

Harvey and his friends have much more to explore in Medieval England. Some buildings in England were built by the Romans, close to the time when Jesus lived! Many castles in England have been the homes of famous kings and queens!

Remember, as a child of the true King of the universe, God loves you and has a special future planned for you!

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# the COMPASS



# EXPEDITION:

# ENGLAND, 1066

Harvey and his friends are on an expedition to Medieval England!

England has a long history of kings, queens, and the castles they built, just like King David built a palace to live in!

Most kings want to be remembered and loved, so they build statues or palaces that will last a long time! As the first king of Israel, King Saul wanted to bring glory to himself. But what Saul did for attention was disobedience to God. When Saul disobeyed God, his actions showed that he cared more about being king than being God's servant.

Since Saul failed to lead Israel, God chose David to replace him as king. A true king is a servant who leads God's people and who is an example of God's goodness.



David didn't look like much. He was only a young shepherd. Even his own father forgot about him! But God always remembers us and sees past what we look like on the outside. He chose David for his servant's heart and kindness.

But David wasn't perfect! He sinned by taking what wasn't his, and even killed another man. After he sinned, David accepted the consequences for his sin and admitted that he had messed up. God forgave him, and he kept following God again!

King David led Israel and pointed people to God. But being king wasn't easy, and he spent a lot of time running from people who wanted his crown. Sometimes David was rich and comfortable in his palace, and sometimes he lived in caves, hiding from people who wanted to kill him! But no matter what, David stayed obedient to God, and God was with him!





PLACES TO

SEE

## DOVER CASTLE, THE KEY TO ENGLAND



This picture is Dover Castle, one of England's oldest castles. Before it was a stone castle, it was a wooden fortress built by people called the Britons. In 1066, a man named William the Conqueror invaded England with his army. He marched to the fortress at Dover, captured and burned it. It was rebuilt in stone about a hundred years later, in the 1180s.

Dover Castle is called the key to England because it's located at the southernmost part of England, close to the European mainland.



Harvey and his friends are excited to visit and learn about lots of interesting places in England!

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WHAT DOES THAT

DO?

## DOVER CASTLE'S COOL FEATURES

### DOVER CASTLE

- England's largest castle
- 14 towers
- Over 800 years old
- One of the first castles to have concentric walls (two circular walls, with one inside the other)



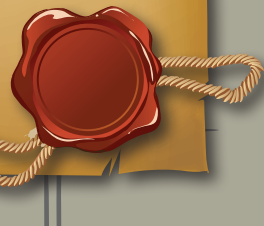
### THE KEEP

In medieval castles, the keep was the main building inside the castle walls. It was built like a giant fortified tower and was where royalty or nobles lived. A keep usually had a great hall that served as a dining room and throne room, private chambers for royalty and nobles, a kitchen, and a cellar.

The keep was the safest place in the castle. If the castle was attacked, everyone in the castle could retreat to the keep for refuge.

### SECRET TUNNELS

Beneath Dover Castle, there are five levels of underground tunnels! They were dug in the 1800s to house troops during a war. Then the tunnels were abandoned until World War 2, when they were used as an air-raid shelter, a military command center, a hospital, and a base during the famous rescue of soldiers from Dunkirk!



# BET YOU DIDN'T **KNOW**

## WEIRD BUT TRUE FACTS ABOUT MEDIEVAL TIMES

1

In medieval times, people didn't use forks! Instead, it was polite to eat with your fingers or a spoon.

3

In medieval times, pointy-toed shoes were fashionable. They got so long that two kings made laws against them!

4

Some people in medieval times used eels for trading instead of money! Eels were such a popular food that people ate more eels than fish!

2

Most medieval castles had spiral staircases going upward in a clockwise direction. This gave the advantage to right-handed warriors defending the castle during an attack, because they had more room to swing a sword!

5

Soccer was a common sport in medieval times! Instead of a ball, people played with an inflated pig bladder.

## **JOKE**

What do you call a medieval spy?  
Sir Veillance!

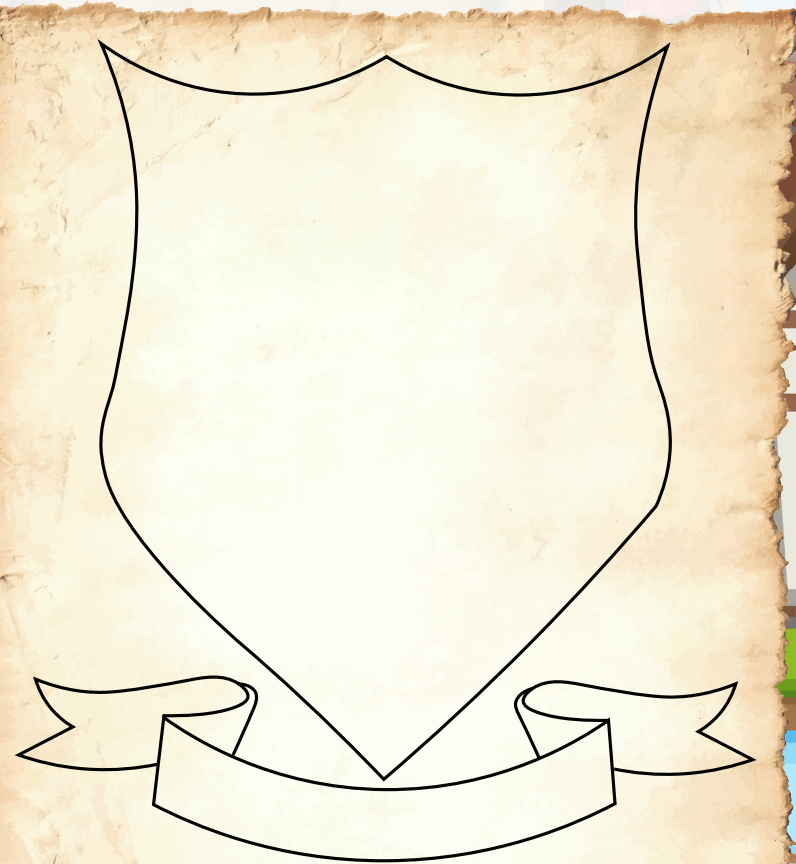
# TEAR-OUT ACTIVITY **PAGE**

## DESIGN YOUR OWN COAT OF ARMS!

Tear this page out and do the activities on the front and back. Then mail it back to us to earn a Harvey sticker!

Your First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Every knight of the king needs a coat of arms! Some medieval knights had horses, lions, flowers, crosses, or swords on their shields, and lots of bright colors! What does yours look like?



"In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil."  
- Ephesians 6:16



# FUN WITH MEDIEVAL RUNES!

In medieval times, people wrote with these symbols called runes. Just like David, you are a part of God's kingdom, too!

Use the code below to fill in the secret medieval message. You can find this verse in Colossians 1:13 in your Trailbook or Bible.

F	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
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For he has \_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of

RM4<NMM

PI+XMM

\_\_\_\_\_ and transferred us into the kingdom of his

MFRP+M44

dear Son, who purchased our \_\_\_\_\_ and forgave

PRMMM

our \_\_\_\_\_. -Colossians 1:13

4+4



# CHALLENGE

## BUILD A CATAPULT

People used catapults in medieval times to launch things over castle walls. You can make a mini catapult to use as a game!

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Popsicle sticks
- Rubber bands
- A plastic spoon



### STEPS:

1. Stack 7 popsicle sticks and rubber-band them together on each end.



2. Stack 2 more popsicle sticks and rubber-band them together on just one end.
3. Slide the stack of 7 popsicle sticks in between the 2 you just stacked.
4. Rubber-band the tall stack to the upper popsicle stick.
5. Rubber-band a plastic spoon to the upper popsicle stick.

### TO USE YOUR CATAPULT:

Place an item (a ball of crumpled up paper works well) on the spoon. Hold the catapult with one hand and pull the spoon down with the other hand. Let go of the spoon to launch your item! To play a game, draw a target and put it on the ground. See how many times you can hit it!

# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES

## LEARN ABOUT THE JOURNEY TO KNIGHTHOOD

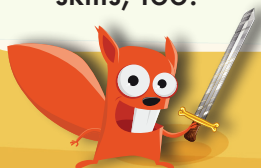


### IT'S NOT EASY!

Want to imagine yourself as a knight? Becoming a knight in medieval times was not a piece of cake! First, if you wanted to become a knight, you'd need to buy your own horse, armor, and weapons! This means usually only nobles could afford to be a knight. Second, you needed a lot of time! You'd have to train for about fourteen years before getting knighted!

### PAGE

- Starting at the age of seven, you'd become a page.
- As a page, you'd live in a knight's castle and he'd teach you about being a knight!
- You'd also deliver messages, do chores, clean the knight's armor, and learn to ride and care for a horse.
- You'd learn basic combat skills, too!



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# TO BE A KNIGHT ?

## SQUIRE

- At the age of fourteen, you'd become a squire.
- As a squire, you'd learn the knight's code of chivalry. This meant respect, bravery, justice, and helping the weak.
- You'd also learn combat with real weapons and fighting while riding a horse.
- If the knight went to battle, you'd go with him and make sure he had everything he needed!



## KNIGHT

- By the age of 21, you might be knighted by another knight, noble, or even the king!
- Before the ceremony, you'd have to stay up all night praying and take a bath to prepare.
- During the ceremony, you'd promise to follow the rules of chivalry. Then the noble would slap your shoulder with the flat of his (or her) sword!



**"Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war and gives my fingers skill for battle."**  
- Psalm 144:1