



# A Burning Coal

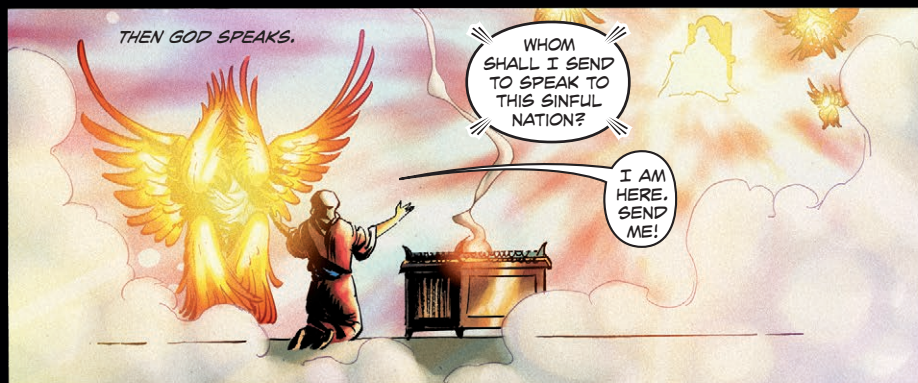
BASED ON ISAIAH 6

ONE DAY A YOUNG MAN NAMED ISAIAH IS PRAYING IN THE TEMPLE, WHEN HE SEES A VISION. THE LORD IS SEATED ON A THRONE. FLYING AROUND HIM ARE SERAPHIM, HEAVENLY CREATURES WITH SIX WINGS. WHEN THEY SPEAK, THE WALLS SHAKE AND THE TEMPLE FILLS WITH SMOKE.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY. THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY!







WITH THIS COURAGEOUS ANSWER, ISAIAH STARTS ON HIS JOURNEY TO BECOME ONE OF THE GREATEST OF THE HEBREW PROPHETS. HE PROPHESIES MOSTLY DURING THE REIGN OF KING HEZEKIAH.



## Wonder Point-The Names of God

In Hebrew, there are over 20 names for God in the Bible. Many other names of God are mentioned in the Bible, but these names describe the character of God or something He did at a specific event. Here are a few of the names of God.

**Yahweh** – This name of God is the personal and proper name of God. He gave this name to Himself first when He talked with Moses in Exodus 3:13-15. The Jews thought of this name as so holy that they would not write the whole name or say Yahweh, but would instead say "The Name." Our English Bibles translate Yahweh as LORD with all caps. Isaiah 42:8; 1 Timothy 1:17

**Avi** – This name means Father. This name shows how much God cares about us and loves us. It shows that we can have a relationship with Him. Abba is also another word for Father, but is more personal, like our word Daddy. Romans 8:15-16; 2 Corinthians 6:18, 1 John 3:1

Look up these passages to find what these names mean.

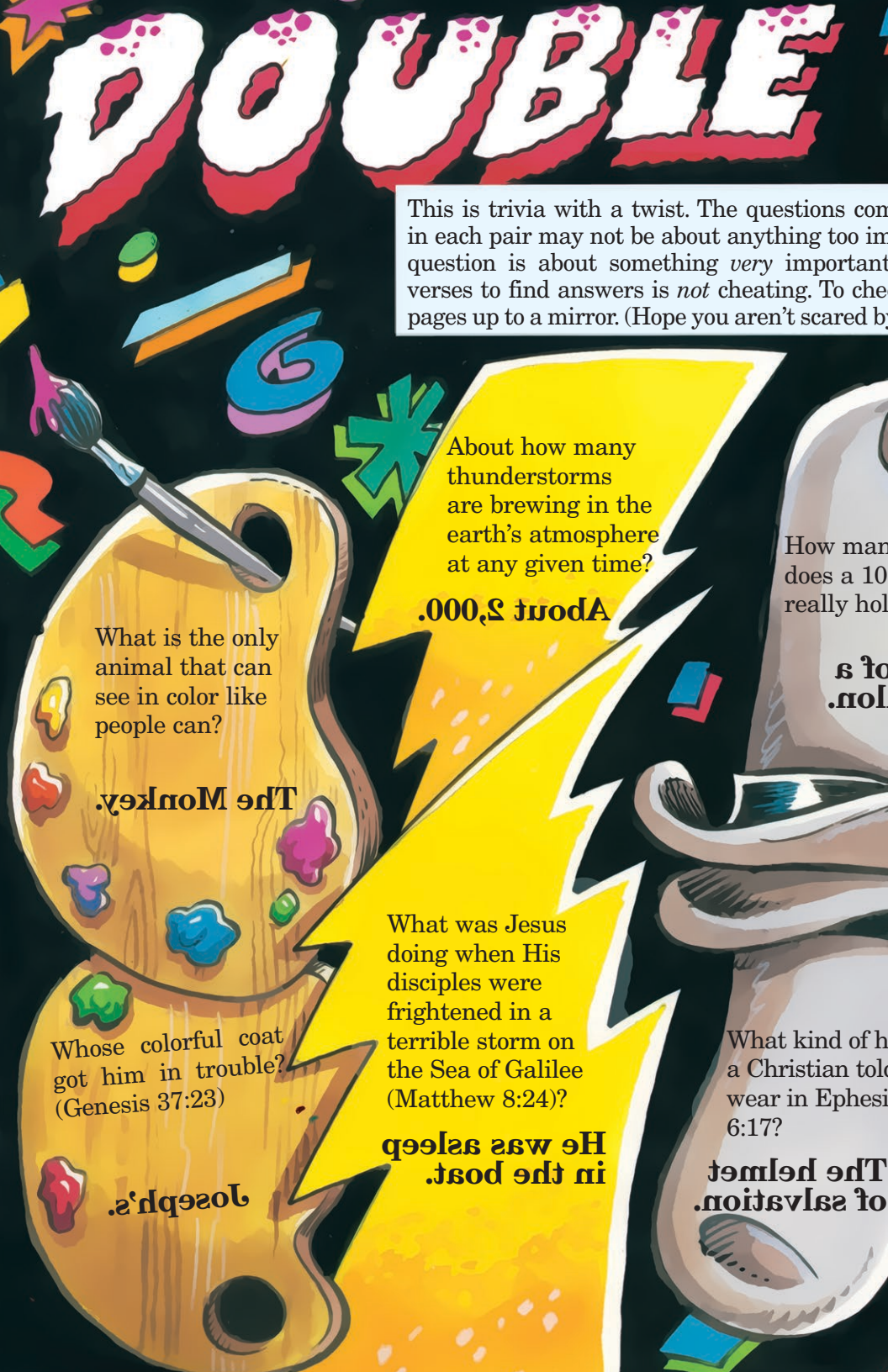
Redeemer – Isaiah 44:22, 62:12; Luke 1:68

Shepherd – Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:11; John 10:3-5, 10

King of Kings – Psalm 47:2; Lamentations 5:19







# DOUBLE

This is trivia with a twist. The questions come in each pair may not be about anything too important, but the question is about something *very* important. To find answers is *not* cheating. To cheat is to turn the pages up to a mirror. (Hope you aren't scared by

What is the only animal that can see in color like people can?

**The Monkey.**

Whose colorful coat got him in trouble? (Genesis 37:23)

**Joseph's.**

About how many thunderstorms are brewing in the earth's atmosphere at any given time?

**About 2,000.**

What was Jesus doing when His disciples were frightened in a terrible storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 8:24)?

**He was asleep in the boat.**

How many times does a 10 really hold

**of a lion.**

What kind of helmet did a Christian soldier wear in Ephesians 6:17?

**The helmet of salvation.**

# STUFF!

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How many  
languages are  
spoken by at least a  
million people?

156  
languages

What caused God to  
separate the people  
of the earth into  
groups who spoke  
different languages?  
(Genesis 11:6-8).

Building  
the tower of  
Babel

How much water  
can an elephant  
hold in its trunk?

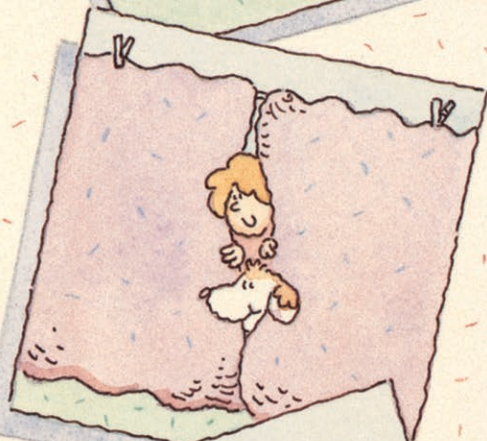
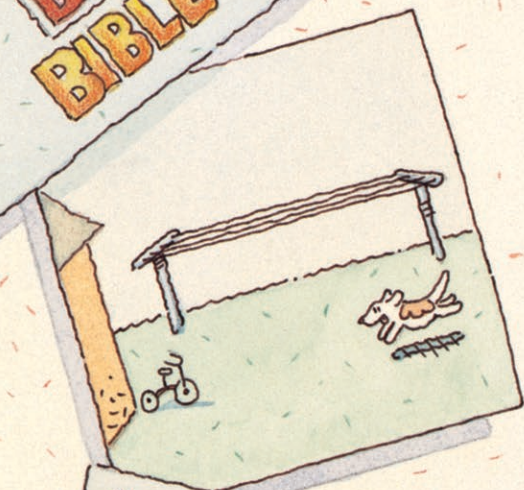
six quarts

What miracle of  
Jesus involved  
six water jars  
(John 2:6-10)?

Jesus turned  
the water into  
wine at the  
wedding in  
Cana



# BACKYARD BIBLE PLAYERS



Is your summer vacation getting long and hot? Is your main excitement swatting flies and counting the days until school starts? Bring some drama into your life! Turn your yard into a neighborhood Bible theater.

You'll need:

- a yard large enough to hold the dozens of spectators who will come to your production
- curtains (sheets or blankets hung on a clothesline would work)
- a stage area (a patio, deck, or porch)
- a "backstage" area to hold props and provide a place to change costumes (a garage, tent, or camper would work nicely)
- bathrobes and towels to make Bible-time costumes
- a Bible to research your stories
- brothers, sisters, and neighbors for actors and helpers

Getting started is easy. Talk about some of your favorite Bible stories. Which ones could be told easily in play form? Read them out loud from your Bibles. Choose one, then work on a script together.

Keep the speeches of the characters short, so actors can learn them easily. Plan only as many characters as you have



actors! Work out some simple props to help tell the story. Think of some neat “special effects” using CD players or hidden helpers. When you rehearse your play, practice speaking loudly and clearly.

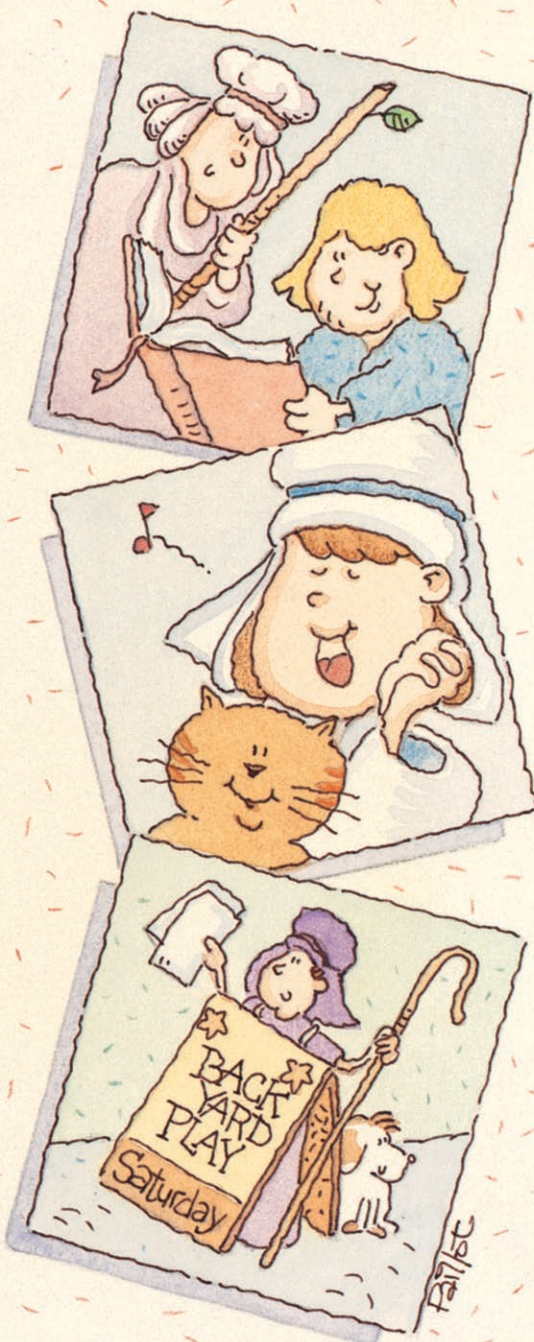
Add some other fun things to your production. Work up some commercials for church, or read from the Bible to fill in scenes from your play. Make your play a musical by adding songs that go with the plot; actors can sing the songs or lip sync along with a CD.

When everything is set, advertise! Draw posters about your performance and wear them sandwich-board style—one on the front and one on the back. Wear your board as you pass out tickets to friends, relatives, neighbors.

If you need a little profit to cover your expenses, set up a refreshment stand on the side. Lemonade tastes good in hot weather. And popcorn makes people thirsty for more!

Make sure everything around your refreshment stand is clean, clean, CLEAN! And be generous with the servings.

Have fun putting your performance together. And be sure to have someone take pictures. These memories will be too good to miss!





### Pause a minute

1. Imagine this: Daylight fades as you climb a hill on an evening walk. The sky suddenly lights up into a sunset of neon orange, pink, and red. Houselights flicker on in the valley below. You're walking toward a fiery sky and watching glittering pinpricks of light pierce the night, and it's so beautiful that you stop and drop to enjoy it all. It's Isaiah 6:3 in living color.



### Take a look back

3. Where have you seen God's glory lately? What excites you most about worshipping the Almighty God who can paint the sky, light the night, and ignite excitement and goodness?

### key verse

**"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah 6:3**



### Record your thoughts

4. Write a letter to God about the glory you see in Him. How does He excite you? When did you last glimpse His glory that stopped you in your tracks?

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Read more this week about God's glory:

☐ Isaiah 6:1–9a

☐ Isaiah 30:8–21

☐ Psalm 96:1–9

**faith**  
**forward**  
in touch with God



### Play it out

2. Unlike Isaiah we don't see God on His throne. But we do see His glory around us. The glory of God is like that sunset: stunning and stirring. **Read Isaiah 6:3**—shouting it aloud. The glory of God can stop you in your tracks and take you to your knees. You can't keep from staring at the beauty. God's goodness and grace are as wonder-filled as a night round the campfire with the ones you love most. You feel warm from the fire and the friendship, and stirred by the mystery of the cool night air. You're at peace, yet excited by the crackle and spit and sparks of the fire.

