

# Sentinel 1

## Stockade Camp Devotional



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# The GOOD News From GOD

Looking at Bible verses from the Book of Romans helps us understand God's Good News of salvation.

## What Does GOD Want You to Know? >>>>

### **Admit** that everybody has sinned.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* - (Romans 3:23)

No one can be good enough to reach Heaven on his own. All of us have sinned.

### **Realize** that sin has a penalty.

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* - (Romans 6:23). The penalty for sin is death and eternal separation from God. But, He has provided a solution for us.

### **Believe** that Jesus paid the penalty.

*"But God shows His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* - (Romans 5:8). Jesus died in your place for you, even before you knew about Him.

### **Invite** Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord.

*"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."* - (Romans 10:9-10). Thank Jesus for taking away the penalty of your sin.

### **Talk to God**, telling Him something like this,

**"Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for my sins. Thank you for dying for me. Please come into my heart and be my Savior. I surrender all of my life to you; please be the Lord of my life."**

The logo features two yellow arrows pointing upwards, one on the left and one on the right. A blue banner with the word "STOCKADE" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters is positioned between the arrows. Below the banner, the words "SENTINEL 1" are written in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the words "CAMP DEVOTIONAL" are written in the same large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. The entire logo has a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

# STOCKADE SENTINEL 1 CAMP DEVOTIONAL

The purpose of this Camp Devotional is to provide the 8 to 11 year old boy with a fun and exciting Bible experience based on the Sentinel 1 Trail Guide of the Stockade Achievement program of Christian Service Brigade.

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# STATION Courier



## Trail Sign: 1 John 5:11b-12

“God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

### STOCKADE-FOUNDATIONS:



When pioneers first moved across this continent, Stockades were a place of security in the wilderness. They are part of our history, but God’s Word declares, “I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:2). This remains true. There is

a Stockade that is being built today. It is a place of safety and refuge where boys and men serve Jesus Christ as He expands His Kingdom into new territory.



A Station is your assigned position when you are on duty. It may be anywhere in the Stockade, from the kitchen to the blockhouse, but the preferred station was always the front gate. Here you would see everyone entering and leaving, and you would be responsible for the primary safety of the fort and those inside.



# ROUGH VOYAGE



## Jonah 1-3

**“Nineveh?” Jonah muttered.**

**“How could God mean Nineveh? Preach to those people?**

They’re His people’s sworn enemy. They’re so wicked He should destroy them. Why should I warn those Assyrians about their sins?”

Jonah was a prophet and knew very well what God had said.

*“Arise, go to that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”* Now Nineveh was far to the east, so Jonah made plans to travel – as far to the west as he could go! He went down to Joppa and found a ship that was going to Tarshish.

“Do you carry passengers?” shouted Jonah.

“That we do, sir,” the sailor called back. Jonah paid his fare and went on board. In little time, the men were at the oars moving the ship sharply through the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Jonah went below deck to rest. After a while, the ship’s captain noticed strange clouds overhead. The breeze quickly turned into a gale. Big waves were building higher and higher, and the ship was beginning to rock from side-to-side.

“Row harder, men!” the captain roared. The winds rose to hurricane force, and the ship was snapping and cracking under the strain. Frightened, the captain ordered the cargo thrown overboard to lighten the ship, and perhaps to save their lives. It made no difference; the storm grew worse.

Each sailor cried out to his God for help, but still the tempest increased. “Where is that man, Jonah?” shouted the captain above the howling wind.

“Sleeping below deck, sir,” came the reply.

The captain hurried to find Jonah. “Why are you sleeping? Do you not care that we are perishing? Arise, call out to your God! Perhaps he will give a thought to us.”

On deck, Jonah huddled with the sailors. Each man reached into a bag and removed a small stone. “Here, take one,” shouted a sailor pushing the bag toward Jonah. “The man who gets the black stone is the cause of our trouble.”

Jonah reached in and carefully took a stone. It didn’t matter which one; he already knew what color it would be. He withdrew his hand and opened it for all to see. His stone was black. “Tell us why this evil has happened to us!” the sailors demanded. “What do you do? Where are you from? What is your country and who are your people?”

“I am a Hebrew,” replied Jonah, “and I fear the Lord, the God of Heaven, who created the sea and the dry land. But, I’m disobeying Him. He told me to preach in Nineveh, and I’m running away. There’s only one way to save yourselves. You must throw me overboard.”

The sailors refused and returned to their stations, but as hard as they rowed, they couldn’t escape the storm’s fury. Finally, it was just too much. They cried out to God, “O Lord, don’t let us die for this man’s life, and don’t hold his life against us, for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You.” So with that they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea. Immediately, the storm stopped its raging. And the sailors worshipped God and promised their lives to Him.

As Jonah hit the water, he was sure that he would drown. A dark wave crashed over him. Seaweed wrapped around him as he sank to the seafloor. “O Lord,” he prayed. His life was ebbing away, when suddenly he was sucked into the mouth of a giant sea monster. What a horrible way to die.

But, he was alive. He could breath. It took three days and three nights inside the belly of that great fish, but stubborn Jonah finally understood that God had saved him. And with thanksgiving, he vowed that he would do as God commanded.

God heard Jonah’s prayer and He told the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach unharmed. Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “*Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.*”

And that is exactly what Jonah did!

- † **What do you think about people who run away from God?**
- † **Will God forgive them if they are really sorry for their sins?**
- † **Can God use people who have denied Him to do His great work?**

**God created you to live with Him forever**, but your sins have separated you from Him. Jesus has already paid for all your sins, so there is only one thing that you have to do.

**Solve the following puzzle to discover God’s solution.**

Start here and go around to the right twice.  
Read every other letter.

Write out the verse in the space, below. It’s one of the Trail Signs, but from a different translation of the Bible.

This is the testimony in essence: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DAY 2**

# Lookout STATION



**Trail Sign:** John 14:1

“Let not your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God; believe also in me.”

## **STOCKADE-FOUNDATIONS:**



The **LOOKOUT** watches for ways that he can help. In the Stockade, he is on the look out for danger, but he is always looking for ways that he can help others accomplish their goals, especially the Rangers. Being the **LOOKOUT** is a very important job.

The **COURIER** is another helper. In the Stockade, he's the one who runs the reports from the **LOOKOUT** to the **CHIEF RANGER**, but he also helps the Rangers. He holds the Post Banner.





A large, yellowish-brown wooden structure, resembling Noah's Ark, is built on a grassy meadow. A man in a white robe with a red sash stands in the center, gesturing towards the structure. A group of people in colorful clothing are gathered in front of the structure, some with their arms raised in excitement. The background shows a clear blue sky and distant hills.

# The Boat in the Meadow

**Genesis 6-9**

**Down in the village there was great excitement.**

Eber, the Old One, had just returned to the valley. He had a strange story. "I was out in the distant meadows this morning, looking for my master's lost sheep," said he. "I saw a big box. Never have I seen anything like it! It is bigger than any of the buildings in the village. It is being built by a man and his three sons."

The villagers listened carefully to Eber. Then one of the men said, "Eber, you're an old fool. Did you not think to ask the man what the strange thing was?"

For a long minute, Eber did not answer. Then he said slowly, "I did ask the man what he was building, but his answer was even stranger than the box itself!"

"What was it? Come, tell us, Old One. Tell us."

But Eber would not give an answer. He said angrily, "If you wish to know, go out to the far meadows and ask the man for yourselves." And so it was that several hours later, a group of men from the village gathered around the strange building.

For a while, the men just stood around and watched. Then one of the bolder men called out to the man who was directing the work, "Hey you, what's going on here?"

The builder turned and said, “We are building a boat – an ark.”

The villagers were too surprised by this answer to say anything. They could see that there was no water anywhere nearby, not even a decent creek. Only a few springs bubbled up from the earth. Then suddenly they began to laugh: “Haw, haw, haw! You’re building a boat out here in the meadows! What a stupid idea.”

Eber laughed as loudly as the rest. Suddenly, he raised his hands to quiet the crowd. “Now I remember. This man is Noah. And he and his three sons have been building that ‘thing’ for a hundred years.” The crowd laughed all the more.

Noah waited until the laughing died down. Then he said, “Yes, I am building a boat. God told me to build it. He said that the people of the world have become so wicked that He is going to send a flood to destroy them. This boat will save all of those who are in it when the floodwaters come. Repent, turn from your sins and worship God. You will be saved.”

Now the men really laughed. Did Noah really believe that a mere god could cause a flood? Who believed in God anymore?

Noah kept at his work; the ark was nearly finished. With the people coming from the village almost every day to make fun of him, it took courage to continue. But Noah believed what God had said.

Some months later in the sleepy village, Eber, the Old One, awoke early. As he walked outside to gather some firewood, he heard a distant noise. It started as a whisper, but now it sounded like rushing water. The sound became louder and louder. Now

Eber felt great drops of water falling from the sky. But water had never rained down before! Eber hardly knew what to do.

At noontime it was still raining. Water was now pooling on the ground. It poured rain a second day, and the next, and the



next! Gullies filled with raging torrents. Nowhere was safe. Eber was caught in the swirling floodwaters and was drowned. Too late, the villagers who had laughed at Noah understood that God was true to His word. And that Noah was right to trust in the Lord.



In Genesis 7:17-24, the Bible continues the story, “For forty days the floodwaters grew deeper, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. As the waters rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely on the surface. Finally, the water covered even the highest mountains on the earth, rising more than twenty-two feet above the highest peaks. All the living things on earth died – birds, domestic animals, wild animals, small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people. Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died. God wiped out every living thing on the earth – people, livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and the birds of the sky. All were destroyed. The only people who survived were Noah and those with him in the boat. And the floodwaters covered the earth for 150 days.”

How glad Noah was to have listened to God and obeyed Him. God had spared him, his family, and all the creatures on the ark. Then God concluded this story with a promise. He said, “I hereby confirm my covenant – my promise – with you and your descendants, and with all the animals that were on the boat with you – the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals – every living creature on earth. Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.”

“Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant



*with you and with all the earth. When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.”*

*“The sons of Noah who came out of the boat with their father were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham is the father of Canaan.) From these three sons of Noah came all the people who now populate the earth.” (Genesis 9:8-19 NLT) We are Noah’s descendants and we can have the faith in God that Noah had.*

† **Why did God destroy all air-breathing life?**

† **How do you think God felt about doing this?**

† **What made Noah so much different from the other people?**

† **How can you be different for God?**

# The Extent of the Flood

## Genesis 7:19

Find all the words of Genesis 7:19 in the puzzle below. The words can be forwards or backwards; up, down or diagonal.

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