

**A NOT-SO-FUNNY
COMIC STRIP****} Draw the four main events described
in the passage you just read.****1****PHARAOH CHANGES HIS MIND & THE EGYPTIANS CHASE THE ISRAELITES****2****THE ISRAELITES ARE AFRAID & COMPLAIN TO MOSES**



3

THE ISRAELITES WALK THROUGH THE RED SEA

4

PHARAOH & HIS CHARIOTS ARE WASHED AWAY IN THE RED SEA

Draw old-aged Miriam dancing by the Red Sea with a tambourine in her hand. If it's easier, you can just draw a tambourine to remember her heart to glorify God.



THE GOOD & THE BAD ISRAELITES

Using the clues below, fill in four of the good and courageous choices the Israelites made. Then, fill in four of the sins and some of the mistakes they made while traveling in the wilderness. (Hint: Spaces are included in color.) If you need to, look up the Bible verses to find the word!

UP AND DOWN: Good and Courageous Choices

1. Followed the pillars of _____ faithfully. (Exodus 13:21–22)
2. Crossed the _____. (Exodus 14:21)
3. _____ were confident in the Promised Land. (Numbers 14:6–9)
4. Marched around _____. (Joshua 6)

LEFT TO RIGHT: Sins and Mistakes

5. Failing to trust God to enter the _____. (Numbers 14:1–4)
6. Complaining over the lack of _____. (Exodus 17:2–3)
7. Building and worshipping the _____. (Exodus 32:7–10)
8. Attempting to collect _____ on the Sabbath. (Exodus 16:27–29)

For puzzle answers, go to page 110.





LIES VS. TRUTHS ABOUT COURAGE }

Draw a line from each **lie** we sometimes believe about courage to the **truth** that replaces it.

LIES

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- 3 Courage is something you feel.
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TRUTHS

- 1 Courage is a character quality you learn from Jesus and others who love Him.
- 2 Courageous people need God's mercy, too.
- 3 Courage is a choice to trust God.
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What Courage Is

The five truths we learned about courage can be summed up like this: *Courage is doing the right thing even when it's hard or you are afraid.*

There's a verse that reminds me of this definition.



The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion. (Proverbs 28:1 ESV)

Everyone is afraid sometimes, but people who don't trust in God can get so scared they run even when they don't need to! But when you are doing the right thing—that is to say, when you are righteous—you are bold like a lion!



THE COURAGE OF MOSES

Use the key below to decode and finish the sentences describing Moses's courageous acts!

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

1



2



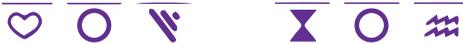
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Moses's courageous acts included these obedient choices:

- 1 Giving up his position in the _____ family (Heb. 11:24)
- 2 _____ as a slave in Egypt (Heb. 11:25)
- 3 Leaving Egypt even though it made Pharaoh _____ (Heb. 11:27)
- 4 _____ the people of Israel to overcome death (Heb. 11:28)
- 5 Crossing the _____ _____ (Heb. 11:29)

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Did you get all of them? If not, go back through the verses above and underline what you missed.

Underline Miriam's name and title in the verse below.



Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. (Exodus 15:20 ESV)

Miriam was a *prophetess*. That meant that she was a woman who spoke God's Word. She considered what He said to be true. And she knew about His covenant promise. And she taught other people what she learned. Why? Because she believed it!

To be called a prophetess was a *very* special honor! In fact, there are not many women in the Bible who got to use this title.



A PROPHETESS' PUZZLE



Find the name of these other prophetesses who, like Miriam, are mentioned in the Bible.

DEBORAH (Judges 4:4)

HULDAH (2 Kings 22:14)

ISAIAH'S WIFE (Isaiah 8:3)

ANNA (Luke 2:36)

FOUR DAUGHTERS (Acts 21:9)

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

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PUZZLING PLAGUES

Find each of the Ten Plagues
in the Word Search.



BLOODY RIVER (Exodus 7:14–24)

SICKNESS (Exodus 9:8–12)

FROGS (Exodus 7:25–8:15)

HAIL (Exodus 9:13–25)

LICE (Exodus 8:16–19)

LOCUSTS (Exodus 10:1–20)

FLIES (Exodus 8:20–32)

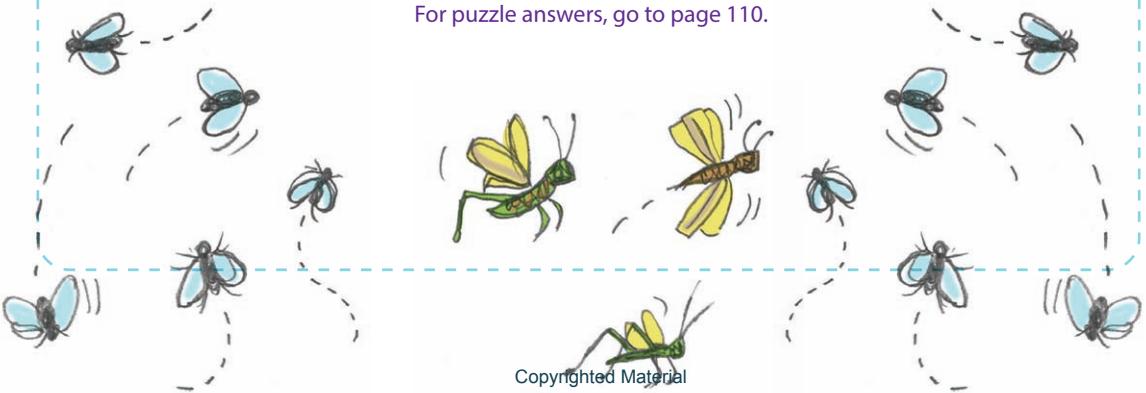
DARKNESS (Exodus 10:21–29)

LIVESTOCK (Exodus 9:1–7)

DEATH (Exodus 11)

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

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You can go back to the last chapter or look up Exodus 12:37 to see if you chose the right answer. (And I think I just heard someone say, “Dannah, there was no Wal-Mart back then!” And . . . you are correct.)

One day they were slaves, and the next night, they were free.

Whew! I’m glad Miriam didn’t have to be a slave anymore. I mean, shouldn’t old ladies get to sit in squishy chairs and do word searches like this one and relax? Let’s imagine what her life might have looked like if she lived today and retired.



MIRIAM’S MAKE- BELIEVE LIFE

Find all the words below that should have described Miriam’s old age and retirement.

TANNING KNITTING VACATIONS GARDENING READING

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

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Well, I sure wish it had worked out that way for Miriam, but it didn’t.

Let’s zoom out to learn what happened next.

Fill in the blank!
COURAGE LESSON #4:

A courageous girl _____ God!

Go to the **Courage Lessons** page at the beginning of your study.
 Beside #4, rewrite the sentence above.



**MIRIAM'S
 REAL LIFE**



Now that we know more about Miriam's life,
 find all the words that *actually* describe Miriam's
 old age and retirement.

DANCING COURAGE SINGING MIRACLES WALKING

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

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Whatever is ruling your life will usually show up in the form of consequences. If you are enslaved by or controlled by sin, you'll have bad stuff happening. If you are obeying God because He is ruling your life, many times there are good rewards for that!



WHAT'S RULING YOUR LIFE?

Fill in the blanks to complete this word puzzle about what happens when we pick what rules our lives. The first four words are results of being a slave to sin. The last four answers are a result of choosing to live in a way that honors God.

When we are slaves to sin (Romans 6:16)

D

When everyone keeps doing evil (Romans 2:9)

T

When a nation is sinful (Isaiah 1:4)

G

When evil desires war within you (James 4:1)

F

R

When we are slaves to righteous, or God's rules (Romans 6:16)

L

P

When we love His instruction: (Psalm 119:165)

S

L

When you obey the Truth (1 Peter 1:22)

B

When you obey Him (Genesis 22:18)

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MIRIAM'S COURAGEOUS ACTS }

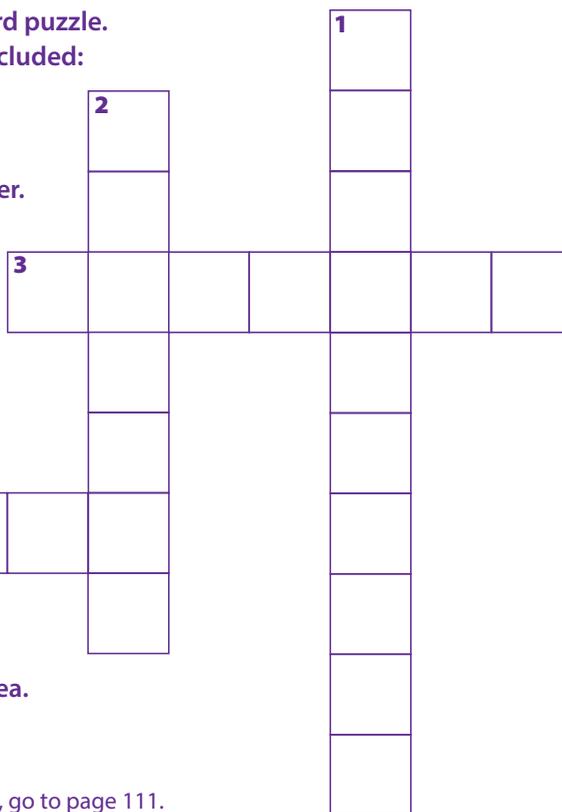
Use the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle.
The four ways Miriam was courageous included:

She courageously _____ (3)
her baby brother when his life was in danger.

She _____ (2)
courage from her parents.

She helped her brothers courageously
_____ (4) the people of
Israel out of slavery.

She gave God credit for
her courage by
_____ (1)
Him with her tambourine
after the Israelites safely crossed the Red Sea.



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That's a lot of courage, huh?

I hope you've learned how to be courageous from Miriam. As we end, there's just one more super challenge I'd like you to consider. It may be the most courageous thing you'll ever do, and I hope it will become a regular habit in your life.

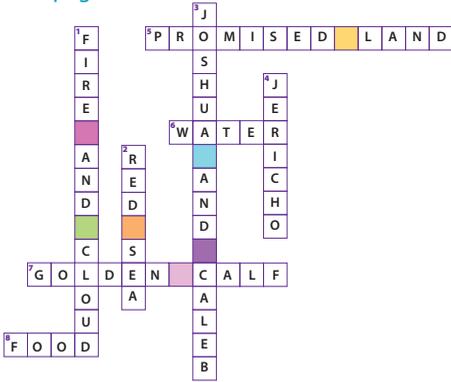
Are you ready?

Here goes.

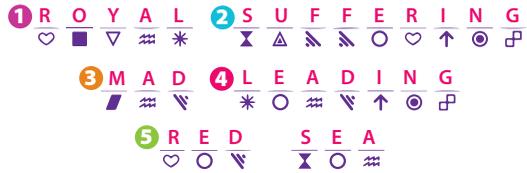
If you feel a lot of shame about a sin you have committed or if you have confessed something to God and still feel ashamed, I want you to tell someone. Your mom. Your dad. Your big sister. Or your children's pastor. These are people who love you and God has placed them in your life to help you. Don't forget that as you put on your courage! You can decide who, but I want you to write them a note or just talk to them about the sin that makes you feel bad.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Answer to "The Good and the Bad Israelites" on page 28:



Answer to "The Courage of Moses" on page 51:



Answer to "A Prophetess' Puzzle" on page 64:



Answer to "Lies vs. Truths about Courage" on page 31:

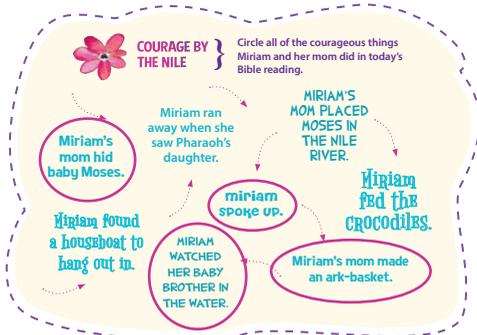
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Answer to "Courage by the Nile" on page 42:



Answer to "Puzzling Plagues" on page 66:



Answer to "Miriam's Make-Believe Life" on page 77:

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

Answer to "Miriam's Real Life" on page 85:

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

Answer to "Miriam's Courageous Acts" on page 103:



Answer to "What's Ruling Your Life?" on page 94:

- D E A T H**
- T R O U B L E**
- G U I L T**
- F I G H T S**
- R I G H T E O U S**
- L I V I N G**
- P E A C E**
- S I N C E R E** **L O V E**
- B L E S S E D**