

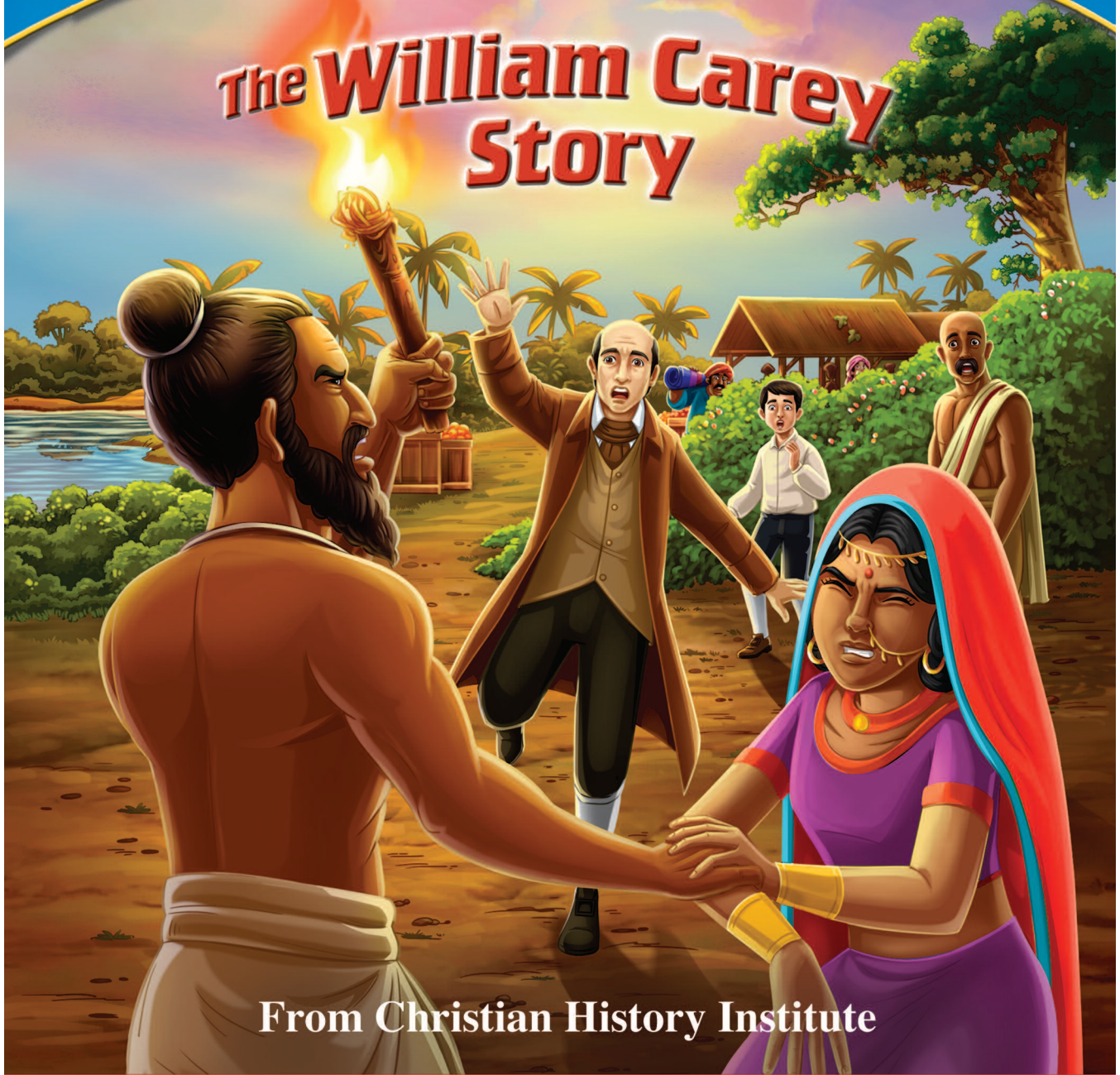


THE TORCHLIGHTERS

HEROES OF THE FAITH

Student Handouts for

The William Carey Story



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NOTE: Answer key for selected pages is on p. 25 of the Leader's Guide.

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Fun facts about India

Match the answers to the questions to learn more about India!

1.5 Billion	The River Indus	1947	Hindi	The Rupee
Hinduism	27 million, or 2%	Sari	1500 BC	Tandoori

- What is the principal, often colorful, outer garment that women in India wear?
- India gained independence from England in what year?
- What kind of food, often breads or meats cooked in an oven named after this cuisine, is India most known for?
- How many people live in India?
- What is the primary language of India?
- What is the official currency of India?
- What religion makes up nearly 80% of India's population?
- When was the first civilization in India formed?
- How many Christians live in India today?
- Where does the name India come from?



Make a Secret Decoder!

Follow the steps below to make your own decoder wheel, so you can send and receive coded messages!

Supplies needed:

- Printable template found on the next page
- Card stock (white or various colors)
- Scissors
- A paper fastener

Instructions:

1. Print the template onto the card stock. You can use one color or mix and match colors.
2. Cut out a top, middle, and bottom circle. There are two choices for the middle circle. Either use the one with the letters filled in, or use the spaces to draw your own letters or symbols. It might be fun to use symbols like a star, heart, smiley face, etc. instead of letters.
3. Line up your three circles and attach them with a paper fastener in the middle. It's important to have the circles lined up precisely, so you may want to poke the holes one at a time.

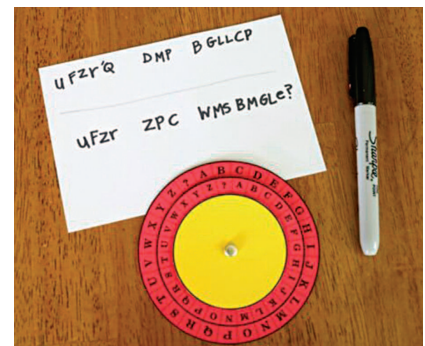
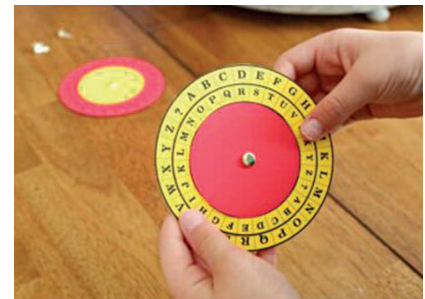
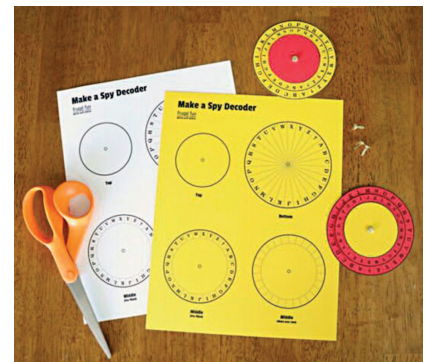
To write a message:

First, set the code. You'll need to decide what letter "A" on the outside circle will correspond with. To write a message, find the letter you want on the outside circle and write down the corresponding letter on the middle circle.

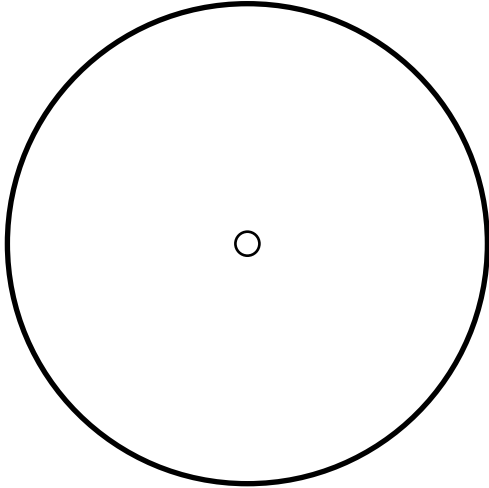
To read a message:

Find the letter on the middle circle, and write down the corresponding letter from the outside circle.

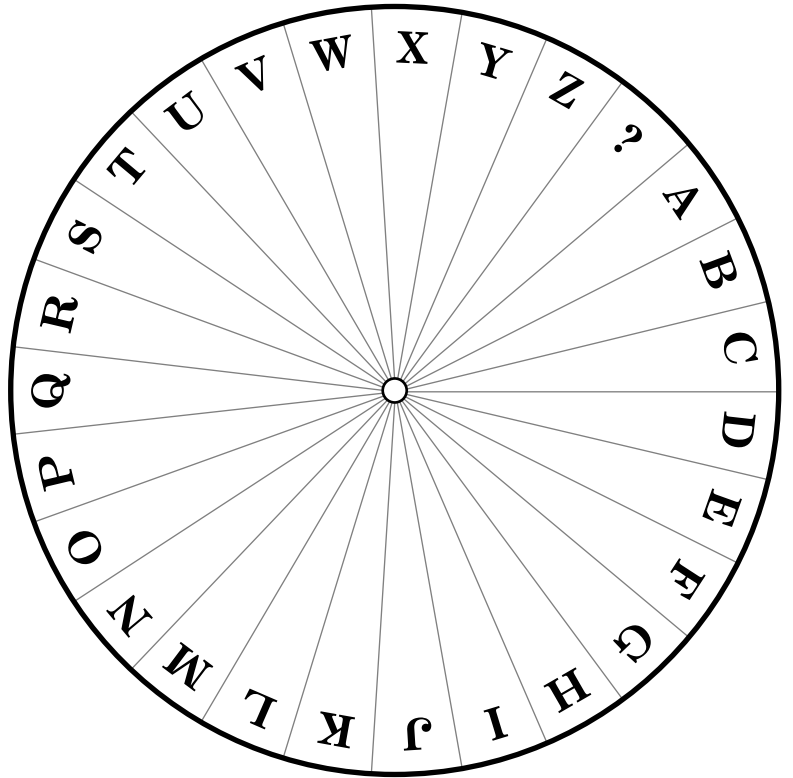
Have fun with secret codes!



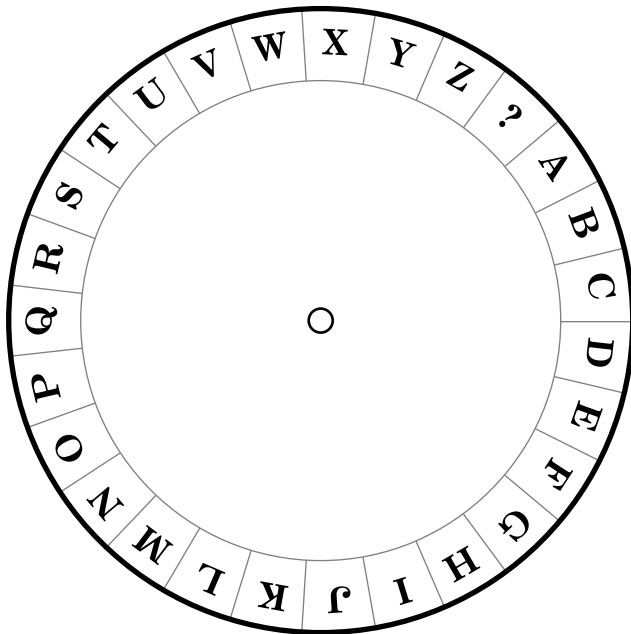
Decoder Template



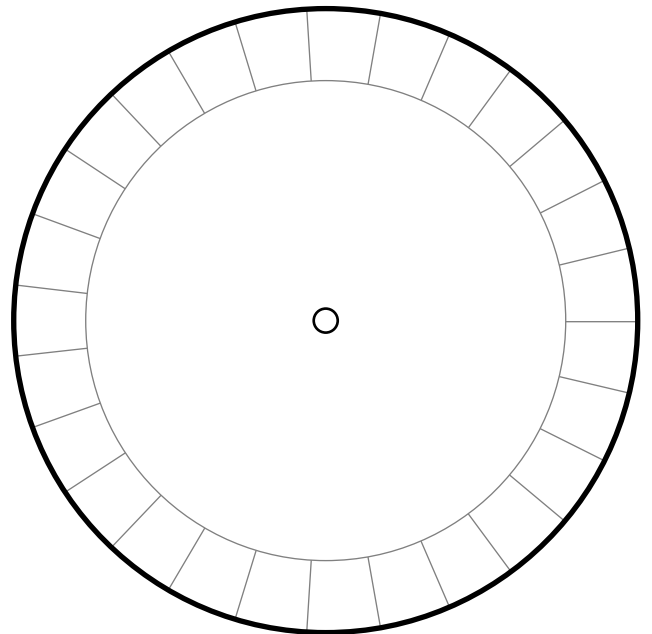
Top



Bottom



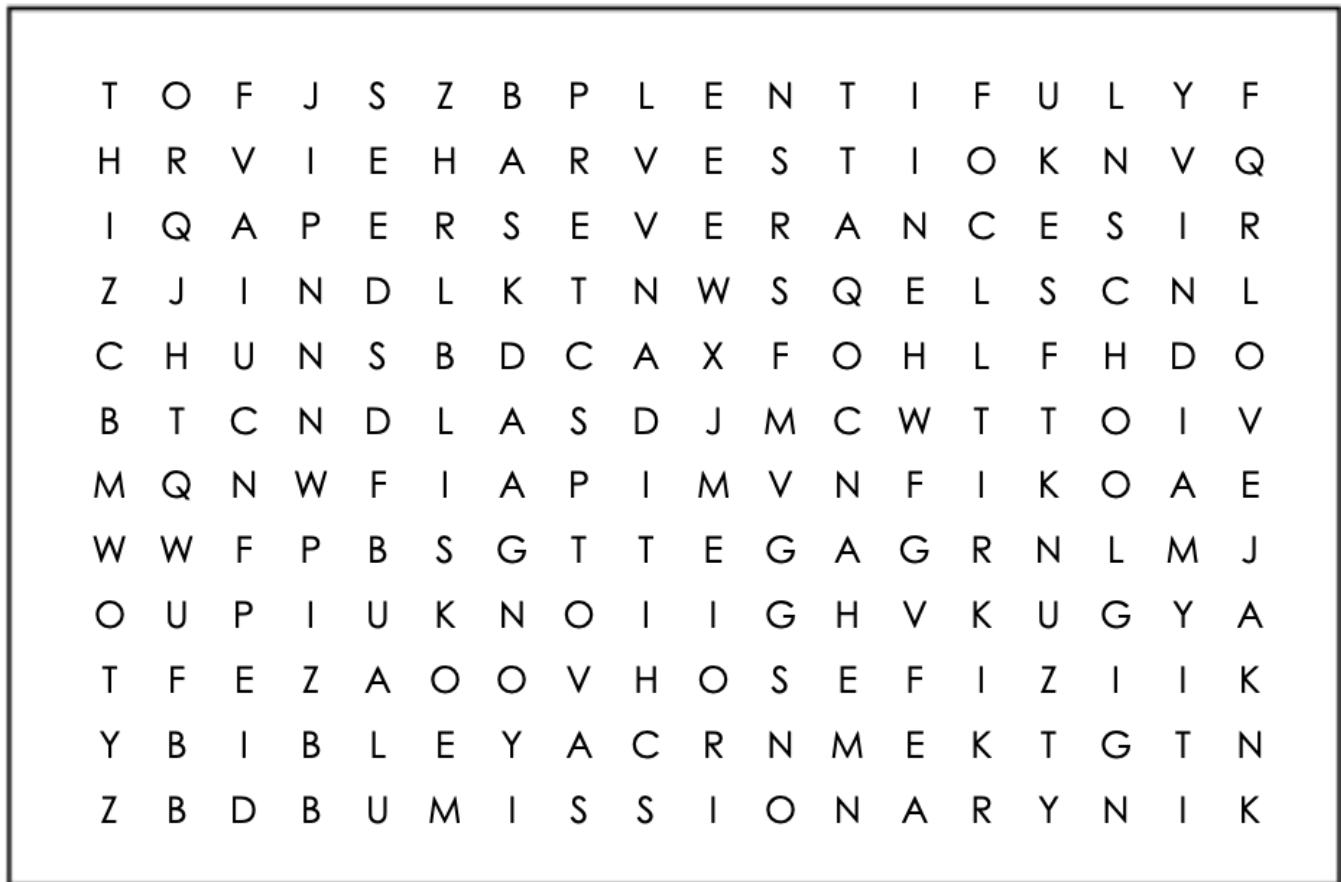
Middle
(Pre-filled)



Middle
(Make your own)



India Word Search



Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

BAPTISM

BIBLE

FIELDS

FRUIT

HARVEST

INDIA

INDIGO

LOVE

MISSIONARY

PERSEVERANCE

PLENTIFUL

SCHOOL

SEEDS

SOWING

TRANSLATION



Dig into the Story!

Questions to get you thinking and talking after you watch
The William Carey Story.

1. How did William's church community respond to his sermon on missions?
2. What did Dolly Carey do when she was scared and tired on the ship?
3. What is indigo? Why was it important to the Hindi people?
4. Who is William Ward and how did he know William Carey? How does he help?
5. Why does Aria want to be around the mission house?
6. What accident allows William to share the gospel with Krishna Pal?
7. What are the Vedas?
8. What keeps Krishna Pal from sharing a meal with the Careys?
9. Why do Krishna Pal's people want to punish him?
10. Who is the leader of the Hindi people in this story?
11. What languages did William Carey translate the Bible into?



Dig Deeper

Thinking through hard questions

1. The people in William's church in England were more interested in repairing their church than listening to William's heart for sharing the gospel. Why do you think that was? Could they have supported William without going with him? How does your church listen to foreign missionaries?
2. William Carey describes the mission field as a great harvest, using the analogy of pruning and being pruned before seeing fruit to describe mission work throughout the story. How is God pruning your life so that fruit can be born?
3. The custom of burning widows in India upset William Carey for many reasons. Why did the Indian people participate in this tradition? What was William's primary argument against it? What was "the other way" William wanted the people of India to know about?
4. What is the caste system that William Carey encountered in India? What do think the Bible has to say about social classes in any culture?
5. The story ends with a quote by William Carey that says "I am not afraid of failure. I am afraid of succeeding in things that don't matter." How does this inform your dreams for the future? What should Christians be seeking after?



A Faith of Many Colors: Rice Mosaic Craft

Rice is a major agricultural crop of India and an important part of Indian cuisine. But rice can also help us learn more about the culture that William Carey shared the gospel in.

The people of India celebrate a festival called “Holi” to commemorate the end of winter, the beginning of spring, the love of the gods, and the hope for a good harvest season. Traditionally, children throw brightly colored powders at each other and adults smear dry colored pigments on their faces while participating in feasting and dancing. The full moon, one of the symbols of this holiday, signifies the beginning of spring. In Genesis 9, God gave Noah a sign of his love and covenant with his people: the rainbow. With this sign, he promises he will not leave us or forsake us. Since then, when Christians see the colors of the rainbow, they remember God’s eternal promises to his people and the hope we have in Jesus.

Instead of throwing colors and celebrating things that will soon pass away, make this colorful craft to remind you of God’s covenant to always love us!

Supplies:

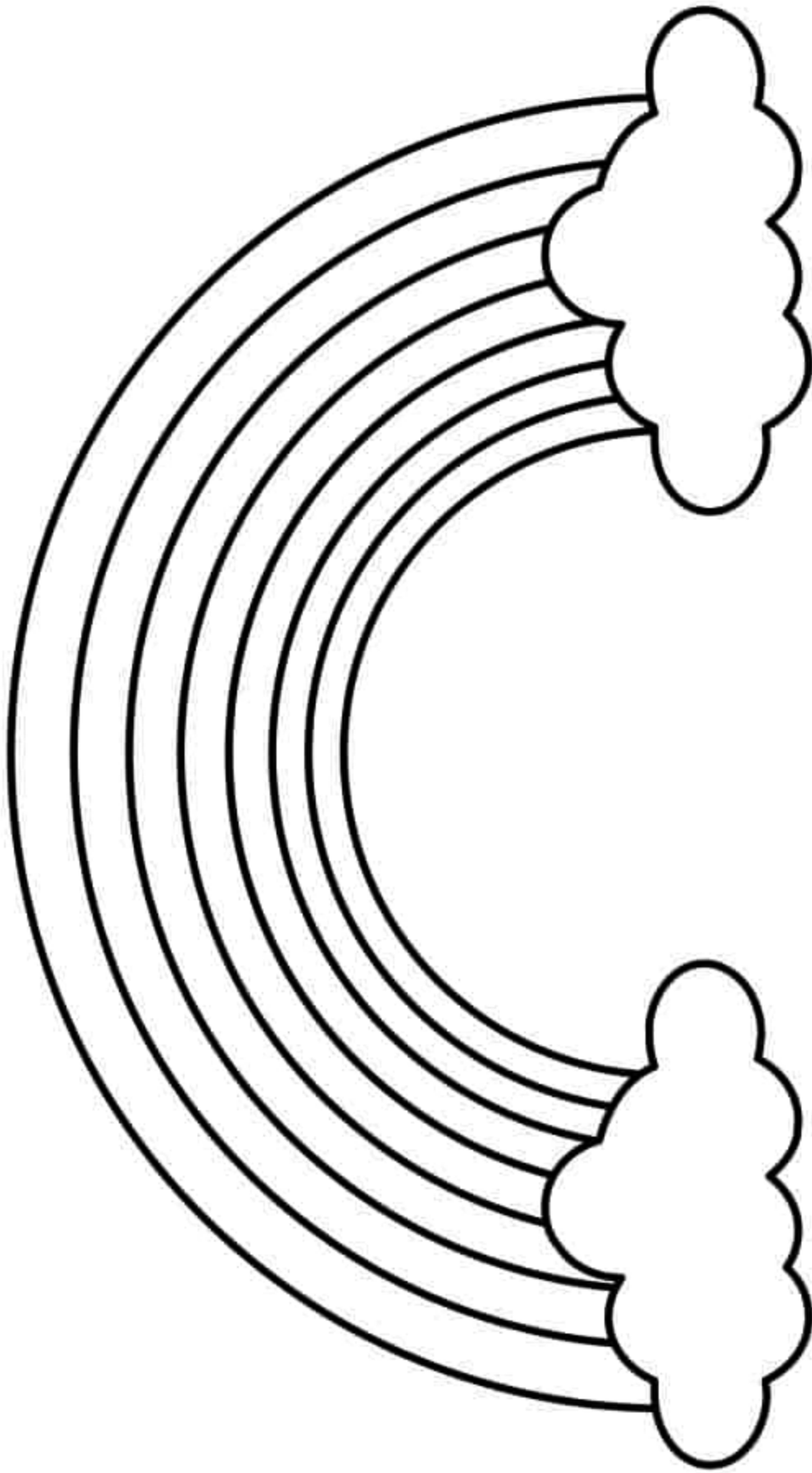
- 1 cup of uncooked white or brown rice
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- About 1/8 teaspoon Food Coloring for the colors of the rainbow
- Zip-up plastic bags or bowls and spoon for mixing the colors
- Glue

Follow the instructions on the next page to make this colorful rice mosaic.



Instructions:

1. Fill a zip-up bag with 1 cup of rice and 1 teaspoon of vinegar.
2. Scoop or pour about 1/8 teaspoon food coloring into the bag. You may need to mix colors to make all the colors of the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet).
3. Zip the bag shut
4. Squeeze the bag and mix the rice all around until the food coloring is well distributed
5. Add more food coloring to reach the desired color.
6. Pour the colored rice onto a cookie sheet. Spread it out to expedite drying time. To absorb the moisture and help the rice dry more quickly, line the tray with a paper towel or towel.
7. The rice takes between 2 hours and a full day to dry, depending on your climate and humidity.
8. Once the rice has finished drying, print out the rainbow template on the next page and glue the rice down in order of the colors of the rainbow as mentioned in step 2.



God keeps His Promises



Christianity vs. Hinduism

Do you know the differences between these two major world religions?

Put the number of each statement under Christianity or Hinduism, and then check your answers below!

1. Worldview: the universe and everything in it IS god and belongs to god. Additionally, everyone is divine, and the purpose of life is to cleanse ourselves to reach our true divinity

2. One trinitarian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

3. 2.5 billion followers worldwide

4. Native religion of India

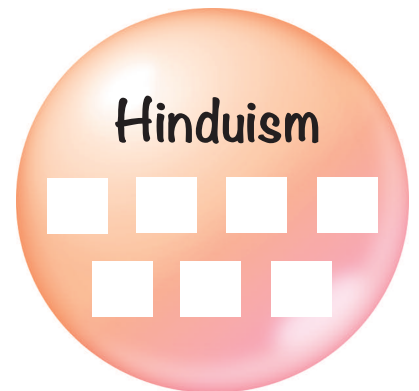
5. Founded by Jesus and his Apostles in AD 30 in Israel

6. Afterlife: reincarnation after death until enlightenment



7. Spiritual disciplines: yoga, meditation, worship (puja), pilgrimage, dharma (living according to one's purpose)

8. Holy Texts: Bible



10. Holy Texts: the Vedas

9. 900 million followers worldwide

11. Worldview: all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Salvation from death (sin) comes from faith in Jesus, God's Son.

12. Spiritual disciplines: prayer, worship, church, sacraments (baptism, communion)

13. One supreme reality (Braham) manifested in many gods and goddesses

14. Afterlife: heaven for the believers covered by Jesus' sacrifice, hell for non-believers

Answers:
Christianity: 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14
Hinduism: 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13



Story Mix Up

Number the pictures of the William Carey Story in the correct order.



Krishna believes and is baptized!



William begins translating the Bible.



William begins sharing the gospel.



William and his family face danger during the journey to India.



William confronts Ishan about the practice of Sati.



Peter gets sick and sadly dies.



William preaches the need for overseas missions.



William shares the gospel with Krishna Pal.



On Mission Interview

Use these questions to get to know your guest's story
and mission a little better!

1. William Carey served the Hindi people of India, learning their language, customs and religion. What kind of people do you serve? What are some interesting cultures or people you've encountered while being a missionary?
2. Have you seen fruit from the work you're doing? It took years before William Carey saw any fruit from his mission work. Have you had the same experience? What does that waiting process look like for you?
3. How has Jesus changed your life since you started serving in this mission?
4. What are some hurdles you've had to overcome in order to share the gospel?
5. Can you share a time the Lord answered your prayers specifically and quickly?
6. Do you serve somewhere that is far away from home? What do you miss while away?
7. How do you typically tell someone about Jesus?
8. What are some practical ways that you love and serve the people you're trying to reach?



Local Harvest Service Project

Matthew 28:19-20 says, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Bible calls us to share the good news of Jesus to anyone we meet, whether they are near or far! But “making disciples” can mean a lot of different things, and sometimes the best way to start is to serve them. William Carey did this by teaching in schools, helping those in need, and providing books and education for those that didn’t have access. You too can serve in your community and be a part of the great harvest! Here are some ideas to get you started.

Serve a local school!

There are many underprivileged or underfunded schools that need extra school supplies! You can help by packing backpacks with school supplies to give to schools in need around your city. Or, you might see if there is a “supply drive” going on that you can contribute to.



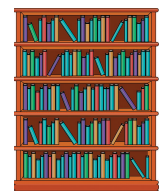
Read to the elderly

Find a retirement home and volunteer to read or play games with the folks living there!



Volunteer at the Library

An extra set of helping hands is often needed at local libraries. Contact your local library to see if they have any service opportunities for you to help with.



Habitat for Humanity

Do you have a habitat for humanity near you? Every middle school age child can volunteer with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses and gather donations. Find out more about how to volunteer at the Habitat for Humanity website.

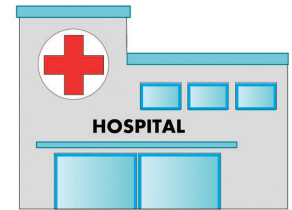


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Visit a children's hospital

Oftentimes the people that need to hear the good news of the gospel are those in the most need. Find out if you have a children's hospital near you and volunteer to bring flowers, balloons, or cards to the children staying there. Or, brighten their day with an in-person visit!



Brainstorm your own ideas for how to be a part of the local harvest here:

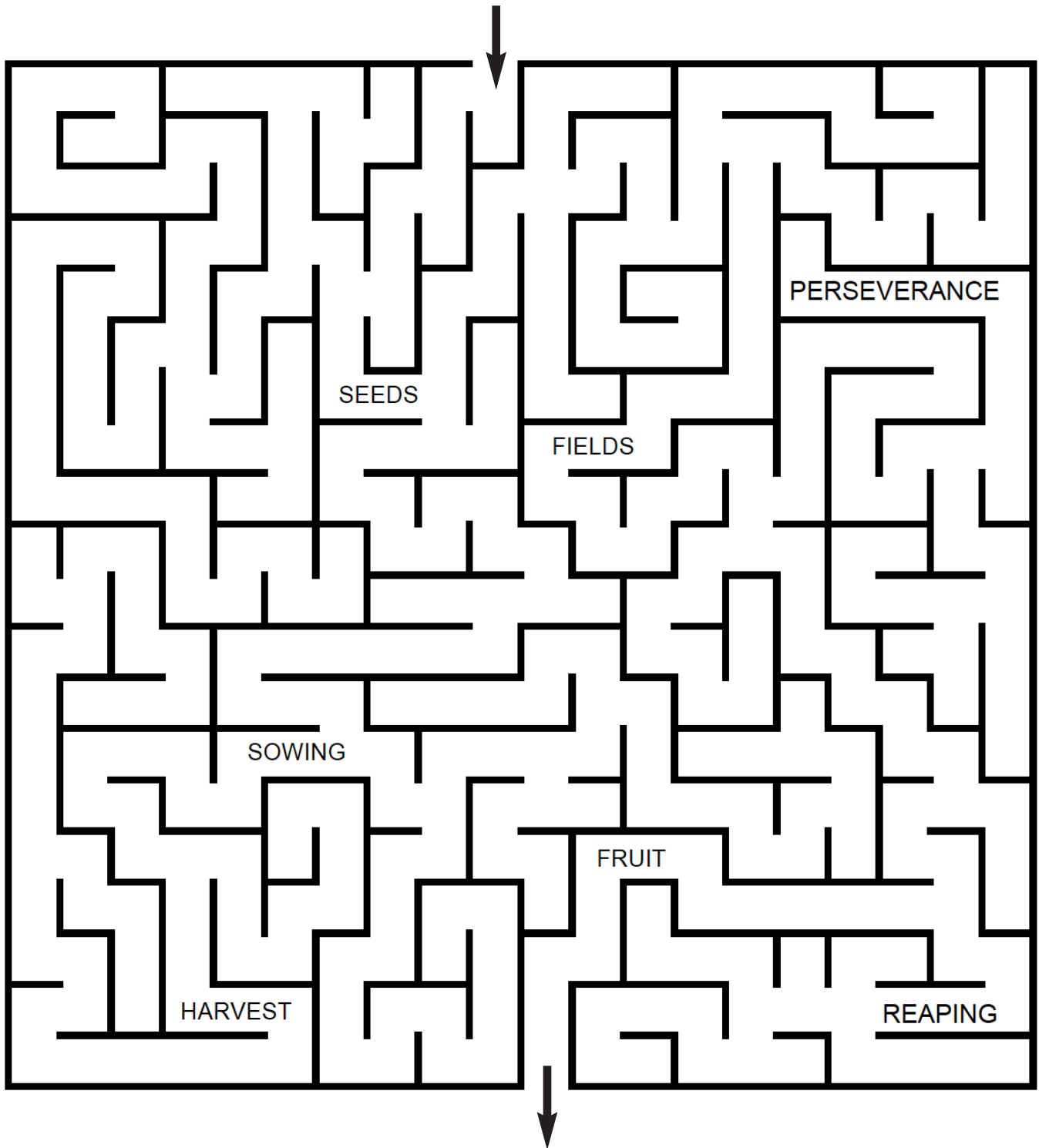
As a group we decided to serve....

Reflect on your experience serving by answering these questions:

1. What did you learn about The Great Commission and how you can be part of the great harvest of souls?
2. Were you surprised at how many people there are around you who need service and the good news of the Gospel?
3. Can you find a place in the Bible where Jesus served the same kind of people you served?



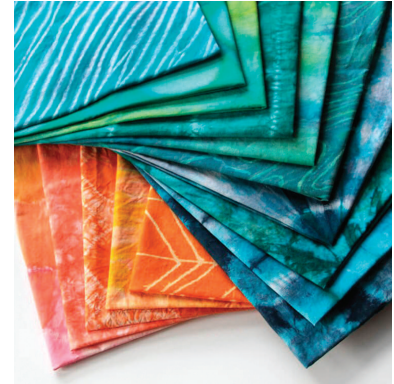
William Carey Maze





Fabric Dying Craft

The production of indigo fabric dying can be traced back to the 4th century BC. Made from the leaves of an indigo plant, this fabric dye has been desirable all around the world. The country of India is a leader in the production of the dye! While William Carey was living in India, he served on an indigo farm. Follow the instructions below to make your own indigo dyed fabrics!



What you will need:

- We recommend purchasing [this indigo dye kit](#). It will have everything you need!
- 5 gallon plastic bucket
- Long plastic stirring spoon
- Plastic pitcher with a gallon marker
- Pre-washed cotton fabric
- Plastic drop cloths or protected workspace

Note: The dye will permanently stain all materials used. Plan accordingly!

Instructions:

1. Pre-wash your fabric so that it takes to the dye more easily.
2. Use clamps, rubber bands or twine to create patterns on your fabric. There are also many ways to tie the fabric to create a pattern after dying. For extra help, visit [this website](#).
3. Soak your tied up fabrics in clean water until the dye bath is ready.
4. Prepare the dye bath according to the instructions on your kit. Be sure not to overmix to avoid getting the bath too oxygenated. Cover with a lid or plastic wrap for 15-20 minutes. Be sure to always use gloves when touching the dye!
5. When the bath is ready, squeeze out excess water from a piece of fabric and put it into the dye bath. Only dye one piece of fabric at a time, gently moving it around but not squeezing it. Let it stay in the bath for up to 5 minutes.



6. Squeeze the fabric under the dye bath and remove, letting it drip over the ground, not the dye bath. Let the fabric sit on the ground, in a bin or on a drying rack without taking any resistance bands or ties out of the fabric. It will look green as soon as it leaves the bath, but it will slowly turn blue as it oxygenates! Turn the fabric periodically so that all the sides are exposed to the air. Let the fabric dry for 20 minutes.
7. You may re-dip the fabric to achieve a darker dye.
8. Let the fabric dry for 15–20 minutes after each dip until you get to the shade of blue you desire.
9. Remove any ties or resistance bands and lay out the fabric to allow it to finish oxygenating.
10. Rinse in cold water until the water runs clear before washing and drying the fabric with gentle detergent. Dish soap can be a good option! Make sure all the dye has been washed out by rubbing the fabric against a white sheet of paper. If some color comes off, it needs to be washed again!

Enjoy your indigo dyed fabric! This craft is perfect for dish towels, napkins, or even pillows and pillow cases!



William Carey Hidden Quote

Follow the directions to discover William Carey's famous motto.

1. Cross out names of animals in columns B, C, and E.
2. Cross out names of countries in columns A, C, and D.
3. Cross out all two-letter words.
4. Cross out all names of people in **The William Carey Story**.
5. Copy the remaining words in order from left to right, starting at the top, onto the dotted lines below to see the entire quote.

A	B	C	D	E
WILLIAM	EXPECT	INDIA	AT	GREAT
ENGLAND	DOG	THINGS	AUSTRALIA	GOAT
FROM	DOLLY	CHICKEN	OF	TO
GREECE	HORSE	AT	GOD	LLAMA
BE	WE	ATTEMPT	IN	HANNAH
JOSHUA	GREAT	DEER	IRELAND	SNAKE
GERMANY	OF	BRAZIL	FELIX	THINGS
UP	KRISHNA	SHEEP	FOR	HE
MEXICO	COW	SPAIN	TO	ARIA
PETER	GOD	SWITZERLAND	CANADA	GOOSE

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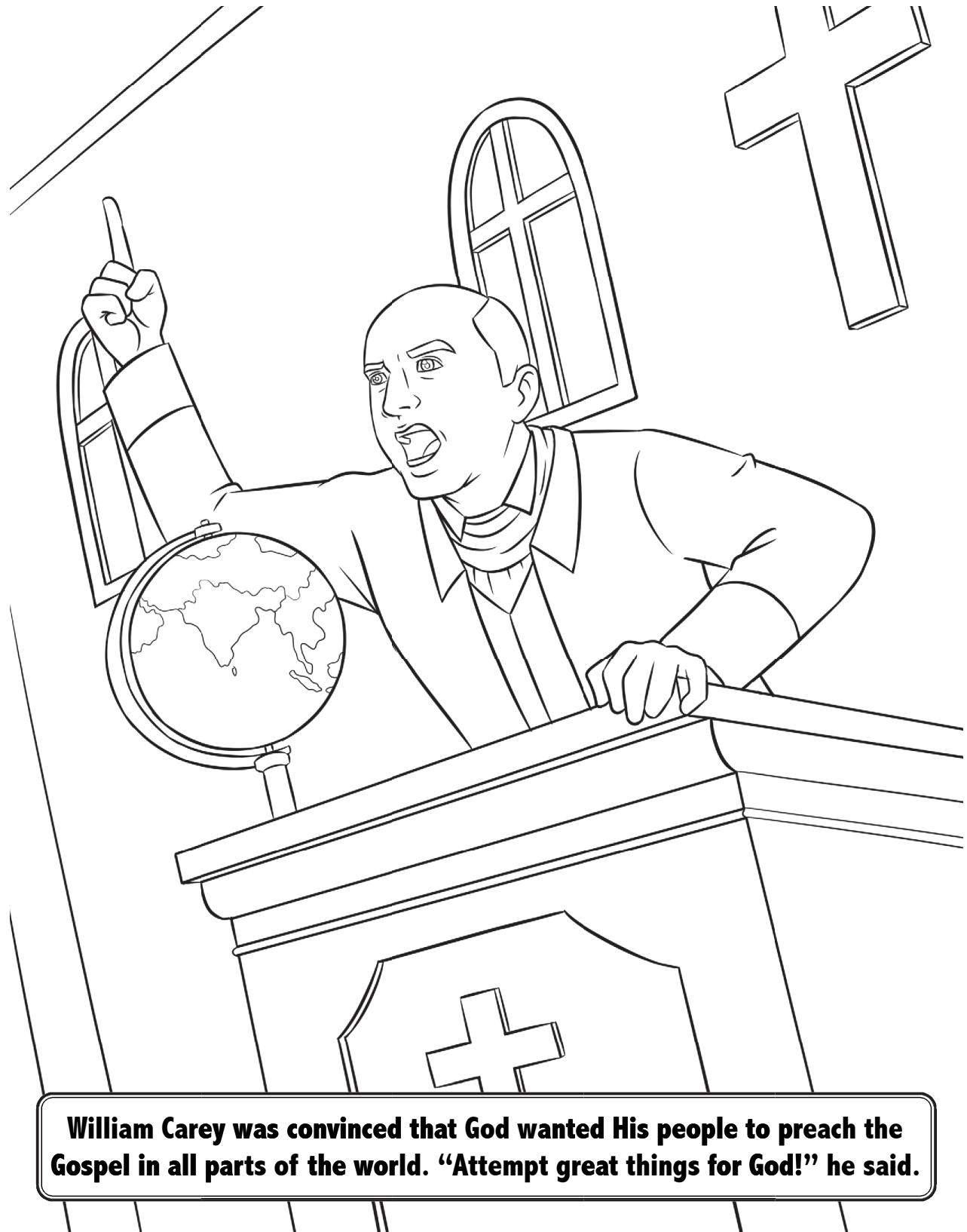
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Color the Scene #1



William Carey was convinced that God wanted His people to preach the Gospel in all parts of the world. "Attempt great things for God!" he said.



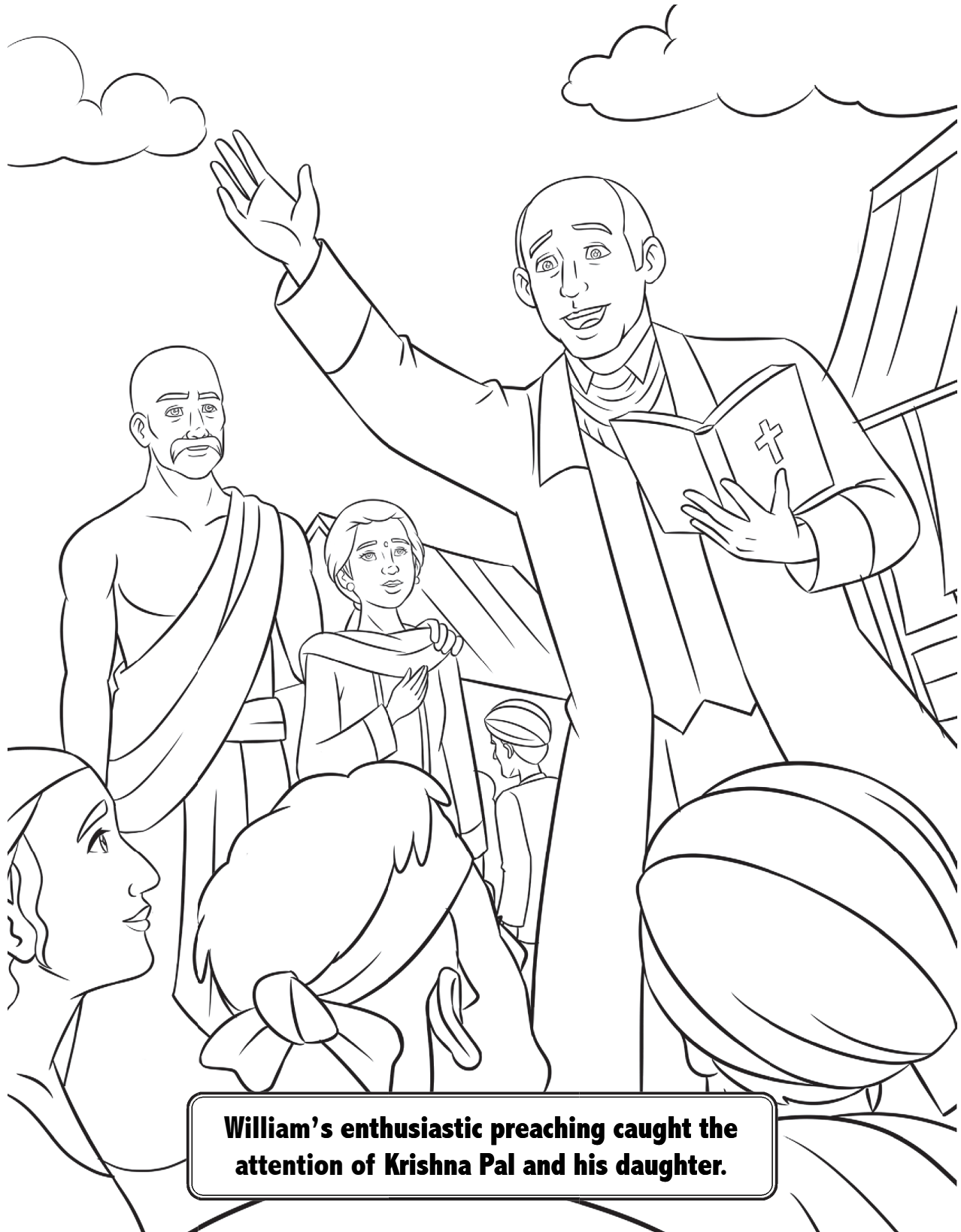
Color the Scene #2



Going to India on a ship was not easy and a few times, William and his family experienced great storms.



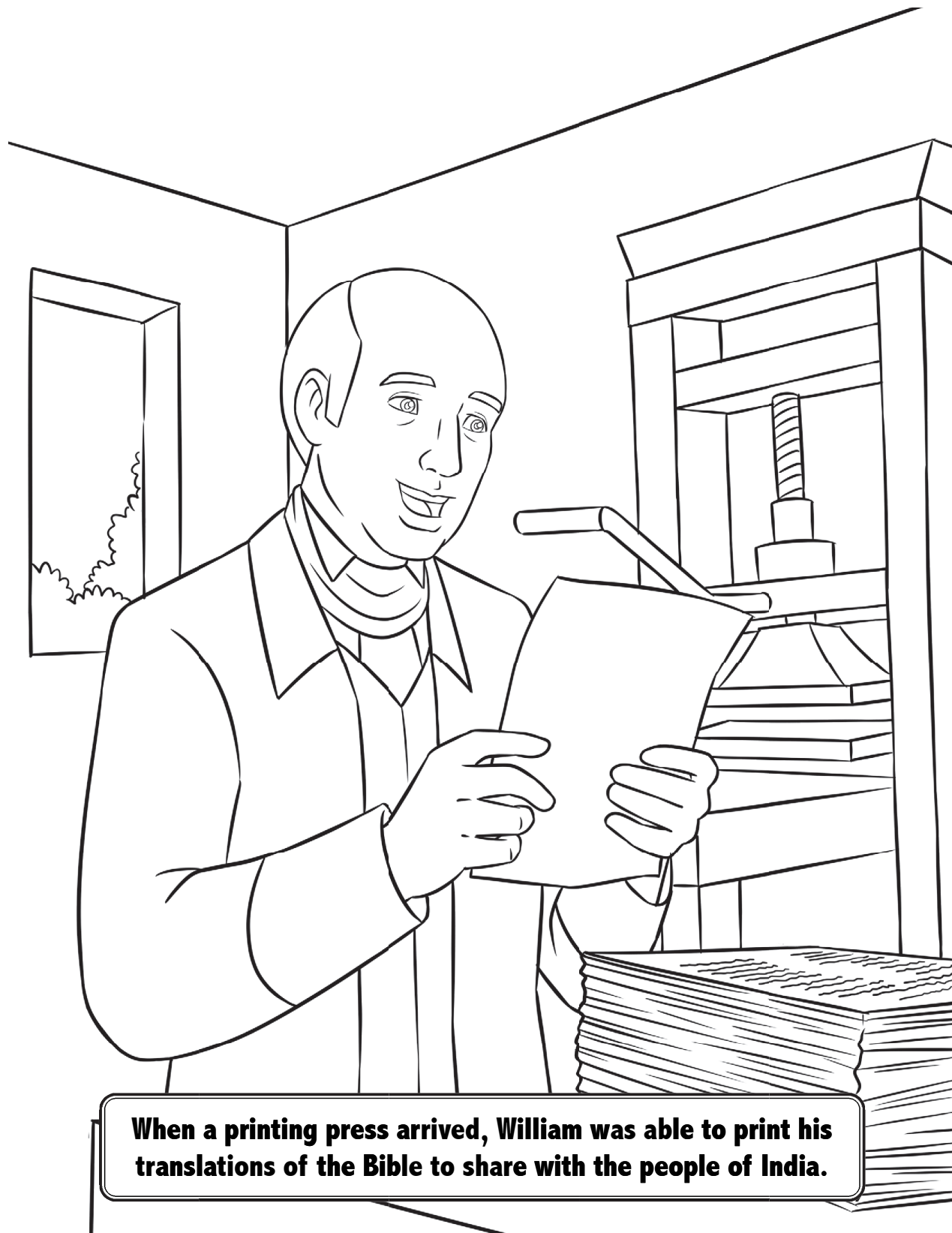
Color the Scene #3



William's enthusiastic preaching caught the attention of Krishna Pal and his daughter.



Color the Scene #4



When a printing press arrived, William was able to print his translations of the Bible to share with the people of India.



Color the Scene #5



After many years of difficulty, William rejoiced to baptize Krishna Pal, the first Indian convert!