

Identify the characters. Color Jesus yellow. Color Bartimaeus blue.



What do you want me to do for you?

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Give rhythm to the sentence.

- The dot represents a short sound or gesture, such as clapping your hands or tapping a table.
- The dash represents a long sound or gesture, such as sliding your hands against each other or on a table. The dash emphasizes the most important parts of the sentence.

Preparation

Up to 4 teams of 2-3 students each

- Print the board on size A3 paper.
- Print the Heading Out Together Gameplay Sheets.
- Print out two copies of each sheet of cards, double-sided.
- If playing with older children, print one copy of the Bible Challenge Cards, double-sided, and keep them in a separate pile on the side.
- one game piece for each team

For the game, you'll need: 8 Bible Cards, 8 Joker Cards, 16 Obstacle Cards, 16 Backpack Cards, and 32 Compass Cards. Gather a Bible, a dice, and game pieces.

Objective

The object of the game is for all the teams to get onto the **Communion Bus** because it cannot leave unless all the teams have boarded.

The children discover that teamwork is necessary. Little by little, they develop a team spirit and work to help each other. At the end of the game, re-reading the suggested cooperation strategies will prepare them to receive the Word of God.

The playing time is **limited to 20 minutes** to allow time for rereading.

What does each team need to get on the bus?

- 1 **Bible Card**, which allows a team to use Compass Cards
- 3 different **Compass Cards** with Bible verses that overcome obstacles
- 3 different **Backpack Cards** showing items to bring on the trip

How do you play?

Form teams of 2-3 players. Give each team a **game piece** and a **Heading Out Together Gameplay Sheet**, which summarizes the object of the game and the purpose of the cards.

Shuffle all the cards together (except for the Bible Challenge cards, if you are using them). Deal 3 cards to each team, and then stack the rest to create a draw pile.

Each team rolls the dice and moves their game piece the number of spaces indicated.

- If the game piece stops on a spot with a card on it, the team draws a card.
- If the card is a **Compass Card**, a **Bible Card**, or a **Backpack Card**, the team members put it face-up in front of them to prepare for the trip. (Note: there cannot be 2 identical cards laid out in front of them.) Alternatively, they can exchange the card with 1 of the 3 that they are already holding, and then discard that card by placing it at the bottom of the draw pile. Each team must always have 3 cards.
- If the card is an **Obstacle Card**, the team must lay it down face-up. An obstacle is blocking the team members from moving on, and they need the help of the other teams to continue. The team to the left is the first to look for a solution to overcome the obstacle.
- If the game piece stops on a spot with 2 cards on it, the team draws 2 cards. If the cards are **Compass Cards**, **Bible Cards**, **Joker Cards**, or **Backpack Cards**, the team members choose one and lay it face up in front of themselves. They



discard the other card. They may also choose to offer the extra card to a team that's facing an obstacle.

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How To Overcome an Obstacle

The team looks for a **Compass** or **Backpack Card** that allows them to overcome the obstacle that is blocking their journey. (The catechist may guide the team in choosing the card that is most helpful.) There can be more than one correct solution, as long as the team can explain why. The **Joker Card** can overcome any obstacle and does not require an explanation.

The team to the left of the blocked team will be the first team available to assist; the team members can decide to help the team that's facing the obstacle, or they can skip their turn. If they choose to help, they draw and play one of their cards to overcome the obstacle, or they use one of the **Compass** or **Backpack Cards** that is already face-up in front of them.

- If the team to the left uses a card that overcomes the obstacle, both their neighbor's **Obstacle Card** and the card used to overcome the obstacle are discarded to the bottom of the drawing deck. Then, the helping team must skip its turn. The next team rolls the dice, and the game continues.
- If the second team does not want to or cannot overcome the obstacle, it's up to the third team to choose whether to help. This cycle continues team by team until one of them gets rid of the obstacle.
- If this cycle returns to the stopped team, these team members also draw a card to try to overcome the obstacle.
- Each team discards their ineffective cards to the bottom of the draw pile.
- **Caution:** other obstacles may appear while teams are drawing cards. Each team can only have 1 obstacle to overcome at a time. If a team draws a second obstacle, discard this card to the bottom of the draw pile.

For Older Children

If a team lands on this spot, they draw a Bible Challenge Card and answer the question. If the team doesn't know the answer, they can use a Bible to help, or ask the other teams or the catechist for clues.



Ending the Game

The bus can't leave until all the teams have the appropriate number of cards in front of them (at least 1 **Bible Card**, 3 different **Compass Cards**, and 3 different **Backpack Cards**), and until there are no more obstacles face-up on the table. All the teams' game pieces must reach the last spot on the board game.

Once a team is at the end of the path, that team won't roll the dice but continue drawing a card for each of their turns as they wait for the others to reach the end. In this way, the team(s) that have already finished can help the other teams by offering the cards they've drawn or have placed face-up in front of them.



Give each team one sheet and refer to it during gameplay.

Heading Out Together Gameplay

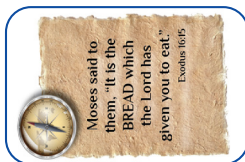
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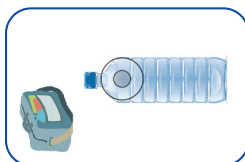
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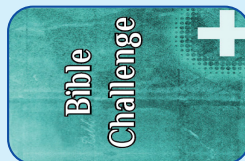
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Play **one obstacle** per team at a time.



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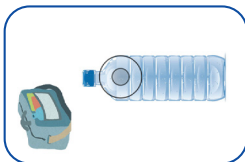
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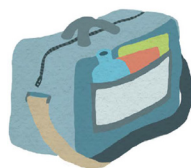
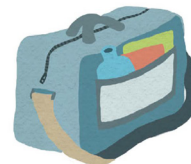
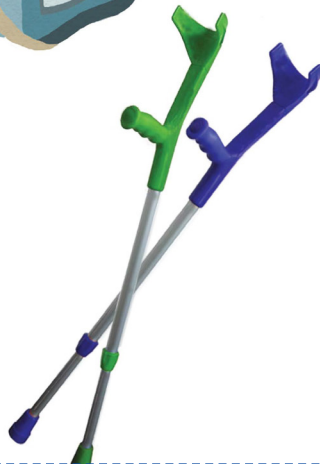
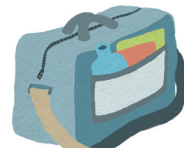
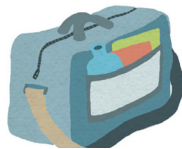
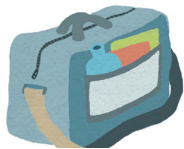
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Be kind to
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FORGIVING each
other just as God
has also forgiven
you.

Ephesians 4:32



For if you FORGIVE
other people for
their wrongdoings,
your Heavenly
Father will also
forgive you.

Matthew 6:14



You shall strike
the rock, and
WATER will come
out of it, so that
the people may
drink.

Exodus 17:6



Whoever drinks
of the WATER
that I will give
him shall never
be thirsty.

John 4:14



Moses said to
them, "It is the
BREAD which
the Lord has
given you to eat."

Exodus 16:15



They also had a
few small FISH;
and after he had
blessed them,
Jesus told the
disciples to serve
these, as well.

Mark 8:7



I say to you,
GET UP, pick up
your stretcher,
and go home.

Luke 5:24



If I should say,
"My foot has
slipped," your
faithfulness, Lord,
will SUPPORT me.

Psalms 94:18



Your word is
a LAMP to my
feet and a light
to my path.

Psalms 119:105





Samuel was
SERVING in the
presence of the
Lord.

1 Samuel 3:1



Blessed is anyone
who meditates
on **WISDOM** and
reasons with
INTELLIGENCE.

Sirach 14:20



Then He opened
their **MINDS** to
understand the
Scriptures.

Luke 2:45



Give me your
heart, my son,
and let your
EYES delight in
my ways.

Proverbs 23:26



Behold, I am
going to send
an angel before
you to guard you
along the **WAY**.

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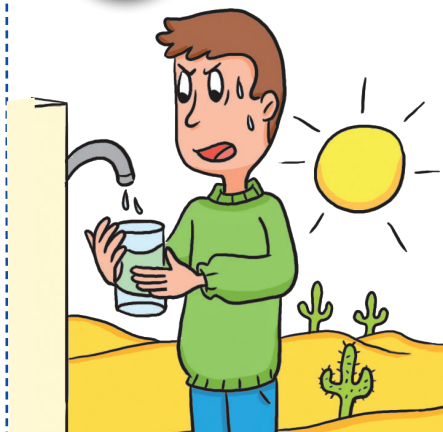
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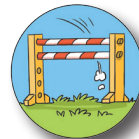




I'm thirsty!



I'm hungry!



I got into an argument!



I'm lost!



I'm the chef!



Why? I don't remember!



I can't see!
Everything's foggy!



Ow! I hurt myself!



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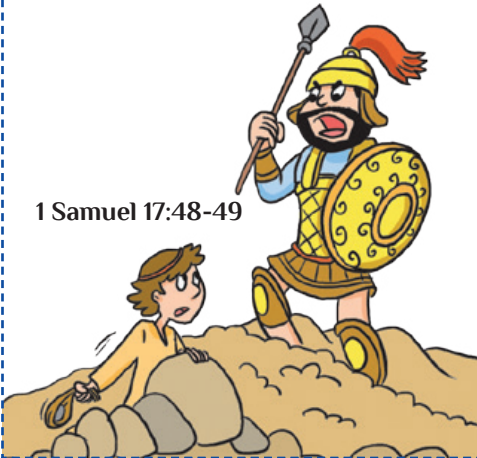
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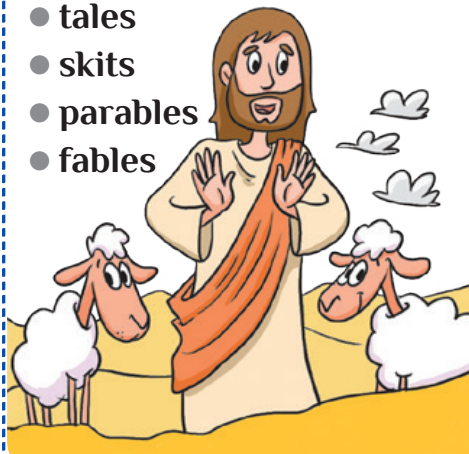
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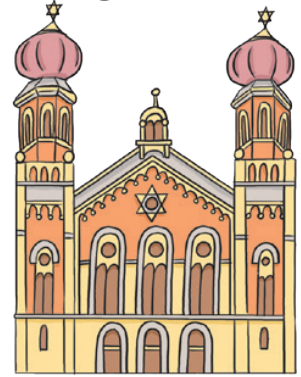
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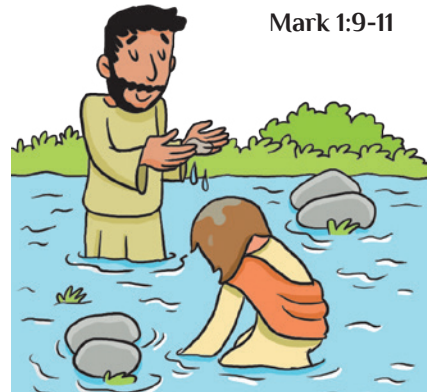
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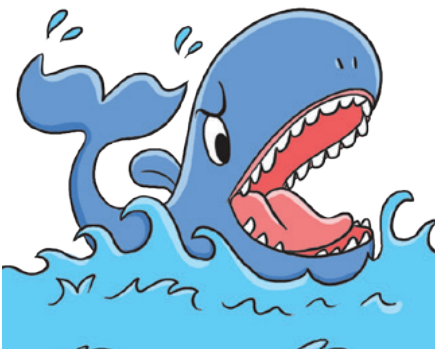
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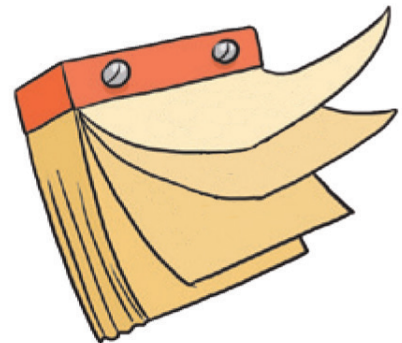


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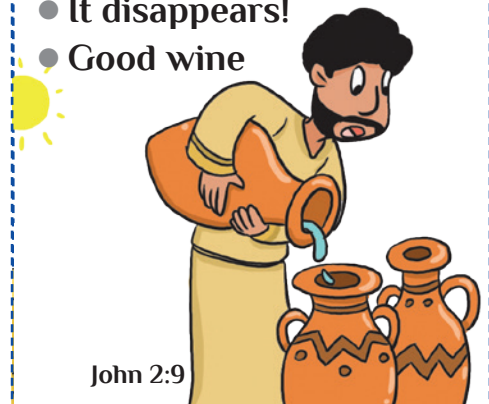
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John 2:9



Simplified Version of The Story of Bartimaeus

The city is Jericho.

Jesus and his disciples were in Jericho.

A crowd is walking with Jesus.

Bartimaeus is alone.

Bartimaeus is blind.

Bartimaeus is begging.

Bartimaeus is sitting.

Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is coming.

Bartimaeus cries out, "Jesus, have mercy on me."

Other people say to Bartimaeus, "Be quiet."

Bartimaeus shouts louder, "Jesus, have mercy on me."

Jesus stops.

Jesus says, "Call Bartimaeus."

Some people tell Bartimaeus, "Take courage,

Bartimaeus! Get up; Jesus is calling you."

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak.

Bartimaeus jumps up.

Bartmaeus runs towards Jesus.

Jesus asks him, "What do you want?"

Bartimaeus says, "Lord, you are good; make me see."

Jesus says, "Go, your faith has saved you."

Bartimaeus can now see.

Bartimaeus follows Jesus.

Based on Mark 10:46-52



Invited by Christ

Step 2: One Body in Christ

Testimony Tiles

Split up the children into groups of 4, providing one sheet per group. Have a volunteer cut out the 12 tiles, and make 3 stacks for each type of card. Then, have each child pick one of each type of card and read it outloud to the group. Afterward, invite the children to choose a card that relates to their feelings about Mass and/or the Eucharist, and share with the group. them, and try to match them back up. There are multiple possible combinations.



 <div>Jonathon, 11</div>	<div>RECEIVING GIFTS FROM GOD; BEING CLOSE TO JESUS.</div>	<div>WHY DO I GO TO MASS? <i>Spending time with Jesus makes me happy. I also really like altar serving.</i></div>	<div>RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST MEANS... <i>receiving Jesus in my heart. It's very important and helps me be happy.</i></div>
 <div>Alexia, 12</div>	<div>LISTENING TO THE LIVING WORD OF GOD; RECEIVING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH FRIENDSHIP.</div>	<div>WHY DO I GO TO MASS? <i>Going to Mass means visiting God's house, which brings us together to hear his words in the Gospel.</i></div>	<div>RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST MEANS... <i>never going hungry or thirsty ever again. Jesus fills our hearts and our lives with peace and forgiveness.</i></div>
 <div>Tomás, 10</div>	<div>GATHERING TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD; PRAYING WITH OUR ACTIONS AND OUR WORDS.</div>	<div>WHY DO I GO TO MASS? <i>I like going to Mass, and seeing everyone gather together. Through Scripture and song, the Word of God is brought to life. I like how it changes us for the better.</i></div>	<div>RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST MEANS... <i>each of us are individuals, but together we gather as a Christian community. When I receive Communion, I feel closer to Jesus, and my prayer is more sincere.</i></div>
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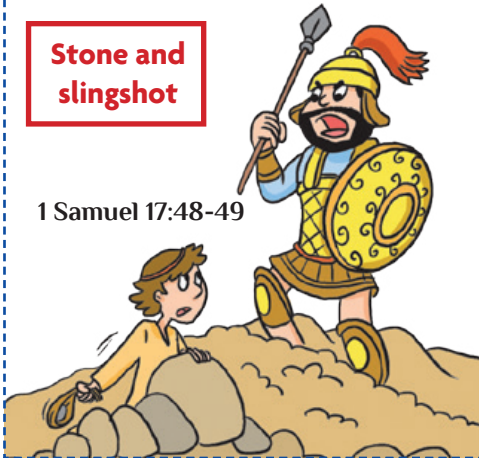
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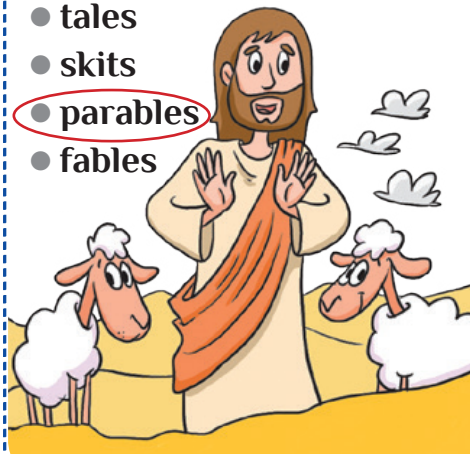
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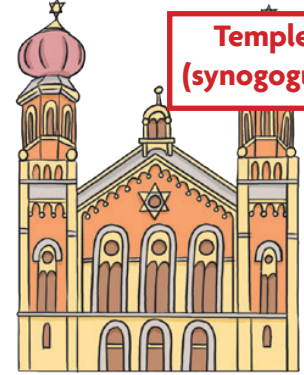
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In a basket on the bank of the Nile River

Exodus 2:1-4

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Temple (synagogue)

Mark 1:21

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Mark 3:15-19

Any 3 of the following: Peter, Andrew, James the Greater, John, Matthew, Bartholomew, Philip, Thomas, James the Less, Jude, Simon the Zealot, and Judas (later replaced by Matthias).

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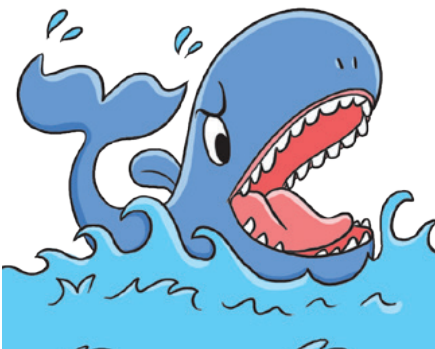
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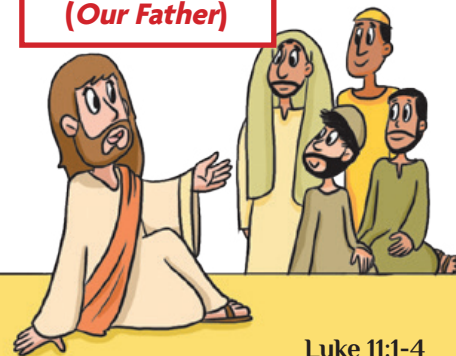
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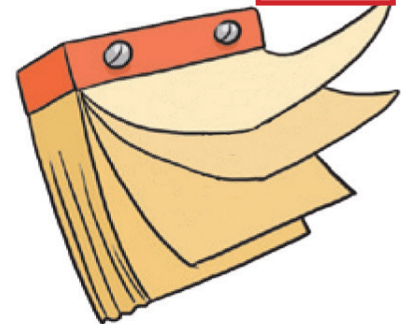
The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)



Luke 11:1-4

What day of the week did Jesus rise from the dead?

Sunday



Mark 16:9

Name 3 types of trees from the Bible.



Answers will vary; examples include fig trees, olive trees, palm trees, and oak trees.

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What instrument did King David play?



The harp

1 Samuel 16:23

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The sixth day



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Exodus 17:6



What kind of clothing did John the Baptist wear?

Matthew 3:4

Clothing made from camel's hair



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"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:13-16



What happened to the seeds thrown by the sower?

Accept answers similar to this: The seeds that fell on the path were eaten by birds. The seeds that fell on rocky ground died because they didn't have roots. The seeds that fell among thorns were choked by the thorns. The seeds that fell on rich soil produced much fruit.

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