

PARENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

I. GET A LITTLE CLOSER

"Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45, ICB

- Have you seen the bottom of the ocean? What do you think it looks like?
- Where are the times and places in your life when you can see God up close?
- Do you feel like you can talk to God like you talk to a parent? Why or why not?

2. A PLAN AND A PURPOSE

"The LORD will work out his plans for my life."
Psalm 138:8, NLT

- Is there a part of your body that you have no explanation for?
- Is there something you're facing now that feels hard?
- Have you ever seen God use something hard for your good?

3. LOST AND FOUND

"God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life."

1 Peter 3:9, ICB

- Do you know of any animal species that are at risk of becoming extinct (dying out)?
- God hunts for anyone who's lost. Do you know someone who hasn't trusted God to be Lord of their life?
- How can you love that person like God loves them?

4. FIRENADO

"Don't be afraid. I am with you." Isaiah 43:5

- Had you ever heard of a firenado before?!?
- Was there a time in your parents' lives when it was hard to see God? (Ask them!)
- God promises to be with us in the fire. What would you say is the hardest thing you've faced?

5. DRIFTING AWAY

"When you search for me with all your heart, you will find me!"

Jeremiah 29:13, ICB

- Saturn's moon Titan is pretty far away. What's the furthest destination you know of on this planet, from you?!
- Have you had periods when you felt far from God?
- Who is a person in your life who helps you stay close to God?

6. STRESSED OUT!

"Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philippians 2:4, ICB

- Exercise helps stress. What's your favorite way to keep your body moving?
- What types of things cause you to feel stressed?
- Thinking of what you named above, how can you encourage someone else who might be feeling stressed over the same stuff?

7. LEAD THE WAY!

"The greatest among you must be a servant."

Matthew 11:23, NLT

- Do you think you'd like to do what Sherpas do? Why or why not?
- When have you helped someone else find their way?
- Jesus led by serving others. Who do you know who's a servant like that?

8. WORDS ON THE WEB

"I hope my words and thoughts please you. Lord, you are my Rock, the one who saves me."

Psalm 19:14, ICB

- What is one way you use the internet?
- How do you connect with friends on the internet?
- Have you ever written something online that you regret? What was it and how did you
 deal with the situation?

9. NOW YOU SEE IT

"Two people are better than one. They get more done by working together." Ecclesiastes 4:9, ICB

- Scientists did something amazing by photographing a black hole! What's another amazing scientific feat that you know about?
- What is one of the special gifts God has given you? (Creative? Scientific? Athletic? Musical? Other?)
- And how can you use that gift for the good of others?

IO. UNDER ATTACK!

"The Lord is faithful. He will give you strength and protect you from the Evil One."

1 Thessalonians 3:3, ICB

- When was the last time you were sick? How did it feel?
- When have you noticed the devil attacking you with troubles, bad days, or temptations?
- And what is your best *weapon* against the enemy's schemes?

II. IT ALL ADDS UP

"Trust the Lord and do good."
Psalm 37:3, ICB

- Beavers sure *are* busy! Who's someone you know who stays busy?
- What is a "little" habit you have that makes the world a better place?
- And what is a "little" habit you can start today to improve your relationship with God?

12. S000 SLOW!

"I will put a new spirit in them. I will take away that heart of stone, and I will put a real heart in its place."

Ezekiel 11:19, ERV

- What's your favorite activity to do in snow and ice? (If you live where it's warm, what would you love to try?)
- Is there a tricky person (sour, grouchy, grumpy) in your life that you've been trying to love for a long time?
- Who might God be calling you to love this week?

13. A SOFT LANDING

"If they stumble, they will not fall, because the LORD holds their hand."
Psalm 37:24, NCV

- What's the biggest fall you've ever taken, on accident or on purpose (like a diving board!)?
- When's a time that God has helped to fix, or resolve, a problem in your life?
- And when was a time when God helped you to get through a hard time? How?

14. THE CHOCOLATE HILLS

"Everything God created is good."

1 Timothy 4:4, NIV

- What is your favorite thing to make in the kitchen? Do you ever tweak the recipe?
- What is your favorite craft or art activity?
- God is amazingly creative. What do you think is the most interesting thing he's made?

15. WASH IT CLEAN

"Wash away all my guilt and make me clean again." Psalm 51:2, ICB

- Do you prefer a shower or a bath? Is there anything that makes it extra special?
- When was the last time you had to apologize to a person? Why?
- And when was the last time you asked for God's forgiveness? How did you feel afterwards?

16. TAKING CARE OF THE WORLD

"We are workers together with God."
2 Corinthians 6:1, ICB

- Have you seen a lush rain forest in a movie? What animals or plants captured your imagination?
- Why is the Congo in jeopardy?
- How can you help? (Be creative!)

17. A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

"But what about you?' [Jesus] asked. 'Who do you say I am?"

Matthew 16:15, NIV

- Have you ever looked through a telescope to see a comet or another planet?
- If someone asked you who Jesus was, how would you answer?
- What is your favorite story about him that you might share?

18. DON'T SHARE!

"Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily." 1 Corinthians 13:5, ICB

- In your home, what's the knob, device, or remote that's touched by the most number of people? (#germy)
- Do you remember the last time you had a grumpy day? What caused it?
- What practice—talking to God, a friend, a parent—helps to improve your mood?

19. BEHIND THE SCENES

"Your Father can see what is done in secret, and he will reward you."

Matthew 6:4, ICB

- If you were an ant...lol...what role would you see yourself playing? Why?
- Who do you know who's a behind-the-scenes servant?
- How have you served others when no one has seen you do it?

20. RING OF FIRE

"Look for peace and work for it."

1 Peter 3:11, ICB

- Have you ever seen a real volcano, in person or on screen?
- Is there someone in your life who rubs you the wrong way?
- Have you been able to be a peacemaker between two bristly people?

21. WIGGLE YOUR EARS?

"We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace that God gave us."

Romans 12:6, ICB

- Can you, or anyone in your family, wiggle their ears?
- What's one gift you admire in someone else but don't have yourself?
- What's one special gift you have? (Your parents can chime in!)

22. FIGHT OR FLIGHT?

"I will not be afraid because you are with me." Psalm 23:4, ICB

- When someone startles you, is your impulse to run (flight) or slug them (fight)?
- When was the last time you had to gather your courage to do something brave?
- How have you seen God give you courage?

23. WHO GOES THERE?

"[Christ] is your example, and you must follow in his steps."

1 Peter 2:21, NLT

- Have you seen animal footprints outdoors? What animal do you think they were from?
 (Now you know how to spot a few!)
- What are the "tracks" people see in your life? (Your parents can help!)
- Who's an adult you know who leaves "tracks of love"?

24. A MIGHTY BLOWING WIND

"Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing...They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:2, 4, ICB

- What is your favorite weather? Least favorite?
- What do you know about the Holy Spirit?
- How do you notice the Holy Spirit in your life?

25. UP. UP. AND AWAY!

"Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24, ICB

- Have you ever seen a hot air balloon, in which people can travel, in the sky?
- Which one of your friends is someone who can lift others' spirits?
- When was the last time you encouraged one of your friends who was down?

26. WHEN YOU DON'T SAY A WORD

"What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?"

James 2:14

- When you think about communicating with your friends, what kinds of "body language" do you use—in school or in church—when you're supposed to be quiet?
- Would you say you're more comfortable talking about Jesus or acting out his love for others?
- What's one way you can love someone this week, with your actions?

27. A FORTRESS TO GO

"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge."

Psalm 18:2, NIV

- Have you ever seen a turtle up close? Have you seen it tuck into its shell?
- Can you think of a time in your life when you felt like you needed God's protection?
- What about today? Do you need to ask God to protect you from anything now?

28. ALL THE LIGHT

"Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."
Psalm 51:7, ICB

- Have you ever caught a single snowflake and tried to look at it? (Or eat it!?)
- Who do you know whose life is a good *reflection*, for others, of God's love?
- How can you reflect God's light into the world today?

29. A NEW WAY TO SHINE!

"Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1, ICB

- Are you interested in stars, and planets, and comets, and black holes? (Had you heard of NEOWISE?)
- When you reflect God to others, what part of God shines most brightly through you?
- What's one way, this week, you can use the talents God has given you to honor and praise Him?

30. DON'T JUST COMPLAIN ABOUT IT

"I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles." Psalm 142:2

- Can you think of a character, on TV or in a book, who's a grumpy complainer?
- How might you respond when a friend of yours is complaining?
- What was the last trouble that you took to God? (He cares!)

31. WHATEVER YOU NEED

"My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need."

Philippians 4:19, ICB

- Have you ever seen a live panda at the zoo? (Or someplace else!?)
- What has God given you—like the Panda's sixth finger!—that helps you do what you were made to do?
- How does God guide you from day to day?

32. A LITTLE HELP, PLEASE

"Help each other with your troubles."
Galatians 6:2, ICB

- What is a task at home with which you need extra help? (Who helps you?)
- And is there another skill—in sports, or another area—in which you've needed some help?
- Just as you need help, sometimes, others do, too. Who is someone that you have helped?

33. IN A BURST OF LIGHT

"With your wisdom and power you created the earth and spread out the heavens."

Jeremiah 10:12, CEV

- Have you ever watched a movie where heroes or villains wield weapons that shoot light rays? (Which ones?)
- A powerful God has done amazing things. What part of God's creation is most impressive to you?
- God still cares about little you. Is there a joy or concern you want to share with him today?

34. ONE FACE OR TWO?

"You are God's children whom he loves, so try to be like him." Ephesians 5:1, NCV

- Can you think of a character, in a story or a show, who is two-faced? Acting one way in front of someone and another way in front of others?
- Is there a situation where you're tempted to act a little different than you usually do?
- When you think of someone who has a sincere pure heart, who comes to mind?

35. HOW RUDE!

"Make it your life goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business."

1 Thessalonians 4:11, NLT

- Have you ever "accidentally" overheard someone's conversation? (Did you hear something you shouldn't have?)
- Have you ever peeked at someone else's phone or device to spy on them?
- What practical steps can you take to mind your own business?

36. FIGHTING FIRE WITH...FIRE?

"A gentle answer will calm a person's anger. But an unkind answer will cause more anger."

Proverbs 15:1, ICB

- Have you ever witnessed a fire that was truly out of control? How did you feel?
- When someone's mean, are you tempted to be mean back or stay silent? Fight or flight?
- If someone insulted your best friend, how might you respond?

37. UNDER PRESSURE!

"I was in trouble. So I called to the Lord. The Lord answered me and set me free." Psalm 118:5, ICB

- Have you ever created an explosion—with baking soda and vinegar, or soda and candy?
- Is there a situation you face that causes you to feel pressure, ready to explode?
- What pressure situation do you need to tell God about today?

38. BRRR! BRAIN FREEZE

"At that time the Holy Spirit will teach you what you must say." Luke 12:12, ICB

- Have you had the experience of "brain freeze"? What were you eating?
- Have you ever felt nervous telling someone about Jesus?
- Have you ever prayed for God to help you know what to say? (Try it!)

39. NATURE'S CLEAN-UP CREW

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

Genesis 2:15, NIV

- Have you ever seen one of nature's scavenger doing its scavenging work? When?
- Are you careful not to trash God's world with your own litter?
- Have you ever picked up trash that isn't yours? (Try it, to honor the planet God made!)

40. THE WONDER INSIDE

"God has made everything beautiful for its own time." Ecclesiastes 3:11, NLT

- Kids who live in certain areas collect geodes. Have you ever found one in nature?
- Have you ever found one of God's cool "hidden" treasures in nature? Which one?
- What do you think is the most amazing thing God has made that's not an animal?

41. ROBOT ASTRONAUT

"I will sing for joy about what your hands have done. Lord, you have done such great things!"

Psalm 92:4-5

- Have you ever seen a real robot at work? What was it able to do?s
- Your body is a pretty amazing creation. What's your favorite part of your body? Why?
- What is the coolest thing that you're able to *do* with your body?

42. TO CURL OR NOT TO CURL?

"The Lord's eyes see everything that happens."
Proverbs 15:3, ICB

- On a scale of 1-10, one being super straight and 10 being a twisty-tight curl, what kind of hair do you have?
- God knows *everything* about you. Is there something on your mind, now, that you want to talk over with Him?
- Today, who is someone in your life who needs to know that you see them and care? How can you show them?

43. JUST LET IT ROLL

"Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy." Ephesians 1:4, NLT

- Can you imagine the difference between ducks' soft fluffy down feathers and their larger, stiffer feathers? Have you touched one or both?
- When someone says something unkind to you, is it easy or hard for you to let it roll off your back?
- God's big love for you is like a waterproof seal. Do you feel God's love in your body today?

44.THAT'S NO JOKE!

"Careless words stab like a sword. But wise words bring healing." Proverbs 12:18, ICB

- Have you ever seen a geyser, that shoots water out of the ground?
- Is there anyone in your life who spews unkind words? How do you respond?
- Would you say that you're more "careful" or "careless" with your own words?

45.GO YOUR OWN WAY

"Those who know my commands and obey them are the ones who love me."

John 14:21, NCV

- Can you think of someone who is a "rogue" hero, from books or movies, a loner who does good in the world?
- What in your life is *different* than those around you who don't know God?
- How does your life show others how good God is?

46. ARE YOU BLUSHING?

"My power works best in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9, NLT

- When was the last time you felt really embarrassed? What happened?
- The next time you feel embarrassed, what can you call to mind to take your mind off of it? (Be creative!)
- When you see a friend feeling embarrassed, how can you help?

47. SUMMER SNOOZING

"[Jesus] said to them, 'Come with me. We will go to a quiet place to be alone.

There we will get some rest."

Mark 6:31, ICB

- Is there anyone in your family who *loves* naps? Anyone who *hates* naps?
- Would you consider yourself a busy person? How do you find rest?
- Too much screen time can be a temptation for both adults *and* kids. What's a fun activity you enjoy instead?

48.WELCOME TO THE TWILIGHT ZONE

"The sea is his because he made it."
Psalm 95:5, ICB

- If you had to guess, what's the deepest natural water—river, lake, ocean—you've been in? How deep?
- How is your family protecting the ocean by using less plastic?
- Is there a way you can help your family be more careful about using disposable straws, bags, bottles, and other plastics?

49. WHAT'S OORT THERE?

"We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means." Hebrews 12:1

- Who is a faith hero in the Bible who inspires you?
- Who is a faith-hero from the rest of human history that you admire?
- When you think of the adults in your life, who are the ones who are full of faith in God?

50. WORKING TOGETHER?

"Be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other."

1 Peter 4:10, ICB

- Had you ever heard about the Yao honey-eaters before? (What an amazing thing!)
- God made us to work together, too. What is one gift you share with a friend to help him or her?
- And what's a gift your friend shares to help you?

51. COUGH DROP. ANYONE?

"A good person has good things saved up in his heart."

And so he brings good things out of his heart."

Luke 6:45, ICB

- Koalas sleep on their food, right? Where would you find yourself if you slept on top of last night's dinner?
- Take a peek in your heart. Is there any anger, jealousy, gossip, or hate in there right now? What do you see.
- And what about love, joy, and the kindness of Christ? When did one of those seep out today?

52. GLOWING SEAS?!

"The Son reflects the glory of God. He is an exact copy of God's nature."
Hebrews 1:3, ICB

- Scientists had to see glowing seas with their own eyes. What have you had to see with your own eyes to believe it was true?
- Today we see God with the eyes of our hearts. Where do you see God through the life of Jesus?
- And how do others see God's love through you? (Ask your parents!)

53. A HEAVENLY GUIDE

"The Helper will teach you everything. He will cause you to remember all the things I told you.

This Helper is the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name."

John 14:26, ICB

- In the daily life of your family, how does GPS help you?
- How has the Holy Spirit, in you, helped to guide you?
- Listen to the Holy Spirit in you right now. What is He saying about God's love for you?

54. DON'T FORGET!

"I will not forget you." Isaiah 49:15, ICB

- What's the best day you've ever had? What stands out in your mind about that day?
- Jesus remembered someone others overlooked. Is there someone like that in your life, who others overlook?
- How can you remember and help them today? (Or tomorrow!)

55. IT'S AN INVASION!

"Accept God's salvation to be your helmet."

Ephesians 6:17, ICB

- What's the biggest snake you've ever seen with your eyeballs up close and in person?
- The devil lies to us about who God is, who you are, and how you should live. Can you recognize his sneaky voice in your head? What does he say?
- The helmet of salvation protects you. What is *more true* than what the devil hisses to you?

56. WHEN THE EARTH MOVED?

"Do not forget to do good to others. And share with them what you have." Hebrews 13:16, ICB

- A natural disaster created beautiful Reelfoot Lake. When have you seen something good come out of something bad?
- When bad things happen, God's people care for those who are hurting. Have you seen that in your church or family?
- When a big disaster strikes—an earthquake, flood, or storm—what's one thing you can do to help?

57. IT'S ABOUT TIME

"Live wisely. Use every chance you have for doing good."

Ephesians 5:15-16, NCV

- Because of that sidereal business, February 29 babies only get to celebrate their birthday on February 29 every 4 years! Do you know anyone with a February 29 birthday?
- Who is the oldest person you know? And what's something good they've done with their life?
- Think about today. What is one thing you're really glad you did?

58. DON'T DO IT!

"If people love me, they will obey my teaching."

John 14:23, NCV

- Don't think about a pink elephant. *It's hard, right?!* Okay, share what you saw: big or little, inside or outside, anything else?
- Is there a rule your parents have established that you just don't like? One you wish you didn't have? Which one?
- How does that rule protect you and help you to life your best possible life?

59. WHISPERS AND WHISKERS

"After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper."

1 Kings 19:12, NLT

- Have you ever touched an animal's whiskers? What animal?
- What are the *physical senses* God's given you that help you find your way?
- And what's one way that God guides you through His Word, His people, or the Holy Spirit?

60. DON'T SLIP DOWN THAT SLOPE!

"He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the sticky mud."

Psalm 40:2, ICB

- A pitcher plant is a plant that eats animals. What are three animals that eat plants?
- The devil can lure us in with sweet nectar. What's one little sin that doesn't seem that bad, and feels good?
- Have you ever started with a little sin and gotten stuck in a bigger sticky pool of sin?
 When?

61. STORMS ON THE SUN

"When you are angry, do not sin. And do not go on being angry all day." Ephesians 4:26, ICB

- What's the most furious storm or natural weather even you've experienced?
- Has anyone ever "blasted" you with their big feelings and loud voice? How did it feel?
- Have you ever "blasted" someone with anger and regretted it? How did you reconcile?

62. SPEAK UP!

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Proverbs 31:8, ICB

- What are situations in your life when you whisper?
- How have you used your voice to make things better? How?
- What is one way that God might be inviting you to use your voice for good?

63. AN OCTOPUS GARDEN

"If two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them."

Matthew 18:20, ICB

- Have you noticed gardens in your neighborhood? What do your neighbors grow?
- When you think about gathering with people who love Jesus, what has been your favorite gathering with Christ's body?
- What person in your life exudes the shimmer and glow of the love and presence of Jesus?

64.IS THERE LIFE OUT THERE?

"We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him." Romans 8:28, ICB

- Sometimes we imagine what aliens *might* look like. What boos, show, or movie has alien characters? Who is your favorite?
- Sometimes live doesn't go like we planned. Have you or your parents had a surprise in life that wasn't a good one? What?
- When we get those bad surprises, how has God helped you or your family?

65. PERFECTLY IMPERFECT

"The Lord's love never ends. His mercies never stop. They are new every morning." Lamentations 3:22-23, ICB

- Were you surprised that the earth isn't perfectly round? Were your parents?
- All of us are imperfect. What's one common way that your imperfection expresses itself in your behavior?
- And when that happens, how can you make it right with God and others?

66. FEEL THAT SMELL?

"We are the sweet smell of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are being lost."

2 Corinthians 2:15, ICB

- Have you noticed a certain smell that reminds you of a special person in your life?
 What is it? And who?
- Who is someone who's life has that aroma that makes you feel loved?
- This week, what can you do to share the sweetness and make someone else feel loved?

67. IT'S POSSIBLE

"Nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37, ESV

- Can you think of another animal that seems like a weird mix of other animals? (Real or mythical ones!)
- Besides the burning bush, lions' mouths, and water-walking, what other true biblical stories seem kind of unbelievable?
- God can do anything. Is there something big you want to ask God to do in your life?

68. HUNGRY, HUNGRY HIPPO

"A person does not live on bread alone, but by everything the LORD says." Deuteronomy 8:3, NCV

- If you could eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- When you feel hungry for God's word, where do you turn? (Ask your parents this question!)
- God's word makes us strong. What is one verse that really helps you?

69. EARTH'S TRAVEL BUDDY

"Seek [God's] will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

Proverbs 3:6, NLT

- It's kind of cute Earth has Cruithne as a travel buddy. Have you ever seen two animals stick together as buddies?
- And how about you? What adults in your life do you trust to help guide you? (Anyone who's not in the room right now?)
- God is *always* with you. Do you ever remember to ask him for help throughout the day?

70. FILL UP WITH THE GOOD STUFF

"A person does not live only by eating bread. But a person lives by everything the Lord says."

Matthew 4:4, ICB

- Name your favorite food from each group: grains, dairy, fruit, veggies, and protein!
- Which of these foods do you feast on most often: God's Word, prayer, praise, singing, fellowship?
- And which one would you say is lacking in your spiritual diet? How can you add it?

71. BIG LITTLE THINGS

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones." Luke 16:10, NLT

- Toes are little guys that have a big job! What's another body part that's small, but has a big responsibility?
- "Little" good things add up! Today, did you find an opportunity to serve or care for one person? How?
- Plan ahead: what's one little way you can love someone in your household this week?

72. WHAT WOUNDS CAN DO

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
Psalm 147:3

- Have you ever seen or heard a woodpecker in the wild? Have you seen a hole they've pecked?
- What is one time when you were hurt by a lie, gossip, a sickness, or a loss? Who helped comfort you?
- Have you been able to help someone who's been hurt by the same thing? If not, can you think of someone you might help?

73. ARE YOU BLUE?

"Why am I so sad? Why am I so upset? I should put my hope in God.
I should keep praising him."
Psalm 42:5-6, ICB

- Sulfur stinks! What's the stinkiest thing you've ever smelled?
- What's one thing that's made you sad recently?
- If you get *stuck* in your sadness, practice gratitude. What's one thing for which you can thank God today?

74. WHO OWNS THE MOON?

"What [God] says he will do, he does. What he promises, he keeps."

Numbers 23:19, ICB

- Has anyone ever made a promise to you and then broken it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever made a promise to someone, and broken it? How did you repair the relationship?
- God's covenant, to forgive us of our sins, is unbreakable. And the big finale is living forever with God! What do you imagine that will be like?

75. SAY "CHEESE"!

"Continue praying and keep alert. And when you pray, always thank God."

Colossians 4:2, ICB

- Have you lost any teeth? How many? (Are you keeping count?)
- How are your brushing and flossing habits? What's your daily rhythm?
- Taking care of your faith matters, too. When is the best time of day for you to connect with God?

76. UNICORNS OF THE SEA?

"Lord God, you are God, and your words are true."
2 Samuel 7:28, ICB

- Had you ever heard of or seen a narwhal before? (Pretty interesting, right?!)
- The people in the Bible aren't storybook characters. They're just like us! What character in the Bible to you most relate to? Why?
- If you could go back in time and be present for *one Bible event*, which would you choose?

77. BLOW. DERECHO WINDS. BLOW

"He calmed the storm to a whisper."
Psalm 107:29, NLT

- In the place where you live, what is the most common kind of dangerous weather event?
- In the last year, what is one personal "storm"—big or small—that you've faced?
- Was it hard or easy for you to trust God during that time? Why?

78. ON GUARD!

"Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life."

Proverbs 4:23, CEV

- What age or season has your family decided is appropriate for you to have a phone?
- What kind of content is best to *avoid* on cell phones?
- What are all the supports available to help you make good choices on phones?

79. DO YOU FEEL IT?

"Jesus...put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:16, ICB

- What is a texture that you love to touch? (It might be slime, or a pet, or...?)
- What is a texture that you hate to touch?
- God gave us the ability to feel. How does being able to feel things protect us?

80.FLYING SNAKES?!

"We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world." Ephesians 6:12

- Have you ever touched a real live snake? What was it like?
- When was the last time you gave evil a place to land by choosing to be mean, or selfish, or talking badly about others? (You can ask God's forgiveness!)
- Who is a person you know who doesn't make room for evil to land? Who is particularly kind?

81. A RIVER OF RAINBOWS

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NLT

- What is something colorful that blooms close to your home?
- The best place to bloom is *right where you're planted*. How can you love and serve at home?
- How can you love and serve at school?

82. WAITING FOR A SHOOTING STAR

"Be devoted to one another in love."
Romans 12:10, NIV

- Have you ever seen a "shooting star"? (aka meteoroid)
- Have you had a friendship that has "burned up"? How did you feel?
- When did you have a bumpy patch with a friend but were able to restore your friendship?

83. KNOCKED THE WIND OUT

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them."

Matthew 9:36, NIV

- Have you ever gotten hit in the diaphragm and had the wind knockd out of you? When?
- Have you ever felt "bad"—meaning your feelings hurt—for someone who was hurting or suffering?
- What is one cause or situation that moves your heart with compassion? How can you participate in making it better?

84.IS THAT A...WALKING PINECONE?

"God is my strength." Psalm 73:26, ICB

- The pangolin rolls up into a ball when it feels threatened? What other animal "hides" like that when it's scared?
- What you feel vulnerable or scared, are you tempted to curl up alone? Why or why not?
- Who's the person in your life who you can reach out to for help when you need it?

85. A SHOT IN THE ARM

"He comforts us every time we have trouble, so that we can comfort others when they have trouble."

2 Corinthians 1:4, ICB

- Have you received a vaccine to keep you safe, from your doctor or a pharmacist? What for?
- Who is someone who helped you with a challenge because they've been through something similar?
- When have you had the chance to help a friend who was facing something that you'd been through?

86. SPACE JUNK

"If you have two shirts, share with the person who does not have one." Luke 3:11, ICB

- I was surprised that there's "junk" in space! What part of your home gets messy the quickest?
- Is your family in the habit of offering belongings that you don't need or use to others?
- This week, what is one way that you can share with others in need?

87. STAND OUT IN THE CROWD

"I chose you to come out of the world."

John 15:19, NLT

- Have you seen a tiger—orange or white—in person? (But hopefully at a safe distance!)
 When?
- What is something that makes you a little bit different than a lot of other kids?
- How can you use that special-ness to love and serve God?

88.THE SKELETON COAST

"I came to give life—life in all its fullness."

John 10:10, ICB

- Have you ever heard of a famous shipwreck in history, or read about one in a storybook?
- Where is a place in your community where you can meet people from cultures other than your own?
- What have you learned from friends about their families' culture?

89. SUIT UP!

"Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything."
Philippians 4:6, CEV

- Have you ever worn a full-body suit, like a scuba suit? Some other kind?
- Prayer protects you, too! Do you pray before significant events? Which ones?
- What is coming up in your life that you want to pray about right now?

90. JUNO AND JUPITER

"LORD, there is no one like you!" Jeremiah 10:6, NLT

- What is the most interesting fact you've learned about space?
- You are also one of God's wonders! What do you think is one of the most interesting or cool things about you?
- What's your favorite way to praise God?

91. SLICE RIGHT THROUGH IT

"The word of God is...sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword."

Hebrews 4:12, NLT

- What's the scariest movie you've ever seen? Book you've read?
- What is one of the devil's naughty lies that you might be tempted to believe?
- And what does God's word say about that particular temptation? (A parent can help you!)

92. WHO'S SHAPING YOU?

"Create in me a pure heart, God."
Psalm 51:10, ICB

- Have you ever seen a rock, or other natural formation, that was a particularly unique shape?
- Can you think of a time when you were shaped—*influenced by*—something or someone that wasn't so great?
- What can you do to make sure you're shaped into the person God made you to be?

93. DON'T GET HANGRY!

"We were made right with God by His grace."
Titus 3:7, ICB

- Have you ever had that "hangry" feeling? How did you behave when you felt that way?
- When was the last time a friend got angry with you? How did you respond?
- How do you usually respond to a family member when they get angry with you?

94. | SPY A GIGANTIC EYE

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way. And I am the truth and the life.

The only way to the Father is through me."

John 14:6, ICB

- Is there a landmark—or something familiar—near your home that helps you to "navigate" your way when a friend's parent is driving you?
- Jesus can help you know which way to go! Have you ever asked for his help when you had a hard choice to make?
- Is there a choice, or decision, or opportunity before you now that you can ask Jesus about?

95. SO SENSITIVE

"Do for other people what you want them to do for you." Luke 6:31, ICB

- The sensitive plant is interesting, right? What's the most unusual plant you've ever seen or heard of?
- When was the last time you were in a situation where you were meeting new people? How did you feel?
- It feels like "opposite day" to hear reaching out to care for someone else helps us when we're nervous. When have you reached out to care for someone new when *you* were new?

96. TO THE MOON!

"You should be strong. Don't give up, because you will get a reward for your good work."

2 Chronicles 15:7, ICB

- If your grandparents or great-grandparents watched the moon landing, they likely remember that big moment. Is there a big moment in history that you've seen? (live or on film)
- When was the last time you had a big fail (game, test, relationship, even God)? What was it?
- What did you learn from that experience, and what can you do differently next time?

97. CATCH SOME ZZZZZS

"You won't need to be afraid when you lie down. When you lie down, your sleep will be peaceful." Proverbs 3:24, ICB

- Would you say you're a fan of naps, or not so much? Why?
- Is there a worry that ever keeps you awake at night?
- God cares about you. Can you offer your concern to him? (Maybe picture yourself handing it to Jesus like a suitcase!)

98. IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad today!" Psalm 118:24, ICB

- Have you ever seen a bunny binky? (Even the *question* is funny!)
- How do *you* show your happiness?
- Are you in the habit of thanking God for the good stuff in your life? How can you start?

99. NO IFS ABOUT IT

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life." John 3:36, NIV

- Have you ever seen or heard of ice volcanoes before?
- Some people think you have to be *really good* to get to heaven. Do you think that's true?
- What does God promise about the way to get to heaven?

IOO. THE GREAT CONJUNCTION

"Since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him!"

Isaiah 64:4, NLT

- The Great Conjunction happens every 400 years. Have you ever seen a cool "sky event" that doesn't happen often?
- We don't always see God working in our lives. When have you seen God at work?
- Now ask a parent, "When have you seen God at work?"