TODAY'S VIERSIES

MARK 4:39 MATTHEW 14:22-33 MATTHEW 9:29 **ROMANS 9:16** JAMES 2:19 PSALM 77:16

JOB 38:8-11 PSALM 65:6-7 JOB 9:8 HABAKKUK 3:15 **JOHN 8:58 PSALM 18:16**

PSALM 144:7 **MARK 4:39** PSALM 107:28-30 **HEBREWS 1:1-3** JOHN 14:8-9

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE ...

Want to meet someone new. the leadership of Element or get plugged in? You're invited to our **Connect Dessert Party** Sunday, Sept 20, 5pm!

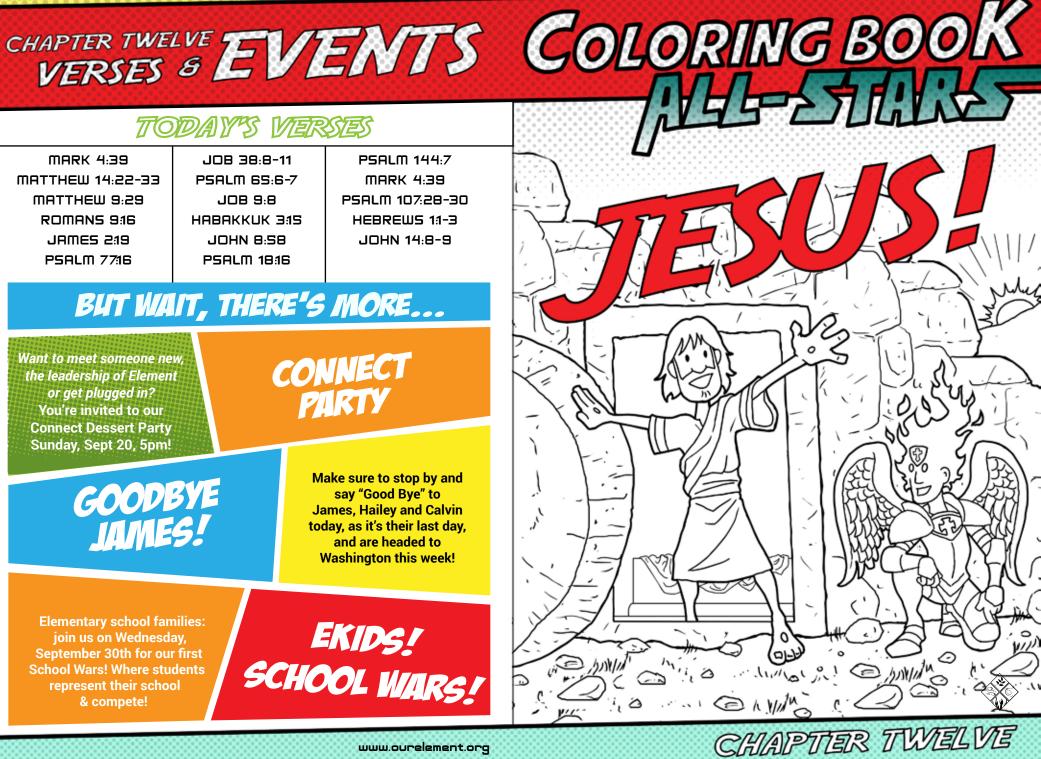
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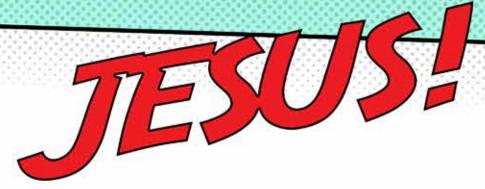
GOODBYE JAMES!

Make sure to stop by and say "Good Bye" to **James, Hailey and Calvin** today, as it's their last day, and are headed to Washington this week!

Elementary school families: join us on Wednesday, September 30th for our first **School Wars! Where students** represent their school & compete!

EKIDS! SCHOOL WARS!





Welcome to the last week of coloring book all stars, the series where we take a look at some of the most popular stories, or people, in the Bible. We realize that some of *your* personal favorites may not have been covered during this series, but that is OK, you get to tell your friends, families and kids about them. This week we look at who Jesus is and why who He is becomes so important to our concept of faith.

What is your definition of faith? Is faith irrational?

Faith, for a follower of Jesus, all comes down to who Jesus is. Biblical faith is what is known as a **covenantal concept**; it is based upon, and comes out of, a relationship with Jesus. Biblical faith in God is not merely stating our belief in "God," it is acting out what we say we believe. James 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Demons have belief, but it didn't change their rebellion.

What are the difference between belief and faith? What type of actions would true faith result in?

Biblical faith should result in action.
Faith is the practice of acting on what you believe.

How is Jesus currently calling you to trust Him? Would Jesus see your faith by how you live?

The Gospel writers of the New Testament frequently wrote, "Jesus saw their faith," that wording means it was a demonstrative faith. Faith isn't trying to convince yourself you believe something enough to get God's magical favor. It also means we don't need to be afraid to wrestle with tough issues or arguments when we feel that they are beyond us. We may never have all the answers to everyone's questions; in the end the one thing we should be focused on is Jesus.

Are there any hard questions you have struggled with? What are some of your doubts? Who is Jesus to you?

If we are confident in Him our actions will show it. For some people, the living out of faith is a slow process, for some it is very quick, but true faith is revealed in our lives in one way or another.

Jesus is God in the flesh, He is the one who holds everything together and keeps our lives from being drowned in the metaphorical seas. He is the incarnate God, the perfect revelation of God. Jesus is the best Coloring Book All-Star.

Read Hebrews 1:1-3

How do these verses speak to who Jesus is?

In the past people saw glimpses of God's glory, but it was always mediated through something (like a priest or a burning bush). When Jesus came, He was God, there was nothing anymore that separated us from Him. Jesus was/is God on display. When God's glory shines, Jesus is that shine, when God loves Jesus is that love. He is the image of God, the truth of God, the word of God, and He is God revealed in and to human flesh.

John 14:8-9 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Would you say you truly have faith?
If so, what does it look like?
How does it manifest in your confidence in Jesus?
Do you sacrifice for the Kingdom of God?
How has your life changed since trusting Jesus?
Does faith in Jesus change the way you live?

