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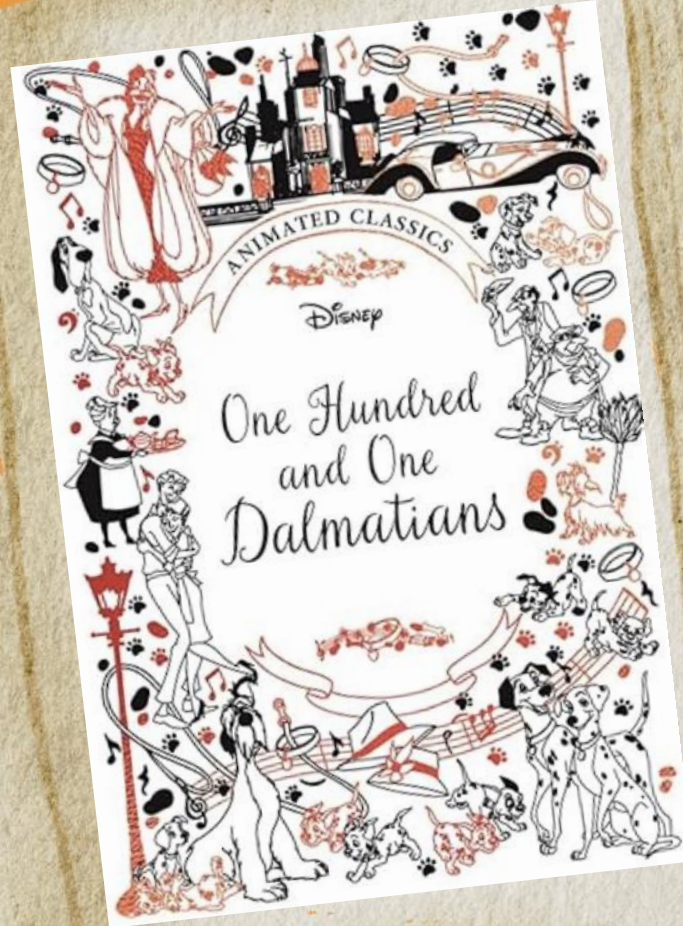


THE MESSAGE

JAMES 1:22

"..DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."

Not long ago,
there lived in
London a young
married couple
of Dalmatian
dogs named
Pongo and
Missis Pongo



A mouse took a
stroll through
the deep dark
wood, A fox
saw the
mouse and the
mouse
looked good.



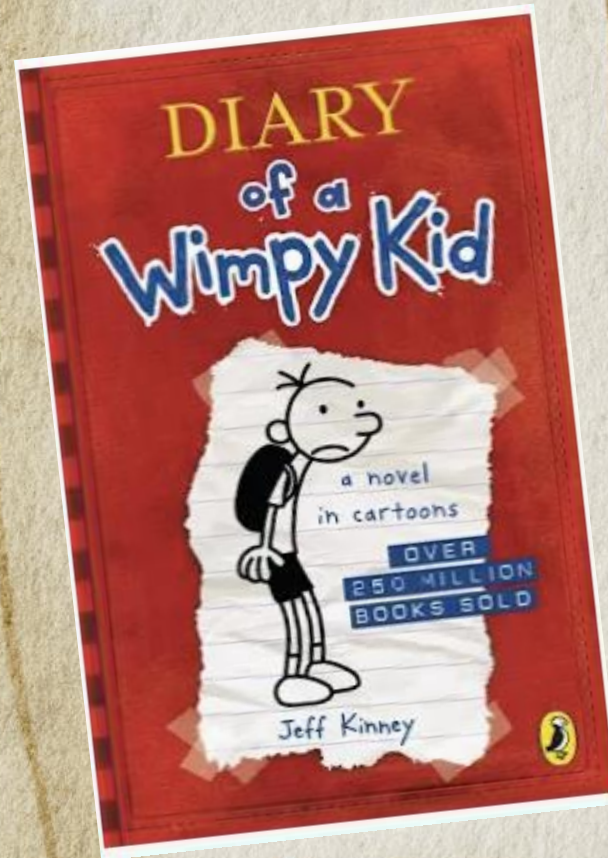
Once there
were four
children
whose names
were Peter,
Susan, Edmund,
and Lucy

The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe

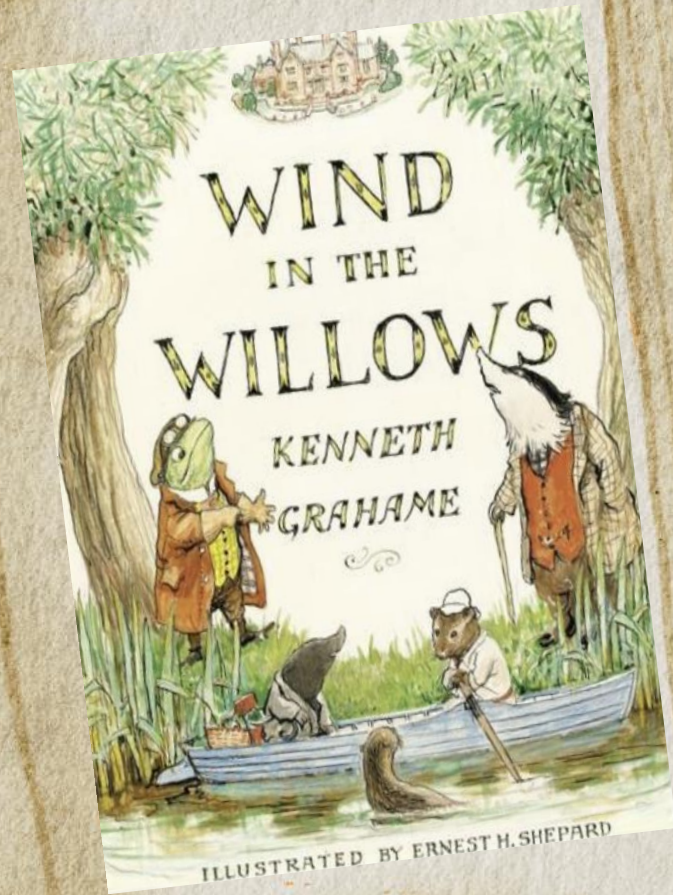
C. S. LEWIS



Tuesday. **First**
of all, let me
get something
straight: this is
a JOURNAL,
not a **diary**.



The Mole
had been
working very
hard all the
morning,
spring-
cleaning his
little home.





God's Covenant People

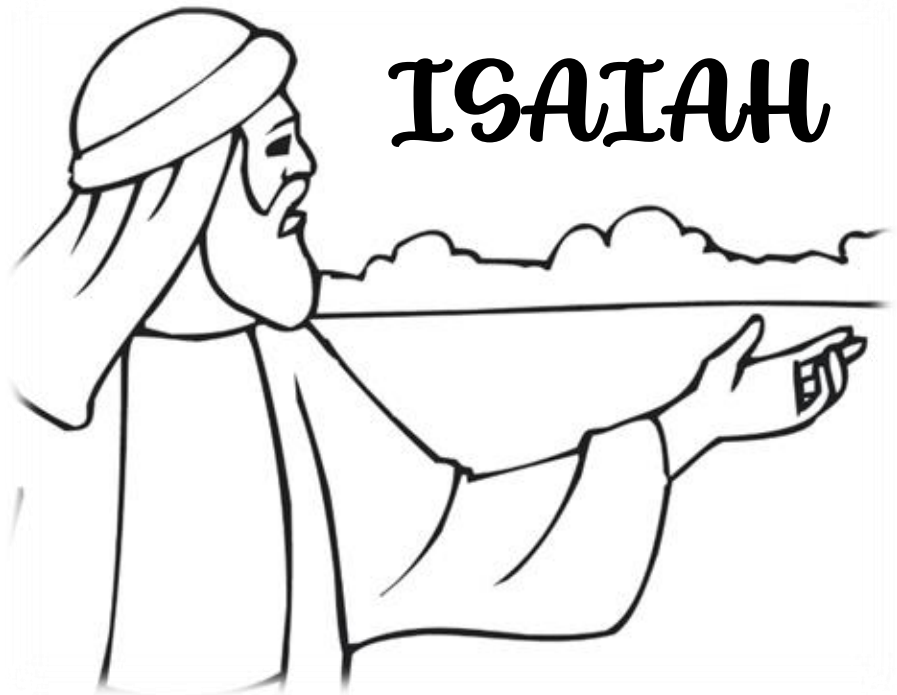
Living with God as His chosen people

Amos | Micah | Habakkuk | Malachi



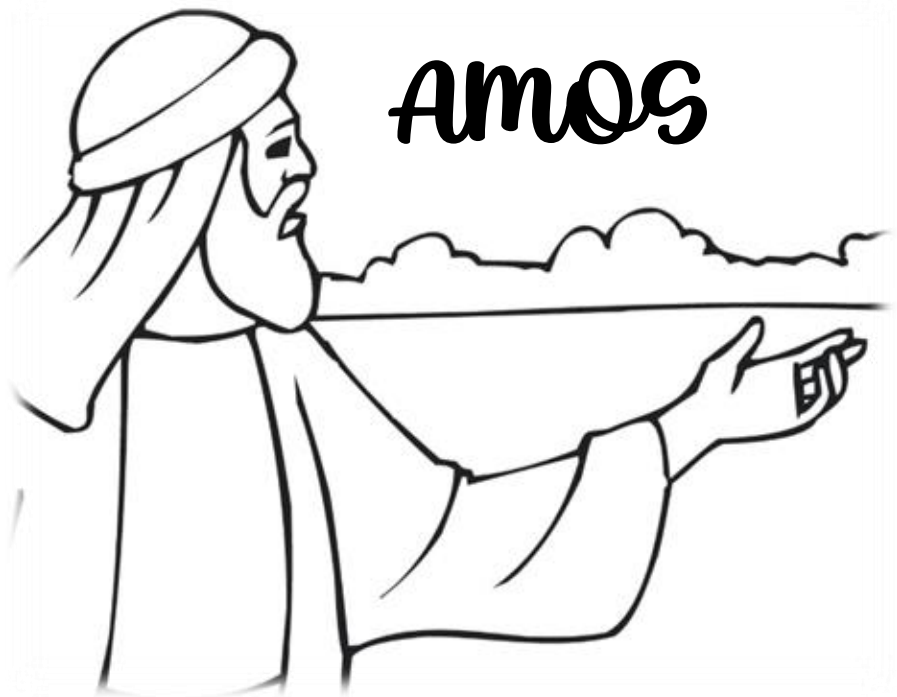
Listen, O heavens! Pay attention, earth! This is what the Lord says

ISAIAH





Attention! Let all the people of the world listen! Let the earth and everything in it hear.



AMOS

*The Lord's voice will roar from
Zion and thunder from
Jerusalem!*



HABAKKUK

*How long O lord must I call
for help, but you do not
listen!*

Activity 4


Packs



The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights. Habakkuk 3:19



MP1: Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



Lament: To express or feel sorrow; to weep or wail; a mournful ballad.


Amos lamented (*Amos 5:11*)

Isaiah lamented (*Isaiah 5:20*)

David lamented (*Psalms 6*)




Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



“Violence is everywhere!” I cry, but you do not come to save. Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence.



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

Habakkuk 1: 2-4



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



LAMENTING IS NOT ...

Turning away from
God in bitterness

BUT

Turning towards
God in bruised
honesty



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



LAMENTING IS NOT ...
Rebellion

BUT
Relationship



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



LAMENTING IS NOT ...

An endpoint

BUT

A starting point



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



LAMENTING IS NOT ...

Just private therapy

BUT

Intercession for
the burdens of the
world



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting




LAMENTING IS NOT ...
Disrespectful

BUT
Worship



Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



*O Lord my God, my Holy One, you who
are eternal—surely you do not plan to
wipe us out? O Lord, our Rock, you
have sent these Babylonians to correct
us, to punish us for our many sins.*

Habakkuk 1:12




Habakkuk trusted God in the lamenting



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A black and white illustration of the prophet Habakkuk. He is depicted as an elderly man with a long, full beard and a turban, wearing a heavy, textured robe. He stands on a stone wall, leaning forward with his hands resting on the blocks. He is looking out over a dark, hilly landscape under a night sky. A large, bright full moon is visible in the upper right, surrounded by a circular glow. The sky is filled with numerous small stars. The overall mood is one of contemplation and waiting.

MP2: Habakkuk trusted God in the waiting




*I will climb up to my watchtower and
stand at my guard post. There I will
wait to see what the Lord say and how
he will answer my complaint.*

Habakkuk 2:1



Habakkuk trusted God in the waiting




Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed

Habakkuk 2:2-3




Habakkuk trusted God in the waiting



*...the righteous person
will live by faith
Habakkuk 2:4*




Habakkuk trusted God in the waiting



Faith says... though it lingers I will wait for it
Faith says... though I tremble I will trust
Faith says... though the night is long, the
dawn will come



Habakkuk trusted God in the waiting

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1. Woe to the greedy
 2. Woe to the violent
 3. Woe to the exploiters
 4. Woe to the corrupt
 5. Woe to the idolaters

But the Lord is in His holy Temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him. Habakkuk 2:20

Habakkuk trusted God in the waiting



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MP2: Habakkuk trusted God in the worship



שִׁיגִיּוֹנוֹת = šig·yō·nō·wt̄ = Shigionoth


strong emotion, erratic wandering, wild tumult



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship



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*I have heard all about you, LORD. I am
filled with awe by your amazing works. In
this time of our deep need, help us
again as you did in years gone by*
Habakkuk 3:2



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship






*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,
and there are no grapes on the vines;
even though the olive crop fails,
and the fields lie empty and barren;
even though the flocks die in the fields,
and the cattle barns are empty,*



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship



Yet I will rejoice in the LORD!
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!
The Sovereign LORD is my strength!
Habakkuk 3: 17-19



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship



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Habakkuk's Faith

- Faith that doesn't deny reality but defies despair
- Faith that trembles but still sings
- Faith that clings to God not for what He gives but for who He is



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship



The Lord God is my strength;
He makes my feet like the deer's;
He makes me tread on my high places..

— Habakkuk 3:19



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship





Conclusion/Response

Will we trust God in the lamenting?

Will we trust God in the waiting?

Will we trust God in the worship?



The Lord God is my strength;
He makes my feet like the deer's;
He makes me tread on my high places..

— Habakkuk 3:19



Habakkuk trusted God in the worship