

**A BIBLE
GAME FOR
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8-108**

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BIBLE

WHODUNITS



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Bible Whodunits

A GAME OF FUN & BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

RULES AND GUIDELINES



Players: 2 or more. A moderator is optional.

Age Level: 8 to adult

Objective: Earn the most points by gathering chips

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 50 Bible Whodunit Cards
- Answer Sheets
- Chips, timeline flags, and smartphone cards
- Scissors
- SmartPhone (optional; see our section on “For Use with a SmartPhone”)
- [Bible Timeline](#) (optional; see our section on “For Use with a Bible Timeline”)

PREPARATION FOR THE BASIC GAME:

1. Print out all 50 Bible Whodunit Cards, Answer Sheet, and Chips.
2. Cut the cards and chips. Staple the Answer Sheet with the pages in order.
3. Place the EASY, INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED level cards in *separate piles* after shuffling, upside down, in the middle of the table.
 - Cards 1-20 are the EASY level.
 - Cards 21 to 35 are the INTERMEDIATE level.
 - Cards 36 to 50 are the ADVANCED level.
4. Place the chips in separate piles on the playing table, near to the stack they go with:
 - The crosses are for the EASY level and are worth 1 point each.
 - The shields are for the INTERMEDIATE level and are worth 2 points each.
 - The helmets are for the ADVANCED level and are worth 3 points each.



5. Place the stapled Answer Sheet upside down on the table if you have no moderator. If a moderator is participating, she may hold the Answer Sheet throughout the game.



RULES OF PLAY FOR BASIC GAME:

1. Each player must start with the EASY pile. The player to take the first turn pulls a card from the top of the EASY pile and hands off to the player beside her who reads it.
2. The player who pulled the card must guess which of the four choices is correct.
3. If you have a moderator, that person will verify the answer using the Answer Sheet. If you have no moderator, students may turn the Answer Sheet over on the table and look up the answer themselves. They should place it back, facedown, after each use.
4. If the player answered correctly, he gets a Cross Chip, worth 1 point. If he answers incorrectly, he doesn't earn a chip and must pick a card from the EASY pile next time.
5. The card is returned to the bottom of its pile.
6. The next player takes a turn and repeats the process.
7. Any player who has won a Cross Chip may pull from the INTERMEDIATE pile. If he answers the card correctly, he gets a Shield Chip, which is worth 2 points. If he doesn't answer correctly, he doesn't win a chip; however he may pull from the EASY or INTERMEDIATE pile on future turns.
8. Any player who has won a Shield Chip may pull from the ADVANCED pile. If he answers the card correctly, he gets a Helmet Chip, worth 3 points. If he doesn't answer correctly, he doesn't win a chip; however he may pull from any of the three piles for the rest of the game.
9. Payers should keep track of their own score by keeping count of their chips and the amount of points appropriated for each. The first player to reach 20 points wins.

FOR USE WITH A BIBLE TIMELINE:

Several wonderful [Bible timelines](#) are available online. Between the information on a timeline and the information on a Whodunit Card, players should be able to place the events of the game on the timeline using our Timeline Flags.



1. In your setup, also cut out the Timeline Flags. Have a pen and push pins available. Tape your timeline up to the wall.
2. Students will have a chance to earn an extra 2 points by writing out a flag and affixing it to the approximate place on the timeline, naming the event on their Whodunit Card.
3. As players write out timeline events and place them on the timeline, they should put their initials on the back of the flag. At the games end, count the flags placed by each player and multiply by 2, as they are worth 2 points each. Add these to each player's total score.



FOR USE WITH A SMARTPHONE

Using a cellphone for Bible lookups can bring another element of fun and intrigue. It can also make the game easier for players less versed in their Bibles. Players needn't have a Bible app on the phone they are using. They may simply use the Google voice command (Google voice works better than Siri in many parts of the country) or type the question out in Google.

1. In your setup, also cut out the SmartPhone Cards.
2. Give 3 cellphone cards to each player.
3. If a player doesn't know the answer to the question, he may use one of his SmartPhone cards. He should first discard it to the middle of the playing table.
4. Then, he should set the SmartPhone timer to 2 minutes. He has 2 minutes to try to find the answer using the SmartPhone.
5. Players may word the question however they choose, having understood what the Whodunit Card is asking.
6. If the player then answers correctly, he gets the appropriate chip and the points associated with it. If he doesn't get the answer in 2 minutes, he doesn't get any chips or related points.
7. Once players have used all three of their SmartPhone cards, they cannot earn more and may not use the SmartPhone again. *Therefore they should conserve!*



OPTIMAL LEARNING STRATEGIES

The Importance of Another Player Reading the Question:

If one player reads the Whodunit Card and the other guesses which answer is correct, both will become more familiarized with the Bible material. Hence, encourage players not to read their own cards!

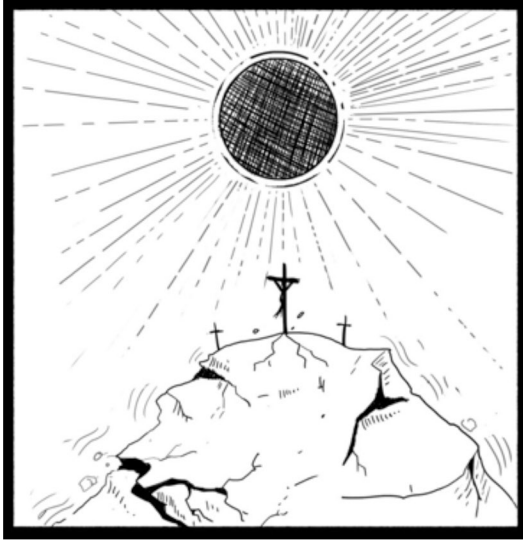
The Importance of Reading the Entire Answer: Encourage players and moderators to read the ENTIRE answer. It also is a learning tool, containing several more facts about the choices.

The answer will either tell why the other three are incorrect, or will give an insightful piece of info about the era, verse or character involved.

Value of Playing with a Timeline: It's amazing how many Christians—kids and adults alike—think Abraham lived only a couple hundred years before Jesus, and that Noah and King David lived at the same time! The Bible, with its many authors, is still a beautiful story that God wants his people to understand. Placing the answers on a Bible timeline will help give Bible events “time placement,” which is important in getting a picture of actual history.

Importance of Writing on Timeline Flags: Have players write the event on the front of the flag, even if they must use tiny letters. Writing is a helpful memorization tool, and the fact will stick with the player longer.

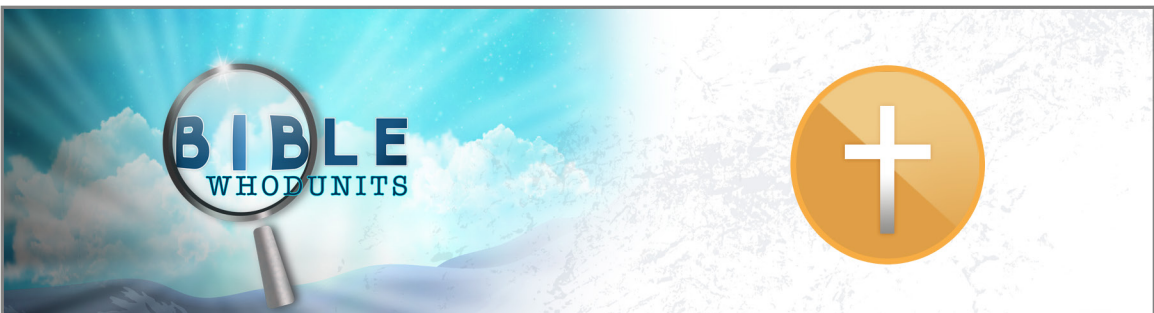




Mystery #1 Easy: You can see his body hanging on a cross at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There is an eclipse of the sun behind the site and an earthquake rumbles. A curtain in the temple has been torn in half.

Who is this?

- a. Apostle Paul
- b. Apostle James
- c. Jesus
- d. Apostle Peter



Mystery #2 Easy: He committed suicide by hanging himself. Just prior to this, he had hurled 30 pieces of silver in the faces of religious leaders. Jesus had just been condemned to death.

Who is this?

- a. James
- b. John
- c. Judas
- d. Jude



Mystery #3 Easy: The royal Herod Antipas has been royally told off! He has put the man in jail. Herod's wife and daughter hated this man also. On Herod's birthday his wife's daughter danced beautifully and he promised to give her whatever she wanted. She asked for this man's head on a platter - and she got it!

Who is this?

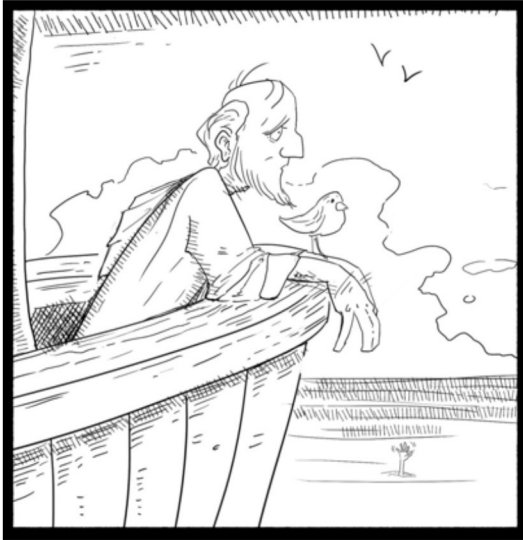
- a. Elisha the prophet
- b. Isaiah the prophet
- c. Ezekiel the prophet
- d. John the Baptist



Mystery #4 Easy: This man is not dead, though he feels like he should be! He is choking up seawater on the beach of Nineveh. He stinks like fish - like very BIG fish. He stinks like nasty big-fish digestive juices, and he can hardly believe a big fish didn't digest him.

Who is this?

- a. The Apostle Jonah
- b. The Apostle Paul
- c. The Prophet Jonah
- d. The Prophet Elijah



Mystery #5 Easy: He is just happy that he and his family are alive! He is staring into nothing but water. He senses death, death, and more death - death everywhere. But death is now far beneath the waters his boat floats upon. n's head on a platter - and she got it!

Who is this?

- a. Methuselah
- b. Noah
- c. Enoch
- d. Lamech



Mystery #6 Easy: He's a slimy, deceitful fellow. He sneaks up on a beautiful woman and tells her that God lied to her, and if she eats this beautiful piece of fruit, she will not die.

Who is this guy and what animal is he posing as?

- a. Satan posing as a snake
- b. Balaam posing as a donkey
- c. Satan posing as a whale
- d. Little John posing as a squirrel



Mystery #7 Easy: Two midwives are saving lives all over the place! But now, they have been brought before the evil king. "Why are you not killing babies like I ordered?" he growls. "You see, the Hebrew women are very strong! They are not like us! They deliver the babies before we can get there!" the midwives say. (When you're saving lives, it's okay to lie to evil leaders!)

Who is the evil leader the midwives are lying to?

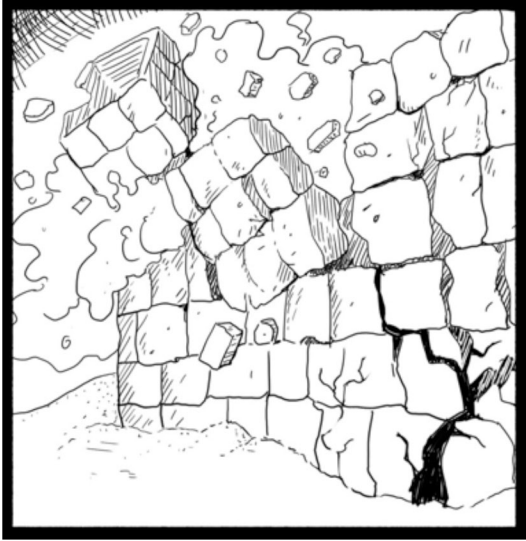
- a. King Herod
- b. King Nebuchadnezzar
- c. Pharaoh
- d. King George III of England



Mystery #8 Easy: Ten brothers come running to their father saying, "We can't find our youngest brother!" They show their father a favorite coat, which has blood on it. They are trying to get their dad to believe their brother has been eaten by a wild animal. What really happened is... they sold their kid brother into slavery because they were jealous!

Who was sold into slavery by his brothers?

- a. David
- b. Joseph
- c. Jacob
- d. Isaac



Mystery #9 Easy: Everyone in town has been murdered. Almost everyone she's ever known! But she emerges from her house, pulls down the red scarf that kept her family safe, and sees that the great walls of her city had come tumbling down... which is impossible! Those walls were 12 feet high and 6 feet wide!

Who is the marveling woman and where is she?

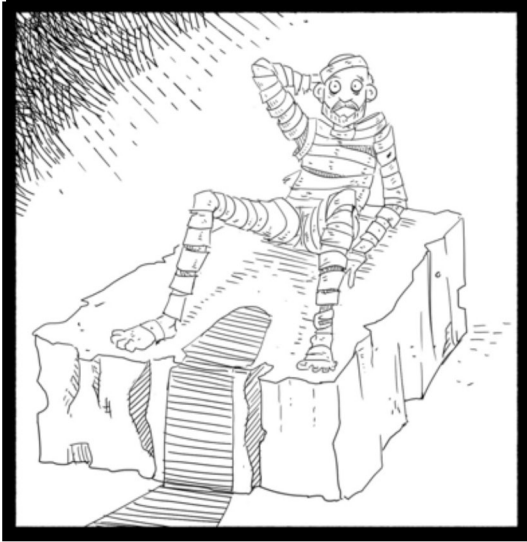
- a. Rahab the harlot in Jericho
- b. Deborah, the Judge and Prophet on Mount Tabor
- c. Miriam, surviving the tenth plague in Egypt
- d. Jael, who assassinated Sisera by driving a spike through his head



Mystery #10 Easy: He's trapped in a lions' den. He fears he is about to be eaten as a punishment for worshipping the God of Israel. For the moment, the lions are – surprisingly – snoring away!! He just hopes they will keep sawing logs until the morning.

Who is this?

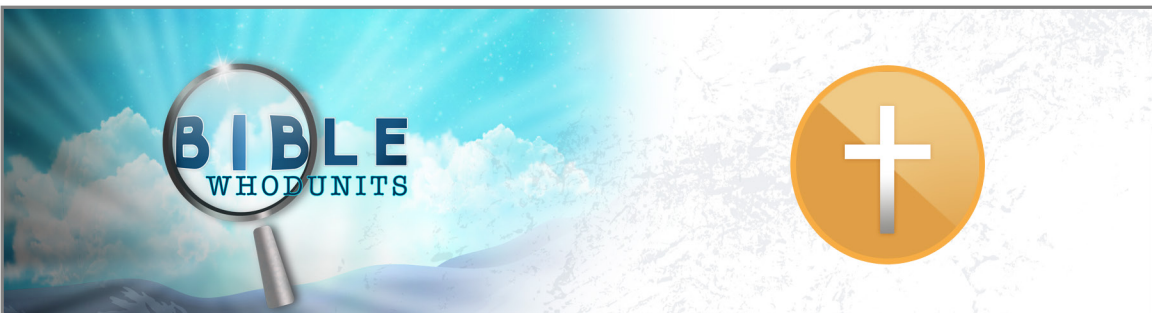
- a. Darius
- b. Daniel
- c. Ezekiel
- d. Isaiah



Mystery #11 Easy: He's not only dead... he's been dead for three days. He sucks in a few breaths and can't quite believe he is hearing his name called. It's a familiar voice calling him... it sounds like his friend Jesus! He hops toward the entrance of his burial cave, too excited to figure out how to get out of his burial wrap.

Who is this person just raised from the dead?

- a. Jesus
- b. Nicodemus
- c. Lazarus
- d. Martha



Mystery #12 Easy: He has overseen the making of a golden calf. The people are worshipping it. He thinks Moses is dead. But here comes a very alive Moses, who beholds this sight and smashes the Ten Commandments in disgust.

Who is this man?

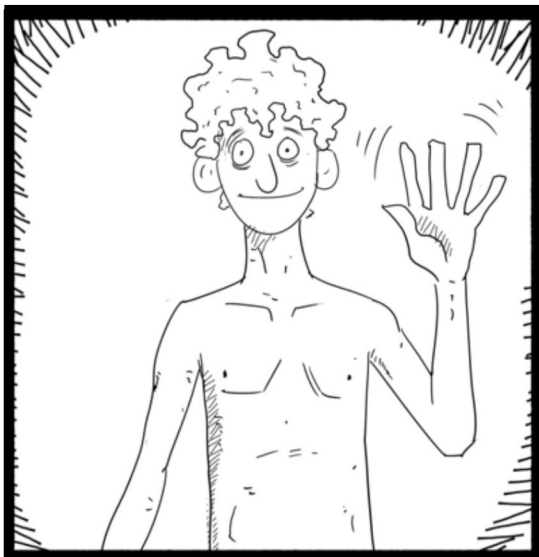
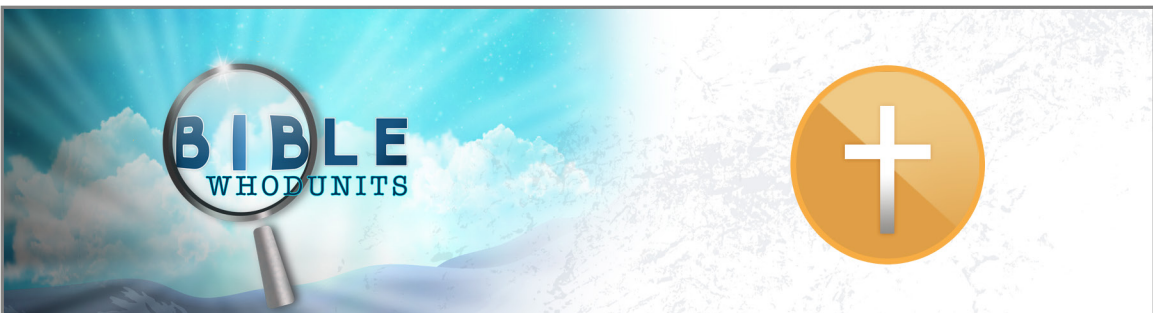
- a. Aaron, Moses' older brother
- b. Miriam, Moses' older sister
- c. Pharaoh, a great worshipper of idols
- d. Joshua, who met Moses coming down from the mountain



Mystery #13 Easy: He was supposed to die. But he's still alive. He is floating down the Nile River in a basket, crying loudly. Suddenly he is looking into the face of a rich, well-adorned young woman who says "This is one of the Hebrew babies."

Who is the baby?


- a. Adam
- b. Noah
- c. Moses
- d. Jacob





Mystery #14 Easy: He opens his eyes and looks around. He sees beauty and color everywhere. He sees a kindly figure whom he knows is God, but he doesn't know how he knows that. Angels are smiling and clapping and saying, "He's beautiful!" This man is not in heaven. He did not just die. In fact, he has just been created.

Who is he?

- a. Lucifer
- b. Adam
- c. Jesus
- d. Melchizedek









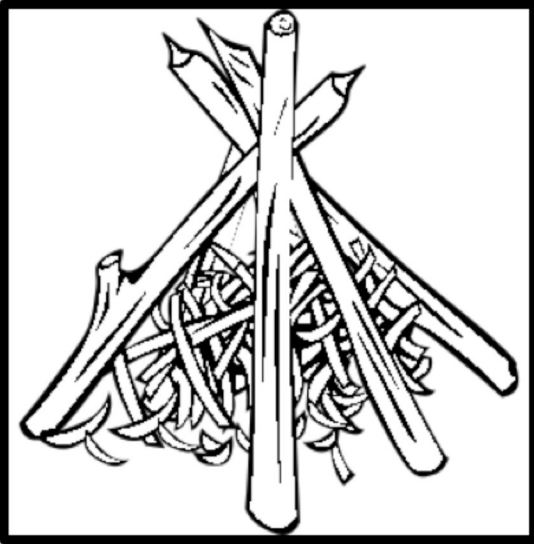
Mystery #15 Easy: He is looking across the sand at a man he has longed to speak with for a long time. But now is the time! He calls the man by name. He says, "Moses?" Moses can't see him at first. "Moses!" he says again. Moses is curious but can't recognize him. He says to Moses, "Take off your shoes because the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Who is Moses hearing?

- a. God on Mount Sinai
- b. God at the Burning Bush
- c. God at Mount Hebron
- d. John the Baptist at the Mount of Olives







Mystery #16 Easy: There are dead prophets all over the place! But they were the prophets of Baal. Yucko! A man has just defeated them by asking the God of Israel to light his altar, which had been drenched in water. The prophets of Baal asked their gods to light their altar, but they seemed to have a hearing problem (because they didn't exist). The 450 prophets of Baal were put to death by the sword, compliments of bloodthirsty King Ahab.

Who is this prophet whose altar lit?

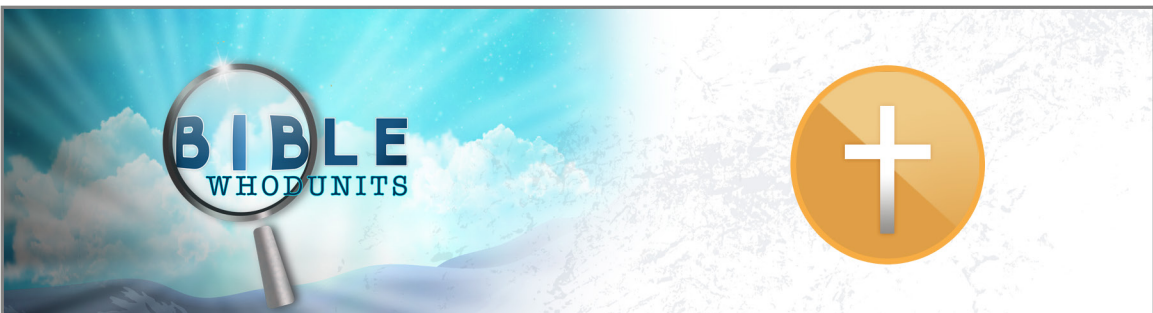
- a. Elisha
- b. Elijah
- c. John the Baptist
- d. Jeremiah



Mystery #17 Easy: He is blinded by a great light. He falls down in the road. He has just held all the robes of the people who stoned the first Christian martyr — Stephen. Acts 9 reports of the voice of the Lord asking, “Why are you persecuting me?”

Who is this?

- a. Simon the Magician, who also offered money to be taught how to perform miracles
- b. Luke the Physician, who wrote the Book of Acts as well as the Gospel of Luke
- c. Peter, who went blind before his conversion
- d. Paul at his conversion on the Road to Damascus



Mystery #18 Easy: His mom is handing him over to the priests. He is too young to understand. He senses that his mom is very sad to give him away, but that these priest people will take good care of him and someday he will be important!

Who is this?

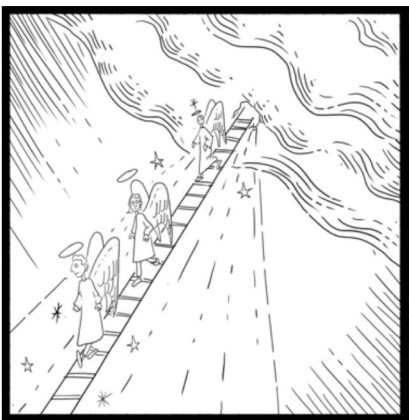
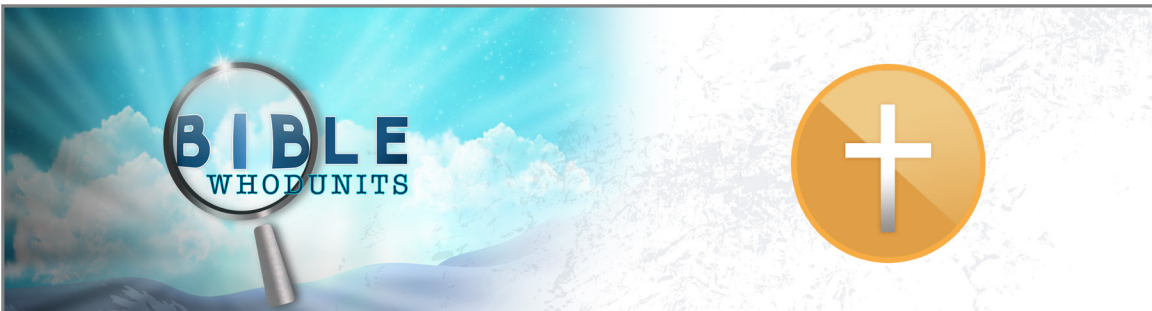
- a. Samuel, whose mom, Hannah, gave him to the priests to raise
- b. Samson, whose mom never cut his hair
- c. Jesus, whose mom loved him and wanted to raise him
- d. John the Baptist, whose mom never had him until she was old



Mystery #19 Easy: They've been thrown into the fiery furnace. They watched the guards who threw them in burn alive from the heat! They do not believe God will let them burn, after they got put in here for praying to him! Suddenly they see a very bright light, and in it is a person who looks like a son of gods. They move through the flames unburned and begin speaking to him.

Who are these men?

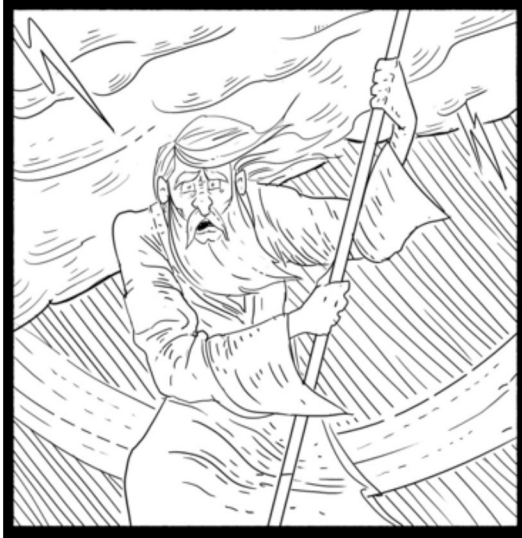
- a. James, John, and Peter, Jesus' closest disciples about to be martyred
- b. Enoch, Methuselah, and Lamech, before Enoch is taken up to heaven
- c. Adam, Eve, and the Snake after the Fall of Man
- d. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego after they refused to worship King Nebuchadnezzar.



Mystery #20 Easy: He's dreaming - he thinks! The heavens have opened up over his head, and he sees angels ascending and descending. God speaks to him and says that the land he is lying on will become the land of his descendants and he will create a great nation. It was a great dream — considering he just ran away from home to escape death at the hands of his brother.

Who was the dreamer?

- a. a. Jacob, dreaming of Jacob's ladder
- b. Ezekiel, dreaming of Ezekiel's wheel
- c. John the Apostle, having visions of the Revelation
- d. Abel, who had escaped Cain's wrath over his unacceptable sacrifice
- d. Paul at his conversion on the Road to Damascus



Mystery #21 Intermediate: Moses is surrounded in electrical, thundering energy, as he has just seen the back of God. That is all Moses was allowed to see and the Hebrew people could not see any of this, because God's goodness is so bright that anyone who saw him from the front would drop dead. God is about to replace something that Moses broke.

What is it?

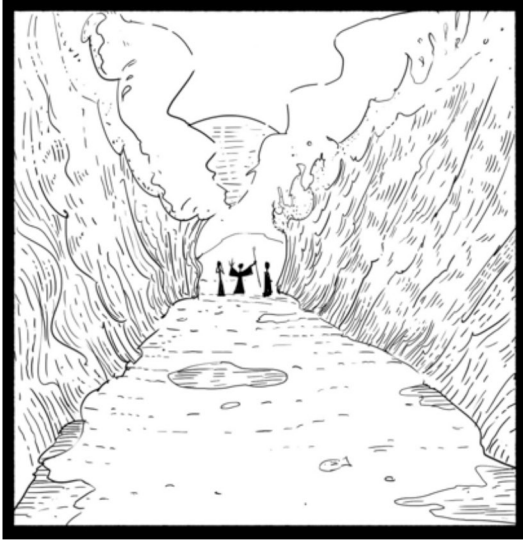
- a. The Holy Grail
- b. Blackbeard's treasure box
- c. The Ark of the Covenant
- d. The Ten Commandments



Mystery #22 Intermediate: It looks like a kidnapping! A 12-year-old boy has gone missing. His parents are frantic. They are traveling, so it's a little like losing your kid in an airport. False alarm: The boy is found studying in the temple.

Who are the parents and the boy?

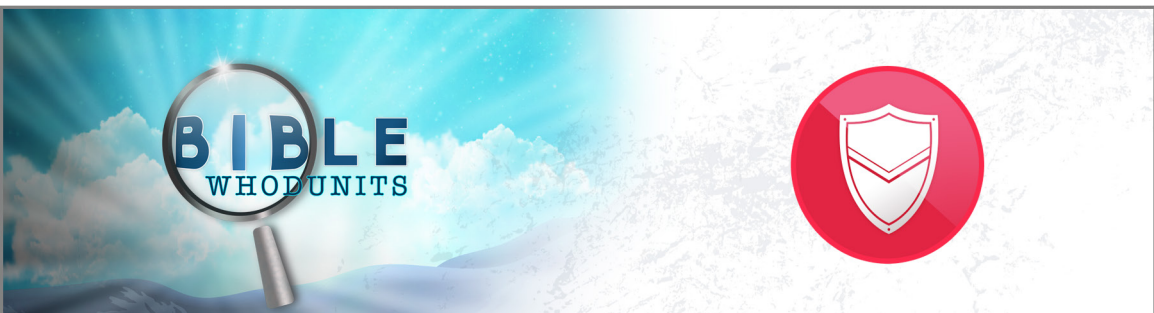
- a. Elizabeth, Zechariah, and their son John the Baptist
- b. Mary, Joseph, and their son Jesus
- c. Isaac, Rebekah, and their son Jacob
- d. Sarah, Abraham, and their son Isaac



Mystery #23 Intermediate: A very angry army is chasing them. They are trapped! The army approaches on one side and a huge sea lies on the other. (Swimming is not a pastime yet, and no one knows how.) One man raises his hands, and lo and behold, the strong wind starts to drive the seawater back, until there is a path of dry land for them to cross.

Who is the man and what sea is this?

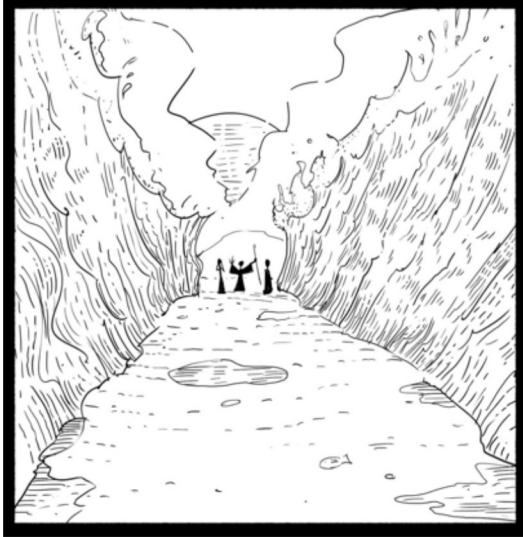
- a. Moses at the River Jordan
- b. Jesus at the Lake of Gennesaret
- c. Moses at the Red Sea
- d. Jesus at the River Jordan



Mystery #24 Intermediate: It's a case of a missing person. Elijah and his disciple Elisha were walking along the banks of the Jordan River, when suddenly they were separated by intense bright lights and what sounded like many horses' hooves. According to 2 Kings 2, the lights dimmed down, and Elisha was left all alone. He found the robe that Elijah had been wearing... but no body could be found. Ever.

What happened to Elijah?

- a. He was abducted by one of the first documented UFOs.
- b. He ran away and hid.
- c. He fell in the Jordan, and the swift waters carried him off.
- d. He was taken alive up into heaven.



Mystery #25 Intermediate: A monster with seven heads and ten horns sloshes out of the ocean. It's got the feet of a bear, the mouth of a lion, and an overall look of a leopard as described in Revelation 13.

What was coming out of its mouth?

- a. Haughty, blasphemous words
- b. Fire
- c. A sword
- d. A lamb



Mystery #26 Intermediate: A second monster arises in Revelation 13. This one comes from the land, has two horns like a lamb but a mouth like a dragon.

It causes all people, rich or poor, big or small, to be marked on which bodily parts?

- a. The hands or feet
- b. The head or neck
- c. The hands or forehead
- d. The forearm or foot



Mystery #27 Intermediate: He wants to make a deal with Jesus. He's been lurking, watching, waiting for a time when he thinks Jesus is utterly hungry and thirsty and not thinking well. He offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him.

Who is this?

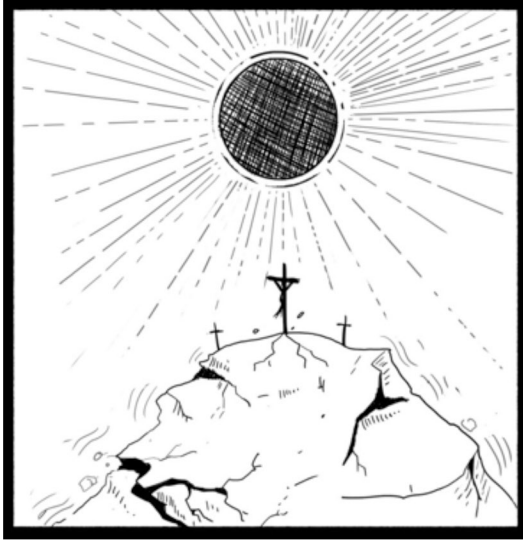
- a. Herod, King of Israel
- b. Pontius Pilate, the Roman leader of Judea
- c. Satan in the desert
- d. Moses, seen by Jesus at the Transfiguration



Mystery #28 Intermediate: It is made of cypress wood and gold, and treasure hunters have been seeking it for centuries. In 2 Samuel 6, a young soldier named Uzzah touched it when its cart lurched dangerously. Uzzah dropped dead immediately.

What is the object?

- a. Holy Grail
- b. Ezekiel's Wheel
- c. Solomon's Crown
- d. Ark of the Covenant



Mystery #29 Intermediate: Slowly he pulls his hand out of his coat. It feels tingly. He screams. "AHHH! It's covered in scabs! I have leprosy!" A shadowy figure tells him to put his hand back in his coat. When he pulls it out a second time, the leprosy is gone. Whew!

Who is this conversation between?

- a. Abraham and Lot outside Sodom and Gomorrah
- b. God and Adam at the edge of the Garden of Eden
- c. Jesus and the 10 lepers
- d. God and Moses at the Burning Bush



Mystery #30 Intermediate: It's one of the most disgusting murders in the Bible! Moms are crying out! Many babies have been murdered! It's one thing for a king to murder his people. It's another for him to order the slaughter of children!

Why did King Herod do this thing around the time of Jesus' birth?

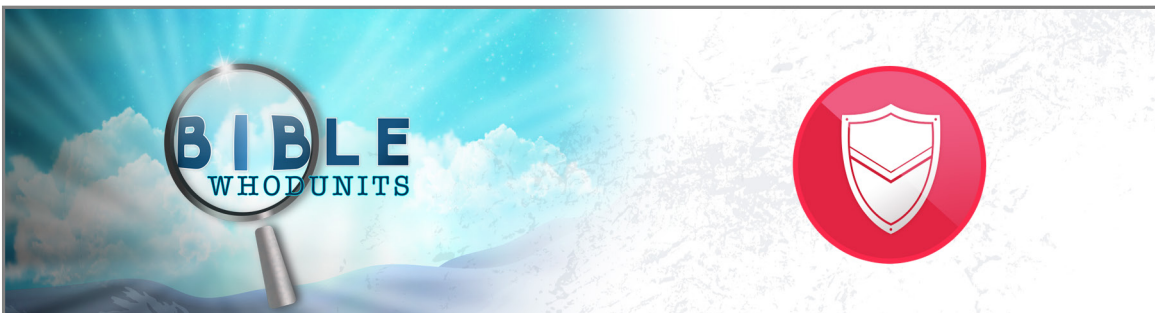
- a. He was trying to kill Jesus, so that Jesus could not claim the throne someday;
- b. He was trying to cure a plague and knew infected babies could kill others;
- c. He was mad at the babies' parents for hiding the Wise Men;
- d. Like Pharaoh, he did not want the Jews multiplying and growing strong.



Mystery #31 Intermediate: He can't believe his eyes. He starts to fall apart. Ten men stand in front of him, and he remembers all that he tried to forget. These ten men are responsible for his kidnapping! They sold him to be a slave in Egypt!

Who are all these people?

- a. Jacob and 10 of his 12 sons
- b. Joseph and 10 of his 11 brothers
- c. Peter and 10 of the disciples
- d. David and 10 Goliaths



Mystery #32 Intermediate: He's been with Jesus for a while now, and thought he had seen everything. But here he is, on a mountain with Jesus and two other disciples. He sees two men lit up like the sun, talking away to Jesus. He asks, "Shall I make tents, so we can stay up here with Moses and Elijah?"

Who is this and at what famous event?

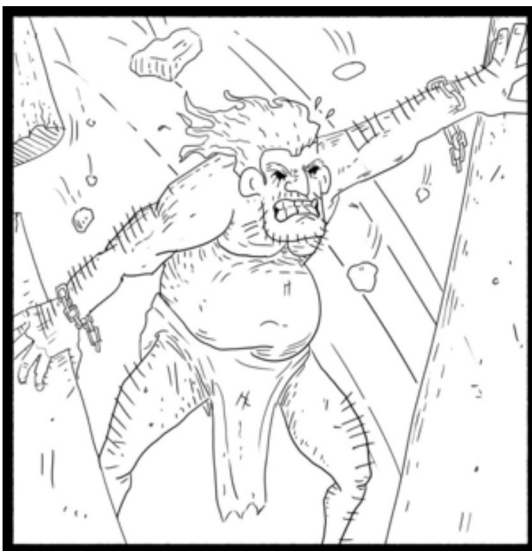
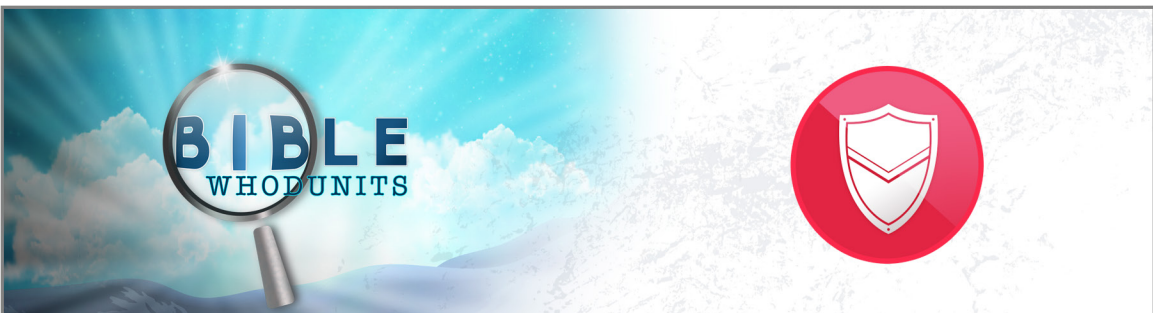
- a. Peter at the Ascension
- b. Peter at the Transfiguration
- c. Jesus at Pentecost
- d. Jesus at the Transfiguration



Mystery #33 Intermediate: The three wise men have come to him, having followed the Star of Bethlehem. He says that he would love to find this supposed Messiah baby so he could worship the boy. However, this man is a liar! He wants to kill Jesus! He tells the three wise men that when they find him, come back and report where he is. Fortunately, the wise men are warned in dreams and dodge out of town undetected.

Who is this man?

- a. Pharaoh
- b. Herod
- c. Pontius Pilate
- d. Caiaphas



Mystery #34 Intermediate: He's blind. His hair has been cut off. He knows he is about to die. But he rears up and pushes with all his strength against the columns of the temple, knowing 3,000 idol-worshipping people are on the roof, making fun of him and the God of Israel. He causes the temple to collapse, killing everyone.

Who is this?

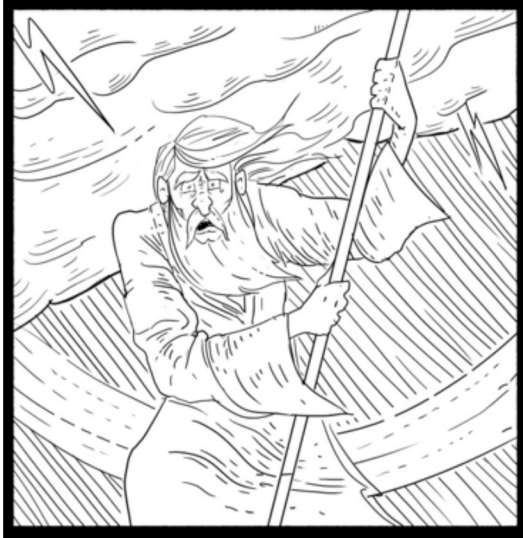
- a. Samson
- b. Gideon
- c. Marcus Aurelius
- d. Capernaum



Mystery #35 Intermediate: It was the coolest haunting ever. People were praying and meditating so hard, they hadn't eaten for days. They started to feel a wind rustle around them. It grew louder and stronger. Fire swept through the room, though nobody got burned. The people finally rushed outside and began talking to visitors from far away — in languages they had never known before! They weren't possessed by spirits... they were filled with the Holy Spirit!

What day was this?

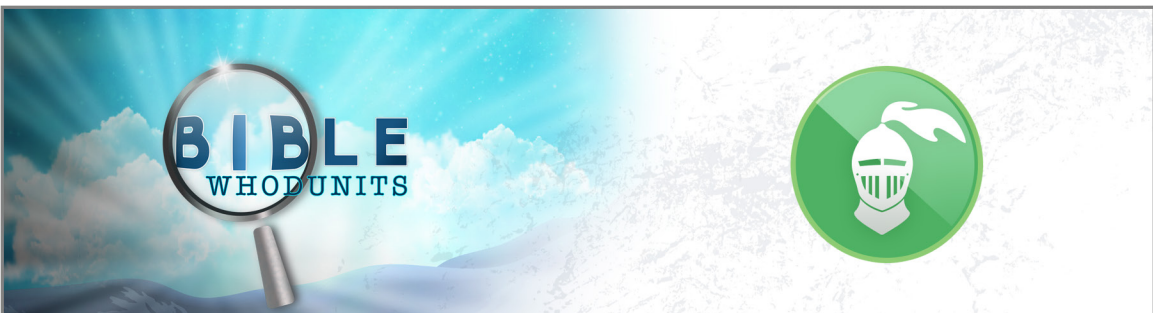
- a. Day of the Crucifixion
- b. Day of the Resurrection
- c. Day of Pentecost
- d. Day of the Ascension



Mystery #36 Advanced: A man named Abel lies dead in a field, and there's a whole lot of blood! It is probably from blunt-force trauma. Abel had just recently made a sacrifice to God that God liked, according to Genesis 4 and it would seem the parents liked it also.

Who killed Abel?

- a. A. His father Adam, who had committed the first sin
- b. His mother, Eve, who had enticed Adam to commit the first sin with her.
- c. His brother Cain, who had also made a sacrifice to God that God did not find acceptable
- d. The devil, who disguised himself as a serpent to sneak up on Abel.



Mystery #37 Advanced: Enoch lived for 345 years, which was pretty young for the people mentioned in Genesis 5. He had no enemies among his family. Suddenly, he was gone. Nobody can find the body.

Who killed Enoch?

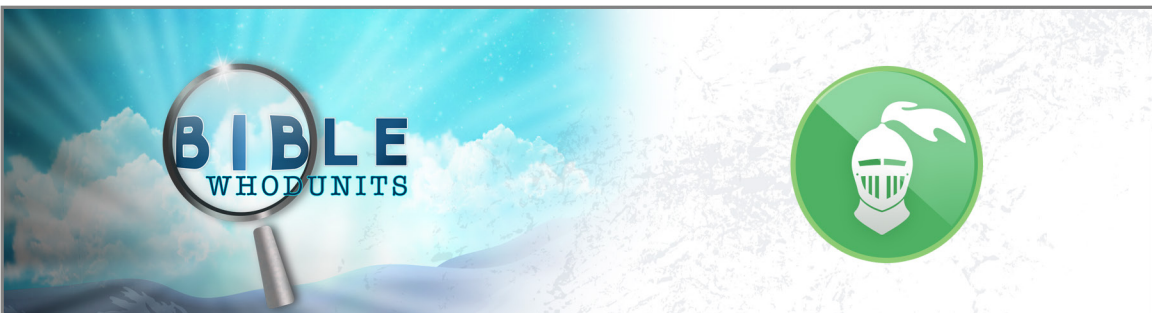
- a. A. The angels. They wanted him up in heaven
- b. His son, Methuselah
- c. His great-grandson, Noah
- d. Nobody. Enoch is still alive



Mystery #38 Advanced: Soldiers in 2 Kings 9:35, can only find a skull, a pair of feet, and some flesh that looks like hand palms. Witnesses say they belong to Queen Jezebel, the evil wife of King Ahab of Israel. They saw her thrown from her balcony and trampled by a man on his horse.

Who killed Jezebel?

- a. Her husband Ahab, because she was so evil that he wanted to marry someone else
- b. Three eunuchs, who lived in the palace and hated Jezebel's idolatry and abuse
- c. Jehu, who was set to be the next king and couldn't wait for nature to take its course
- d. B & C. Three eunuchs threw her over the balcony, but Jehu and his horse finished the job



Mystery #39 Advanced: While the Israelites were still in Egypt, Pharaoh ordered the slaying of every male child born to an Israelite, so that Israel's population could not grow. However, Israel's numbers grew and babies were saved.

Who, named in Exodus 1:15-21, refused to kill the male Israelite children in spite of these orders?

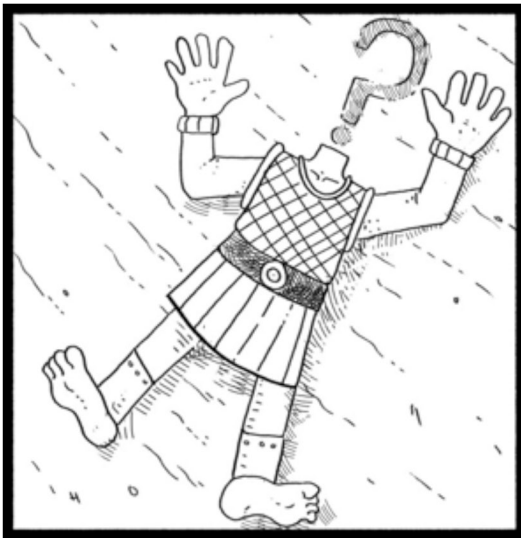
- a. Moses' sister Miriam, who was a midwife and caring wife and mother
- b. Moses himself, who wanted 12 children with him on the Exodus
- c. Shiphrah and Puah, midwives, who told Pharaoh lies about why they couldn't kill the babies
- d. Moses' brother Aaron, who plotted against Pharaoh late at night



Mystery #40 Advanced: A man is found lying in a tent with a stake driven through his head. If that wasn't shocking enough, he is quickly identified as Sisera, captain of the enemy's army, a man whom Israel greatly feared. Whoever killed him in Judges 4 is the hero of the day!

Who killed Sisera?

- a. Deborah, a judge of Israel and the first woman to go into battle against Sisera and his army
- B. Barak, the Israel army captain who implored Deborah to lead the battle
- C. Jael, a brave woman who recognized Sisera when he entered her tent
- D. Joshua, as women back then were too weak to do any killings



Mystery #41 Advanced: His body could be found in the Valley of Elah. His head is missing. His weapons are in David's tent. Thanks to David, says 1 Samuel 17, Saul's army was able to advance on the Philistines and defeat them after David slew this huge beast of a man.

To whom does the dead body belong?

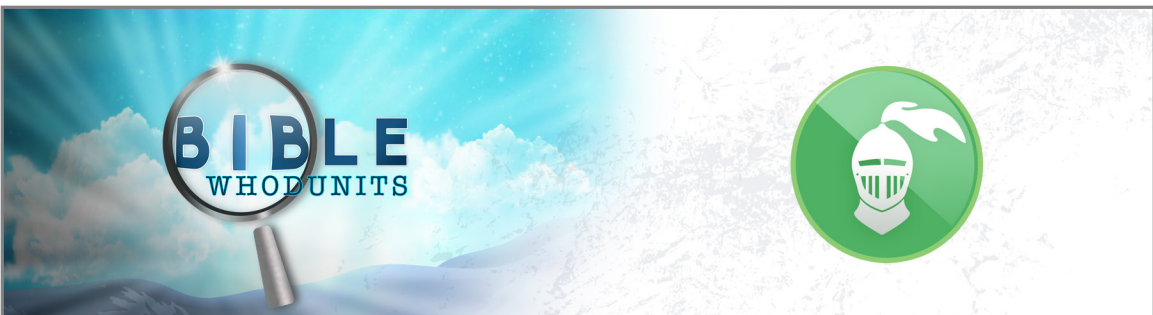
- a. Elhanan, who killed the brother of Goliath the giant
- b. Goliath, one of the few remaining descendants of the giants
- c. A huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot
- d. King Saul, who stopped listening to God, so God was about to give the throne to David



Mystery #42 Advanced: He disguised himself so the medium (psychic) would not recognize him in his kingly robes. In her parlors, he had her perform a séance that called upon the deceased prophet of God, Samuel. He told the spirit of Samuel that God no longer spoke to him and so he needed to hear from Samuel. Samuel responded by saying, "If God won't talk to you, why should I?" If you didn't know there was a psychic in the Bible, look at 1 Samuel 28.

Which king messed up and called upon a dead guy?

- a. King Ahab, the evil husband of Queen Jezebel
- b. King David, who killed Goliath but surely was not perfect
- c. King Richard, who also tried to kill Robin Hood
- d. King Saul, who disobeyed God and lost all favor with him after he tried to kill David



Mystery #43 Advanced: He was found dead alone in his chambers. He was heavyset, and so those who found him could not at first see the handle of the knife because his fat had folded itself around it. God had allowed his kingdom to overpower Israel in the early days of Judges 3, after Israel started worshipping the gods of Baal. When the people said they were sorry, God allowed this man to kill the evil king.

Who killed the king of Moab?

- a. Othniel, one of the many men God raised up to help save Israel once they were sorry for their poor choices
- b. Ehud, a left-handed warrior, who approached the king by saying he had a secret message from God
- d. Shamgar, who killed 600 Philistines with his weapon made out of a farming tool
- d. Cain, who used a jawbone to kill his own brother



Mystery #44 Advanced: David's son Absalom hangs from a tree — by his hair! His hair had gotten hopelessly tangled in branches. He has three sword wounds, though none were the single cause of death according to 2 Samuel 18:9-15. David is suffering the worst heartache in his life, as Absalom had recently tried take over his throne. David refused to have him killed for treason.

Who knifed Absalom three times before allowing his bodyguards to finish the job?

- a. Joab, King David's bodyguard, who just happened to be passing by to see Absalom's hair twisted around many branches
- b. Half-brother Amnon, who had been violent toward Absalom's sister Tamar
- c. King David, who changed his mind and decided his son deserved to die
- d. Solomon, David's son and future king, who obviously had personal reasons for his brother not to assume the throne



Mystery #45 Advanced: Two neighboring cities are covered in ashes and smoke. Dead bodies are everywhere. No one escaped except Lot, his two daughters, and his wife. Lot's wife had affections for the sinful city and looked back with a longing, even after God helped her to escape. Therefore, not far from the ashes and smoke stands a statue made of salt... a statue that used to be Lot's wife!

What are the neighboring cities?

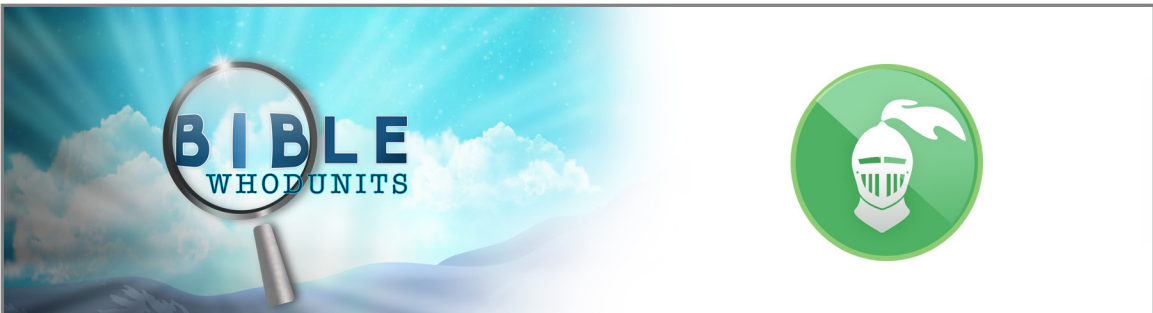
- a. Babel and Shuruppak, built just after the Great Flood
- B. Sodom and Gomorrah, where men tried to do violence to angels
- C. Jerusalem and Galilee, where Jesus was persecuted and executed
- D. Assyria and Babylon, age-old enemies of Israel



Mystery #46 Advanced: It could be mistaken for a scene out of the horror movie *The Birds*. However, these ravens are not attacking. They are bringing food daily to one of God's most well-known prophets.

Who is it?

- a. John the Apostle
- b. Paul the Apostle
- b. Saul of Tarsus
- d. Elijah the Prophet



Mystery #47 Advanced: "...Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword..."

This monster, which is said to bring on the battle of Armageddon, is written about in which apocalyptic Bible Book?

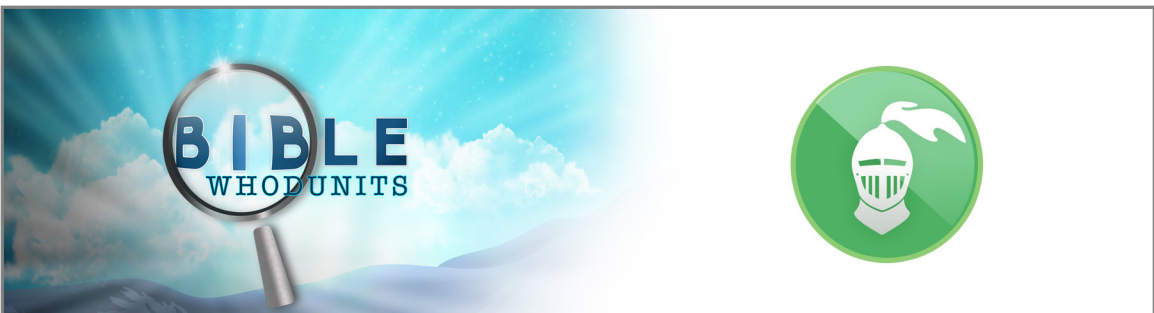
- a. Ezekiel
- b. Daniel
- c. Revelation
- d. Jesus and The Second Coming



Mystery #48 Advanced: He is sitting in a pig sty, wishing he could get the skins from the pigs that he has been hired to feed. He is out of food, out of money, and having a lot of regrets about his past life of gambling, partying, and being lost.

Who is this?

- a. Samson after Delilah cut his hair
- b. The Prodigal Son before returning home
- c. The Prophet Jonah after escaping God
- d. The Good Samaritan, after he got swindled by the innkeeper



Mystery #49 Advanced: It's getting close to midnight. A boy is trying to sleep. He hears his name whispered. Again. He runs to Eli the priest. Again! This third time, Eli tells the boy to not be afraid, but to try to get the voice to say more.

Who is this boy?

- a. Samuel on the night God told him Eli was in big trouble
- b. Saul, on the night he called up the witch of Endor
- c. David as a boy, before he faced Goliath
- d. Solomon, the night he prayed for wisdom.



Mystery #50 Advanced: There was no UFO. There was no logical explanation of how Apostle Philip was suddenly transported to and from the desert, where he came upon a beautiful chariot. Invited into the chariot, he explained a reading from Isaiah that was obviously about Jesus. He baptized the chariot owner, and boom! He was gone again!

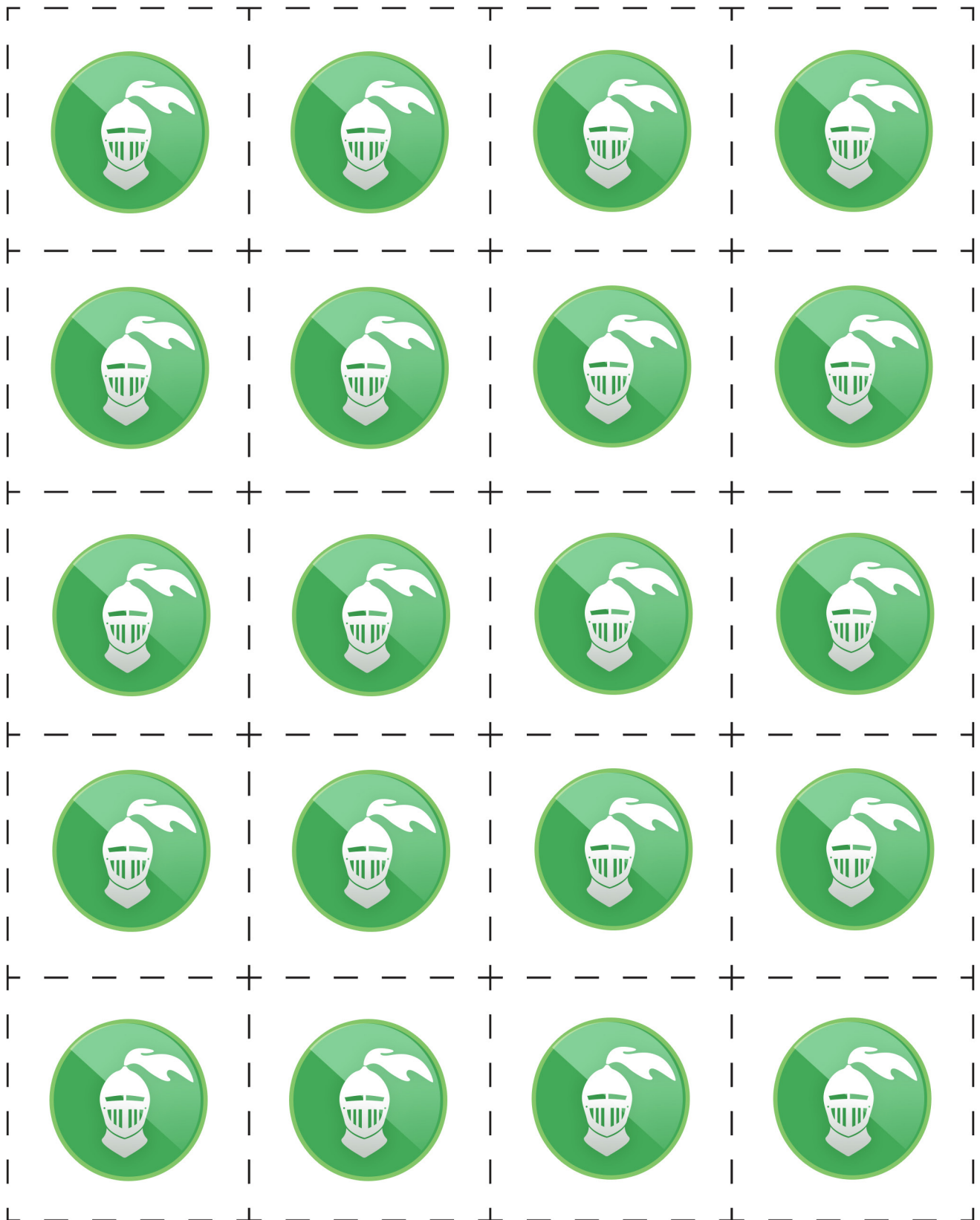
Who was the Apostle Philip magically transported to witness to?

- a. An Ethiopian eunuch
- b. The ghost of Samuel
- c. The blinded Saul of Tarsus
- d. One of the four horsemen from the Apocalypse



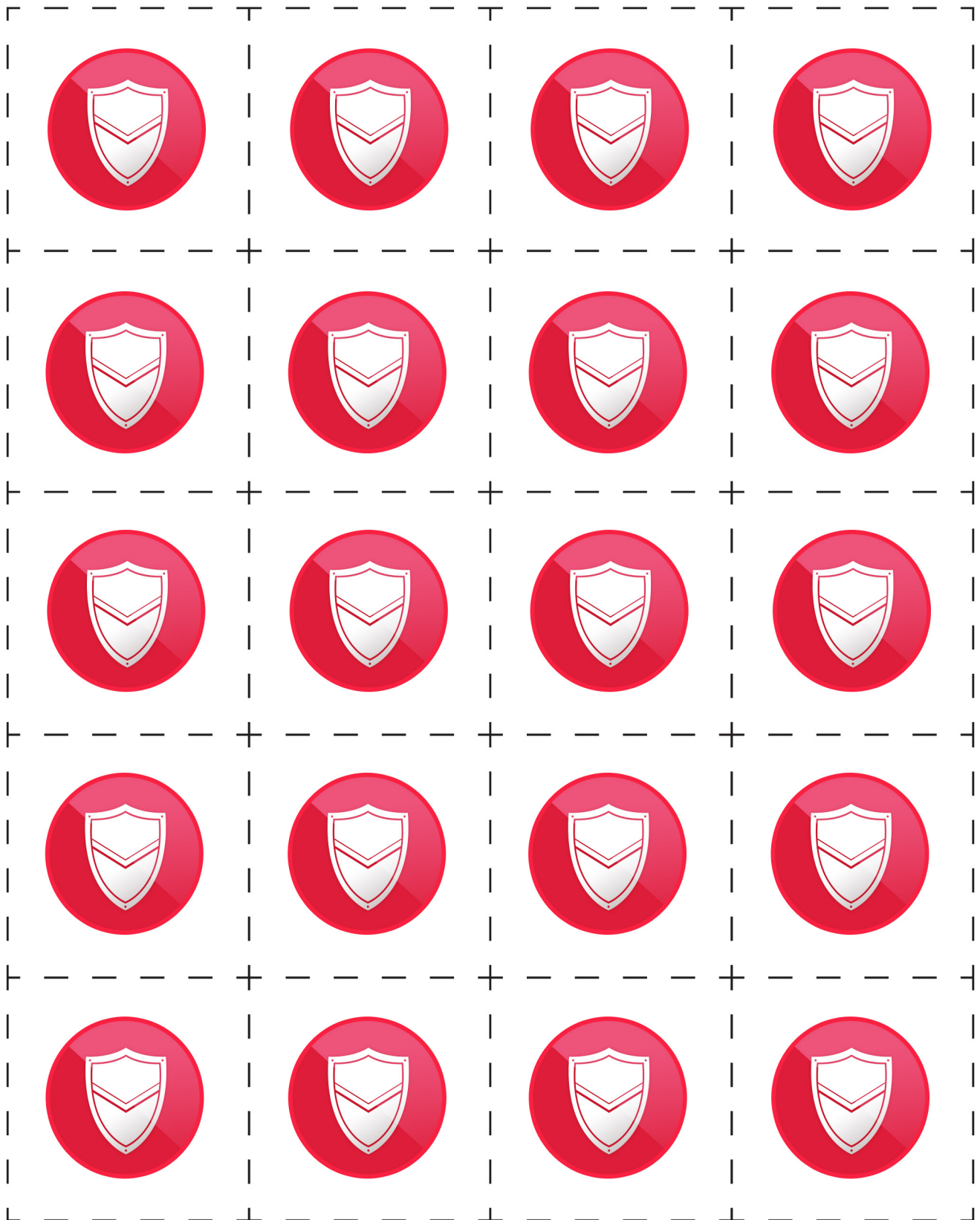


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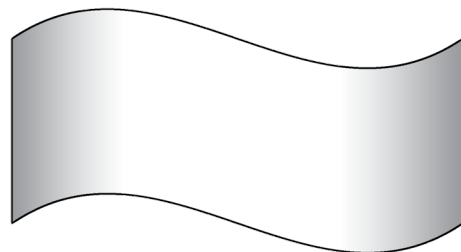
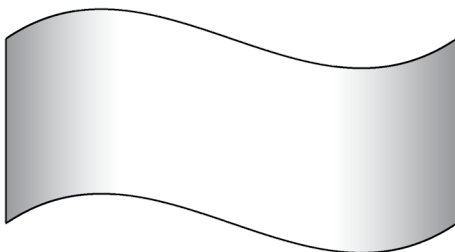
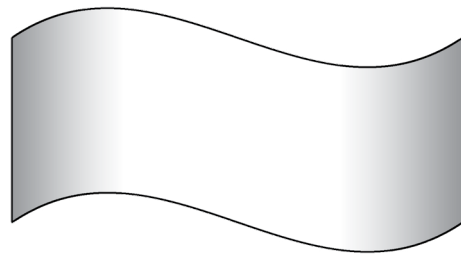
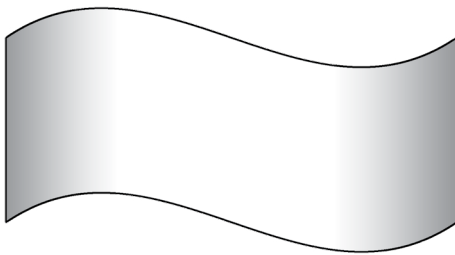
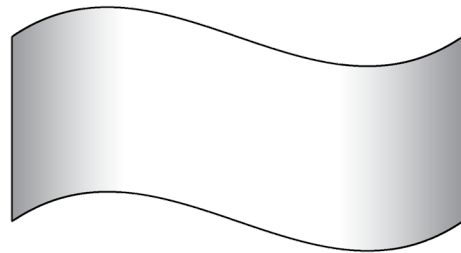
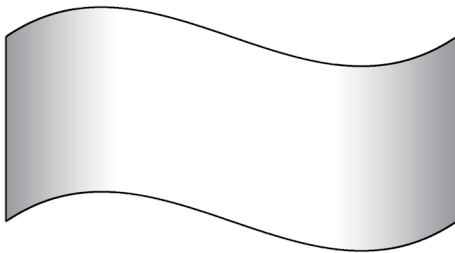
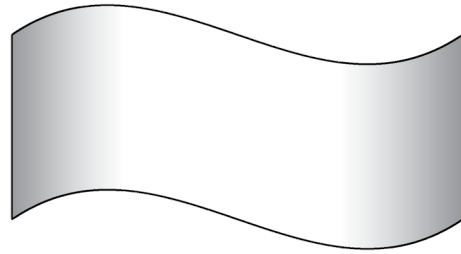
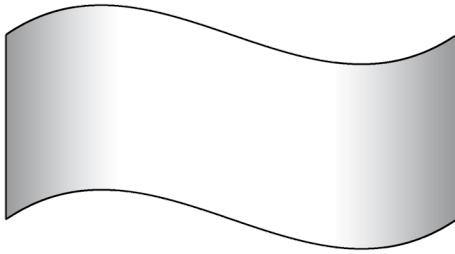
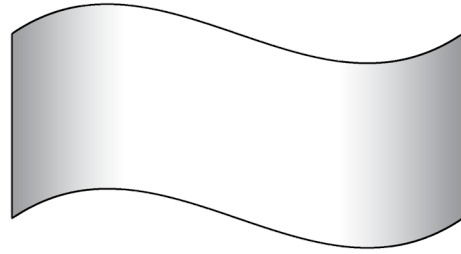
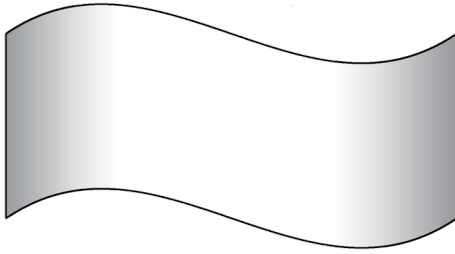
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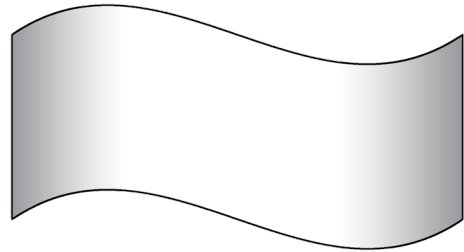
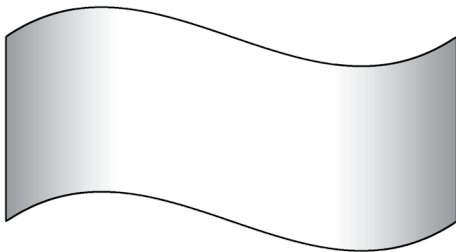
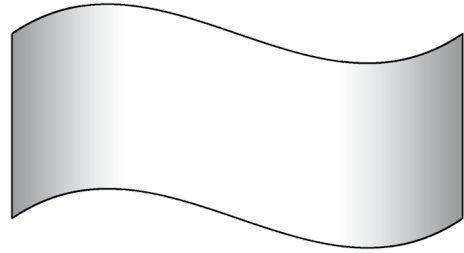
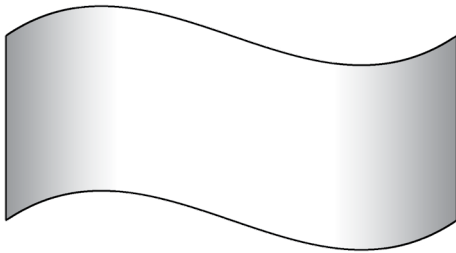
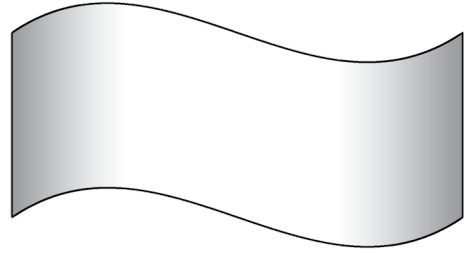
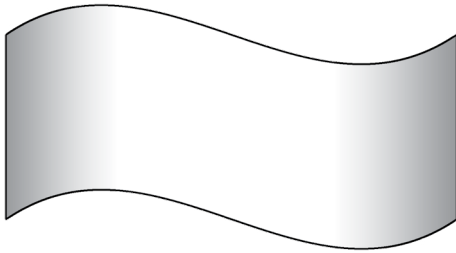
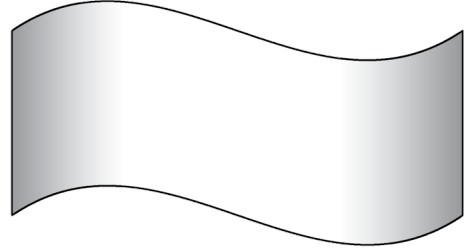
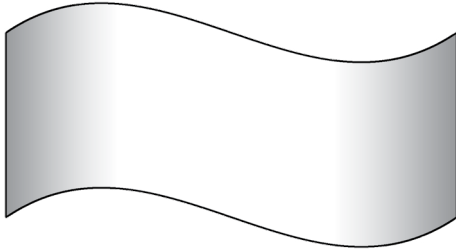
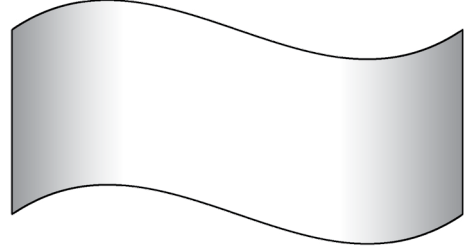
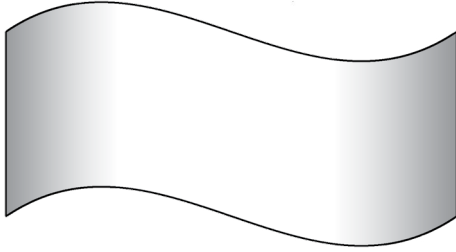


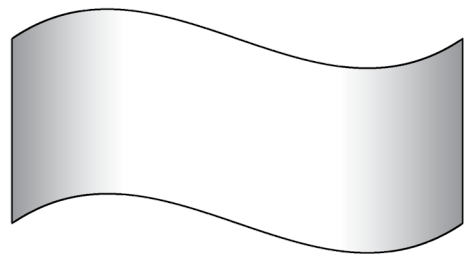
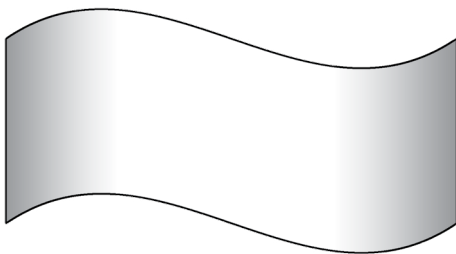
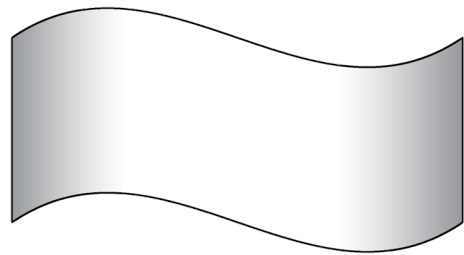
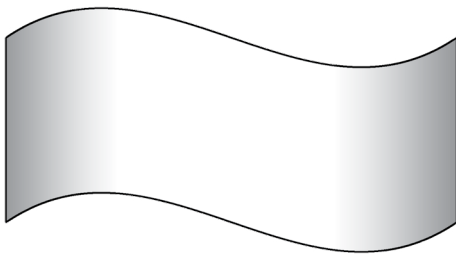
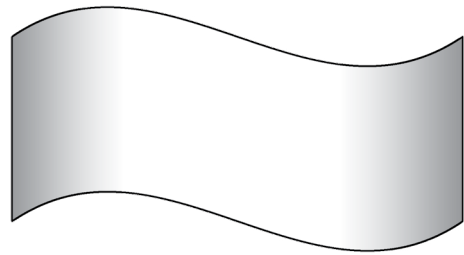
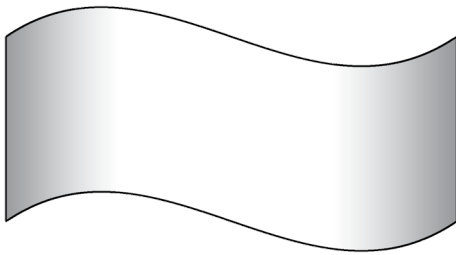
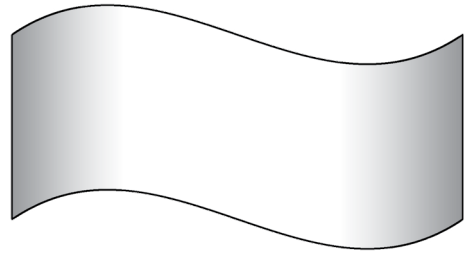
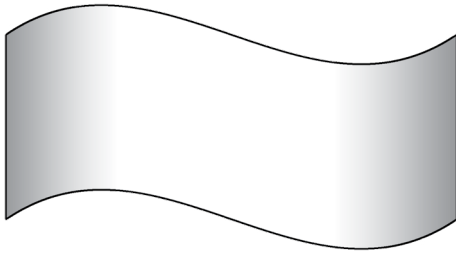
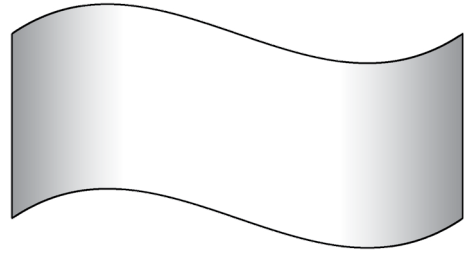
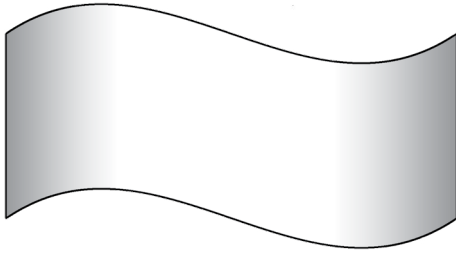


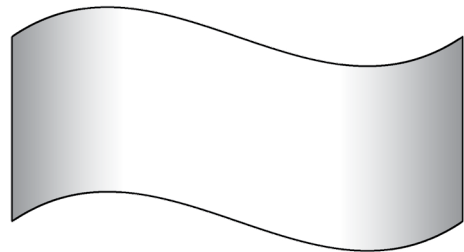
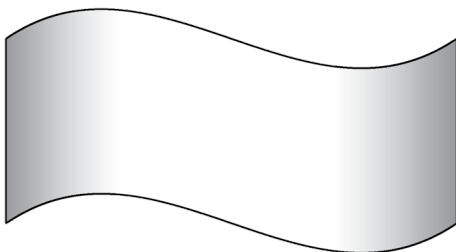
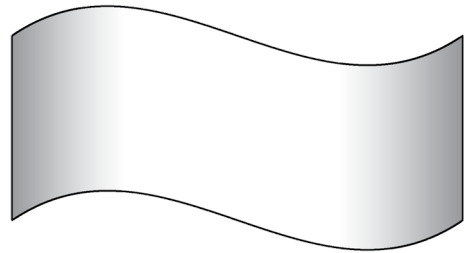
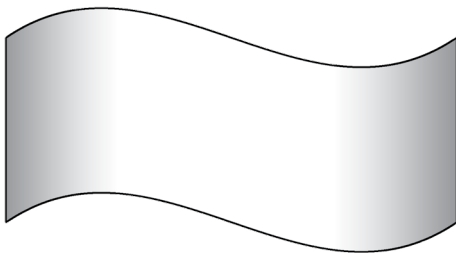
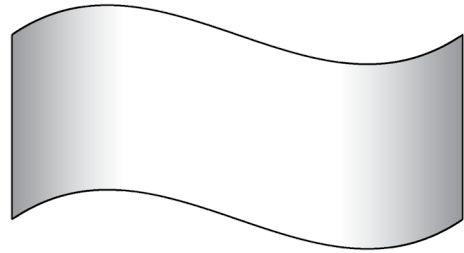
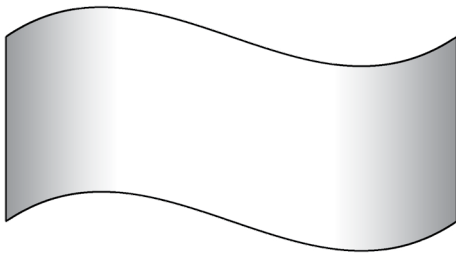
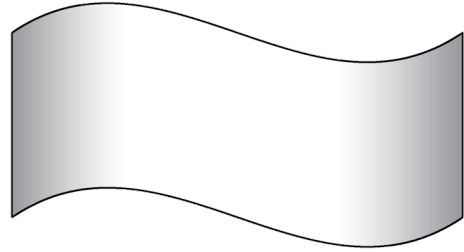
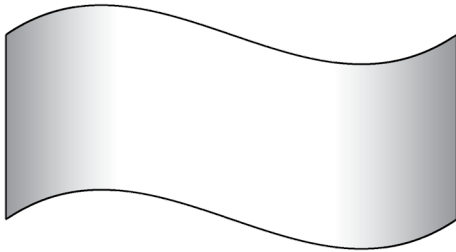
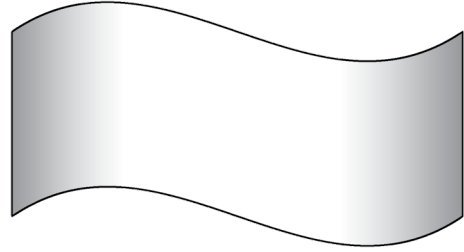
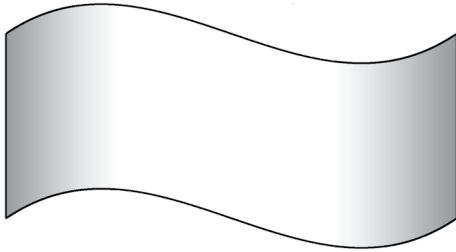
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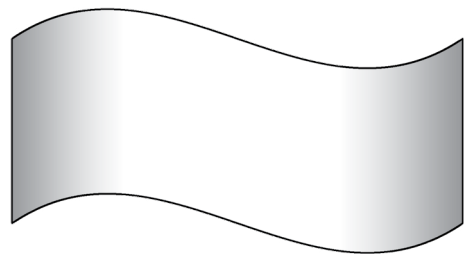
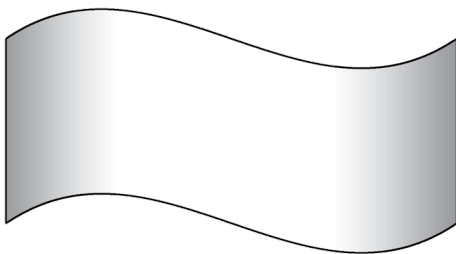
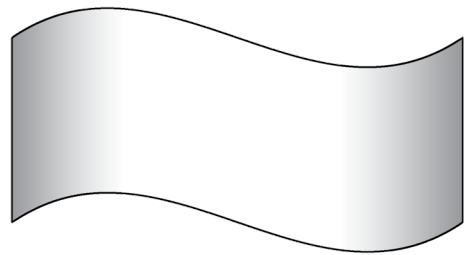
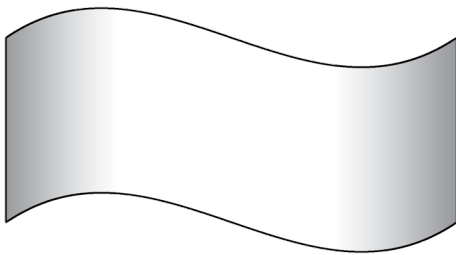
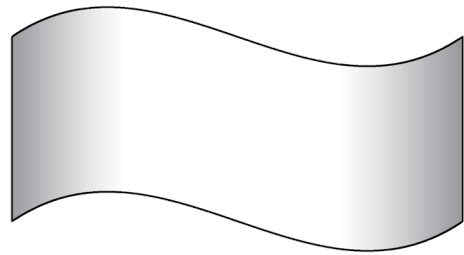
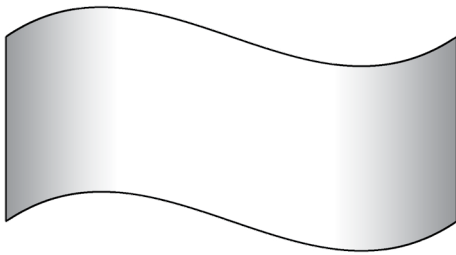
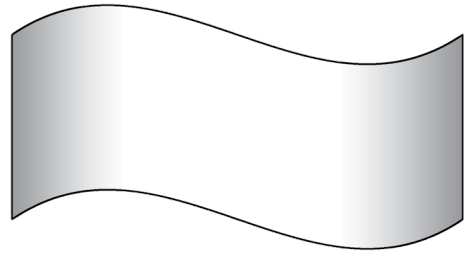
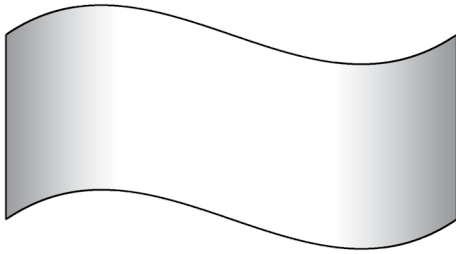
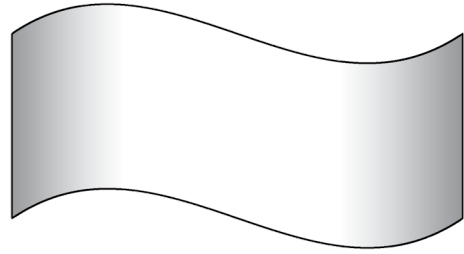
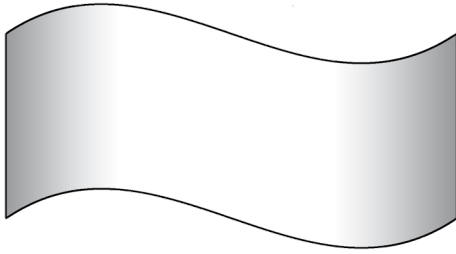
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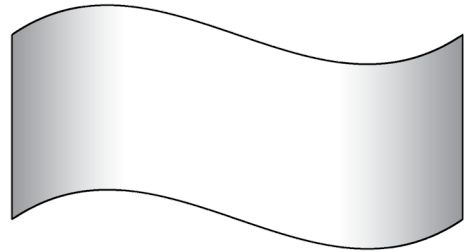
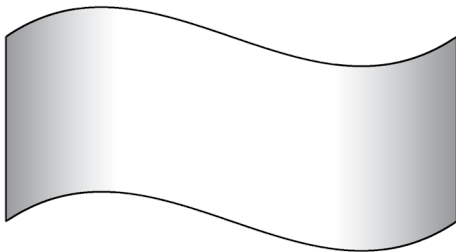
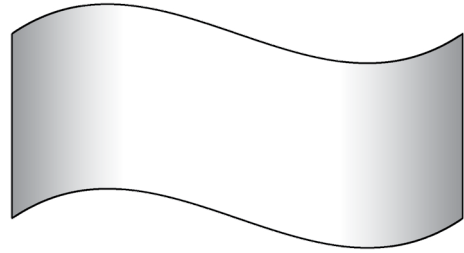
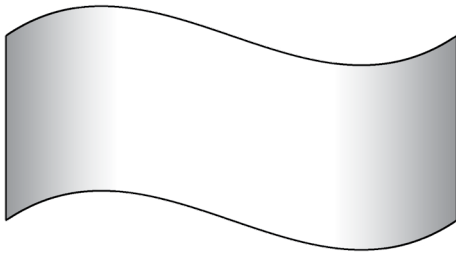
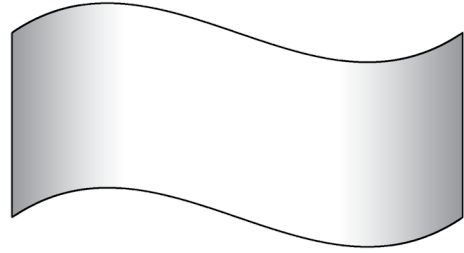
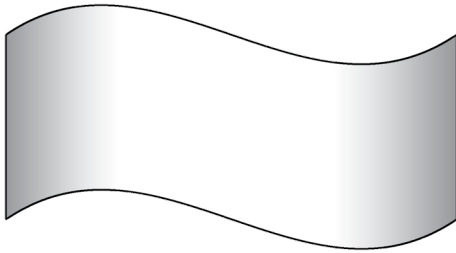
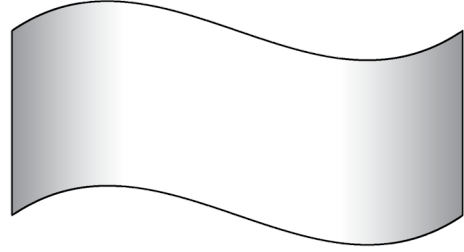
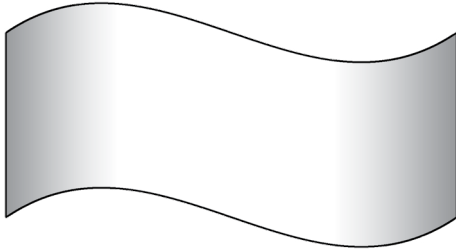
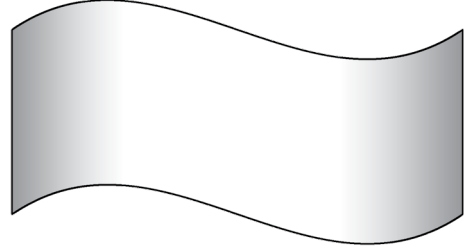
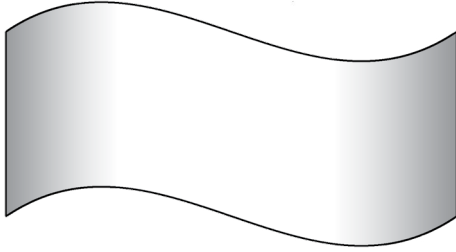














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ANSWER SHEET



EASY LEVEL QUESTIONS:

- #1 Answer: Jesus.** All the Apostles died violent deaths, save the Apostle John. Apostle James was martyred in 44 A.D. According to church history Apostle Peter also was crucified, but not wanting to die like his beloved savior, he asked to be crucified upside down.
- #2 Answer: C, Judas.** Judas betrayed Jesus at the Last Supper by going to the religious leaders and telling them where Jesus would be, so they could have him arrested. They gave him 30 pieces of silver for the information. After Jesus was condemned, he felt guilty and tried to give the money back. His suicide is recorded in Matthew 27. James and John were brothers and favorite disciples of Jesus. Jude wrote the second-to-last book of the Bible, and he was a half-brother of Jesus.
- #3 Answer: D, John the Baptist.** The yucky story is told in Matthew 14. Herod had married his brother's ex-wife (very yucky) and John the Baptist had called him out on it. That got John arrested. While their deaths are not recorded in the Bible, Jesus mentions in Matthew 23:37 that most of the prophets died violent deaths at the hands of violent men.
- #4 Answer: C, The prophet Jonah.** God had told him to go tell the people of Nineveh to repent. He didn't want to. So God had a fish swallow him and, well, give him a three-day ride. The Book of Jonah tells the tale. Jonah was not an Apostle — that office went to the disciples after Jesus' death and to Paul the Apostle some 800 years after Jonah. The Prophet Elijah lived about 100 years before Jonah.
- #5 Answer: B, Noah.** Some scientists think his ark is still perched on the top of Mount Ararat (in modern-day Turkey) where it supposedly landed! Methuselah is Noah's grandfather. Enoch is his great-grandfather, who was taken up to heaven without dying! Lamech is Noah's dad. All three died before the flood.
- #6 Answer: A, Satan posing as a snake in Genesis 3.** Eve is the beautiful woman he deceived into eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The only other talking animal in the Bible is a donkey that belonged to Balaam. That's told in Numbers 22:21-39! Little John is from *Robin Hood*, which is not in the Bible!



#7 Answer: C, Pharaoh, and his brutal ways of treating the Hebrews led to the Exodus. King Herod lived in New Testament times and tried to kill the baby Jesus. Nebuchadnezzar lived during the days of Daniel the Prophet, around 600 BC, whereas the Exodus happened around 1400 BC. King George III lived around 250 years ago and has nothing to do with this!



#8 Answer: B, Joseph. Joseph's older brothers sold him to Ishmaelite traders on their way to Egypt. But God is just! After a while, Joseph became a great leader in Egypt and saved his brothers and dad from a famine! Jacob is Joseph's dad; Isaac is his granddad. King David also had annoying big brothers, but he lived about 800 years later. Joseph actually had 11 brothers, but his brother Benjamin was not involved in this first scene!

#9 Answer: A, Rahab, who had helped spies of Joshua after they stole into Jericho. Rahab believed in the God of Israel, so the spies agreed to protect her and her family, according to Joshua 6. The walls falling was a miracle, which some say involved vibrations. The other three women are also great Bible heroes, and the descriptions of them above are all truth!

#10 Answer: B, Daniel. The story of Daniel in the lions' den is in Daniel 6. Darius is the king who put Daniel in there, but he feels really bad about the circumstances. He is very happy to see Daniel unharmed the following morning! Daniel is considered a "major prophet" in our Bible, and so are Ezekiel and Isaiah. There are four Major Prophets, and the last one is Jeremiah.

#11 Answer: C, Lazarus. Jesus was friends with Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha, who enjoyed feeding people after they listened to him. Nicodemus is the religious leader Jesus was speaking to just before the famous John 3:16: *God so loved the world, he gave his only son, that whosoever believes in him will never die...*

#12 Answer: A, Aaron. Moses' older brother told the people to give him their earrings and other gold adornments, which he made into a calf. Pharaoh may have been drowned when the Red Sea parted two months earlier. Miriam was there, but she's a girl! This mystery person was a he! Joshua, a young man at the time, seemed innocent of the people's wrongdoings.

#13 Answer C, Moses. Pharaoh had ordered that all Hebrew male babies be killed, so that this very strong race could not multiply quickly. The Hebrews were slaves in Egypt. Adam and Jacob are written about in the first book in the Bible, Genesis. Moses is the hero of the second book, Exodus.



#14 Answer: B, Adam at his creation! Lucifer, a fallen angel, is another name for Satan. He was thrown down from heaven as reported in Isaiah 14:12-17. Jesus was never created — he always existed according to John 1:2-3. Melchizedek is a mysterious priest in Genesis 14, whom many theologians think was Jesus!

#15 Answer: B, God at the Burning Bush. God later appeared to Moses at Mount Sinai when he got the Ten Commandments. Hebron is one of the most ancient cities in the world and still exists. Abraham passed through there around 4,200 years ago, when it was called Kiriath Arba. John the Baptist lived about 2,200 years after the burning bush.

#16 A: B, Prophet Elijah, with the story of the soaking-wet/blazing altar recalled in 1 Kings 18. Shortly after this, the Prophet Elijah was taken up to heaven alive. Only he and Enoch (of Genesis 5) were taken into heaven without dying! Elisha was his disciple. Jeremiah and John the Baptist were both prophets but were not involved in this story!

#17 Answer: D, Paul at his conversion on the Road to Damascus. Luke was a student of the Apostle Paul but never met Jesus personally. Peter went through imprisonments and beatings over his belief, but he never went blind! Simon the Magician did offer money to Peter and Philip after he watched Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit in Acts 8. Peter rebuked him, and he said he was sorry.

#18 Answer: A, Samuel. The other three Bible heroes had great, supportive moms as well, and the descriptions of them in the options are accurate.

#19 Answer: D, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were thrown in the furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar. It's all in Daniel 3! James and Peter were martyred in violent ways but not by being burned. Enoch was taken up to heaven in some beautiful, non-violent way!

#20 Answer: A, Jacob dreaming of Jacob's ladder as recorded in Genesis 28. He had just escaped Esau after stealing his blessing. Ezekiel dreamed of a wheel but hardly anyone claims to understand it. John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation around 2,000 years after Jacob's dream. Abel and Cain were the children of Adam and Eve, with another 2,000 years between them and Jacob.

#21 Answer: D, the Ten Commandments. This story in Exodus 33-34 has God so angry at the Hebrew people for being "stiff necked" that he only agrees to meet with Moses. Blackbeard lived in the 16- and 1700s. The Ark of the Covenant held the Ten Commandments after it was built. The Holy Grail is what Jesus drank out of during the Last Supper.



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL QUESTIONS:

#22 Answer: B, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. This is the only Bible story about Jesus as a child, and it is in Luke 2:41-52. John the Baptist is slightly older than Jesus, and their moms were pregnant at the same time! Abraham, Isaac, and their wives lived around 2,000 years earlier.

#23 Answer: C, Moses at the Red Sea. The River Jordan is where John the Baptist did all his preaching and baptizing, also where Jesus was baptized. Gennesaret was where Jesus and the disciples pulled their boat in after Jesus walked on water (Matthew 14:34).

#24 Answer: D, he was taken alive into heaven. Men did not quite believe Elisha that Elijah was gone for good and spent three days looking for him. In fact, nobody on earth saw Elijah until some 850 years later, when Jesus took James, John, and Peter up to witness the Transfiguration (Matthew 17). And don't be so quick to laugh at the UFO idea! Some Christians are starting to believe that angels use machines to move between dimensions, and they don't just fly with wings.

#25 Answer: A, Haughty, blasphemous words. Blasphemy means to say things about God that are so untrue and awful that you want to gasp. Some say the spooky monsters in Revelation are not real, but rather, symbols of powerful people. This one has been thought to symbolize everyone from the pope to Nero to American presidents!

#26 Answer: C, the hands or forehead. Some people think this will happen in a day when we can have the information on our ATM cards or debit cards imbedded in our flesh so nobody can steal from another person! This is the same evil monster associated with the number 666.

#27 Answer: C, Satan in the desert. Matthew 4:1-11 tells of Jesus fasting 40 days in the desert, where Satan tempted him three times. There were several Herods in Bible times, all of them evil. One tried to kill the baby Jesus; one beheaded John the Baptist and was part of Jesus' trial preceding the crucifixion. Pontius Pilate was the Roman leader who finally ordered Jesus crucified. Moses was a good guy!

#28 Answer: D, Ark of the Covenant. The Holy Grail (cup Jesus drank from at Last Supper) wasn't used until 1,000 years after the events in the Books of Samuel. Ezekiel's wheel is a vision reported in Ezekiel 1 that some think is a UFO! No crown of Solomon has been historically recorded.



#29 Answer: D, God and Moses at the Burning Bush.

God was trying to give Moses signs to share with the Egyptians, so Moses would have enough nerve to tell Pharaoh to let the people go. Jesus with the 10 lepers is another great story. He healed all ten, but only one came back to say thanks!



#30 Answer: A, He was trying to kill Jesus so that Jesus could not claim the throne someday.

A Messiah is a leader from God. It is amazing that this king's mind was so corrupt, he thought he could do something like that without God getting justice. Historical records note that Herod died of, get this: He got gangrene in his privates and maggots started eating away at it!

#31 Answer: B, Joseph and his half-brothers.

They did kidnap him, but God can use terrible things for good! Joseph went from slave to a great leader in Egypt. A famine in the land brought his brothers to him years later, desperate to buy food. They didn't recognize him, but he recognized them! He had fun, falsely arresting them a few times.

#32 Answer: B, Peter at the Transfiguration.

The Transfiguration is where Jesus introduced his three closest Apostles - Peter, James, and John - to Moses and Elijah. The Ascension was 40 days after the Resurrection, when Jesus went back up to heaven. Pentecost took place after the Ascension, where the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles.

#33 Answer: B, Herod.

The opening of Matthew 2 relates this story! Pontius Pilate, another Herod, and Caiaphas were all involved in Jesus' crucifixion some 30 years later. Pharaoh lived around 2,200 years earlier.

#34 Answer: A, Samson, as recorded in Judges 15 & 16.

His strength was in his hair, and his evil lover Delilah nagged him until he told the truth and she cut his hair. Hence, in a weakened condition, he was arrested. Gideon led God's army in earlier chapters of Judges. Marcus Aurelius was a Roman Emperor after Jesus' death. Capernaum is a place, not a person! Jesus healed many people there.

#35 Answer: C, the Day of Pentecost, and this happened in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

It is covered in Acts 2, and the Ascension of Jesus happened in Acts 1.



ADVANCED LEVEL QUESTIONS:

#36 Answer: C, Cain killed Abel over jealousy that God accepted his brother's offering but not his own. The serpent sneaked up on Eve (not Cain), and while Adam and Eve committed the first sin, they were not part of this scandal!

#37 Answer: D, Enoch was carried off alive into heaven by God and the angels, according to Hebrews 11:5. His faith was so great he was allowed to enter heaven without experiencing death.

#38 Answer: D, Jehu, who was prophesied to be the next king, asked the eunuchs to throw Jezebel down, and they were glad not to serve under her meanness any longer. Elijah the Prophet had prophesied that dogs would eat her flesh so that she could not be buried, and no idolaters could make a worship place out of a grave.

#39 Answer: C, Shiphrah and Puah told Pharaoh that Israelite women were not like Egyptian women, and that they delivered their babies before the midwives could get to them. The two of them feared God and didn't want to kill any babies. Miriam and Aaron were Moses' siblings, and both were prophets on the Exodus. They each had ups and downs during the Exodus but had nothing to do with this. They were children, and Moses was not yet born.

#40 Answer: C, Jael. She was brave enough to kill the terrifying Sisera, and Judge Deborah praised her in Judges 5:24.

#41 Answer: B, Goliath. 1 Samuel 17 reveals the story of David and Goliath. David's brother later killed the giant referenced in C, which is reported in 1 Chronicles 20:6. In that same chapter, Elhanan did kill the brother of Goliath. Some scholars believe these deaths ended the plague of any giants upon the earth.

#42 Answer: D, King Saul began losing favor with God even before David fought Goliath as a teenager. In 1 Samuel 15, God asked Saul to destroy an evil nation, probably so that its descendants wouldn't rise up and cause more wars, pain, death, and idolatry. Saul not only saved the nation's king, but he also saved their animals to sacrifice to God, which is like putting money that doesn't belong to you into the collection plate. King Ahab was not even born for another 100 years, and King Richard of *Robin Hood* has nothing to do with this story.

#43 Answer: B, Ehud. God also raised up Othniel and Shamgar as warriors to save the people once they had done wrong. All are mentioned in Judges 3. Cain, son of Adam and Eve, lived before the Great Flood and is not part of this episode.



#44 Answer: A, Joab. The bodyguard and some servants passed by to see Absalom tangled in the branches. Amnon's violence ruined Tamar's life, but Absalom had him killed. King David loved his children so much that is considered by some to have been a weakness. He didn't banish Amnon for ruining Tamar, which made Absalom really mad. Then, David didn't permanently banish Absalom for Amnon's murder, which enabled Absalom to rise up against his own father. Solomon, much younger, had nothing to do with this tale!



#45 Answer: B, Sodom and Gomorrah are the famous cities of the Old Testament upon which God rained smoke and ash. The citizens' sins are too gross and violent to talk about, so let's just say they had it coming! Babel is where the Tower of Babel had been built generations earlier, and ancient Shuruppak is not mentioned in the Bible. Jerusalem and Galilee were not built yet. Assyria and Babylon ARE enemies of Israel, but they are countries, not cities.

#46 Answer: D, Elijah the prophet. Even if you didn't know the story about Elijah being fed by ravens when he was hiding from evil King Ahab (1 Kings 17:1-6), you can get the answer by reading carefully. The text said the mystery man was a prophet. John and Paul were known as Apostles, not prophets. Saul of Tarsus is the earlier name for Apostle Paul.

#47 Answer: C, Revelation. The Four Horses of the Apocalypse are part of Revelation 6. There is no Bible book called *Jesus and the Second Coming*, though there are probably 100 modern paperbacks called that. Revelation is mostly about the Second Coming of Christ and the scary events that could lead up to it. But Daniel and Ezekiel also have famous end-times prophecies in them, say many scholars.

#48 Answer: B, the Prodigal Son, who squandered his inheritance. Samson was blind and powerless, but not broke after Delilah cut off his hair. The Prophet Jonah got swallowed by a giant fish after his bad behavior. Fortunately, the Good Samaritan did not get swindled after his good works!

#49 Answer: A, Samuel, on the night God told him that Eli was in big trouble. It was awkward, as Eli was raising Samuel! King Saul did call on a witch to produce Samuel after he had died an old man. David allegedly defeated Goliath as a teenager, but he had no advanced "spooky" warning. And Solomon's famous prayer for wisdom came just after David's death. All these famous stories took place around 1,000 BC

#50 Answer: A, an Ethiopian eunuch. A eunuch is someone who doesn't care about romance or getting married. That eunuch took Apostle Philip's teaching back to Ethiopia and established the Ethiopian Church, one of the oldest churches that remain until today!



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