



Treasure Hunt BIBLE Adventure Guide

New Testament

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his Son

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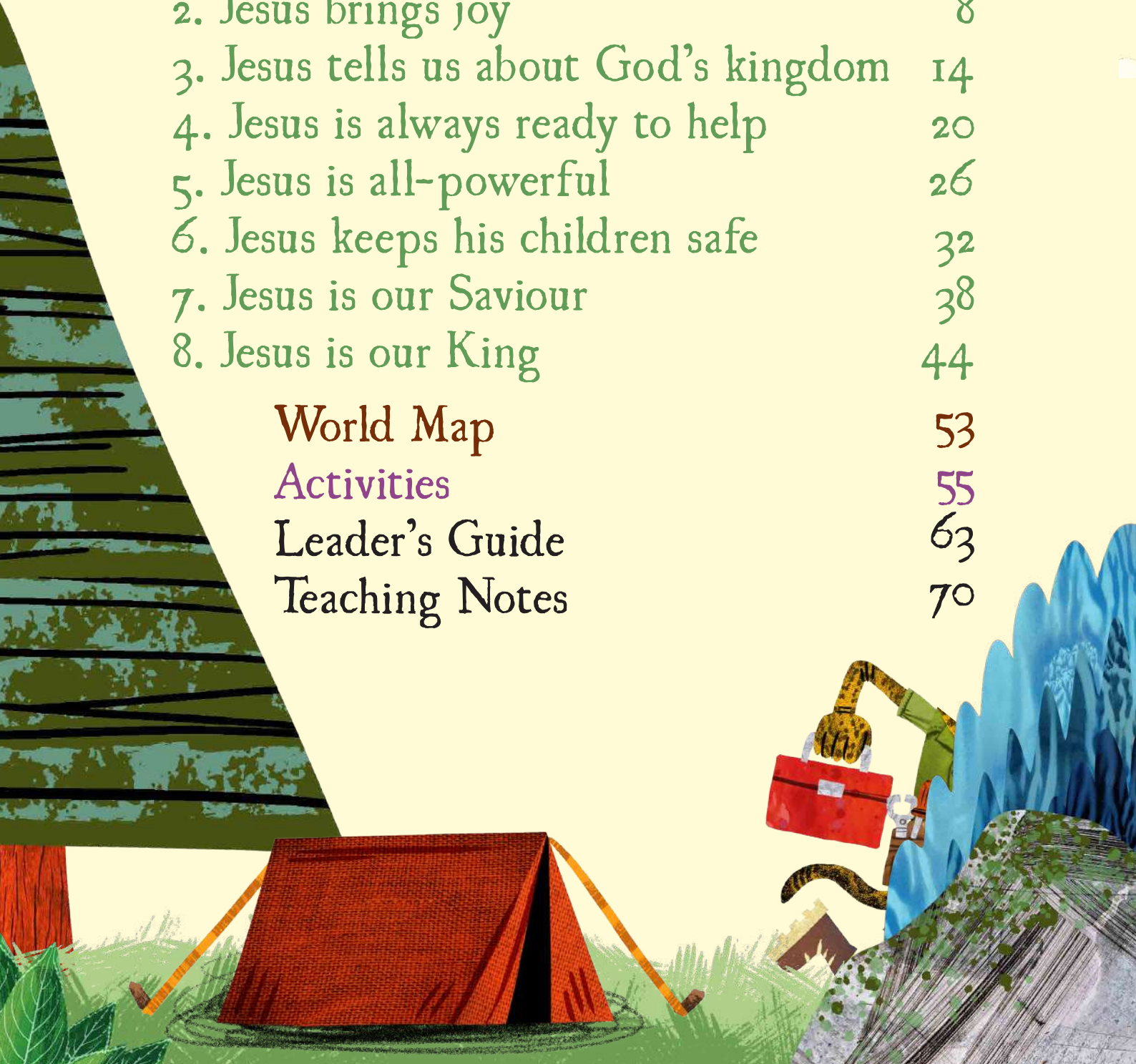
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The Wayees

welcome you to the Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure Guide.

Join with your friends and family on eight amazing **Adventures** that will lead you to learn more about Jesus.

Jesus came to this world because he loves you and he cares deeply for you.
He wants you to care for other people and show God's love to them.

Jesus is all-powerful, and he showed his power through the miracles he did when he was on earth. He is at work every day in your life and the lives of those around you.

Jesus is your good shepherd. He takes care of you and protects you.

One day Jesus is coming back to the earth to fetch all those who love and serve him.
They will live with him in heaven.

On your **Adventures** you will do lots of fun activities with the **Wayees**.
You will learn many interesting things about the world and the Bible.
During story time you will visit different countries around the world.

But best of all you will get to know Jesus better and better each day!

Enjoy your Adventures!



1. God comes to us

How would you plan a **WELCOME PARTY** for a friend that you haven't seen for a long time?

What would you do to show your friend that you are glad that they are back?

How would you like to be **welcomed** back by your family or friends after you had been away for some time?

How can you **welcome** new children to your church?

Let's plan a **WELCOME PARTY!**

Make a party planner to help you to organise a party so that you won't forget anything important.

You will find an example of a party planner on **page 55**.



Decide where to have the party.
Will it be indoors or outdoors?

Make lists of the things below:

- ♥ people you want to invite
- ♥ games you want to play
- ♥ activities you want to include
- ♥ food you want to serve
- ♥ decorations, like a welcome banner or poster and balloons

Let's begin



Ready, steady, go

Let's talk



A **WELCOME PARTY** is a fun way to celebrate someone's arrival or return. A birthday party shows that you are happy for your friend.

Do you know whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day?

In the time of the Bible, babies were born at home. Jesus' parents were visiting Bethlehem when it was time for him to be born. The only place where they could find accommodation was in a stable. So Jesus was born in a stable. Apart from that, he was born just like any other baby – just like you.

But Jesus' birth was special.

Can you remember special things that happened when he was born?

Take turns to mention them.

You can also read what **Greeny** had to say about Jesus' birth on **page 103** in your *Treasure Hunt Bible*.

You can read about Jesus' birth in **Matthew chapter 2** and **Luke chapter 2**.

Later Mary, Joseph and Jesus returned to Nazareth, a town in Galilee.

Jesus grew up just like all the other children in their town.

He had four brothers and at least two sisters. Read **Mark chapter 6 verse 3**.



The Israelites weren't powerful any more.

They were now ruled by the Romans, who called them Judeans or Jews.

The people often wondered if God had left them.

They wished that God would send the king he had promised them, who would set them free.

God did send them their king.

But it wasn't the king the people were expecting.

He sent Jesus, his own Son. Jesus was born in Bethlehem like other ordinary babies.

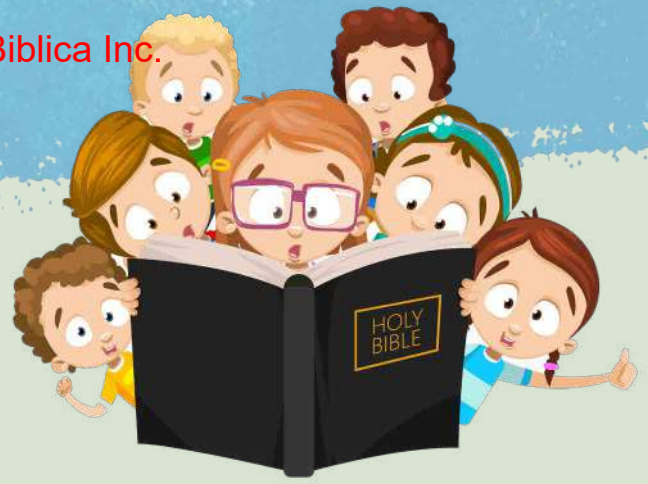
He grew up like other ordinary boys in Nazareth.

Everyone thought Jesus was Mary and Joseph's son.

Nobody knew who he really was. Only Mary and Joseph knew.

God wanted to show us that he loved us and wanted to be with us.

So he sent his Son to us.



Let's understand Let's read the Bible

Read about Jesus' childhood in **Luke chapter 2 verses 39 and 40**.
What did you learn about Jesus?
How was Jesus just like the children in his town?

In those days, everyone tried to go the temple in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. It was like a holiday. Everyone travelled together and camped along the road at night. The children had lots of friends to play with.

When Jesus was 12, he and his parents went to Jerusalem as usual. After the feast, they returned home. His parents didn't see Jesus in their group, but they were sure he was with his friends.

Read **Luke chapter 2 verses 43 to 45** to find out what happened next. Ask your parents or guardian how they would feel if you disappeared and they couldn't find you.

Read **Luke chapter 2 verses 46 and 47** to find out where his parents found Jesus. Jesus went back with his parents. Read **Luke chapter 2 verse 51** to find out what kind of teenager Jesus was.



In some ways, Jesus was like all the other boys in his town.

He **played** with his friends. He **helped** his mother.
He **learnt** all about carpentry from his father.

But his parents knew that he was a special child, just as the angel had told them before his birth. He was wise. He knew so much about God and God's laws that the teachers in Jerusalem were amazed. And as he grew up, he became even wiser.

He obeyed his parents, even though he was the Son of God. God was pleased with him and the way he grew up.

Jesus was God's plan for the world.

He wanted Jesus to show the people what God was really like and how much God loved them. He would have to die to do that, but God was preparing Jesus for that difficult task even as a child.



GROUP

Let's do it

Put the following objects or a picture of the object in a bag or a box:



baby clothing, straw, a model of a manger, a star, a shepherd's crook, a donkey, a sheep or some wool, a purple cloth, a small gift-wrapped box, something gold like a ring, incense, a camel, an angel, a crown.

Try to find as many of these objects as you can.

Take turns to take an object out of the bag or box.

Explain to the others how it reminds you of Jesus' birth.

End the activity by singing a Christmas carol, even if it isn't Christmas.



FAMILY



Ask your parents and family to show you your baby photos.

Ask them to tell you about your birth and baby years as you look at the photos together.

They can tell you how they looked forward to your birth and what a blessing your arrival was to the family.

They can tell you about the day you were dedicated or christened.

Think about having a special celebration to mark this day. That way you will always remember that important day.

INDIVIDUAL

Names are important.

Do you know the meaning of your name?

What is special about your name?

Does your name tell people more about you?

Is it a family name? 

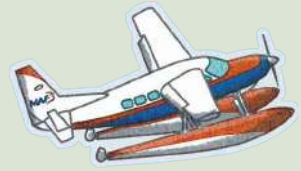
Ask your parents to tell you why they gave you that name.

You can also look up the meaning of your name.

Look for a book of baby names in the library.

Or look it up on the internet.





On **page 53** you will find a map of the world.
In the bottom corner of the map is your aeroplane.

Each week you will visit a different country during **Story time**.
Draw a line from the aeroplane to the first country in today's story. Then each week move on to the next country, continuing the line. At the end of the eight weeks, close the loop back at the aeroplane where you began your journey.

A war story about Christmas

The First World War was a terrible war. It began in 1914 and ended in 1918. Thirty-two countries fought in this war. It was mostly fought in Europe. Some people still call it The Great War. About 17 million soldiers and civilians died in the war. Trench warfare was the main way of fighting the war in France. Both sides dug trenches in the battlefields. The land between two enemy trenches was called no man's land. The soldiers shot at one another from the trenches. The Allied Powers (France, Britain and their allies) fought against the Central Powers (Germany and its allies).

During the first Christmas eve of the war, something wonderful happened. A German soldier shouted out to the British soldiers asking for a truce. The Allied soldiers thought it was a trick, but then they agreed. The soldiers on both sides put down their weapons and walked across no man's land to wish each other Merry Christmas.



And so the enemies had an unofficial and temporary truce to celebrate Christmas. For a few hours everyone forgot about the war. They had Christmas services together. They sang Christmas carols and ate together. At a few places, they even played soccer together. The birth of Jesus was so special that it brought enemies together.

On that day the soldiers knew that Jesus was Immanuel.
God was with them, even in the middle of a war.



Story
time





Jesus often spoke to his disciples about praying.
He also showed them how to pray.
Let's find out what Jesus wants to teach us about praying.

Read Jesus' prayer in **Matthew chapter 11 verses 25 and 26.**

Isn't it amazing?

Jesus says that the Father sometimes shows things to children that he hides from adults.

He wants children to **believe** in him and **follow** him.
That's why he helps them to **understand** the Bible.

Remember to **THANK** God today for loving you and showing you how to follow him. Ask him to help you **UNDERSTAND** what you read in the Bible and to **TRUST** and **BELIEVE** what he tells you.

This is what I will remember

God sent his Son to us. And from that day, God has always been with us.

That's why the angel told the shepherd,

*"I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you."*

Luke 2:10-11

Remember this! God sent his Son. He showed us that God is always with us.

This is what I will do

Do you think the angel's news was good?
If you do, tell it to someone else today.
Choose a person to tell this good news to.

Then go and do it.

Are you unsure that the angel's announcement was good news?
Choose a person that you can ask about this.

Let's pray
Let's live it





See you soon
for Unit 2
God's
new people



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