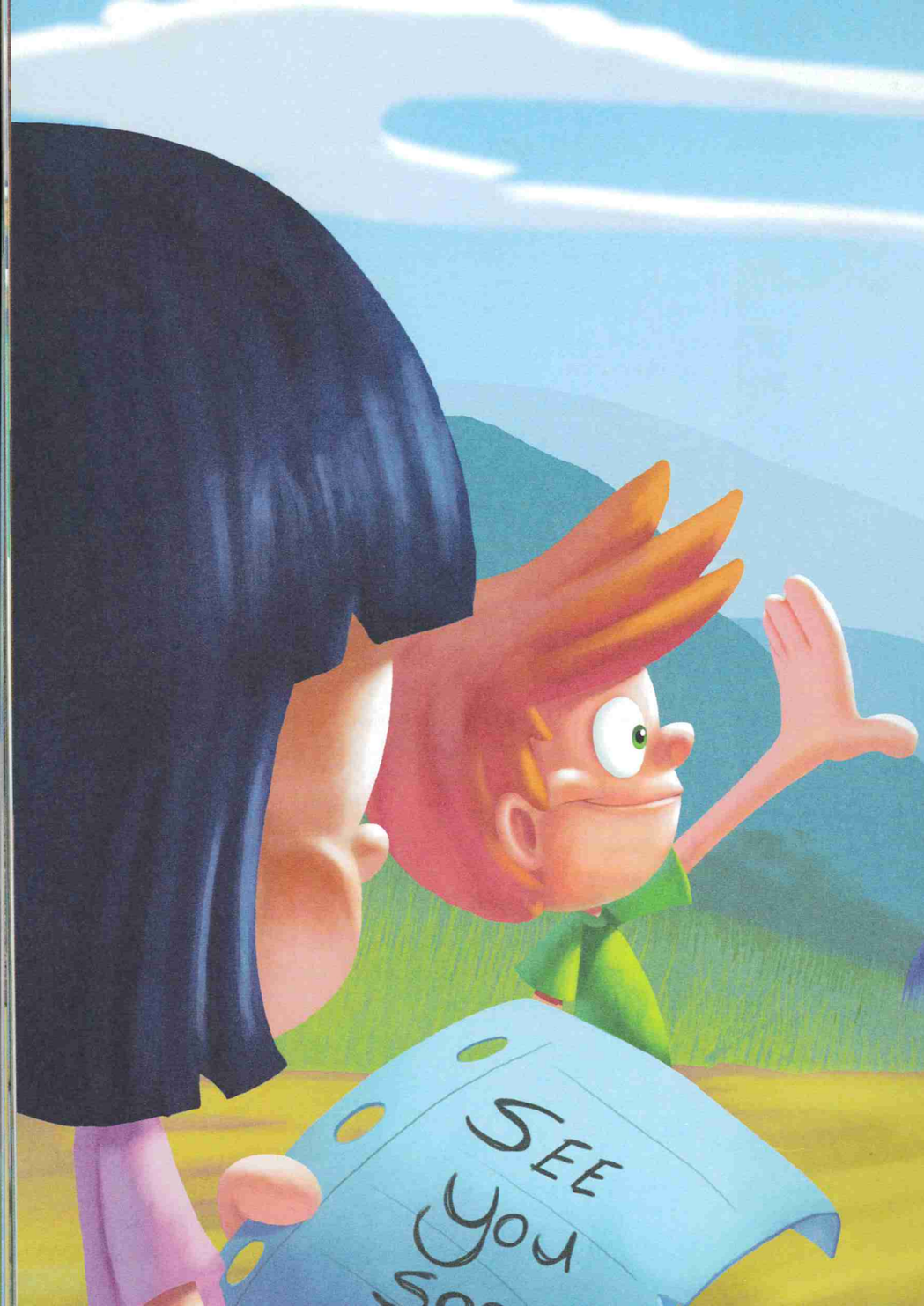
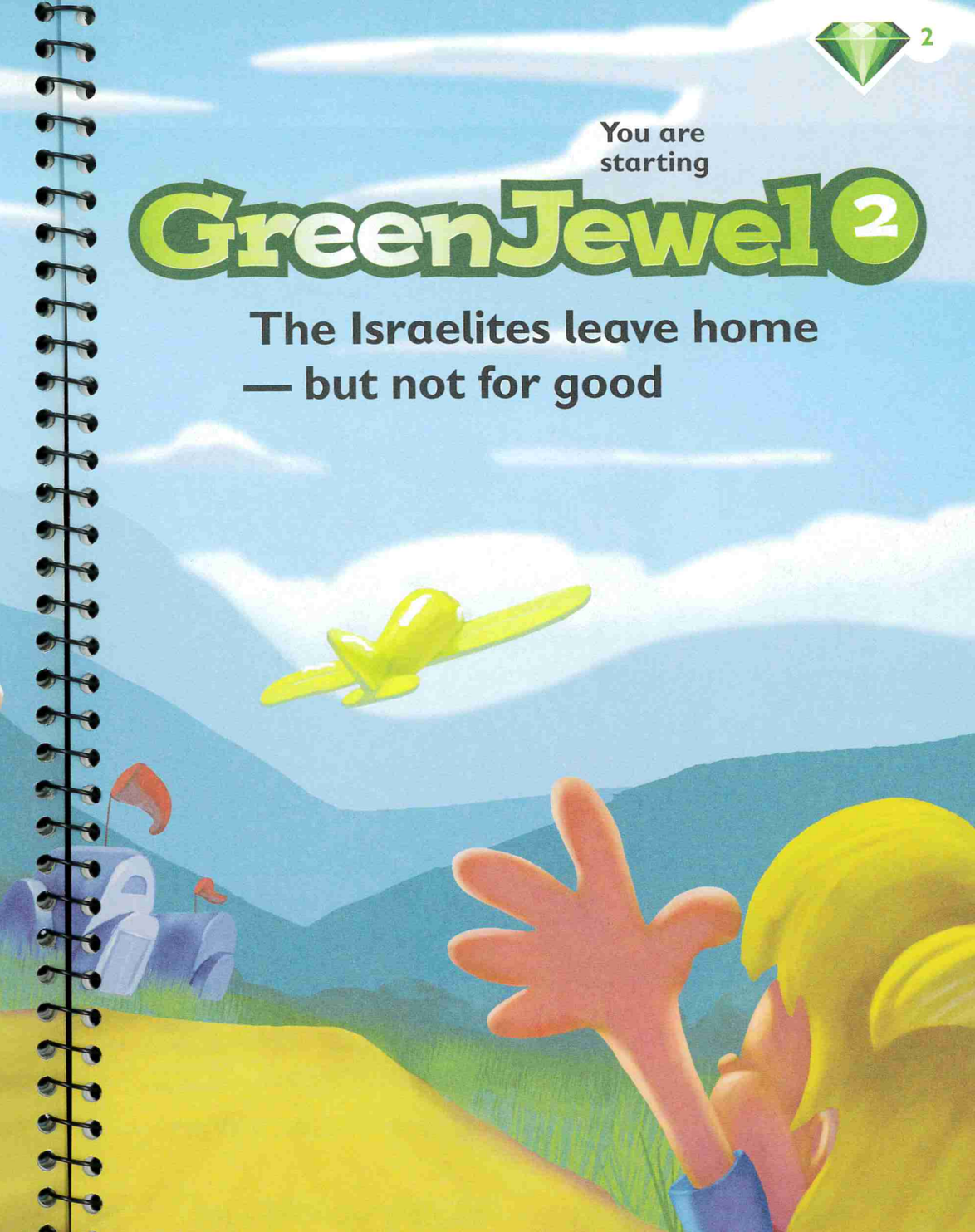
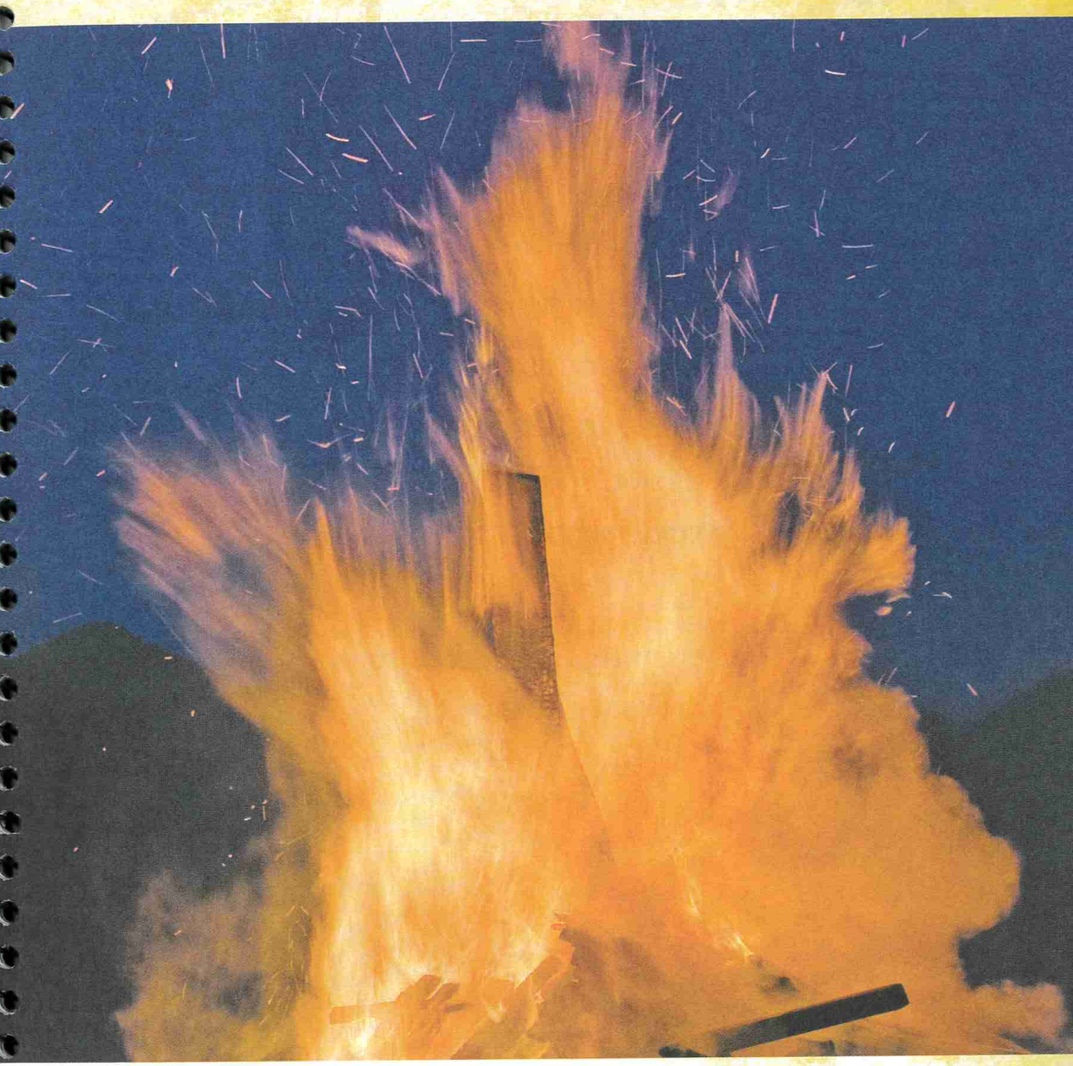
Green Jewel 2

The Israelites leave home — but not for good





2 Chronicles 34; 2 Kings 22-23:28



Josiah

Track 40

Lover of God's Word

King Josiah looked up. two big wooden eyes

real – she was a fake god carved out of a pole.

"Tear down the Asherah

Idol Smashers Inc.

Name: Josiah

Location: Jerusalem

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idols and worship the one true God."

The men cut down the pole and burned it. Then Josiah and his men charged through the lands of Israel and Judah.

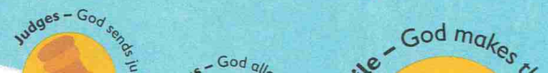
Whack, whack! Smash!

What's happening? Is something breaking? Listen to Track 40 on your CD.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

PARENTS! The entire biography is also available on the CD as a PDF.

King Josiah started ruling the land of Judah when he was only 8 years old! Josiah was a good king, but his father before him and his sons after him were bad kings. Soon God would send the Israelites away from their homes because of their sin.



You say it!

This verse should be easy! You learned it in your *HangGlider* handbook.

Track 41

1 Peter 1:25

But the word of the Lord Stands forever ...

To finish this section:

- Say 1 Peter 1:25.

Stands forever –
lasts; does not go away

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Learn from King Josiah's biography:

- God's Word lasts forever – even when *we* forget about it.
- We sin and don't always love God's Word like we should. That's why God sent the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Daniel

The Praying Prophet

Daniel went upstairs to his room and opened the window. He looked out towards Jerusalem, the city where he used to live. But he couldn't see the city. It was too far away!

Sometimes Daniel still missed his old home. Now he worked for a king in a strange, far-off land called Babylon. Lots of other Israelites lived there too.

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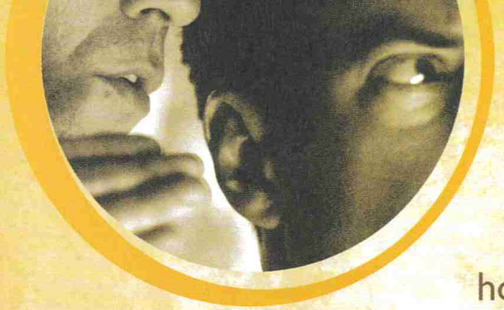

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God had made the Israelites leave their homes in the Promised Land because of their sin.

Daniel knelt to pray. Even when he felt sad, he still gave thanks to God.

Down on the street, some of the king's men were whispering. "Look at that Daniel! He's praying again. I wish he would do something bad. Then we could get him into trouble."

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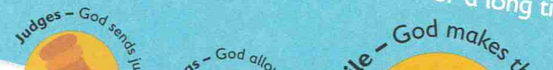
What will the men do to get Daniel in trouble? Listen to Track 42 on your CD to find out.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Because the Israelites kept on sinning, God let their enemies (the Babylonians) capture the city of Jerusalem. The Israelites were sent far away to Babylon. This time is called the **exile**. Daniel lived during the exile. Daniel and the Israelites had to live in Babylon for a long time (70 whole years)!



You say it!

Track 43

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Pray continually.

Give thanks in all circumstances,
For this is God's will
For you in Christ Jesus.

Continually – always; without stopping

God's will – what God wants

To finish this section:

- Say 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.

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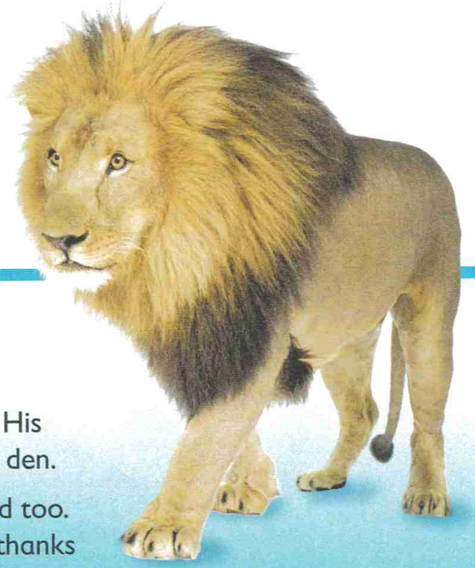

Learn from Daniel's biography:

- God is faithful to be with His children – even in a lions' den.
- You can be faithful to God too. Keep praying and giving thanks to Him – no matter what!

Nehemiah

Track 44

God's Workman

Nehemiah carried a drink to the king. He was an important servant in the palace of the great king of Persia.

But today, the king noticed something different. "Young man," he said. "Why is your face so sad?

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NAME: Nehemiah

AREA: Persia and Jerusalem

OCCUPATION: King's Servant

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You are not sick, are you? No, I think you have a broken heart."

Nehemiah set down the cup. His hand started to tremble. Should he tell the king why he felt sad? Would the king be angry with him?

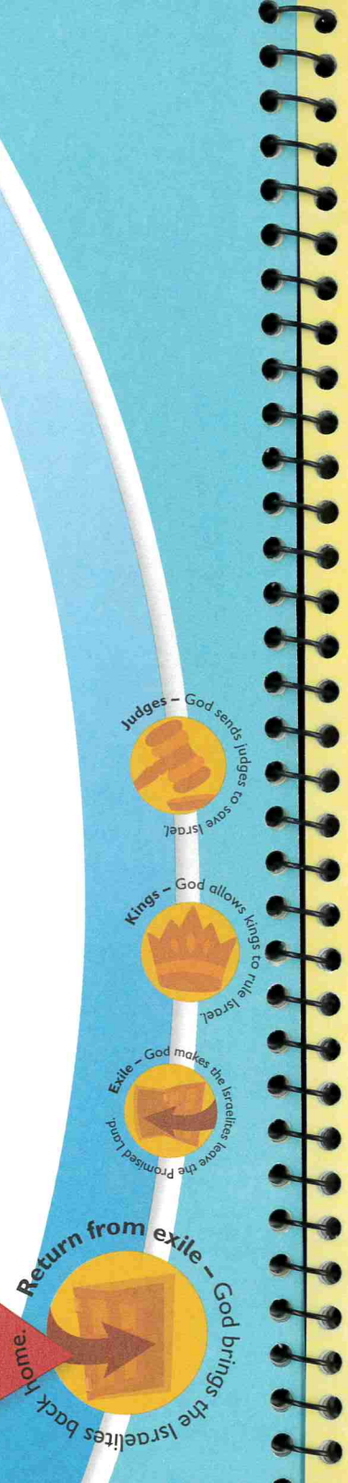
Poor Nehemiah! Why was he sad? Would the king help him? Listen to Track 44 to find out.

PARENTS! The entire biography is also available on the CD as a PDF.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

After 70 years in Babylon, God let some Israelites return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt the temple, but the wall was still torn down. Nehemiah went to help them.

But even after the Israelites rebuilt their city, they still had a problem with sin. Soon, God would send a Savior to fix the problem of sin forever!



You say it!

With all your heart –
with cheerfulness and energy

Track 45

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do,
Work at it with all your heart,
As working for the Lord,
Not for men.

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To finish this section:

- Say Colossians 3:23.

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Green Jewel 2:3 completed.

Learn from Nehemiah's biography:

- God helps His children to do His good work.
- Whatever you do, keep working hard at it. You're

Return Flight

Say these verses again, please.

Track 15

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,
But the gift of God is eternal life
In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Track 18

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the LORD your God
With all your heart
And with all your soul
And with all your strength.

Track 43

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Pray continually.

Give thanks in all circumstances,
For this is God's will
For you in Christ Jesus.

To finish this section:

- Say Romans 6:23.
- Say Deuteronomy 6:5.
- Say 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.

KEEP IT UP!

You're more than halfway through your book. And you

You are starting

Red Jewel 3

The Old Testament Books

Facts about the Bible

Learn the answers to these six questions about the Bible.

OK Joel, this is the lightning round. You have 30 seconds to answer six questions plus one bonus question. Are you ready?

I sure am!

What are the two parts of the Bible?	The Old Testament and the New Testament
How many books are in the Old Testament?	39
How many books are in the New Testament?	27
How many books are in the Bible? (Hint: What is 39 + 27?)	66
What does God tell us in the Old Testament?	God promises to send the Savior.
What does God tell us in the New Testament?	Jesus came to earth, died and rose again. He is the Savior.

Here's a bonus question. Who was the grandson of King David's father? (Hint: He was a wise king.)

Huh?

RING! RING! RING! RING! RING! RING!

Oooo ... Time's up! It looks like Jacob is our winnner!

Cool! What did I win?

The winner gets to clean up the clubhouse!

To finish this section:

- Tell your leader the correct answers to the six questions.

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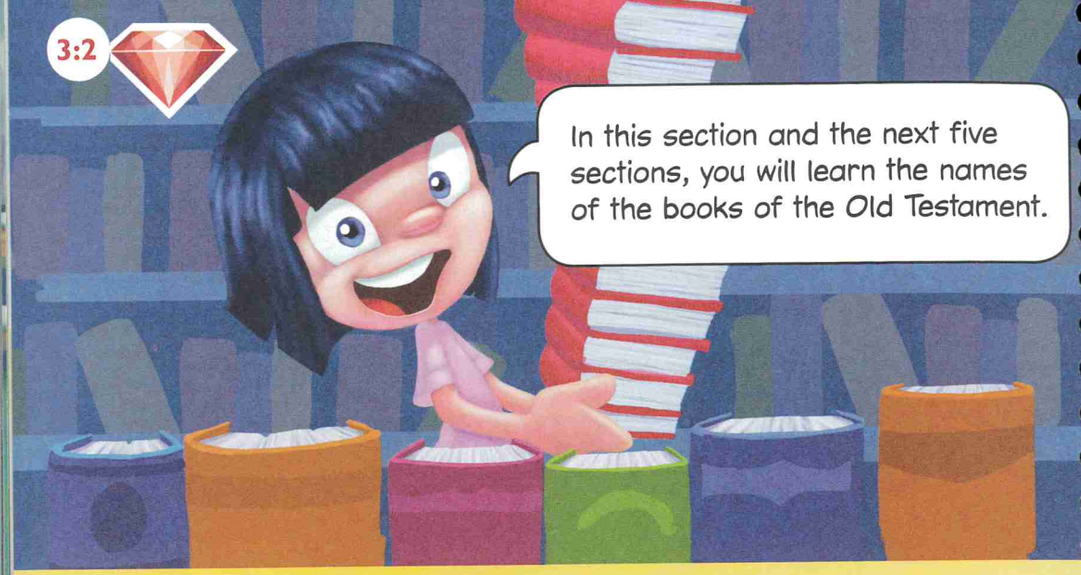
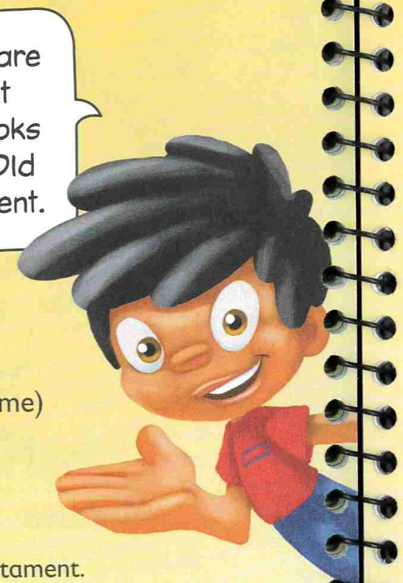


Old Testament Books

You say it!

Track 46

Genesis (**Jen**-uh-sis)
Exodus (**Ek**-suh-dus)
Leviticus (Li-**vit**-eh-kus)
Numbers
Deuteronomy (Doot-a-**ron**-uh-me)



To finish this section:

- Say the first five books of the Old Testament.

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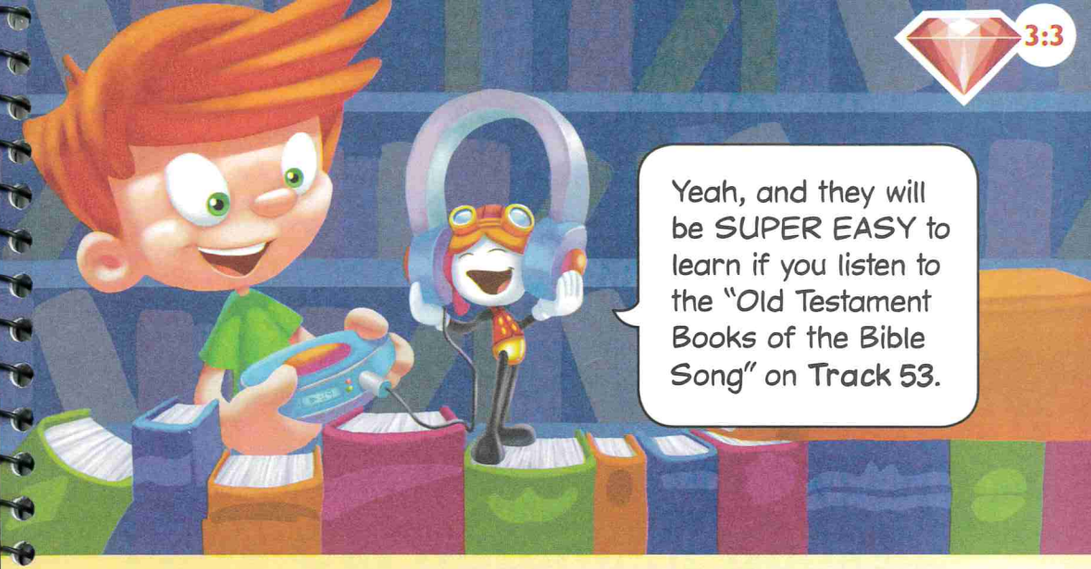

Old Testament Books (continued)

You say it!

These are the next seven books in the Old Testament.

Track 47

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel (First Samuel)
2 Samuel (Second Samuel)
1 Kings (First Kings)
2 Kings (Second Kings)

To finish this section:

- Say the next seven books of the Old Testament (Joshua through 2 Kings).

Old Testament Books (continued)

You say it! These are the next eight books in the Old Testament.

Track 48

1 Chronicles (First **Kron**-uh-kulz)

2 Chronicles (Second **Kron**-uh-kulz)

Ezra (Ez-ruh)

Nehemiah (Nee-uh-**my**-uh)

Esther (**Es**-ter)

Job (Jobe)

Psalms (Salmz)

Proverbs (**Prov**-erbz)

To finish this section:

- Say the next eight books of the Old Testament (1 Chronicles through Proverbs).

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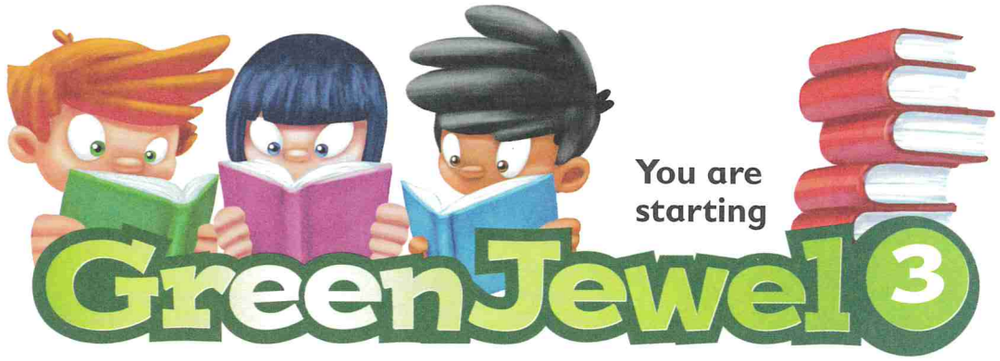
GOOD WORK!

You've earned Red Jewel 3.



More Old Testament Books

More Old Testament Books

You say it! These are the next seven books in the Old Testament.

Track 49

Ecclesiastes (Ick-**klee**-zee-**as**-teez)

Song of Solomon

Isaiah (I-**zay**-uh)

Jeremiah (Jer-uh-**my**-uh)

Lamentations (Lam-en-**tay**-shunz)

Ezekiel (E-**zee**-kee-el)

Daniel

To finish this section:

More Old Testament Books (continued)

You say it! These are the next seven books in the Old Testament.

Track 50

Hosea (Ho-**zay**-uh)

Joel (**Jo**-ul)

Amos (**A**-mus)

Obadiah (O-buh-**die**-uh)

Jonah (**Jo**-nuh)

Micah (**My**-kuh)

Nahum (**Nay**-hum)

To finish this section:

- Say the next seven books of the Old Testament (Hosea through Nahum).

More Old Testament Books (continued)

You say it! These are the last five books in the Old Testament.

Track 51

Habakkuk (Huh-**bak**-uk)

Zephaniah (**Zef**-uh-**nye**-uh)

Haggai (**Hag**-ee-i)

Zechariah (**Zek**-uh-**rye**-uh)

Malachi (**Mal**-uh-kye)

To finish this section:

- Say the last five books of the Old Testament (Habakkuk through Malachi).

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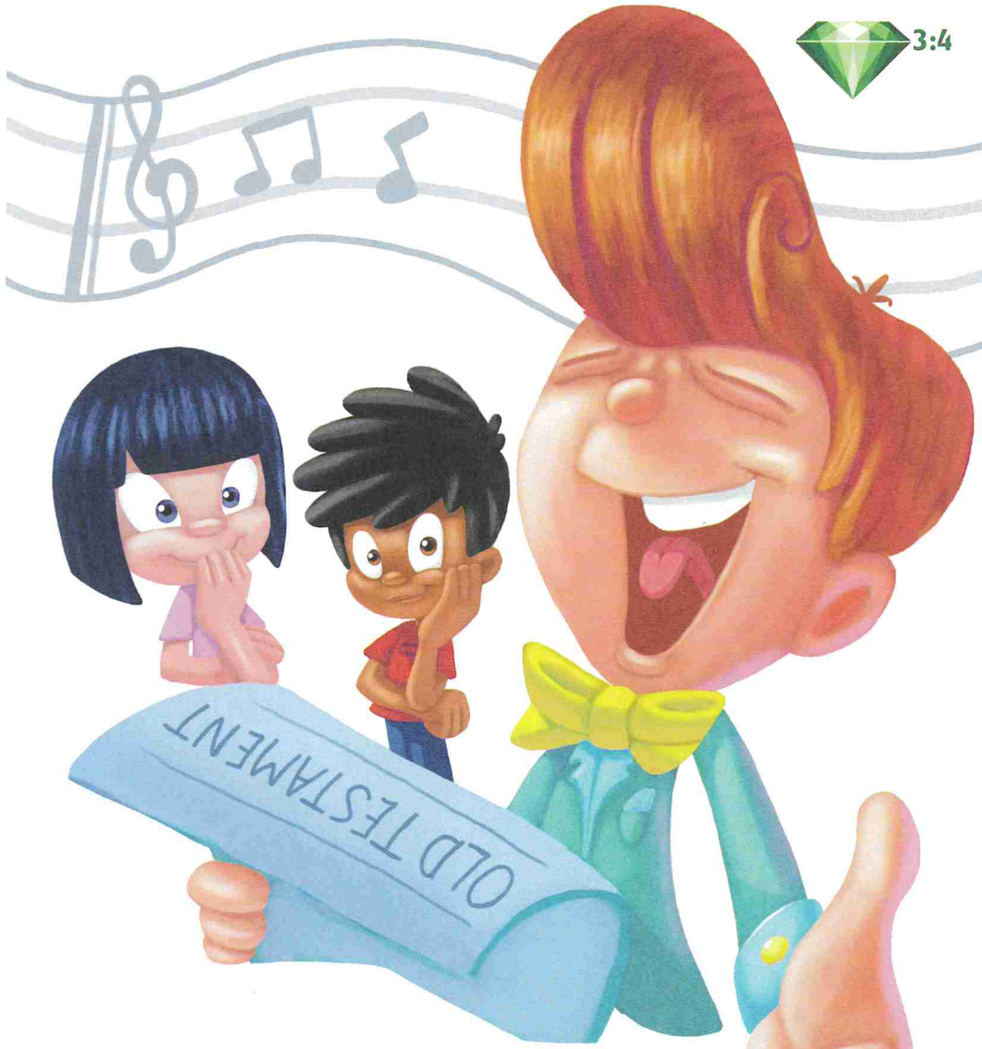
Green Jewel 3:3 completed.

Don't be shy! You can go ahead and sing all the Old Testament books if it's easier for you! The "Old Testament Books of the Bible" song is on Track 53.

You say it!

Track 52

Genesis	Ecclesiastes
Exodus	Song of Solomon
Leviticus	Isaiah
Numbers	Jeremiah
Deuteronomy	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
Job	Zechariah



To finish this section:

- Say or sing all 39 books of the Old Testament.

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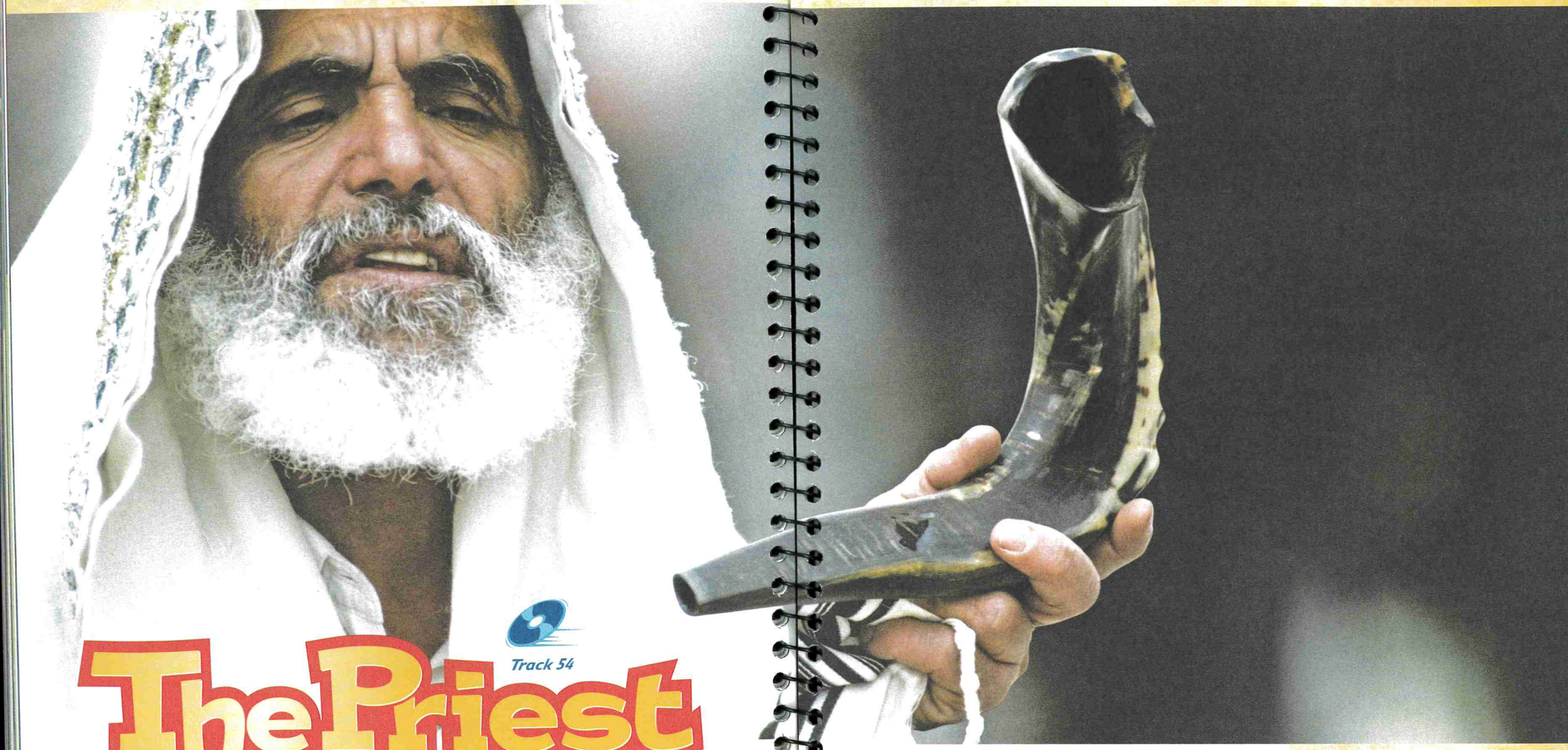
Red Jewel 4

The Savior Has Come!



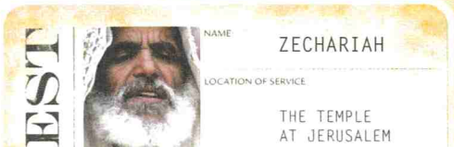
Track 54

The Priest

Who Didn't Believe

What a special day! Today the priest Zechariah to be chosen for this job. Finally, it was *his* turn.

himself into a room called the "Holy Place." He would



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What an honor! Zechariah would say prayers for God's people, the Israelites.

Zechariah stepped into the room. It was time to begin his special job.

All of a sudden, Zechariah froze like a statue. Someone stood in the room with him. It was an angel!

What a surprise! Why did the angel come to see Zechariah? Listen to Track 54 on your CD to find out.

PARENTS! The entire biography is also available on the CD as a PDF.

Where does this fit in the Bible?

Long before this time, the Bible said a prophet like Elijah would come (Malachi 4:5-6). Zechariah's son, John the Baptist, was that prophet!

You say it!

Track 55

John 1:1

***In the beginning was the Word* [Jesus Christ],**
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.

To finish this section:

- Say John 1:1.

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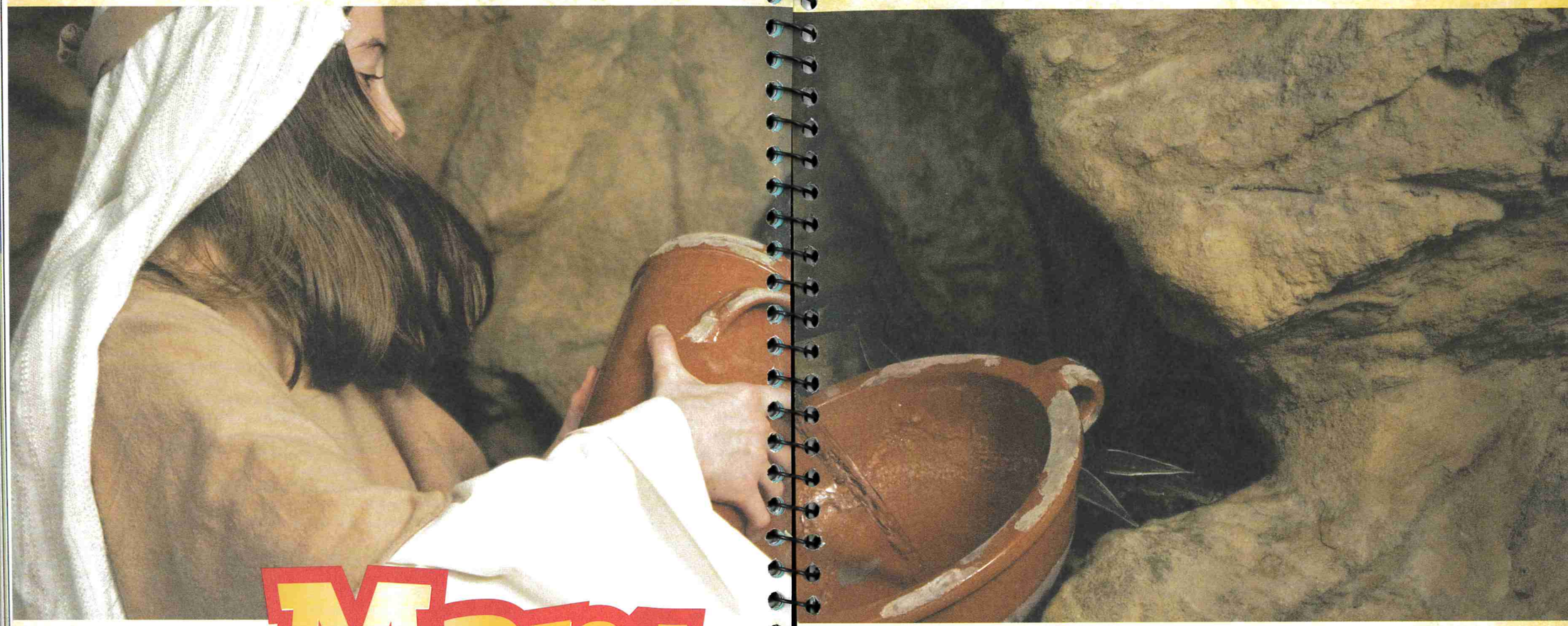
Red Jewel 4:1 completed.

The Bible says Jesus is God – He has always been alive. He was alive before He came to earth as our Savior.

FAITH

Learn from Zechariah's biography:

- What God says always comes true – even if it seems impossible!
- God wants you to believe what He says in the Bible right away.



Track 56

Mary

Handmaiden Who Believed

Mary had so many chores to do today. First, she had to go and get the floor and help her mother bake the bread.

she would marry a wonderful man named Joseph – and Mary must make clothes for the wedding!

Society of Special Servants

Name: Mary

City: Nazareth

Job: Handmaiden (girl servant) of the Lord

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"Greetings, chosen one!" said a voice. "The Lord is with you."

Mary looked up. There before her was an angel!

Mary felt scared. She had never heard a greeting like *this* before. *What could it mean?*

Why did the angel greet Mary this way? What was Mary chosen for? Listen to Track 56 on your CD to find out.

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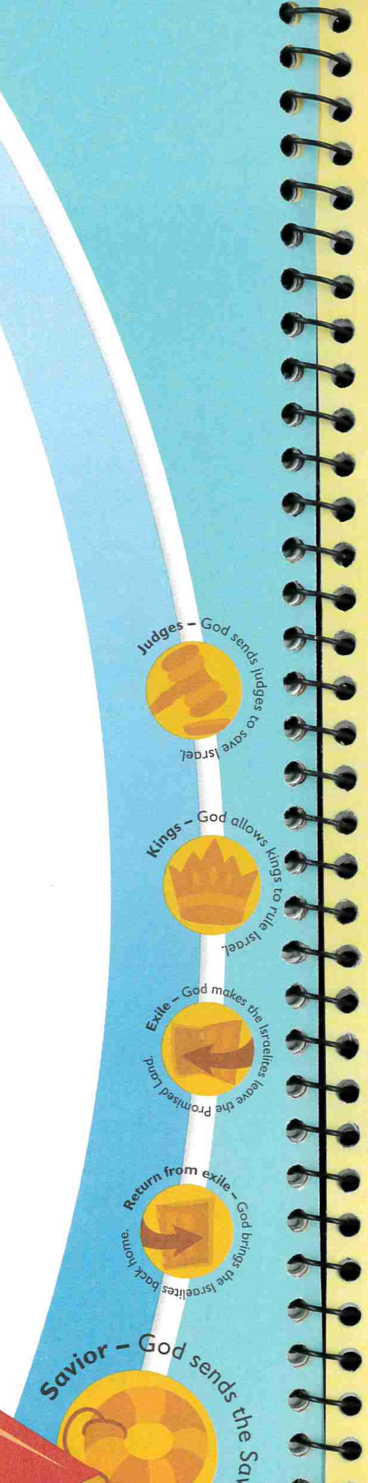
Where does this fit in the Bible?

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God promised to send a Savior (Genesis 3:15). The Savior would rescue people from sin forever.



You say it!

Track 57

John 1:2

He [Jesus Christ]
Was with God in the beginning.

To finish this section:

- Say John 1:2.

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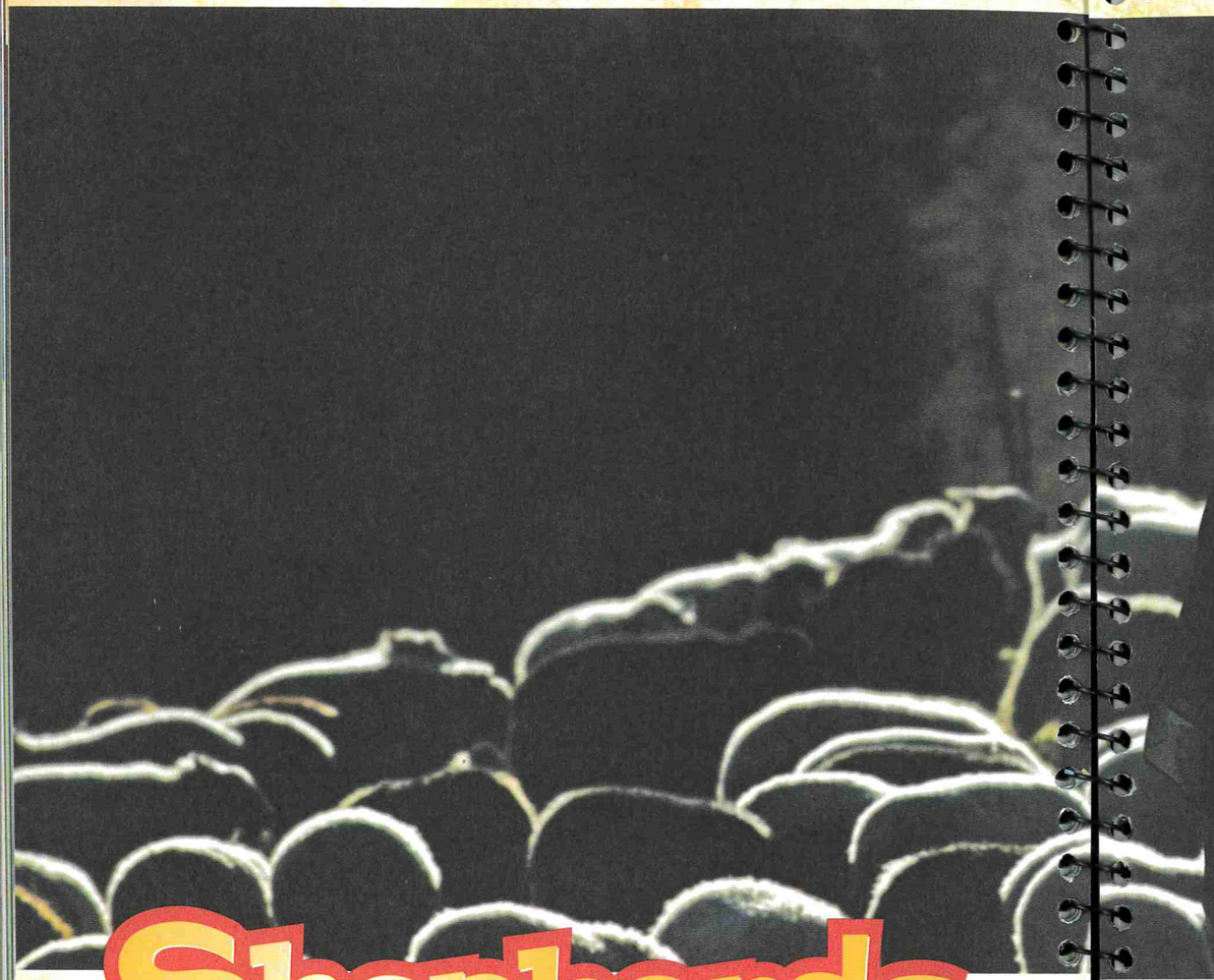
Learn from Mary's biography

- God chose Mary to be the mother of the Savior, Jesus Christ.
- What God says always comes true.
- Be like Mary! Believe everything that God says in His Word.



Shepherds

Tell the Good News

Track 58

The lights had already gone out in the town. The shepherds sat around a small campfire. They

That night only a few stars twinkled in the big, black sky. The sheep were quieter than usual – except for a

Searching Shepherds Association

Local Chapter:
Bethlehem, City of David

Tasks:
Shepherding and sharing the GOOD NEWS

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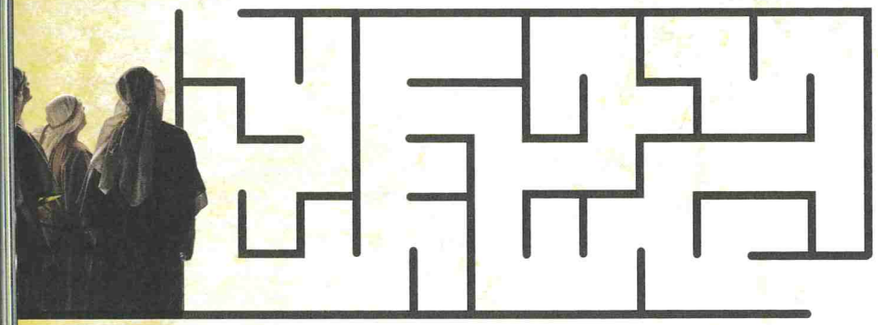
A few of them started to feel sleepy.

Suddenly, the sky lit up as brightly as daytime!

The shepherds jolted awake. They looked at each other with fearful faces. *What was happening?*

Help the shepherds find their way to baby Jesus!

Why did the sky light up? Was this a fireworks show? Listen to Track 58 on your CD to find out.



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Where does this fit in the Bible?

The Savior was born in the town of Bethlehem. Do you remember anyone else from Bethlehem? King David was from Bethlehem. Jesus Christ came from the family of David just as the Bible said He would. Jesus Christ is King forever.

Judges – God sends judges – God allow – God sends

You say it!

Track 59

John 1:3

Through Him all things were made;
Without Him nothing was made
That has been made.

The Bible says Jesus is the Creator – He made everything.

To finish this section:

- Say John 1:3.
- Complete the maze.

Leader's signature Date
Red Jewel 4:3 completed.

REVIEW
Leader's initials
Date

Learn from the shepherds' biography:

- Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, the City of David.
- Jesus Christ, the Savior, was born to save us from sin. That's GOOD NEWS!

Say John 1:1-3 all together now.

Track 60

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ],
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.

He [Jesus Christ]
Was with God in the beginning.

Through Him all things were made;
Without Him nothing was made
That has been made.

To finish this section:

- Say John 1:1-3.

Leader's signature Date
Red Jewel 4:4 completed.

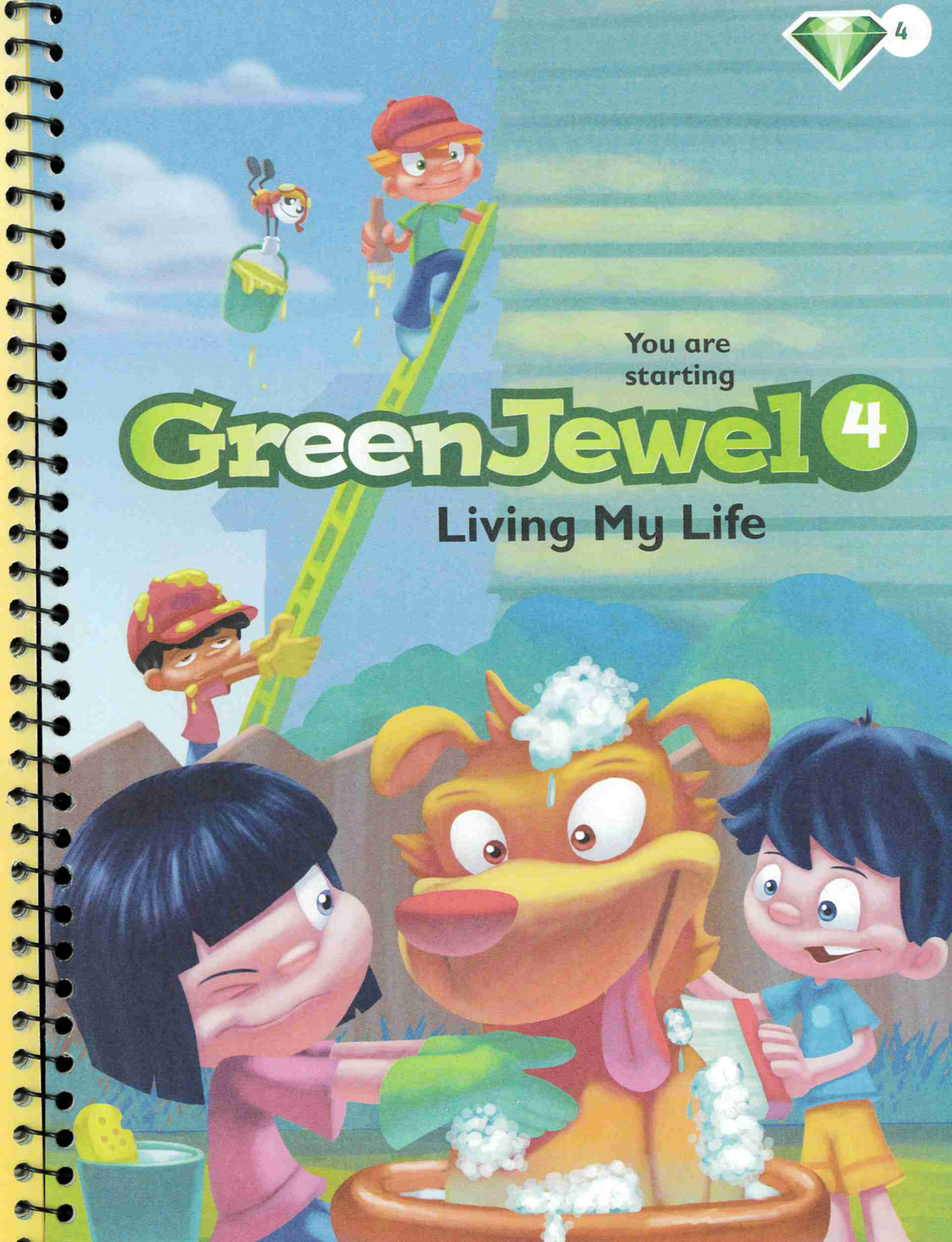
Now you're flying!

Only one more jewel to go.

You are starting

Green Jewel 4

Living My Life



Sometimes I'm not very nice to my little brother – especially when he breaks my toys.

This verse reminds me that I should forgive him.

Jesus Christ has forgiven me for all the things I've done wrong. I should forgive my brother too.

You say it!

Track 61

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate
To one another,
Forgiving each other,
Just as in Christ
God forgave you.

To finish this section:

- Say Ephesians 4:32.

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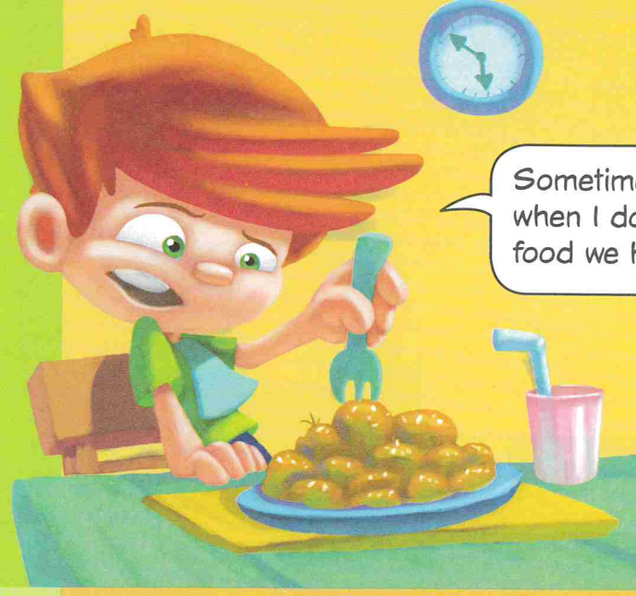


Sometimes I complain when I don't like the food we have for dinner.

This verse reminds me that God doesn't like complaining.

You say it!

Complaining – grumbling or whining

Track 62

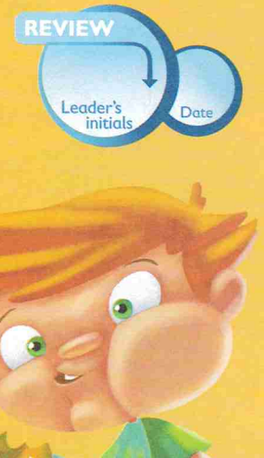
Philippians 2:14

Do everything without
Complaining or arguing.

To finish this section:

- Say Philippians 2:14.

Leader's signature Date
Green Jewel 4:2 completed



In Sparks, I learned that I should be

Here are some "Good Attitude Rules" for Sparks. Try to remember these when you go to club.

Good Attitude Rules

1. Wait for your turn.
2. Obey your leaders cheerfully.
3. Share.
4. Don't make fun of others.
5. Be helpful.

I have trouble with rule number one. Sometimes I don't like to wait my turn to say verses. I'm praying that God will help me to be patient.

How are you doing? Are you keeping all

You can also have a good attitude at home. This week, complete the chart below. Every night ask Mom or Dad (or the grown-up who takes care of you) to read the words to you. Make an "X" in each box that tells what you did that day.

When all the boxes are filled, have your parent sign the page. Then show it to your Sparks leader.

At my home today:	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
I obeyed cheerfully.					
I shared with others.					
I didn't argue or complain.					
I helped with something.					
To show my love for others, I did something kind for ... (In the spaces at the right, have Mom or Dad write in the names of people to whom you showed kindness.)	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name

_____ completed the tasks above. _____

Child's name — Parent or guardian signature

To finish this section:

Return Flight

Say these five verses again!

Track 33

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on Him
Because He cares for you.

Track 38

Mark 16:15

He said to them,
"Go into all the world
And preach the good news to all creation."

Track 45

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do,
Work at it with all your heart,
As working for the Lord,
Not for men.

Track 61

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate
To one another,
Forgiving each other,
Just as in Christ
God forgave you.

Track 62

Philippians 2:14

Do everything without complaining or arguing.

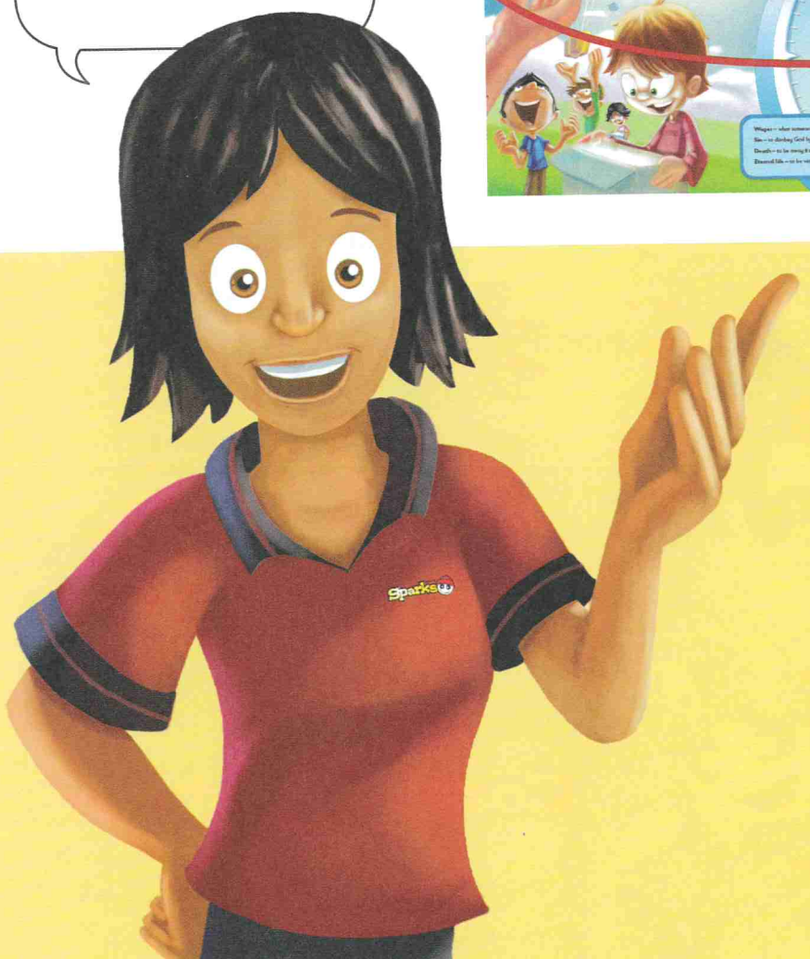
Congratulations!

You finished the *WingRunner* handbook!

You'll receive Green Jewel 4 and the

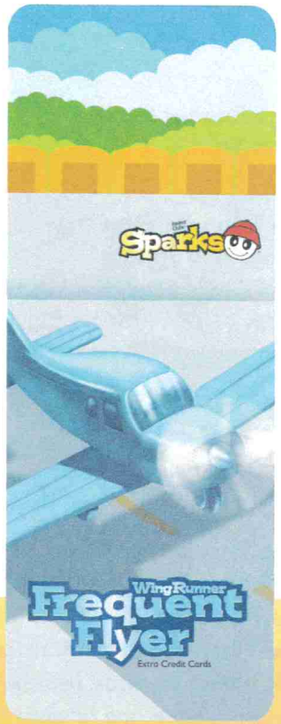
Sparks Extra Credit

If there is still time left in the club year, encourage Sparkies to begin the handbook review. Review verses should be recited with no helps from the leader.



Sparkies can either do the review in the handbook itself (by redoing those sections marked with a review bubble) …

Or they can do the review when they purchase the *WingRunner Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards.* These cards contain all the handbook review verses as well as brand-new verses to memorize! Encourage Sparkies to pursue this option.



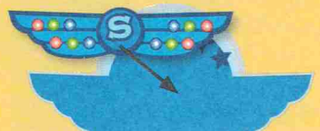
Tons of extra credit fun!

In the *WingRunner Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*, Sparkies will find at-home activities related to world missions and other Christian living topics, as well as various items just for fun, such as mazes, coloring activities, jokes and interesting facts.

You may also purchase colorful stickers to put on each completed Frequent Flyer extra credit section.

Kids love the colorful extra credit awards!

Upon completion of all review sections, Sparkies will receive the **WingRunner Review emblem**. Upon completion of the *WingRunner Frequent Flyer Extra Credit Cards*, Sparkies will receive the **WingRunner Extra Credit pin**.



The WingRunner Pilot Wings are attached to the WingRunner Review emblem.

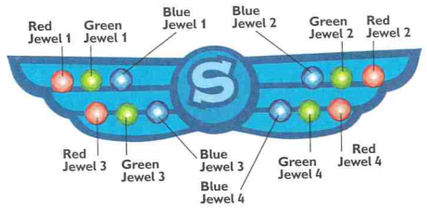
The WingRunner Extra Credit pin is attached to the review emblem.

Sparks Uniform Awards

1. Sparks Emblem

2. WingRunner Rank Emblem

3. WingRunner Pilot Wings and Jewels

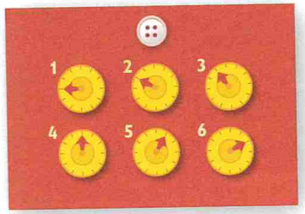


Blue Jewels
You can earn jewels just by showing up at club! Earn one Blue Jewel for each of the four club attendance periods. (But be sure you only have one unexcused absence during each attendance period.) Then, by the end of the year, you will have four shiny Blue Jewels for your WingRunner Pilot Wings!

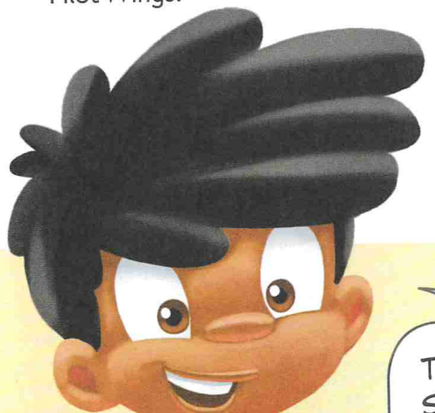
4. WingRunner Review Emblem

5. WingRunner Extra Credit Pin

6. Church Attendance Emblems



To receive a Church Attendance emblem, you must go to church (your director will tell you how many times) for half the club year. You can earn up to two Church Attendance emblems each club year. And remember, you can go to ANY church to earn this award, not just the one where you attend Sparks.



This year I earned the Second Book ribbon!

Sparks Book Awards

First Book Ribbon

Second Book Ribbon

WingRunner CD Tracks

Track 1: Verse – John 3:16

Track 2: Character Story – A Present for Mrs. Torres

Track 3: Verse – 1 John 4:14 (S is for Savior)

Track 4: Verse – Psalm 147:5 (P is for Power)

Track 5: Character Story – Who's There?

Track 6: Verse – 1 Corinthians 15:3 (A is for According to the Scriptures)

Track 7: Verse – 1 Corinthians 15:4 (R is for Raised)

Track 8: Character Story – A Curious Visitor

Track 9: Verse – James 2:10 (K is for Keep)

Track 10: Verse – Acts 16:31 (S is for Saved)

Track 11: Character Story – A Good Time to Pray

Track 12: Verse – John 20:31

Track 13: Verse – Psalm 118:1

Track 14: Character Story – The Best Gift of All

Track 15: Verse – Romans 6:23

Track 16: New Testament Books of the Bible Song

Track 17: Bible Biography – Deborah, a Mother in Israel

Track 18: Verse – Deuteronomy 6:5

Track 19: Verse – Psalm 96:2

Track 20: Bible Biography – Samson, the Strong Judge

Track 23: Bible Biography – Samuel, the Listening Prophet

Track 24: Verse – Proverbs 20:11

Track 25: Bible Biography – David, the Shepherd King

Track 26: Verse – Psalm 23:1-2

Track 27: Verse – Psalm 23:3

Track 28: Bible Biography – Solomon, the Wise King

Track 29: Verse – Psalm 23:4

Track 30: Verse – Psalm 23:5

Track 31: Bible Biography – Elijah, the Running Prophet

Track 32: Verse – Psalm 23:6

Track 33: Verse – 1 Peter 5:7

Track 34: Verse – Psalm 23:1-6

Track 35: Character Story – A Friend From Faraway

Track 36: Character Story – A Very Different Sparks Club

Track 37: Character Story – Not That Different After All!

Track 38: Verse – Mark 16:15

Track 39: Character Story – Tell Everybody!

Track 40: Bible Biography – King Josiah, Lover of God's Word

Track 41: Verse – 1 Peter 1:25

Track 42: Bible Biography – Daniel, the Praying Prophet

Track 43: Verse – 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Character Story

Verse

Bible Biography

Books of the Bible

WingRunner CD Tracks (continued)

- Character Story
- Verse
- Bible Biography
- Books of the Bible

Track 46: Old Testament (first five books)

Track 47: Old Testament (next seven books)

Track 48: Old Testament (next eight books)

Track 49: Old Testament (next seven books)

Track 50: Old Testament (next seven books)

Track 51: Old Testament (last five books)

Track 52: Old Testament (all books)

Track 53: Old Testament Books of the Bible Song

Track 54: Bible Biography – The Priest Who Didn't Believe

Track 55: Verse – John 1:1

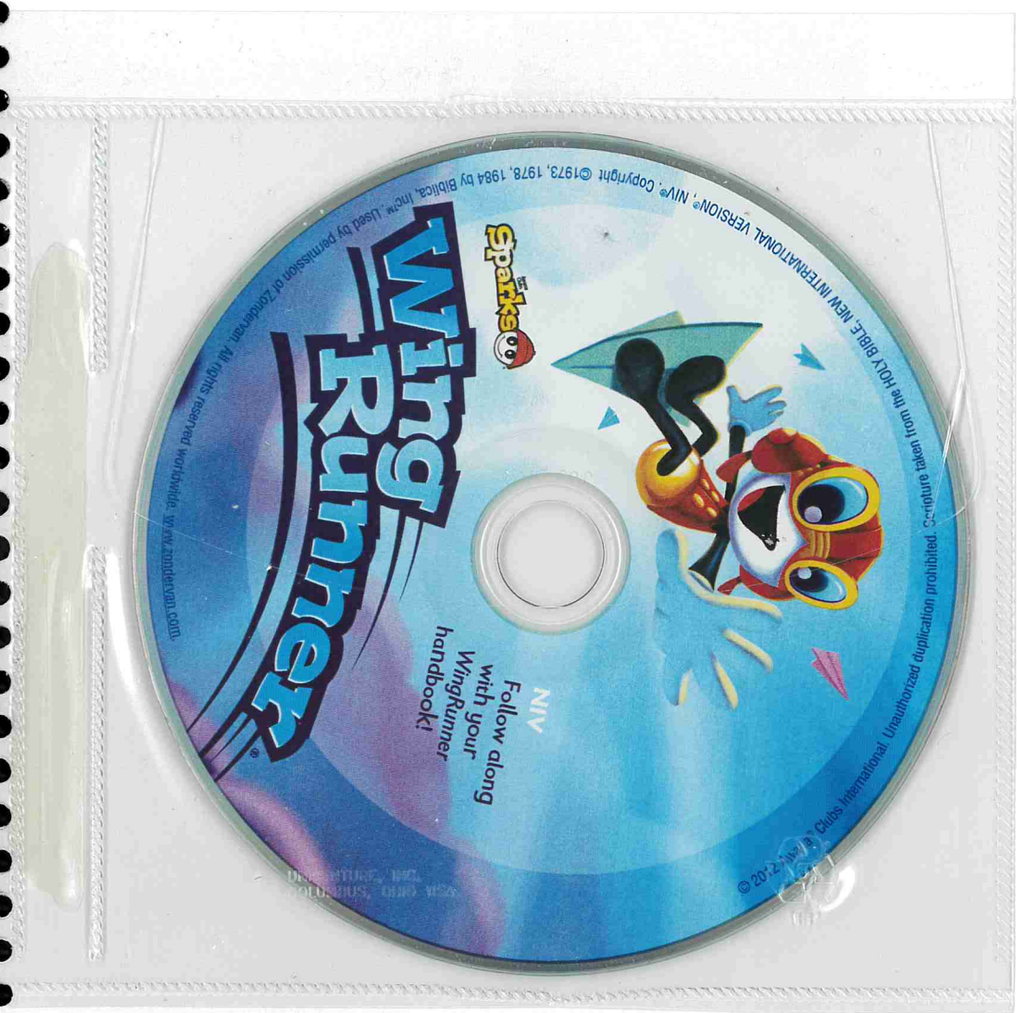
Track 56: Bible Biography – Mary, Handmaiden Who Believed

Track 57: Verse – John 1:2

Track 58: Bible Biography – Shepherds Tell the Good News

Track 59: Verse – John 1:3

Track 60: Verse – John 1:1-3

Track 61: Verse – Ephesians 4:32

Track 62: Verse – Philippians 2:14