

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who knows when Jesus will return?
- How can we be ready for Jesus' return?
- Why do believers have hope even when we feel sad about death?

Paul Gave Hope

1-2 Thessalonians

STORY POINT: PAUL TOLD THE CHURCH TO STAND FIRM AS WE WAIT FOR JESUS' RETURN.

Paul traveled to the city of Thessalonica. Paul told the people the good news about Jesus, and many people believed in Jesus. Some people did not like Paul or his teachings and they forced him out of the city.

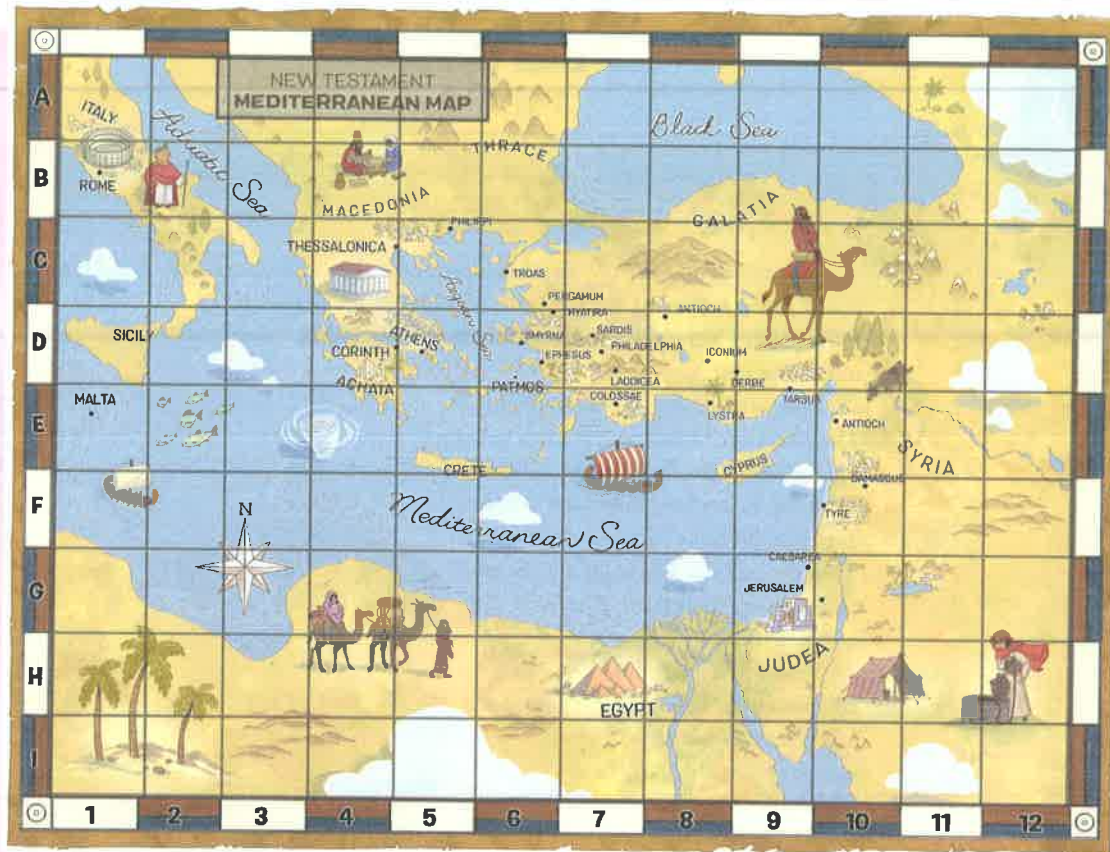
Paul worried about the people in Thessalonica. They had not been believers for very long. So Paul sent his friend Timothy to see how they were doing. Timothy brought back good news. Even though the Thessalonians faced suffering for their faith, they did not give up.

Paul wrote a letter to encourage the believers. He told them that Jesus will return someday. On that day, Paul said, believers will no longer suffer! This message gave them great hope.

Paul wrote to help the believers in Thessalonica know what is true. No one knows when Jesus will come again. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night, when you do not expect it. Whether we are alive or dead when Jesus returns, He will bring us all home with Him forever. So continue to encourage each other because we have this future hope.

Christ Connection: The prophets in the Old Testament told about the Day of the Lord, a day when God would come to judge the world and save His people. Paul said that in the future, on the Day of the Lord, Jesus will return for His people and judge the wicked. Believers live with hope, knowing that Jesus will come again.





Onward!

Start in Jerusalem (G10). Follow the instructions to reach the final destination.

1. Go north 2 spaces. Where are you?

2. Go west 3 spaces. Where are you?

3. Go north 1 space and west 3 spaces. Where are you?

4. Go north 2 spaces and west 3 spaces. Where are you?

5. Go south 1 space and east 3 spaces. Where are you?

Four Questions | Answer each question about the Bible story. Write out the circled letters to find what Paul preached about.

1. In what city north of Corinth did Paul start a church?

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2. Which of Paul's friends visited the Thessalonians?

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3. Who taught in Thessalonica?

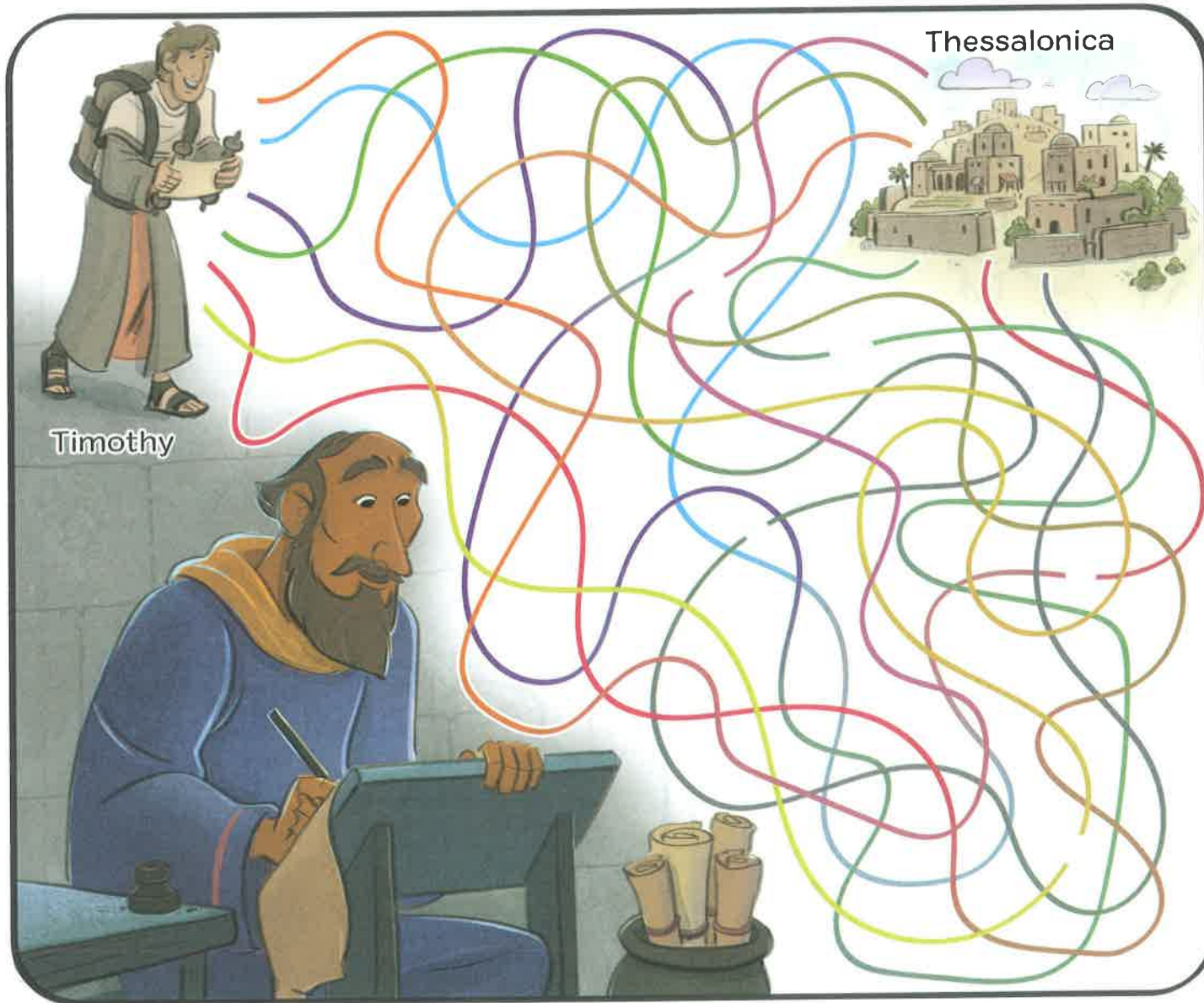
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4. Who will return on the Day of the Lord?

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The Winding Road

INSTRUCTIONS: Follow the lines to figure out which path will lead Timothy to Thessalonica.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The Thessalonians were concerned about what happened to believers who died before Jesus' return.
- Paul explained that all believers will be raised to life when Jesus returns.
- Paul told believers to be ready for Jesus' return by living obediently.
- Paul told the church to stand firm as we wait for Jesus' return.

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 4:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the Bible about? The Bible is the story of God's plan to save people through Jesus.

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FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Go cloud watching with your kids. Challenge your family to find clouds that look like specific shapes. Then, remind your kids that the Bible says Jesus will come back through the clouds, just as He ascended.



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