

TROUT

LAKE CAMPS

**TAG Packet for Elementary-Aged
Kids**





Parents,

Welcome to **GOOD NEWS!** While we are not able to connect with you through in-person retreats, camps, and events at this time, we are delighted to bring Trout to you and your home in this digital content pack. This packet is designed as devotional packet to engage your elementary-aged kid in the Word of God following a "Newsies-type" theme through the Gospel of Mark

Each day is labeled by day rather than specific dates or days of the week. This enables you maximum flexibility depending on when you download this packet.

The Devotionals are designed to be used in sequence, but feel free to take a break and skip days, but remember to pick up where you left off. Our goal is to provide you with a way to engage your elementary-aged kids in God's Word through a daily study of the Bible along with activities specifically designed for kids.

We are privileged to be able to partner with you in this way during this uncertain time. While we are prevented from gathering in groups, our God is still sovereign. He is still faithful, and we are so thankful for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ.

We welcome your feedback, and if you find this content pack helpful please share on your social media outlets.

Trout Lake Camps

Program Team

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GOOD NEWS

LIMITED EDITION

TROUT LAKE TIMES

CONTENT PACK

NAME: _____

Kids take to the streets: "We must share this exciting news." By: Paper Chase

Three kids stormed their city's streets and those of nearby small towns. All three carried a newspaper that contained what they stated was, "Good News." The Press reports more than 250 homes have received one across various cities – at least 185 in one city alone. These kids have caught the public's eye which stirs the question: How "good" can this news be?

Community

Need a loaf? Yes, please!

By: Type Ryder

Read the facts on why 5,000 people were fed fish and bread for free.

Editorial

Save it or lose it?

By: Paige Turner

Can people save by losing? Find out how this is possible by reading Thursdays news article.

Never fear, the Newsies are here!

By: Helvetica LaFont

If you were out and about on the streets yesterday morning, you may have been given a newspaper from three kids who call themselves the Newsies. They are quoted as saying: "Our goal is to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel." These Newsies walked up and down the streets of our city yesterday proclaiming the newspaper they were handing out was unlike any other. That it would leave you wanting more. More of what, you ask? Keep reading to find out.

Entertainment

Did he just sit there?

By: Finley Point

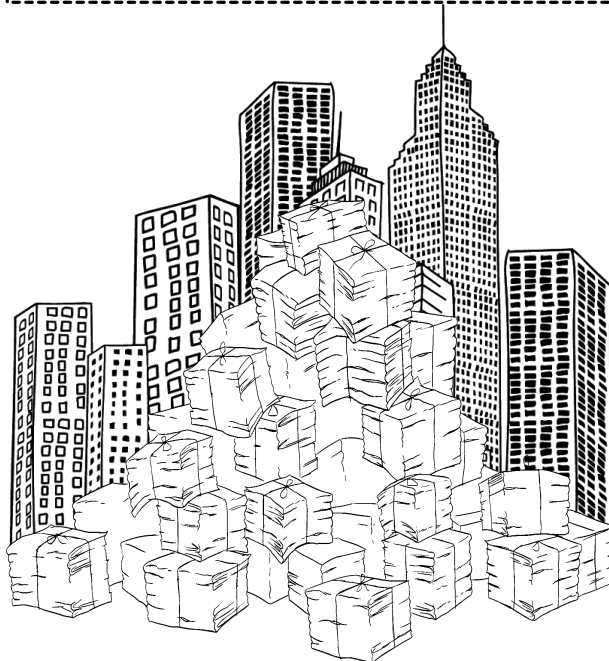
One man decided to eat with tax collectors. Why? Find out on Tuesday!

Weather

Man walks on water

By: Piper Cut

How men survived a storm that almost sunk their fishing boat.



Life in the shadow of the Newsies: Busy cities where people hurry and rush are now slowing down to hear the Good News of the Gospel.

Farming

"Wow, my tiny mustard seed grew into a huge plant: birds use its branches to rest in shade."

By: Camilla En. Velope

If you have ears to hear, you might have heard how farmers are planting seeds without using soil. How is this possible?

WEATHER

GOD CALLS ME TO NOT BE AFRAID

Day 1

Man walks on water.

Darkness came fast. Twelve men were alone in the middle of a large lake struggling to keep their oars on board while facing a powerful storm. Waves crashing from the strong, mighty winds plunging at full speed. The men thought the weather was their main worry until they spotted something slowly approaching them in the distance. What was it you ask? Continue reading to find out!

Jesus and His disciples were out and about once again teaching people about God and performing miracles. After a long day, Jesus told the disciples to find their boat and travel back to the other side of the lake.

Read Mark 6:45-46

Why did Jesus go to the mountainside?

Jesus needs to set time to pray to God too. He had a long, tiring day, and performing miracles was exhausting. He knew that in order for him to have strength to get through the day and make good decisions, He needed to be close with His heavenly Father-God.

Read Mark 6:47-50

Jesus wanted to join His disciples on the boat but He was on land, and the strong winds took His disciples to the other side of the lake. Jesus could have swam, flew or jumped across the lake! Jesus is pretty amazing. So amazing that He decided to walk on water and make His way towards the boat where His disciples were struggling to stay aboard due to bad weather.

How did the disciples feel when they first saw Jesus?



ARTWORK

Grab colored pencils and color the picture!

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NOTES

WEATHER

What did Jesus say to His disciples in Mark 6:50?

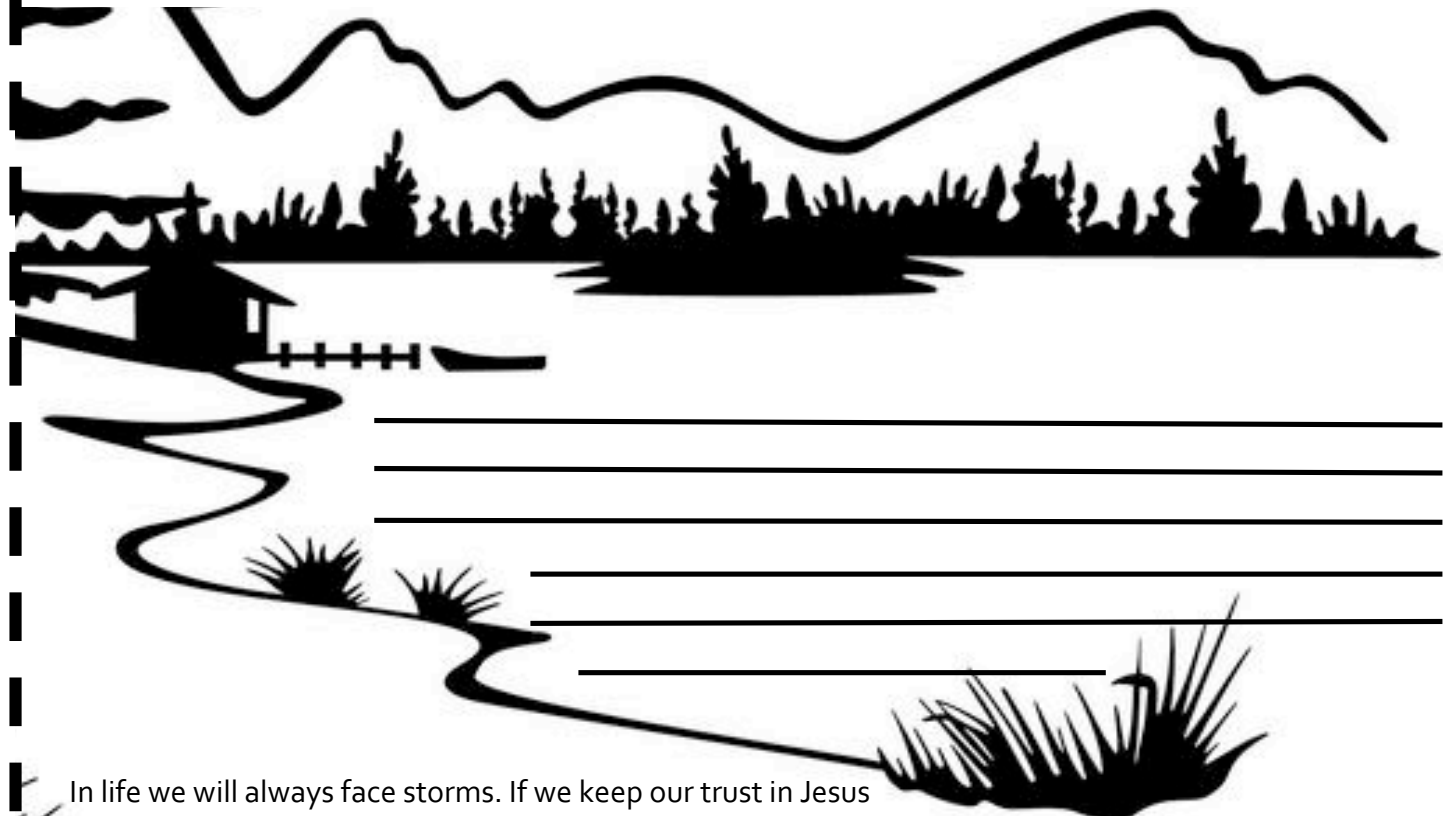
Even though Jesus' disciples spent all day watching Him perform miracles they were quick to lose faith when the storm hit their boat.

What is one area of your life that brings you fear?

Example: Kids at school

1.

Use the space below to write God a letter explaining to God why this area makes you afraid.



In life we will always face storms. If we keep our trust in Jesus we won't have to be afraid of the storms that we face because we know Jesus promises to be with us in the storm

WEATHER

Lets learn your Monday memory verse!

Read your memory verse at least 3 times quietly to yourself.

Write your memory verse three times on the lines below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Draw a picture about the verse in the white space provided below.

Memory Verse

"Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

Mark 6:50

Bonus Verse

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

Philippians 4:6

ENTERTAINMENT

GOD CALLS ME TO DO THE HARD THING

Day 2

Did He just sit there?

You better hold onto your socks because the story you're about to read is going to knock em' off!

Read Mark 2:13-14

What did Jesus do when the large crowd came to him?

Jesus called Levi to be a disciple even though Levi was not liked by many people and was a tax collector. A tax collector was known for stealing people's money. The people standing at Levi's booth were probably shocked to see Levi's obedience to Jesus' calling. Many people felt that Jesus was too good and pure to be seen with someone like Levi since Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus loved all people equally and invited anyone who was willing to listen and follow.

Read Mark 2:15-17

Who sat with Jesus at the dinner table? Write on the lines below.

To eat with a person was a sign of friendship. Jesus having dinner at Levi's house with many tax collectors, sinners and His disciples was a way to teach the Pharisees that He came for all people, not only ones who looked righteous but equally those who didn't have a relationship with God yet.

ENTERTAINMENT

Let's learn your Tuesday memory verse!

Read your memory verse at least 3 times quietly to yourself.

Write your memory verse three times on the lines below.

1.

2.

3.

Draw a picture about the verse in the white space provided, below.



BIBLE DRILL ALERT! Look up Romans 8:31 in your Bible.

MEMORY VERSE

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

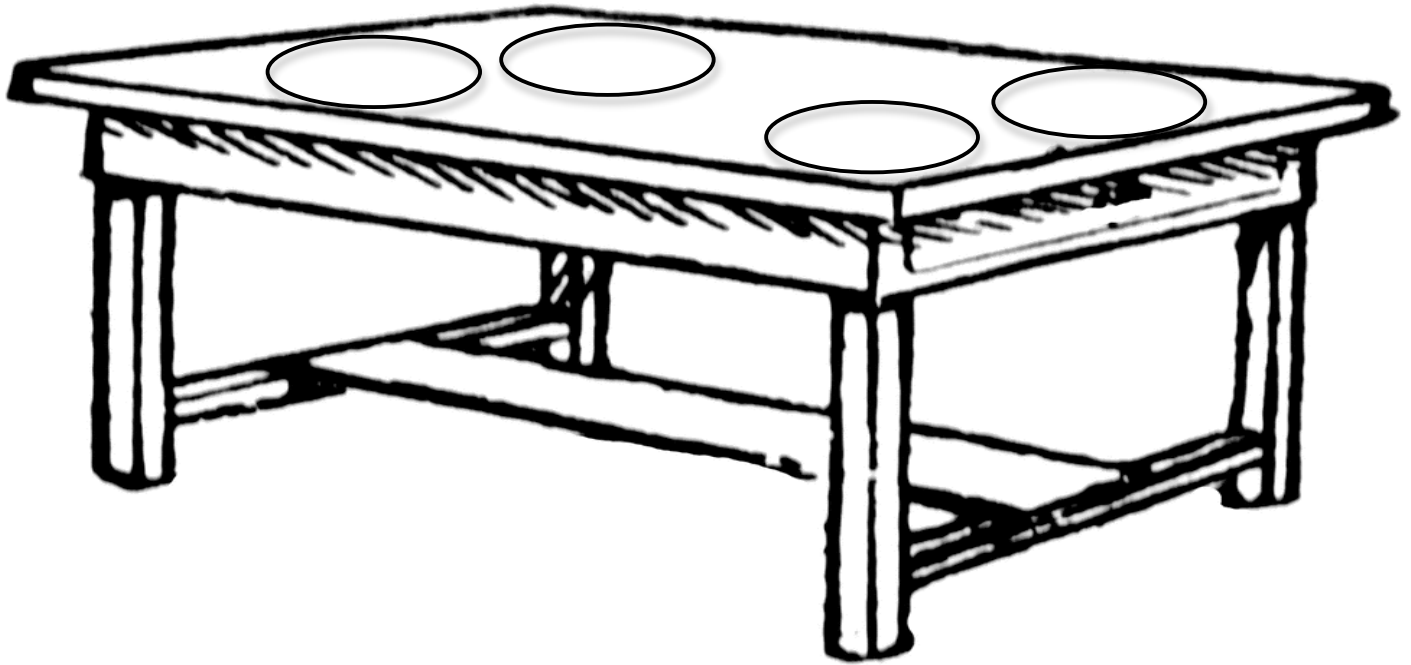
Mark 2:17

BONUS VERSE

"If God is for us who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31

ENTERTAINMENT



Being a follower of Jesus means we should be willing to do the hard thing which could be eating lunch with not only your best friends but also those who may not have to many friends or people who bug us.

Spend some time in prayer and ask God who you could invite to eat at the table with you. Write down the names that come to mind in the spaces on the table above. Example: a sibling, kids from school

WORD SEARCH

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SINNERS

TEACH

DISCIPLES

HEALTHY

DOCTOR

SICK

COMMUNITY

GOD SHOWS UP WHEN I LISTEN

Day 3

Need a loaf? Yes, please!

Twelve men spent an entire day storming our streets, and preaching the good news for all to hear in our community. When finished, the twelve men reported back to a man named Jesus telling Him everything they had done and taught. Jesus stated He wanted to spend quality time with the twelve, but the streets were busy and people kept coming and going.

Read Mark 6:30-33

Jesus knew His twelve disciples had a busy day. He cared very much that they found time to listen to God. Jesus also cares about you! He wants you to find time to be with Him as well.

Write down three ways you can listen to God speak to you at home.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Read Mark 6:34-38

If you were out and about yesterday evening, you may have noticed large groups of people running out of their homes and heading out on the streets. You might ask, was there a shopping sale going on? Nope! Jesus and his disciples were spotted leaving town to sit in a remote, quiet place. Doing so caused people to flee after them.

Why did Jesus have compassion on the people?

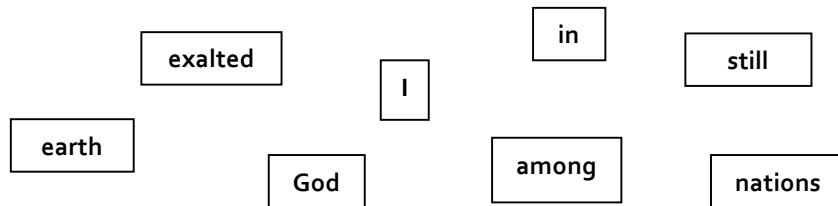
COMMUNITY

Read Mark 6:39-44

The disciples only had five loaves of bread and two fish to hand out to thousands of people. This was not enough food to feed thousands of people. But God showed up through Jesus when the disciples listened to Him. And there was even leftovers! What cool things does God want to do through you? And are you listening? Did this stop Jesus from feeding His people? It did not! Instead He took the food, looked up towards heaven, gave thanks and broke the bread.

Let's learn your Wednesday memory verse. Draw a line from the blank space in the sentence to the correct word in the word bank. Check to see if you're right by reading Psalm 46:10.

Be _____ and know that _____ am _____; I will be _____ among the _____ I will be exalted _____ the _____.



Good job! Now that you practiced learning your memory verse, let's practice learning your bonus verse!

Unscramble the words to learn your bonus verse. Check to see if you're right by reading Mark 9:23.

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COMMUNITY

Jesus is the Son of God so feeding five thousand people was a very easy task for Him. A task he was more than happy to do for His people, but first He had to be still and look up towards God giving thanks. Jesus is our one true shepherd He will always provide for our needs allowing us to lack nothing.

Use this white space to draw a picture on how God has provided for you.

BIBLE DRILL ALERT! Ask your cabin leader or LIT to time you as you look up Psalm 46:10 in your Bible.

MEMORY VERSE

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 46:10

BONUS VERSE

"Everything is possible for one who believes."

Mark 9:23

EDITORIAL

GOD CALLS ME TO LIVE FOR HIM

DAY 4

Save it or lose it?

Jesus' disciples learned how to save their life by losing it. Before we can learn how to do the same, we first have to take a look at some scripture. Grab your Bibles and let's learn how to save while losing.

While Jesus and His disciples were roaming the villages in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked a very interesting question. He asked them, "Who do you think I am?"

Read Mark 8:28-30

What was Peter's response to Jesus' question?

Jesus continued His teaching. He taught His disciples that the Son of Man was going to suffer many things. He stated many people are not going to be able to accept Him. Therefore, He would have to suffer, die and rise again after three days. Jesus' disciple, Peter, did not like hearing Jesus speak such truth.

Read Mark 8:32-33

On the lines below, write why you think Peter acted the way he did when he heard that Jesus was going to suffer, die and rise again in three days?

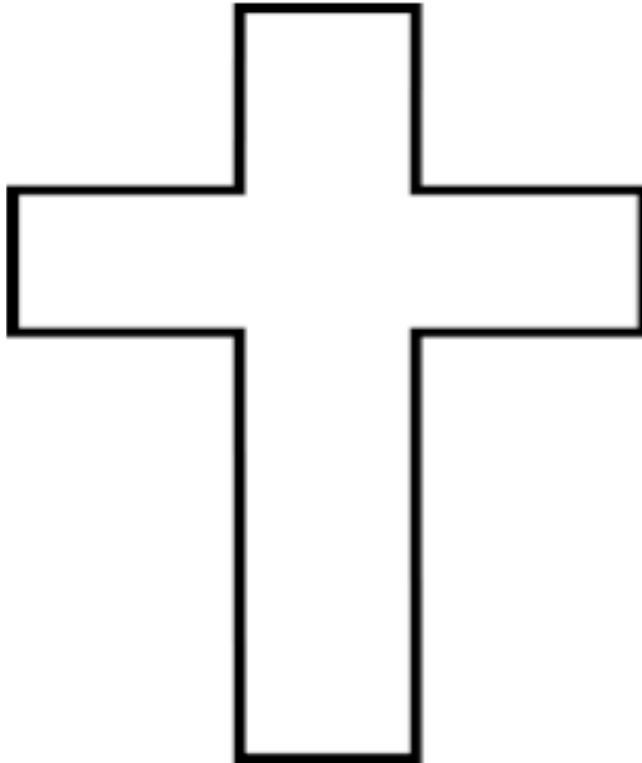
Peter loved Jesus very much. Hearing Jesus' say that He would have to suffer and die was very difficult for him to believe. Jesus knew that it was important for His disciples to understand that His suffering, dying and rising from the dead was a plan that God created to benefit us in the long run. A plan Jesus was more than willing to go through for us.

EDITORIAL

Our savior Jesus Christ was willing to give up everything so that we could have everlasting life. Which means if we want to be His followers we also must be willing to deny ourselves and pick up our cross daily and follow Him. The cross is a great reminder of how much our Savior Jesus Christ loves us, and how our calling is to follow Him.

Spend some time in prayer and ask God how He wants you to pick up your cross for Him. On the cross below, write or draw how you can pick up your cross.

Example: Choosing to read one bible passage before watching TV.



BIBLE DRILL ALERT! Look up Romans 5:8 in your Bible.

MEMORY VERSE

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

BONUS VERSE

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

EDITORIAL

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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- 2-23-13-16 _____
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- 1-16-21-5-7 _____



BIBLE DRILL ALERT! Look up Romans 5:8 in your Bible.

Use the text you just read to help fill in the blanks below.

Whoever wants to be my _____ must _____ themselves and take up their _____ and follow me. For whoever wants to _____ their _____ will lose it, but whoever loses their life for _____ and for the _____ will save it.

FARMING

GOD CALLS ME TO PROCLAIM

DAY 5

“Wow, my tiny mustard seed grew!”

Have you been meaning to plant seeds but can't seem to find the right soil? Well, here is some good news. Farmers have found a way to plant seeds with out using soil. Grab your Bible and learn how!

Read Mark 4:26-27

When God created the world, He chose to cover the land with plants. God made plants so that they would bear seeds which allow them to make more plants. Think of how many trees one oak tree could make if all its acorns were to grow up! A farmer does whatever he can to help seeds grow: watering, fertilizing, and weeding. This helps the seed to grow but the farmer can't do it by himself. The same goes for when we share God's word with others. It is very important to protect the seeds we plant in prayer as we patiently wait for the Spirit of God to change someone's heart to cause them to grow in faith and grace.

Write down three ways you can help scatter God's word "seed" to others in your life.

Example: Telling a friend you learned your Mark 16:15 memory verse at camp.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



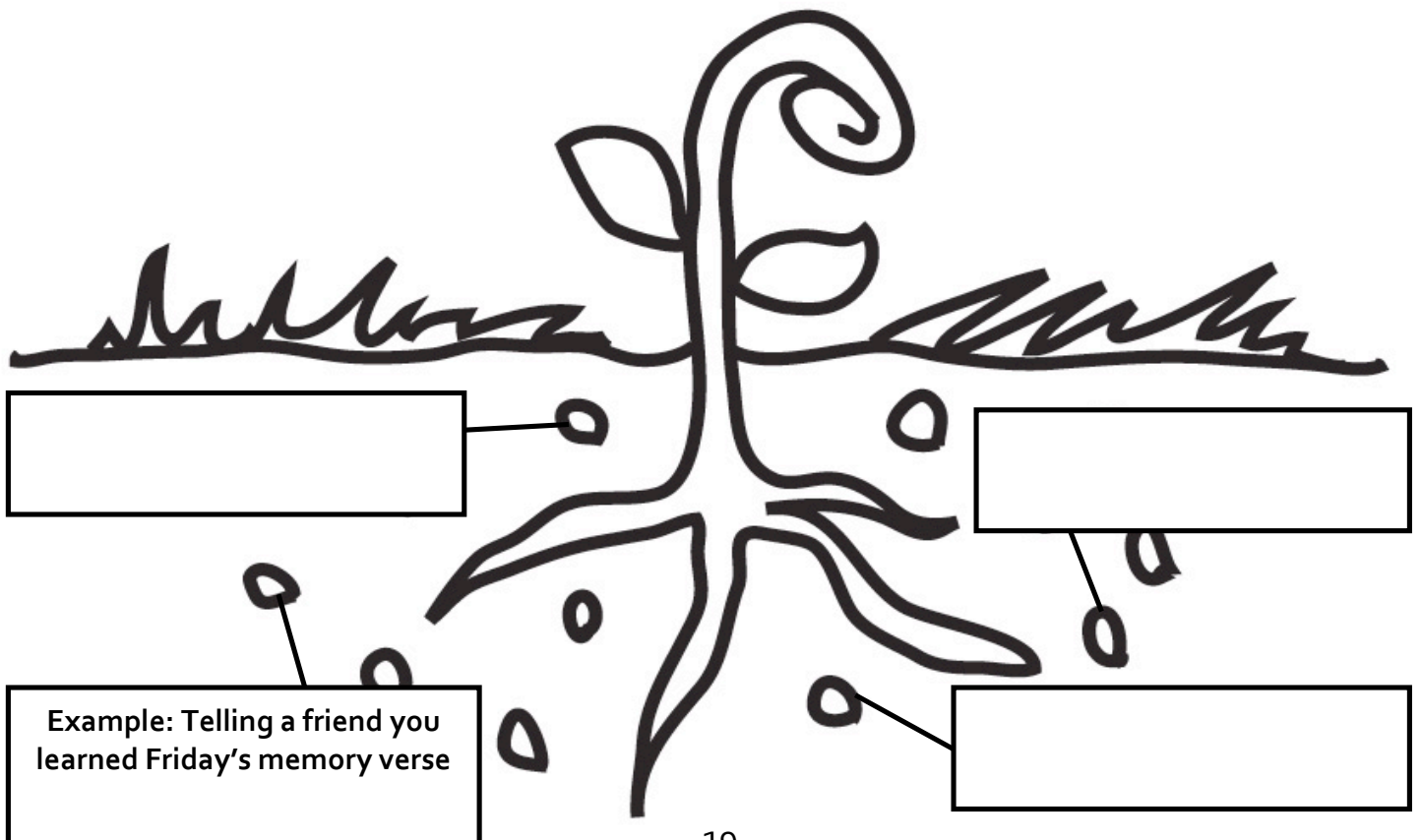
FARMING

Read Mark 4:28-29 and fill in the blank

All by itself the _____ produces grain-first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

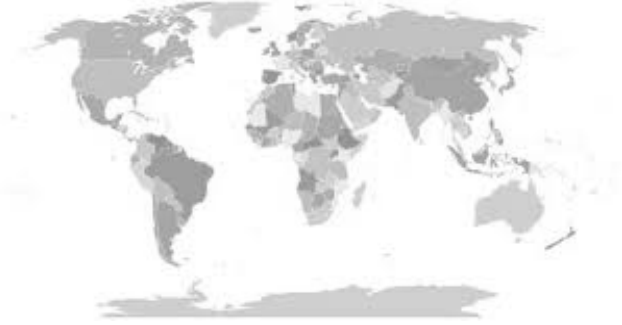
Did you notice what you just read? The seed sprouts up, but the soil produces the grain. It makes sense that the seed grows because life is in the seed, but without proper soil it won't grow at all. Which is the same in our walk with Christ. In order for us to grow, we needed to have a seed planted, and we also needed it to be planted in good soil. Once that happens the harvest will come!

In the white boxes below, write down how you can keep your soil pure and good.



FARMING

After reading your memory and bonus verses; can you find and circle the picture that doesn't belong?



BIBLE DRILL ALERT! Find your cabin leader or LIT and ask them to time you as you look up Psalm 96:3 in your Bible.

MEMORY VERSE

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15

BONUS VERSE

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples."

Psalm 96:3