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Family Home Evening Made Easy

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Faith Is Like A Little Seed Family Home Evening Packet Large Graphics

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Suggested Songs: "Faith", pg. 96 (Childrens)
"I Know My Father Lives", pg. 302 (Hymn)

"True To The Faith", pg. 254 (Hymn)

Scriptures: Ether 12:6, Alma 32:28-39, Luke 17:6

Story: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc.
Use flannel, or laminate and cut out
and place magnets on back of graphics, etc.

Game: To assemble the game, laminate and cut out all the leaves. Color the "Watch Me As My Faith Grows" tree page and laminate. Cut the page into four equal cards (4 1/4 x 5 1/2). There are two card sheets. Laminate the sheets and cut on the dotted lines.

How To Play: Give each player a "Watch Me As My Faith Grows" card and eight leaves (church activity, scripture study, choose the right, obey the word of wisdom, prayer, honesty, service, and obedience). Place the orange cards face down in a pile. Choose a player to go first. The player draws a card and does as the card instructs. The player will either be able to gain a leaf or lose one. At the end of the players turn, he places the card in a discard pile. If you run out of cards in the draw pile, simply shuffle the discard pile and place them in the draw pile again. The object is to be the first player to get all eight of their leaves on their tree.

Jill's "Swelling" Bubble Bread

Chopped pecans

20 to 24 frozen Rhodes rolls

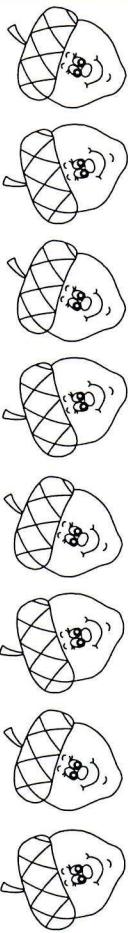
1/2 cup brown sugar

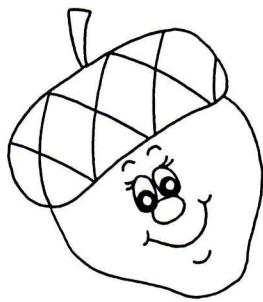
1 small box of the
(cooked) butterscotch pudding

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

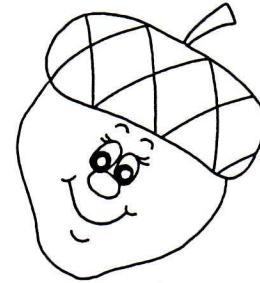
3/4 cube of melted butter

Grease the bottom and sides of a bundt pan with butter. Sprinkle chopped pecans into the bottom of the bundt pan. Place 20 to 24 frozen Rhodes rolls around the inside of the bundt pan. Set aside. In a separate bowl mix 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1 box of butterscotch pudding and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Pour mixture over frozen rolls. Melt 3/4 cup butter and drizzle over top of rolls. Loosely cover with plastic wrap and allow to sit over night or 8 to 10 hours before baking. Bake at 350 for 20 to 30 minutes. ENJOY!





Faith Is Like A Little Seed



Who can tell me what faith is? (**Answers**) These are all good answers and ideas. I want to tell you a story about faith and a little acorn seed that became a big oak tree.

We're going to pretend that this little acorn seed is our faith. It's very small and we're going to plant him in the Soil Of Righteous Living. The soil is like our parents. It protects us from the dangers of the outside world. Our little seed likes his new home and soon a little cloud passes over him, sending life giving droplets of water down on his shiny face. These drops represent our church activity, honesty, obedience, service, prayer and scripture study which are crucial to our faith development. What else does our little friend need to grow in faith and to survive?

(Discussion)

Soon the golden sun sneaks past a cloud and shines its warm rays down on the little acorn in his new home. The sun is like the Holy Ghost. We must have the Holy Ghost to have faith. The Holy Ghost makes us feel so good and snuggly inside. We feel like everything is OK. We have a feeling of well-being.

Pretty soon, before we know it, the little seed is sprouting a stem and beautiful, green leaves. He is proud and standing tall.

Now, if the acorn seed only received lots of sun and rain, he would grow nicely and quickly but there are things that will try to destroy our little pal. What are some of the things that could kill the seed? (**Discussion**) There are many forces that work to hurt the little seed and destroy us as well.

Suddenly, a huge gust of wind blows down on the sapling, bruising and beating it as it stands all alone in the soil. These winds are the worldly influence that we must deal with every day at school, with our friends, on the play-ground, at work and at parties. We must be strong to withstand this kind of pressure. What kinds of things do you have to deal with on a daily basis? (**Discussion**)

The tree is growing well now, but he still has to be very careful. There are bugs out there! Bugs can get to us all. The bugs are inactivity, choosing the wrong friends, and disobeying the Word of Wisdom. How can we get rid of the bugs? (**Discussion**) Yes, we need bug spray! The bug spray is the correct choices we make. Every time we choose the right, we exterminate the bugs in our lives.

Now the tiny sapling has blossomed into a mighty oak. His leaves become the stepping stones to the growth of a big tree. They represent what he has become so far. He is an example, he is progressing and he is happy.

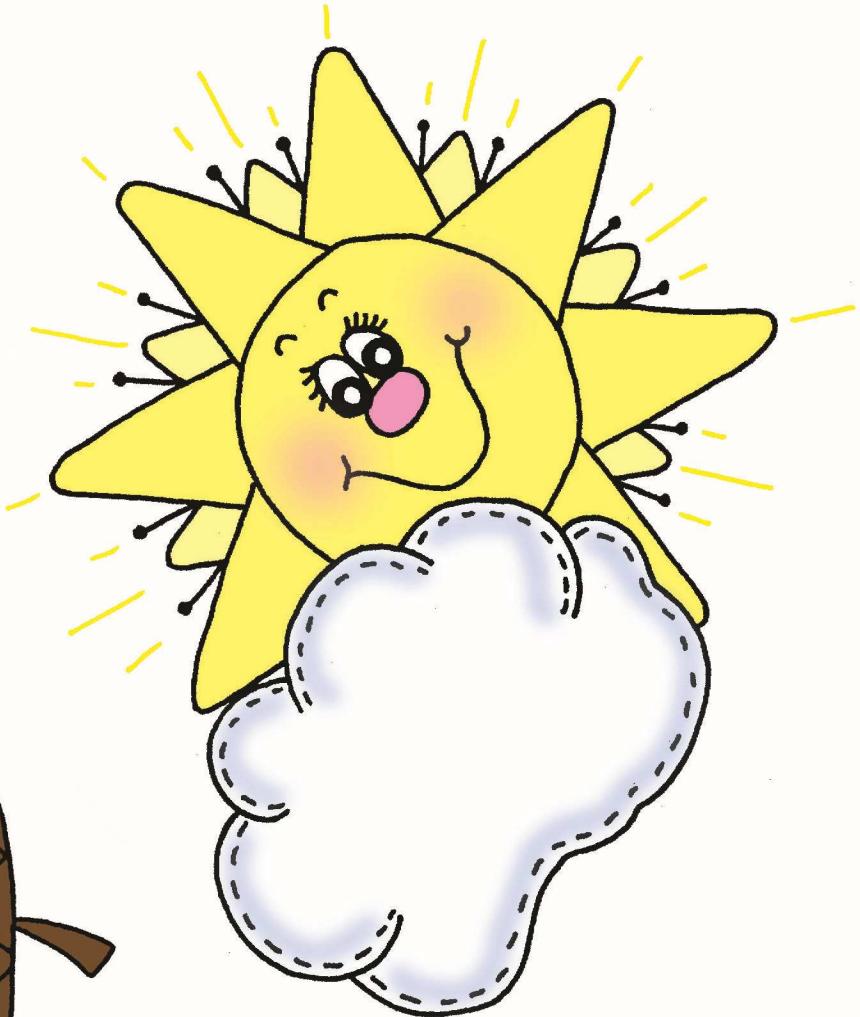
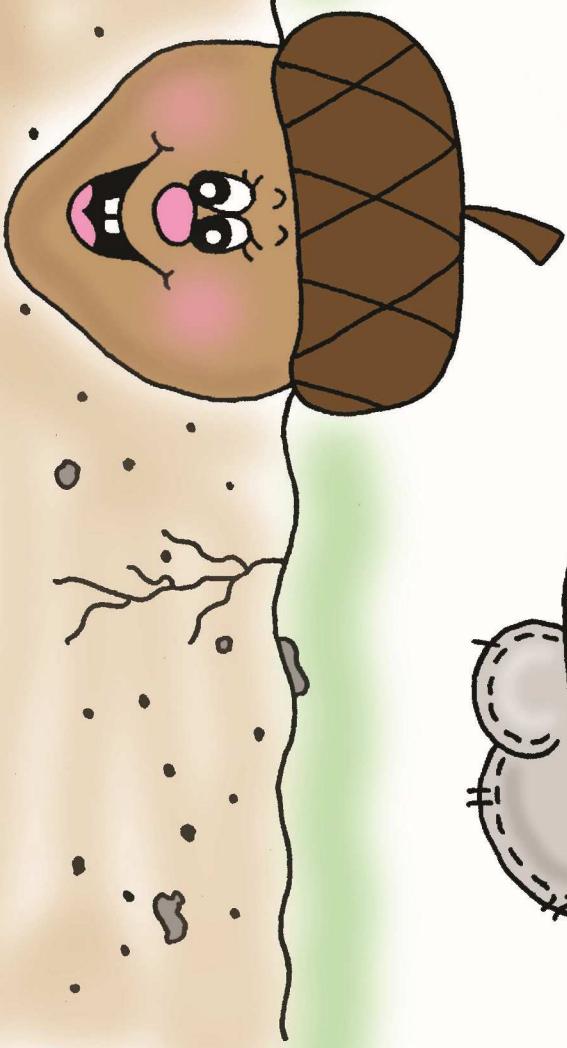
After years of nurturing and care, the acorn seed has become one of the most beautiful and mighty trees in the world. He knows truth and has become truth. He can now spread his giant arms to the world, providing shade and comfort to others.

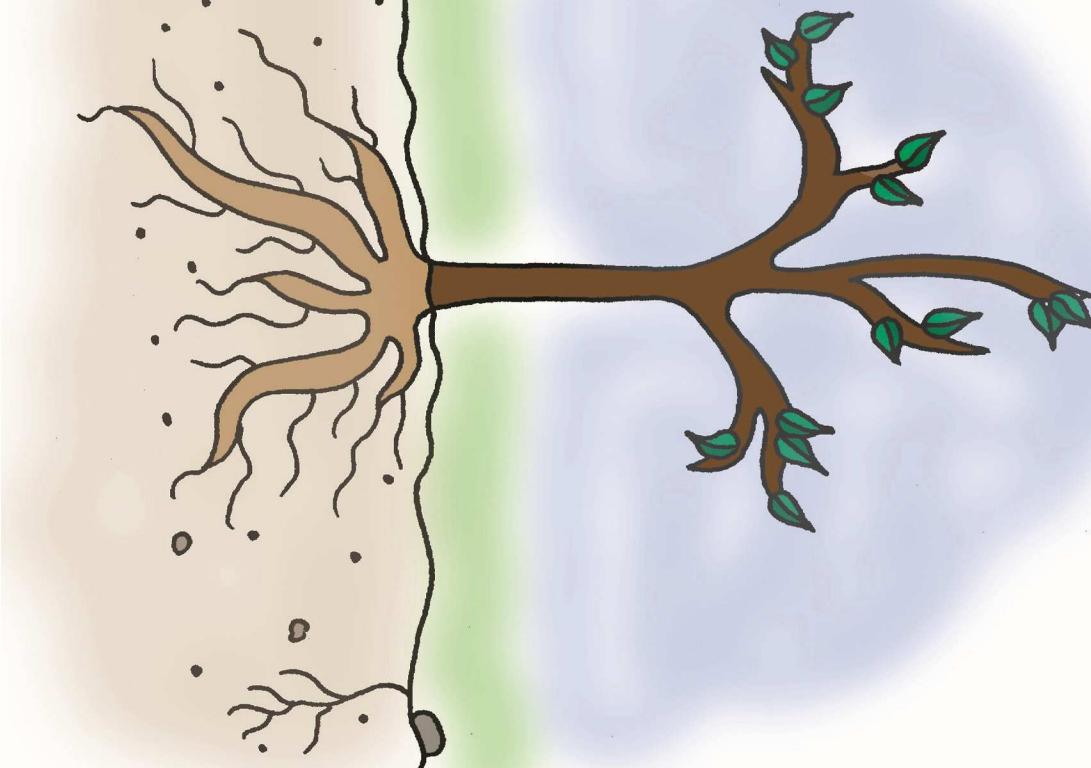
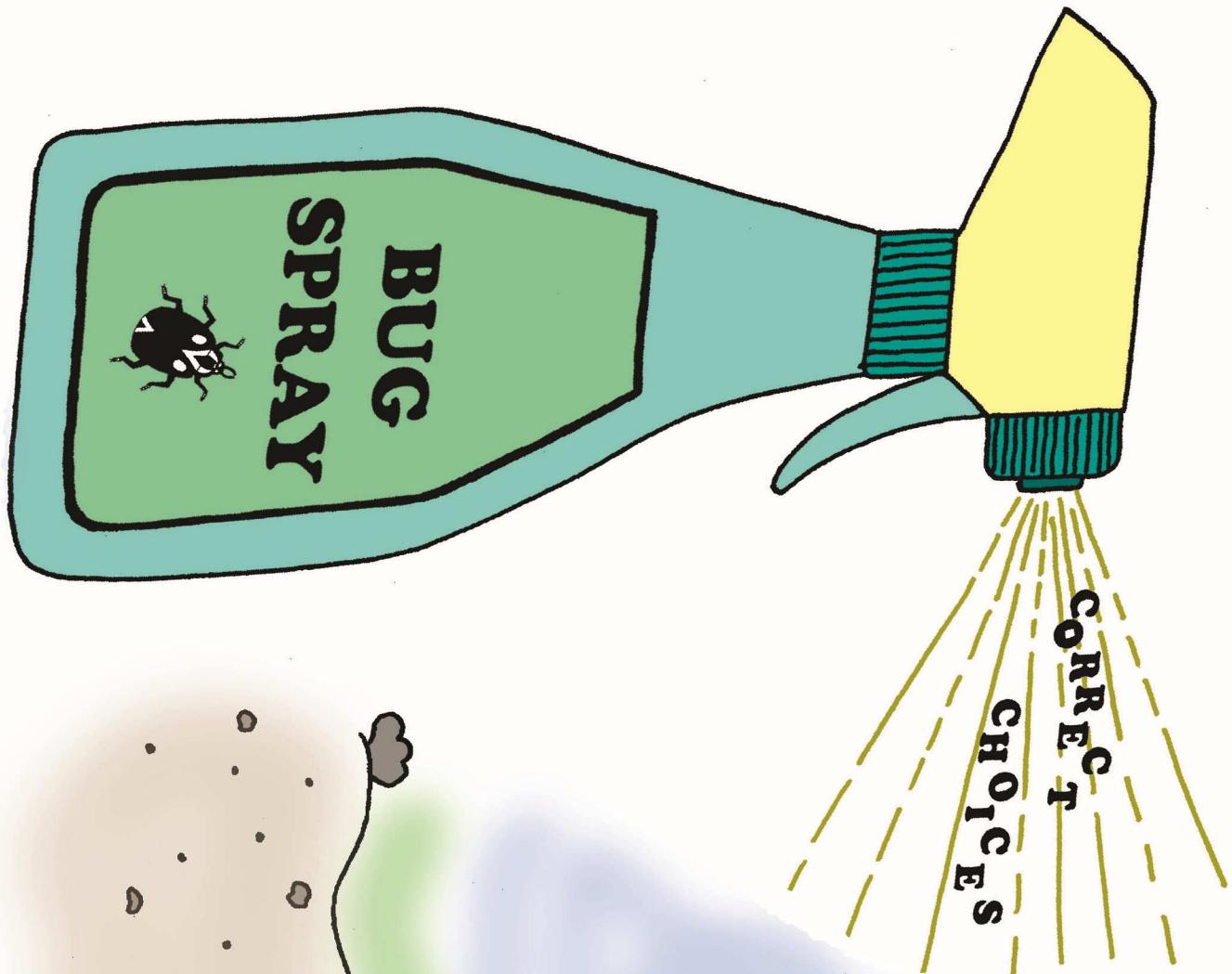
Faith is not something we gain all at once or quickly. It grows as we grow. Faith is not having a sure knowledge of something - it is believing in something and hoping for something. We can all attain faith, precept by precept and line upon line. Faith has to be nourished, just as the little acorn seed, day by day and year by year.

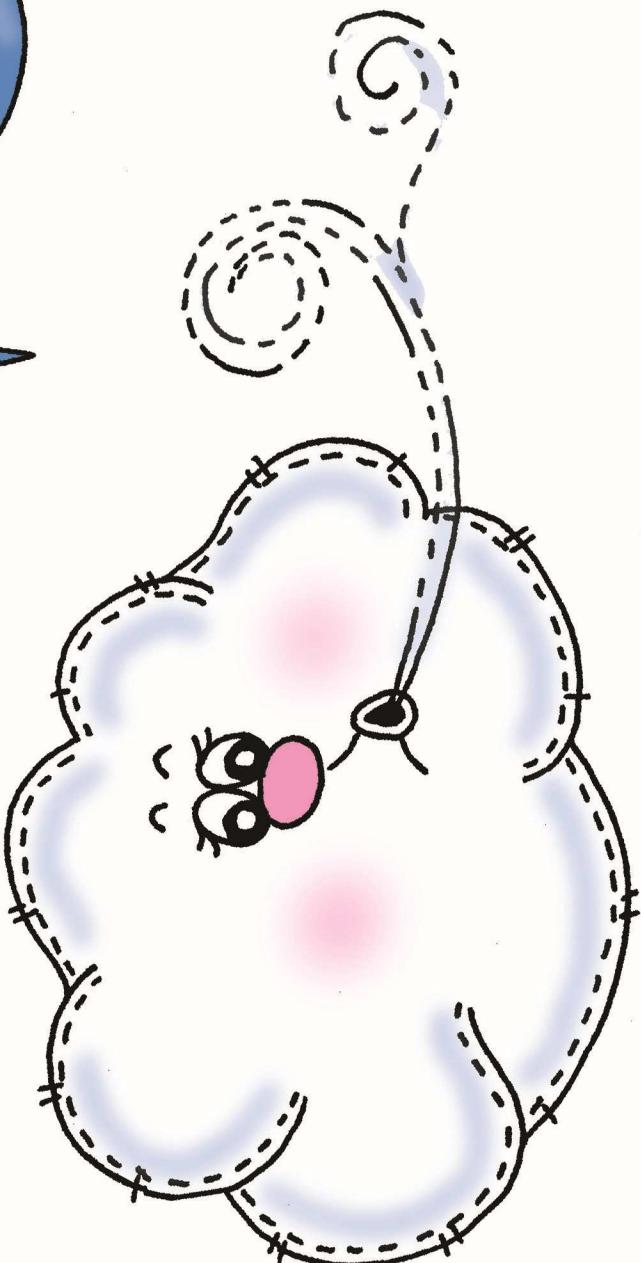
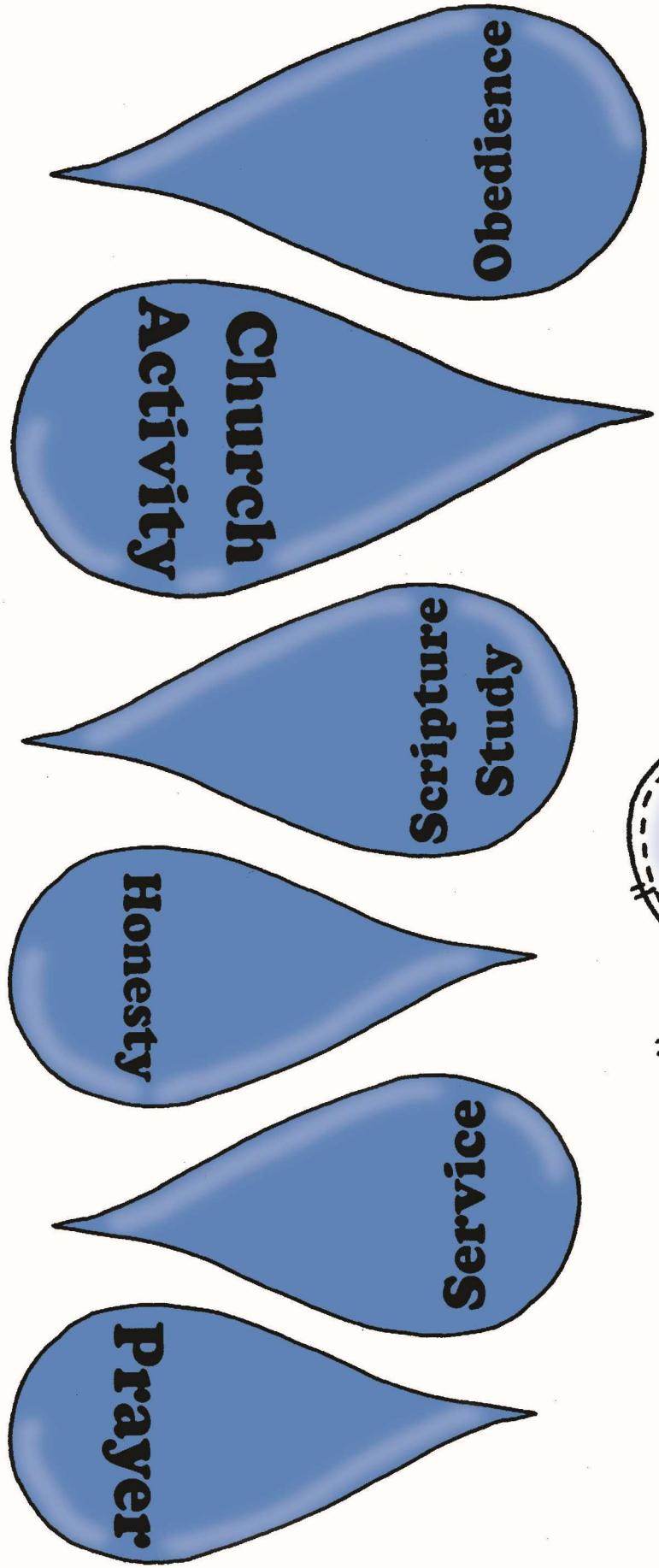
DISCUSSION:

- How do you feel when you have faith?
- What are some of the things that you have faith in?
- What can we do as a family to increase the faith of all our members?

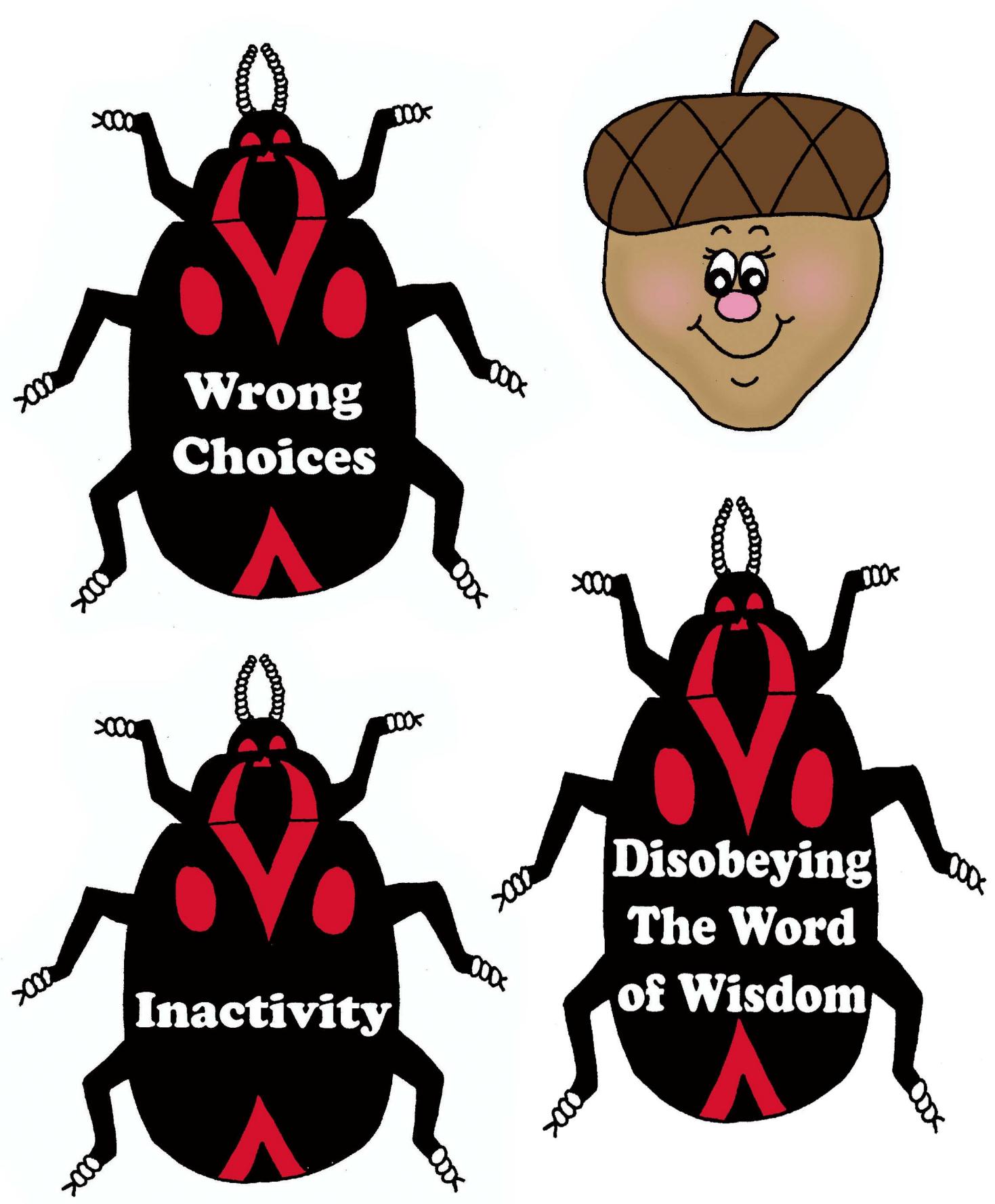
Soil Of Righteous Living





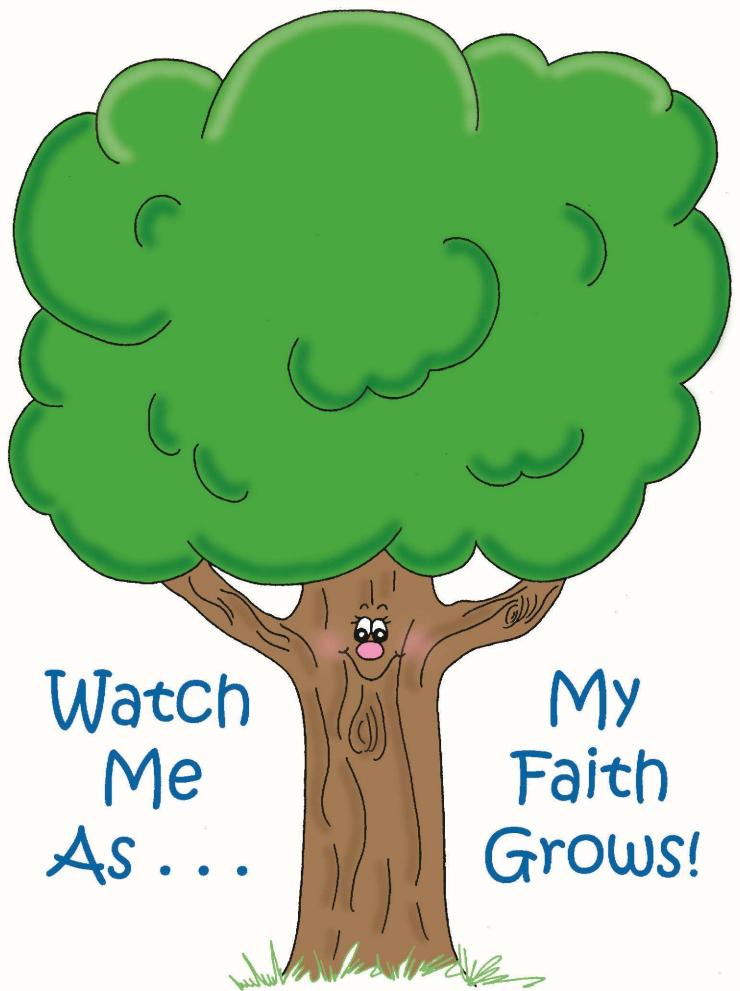
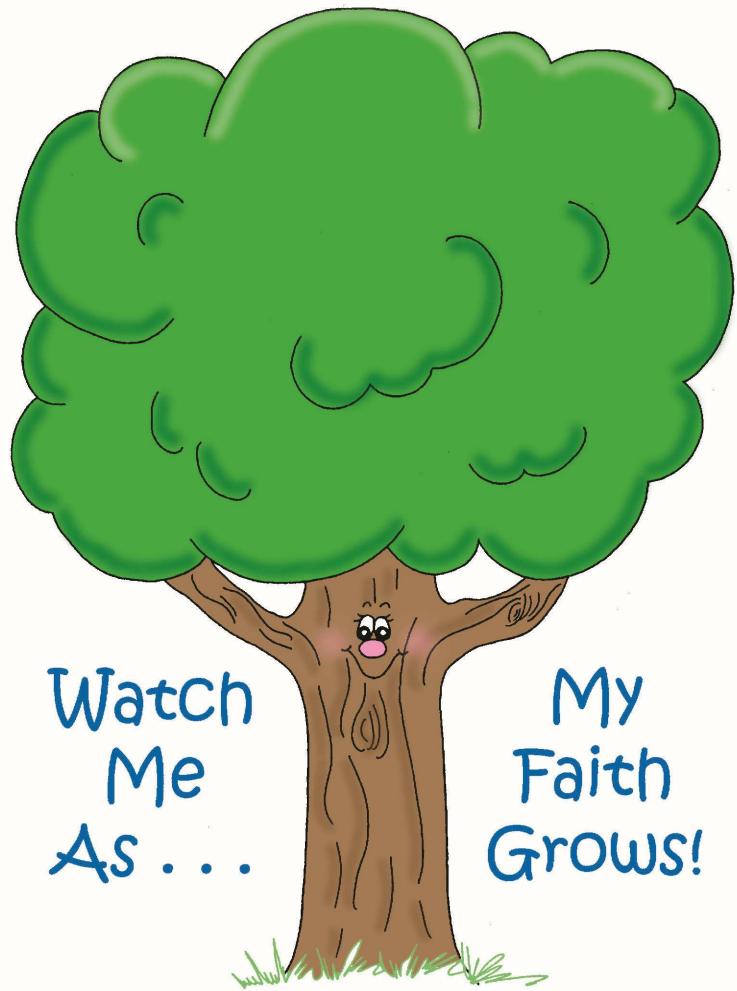
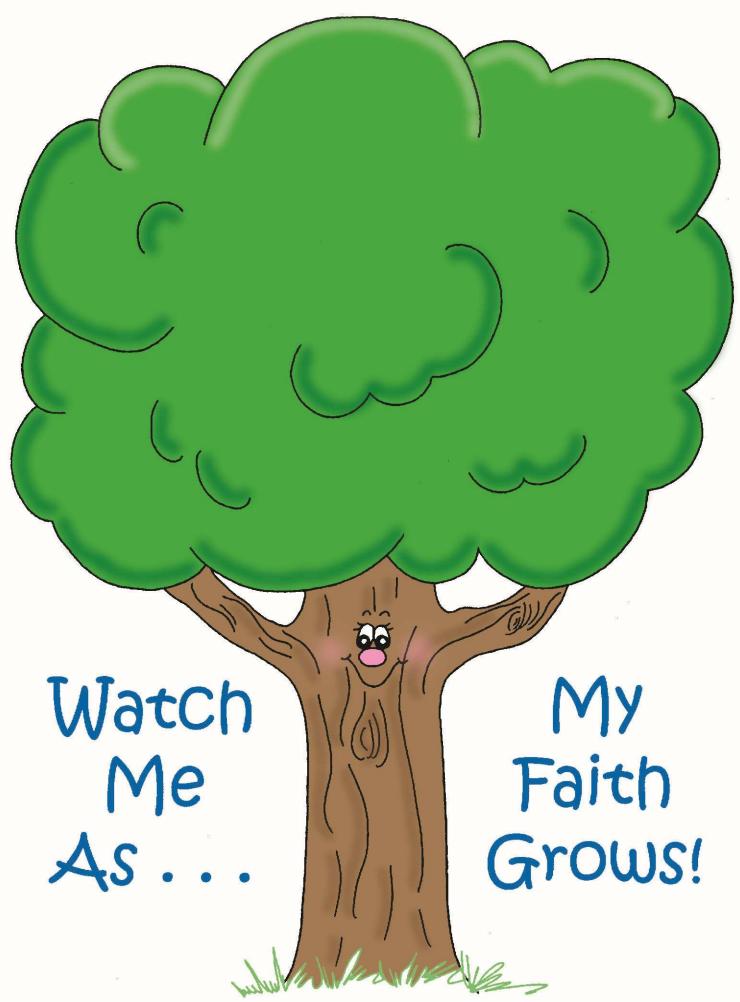
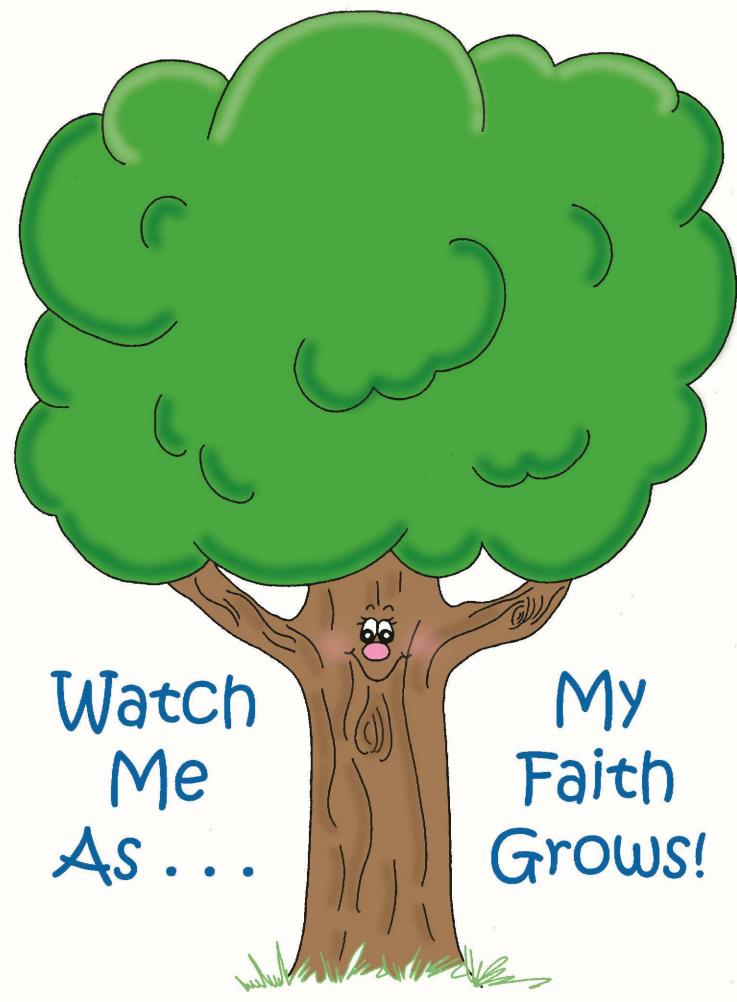


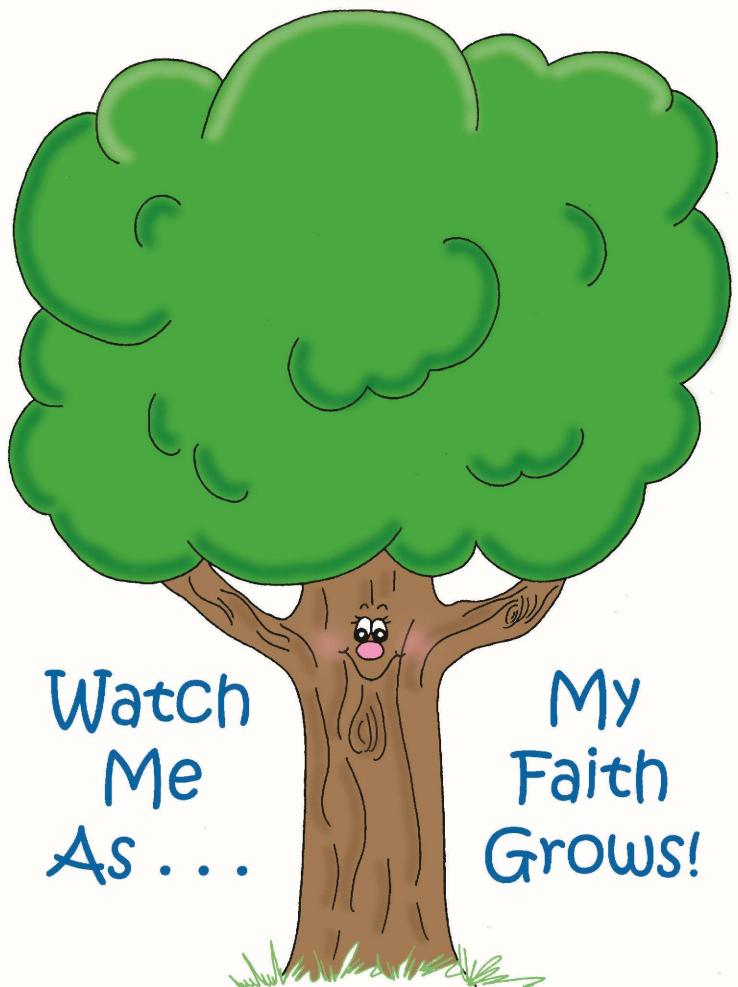
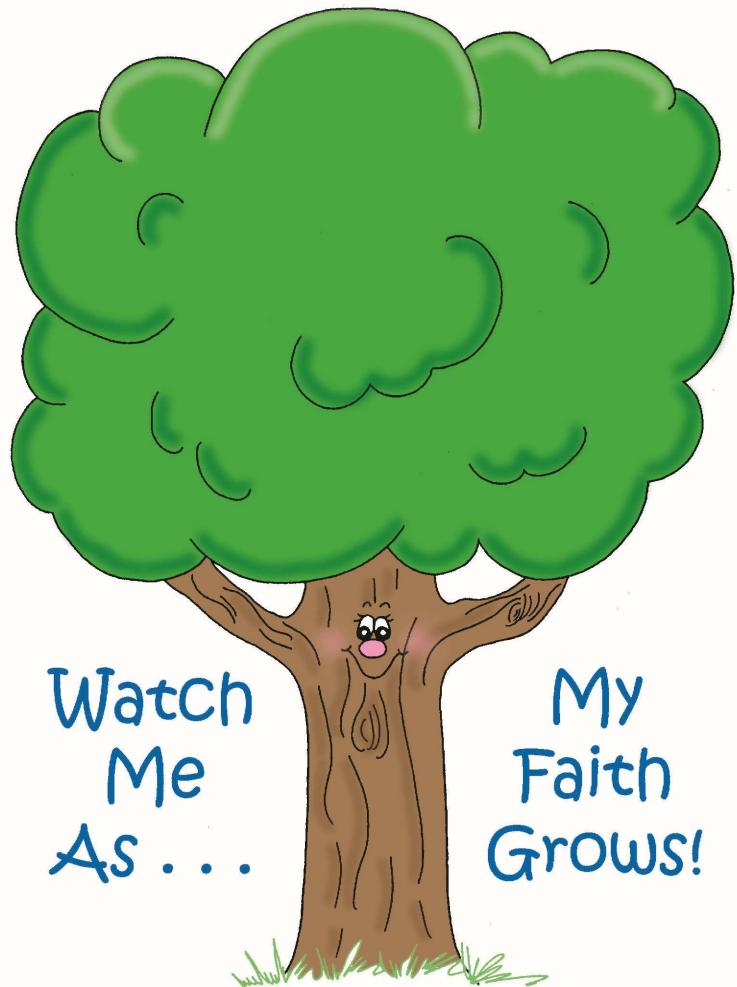
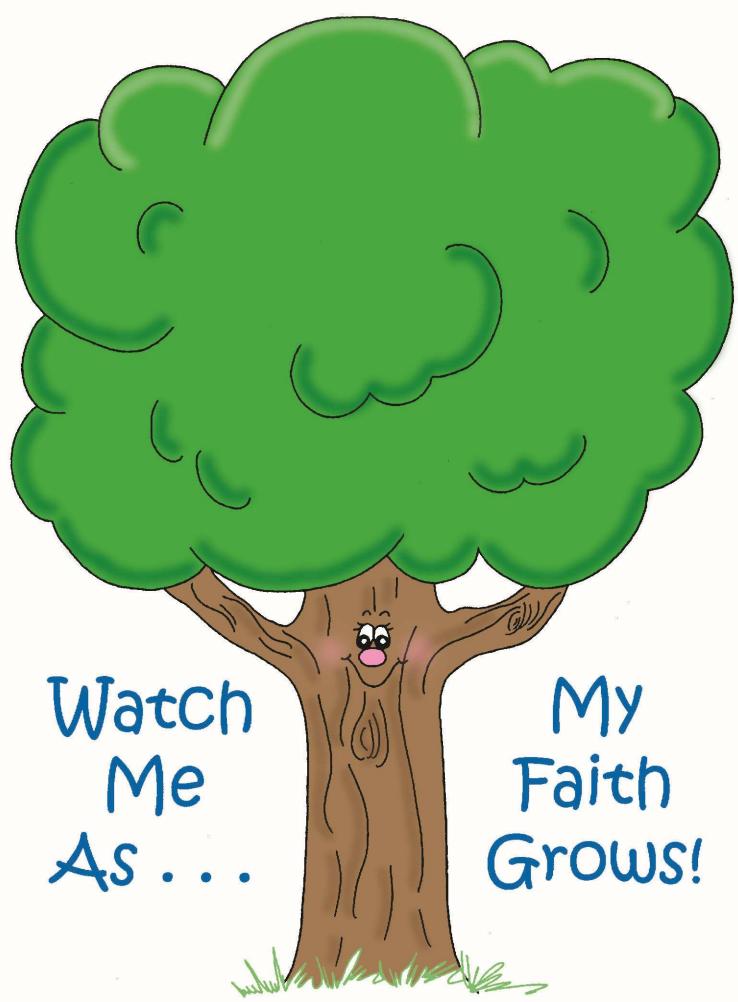
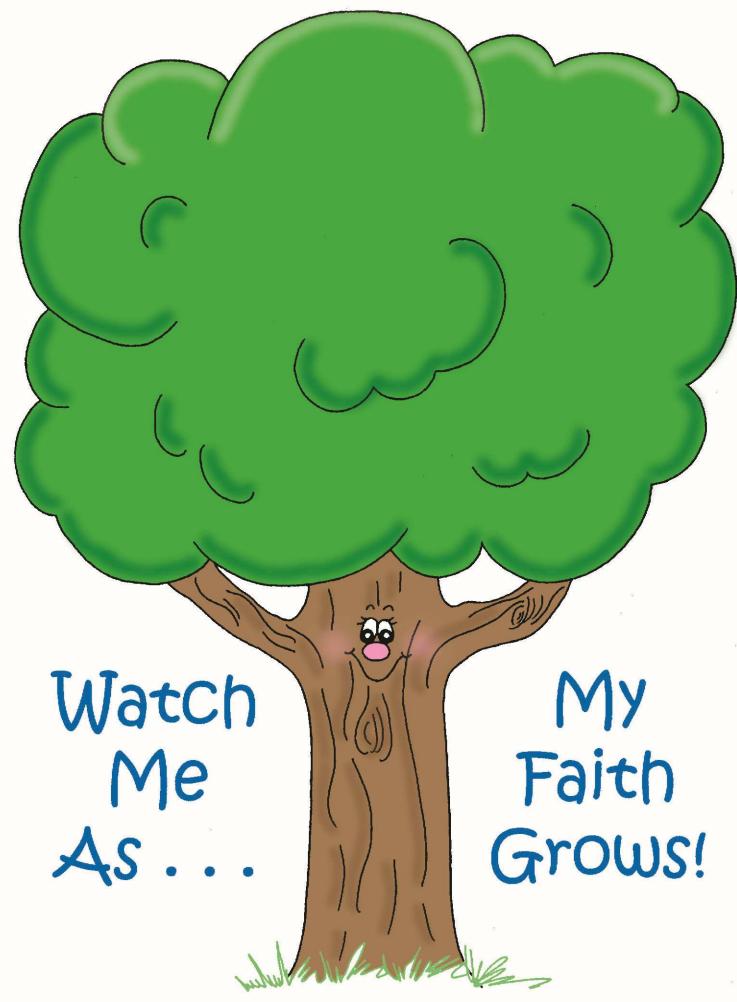


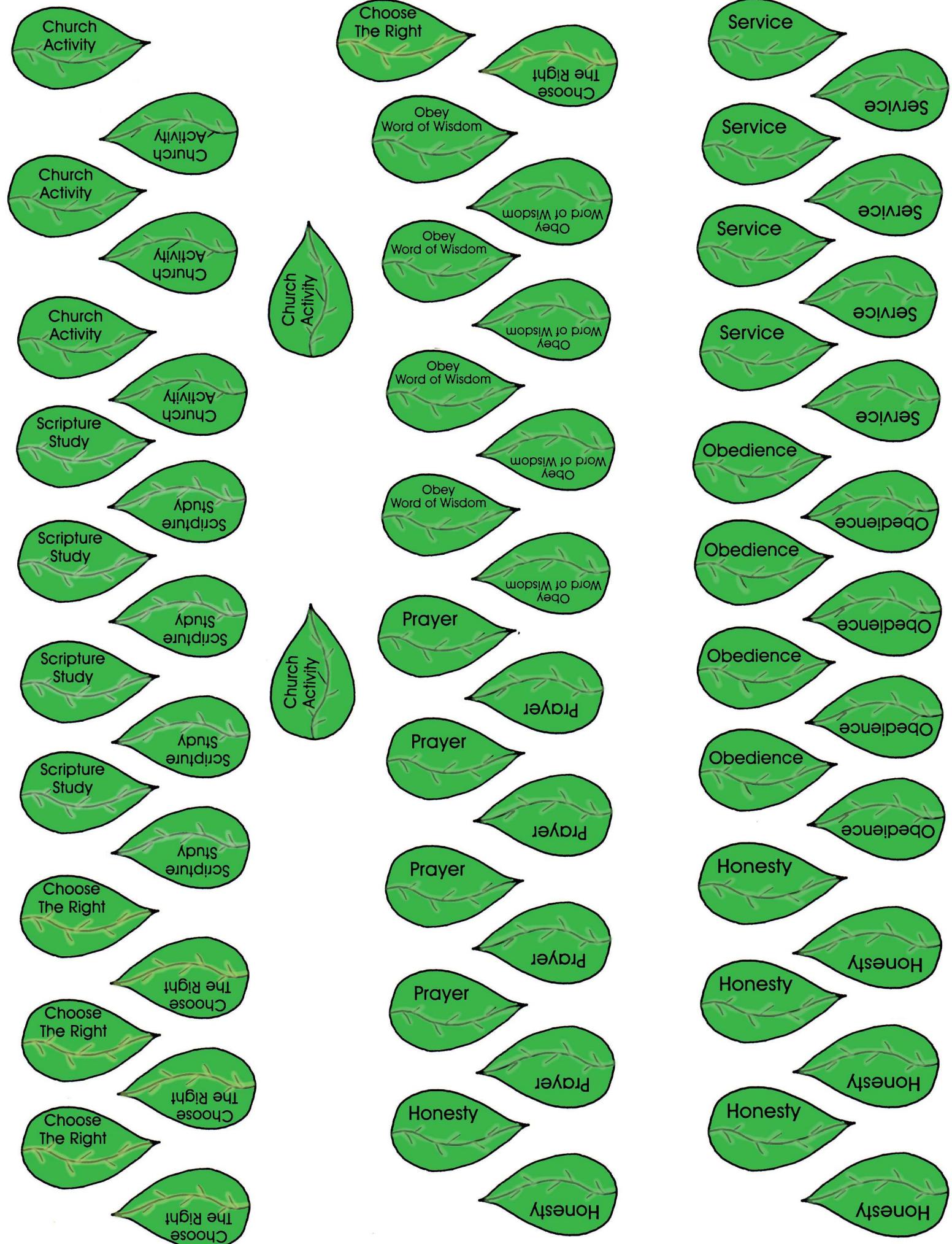


**“But behold, as the seed swelleth,
and sprouteth, and beginneth to grow,
then you must needs say that the seed
is good; for behold it swelleth, and
sprouteth, and beginneth to grow.
And now, behold, will not this
strengthen your faith? Yea, it will
strengthen your faith: for ye will
say I know that this is a good seed;
for behold it sprouteth
and beginneth to grow.**

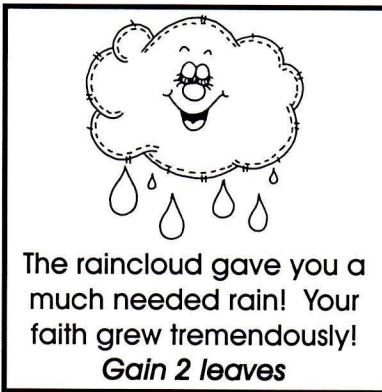
Alma 32:30



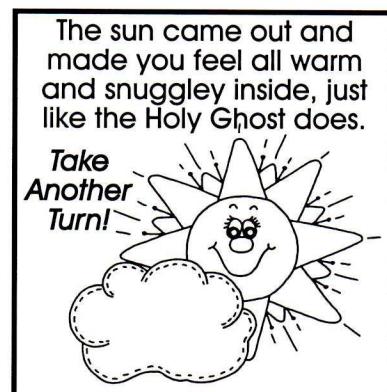




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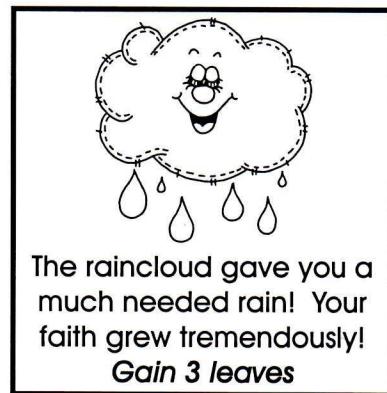


You didn't say your prayers because you didn't have faith that He would listen and answer them.
Lose 1 leaf

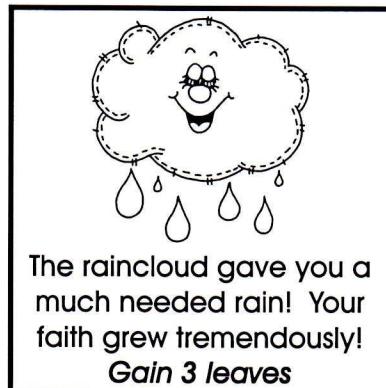


You did not pay an honest tithing to your Heavenly Father. You thought you could get by with paying only half of your tithing and bought that new toy you wanted with the other half.
Lose 1 leaf

You thought that it wouldn't hurt to skip church just one Sunday. You stayed home and watched football instead. You lost your faith!
Lose 1 leaf



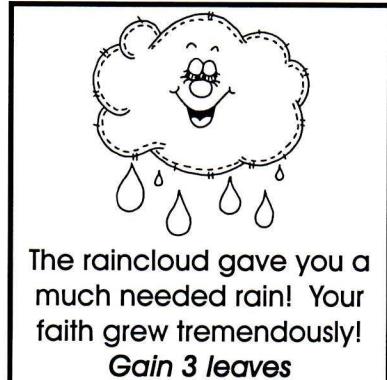
You went swimming with your friends on Sunday, and chose not to keep the Sabbath Day Holy. This disappointed your Heavenly Father.
Lose 1 leaf



Your mother asked you to clean your room before you went to play with your friends. You snuck out of the house without doing what she had asked.
Lose 1 leaf

One of your friends offered you a drink that you knew was against the Word of Wisdom, but you chose to drink it anyway. You didn't have faith in the word of the prophets.
Lose 1 leaf

You took \$1.00 from your sister's piggy bank without asking her. You weren't showing good faith in the Ten Commandments.
Lose 1 leaf



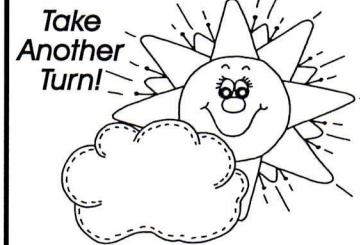
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The raincloud gave you a much needed rain! Your faith grew tremendously!
Gain 3 leaves

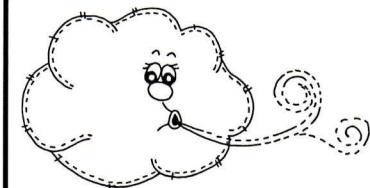
You remembered to say your prayers before going to bed. This promoted your faith in your Heavenly Father!
Gain 1 leaf

The sun came out and made you feel all warm and snuggly inside, just like the Holy Ghost does.



You paid your tithing, and you received blessings from your Heavenly Father because of your great faith!
Gain 2 leaves

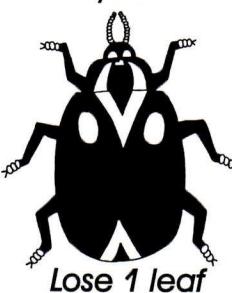
You attended your church meetings and learned more of our Savior Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father. Your faith grew!
Gain 1 leaf



The wind blew, and blew, until he persuaded you to make a wrong choice!
Lose 1 leaf

You kept the Sabbath day holy by not going swimming with your friends on Sunday. You had faith that you would be blessed because of your decision!
Gain 1 leaf

You let the bugs get to you!



Heavenly Father answered your prayers! You had faith that he would hear and answer your prayer!
Gain 1 leaf

One of your friends offered you a drink that you knew was against the Word of Wisdom. You had faith in God's plan and chose not to take the drink.
Gain 1 leaf

You studied the scriptures before going to bed. The Holy Ghost confirmed of its truthfulness to you. Your faith grew!
Gain 1 leaf

