



Dear friends, little and big (and grown-ups, you can stay too, it's okay) —

Before the beginning of time God had a wonderful plan. He knew things would go wrong with his perfect world. He knew his children would run from him and break his world and his heart. Even though it was never meant to be this way. He knew, when his children ran from him, sin would come into his perfect world—and sickness and tears and dying would come. But God had a plan. He would come down and rescue his children. He would send his Great Rescuer, Jesus. And together they would pull off the greatest Rescue the world has ever known.

But just before Jesus began his Great Rescue operation where did he go?

To a university to get trained? To important leaders to get their help? To a spa to get some rest? To shop to buy some things?

No. He went out into the desert.

That seems like a bit of an odd place to go. Why did he go there?

"Jesus needed to get away by himself and be somewhere quiet and lonely. He needed to be with his heavenly Father to get ready for his new life.

In the desert, Jesus thought about the Secret Rescue Plan he had made with God. Before the foundation of the world, they both knew what would have to happen. To rescue God's children, Jesus would have to die. There was no other way. It was the reason he had come."

"Lent" is the time we remember this Secret Rescue Plan as well. And we make room for time with our Heavenly Father, too. As we read the stories of God's Great Rescue we remember important things. We remember why we needed Jesus to come. That we can't rescue ourselves. How much he loves us.

"Lent" is the time just before Easter. It's a strange word. But it comes from an old English word meaning "Spring."

Think about spring for a minute. Just before spring arrives, when it's still winter, what does it look like?

Not good.





The trees have no leaves. The flowers have all disappeared. The ground is hard as stone and the water is frozen. Most of the animals and birds have gone away. It looks like everything is dead. But spring is coming. And when it does—flowers, blossoms, rivers, leaves, life!

As we read this Great Rescue Story together, God wants us to remember: however we are feeling today, wherever we are today, whatever is happening in our lives today—however it looks, even if it looks like there is no hope at all—spring is coming. It may look like nothing is happening. It may even look like everything has died.

But...

Spring is coming!

Easter is coming!

Jesus dies —yes, but he comes alive again!

And one day death and sickness and tears—they will be no more. Because God is making the story end happily for his world—and for his children!









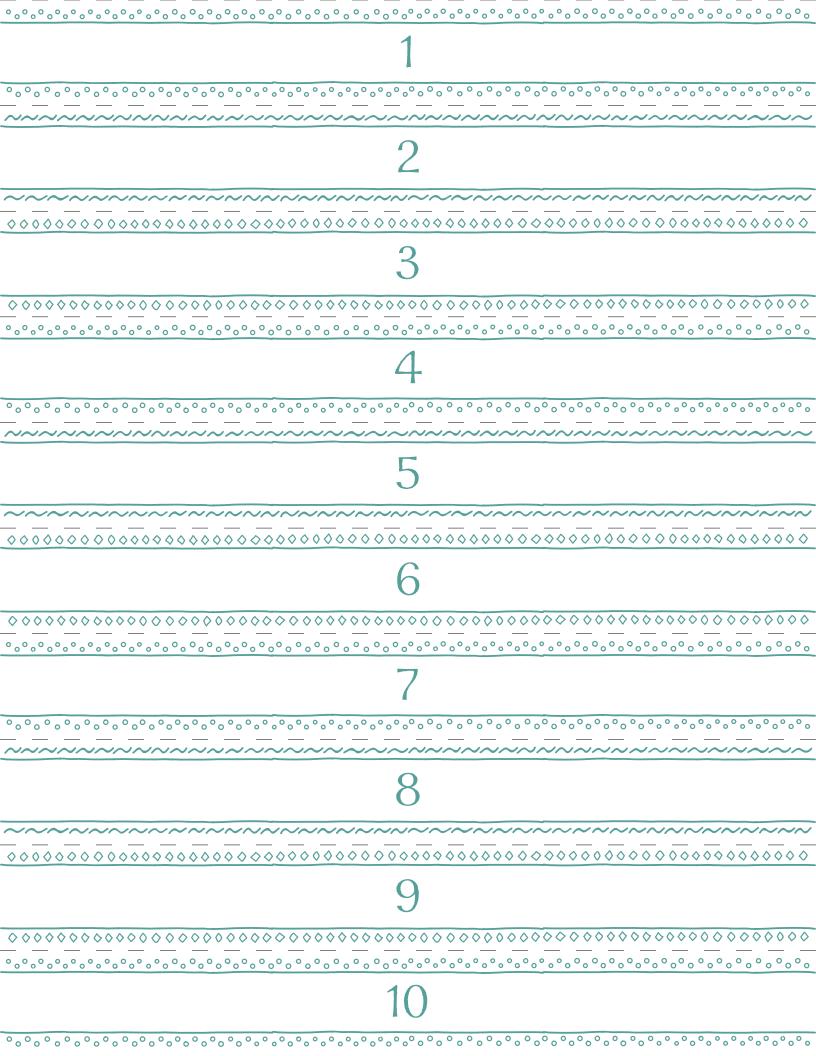
PAPER CHAIN LENT READING GUIDE

HOW TO MAKE THE READING CHAIN:

- 1. Print off this Lent Guide, making sure to print double sided!
- 2. Cut along the dotted lines to create strips of paper.
- 3. Making sure that the number side of the strip faces outward, tape, glue, or staple the far ends of one paper strip together into a ring.
- 4. Thread another strip of paper through the center of the first paper ring, then join the ends of this second strip together.
- 5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 (making sure that the chains are in numerical order) until all 40 strips of paper have been linked together, forming a chain.
- 6. For every day of reading, rip one ring off the chain starting with number 1, and read the chapter printed on the flipside of the ring.

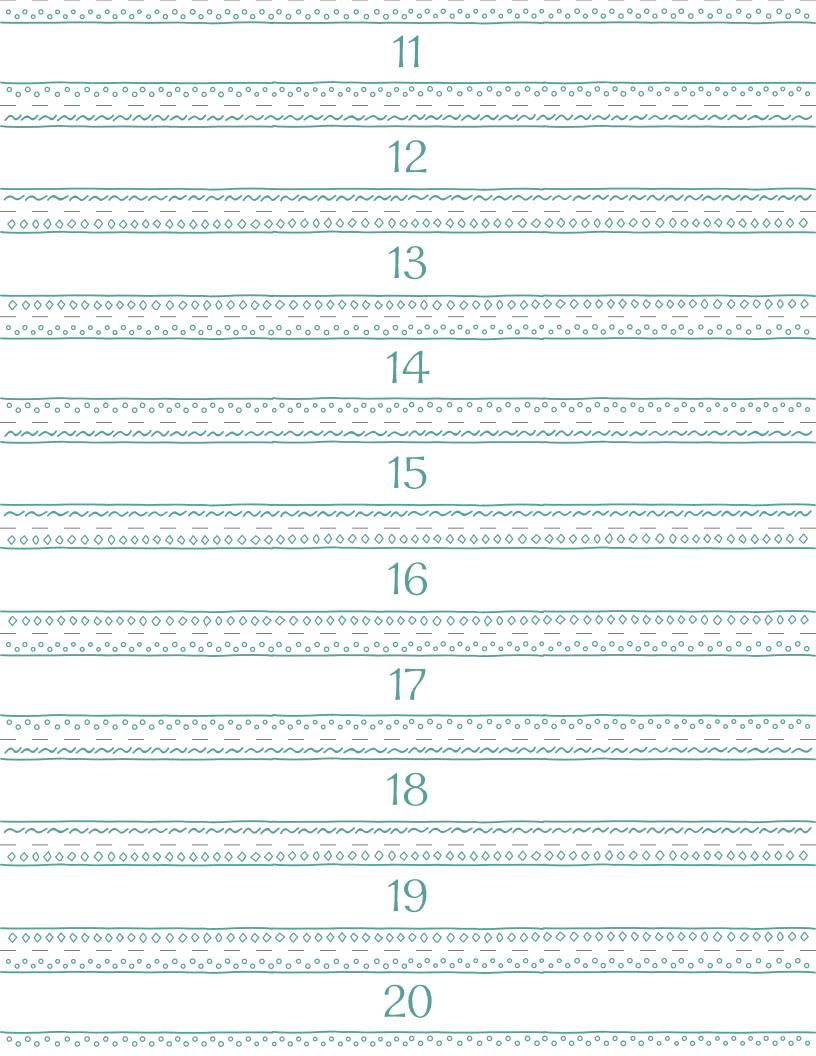


Note: Sundays are Catch Up Days, so there are no chains to open.



The Story and the Song
The Beginning: A Perfect Home
The Terrible Lie
A New Beginning
A Giant Staircase to Heaven
Son of Laughter
The Present
The Girl No One Wanted
The Forgiving Prince

God to the Rescue



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Ten Ways to be Perfect

The Warrior Leader

The Teeny Weenie... True King

The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant

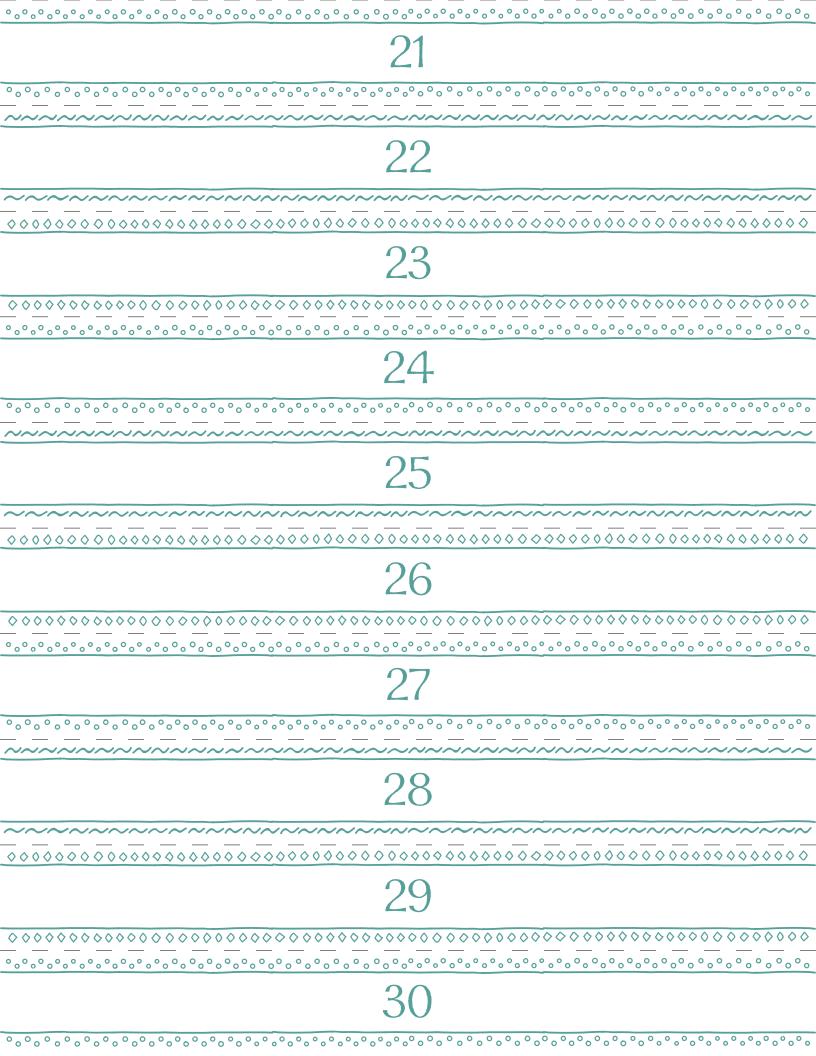
The Good Shepherd

A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General

Operation "No More Tears!"

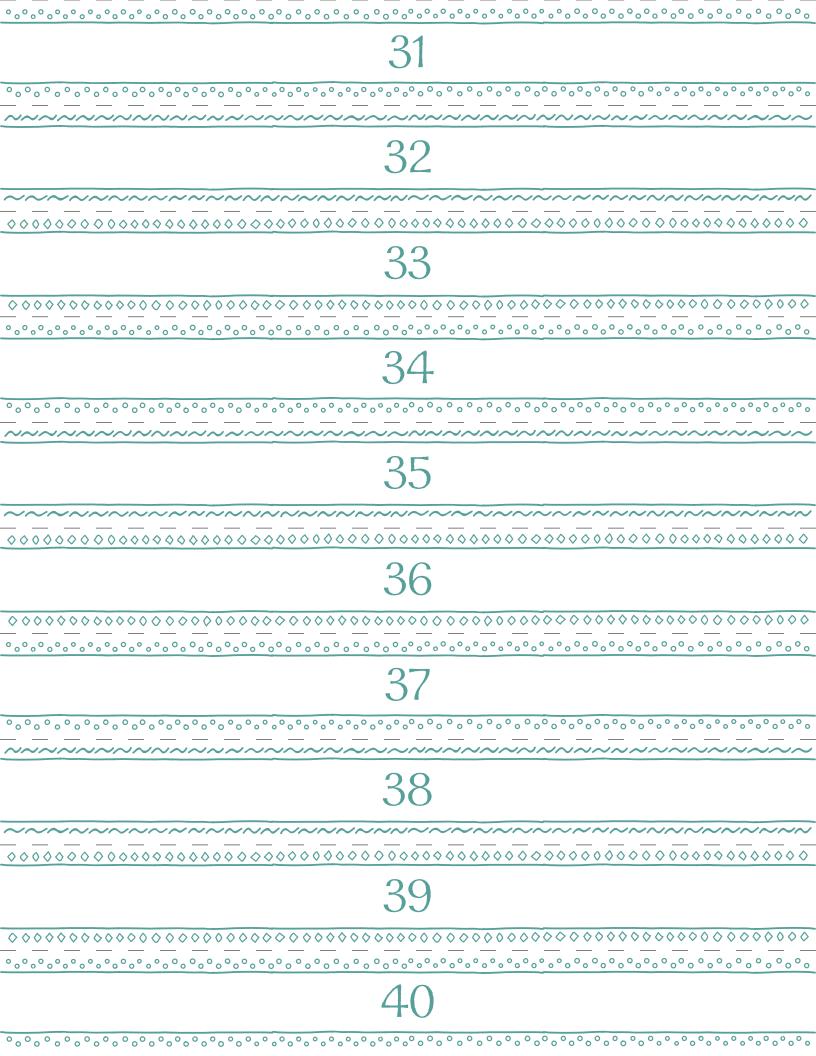
Daniel and the Scary Sleepover

God's Messenger



Get Ready!
He's Here!
The Light of the Whole World
The King of All Kings
Heaven Breaks Through
Let's Go
A Little Girl and a Poor Frail Lady
How To Pray
The Singer

The Captain of the Storm



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Treasure Hunt

The Friend of Little Children

The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None)

Running Away

Washed With Tears

The Servant King

A Dark Night in the Garden

The Sun Stops Shining

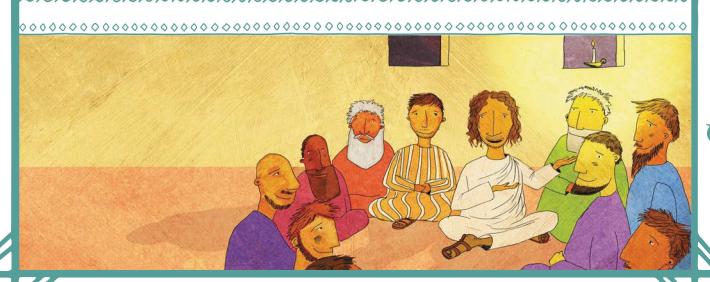
God's Wonderful Surprise



2024 Lent Calendar - Reading Guide

March 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri ~~~~	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			The Story and the Song	The Beginning: A Perfect Home	The Terrible Lie	A New Beginning
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9	10 A Giant	11	12	13	14	15
Catch Up Day	Staircase to Heaven	Son of Laughter	The Present	The Girl No One Wanted	The Forgiving Prince	God to the Rescue
	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20 The	21 The Young	22
Catch Up Day	God Makes a Way	Ten Ways to be Perfect	The Warrior Leader	Teeny Weenie True King	Hero and the Horrible Giant	The Good Shepherd
	11	12	13	14	15	16
23	24 A Little	25	26	27	28	29
Catch Up Day	Servant and the Proud General	Operation "No More Tears"	Daniel and the Scary Sleepover	God's Messenger	Get Ready	He's Here!
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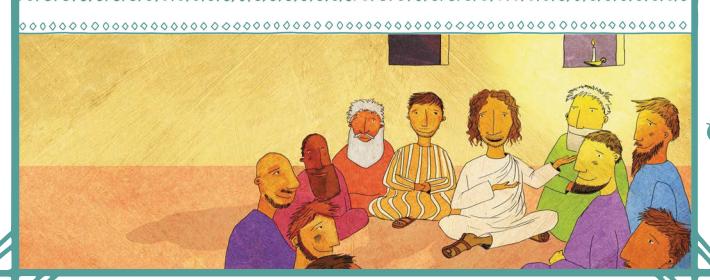




2024 Lent Calendar - Reading Guide

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 The King of All Kings 24	2 Heaven Breaks Through	3 Let's Go!	4 A Little Girl and a Poor Frail Lady 27	5 How to Pray
6 Catch Up Day	7 The Singer	8 The Captain of the Storm	9 Filled Full	10 Treasure Hunt	11 The Friend of Little Children 33	12 The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (None)
13 Catch Up Day	14 Running Away	15 Washed With Tears 36	16 The Servant King 37	17 A Dark Night in the Garden	18 The Sun Stops Shining	19 God's Wonder- ful Surprise 40
Happy Easter!	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

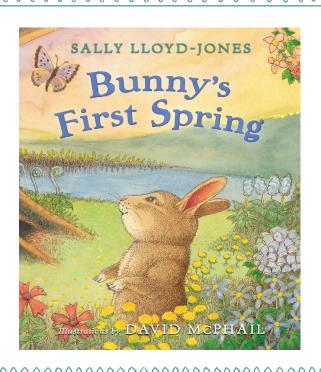








BOOKS TO READ THIS SPRING



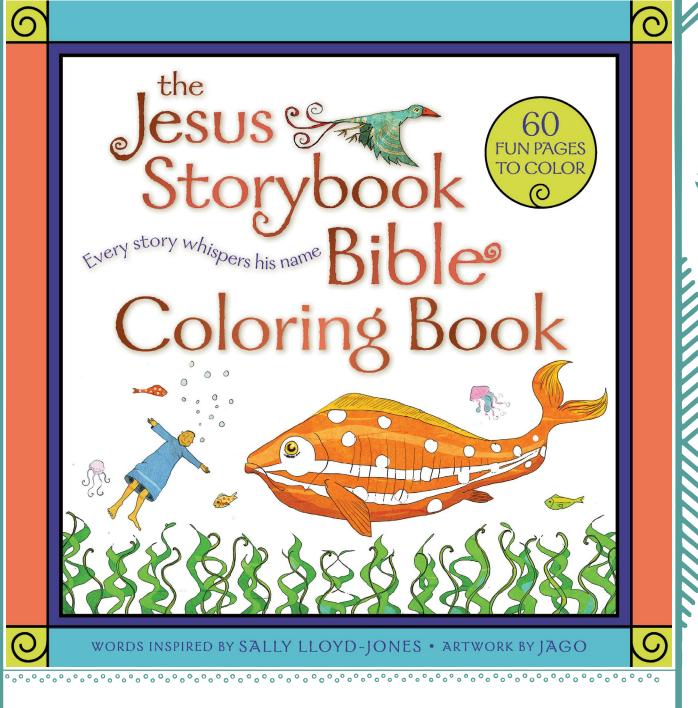
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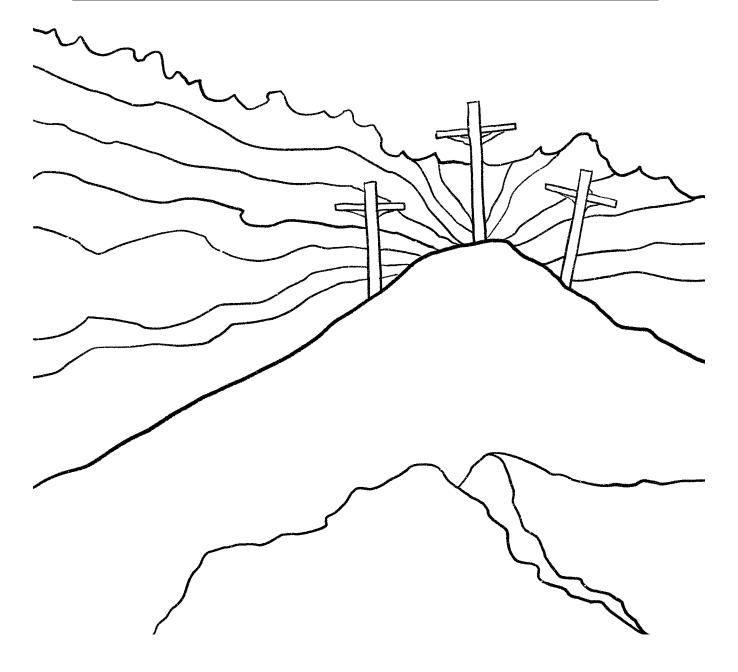


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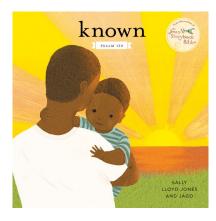
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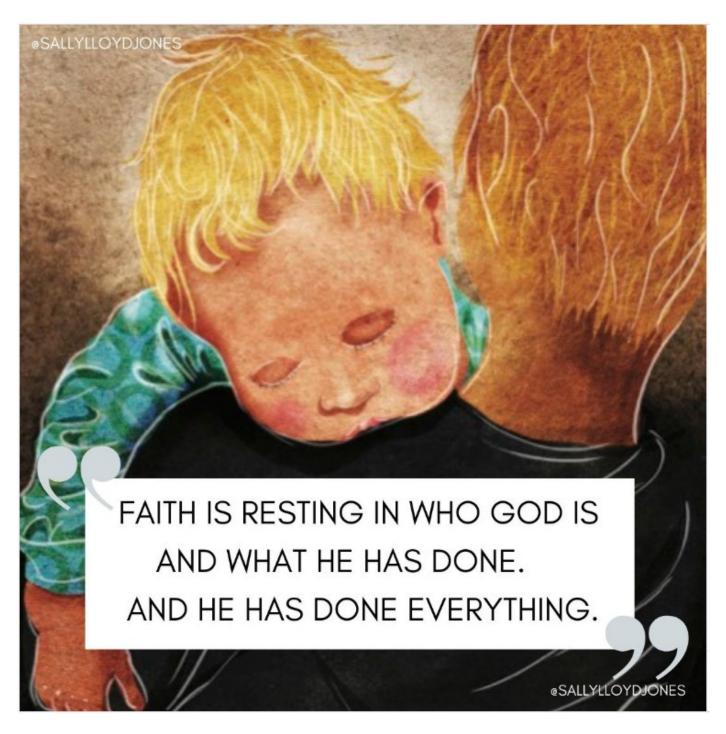


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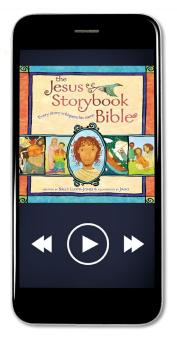
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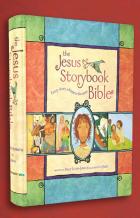
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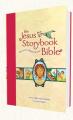
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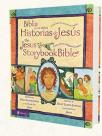
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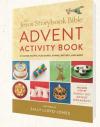
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