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READ AL'S STORY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Al just turned four years old, and he had the best birthday party ever! His friends all came over to play, his mom made the most delicious cake, and the whole house was decorated in balloons and streamers! But the most exciting part was that Al got a new toy that he was so excited to play with. It was a fire truck with blinking lights and a siren



when you pushed a button! There was a problem, though. When Al pushed the button, absolutely nothing happened! Was his new toy broken? Al felt really upset. He wanted to yell and cry! But then, he remembered what he learned in church: Jesus Helps Me Grow! So instead of being upset, Al took a deep breath and prayed. He asked Jesus to help him be calm and not be angry and upset. Then, he went to his dad and asked him to help. "Oh, your toy is not broken!" said Dad, "All it needs is some batteries!" After his dad put in the batteries, he handed the fire truck back to Al. It worked perfectly!

Al was so excited! Al's dad said, "I'm so proud of you for praying and asking Jesus for help, even when you were feeling down. Jesus did help you grow more patient!" Al felt that his dad was right. Jesus did help him grow!



Mark this box when you finish Al's story.

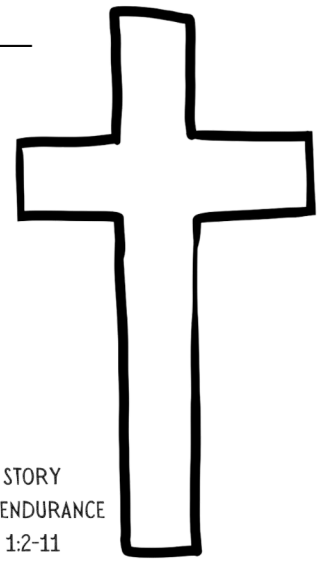
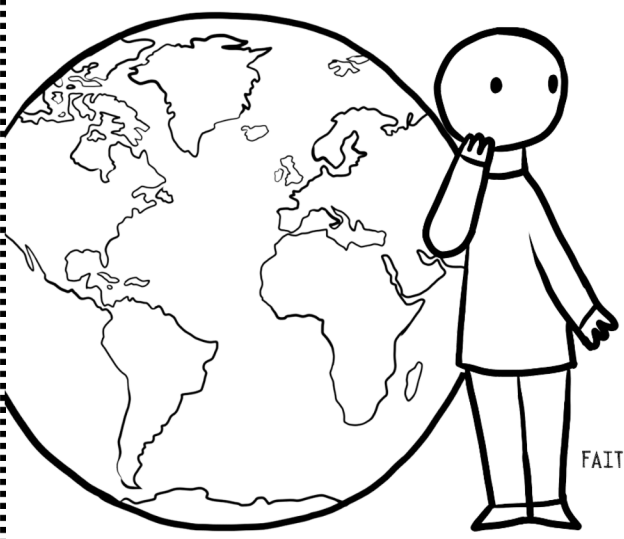
- What did Al get for his birthday?
- What was wrong with the fire truck?
- How did Al feel when his fire truck didn't work?
- What did Al remember from church?
- What did he do next?
- Did Jesus help him to not be angry and to be calm?
- What can you learn from Al's story?

TAKE-HOME PAPER

EARLY CHILDHOOD



Name _____



BIBLE STORY
FAITH AND ENDURANCE
JAMES 1:2-11

Dear Parents, We started a new series today! Each week we will be looking at a chapter from the book of James, which is full of wonderful advice. Today we learned about how Jesus helps us GROW - even through troubles! You can help your child continue to grow by using the activities in this Take-Home Paper at your own pace. It's fun, easy, and you will grow together! When your child completes this, sign the front and have them return it to class the following week for a prize.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

MEMORY VERSE

"...FAITH BY ITSELF ISN'T ENOUGH."

James 2:17

READ: FAITH AND ENDURANCE

JAMES 1:2-11

"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.



1

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.



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Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.



(This means they don't always put God first!)

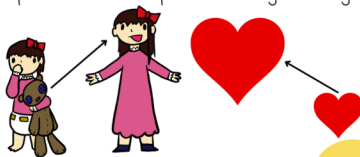
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Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them.



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For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.



(We grow and our hearts grow)

2



He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone.

4

Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.



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They will fade away like a little flower in the field.



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HELP WILLARD DO GOOD DEEDS!

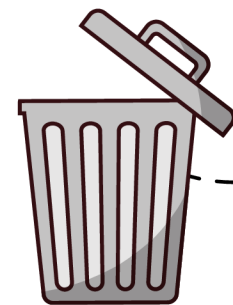
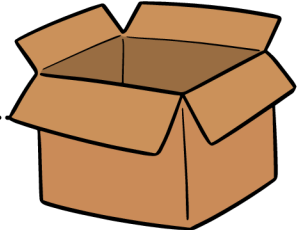
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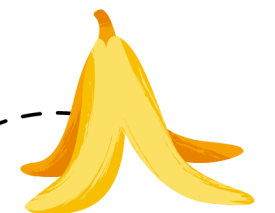
BAKE BROWNIES TO SAY 'THANK YOU'



DONATE OLD TOYS



THROW AWAY TRASH



I want to do good deeds as much as I can so that I can grow more like Jesus! Can you guys help me?





Helping At Home



Loving Others



Sharing Toys With Others



Helping Others Pick Up Toys



Giving Away Clothes That Don't Fit



Sharing Snacks With Others



READ, PRAY, AND COLOR

When skies are grey
And I feel low,
He holds my hand
And helps me grow!

When I fall down
He lifts me up.
He makes me glad
He fills my cup.

When I am sad,
When I feel scared,
He stays close by
And shows He cares.

When times are tough,
When things aren't right,
He makes me brave!
My heart is light!

- Parents:
- Read the poem and then pray with your child, thanking Jesus that He is there to help you grow.
 - Color the picture together.



SAY AND WRITE THE ONE THING



JESUS
HELPS
ME
GROW

