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## Dear Parent

Welcome to the May to August 2024 issue of **The Living the Word Series**. Each Unit has a *Theme* and a *Title*. The *Unit Overviews* on pages 5, 16, 29 and 39—provide the **BIBLE THOUGHTS** for each month.

We encourage parents and caregivers to make an effort each week to go through the lesson with the child and to help the child to:

1) study the lessons by reading the *Bible story*. You can read the **BIBLE THOUGHTS** to and with the child

2) apply the lessons learnt to his or her life

3) do the activities for each lesson.

We pray that as you continue to journey with us through the series, you and your household will be blessed.

## **How can I help my child during this quarter?**

Here are some suggestions that can help you and your child as you seek to review the lessons with them:

1. Carve out time to spend with your child without any distractions (TV, games or other devices). Discuss aspects of each lesson with them during this quality time.

2. Practise active listening. Listening involves being fully present in mind and body to hear what your child has to say. Show them that you care about their thoughts and ideas.

3. Seek out opportunities that can help improve your child's knowledge of God. Summer is a good time to get your child enrolled in Christian Camps and Vacation Bible School.

Children are a blessing from God. Let us love, protect and guide them in His way.

## Meet Our Writers



**Faith Clemmings**—*Jamaica*: Faith is the writer of the May unit. She has been involved in various aspects of curriculum development for Caribbean Christian Publications for over 20 years. Faith has served as Director of the Christian Education Department at Calvary Baptist Church where she is a deacon.



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# UNIT 1 OVERVIEW

## Unit Theme: FAMILY Unit Title: Helpful Family Members

MAY 5

### A HELPFUL UNCLE

BIBLE THOUGHT

**We are  
helpers.**

Based on  
2 Corinthians 1:24

MAY 12

### A KIND MOTHER

BIBLE THOUGHT

**Be kind to one  
another.**

Based on  
Ephesians 4:32

MAY 19

### A HELPFUL BROTHER

BIBLE THOUGHT

**Help one another  
to do good.**

Based on  
Hebrews 10:24

MAY 26

### A CARING FATHER

BIBLE THOUGHT

**Pray for sick  
people.**

Based on  
James 5:14



**A HELPFUL UNCLE****STARTERS**  
Bible Thought

We are helpers. *Based on 2 Corinthians 1:24*

Lot was the nephew of God's servant, Abram. Lot lived in a city called Sodom. Four kings came together to fight against the people who lived in Sodom. The kings destroyed the people's houses and stole all their food. The kings also took the people away from their homes. They even took Lot, and all the things he owned, to their country.

When Abram heard that Lot had been taken by their enemies, he was very sad. Abram might have said to his friends, "We need to find my nephew!" Abram called out hundreds of fighters. They went out to find Lot.

Abram and the men travelled for a very long time. Finally, they found their enemies and rescued Lot. They also rescued the women and children. The people took back

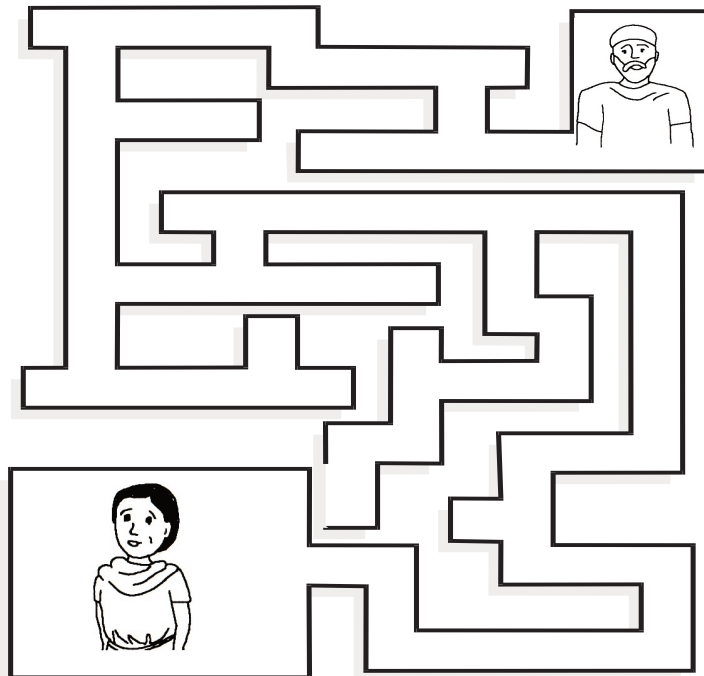
the things that had been taken from them.

Abram must have been very happy to find Lot and to see that he was safe. Lot, must have been happy that Abram found him. “Thank you, Uncle, for getting me out of danger!” Lot must have said.

*Based on Genesis 14:11-16*



Help Uncle Abram to find his nephew, Lot.  
Use a crayon to draw a line to connect  
them to each other.





**A KIND MOTHER****STARTERS****Bible Thought**

Be kind to one another. *Based on Ephesians 4:32*

Elijah was a prophet. A prophet would tell the people everything God said to tell them. A prophet was a very special servant of God.

It had not rained in Elijah's country for a very long time. The long drought dried up all the rivers. There was little food and water; so the people did not have much to eat or drink. God told Elijah to go to a place called Zarephath. A kind mother and her son lived there. She would give him food and water.

Elijah obeyed God and travelled to Zarephath. When he arrived in the city, he saw a woman picking up sticks. Elijah was thirsty and hungry; so he said to her, "Please give me a drink of water and something to eat." The woman said to Elijah, "The only

thing I have is a little flour and oil. I am going to make a meal for myself and my son. Then, we will die of hunger.”

“Don’t worry,” Elijah said, “Go and use the flour and the oil to make a cake for me. Then, make a cake for yourself and your son. Your flour and oil will not run out!” The woman did what Elijah told her to do.

Elijah was right. God did not let the woman’s flour or oil run out! The woman must have been happy that she shared her food with Elijah.

*Based on 1 Kings 17:7-16*



Today is Mother’s Day. Write on the lines below four things that you love about your mother, or the person who takes care of you.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

## **For a Special Mother**

Today is Mother's Day. Write a poem for your mother or the person who takes care of you and, then, read it for them when you get home.

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Happy Mother's Day!

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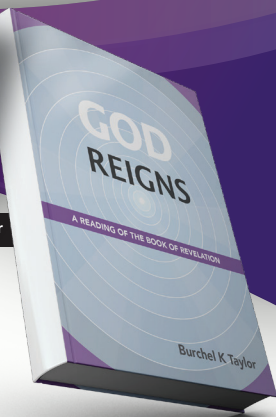


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