

# Psalm 1: The Tale of Two Trees

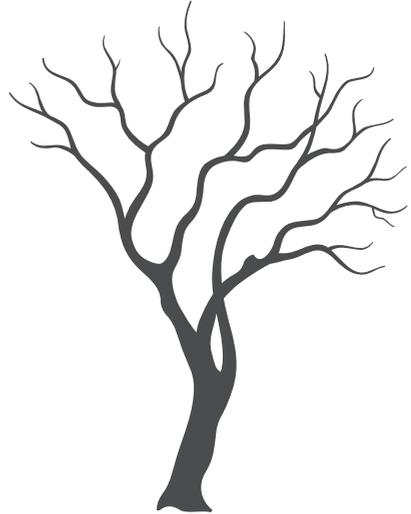
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LIFE LESSON: I will choose to walk righteously.

## Are You Like a Tree?

In the Bible, God uses word pictures to help us understand His wisdom and instructions. For example, Psalm 1 uses a tree as a word picture. A righteous, good person is compared to a tree planted by the water.

If you saw a tree growing beside a sparkling stream, how would you expect it to appear? Draw a stream beside this tree. Surround the tree with green grass. Add leaves and flowers or fruit to the branches of the tree. How does this compare to a righteous person?



## Psalm 1:4 says that ungodly people are like chaff in the wind.

*Chaff* is the useless outer covering of grain. In Bible times, farmers would use the wind to blow away this useless portion of the wheat.

How is this like people who choose to disobey God? Their poor choices allow evil to blow their lives apart. Next to the blowing chaff below, write several consequences of sin.



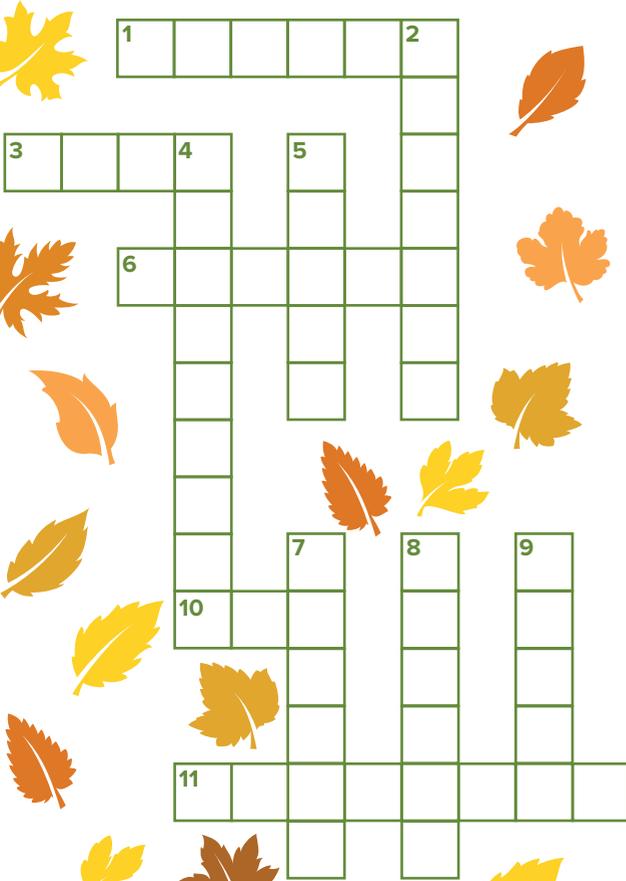
## Write a commitment to obey God and live a righteous life.

God's best rewards are His love, His salvation, His blessings, and eternal life with Him. In addition, people who follow God experience other rewards. Write some rewards you look forward to below.



# Psalm 1

Use Psalm 1 from the *International Children's Bible* to find the words to complete the puzzle.



## Across

1. Meditates (verse 2)
3. opposite of bad (verses 5 and 6)
6. to be free from danger (verse 5)
10. opposite of live (verse 3)
11. guards something (verse 6)

## Down

2. to do well (verse 3)
4. crushed (verse 6)
5. easily blow away by wind (verse 4)
7. time of year (verse 3)
8. to hear (verse 1)
9. sweet, nutritious food (verse 3)

"Happy is the person who doesn't listen to the wicked.

He doesn't go where sinners go. He doesn't do what bad people do.

<sup>2</sup>He loves the Lord's teachings.

He thinks about those teachings day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is strong, like a tree planted by a river.

It produces fruit in season. Its leaves don't die. Everything he does will succeed.

<sup>4</sup>But wicked people are not like that.

They are like useless chaff that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup>So the wicked will not escape God's punishment.

Sinners will not worship God with good people.

<sup>6</sup>This is because the Lord protects good people. But the wicked will be destroyed."

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