

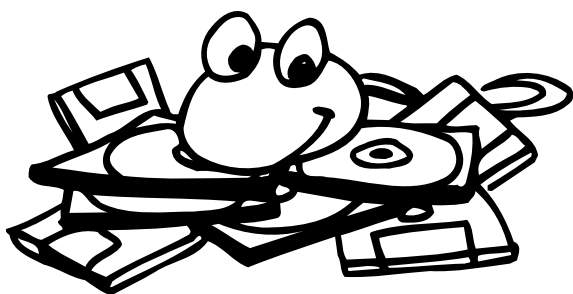
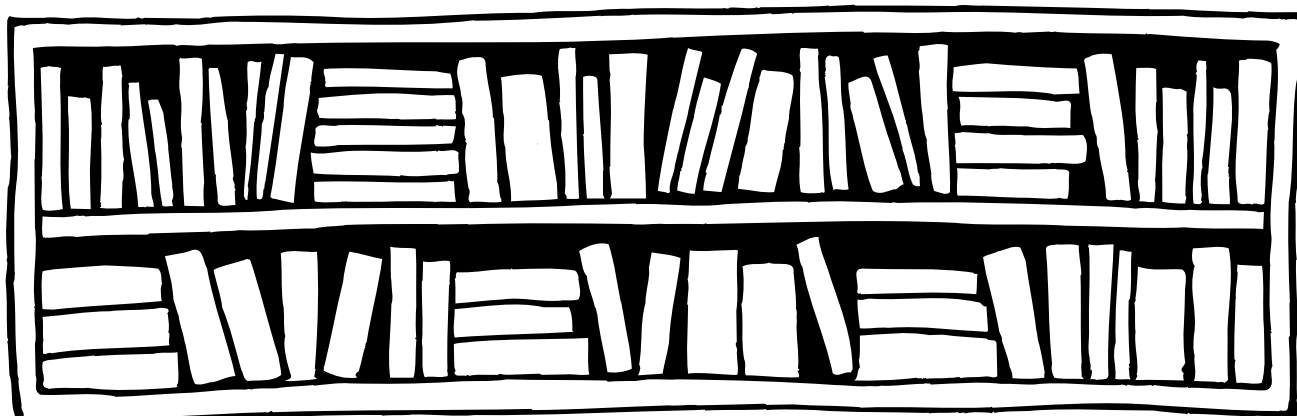
Introduction

Hello, we are Jess and Harry. Welcome to our investigation. Let's learn about a book in the Bible called 1 Samuel.

1 Samuel is in the Old Testament. It is full of adventures, but has some sad stories too. You will meet lots of different people. With Click's help you will have fun solving the puzzles and you will discover more about God.

Bible Fact File

There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. The Old Testament books were written before God's Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth as a baby. The New Testament was written after Jesus' death and resurrection.



But who is Jesus Christ and what exactly happened to him? Well, before we start Click has downloaded one or two Jesus facts.

He was crucified. Jesus was put to death by the Roman authorities and by the Jewish religious leaders. He was nailed to a cross and left to die.

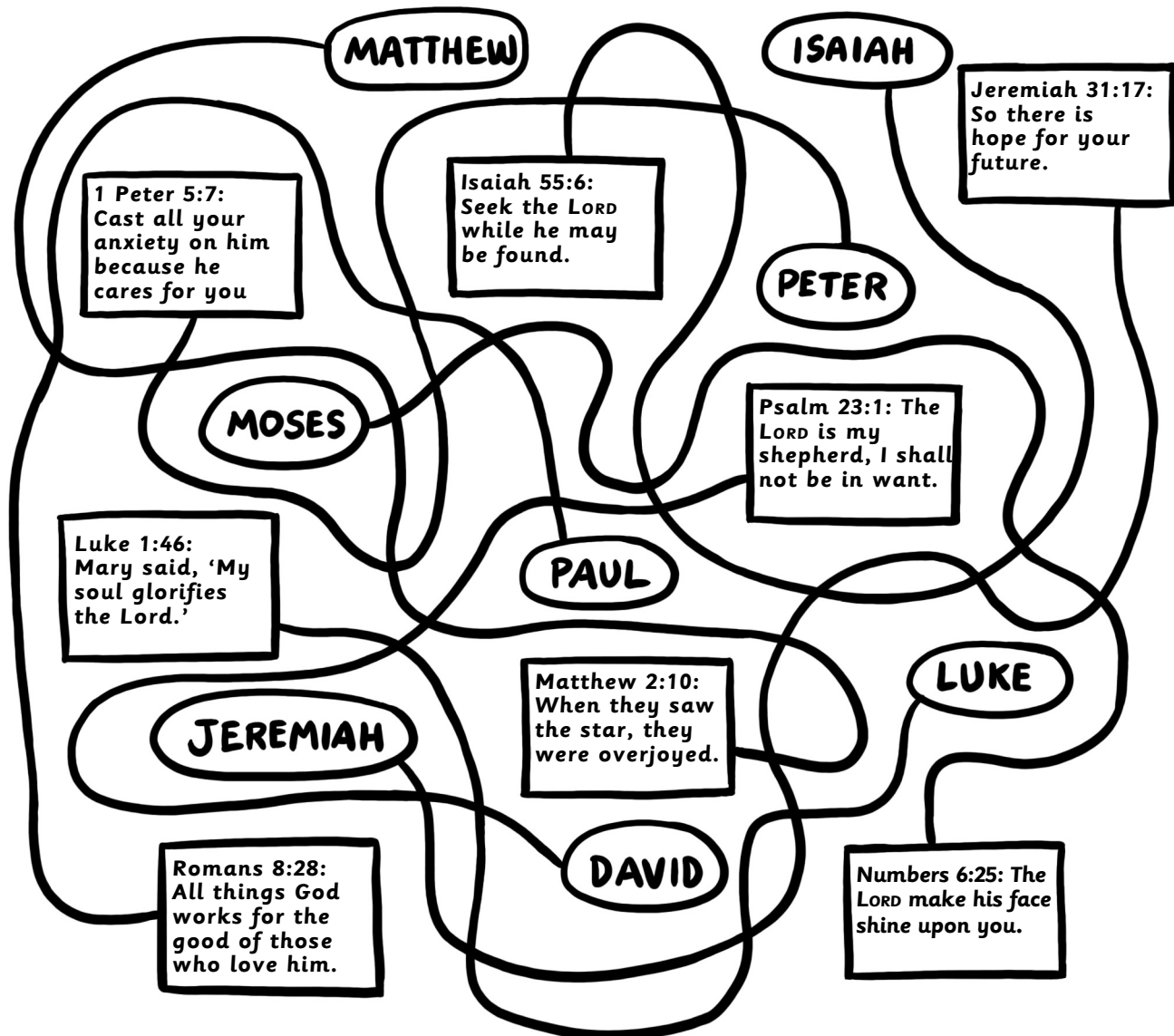
However, his death was all part of a greater plan by God, his Father, to save sinners from the punishment of sin and to give them eternal life.

Jesus rose from the dead. The word people use to describe this event is Resurrection. Jesus Christ came back to life through the power of God. He defeated death and sin. King David was also an ancestor of Jesus - but because Jesus is the King of kings and the Son of God Jesus is sometimes referred to as King David's greater son.

Different people wrote the books of the Bible - some were kings and warriors, some were prophets and preachers, others were fishermen and one was even a doctor. But all of these writers were inspired by God - so although their minds came up with the words and their hands wrote the words - it is God who is the real author of the Bible.



Follow the wiggly lines and you will match up each author with one of the Bible verses that they wrote.



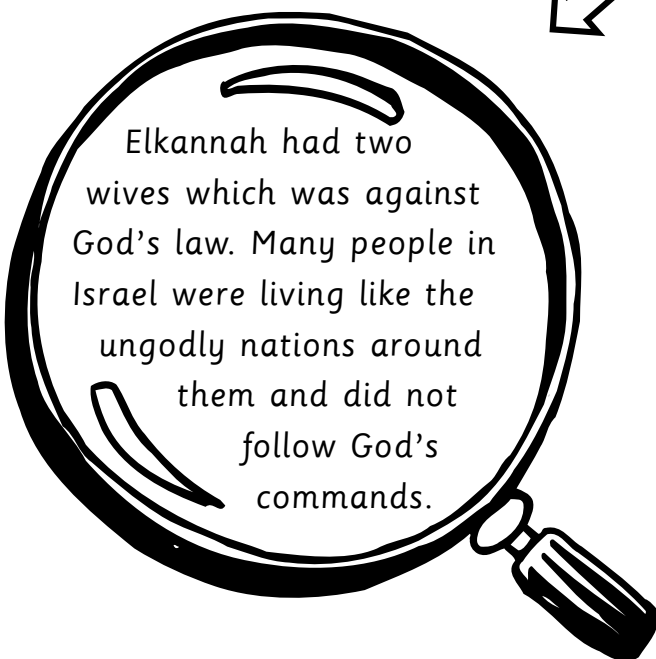
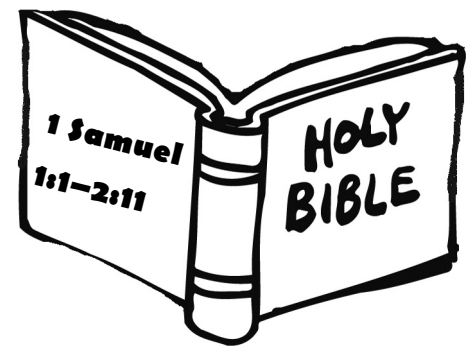
Now let's go on to find out more about who this guy Samuel really was. There are more puzzles to solve and questions to answer. Let's go!

1. Hannah and Elkanah

Click wants to help us discover what happened before Samuel was born. Samuel's father, Elkanah, had two

wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had lots of children, but Hannah had none and this made her very sad. But just before we go

on, have a look at the following Bible fact - which will explain things that you need to know.



Elkannah had two wives which was against God's law. Many people in Israel were living like the ungodly nations around them and did not follow God's commands.



Elkanah lived at Ramah and every year he went with his family to worship the LORD at Shiloh. Eli and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests there. After the sacrificial meal

Hannah went away to pray for a son. If the LORD answered her prayer she promised to give her son back to the LORD. Eli saw her praying and thought that she was drunk. Hannah explained that she had not had too much to drink, but that she was greatly troubled. Use the funny faces to discover what Eli said next.



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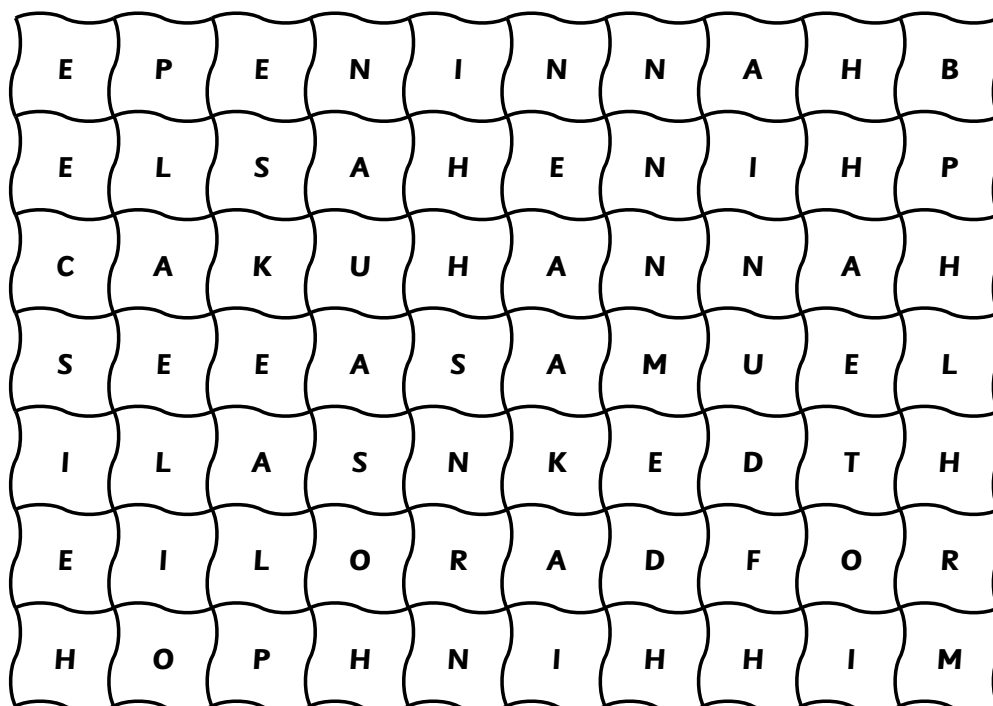
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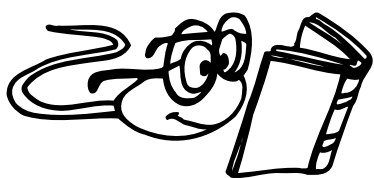
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have asked of him.

Elkanah took his family home and one day Hannah had some wonderful news. She was pregnant. Eventually she gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel. Hannah's heart rejoiced in the LORD. In the wordsearch below, find all the names mentioned in the story so far. Click says there is an extra puzzle for us to do. Write out the leftover letters in the spaces below to find out why Hannah named her little boy Samuel.



1 SAMUEL 1:20



EXTRA EXTRA!! Hannah's heart rejoiced when she realised she was expecting a baby. In Luke 1:47 another woman rejoices over a very special child. This child was Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Look up the Bible verse to find out who the woman was. Romans 5:11 gives us one reason to rejoice. It says, "Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."