

Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding." – Job 38:4



Outside the Box

Our great and awesome God cannot be constrained by time and space. He is All-powerful, All-knowing, and everywhere at the same time. And yet, we sometimes try to fold and fit Him into our situations and expect Him to move within the boundaries we have laid before Him. We all too often have already thought out our circumstances and come up with the solution we think will work before we call His Name in prayer.

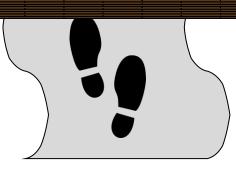
God spoke life out of the void of nothingness and created man in His own image. Even with our advanced technology, we can still only clone or copy life that God created. From the beginning, God spoke, and the sun gave heat, the stars twinkled against the night, the Earth spun around on an imaginary axis, days and nights exchanged and the seasons changed.

Job received a great lesson on the Power of God. He was in the midst of a fiery trial and had a lot of questions for God. Yet God did not answer his questions directly, but rather answered his questions with even more questions. He let Job quickly know that He was the One that laid the foundations of the world, measured it Himself and set the cornerstone. He was the One that told the sea how far its waves could go, parted the light and scattered the winds. God did it all by Himself! If the Lord did all those things by His own power, surely, He can solve all of our problems.

Bullies, bills, broken hearts, sickness and devastating losses can all be laid at the feet of the Master. God does not move by seconds and minutes, but He will show up right on time. He hears our prayers and has an answer for every situation we find ourselves in. We do not need to tell God how to solve our problems, but instead just let Him have His way. When life seems to be crashing down on us, instead of inviting God into our box, may we open our hearts for His perfect will to be done.

Family Prayer: Lord, forgive me for trying to lead the way. May You take the reins of my life, guide me, and let Your will be done in my life. You know the way I should take, and I will put my trust in You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Includes Family Activities



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Play a game of Balloon Bop. Get a beach or bath towel and 10 inflated balloons. You can use a tarp if you'd like to play outside. Have the family grab the edges of the towel/tarp and shake it while trying to keep the balloon from falling off while one person will continue to add the other balloons 1 at a time. It's hard to keep the balloons off the ground when they're going in every direction. There are over 7 billion people bopping around the world yet God is in complete control!

Let's talk

Have you ever put God in a box and expected Him to answer your prayer in a particular way only to eventually find out that He had an entirely different plan which was actually much better than your own? Give a specific example. Someone has said that life is like a parade. We can only see a small portion of it but God sees everything from the beginning to the end. Is it sometimes hard to trust Him with the details?

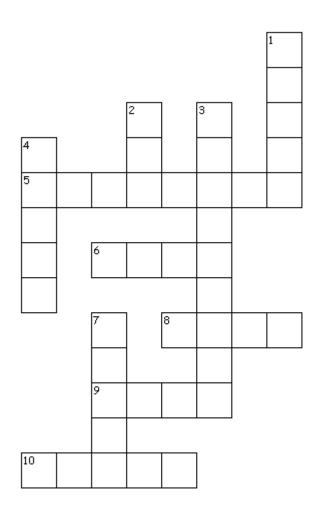
Think outside the box on outreach this week. Target areas where you wouldn't normally reach out such as laundromats, grocery stores and shopping center parking lots.



Additional Challenges

God showed His power all throughout the 38th chapter of Job telling him all the great and wondrous things He has done and is doing!

Food to what beast?	1. Wisdom
Stay the what of heaven	2. The clouds
Knowest the what of heaven	3. Doors
Bud of the tender herb to?	4. Fastened
Begotten drops of?	5. The raven
Caused the dayspring to know his?	6. Orion
Hunt what for the lion?	7. Lightnings
Scattereth the east?	8. Bottles
Put in the inward parts?	9. Ordinances
Send?	10. Spring Forth
Number the what in wisdom	11. Wind
Set bars and?	12. The prey
Understanding to the what?	13. Place
Foundations thereof?	14. Dew
Loose the bands of?	15. Heart



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- 1. The $__$ twinkled against the night
- 2. This person received a great lesson on the power of God
- 3. God answered Job's questions with
- 4. God cannot be constrained by time and
- 7. God created man in His own ____

Coloring Page

God made it all!

