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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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STORY TIME

A long time ago...

There lived a little girl who worked as a maid in a Captain's house in Syria. This little girl was an Israelite who was carried away captive to Syria. The Bible does not give us the name of this little girl but it does tell us that the name of the Captain was Naaman. He was a powerful man and highly favoured by



the King of Syria because he was a brave man and had won many battles. There was, however, just one problem with Naaman. He was a leper. The little maid's duty consisted in attending to Naaman's wife but she daily saw the condition of her master and had great pity on him. So,

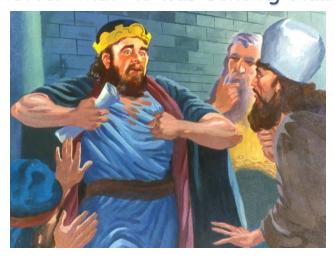


one day she told her mistress that her husband would surely be healed of his leprosy if only he went to the prophet of God in Samaria. This little girl believed that God would give His prophet the power to heal this great Captain.

The words of the little maid reached the ears of Naaman and the King. The King then told the Captain that he should go and seek healing according to the words of the little maid but that in order to avoid any trouble with the King of Israel, Naaman would carry a letter from the Syrian King to present to him, stating his (Naaman's) purpose of going there.

The day was set and Naaman and his men travelled to Israel, carrying with them many gifts to give to the healer. They presented the King of Israel with the letter but after reading it the King tore his clothes! Why? Well, you see, the King of Syria had written in the letter that he was sending Naaman to





Israel so that the King of Israel would heal him! This caused great shock to the King and he exclaimed, "Am I God to kill and make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy?" The King of Israel thought that perhaps the King of Syria was only trying to

bring up trouble between the two kingdoms; after all, they were usually at war with each other.

Poor Naaman almost returned home the same as when he set out. But Elisha, the prophet of God, heard what had happened and he sent word to the King of Israel saying, "Why did you tear your clothes? Let

Naaman come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So, the King of Israel sent Naaman to Elisha. When he arrived at his door, the prophet only sent a messenger to Naaman telling him that he should go and wash and dip himself seven times in the river Jordan and he will be



healed. Naaman did not expect such a response. He had come a long way and he expected that the prophet would at least come and meet him and place his hands on him and heal him. Naaman got angry and decided he would go away. Besides, according to him, the river Jordan was not as good as the rivers in Damascus for him to go and wash



himself in. He was on his way to return to Syria when one of his men said, "Sir, if this prophet had asked you to do something great, won't you have done it? How much more then should you do it now when he tells you to go wash and be clean?".

Naaman was moved by this man's

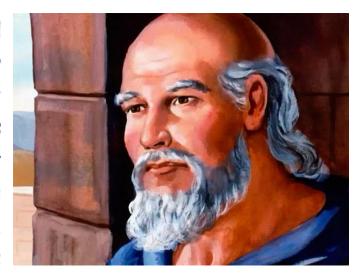
advice and so he went down to the river Jordan and washed and dipped himself. I can just imagine the men standing and watching their Captain, anxiously waiting to see the miracle of his healing. One dipnothing happened, two dips- nothing yet, three dips- still nothing, four dips- no difference at all but after the seventh dip in the water,

Naaman emerged completely healed! His skin became so soft and clean as that of a little child! The Captain was overjoyed. He quickly went out of the water to Elisha, offering him the many gifts of gold, silver and fine clothes which he had brought from Syria. But Elisha refused.



He was not the healer but God was. The prophet was only an instrument through whom God worked the miracle. Naaman then, being so grateful

to the God of Heaven, exclaimed that henceforth he would offer sacrifices to no other gods except the God of Israel. He turned on his way, satisfied with his healing. Not having gone far, however, he was stopped by Gehazi, Elisha's servant. Gehazi had seen the many gifts



which Naaman offered to Elisha and he had seen his master refuse to take them. He therefore wanted to get those gifts for himself, even if they were in small portions. Gehazi told Naaman that even though Elisha did not take any gifts for himself, yet because there were two young men who had just arrived at his master's home, he (Elisha) wished to ask the Captain to give some silver and two sets of clothing for these men. Naaman, not knowing the servant's lie, happily gave some of the gifts to Gehazi to give to the 'two men'.

When Gehazi returned home, Elisha asked him where he had been but the servant lied saying he had not gone anywhere. Elisha then told his servant that he had known when he went running after Naaman to ask gifts of him and because he had been selfish and greedy, the leprosy that was in Naaman was going to come upon Gehazi and his children forever. From that moment Gehazi became 'as white as snow' with leprosy.

Think About It:

- Did the little maid believe God? Did she still believe in Him when she was taken captive into a foreign land?
- Do you think she felt lonely?
- Do you think she worked faithfully? How could she have been so free to talk with her mistress about Naaman?
- Can we say that the little maid's faith brought blessings to others as well as to herself?
- Do you think the little maid was a true messenger of God even while serving as a maid?

HUDSON TAYLOR

by Avery Foley and Mariah Smith on September 18, 2017

In 1832 a baby boy was born in England to Christian parents who prayed to God, "Grant that he may work for you in China." This baby was James Hudson Taylor. Even growing up in a Christian home, Hudson didn't believe the teachings of the Bible until he was 17 years old. His decision to



follow Jesus came one month after his sister decided to pray every day for him. At that point, he felt God call him to China as a missionary to the millions of people who had never heard of Christ.

After feeling God's call, Hudson immediately began preparing for the task. He started learning Mandarin (Chinese) and studied medicine so he could meet people's physical needs. To prepare himself for the hardships to come, he lived on oatmeal and rice and gave away most of his things, trusting God to provide for him. When he was 21, he sailed for China, joining the handful of missionaries serving that nation.

Soon after arriving Hudson realized the Chinese weren't listening to the British missionaries because they looked so strange with their foreign clothes and strange haircuts. So Hudson dressed in Chinese clothes and wore his hair in a "pigtail" (a long braid down the back) like

the Chinese men. Many of the other missionaries were shocked, but Hudson's plan worked—people started listening!

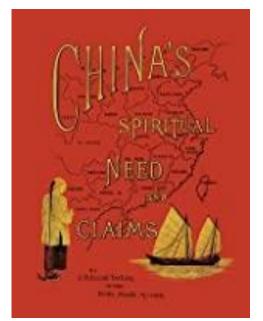
Hudson was concerned by the missionaries who were already in China. They seemed to care more about working with English businessmen, who needed their help in translation, than helping people and sharing Jesus. Frustrated,



Hudson traveled farther into China. He still wasn't very familiar with the language, but he trusted God to guide his path, and he worked with a missionary friend passing out Chinese Bibles and working as a doctor. The Chinese Evangelization Society, the missionary group that sent Hudson, was unable to pay its missionaries in 1857. This news upset Hudson, but he left that group and put his full trust in God to provide what he needed to continue his work in China. As he continued to work hard, a small church grew along with his faith in God. In 1860, Hudson became very ill and had to travel back to Britain. While he recovered, he shared the spiritual needs of the Chinese with other Christians, asking God for more missionaries to reach the inland of China, instead of just the coast. He also continued translating the Bible into Chinese.

Hudson was upset by how little the English people seemed to care for the people of China. To address the issue, he wrote a book titled *China's Spiritual Needs and Claims*.

To help reach people deep inside China with the gospel, Hudson started the China Inland Mission. Sixteen missionaries signed up with



the new China Inland Mission and left with Hudson for China.

To join the China Inland Mission, missionaries had to agree to wear Chinese clothing and hairstyles. They could not accept a salary or ask people for money, but trust God to meet their needs. And God did! The little mission grew. By the time Hudson died, there were 825 missionaries serving in every province of China, 300 mission stations,



500 local Chinese helpers, and over 25,000 new Chinese Christians.

It cost Hudson a lot to share the gospel in China. His first

wife died young, and four of his eight children passed away at young ages. Hudson himself suffered from bad health and depression. But Hudson knew his work was important and that anything done for Jesus was worth it. The gospel had come to China, and the church is still

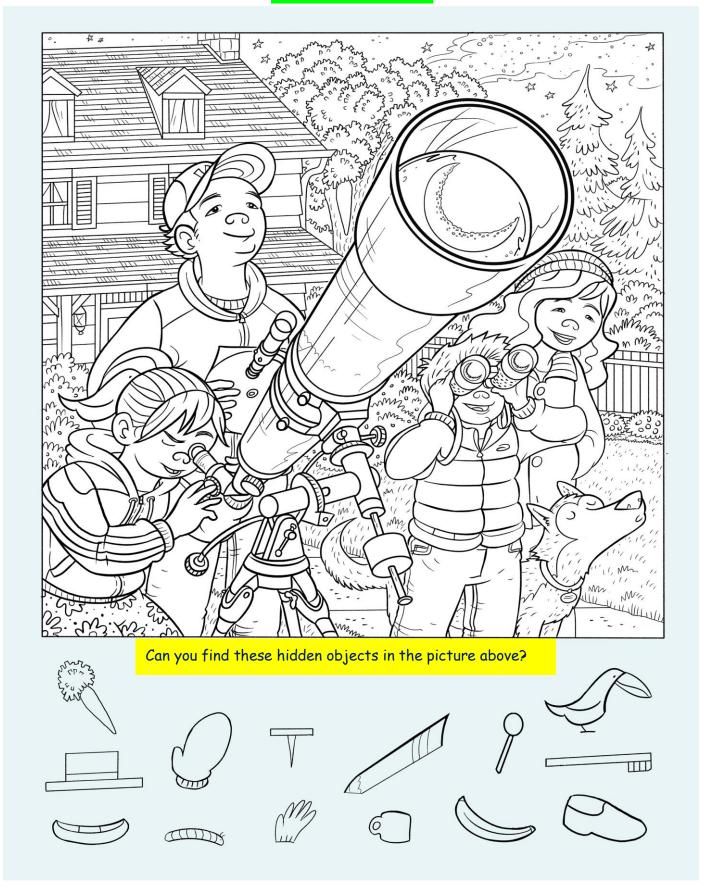
growing and flourishing because of the sacrifice and efforts of people like Hudson. Now called Overseas Missionary Fellowship International, Hudson Taylor's mission still brings people closer to God throughout Asia.

Think About It:

- Do we get only blessings when we serve God?
- Can we feel scared or discouraged sometimes even while serving God? Is this a good thing or a bad thing?
- Does God require us to sacrifice the things we love in order to serve
 Him?
- Can we really trust God to provide for us even during very hard times?
- What is/are the most important thing(s) in your life? Would you sacrifice them if God calls you to do so?

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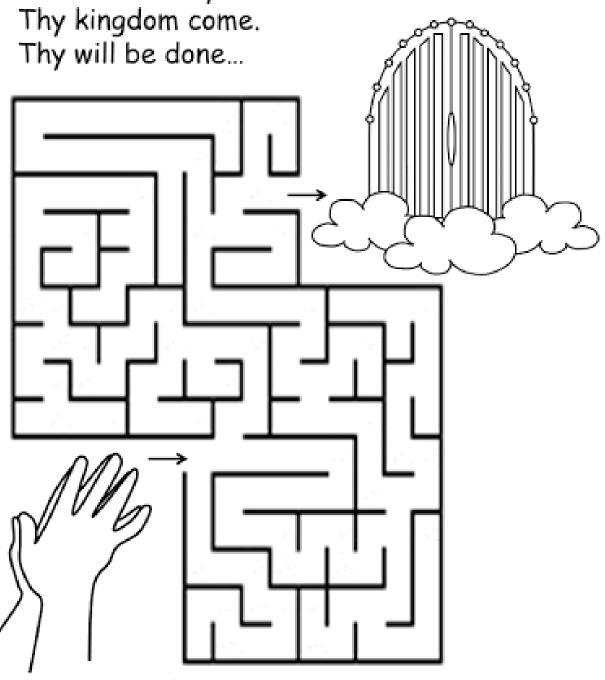


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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.



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I can follow Jesus by helping others

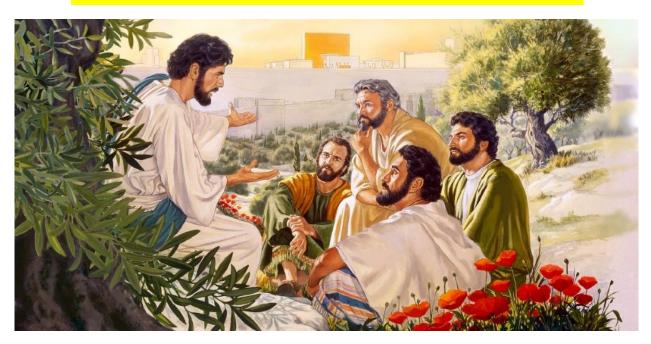


Unscramble the following words to find a message from JESUS

And, come is me, to give behold, man quickly; with according my every as his and work I shall be. Reward

(Clue: Revelation 22:12)

THE SIGNS OF JESUS' SECOND COMING



As Jesus and His disciples sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples asked Him what the signs of the end of the world and His second coming would be.

Jesus answered them and said that before He comes, there would be many who would claim that they are Christ but we should never believe them or go after them. Jesus warned that wars would be there along with famines, diseases and earthquakes. The world would be thrown into utter confusion and fear. People's love would grow cold. Many would betray their friends, especially friends who love and follow Jesus. The followers of Christ would be hated and persecuted because of Him. But during all these times, many people will get to know about Jesus and His Kingdom. Jesus said that before He comes, there will be very hard times such as the world has never seen. The people of God will have to run and hide since they would be hunted down as law-breakers and trouble-makers. The Sun and Moon would not shine during the day and night and the stars would fall from the sky.

These days would be so terrible that if God does not cut them short, many many lives would be lost. However, God will shorten these days of tribulation for the sake of His people and Jesus will come with all the heavenly host to take His people Home. Just as the sun rises in the east, the Son of God would also appear in the east and everyone shall behold Him in His glory.



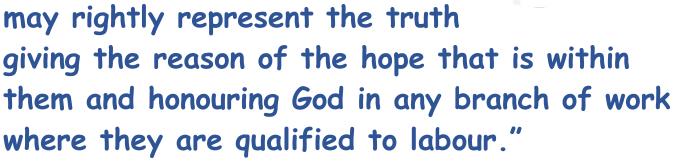
Think About It:

- Today, do you see the signs of Jesus' coming? Can you list some of them?
- Do you think the Second Coming of Jesus would be a very quiet event?
- Should you expect to be hated and persecuted for believing in Jesus?
- How can you stand firm for Jesus even when hard times come? Do you think you can do it on your own? What would you need?

MESSAGES FROM THE PEN OF ELLEN G. WHITE

"The Lord has appointed the

youth to be His helping hand.... We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping the youth. Let all be so trained that they



- Christian Service, Chapter 2 💙



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