Children's Bible Activities, Stories, and Poems
From “Saul and the Evil Angel” to “The Syrian Army”

Year 2, Quarter 1

Birds

Answer Key

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<td>3. It reminds us of Saul who was larger in stature than most men.</td>
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<td>Emperor and King</td>
<td>4. This reminds us where the flicker builds its nest in the holes in trees.</td>
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<td>They are black and white which reminds us of purity (white) how Saul should have been and sin (black), how he became.</td>
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<td>6. Six or more</td>
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<td>“Because thou obeyest not the voice of the LORD, nor exeutest his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.”</td>
<td>7. It eats berries, insects, and worms. Ants</td>
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<td>“Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines” (I Samuel 28:17-19).</td>
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<td>Saul was like a tree full of wood-boring insets (like sin) that were eating his heart out.</td>
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<td>“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).</td>
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“But the brave men of Jabesh-gilead, remembering Saul’s deliverance of their city in his earlier and happier years, now manifested their gratitude by rescuing the bodies of the king and princes, and giving them honorable burial.”

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4. Hummingbird 5. Kiwi

EXAMPLE – ABC List
Avocet Nuthatch
Blackbird Oriole
Cardinal Painted Bunting
Duck Quail
Egret Robin
Flicker Swan
Goldfinch Teal
Heron Umbrella Bird
Ibis Vireo
Junco Warbler
Kite Xenops
Lark Yellowthroat
Mockingbird Zebra Finch

LESSON 2

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“And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD...” (II Samuel 2:1).

1. “Go up” “Unto Hebron”

2. David honored God by seeking His counsel.

3. Student, answer.

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David means: “Loving” or “Beloved,” “chieftain” or “Commander.”

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1. Raven

2. Sparrows

3. Dove

4. Eagles

5. Hen

6. Raven and a dove

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1. Feathers

2. Backbone

3. Warm-blooded

4. Lay Eggs

5. Walks on 2 legs
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6. Most have four toes
7. Most Fly
8. Most have good eyesight

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1. Ishbosheth’s weakness
2. Jealousy
3. “And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner” (II Samuel 3:28).

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1. Mahanaim
2. “Thou shalt not kill.” God would decide and take care of any enemy and it is wrong to take the life of another person.
3. “Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour” (Romans 13:7).

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Thousands

1 – 2. 5 – 1.
2 – 7. 6 – 8.
3 – 6. 7 – 4.
4 – 5. 8 – 3.
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Oyster Catcher

Pears

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Jerusalem (Salem, Jebus) means “City of Peace (or God),” or “Foundation,” “House of Peace.” Melchizedek

LESSON 3

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1. Jonathan’s son

2. Lame

3. His nurse and Mephibosheth was fleeing after the death of Abner and Ish-bosheth and his nurse let him fall.

4. Only Mephibosheth

5. Examples: met, hit, both, he, me, hip, hot, moth, and so forth.

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1. “...Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2. Ziba was a servant in the house of Saul.

3. It is having a part and especially a leg so disabled as to make movement difficult.

4. “David, in his covenant with Jonathan, had promised that when he should have rest from is enemies he would show kindness to the house of Saul.”

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5. “At the time of Saul’s defeat by the Philistines at Jezreel, the nurse of this child, attempting to flee with him, had let him fall, thus making him a life-long cripple.”

6. Teacher, check.

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1. Mephibosheth

2. At the King’s table

3. “David now summoned the young man to court and received him with great kindness.”

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(Remember they are (1) food, (2) water, (3) shelter, and (4) nesting area.)
“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous” (I Peter 3:8).

“For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee” (Isaiah 54:10).

Mephibosheth took a humble position when David treated him with kindness and courtesy.

19 birds

LESSON 4

1. He was David’s and Ahinoam of Jezreel, eldest son.

2. “David had neglected the duty of punishing the crime of Amnon, and because of the unfaithfulness of the king and father and the impenitence of the son, the Lord permitted events to take their natural course, and did not restrain Absalom.”

3. Absalom fled Jerusalem after slaying Amnon.

4. Joab tried to reconcile father and son.


6. “And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king’s face” (II Samuel 14:24).

7. After counsel with God David should have taken a firm stand and punished the crime of Amnon as God directed.

Birds are obedient to the laws of nature.

The male bird chooses his territory.

1. Obey, all, well, pleasing, Lord

nest
advertising song
year
male bird
important
intruder
colonies
guard
fly

A bird’s territory is important. No other birds of the same species are allowed to enter. David’s territory was Israel. An intruder (of the same species), Absalom, David’s own son, was about to invade his kingdom.

Willingness
Submission
Self-surrender
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<td>David had to fly from his nesting or home territory in order to travel to another territory where he might feed. He cast himself upon the mercy of the God who made the birds. “For they neither sow nor reap; which neither have store house nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?” (Luke 12:24).</td>
<td>He used also his voice, like a male bird does in courtship, to woo the people to his side by “listening to their grievances, expressing sympathy with their sufferings and regret at the inefficiency of the government.” He carried this courtship with the people so far that he made a practice of kissing those who came to him at the gate of the city.</td>
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<td>1. “And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred summer fruits, and a bottle of wine.”</td>
<td>1. Ahithophel and Hushai</td>
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<td>2. “And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. “And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left” (II Samuel 16:5-6).</td>
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<td>4. Hushai gave counsel that would help David, while Ahithophel gave counsel to destroy David.</td>
<td>4. Because David was obedient God could answer his prayer.</td>
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<td>5. Gifts sent to David from Mephibosheth.</td>
<td>5. Hushai Hushai sent word to David to quickly pass over Jordan.</td>
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<td>1. “Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.”</td>
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2. Absalom’s army was undisciplined troops and became confused and unmanageable during the fight. |

3. “And the king was much moved and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my
son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!” (II Samuel 18:33).

4. Absalom’s body was cast into a pit and covered with a heap of stones. So died a disobedient son.

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Down Across
1. Pursue 1. Counsel
2. love 2. Son
3. Dew 3. Woods
4. tree 4. Escape
5. Covered 5. Stones

6. Obedience

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1. Because David’s son had been in rebellion and tried to take his father’s kingdom.

2. Yes 3. No

4. Because they had fought for him and many of their friends had lost their lives.

LESSON 5

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Suggestions
1. Woman kneeling
2. Trumpet
3. Man leading mule
4. Horn of oil
5. Music notes
6. Food on table
7. Crown
8. Throne
9. Church

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Canadian Goose

Albatross

1. Barheaded goose

2. They fly over the highest mountains in the world, the Himalayas in Asia, at a height of 25,000 feet (7,625 meters).

3. Adonijah

4. Geese fly together in flocks that make a v-formation. The leader is always at the point of the v. The geese flying behind the leader have an easier time of flying because of the windbreak the leader makes as he cuts through the air.

5. The geese teach us that being the leader carries with it the job of service to others. Solomon with his character quality of unselfishness was fit to be a leader, who is really a servant of God’s people.

6. Albatross
More than 11 feet (3.5 meters)
7. 600 miles (960 kilometers) a day

8. On the other hand, Solomon held out his wings of faith and let the Holy Spirit (like the wind) lift him into the position of being king. He did not rely upon his own power to be king. Adonijah did use his own power (force) and he was not able to rise to the height of being king. It was like sin, especially selfishness, had clipped his spiritual wings.

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“Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.”

1. “Peaceable”

2. Jedidiah

3. It is thought that Solomon was his throne name and Jedidiah his personal name.

4. Bathsheba

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Ostrich
Bee Hummingbird

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200 miles (320 kilometers) per hour

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1. Wisdom and understanding

2. Quickness of mind, for largeness of heart, for tenderness of spirit.

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3. “Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad.”

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1. Ostrich

2. Hawaiian Stilt

3. Great Egret

4. Great Blue Heron

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1. They hear sound that is so low in pitch that human ears cannot pick it up.

2. Earthquakes, thunderstorms, noisy machinery (over a thousand miles away)

3. The still small voice of conscience which is prodded by the Holy Spirit

4. “He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”

“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

5. Solomon

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“Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.”
“Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.”

“The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.”

“Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established.”

WISDOM

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2. A. Army
   
   B. Material goods such as gold, silver, and cedar trees
   
   C. Ability to write proverbs and songs

3. Suggested answers: His love, parents, home, food, friends, and so forth

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Bar-headed Goose – Highest flyer
Albatross – Largest wingspan
Ostrich – Biggest legs, Largest bird
Bee Hummingbird – Smallest bird
Peregrine Falcon – Fastest divers
Black-winged Stilt – Longest legs
Emperor Penguin – Dives deepest in water
Gannets – Dive from great heights
Arctic Tern – Greatest traveling

LESSON 6

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1. “Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars....”

2. Solomon

3. He was a man of rest and peace.

4. By respecting what God said

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Student, answer.

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Gold, silver, onyx stones, stones of divers colors, marble, and the most precious woods

1. He summoned the princes of Israel, with representative men from all parts of the kingdom.

2. Gave him the strength to attend and speak

3. To support the building of the temple

4. Mark, shafts

5. They came from God.

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1. Leveling the chosen site

2. Vast Retaining walls

3. Laying broad foundations

4. Shaping the heavy timbers
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4. Shaping the heavy timbers
5. Great stones
6. Costly stones
7. Hewed stones

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“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Psalm 127:1)

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1. Bower birds
2. Over 4 feet (1.2 meters)
3. Preparing those houses for their bride to accept them as their groom
4. With his beak and feet
5. Yes. Student, answer.
6. 18 species
7. Blue

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1. Falcons, European cuckoo
Other birds nest in hollow trees (woodpeckers), in holes in the ground, and some birds use abandoned nests such as sparrow and parrots.

2. “And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20).

3. Female
4. It lays its eggs in a smaller bird’s nest. They throw out the eggs in the nest and leave their own to be cared for by its owner.
5. It steals one from another bird.
6. The cuckoo and cowbird, not respecting other birds’ nests, reminds me of people who do not have reverence for God’s house or even in their own homes or others they lack respect.

LESSON 7

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“This woman was not an Israelite. She had never had the privileges and blessings that the chosen people of God had enjoyed; but she was a believer in the true God and had walked in all the light that was shining on her pathway. And now, when there was no safety for Elijah in the land of Israel, God sent him to this woman to find an asylum in her home.”

“...The widow had hitherto treated all strangers with kindness and liberality. Now, regardless of the suffering that
might result to herself and child, and trusting in the God of Israel to supply her every need, she met this supreme test of hospitality by doing ‘according to the saying of Elijah.’”

“Wonderful was the hospitality shown to God’s prophet by this Phoenician woman, and wonderfully were her faith and generosity rewarded.”

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1. 10 days to 80 days

2. He wanted them to be “born again” (hatch).

3. Female

4. This is a bare patch of skin with lots of blood vessels with warm blood to keep the eggs warm.

5. They will put their feet over the eggs to keep them warm. Ducks and geese will cover the inside of their nest with down feathers from their own bodies.

6. “He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust” (Psalm 91:4).

7. Elijah was thankful that God had provided for him during the drought.

8. The egg shell is light in weight but very strong. God designed it to protect the delicate unformed baby inside until it developed bones so it would no longer need the protection of the shell.

9. This can remind us of how we need the law of God to become part of us inside. Then we will have strength from within to stand upright.

10. The chick must spend hours or days in laboring to break the shell.

11. The chick will peep as it works.

12. They have a small bump on the tip of their upper beak called an “egg tooth.” It is used like a can-opener.

13. They also have a powerful muscle behind the head that powers the “egg tooth’s” blows.

14. “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

15. Discussion

16.
(1) Breaks air sac—begins breathing
(2) Breaks a hole in shell
(3) Begins cutting a circle in the shell
(4) Completes the circle
(5) Pushes itself out with its feet
(6) Is then free from the shell

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1. His life was in danger in Israel.

2. “...Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.”

3. Hospitality is giving what God has entrusted to us to show love to others.
4. You can be thankful for your daily bread by thanking God before eating it, thanking your parents for preparing it, and sharing your meal with another.

**A few examples:**

hospital - spot
spit - pot
stop - total
lot - post
pit

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Several eggs in a nest is called a clutch.

1. By sitting on the clutch and turning the eggs from time to time.
2. 95 degrees Fahrenheit or 35 degrees Celsius
3. In order for the baby birds to hatch
4. By giving Elijah a place to stay and fixing his meals each day
5. “Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure” (Isaiah 33:6).

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1. Hot deserts of Chile
2. Instead of sitting on the eggs it stands over them to shade them from the heat of the sun.
3. “Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy winds will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast” (Psalm 57:1).

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1. Largest eggs of any living birds
2. The shell is so strong that a man weighing 282 pounds (127 kilograms) could stand on it without breaking it.
3. The father digs the nest making a hollow in the ground.
4. Seven weeks
5. She will rest her head and long neck on the ground. Her body looks like a big rock.
6. Yes, he sits on the eggs at night.
7. The young ostriches make peeping sounds inside the eggs, and the parents peep back.
8. The widow knew the voice of God by obeying it. We can know His voice in the same way.
9. It is hard work to break out of the shell.
10. For God's care over all three of them

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Student, answer.

**LESSON 8**

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1. “Shew thyself unto Ahab”
2. Sore = strong, hard, violent
3. Obadiah
4. He was to search for food and water for the king's horses. King Ahab
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<td>6. water, pasture</td>
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<td>7. Elijah</td>
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<td>8. “Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.”</td>
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<td>9. &amp; 10. Upon hearing it Obadiah was afraid that as he went to tell the king the Spirit of God would take Elijah away to safety from Ahab. Obadiah knew king Ahab would become angry, he did not have self-control, and Obadiah would be punished with the loss of his life. Elijah assured Obadiah he would meet with king Ahab.</td>
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<td>2. “I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.”</td>
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<td>3. Yes. Have the child remember an experience and then think through how it could have been avoided. The parent could also tell an experience that they had and how they repented and asked God’s forgiveness.</td>
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<td>4. “Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel’s table.”</td>
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<td>1. To blend in with their surroundings</td>
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<td>2. Fly or some birds run</td>
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<td>3. Camouflage feathers</td>
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<td>4. Self-control</td>
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| Page 173 |
| 1. No, It was the sins of the king and queen, and even the people that troubled Israel. |

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| 1. |
| (1) Jezebel’s false prophets marched up and take their place. |
| (2) The king next appears with all the false prophets. |
| (3) All Israel gathers |
| (4) Elijah seems to stand alone as he faces king Ahab, false prophets, and the people |

2. Mount Carmel had once been a beautiful place with streams, flowers, and groves of trees. Now all is dry and barren. You could look down in the valleys and see the barren land. On the top of one of the highest ridges is a broken-down altar of God, while below were the leafless trees where Baal was worshipped.
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3. No, God was there, the angels, and remember the prophets he had hid in a cave. See I Kings 18:21-24.

4. They lost self-control.

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1. For protection because there is less likely a predator will attack a bird in a flock than if it was all by itself.

2. The prophets of Baal stayed together like a flock of birds. You have heard the saying, “Birds of a feather flock together.” People who do evil like to be with other people who do evil. People who follow God enjoy the company of others who follow Him.

3. Hawks
Noisy songbirds, feeding in a treetop, will become instantly quiet and not move, using self-control, when a hawk passes overhead. The hawk and other predators watch for movement when they hunt.

4. The noisy songbirds remind us of the noise the large crowd of people must have made on Mount Carmel. When the songbirds are instantly quiet, that reminds us of Elijah’s prayer and the fire coming from heaven to burn up the offering, water, and stones. The people quickly fell down not moving.

5. Praised
“The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.”

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1. Stars = Resting outside of Jezreel for the night
Scroll = Messenger came with a message
Man running = Elijah fleeing
Sword = Jezebel was seeking Elijah’s life

2. Rain = It was raining and dark
Staying hand = Self-control
“Dreary Waste” = Elijah fell exhausted
Juniper tree = Where Elijah rested

3. Angel = Angel who fed and cared for Elijah
Cake = Bread given to Elijah
Jug = Water for Elijah
Four Tens = 40 days and forty nights Elijah went unto Horeb

4. Cave = Where Elijah lodged
Tongue = God speaking
Four = Four things: Wind; Earthquake; Fire; Still Small Voice = Elijah still had a work yet to be accomplished for God
7,000 = Those who have not bowed the knee to Baal

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Elijah let discouragement separate him from God, like the baby chicks, he needed to stay close to his Heavenly Parent.
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1. Larger and fiercer
A. Feathers
B. Wings
C. Bills
D. Making hissing noises and other sounds

2. Bite, jab, grab

3. Frightening

4. Attack, mob

5. Elijah needed to remember God would have helped him and He will do the same for you.

LESSON 9

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Twelve

See I Kings 19:20. He kept testing him by asking him to turn back. His answer was “As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.”

Respect

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1-10 Student, answer.

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Ostrich

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1. Samuel
   Elijah

2. They were taught to respect God’s law and make it honorable to others.

3. Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho

4. Elijah and Elisha

5. They had learned to recognize the presence of the Spirit of God and paid respect to the one guided by the Spirit.

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1. Nature

2. As flippers in the water and for balance when on land

3. Their bodies are shaped perfect for living in the water.

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1. 50 students from the School of the Prophets, Elisha, and the Angels

2. Angels

3. God

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1. Some birds, such as storks migrate.

2. Elisha knew it was time for Elijah to be translated. The other prophets were also aware of the fact. The Holy Spirit had revealed the “appointed time” to those who were being obedient in the little things.
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Just as some birds are guided by the magnetic pull of the earth so Elijah and Elisha had been attracted to each other by the magnetic pull of the Holy Spirit. God designed for them to associate with each other in a special work.

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1. It is thought that a chemical change takes place in their bodies that helps them prepare for their long journey.

2. They will molt and gain an extra layer of fat. This can remind us of how Elisha “molted” by casting off his old garment and putting on the mantle of Elijah. He would need a new covering on the journey he was taking. He used it to part the Jordan River.

3. We will need to put on Jesus’ robe of righteousness to replace your old garment.

4. It depends on the amount of daylight, weather conditions, and food supply.

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1. To move from one country or region to another

2. Small

3. Millions

4. Night, day

5. Day, night

6. Yes, no

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7. Migrated

Swallows
Storks
Hummingbirds
Geese
Ducks
Swans

LESSON 10

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1. A wife of one of the sons of the prophets

2. One of the sons of the prophet Elisha

3. Her husband had died and she had a debt that the creditor was going to take her sons for bondsmen to pay the it.

4. 2 sons

5. A pot of oil

6. Borrow many vessels from her neighbors

7. They would have a part in the miracle and also help the poor widow woman and her sons.

8. Borrow many vessels
   Shut her door
   Pour out into the vessels from her pot of oil
   Once one pot was full then she was to set it aside and take the next vessel and do the same

9. The widow and her sons must not just sit down and wait for God to help them. They had also a part in helping to pay the debt.
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1. The bones are hollow, feathers, and the insides of birds are all lightweight. Its body is streamlined, ready for flying.

2. The feathers

3. Owls, and grouse

4. To escape from predators (Other answers could be: to build nests in difficult places for the safety of the offspring; to quickly find their food, to move to warmer places during the winter; and many other reasons.)

5. Getting into debt, owing someone money, is like clipping a bird’s wings so that it cannot fly. Debt makes bondsmen of people to whom the money is owed. God helped the poor widow and her sons get out of debt. He can help your family if they are in debt.

6. Yes!

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1. Teacher, check.

2. The pots represent man, “...I also am formed out of the clay” (Job 33:6). And the oil represents the Holy Spirit. As we are filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit we are to share with others. “For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (II Corinthians 4:6-7). “The Lord desires us to distinguish between the means and the instrument. The human agent is only the instrument [or vessel]; it is to the Lord he owes his efficiency. He must cooperate with divine power.” (6 Bible Commentary 1086) God wants to use each one of us as His vessel!

3. Use the list to the left of the page and choose several to discuss. (Example: It is a healing agent as the Holy Spirit is and helps heal us from the disease of sin.)

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Content = Rest or quietness of the mind in the present condition.

A wise content his even soul secur’d;
By want not shaken, nor by wealth allure’d.

Down
1. Therewith
2. And
3. Having
4. Food

Across
5. Content
6. Raiment
7. Be
8. Let
9. And
10. Us

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1. Depending on the variety of the bird, about 940 to 25,000 feathers.

2. The design and beauty of a birds’ feathers helps us to realize that God will carefully attend to the details of our lives like He did the widow’s and her sons.
3. Most feathers have a firm center shaft with a flat vane on each side. The vane is made up of hundreds of slim, parallel branches that come off of the center shaft. These branches are called barbs. The hooks on one barb hold to the ridges on the barb next to it, locking them together like tiny zippers.

4. Barbs

5. The bird can easily zip them together again with his bill.

6. Flight feathers, wings and tail

7. Near the tip of the wing

8. Secondaries

9. Coverts, flight feathers

10. Down, plumes

11. Down feathers usually have short shafts and have soft, fuzzy barbs.

12. Thick coverings, down, vaned

13. Plumes are usually long, showy feathers. They are used for display and courtship.

14. Keratin, like our hair

15. There feathers are overlapped. A bird squeezes the oil bland near his tail and rubs oil through his feathers. In this way the feathers underneath keep the bird warm like a down jacket and the rain runs off the oily outer feathers.

16. Just as God uses oil to protect the birds so He used oil to protect the widow from the creditors. He gave her a generous amount.

Just as God gives the birds an oily covering to protect them from the elements so he will give the oil of grace to be a barrier against the atmosphere of sin around us.

1. Shunem

2. Great Woman = Rich or of high rank willing to share her possessions with others (no personal name is given)

3. As oft as he passed by; continually passing by

4. That he was a holy man

5. A little chamber with a bed, table, stool, and a candlestick

6. His very own room

1. Male
The drabber coloring of the female makes her less noticeable on her nest.

2. Once or twice a year

3. The molting process takes place over a period of time so that the birds are always covered. Most birds usually molt after the breeding season.

4. God is able to renew our physical, mental, and spiritual strength by the same
power that produces a new set of feathers for the birds. This can remind us of how Elisha found quiet rest at the home of the woman of Shunem.

5. A bird spends time every day keeping its feathers in good condition. It cleans and smooths them with its beak. This is called preening. It uses its feet to preen its head feathers and other parts difficult to reach with its beak.

6. The way birds clean themselves reminds me of the way we should imitate the birds in their daily, self-examination. Because they see to it that their feathers are in good order at all times, they can fly well.

7. “Let a man examine himself....”

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The male peacock shows its colorful dress as some people show their pride. It means we are over-estimating our appearance and what we wear. The Scriptures ask the question: “Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?..” (II Corinthians 10:7). “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel: But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” (I Peter 3:3-4).

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Gehazi

The story of the birth of Jesus as the prophets of the Old Testament Scriptures predicted.

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1. Answers will vary.

2.

A. While swimming

B. Wet feathers quickly

C. Use dust

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1. “Father, my head, my head”

2. Sunstroke

3. “knees,” “noon,” “died”

4. The parents or teacher can listen to the child’s account of the Shunammite woman going to find Elisha.

5. Lazarus and Jairus’ daughter

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1.

(1) Hand – Outermost Part

(2) Forearm – Middle Part

(3) Upper Arm – The Part Nearest the Body

2. Discuss the two pictures of the human arm and the bird’s wing. A bird’s wing is
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similar to a man’s arm. The wing is covered with feathers. The primary flight feathers are fastened to the hand. The secondary flight feathers are fastened to the forearm. The upper arm has the strong muscles that move the bird’s wings.

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1. They were not created in design to fly like the birds. One example is human bones are heavier than bird bones.

Yes, but it will be after the resurrection when we will receive our wings.

2. Their bones are hollow and are made to be light and strong. The feathers are also light. Because they are so light, birds can lift themselves into the air with the help of their strong wing muscles.

3. The air flows over and under the wings, and, as the bird angles (>) the wings are tilted, which causes a lower pressure to exist above the wings than underneath them. This helps the bird lift off.

4. When a bird needs to dive fast it folds its wings back and has no lift. Then its own body weight takes it quickly downward.

5. The wind pressing against the bird’s wings helping them to fly up in the sky reminds us how the things that seem to be against us are often just what we need to rise to a higher spiritual level. The Shunammite woman did not let her son’s death “bring her down” but rather she exercised her wings of faith.

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“He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain [two], and prayed unto the LORD.”

Seven = perfect

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1. Swallows
2. Sparrowhawks
3. Hummingbird
4. Eagles

For soaring flight—very long wings

LESSON 11

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1. “Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.”

2. Benhadad, king of Syria

3. Since that time the Syrians had maintained against Israel a constant border warfare, and in one of their raids they had carried away Little Maid.

4. She “waited on Naaman’s wife.”

5. As she ministered in that heathen home, her sympathies were aroused in behalf of her master.

6. She said to her mistress, “Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his
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leprosy.” Her mistress may have told her master.

7. Student, answer.

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2. Birds

3. Owl, penguin
   
   Junco, Robin

4. Birds can focus on nearby and far away things.

5. They need sharp eyesight to find food, watch for enemies, find a mate, and look for a place to live.

6. Yes, on the sides of their head

7. When both eyes face forward, it is called binocular vision, that means both eyes focus on an object at the same time. Monocular vision means that the eyes can focus independently of each other so the bird can see two different things at the same time.

Most birds have monocular vision.

8. Little Maid could see that her master needed healing from his terrible disease physically and spiritually.

9. Owls, penguins, and woodcocks

   Binocular vision helps an animal to judge distance, making it easier to follow movement. It gives a bird a wider range of vision.

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10. She could see the possibility of her master being cured of his leprosy.

11. Monocular, because they need to look in all directions for the approaching enemy.

12. You could focus on areas of your life that spiritually need attention, yet always keeping out an eye for the enemy stalking you. (Child may have another answer.)

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**Verse 5** See II Kings 5:5

(Crown, mouth, scroll, garment, and bag of gold)

**Verse 6** See II Kings 5:6.

(Scroll, crown, mouth, and spots)

**Verse 7** See II Kings 5:7.

(Scroll, torn garment, mouth, bottles of medicine, “quarrel”)

**Verse 8** See II Kings 5:8

(Elisha, scroll, “come,” and “prophet”)

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1. Focus, fixed, sockets, roll, bendable necks, 14, 7, speed

2. Light, dim light

   This can be comparable of how Naaman though living in heathen darkness was very sensitive to the light of God that shone out from the Little Maid’s life.

3. Sensitive, touch, wipes, clean, little dirt, little selfish, soul

4. Spiritual eyesight
May we have sensitive eyesight to deny self and turn quickly to respond to the Holy Spirit. Elisha was alert and could help the king of Israel when the king of Syria sent him the letter. On the other hand, the king of Israel was thinking only of self and could not see how he could help Naaman. This can teach us to keep our eyes on Jesus and His power rather than the weakness of self.

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“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.”

Student, answer.

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1. “Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean” (II Kings 5:14).

2. He probably had to travel out of his way to return to see the prophet. He came back to express his gratitude (thank you) to the prophet and his God, while the people of God did not appreciate the high honor that God placed a prophet in their midst. Now he knew the only true God of heaven and earth.

3. The prophet of God does not serve for gain or reward, therefore the captain giving his heart was Elisha’s reward. Naaman must not be left with the impression that prophets of the true God acted from motives of self-interest or that the blessing of God could be purchased for money. He said no to the gifts.

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1. The kind of food they eat and how and where it lives.

2. Feet also help balance the body.

3. He walked to the Jordan river to be cleansed and like the birds’ feet help it find food, so Naaman’s feet carried him to find spiritual food. “I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies” (Psalm 119:59).

4. Their feet are only toes and they do not have ten of them but most have four toes. Three of these toes point forward and one points backward. All birds have a claw at the tip of each toe.

5. They defend themselves, carry materials for their nest, perch, comb their feathers, and hold food they are eating.

6. God has designed their feet to be shock absorbers. Eagle’s feet, for instance, have three single rigid bones that have joints that work in opposite directions.

7. Feet that are thick and strong for scratching the ground to uncover food. Others have sharp, curved talons for catching their dinner of fish.

8. As the birds catch their prey with their claws so Satan wanted Naaman to let his pride deep or “catch” him from learning more about the true God. He denied himself and then God could help him to learn about Himself.
1. It reveals the general principle of thoroughness in matters of hygiene. It reveals also the general principle of quarantine in highly contagious diseases.

2. Satan attempts to introduce trouble. Into every symphony he seeks to introduce a discordant note.

3. See II Kings 5:22-23. He took what was not his. He was stealing from God and lying about it. He said it was for two young men.

4. It tells us that he knew he had done something that was wrong. He was selfish and not self-denying.

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1. Woodpeckers, creepers, and nuthatches

2. Two toes point forward and two point backward. This type of feet helps to anchor them on the wood as they climb up and down the sides of a tree.

3. Like these birds cling to the trees so we need to cling to God and pray, “Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not” (Psalm 17:5).

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1. Parrot
2. Raven
3. Cuckoo
4. Canary
5. Hawk
6. Eagle
7. Toucan
8. Owl
9. Crow
10. Robin

LESSON 12

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1. “Narrow” or “a tight place”

2. “Sons of the prophets”

3. “Go ye”

4. “Sons of the prophets” and Elisha Jordan

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1. Nectar – Hummingbird
2. Worms and Fruit – Robin
3. Worms in Mud – Snipe
4. Seeds – Grosbeak
5. Fish – Pelican
6. Tiny Water Plants and Water Animals – Flamingo
7. Flying Insects – Swallow
8. Caterpillars and Other Insects – Warbler
9. Fruit – Toucan

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1. For eating a certain type of food
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<td>3. Birds do not have teeth. The food is ground up in the gizzard.</td>
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<td>4. The birds use their beaks to carry its nesting material to build its nest. The sons of the prophets had to use their tools to go cut the wood they needed to build their building or “nest.” Useful labor is a part of God’s plan for birds as well as people.</td>
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1. It was borrowed.

2. He was shown where it was lost and he cut a stick and cast it into the water at that place.

3. The iron axe head came to the surface and Elisha bid the young man to pick it up.

4. Exactly as we received it. If it is broken in anyway, it is our responsibility to fix it or buy a new one. This is one reason that borrowing is not always the best choice.

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1. A call is like a squawk, whistle, or peep. A song has several notes that have a pattern. Many birds use both calls and songs. Other birds, like water birds and birds of prey, call but do not sing. A few birds make no vocal sounds, such as storks and pelicans. |

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Iron is a heavy item and does not float.

It sinks to the bottom of the bucket.

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1. God would reveal the plans of Syria to Elisha and he would share the information with the king of Israel.

2. Who was telling the Israelites of his plans.

3. “And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber” (II Kings 6:12).

4. Teacher/parents, check.

5. Through the writings of the prophets.

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1. By tapping on a tree trunk with their bills

2. This is their advertising song.

3. “Behold I stand at the door and knock and if any man hear my voice and open
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the door I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me."

4. Wings, tails, feathers on the head, to name a few

5. Courtship, signaling danger, and defending a territory

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1. A spy is a person(s) who watch others secretly to obtain information about them.

2. That Elisha was at Dothan

3. Host = multitude

4. “Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about."

5. Yes! “And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them”

6.

Genesis 15:1 – Abram

Exodus 14:13 – Children of Israel

Numbers 14:9 – Children of Israel

Deuteronomy 1:21 – Children of Israel

Isaiah 43:1 – Israel

Luke 12:32 – All people of all times

(NOTE: All of the above verses are encouragement to each one of us.)

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1. Name

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1. The young of chaffinches can sing a basic song. To learn the chaffinch song they must grow up and hear adults singing it. They copy one another.

2. The chaffinches in one area will all sing the same song and in another area the chaffinches will have a slightly different song sort of like people in different areas of the US all speak English but there are Southern accents, New England accents, and so forth.

3. The children of Israel and the children of Syria “sang” two different “songs.” One served God part of the time and one served idols all of the time.

4. In New Zealand live the kakapos. The male makes a loud booming noise during courtship to attract a female. Many years they will not boom and mate. They start to boom again and nest when much pollen is produced from the plants that have their favorite fruit on them. This lets them know there will be lots of fruit to feed their chicks. God gives the kakapos the instinct to plan their family according to the resources available and there would be less suffering in the world if more people would follow their example.

5. The Kakapo’s booming sound calls to mind the Syrian host around Dothan which seems big and loud. However, thankfully, one angel from God could take care of them but God sent a host from heaven for the encouragement of Elisha’s servant. How important each individual (you) are to God!
(There are other possibilities.)

**LESSON 13**

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1. Benhadad
2. Famine
3. Kill him
4. Shut the door
5. King

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Student, answer.

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1. Kiwi live in New Zealand forests. They cannot fly, so people do not see them very often. They are the size of a chicken with a stocky body and light brown shaggy feathers. They have short necks and legs with tiny wings. Their bills are long with nostrils at the end of the bill.

2. The bill is used to smell food in the wet forests where they live. At night they eat earthworms, insects, and berries. They can find food quite easily with their sense of smell. In the day kiwis hide.

3. The female kiwi makes a nest in a hole in the bank.

4. The female lays two big white eggs. The male sits on the eggs for 75 days until they hatch.

5. The fruit is named after the kiwi bird as it looks similar to it on the outside. But one comes from a plant and the other is a bird!

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To discover the Syrians had fled leaving behind many possessions and food.

**Obedient**
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long
beak
sieve
bird
pink
algae
unusual
color
red

Obedience

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1. Tent
2. Basket of bread
3. Treasures
4. Dove
5. Footprints

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1. No

2. If he had obeyed and believed the words of the prophet he would have understood.

3. “...Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city...and let us send and see.”

4. The evidence was that the Syrians were headed for home.

5. “...All the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.”

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1. They live in caves in the tropics and spend their whole life in darkness.

2. Darkness
People who do not love and obey God live in spiritual “darkness.”

3. Their young are usually fat and contain a lot of oil.

4. fat, lamp oil, cooking oil

5. Having a lot of oil is like Elisha was filled with the Holy Spirit.

6. roosting, flying, walkers

7. They leave their cave at night to feed on the fruit of palm and laurel trees. This can remind us that it was a “dark night,” spiritually speaking, in Israel. Elisha was enjoying the sweet fruit that comes from obedience, and a close communion with God. Palm trees are symbols of victory over sin or obedience.

8. Oilbird’s nests are built of seeds and bird droppings on top of rocks or ledges far inside caves.

9. It is the way they find their way at night. The bird makes tiny clicking sounds that echo as the sounds bounce off the walls of the cave (like a bat does). They also make loud, shrill calls during the night.

10. Whippoorwill

11. Goatsucker

Run Fast
Road Runner
Ostrich
Sanderlings

These are a few suggestions there are many others.

1. I Samuel 26:20 – Partridge

2. Job 39:26-27 – Hawk, Eagle

3. Psalm 55:5-7 – Dove

4. Psalm 102:6 – Pelican, Owl

5. Proverbs 30:17 – Ravens, Eagles

6. Song of Solomon 2:10-12 Turtledove

7. Isaiah 34:13 – Owls

8. Jeremiah 8:7 – Stork, Turtledove, Crane, Swallow

9. Lamentations 4:19 – Eagles

10. Micah 1:8 – Owls

11. Matthew 10:29-31 – Sparrows

12. Matthew 13:3-4, 19 – Fowls or wild birds (You can have the child choose a bird that eats seeds.)
“All things both in heaven and in earth declare that the great law of life is a law of service. The infinite Father ministers to the life of every living thing. Christ came to the earth ‘as he that serveth’ (Luke 22:27). The angels are ‘ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation’ (Hebrews 1:14). The same law of service is written upon all things in nature. The birds of the air, the beasts of the field, the trees of the forest, the leaves, the grass, and the flowers, the sun in the heavens, and the stars of light—all have their ministry. Lake and ocean, river and water spring—each takes to give.”

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“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

Luke 6:38

Mark 4:29