

CHAPEL BY THE SEA



Family BIBLE

STUDY

HOLY WEEK

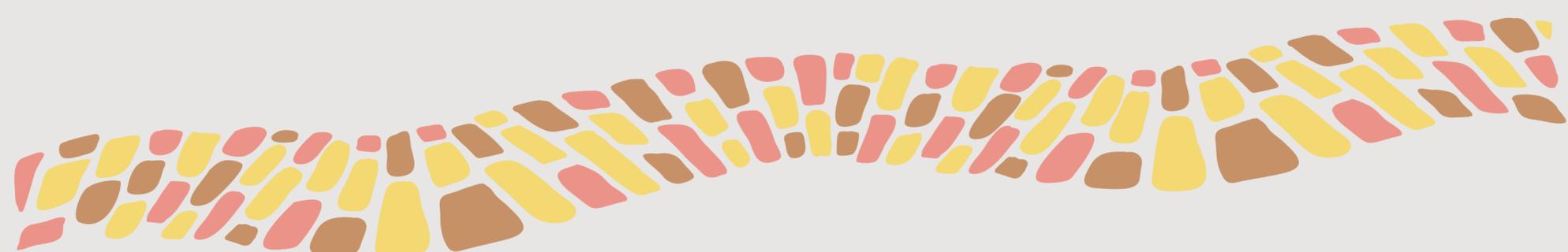
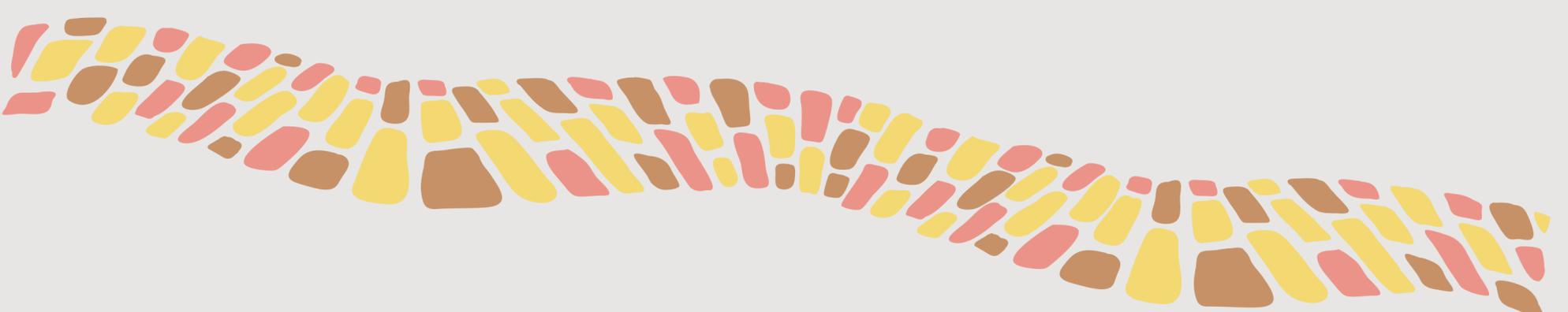
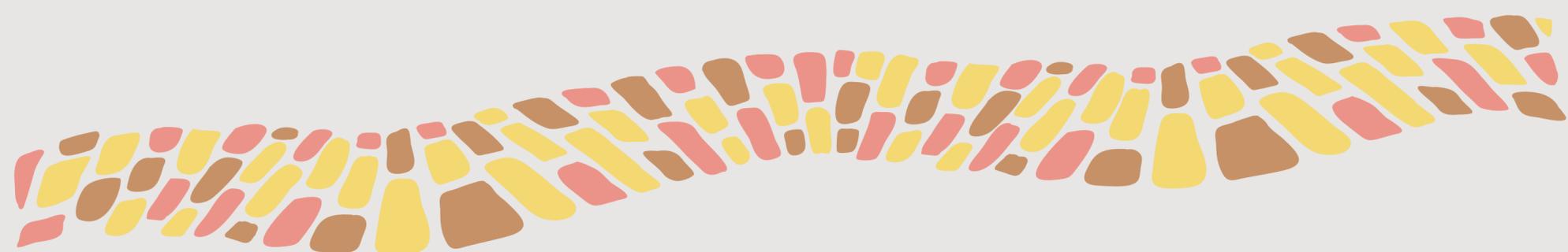
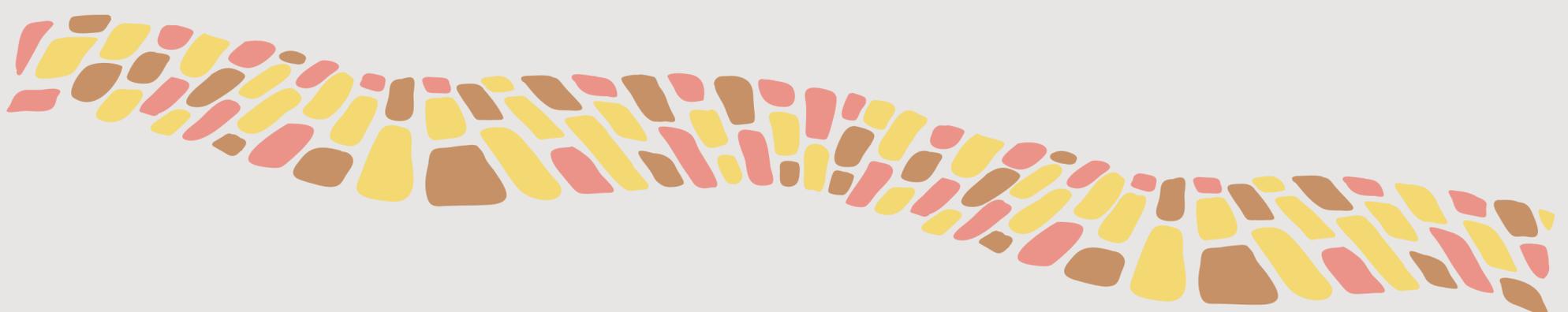
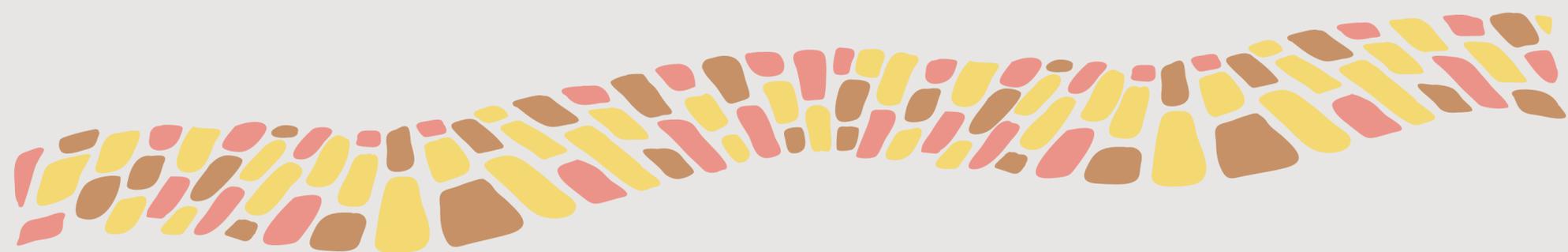
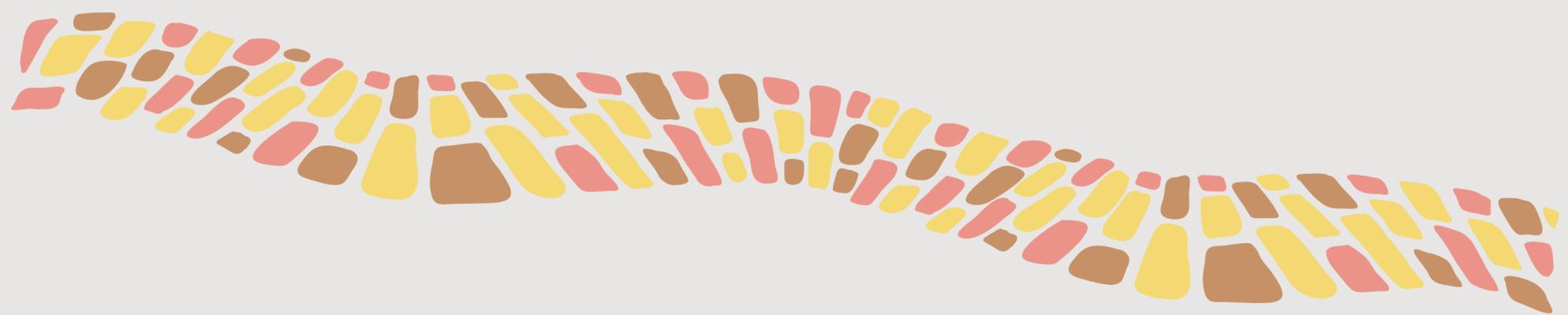


TABLE OF CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION: WHY READ THE BIBLE?

CHAPTER 1: IN THE BEGINNING

CHAPTER 2: A LITTLE AFTER

CHAPTER 3: THE MEANING OF SACRIFICE

CHAPTER 4: WAS THE WORD

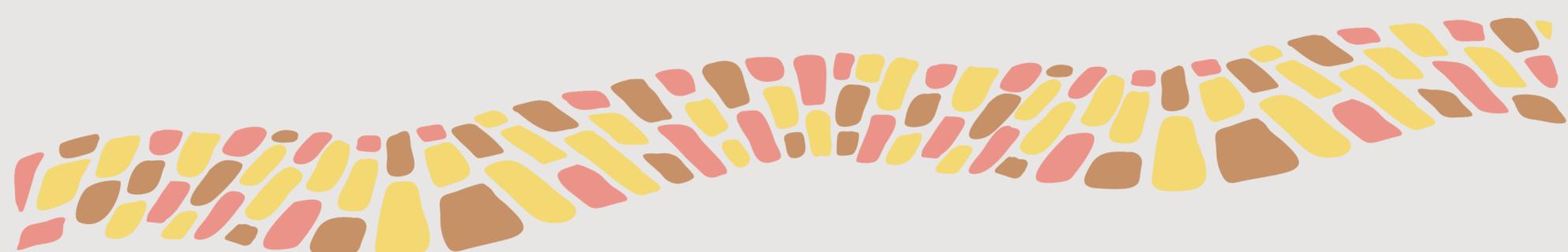
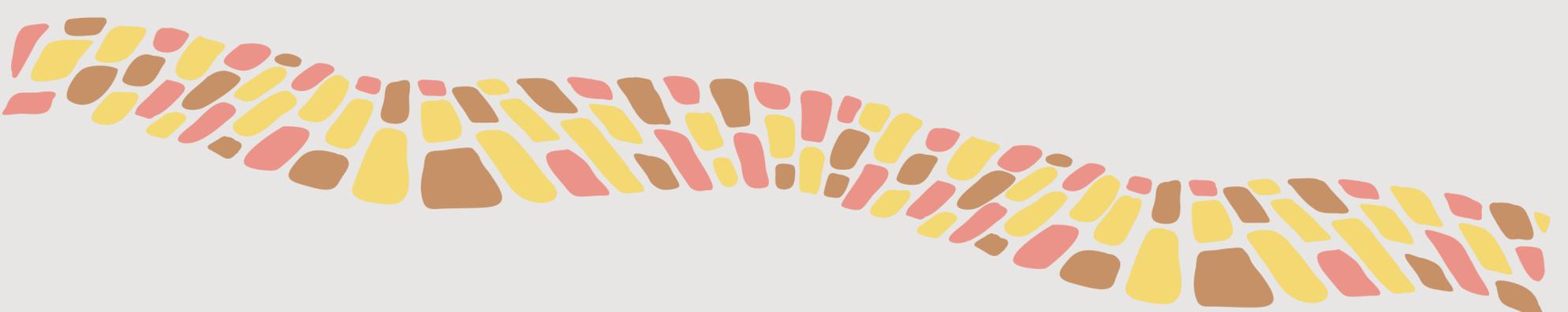
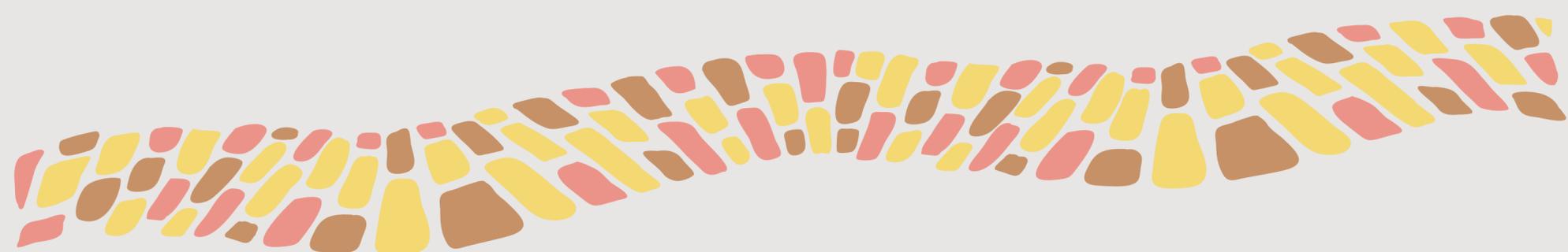
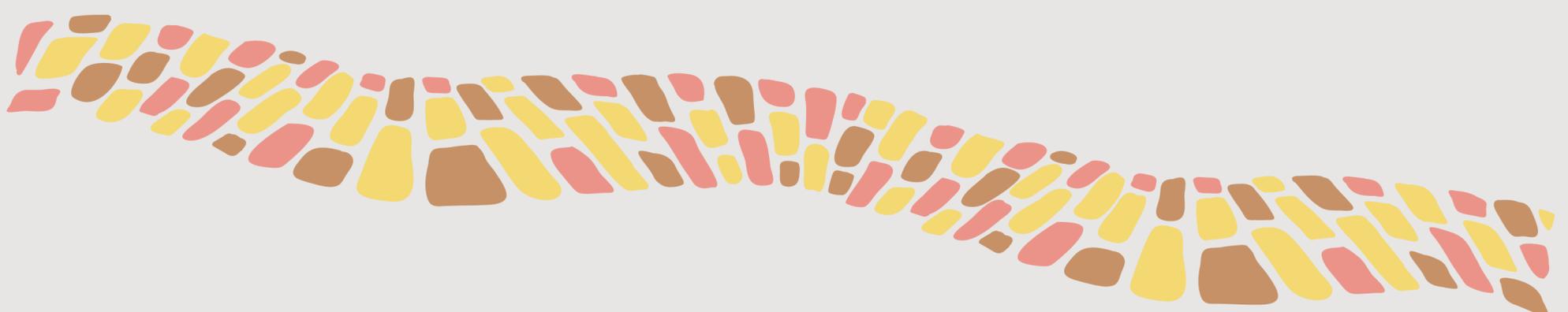
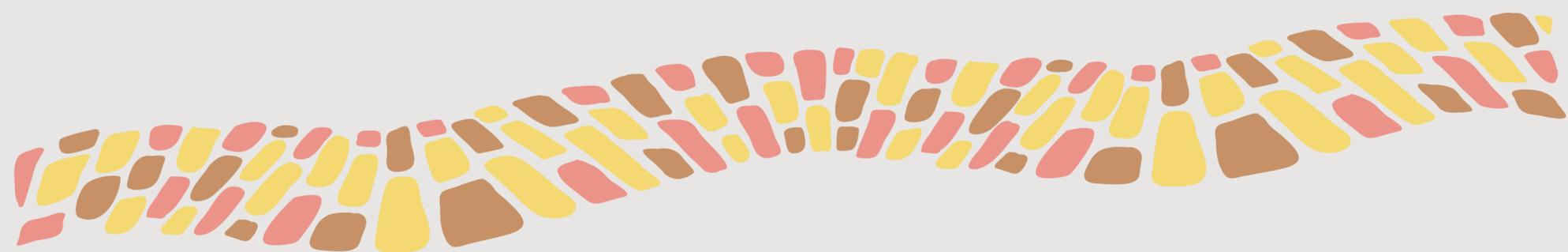
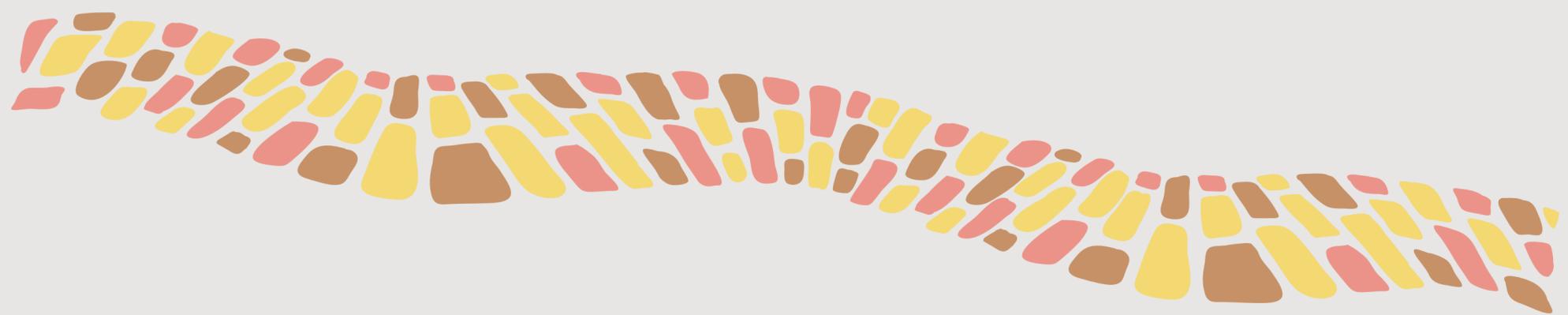
CHAPTER 5: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

CHAPTER 6: THE VALLEY LOW

CHAPTER 7: RISEN INDEED

CONCLUSION: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?





WHY READ THE BIBLE!

The Bible is more than just an outdated book with made up stories. According to Hebrews 4:12 it is both “living and active” and “sharper than any two edged sword.” This means that it has real applications to us as believers today, especially families. Hopefully throughout this plan you and your family grow a hunger for the Lord and His Word as you grow closer to Him as well!

STEP 1: FIND A TIME

One of the most important parts of this process is finding a time that works for your family. You probably have softball and baseball practices to get to, work functions to attend, a parent teacher conference for the 3rd time this semester, and they somehow end up all on the same day. The busyness in life can often take the place of God in our lives. That makes it so important to set boundaries for your family of uninterrupted Bible reading times. Your kids are watching your every move, and if you show them that softball is more important than Jesus, there is no reason to be confused when they act that way.

STEP 2: COMMIT

Plain and simple, commit to the time, and commit to reading the Bible with your family. Proverbs 22:6 says “Train a child up in the way they shall go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it.” Lead the way while setting the tone for how your family treats the Word of God, and commit to showing it to them each and every day.

STEP 3: JUST DO IT

One of the things kids need most in today’s day and age is consistency. They need consistency of love to know that you truly care for them. Consistent reinforcement that though they are hard sometimes, things like school and sports help them grow mentally and physically. Most of all, they need consistency with their family in scripture so that they can have a firm foundation in Christ for the rest of their lives. Without further ado, lets get started!



CHAPTER 1: IN THE BEGINNING

Despite popular belief, the road to Calvary didn't start in a manger, so let's go back to the beginning...

Start by reading Genesis 1-2. Take turns, go slow, and try to notice things in the story that you have yet to notice before.

Garden

THINGS TO NOTICE

As you read, some things will stick out to you, write those things down! These are some of the things we start to take back with us into our lives.

One thing to look at as you read is the order that God creates everything, how is it different than science would tell us?

After you read, go back and mark some key things down:

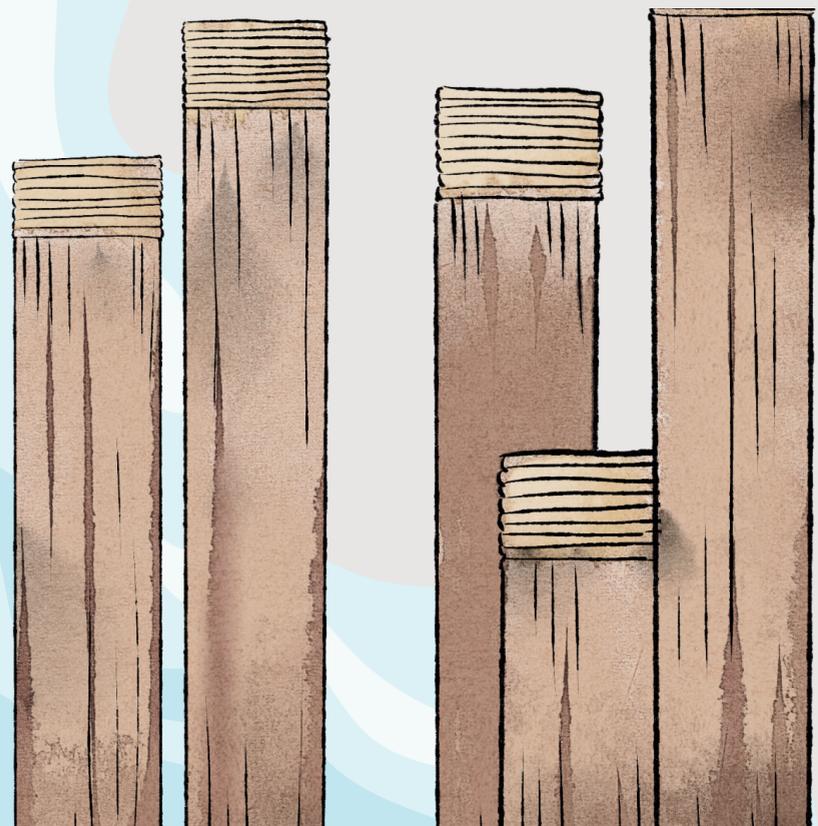
Circle, or highlight, where the Spirit of God shows up!

Go back and mark every time God creates something... How does He do it? (This is important for later!)



GOD SAYS "LET US MAKE MANKIND IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS"

An important part of this story is that God uses the pronoun "Us." Here we see the Trinity, even in the creation story!



CHAPTER 1: IN THE BEGINNING



This was truly a perfect world, and if you noticed, God even called things them. On day 6, God made His statement. God approved called it “very good,” and



“good” after He created mankind and changed of His creation and let’s be honest, it was!



But, something very important was about to happen...

Read Genesis 3

For such a sad moment of history, there still is much hope that comes from it. Despite all of the punishment being given, there is a glimmer of light that we see.

In verses 14-15 we see God curse the serpent. On its belly it shall go and dust it shall eat, but God did not stop there! God said that one day a descendant of the woman would crush the head of the serpent, and that His heel would be pierced as well. This is the “Protoevangelium,” or the first mention of the Gospel in the Bible!

Neat!

THE FALL AFFECTED ALL

In Romans 5, from verses 12-21, Paul writes about how though one man (Adam) brought death and sin into the world. Also, One Man (Jesus) also has brought life to us all!

This gives us hope, because in Christ we will not be put to shame!



A QUESTION TO ASK
Before finishing today’s study, ask yourself where the enemy says “did God really say” in your life.





CHAPTER 2: A LITTLE AFTER

The ensuing years on earth were full of pain, turmoil, and death. Years of cultivating and trying to establish a society, but still longing for the garden. This time period culminated in the Flood (See Genesis 6), where the people's hearts were set on only evil, continually. (Genesis 6:5)

Zooming past that, we hit a key crossroad with a man that would leave behind his family and homeland for a place that was to come.

Abram, later known as Abraham, was chosen by God to be the first of a great nation, and through him, God said the nations of the world would be blessed.

Start by reading Genesis 12:1-4.



FAST FORWARD TO GENESIS 15

Read Genesis 15:1-6, as you go, be sure to notice verse 6.

It reads, "And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness."

In the New Testament, there are countless places where we see this idea of being saved by faith. Some people believe that being "good enough," or following God's commands can save you, but even Abram was saved by his faith, not the things he did!



CHAPTER 2: A LITTLE AFTER

Some scholars estimate that Abram's journey could have been over 1000 miles!
That's a lot of football fields!



What is in a name? To us, names are a way to identify a specific person rather than to describe what that person is like. In Bible times though, names were descriptive of what that person was like. Abram meant father, but Abraham meant father of a multitude.

This is why the passage we are about to read is so important, it is Abram becoming a new person!

Read Genesis 17:1-8

Right after this God gives a sign for the promise, and says whoever does not keep it is choosing not to participate.

A QUESTION TO ASK
Before moving on, have you been made new before God like Abraham was? If you haven't, check the last page to learn more



CHAPTER 3: THE MEANING OF SACRIFICE

In the book of the Exodus, Abraham's descendants are enslaved in Egypt and there seems to be no hope. Pharaoh is very mean to the people and orders for all of the baby boys born to be killed. God sends plagues on Egypt to save Israel.

The last plague is the most important one, and while it was somber for the Egyptians, it was God saving His people from captivity.

READ
Exodus 12

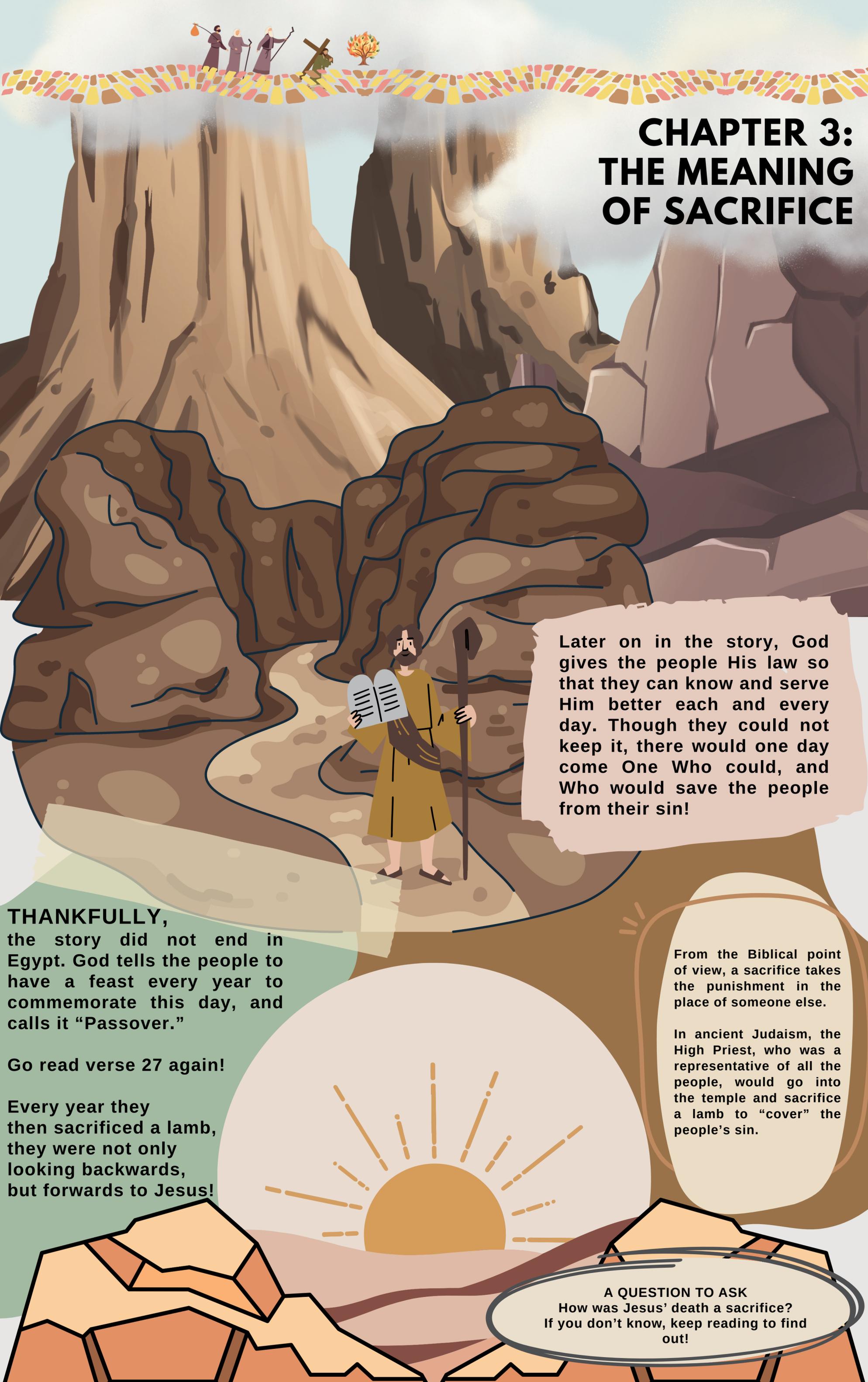
At last we see God's people free, but what is the real meaning of sacrifice?

DID YOU KNOW??

Each plague directly attacks an Egyptian god!
God wanted Egypt to know He was not just God of Israel, but God of all!

Notice how faith in the blood of the lamb saves the people from death, pretty cool right?

All throughout scripture we see little pictures of the cross!



CHAPTER 3: THE MEANING OF SACRIFICE

Later on in the story, God gives the people His law so that they can know and serve Him better each and every day. Though they could not keep it, there would one day come One Who could, and Who would save the people from their sin!

THANKFULLY, the story did not end in Egypt. God tells the people to have a feast every year to commemorate this day, and calls it "Passover."

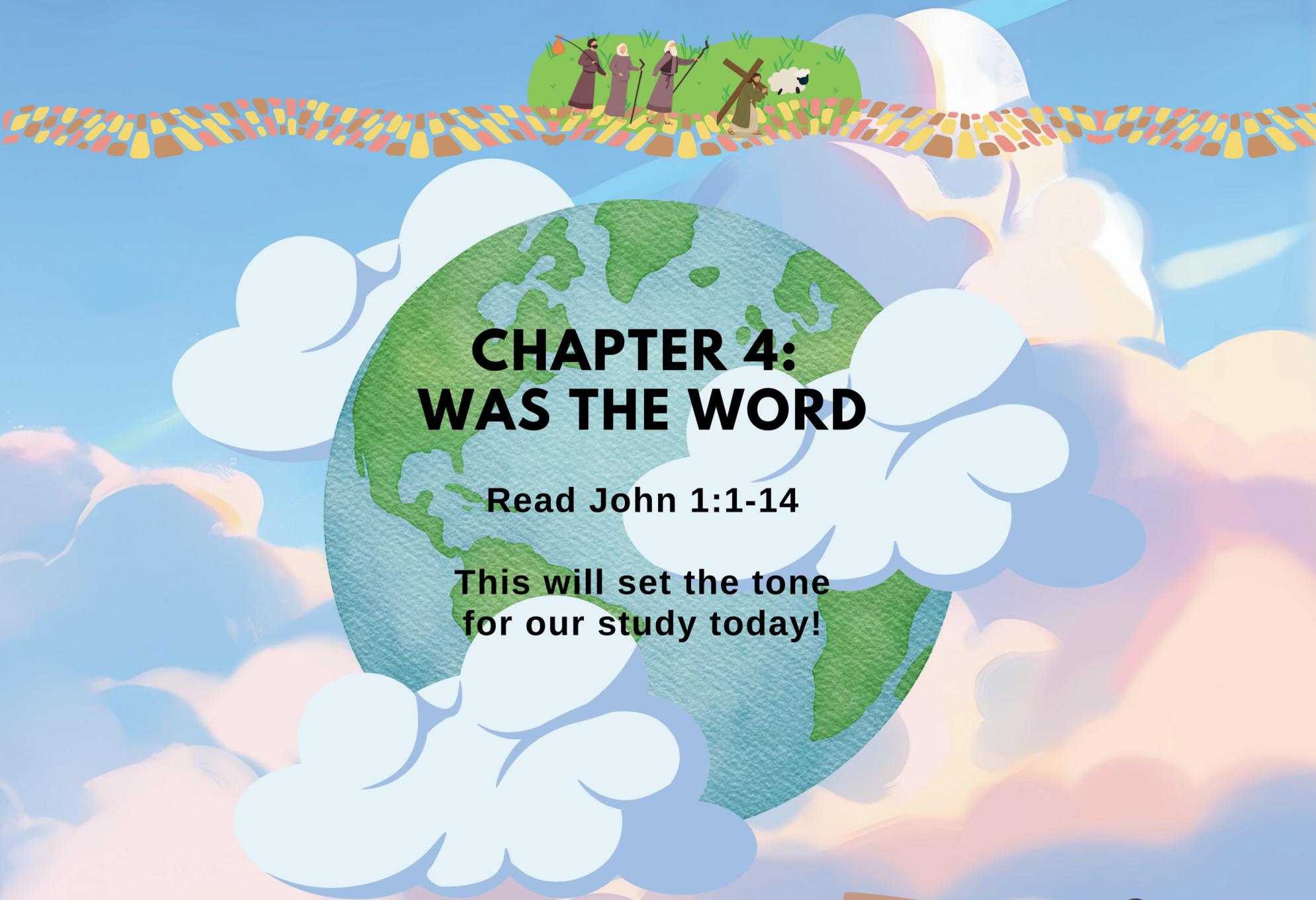
Go read verse 27 again!

Every year they then sacrificed a lamb, they were not only looking backwards, but forwards to Jesus!

From the Biblical point of view, a sacrifice takes the punishment in the place of someone else.

In ancient Judaism, the High Priest, who was a representative of all the people, would go into the temple and sacrifice a lamb to "cover" the people's sin.

A QUESTION TO ASK
How was Jesus' death a sacrifice?
If you don't know, keep reading to find out!



CHAPTER 4: WAS THE WORD

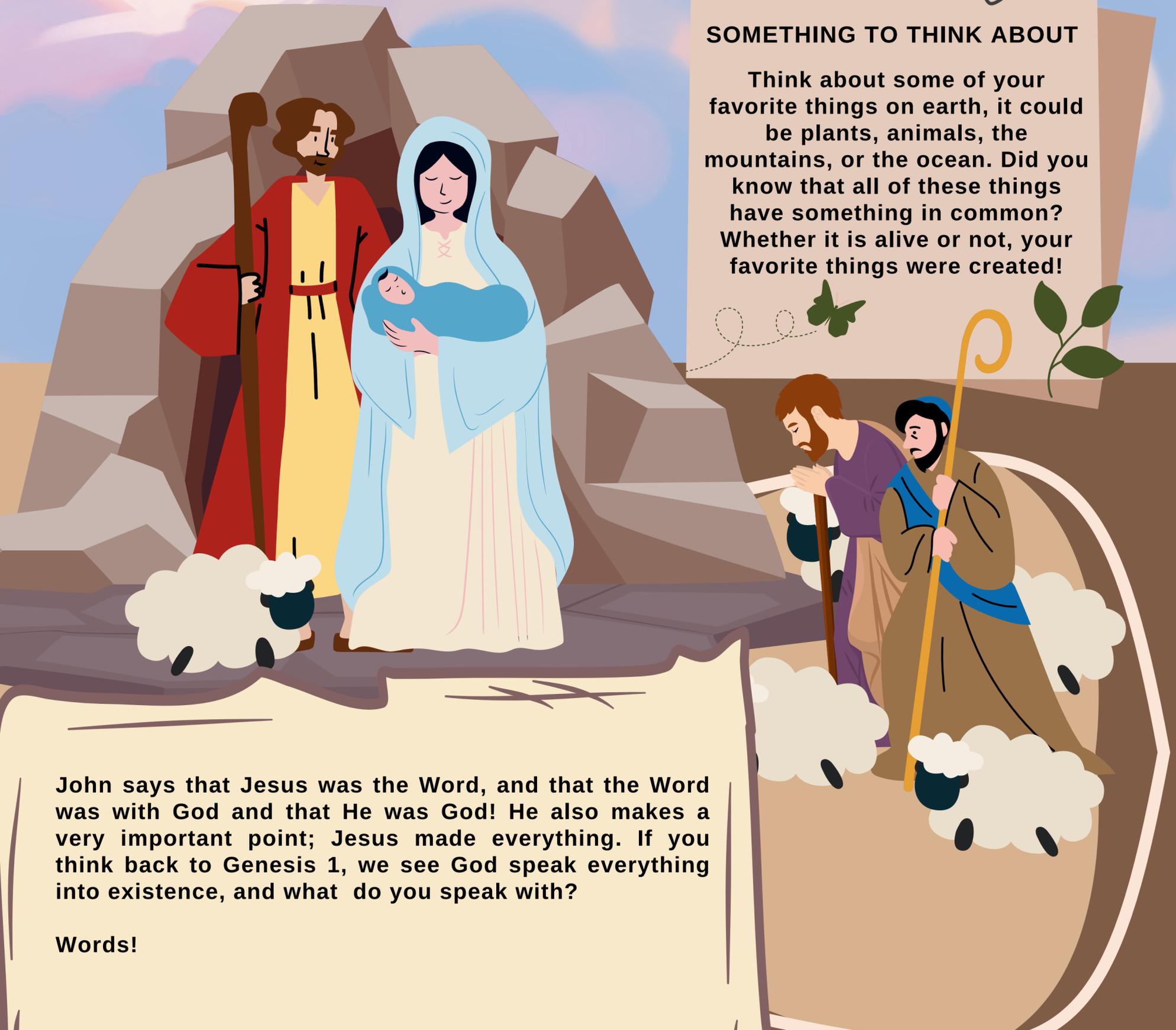
Read John 1:1-14

This will set the tone
for our study today!



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Think about some of your favorite things on earth, it could be plants, animals, the mountains, or the ocean. Did you know that all of these things have something in common? Whether it is alive or not, your favorite things were created!



John says that Jesus was the Word, and that the Word was with God and that He was God! He also makes a very important point; Jesus made everything. If you think back to Genesis 1, we see God speak everything into existence, and what do you speak with?

Words!

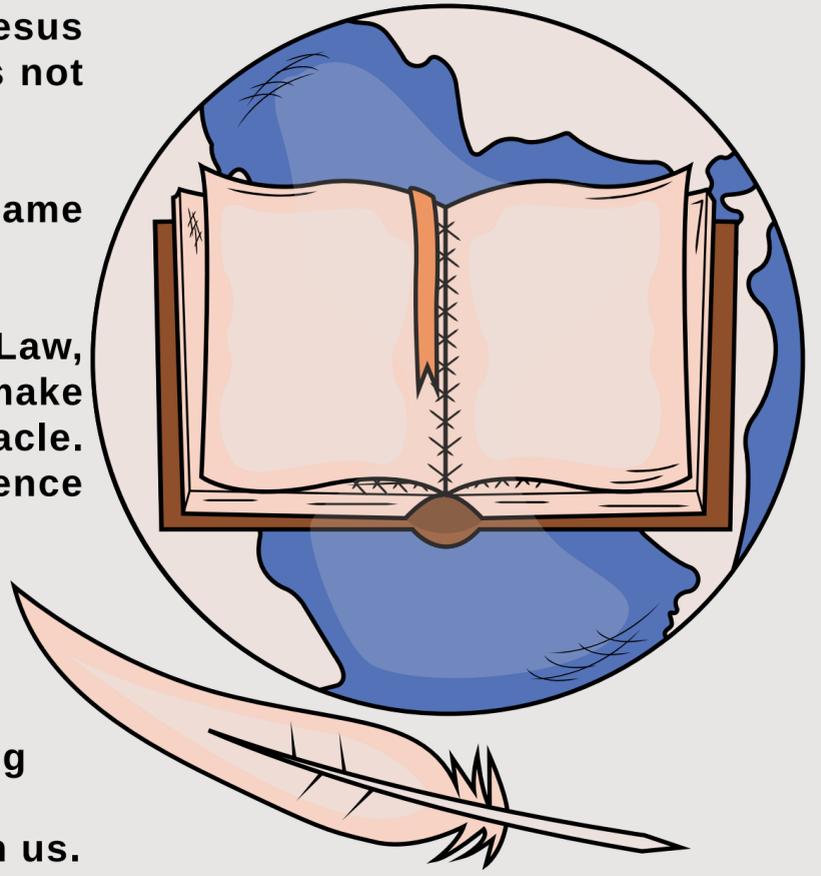


CHAPTER 4: WAS THE WORD

Therefore, we see that through Jesus everything was made, and that Jesus was not created, but is Himself fully God.

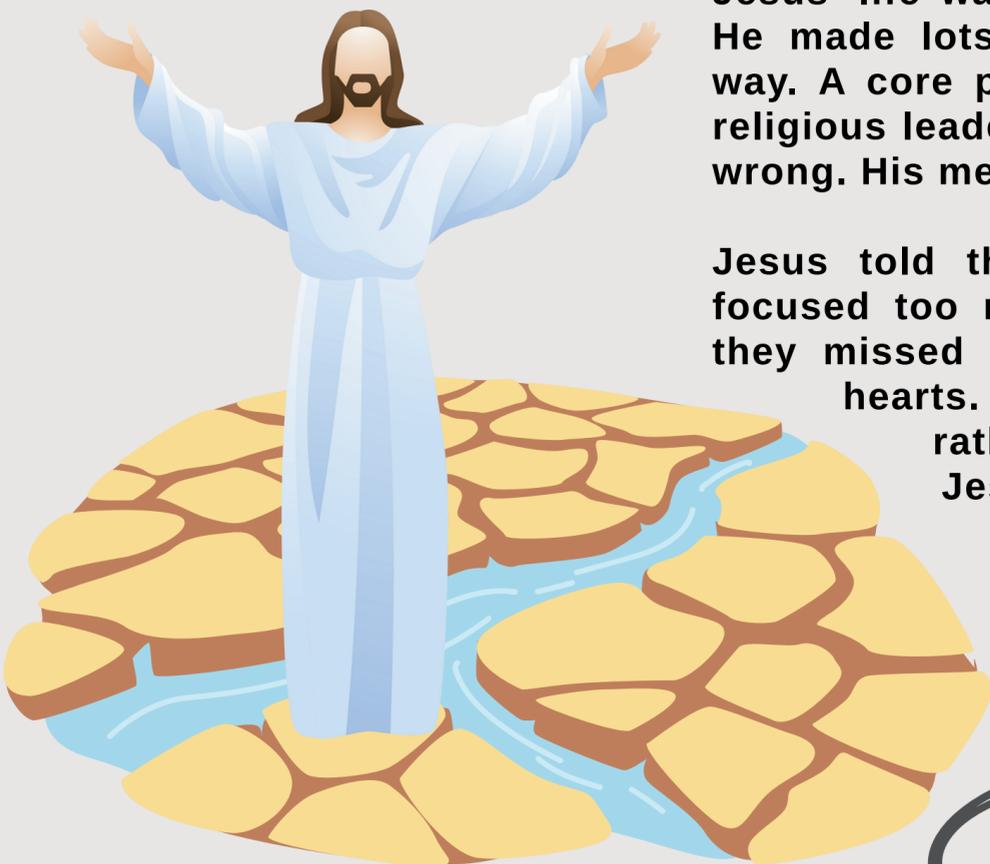
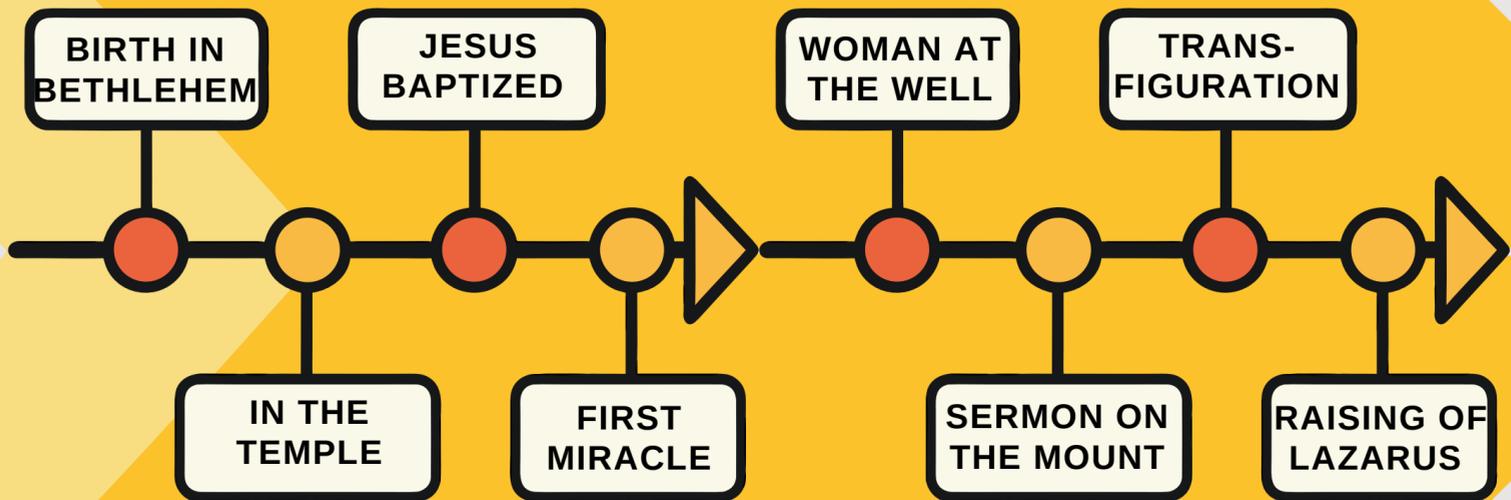
In verse 14 we see that the “Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

When God gave the nation of Israel the Law, they were in the desert. He told them to make a mobile temple and called it the tabernacle. God told them that this is where His presence would dwell with them.



Fast forward to Jesus, and He becomes human to dwell with us. No longer dwelling in temples made by man, but through His sacrifice, opening the door to dwell within us.

But, before that happened, the Word became Flesh.

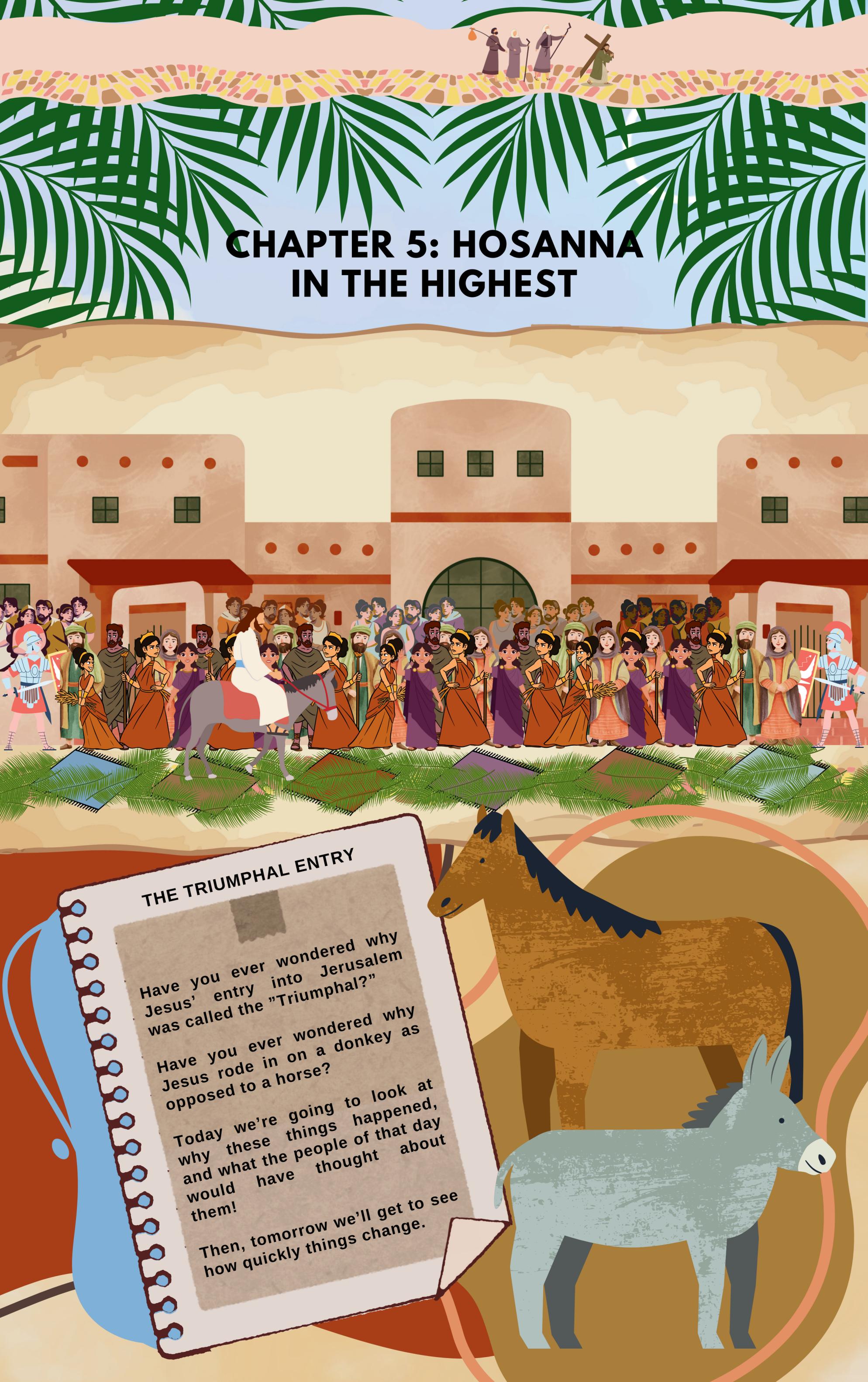


Jesus’ life was full of miracles and teaching, and He made lots of friends and enemies along the way. A core part of Jesus’ message was that the religious leaders of that day had gotten everything wrong. His message turned people upside down.

Jesus told the religious leaders that they had focused too much on following God’s rules that they missed out on what He was truly after; their hearts. He wanted them to know Who He was rather than just follow the rules. Despite Jesus’ message of kindness and love of God, He gained many enemies who wanted Him gone.

This is where we pick up tomorrow.

A QUESTION TO ASK
Have you made your walk with God nothing more than just following the rules?



CHAPTER 5: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

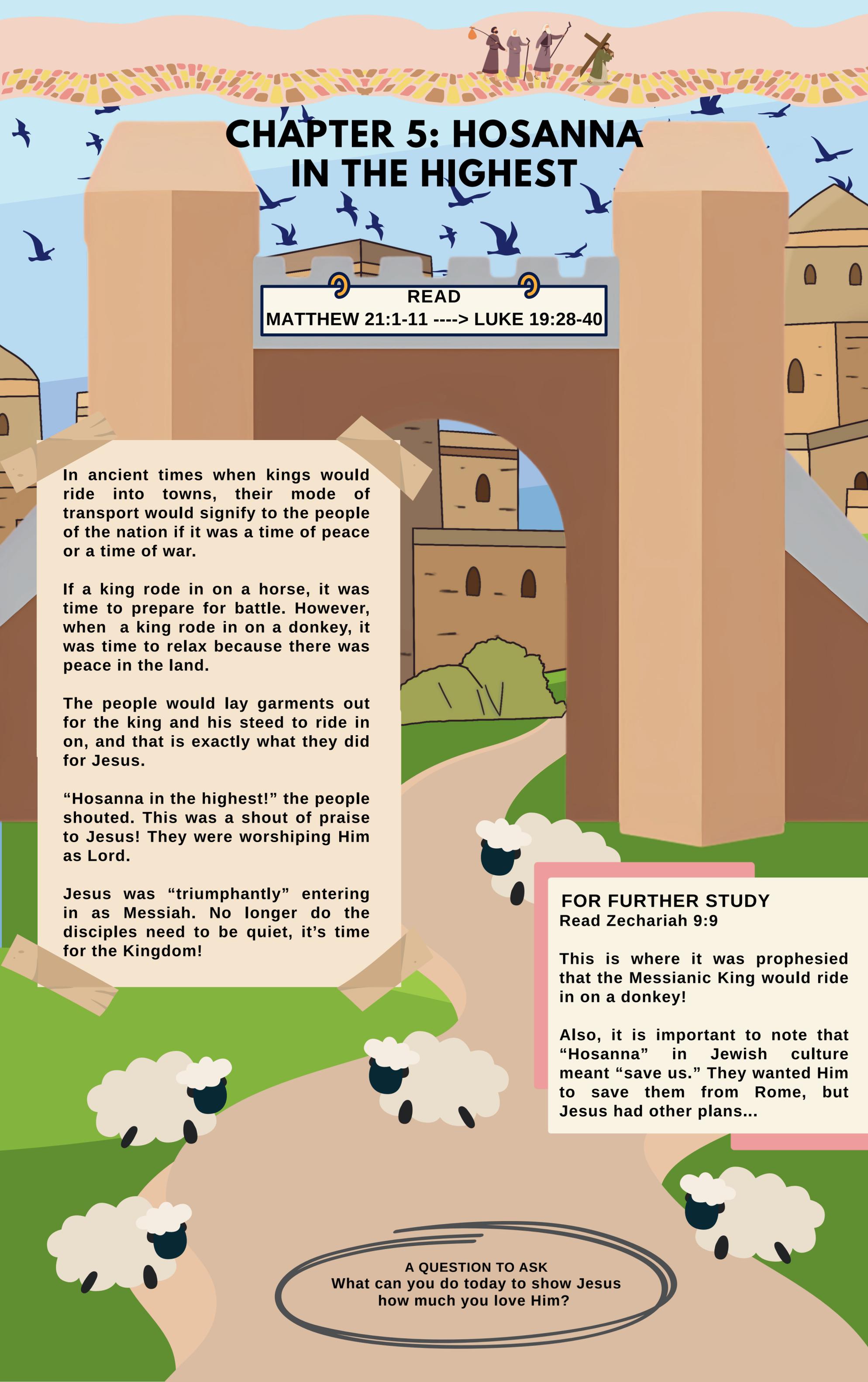
Have you ever wondered why Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was called the "Triumphal?"

Have you ever wondered why Jesus rode in on a donkey as opposed to a horse?

Today we're going to look at why these things happened, and what the people of that day would have thought about them!

Then, tomorrow we'll get to see how quickly things change.





CHAPTER 5: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

READ

MATTHEW 21:1-11 ----> LUKE 19:28-40

In ancient times when kings would ride into towns, their mode of transport would signify to the people of the nation if it was a time of peace or a time of war.

If a king rode in on a horse, it was time to prepare for battle. However, when a king rode in on a donkey, it was time to relax because there was peace in the land.

The people would lay garments out for the king and his steed to ride in on, and that is exactly what they did for Jesus.

“Hosanna in the highest!” the people shouted. This was a shout of praise to Jesus! They were worshiping Him as Lord.

Jesus was “triumphantly” entering in as Messiah. No longer do the disciples need to be quiet, it’s time for the Kingdom!

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Read Zechariah 9:9

This is where it was prophesied that the Messianic King would ride in on a donkey!

Also, it is important to note that “Hosanna” in Jewish culture meant “save us.” They wanted Him to save them from Rome, but Jesus had other plans...

A QUESTION TO ASK

What can you do today to show Jesus how much you love Him?



Jesus came riding in on a donkey,
and later washes His disciples' feet.
A King humble enough to wash the
feet of His followers, it's crazy!



**READ MATTHEW
26:17-29!**

What kind of imagery
do you see?

Jesus knew what was coming, but He wanted
to show His disciples how they were to live
and honor Him in the days to come. He
establishes "The Lord's Supper" as a
foreshadowing of what would happen
later that day.

**THERE WAS A PLOT WHICH STARTED THAT DAY,
To snatch up and take our dear Savior away.
Leading Him through the feisty mass,
those who so quickly turned their backs.**

**He was their promised, saving Lord,
how they turned so quickly with one accord.
But this was the plan from the beginning of time,
a divine sacrifice His life for mine.**

**Betrayed and beaten,
Mocked and scorned.
Upon His sleeve,
His love was worn.**

CHAPTER 6: THE VALLEY LOW





They pay Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, and he leads them straight to Him.

They try Him before several courts, and eventually transfer Him over to the Romans to handle the punishment.

Pilate famously washes his hands clean of Jesus, and the people take His blood on themselves.

The Pharisees were threatened by Jesus' following, and He directly challenged their authority. When they saw an opportunity, they all knew what came next.

**READ MATTHEW 27, VERSE 27
UNTIL THE END OF THE CHAPTER!**

If you have younger children, you may want to start at verse 32.

CHAPTER 6: THE VALLEY LOW



Did you know, in verse 46, Jesus quotes Psalm 22?
Go check it out!

A QUESTION TO ASK
Did Jesus choose to die? if so, why did He?

CHAPTER 7: RISEN INDEED

For 3 days Jesus was in the tomb, totally dead. His disciples were afraid, sad, and confused.

To their surprise, not for lack of prediction, early Sunday morning the Son of Man rose again!

**GO READ MATTHEW
28:1-10!!!**

Jesus' path did not end at the cross, and neither does yours!

He died for your sin, in your place, so that you can now live a life free from sin!



CHAPTER 7: RISEN INDEED



Jesus appeared to over 400 people after He rose from the dead, and even walked on the road for miles with some of His disciples (who didn't even know it was Him!).

Our faith in the risen Jesus is based on real people who really saw Him.

Appearing one last time, Jesus gives His disciples a “Great Commission.”

Go read Matthew 28:16-20

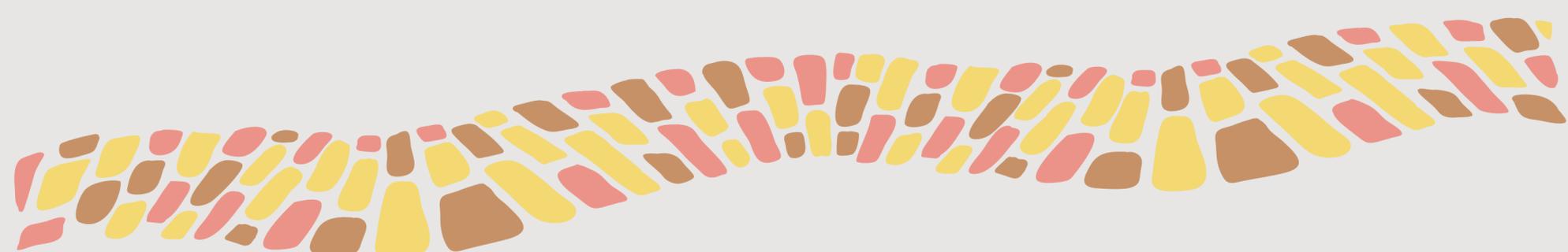
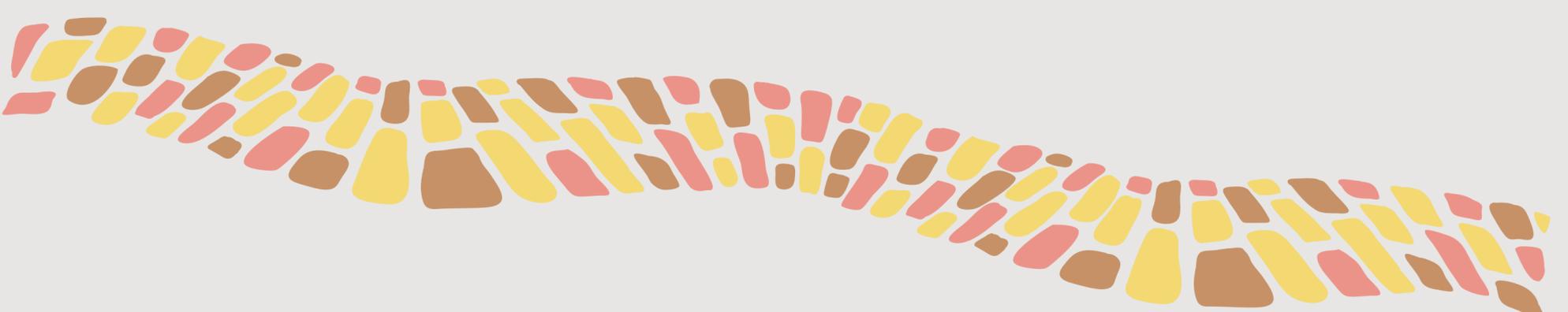
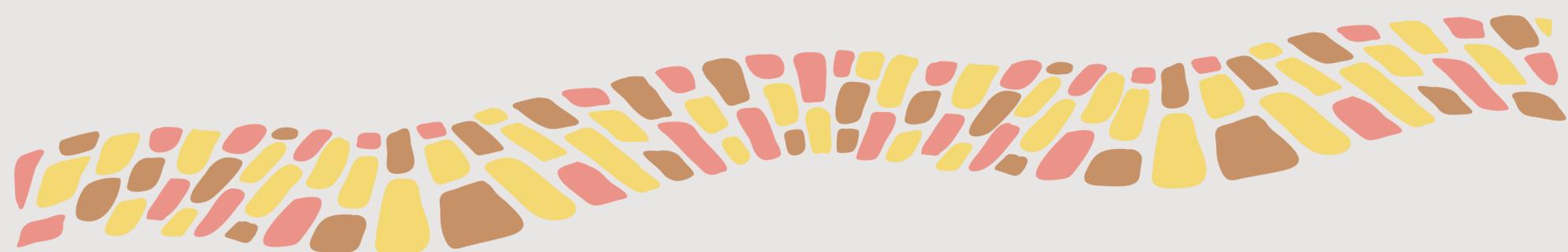
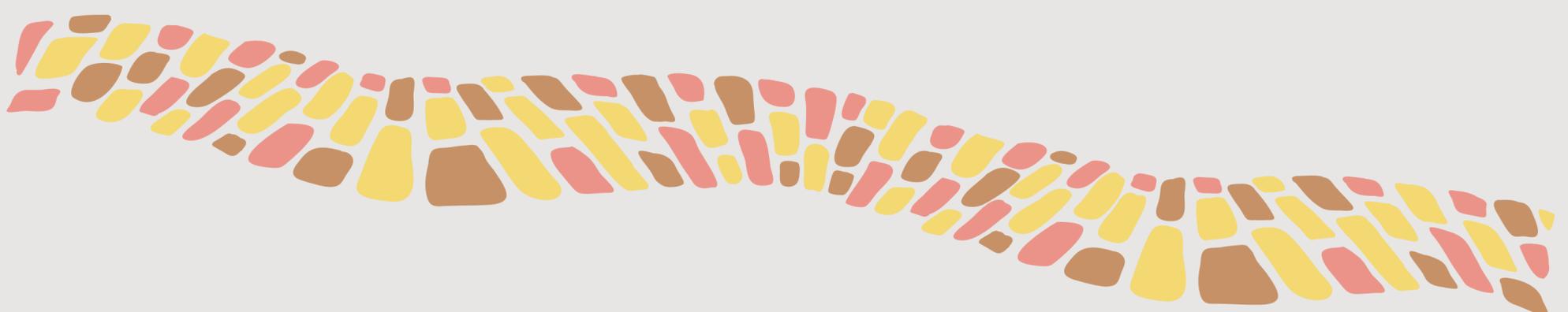
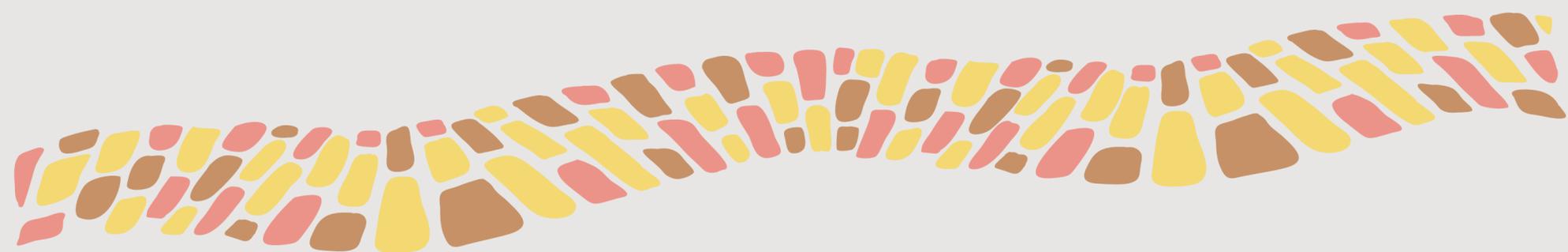
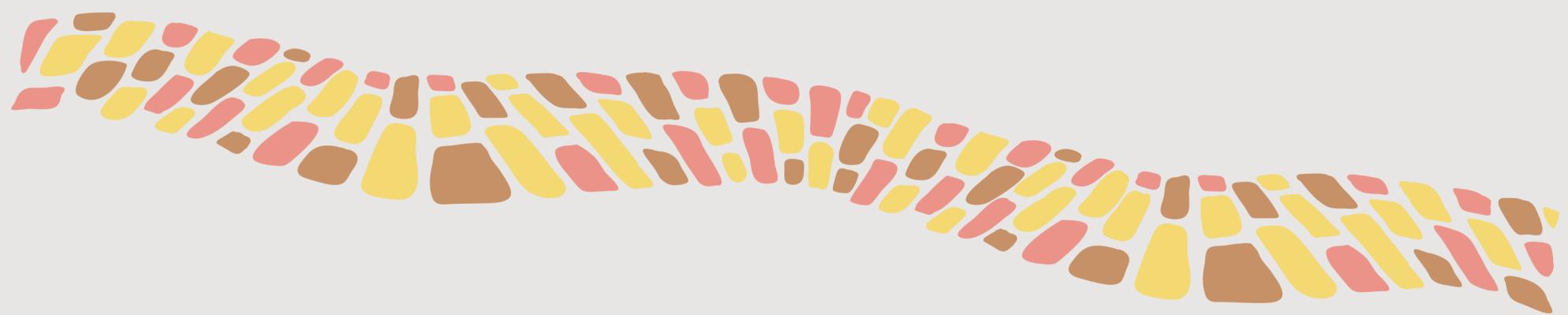
Jesus told His disciples to go and make more, and to baptize them in the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

Most of His followers died for their faith in Jesus, and were faithful to Him into death.

As believers in Jesus we now get to share His message with all who will believe!



A QUESTION TO ASK
Who do you have in your life that you
can go and tell about Jesus today?



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Together in this journey we have looked at how the Bible is one story that culminates at the cross, and that thankfully, it did not end there. Before we go, I have for you two questions, and please be honest.

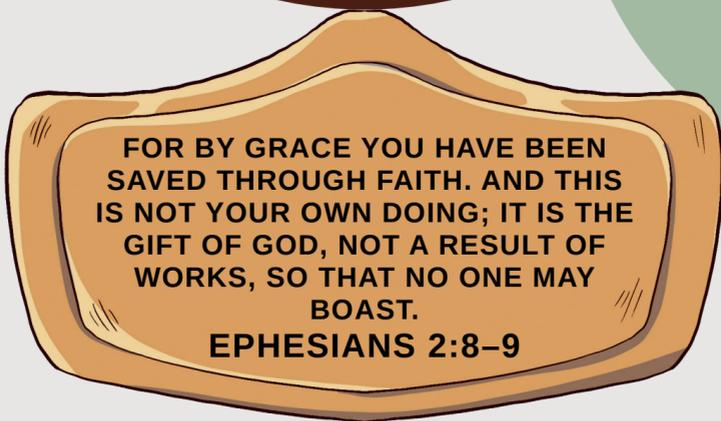


Question 1: On a scale of 1-10, 1 being not at all, 10 being 100%, how sure are you that if you died, you would go to heaven?

Question 2: If God were to ask you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?



If your answer to question 1 is anything other than “10,” then I would question who or what your faith is in. John writes in 1 John 5:13 so that we may “know” that we are saved, and it is not a confidence in us, rather confidence in Jesus.



FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.
EPHESIANS 2:8-9



Using the same thought process, saying anything other than because of Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection is also incorrect.

If either one of your answers were incorrect, I encourage you now to place your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior! Let a pastor know so we can walk through the next steps with you as you are now part of the family of Christ!

