

WisdomKids

A complete copy work program for ages 4-14

Psalm 1

BE LIKE A TREE!



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I have chosen the way of the truth: thy judgments have I laid before me
Psalms 119:30

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Introduction

How wonderful it is to see your child delight in the Lord at an early age!

Many parents (myself once included) find it necessary to buy "Bible curriculum" in order to train up your child. We learned through a family trial that the best resource for your child is the Bible.

What better way to train your child than to show her/him that whenever life hands you something unbearable, you seek His Word! Our daughter now knows that all of life's answers are in her Bible! Please have your child get in the routine of getting his Bible out when preparing to use the WisdomKids books. This curriculum is not intended to replace God's Holy Word.

It's best that you get an easier version while they are young. I recommend either the *New International Reader's Version*TM, or the *International Children's Bible*®. Both are very simply stated.

As homeschoolers, we all tend to have our own way of doing things, so I haven't included a lesson plan. You'll find coloring pages to coincide with each section. You may use these with younger children as well as using them in your house to remind them of their verses. I have found it beneficial to post the pages on our refrigerator. This way the girls are reminded of each piece of wisdom every week. In some books, you may find a Word Study section. This is vital to understanding Scripture in whole.

Upon completion, you'll find a Wisdom Award certificate for your child. If you enjoy scrapbooking as much as I do, the certificate is a nice addition to your child's album.

It is my prayer that your family will grow together and delight in the Lord always.

Complete in Him.

Shari

Directions

Psalms is the 19th Book of the Bible. It is sometimes referred to as “The Songbook of Israel”. Find Psalm 1 in your Bible.

Psalm 1 shows us that we have a choice to make in how we live. We can either follow God, or be among the evil doers. Which way will you choose?

Pray with your child;

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your daily grace. As we begin this lesson, please help us to hear your Word and its meaning for our lives. Help us to focus on learning your Words and to hide them in our hearts. We love you Lord, and are thankful that you have given us a way to know how to live. May we bring glory and honor to You in everything that we do and say. Amen.

For each page, read the verse to your child. Have them repeat it to you. For younger ones, you may have to break it up a bit more. I use part of a sticky note to mark the passage. On the sticky note, you might write the subtitle of each WisdomKids book. For this one, you’d write, “Be Like a Tree”. This will be your child’s clue into the passage.

When reading the passage, be sure to emphasize the passage and speak in a lively tone. This will capture their attention when reading just about anything to them! I find most children like a mystery-type tone and usually move their eyes back and forth from my facial expressions to the page we’re reading. Little ones are so full of life, it’s so important to keep that excitement growing. After each verse, I’ve added lines where they can copy the verse, word for word. On the next page you can have them tell you what it means to them and then write it down **IN THEIR OWN WORDS**.

For instance, “Happy is the person who doesn’t listen to the wicked”. You might ask, “who might a wicked person be?” Or, “how does not listening to the wicked bring you happiness?”. “When have you listened to the wicked? How did you feel?”

In addition to learning verses, it is most important that they understand how each verse applies to their current lives. You’ll also find a surprise— either a puzzle or a word study in every WisdomKids book. This enhances the memorization process and adds a touch of fun for the kids!

You might want to do one or two pages/verses per day. Again, it’s up to you and your child. You may then choose to use the coloring sheet to hang somewhere in the house as a reminder. Throughout the week(s), bring your child’s attention to the sheet and ask him a question or two. You’ll be amazed at how much they retain!

Repeat the Directions for each section. Be blessed!

This is how God wants you to live. Pay close attention.

1 Happy is the person

who doesn't listen to

the wicked.

List examples of what might be included in things/people that are considered wicked.

1 Happy is the person who doesn't listen to the wicked.



What does this verse mean to you?

Parent: you may want to write this down so not to overdo the writing process. This also shows your child that you are a part of this study, and it also opens up a door for sharing thoughts with each other. What a blessing to hear what's in your child's heart!

He doesn't go

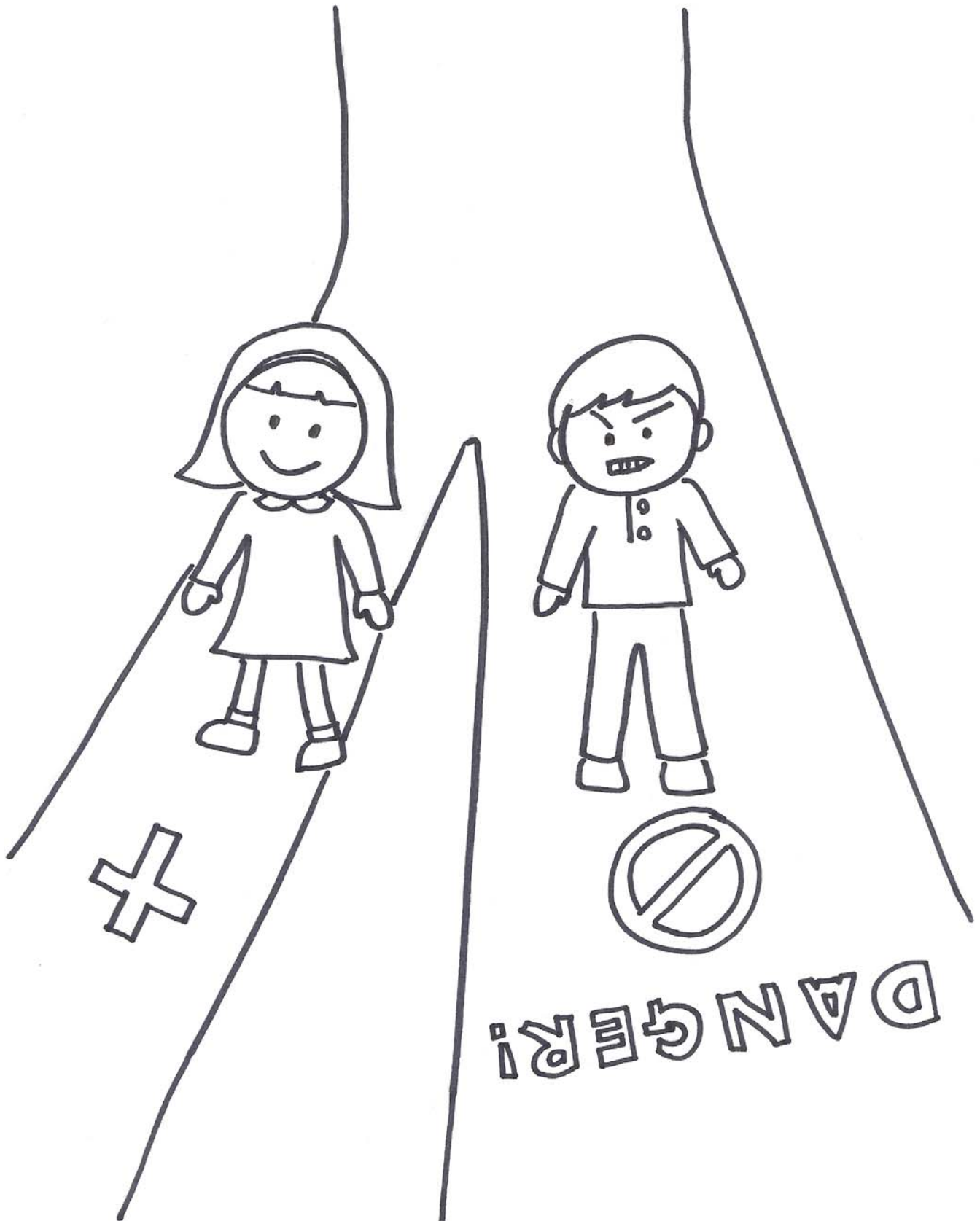
where sinners go.

He doesn't do what

bad people do.

List some examples of places where sinners might be, and what behavior is considered as being *bad* or *unacceptable* in the eyes of the Lord.

He doesn't go where sinners go.
He doesn't do what bad people do.



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2 He loves the

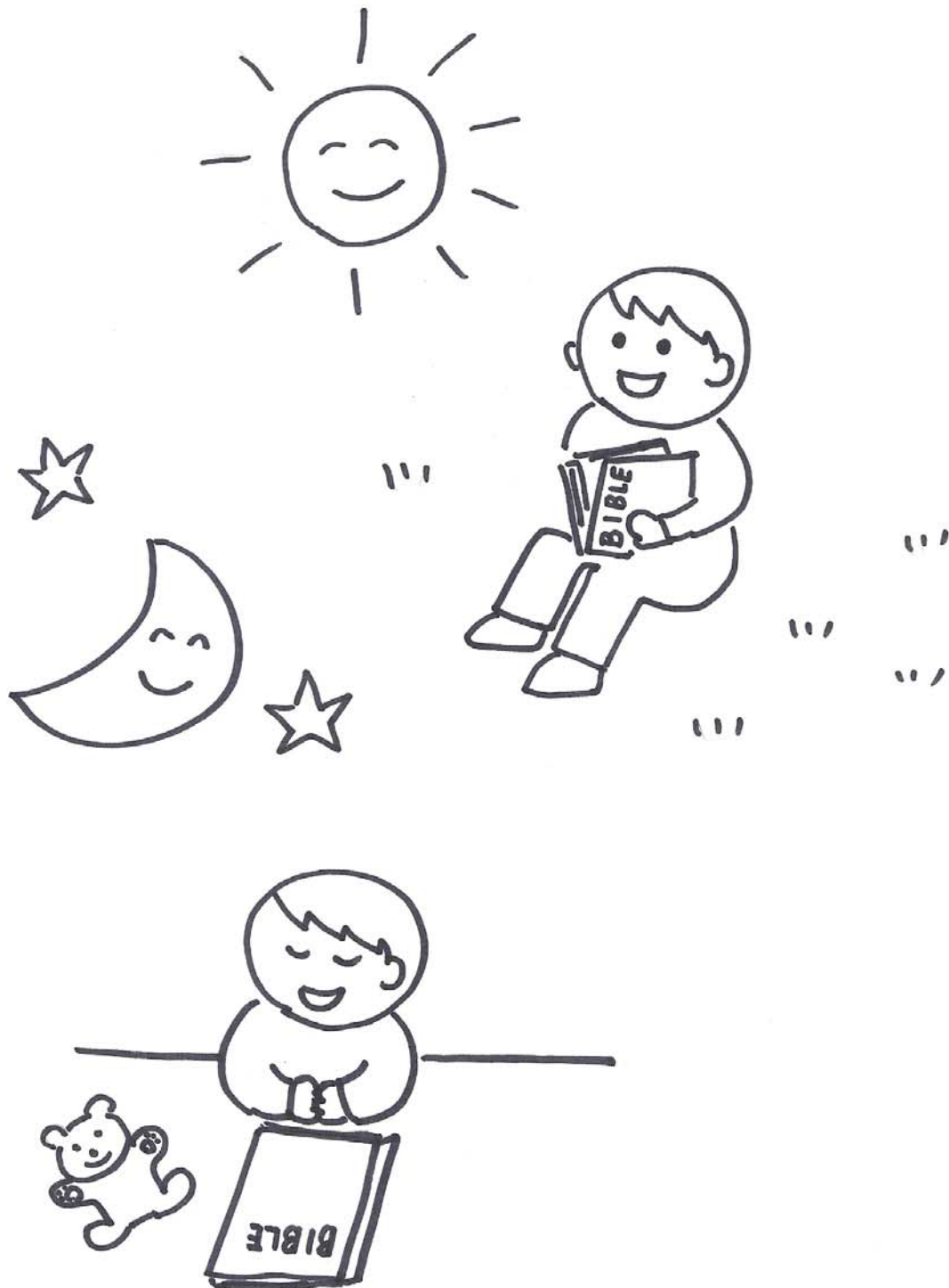
Lord's teachings.

He thinks about those

teachings day and night.

List examples of what "teachings" might be and how they apply to your child's life now. Explain that *teachings* mean God's law. We will find happiness when we delight in the Lord and trust His teachings. Now would be a great time to discuss what *Faith* means. See Psalm 112:1, Psalm 34:8, Rev. 22:14, Prov. 1:15.

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3 He is strong,

Like a tree

planted by a river.

Discuss how trees are strong when their roots are big and strong.
Ask these questions:

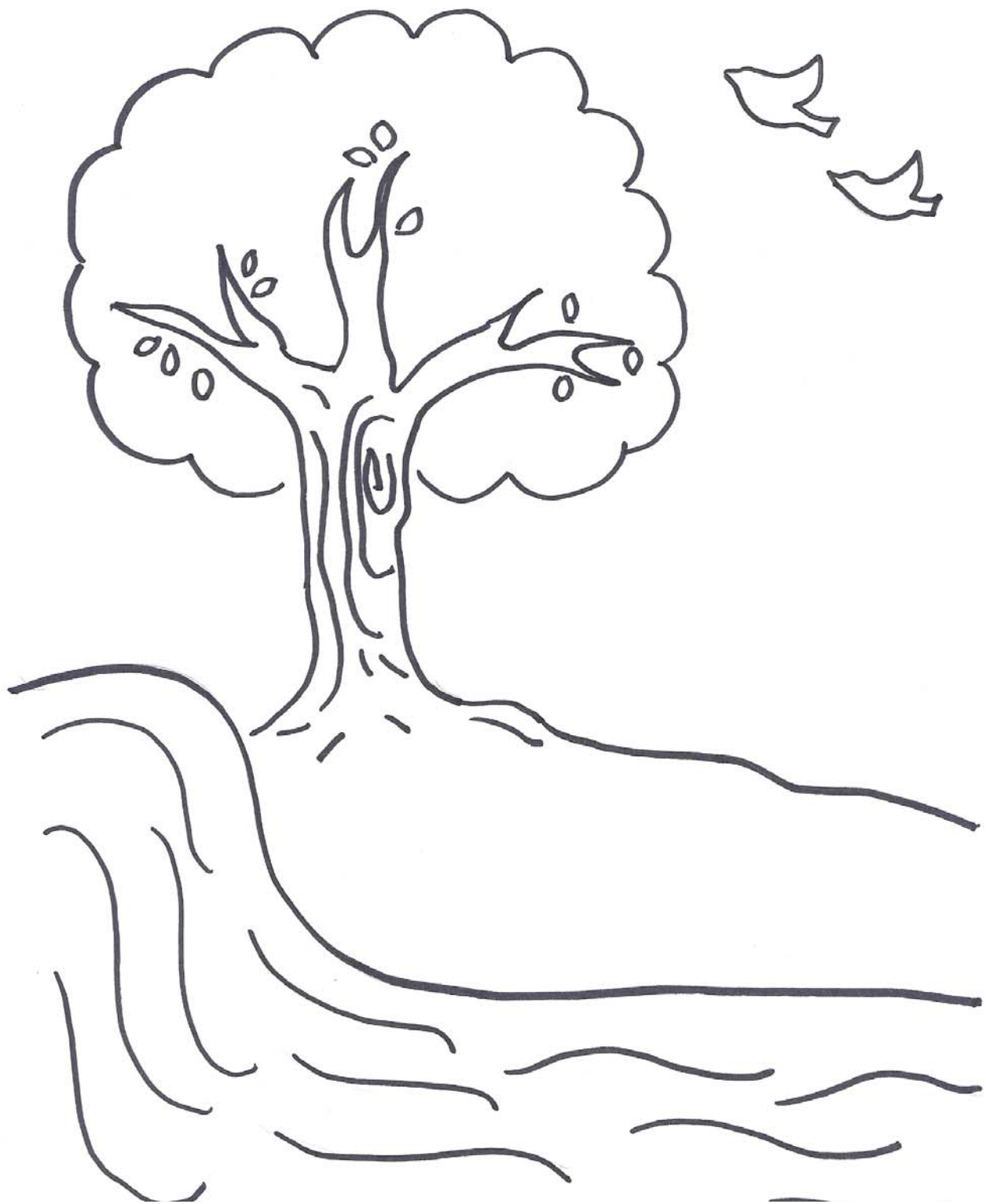
Do you think that a tree with such big roots would easily fall by itself?

Where do the roots grow? If possible, go outside and show them a tree root.

Tell your child that her/his roots will need to grow in this same way; by following God's Word.

Why is it important for the tree to be planted by the river (water)?
(it helps the tree to grow and bloom, much like God's Word helps us to grow and bloom into what He has called us to be)

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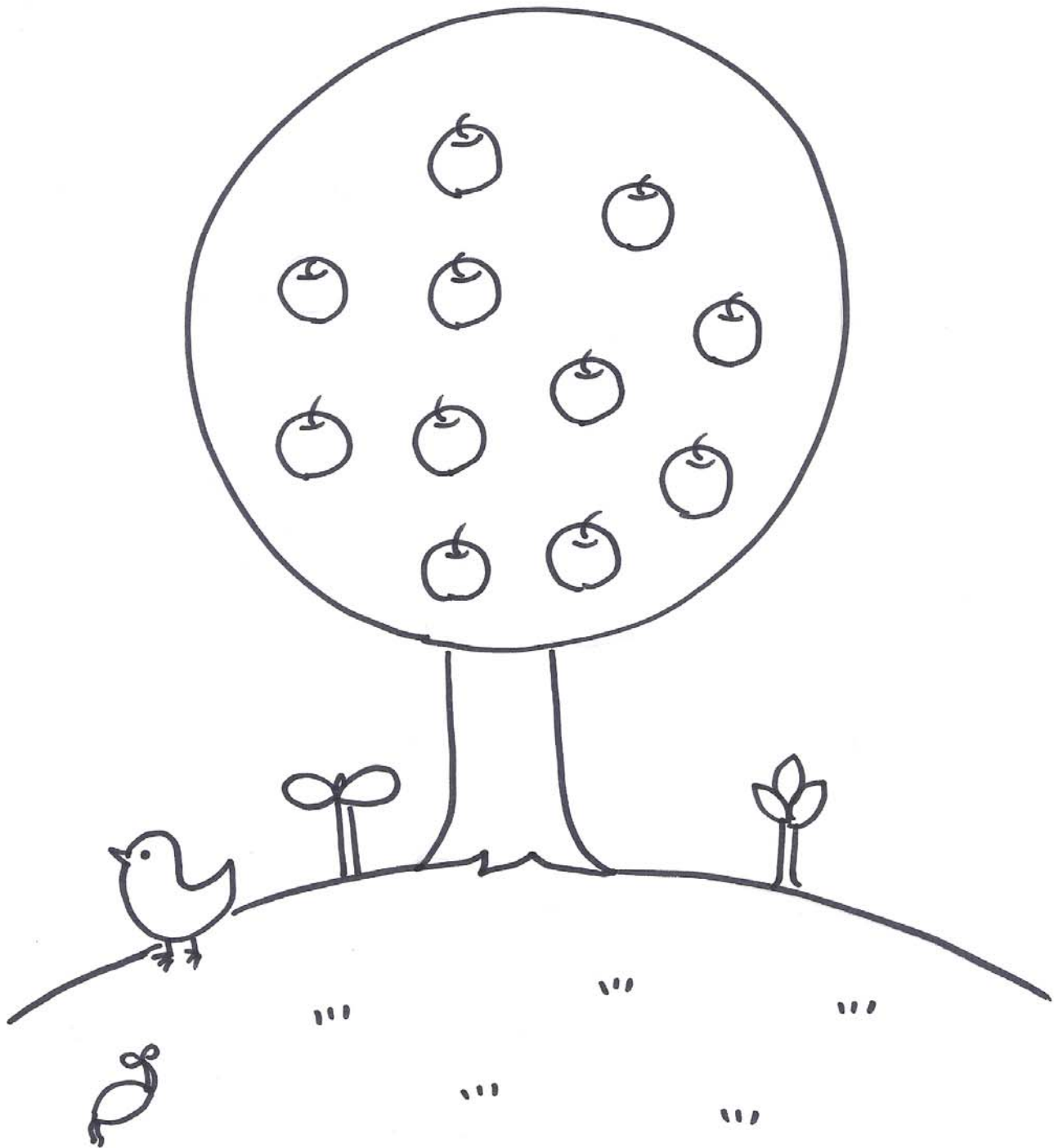
don't die.

Everything he does

will succeed.

Explain what "produce" and "succeed" mean. Be careful not to put emphasis on the worldly meaning of succeed. Discuss the Fruits of the Spirit. See Gal. 5:22

It produces fruit in season. Its leaves don't die.
Everything he does will succeed.



Word Study

“Succeed”

Worldly definition: *to come next after another in office or position or in possession of an estate; to inherit sovereignty, rank, or title.*

Biblical Usage: *to stand; to maintain oneself, to be established, to endure, to be valid, proven, fulfilled, to persist, to be set.*

Compare/Contrast activity.

Directions: In column 1, list what someone who doesn't know God might consider to be successful.

In column 2, write down what a person that knows God, and obeys His word, would consider to be successful.

Column 1

Column 2

Example: Expensive car	

Consider these things. Pray and ask God to help you to be successful in His eyes.

Word Study

“produce”

Wordly definition: *to make something. To bring something out for people to see.*

Biblical usage: *to come near, enter into, to draw near.*

Wow! Quite a difference in definition. One definition is for others to see, and the second definition means we should (action)_____ to (whom)_____.

Draw a picture below that shows how you can draw near to God.

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Now you will learn about how NOT to live your life. This part is just as important as the first part!

4 But wicked people

are not like that.

They are like

useless chaff.

Chaff: *chaf* is the husk of a head of grain. Farmers must separate it from the good part of the grain. In Bible times they tossed the grain and chaff together into the air. Since the chaff is lighter, the wind blew it away and the good grain fell back onto the threshing floor.

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They are like useless chaff



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5 So the wicked

will not escape

God's punishment.

Sinners will not

Worship God

with good people.

⁵ So the wicked will not escape God's punishment. Sinners will not worship God with good people.



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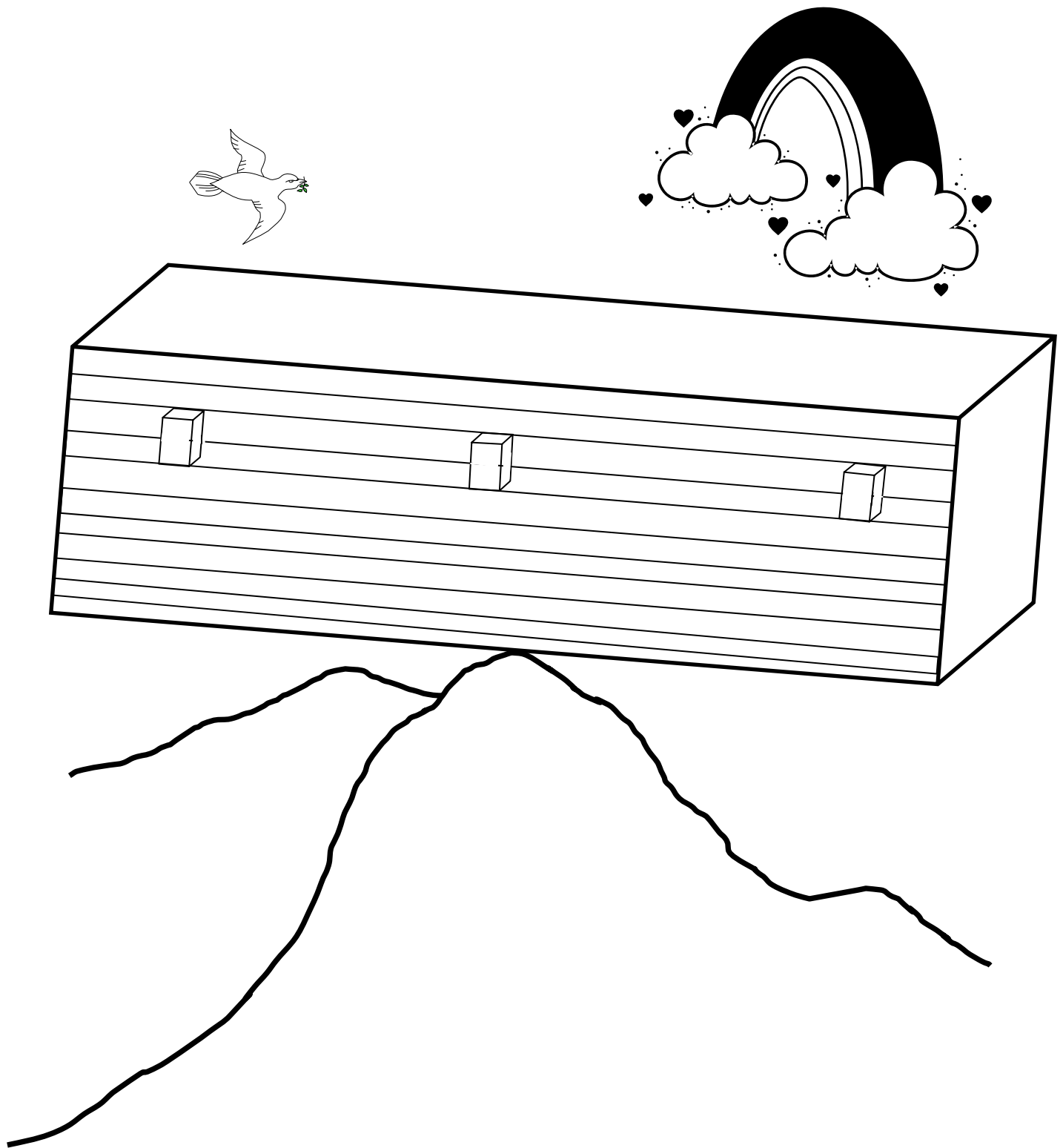
good people.

But the wicked

will be destroyed.

Pray and ask God to help you hide His words in your heart. After you've completed the next coloring page, see if you can write the passage without looking back. Keep trying until you know the entire passage by heart. You will be blessed by learning God's Word! Discuss how God took care of Noah and His promise to us.

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Psalm 1

Handwriting practice lines for Psalm 1. The page contains ten sets of horizontal lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing a guide for letter height and placement.

This image shows a handwriting practice sheet. It features ten sets of horizontal lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. These lines are designed to help children learn the correct height and placement of letters. The entire sheet is enclosed in a double-line purple border.

This image shows a handwriting practice sheet. It features ten sets of horizontal lines, each set consisting of three lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. These sets are arranged vertically, providing a guide for letter height and placement. The entire sheet is enclosed in a double purple border.

Once you feel that your child actually knows how to apply this passage to their life, if you'd like, you may introduce them to the different wording of the New King James Version.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.
4 The ungodly *are* not so,
But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Wisdom Award

This certificate is to proclaim praises in the name of Jesus, to

For learning the true meaning of Psalm 1.

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in the year of _____



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