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The big story work book



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1 God makes the world

What are some good things in the world?



How can you help to look after the world?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Genesis chapter 1 verses 1-5

Genesis chapter 1 verses 26-31

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

19 God's promise for the future

Can you remember some other word-pictures of Jesus in the Bible?



If you like, draw a picture of what Jesus means to you.

What will it be like when the whole world is God's kingdom? How will it be the same? How will it be different?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Revelation chapter 4

Revelation chapter 22 verses 1-13

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

2 People turn away from God

Why do you think Adam and Eve listened to the snake?



What are some bad things in the world?



How do you think God feels about these things?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Genesis chapter 4 verses 1-15

Genesis chapter 9 verses 8-17

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

18 Letters to God's people

Which do you think is better, laws or grace? Why?



Think about the Christians you know. How are they all different? How do they help you follow Jesus?



How do you help other Christians follow Jesus?
If you do not know, you can ask them!

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Romans chapter 3 verses 9-31

Ephesians chapter 4 verse 1 - chapter 5 verse 2

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

Zoom in ➤ The problem of sin

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Romans chapter 7 verses 7-25

1 John chapter 1 verses 5-10

Zoom in The Trinity

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Colossians chapter 1 verses 3-20
John chapter 14 verses 8-27

3 God chooses a family

Do you think it was easy or hard for Abram to believe God's promises?



What does Joseph's story tell you about God?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Genesis chapter 16 verses 1-14
Genesis chapter 25 verses 19-34

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

17 Good news for the world

Saul had done bad things to Christians, but now he was a Christian himself! How do you think the other Christians felt about this?



What might have helped them to forgive Saul, and be friends with him?

Are you part of a church? What are some good things about being part of a church?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Acts chapter 16 verses 11-40

Acts chapter 20 verses 17-38

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

4 God saves his people

How do you think the Israelites felt when they were set free?



How do laws and rules help people do the right things?



What sorts of things do you think God wants people to do?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Exodus chapter 14 verses 1-31

Exodus chapter 19 verses 1-9

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

16 The Holy Spirit comes

How did the Holy Spirit help the disciples?



How were they different after the Holy Spirit came?

How do you think Saul's life changed after he became a Christian?



Has following Jesus changed anything in your life?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Acts chapter 2 verses 14-41

Acts chapter 5 verses 27-42

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

Zoom in Laws and offerings

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Leviticus chapter 19
1 Kings chapter 8 verses 10-30

Zoom in ► Why did Jesus die?

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Isaiah chapter 53 verses 2-12
2 Corinthians chapter 5 verses 14-21

5 A land for God's people

Why do you think the Israelites kept forgetting God?



What might have helped them remember God?

Why do you think the Israelites wanted a strong king?



Why did this make God sad?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Joshua chapter 2 verses 1-21 and chapter 6
verses 20-25

Judges chapter 7 verses 1-22

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

15 Jesus comes back to life

What would it be like to see Jesus alive when you thought he was dead?



How would you feel? What would you say?

Why do you think the chief priests were worried? Why did they tell this lie?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



John chapter 20 verses 1-18

Luke chapter 24 verses 13-35

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

6 The first kings of Israel

Saul was the sort of king the people wanted. David was the sort of king God wanted. How were these 2 men different?



Why do you think David did these bad things?



How did David's sin hurt God? How did it hurt other people?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



1 Samuel chapter 12 verses 24-51

1 Samuel chapter 19 verses 1-7 and 2 Samuel chapter 9 verses 1-13

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

14 Jesus dies for everyone

Some people believed Jesus was the saviour king. Some people did not believe this. What do you think, and why?



Mary and the disciples saw Jesus die on the cross. How would you feel if you were there with them?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



John chapter 17
Mark chapter 15 verses 21-41

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

Zoom in Stories, poems, letters

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Psalms chapter 119 verses 1-16

Matthew chapter 13 verses 1-9 and 18-23

Zoom in Learning from Jesus

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Matthew chapter 5 verses 1-12

Mark chapter 10 verses 35-45

7 Wisdom from God's people

What is some wise advice you have learned in your life?



When did this wise advice help you?

Can you think of some times when each of these 5 wisdom books might be helpful?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Job chapter 28 verses 20-28
Psalms chapter 139

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

13 Jesus teaches God's people

If you were there when Jesus said and did all these things, what would you think about him?



Which people liked Jesus, and which did not?



Why do you think this was?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



John chapter 6 verses 1-14

John chapter 9

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

8 God's people split apart

Why did the book of God's laws make Josiah sad?



Why do you think the people broke God's laws?

Why do you think God let these bad things happen to his people? Was this fair?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



2 Chronicles chapter 33 verses 1-17

2 Kings chapter 25 verses 8-21

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

12 God becomes human

How did Mary and Joseph show they trusted God?



What helps you to keep trusting God when things change?

Is it surprising that Jesus chose normal people to be his disciples? Why do you think he did this?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Luke chapter 1 verses 26-56

Matthew chapter 3 verse 13 - chapter 4 verse 11

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

Zoom in ➤ Word-pictures

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Psalms chapter 23
John chapter 1 verses 1-18

Zoom in The silent years

My thoughts about this zoom in chapter:

What new things have I learned?

How has this helped me know God better?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My prayer about this zoom in chapter:

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Luke chapter 10 verses 25-37
Matthew chapter 23 verses 1-15

9 Messengers from God

What was hard about being a prophet?



What was good about it?

Why do you think this message gave God's people hope?



Do you know who the saviour king is? Can you guess?

Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Amos chapter 5 verses 10-27
Isaiah chapter 9 verses 1-7

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

11 God's people come home

Lots of people have done brave things to help others, like Esther did. Can you think of any? If not, you can ask someone about this.



Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra, Nehemiah and Malachi were all good at different things. How did they work with God to help the other Jews?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Nehemiah chapter 8 verses 1-12
Zechariah chapter 8

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter:

10 God punishes his people

How did the Jews end up in Babylon?



How did living in Babylon change them?

Ezekiel's vision gave the Jews hope. What gives you hope when life is hard?



Extra Bible verses to read if you like:



Lamentations chapter 3 verses 1-58

Daniel chapter 3 verses 8-30

What was this chapter about?

What new things have I learned?

What did I like most?

How will it help me in my life?

Do I have any questions? Who can I ask?

My thoughts and feelings about this chapter: