



YOUTH HAVEN

KIDS' CONNECTION



Welcome to the Wild West! It can be a little scary sometimes, with rowdy cowboys who don't obey laws. They do what they want, take what they want, and don't care who they hurt in the process.

But there are also good guys who enforce the law and try to protect people. You could say the Wild West is a perfect example of the fight between good and evil.

Another time in history that was a lot like the Wild West took place about 3,000 years ago, and it involved God's people, the Israelites. It was a time when the people were ruled by kings who were sometimes good, but more often very, very bad. Look inside to learn about it, including what made a king good or evil!

WILD WEST



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BAD KINGS, GOOD KINGS

AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM

Read the descriptions and then circle "Bad" or "Good" on the poster for each king. These are three of the kings who ruled over God's people.

Go to havenforkids.fun to learn more about them!



Ahab did not do what God said was right. He follow false gods called Baal and Asherah, and he also led the people to follow those false gods. When we choose to disobey God, there are consequences. For Ahab and his people, that meant there was a terrible drought in the land. No rain fell for over 3 years! God sent a man named Elijah to challenge the people to turn back to God. When the people prayed to Baal and Asherah, no one answered them. But when Elijah prayed to God, God sent fire down from Heaven to show the people His power!



Hezekiah loved God with all his heart and knew the gods Ahab followed were not really gods at all. He led the people to follow God alone. When the king of another country called Assyria came to attack, Hezekiah knew only God could save his people. He prayed to God and asked Him to rescue them from the power of the other king, so that all the nations around them would know God is the one true God. God answered Hezekiah's prayer! He sent an angel to make the army of Assyria afraid, so they turned and ran. God hears and answers our prayers, too!



Josiah chose to follow God even though the people had turned away from Him. They had forgotten all about God's laws and had built places to worship the false gods Ahab followed - even in the temple, where only God was supposed to be worshiped! Josiah tore all of those places down and repaired the temple. He found the book of God's laws and read it to the people. They turned back to God! No matter how far we have turned away, God always wants us to come back to Him!



HARVEY AND FRIENDS

Meet FRESNO!

I Live in: Michigan, but I was born in Italy!

My Favorites: The Dining Hall! I love cooking and eating amazing food, and sharing my food with other people. At Youth Haven, I get to use my special cooking ability to help kids and teach them about God!

I Don't Like: Peanut butter and loud noises. Also, coyotes usually scare me, but not Scooter. He's cool.

I'm Good at: My senses of sight and hearing are extremely good! I'm good at cooking, making people smile, and telling them about Jesus!

My Favorite Bible Verse: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. -1 Corinthians 10:31



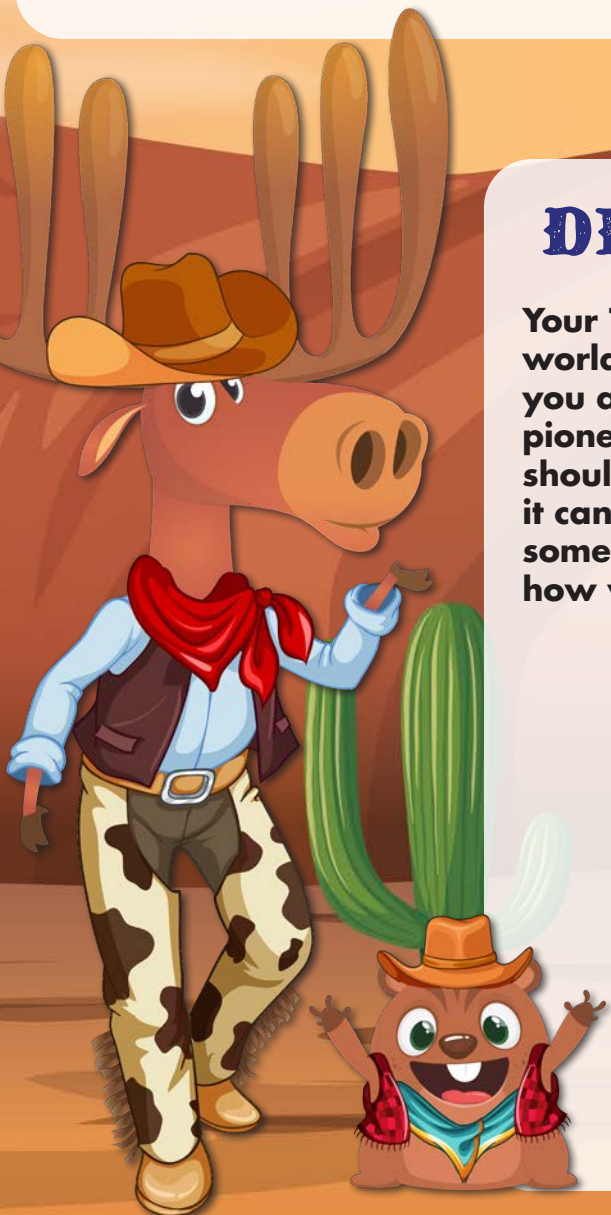
Learn more about Harvey and Friends at HavenForKids.fun

DID YOU KNOW...

Your Trailbook (the Bible) is like no other book in the world, because it is full of God's own words to us! Imagine you are setting out on a trail to the Wild West, just like the pioneers did. How will you get there? Are there things you should do along the way? Our life is like a journey, and it can be hard to figure out where to go and what to do sometimes. The Bible is our "Trailbook" to help us know how we should live to please God.

THINK ABOUT IT

Fresno's favorite verse says we should do everything for the glory of God. But what does that mean? It means our goal should always be to make God known to the people around us, and to show them how amazing God is! King Hezekiah is a good example. When he prayed for God's help, he wasn't just asking God to do something for him. He wanted to win the war so that other people would know God is the only true God who is able to save us!

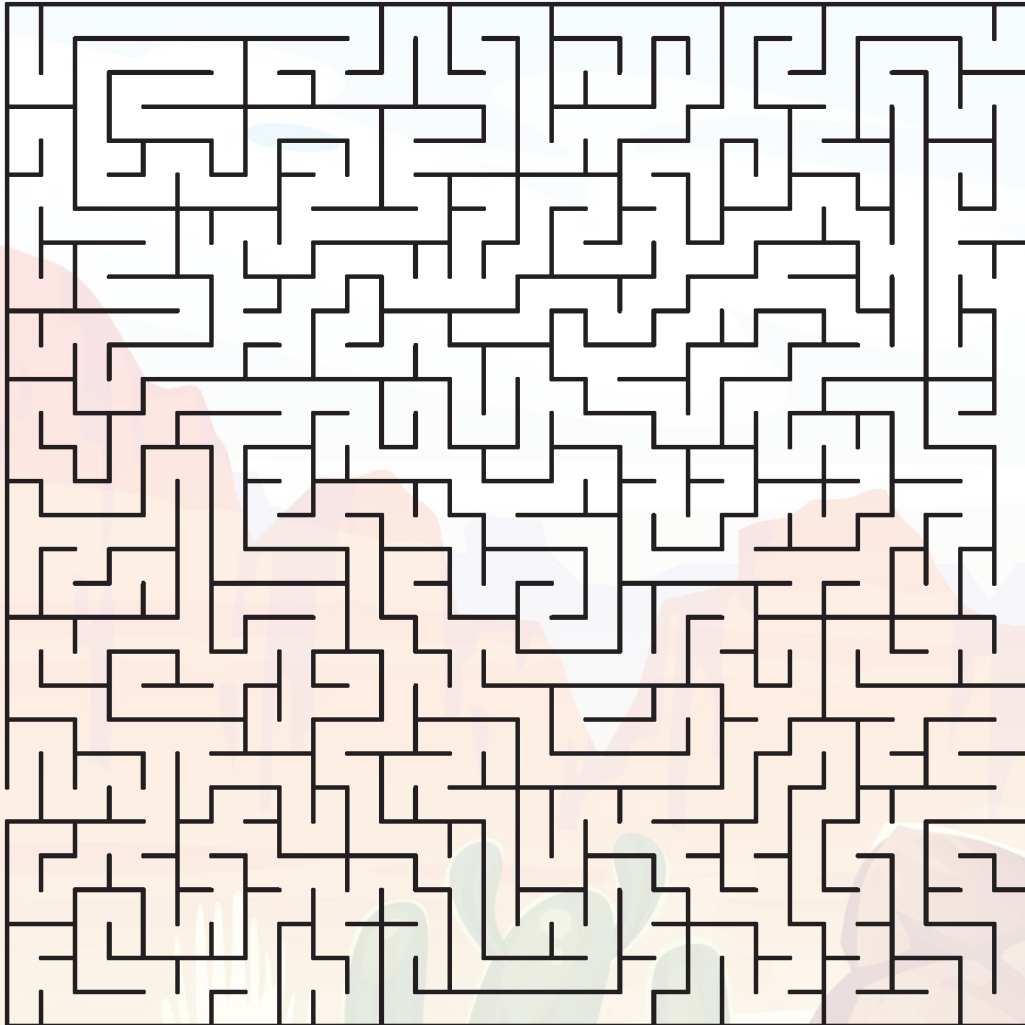


ACTIVITY PAGES

Complete the activities on this page and the next page. Then send them back to us using the address on page 1 to earn a Harvey mail sticker!

Your first and last name: _____

Hugo and Henrietta got lost on their trip West! See if you can help them get through the maze to find Harvey and the rest of their friends.



FUN FACTS

Go to havenforkids.fun to read some fun facts about the Wild West and fill in the blanks!



FUN FACT:

The time known as the Wild West lasted _____ years.

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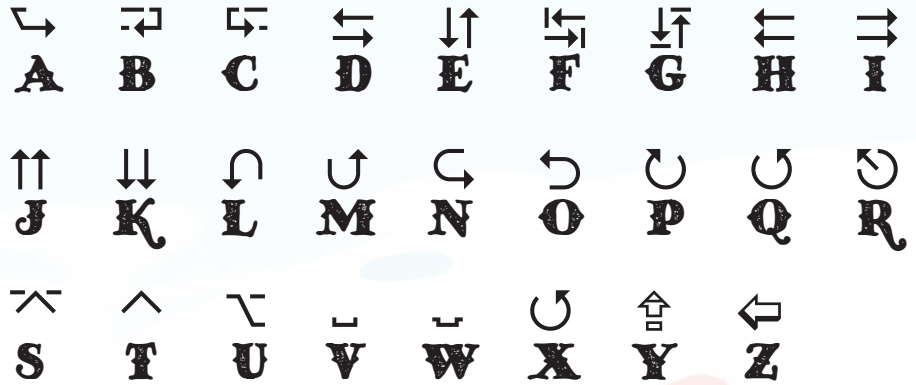
People who moved West to find new land for their families were called _____.

FUN FACT:

Some people also headed West looking for _____.

DECODING FUN

Use the Youth Haven Secret Code to fill in the missing words of the verse. If you get stuck, go to havenforkids.fun and click on "Into the Wild."



Isaiah 41:10

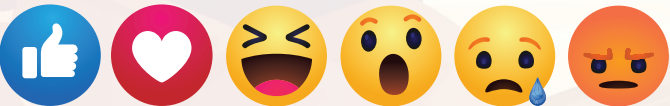
Don't be _____, for I am _____ you. Don't be
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_____, for I am your _____.
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I will _____ you and _____ you.
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I will hold you up with my _____ right hand.
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TALK to GOD

<p>God, I feel...</p> 	<p>Thank you for...</p>
<p>I feel this way because...</p>	<p>Please help me...</p>

IN MY WORLD

THE WILD WEST

The time period known as the Wild West began in the United States around 1865, after the Civil War ended. Everything west of the Mississippi River was considered the Wild West. Pioneers started moving west across the country, where more land was available for them to build homes for their families. Cattle was also important, and cowboys would go on long cattle drives to move cows and bulls from the open pasture to towns where they could be sold.



But life was hard, and some people turned to stealing and hurting or killing others in order to get what they wanted. You might have heard about some of the famous outlaws of that time. But there were also lawmen and other good people who did what was right.

MY LIFE, TODAY

Even though things have changed a lot since the days of the Wild West, life can still seem very hard sometimes. When that happens, we have a choice to make. We can either turn to things we know are wrong in order to get what we want, or we can choose to do what's right and trust God to help us through the hard times. What will you do? We hope you'll do what's right and trust God to help you!

CHALLENGE

Doing the right thing isn't always easy. But just like sports, music, or art, it becomes easier if you practice it! You can practice doing the right thing by doing kind things for others. Think of someone you care about, then do something to help that person or show them you care about them. Not sure what to do? Go to havenforkids.fun for a list of ideas!

