

Bible adventures



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for young readers



GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"Have faith in the Lord your God. Then you will stand strong. Have faith in the Lord's prophets. Then you will succeed." *2 Chronicles 20:20*

STORY TIME

Mr. Lee always wears a hat, always walks with a canteen full of water, and always knows which way is north. He can identify a bird by the way it flies and tell you which mushrooms are safe to eat and which ones will make you sick. Most important of all, he knows how to take you from where you are to where you want to be.

Who is Mr. Lee? Let me introduce him to you.

My family and I went camping in a wilderness area where there are no roads, no signs, no towns, no restaurants, and no people! As far as you can see, there are only rough trails, towering mountains, and raging rivers. After we set up camp, and while Mom is busy fixing something for us to eat, I decide to go bird-watching.

So I grab my trusty binoculars and set up across the meadow. I know that as long as I keep our campsite in view, I'll be



fine. But then I come nose-to-beak with a redheaded woodpecker. These are really beautiful birds with red feathers on their heads and black and white feathers covering their bodies.

I chase this bird deep into the forest until I suddenly realize that, not only can't I see the bird anymore, I also can't see our camp. I don't even know where our camp is. In other words, I'm lost!

So, there I am, sitting by a fallen tree, thinking I'm the dumbest camper in the entire world, when I hear something coming through the bushes. I figure that, with my luck, it's probably a hungry bear or an angry lion. That's when I meet Mr. Lee. He glances down at me and smiles. "You look lost," he says. "Would you like me to show you how to get back to your camp?"

While we're walking along, Mr. Lee tells me about some of the trees in the forest, and about some of the animals that live in them. He's a park ranger, a man who is used to finding lost bird-watchers. On the way to our campsite, he shows me how to figure out where I am, where I've been, and where I should be going. I listen carefully because being lost in a forest is terrible, and I don't plan to do it again ... ever.

Later that evening, while mom, dad, and I are sitting by the campfire, my dad says, "That Mr. Lee is a good prophet."

"Prophet?" I ask. "You mean like in the Bible?"

"Sure," Dad says. "Prophets are guides who help lost people—and even lost nations—figure out what happened to them. Then they help lead them back to where they're supposed to be. God has had many prophets. Samuel, Elijah, Daniel, and our very own Ellen White. And God chooses a person to be His prophet not because of his or her faith or age, but because they are willing and eager to help people. You could be a prophet for Him, too."

I nod slowly. It sounds like a great idea. It must feel really good to be a prophet! That afternoon, I'd learned how good it felt to be guided back home again after having been lost.



FUN FACTS

KNOCK, KNOCK...

- Woodpeckers can peck up to 20 times per second, or between 8,000 and 12,000 pecks per day.
- A woodpecker's tongue is up to 4 inches long, and it wraps around the bird's skull.*

PAIN FREE?

- Woodpeckers don't get headaches from pecking. They have reinforced skulls structured to spread the impact, and their brains are tightly cushioned and protected.



* Source: <http://birding.about.com/od/birdprofiles/a/15-Fun-Facts-About-Woodpeckers.htm>

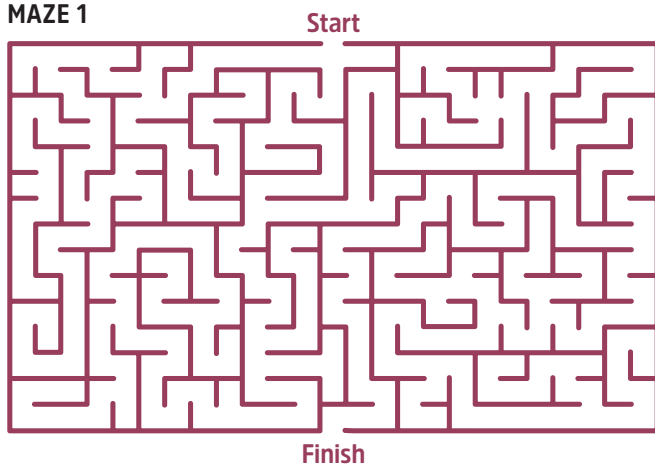


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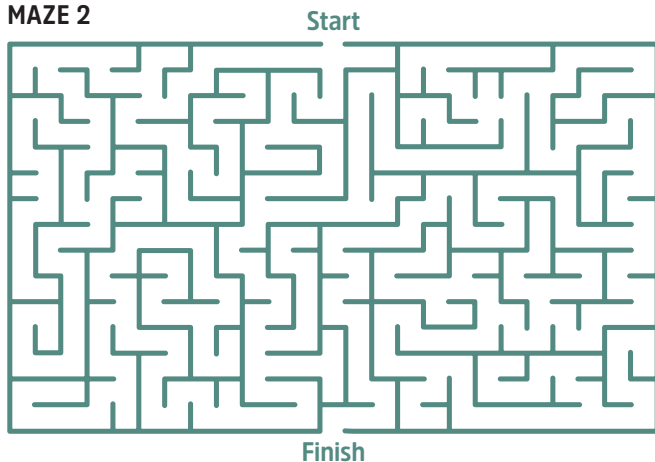
A prophet is like a guide who can help someone get from where they are to where they need to be. Sometimes, prophets know about the future because God tells them what's going to happen. Would you like to be a prophet? Here's a game to help you do just that!

Complete **MAZE 1** below. Then invite a friend to do **MAZE 2** without letting him or her see **MAZE 1**. It's just like the first maze, but you've learned how to do it already. Guide your friend by either suggesting ways to go or telling him or her ways NOT to go. For instance, you might say, "You should turn right there." Or you might say, "Turning right there is not a good idea." You might even say, "You want to go over to this place, so should you turn right or left or up or down?" Don't do the maze for them. Just guide them with helpful words and encouragement. That's what a prophet does.

MAZE 1



MAZE 2



Look up these texts in the “Library” section and fill in the missing words.

- **When does God use prophets to guide His people?**

“Before the Lord does _____, he tells his _____ the _____” (Amos 3:7).

- **When a prophet speaks, whose words does he or she really speak?**

“No _____ ever came from what a _____ wanted to _____. But men led by the _____ spoke words from _____” (2 Peter 1:21).

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MY PRAYER

Thank You, God, for sending prophets to help us find our way back to You when we're lost in sin. If you need me, I'll be Your prophet, too. Just tell me what You want me to do. Just like Samuel, I'll be listening. Amen.

LIBRARY

- “Before the Lord does anything, he tells his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).
- “No prophecy ever came from what a man wanted to say. But men led by the Holy Spirit spoke words from God” (2 Peter 1:21).

MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

“We need not be deceived; for the word of God gives us a test [so] we may know what is truth” (*Review and Herald*, February 23, 1892).

Because God speaks through His prophets to us, we can always know which ideas are true and which ideas are Satan's lies.

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