

WEEK 5 | 4-5 | PARENT LESSON GUIDE

Need to Know: I Can Talk to God Anywhere

Bible Story: How Jesus and His Believers Prayed

Bible Reference: Luke 5:15-16, Mark 1:35, Matthew 26:36, Acts 12:1-17



READ THE BIBLE

DO

- Read **Bible Story Sheet** aloud to the group, and have kids clap every time they hear the word "pray."
- Give each child a **Bible Story Review Sheet**, and place the **drawing utensils** in the center of the group.
- Read each question from the Bible Story Review Sheet, and allow kids to respond as they color/draw.
- For the bottom box, the word "Anywhere" is scrambled. Have kids write it correctly, assisting as needed.

LET'S PRAY

SAY

Help kids practice praying by saying the following. Then, close this time with a short prayer.

- *Everyone close your eyes. Now picture your bedroom. What is something you can thank God for in your room? Tell Him! (Give kids a quiet moment to pray)*
- *With your eyes still closed, picture your school. What is something you can thank God for there? Tell Him! Is there something you may need while you're at school? Ask Him! (Give kids a quiet moment to pray)*
- *Now think about your favorite place to go. What is something you can thank God for there? Tell Him! Is there something you may need while you're in this place? Ask Him! (Give kids a quiet moment to pray, then say a short prayer to close)*

LET'S PRACTICE

OPTION 1: BOARD GAME

DO

1. Give kids the **"Let's Practice" Game Board** sheet along with an item to use as **a game piece** (examples: button, small rock, coin, etc.).
2. Divide the group into two teams, and allow each team to take turns rolling **a die** (use from any game you already have or write numbers on small pieces of paper, fold, and place in a basket to draw from).
3. After the team member rolls, instruct the entire team to move their game pieces forward based on the number the die landed on. Read a question from the **Leader Guide** based on where the team lands on the board.
4. The first team to reach "Finish" is the winner. If time allows, play the game again.
5. Have kids say the Need to Know: ***I Can Talk to God Anywhere.***

OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask kids questions from the **Leader Guide** and allow them to respond. They can reference the pictures on their game board if they want.

Then ask these questions:

1. *Do you have a favorite place you like to pray and talk to God?*
2. *Where is somewhere you can get quiet and pray at your home?*
3. *What can you talk to God about at school?*
4. *How can we be praying for you this week?*
5. *Say this with me again: **I Can Talk to God Anywhere.***

MEMORIZE IT

DO

1. Show kids the **Memory Verse Card** and have them repeat the verse after you several times.
2. Place **drawing utensils** in the center of the group. Allow kids to complete **Additional Activity Sheets**.
3. Have kids take turns saying the memory verse aloud to you. Help them as needed.

BIBLE STORY SHEET

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Directions: Read the story below, having kids clap every time they hear the word "pray."

Jesus is the best example of how to pray everywhere you go! Even though He was God's Son, Jesus made sure He got quiet to pray and spend time with His heavenly Father. One of the times Jesus liked to get quiet and pray was in the morning.

In the book of the Bible called Mark, Jesus had spent the evening healing and helping people. Instead of sleeping in the next day because He was tired, Jesus got up before the sun came up to find a quiet place to pray.

Jesus knew that nothing was more important than His friendship with God. Even when Jesus was busy helping crowds of people, He would get away by Himself to pray and talk to God. He would also be quiet and listen to what God had to say.

In another book of the Bible called Matthew, we see that Jesus was with His friends outside in a garden. He told them to stay where they were so He could get alone to pray. Jesus knew if He made time to pray and get quiet with God, He could hear what His Father had to say. When we take time to pray and listen to God, we can hear Him, too! No matter where you are or where you go, you can make it a habit to get quiet and pray anywhere!

That's what one of Jesus's best friends, Peter, learned after following Jesus for three years. And we can see in a book of the Bible called Acts that Peter taught other people how to follow Jesus and pray, too. Peter loved God and loved telling other people about Jesus, but he got in trouble for doing it and was put in jail. Peter's friends were very worried, and they knew they needed God's help. So they began to pray and didn't stop asking for God to set Peter free from jail.

God heard Peter's friends pray and sent an angel to visit Peter in jail. Peter was asleep between two guards when the angel appeared and said to him, "Quick! Get up! Get dressed! Follow me!" At first, Peter thought he was dreaming. He followed the angel out of the jail and into the city.

Peter went to Mary's house where his friends had gathered together to pray for him. When Peter's friends opened the door they were amazed that God had heard them pray and had freed Peter from jail!

These true stories show us that we can pray anywhere!

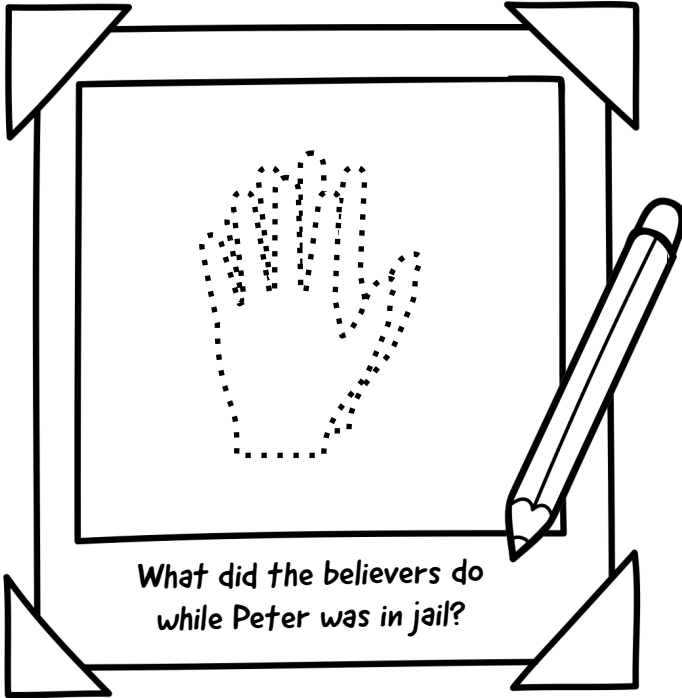
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Where did the angel visit Peter?



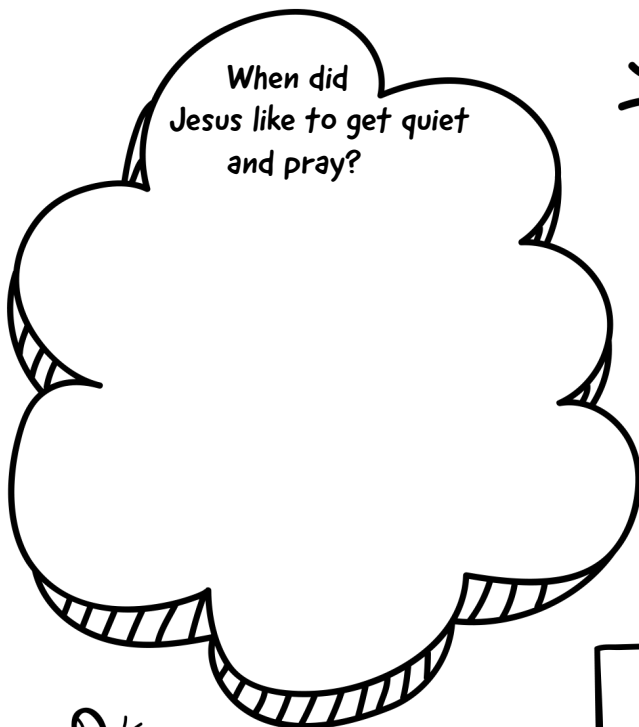
What did the believers do
while Peter was in jail?



Who did Jesus talk to when
He prayed?

GOD

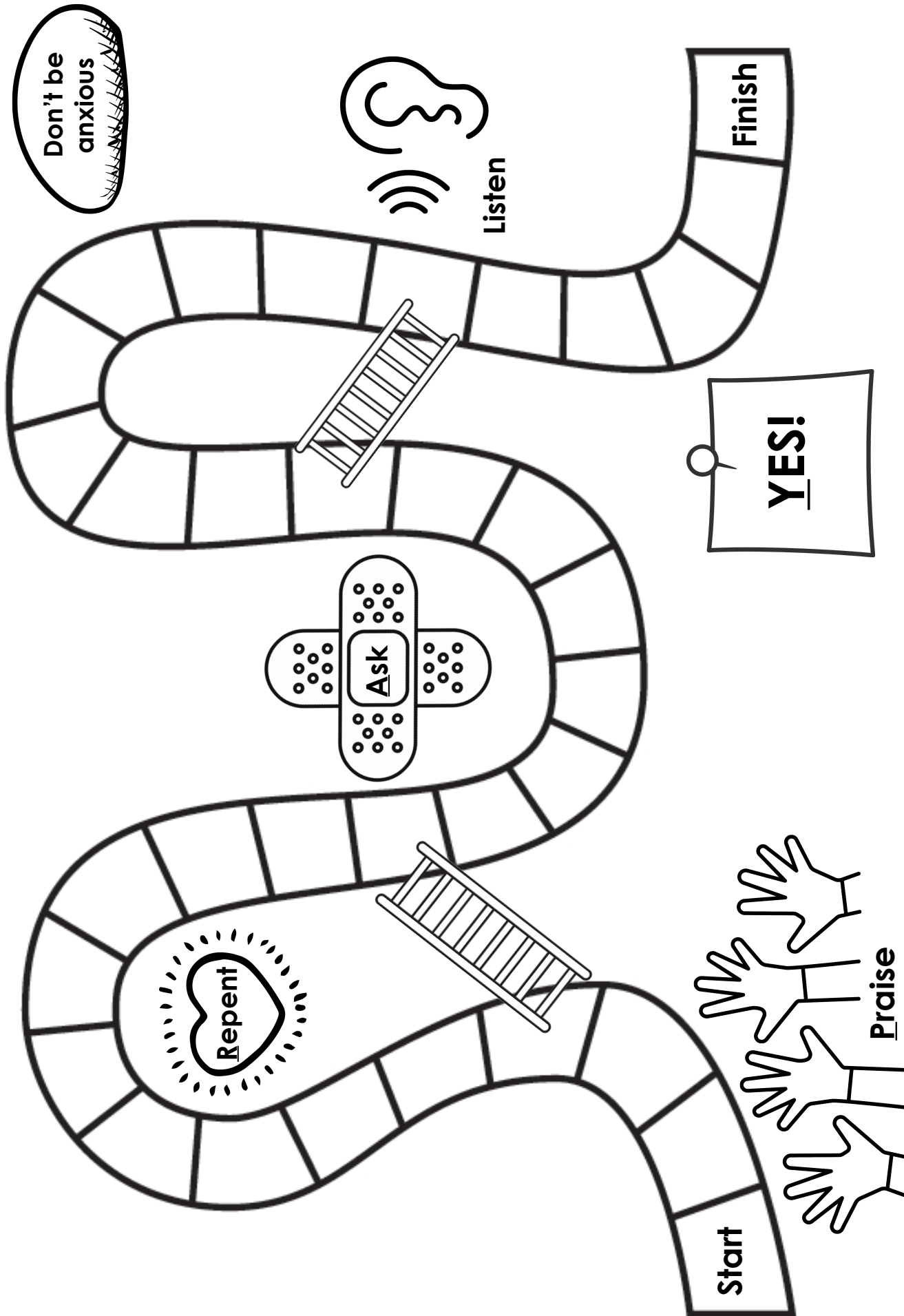
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Where can you pray?

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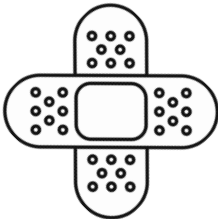


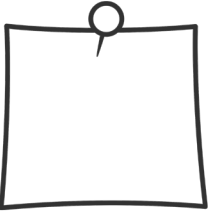
Series Memory Verse: "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him." Philipians 4:6 (NIRV)

LEADER GUIDE

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As teams' game pieces land near these sections of the game board, ask them one of the questions below.

If the game piece lands on a ladder, ask them how it feels to move ahead or backward. Remind kids that they can talk to God and tell Him how they feel (excited, happy, mad, frustrated) when they feel like this in real-life!

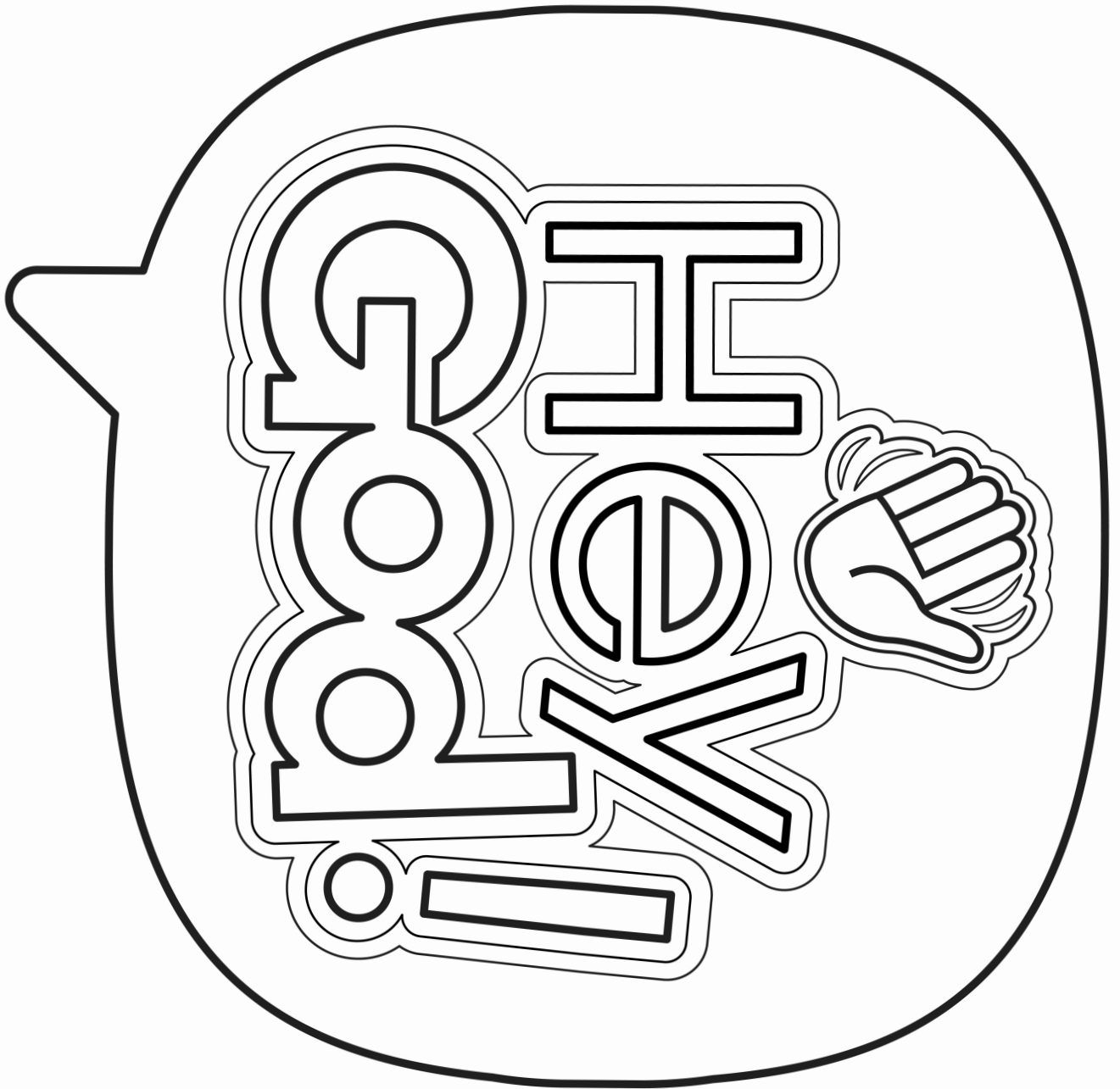
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is something you can praise God for? (Allow responses) • Where is your favorite place to go? (Allow responses) What is something you could praise God for there? (Allow responses) • Do you like to be outside or inside? (Allow responses) Can you still praise God if you are in a place that you don't really like? (Yes)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God loves you so much, even when you do things that are wrong. Is it easy or hard for you to tell someone when you do something wrong? (Allow responses) You don't ever have to worry about God being mad at you. He loves you and will forgive you! • If you do something wrong at school, should you try to hide it from God? (No) Why not? (Because He loves you, He will forgive you, He will help you do what's right)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you know anyone who is sick or hurt and needs God to heal them? (Allow responses) Let's say a prayer now and ask God to help them. (Say a short prayer for the needs mentioned) • Have you read in the Bible about God and Jesus healing people? (Allow responses) Do you think He still heals people today? (Allow responses) When we ask God for healing, He definitely can do it! And He heals us in so many ways. Sometimes it's miraculous, sometimes He works through doctors and nurses, and we all will be healed when we go to live in heaven!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are holding an armful of rocks, how would it feel? (Heavy) When you're worried or nervous, does it ever feel like there's something heavy on you? (Allow responses) God wants us to take that heavy feeling away, and that happens when we tell Him everything we're worried about it. Is there anything making you feel worried or nervous? (Allow responses) Let's pray now and ask God to help you! (Say a short prayer for the needs mentioned) • Is there anything that makes you feel scared or upset? (Allow responses) God wants to take that heavy feeling or fear away. Let's pray and ask Him to help you now! (Say a short prayer for the needs mentioned) See, church is one place we can pray!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever had a friend who talks a lot but rarely listens? If so, how did that make you feel? (Allow responses) Jesus is the best friend you could ever have, and when you talk, He listens. You can be a good friend by listening to Him, too! Where is somewhere in your home that you can go to get quiet and listen? (Allow responses) • Is it hard for you to sit still and be quiet? (Allow responses) God understands! He will help you! When you pray, tell Him you want to hear Him talk to you. Tell Him that it's hard to listen and be still, and ask Him to help you wherever you are!
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you believe that God has good plans for you? (Allow responses) He does! God only wants the best for you! You can say, "Yes!" to what He has for you because you know He has the best in mind for you! • Is it hard for you to say, "Yes," when you don't really want to do something? (Allow responses) Even if what God says to do isn't what we want to do, we can still say, "Yes," and do it His way because we know it's what is best.

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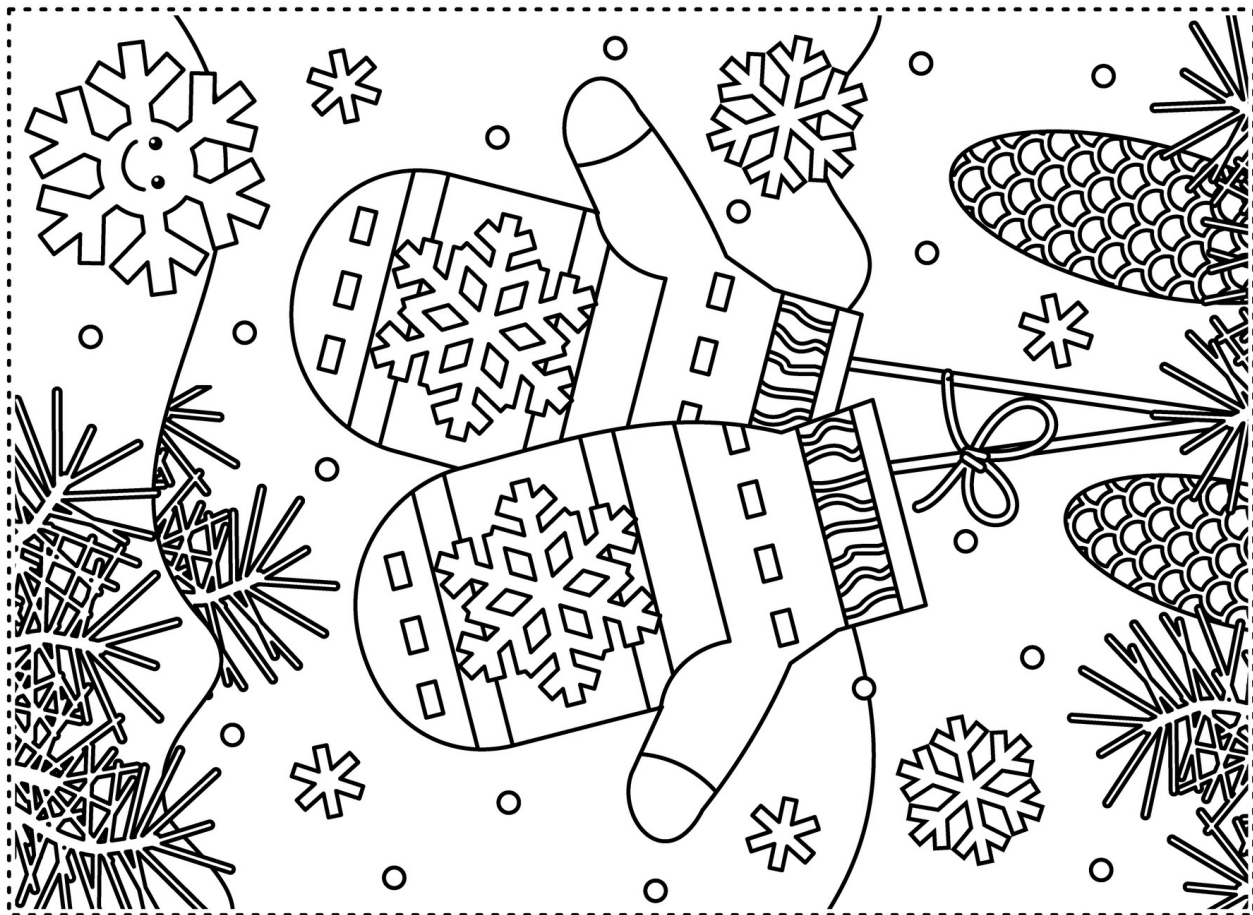
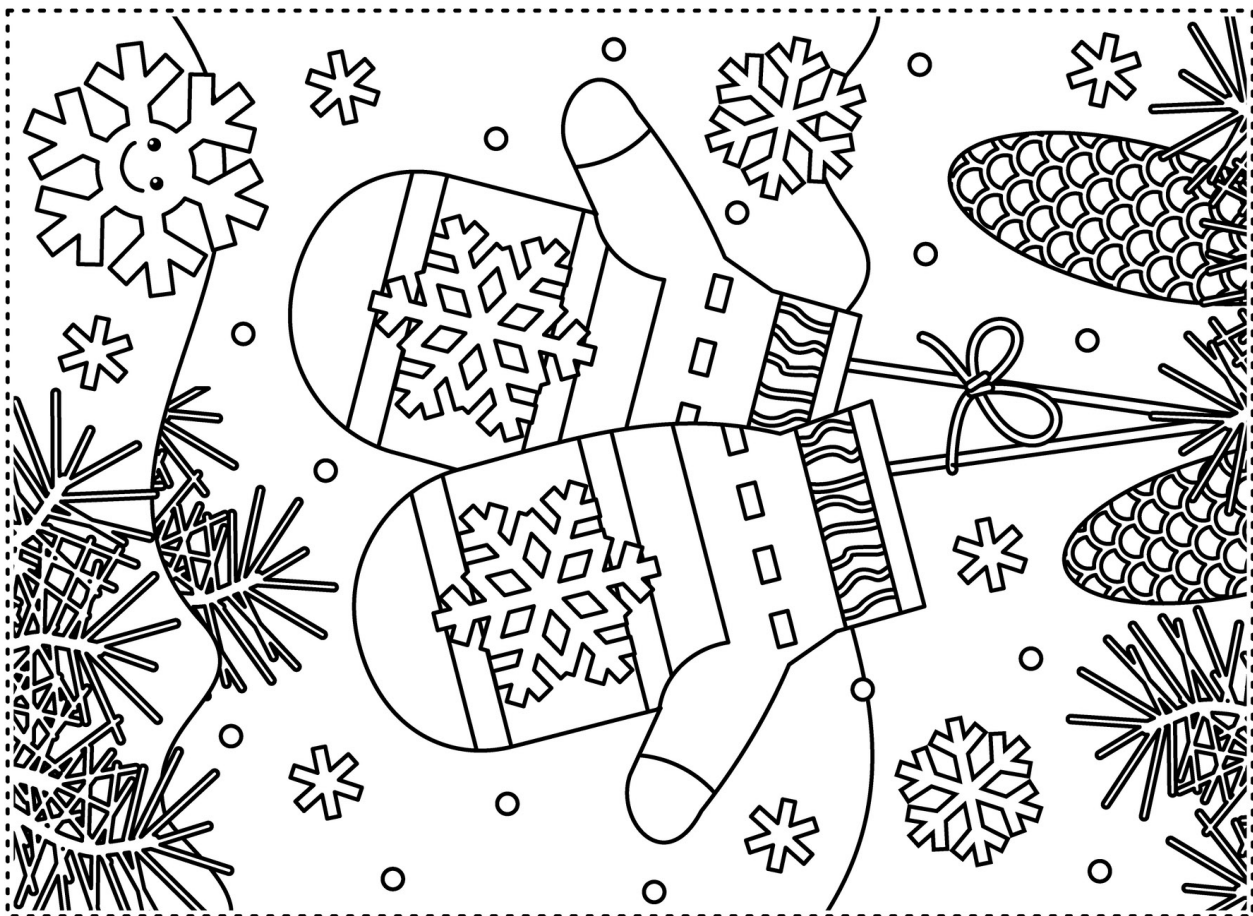
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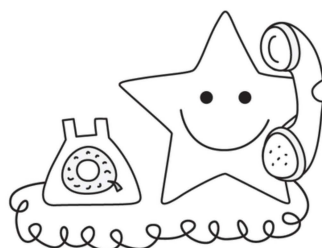
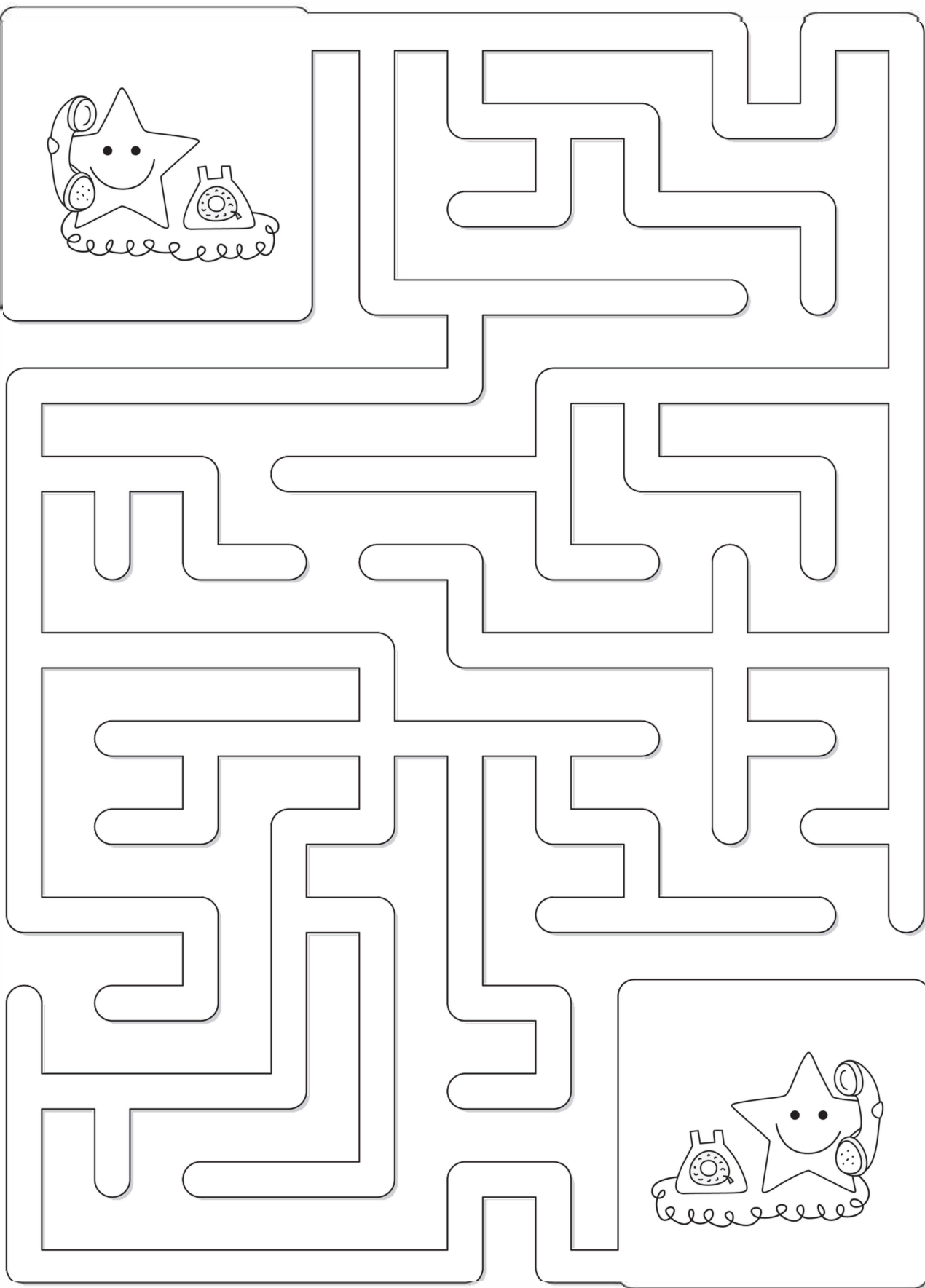
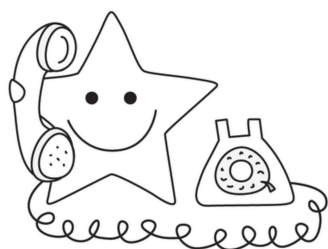
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