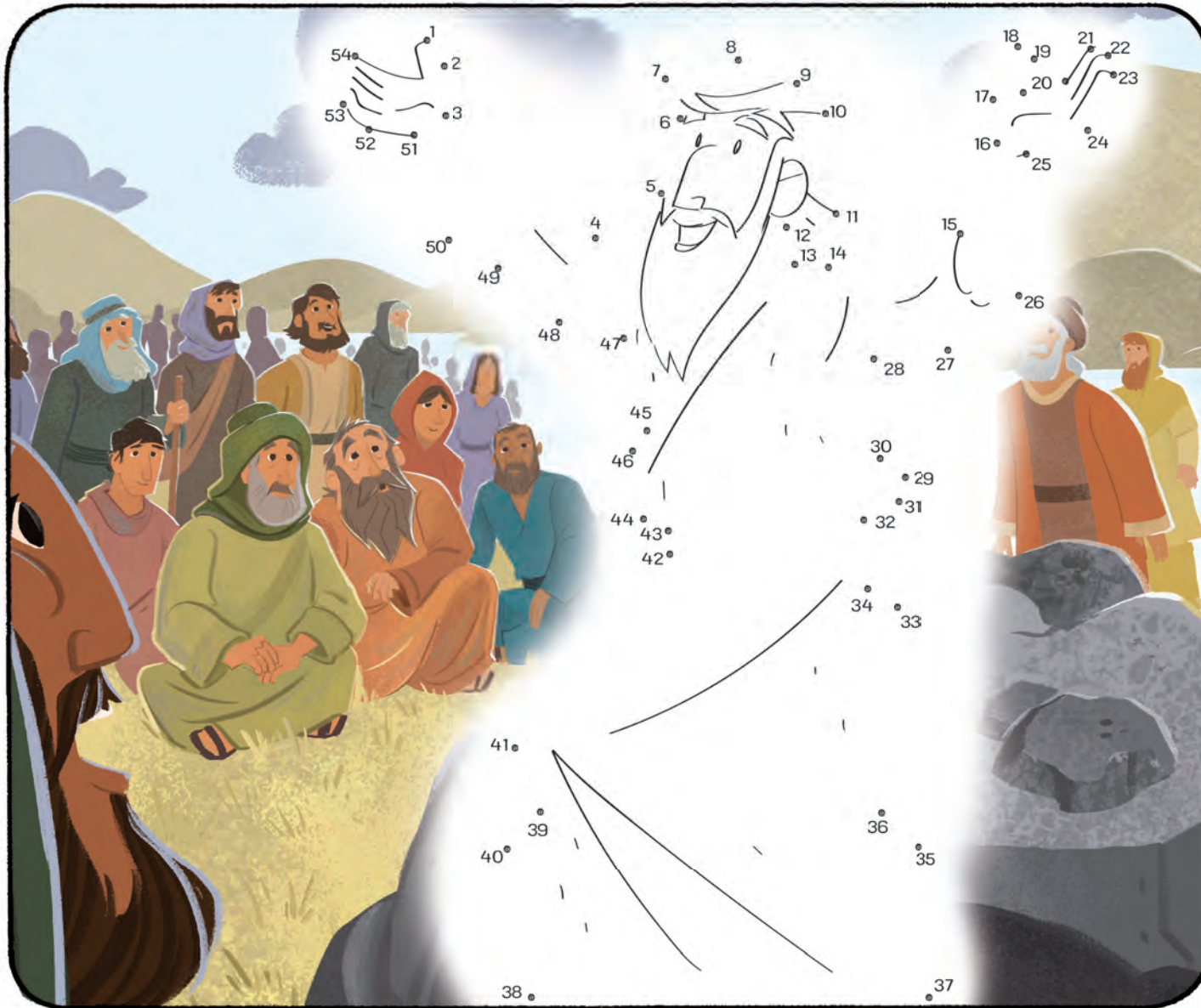


Who Is It?

INSTRUCTIONS: Connect the dots in numerical order to reveal the picture of a special messenger. (Hint: Read John 1:6-9.)



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God's people had grown lazy in their worship of God.
- They offered sick and lame animals for sacrifice.
- Malachi called God's people to repent to prepare for the Messiah.
- Malachi told of a messenger to come who would prepare the way for Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Peter 5:10

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why do we offer our best to God?
- How did God offer His best to us?
- Who was the messenger Malachi said would come before Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take turns with your family naming chores or daily tasks. Then discuss what would happen if you only did that task halfway, such as only driving halfway to school, only halfway washing dishes, or doing half a project. Remind your kids that Jesus gave His all for us.

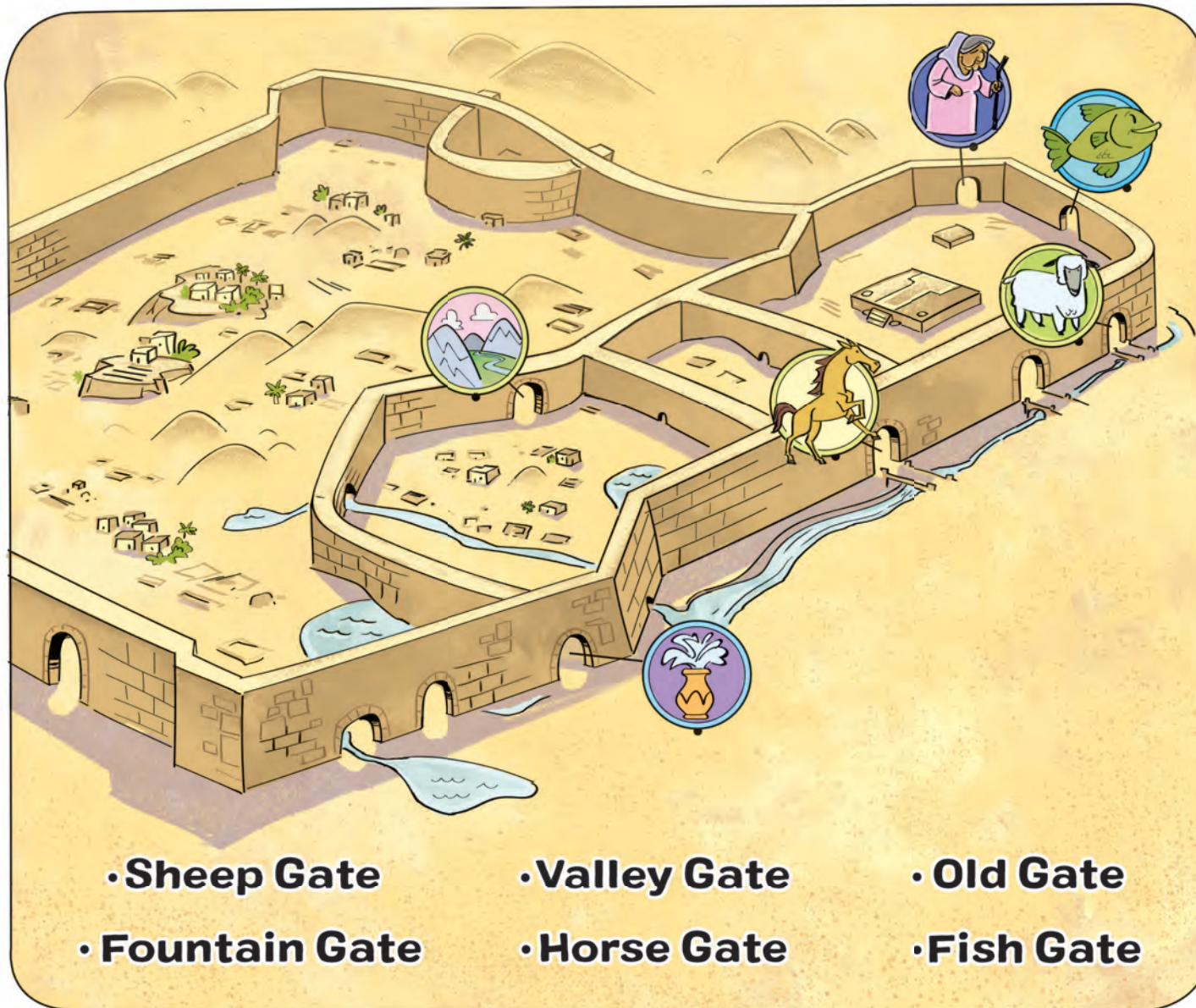


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Name That Gate

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the picture clues to determine each gate's name.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Nehemiah wanted to go rebuild Jerusalem's walls.
- The king of Persia sent Nehemiah to Jerusalem.
- Enemies tried to stop God's people from building the walls.
- God used Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem's walls.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Peter 5:10

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were walls so important in Bible times?
- How is Jesus similar to the walls Nehemiah built?
- What does Jesus protect us from?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Show your kids a picture or diagram of ancient Jerusalem's walls. Challenge them to make a model of Jerusalem using building blocks or plastic interlocking bricks. Discuss why and how Jesus protects us from sin and death.



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