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YISHKENI BOOKS *newsletter*

Welcome to October! The Yishkeni Books family continues to bloom with readers who find hope in life's difficult seasons. Share your stories of resilience, tag us in your moments of breakthrough, and connect with other families navigating life's ups and downs on Facebook and Instagram @yishkenibooks. Together, we're learning that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning!

IMPORTANT INFO:

PODCAST SCHEDULE CHANGE!

"Between the Pages" is moving to a new schedule! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm for stories, insights, and read-alouds. Find us on Spotify, Amazon Music, iHeart Radio, and YouTube.

JEMIMAH JOPE IS HERE!

Our newest book about hope, loss, and new beginnings is now available! Get your copy on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Christian Faith Publishing.

FALL/WINTER BOOKS COMING SOON!

We have FOUR exciting new books releasing this fall and winter:

- "Jay Gee"
- "Snowflake"
- "Who is Gregg?"
- "Molly Overcame"

Stay tuned for release dates and special giveaways!





MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL

"Finding Hope When Life Says, 'Nope'"

Based on Psalm 30:5 KJV, 'weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning' and the Book of Job

Scripture gives us many powerful stories, but few touch the heart like Job's account. Today we want to look at something most people miss when they read about Job. Yes, his story shows us suffering, but it also maps out exactly how we process grief. Not just grief from death, but grief from any major loss that turns our world upside down.

Job lost his children. His wealth disappeared. His health failed. His reputation crumbled. Yet his responses teach us about seven phases that every person faces during life's hardest seasons.

STAGE 1: SHOCK AND DENIAL

'Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped.' (Job 1:20 KJV)

Notice what Job did first. He went through the motions. Tore his clothes, shaved his head, fell down. These were the expected responses to tragedy in his culture. But then something interesting happens. He worshipped.

When devastating news hits, our minds often cannot process everything at once. We do what we know to do. We follow familiar patterns. The shock actually protects us from feeling everything immediately.

People in this stage say things like "This cannot be happening" or "There has to be a mistake." Job's worship was not him denying his pain. It was his spirit grabbing hold of what he knew about God's character, even when nothing else made sense.

STAGE 2: EMOTIONAL RELEASE AND PAIN

'After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.' (Job 3:1 KJV)

Chapter 3 shows us a different Job. The shock wore off. Now his raw emotions came flooding out. He cursed the day he was born. He wished he had never existed. He poured out his anguish without holding back.

This is not sin. This is honest human emotion when facing overwhelming loss.





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God can handle our honest emotions. Look at the Psalms. David cried out to God with raw emotion constantly. Jesus wept at Lazarus's tomb even though He knew resurrection was coming. Emotional release is necessary for healing. God invites us to bring our pain to Him without pretending everything is fine.



STAGE 3: ANGER AND RESENTMENT

'Behold, he findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy.' (Job 33:10 KJV)

Job got angry. Not just at his circumstances. He got angry at God Himself. He felt like God had become his enemy. Like he was being treated unfairly. This stage is hard because we often feel guilty for being angry at God.

But here is something remarkable. God never rebuked Job for his anger. Instead, He engaged with it. Anger is often grief wearing a mask. It is our soul protesting against loss and injustice. God is strong enough to handle our anger. He would rather have our honest fury than fake worship.



STAGE 4: BARGAINING AND SEEKING ANSWERS

'Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat! I would order my cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.' (Job 23:3-4 KJV)

Job wanted to argue his case before God. He wanted to defend his innocence. He wanted explanations that would make his suffering make sense. He bargained with God, pleaded for understanding, and sought answers to those tormenting "why" questions.

This stage sounds like "If only I had done this differently" or "God, if you will just do this, then I will do that." We try to negotiate our way out of pain. We search for logical explanations. Job's friends tried to give him easy answers, but sometimes there are no simple explanations for suffering.





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STAGE 5: DEPRESSION AND LONELINESS

'My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.' (Job 19:14 KJV)

Job felt completely alone. His friends turned into accusers. His wife told him to "curse God and die." He experienced the deep isolation that often comes with suffering. Depression during grief is not a lack of faith. It is the soul's natural response to overwhelming loss.

Even Jesus experienced this isolation on the cross when He cried out "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" In our darkest moments, we may feel like God has abandoned us, but His presence remains even when we cannot feel it. Job's story reminds us that feeling alone and being alone are two different things.

STAGE 6: TESTING AND SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE

'Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.' (Job 13:15 KJV)

This may be the most important stage. This is where faith gets tested and refined. Job's famous declaration "though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" did not come from comfortable faith. It came from the depths of spiritual wrestling. He was basically saying "Even if God kills me, I am going to trust Him, but I am still going to argue my case."

This is where we discover what our faith is actually made of. When everything gets stripped away, what remains? Job's faith was tested like gold in fire. It was shaken, but it was not destroyed.

STAGE 7: ACCEPTANCE AND RESTORATION

'I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.' (Job 42:5-6 KJV)

Job's breakthrough did not come when he got answers to his questions. It came when he encountered God Himself. When God spoke to Job from the whirlwind, He did not explain the suffering. He revealed His character, His power, and His sovereignty.





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True acceptance is not resignation or giving up. It is surrendering to God's greater plan even when we do not understand it. Job's restoration was greater than what he had lost, but more importantly, his relationship with God was deeper than it had ever been.



LESSONS FROM JOB'S EXPERIENCE

First, grief is not a straight line. Job did not move through these stages in perfect order. He went back and forth, sometimes experiencing multiple stages in one conversation.

Second, community matters. Even though Job's friends failed him in many ways, he was not meant to suffer alone. We need people who will sit with us in our pain.

Third, honest faith is stronger than perfect faith. Job's raw, honest wrestling with God was more valuable than pretending everything was fine.

Fourth, God's timing is not our timing. Job's restoration came, but not on his schedule. Sometimes we must wait in the darkness before we see the dawn.

Finally, suffering can actually deepen our relationship with God. Job said he had only "heard" of God before, but through his trial, he came to "see" God in a new way.



HOPE FOR TODAY

If someone is walking through their own valley of grief today, they need to know they are not alone. Anger does not disqualify anyone. Questions do not offend God. Tears are precious to Him. Like Job, we may not get all the answers we want, but we can encounter the God who is bigger than our pain.

The same God who restored Job's fortunes is the God who walks with us through our darkest valleys. He sees our suffering, He collects our tears, and He is working even when we cannot see it.

Grief has a purpose, pain has meaning, and our stories are not over. Trust the process, lean into community, and remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

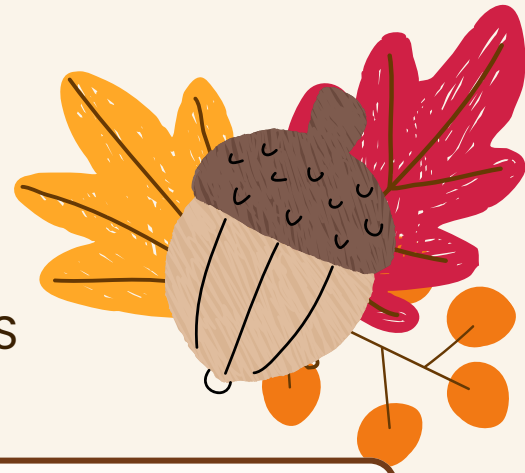
As you go through this week, may you find comfort in knowing that grief is seen, pain is valid, and our God is faithful even during the storm.



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| GOD'S DAILY SURPRISES



Scripture

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Job's Big Loss

In the Bible, there was a man named Job who loved God very much. One day, something really sad happened - Job lost almost everything. His animals died, his house fell down, and worst of all, his children went to heaven. Job was so, so sad.

But here's the amazing part: even though Job was heartbroken, God never left him. Job's story teaches us that it's okay to feel sad when bad things happen, and God understands all our feelings.

It's Okay to Have Big Feelings

When Job first heard the bad news, he was in shock. He couldn't believe it was real. Then he cried and felt really, really sad. Sometimes he even got angry and asked God "Why?" Guess what? God wasn't mad at Job for having these feelings! God knows that when we lose something or someone we love, we feel lots of different emotions. It's all part of being human.

Remember: You can tell God exactly how you feel - even when you're sad, confused, or angry. He can handle it!

God Never Left Job

Even though Job felt alone sometimes, God was always there. Job couldn't always feel God's presence, but God never stopped loving him or watching over him.

At the end of the story, God talked to Job and reminded him how big and powerful and good He is. Job said something beautiful: "Before, I only heard about you, God. But now I really know you!"

Job's hard time actually helped him know God better. And God gave Job a new family and blessed him again.

What This Means for You

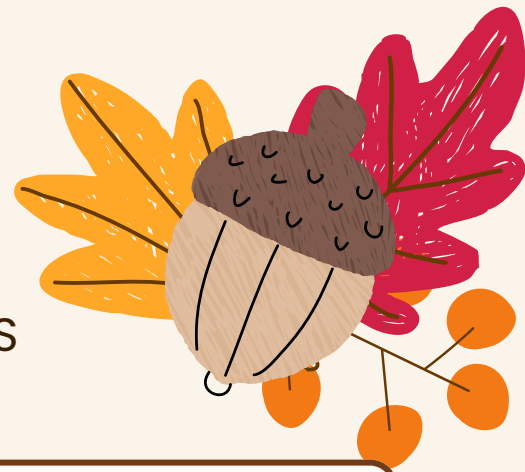
When something sad happens in your life - like losing a pet, moving away from friends, or when someone you love goes to heaven - remember Job's story:

- ✦ It's okay to cry - Even Jesus cried when His friend died
- ✦ You can tell God how you feel - He wants to hear from you
- ✦ God is always with you - Even when you can't feel Him
- ✦ Sad feelings don't last forever - Joy will come again
- ✦ God can use hard times - To help you know Him better

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God's Promise

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This means that even though you might feel sad for a while, happy feelings will come back! Just like morning always comes after the dark night, God promises that joy will return.

Talk to God

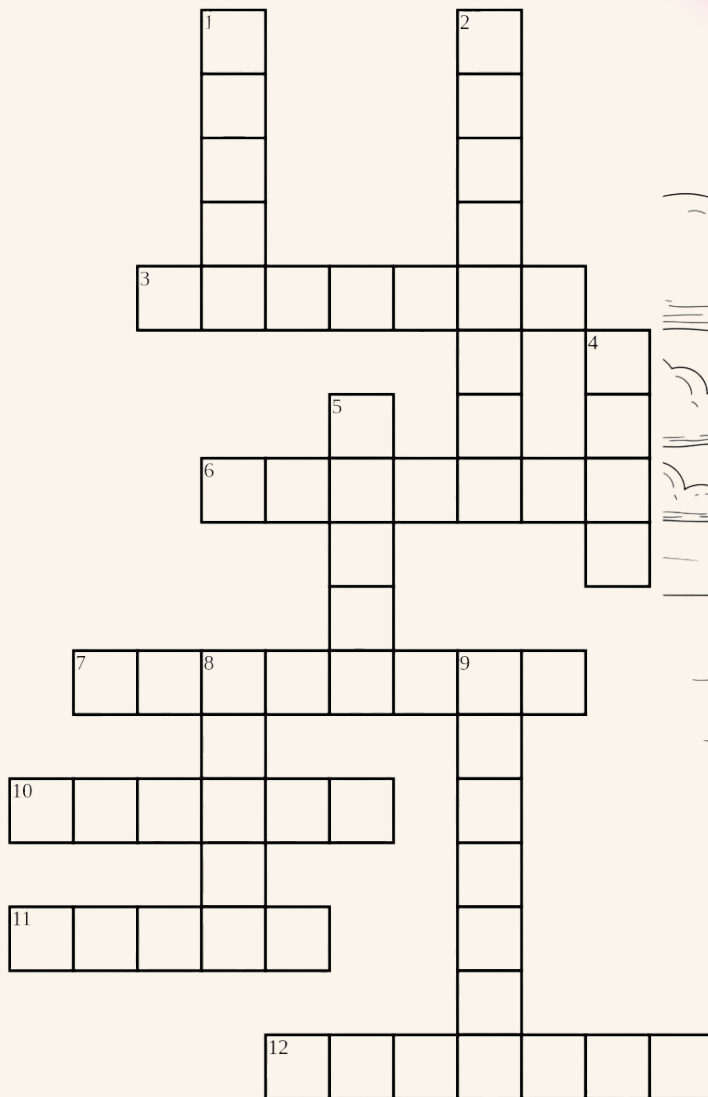
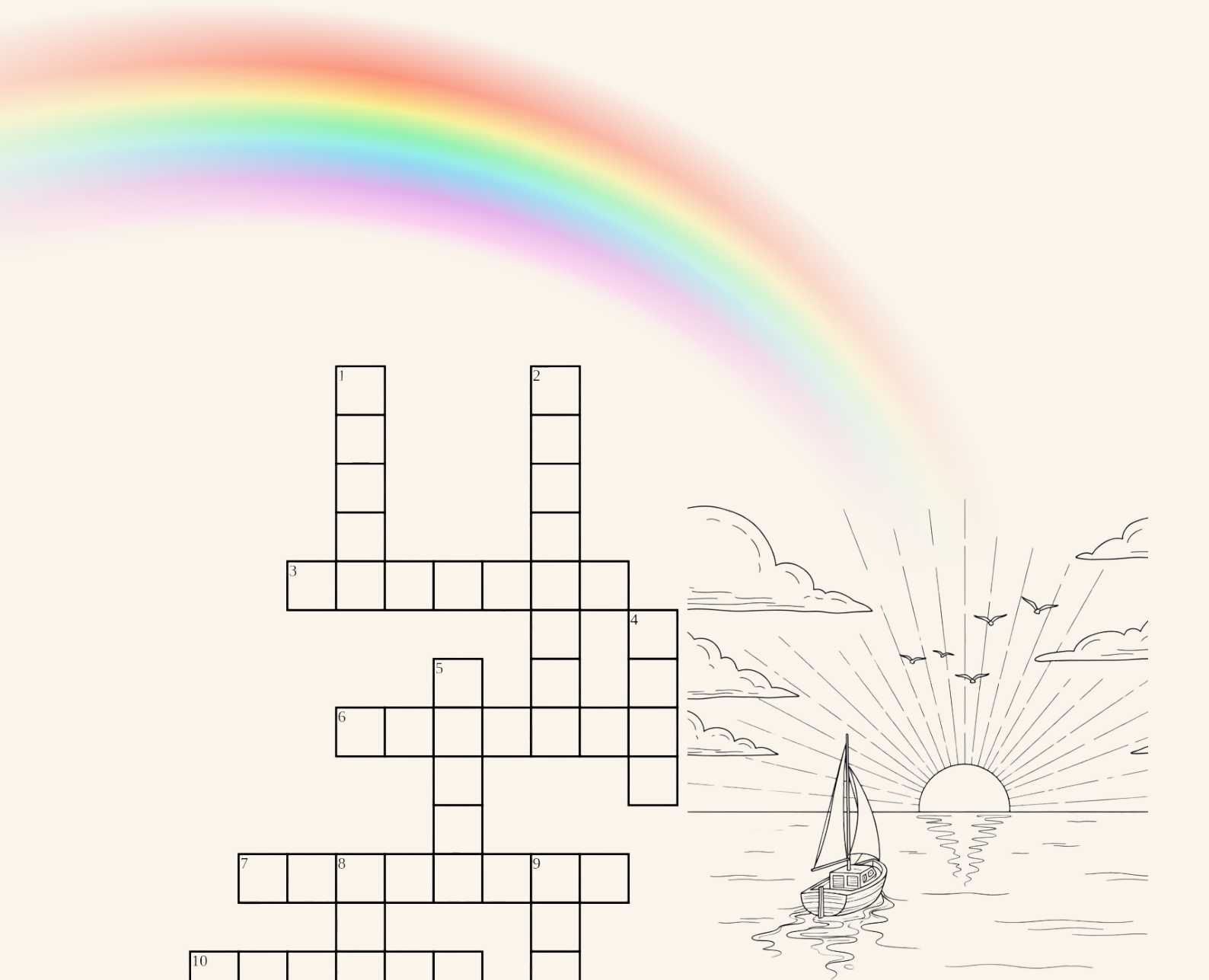
"Dear God, thank You for understanding all my feelings - even the sad and angry ones. Help me remember that You're always with me, even when I can't feel You. When I'm sad, remind me that joy will come again, just like You promised. Help me trust You like Job did. Amen."

Think About It

Have you ever felt really sad about something? What helped you feel better?

Who can you talk to when you have big feelings?

How does it help to know that God understands when you're sad?



Across

3. What God brings after the storm (7 letters)

6. What Job did even when he lost everything (7 letters)

7. What Job showed while waiting for God's timing (8 letters)

10. To continue believing despite hardship (6 letters)

11. What Job never lost even in his darkest hour (5 letters)

12. What God promises to do after our trials (7 letters)

Down

1. Complete calmness in God's presence (5 letters)

2. Inner power that comes from God (8 letters)

4. What we hold onto when times are hard (4 letters)

5. God's gift that we don't deserve (5 letters)

8. To depend on God completely (5 letters)

9. What God gives us during difficult times (7 letters)

Hope Stones

Materials Needed

- Smooth, flat stones (collected from creeks, rivers, or craft stores)
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Fine-tip paintbrushes (sizes 2, 4, and 6)
- Black permanent markers (fine and ultra-fine tip)
- White paint pen or marker
- Pencil (for sketching)
- Paper towels
- Water cups
- Acrylic sealer/varnish (optional, for outdoor use)
- Newspaper or plastic tablecloth

Instructions

Step 1: Prepare Your Stones

- Clean stones with soap and water
- Let them dry completely
- Choose the smoothest side for your main design

Step 2: Plan Your Design

- Lightly sketch your verse with pencil
- Choose short, powerful verses that fit your stone size
- Plan color scheme (light background, dark text works best)

Step 3: Paint the Background

- Paint the entire stone with your chosen background color
- Let dry completely (15-20 minutes)
- Add a second coat if needed

Step 4: Add Your Bible Verse

- Use pencil to lightly write your verse
- Paint over with contrasting color or use permanent marker
- Add decorative elements (flowers, crosses, hearts)

Step 5: Seal Your Creation

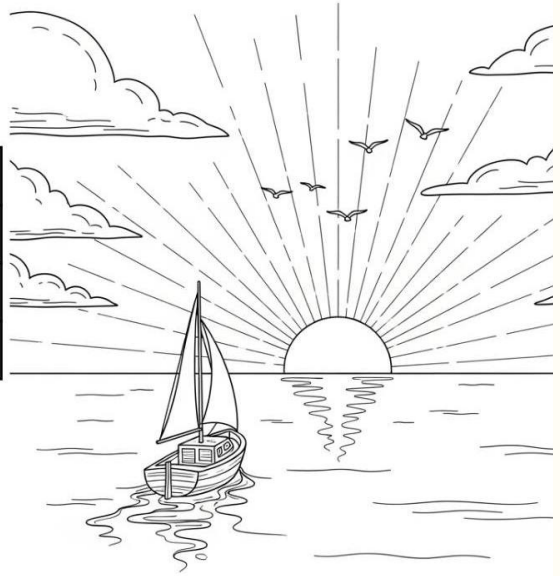
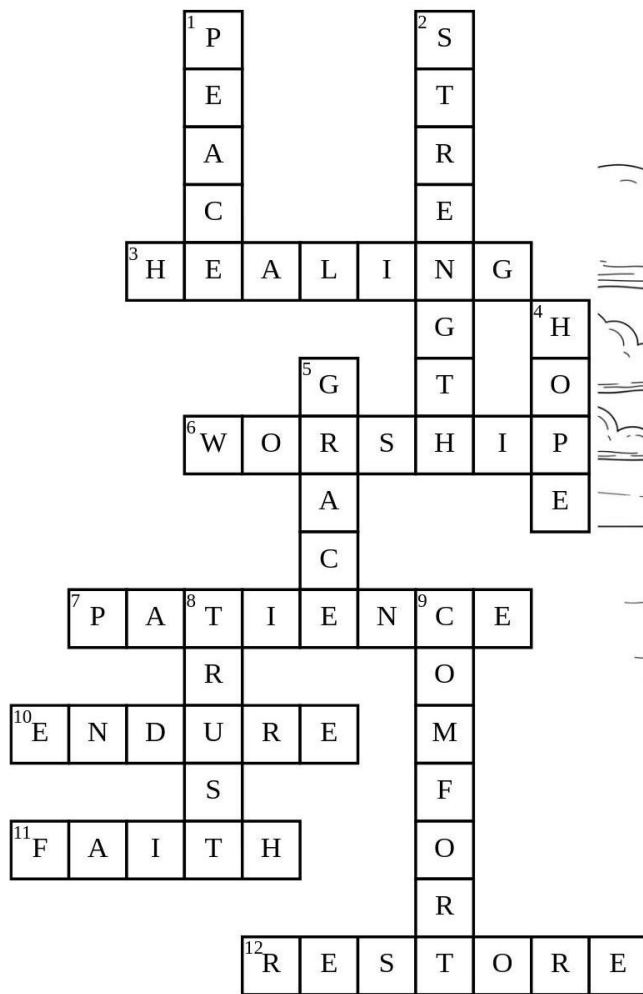
- Let paint dry completely (1-2 hours)
- Apply clear acrylic sealer if stones will go outdoors
- Let cure for 24 hours before handling

What to put on the stones

- Add encouraging words like "Hope," "Joy Comes," "God is Near," "Trust"
- Write Bible verses like Psalm 30:5 or Job 42:10



PUZZLE ANSWERS



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WHY CHOOSE YISHKENI BOOKS?

- ★ Faith-Based Stories Christian values woven into engaging adventures that teach biblical principles through relatable characters.
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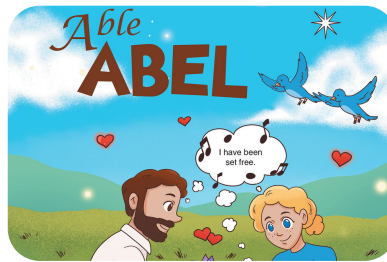
JEMIMAH JOPE

Follow Jemimah Joep, a quiet child of the sixties, as she learns to let go of past disappointments with help from her puppy Zoep and a special cat named TeeVah. A heartwarming story about moving through loss, finding hope in the present, and discovering that God brings the right people into our lives at just the right time.



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FAT KAT

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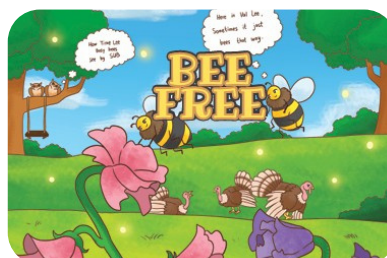
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Jane's devotion to meditation and prayer as she awaits the Savior's return in Florida. A story of faith, spiritual wisdom, and the Ten Commandments for young hearts.



BEE FREE

Honeybees Dee and Lee discover their purpose during their beach honeymoon in Utah. A sweet tale about embracing your talents and aligning with God's will.



ROSEY ROSIE

Inspired by Proverbs 31, follow Rosey and Joseph's journey from youth to marriage in Florida. A beautiful story of virtue, spiritual growth, and God's blessing in relationships.