

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

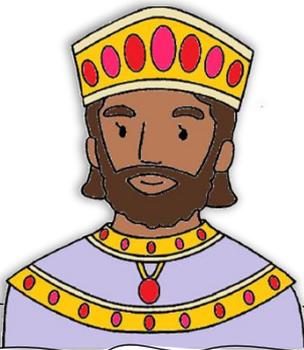


Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring the story of God's promise to David.
You can find it in your Bible in:

2 Samuel 7

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of your promise to David. Thank you that you hear our thoughts and prayers, that you listen to us and have promises and plans for our lives too.

Thank you for our home and the people we share it with, we pray for those in the world who do not have a safe place to live or who are lonely in their homes. Would you comfort and provide for them.

Help us to hold onto your promises this week and to serve you like David did.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What do you think makes a good home?

When God's people left their time of slavery in Egypt they travelled for many years, the Ark of the Covenant carrying the stone tablets given to Moses were carried with them. God had promised that He would be with His people wherever they went.

A good home is one which provides shelter and safety, but a good home is about the people and experiences that you have there. God wanted David and his people to have a place where they could live and feel safe and settled, a place of positive experiences and closeness to Him.

David heard God's promises and was amazed, God had chosen and blessed David so much already and now he was promising even more things.

A question for children to ask adults?

Where in our home do you feel closest to God? Which room do you most enjoy spending time in?

Family Activity 1

David felt guilty because he lived in a palace and the Ark of God was being kept in a tent!

Why not build a family den together – will it feel more like a palace or a tent?

However it looks why not invite God to meet you there and spend some time praying, worshipping or studying the Bible together inside.



A verse to remember

Deuteronomy 31 v 6

Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid of them and don't be frightened, because the Lord your God will go with you. He will not leave you or forget you."



This was the promise that God had given to his people during the time of Moses, that he would always be with them. We can still hold on to this promise today and know that wherever we go in the world, God will be with us as well.

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

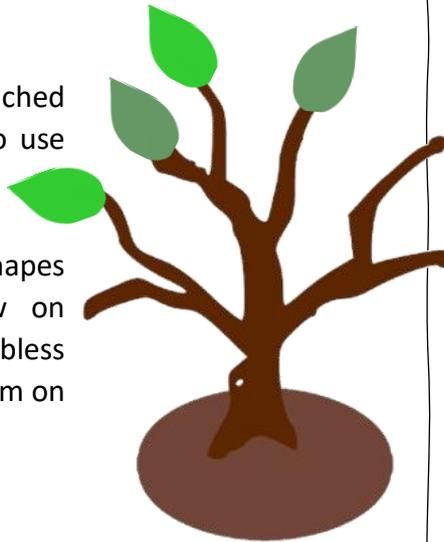
Family Activity 2

David praised and thanked God for blessing him and his family. Why not try one of these family blessings crafts together using any materials you have around your home.

Blessings Tree

Collect a stick or branched twig from outside to use for your tree.

Cut out simple leaf shapes and write or draw on them things that bless your family. Add them on to the tree.



Blessings Flower

Draw round your hands onto piece of paper and then cut out the shapes. Write or draw on the hand prints things that bless your family and then stick all the hands prints together in a circle to form a flower.



Active Prayer

David wanted to build a house for God. Here is a prayer inspiration for each room in your house:



Bedrooms: Visit each bedroom in the house and say a prayer for the people who sleep in that room.

Kitchen: Pray a thank you prayer to God for providing physical and spiritual food for us each day. Pray for the foodbank and all those charities helping people to access food and supplies.

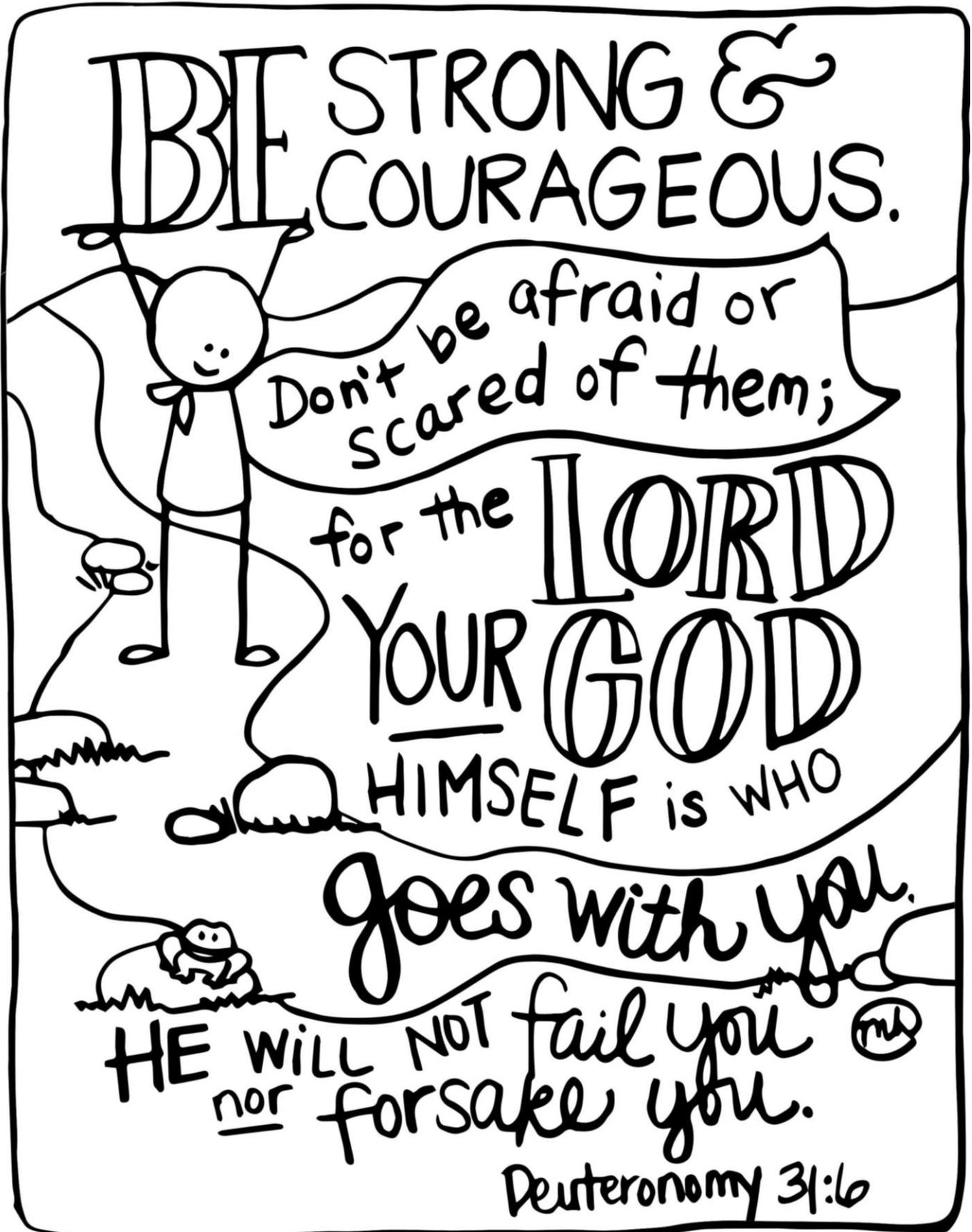
Bathroom: While you are in the bathroom... wash your hands and then take a moment to pray for all working for the NHS and emergency services and those working and volunteering to share the COVID vaccine.

Living Room: Take a moment to pray for all those who appear on our screens – world leaders making difficult decisions, church leaders finding new ways to be church during lockdown and teachers who worked so hard to keep connected when we couldn't be in schools..

Garden/Outside: Pray for all those in your street and community that they would come to know God more and that He would provide all that they need.

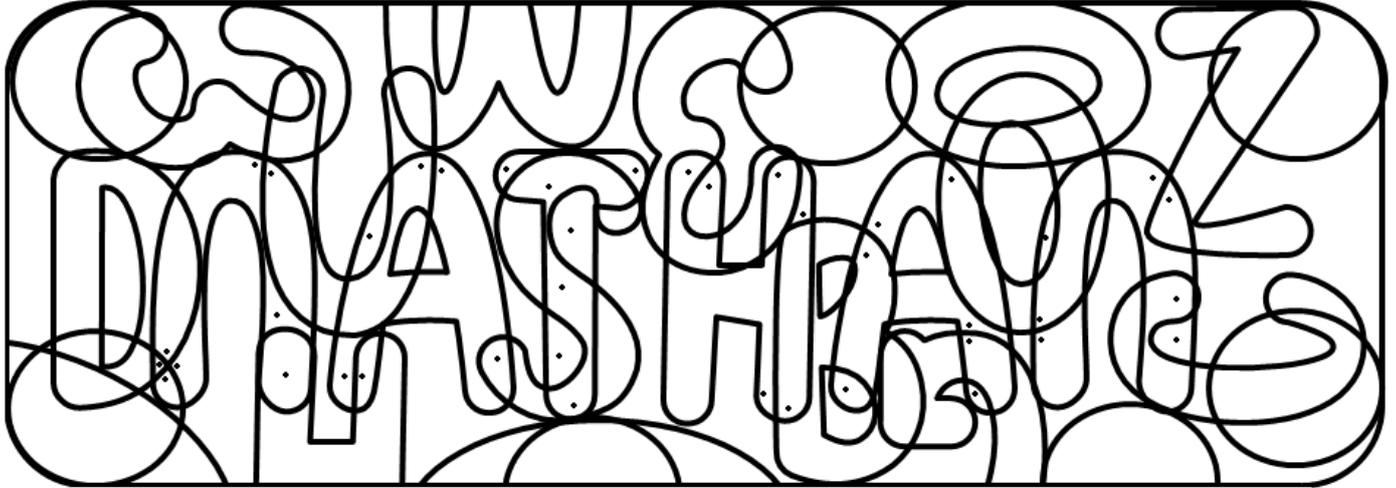
A colouring page you could print and colour together

Colouring page by www.marydeandraws.com



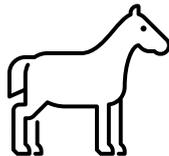
PUZZLE SHEET

Colour in all the sections with a dot in to reveal the name of a prophet. In the story they gave David a message from God.



Can you unscramble the letters to reveal the names of homes where animals live? Then draw lines to connect the animals to their homes.

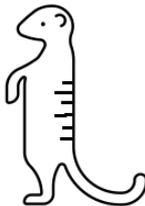
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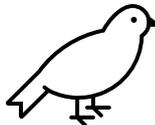
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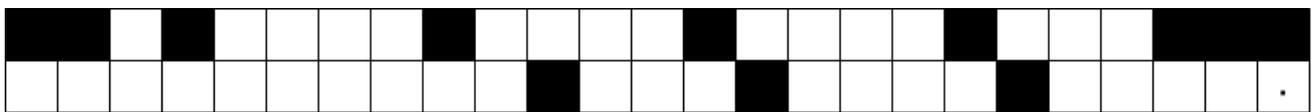
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Put the letters back into the grid to reveal something that God said to David.

David wanted to build a home for the Ark of God but God told him not to. David's son would one day build a special house for God.

What would your perfect home look like? Draw it here!



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