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What you hold in your hand is an incredible resource, a tool designed to help us effectively partner with parents and lead children into a growing relationship with God.

Contained within the pages of this booklet you'll find:

- a. Important scriptures, such as our memory verse.
- b. Amazing and relevant Bible stories.
- c. Key points that make up the exciting messages planned for this entire series.
- d. A place to stamp for each service attended.

This booklet was created to inform you of exactly what our children's ministry will speak about each service. You'll be able to review with your children the messages covered, and also look ahead as the series unfolds.

So partner with us and help your children learn responsibility by bringing this booklet every service. Each time they visit, we will put a stamp in their book to show that they attended, and also filled out each point of that day's lesson in this book.

As an added incentive, we'll continue to give a special reward to those who have attended each day.



“Cowboy Up!”

Howdy, partner! Have you ever been to a rodeo? It’s the bulls and the blood, the dust and the mud, and the roar of the Sunday crowd! As we head to the arena, you might want to pay close attention to the cowboys in the chute, because there are a few things we all can learn at the rodeo.

The first thing is the most obvious: hold firmly! While riding in a rodeo, a cowboy has to hold on firmly, no matter what direction things take him. Now life can feel like a rough ride too, in fact one that could throw you for a loop if you don’t hold on to something. Here’s where you have to do what the Bible tells us to do: Hold firmly to our faith. You do that, and you’ll come out a winner.

Another good tip is to keep your focus. In the ring, a charging bull just might run down that cowboy if it weren’t for those distracting rodeo clowns. Don’t point and laugh at the bulls for not being so smart, because we fall for the same exact tricks. We’re tempted all the time! And we lose focus when we fall into sin, doing things God isn’t pleased with. Don’t let temptation distract you. Remember that the devil is just a clown!

See how those riders keep one hand raised as they battle through? They’ve got one hand holding on firmly, while keeping that other hand raised the entire ride. There’s something in that for each of us to take away. To make it through life, we have to keep our hands up, raised to heaven. When you throw some praise up, you’ll actually find that ride through life a lot smoother. God can help you – this ain’t His first rodeo!

There’s a great crowd of witnesses cheering you on, so hold on firmly, keep focused, and keep those hands up. Saddle up with confidence, because no matter how bumpy the ride, one thing is certain: you’re going to be a champion, gold buckle and all. Cowboy up!



“Cowboy Up!”

“We belong to Christ if we hold tightly to the faith we had at first. But we must hold it tightly until the end.” Hebrews 3:14 NIRV

“Fear the Lord your God and serve Him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name.” Deuteronomy 10:20 NIV

“My brothers and sisters, you will face all kinds of trouble. When you do, think of it as pure joy.” James 1:2 NIRV

“We have a great high priest. He has gone up into heaven. He is Jesus the Son of God. So let us hold firmly to what we say we believe.”
Hebrews 4:14 NIRV

“You have made sure that children and infants praise you. Their praise is a wall that stops the talk of your enemies.” Psalm 8:2 NIRV

“Don’t be afraid to go after what you want to do, and what you want to be. But don’t be afraid to be willing to pay the price.” – Lane Frost

“When you’ve reached the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.”
– Cowboy Proverb



1. _____ **firmly!** In a rodeo, a cowboy has to hold on firmly, no matter what direction things take him. Life can feel like a rough ride, one that could throw you for a loop if you don't hold on to something. Do what the Bible tells us: Hold firmly to our faith, and come out a winner.

"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23 NIRV

A. MOVE

B. RUN

C. HOLD

2. **Keep away from that _____.** In the ring, a charging bull just might run down that cowboy if it weren't for those rodeo clowns. Don't point and laugh at the bulls for not being so smart, because we fall for the same exact tricks. We're tempted all the time! And we lose focus when we fall into sin, doing things God isn't pleased with. Don't let temptation distract you – remember that the devil is just a clown.

"Don't let my heart be drawn to what is evil. Don't let me join with people who do evil." Psalm 141:4 NIRV

A. CLOWN

B. BUCKLE

C. RING

3. **Keep your _____ up.** Rodeo cowboys keep one hand raised as they battle through. That's not bad advice, partner. Keep your praise up throughout life, and you'll actually find things going a lot smoother. God can help you – this ain't His first rodeo!

"Lift up your hands in the temple and praise the Lord." Psalm 134:2 NIRV

A. HOPE

B. HAND

C. CHIN

4. **It's the _____ of the Sunday crowd.** There's a great crowd of witnesses cheering you on, so hold on firmly, keep focused, and keep those hands up. You'll be a champion, gold buckle and all.

"A huge cloud of witnesses is all around us. So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly." Hebrews 12:1 NIRV

A. BLUR

B. ROAR

C. CHAPS



This Month's Memory Verse

"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23 NIRV

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“Strike it Rich”

Get ready to hit pay dirt! In 1849, many, many folks gave up all they had and headed west for the great Gold Rush in search of the Mother Lode! They were called the forty-niners, hearty miners and prospectors with nothing but pans, pick axes, and a whole lot of hopes and dreams.

How about you? Are you a forty-niner? Are you searching for something valuable? In Psalm 49, the Good Book tells us to chase after what is really important, and that's something pretty priceless: a relationship with God, and eternal life.

Does that interest you, partner? If so, then it's time to dig deeper! You've got to seek and knock, and stake your claim! It doesn't matter if you're a miner, or someone older: your prospects are better the more you dig. Spend more time with God, looking for nuggets of truth in His Word, and digging deeper into a relationship with Him. He'll keep you away from that fool's gold, and keep you calm when your whole world starts to shakin'!

Now don't panic! If things seem a little too hot for you, remember that it will all pan out in the end! It takes heat and pressure to refine gold to a place where all impurities are burned away. And in our lives, it's no different. God uses situations to bring us to a place where we can be pure before Him, and that is exactly where we want to be.

You know why? Because there's gold in them-there hills! Jesus wants to meet us in a place where there's streets of gold. So join the Gold Rush, partner, and spread the word. It's heaven or bust, and you're about to strike it rich!



“Strike it Rich”

"But God will save me from the place of the dead. He will certainly take me to himself." Psalm 49:15 NIRV

"And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times." Psalm 12:6 NIV

"There are mines where silver is found.
There are places where gold is purified.
Iron is taken out of the earth.
Copper is melted down from ore.
Human beings light up the darkness.
They search for ore in the deepest pits.
They look for it in the blackest darkness.
Far from where people live they cut a tunnel.
They do it in places where other people don't go.
Far away from people they swing back and forth on ropes.
Food grows on the surface of the earth.
But far below, the earth is changed as if by fire.
Lapis lazuli is taken from the rocky earth.
Its dust contains nuggets of gold.
No bird knows that hidden path.
No falcon's eye has seen it.
Proud animals don't walk on it.
Lions don't prowl there.
Human hands attack the hardest rock.
Their strong hands uncover the base of the mountains.
They tunnel through the rock.
Their eyes see all its treasures.
They search the places where the rivers begin.
They bring hidden things out into the light.
But where can wisdom be found?
Where does understanding live?"
Job 28:1-12 NIV

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV

"Yeow! My biscuits are burnin'!" - Stinky Pete



1. Dig _____. You've got to seek and knock, and stake your claim! It doesn't matter if you're a miner, or someone older: your prospects are better the more you dig. Spend more time with God, looking for nuggets of truth in His Word, and digging deeper into a relationship with Him.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7 NIV

A. UNDER

B. DEEPER

C. AGAIN

2. Everything will _____. If things seem a little too hot for you, don't panic: it will all pan out in the end! It takes heat and pressure to refine gold to a place where all impurities are burned away. In our lives, it's no different. God uses situations to bring us to a place where we can be pure before Him.

"These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

1 Peter 1:7 NIV

A. UNDERMINE

B. SHINE

C. REFINE

3. There's _____ in them-there hills! Join the Gold Rush, and spread the word. Jesus wants to meet us in a place where there's streets of gold. It's heaven or bust!

"The main street of the city was made out of gold. It was gold as pure as glass that people can see through clearly." Revelation 21:21 NIRV

A. GOLD

B. MINE CARTS

C. STREETS



This Month's Memory Verse

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV

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“Are You a Quick Draw?”

When High Noon approaches and trouble calls you out, it ain't no good to have an unloaded weapon. God has given you a Peacemaker, a Bible just loaded with scriptures to fire off at any situation. But a whole lot of folks don't even know how to use it, which is a real shame, because it's the most powerful tool we've ever been given. Here's a bullet point you'd best pay attention to: if you want to still be standing at the end of the day, you have to spend time with God's Word, practicing. If you do that, the enemy won't get the better of you. You'll face off against a bad situation like a sharp shooter, and hit your target every time with just the right scripture to watch your problems fall.

Just be sure you're aiming in the right direction. We face all kinds of things in life: the good, the bad and the ugly. When that bad and ugly comes marching towards you, just keep your focus on the real target: It's not the people - it's the devil. Once upon a time in the wilderness, Jesus saw that mad dog pacing towards him with a big iron on his hip. You can read about this gunslinger duel in the book of Matthew, chapter four. It was quite a face off! So who was the quickest draw this side of the Mississippi? Let's just put it this way: There's the quick and the dead, and Jesus ain't dead! He fired off God's Word straight and true while that crooked devil twisted every shot he took.

Now if you feel like you're standing out there alone, don't you worry a bit. If you've been practicing with your Peacemaker, you'll come out just fine. It helps a lot that you'll have a little help from above! God Himself will help you take down your troubles. So swagger on out there with your spurs jingling. The devil thinks he's got the upper hand, and there ain't enough room in this town for the two of you. What he doesn't know is that you already won this match. Draw!



“Are You a Quick Draw?”

"C'mon Roy, you can do it! Ah, no you can't, he's gonna kill ya."
- Roy O'Bannon

"He read the Law to them from sunrise until noon. He did it as he faced the open area in front of the Water Gate. He read it to the men, the women, and the children old enough to understand. And all the people paid careful attention as Ezra was reading the Book of the Law." Nehemiah 8:3 NIRV

"I have hidden your word in my heart so that I won't sin against you."
Psalm 119:11 NIRV

"God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIRV

"Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success." Joshua 1:8 NIRV

"So faith comes from hearing the message. And the message that is heard is the message about Christ." Romans 10:17 NIRV

"Fast is fine, but accuracy is everything." – Wyatt Earp

"Never interrupt a man in the middle of a duel! I had 'im! That's what gets me: I had 'im! I had 'im!" - Roy O'Bannon



1. Don't go _____. God has given you a Peacemaker, a Bible just loaded with scriptures to fire off at any situation. You best get to practicing with it!

"God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIRV

A. UNARMED

B. CHANGING

C. ALONE

2. Focus on the real _____. We face all kinds of things in life: the good, the bad and the ugly. When that bad and ugly comes pacing towards you, just keep your focus on the real target. It's not the people - it's the devil.

"Our fight is not against human beings. It is against the rulers, the authorities and the powers of this dark world. It is against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly world." Ephesians 6:12 NIRV

A. SHERIFF

B. TARGET

C. WEAPON

3. You already _____. Don't worry. If you've been practicing with your Peacemaker, you'll come out just fine. You'll have a little help from above, so swagger on out there with your spurs jingling.

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4 NKJV

A. LOST

B. DREW

C. WON



This Month's Memory Verse

*"I have hidden your word in my heart
so that I won't sin against you." Psalm 119:11 NIRV*

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“He Ain’t no Tall Tale!”

You may have heard some pretty wild tall tales about Pecos Bill and other rip-roarin' cowboy legends. Seriously, can you imagine someone roping a twister? That's just plum crazy! But as great as some of these old stories are, there are some even more amazing ones that date back many, many years before. The best part of all is that they're all true, every single one of them! Why, if you want to see the greatest, wildest stories ever told, look no further than inside your Bibles, where you'll read about a guy named Moses.

This guy was a legend! If you told Moses there was a snake in his boots, he wouldn't even flinch! That's because he knew that the Great I Am was right there with him through thick and thin, always leading, always guiding his people along. There was this one time - and just because God said so - Moses reached down and picked up a snake sure enough. And right in front of everyone, that slithery creature turned into a great big staff for Moses to carry around with him. You see, Moses knew something that you need to pick up on as well: God is your Partner, through and through. True story!

Later on, when Moses was leading those Israelites around the desert without anything to eat, God did something so amazing you'd think I was telling you a tall tale. He actually made it rain manna down from the heavens. That's right - food fell down from the sky. He even sent rolling by one huge covey of quail that was pretty tasty! The point is, God is our Provider, plain and simple. When you're feeling needy, we reckon the best thing to do is trust Him, sure as anything.

But hold on to your hats! This last story here just might beat them all. You see, the Israelites were cornered with Pharaoh's posse chasing them down something fierce. But here's where things got downright crazy. In one of the most amazing miracles of them all, God made a path of dry land right in the middle of that Red Sea, making a way for all His people to escape. You should have seen that stampede! God was and is our Protector, making a way when there doesn't even seem to be a way!

Reading about Moses makes it pretty plain as day: you don't have to be scared of nothing! God will take care of you. He is your Partner, your Provider, and your Protection. He's done so many amazing things in the past, and there's nothing that says He won't do it again. And that, my friends, is no tall tale!



“He Ain’t no Tall Tale!”

“As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked back. There were the Egyptians marching after them! The Israelites were terrified. They cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Why did you bring us to the desert to die? Weren’t there any graves in Egypt? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? We told you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone. Let us serve the Egyptians.’ It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die here in the desert!”

Moses answered the people. He said, “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the Lord will save you today. Do you see those Egyptians? You will never see them again. The Lord will fight for you. Just be still.”

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people of Israel to move on. Hold out your walking stick. Reach out your hand over the Red Sea to divide the water. Then the people can go through the sea on dry ground. I will make the Egyptians stubborn. They will go in after the Israelites. I will gain glory for myself because of what will happen to Pharaoh, his army, chariots and horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord. I will gain glory because of what will happen to Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

The angel of God had been traveling in front of Israel’s army. Now he moved back and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved away from in front of them. Now it stood behind them. It came between the armies of Egypt and Israel. All through the night the cloud brought darkness to one side and light to the other. Neither army went near the other all night long.

Then Moses reached out his hand over the Red Sea. All that night the Lord pushed the sea back with a strong east wind. He turned the sea into dry land. The waters were divided. The people of Israel went through the sea on dry ground. There was a wall of water on their right side and on their left.

The Egyptians chased them. All Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. Near the end of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud. He saw the Egyptian army and threw it into a panic. He jammed the wheels of their chariots. That made the chariots hard to drive. The Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for Israel against Egypt.”

Exodus 14:10-25 NIRV

“Just ‘cause it’s a tall tale don’t mean it ain’t true.” - Jonas Hackett



1. He's our _____. Moses knew that the Great I Am was right there with him through thick and thin, always leading, always guiding his people along. He'll never leave us or forsake us!

"And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

Matthew 28:20 NIRV

A. PARTNER

B. PRIDE

C. PIONEER

2. He's our _____. It must have been like a great cattle drive, moving those Hebrew children through the wilderness. But God provided food for them in an amazing way, and they learned what we need to know as well: if there's a need, God takes care of His children.

"Look at the birds of the air. They don't plant or gather crops. They don't put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are?" Matthew 6:26 NIRV

A. PROVIDER

B. PACIFIER

C. PLANNER

3. He's our _____. When heading to the car, have you ever heard someone call "shotgun"? That person wants the passenger seat, which on an old stage coach used to be the "shotgun" position. It was called that because that's where a guy holding a shotgun would sit and protect everyone for the journey. In our lives, God is calling "shotgun" over you. That means he wants to be there right beside you for the journey, watching over you with His protection.

"But no weapon used against you will succeed. People might bring charges against you. But you will prove that they are wrong. Those are the things I do for my servants. I make everything right for them," announces the Lord." Isaiah 54:17 NIRV

A. PERFECTION

B. PROTECTOR

C. PAL



This Month's Memory Verse

*"And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."
Matthew 28:20 NIRV*

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“Be a Trailblazer”

In May of 1804 two men led an unforgettable expedition, some of the first trailblazers of the American West. Two legends, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, made their way through an undiscovered country, exploring and creating a path we follow to this day. Soon after, other explorers were making a name for themselves - there were guys like John Colter, Kit Carson and John Wesley Powell discovering a whole new world of adventure as they blazed a trail never taken before.

That same spirit of the Trailblazer is within all of us, a desire to see and do new things. We just know that adventure is out there! Even many years earlier, it was with two other rugged frontier men named Joshua and Caleb. There were some Israelites that were content to settle right where they were. But not Joshua and Caleb. These two were ready to lead God's people across the Jordan River, and into a land none of them had ever seen before. Just like the other trailblazers, they were creating a path for others to follow.

The big question is this: what sort of path are you creating? Like it or not, you leave a trail behind you, a story that others will read about in time. How you live your life is something other folks can learn from. Will they be learning the right way to do something, or will it be the wrong way? The Bible is full of people who made their own paths, and while many like Joshua and Caleb showed us the way to live, some of the others wound up at a dead end. The lesson is simple: be a trailblazer, and make your path a good one for others to follow.

If you think you need help, don't worry. God has you covered. Those two explorers Lewis and Clark were blessed to have Sacagawea with them to help guide them and keep them from danger. Yet we have a Friend that does that and more: the Holy Spirit will lead us forward, showing us the way to live, and the way to lead.

It's time to blaze a trail, and follow your manifest destiny. While the early explorers of the Old West showed weary travelers the way, you've got a very similar task before you. Your adventure here is to show the world the Way: His name is Jesus.

So saddle up, and don't spend too much time looking back. You've got your own path to make, and it's time to get moving. It's time to be a Trailblazer!



“Be a Trailblazer”

“I could never resist the call of the trail.” - Buffalo Bill Cody

"Then Caleb interrupted the men speaking to Moses. He said, “We should go up and take the land. We can certainly do it.” Numbers 13:30 NIRV

"On the tenth day of the first month the people went up out of the Jordan River. They camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. Joshua set up the 12 stones at Gilgal. They were the ones the people had taken out of the Jordan. Then he spoke to the Israelites. He said, "In the days to come, your children after you will ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' Their parents must tell them, 'Israel went across the Jordan River on dry ground.' The Lord your God dried up the Jordan for you until you had gone across it. He did to the Jordan River the same thing He had done to the Red Sea. He dried up the Red Sea ahead of us until we had gone across it. He did it so that all the nations on earth would know that He is powerful. He did it so that you would always have respect for the Lord your God." Joshua 4:19-24 NIRV

"But my servant Caleb has a different spirit. He follows me with his whole heart. So I will bring him into the land he went to. And his children after him will receive land there." Numbers 14:24 NIRV

"We have an unknown distance yet to run, an unknown river to explore. What falls there are, we know not; what rocks beset the channel, we know not; what walls ride over the river, we know not. Ah, well! we may conjecture many things." - John Wesley Powell

“Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.” – John Wayne



1. What _____ are you making? The early American explorers were discovering paths that we follow to this day. But what sort of path are you creating? Like it or not, you leave a trail behind you, a story that others will read about in time. Make it a good one.

"But my servant Caleb has a different spirit. He follows me with his whole heart. So I will bring him into the land he went to. And his children after him will receive land there." Numbers 14:24 NIRV

A. PATH

B. WAGON

C. TRAPPER

2. Follow your _____. Lewis and Clark were blessed to have Sacagawea with them to help guide them and keep them from danger. Yet we have a Friend that does that and more: the Holy Spirit will lead us forward, showing us the way to live, and the way to lead.

"But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth." John 16:13 NIRV

A. HEART

B. RIVER

C. GUIDE

3. Show others the _____! You have a manifest destiny, and it's time to blaze a trail! While the explorers of the Old West showed weary travelers the way, you've got a very similar task before you. Your adventure here is to show the world the Way: his name is Jesus.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6 NIRV

A. MOUNTAINS

B. WAY

C. CANYONS



This Month's Memory Verse

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone.' " Mark 16:15 NIRV

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“Round’em Up!”

Saddle up! It's time to hit the dusty trail on a great cattle drive! Only in this case, we're quite a bit like those cows. Now hold your horses and let me explain! It'll make sense in a bit.

You probably know that ranchers put a mark on their cattle to let everyone know who those cows belong to. Sure enough, they may be branded, but we're marked too! The Bible tells us that God has put a seal on us, telling the world that we belong to Him. Hey, it's good for us He didn't use a great big branding iron!

Now as God's property, we're marked for greatness. That means we can't be doing certain types of things that He isn't pleased with. And we can't be going certain places He doesn't want us to either. That's why it's good to have Him driving you along in the right direction.

But have you ever seen a stampede? It sure ain't something you want to be near. A stampede is a whole bunch of cows running out of control, and the end result is a whole lot of damage and destruction. Get this: during a stampede, many of the cows don't even have a clue why they're running! They're just doing it because the other cows are! The point here is simple: God has you marked for something greater, so grab life by the horns, and steer clear of peer pressure!

Just remember that you've got God's name on you. You've got to represent! And just as important, you've got a job to do on this drive. There are a few out there that have gone astray, and they're heading for a world of trouble. That's why Jesus told us to go after anyone who is lost. He even said to leave the ninety-nine to go after the one, because every soul is something special to Him.

So help Him rope those lost ones in, and join the herd. You're marked as His property, you're marked for greatness, and this cattle drive is heading to the Promised Land. So follow that Great Commission, and round 'em up!



“Round’em Up!”

“He put his Spirit in our hearts and marked us as His own. We can now be sure that He will give us everything He promised us.”

2 Corinthians 1:22 NIRV

"Then Jesus told them this parable: 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Luke 15:3-7 NIV

"Call me crazy, but I think these cows got it in for me!" - Alameda Slim



1. We are _____. Ranchers put a mark on their cattle to let everyone know who those cows belonged to. But we're marked too! God has put a seal on us, telling the world that we belong to Him. And it's an official mark too – it ain't one of them fakes!

"When you believed, He stamped you with an official mark. That official mark is the Holy Spirit that He promised." Ephesians 1:13 NIRV

A. STAMPEDING B. RANCHERS C. BRANDED

2. We are marked for _____. During a stampede, many of the cows don't have a clue why they're running - it's just because the others are. And a stampede causes nothing but trouble! Steer clear of peer pressure, because God has you marked for something greater.

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffer harm." Proverbs 13:20 NIV

A. BRANDING B. TALL TALES C. GREATNESS

3. We have God's _____ on us. You've got God's name on you, and you've got a job to do on this drive. Jesus told us to leave the ninety-nine to go after the one, because every soul is something special to Him. So follow that Great Commission, and round 'em up!

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 NIV

A. RIDER B. NAME C. SADDLE



This Month's Memory Verse

“When you believed, He stamped you with an official mark. That official mark is the Holy Spirit that He promised.” Ephesians 1:13 NIRV

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“We’re Wanted”

Have you seen a wanted poster before? The sheriff’s posted a few of them here and there in town. You might see pictures of outlaws like Butch Cassidy, Jesse James, Billy the Kid, Theodore Ogelvie, Amos Tucker, or even “Mad Dog” Buford Tannen. At one point in their lives, they all had a price on their heads.

But we’re no different at all, really. You read that right! You too had a price on your head. You’re an outlaw, and the reason for that is mainly because you couldn’t follow God’s law. Now don’t get all fired mad as a hornet! The Good Book tells us that we’re all outlaws, sure enough. Think of the greatest person you know. Even that person is an outlaw too! And that’s where the problem comes in. You see, because of sin, there’s a wanted poster with your name on it in big, bold letters. That’s quite a predicament!

It’s a good thing we have a hero around these parts. You may have heard of him. His name is Jesus. I tell you, he came riding in with a blaze of glory! He saw that word “WANTED,” and you know something? That about sums things up. Whether you realize it or not, you’re wanted by Him. Just to prove it, listen to this scripture here from Titus 2:14. It’s got the word “WANTED” in it three times!

“He gave himself for us. By doing that, He set us free from all evil. He wanted to make us pure. He wanted us to be His very own people. He wanted us to desire to do what is good.”

Even better than a hero in a western movie riding in on a white horse, Jesus came in to save the day. He paid the price for our sins, and because of His love, we can ride off into the sunset together. That really is some good news!

So the next time you see a wanted poster, just imagine your picture right there in the middle of it. We all had a price on our heads. But aren’t you thankful for God’s love? We’re wanted!



“We’re Wanted”

“The Lord wanted His people to see how great and glorious His law is. He wanted to show them that He always does what is right.”
Ephesians 4:21 NIRV

“At one time we all lived among them. Our desires were controlled by sin. We tried to satisfy what they wanted us to do. We followed our desires and thoughts. God was angry with us like He was with everyone else. That’s because of the kind of people we all were.” Ephesians 2:3 NIRV

“He gave himself for us. By doing that, He set us free from all evil. He wanted to make us pure. He wanted us to be His very own people. He wanted us to desire to do what is good.” Titus 2:14 NIRV

“We have been made holy by what God wanted. We have been made holy because Jesus Christ offered his body once and for all time.”
Hebrews 10:10 NIRV

Flynn Rider: [looking at his 'Wanted' poster] “No... no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, this is bad, this is very very bad, this is really bad... They just can't get my nose right!”



1. Stay on the _____. Cattle rustlers might try to tempt cattle away from the herd, and outlaws might want you to join their gang. There's temptation everywhere, but you just got to know there's a way out. Sure, there's an enemy out to steal, kill and destroy. But Jesus came to give us life, and life more abundantly.

"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

John 10:10 NIRV

A. ROOF

B. TRAIL

C. CACTUS

2. You're _____, dead or alive! Have you ever seen a wanted poster from the old west? Thieves, bandits, and outlaws have their pictures posted, along with reward money. But you've got a price on your head too. Everyone has messed up, and done something God isn't pleased with.

"When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done."

Romans 6:23 NIRV

A. WANTED

B. PEACEFUL

C. TROUBLE

3. He rode in with a blaze of _____! Even better than a hero in a western movie riding in on a white horse, Jesus came in to save the day. He paid the price for our sins, and because of His love, we can ride off into the sunset together.

"He gave himself for us. By doing that, he set us free from all evil. He wanted to make us pure. He wanted us to be his very own people. He wanted us to desire to do what is good." Titus 2:14 NIRV

A. GLORY

B. SADDLES

C. FIRE



This Month's Memory Verse

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“Vaya Con Dios”

Wyatt Earp had Doc Holliday. Roy Rogers had Gabby Hayes. The Lone Ranger had Tonto. Jim West had Artemus Gordon. And Ned Nederlander had his friends Dusty Bottoms and Lucky Day. If there’s one thing we can learn from these western heroes, it’s this: you’re never meant to ride alone. You’re not designed to go through life without any assistance. Fortunately, God has put some wonderful help along your path.

We’ve all been given unique skills – some can sew, some can put on a show, and still others can fly a plane. Some can preach the gospel, while others sing “Blue Shadows on the Trail.” Can you imagine the possibilities when we work together all for each other and all for one? When we put our talents together, we can do quite a lot. And you know that where two or three are gathered together in His name, all things are possible!

In an Old Western movie, have you ever seen a posse? According to the dictionary, a posse is “a group of people who have a common characteristic, occupation, or purpose.” At the end of the day when you’re riding off into the sunset, hopefully you’ve figured out by now that you’re not riding the trail alone. You’re an important part of God’s posse, ready to mount up at any moment in order to go out and save the day.

But that’s not the only help you have, not by a long shot. As you go through life, you have an amazing amount of help from the Three Amigos! No, we’re not talking about anything like the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. You’ve got Three Amigos that stick closer to you than a brother, always ready to ride with you. With the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as your friends, you’ll always have supernatural love, grace, and power.

As we say adios to this cowboy series, we’ll close with one final expression cowboys told each other when going their separate ways: “Vaya con Dios.” In Spanish, that simply means “Go with God.” And after this message, you know for yourself that you’ll never be riding the trail alone. Happy Trails!



“Vaya Con Dios”

“Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up.

But suppose a person falls down and doesn't have anyone to help them up. Then feel sorry for that person!

Or suppose two people lie down together. Then they'll keep warm. But how can one person keep warm alone?

One person could be overpowered. But two people can stand up for themselves. And a rope made out of three cords isn't easily broken.”
Ecclesiastes 9:4-12 NIRV

“So does belonging to Christ help you in any way? Does his love comfort you at all? Do you share anything in common because of the Holy Spirit? Has Christ ever been gentle and loving toward you? If any of these things has happened to you, then agree with one another. Have the same love. Be one in spirit and in the way you think and act. By doing this, you will make my joy complete. Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.”

Philippians 2:1-5 NIRV

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20 KJV

“May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. May the love that God has given us be with you. And may the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14 NIRV

“Thanks for always being there, Doc.” – Wyatt Earp



1. You're not a _____ ranger. Even the Lone Ranger had a sidekick, a kemosahbee. That means "trusty scout" or "faithful friend." The truth of the matter is that you're not designed to go through life without any help. *"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIRV*

A. GROWN

B. FLOWN

C. LONE

2. _____ together! Just one person in the Pony Express couldn't travel all that distance, all that quickly. It took teamwork to deliver that very important message – and we work the same way. When we put our talents together, we can go pretty far. And where two or three are gathered together in His name, all things are possible!

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20 KJV

A. RIDE

B. GATHER

C. POSSE

3. You have the _____. It's not the Good, the Bad and the Ugly. You've got Three Amigos always ready to ride with you. With the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as your friends, you'll always have supernatural love, grace, and power.

"May the grace shown by the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. May the love that God has given us be with you. And may the sharing of life brought about by the Holy Spirit be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14 NIRV

A. THREE AMIGOS

B. COURAGE

C. HEDGES OF MANY SMALL VILLAGES



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COWBOY BIBLE VERSES

“What an amazin’ thing it is when families can get along together. This unity is like a brisket rub made together of individual spices in equal measures, when brought together, is holy and pleasin’ to God.”
Psalm 133:1-2

“And my God will fill your saddle bags with everything you need accordin’ to everything that was given to you through Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

“Whatever you do, ride with all your heart, riding for the Lord, and not for men.” Colossians 3:23

“You can be sure that the cowboy who started you on the right trail will ride with you until the end.” Philippians 1:6

“Don’t take a hard hankerin’ for money and just be glad with what ya got, because the Big Boss has said, ‘I ain’t never gonna leave ya; nor forsake ya.’” Hebrews 13:5

“Don’t forget, as some have the habit of doing, that it’s important to sit around the campfire and share each other’s company. Give encouragement and spur each other on to good trails—more and more as you see the Day comin’ fast.” Hebrews 10:25

“I’m plum certain that neither livin’ nor dyin’, neither the angels from heaven nor the boogers from brush, neither the right now’s nor the will be’s, nor any force. There ain’t no fence, no gate, nor any mountain or problem, that will be able to keep us from the love of God that is found in his only Son.” Romans 8:3

“There is no greater love than this, someone who will take your place in the gunfight that you can’t win.” John 15:13



COWBOY BIBLE VERSES

"I'm leavin' my peace in your saddle bags just for you to have. I'm not ever gonna go back and take it from you like the world does. With this here gift, there is never a need to worry or fret." John 14:27

"We've all throwed our heads up like wild cattle and run off to the brush so we could do what we wanted; and God has laid all of our punishment on His shoulders." Isaiah 53:6

"Peter said, 'Turn around and quit followin' the wrong trail. Be baptized, all of y'all, in the name of Jesus Christ and he will forgive your sorry ways. And you'll get the gift of the Holy Ghost.'" Acts 2:3

"For all have been bucked off and fallen short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

"Death is the box canyon we'll all end up in, but God provided a trail into eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"Finally, cowboys, whatever is sure 'nough truth, whatever is just, whatever is no-nonsense, whatever is unpolluted, whatever is pretty as a newborn calf, whatever is worth admiring—if anything is worth its weight or deservin' of a smile—ponder on these things." Philippians 4:8

"It's our faith in God's love for us that does the saving—and this is not from our rope, or our hand, or our horse, it is the gift of the Almighty."
Ephesians 2:8

"Always let him lead you and he will blaze a trail straight through the brush." Proverbs 3:6



“But the West of the old times, with its strong characters, its stern battles and its tremendous stretches of loneliness, can never be blotted from my mind.” - Buffalo Bill Cody

Here's your chance to fill a blank page with a strong character from the Old West! Why not try drawing yourself as cowboy or cowgirl – and put some western scenery behind you too!