

pure, so everyone may know about Him and His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life so any who believe on Him may spend eternity with Him in Heaven! God desires us to take care of His Word. He wants us to respect it, love it, read it, and give it to others. How do you treat your Bible? Will you be a caretaker for God?

## WORDS TO KNOW!

**ALTER:** To change something around on purpose.

**CHURCH:** Christians assembled for worship in a particular place.

**HOLY:** Set apart; Dedicated to God for a specific purpose.

**PREPARE:** To make something ready for use.

**PROTECT:** To keep safe from hurt or injury.

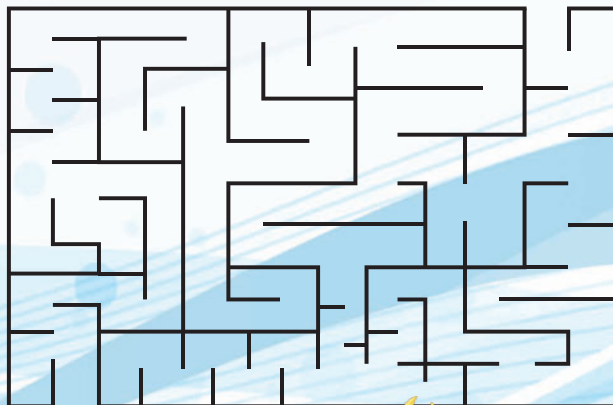
**SAFE:** Not exposed to any dangers.

# PROTECT THE BIBLE!

You must keep the Bible safe by not letting the dragon reach the castle!



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**YOU DID IT!**



# GOD PROTECTS HIS WORD!



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## LESSON TWO GOD PROTECTS HIS WORD!

Can you think of something that is so valuable to you that you would do anything to protect it from being hurt, stolen, or changed? Is it something your parents gave you? Is it something you made? Something you found? Perhaps it's not a thing at all, but rather someone. How important is it to you to protect someone who you love?



God is supremely important in all of the Universe, and He greatly values His Word! You and I are able to have God's perfect and unchanged Word today because He has protected it for thousands of years!

In Old Testament Bible times, God protected His written Word by having it put inside a special box called the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark was overlaid with pure gold, and it could only be carried by certain people using special poles. God was so serious about protecting His Word, that if anyone were to touch the Ark of the Covenant, they



would be instantly struck dead! God's people prepared the Ark. It symbolized a holy place where God met with them, and God commanded the people of God to keep it safe! You may be wondering what God's plan is for protecting His Word today. After all, the Ark of the Covenant hasn't been used by God's people for thousands of years. God has a definite plan for protecting His Word today, and He is doing



it in similar fashion to how He did it back then. Now, the job has been given to the church! That's right! It is the Christian's job to make sure God's Word is taken care of in exactly the way God wants.

You see, God has always used His people for this task. The church is God's place of protection for His Word. The church is a group of people prepared by God for His service. Wherever God's church meets, it is a holy place where He can meet with them. The church is also a safe place for His Word. Just as in the Old Testament, the kings and priests were to guard the Word of God, today, the church has been given the care of God's Word.

What an awesome responsibility it was years ago to be charged with the keeping of God's Word! Although no one will ever ask you to carry around the sacred Ark of the Covenant, God has asked His people to take special care of His Word. He wants to make sure that it stays

