

CITIES OF REFUGE

Joshua 20:1-9

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¹Then the LORD said to Joshua: ²“Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, ³so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood.

⁴“When he flees to one of these cities, he is to stand in the entrance of the city gate and state his case before the elders of that city. Then they are to admit him into their city and give him a place to live with them. ⁵If the avenger of blood pursues him, they must not surrender the one accused, because he killed his neighbor unintentionally and without malice aforethought. ⁶He is to stay in that city until he has stood trial before the assembly and until the death of the high priest who is serving at that time. Then he may go back to

his own home in the town from which he fled.”

⁷So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.

⁸On the east side of the Jordan of Jericho they designated Bezer in the desert on the plateau in the tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead in the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan in the tribe of Manasseh. ⁹Any of the Israelites or any alien living among them who killed someone accidentally could flee to these designated cities and not be killed by the avenger of blood prior to standing trial before the assembly.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What were some of the cities to be used for?
5		2.) How long would someone have to wait until going back home? (Verse 6)
5		3.) Would the person be safe in the city of refuge?
5		4.) What lesson do you think you can learn from this story?

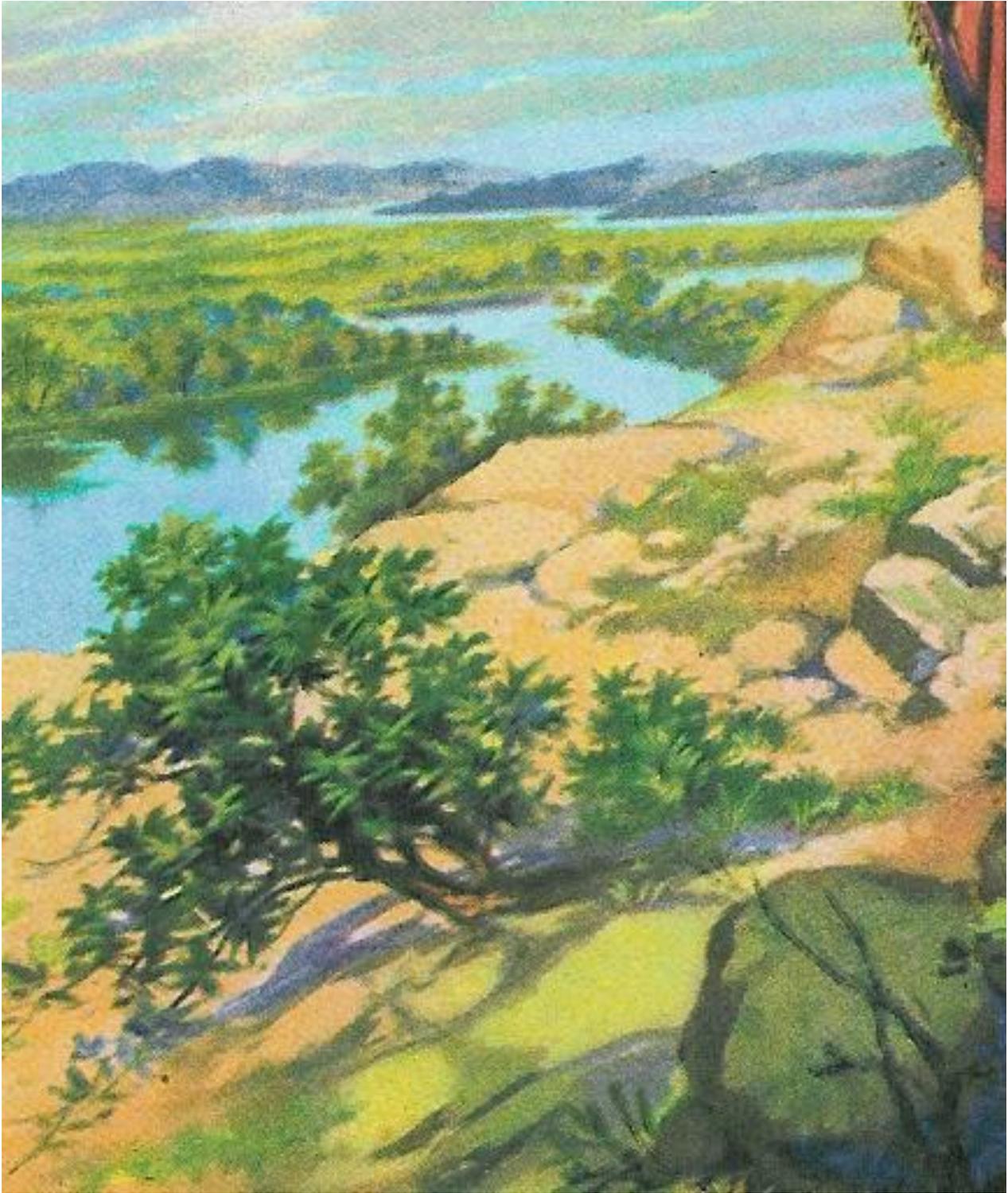
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 9:9</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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God told Joshua to set aside cities for refuge

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: NECKLACES

Students will make necklaces to remind them that the Lord instructed Joshua to set up cities of refuge. The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Necklace Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Scissors
5. Yarn
6. Hole Punch
7. Fruit Ring Cereal
8. Tape



DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the necklace pattern for each student onto 67 lb. white cardstock.
2. Have students color the pieces of the necklace pattern.
3. Instruct students to cut out the necklace pieces.
4. Help them punch holes in each piece.
5. Cut pieces of yarn into 24 inch pieces.
6. Wrap a small piece of tape around one end of the yarn to make it stiff. This will help students when they string the pieces of the necklace onto the yarn.
7. Let students string the pieces of the necklaces (the words to the memory verse) onto the yarn with two pieces of the fruit ring cereal in between each piece.
8. Help students tie the ends together.

FOR DISCUSSION

While the students are making their necklaces, remind them that Joshua was instructed to set up cities of refuge for any Israelite or alien who accidentally killed someone. Today we, as believers, can take refuge in the Lord. Help students realize that the Lord is our strength in times of trouble.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 20 minutes

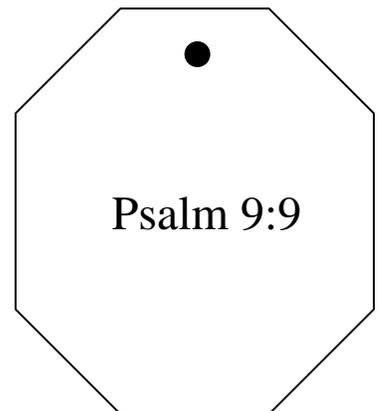
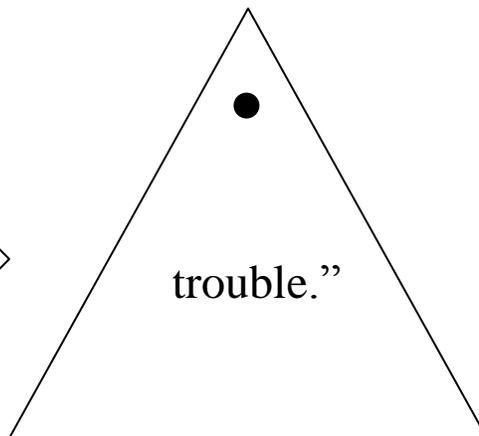
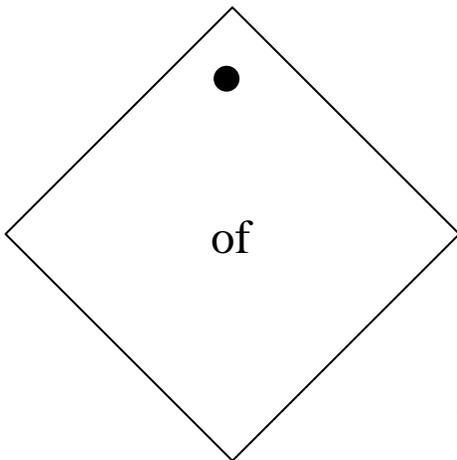
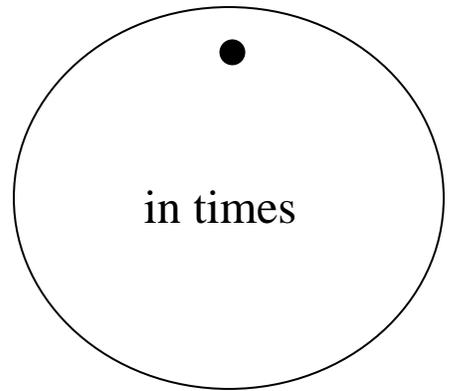
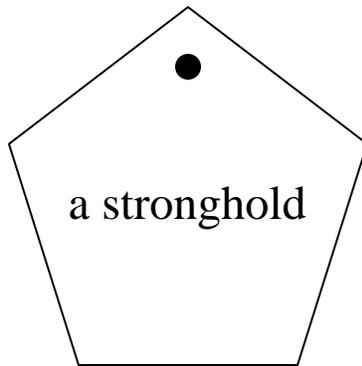
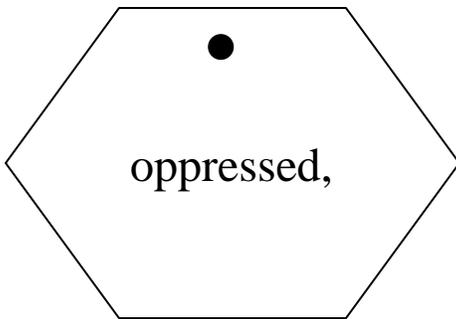
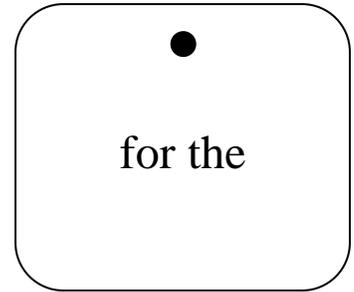
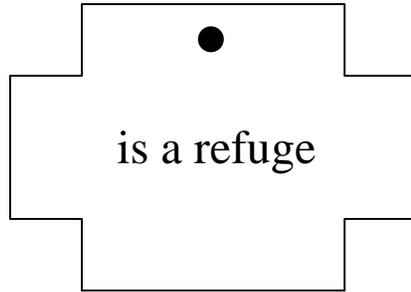
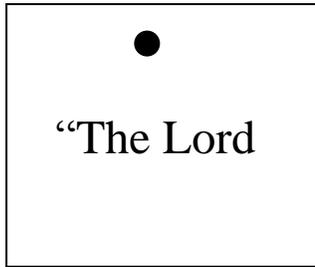
MEMORY VERSE

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NECKLACE PATTERN



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Today's bible story was about _____

I learned that I should

The memory verse means



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOSHUA 20:1-9

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The Lord told Joshua to set aside certain cities as places of refuge, or protection.

These cities would be safe places for

anyone who accidentally killed someone else. If the death was an accident, the person who accidentally killed someone could stay safely in one of the cities of refuge.

The person who did the killing was to stay in the city of refuge until he stood trial and until the death of the high priest at the time. Then he could go back to the town he came from.

The Lord was extending mercy to people who accidentally killed someone else. Do you think God is merciful to us today?

For more on this story, read Joshua 20:1-9 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What were some cities to be used for?
2. When could someone go back to his own town?
3. Would the person be safe in the city of refuge?
4. What lesson do you think you can learn from this story?

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WORD SEARCH

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