

A Letter from a Friend  
Philippians Chapter 1

Praise & Worship: My Best Friend - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fD4bCYalEc>  
Jesus, I Love You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9i8HSsMcBiY>

Scripture References: Philippians 1:1-11

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

Scripture Summary: Apostle Paul's letter to his friends

1. May God's grace and peace always be with you. (grace - love and special favor; peace - calm in your heart and mind)
2. God will help you to accomplish every dream or goal He has given you.
3. Grow in loving and knowing God and making right choices.
4. Jesus Christ will help you to do what is right when you live Him.

The Lesson: The Apostle Paul has been arrested and put in jail for preaching the gospel. From a jail cell, he writes a letter to his friends to encourage them. He blesses them with encouraging words. Even though circumstances around him are not ideal, he remains faithful to God. He prays for and encourages his friends to continue to follow Jesus and be good disciples. He tells them that God will complete the good works He began in them.

Discussion Thoughts:

1. Why do we need God's grace and peace?
2. What would you like to be when you grow up? Why? Who gave you those desires? (God)
3. We represent God when we show love. Why is showing love important?
4. Why should we make right choices? What happens when we don't make right choices?

Encouragement: God is always good. Circumstances change, life happens, but God never changes. He always wants the best for us. Even when bad things happen around us, we can always trust God to be there for us. We can always pray to God. (Prayer is having a conversation with God. We talk, God listens. God talks, we listen.)

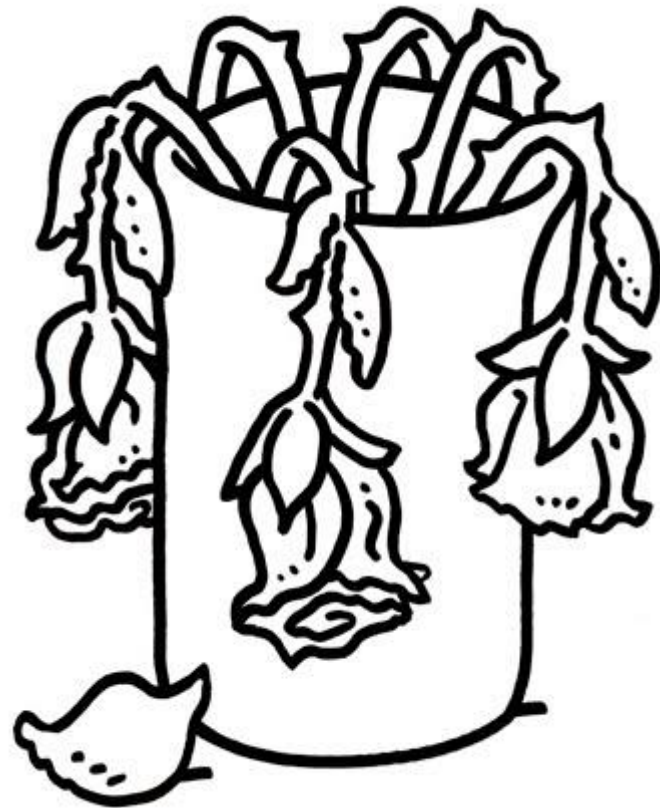
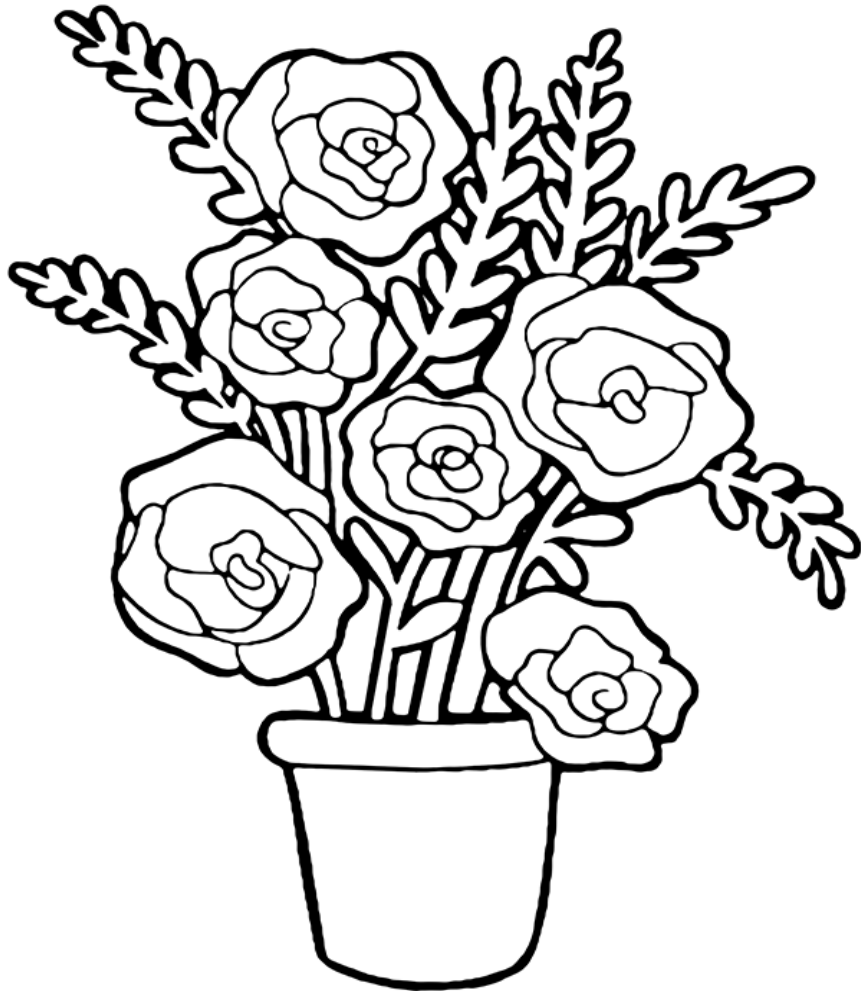
Object Lesson: Plants need sunshine and water to grow. Some plants require more water and sunshine than others, but they all need some. When plants don't receive enough water and sunshine, they dry out, wither and eventually die from neglect. Just like plants need water and sunshine, people need water and sunshine to grow healthy physically. To keep our hearts, emotions, and minds strong and healthy, we need to give and receive words of kindness and encouragement that we learn from God's word. By kind and encouraging deeds and actions, we to allow the Son - light of God's love to shine in and through us to others.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for loving and encouraging me through Your word and Your people. Thank You for teaching me to love and encourage others. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Describe the difference between the two pots of roses.  
What happened? How are people like the roses?



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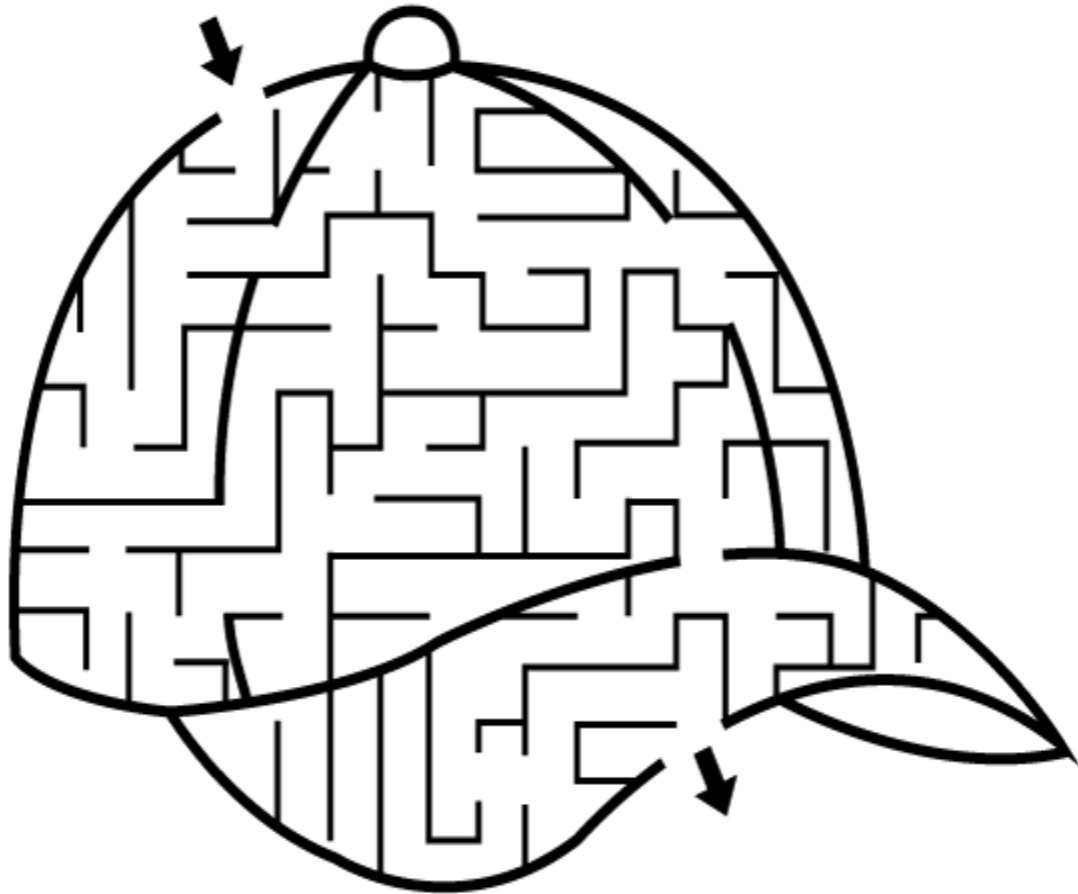
## God Hears and Answers Prayer

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# Baseball Hat Maze

Kind, encouraging  
words and deeds



Healthy, lasting  
Friendships



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