

MY SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE



For you to colour!



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Hello everyone,

This time we are thinking about
THINKING.

We think all the time even when we're asleep but what are we thinking about?

God is very sure what we should be thinking about. He says we should try and think about good things.

Our world wants us to think about scary things and sad things and bad things but God doesn't AGREE.

So think carefully. Remember your brain is better than the best computer - its memory is huge

I hope you can think about really good things to help your memory.

Love to you all.

Aunty Anne





Your brain has virtually unlimited storage, so it will never get to the point where it's memory runs out. But it's up to you what memories you want it to store!!!

Computer memory is called RAM. Different computers have different amounts. Some have as little as 4GB, and others can have 128GB or more. My computer has a small amount, so it keeps running out of memory!



THINK ABOUT

WHATEVER IS

true
noble
right
pure
lovely

admirable
excellent
praiseworthy

Philippians 4:8

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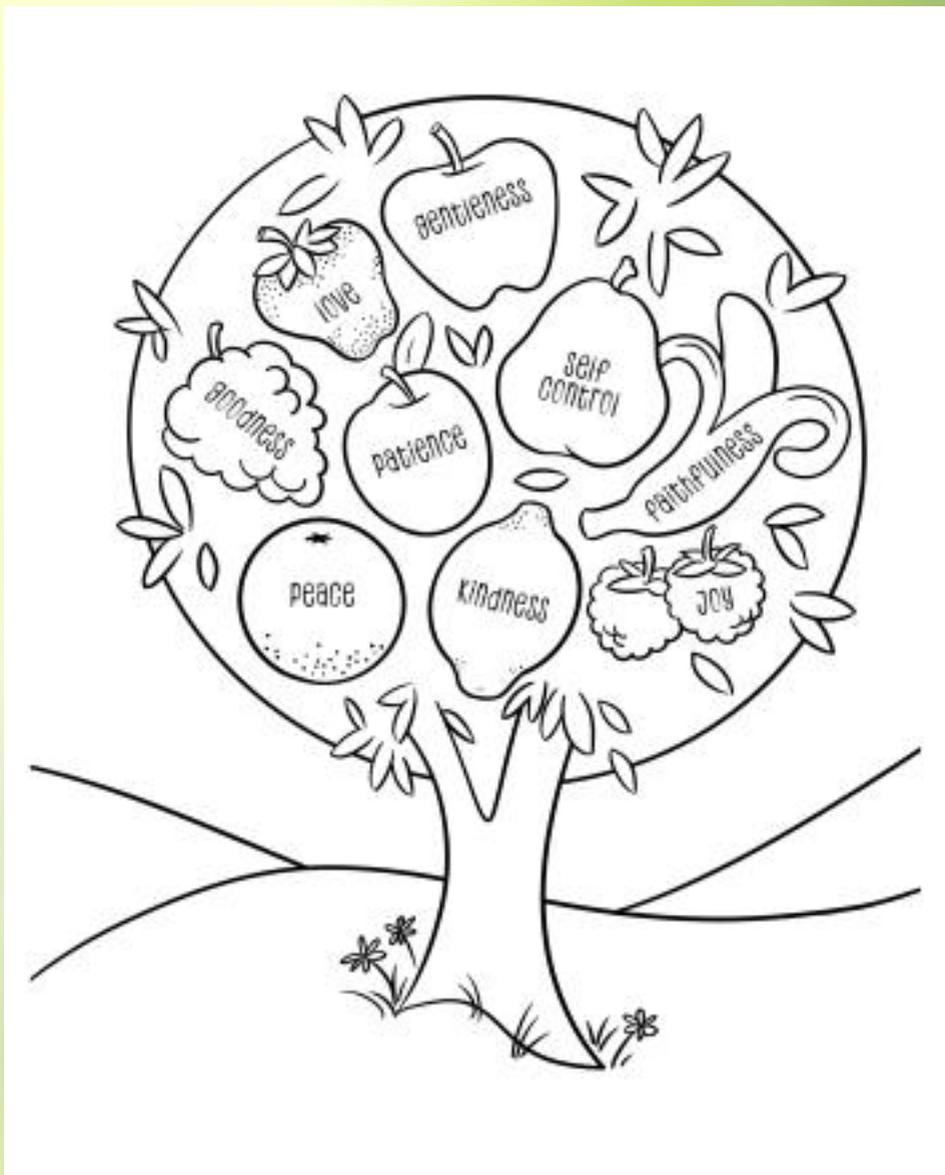
Whatever you put in your memory stays there but God has given us His suggestion!

God is telling us not to put nasty things into our memories because they are there forever.



Think - what would Jesus do?

The Bible describes us like a fruit with segments. Each one tells us how we should be! Galatians 5 v22-23



I think I'd like a tree in my garden that had all those lovely fruits!



Can animals think?

The short answer is no, not in the way that we can.

The big difference is that we can use words to explain and understand lots of things.

But lots of animals can solve problems. Crows are a good example. They are the big black birds you might see that make a loud cawing noise. They are the smartest animals.



If there's a tasty bug stuck in a log, crows sometimes find a stick to help get it out or they might make a hook from tree bark.



There are other animals that are good at working in teams. Hyenas look after each other in the wild and have been shown to work together to catch prey.

Orcas are probably best at this. They work together to make waves to wash seals off ice and are good at finding new ways to catch food.



And did you know some pigs are really good at video games! Scientists made special games animals could play. Pigs used their snouts and were winners every time!



There are some birds that seem to be able to talk. Parrots can copy the sounds they hear around them. In the jungle this is a useful way of spreading warning calls.

But this isn't the same as the way we talk. When we talk, we choose words we want, to say what we mean. Parrots can't do that - they are just copying in the same way we copy a tune.

Octopuses are really amazing. They can work out how to escape through very small spaces and it can be difficult to keep them as pets because they're good at getting away.



Often octopus keepers will give them puzzles to complete in order to get their food and keep them busy at the same time. That way, they are using their problem solving skills to get food rather than escaping!



There are lots of amazing problem-solving animals in our world, but no great thinkers. That's something that makes humans special.



This is the story of a great Syrian soldier called Naaman who had a lot of thinking to do because he had a nasty illness called leprosy. Let's see what he did...

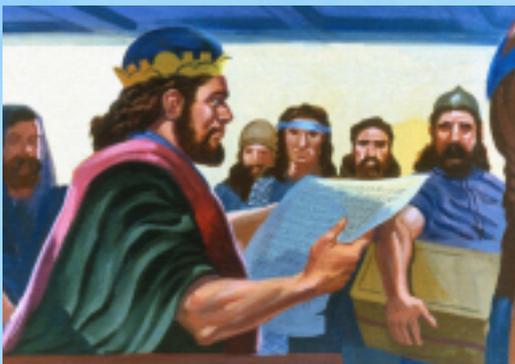
In his house was a girl who had been taken from Israel as a captive and she worked for Naaman's wife who was kind to her.

She told her mistress that she wished Naaman could go to Samaria where a prophet lived who could cure Naaman.



Naaman rushed off to get permission from the king to go, and the King even sent a letter to the king of Israel. So off went Naaman with his men and lots of money and presents.

Unfortunately the king of Israel went into a panic and thought it was a trick. How was he supposed to cure someone with leprosy even if he was rich? He was so scared he tore his royal robes.



Fortunately the prophet heard about it and let the king know to send Naaman to him.



Sadly, when Naaman arrived he wasn't too impressed. The prophet didn't even come out to meet him, he just sent a message to say that Naaman should go and wash himself in the River Jordan seven times.

He'd expected the prophet to come out and wave his hands about and cure him and he certainly didn't fancy getting into the River Jordan, so he went off in a grump!!!

His men begged him to give it a go but he said the rivers in his own country were better and why couldn't he go there? He went to the river and had a THINK.



So in he went feeling really grumpy and out he came cured and feeling wonderful with all his men cheering on the bank.

Did you know, he wasn't cured until the 7th dip!?

Just like Naaman we need to THINK carefully before we do things and remember what God says we should do.

Who was that prophet? 2nd Kings 5 v8

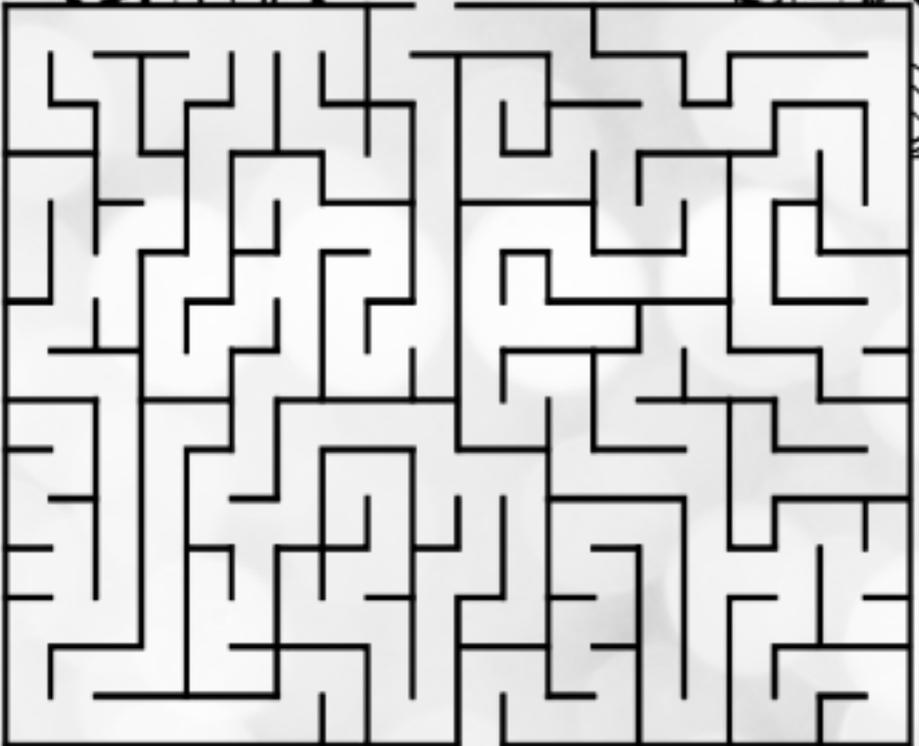
Here is someone else who didn't really think before he started, but his trust in Jesus saved him!

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

Lead Peter across the water to Jesus.



START



FINISH

Have a good think about who you want
to listen to or see on your computer or TV.
And take God's advice about looking at good things!

Choose today Whom
You will Serve



But as for me and
My House We Will
Serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15



Dotty had done her own hair for the first time but she didn't look too happy. "What's wrong my love?" said mum. Dotty started to cry and said Sam had said her hair looked stupid. Sam came in looking a bit sorry for himself and mum asked whether he'd said this. Sam said yes. "So is it true?" asked mum. Sam had to admit that it wasn't. "Was it kind?" said mum. Sam admitted it wasn't.

Sam went off to school feeling bad and realised he didn't like upsetting people and decided to have a kind day! He told his freinds about it and they decided to join him!



Jasmine said that when her mum was at work, dad did the cooking. They always made more than they needed so that they could take some to the lady next door.



When he got home, Sam played with Dotty to make her happy. On Saturday, mum said how pleased she was to hear he'd been kind to Jack.



At the weekend they went to see Grandad and Sam read to him. Grandad said he'd enjoyed the story but Sam realised that actually Grandad was the kind one listening to his reading.



He told Grandad how it had all started with him being unkind to Dotty. Grandad said you should always THINK before you do anything. That was the advice God had given and it was very true!!

choose
Kindness



Sam felt he had learnt his lesson; he had to admit that Dotty's hair had looked a bit messy, but she was his little sister and he decided to think before he spoke. He decided to try and do at least one kind thing a day.

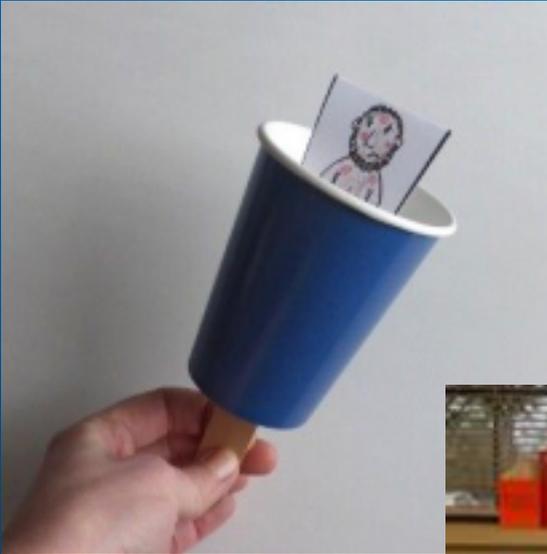
What ever is lovely, think on these things.

How to make a Naaman toy...

You will need:

- A plastic or card cup
- Some white card
- Crayon and scissors
- A strong straw

Decorate your cup to look like water and make a man shape from stiff cart that will fit inside the cup.



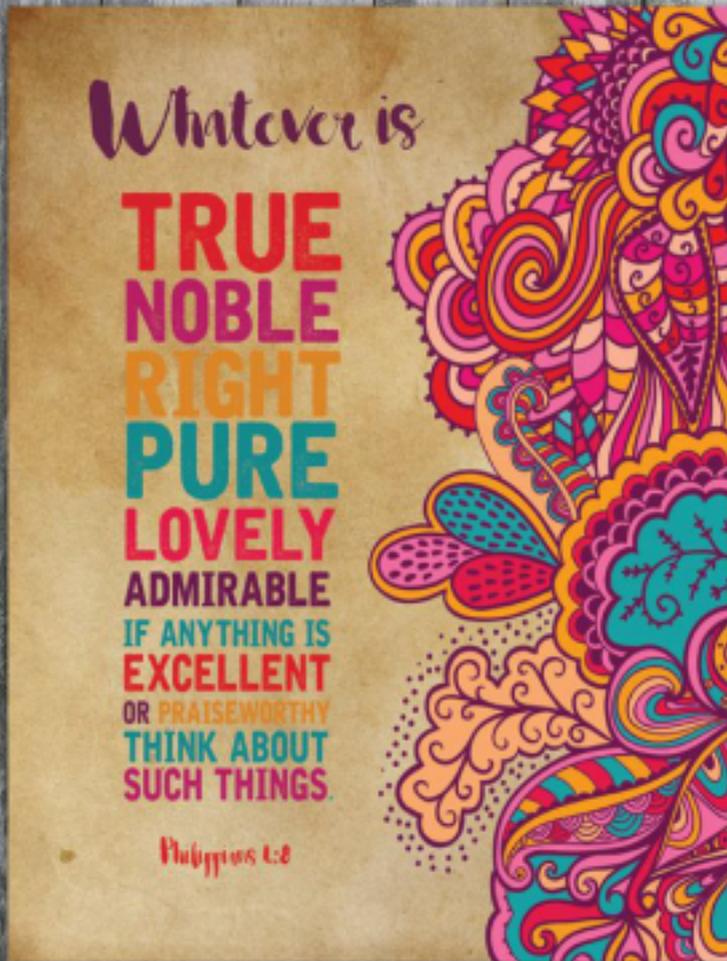
Colour Naaman and make one side spotty and with a sad face. Colour the other side with clear skin and a happy face.

Stick your straw onto the bottom of your Naaman then make a hole into the bottom of your cup and put your straw through it. Now Naaman can go down into the River Jordan sad and come up out of it happy.



Naaman went back to the prophet and promised always to worship the God of Israel!

God has given us the most amazing brains with fantastic memories but He doesn't want us to put bad things in there, so read and remember God's advice.



You might need a grown up to help you to understand what some of those words mean!!

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