



Hi!

Thank you for downloading our Gathering placemats! I humbly hope they are a blessing to you.

Many hours of work have led to these Gathering placemats you just downloaded. Each little box of delight has been tended and tried 'til the wee hours. I stand back and marvel at how they came together! I know it is none of my doing, none of my work on display. Rather I have acted as curator for the marvelous riches I want my kids to see and know.

Along the way, I realized these may be a blessing for other families, other parents who just don't have the time to DO IT ALL!! For this reason, I decided to share them with you. There are many more sets in the works.

You will want to stay tuned. I also offer my subscribers links to Spotify playlists that correspond to our monthly Gathering placemats - just to make rounding out your family's Gathering even easier. Look for the playlist inside the Learn platform where these placemats were delivered.

Thanks again and blessings,
Leah Hudson
Simple.Home.Blessings.

Instructions for Printing

The first page (page 2) is set up as the front of **ALL** the placemats. The subsequent 4 pages are the backs of the placemats, making for 4 different options to share with your kids.

Thus, print the four different options as separate front and back print jobs. Here are the print jobs:

1. page 2 & page 3;
2. page 2 & page 4;
3. page 2 & page 5;
4. page 2 & page 6.

The Gathering placemats are best viewed in color. I laminate mine so they can be used easily, even at the Goop's dinner table.



meaningful homemaking without fussiness

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Hymn: He Hideth My Soul

by Fanny Crosby

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
A wonderful Savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
And covers me there with His hand,
And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.

Refrain

With numberless blessings each moment He
crowns,
And filled with His fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God
For such a Redeemer as mine!

Refrain

When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise
To meet Him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, His wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high.



The Summit of Mt. Sinai

photo by Mohammed Moussa

Mt. Sinai, the traditionally designated place where God revealed His Law to Moses, is also called Jabul Musa - "Mount Moses." In the 6th century, Emperor Justinian the First ordered a monastery built on the site of "the burning bush." Today it is the site of the oldest continuously inhabited monastery in the world, as well as the oldest continually operating library. The monastery is named for St. Catherine, a 4th century Christian martyr, whom Joan of Arc said visited her and ministered to her in the 15th century.

No Man is an Island

by John Donne

No man is an island,
Entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less,
As well as if a promontory were:
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were.

Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.

I Myself will make all My goodness
pass before you, and will proclaim the
name of the Lord before you; and I will
be gracious to whom I will be gracious,
and will show compassion on whom I will
show compassion.

Behold, there is a place by Me, and you
shall stand there on the rock; and it will
come about, while My glory is passing by,
that I will put you in the cleft of the rock
and cover you with My hand until I have
passed by.

Exodus 33:19,21-22

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Art Study

The three Cardinal virtues - faith, hope, and charity - are part of an altarpiece commissioned by Atalanta Baglioni for her family chapel in the Italian province of Perugia. Baglioni commissioned Raphael to decorate the altar in honor of her son, who was killed in the struggle for control of Perugia. These virtues formed the *predella* or platform upon which the altar rested. Raphael completed these in *grisaille* - a monochromatic technique utilizing only grey tones.

1. Can you identify each of the virtues - faith, hope, and charity?
2. The figures on either side of the virtues are *putti* - chubby male figures which came to symbolize the omnipresence of God. How do they help depict the virtues they flank?
3. Which is the greatest of these virtues?

Exploring Relationships

Comparisons show relationships between two or more things. Whereas contrasts point out the differences between the items, comparisons explore the similarities. Can you compare these sets of things - tell how they are alike?

rain & tears

volcano & fireworks

candle & pencil

eagle & lion

newspaper & book

river & rainstorm

Skip Counting 3s



Challenge: Can you identify items or concepts which come in threes?



Theological Virtues (Baglioni Virtues)

Raphael - 1507

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The Judgement of Solomon

Raphael - 1509-1511



The Judgement of Solomon

Raphael - 1518-1519

Choosing Rhymes

Need to decide who goes first in a game? Try these choosing rhymes.

Entry, Kentry, cutry, corn,
Apple seed and apple thorn
Wire, briar, limber lock
Three geese in a flock.
One flew east, one flew west,
One flew over the
cuckoo's nest.

O-U-T spells out goes she.
Repeat the rhyme until a winner
is chosen.

Apples, peaches, pears, and
plums,
Tell me when your birthday
comes.

"November"

N-O-V-E-M-B-E-R

The child indicated when the word
"comes" is said, responds with his
birth month. The child indicated on
the last letter is out. Repeat the
rhyme until a winner is chosen.

Probing Proverbs

Knowledge is easy to one who has understanding. Containing the words of Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, Proverbs is one of the five books of wisdom in the Old Testament. Every culture on earth has prized proverbs - short bits of advice or statements of truth. Look at the following proverbs and discuss their truth value. Do you agree with these proverbs?

Actions speak louder than words.

A loose tooth will not rest until it's pulled out.

None are so deaf as those who would not hear.

Time never gets tired of running.

Help yourself to help God help you.

The cheapest is always the most expensive.

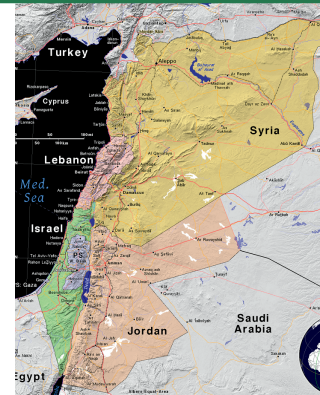
Geography Drill

-This region is situated on the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

-The name for this region is from the French word for "rising" referring to the rising of the sun.

- This region comprises: Southern Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.

What is this region called?



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Make a Wonder

A Möbius strip is a two-dimensional surface with only one side and only one edge. It is nonorientable, which means it is impossible to assign coordinates to it (up, down, right, left). It is easy to make one. Simply take a strip of paper, give it a half twist, then join the ends to form a band and secure with tape (or glue). Trace a pencil around the strip and see what happens.



Möbius Strip II
M.C. Escher

A Fish Tale

Jesus demonstrated his power over creation regularly throughout his ministry. Did you know there are two instances of miraculous hauls of fish in the gospels? The first occurs in Luke 5:1-11 and the second occurs in John 21:1-14, after Jesus' resurrection.

These events have been depicted often in art. You can tell which catch the artist was painting by the position of Jesus. If he is in the boat, it is referencing the Luke catch. If he is standing on the shore of the water, the painting is depicting John's catch.

Which one is Raphael's painting referring to?



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes

Raphael - c. 1500

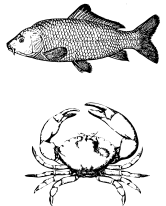
Nursery Rhyme

One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a fish alive.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.

One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a crab alive.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.



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Ezekiel (excerpt)

by John Greenleaf Whittier

In sudden whirlwind, cloud and flame,
The Spirit of the Highest came!
Before mine eyes a vision passed,
A glory terrible and vast;
With dreadful eyes of living things,
And sounding sweep of angel wings,
And circling light and sapphire throne,
And flame-like form of One thereon,
And voice of that dread Likeness sent
Down from the crystal firmament!

The burden of a prophet's power
Fell on me in that fearful hour;
From off unutterable woes
The curtain of the future rose;
I saw far down the coming time
The fiery chastisement of crime;
With noise of mingling hosts, and jar
Of falling towers and shouts of war,
I saw the nations rise and fall,
Like fire-gleams on my tent's white wall.



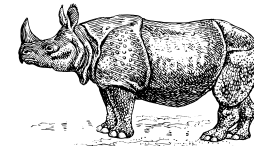
Vision of Ezekiel

Raphael - 1518

Can You See Me Now?

Have you heard the phrase "blind as a bat?" Did you know bats aren't really blind? They can see, but see better through echolocation or sound. You could say they see with their ears.

An animal that really doesn't see well is the rhinoceros. Scientists have discovered rhinos can't distinguish between a human being and a tree at 15 feet.



Simply Silly

1. What kind of a dog has no tail?
2. What is gray, has two ears, four legs, and a trunk?
3. What goes OOM, OOM?
4. What does a sheep become after it is five years old?

1. A hot dog; 2. A mouse going backwards; 3. A cow walking on vacation; 4. Six years old.

And there came a voice from above the expanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

- Ezekiel 1:25