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SEEKERS

An Interactive
Family Adventure
in Following Jesus

Activity Sheet



DOVE

KEY PASSAGES

Genesis 7-8,
Matthew 3:13-17

RIDDLE #1

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW,
93 34 32 15 44 23 24 33 22
12 15 44 44 15 42
23 11 43
13 34 32 15

IF I TOLD YOU
THAT **DOVES**

ARE ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT ANIMALS...

WOULD YOU BELIEVE ME?



RIDDLE #2

1 2 3 4 5
1 A B C D E K
2 F G H I J
3 L M N O P
4 Q R S T U
5 V W X Y Z

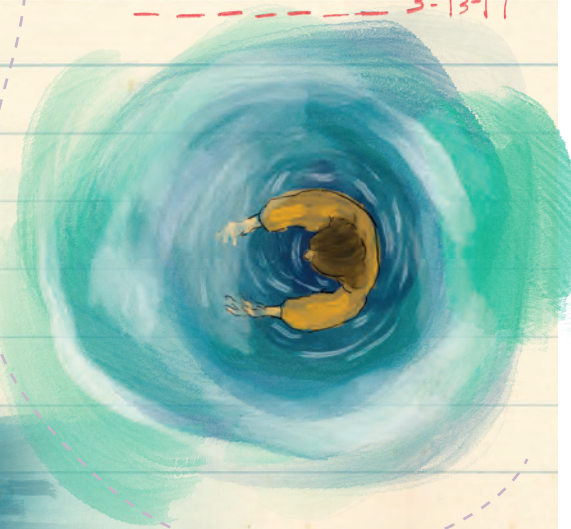
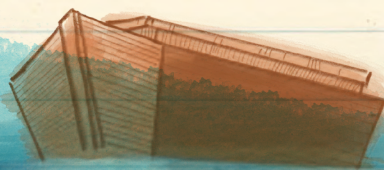
WHAT DOES A DOVE
TELL NOAH IN
22 15 33 15 43 24 43
8:8-11?

RIDDLE #3

THE DOVE BROUGHT NOAH THE AMAZING
TRUTH THAT NEW LIFE WAS BREAKING IN.

WHAT OTHER BOOK IN THE BIBLE TELLS
OF A DOVE HOVERING OVER THE
WATER WITH THE SAME NEWS?

3:13-17





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THEME

Doves in the Bible are an amazing sign of God doing something new, bringing new life out of death. We see this through two key stories of doves in the Bible. In Genesis 8:11-12, a dove serves as a sign of

dry land, a world made new.

In Matthew 3:16, when Jesus is baptized by John, a dove appears as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, and God announces the amazing news that his Son has arrived. Jesus has come to bring new life.

RIDDLE INSIGHTS

1. The key for the first riddle is in the second riddle (the sun). The first number in every pair tells you where to look on the vertical axis; the second number tells you where it connects on the horizontal axis. Keep this statement in mind as you look at the rest of the riddles about doves.

2. For the second riddle, use the same key to get the correct Bible reference. The flood represented the earth being washed clean from sin.

3. To solve the third riddle, write out the letters in the paragraph that are smudged in red. The letters are scrambled, so you'll need to unscramble them to find the correct answer. Just as the dove showed Noah that new life was coming, the dove that hovered over Jesus at his baptism represented the new life to come.

RIDDLE ANSWERS

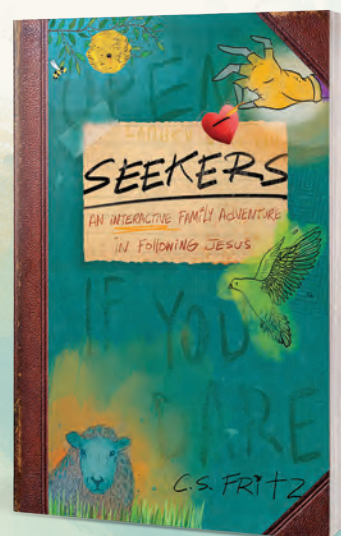
1. Something better has come
2. Genesis 8:8
3. Matthew 3:13-17

DISCUSSION DIRECTION

What are similarities between Jesus and the ark of Noah? Just as Noah's ark saved people from death during the flood, which happened as judgment against sin, Jesus saves us from death and judgment for our sin.

Noah and his family probably felt like there was no way out of the flood. What did the dove show Noah instead? The dove showed that new life was beginning, that somewhere on the earth the waters were going away and things were coming back to life.

Sin meant that there was no way for us to get to God. What did the dove in Matthew show us about Jesus? At Jesus' baptism, the dove signaled that new life had come—that salvation has come down to us.



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