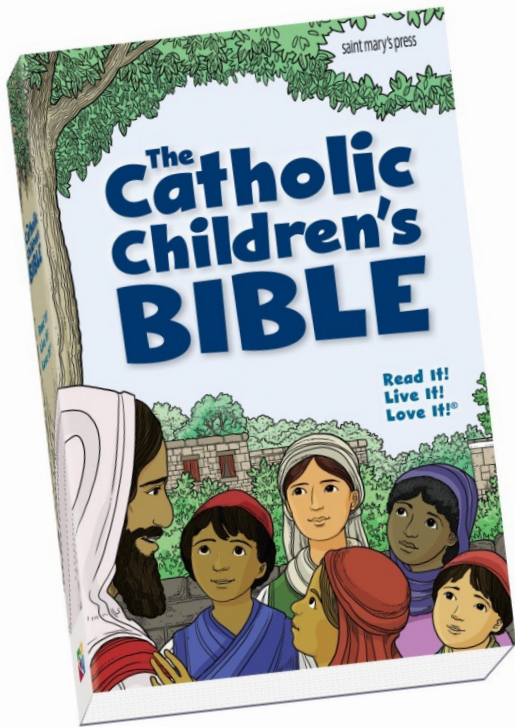




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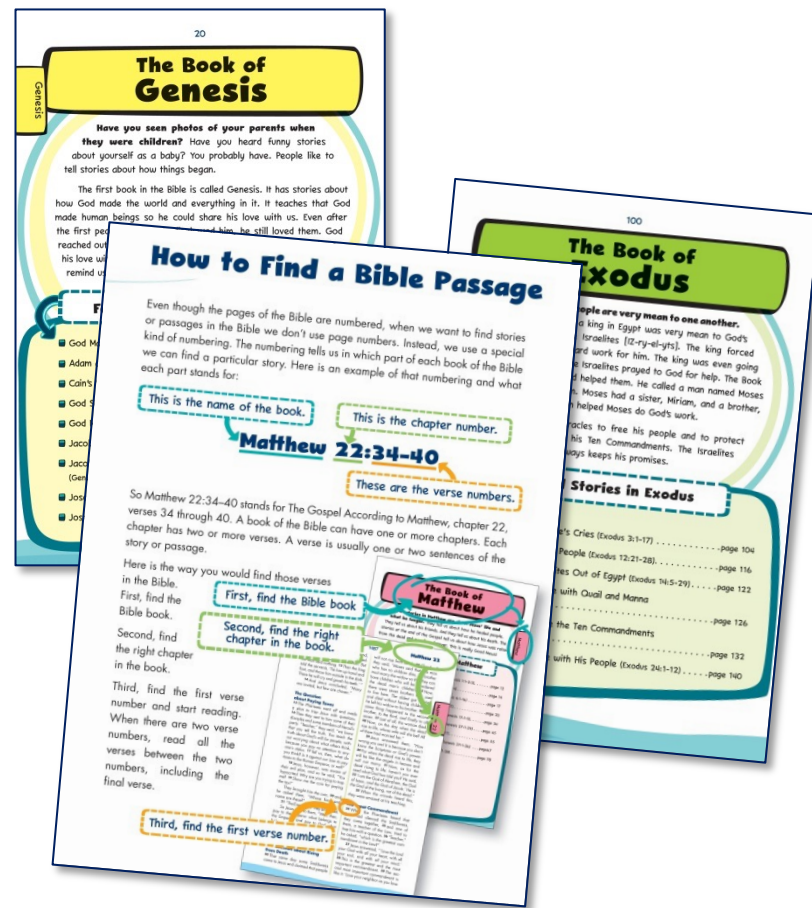


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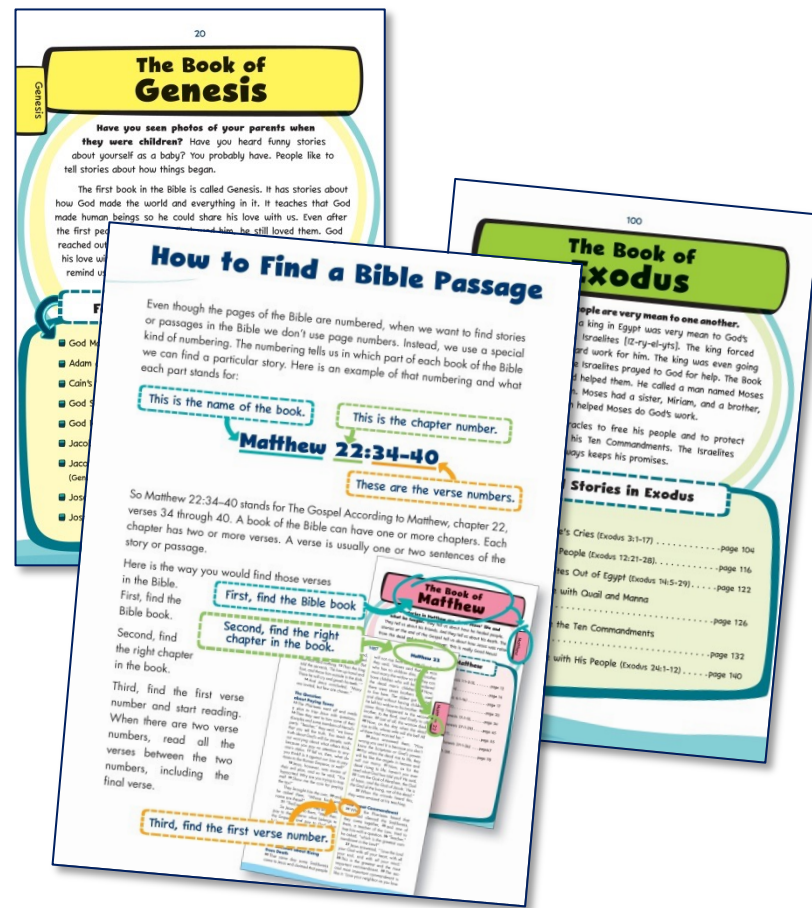


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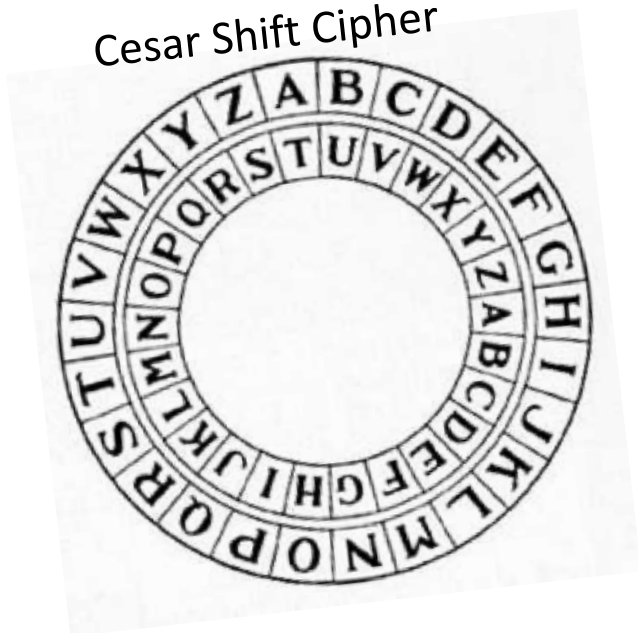
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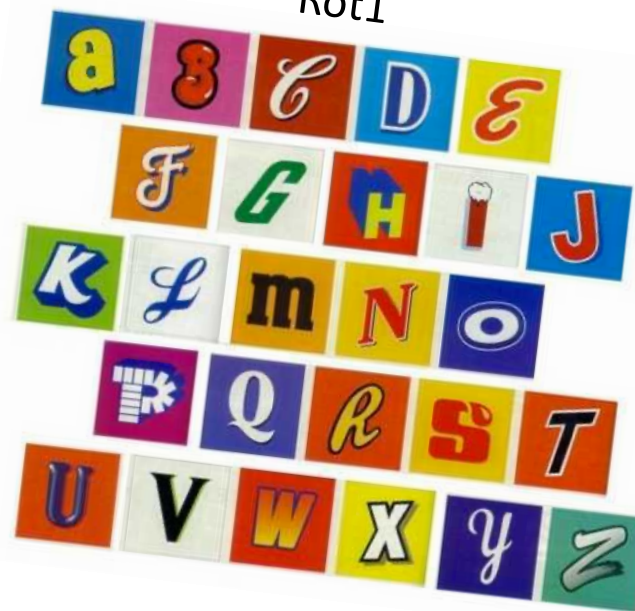


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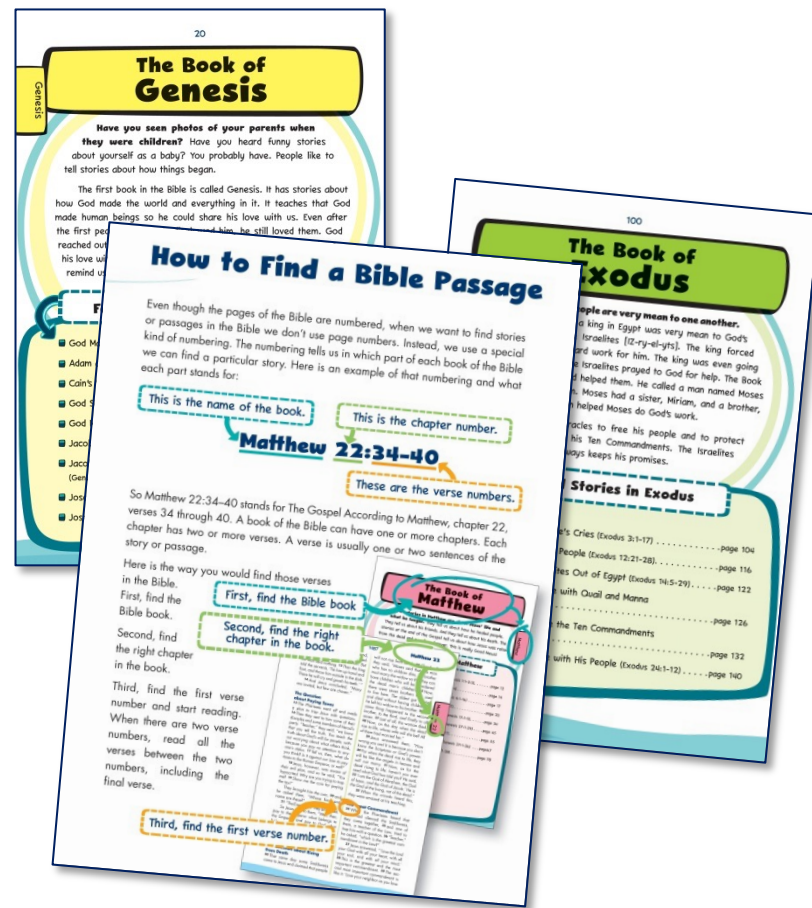
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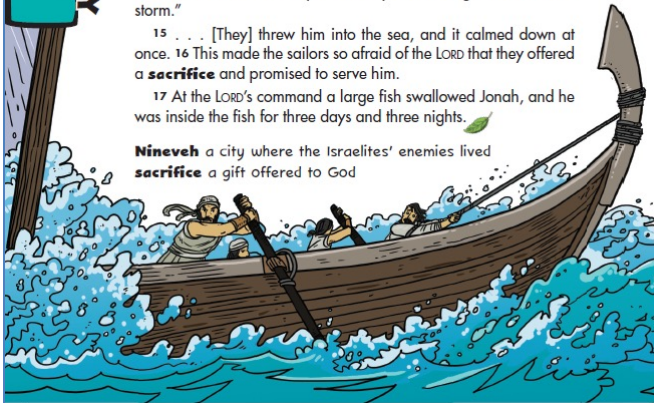
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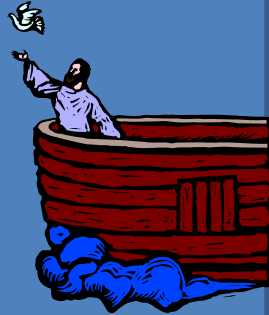
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STORY
Jonah 1



- Who's Who
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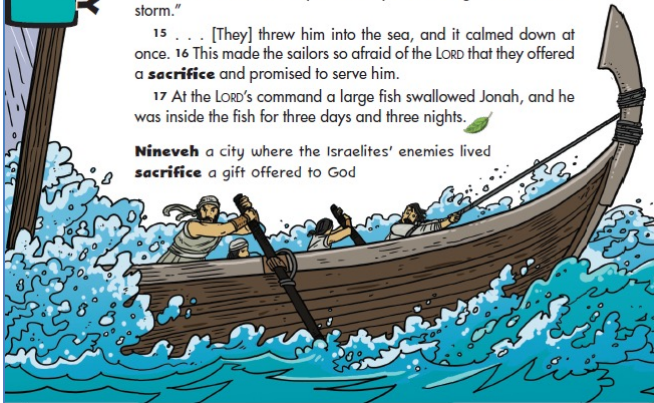
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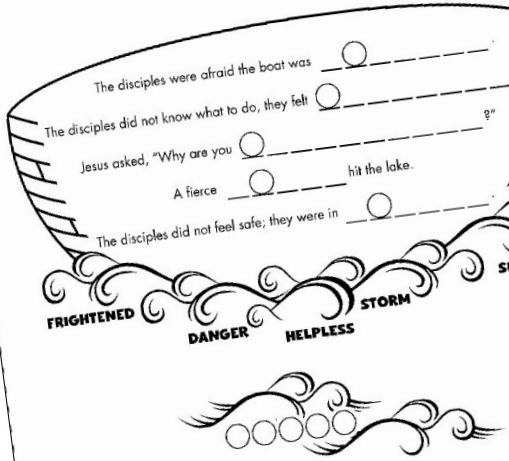
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Don't Rock the Boat!

Featured Story: Jesus Helps Us in Times of Trouble

Look in your Bible at Matthew 8:23-27 to help you complete the sentences. Find the missing words in the waves. Then unscramble the circled letters to find out what the disciples needed. Write your answer in the circles in the bottom wave.



Seek and Find: What two objects are pictured in the boat at the bottom of the story pages?

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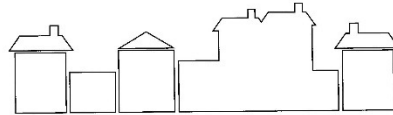
Mixed-Up Millie

Featured Story: Saul Is Changed after Meeting Jesus

Millie put these sentences in the wrong order. Help her tell the story's events in the correct order. To tell the story as it happened, number the first set of sentences 1 to 5 and the second set 6 to 10. Find and read the Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20 in your Bible to help you.



- _____ Saul heard the Lord's voice on the road, and the Lord spoke to him.
- _____ Saul got up, but his eyes could not see a thing.
- _____ Saul did terrible things to the followers of the Lord.
- _____ The Lord told Saul to get up and go into the city.
- _____ A light from the sky flashed, and Saul fell to the ground.
- _____ Ananias placed his hands on Saul and spoke to him.
- _____ Saul went to the synagogues to preach that Jesus was the Son of God.
- _____ For three days Saul could not see, and he did not eat or drink.
- _____ Saul was able to see, got baptized, and got his strength back after eating.
- _____ Ananias was sent by the Lord to help Saul.



Seek and Find: What color is Saul's headpiece on these story pages?

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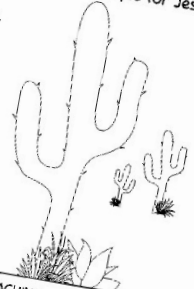
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The Work of John the Baptist

Featured Story: John the Baptist Prepares People for Jesus

Find and circle the words listed in the box. One is done for you.

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 OMLYENODEIT
 URSGAEIRSR
 NSAGCYNOEIW
 BOAPITSDJTN
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 DWYGLLSFO
 RGGNIZITPAB
 IVEYOURSINS



BAPTIZING	HONEY	PREACHING	NEWS
DESERT	JORDAN	SPIRIT	HOLY
GOOD	LOCUSTS	WATER	

The letters were not circled. Starting at the top left corner, write these extra letters in the correct order on the lines below to find the hidden message. The first four letters of the message are filled in for you. Look in your Bible at Mark 1:4 to help you.

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 _____ * (Mark 1:4)

Find: How many people are gathered at the river at the bottom of the story pages?

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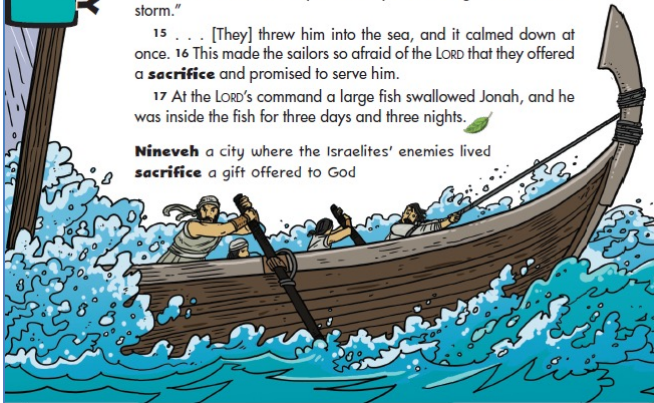
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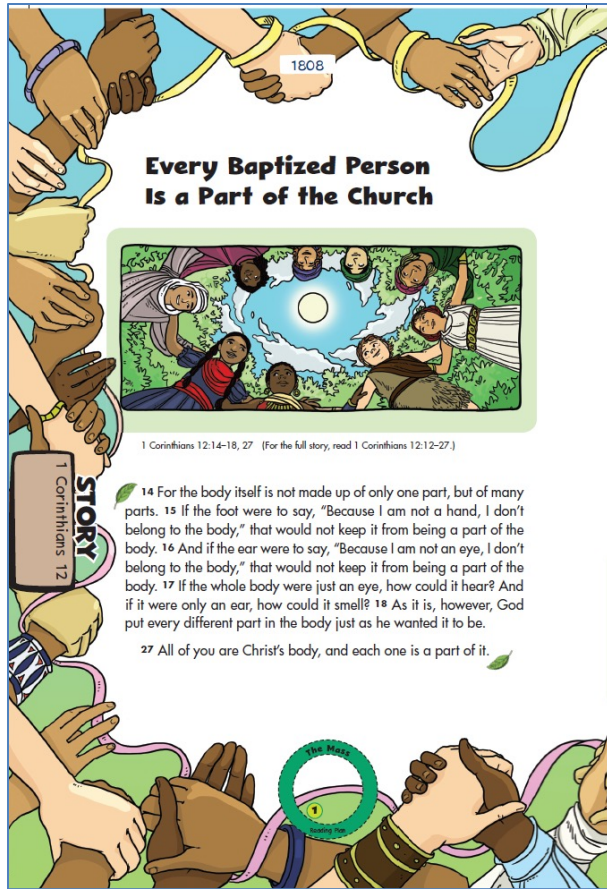
STORY
Jonah 1



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- Story-to-life Activity

- Guided Meditation
- Prayer Bear
- Prep for Sunday
- Liturgical Seasons
- Stop & Pop: Story
- Forgiveness Paper





- Lazarus
- Parts of the Body Race
- The Lost Coin
- Loaves and Fishes
- Gratitude Balloons
- Psalm Motions
- Fruits of the Spirit

February 18

**“Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep
your covenant”**

Psalm 25

February 25

“I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.”

Psalm 116

March 3

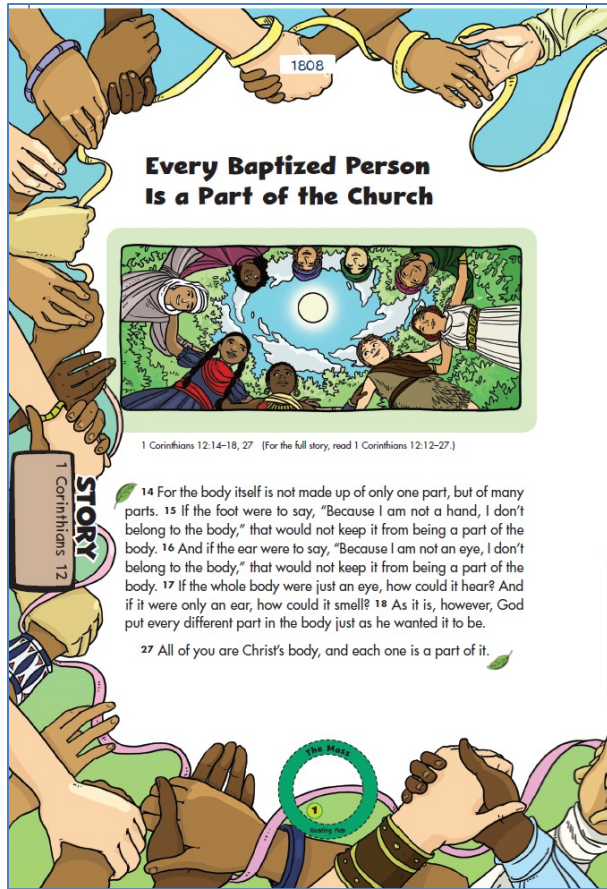
“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts”

Psalm 95

March 10

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Psalm 23



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