Those first papers were printed in two colors. They were for kids older than you. Both men wanted the papers to teach children about the news and how God is at work. Norm Bomer had been a teacher. He wrote all the stories. Joel Belz knew about publishing. He asked people to pray. Soon they printed papers for both younger and older kids. Grownups liked the papers as much as kids did. They asked for their own magazine. WORLD was born five years later. Now there are three magazines for kids, one for adults, and a video show. God is wonderful! Psalm 24:1 (NIV) says, “The Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.”
What a fish!

It is as big as your dad.
It lives a long time.

This fish looks like a fossil. It is a coelacanth [SEEL-uh-kanth]!

Every thing about this fish is slow. Scientists say it moves slowly. The females don’t have babies until they are over 50 years old. It takes babies five years to grow inside the mother before they are born. Then they live about 100 years. People once thought coelacanths had died out with the dinosaurs. But one was caught near South Africa in December 1938! Another type was found 60 years later in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Would you ever have imagined a fish like the coelacanth? God did! Genesis 1:21 says, “So God created the great sea creatures.”
A sad thing happened on September 11, 2001.

Some men hated our country. They hijacked (took over) 4 passenger planes. They flew 2 planes into New York City buildings. One hit the Pentagon. The last one crashed in a field.

The Twin Tower buildings were part of New York’s World Trade Center. The Pentagon is near Washington, D.C. People work for the U.S. Department of Defense there. The last plane did not reach its target. (That most likely was the White House or the Capitol.) Passengers fought the men who took over their plane. It went down in a Pennsylvania field. The lives lost on that terrible day number nearly 3,000. This world is full of grief. Sin still affects our lives. But Jesus will come back! Revelation 21:4 says, “He will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more.”
Drought and grasshoppers go together. The U.S. West is DRY. Too dry. Grasshoppers come. Grasshoppers chomp crops. Those are cattle food. Will spraying keep the pests away?

States out west have been very dry. That is called a drought. June brought grasshoppers. God created these insects (which sometimes become locusts) to do very well where it is hot and dry. They eat more and grow faster when it is warm. Montana rancher Frank Wiederrick says the flying, munching pests were everywhere. Agriculture officials there began spraying pesticide from the air to kill the grasshopper nymphs. Exodus 10 tells about the plague of locusts God sent against Egypt. Verse 15 says, ”Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field.”

Grasshoppers have eaten almost everything in this wheat field in Montana.
Does he look like a lion?


Meet Wasabi [waa-saa-bee]. He is the top dog!

Isn’t it great that God made so many different types of dogs?

Genesis 1:25 tells us that God made the “beasts of the Earth according to their kinds.” And He “saw that it was good.”

Dogs from around the world compete at the Westminster Dog Show. It is a big deal to be named the top dog there. Wasabi is a Pekingese [peek-ih-NEEZ]. This kind of dog once was owned only by Chinese emperors. They lived in Beijing. They thought these little dogs looked like lions. British people back then called the city “Peking.” And they brought some “Pekingese” dogs back to England to breed too.

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Wasabi is a little dog that won a big prize!
Berbers lived in tribes in the Sahara Desert of northern Africa. They traveled and traded with other tribes. Where could they store what they traded? They chiseled storage caves out of the red rocks of the Anti-Atlas Mountains. Each family had a compartment. It had a door with a lock. The igoudar, or granaries, were guarded day and night by watchmen. Ask Mom and Dad what kinds of things can be stored at their bank. Read Genesis 41. It tells how Joseph stored up grain in Egypt before a famine came. He kept it in silos. These were like banks too.

Check out these early banks.

Berber people once carved out storage caves high up in rocks. There they kept wheat, dates, beans, silver, and gold. It was like a bank!
Sometimes neighbors disagree.

Mrs. Fang built a cartoon-like house. Neighbors do not like it. They went to court.

At last, they made an agreement. “The house can stay.”

Hillsborough, California, has rules about the kinds of houses people may build there. Florence Fang really liked a cartoon show called “The Flintstones.” (Ask your grandparents about it!) She built a house that looks like the cartoon’s houses. She put cartoon-like statues in her yard. Hillsborough has rules about what people can have in their yards. Mrs. Fang agreed to follow some of those rules. Proverbs 16:7 says, “When a man’s ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.”
Robyn and Stuart Mackenzie were riding motorbikes on their farm in Eromanga, Australia. They spotted the dinosaur bones. They come from a plant-eating sauropod. That dinosaur is new to paleontologists (people who study dinosaur fossils). They named it *Australotitan cooperensis* (“southern giant from Cooper Creek”). Scientists think it was as long as a basketball court and as tall as a two-story building! Job 40:15 describes something big and strong that could have been like this dinosaur. “Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox.”

It looked like a pile of big black rocks. But they were dinosaur bones.

The bones belong to the biggest dino ever found in Australia [ah-STRAY-lee-uh].

How big did dinosaurs get?

This is an illustration of what scientists think the “southern giant” looked like.
The United Arab Emirates is mostly a desert. Only about four inches of rain fall each year. The country has plants that take salt out of ocean water. But the U.A.E. needs more fresh water. Scientists built four big drones. They sent them into clouds. The drones zapped water droplets in the clouds with electricity. That made some drops big enough to fall to the ground. Will such drones help this dry place? Psalm 147:8 says, “[The Lord] covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the Earth.”

Rain is needed here.

The U.A.E. is a desert country. It needs water.

Scientists sent drones into the sky. Zap! They hit clouds with shocks. Big rain drops fell.
A scientist from the University of Hawaii studies a little bobtail squid. Astronauts spend months in space. Sometimes they get sick. Humans want to go to Mars. That is far away. It would not be good to get sick there. Tiny Hawaiian bobtail squid help scientists. Dr. Jamie Foster works for NASA. She studies the squid that have returned to Earth. Psalm 69:34 says, “Let heaven and Earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them.”

Squid went into space.

Baby squid went to the space station! Squid can get sick in space the way people do. Study squid. Learn how to help humans in space.

The bobtail squid is about as big as your thumb!
A queen and a robot opened this bridge.

Amsterdam [am-ster-dam], Holland, has a new bridge. It is for walkers.

Robots and welders used a 3-D printer to make it. The steel bridge weighs 6 tons!

Dutch Queen Máxima pushed a button and a small robot cut a ribbon to open the bridge. The MX3D company had built the bridge. It will be in place for two years. The older bridge over the canal is being remodeled. This new bridge also has sensors inside it. Those will record how the walkway reacts to hundreds of people crossing it. City leaders are happy to have tourists visit the bridge.

Jesus is our bridge. He connects us to God. “There is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.” (1 Timothy 2:5)
Kelp forests grow in the ocean near California. Purple sea urchins eat kelp. Sea otters swim through the kelp. They eat the sea urchins.

Kelp are large brown algae. They like the cool shallow water along the U.S. west coast. And God made kelp forests to be a home for seals, whales, sea otters, and many other animals. These algae were being eaten up by purple sea urchins. But more than 100 sea otters now live in California’s Monterey Bay. They love to chomp sea urchins. The otters help save the kelp. “For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God,” says Psalm 86:10.
Do you play with magnets? Do they push apart sometimes? Maglev trains are held above the tracks by something called “magnetic levitation.” It stops friction. Friction is the rubbing together of the train’s wheels with the track. Friction slows the train. This train can whiz along faster than any other land vehicle—for now. It can zoom by at around 370 miles per hour. Japan is working on a maglev train that will be even faster. People are always working to make things bigger, better, and faster. We can do these things because we were created “in the image of God.” (Genesis 1:27)

Whishhhh! Did you see that? China has built the fastest train in the world. Magnetic force pushes the train up a bit. It rides on air. It is called a maglev.
Syrian bears are the smallest bears of their kind. They can be found in some Middle Eastern countries and Russia. They are the only bears known to have white claws. These two bears lived in cages for 10 years. They were moved to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in July. Now they are free to act like the wild bears they are.

Now they will enjoy their days.

Homer and Ulysses [yoo-liss-ees] are Syrian [sih-ree-en] brown bears. They lived in Lebanon. Home was a small steel cage.

Now they roam a huge wildlife park in Colorado. They are free.
Swan “upping” is a hot, wet, messy job.

The Queen of England owns the swans near her home. “Swan uppers” pull the swans up out of the water. They check, count, and tag each bird. Then the swans swim away.

Queen Elizabeth lives in Windsor Castle. It is on the Thames River. She owns the swans that live there. It is important to know how many new swans (called “cygnets”) there are. The people who check the swans are called “uppers.” Can you guess why? The new birds usually are counted in July. It was a hot day this year when the uppers did their work. They also made sure the birds did not have fishing lines around their feet. Swans mate for life. They are a picture of what the Apostle Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 7:10, “To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband.”

Did you know that swans can fly as fast as 60 miles per hour?
The number of parents who are homeschooling their children this fall has gone up. The pandemic showed them just how helpful homeschool is for their kids. One 12-year-old told his mom that he was learning so much more at home than he did at school. Many other American children will return to the public and private schools they were in before the virus hit.

God has given to your parents the responsibility to follow Deuteronomy 6:6-7. It says, “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children.” Read the rest of these verses too.

What is your school like this year?

Most kids had school at home last year. But Zoom classes were hard for families.

Some moms and dads liked homeschool. They will teach their kids at home this year too.
Ian Simpson was at a Royal Air Force base in eastern England. He was taking photos of fighter aircraft. He saw sparks coming from the back of one jet. He used his phone. Mr. S. talked to someone who could contact the pilot. U.S. Air Force Major Grant Thompson returned the jet to the base. He thanked Mr. S. with a cap, insignia, and the patch ripped from his shirt’s shoulder. Many other people thanked Mr. S. on Facebook. It is good to thank people for their help. Do you remember also to thank God? “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
A bunch of fish swimming together is called a school. But fish don’t do puzzles like you do. Add a word for each picture in front of the word “fish” to learn some real fish names.

Here are the fish you named:

1. __________ fish
2. __________ fish
3. __________ fish
4. __________ fish
5. __________ fish
6. __________ fish
7. __________ fish
8. __________ fish
9. __________ fish
David was born nearly deaf. Hearing aids help a bit. His mom homeschooled him until he could read well. Then he started public school. His parents also encouraged him to play sports. He watched and learned how to play volleyball with a team. He got better and better. He has been on the 2012, 2016, and 2020 U.S. Olympic volleyball teams. He won a bronze medal in 2016.

Philippians 4:13 tells us, “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”
What is the first letter of each picture above? Write those letters on the matching game pieces. (An example is shown: V for violin.)
Lawmakers have tried before to make one cheese Wisconsin’s official cheese. It has not worked. The state makes over three billion pounds of cheese each year. People buy more mozzarella and cheddar than colby. But colby cheese is the one that was created in Wisconsin. Was this latest law passed in the state’s Senate and Assembly and then signed by the governor? Jesse sent his youngest son David with food for his soldier brothers and “10 cheeses” to the commander of Israel’s army in 1 Samuel 17:18. Do you know what David did after that?

Colby cheese was invented in Colby, Wisconsin, but you can find it in your grocery store. Wisconsin is the only state that requires a license to make cheese.

Who will win? People visit the World Championship Cheese Contest in Madison, Wisconsin.

Say, “Cheese!”

Maybe cheese is just cheese to you. But lawmakers in Wisconsin [wis-con-sen] have to agree.

Is colby the state’s TOP cheese? Will lawmakers pass a law that says so?
Follow the path with a pen or marker. Get the baby turtle to the water safely. Go left at L and right at R to avoid predators—animals that eat little turtles.

Hint:
Your left hand makes an L shape.
Brian and Steven Jones live on a farm in Vermont. It is called Joneslan Farm. The family has had the same farm for 150 years. The brothers sold their cows. They could not make enough money from selling milk. They know that Americans like goat cheese. They milk goats instead of cows. Now the men get paid well for goat milk. They like having goats.

Proverbs 27:23 reminds farmers what they must do. “Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds.”
These two pictures look the same but there are 17 differences. Can you find them all? Make a tally mark in the white box each time you find a difference.
India needs more trees.

Trees clean the air. They cool us and give us wood. We eat their fruit and nuts. The world needs many trees. People in India planted lots in July.

India’s leaders know that trees are good for people and animals. About a million people worked together. They planted millions of young trees on July 4. Most of those saplings were planted in Uttar Pradesh. It is one of India’s 28 states. People there started planting trees four years ago. They water the trees and keep track of their growth. They want more forests. Job 14:7 says, “For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease.”
Look at the different dinosaurs. Write the letter on the matching shape below.

Extra credit: Write your letters in the verse below. Numbers show where you put each letter.

THE LORD GOD HAD ORDED EVERY EA T

GENESIS 2:19
Gwen was 10. She wanted to be a baseball bat girl. Girls were not allowed back then. Times change. Her dream came true sixty years later. She was a Yankees bat girl for a day!

She says, “It was a dream come true.”

Mrs. Goldman wrote a letter to the New York Yankees when she was 10. The team’s manager said she would “feel out of place in a dugout” because she was a girl. She framed the letter. It was displayed in her living room. Now Mrs. Goldman is 70. Her daughter asked today’s Yankees manager if he could do something for her mom. Mrs. Goldman wore a Yankee’s uniform on June 28. She threw out an honorary pitch. She sat in the dugout. That was a good day for Mrs. Goldman. But Psalm 37:4 tells us of something even better: “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”
**Word search** The first letter of each picture is the letter that belongs in that space. “Sandwich” starts with an S. “Silver” is the word. Write the page number of the story each word comes from in the box. (Hint: All are from Lesson 3.) Words go across or down.
Guess what this museum is.

Rain pounds. Waves crash. Kids crawl through a giant snake. They cuddle a sloth.

A rainbow is on a wall. This is Berlin’s Noah’s Ark museum.

The new ANHOA Children’s World is part of the Jewish Museum in Berlin, Germany. It might be an interesting place to see. Jewish people have God’s word about Noah and the flood (Genesis 6-9), just as we do. But the story told in this museum is not God’s one true story. It suggests that people can make a better world. The museum does not show that God sent His Son into the world “that the world might be saved through Him.” Read John 3:16-17.
What happened first? What happened next? Circle the right number to put the pictures in order. (Hint: Read Genesis 6-9 if you get stuck.)
Times are hard for the “People of the Water.”

There was a big lake in Bolivia [bo-liv-ee-ah]. The Uru [oo-roo] people lived on that lake. They caught fish.

The lake dried up. Now what can the people do?

Dried-up Lake Poopó [poh-OH-poh] was the second largest lake in Bolivia. The Uru (People of the Water) once tied together roots and reeds of totora plants. They made “islands” for their families to live on. They anchored them to the lake bottom with long poles. They fished, collected birds’ eggs, and hunted for food. Now the Uru must live on land. There is no land to farm. Young people move away. It is hard for older people. Baby Moses was put into a basket made of bulrushes. Read Exodus 2:3. Those rushes could have been like totora reeds.
Count each thing at the birthday party. Write the numbers in the boxes.

Now solve these math problems.

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