

2ND-5TH GRADE

# FOLLOW THE CLOUD



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

KIDS!



## HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET:

### HEY KIDS!

Following the Cloud is all about hearing God's voice, because only God can tell you what your next step is. And everyone (even you!) has a next step to take! To help you hear God's voice, remember the phrase *Ask, Listen, and Respond*.

**ASK** – Ask God what He wants to say to you. Only the Holy Spirit knows your next step.

**LISTEN** – Listen to His voice. God is speaking and you can hear Him.

**RESPOND** – Respond with obedience. It takes faith to follow God to a place you've never been before.

Over the next four weeks, have fun completing the activities in this booklet, and expect that the Holy Spirit will speak to you. *Ask, Listen, and Respond* by writing down what He says in your journal spaces.

Talk with your parents about what you're learning as God invites you to follow the Cloud and discover who you are, who He is, and what you were created to do.

Enjoy the journey!

PLACE  
STICKER  
HERE

We're so glad you joined us for the *Follow The Cloud* series! Once you've completed all activities, show this book to your Kids Ministry Leader to receive a prize!

## PARENTS:

At Valley Creek we have four statements, or pillars, that we want our kids to believe: God Is Good, Jesus Has Forgiveness Me, I Am Loved, and Everything Is Possible. During this series, you will be studying the Father's Heart circles, and this is the correlating kid's version. The desire of the Father's Heart (*God Is Good*) is that we would receive His grace (*Jesus Has Forgiveness Me*), experience His presence (*I Am Loved*), and release His kingdom (*Everything Is Possible*).

Jesus says the kingdom of heaven belongs to kids. There is no junior Holy Spirit, and we are convinced that kids can receive and carry the deeper revelation of who they are, who God is, and what He created them to do. In fact, the Cloud is leading in your child's life right now. He's leading them toward a life of freedom—one next step at a time.

Over the next four weeks, we encourage you to use this resource to talk to your kids about what you as a family are learning and discovering as you follow the Cloud together.

### THE FATHER'S HEART



### THE FOUR PILLARS



# TRINITY



## **God Is Inviting Us On A Journey:**

Because God is good, you can trust that everywhere He is inviting you is better than where you've been.



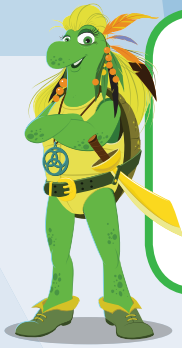
# WEEK 1



## REMEMBER:

God rarely gives us the full picture of what He is inviting us to. Instead, He invites us to trust Him just enough to take one small step at a time. Because God is good, He chooses to lead us in small steps, not giant leaps. He knows if He gave us all the details, we would be too overwhelmed to follow. That's why He promises to tell us what we need to know, when we need to know it. All we have to do is simply take the steps in front of us – in other words, just connect the dots!

**GOD** is  
**GOOD!**



## MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 107:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Hiding God's Word in our heart changes us from the inside out. In the space below, rewrite the memory verse and spend time memorizing it:

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## ASK, LISTEN, & RESPOND:

**ASK** the Holy Spirit what He wants to say about this week's message.

**LISTEN** to His voice.

**RESPOND** by writing or drawing something that stood out to you:





## JOURNAL:

Because God is good, we can be confident that wherever He's leading us is always better than where we are. He's not distant, angry, or disappointed, but close, full of love, and proud of you. Take a minute to write about how happy you are to know that God is with you and He will always love you . . .

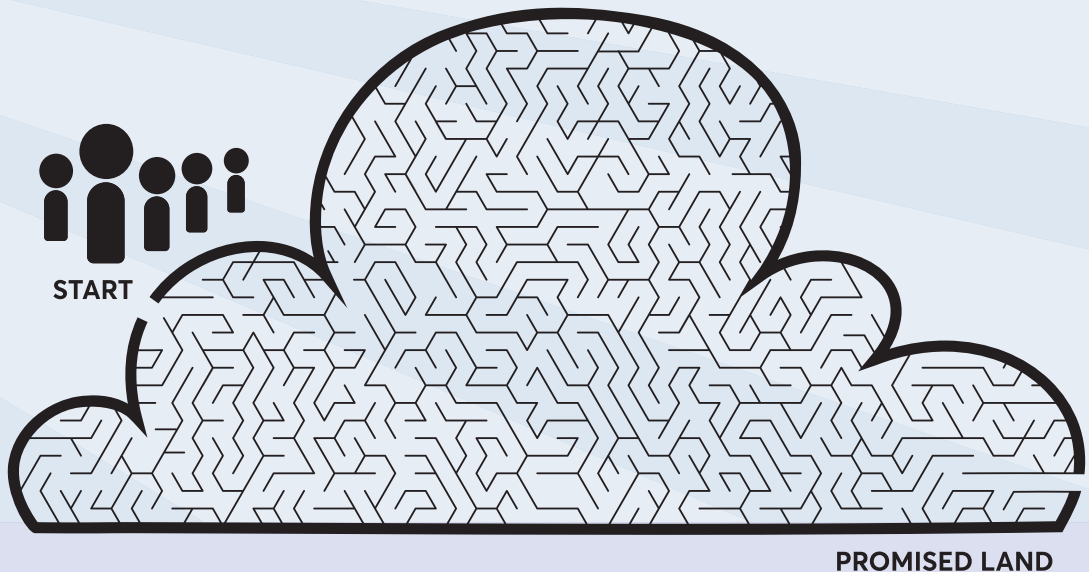
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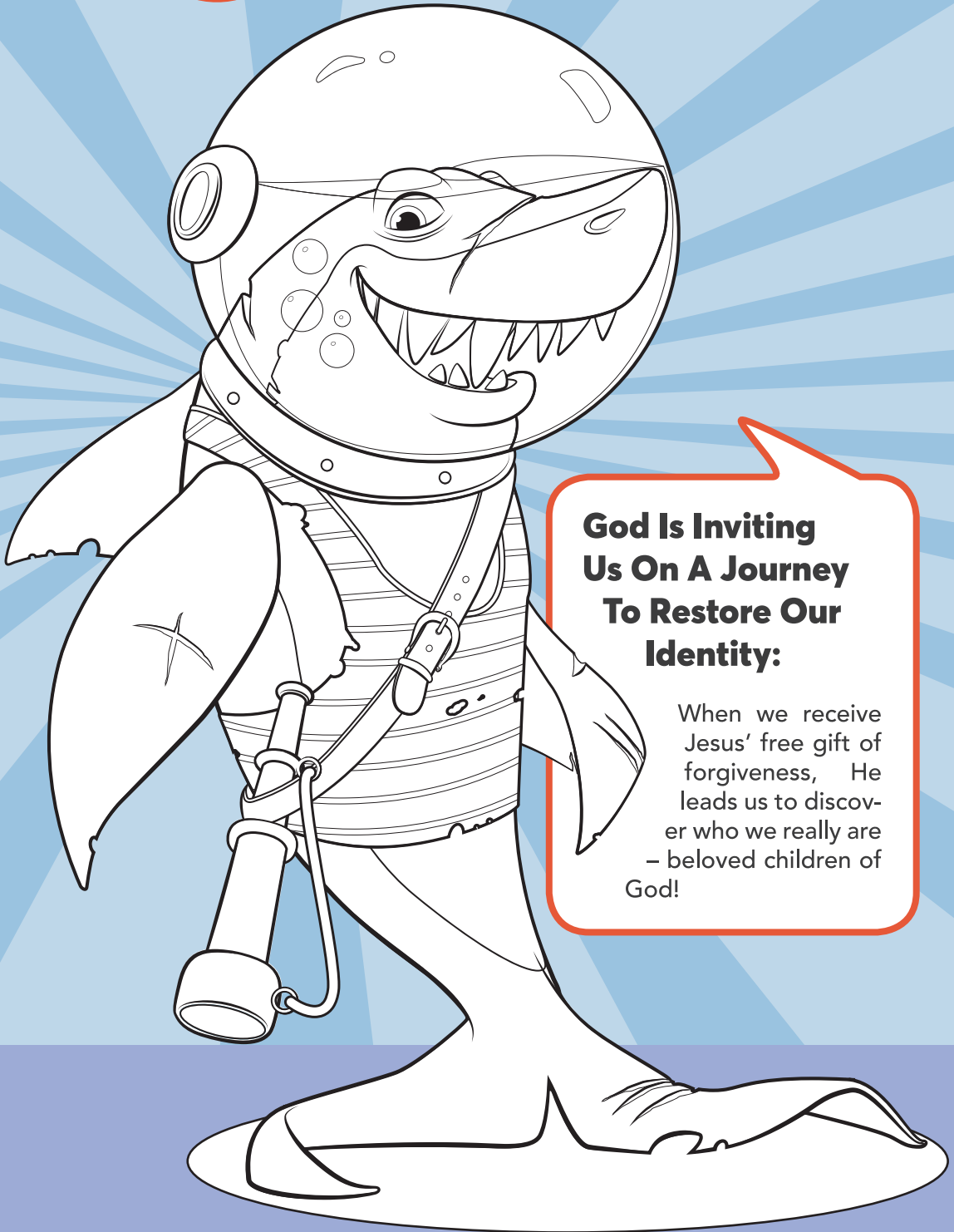
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Help the people of Israel follow the Cloud as it leads them to the Promised Land.



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**God Is Inviting  
Us On A Journey  
To Restore Our  
Identity:**

When we receive  
Jesus' free gift of  
forgiveness, He  
leads us to discover  
who we really are  
– beloved children of  
God!



# WEEK 2

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## WORD SCRAMBLE:

Unscramble the words below to reveal who God says you are:

E L B V D O E

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N S O S D A N

— — — — —

G D T A E S U R H

— — — — —

## REMEMBER:

There are other people and things in the world today that want to tell you who you are, but only God's voice has the authority to declare your identity. He says, "I see you! I want you! I believe in you! I love you! I am proud of you! You are beautiful! You have what it takes!" 2 Corinthians 6:18 says, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters."

**JESUS**  
— has —  
**FORGIVEN**  
**ME!**



## MEMORY VERSE: JOHN 1:12

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

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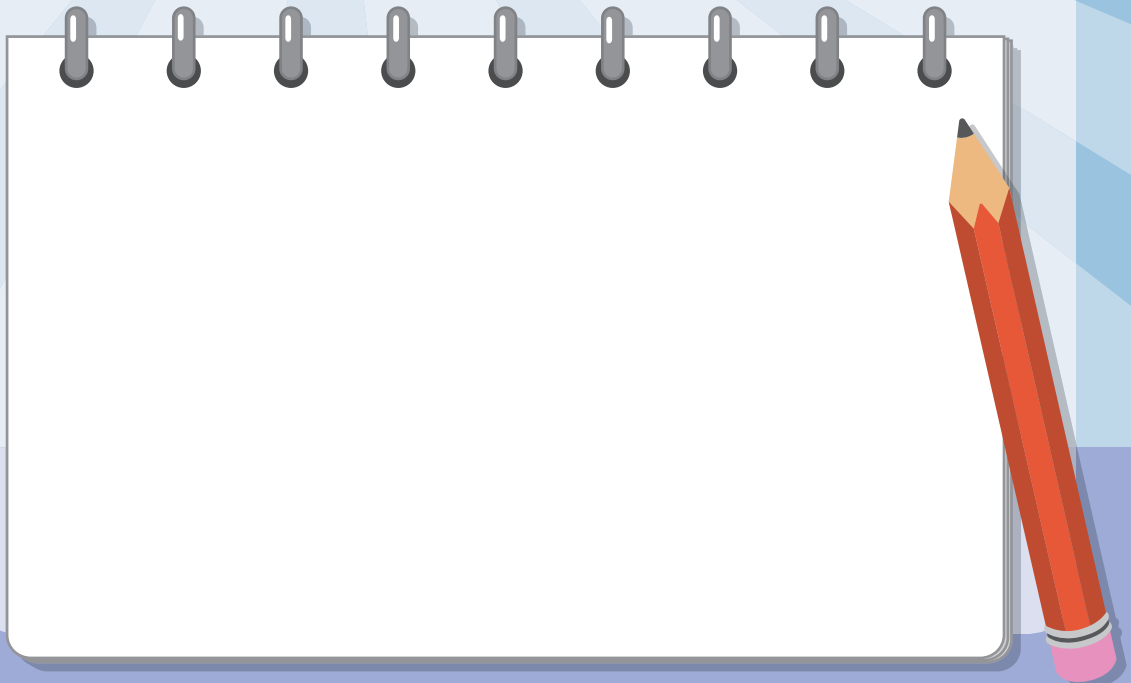
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## JOURNAL:

God says, "You're mine. You belong to me, and only I get to say who you are." Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit what He's saying about you so you can declare them every day this week . . .

**I AM:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## MATCH THE WORD TO ITS DEFINITION:

Discover the words by adding or subtracting the number of letters. Then match the word to its definition.

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

**K-1, C+2, R+1, W-2, P+3,**

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**D-2, A+4, I+3, Q-2, R+4, F-1, B+2,**

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**E+1, C-2, G+2, O+5 E+3,**

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**Q+1, I-4, N+5, R+2, P-1, V-4, D+1,**

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Being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you don't see

To *bring back* or *return* to its original form

God's Son

Dearly loved

# ZOEY

## God Is Inviting Us On A Journey To Bring Us Into Relationship:

God wants to bring us into relationship. He promises that He will always be wherever He asks us to go – as you begin to experience His presence, rest in the truth that you are loved!





# WEEK 3

Find and circle the words in the puzzle below. Words can be found across, up, down, and diagonally.

L	Q	A	Z	W	S	X	E	D	C	M	O	S	E	S
F	O	L	L	O	W	R	F	O	R	G	I	V	E	N
F	V	V	T	G	H	B	Y	N	U	J	M	I	K	L
B	N	M	E	P	B	E	L	O	V	E	D	L	V	O
D	V	C	X	D	E	A	D	S	P	I	R	I	T	F
E	R	G	O	T	L	H	Y	K	L	S	O	S	Q	W
R	Z	E	D	F	I	V	T	G	B	R	U	T	J	M
E	H	I	U	I	J	E	S	U	S	A	D	E	C	A
W	V	K	S	X	A	V	S	M	N	E	L	N	O	S
O	L	O	V	B	H	D	T	R	E	L	H	J	V	Y
P	A	B	I	S	W	H	E	F	N	G	U	C	L	E
M	G	K	X	C	Z	S	P	E	A	K	Q	O	T	T
E	O	D	F	Y	E	R	S	A	N	M	U	A	X	O
Q	O	C	R	B	Y	C	L	O	U	D	I	E	S	G
G	D	B	I	B	L	E	F	K	E	G	N	I	D	L

LOVED  
CLOUD  
JESUS  
GOD  
LISTEN

SPEAK  
FOLLOW  
EXODUS  
ISRAEL  
SPIRIT

MOSES  
VOICE  
BIBLE  
NEXT  
STEP

BELOVED  
EMPOWERED  
FORGIVEN  
GOOD  
ELIJAH

## REMEMBER:

The Cloud never left the people of Israel, and God will never leave you! Every next step you take is an invitation to be aware of His presence. Being aware of God's presence is knowing that He is with you and constantly showing more of Himself to you.

**I am  
LOVED!**



## MEMORY VERSE: PSALM 32:8 NLT

The LORD says, I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

In the space below, rewrite the memory verse and spend time memorizing it:

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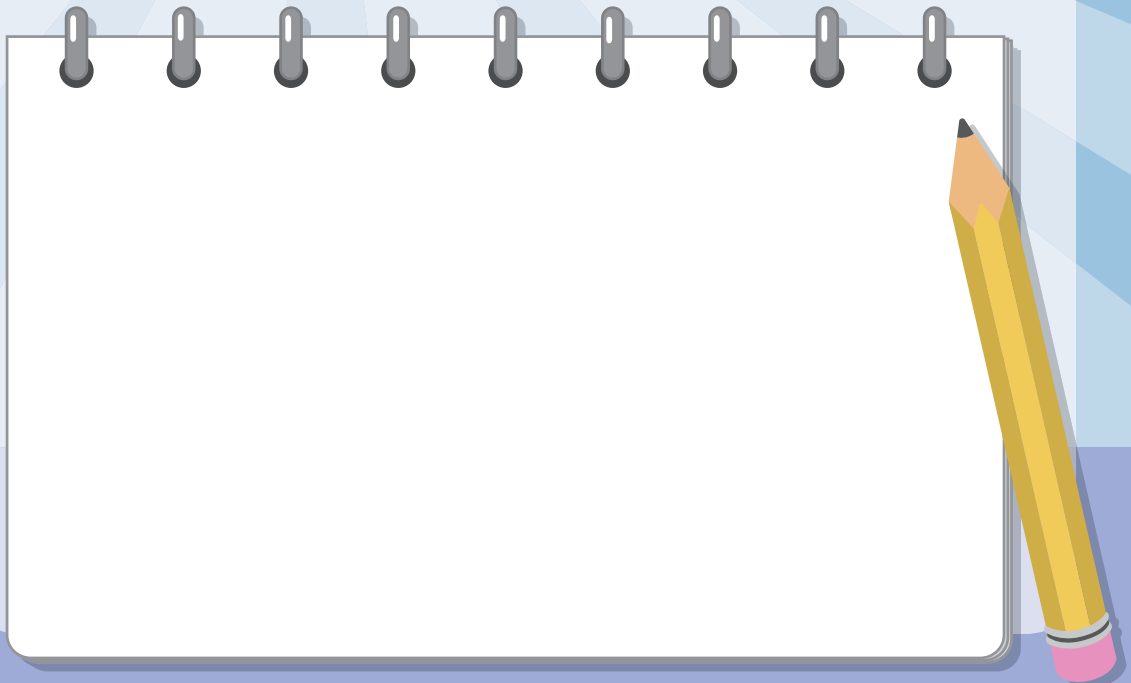
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## JOURNAL:

The voice of God is always meant to draw us closer to the *heart* of God. Take a moment to read the story of Elijah in your Bible (1 Kings 19). Ask the Holy Spirit why God most often speaks in a whisper. Write what He reveals to you in the space below . . .

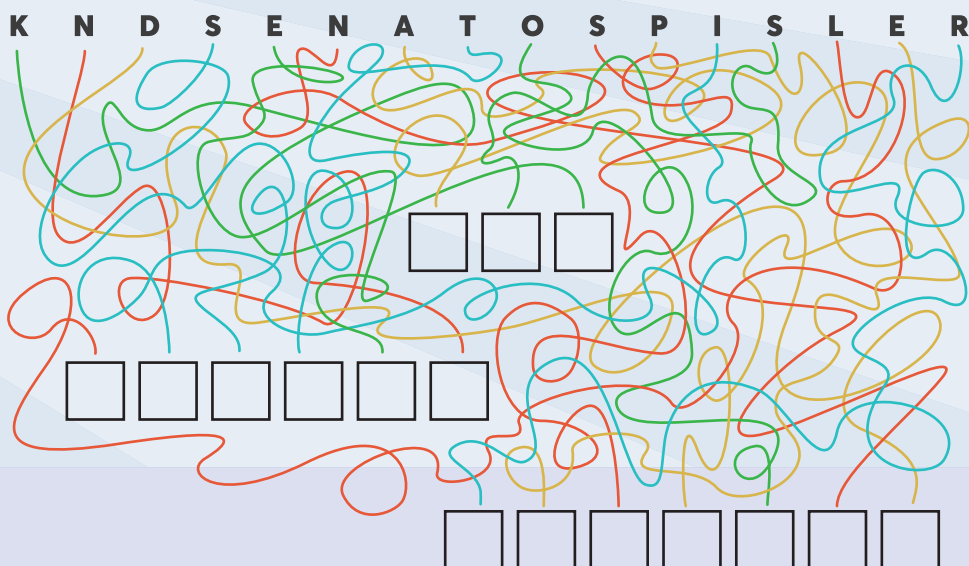
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Follow the path of each letter to figure out the correct order. Write the letters in the boxes to reveal a message that will help you hear God's voice and take next steps:



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## God Is Inviting Us On A Journey To Empower Us With Purpose:

God is sending us to represent Him! If you accept His forgiveness and love, you will know that, with God, everything is possible!





# WEEK 4

GOD is leading you  
to discover  
WHO YOU ARE, WHO HE IS, &  
WHAT YOU WERE created TO DO

## REMEMBER:

Nothing can stand against the promises of God. Where the Cloud is leading you can sometimes be hard, but never stop following because God promises to always take care of you. God wants us to try to do what seems impossible, so He can show us His power! The four things you always need to remember are: *God Is Good, Jesus Has Forgiveness, I Am Loved, and Everything Is Possible.*

**EVERY  
THING** is  
**POSSIBLE!**



## MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 16:19

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

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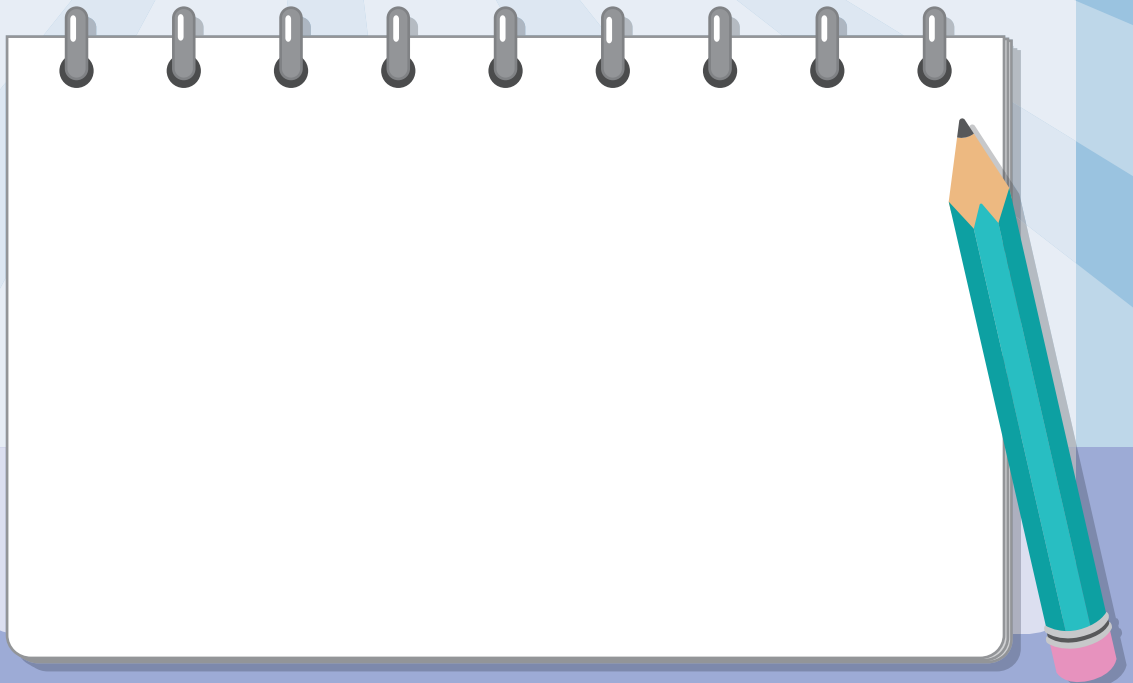
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## **JOURNAL:**

What is one thing in your life that seems impossible? Read Matthew 19:26 in your Bible and take time this week to talk to God about it. Write down what He reveals to you in the space below . . .

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**The Cloud is on the move, and it's time to respond.**

My next step is \_\_\_\_\_

I am going to share this with \_\_\_\_\_

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BY DAY THE LORD WENT AHEAD  
OF THEM IN A PILLAR OF CLOUD  
TO GUIDE THEM ON THEIR WAY  
AND BY NIGHT IN A PILLAR OF  
FIRE TO GIVE THEM LIGHT, SO  
THAT THEY COULD TRAVEL BY  
DAY OR NIGHT.  
EXODUS 13:21



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