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“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

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Dear Boys and Girls,

It is easy to say we love Jesus when everything is going well. We love to praise Him when we are succeeding. Sometimes, however, God allows our faith to be tested. He allows hard things to happen to us. If we ask for His help during these hard times, our faith will get stronger. We will become better and stronger people for God.

This quarter, we will find many ways in which God allowed His people Israel to be tested. They lacked basic needs like food and water. They were afraid and discouraged. They often did not do well with the tests God allowed in their lives. Sometimes God had to punish them.

I admit that, too often, I have been like them—complaining instead of trusting. Like them, I have sometimes failed in the tests God has given me.

We can learn from Israel’s mistakes. We can call on God for help in times of trouble. We can choose to trust Him when things do not seem to go right. I am praying that as you learn about the hard things they went through, you will be encouraged to trust God and to make right decisions in your own times of testing. May God give us all more strength!

Your friend in Jesus,
Lorella Rouster

Susan's Hungry Day

On this morning, Susan got up late for school. Her mother called her in plenty of time for her to get ready, but she fell back to sleep. When her mother called her again, she rushed around to get ready. She skipped breakfast and grabbed her coat as she ran out the door.

All morning she felt hungry because she had not eaten breakfast. Then she discovered that she had also forgotten her lunch. It must still be lying on the counter at home.

When the other children got their lunches and began to eat, Susan did not know what to do. She felt embarrassed, and she felt hungry. She sat down with the others, trying to pretend that nothing was wrong.

Usually Susan bowed her head and quietly thanked God for her food. Today there was nothing for which to thank God. Still, she had nothing else to do. The other students were busy eating. So, she bowed her head. "Dear God, I have nothing to eat. What am I supposed to thank You for? I feel hungry. Show me what to do. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Susan looked up. Sandra was sitting across from her. "Where is your lunch?" she asked.

"I forgot it. I was in a hurry because I got up late."

"Here, have half of my sandwich," Sandra offered. "I have plenty."

"You can have my banana," Roger offered.

"Here, take my peanuts," Tammy said.

Susan laughed. "I told God I did not have anything to thank Him for," she said. "I guess I have lots to thank Him for. Thanks, everybody. And thank You, God!"

Jonathan's Stand for God

Where Jonathan went to school, some of the other kids talked nasty. Jonathan loved Jesus and had trusted Jesus as his Saviour. He felt uncomfortable with the language the other kids used. He never joined in those conversations.

Jonathan did not criticize the other kids. He knew they talked that way because they did not know Jesus. He thought they must be hearing that kind of talk at home. He was very careful to watch his own talk. He wanted it to please Jesus.

Jonathan had a friend who often used the Lord's name in a disrespectful way. He would do it not just once but over and over. Every time Jonathan heard God's name used that way, he just cringed inside. It was like a pain in his stomach.

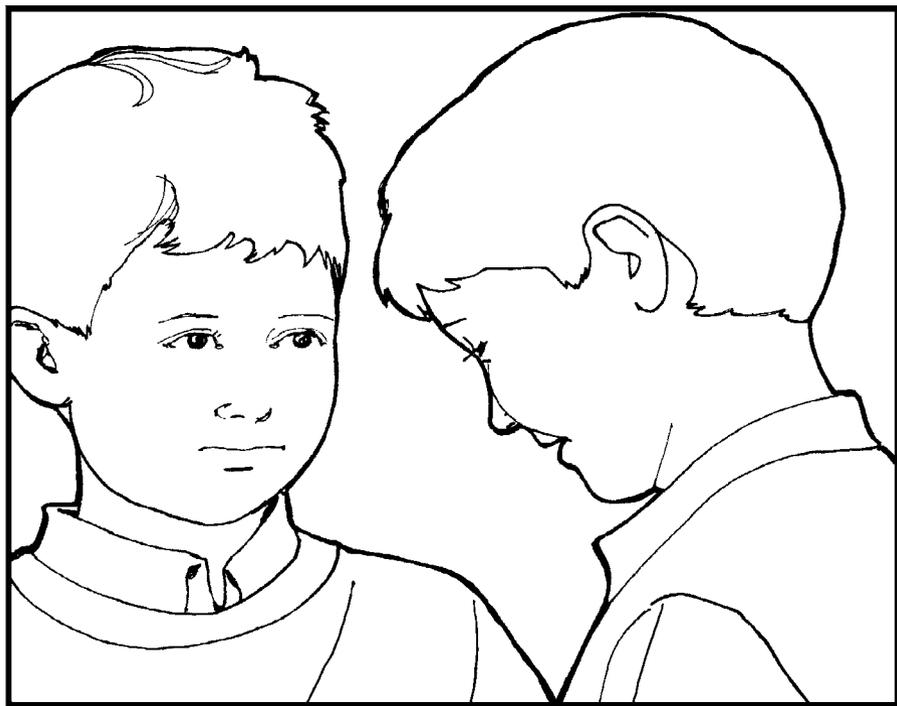
One day his friend was talking. Suddenly he stopped. "What's the matter with you?" he asked Jonathan. "You look like you're going to be sick to your stomach."

"I'm OK," Jonathan answered. "It's just hard for me to hear the way you're talking."

"Why?" asked the other boy.

"Oh, the way you use the Lord's name," Jonathan answered. "Jesus is my Saviour. He suffered and died for me. I love Him so much. And His name is holy," Jonathan said. "The way you are talking makes it seem as if He is sinful, just like everyone else, but He's not. He's pure. He never sinned. Why do you use His name like that? Do you know who He is?"

Wow, Jonathan thought to himself. He had said



far more than he had intended. Once he got started, though, he just had to say it all.

The other boy looked stunned. He had never heard anyone talk like that before.

“Sorry,” he said. “I guess I just have a habit of cussing. I will try to do better. Hey, you talk like you know Jesus as a real person. You say He’s holy and pure. What does that mean?”

“Why don’t you come to Sunday school with me this week, and you can begin to find out?”

“Well, maybe some time,” the boy answered. “I’ll think about it.”

“OK, sounds good,” Jonathan answered.

Jonathan was glad that he used his mouth to stand up for God!



Aaron and His Sons Become Priests

Lesson Text: Leviticus 8:1-13

GOLDEN TEXT—“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:22).

OUR LESSON TALK

You may have heard people say that God is holy. We say God is holy because He is pure and has nothing bad in Him. We also say God is holy because He is totally separate from anything that is sinful. To be holy is to be set apart for God.

God told Moses to set apart Aaron and his sons to be priests. The people would bring their sacrifices to the priests. Then the priests would offer the sacrifices to God. In this way, the priests would stand between the people and God. The priests would help the people get to God.

God showed Moses special clothing for the priests. Moses put these clothes on Aaron and his sons to show they were priests. He put a special oil on their heads to set them apart for God.

When Jesus died and rose again, He opened the way for all who believe in Him to come to God. All believers in Jesus are priests now.

SOMETHING TO DO

Fill in the blanks with answers from Our Lesson Talk.

Holy means _____ for God.

The priests wore special _____.

_____ told Moses to set apart Aaron and his sons as priests.

Moses put _____ on their heads to show they were set apart for God.

All who believe in _____ are priests now.

Draw a line from the person to the words that tell about him.

God put oil on Aaron's head

Moses was set apart as priest

Aaron chose Aaron to be the high priest

Write *T* in front of the true statements. Write *F* in front of false ones.

___ The priests dressed the same as everyone else.

___ The people could offer their own sacrifices to God.

___ When Jesus died and rose again, He opened the way for all who believe in Him to come to God.

___ All those who believe in Jesus are priests now.