

ENJOYING GOD'S GIFTS – VOCABULARY

A

Altar – A place to offer sacrifices; often a stone mound (p. 128)

Angel – A heavenly messenger sent by God (p. 94)

Anoint – To put oil on someone, showing that the person is chosen to do something special (p. 138)

Ark – A large boat or ship (p. 74)

B

Ba'al – A false god of storms; can mean “lord” or “ruler” (p. 188)

Baptism – To use water to picture someone's new relationship with God (p. 270)

Betrothed – Promised to be married (p. 230)

Bless – To give someone special help or favor (p. 32)

Blind – Unable to see (p. 322)

C

Census – A count of all people in a place or nation (p. 240)

Chariot – A two-wheeled cart pulled by horses, often used in battle (p. 198)

Christ – A person chosen or anointed for a special role; the promised Savior, Jesus (p. 240)

Command – To say that something should be done (p. 32)

Compassion – Kindness and care for people in need (p. 178)

Contentment – Being thankful and happy with what you have (p. 94)

Courage – The decision to do right despite our fears (p. 150)

Create – To make something that is completely new (p. 12)

Creation – Everything that God made (p. 12)

Crucify – To kill someone by nailing them to a cross (p. 344)

Cubit – A standard of measurement used in ancient times; about the length from a person's elbow to the tip of the fingers (p. 150)

D

Devote – To give something for a certain purpose; to promise something in service (p. 280)

Disciple – A student or follower who learns from a teacher (p. 280)

Drought – A time with very little rain (p. 178)

E

Earth – In Scripture, the ground or land beneath our feet (p. 12)

F

Faith – A belief in something we cannot see or prove; trust in God (p. 42)

Famine – A time when many people have very little food (p. 334)

Favor – Special blessings or kindness; goodwill (p. 230)

Firstborn – The first child of a husband and wife (p. 94)

Flood – A lot of water that rises to cover the land (p. 74)

Foolishness – Refusing to learn; using knowledge poorly (p. 84)

Forgiveness – To not hold people’s wrongs or failures against them; to give up revenge (p. 104)

Frankincense and Myrrh – Expensive spices and oils that smell nice, much like perfume (p. 250)

G

Genesis – The first book of the Bible; means “beginnings” (p. 12)

Glory – The honor, praise, or credit for being great (p. 22)

Gospel – “Good news;” the message that Jesus died and rose again for us (p. 354)

Greed – A strong, nonstop desire for more things (p. 94)

H

Harp / Lyre – A stringed instrument played by plucking (p. 138)

Heal – To make better, healthy, or whole; to cure (p. 312)

Heavens – An older term for the sky (p. 12)

Humility – A willingness to serve and obey someone else; an understanding of your limits (p. 218)

I

Idol – A statue of a false god (p. 178)

J

Judge (verb) – To decide what is right and what is wrong (p. 208)

L

Law, The – The rules and commands that God gave to Israel; the first five books of the Bible (p. 218)

Leprosy – In Scripture, a term to describe diseases that could result in sores, loss of feeling, and deformities; was once untreatable (p. 322)

Locust – A grasshopper that travels in a swarm or group (p. 270)

Loyalty – The state of being loyal; staying faithful, true, or loving to someone (p. 198)

Lyre / Harp – A stringed instrument played by plucking (p. 138)

M

Magi – Wise men who study many things; in the Bible, those who followed the star to find Jesus (p. 250)

Manger – A place to put food for animals; a feeding trough (p. 240)

Mercy – Kindness and compassion to someone who might not deserve it (p. 104)

Miracle – An event caused by God that breaks the laws of nature (p. 292)

Multiply – To increase in number; in Scripture, to have children (p. 32)

Myrrh and Frankincense – Expensive spices and oils that smell nice, much like perfume (p. 250)

N

Nation – A large group of people with a shared home or identity (p. 84)

O

Ox / Oxen – Animal(s) used for farm work, like cows, bulls, buffalo, or yaks (p. 198)

P

Parable – A story that pictures a lesson (p. 334)

Passover – A holiday celebrating the time God rescued the Israelites from Egypt (p. 260)

Patience – The ability to wait (p. 250)

Persecute – To keep mistreating or hurting people, often because of their religion or background (p. 292)

Pharaoh – A king or queen of Egypt (p. 104)

Pharisees, The – In Jesus' time, a religious group that added their own rules to God's law (p. 334)

Praise – To celebrate greatness (p. 32)

Pride – An overly high opinion of yourself and your abilities (p. 218)

Priest – In Israel, a man who helped people worship God (p. 116)

Prophet – Someone chosen by God to share a message (p. 128)

R

Rejoice – To find joy in something (p. 334)

Rest – To relax; to stop working (p. 52)

Resurrection – When someone dead comes back to life (p. 354)

Rule – A way to be safe or kind; a guideline to follow (p. 62)

S

Sacrifice – Something offered or given up; in the Bible, often an animal or grain given to God (p. 128)

Salvation – Saving someone from harm; in Scripture, God rescuing us from sin to Himself (p. 250)

Satan – An evil being against God and all His followers; also called "the devil" (p. 270)

Savior – Someone who saves another (p. 230)

Scripture – Sacred writings; another name for the Bible (p. 218)

Scroll – A long, rolled-up piece of paper, sometimes with a book written on it (p. 218)

Self-Control – The ability or training to do what is good, healthy, and right; discipline (p. 270)

Sepulchre / Tomb – In Jesus' time, a stone cave which could hold a dead body (p. 354)

Serpent – A snake (p. 62)

Serve – To meet someone's needs; to help or support (p. 52)

Shepherd – Someone who takes care of sheep or other herd animals (p. 84)

Sin – Choosing to break God's law (p. 62)

Slave – Someone who works for no pay, often against their will (p. 104)

Sling – In the Bible, a weapon made of a long strap with a pouch that could hold stones (p. 138)

T

Tabernacle – In the Bible, a large tent where Israelites worshiped God (p. 116)

Temple – A special building where people worship; in the Bible, a beautiful building in the city of Jerusalem (p. 208)

Tempt – To invite someone to do wrong (p. 270)

The Law – The rules and commands that God gave to Israel; the first five books of the Bible (p. 218)

The Pharisees – In Jesus' time, a religious group that added their own rules to God's law (p. 334)

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W

Widow – A woman whose husband has died (p. 178)

Wisdom – Using knowledge well; a desire to learn and understand (p. 84)

Worship – To praise or thank God for being great (p. 74)