

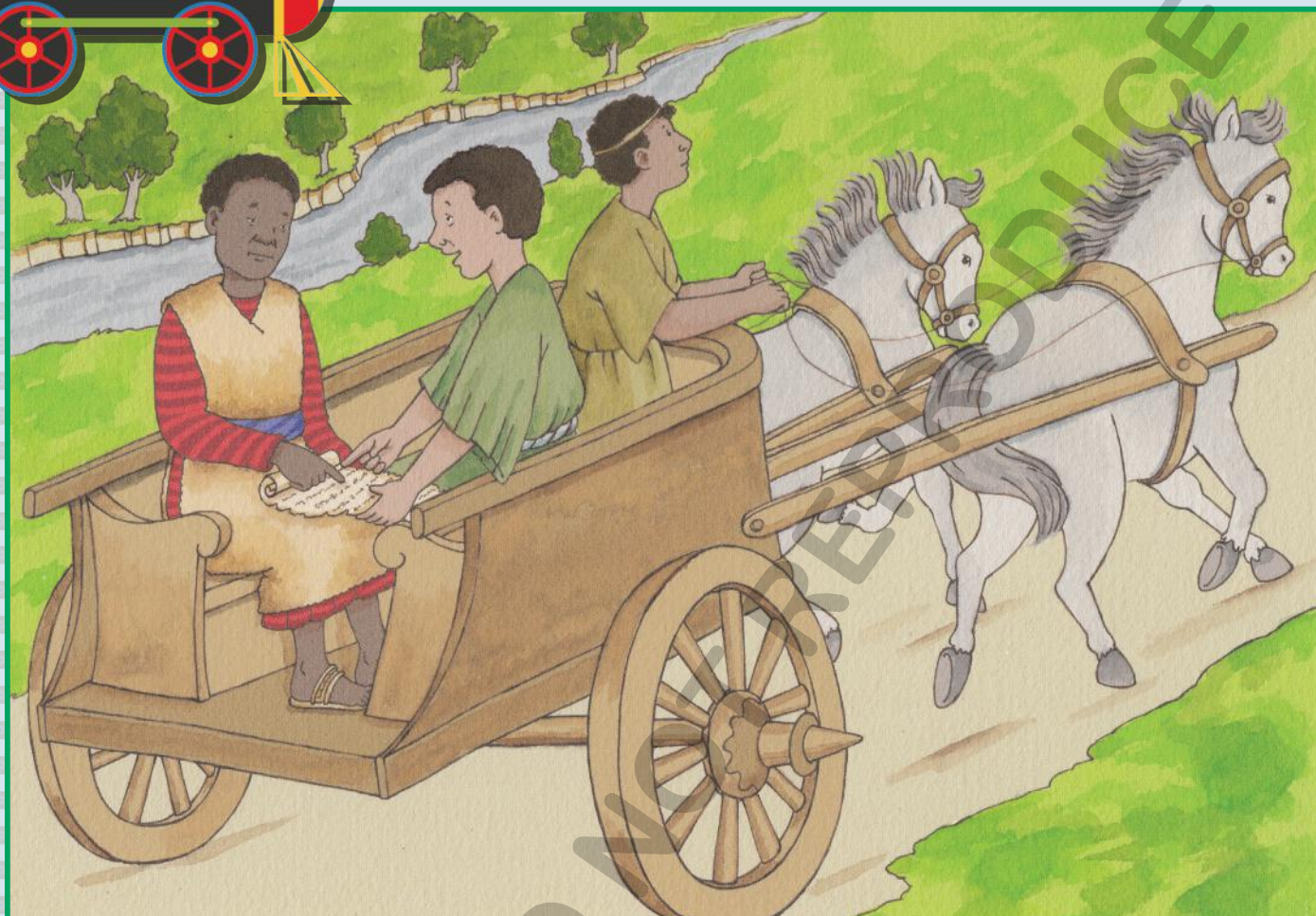


# Peace Express

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
STUDENT BOOKLET

PASSPORT  
to PEACE





On a wilderness road, one very fine day,  
Philip met a man, and what did he say?  
"I can help you," he said, "Oh, yes, it is true.  
Jesus loves me and Jesus loves you."

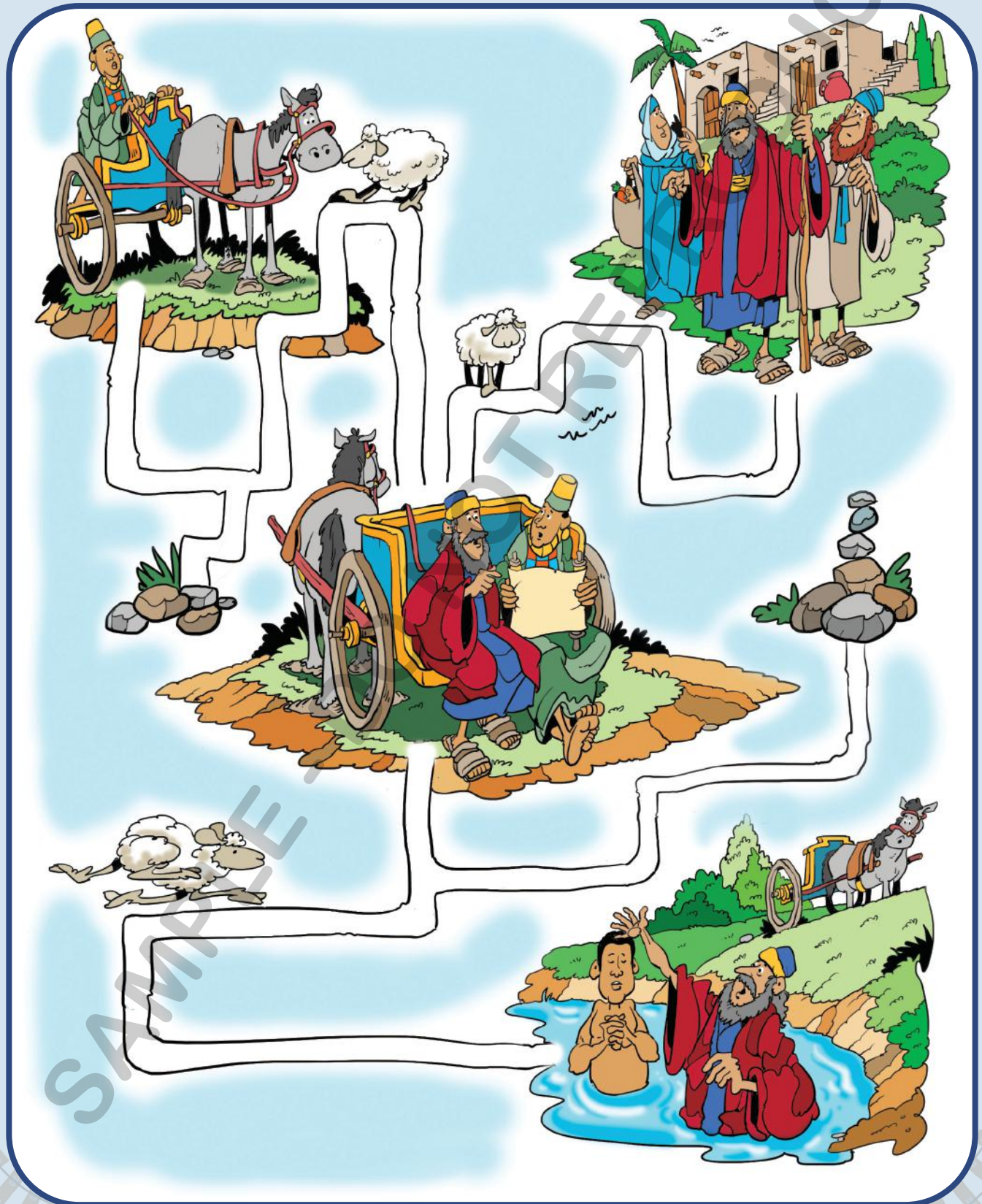
The man was so glad to hear this good news.  
He said with great joy, "It is Jesus I choose."  
Down from the chariot, to the water he went.  
He was baptized by Philip, the man that God sent.

Philip was ready to listen and talk.  
We can tell others wherever we walk.  
Place to place, from here to there,  
let's talk about Jesus everywhere.



# FOLLOW THE STORY

Using your finger or a crayon to follow the paths. Follow the path that the Ethiopian man took to meet Philip. Follow the path that Philip took to meet the Ethiopian. Then follow the path until you reach the river where Philip baptized the Ethiopian man.



Jesus was teaching his friends. He said,

When I was hungry,



you took care of me.

When I was thirsty,



you gave me food.

When I was sick,



you gave me a drink.

When you take care of others, you take care of me.

Draw a line to the picture that finishes each sentence.



# HELPING HANDS

Trace your hand or a friend's hand in the middle of the page.  
How can you use your hands to help someone? Draw a picture in  
your handprint of a way to help others.



SAMPLE - DO NOT REPR

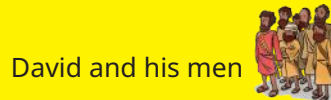
## KEY



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Abigail



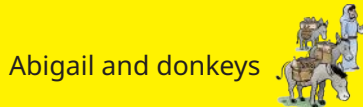
David and his men



Food



David



Abigail and donkeys



Sheep

Read today's story using the images.

owned 3,000 . He was rich, but he did not like to share. was married to .

were hiding in hills near 's land. They often made sure that the were safe.

planned to shear the . He would make a big party with lots of .

sent a message. "We want to come to the feast. We have kept your safe."

shouted, "No! Why would I invite ?"

said to his , "Get ready to fight. was mean to me."

heard that were coming to fight. took lots of and went to meet .

said, "I am sorry. Please accept this gift of and do not fight."

listened to her. had stopped the fight.



# FIND THE FOOD



Find and circle all the foods in Abigail's tent. How many can you find?

• Loaves of bread \_\_\_\_\_



• Figs \_\_\_\_\_



• Raisin scoops \_\_\_\_\_



• Blue jars \_\_\_\_\_







As you read the story, match the same emotions on your face.



Isaac and Rebekah had many animals and servants. They had full wells in a dry land.



The neighbors were angry that Isaac had the wells. They filled the wells with dirt. They told Isaac to move away. So Isaac and his family moved.



Isaac and Rebekah went to a new home. They dug new wells.



Again, the neighbors did not like it. They said, "This water is ours." So Isaac moved again.



Isaac got to a new place and dug a new well. This time no one got angry. Isaac made an altar to thank God for caring for him and his family.



# A PATH TO PEACE

Start in the blue square at the top left corner.

Draw a path that connects the three wells:

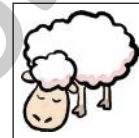


You can go up, down, or side to side,

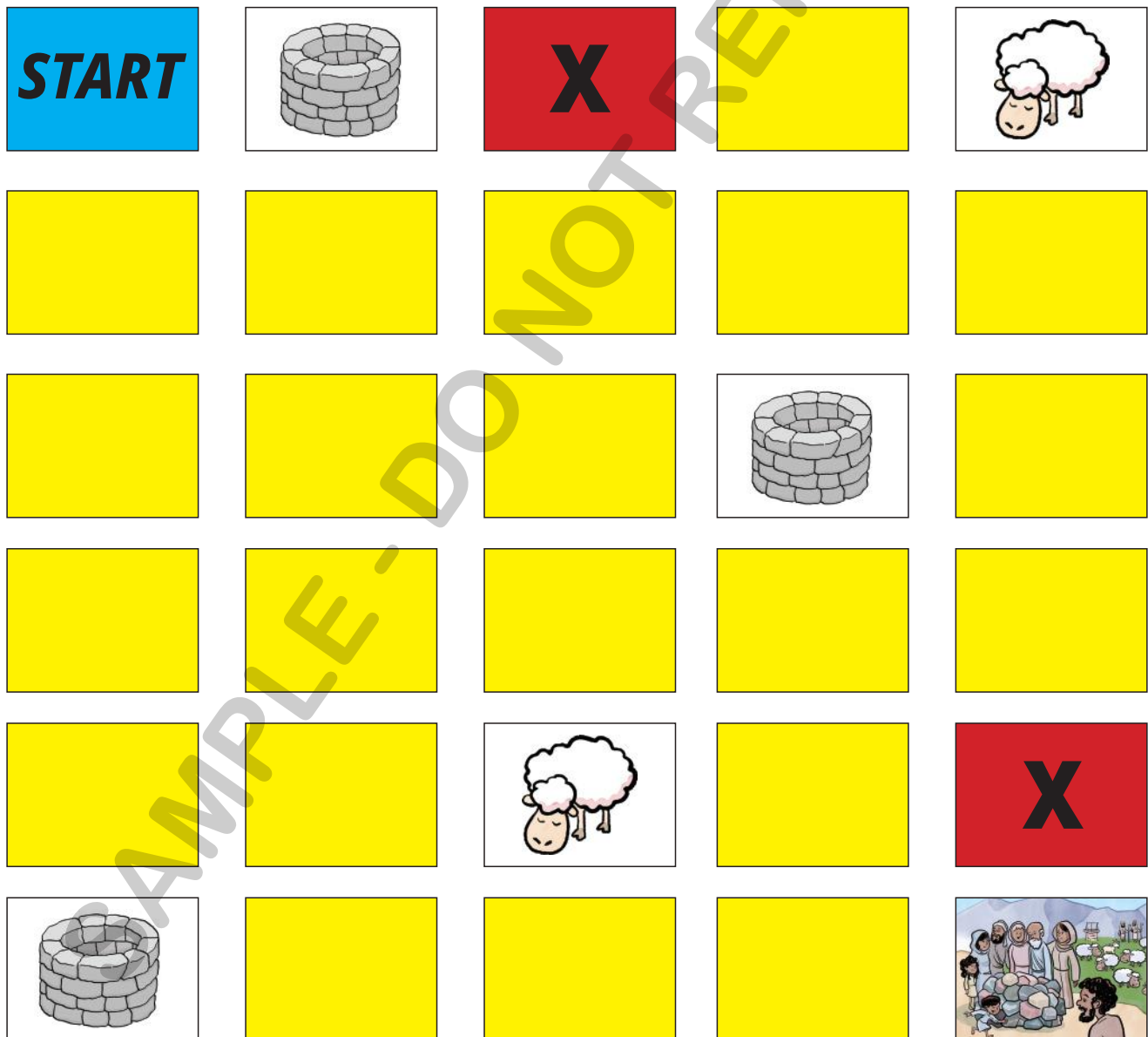
but do not go through any squares that look like this:



and



Finish at the altar in the bottom right corner.





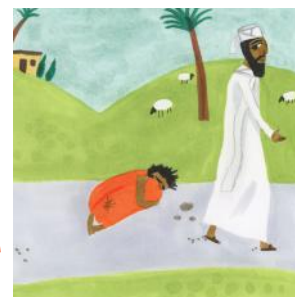
A man walked on a road.



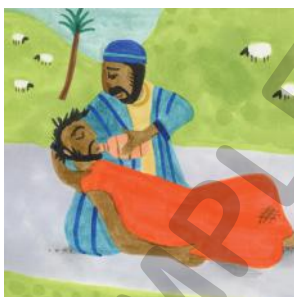
Robbers hurt him and took his things.



A priest saw the man but did not help.



A temple worker saw the man but did not help.



A Samaritan saw the man and helped him.



The Samaritan took the man to an inn. He gave the innkeeper money to take care of the man.



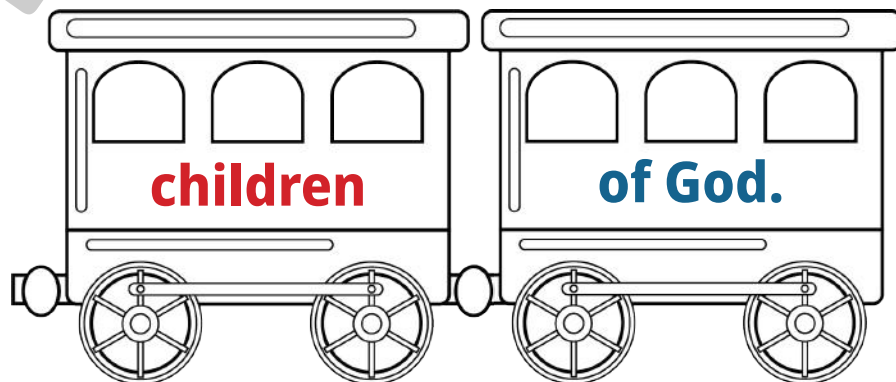
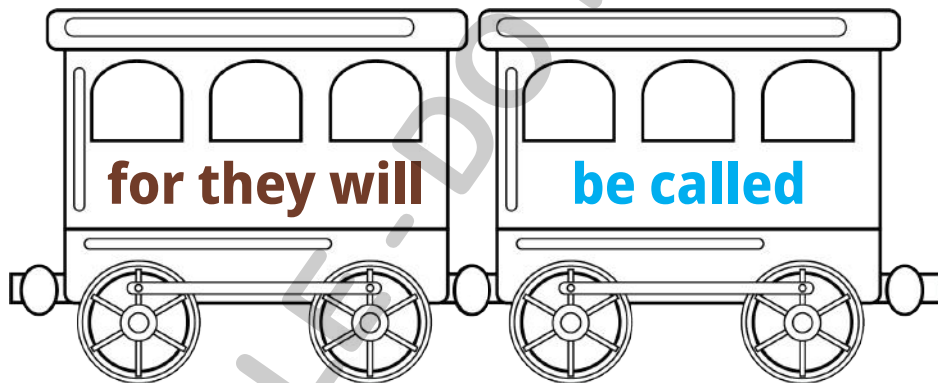
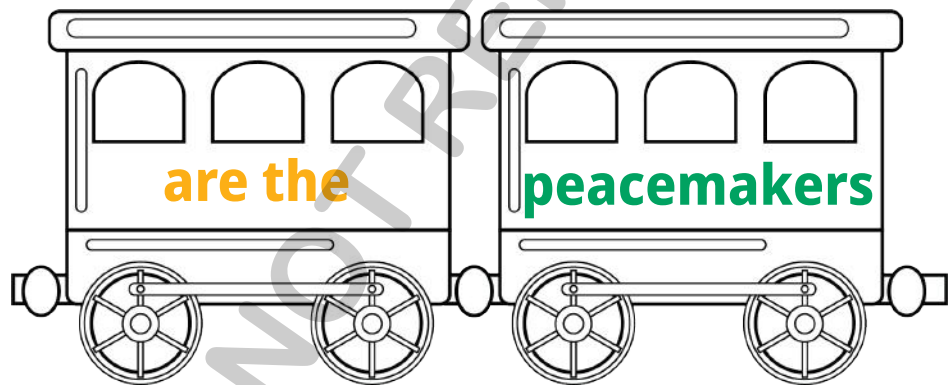
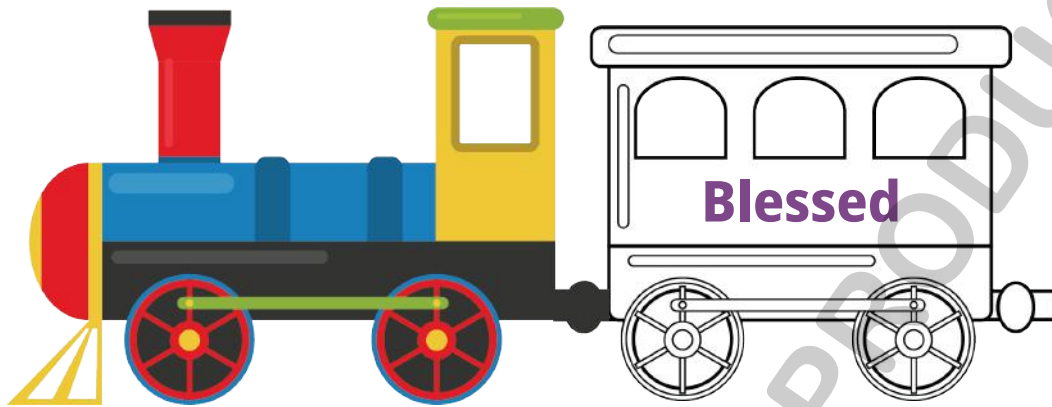
# MATCH THE HELPERS

Use a crayon to match each picture on the left with a helper on the right.



# BIBLE MEMORY TRAIN

Color the train cars to match the words.





# TAKE-HOME TICKETS



DAY  
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## PEACE EXPRESS

Today at VBS, we heard a story about Philip and a man from Ethiopia. Philip listened to the man and was able to teach the man about Jesus. We can also listen and learn from people who are different from us. This helps us share peace!



Hi, friends! I'm Cora the Conductor. I am going to teach you some fun ways to feel peaceful on the inside. Sometimes you might feel upset or angry. Take three deep, slow breaths. Think about how much God loves you. That can help you feel more at peace.

DAY  
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## PEACE EXPRESS

Today at VBS, we heard a story that Jesus told. He said that when we care for others, it's like we are caring for him. When we give food to the hungry or a drink to the thirsty, we are peace-makers. When we take care of the sick or visit people, we are peacemakers. Peacemakers see the needs of others and find ways to help.



Hi friends! I'm Cora the Conductor. I want to help you feel peace on the inside. How do you feel today? I like to draw pictures to show how I am feeling. Try it! Drawing might help you feel more peaceful inside.

DAY  
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## PEACE EXPRESS

Today at VBS, Abigail solved a problem. Her husband Nabal was not kind to David, and David was very angry. Abigail was a peace-maker by bringing food to David. Peacemakers use creative ideas to keep everyone safe. Did you know that Jesus taught us to be peace-makers by loving our enemies?



Hi, friends! It's Cora the Conductor. I want to help you feel peace on the inside. Sometimes I feel angry. When I feel angry, I slowly count to 10. This helps me calm down and feel more peaceful inside. Try it!

DAY  
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## PEACE EXPRESS

Isaac was a peacemaker. He had lots of animals and wells. People were angry and ruined his wells. Instead of fighting, Isaac moved to a new home. He had to move several times. Finally, he dug a well and no one was angry. Isaac built an altar to God and God blessed Isaac.



Hi friends! It's Cora the Conductor again. I want to help you feel peace on the inside. Sometimes I feel really upset inside. When I am upset, it helps to squeeze play dough or my fists and take deep breaths to calm down. This helps me feel more peaceful inside.



### **Play**

Play a game called "Train Stop and Go." Make a start and finish line. When a conductor holds a green paper flag, move toward the finish line. When the paper flag is red, everyone stops.



### **Eat**

Eat a snack of popcorn, which is often served as part of a traditional coffee ceremony at the end of a meal in Ethiopia.



### **Act**

Listening is an important part of making peace. Take turns making animal sounds, and guess the animal based on listening to the sound. Or act out today's story from Acts 8:26–40.



### **Care**

Send a card to a family member or friend. Tell the person the good news about Jesus.



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### **Play**

Take care of "sick" stuffed animals. Talk about ways to help others when they are sick, such as praying for them or taking them a meal.



### **Eat**

Make a meal with food from another country or culture. Do an Internet search for yummy recipes from a new place!



### **Act**

There are people in the world who don't have clean water. Put a coin in a jar every time you use water this week.



### **Care**

Jesus wants us to care for other people. Look at your clothes and find items that are too small or that you don't wear anymore. Make a pile to donate.



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### **Play**

Act out today's story. Hide toy food in a room. Gather the items in baskets, and then pretend to be donkeys carrying the food to another location. Make lots of donkey sounds!



### **Eat**

Make a sheep-shaped snack to remember how Nabal's shepherds sheared the sheep. Search online for inspiration!



### **Act**

Use pillows or blankets to make an obstacle course. Use creative problem-solving to get across the room without touching the floor.



### **Care**

Show kindness like Abigail did. Buy or bake cookies or bread to take to a neighbor.



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### **Play**

Play water games together outside. Place an empty bucket a distance away from a full bucket. Use a sponge to move the water from the full bucket to the empty bucket.



### **Eat**

Enjoy a snack of watermelon, grapes, cucumbers, or some other juicy fruit or vegetable. Talk about how we can find water and juice even in our fruits and vegetables!



### **Act**

Act out today's story. Use boxes to make "wells." If you made sock puppets, act out situations of walking away from conflict instead of fighting.



### **Care**

Did you know that Jesus talked about "living water"? Read John 4:13. Learn more about organizations that help provide clean drinking water around the world.



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Put a sticker on each continent that you visited during VBS.



*North America*



*South America*



*Europe*



*Africa*



*Asia*



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# PEACE EXPRESS

*Remember, you can be part of the Peace Express Train, sharing peace wherever you go!*

Today at VBS, we heard a story that Jesus told about a Samaritan man who helped a person who was hurt. We learned that peacemakers take action when people have been hurt. The Samaritan man was a loving neighbor. When we care for others, we are also being loving neighbors!



**Friends**, it's our last day of VBS! I'm Cora the Conductor, and I'm so glad we got to meet. I want you to feel peace on the inside. Sometimes I feel hurt. When I am hurt, it helps to pray with my imagination. I close my eyes and imagine God's peace and love filling me. This helps me feel more at peace. Try it!



## Play

Retell the story together. One person can lie down and pretend to be hurt, and another person can help that person get up and move to an "inn." Talk about how it feels to take care of those who are hurt.



## Eat

Make people-shaped cookies, using a cookie cutter. Use vanilla frosting to make "bandages" for the hurt person.



## Act

Look for examples of peacemaking this week. Who is saying kind words or showing love? Who is choosing peace instead of fighting?



## Care

We can be peacemakers like Jesus when we help others. Do something helpful or kind at home to serve each other.



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