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The GOOD News From GOD

Looking at Bible verses from the Book of Romans helps us understand God's Good News of salvation.

What Does GOD Want You to Know? >>>>

Admit that everybody has sinned.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - (Romans 3:23)

No one can be good enough to reach Heaven on his own. All of us have sinned.

Realize that sin has a penalty.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - (Romans 6:23). The penalty for sin is death and eternal separation from God. But, He has provided a solution for us.

Believe that Jesus paid the penalty.

"But God shows His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - (Romans 5:8). Jesus died in your place for you, even before you knew about Him.

Invite Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord.

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." - (Romans 10:9-10). Thank Jesus for taking away the penalty of your sin.

Talk to God, telling Him something like this,

"Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for my sins. Thank you for dying for me. Please come into my heart and be my Savior. I surrender all of my life to you; please be the Lord of my life."

The logo features two yellow arrows pointing upwards, one on the left and one on the right. A blue banner with the word "STOCKADE" in white, bold, serif capital letters is positioned between the arrows. Below the banner, the words "BUILDER 2" and "CAMP DEVOTIONAL" are written in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. The entire graphic has a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

STOCKADE BUILDER 2 CAMP DEVOTIONAL

The purpose of this Camp Devotional is to provide the 8 to 11 year old boy with a fun and exciting Bible experience based on the Builder 2 Trail Guide of the Stockade Achievement program of Christian Service Brigade.

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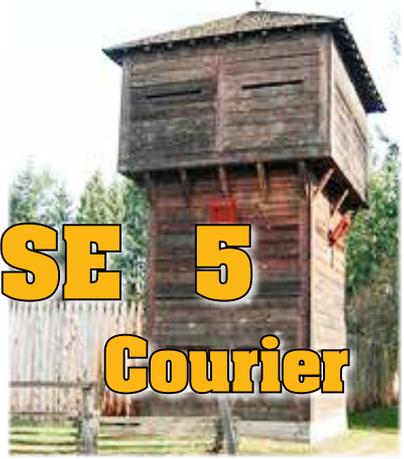


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BLOCKHOUSE 5

Courier



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Trail Sign:

Acts 16:30-31

Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

STOCKADE-FOUNDATIONS:



When pioneers first moved across this continent, Stockades were a place of security in the wilderness. They are part of our history, but God’s Word declares, “I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:2). This remains true. There is

a Stockade that is being built today. It is a place of safety and refuge where boys and men serve Jesus Christ as He expands His Kingdom into new territory.



A Blockhouse is a fortified tower that was built at the corners of a Stockade. Usually there were four, one in each corner, but sometimes just two. The lower floor was used for keeping people and supplies, while the upper floor was used for defense.

Happy Prisoners

Act 16:16-40

Everything seemed fine until an angry crowd formed. Seizing Paul and Silas, they dragged them into the town square where they complained to the Roman judge. “Strip them and beat them severely,” yelled the judge, “then take them to prison. And Jailer,” the judge leaned over, looking the jailer right in the eye, “make sure that they don’t get away.”



The jailer didn’t need a reminder. He knew that allowing a prisoner to escape meant death for him. He pushed the two prisoners toward the jail. “So you want to teach us about your God, do you? Now see who you can teach in prison!” He shoved them into the inner part of the prison called the dungeon.

“On the floor,” he growled as he snapped heavy shackles around their ankles. Their bleeding backs hurt from the beating with rods. The floor was damp and cold. “Let’s see what you learn about God here,” the jailer mocked, as he slammed the door, locking it tightly.

The other prisoners whispered to each other. “What have these men done to deserve such a beating? Why were they put in the dungeon?”

At last Paul and Silas were alone. Silas groaned, “How could God let this happen? We were trying to serve Him by telling these people about the love of the Lord Jesus. What good can we do in prison?”

“God does all things well, Silas,” Paul replied. “We shouldn’t question what He does. We were obeying Him, and He will take care of us.” The two men sat in the darkness, thinking about all God had done for them.

The tired jailer entered his home just outside the prison. “I suppose we will not get much rest tonight,” he told his wife. “Those prisoners will scream and cry like they all do after a beating.” But in the dungeon, the two men prayed silently.

Then Silas asked, “Paul, are you sure the Lord knows best?”
“I’m sure,” said Paul. “Just remember what He said in His Word,” and he began to sing a hymn. Soon Silas joined in. They sang other songs that promised of God’s comfort for His people.

The jailer sat up in bed. “Impossible! Those men are singing.” He listened. “They’re singing about their God. Their backs must be very sore by now, but they are singing!” The other prisoners listened, too. Those fools were actually praising God.

Suddenly, the ground began to rumble. An earthquake shook the prison and broke open the doors. The chains fell off every prisoner, freeing Paul and Silas as well. The jailer jumped from his bed. “The prisoners – they are escaping. I am as good as dead!” he cried. He grabbed his sword and ran into the darkness. He saw the open doors and held his sword up high. He knew it was better to kill himself than take the punishment for letting prisoners escape.

“Stop!” a voice cried out. “Don’t hurt yourself. We’re all here.” The jailer lowered his sword. It was Paul, the singing prisoner, calling.

“Bring a light,” shouted the jailer. His wife and family came running, torches in hand. The jailer knelt before Paul and Silas, very much afraid. “Sirs,” he said, “what must I do to be saved?”

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved. You and your household, too” they answered, looking at the jailer’s family. That night the jailer and his family trusted in Jesus Christ to forgive their sins. They treated the wounds of Paul and Silas, and then they were baptized. They took Paul and Silas into their home, fed them, and rejoiced with them for all the good things God had done.

The next day the judge ordered that the two prisoners be secretly released. Paul would not have it, for they were Roman citizens and they were not to be beaten or thrown in prison without a trial. He demanded an apology! He got it before they happily left the city to visit the town of Lydia.

† **Paul and Silas were on a missionary trip and they ended up being beaten and thrown into prison! Does God promise that living for Him will be easy? What does God promise?**

† **The earthquake broke the chains of all the prisoners, not just Paul and Silas. Did the other prisoners learn something from Paul and Silas during their time in the prison? Why didn’t the rest run for freedom?**

† **The jailer asked, “What must I do to be saved?” What would you have told him?**

DAY 2

Lookout

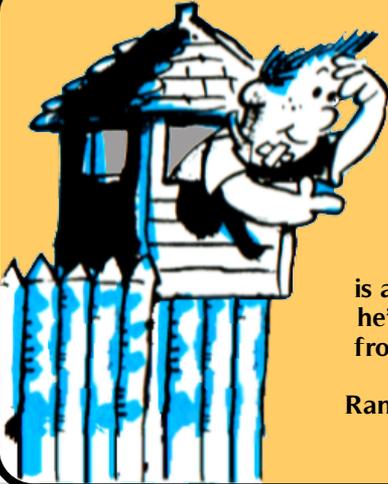
BLOCKHOUSE 5



Trail Sign: Psalm 19:1 (NKJV)

The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.

STOCKADE-FOUNDATIONS:



The **LOOKOUT** watches for ways that he can help. In the Stockade, he is on the look out for danger, but he is always looking for ways that he can help others accomplish their goals, especially the Rangers. Being the **LOOKOUT** is a very important job.

The **COURIER** is another helper. In the Stockade, he's the one who runs the reports from the **LOOKOUT** to the **CHIEF RANGER**, but he also helps the Rangers. He holds the Post Banner.



DAVID AND THE STARS

The Psalms



Can you guess how many stars there are in the sky? Try counting them tonight!

But wait... before you do, let's pay a quick visit to a guy by the name of Davy. I want you to meet him, because he seems to know a lot about the stars and the night sky. He was just a boy back then, but he used to study the stars while he was a shepherd in the wilderness of Judea.

Davy was alone out in those hills, and it was up to him to protect his father's sheep. So, he had a lot more to do than just gaze at the stars. Did you ever hear about the time a lion suddenly attacked his sheep? Well, Davy killed that lion with only his shepherd's staff. On another gloomy night, he had to kill a marauding bear.

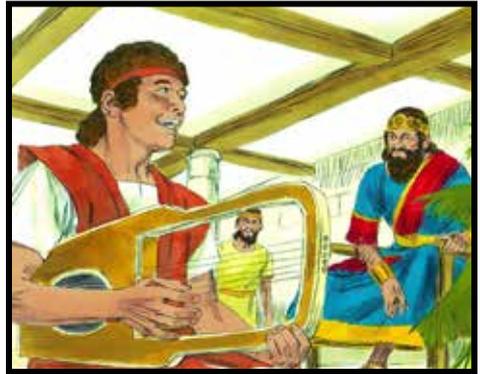
He later talked about both of these events when he was about to have one of the greatest experiences of his life; he was still a boy, yet he was itching to go into battle with a man who was almost twice his height. The man was outfitted with armour, and he carried a sword and spear. He intended to kill little Davy. But the fight was hardly even started when a pebble, loosed from



Davy's sling, dropped the giant like a rock. Davy grabbed the man's own sword and cut off his head. Gory stuff, but that's the way it was back then. It was a mighty victory and it made Davy a hero throughout the land. (If you want, you can read about this in 1 Samuel 17 in the Bible.)

Later, David – you couldn't call him Davy anymore; he was definitely a mighty MAN of God... Well, he became even more famous. He was now leading a powerful army that defeated enemy after enemy, expanding the territory of his country. This went on for years.

It was when he was that shepherd boy looking at those stars that he was called home by his father. God's prophet Samuel was looking for the next king of Israel, and it turned out to be him. Well, that was 15 years earlier. He spent half that time serving old King Saul, and the other half, running away from him. David got married, had lots of kids and his fame continued to grow. Finally, he became king.



As great as this was, it wasn't as important as God was in David's life. You see David loved God with all his heart, and when he was alone in the wilderness, he knew that God was with

him. As he watched those stars, he thought about God, and God inspired him to write some of the greatest poems the world has ever known. We call them the Psalms, and it's in these that David speaks about the stars.

Have you ever wondered how the stars got up in the sky? Or have you thought about how they stay up there? Well, David found out the answers to these questions! He learned that God put them up there and that He also keeps them there by His power. Oh, we can call that power “gravity” and make it sound like it all happened by some cosmic accident, but we know God created the heavens and the earth. And, He established natural laws to govern the movements of the stars, planets, moons, comets, asteroids and meteors, and even man-made satellites.

Listen to what David says in Psalm 19:1-4 (KJV)...

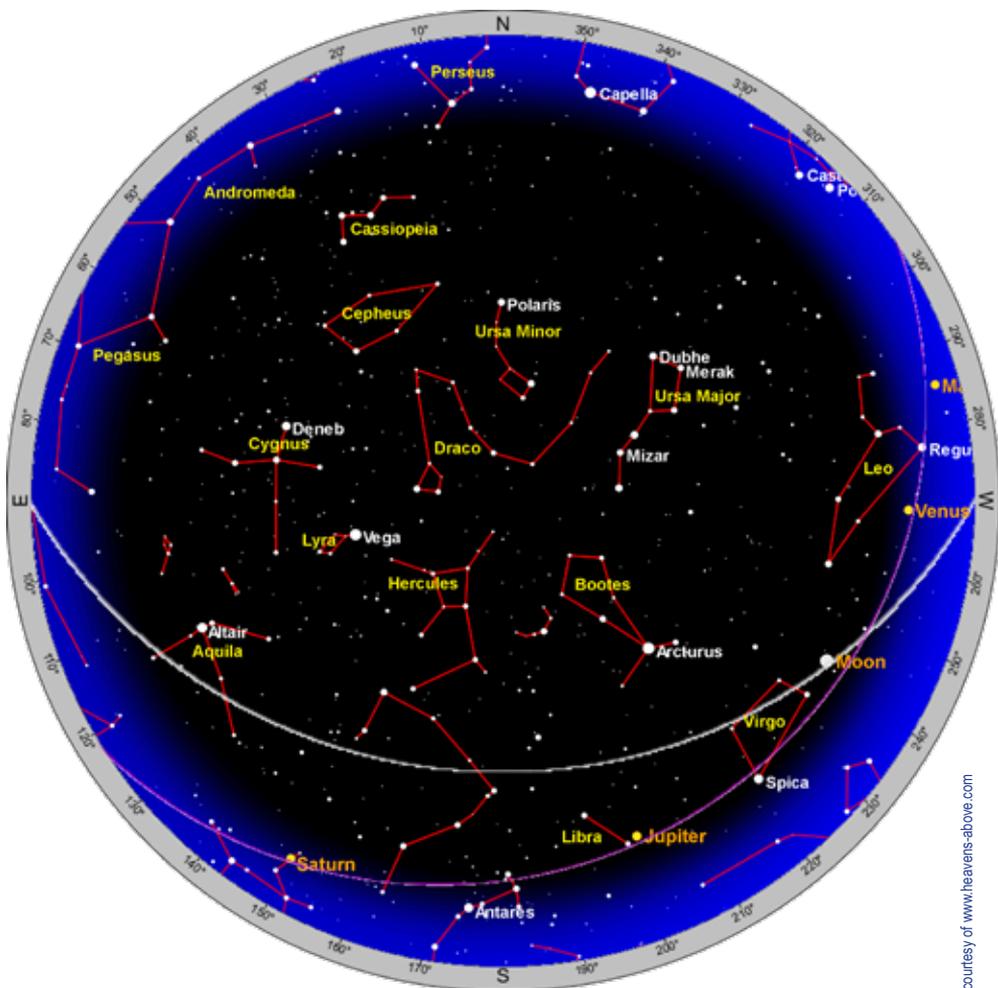
**“The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament (the sky) shows
His handiwork.**

**Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
Their line has gone out through
all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.”**

On a good clear night, you might be able to count 2000 stars. But that’s just a mighty small part of the stars there are. Let’s listen to David again, “He (God) counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite (without end).” (Psalm 147:4-5).

Yes, David knew that God took care of the stars which he watched at night. He knew God had made all things, included the stars, planets, moons, asteroids, comets and meteors.

Maybe that’s why David wasn’t afraid to be out alone at night in the wilderness with the sheep! He knew that the God of the stars could take care of him, too. That’s exactly what he says in Psalm 121:2, “My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven (the stars and space) and earth.”



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We too, like David, can know the God who made the stars. Best of all, He is also the God who cared enough for you to give His only Son, Jesus, as your Saviour. Yes, He made the stars in the sky and keeps them all in their places. But He also watches and cares for you!

Think about this when you go out to count the stars at night!

- ✝ **How do the stars declare the glory of God?**
- ✝ **How do the stars declare the power of God?**
- ✝ **Why do you think David wrote so many Psalms (songs) about God?**

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Heavenly Objects in the Bible

The Bible was written by God-inspired people who lived in a world as real as ours is today. When they looked up at the night sky, they saw the same stars, constellations, planets and meteors that we see.

Below is a list of the heavenly objects mentioned in the Bible. Write the name of each one in its correct place.



**THE PLEIADES, OR
THE SEVEN SISTERS**

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CONSTELLATIONS
DRACO
GREAT BEAR
JUPITER

METEORS
MOON
ORION
PLANETS

PLEIADES
SATURN
SUN
VENUS

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