

A Messenger | Complete the maze from Malachi to John the Baptist and then to Jesus.



The Next Letter

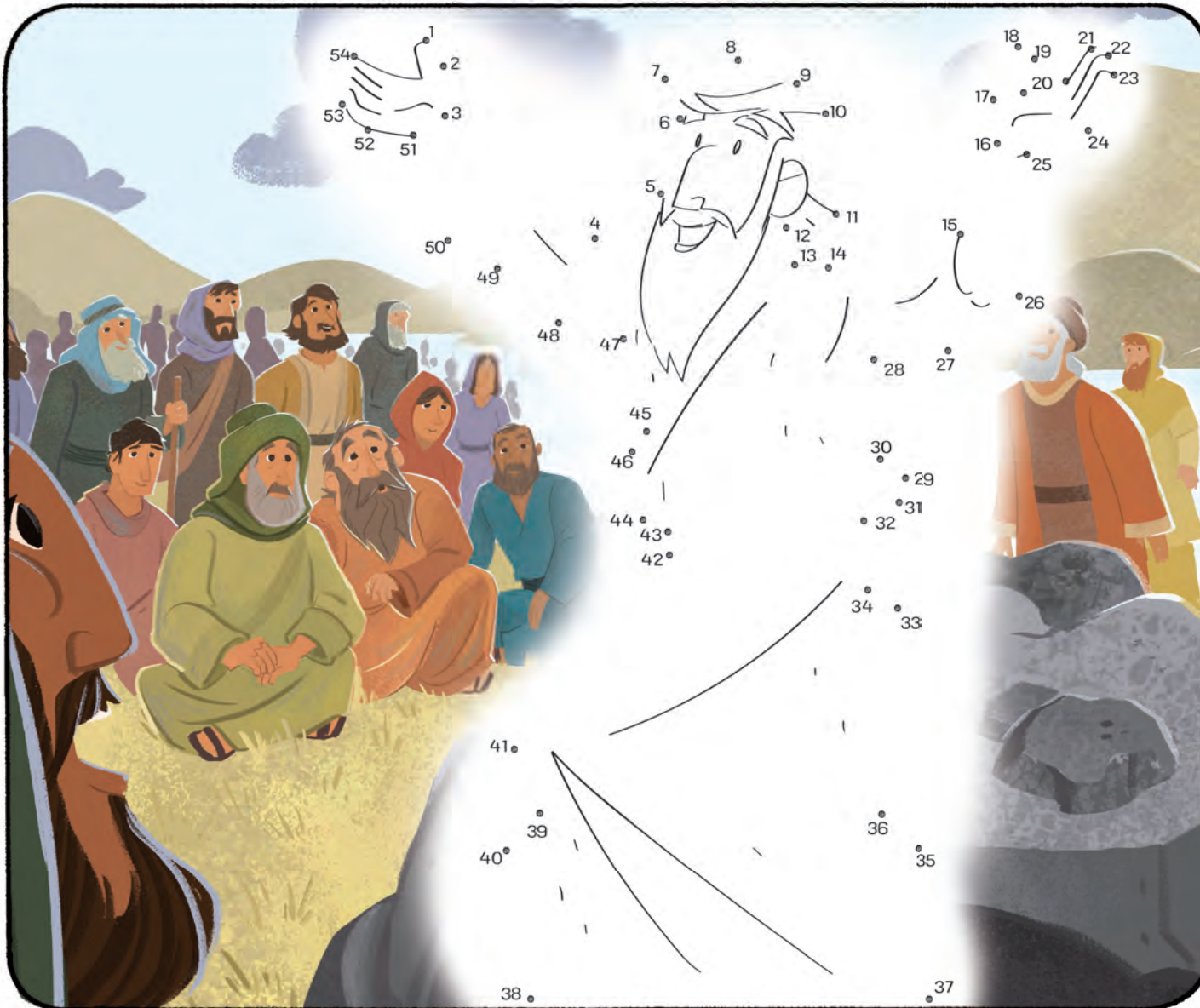
Can you decode this message?

Hint: Each provided letter points to the next letter in the alphabet.

I D R T R H R B N L H M F

Who Is It?

INSTRUCTIONS: Connect the dots in numerical order to reveal the picture of a special messenger. (Hint: Read John 1:6-9.)



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Malachi the Prophet

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God's people had grown lazy in their worship of God.
- They offered sick and lame animals for sacrifice.
- Malachi called God's people to repent to prepare for the Messiah.
- Malachi told of a messenger to come who would prepare the way for Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Peter 5:10

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do we offer our best to God?
- How did God offer His best to us?
- Who was the messenger Malachi said would come before Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take turns with your family naming chores or daily tasks. Then discuss what would happen if you only did that task halfway, such as only driving halfway to school, only halfway washing dishes, or doing half a project. Remind your kids that Jesus gave His all for us.



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Who is in control of everything?



Who is in control of everything?

God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.





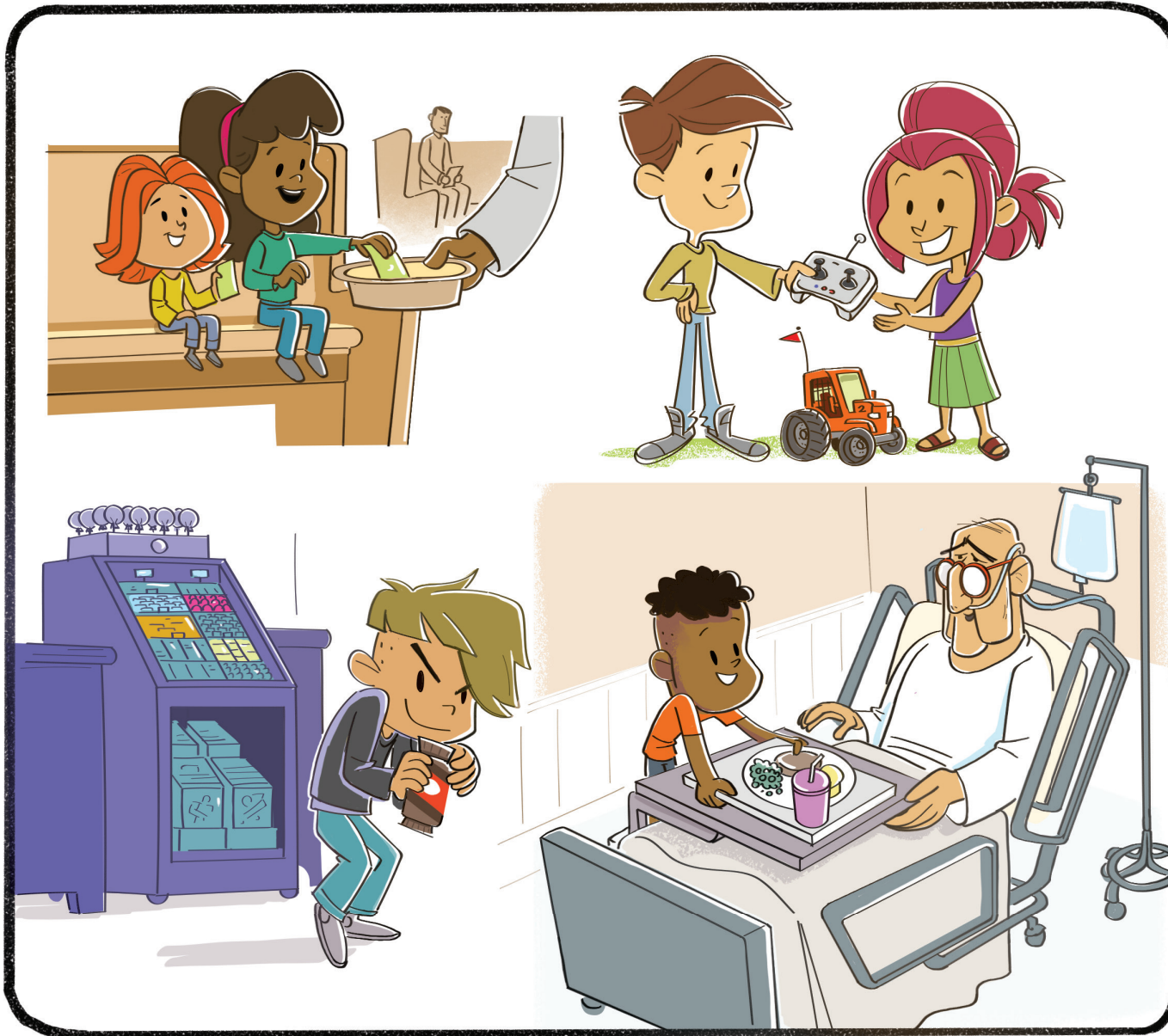
After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10



Obey God

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the children obeying God. Draw an X over the children disobeying God.



Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 18 • Session 4 Malachi the Prophet

BIBLE STORY:

- God sent Malachi to tell His people what they were doing wrong and why He was not blessing them.
- Malachi said a messenger would get people ready for the Messiah.
- Malachi warned that God would punish the wicked, but people who honor God would be happy.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Peter 5:10

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is in control of everything?
God is in control of everything.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Have you ever wondered if God loves you? How can you know God loves you? How does He show it?
- Is it loving of God to bless people when they are doing wrong things?
- What makes Jesus the best messenger of all?

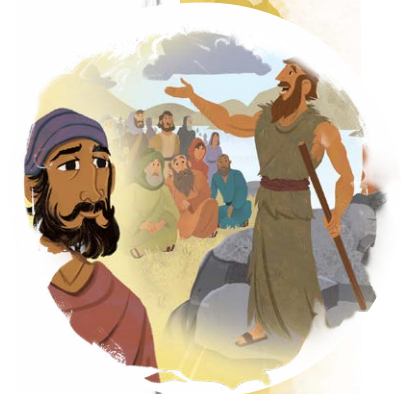
FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Observe calves on a farm, at a petting zoo, or watch a video. Talk about how God says those who honor Him will play like calves.
- Place messages of God's love around your home for family members to find.



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