

How can I make God number one in my life?



Circle all the correct answers.

By being kind to others.

By talking to Him.

By reading His book, the Bible.

By acting the way I think Jesus would act.

By loving Him.

*But all of them look right!*



*They are. God's friends will want to do all of these things.*

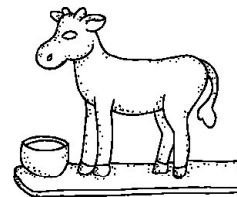
# GOD WANTS TO BE MY VERY BEST FRIEND

## Lesson 1

### God Wants To Be My Best Friend

God wants to be your very best friend. We know this is important to Him because He asked us not to worship any god but Him.

In some religions there are many gods, some more powerful than others. In Egypt when the Hebrews lived there, people worshipped the sun god, the River Nile god, the frog god, and many more.



**"You must not have any other gods except me."**

Exodus 20:3, ICB

God was trying to teach the Hebrews that there was only room in their lives for ONE God.

Our God is the Creator. He doesn't just rule the rivers, He MADE them. He does not just rule the sun, He MADE it. He made everything in our world and hung the stars and planets throughout the universe. He is more powerful than any other god. He wants us to worship only Him, the one, true God. This means putting God first in your life.



*He is my friend. I talk to Him through the day. When I am in school I sometimes say, "I know this is going to come up again on a test. Help me understand and remember it."*

*I try to be like Him. Since Jesus was God as a human, I try to imagine what Jesus would do if He were me, and then I just try to do that, asking for His help.*



*I try to do things that make Him happy. It is easier than liking a girl because girls do not always let you know what they like and do not like, but God already said what He likes in the Bible, so it is easy to know what He wants.*

*Children, please pass your homework sheets to the front.*



*If I tell her I did not do my homework, she might give me a zero for this assignment. I could tell her my dog ate it. Maybe she would give me a chance to do it later. Of course that would be telling a lie. God is my friend and He does not want us to lie. I do not want to do something that would hurt Him and make Him think my grades in math were more important to me than He is.*



*I did not do my homework last night. May I do it during lunch break today?*

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No, if God is the most important thing in my life, I will not use His name as a swear word.*



*OUCH!*

Sometimes when God is first in your life, you have some hard choices to make.

*Michael, try and see if you can hit that dog with your ball. He is pretty good at dodging. Bet you can't hit him!*

*If God made dogs then He must care about them too, so He probably wants me to treat them kindly. If I throw my ball at this dog I will not be putting God first. I will be putting my friend and what he wants first.*

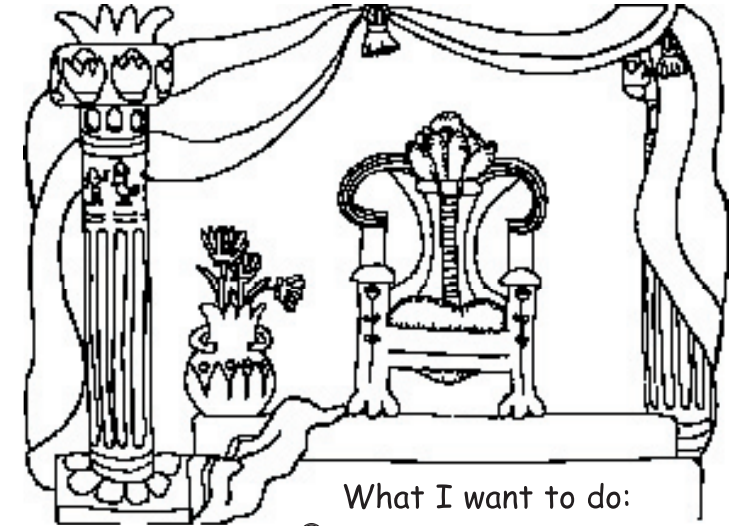
*No, I am going to leave the poor thing alone. How about using that tree as a target?*



How did Michael know that God cares about animals?

Some people have harder choices to make than others. For example, Moses was a prince in Egypt, and his adopted mother wanted him to be the next Pharaoh. But God wanted him to help the Hebrew slaves.

*What is more important to me? What I want to do? Or what God wants me to do?*



What I want to do:

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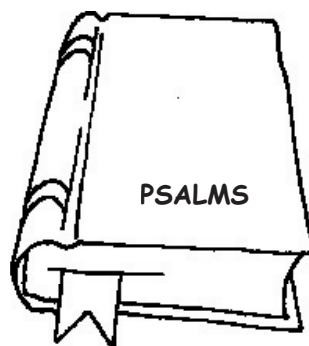
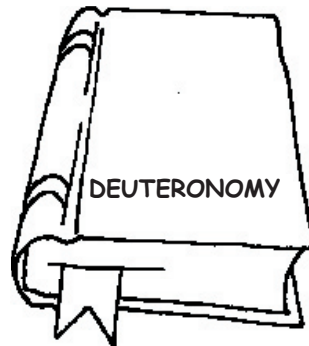
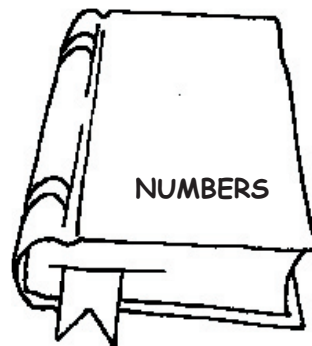
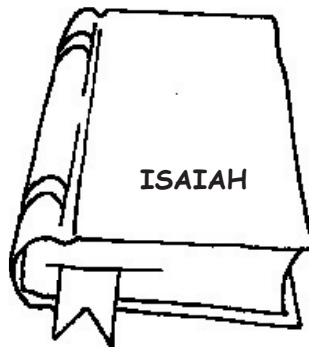
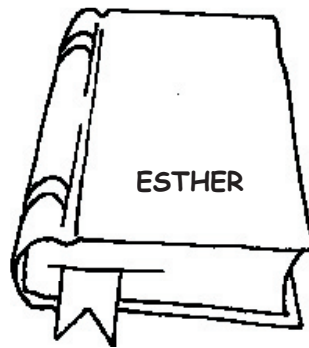
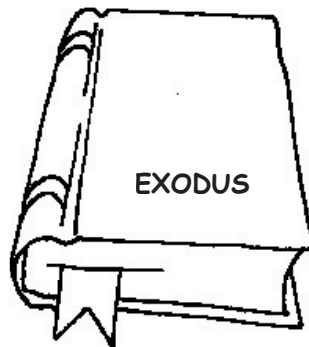
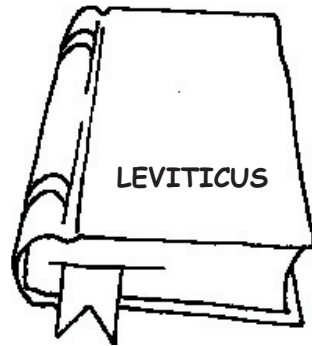
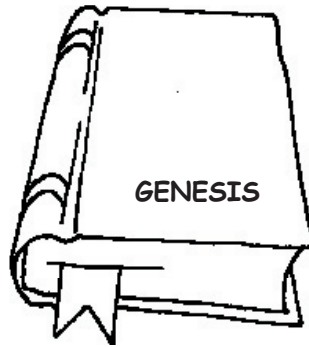


Moses chose to do what God wanted him to do. He became a great leader and led the Hebrews out of Egypt and helped them form a new nation.

He also wrote at least five books in your Bible. They are the first five and are called the Books of Moses.



*Using your Bible to help you, color the Books of Moses.*



Esther was a queen in Persia. She was a Hebrew but she kept that a secret. Her husband, the king, was tricked into signing a law that stated on a certain date all the Hebrews in Persia would be killed.

What should she do?

*If I do not tell anybody I am one of God's people, I will not be killed.*

*If God and my family are important to me, then I should not be ashamed to tell people who I really am.*



Queen Esther told her secret to the king. He could not change a law that had already been made, but a new law was made that said the Hebrews were allowed to fight back against anyone who tried to hurt them.

Because Esther was brave, she was not killed and neither were any other Hebrews living in Persia. By putting God first, not only was her life saved, but the lives of all her people!