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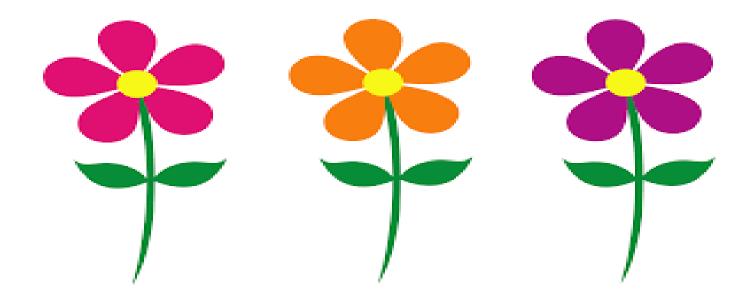


"Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee, thou shalt speak."

Jeremiah 1:7

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## A long time ago...

There lived a young man named Jeremiah. His father was Hilkiah, one of the priests, and they lived in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.

One day God's word came to Jeremiah telling him that from the time he was in his mother's womb, he had been chosen to be a prophet for the Lord. He



was to speak to the people the words which God would give him. This was a big responsibility and it made Jeremiah scared. He answered God saying that he was only a child and he could not really speak. But God told him that he should not think that he was but a child. Instead, God would send him wherever He needed him to go and Jeremiah would speak whatever God wanted him to do so. God then touched his lips and assured Jeremiah that He had put His words in his servant's lips.

Following God's calling, Jeremiah served Him for many years. He became the mouth-piece of God to the people of Judah in



calling them to return to the Lord, rebuking their sins and warning them of coming

disasters.

However, the people and even the King would not listen.

Instead, Jeremiah was hated and persecuted for his prophecies.

One of Jeremiah's important prophecies was that the people of Judah would be taken captives by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon and they would remain in Babylon for seventy years. Nobody believed these words although they were given by God to Jeremiah for his people. However, this prophecy came true during the reign of Zedekiah, King of Judah, and many people were driven to Babylon, including the King and his household.

Jeremiah wept and prayed for his people. He is therefore often known as the 'weeping prophet'.

While many of his people were taken to Babylon, Jeremiah was allowed to remain in Judah and he died there after long years of service to the Lord.

### Nothing Can Separate

From her bedroom window. Rebecca eyed the children playing in the snow enviously. How she longed to play with them!

"Now, Rebecca," she remembered her father telling her that morning. "You can't play in the snow today."



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"Why not, Father?" Rebecca had asked. Every day, the neighborhood children gathered at a park just behind Rebecca's house

"Just trust me, Rebecca. It's not what's best for you today," her father had replied.

At the time, Rebecca had responded by kissing her father on his cheek and assuring him that she would stay inside and read. But now she was having second thoughts.

It is beautiful outside, she thought to herself. It was true: the sun was shining brilliantly. Why wouldn't her father let her go play?



Why should she have to miss out on all the fun? When a snowball exploded just outside her window, Rebecca decided she couldn't stand it any longer. She simply had to go join the others! Leaving her book on the table, Rebecca slipped outside. She tried to tell herself she was having a good time, but all the while her heart felt uncomfortable. She kept looking this way and that, fearful least her father see her. After a few hours, Rebecca finally said her

goodbyes and headed back towards the house. She wanted to be safely lodged in her room before her father came home.

Intent on getting to her room as quickly as possible, Rebecca didn't see the mitten someone had left on the stairs until her foot slipped on it. Next thing she knew, she had fallen several stairs. To her horror, she noticed that she had hit her father's favorite picture when she fell! A huge gash ran along the front of the picture.



Normally, Rebecca would have hurried immediately to her father after such a fall so he could doctor her up and make her feel better. But not this time. How could she face her father right now? She had disobeyed him and ruined his favorite picture! Biting her lips to keep from crying out, Rebecca grabbed the ruined picture and hobbled to her room.

For the remainder of the day, she lay in agony. Her body ached from the bruises she received on her fall. But her heart—ah, that ached worse of all! She felt certain that her father would no longer love her. She had messed up in the past, but surely this time she had gone too far! He would probably never want to speak to her again. How could he still love her?

She sobbed uncontrollably on her pillow. She had always been close to her father. They had played and studied together. They had laughed and cried together. But not now. No, she felt certain that all those wonderful times were



over. Who knows how long she would have lain thus had not her nanny come in to check on her. Rebecca's nanny had a way about her of finding out exactly what was wrong and offering solid, wise counsel. Tonight was no exception.

"Rebecca, dear," she said firmly, but gently. "You've been very wrong. But you must not continue in your wrongness by sitting here. You must go to your father with the broken picture in your hand and tell him everything."

"Oh, but I can't! I'm not worthy of His love!" Rebecca sobbed.

Her nanny sighed patiently. "You were no more worthy of it yesterday than today, child. Your father loves you because you're his daughter, not because of anything you do or don't do. Hasn't he told you everyday since you were a little girl, 'I love you'? Do you doubt his word? Do you really think his love is dependent on you?"

Doubt his word—that was an angle Rebecca had never thought of before. Maybe she should go see her father...yes, she must go see him, for if she didn't, she'd never be able to rest.

So, still shaking and trembling with fear, Rebecca limped down the hall to the living room. She paused at the doorway. Her father was sitting in his favorite chair, just like he did every night. He looked up when she entered, and a smile radiating with love illuminated his face.



"Ah, you've come at last! I've been waiting. Come, sit here on my lap." As he spoke, he opened his arms widely.

Rebecca couldn't stand it. "Oh, you don't understand, Father! You can't love me anymore. I've been terribly wicked and-" Rebecca held up the picture frame for her father to see.

"I know, Rebecca—more than you think. I watched you go outside. I watched you fall and hit the picture frame. I saw it all."

"You did?" Rebecca was flabbergasted. "But-but weren't you at work?"

Her father shook his head. "I took the day off to spend some special time with you. That's why I told you not to go outside to play. Ever since I saw you fall, I've been longing for you to come to me so I could bandage your wounds and help you. Won't you come now?"

Rebecca could hardly believe her ears. Her father had planned to spend the afternoon with her...and she had missed it. Oh,

what foolishness! Yet her father knew it all...and loved her anyway. Could it be? "But, Father, how can you love me now?"

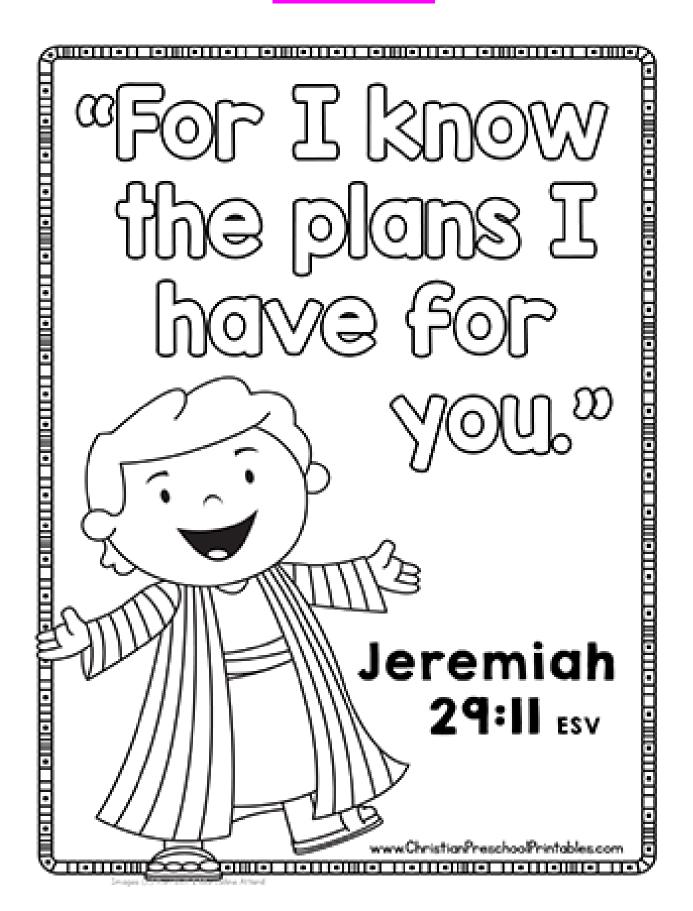
Rebecca's father smiled a smile she would never forget. "Rebecca, dear, I loved you before you were born. You're my daughter. And I will always love you. Although sometimes your actions will result in consequences you could have avoided, nothing can ever separate you from my love. Now won't you come and let me help you with those bruises?"

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Romans 8:35-37



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### COLOUR ME



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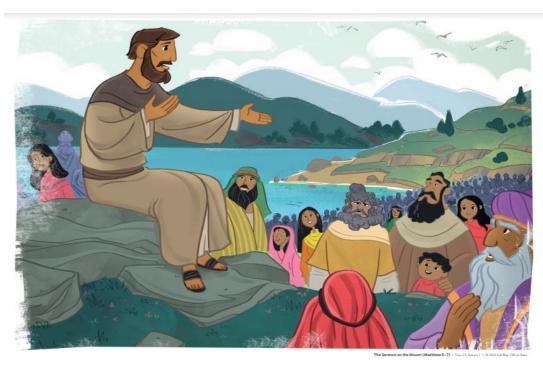


## COLOUR ME



### The Words of Jesus

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall



be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

-(The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-12)









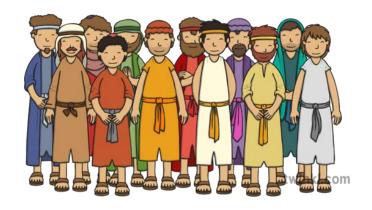


## Match the following columns:

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1.	Moses	I	Became queen of Persia	
2.	Daniel	II	Rebelled against David	
3.	David	III	Led the children of Israel	
			after Moses died	
4.	Esther	IV	Was thrown into the lion's	
			den	
5.	Solomon	V	Was sent by God to	
			Nineveh	
6.	Ruth	VI	Was anointed King of	
			Israel by Samuel	
7.	Joshua	VII	Was adopted by Pharaoh's	
			daughter	
8.	Absalom	VIII	Was Naomi's daughter-in-	
			law	
9.	Jeremiah	IX	Became King after David	
10.	Jonah	X	Lamented for the people	
			of Judah	

## TRY ME

List the descendants of Adam in ascending order: (Clue: Genesis 5)



Methuselah, Cainan, Ham, Enoch, Mahalaleel, Seth, Jared, Enos, Japheth, Noah, Shem, Lamech.

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### Messages from the pen of Ellen G. White

The Lord has a special work to do for us individually. As we see the wickedness of the world brought to light in the courts of justice and published in the daily papers, let us draw near to God, and by living faith lay hold of His promises, that the grace of Christ may be manifest in us. We may have an influence, a powerful influence, in the world. If the convicting power of God is with us, we shall be enabled to lead souls that are in sin to

conversion.

Our simplicity will accomplish much in this work. We are not to try to climb up to high positions or to gain the praise of men. Our aim should not be to be the greatest. We are to have an eye single to the glory of God. We are to work with all the intelligence that God has given us, placing ourselves in the channel of light, that the grace of God can come upon us to mold and fashion us to the divine similitude. Heaven is waiting to bestow its richest blessings upon those who will consecrate themselves to do the work of God in these last days of the world's history. We shall be tested and tried; we may be called to spend wakeful nights; but let such times be spent in earnest prayer to God, that He may give understanding, and quicken the mind to discern the privileges that are ours.

-Messages to Young People, Chapter 3



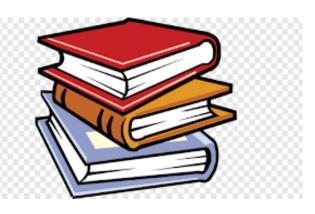
#### HUMAN BODY FACTS

- > Your heart beats around 100000 times a day, 36500000 times a year and over a billion times if you live beyond 30.
- > Your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life.
- > The left side of your body is controlled by the right side of your brain while the

right side of your body is controlled by the left side of your brain.

#### PLANT FACTS

- > Bamboo can be a fast-growing plant, some types can grow almost a metre (3.28 feet) in just one day!
- > Plant matter found at the bottom of areas with water such as swamps can eventually turn into coal due to a process called metamorphosis (changing form).
- > There are over 200,000 identified plant species and the list is growing all the time.



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