

# Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to  
grow a faith of their own.

**Month 7 Week 2**

**BRAVING THE DACOITS**

READ:

Matthew 7-12

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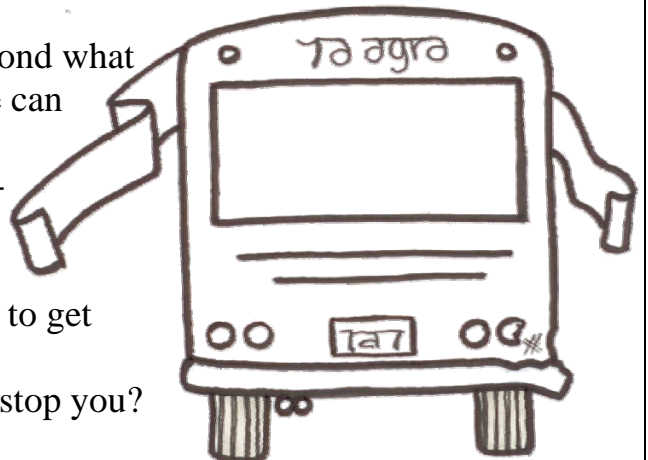
**"For I know the  
\_\_\_\_\_ I have for  
you, declares the  
Lord, plans to  
\_\_\_\_\_ you  
and not \_\_\_\_\_  
you, plans to give  
you a \_\_\_\_\_,  
and a \_\_\_\_\_."  
Jer. 29:11**



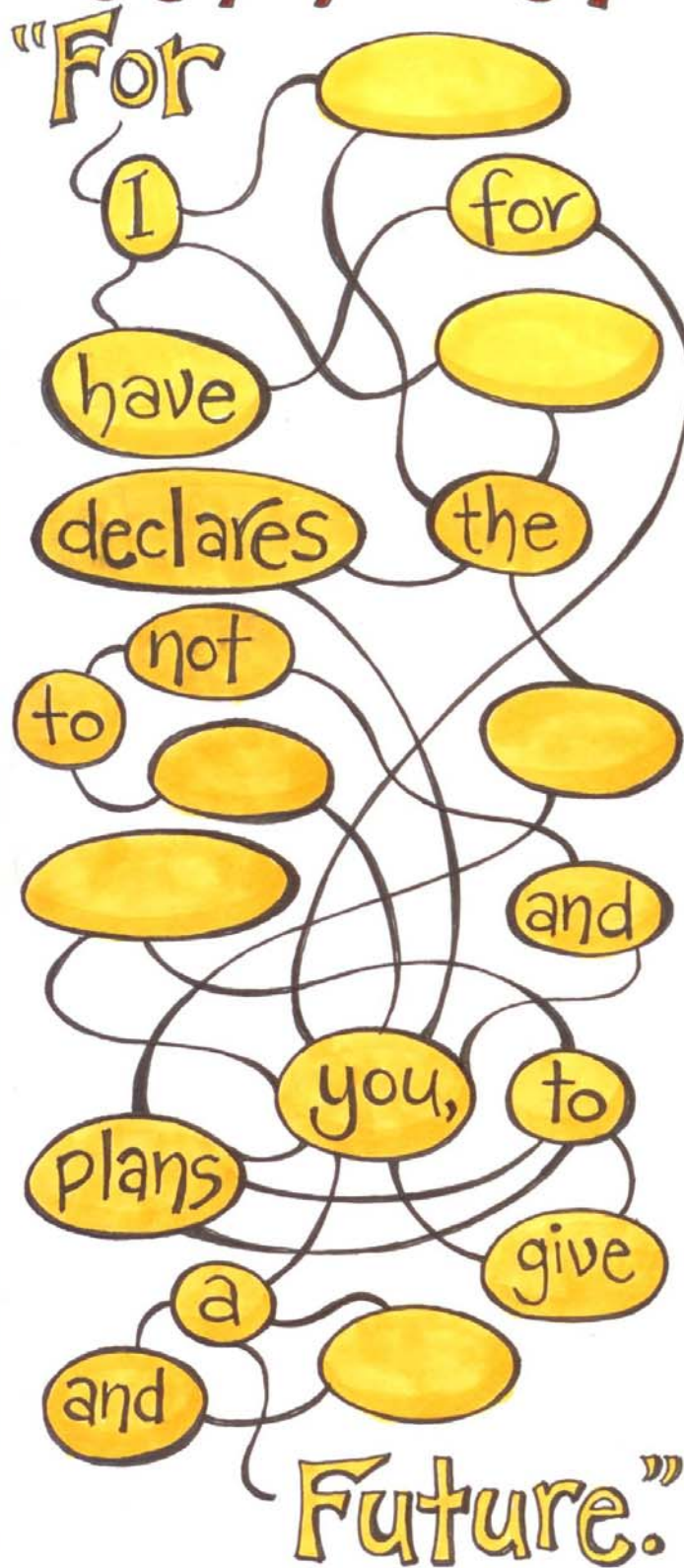
On a trip to India many years ago, I was on a tour bus headed from New Delhi to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. The bus sped along rough and narrow roads, not even slowing down for village streets full of pedestrians, nor stopping to exchange information with the owner of the pickup that we ran into, or even to remove the banner that we had driven through and was now streaming from the sides of the bus. In fact, the only thing the bus driver had stopped for was an elephant pulling a tree down the road! So we were surprised when he pulled over in the middle of nowhere and stopped. It turned out that the upcoming stretch of road required a military escort to keep from being robbed by the "dacoits", a bandit caste. According to our guide, a bus had been stopped the week before and a tourist's finger had been chopped off when she unable to remove her ring. A few of my fellow travelers began to object that they had not been warned the trip would be dangerous. In a quiet voice that carried a great deal of authority, he said, "this is the way to Agra." So we went.

What do dacoits have to do with following Jesus? Simply that the road that Jesus trod was not a safe one. As we look at the life of Jesus, we see that God does not guarantee that things will go the way we want them to, only that His plan is **sovereign** and good.

We will be called beyond what we are able so that we can know that **He** is able. We follow Christ simply because this is the way to God. This is the road we must take to get where we want to go. Will you let anything stop you?



Jeremiah 29:11 says:



Fill in the missing words to complete this maze. The circles can be used more than once, but the lines can only be used once.

What is the road that leads to life like? (Matt. 7:14) \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus say about the cost of following Him? (Matt. 8:18-22) \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Jesus think the disciples should not be afraid of the storm? (Matt. 8:23-27) \_\_\_\_\_

In Matthew 7-12, how was the amount of a person's faith related to what they received? \_\_\_\_\_

Give one example: \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus tell the disciples about fear when He sent them out? (Matt. 10:26-31) \_\_\_\_\_

What are you most afraid of? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think Jesus meant in Matt. 10:39? \_\_\_\_\_

How can we lose, or give up our life? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Jesus say his **yoke** is like? (Matt. 11:28-30) \_\_\_\_\_

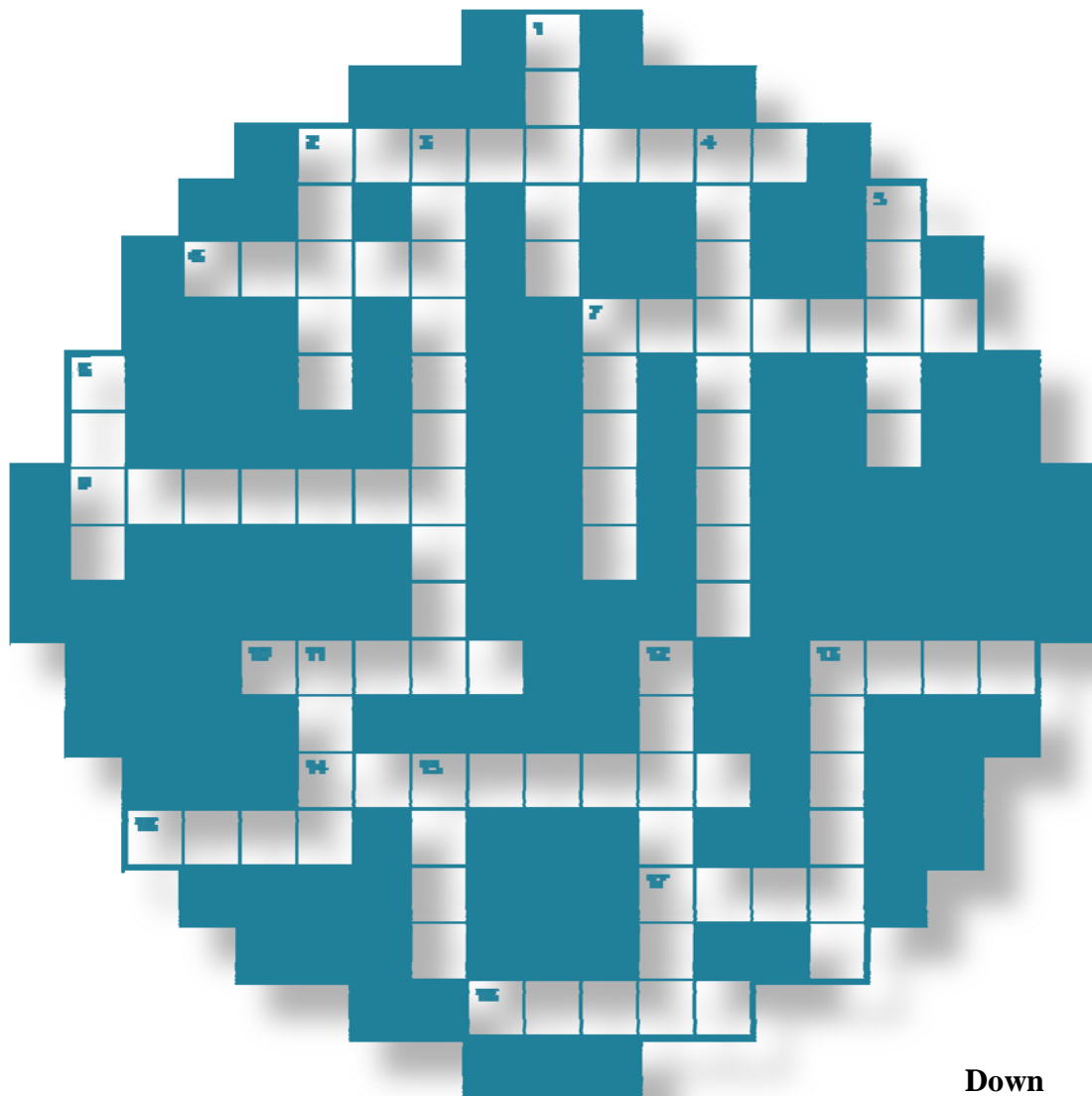
**sovereign** means:

**yoke** means:



# PUZZLE PAGE

Matthew 7-12



## Across

- 2 Jesus desires mercy instead of this 9:13 (9)
- 6 Jesus slept through one 8:24 (5)
- 7 a tax collector 9:9 (7)
- 9 Jesus ate with them 9:10 (7)
- 10 take this out of your own eye first 7:5 (5)
- 13 must do the Father's to enter the kingdom of heaven 7:21 (4)
- 14 the men who lay hold of the kingdom of heaven 11:12 (8)
- 16 where the tree that doesn't bear good fruit ends up 7:19 (4)
- 17 what we will get because of Jesus 10:22 (4)
- 18 will be acquitted or condemned by these 12:37 (5)

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## Down

- 1 you will receive according to this 9:29 (5)
- 2 what Jesus came to bring 10:34 (5)
- 3 what Jesus felt toward the crowds 9:36 (10)
- 4 believed that Jesus could heal his servant 8:8 (9)
- 5 whoever does will find 7:8 (5)
- 7 speaks out of the overflow of the heart 12:34 (5)
- 8 Jesus promises this when we come to Him 11:28 (4)
- 11 those who lose this will find it 10:39 (4)
- 12 what Jesus did to the man with leprosy 8:3 (7)
- 13 the disciples were like sheep among these 10:16 (6)
- 15 the house that can withstand the storm is built on this 7:24-27 (4)

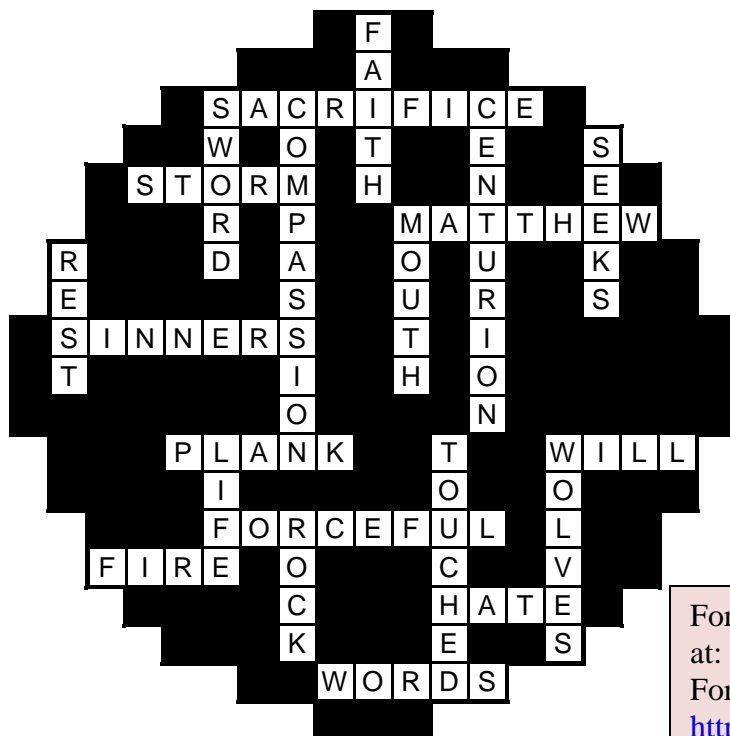


## TIPS for parents and teachers

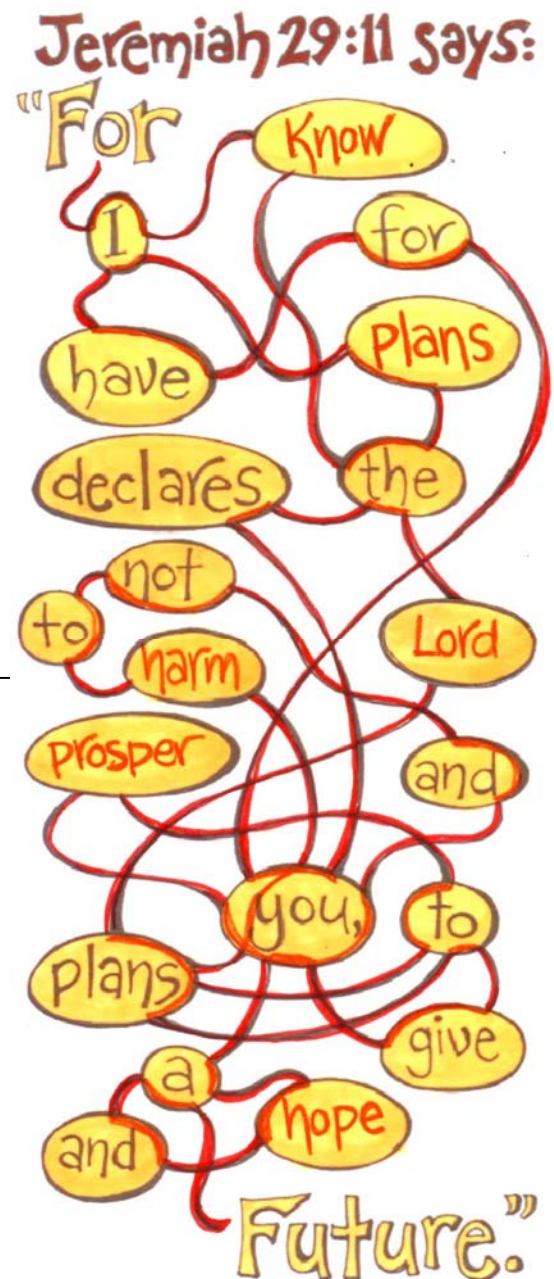
Have a fun, but inexpensive prize for each child at the beginning of class. They don't have to do anything for it, just receive it. Later in the class, ask them if they would give it back to you. If they say no, don't make a big deal, just say okay and continue with the lesson. If they say yes, just quietly take it with no more discussion.

At nearly the end of class, have a much nicer prize to give to those who were willing to give back the earlier treasure. Explain that this is how God works with us. He wants us to give Him all the safety and security of this life. He wants us to give Him all of our plans and goals. He wants us to give Him our lives and follow Him. In exchange we get His plans for us, good plans that give us a hope and a future. Plans that are way better than anything that we could imagine for ourselves.

Which would you choose?



Print the words of Jer. 29:11 onto inexpensive paper plates to make a life size version of the memory verse maze on page 2. It can be a little trickier to navigate from that angle!



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