LEGEND OF THE BLUE DAISIES

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When my childern were little ones, we spent a good deal of time reading fascinating stories about the triumph of good and the defeat of evil. We'd cuddle up on the couch with popcorn

and watch as our imaginations came to life through movies.

Stories are much more than entertainment. As we read the Gospels, we find Jesus often using stories to convey deep truths in the most simplistic way.

Even as my children have grown, I find myself using stories of my childhood, teen years, and early adult life to convince them of truths that pertain to adult life, relationships, and walking in truth according to the gospel.

The movie *Ice Dragon* took me back to those precious early parenting years and the conversations I had with each child as they began to understand important character traits.

In today's media, it's rare to find animated films that have strong story lines that bring us back to the truths of the gospel. Watching *Ice Dragon* together provides an avenue through which you can begin vital discussions with your little ones.

In the pages ahead, I've included a section for each of the main characters of the movie with conversation starters, printables with fun activities, song suggestions, and crafts to tie it all together.

Enjoy the Journey **REBECCA FARRIS** The Well Planned Gal

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Think about some of your favorite people. What makes them your favorites? Perhaps it's because they spend time with you or give you fun gifts. Maybe they make you laugh or just make you feel good.

A lot of times, our favorite people are those who are joyful. Do you know what that means? Well, it doesn't mean that they are never sad or never have tough days. Instead, it means that they find a reason to be thankful every single day, even on the sad days. Those thankful thoughts lift their hearts and give them hope, no matter what kind of day they're having.

Some people have personalities that make it easy for them to be happy. But, all of us can have joy, because real joy comes from Jesus, not from our personalities. When we think about Jesus and take time to praise Him and thank Him for saving us, He fills our hearts with joy that we can then share with other people.

Think of a time when it was easy to be joyful.

Now think of a time when joy seemed very hard to find.

Talk about some ways you can practice Oh come, let us sing to the Lord: being joyful every day.

llet us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **PSALM 95:1**



I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy Down in my heart Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart. And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart to stay.

And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

I've got the peace that passes understanding Way down in the depths of my heart (Where?) Down in the depths of my heart (Where?) Down in the depths of my heart I've got the peace that passes understanding Way down in the depths of my heart Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

And if the Devil doesn't like it He can sit on a tack! (Ouch!) Sit on a tack! (Ouch!) Sit on a tack! And if the Devil doesn't like it He can sit on a tack! (Ouch!) Sit on a tack to stay!

And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart And I'm so happy, so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

Materials

Tissue Paper Scissors Pipe Cleaners or Florists' Wire

Directions

Step 1: Cut several sheets of tissue paper into equal-sized squares. The bigger the tissue paper, the bigger the flower will be. The more sheets, the fuller it will be.

Step 2: Stack the tissue paper squares carefully on top of each other. Fold accordian-style into a fan.

Step 3: Wrap a pipe cleaner or piece of florists' wire around the middle of the fan and twist in place.

Step 4: Carefully unfold and fluff each section of the flower.



by George Willis Cooke

Do you like stories about superheroes? Their powers make them seem so amazing, especially as they beat the bad guys.

We like to imagine that we have their superpowers, don't we? But, even superheroes would be powerless - yes, even with superhuman strength or the ability to fly - if they didn't have the biggest superpower of all: courage. The exciting thing is that we don't have to be superheroes to have courage. Even the littlest of kids can do amazing things with courage!

So, what is courage? Well, it's being willing to do something even if you know it is going to be hard or scary or painful. It doesn't mean that you're never afraid. It doesn't even mean that you pretend to not be afraid when you really are. It just means that you are willing to do hard things even though you feel afraid.

Just like joy, real courage comes from knowing Jesus. When we know Him and trust Him, He reminds us that He is always in control and always with us. That gives us courage!

Can you think of a time when you or someone you know had to show courage? What happened?

Be strong, and let your heart take

courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

PSALM 31:24

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FIND THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

COURAGE	STRONG
LEIF	ICE DRAGON
HUNTER	MOVIE
SWORD	FRIENDS
FAITH	FIGHT
AFRAID	GOOD
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I'M IN THE LORD'S ARMY

LYRICS:

I may never march in the infantry, Ride in the cavalry, Shoot the artillery, I may never fly o'er the enemy But I'm in the Lord's army (Yes, sir!)

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I may never march in the infantry, Ride in the cavalry, Shoot the artillery, I may never fly o'er the enemy But I'm in the Lord's army (Yes, sir!)

ACTIONS:

March in the infantry: march in place

Ride in the cavalry: hands like holding a horses reins and move up and down as if riding a horse

Shoot in the artillery: move hands with straight arms to slap each other while pushing right hand forward

Fly over the enemy: arms straight out and imitate a plane flying

Yes, sir!: salute (

CARDBOARD SVV () R

Materials

Wrapping Paper Tube Piece of Cardboard Foil Scissors Stickers, Fake Jewels, Markers, etc.

Directions

Step 1: Cover the wrapping paper tube with foil.

Step 2: Cut a cardboard strip wider than the tube.

Step 3: Cut a hole the same size as the paper tube in each end of the cardboard strip.

Step 4: Thread the paper tube through the holes in the cardboard strip to create the hilt.

Step 5: Decorate the sword with stickers, fake jewels, markers, or other items.

COMPASSION

It's easy to be nice to people who are nice to us, isn't it? But, there are also times when we are supposed to be nice to others just because it's the right thing to do, no matter how they treat us.

When we notice things that other people need and do something about it, we are being compassionate. For example, imagine that you are playing out in your front yard and notice that your neighbor has just come home from the grocery store. So, you stop playing for a few minutes and go help her carry grocery bags into her house. You are being compassionate toward your friend.

True compassion, though, isn't only being nice to our friends. It is also being nice to people who aren't usually nice to us. We hear lots of stories about bullies, people who are mean to other people for no reason. Well, being compassionate is the opposite of being a bully. Compassion means being kind to other people for no reason other than that we notice their needs and want to help.

Think of a person you can show compassion to this week. What is one way you can be kind to or help that person?

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

LYRICS: CHORUS

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, Let it shine.

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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Don't let Satan blow it out, l'm gonna let it shine. Don't let Satan blow it out, l'm gonna let it shine. Don't let Satan blow it out, l'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, Let it shine. CRAYON SHAVING SUN CATCHER

Materials

Crayons Cheese Grater or Pencil Sharpener Wax Paper Old Iron Scissors Black Permanent Marker Newspaper

Directions

Step 1: Use a grater or pencil sharpener to make crayon shavings.

Step 2: Draw a large flower shape on waxed paper using the black marker and place on a piece of newspaper.

Step 3: Cover the flower with bits of crayon shavings, then cover with a piece of waxed paper larger than the original drawing.

Step 4: Turn your iron on low with no steam. Put another piece of newspaper over your flower. Slowly iron over the newspaper.

Step 5: Let your flower cool, then cut it out along the black marker lines. Hang in the window for the sun to shine through!

Have you ever been proud of something you have done? Maybe you played well in a ball game or read a new book all by yourself. Being proud of our accomplishments can be a good thing because it can make us want to keep doing things well. But sometimes being proud can be a bad thing, too.

When we are selfish and think only about ourselves, that is being proud in a bad way. This kind of pride takes away all our joy and keeps us from being compassionate.

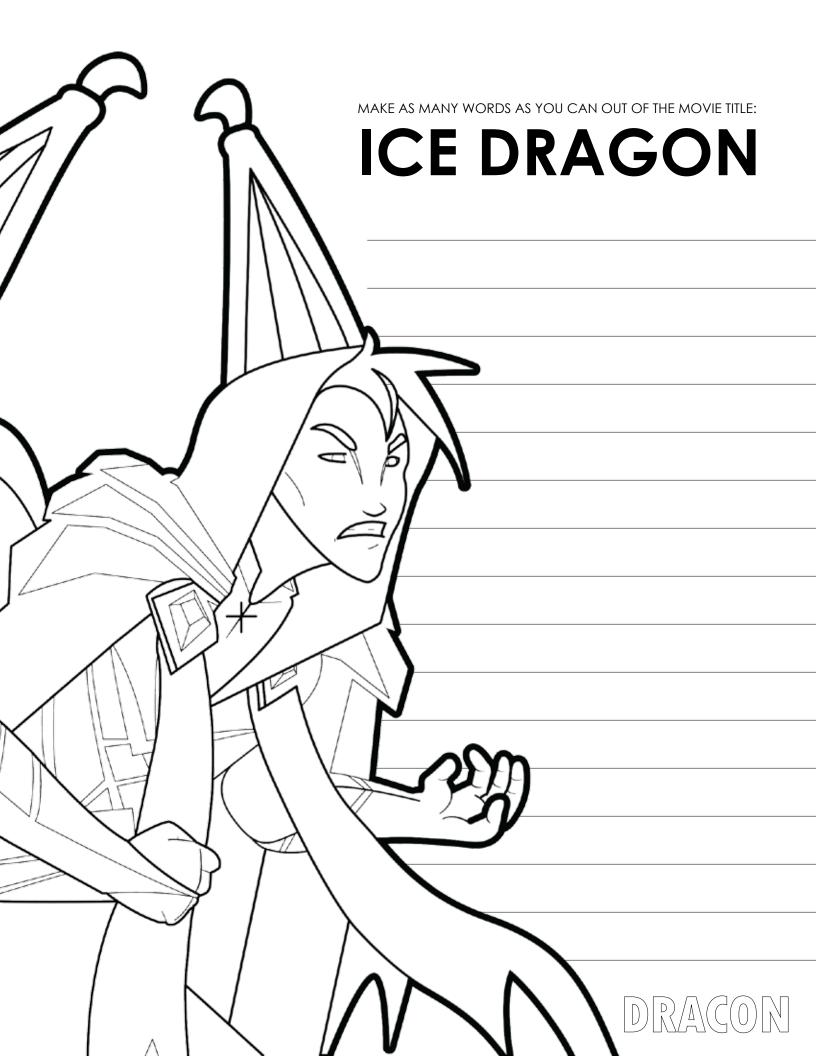
In a way, pride even takes away our courage. We want everyone to think we are big and strong and not afraid of anything, so we don't ask for help. Hard things are much harder to face when we are all by ourselves!

A good way to know whether your pride is good or bad is to notice how it makes you feel toward other people. Does it make you want to be more joyful and compassionate? Or does it make you want to have more things for yourself?

What are some ways you've shown good pride?

What are ways you've shown bad pride? How can you change that?

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. PSALM 138:6



O BE CAREFUL LITTLE EYES

LYRICS:

O be careful little eyes what you see. O be careful little eyes what you see. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little eyes what you see.

O be careful little ears what you hear. O be careful little ears what you hear. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little ears what you hear.

O be careful little tongue what you say. O be careful little tongue what you say. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little tongue what you say.

O be careful little hands what you do. O be careful little hands what you do. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little hands what you do.

O be careful little feet where you go. O be careful little feet where you go. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little feet where you go.

O be careful little heart whom you trust. O be careful little heart whom you trust. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little heart whom you trust.

O be careful little mind what you think. O be careful little mind what you think. For the Father up above is looking down in love, So, be careful little mind what you think.

TOILET PAPER TUBE

Materials

Toilet Paper Tube Green Tempera Paint Orange, Red, and Yellow Tissue Paper Large and Small Green Pom Poms Google Eyes Craft Glue or Hot Glue Gun

Directions

Step 1: Paint the toilet paper tube inside and out with green tempera. Let dry.

Step 2: Cut the tissue paper into long strips (around six inches long).

Step 3: Glue the tissue paper strips into one side of the toilet paper tube so that they hang out (this is the dragon's fire).

Step 4: Glue two small pom poms close to the end with the fire to make nostrils. Glue two large pom poms on the far side of the toilet paper tube to make eyes.

Step 5: Glue google eyes onto the large pom poms.

LOYALTY

Do you ever want to help someone but you just don't know how to do it? Maybe your best friend fell and broke a leg and can't run and play with you for a little while. You wish you could make it all better, but you just have to wait for that leg to heal. It can leave you feeling a bit helpless.

In times like these, though, there is a part of friendship that shows up more than in any other time. That part is loyalty, or being willing to stick close to your friend no matter what. You might still spend time running and playing, but you will also probably be a little creative in your play and choose activities that your friend can participate in even with a broken leg!

Only people who are unselfish can truly be loyal, because many times loyalty means giving up something you want to make things better for someone else. You want what's best for your friend, even if that means taking second best for yourself!

Do you know someone who shows loyalty? What are some ways they show it?

Is there a time a friend has shown loyalty to you?

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." PSALM 110:1

Across 1. the sword of the 3. protect your feet with these 6. this piece of armor protect your up 9. hold this piece of armor in front of y 10. In all circumstances take up the si Down 2. and having put on the breastplate	rou to protect your whole nield of of 5 6	3 body	9	8

PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

LYRICS:

Put it on, put it on, the armor of God Everyday we need the armor of God Put on the armor of God.

Wear the belt of truth around your waist Over your heart goes a righteous breastplate On your feet wear the gospel of peace For the enemy's arrows use a shield of faith.

The helmet of salvation goes on your head So when the battle gets hard you can stand Use the sword of the Spirit, it is God's Word Use the sword of the Spirit And stand, stand, stand on His Word.

The battle is not against flesh and blood But spiritual forces so put your armor on Stand in the battle and stand for the truth Everyday God's armor will help you.

Words and Music by Brian Howard

PAINT STICK

Materials

Wooden Paint Stick Wooden Popsicle Stick Elecrical Tape or Black Paint Silver Duct Tape or Silver Paint Glue

Directions

Step 1: Paint the popsicle stick and the top third of the paint stick black or cover with black electrical tape.

Step 2: Paint the bottom two thirds of the paint stick silver or cover with silver duct tape.

Step 3: Attach the wooden popsicle stick perpendicularly across the paint stick at the line where the black and silver colors meet. You can use the electrical tape or glue to do this.