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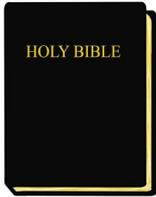
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# Puzzle Page Level 3

## Jeremiah and the siege

Ebed-melech rescues Jeremiah from the pit



Jeremiah 37  
Jeremiah 38

There was a siege in Jerusalem. The Babylonian army were camped around the city. But then they all left: they had heard that the Egyptian army was on its way. The people could now leave the city and so Jeremiah decided to go to his hometown. But as he was leaving the city, the guard called Irijah stopped him and accused him of going to join the Babylonians.

Colour in Irijah and Jeremiah and complete what Irijah said...



You are going to join  
the B \_\_\_\_\_.

No, that's not true.



Irijah did not believe Jeremiah and so Jeremiah was arrested and put into prison.

Soon the Babylonians came back. King Zedekiah sent his messenger to Jeremiah to ask what to do.

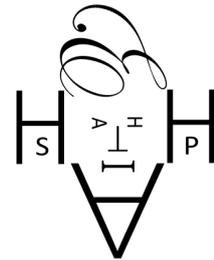
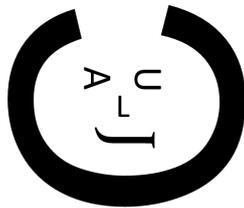
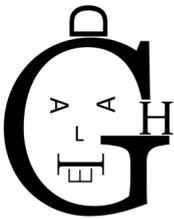
Jeremiah told Zedekiah to surrender. He said: .....

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..... to the Chaldeans (Babylonians) shall live. (Jeremiah 38 v 2)

Four princes called, Shephatiah, Gedaliah, Jucal and Pashur, did not want the people to hear what Jeremiah had been saying. These faces are made up from the letters in the names of the princes. Write under each who's who...



(Archaeologists have found the seals that belonged to 2 of these men)



They told King Zedekiah that Jeremiah should be killed and the king gave them permission to do what they wanted. So they took Jeremiah and lowered him into a dungeon which had mire in the bottom. Then they left him there to die.

Read in Lamentations 3 v 53-55 what Jeremiah wrote about being in the dungeon, then cross out the wrong words...



They have cut off my life/leg\* in the dungeon and cast a stone upon me. Waters flowed over mine hands/head;\* then I said, I am cut off. I called upon thy name, O Lord, out of the good/low\* dungeon.

But an Ethiopian man went to the king and got permission to rescue Jeremiah.

His name was \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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Use the code a = 1 to work out his name.

Jeremiah in the dungeon is a picture of us because if he was left there he would soon die. He could not save himself. If we do not have our sins forgiven then we will die and go to hell. We cannot save ourselves.

Ebed-melech risked his life by being a good friend to Jeremiah.

But Jesus has given His life for His friends. Fill in the missing vowels:

Gr\_\_t\_\_r l\_\_v\_\_ h\_\_th n\_\_ m\_\_n th\_\_n th\_\_s,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15 v 13