

**GOD,
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?**

**KAY ARTHUR
JANNA ARNDT**



HARVEST HOUSE™ PUBLISHERS

EUGENE, OREGON

All Scripture quotations are taken from the New American Standard Bible®, © 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation. Used by permission.

Illustrations by Steve Bjorkman

Cover by Left Coast Design, Portland, Oregon

DISCOVER 4 YOURSELF is a registered trademark of The Hawkins Children's LLC. Harvest House Publishers, Inc., is the exclusive licensee of the federally registered trademark DISCOVER 4 YOURSELF.

Discover 4 Yourself® Inductive Bible Studies for Kids

GOD, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Copyright © 2003 by Precept Ministries International

Published by Harvest House Publishers

Eugene, Oregon 97402

www.harvesthousepublishers.com

ISBN 0-7369-1161-8

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means—electronic, mechanical, digital, photocopy, recording, or any other—except for brief quotations in printed reviews, without the prior permission of the publisher.

Printed in the United States of America

05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 / ML-MS / 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

For the Kids

*Your boundless enthusiasm and unending questions
brighten my day and encourage me as I watch you grow in God's
Word. Teaching you is one of my greatest blessings!
May you know your God so you can display
strength and take action—Daniel 11:32.*

I love each and every one of you.

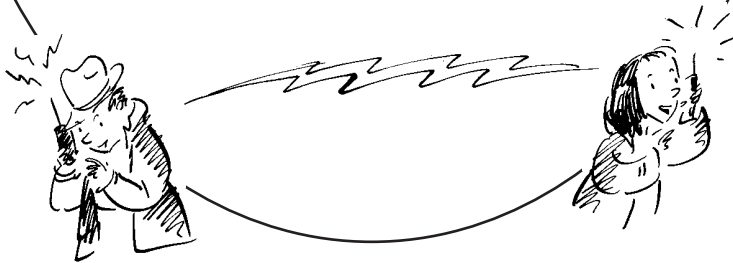
Miss Janna

(also known as Mrs. Arndt)

CONTENTS

Spying Out Truth—
A Bible Study *You* Can Do!

1. A Special Mission—Operation KGN (Knowing God’s Name)	7
2. Activating God’s Name	39
3. Recon and Rescue—God Is Lord	63
4. Tactical Movement Under God’s Banner	89
5. Crisis Training—God’s Deliverance	113
6. Out in the Open—God’s Names Revealed	135
Puzzle Answers	161
Observation Worksheets	166



SPYING OUT TRUTH— A BIBLE STUDY YOU CAN DO!

Pssssst! Over here. Code word? Good! Now press the hidden lever under the root of the tree and climb on up. It's great to have you back at the tree house. Did you recognize us with our cool disguises? Molly, Sam (the great detective beagle), and I want to recruit you to help us spy out truth and become secret agents for God. Doesn't that sound exciting? By the way, my name is Max. Are you ready to join us in an exciting adventure in God's Word as we become God's secret agents and take on the mission of discovering WHO God is and WHAT His different aliases are? (*Aliases* are the other names that God goes by.)

"Did you know that God has many different names in the Bible? These names describe God's character and show us just WHO He really is. WHAT are those different names? WHAT will we discover about God as we uncover each name?"

"You have so much to discover about God as you go undercover to spy out truth by studying the Bible—God's Operations Manual, the source of all truth—and by asking God's Spirit to lead and guide you. You also have this book, your codebook, which is an inductive Bible study. That word *inductive* means you go straight to the Bible *yourself* to investigate what God's Word says and discover what it means, instead of depending on what someone else says it means.

"So grab your disguises and check out the list of things you will need to get started! Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to find out just WHO God is by discovering His different code names and finding out WHAT these names mean so that you can know your God, display strength, and take action (Daniel 11:32).

"Are you ready? Great! See you at the PMP (Personal Meeting Point) at 0800 hours."



THINGS YOU'LL NEED



NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE
(UPDATED EDITION)—OR, PREFERABLY,
THE NEW INDUCTIVE STUDY BIBLE

(NISB)

PEN OR PENCIL
COLORED PENCILS
INDEX CARDS
A DICTIONARY
THIS WORKBOOK



“Good, you made it to the PMP. Molly and I are so excited that you have accepted this mission to become a secret agent for God! Aren’t you thrilled about being recruited for this special mission of discovering WHO God is?”

“We have someone we want you to meet: our Uncle Matt. He is a secret agent for the CIA. Uncle Matt is excited that we really want to know who God is, so he has recruited us along with two of our friends, Colby and Ruthi, to become secret agents for God. Uncle Matt is going to be our trainer as he teaches us all about spying. And don’t forget to keep your eyes out for ‘you know who’—our secret weapon. You guessed it: Sam. He is already sniffing out clues for this secret mission.

“To become God’s secret agent and be able to serve and love Him with all your heart, soul, and mind, you have to know WHO God is and HOW He operates. If you don’t really know God, how can you have a relationship with Him and serve as one of His special agents?”

“Are you ready to get started on your field training so you can earn your secret agent badge of service and be deployed on God’s mission field to be used for His service? Great! Then let’s get started.”



FOR YOUR EYES ONLY— HOW DO YOU SEE GOD?

“OK,” Uncle Matt said as we gathered around the table at our PMP—Uncle Matt’s summer cabin. “I have a top secret notebook for each one of you to go with your Operations Manual. As we open up our Operations Manual, the Bible, to begin our field training, WHAT is the first thing you need to do? Do you know? That’s right! Pray. Bible study should always begin with prayer. We need to ask God, our Commander in Chief, to direct us and teach us by His Spirit as we begin our top priority mission in His Word. This will help us understand what He says and make sure we handle His Word accurately. Let’s pray, and then we can get started on our mission.”

Your first field training assignment is to describe God on the lines below. Take a few minutes and think about WHO God is to you. Write down the words that come to your mind as you think about God. Do you think of God as loving or as a judge? Is He a friend or a dictator? It’s important that you examine how you see God because the way you see God affects your relationship with Him. Our mission is to discover WHO God really is, not WHO we think He is.

So take a few minutes and describe what you think about God in your notebook below.

TOP SECRET—FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Great! As we continue our training, ask yourself, “When I have a problem or something bad happens to me, what do I do? Do I run to my room? Do I go to my mom and dad to talk? Do I talk to my friends? WHAT do I do when I am afraid or worried? WHERE do I go for help?”

“Where should you run in times of trouble? Do you know?” Uncle Matt asked Max, Molly, Ruthi, and Colby as they sat around the table inside the cabin. “You may already know the answer, but I want you to discover it for yourself straight from God’s Word, our Operations Manual. I have planted a coded message outside at one of the secret places that I told you would make a good drop point. This message is the first clue in our mission. You need to find it, bring it inside, and decode it so you can see where you need to run in times of trouble. All right, GSAs (God’s secret agents), let’s do it!”

“Let’s race,” yelled Molly as they ran out the door. “Ruthi and I will work together as a team to see which team can find it first!”

“You’re on!” yelled Colby as he jumped off the front porch of Uncle Matt’s cabin. “Let’s go, Max!”

“We found it, Uncle Matt!” Max exclaimed as he burst through the cabin door.

“Great!” replied Uncle Matt. “Now decode the message by looking at the Box and Dot Secret Code in your codebook on page 10. Write the answer on the lines underneath the secret message. This will also be your first memory verse in your field training.

“One of the requirements to become a secret agent for God is to develop your skills of memorization. You never know when you may have to memorize secret documents out in the field. You will receive a new verse each week to help develop these memorization skills. Part of your training requires that you practice saying these verses three times in a row three times a day until you have them down.

“Get started, GSAs. Decode your first memory verse.”

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
H	i	j	k	L	M	N
O	p	q	R	S	T	U
V	W	X	Y	Z		

..□□ □□□□ □□ □□□□ □□□□ □□□□

□□ □ □□□□□□□ □□□□□□□□

..□□ □□□□□□□□ □□□□ □□□□

□□□□ □□ □□□ □□ □□□□ □□□□

□□□□□□□□□□

18:10

All right, you have cracked your first code! Now WHAT do we learn from this verse? Secret agents need to be able to evaluate and analyze all the information that they have collected. They need great observation skills.

Let's get started gathering our intel (that means the intelligence, the secret information). Let's ask the 5 W's and an H questions. What are the 5 W's and an H? They are the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, and HOW questions.

1. Asking WHO helps you find out:

WHO wrote this?

WHOM are we reading about?

To WHOM was it written?

WHO said this or did that?

2. WHAT helps you understand:

WHAT is the author talking about?

WHAT are the main things that happen?

3. WHERE helps you learn:

WHERE did something happen?

WHERE did they go?

WHERE was this said?

When we discover a "WHERE" we double-underline the WHERE in green.

4. WHEN tells us about time. We mark it with a green clock like this: 

WHEN tells us:

WHEN did this event happen or WHEN will it happen?

WHEN did the main characters do something? It helps us to follow the order of events.

5. WHY asks questions like:

WHY did he say that?

WHY did they go there?

WHY did this happen?

6. HOW lets you figure out things like:

HOW is something to be done?

HOW did people know something had happened?

Now gather the intel from our memory verse on page 10.

Proverbs 18:10 WHAT is our strong tower?

HOW are the righteous safe?

Now read Psalm 20:7 printed out below.

*Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will
boast in the name of the LORD, our God.*

Psalm 20:7 WHAT are we to boast in?

Do you know what it means "to boast in"? "To boast in" means "to have confidence in," "to trust in." That means you can believe God. In biblical times a name represented a person's character. God's name represents His character, His attributes (qualities or characteristics that belong to Him), and His nature. To know God's name is to know God. We trust Him to be everything He says He is, to not change. When we boast in His name, it means we have confidence in WHO God is!

WHY would some people boast (put their trust) in chariots and horses? Do you know? In Old Testament days, chariots

and horses were means of protection and escape, like tanks or armored vehicles would be today. So these people put their confidence in chariots and horses as a way to protect themselves and help them escape. But we have already seen where we are to put our confidence. Write it out one more time. In WHOM are we to boast? WHERE do we put our trust?

Let's read Psalm 50:14,15 printed out below.

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High; 15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.

Psalm 50:15 WHAT are we to do in the day of trouble?

Psalm 50:14 WHO is this "Me" in verse 15? Look at verse 14 to help you see WHO the "Me" is.

Psalm 50:15 WHAT will God do when we call upon Him?

WHAT will we do? _____

Now let's look at one last verse: Psalm 124:8.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8 WHERE is our help?

Since we know that God's name shows us His character—WHO He is—WHAT do we learn about God in Psalm 124:8?

Way to go! You have just uncovered some very important intel. Remember, intel is the intelligence, the secret information, on WHO or WHAT you are investigating. WHAT intel did you discover about God? You now know that God is to be your Protector and your way of escape. Have you ever thought of God as your Protector before today? You are to run to Him in times of trouble, and He will rescue you!

Isn't it awesome to see that God loves you and will rescue you when hard times come? Our help is in God's name. God's name is a strong tower. When you call on His name, you will be safe. As we finish our training for the day, draw a picture of a strong tower in the box below to help you remember that God's name is a strong tower. It is powerful. It will protect you and keep you safe!

Now let's head back to the tree house. Tomorrow we will continue our mission of discovering God's names.



The name of the Lord is a strong tower



UNCOVERING GOD'S PROMISES

“Come in Mike-Oscar-Lima-Lima-Yankee,” Max called out as he radioed Molly on the walkie-talkie.

“Roger, Mike-Alpha-X-ray,” Molly replied. “Continue. Over.”

“Roger. Colby and Ruthi have arrived. We are ready to head back to our PMP. What’s your location? Over.”

“A minute away from the tree house. Over.”

“Wilco. Out,” Max replied as he finished his radio transmission to Molly and turned to Colby and Ruthi. “Molly will be here in a minute. Then we can head back to Uncle Matt’s cabin. Today Uncle Matt wants us to practice our bike patrol skills as we ride to the cabin to make sure that the area is secure. Are you ready? Do you have your walkie-talkies?”

“We sure are!” both Ruthi and Colby exclaimed.

“Hey, let’s grab our sunglasses and surprise Molly when she gets here from behind the tree house,” Ruthi suggested.

“Too late,” Molly said as Ruthi finished her suggestion.

“Hey, how did you get in without us hearing you?” Colby asked.

“Isn’t that part of being a secret agent—slipping in without being noticed?”

“Good work, Molly,” Max said. “Now let’s grab those sunglasses and our bikes. We need to do our bike patrol around the lake just like the CIA does around the White House to keep it secure.”

“Let’s go,” Molly said as they climbed down the tree house ladder and flipped the lever for the secret door. “We are on our way!”

Now that you have patrolled the



lake and slipped into Uncle Matt's cabin, it's time to pull out your Operations Manual. But what's the first thing you need to do, secret agent? Pray! Way to go! Now you're ready.

"Hey, guys," Uncle Matt said as he walked into the room, "that was a very good approach to the cabin. Let's get ready for your next assignment. Yesterday, you took a look at one verse from Psalm 20. Today we are going to look at the whole psalm and gather more intel to see what we can discover about the Lord's promises to us."

Today as we read Psalm 20, we need to mark some key words.

What are *key words*? Key words are words that pop up more than once. They are called *key words* because they help unlock the meaning of the chapter or book that you are studying and give you clues about what is most important in a passage of Scripture.

- Key words are usually used over and over again.
- Key words are important.
- Key words are used by the writer for a reason.

Once you discover a key word, you need to mark it in a special way using a special color or symbol so that you can immediately spot it in Scripture. Don't forget to mark any pronouns that go with the key words, too! WHAT are pronouns? Check out Max and Molly's notes below.


PRONOUNS

Pronouns are words that take the place of nouns. A noun is a person, place, or thing. A pronoun stands in for a noun! Here's an example: "Molly and Max are spying out truth in God's Word. They can't wait to discover some of God's aliases." The word *they* is a pronoun because it takes the place of Molly's and Max's names in the second sentence. It is another word we use to refer to Molly and Max.


Watch for these pronouns when you are marking key words:

I	you	he	she
me	yours	him	her
mine		his	hers
we	it	they	
our	its	them	
ours		their	

Let's get started. Read Psalm 20 printed out below and mark the following key words:

 Lord (God, King) (draw a purple triangle and color it yellow)

 name (color it orange)

 trouble, need, or help (put a blue cloud around it)

Psalm 20

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
 May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely
 on high! 2 May He send you help from the sanctu-
 ary and support you from Zion! 3 May He
 remember all your meal offerings and find your
 burnt offering acceptable! Selah. 4 May He grant
 you your heart's desire and fulfill all your counsel!
 5 We will sing for joy over your victory, and in the
 name of our God we will set up our banners. May
 the LORD fulfill all your petitions. 6 Now I know
 that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer
 him from His holy heaven with the saving strength
 of His right hand. 7 Some boast in chariots and
 some in horses, but we will boast in the name of
 the LORD, our God. 8 They have bowed down and
 fallen, but we have risen and stood upright. 9
 Save, O LORD; may the King answer us in the day
 we call.

Now let's make a list of the promises of the Lord from Psalm 20.

Psalm 20:1 May the LORD _____ you in the day of _____. May the _____ of the God of Jacob _____ you _____ on _____.

Psalm 20:2 May He send you _____ from the sanctuary and _____ you from Zion!

Psalm 20:3 May He remember all your _____ and find your _____ acceptable!

Psalm 20:4 May He grant you your _____ and fulfill all your _____!

Psalm 20:5 May the LORD fulfill all your _____.

Psalm 20:6 The LORD saves His _____; He will _____ him from His holy heaven.

Psalm 20:9 May the King _____ us in the day we _____.

Great! Now gather the intel. Ask the 5 W's and an H questions.

Psalm 20:6 WHOM does God save?

Psalm 20:1 WHAT sets a person securely on high?

Psalm 20:5 HOW do we set up our banners?

WHAT are we singing for joy over? WHAT has the name of the Lord given us?

Our v _ _ _ _ _ y

Psalm 20:7,8 WHY are they boasting in the name of the Lord?

Because they have _____ and stood

Psalm 20:8 WHAT happened to those who trusted in chariots and horses?

They have _____ down and _____.

Do you see the difference between those whose trust is in the Lord and those who have put their trust in horses and chariots? The difference is between standing and falling down! Isn't it amazing to see all that the Lord promises to those who belong to Him?

Did you notice how powerful God's name is? It's what sets you securely on high. Being set securely on high is like being placed up high on a rock where you are inaccessible, out of the reach of danger. You are protected! God's name is your victory, your confidence, and your salvation.

Aren't you excited about uncovering God's names after all you have seen today? Just imagine what knowing God's name is going to mean to your life!

Now as we head outside to do our PT—physical training (secret agents have to be in top-notch physical condition)—practice saying your memory verse three times in a row as you climb those ropes and move through Uncle Matt's obstacle course. Tomorrow we will continue our special operation—KGN (Knowing God's Name).



BREAKING THE CODE—WHO IS GOD?

“Hey, guys, look at this,” Max exclaimed as he opened the package he discovered at the tree house’s secret drop site. “It’s a CD from Uncle Matt.”

“Cool,” replied Colby. “Let’s play it.”

“OK,” Max replied as he put the CD into the CD player and hit the Play button.

As the CD started to play, the kids recognized Uncle Matt’s voice. “Attention, GSAs! You have been selected to recover the first secret code that will reveal one of God’s names and His character. If you decide to accept this mission, then you need to head to the park to look for a man wearing purple-and-yellow striped pants and a funny-looking hat.

“Once you have spotted your contact, have Ruthi approach him. He is looking for a redhead wearing red. She needs to ask him for a blue balloon shaped like a crescent moon. It will be your job to figure out where the secret code is located and bring this code to the cabin to be decoded. See you at the lake.”

“Wow! This is so cool,” squealed Molly. “I wonder how Uncle Matt knew Ruthi would be wearing red.”

“He’s a secret agent, Molly,” Max replied. “His eyes are everywhere!”

Everyone cracked up laughing at Max. “Well, GSAs, are you ready to hit the park?”

“Yeah!” Molly, Ruthi, and Colby all yelled as Sam barked in agreement and wagged his tail.

“Then let’s get on our bikes and head to the park. But first we need to pray for a successful mission and ask for God’s direction and protection,” Max said.

After Max led the GSA team in prayer, they headed to the park to discover their contact, the man in purple-and-yellow striped pants and a funny-looking hat.

“Look over there!” Ruthi cried out. “See that clown with the balloons? He has on purple-and-yellow striped pants and a funny-looking hat.”

“All right,” Max replied. “Go make contact, and we will back you up from that park bench.”

As Ruthi approached the clown, she asked him, “Sir, do you have a blue balloon shaped like a crescent moon?”

“I sure do,” he replied. “That will be one dollar.”

Ruthi paid the clown, and he handed her the blue balloon.

“Now what do we do?” Molly asked as Ruthi came back to the bench with the balloon. “He gave Ruthi the balloon, but where’s the secret code?”

Just then, Sam started barking and jumping, trying to snap at the balloon as it bobbed up and down on the string. “Stop it, Sam!” Max scolded just as Sam nipped the balloon with his teeth and the balloon made a loud pop!

“Look!” exclaimed Colby. “A piece of paper fell out of the balloon.”

Max picked up the piece of paper and opened it to discover some mixed-up letters typed out. “I can’t believe it! Sam, you have done it again. You have discovered our secret code! Let’s get on our bikes and head straight to the lake.

We need to decode this message to discover God’s name.”

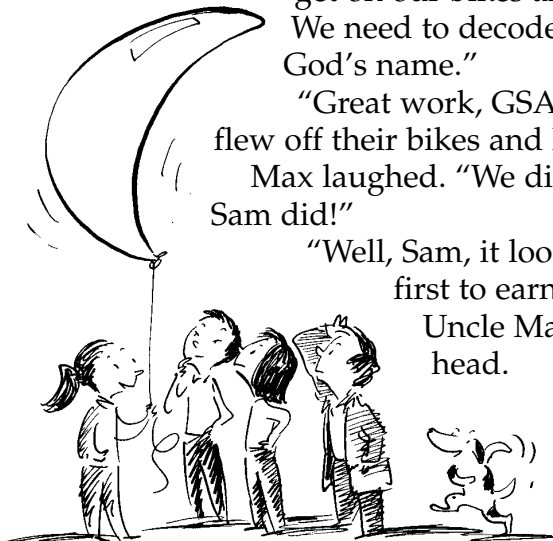
“Great work, GSAs,” Uncle Matt said as the kids flew off their bikes and Max handed him the message.

Max laughed. “We didn’t figure it out, Uncle Matt. Sam did!”

“Well, Sam, it looks like you are going to be the first to earn your secret service badge,”

Uncle Matt replied as he patted Sam’s head.

“Now you need to get to work, GSAs. Use the secret



code from your codebook to crack this code and discover God's name."

To decode this secret message, GSAs, all you need to do is look at the first letter in the secret message, which is the letter *F*. Now look at the alphabet code below. What letter comes before the letter *F* in the alphabet? *E*, that's right. So on the line under the secret code write the letter *E* under the letter *F* in your message.

Now continue doing the same thing for each of the letters in the secret message. Choose the letter of the alphabet that comes before the letter that is written in code to finish decoding your message.

FMPIJN

ALPHABET CODE

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U
V W X Y Z

You did it! You just discovered the first name of God used in the Bible in Genesis 1:1. This name for God is a Hebrew word, because the Old Testament, where Genesis is found, was written in Hebrew.

What does this word *Elohim* mean? This word designates God as God. It means "to fear" or "to reverence." The first part of the word, *El*, means "mighty" or "strong." It is the word we use to refer to Almighty God. The *im* ending is very important because it is a plural ending.

Now look up and read Genesis 1:1 in your Operations Manual, the Bible, to discover the first time we see this name *Elohim* for God (pronounced like this: *el-oh-HEEM*).

Now evaluate the intel.

Genesis 1: 1 WHOM do we see in the beginning?

WHAT is God doing in this passage?

WHAT does this show us about God? To find out, look at the same alphabet code that you just used and decode the message below.

HPE JT PVS DSFBUPS

Elohim is the word for God as Creator in Genesis 1:1. The fact that this name for God has a plural ending tells us a secret right from the beginning about God. Let's see if we can find out WHAT that secret is.

First let's look up and read Genesis 1:2.

WHO was moving over the surface of the waters?

That's the Holy Spirit! Isn't it amazing? We have just seen that both God and the Holy Spirit had a part in Creation. Was there anyone else there when God created the earth in the beginning? Let's do some cross-referencing to find out.

WHAT is cross-referencing? Cross-referencing is comparing Scripture with Scripture by going to other passages in the Bible. This is a very important Bible study tool that we can use as we search out the meaning of Scripture, because we know that Scripture never contradicts Scripture.

We also have to remember to keep an eye out for context as we look at other passages. WHAT is context? Context is the setting in which something is found. This is very important in Bible study. Context is a combination of two words: *con*, which means "with," and *text*, which means "what is written."

So when you look for context in the Bible, you look at the verses surrounding the passage you are studying. Then you

also think about where the passage fits in the big picture of the chapter and book you are studying, and then how it fits into the whole Bible.

Now that we know about cross-referencing and context, let's look up and read John 1:1-3,14.

John 1:1 WHO was in the beginning?_____

Let's list what we see about the Word in John 1:1:

- a. The Word was in the _____.
- b. The Word _____ God.
- c. The Word was _____.

Hmmmm. Isn't that interesting? The Word not only was with God, but the Word also was God.

So HOW many are claiming to be God?_____

What do you think that means? Could it mean that the Word was not only God, but also someone else? Let's find out.

John 1:2 WHO was in the beginning with God?_____

WHO is this "He"? Read John 1:14.

WHO became flesh and dwelt among us? WHO is the only begotten from the Father? WHO is God's Son?

John 1:3 HOW did all things come into being?

And WHO did we discover in John 1:14 was this "Him"?

Look up and read Hebrews 1:2. Through WHOM was the world made?

Look up and read Colossians 1:16. WHO is the “Him” that all things have been created through and for? Look at the context in verses 13-15. WHO is God’s beloved Son?

By looking at all these different verses, we can see that in the beginning Elohim—God the Father; God the Son, Jesus; and God the Holy Spirit—each had a part in Creation. Isn’t that *awesome*?

Now look up and read Genesis 1:26,27.

Do you know WHO the “Us” is in this passage? Name the “Us.”

WHO are the three we discovered who each had a part in Creation?

Genesis 1:26 WHOM did God create in this verse?

HOW was man created?

You were created in the image of God. *Amazing!* You have just uncovered a very important characteristic about God. He is the Creator. He created the heavens and the earth, the sun, moon, stars, dry land, seas, the plants, and animals. And most importantly, God created you!

Look up and read Genesis 1:31.

WHAT did God see about all that He had made?

That it was _____

Have you ever had kids tease you about the way you look? _____

WHAT did they tease you about? Was it your height, freckles, weight, nose, or something else? Write it out below.

HOW did it make you feel: hurt, sad, or mad?

Have you ever teased someone else about the way God made them? _____

HOW do you think it made them feel?

HOW do you think God feels when you do that since He created them? _____

Think about this the next time you start to make fun of someone or someone makes fun of you. WHO made you just the way you are? _____ No matter how imperfect you think you are, or what anyone else says about you, you need to remember that God is the Creator. He looked at all He had created, and according to Him, everything He made, including you, was very good!

Now look at Exodus 4:10 printed below.

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your

servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” 11 The LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

Exodus 4:11 WHO made man’s mouth? Who made man mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind?

Now look up and read John 9:1-3.

John 9:3 WHY was the man born blind?

God has a purpose for the way He made you. God has a purpose for everything He does! God our Creator makes us exactly the way He wants us to be and sees it as very good! *Amazing!*

Do you ever complain about how you look or what your gifts and abilities are? _____

Should you complain, if God created you in His image the way He wanted you to be? Think about it. We will discover more about our Creator tomorrow. Now as you take Sam for a run around the lake, don’t forget to practice your memory verse!



**A SPECIAL IDENTITY –
GOD CREATED YOU!**

“How do you like this disguise?” Molly asked Max, Colby, and Ruthi as she held up part of the costume she was working on.

“Pretty cool,” Ruthi replied.

“I love learning how to be a spy,” Max joined in. “Making these disguises and pretending to be different people sure is a lot of fun.”

“It sure is,” Molly added. “But don’t forget what we learned yesterday. God created us to be just like He wanted us to be, zits and all!”

“Yeah,” Colby laughed, “but who wants to have any zits?”

Everyone cracked up laughing at Colby’s comment, and Ruthi added, “No one does, but God wants us to accept ourselves just the way He made us, with no complaining, especially since zits are just a part of growing up!”

“I know. I know. I was just kidding!” Colby replied.

“OK, guys,” Max said, “it’s about time to put away our disguises and pull out our Operations Manual to see what else we can discover about our Creator. Why don’t you lead us in prayer this time, Molly? Then we can get started spying out God’s truth.”

Yesterday we uncovered our first clue to God’s character. We saw that God’s name shows us He is the Creator of everything, including us! We also saw that God creates us just the way He wants us to be. There are no accidents or mistakes. God is the One who makes man mute (that means someone who can’t talk), deaf, seeing, blind, or whatever it is that makes someone physically different from other people.

Today we are going to take a closer look at HOW God created us and discover our purpose on this earth. Have you ever wondered WHY you were born or WHY you are here on earth? Guess what—today you are going to discover the answers to those questions. You are going to see WHY God created you!

First let’s take a closer look at HOW God created us. Let’s look at our Observation Worksheet on Psalm 139. Observation Worksheets are pages that have the Bible text printed out for you to use as you do your research on knowing God’s names. So turn to page 166 and read Psalm 139.

Now, GSAs, let’s gather the intel for our special mission.

Psalm 139:1-4 WHO knows you? WHO knows when you sit down or stand up? WHO is intimately acquainted with all your ways? WHO knows it all?

Psalm 139:13 WHO formed your inward parts? _____

HOW were you made?

Did you know that you are a Designer's creation? You are completely designed by the hand of God!

Psalm 139:14 WHAT are you to do?

WHY? HOW are you made?

WHAT are God's works? _____

Psalm 139:15 Was your frame hidden from God? _____

Psalm 139:16 WHAT did God write in His book?

Wow! Isn't this *incredible*? When you grab hold of the fact that God is your Creator, it will change how you see everything! The Creator of the universe formed you in your mother's womb! Nothing was hidden from God. He made you exactly the way He wanted you to be, and you are to give thanks to Him!

Do you do that? Are you thankful for the way God made you, or do you gripe and complain? Do you feel like a misfit, a mistake, or an accident? If you do, then you have believed a

lie, because God shows you right in His Word that He is the Creator and no one else. There are no mistakes. He forms us and weaves us. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. God Himself ordains all of our days! God has individually and specifically created you to be you! You are special. You have worth and value no matter what the world or anyone else tells you!

Now let's discover the WHY. WHY did God create you? Look at your Observation Worksheet for Isaiah 43 on page 167.

Read Isaiah 43:1-7.

Isaiah 43:1 HOW does God call us? _____

WHO are we to God? "You are _____!"

Isaiah 43:2 WHAT will happen when we pass through the waters?

Isaiah 43:4 WHAT are we in God's sight?

HOW does God feel about us?

Isaiah 43:7 WHY did God create us?

WHAT does it mean to be created for God's glory? That means we should live to bring God honor. We are to live in a way that gives all of creation a correct opinion of who God is. We should not complain about who we are or how we are made, because we know that God has a purpose in creating us this way. Our actions and who we are should show other people just WHO God is.

We are to show the world the character of God. We need to do the things that God wants us to do, such as becoming like Christ, loving other people as ourselves, forgiving others when they hurt us, using our gifts and talents, and telling people about Jesus.

Look at John 17:4 printed out below.

I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

This “I” that is speaking is Jesus. HOW did Jesus glorify God on the earth?

HOW about you? WHAT is the work God has for you to do? WHAT are your gifts and talents that God has given you?

Are you using those gifts for His glory? Are you doing the things that God wants you to do, such as:

- Loving other people? Are you kind to everyone or just to your friends? Do you befriend the kids who are left out? Tell what you do on the line below.
-

- Do you witness to kids who don’t know Jesus? _____
 - Do you give God the credit for your abilities, or do you brag about your accomplishments?
-

- Do you do anything that doesn't bring God glory, such as making fun of someone at school? Do you laugh at him and talk about him behind his back?

___ Yes ___ No

Let's look at one more verse that tells you why you were born.

Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created (Revelation 4:11).

Revelation 4:11 WHY were you born? WHY do You exist? Because of God's _____.

Isn't that awesome? You were created for God's will. Your life is to be lived to show the world God's character: His love, His mercy, His peace, His gentleness, His forgiveness. You are to live for God to accomplish His will.

You were not an accident. God planned your birth and numbered your days. He loves you. You are precious in His sight. He has called you by name. You are His!

Now take a picture of yourself and glue it in the space below.

Think about the ways that God has created you. HOW are you special? Are you good in math? Do you like to make up stories? Can you sing? Are you good at sports? Would you rather play the piano, read a good book, or study nature?

Write a note to God on the lines below and tell Him how you feel about yourself. Tell God what you wish you could change, and then tell Him you will accept the things you cannot change because you know He made you for His special purpose. Thank God for the special gifts and abilities He gave you.

Fantastic! Now ask God, your Elohim, to help you live for His glory and His purpose. Remember, you have a special identity. You are created in the image of God. He loves you!



VANQUISH FEAR BY DISCOVERING GOD'S NAME

It's great to have you back at the lake! Now that you have discovered the first name used for God in the Bible, are you ready for your next mission? Today Uncle Matt has made a drop somewhere around the lake that will help us discover another one of God's names. Your mission, GSA, is to scout around the lake for the next secret message that will reveal God's name.

Have you prayed? Great! Now let's get started. Uncle Matt rubbed one of Sam's special treats over the envelope so that Sam can put us on the right trail by sniffing out our next clue.

“Come on, Sam,” Max called out. “Let’s go, boy! It’s time to go out into the open and recover the next clue.” Max let Sam loose as he barked his agreement and started running around, sniffing every leaf and bush.

“Oh no, Max, do you think he has the scent? Look at him! He’s sniffing everything in sight,” Molly cried out.

About that time Colby yelled out, “Look, he’s headed toward the lake! Looks like he’s finally caught the scent.”

OK, GSAs, grab your sunglasses and follow Sam!

You did it! Sam put you on the trail, and you found the next secret message buried under the big rock next to the dock. Now head to the cabin and crack the code by using the inverse alphabet in your codebook.

Here’s the message:

VO VOBLM

To decode this message, use the Inverse Alphabet Code below to find the letter of the alphabet that represents the letter written in the message. The first letter in our secret message is the letter *V*. Look at the inverse alphabet under the letter *V* and write out the letter that is representing the letter *V*, which would be the letter *E*. Now write the letter *E* on the line under the secret message. Then do the same thing for the rest of the letters, until you have uncovered God’s name.

INVERSE ALPHABET CODE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

Mission accomplished! Another name of God is revealed! WHAT does this Hebrew name *El Elyon* (pronounced *el el-YON*) mean? Let’s find out by spying out the first time this name of God is used, in Genesis 14. But first we need to put ourselves in context.

As we look at Genesis 14, we see that there is a war between four kings. These kings take Abram’s nephew Lot

captive. When Abram hears that Lot has been taken captive, he gathers his trained men to go and rescue him.

Let's find out what happens after Abram defeats the kings and rescues Lot. Read Genesis 14:16-20 printed out below.

16 He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people. **17** Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). **18** And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. **19** He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; **20** And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

Now gather the information about God's name. Interrogate the text.

Genesis 14:18 WHAT is God's name in this verse?

God _____

Genesis 14:19 WHAT do we see about God Most High?

HOW is He described in this verse? _____

of _____ and _____

Look at Genesis 14:20. WHAT did God Most High do?

WHAT does this Hebrew name El Elyon, God Most High, show us about God? First we see that He is the Possessor of heaven and earth. This name for God, El Elyon, shows us that God is sovereign. This means that God is the Ruler over the

entire universe! There is absolutely nothing that God does not have complete and total control over! Isn't that awesome?

Now let's take a look at some other passages of Scripture that show us that God is the Ruler of all.

First let's look at Daniel 4 on page 171 to discover our Most High God. Let's put ourselves in context. Daniel 4 is about a king named Nebuchadnezzar, who was a very proud king. Nebuchadnezzar has a dream that makes him afraid. So he gives orders for the wise men and magicians to tell him what the dream means. No one can interpret the dream except for Daniel (Daniel 4:4-8).

Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar that because the king does not recognize God as God Most High, God is going to drive him away from mankind and make him like a beast of the field. He will eat grass and be drenched with the dew of heaven for seven periods of time (seven years) (Daniel 4:24,25).

A year later Nebuchadnezzar is walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon and saying, "Look at all I have built by my power and might for the glory of my majesty," when a voice comes from heaven and tells King Nebuchadnezzar that his sovereignty has been removed (Daniel 4:30,31).

Let's uncover what happens next. Read Daniel 4:32-37 on your Observation Worksheet on pages 174-75.

Daniel 4:32 WHY is God going to make Nebuchadnezzar like a beast of the field for seven years? WHAT does Nebuchadnezzar need to recognize?

Daniel 4:33 WHAT happened?

Daniel 4:34 WHAT happens at the end of the seven years? WHAT does Nebuchadnezzar do?

Daniel 4:34,35 WHAT does Nebuchadnezzar say as He blesses and praises the Most High who lives forever? “For His dominion is an _____ dominion, and His kingdom endures from _____ to _____. All the inhabitants of the _____ are accounted as _____, but He does according to _____ in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of _____; and _____ can ward off His _____ or say to Him, ‘What have _____?’ ”

Daniel 4:36 WHAT happened once Nebuchadnezzar finally recognized God as Most High God?



Daniel 4:37 WHAT does Nebuchadnezzar say as he praises God? “The _____ of heaven...all His works are _____ and His ways _____, and He is able to _____ those who walk in pride.”

Isn't that amazing? Did you know that God Most High humbled mighty king Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon? He made him like a beast of the field. Do you know where Babylon is today? It's modern-day Iraq.

Now let's look at another passage that shows us our God Most High. Read Isaiah 14:24-27 printed out below.

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, 25 to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them and his burden removed from their shoulder. 26 This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. 27 For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

Isaiah 14:24 WHAT happens to what God intends?

Isaiah 14:27 WHAT do we see about the Lord of hosts?

Wow! Did you know that God is the Ruler of all of the universe and that no one can stop Him? Doesn't that make you feel safe and secure, now that you know God's name is El Elyon and that He is in complete and total control? He rules over the nations, kings, rulers, and wars. We don't have to worry or be afraid, because God loves us and no one can frustrate His plans or turn back His hand! Nothing can ever happen to us without God's permission.

WHAT a discovery! Now say your memory verse one more time as you go outside to learn how to use an FAV (fast action vehicle). Aren't you glad that you have discovered just how strong God's name is this week? Call on His name, and you will be safe!

OBSERVATION WORKSHEETS

PSALM 139

- 1 O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You understand my thought from afar.
- 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O LORD, You know it all.
- 5 You have enclosed me behind and before,
And laid Your hand upon me.
- 6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.
- 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
- 10 Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
- 12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike *to You*.
- 13 For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained *for me*,
When as yet there was not one of them.

17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.
When I awake, I am still with You.

19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.

20 For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.

21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

ISAIAH 43

1 But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel,

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are Mine!

2 “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,
Nor will the flame burn you.

3 “For I am the LORD your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I have given Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your place.

4 “Since you are precious in My sight,
Since you are honored and I love you,
I will give *other* men in your place and *other* peoples in exchange for your
life.

5 “Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
And gather you from the west.

6 “I will say to the north, ‘Give *them* up!’
And to the south, ‘Do not hold *them* back.’
Bring My sons from afar
And My daughters from the ends of the earth,

7 Everyone who is called by My name,
And whom I have created for My glory,
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes,
And the deaf, even though they have ears.

9 All the nations have gathered together
So that the peoples may be assembled.
Who among them can declare this
And proclaim to us the former things?

Let them present their witnesses that they may be justified,

Or let them hear and say, "It is true."

10 "You are My witnesses," declares the LORD,

"And My servant whom I have chosen,

So that you may know and believe Me

And understand that I am He.

Before Me there was no God formed,

And there will be none after Me.

11 "I, even I, am the LORD,

And there is no savior besides Me.

12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed,

And there was no strange *god* among you;

So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD,

"And I am God.

13 "Even from eternity I am He,

And there is none who can deliver out of My hand;

I act and who can reverse it?"

14 Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,

"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,

And will bring them all down as fugitives,

Even the Chaldeans, into the ships in which they rejoice.

15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,

The Creator of Israel, your King."

16 Thus says the LORD,

Who makes a way through the sea

And a path through the mighty waters,

17 Who brings forth the chariot and the horse,

The army and the mighty man

(They will lie down together *and* not rise again;

They have been quenched *and* extinguished like a wick):

18 “Do not call to mind the former things,
Or ponder things of the past.

19 “Behold, I will do something new,
Now it will spring forth;
Will you not be aware of it?
I will even make a roadway in the wilderness,
Rivers in the desert.

20 “The beasts of the field will glorify Me,
The jackals and the ostriches,
Because I have given waters in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My chosen people.

21 “The people whom I formed for Myself
Will declare My praise.

22 “Yet you have not called on Me, O Jacob;
But you have become weary of Me, O Israel.

23 “You have not brought to Me the sheep of your
burnt offerings,
Nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings,
Nor wearied you with incense.

24 “You have bought Me not sweet cane with money,
Nor have you filled Me with the fat of your sacrifices;
Rather you have burdened Me with your sins,
You have wearied Me with your iniquities.

25 “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My
own sake,
And I will not remember your sins.

26 “Put Me in remembrance, let us argue our case together;
State your *cause*, that you may be proved right.

- 27 “Your first forefather sinned,
And your spokesmen have transgressed against Me.
- 28 “So I will pollute the princes of the sanctuary,
And I will consign Jacob to the ban and Israel to revilement.

DANIEL 4

- 1 Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* language that live in all the earth: “May your peace abound!
- 2 “It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me.
- 3 “How great are His signs
And how mighty are His wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
And His dominion is from generation to generation.
- 4 “I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace.
- 5 “I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and *these fantasies as I lay* on my bed and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.
- 6 “So I gave orders to bring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.
- 7 “Then the magicians, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners came in and I related the dream to them, but they could not make its interpretation known to me.
- 8 “But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream to him, *saying*,
- 9 ‘O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell *me* the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.

10 'Now *these were* the visions in my mind *as I lay* on my bed: I was looking, and behold, *there was* a tree in the midst of the earth and its height *was* great.

11 'The tree grew large and became strong
And its height reached to the sky,
And it *was* visible to the end of the whole earth.

12 'Its foliage *was* beautiful and its fruit abundant,
And in it *was* food for all.

The beasts of the field found shade under it,
And the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches,
And all living creatures fed themselves from it.

13 'I was looking in the visions in my mind *as I lay* on my bed, and behold, an *angelic* watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven.

14 'He shouted out and spoke as follows:
"Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit;
Let the beasts flee from under it
And the birds from its branches.

15 "Yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground,
But with a band of iron and bronze *around it*
In the new grass of the field;
And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven,
And let him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

16 "Let his mind be changed from *that of* a man
And let a beast's mind be given to him,
And let seven periods of time pass over him.

17 "This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic* watchers
And the decision is a command of the holy ones,
In order that the living may know
That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,

And bestows it on whom He wishes

And sets over it the lowliest of men.”

18 ‘This is the dream *which* I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell *me* its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the wise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for a spirit of the holy gods is in you.’

19 “Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, ‘Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.’

Belteshazzar replied, ‘My lord, *if only* the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!

20 ‘The tree that you saw, which became large and grew strong, whose height reached to the sky and was visible to all the earth

21 and whose foliage *was* beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which *was* food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged—

22 it is you, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 ‘In that the king saw an *angelic* watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, “Chop down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze *around it* in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him share with the beasts of the field until seven periods of time pass over him,”

24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

25 that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass

over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.

26 'And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you after you recognize that *it is* Heaven *that* rules.

27 'Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by *doing* righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to *the* poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.'

28 "All *this* happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 "Twelve months later he was walking on the *roof* of the royal palace of Babylon.

30 "The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

31 "While the word *was* in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, *saying*, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you,

32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place *will be* with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.'

33 "Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

34 "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.

35 “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven
And *among* the inhabitants of earth;
And no one can ward off His hand
Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’

36 “At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

37 “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”

JOB 1

1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil.

2 Seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

3 His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

4 His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

5 When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all; for Job said, “Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

7 The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

8 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

10 "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

11 "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them,

15 and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21 He said,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,

And naked I shall return there.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

JOB 2

1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

4 Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

5 "However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face."

6 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life."

7 Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

12 When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky.

13 Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

GENESIS 16

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no *children*, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing *children*. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

3 After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.

4 He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.

5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your arms, but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her sight. May the LORD judge between you and me."

6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

7 Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

8 He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority."

10 Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count."

11 The angel of the LORD said to her further,

"Behold, you are with child,

And you will bear a son;

And you shall call his name Ishmael,

Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

12 "He will be a wild donkey of a man,

His hand *will be* against everyone,

And everyone's hand *will be* against him;

And he will live to the east of all his brothers."

13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?"

14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

EXODUS 3

1 Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

3 So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

6 He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

8 "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 "Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."

13 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

15 God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

16 "Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.

17 "So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey." '

18 "They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

19 "But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion.

20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.

21 "I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."

GENESIS 22

1 Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you."

6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

8 Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him; and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

19 So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20 Now it came about after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 Uz his firstborn and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram
22 and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel."

23 Bethuel became the father of Rebekah; these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 His concubine, whose name was Reumah, also bore Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

EXODUS 17

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Sin, according to the command of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me."

5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He named the place Massah and Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

8 Then Amalek came and fought against Israel at Rephidim.

9 So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."

10 Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.

13 So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

15 Moses built an altar and named it The LORD is My Banner;

16 and he said, "The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

JUDGES 6

1 Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.

2 The power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.

3 For it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites would come up with the Amalekites and the sons of the east and go against them.

4 So they would camp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey.

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, they would come in like locusts for number, both they and their camels were innumerable; and they came into the land to devastate it.

6 So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.

7 Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian,

8 that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt and brought you out from the house of slavery.

9 'I delivered you from the hands of the Egyptians and from the hands of all your oppressors, and dispossessed them before you and gave you their land,

10 and I said to you, "I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed Me."'"

11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was

beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save *it* from the Midianites.

12 The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

13 Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

14 The LORD looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"

15 He said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

16 But the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man."

17 So Gideon said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who speak with me.

18 "Please do not depart from here, until I come *back* to You, and bring out my offering and lay it before You." And He said, "I will remain until you return."

19 Then Gideon went in and prepared a young goat and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour; he put the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, and brought *them* out to him under the oak and presented *them*.

20 The angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

21 Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight.

22 When Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, he said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face."

23 The LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it The LORD is Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 Now on the same night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull and a second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it;

26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold in an orderly manner, and take a second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.

28 When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was torn down, and the Asherah which was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar which had been built.

29 They said to one another, "Who did this thing?" And when they searched about and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash did this thing."

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has torn down the altar of Baal, and indeed, he has cut down the Asherah which was beside it."

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal, or will you deliver him? Whoever will plead for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because someone has torn down his altar."

32 Therefore on that day he named him Jerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he had torn down his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the sons of the east assembled themselves; and they crossed over and camped in the valley of Jezreel.

34 So the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him.

35 He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, and they also were called together to follow him; and he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they came up to meet them.

36 Then Gideon said to God, "If You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken,

37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken."

38 And it was so. When he arose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he drained the dew from the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not let Your anger burn against me that I may speak once more; please let me make a test once more with the fleece, let it now be dry only on the fleece, and let there be dew on all the ground."

40 God did so that night; for it was dry only on the fleece, and dew was on all the ground.

JOHN 10

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

2 "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 "A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.

13 "*He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

- 18 “No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”
- 19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.
- 20 Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?”
- 21 Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”
- 22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;
- 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.
- 24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”
- 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.
- 26 “But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.
- 27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
- 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.
- 29 “My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.
- 30 “I and the Father are one.”
- 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.
- 32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?”
- 33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be God.*”

34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'?"

35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there.

41 Many came to Him and were saying, "While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true."

42 Many believed in Him there.