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1st-6th Grades

Accept God's Word, Don't Resist Him

Ezekiel Chapters 25-32

3EZE32

Ezekiel



Materials I Need:

****Please note that lesson plans will now include options in the each section, for grades 1-6, so that you may teach to the different skill levels of your group of Bible students.**

Memory Work: 1st - 2nd : Ezekiel 18:32

3rd - 6th : Ezekiel 18:30-32

Prophet Ezekiel

People Exiles in Babylon

Prophecy God's Glory Won't Mix With Your Sin

Principle Accept God's Word, Don't Resist Him

Aim Questions:

1. How did Ezekiel announce the destruction of Jerusalem in Chapters 24 & 25? *(Through the death of his wife and the returning of his voice.)*
2. Does discipline seem pleasant at the time? How has God disciplined you? Did you like it?
3. Whose King claimed to be God? *(King of Tyre)* What was Tyre's purpose for existence? *(wealth, greed, and power!)*
4. Who is the center of attention as you go through out your day? Who should be? What can you do to get Him there?

Hook:

QUICK DRAW. Hang 8 large pieces of butcher paper on the wall around the room. Starting by a window, number them in order. As students arrive, ask them to draw the following items on the corresponding papers. Drawings will become points of interest on our "Tour of Tyre" during LOOK time.

#1 Boxes: Draw stacks of boxes. All sizes.

#2 Wall: Draw a solid wall made from stones, blocks, or bricks.

#3 Stage: Draw a stage with draperies.

#4 Jewels: Draw all kinds of jewelry.

#5 Animals: Draw horses, lambs, goats, and other farm animals.

#6 Fabric: Draw fabric in many colors and patterns. Draw clothing and rugs.

#7 Food: Draw different kinds of food. Draw some jars.

#8 Palace: Draw a castle or palace.

YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NOW. Secretly ask one student not to cooperate when you ask the class to sit down for Bible Adventure time. (You may have a student with some experience at this.) Be sure the student knows that he/she is helping to illustrate a point and that the experiment will be over when the student is taken out of the classroom. After you go through with this, explain to the class that it was a set-up. Ask students how they felt when a classmate gets in trouble. Did they enjoy seeing someone else having a hard time? In today's lesson, we will find that Jerusalem's neighbors weren't very sympathetic when God brought judgment on them.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Bible Adventure -

All of us have people in our lives who will step in and discipline us, punish us if we need it. God's Word, in the book of Hebrews, tells us that "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." (Hebrews 21:11 NIV)

We don't enjoy being punished. It hurts our pride. But God's Word tells us that afterwards we will see good things happen in our lives. We'll experience righteousness, which is agreeing with God's will and purposes and seeing it in action in our lives.

Discipline is a good thing. Sometimes it's the only thing that gets us off the path to self-destruction. God knows our hearts so well He deals with us in exactly the right way. He's been dealing that way with His children from the very beginning. Sometimes, when His children are rebellious and won't listen, He has to discipline. At times the discipline is severe. We've been looking at Ezekiel's prediction of some very serious discipline in store for the Israelites. God allowed the Babylonians to invade Jerusalem, killing thousands of God's people and capturing thousands more. It was a devastating attack, and God wanted His people to know it was His doing. All the nations around Judah saw the destruction. How did these nations react? Not in a very good way, I'm afraid. They were happy about the downfall of God's people, and were looking to see if there was something they could gain from it. They shouted with joy as God's people were taken captive. Can you imagine how the Israelites must have felt? The pain of being under God's judgment had to be so great--then add to that the sting of the laughter of enemies from other countries. God was not about to let the laughter continue. He had a message for those nations, too.

To Ammon He said, "Because you laughed when my temple was dishonored and the land of Judah destroyed and when my people went into exile, I am going to destroy you. Because you rejoice over Judah's downfall, you will fall, too. I will allow other nations to invade and bring you down. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

To Moab He said, "You watched the judgment of Judah and said to yourselves, 'Judah is nothing special to God or to anyone else.' You have forgotten the promises I made to my people. Because you have done this, I am going to remove your defensive cities and you will lose your freedom to other nations. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

To Edom He said, "You have set yourself to be a rival of Judah. You have helped the Babylonians in their attack on my people because of your hatred. Because of this my people of Israel will be the ones to bring judgment upon you. Your men and your animals, from Teman to Dedan, will be killed."

To Philistia He said, "You have been Israel's enemy for a long time and have tried many times to conquer my people. Because of your lasting hatred for them, I will cut you off and destroy you. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

To Sidon He said, "Because you have gloated as you watched my children suffer, and because you look to gain from their suffering, I will remove you as Israel's neighbor. I will destroy you so that when my people return to their land they will not have such hateful people as neighbors. Then my people will know that I am the Lord their God."

To Egypt He said, "You are arrogant and proud about your land and its great Nile River, but when my people went to you for help you did nothing for them. I am going to make Egypt a wasteland for 40 years. After that you will be a weak nation. My people will not look to you for help, nor will anyone else."

God had the greatest scolding for the city of Tyre. Tyre was a powerful seaport. Because of its location people came from all over to trade goods there. Tyre became extremely wealthy. The king of Tyre saw all the power and riches of his city and became very proud in his heart. He saw himself as being very wise. He sat in his grand palace and became so puffed up that he actually believed he was a god. He joined in the laughter of the other nations at Judah's judgment by God. With Judah out of the way the king thought he would be able to become even wealthier by taking over Judah's trade. The king was so evil that God compared him to Satan, his master. God said that just as He had dealt with Satan when he rebelled, so he would deal with the king of Tyre. This city, which took such pride in its power and wealth, would fall, too. God would bring so many nations against Tyre that her walls and towers would be torn

down and the city would be scrapped into the sea. About 300 years before Jesus was born, Alexander the Great attacked the city and God's words came true as the city was destroyed. Today only fishing nets laid out to dry can be found on the shores where proud Tyre once stood.

If we learn nothing else from reading God's Word, we should know that greed and pride never get us anywhere. If we continue to live that way, it can be deadly. Anytime we think we need to be the center of attention we are acting like the king of Tyre. Anytime we raise ourselves above others, or use them to get something we want, God will not be pleased. Even if we never have the wealth and power the king of Tyre had, we can still fall into the trap of thinking the way he did. We can become proud, thinking that no one can touch us, not even God. Ezekiel keeps reminding us, God's glory and our sin will never mix. There will come a time when it all ends. If you are one of God's children, He will discipline you, because He loves you and wants to keep you from destroying yourself. Then, just like He promised, you'll enjoy His peace and righteousness in your life. Aren't you glad God cares that much for you?



Look:



TWO BRAGGY KINGS. Worksheet/Color page. Color and fill in the blanks. What happened to these guys? **3EZE32.GF1**

Answers: "I am the King of Tyre."

"I am a god."

"I sit on the throne of a god."

"I am as wise as a god."

Ezekiel 28:2

"I am Pharaoh, King of Egypt."

"The Nile River is mine."

"I made it for myself."

Ezekiel 29:2



MAPS. Visuals/Discussion. Show students a map of the Middle East from the time of Ezekiel (or before). Find some of the countries that are mentioned in the Bible Adventure. Compare with a current map of the same area. Can students find any of the same countries? This illustrates our lesson and reinforces the fact that we are dealing with real events in real places. This isn't make believe!



SHIPWRECK OF TYRE. Worksheet. Tyre was described as a beautiful sailing ship that was shipwrecked. What caused Tyre to "sink"? **3EZE32.GF2**



TOUR OF TYRE. Narration/Visuals. Take the students on a "Tour of Tyre". **3EZE32.GF3**



GUESS WHO? Discussion. Read Ezekiel 28:12b-17. Ask students who is being described here. Many people think that this passage is an "overlapping" description of the King of Tyre and Satan himself.




Took:





CENTER OF ATTENTION. Game. Have students sit in a circle. A teacher can be the first to stand in the middle and be the "center of attention". This is a stare-down. The "center of attention" must look at the people around him one at a time for about one second each. They will make faces, etc. to try to make the center person laugh. If he even cracks a smile, he's out, and the one who made him laugh becomes the "center of attention". If the "center of attention" looks around the circle twice with a straight face, he "wins" and can choose his successor.



GOALS FOR LIFE. Worksheet/Discussion. Many adults use selfish goals to motivate kids to make the right choices. What goals would God have us pursue? The city of Tyre had achieved almost every goal that people pursue today: beauty, power, fame, and wealth. They had it all. Or did they? Have students discuss honestly the goals they have set for their lives. **3EZE32.GF4**

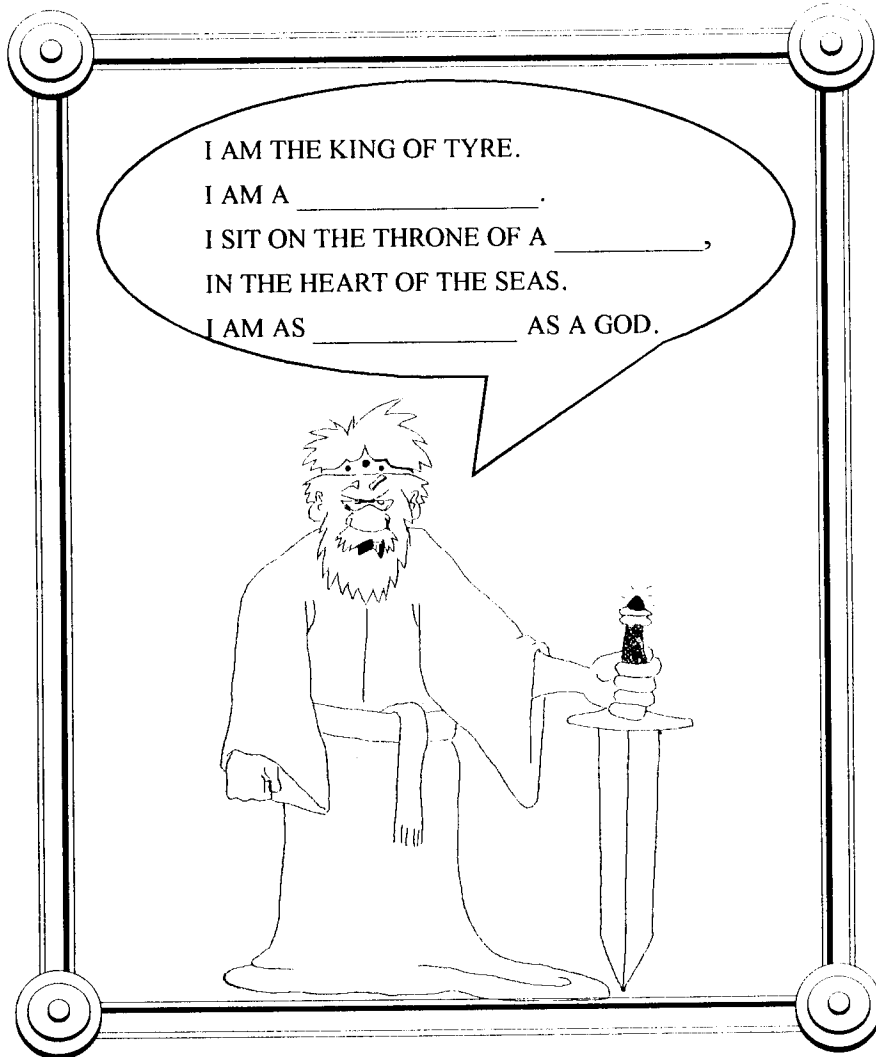
 **UNIVERSAL LAWS.** Discussion. The people of Ammon, Moab, Edom, etc. did not have the law that was given to Moses. Yet God held them responsible for the evil things they did -- particularly to the nation of Israel. This indicates there must be some “universal laws” that God expects all people to know and obey regardless of who or where they are. Some laws are made by men just to keep order in society (like stopping for a red light), but some laws are written by God “on our hearts”. Discuss this with your students. As a class, make a list on the board of “universal laws”.

 **WORSHIP BOOKLET.** Devotional. **Option 1:** Continue to re-inforce the importance of the 4 P's of a daily devotional life. Introduce this week's “practice” sections with the half sheet symbols in view. **3EZE32.GF5** Half sheet symbols - Practice. **3EZE32GF5.1-6** **Option 2:** Give the Glory to God worship booklet. Ask the students if they being blessed by the singing and praying for each day? **3EZE32.GF6**

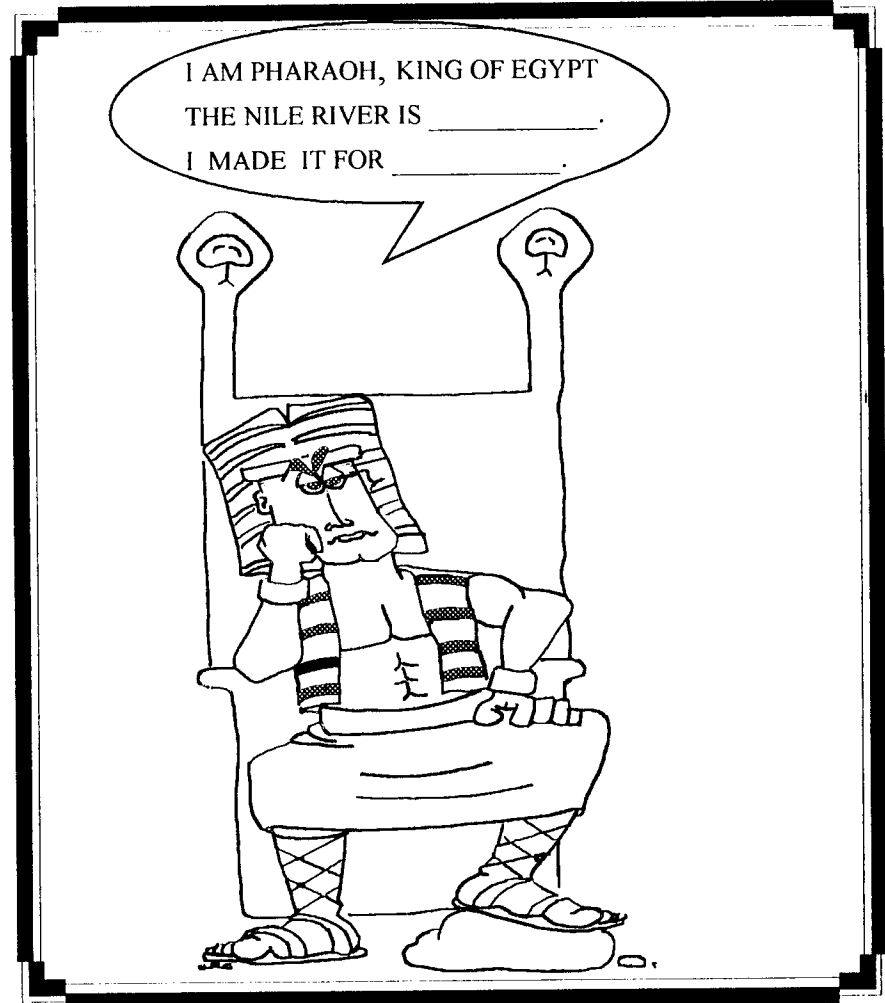
 **Jumpin' 4 P's.** This is the continued jump rope ditty to help the Bible students remember the Old Testament Prophets. Practice saying this ditty to the rhythm of the rope hitting the ground. This can be fun!

The Prophet is Ezekiel
The People are --- Exiles in Babylon
The Prophecy---God's Glory Won't Mix
With Your Sin
The Principle---Accept God's Word
Don't Re-sist Him.
These are the 4 P's
Got 'em from Ezekiel
Now it's time to jump out!

TWO BRAGGY KINGS



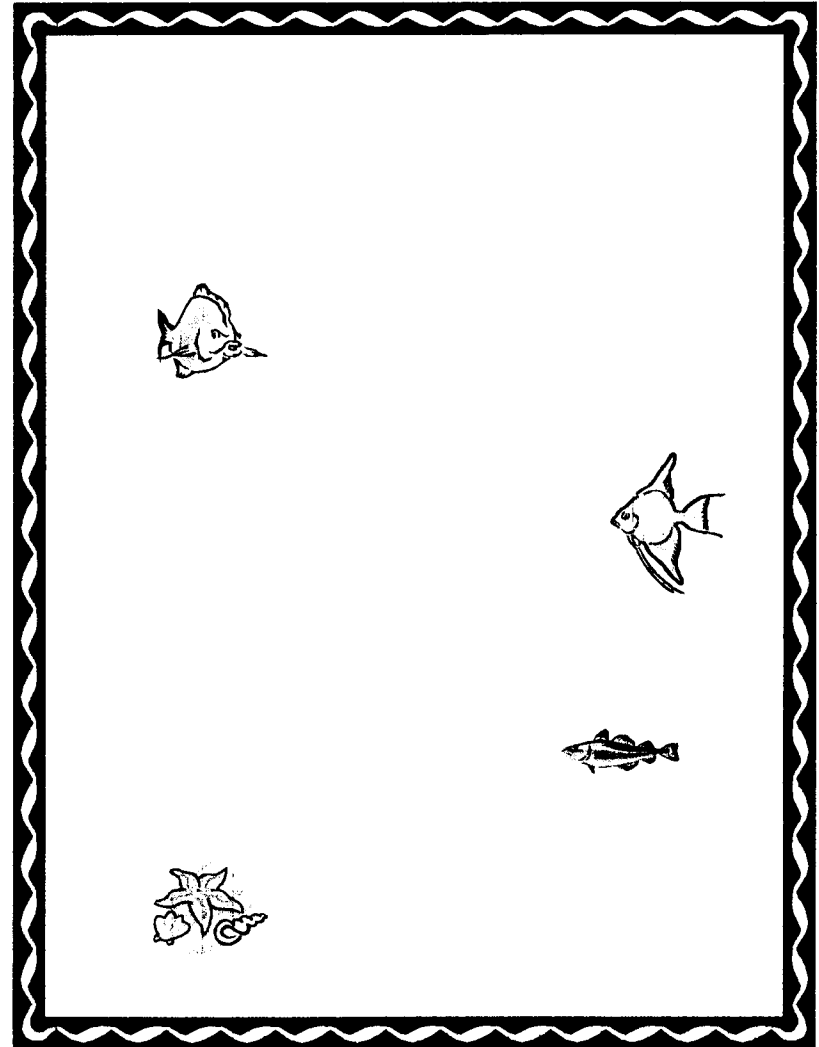
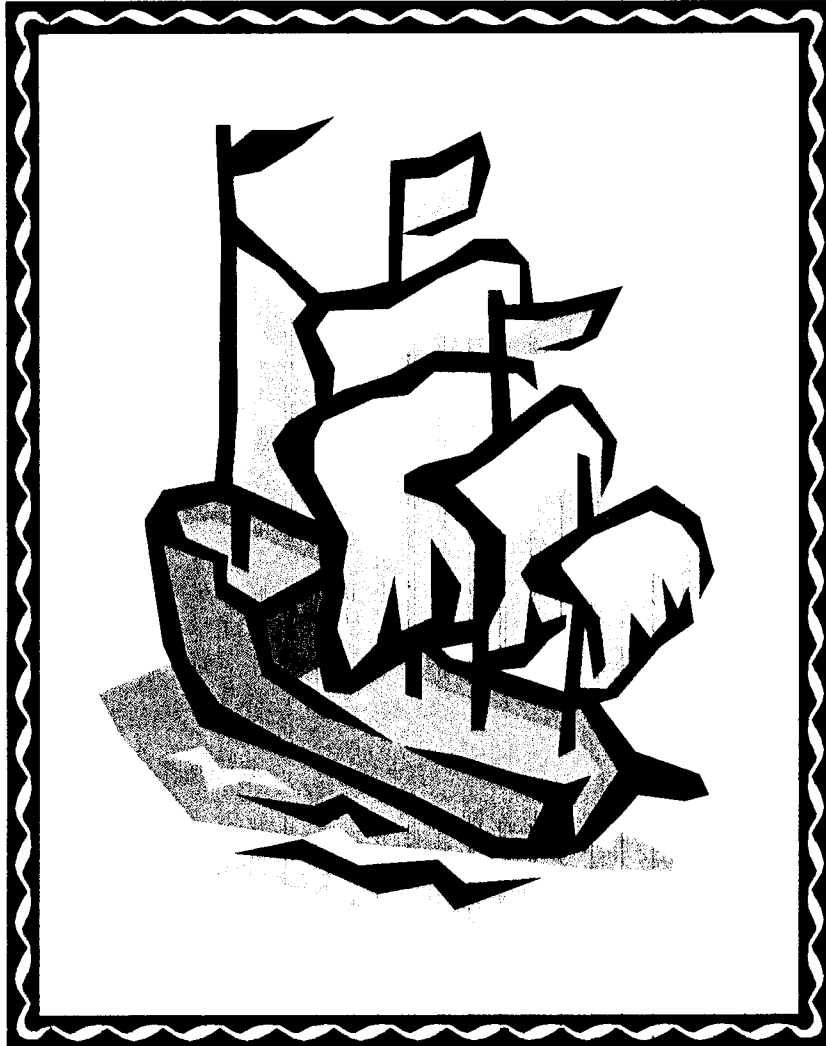
WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS KING?
SEE EZEKIEL 28:2-10
Fill in the blanks and color the picture.



WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS PHARAOH?
SEE EZEKIEL 29:2 & 31:18
Fill in the blanks and color the picture.

SHIPWRECK OF TYRE

The city of Tyre was located on the coast - mostly on an island. Ezekiel's poetry describes Tyre as a beautiful sailing ship that was shipwrecked. What caused Tyre to 'sink?' Color the ship. Then draw a wrecked ship under water.



Tour of Tyre

Take students on a “tour” of the city of Tyre. The pictures drawn during Hook Time (see ‘Quick Draw’) will be your points of interest. Feel free to ham it up!

Welcome to “Perfection Tours.” My name is _____ and I’ll be your guide for the day. You are about to experience the city of Tyre. Prepare to be amazed. Here in Tyre we like to say that our city is “Perfect in Beauty” and for us, that’s being modest! Tyre is the model of perfection that every other city can only dream of! Jerusalem was the only city that ever came close to the splendor you will see here, but she’s not exactly pretty any more.... Now before we begin our tour, we would ask that you observe a few simple rules. Stay together as a group - we don’t want anyone to wander off. No flash photography, and please, control your envy and excitement over the wealth and beauty you are about to see.

Since you arrived by boat, most of you already know that you are on an island. But an island can’t completely contain the city of Tyre. If you look out over the water (*point toward a window in the classroom*), you will see settlements on the mainland. Have you ever seen finer houses? Of course you haven’t. Our builders have brought this city to perfection. And they used nothing but the finest of materials - pine from Senir, cedar from Lebanon, oak from Bashan, and cypress wood from the coasts of (guess where) Cyprus.

#1 (Boxes) Before we leave the docks, I know you’re dying to know about all the merchandise you see in these boxes all around us. Tyre is (as far as we’re concerned) the center for trade in the world. Sailing ships come from everywhere to trade their products for goods that have come here from other places. Here comes a ship from Tarshish now. We buy merchandise from one trader and sell it to another for a lot more than we paid! That’s how we’ve become so rich! We often cheat our customers to keep profits at their highest. You don’t have a problem with that do you? We had to learn some tricks in order to compete with Jerusalem, but now that city is out of the picture. With our competition out of the way, we’re sure that now we’ll make even more money. When Jerusalem got into trouble with Babylon, they asked for our help. I’m glad we didn’t answer them because we’re going to be a lot better off now that they’ve been destroyed. In Tyre, everyone says, “Now that Jerusalem lies in ruins, I will prosper.”

#2 (Wall) Now, as we enter through the gates of the city, notice the walls themselves. Not only is Tyre the most beautiful of all cities, but she is the most secure as well. We’ve hired professional soldiers from places like Persia, Lydia, and Put. See their beautiful shields and helmets hanging on the walls? These

walls are heavily guarded at all times by men from Arvad and Helech. There are guards in each one of the towers you see. They're from Gammud and their shields are also hanging on the walls. Not only do these things help to beautify our city, they remind us of how completely safe we are.

#3 (Stage) Our first stop inside the city walls is just one of our many beautiful theaters and concert halls. If you plan to stay in Tyre tonight, come back this evening and treat yourself to some of the finest music you'll ever hear. If you've never heard singing accompanied by harps, you just won't want to miss it. Notice the architecture and lavish furnishings of this building. Yes, the pillars are inlaid with real ivory. The seats are covered with blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah, and the draperies are embroidered linen from Egypt. Notice the workmanship in every detail. We can afford to buy the best craftsmen in the world. The builders of this fine building were slaves from Gebal.

Let's move on the center of our city. Here we find one of the marketplaces where the heartbeat of Tyre can really be felt. Gather in close. All the bargaining can be very noisy and it might be difficult to hear. At the moment you can hear some men from Rhodes trading ivory tusks and ebony for some articles of bronze from Greece. Our metal traders carry silver, iron, tin, and lead from Tarshish. They also have wrought iron from Uzal.

#4 (Jewels) Let's step into this fine jewelry shop. Prepare to be dazzled. We have turquoise and rubies from Aram. The gold came from Sheba and Raamah. So did all these precious stones - so many kinds, I can't name them all. Have a look!

#5 (Animals) We are now about to enter the noisiest and most chaotic area of the whole marketplace. This is where animals are bought and sold. Be sure to see the traders from Beth Togarmah if you want war horses, work horses, or mules. If you do buy a horse, be sure to look at the saddle blankets from Dedan. This is also the place to buy lambs, rams and goats. As soon as you're ready to move on, we'll visit a quieter spot.

#6 (Fabric) Let's look in here at the fabric and woven goods. You'll be quite impressed! That wool is from Zahar. Our fine linen comes from Aram, as does the purple fabric and some of the embroidered work. Isn't it exquisite? You see blue fabric and beautiful garments all ready to wear. Don't miss the carpet section. We have rugs in many colors. See how well they're made with cords twisted and tightly knotted?

#7 (Food) Before we leave the marketplace, we'll visit the food vendors. They have products from all over the world. These merchants still have wheat, confections, honey, and oil from Israel and Judah. You should get the Judean

products while you still can. It might be your last chance. Be sure to try the wine from Helbon, and don't miss the spices from Sheba.

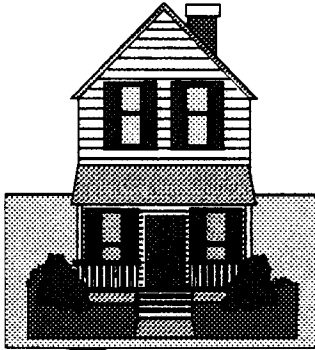
Now let's wait for the stragglers to catch up. We don't want anyone to miss our last - and best - stop! You are about to see the most impressive building in our entire city... The palace!

#8 (Palace) Today, you have already seen some of the most beautiful buildings in the world, but this palace far surpasses them all. Just gaze at it's magnificent splendor. Yes, those jewels you see are precious stones set in gold. They are ruby, topaz, and emerald; chrysolite, onyx and jasper; sapphire, turquoise and beryl. As visitors, you might think all this is a little bit extravagant; but nothing is too good for our worthy king. His beauty, wisdom, and splendor are unmatched among men. In fact, he tells us he is a god and that he is as wise as a god. Are we stupid enough to believe him? Yes! We are! He's just the right kind of leader for a city like ours.

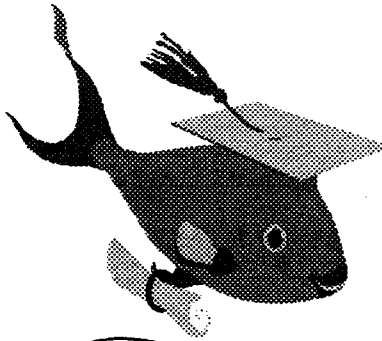
Our time is almost gone and I want to leave time for questions when we get back to the docks so let me conclude by telling you something that by now, I'm sure, you already know. Every resident of Tyre is just as proud as he can be of his city. It is the most beautiful, wealthy, and powerful city in the world. What could be better than that? What's more, Tyre is invincible. We will always stay just as we are, except maybe for becoming even greater. Don't you wish you lived here?

What's Your Goal?

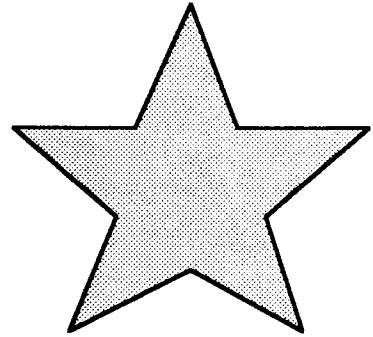
Circle your goal in life. You may want to add
add one of your own.



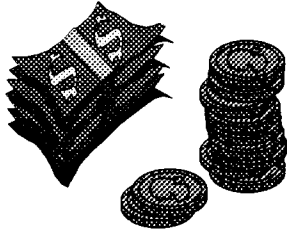
Nice House



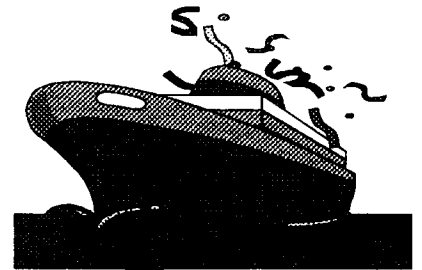
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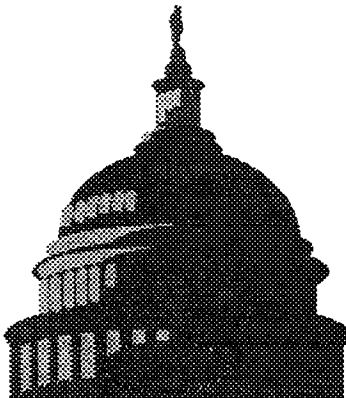
Lots of Money



Travel



Be more like
Jesus



President



A Good Job

My goal in life is _____

(Self-control - No yelling, hitting, etc.)
 Eze. 18:32
 "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"
 THURSDAY
 (Be patriotic!)
 (Pray for our country!)
 Eze. 18:32
 "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"
 WEDNESDAY

(Be a Missionary)
 Eze. 18:32
 "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"
 TUESDAY
 (My Family & Friends)
 Eze. 18:32
 "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"
 MONDAY

FRIDAY
 "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"
 Eze. 18:32
 (My Words)
 SATURDAY
 "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"
 Eze. 18:32
 (My Thoughts)

DAILY WALK

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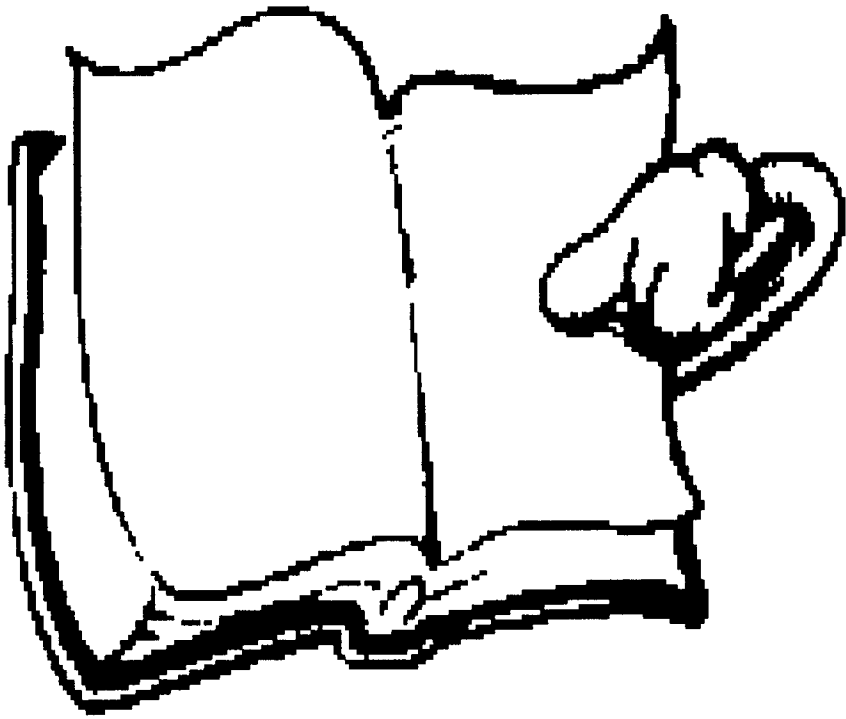
PRAISE

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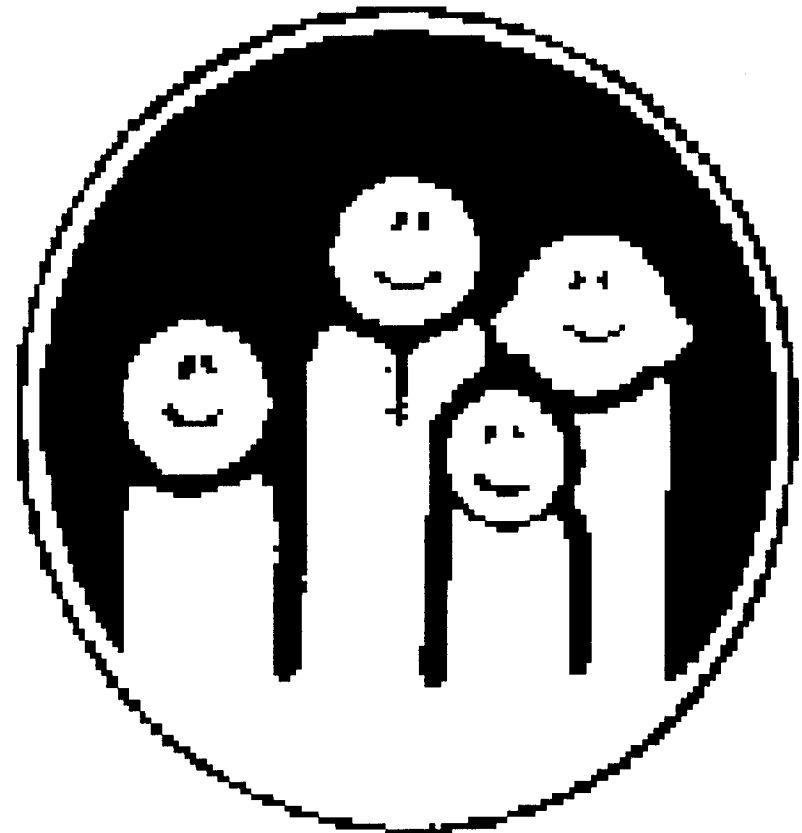
PRAYER

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PASSAGE

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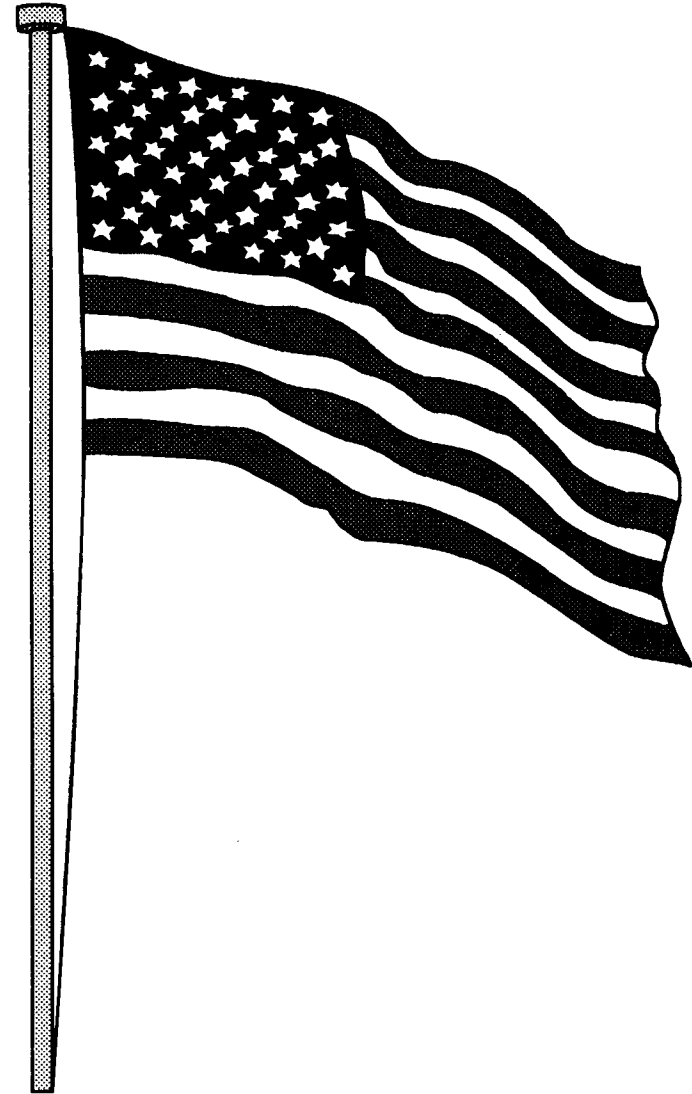
My Family & Friends

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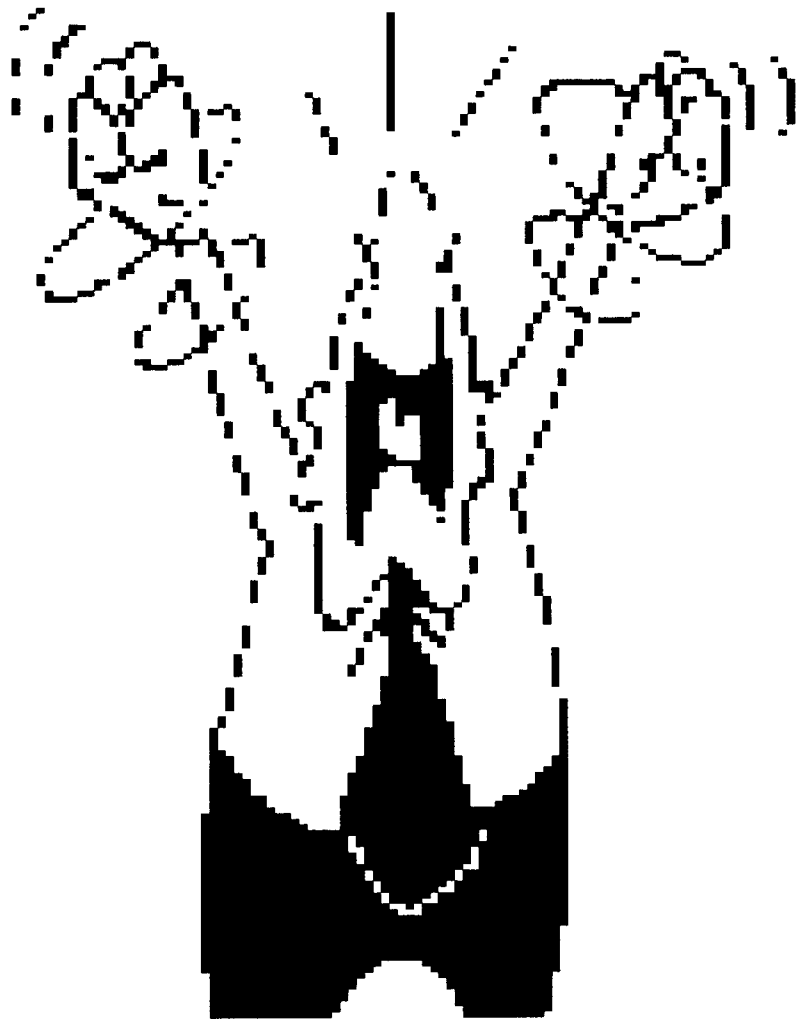
Be a missionary

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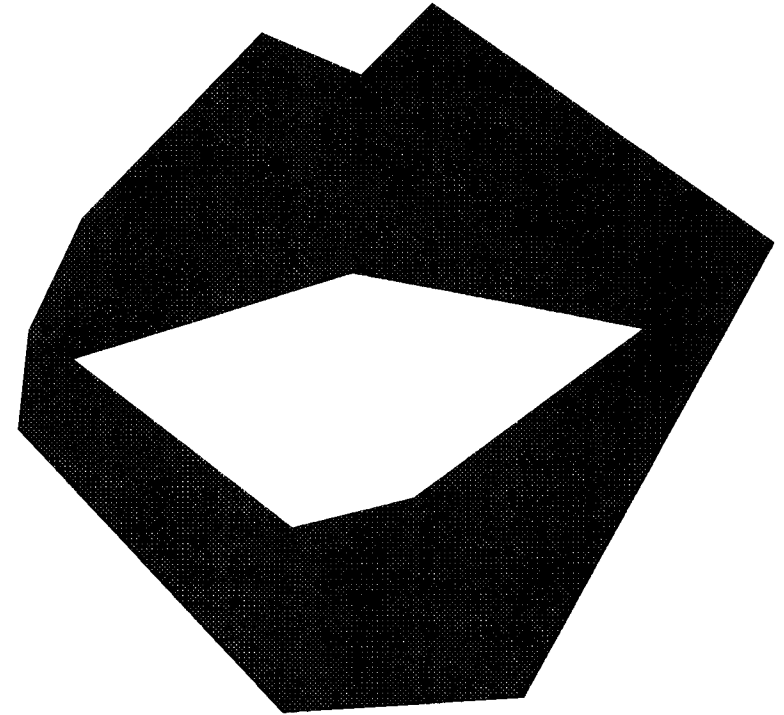
***Be Patriotic!
Pray for your country***

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***Self-control - No yelling,
hitting, etc.***

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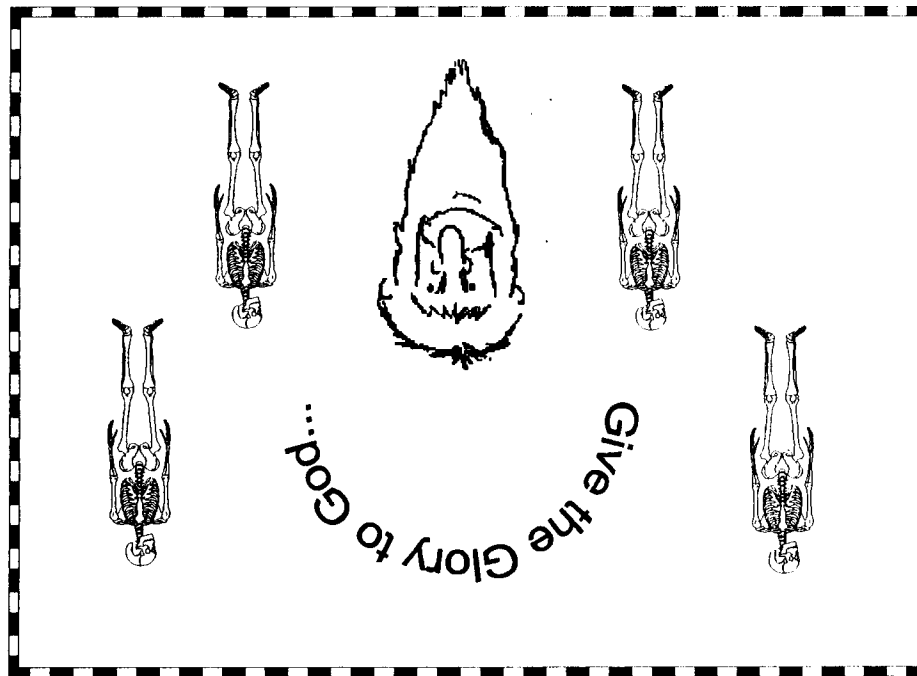
My Words

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My Thoughts

3EZE32GF5.9



MONDAY-

Prayer - Pray for family members who aren't living in your home.

Passage - Read Ezekiel Chapter 33. What was Ezekiel called? What are the responsibilities of a watchman?

Praise - Sing: Heaven Is A Wonderful Place

TUESDAY-

Prayer - Pray for the Bible Students in Russia to know God's Word and for their outreach. Pray for the teachers from the U.S. to adjust quickly to the time change and for God to use this time to bring them closer to Himself.

Passage - Read Ezekiel Chapter 34 & 35. What does Chapter 34 say about selfish shepherds? What was the prophecy against Edom and what would the people of Edom know?

Praise - Sing: Ho Ho Ho Hosanna

FRIDAY-

Prayer - Pray for your future. What does the Lord have for you? How will He use you for His glory?

Passage - Read Ezekiel Chapter 38. What do you find out about the future invasion of Israel?

Praise - Sing: He Is Exalted / Oh, Lord You're Beautiful

SATURDAY-

Prayer - Pray for the Lord to use you in your Bible class tomorrow to help a classmate.

Passage - Read Ezekiel Chapter 39. Look especially at the restoration of Israel. What will the Lord pour out on the house of Israel?

Praise - Sing both parts of Praise Ye The Lord. Smile a lot!



WEDNESDAY-

Prayer - Pray for your siblings and yourself to get along. Give the Glory to God when you succeed!

Passage - Read Ezekiel Chapter 36. Why is Israel to be renewed?

Praise - Sing: He Is Lord / He Lives

THURSDAY-

Prayer - Pray for God to work through you in a special way this week.

Passage - Read Ezekiel Chapter 37. What is the deal with these dry bones? What can it possibly mean?

Praise - Sing: Dem Bones, Dem Bones, Dem Dry Bones