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Along the Way

Adapted from “A Father’s Prayer”
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In an underground church in Russia, a husband and father of eight faithfully led a small group of believers. One bitterly cold night, after dinner was finished, the pastor and his family gathered by the fire to keep warm. Without warning, ten Communist officers suddenly barged into their home. They tore through the house in search of evidence – Bibles, Christian writings, or anything that might reveal the family’s faith in Jesus.

Being a follower of Christ was illegal, and officials believed that this man had broken the law. That night, the authorities took more than the family’s Bibles. They also took the pastor himself, disappearing into the night. It was the last time his wife and children would ever see him.

As the years passed, life grew increasingly difficult for the pastor’s family. In a harsh world where male protection and provision were critical to survival, his wife faced constant challenges while attempting to care for her children. Without her husband’s

income, and the safety his presence brought, the family was left in a vulnerable situation. Six years after her husband’s disappearance, she became sick and eventually died – leaving eight children orphaned.

Sarah, only 16 years old and the eldest of her siblings, suddenly carried the weight of an entire family. She became mother, father and provider to her younger brothers and sisters, doing all she could to support them through the uncertain years that followed.

One by one, her siblings grew up and moved out to begin lives of their own. But Sarah continued to wonder: “What happened to you, Dad?” Year after year, the unanswered question lingered in her heart – until one day, there was a knock at the door. When she opened it, two men stood before her.

“We come from far away, from a prison in Siberia,” they said. “When your father was arrested, we were arrested as well. We were with him. While imprisoned, your father taught us how to pray, to believe, and to look up to heaven.”

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Within the walls of that Siberian prison, Sarah's father continued to guide those around him into a living faith in God. His courage, obedience and faithfulness became a lasting testimony – reaching fellow prisoners, Communist guards, and finally the daughter who had waited so many years for answers.

Reading Between the Lines

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Present

Future

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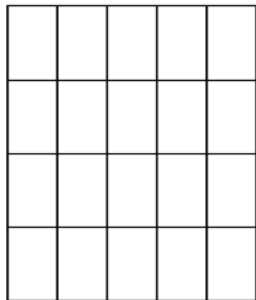
Memory Finance Flashcards

How to Play

Before you start, make sure to cut out and glue the fronts and backs of the cards together.

In this game, the goal is to win the most matching pairs of cards.

Shuffle the deck of memory cards and, with the definition side facing down, arrange them into a 5 x 4 grid.



Turns will be taken in a clockwise manner. The first player will flip two cards consecutively – their goal is to choose cards that are matching. If they are successful, the player keeps the matching pair and may take another turn. If they are unsuccessful, the cards are flipped back over, and the turn goes to the next player. The game continues until all matching cards are collected, and the player with the most pairs at the end wins.

***Special Rule:** Watch out for the “Greed” cards, as they will end your turn.

Find the printable cards below!



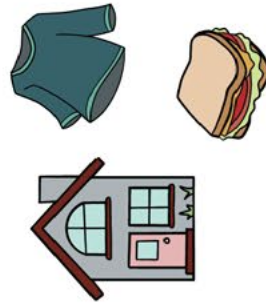
Money gained/
accumulated
through work or
offering a service.



Income

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NASB)

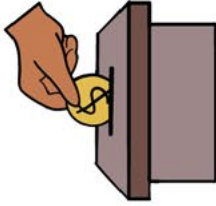
Things necessary for
health, shelter and
daily sustenance.



Needs

Philippians 4:19 (NIVUK)

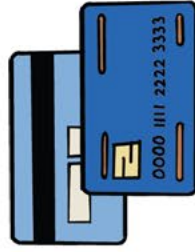
A portion of income
(money) given to
God. In the Bible,
"tithe" means
"a tenth."



Tithing

Proverbs 3:9 (NIVUK)

A card used to
access money
saved in a bank
account.



Bank Card

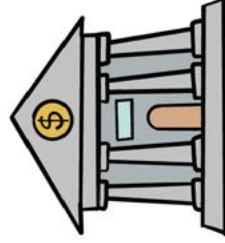
Money set aside for
a future purpose.



Saving

Proverbs 22:7 (NIVUK)

The place where
money is safely
kept after being
deposited.



Bank

The act of
offering/releasing
money to others
without expecting
it to be paid back.



Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6 (ESV)

Helpful acts that
people do to care
for and support
others.



Services

Items we desire but
do not necessarily
need.



Wants

Psalms 37:4 (ESV)

A continuous desire for
more of something
(such as money, food
or material things)
without considering
others.



GREED

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)



Putting Learning Into Action

Learning about money is even better when we put it into practice! A simple and time-tested method is the money jar system.

With this budgeting method, you select four jars and label them as follows: "Tithes," "Saving," "Giving" and "Spending." As you collect or earn money, you divide it among the jars.

For younger children, earning money can be done by serving others. Think of ways in which you can help your family (i.e. sweeping or vacuuming the floors, clearing plates after mealtime, washing dishes, walking the dog/cleaning a pet's living area). Speak with your parents or caregivers about fair ways to earn money, and then practise using the money jars together.

December Blessing Project

According to the money jar system, the "Giving Jar" is designed to help care for others who are in need. If you're looking for a meaningful way to give, VOMC's *Families of Martyrs Fund* supports Christians who are facing significant financial challenges. Many of the persecuted families assisted through this fund have lost a father who once provided for them.

Consider setting aside money in your "Giving Jar" throughout the coming months. Then, in December, join us by donating what you've saved to the *Families of Martyrs Fund*. Your generosity is one powerful way to show God's love to others. Learn more at www.vomcanada.com/donate.



DIY Photo Coasters

What You'll Need

- Small foam paint brushes
- Ceramic tiles (inexpensively found at a local building supply)
- Mod Podge
- 4 × 4 Coaster print outs
- Waterproof acrylic sealer spray (Note: if you are using different brands of products, the results may vary.)
- White acrylic craft paint
- Felt, fleece or cork scraps for backing, plus hot glue to attach the backing



Instructions

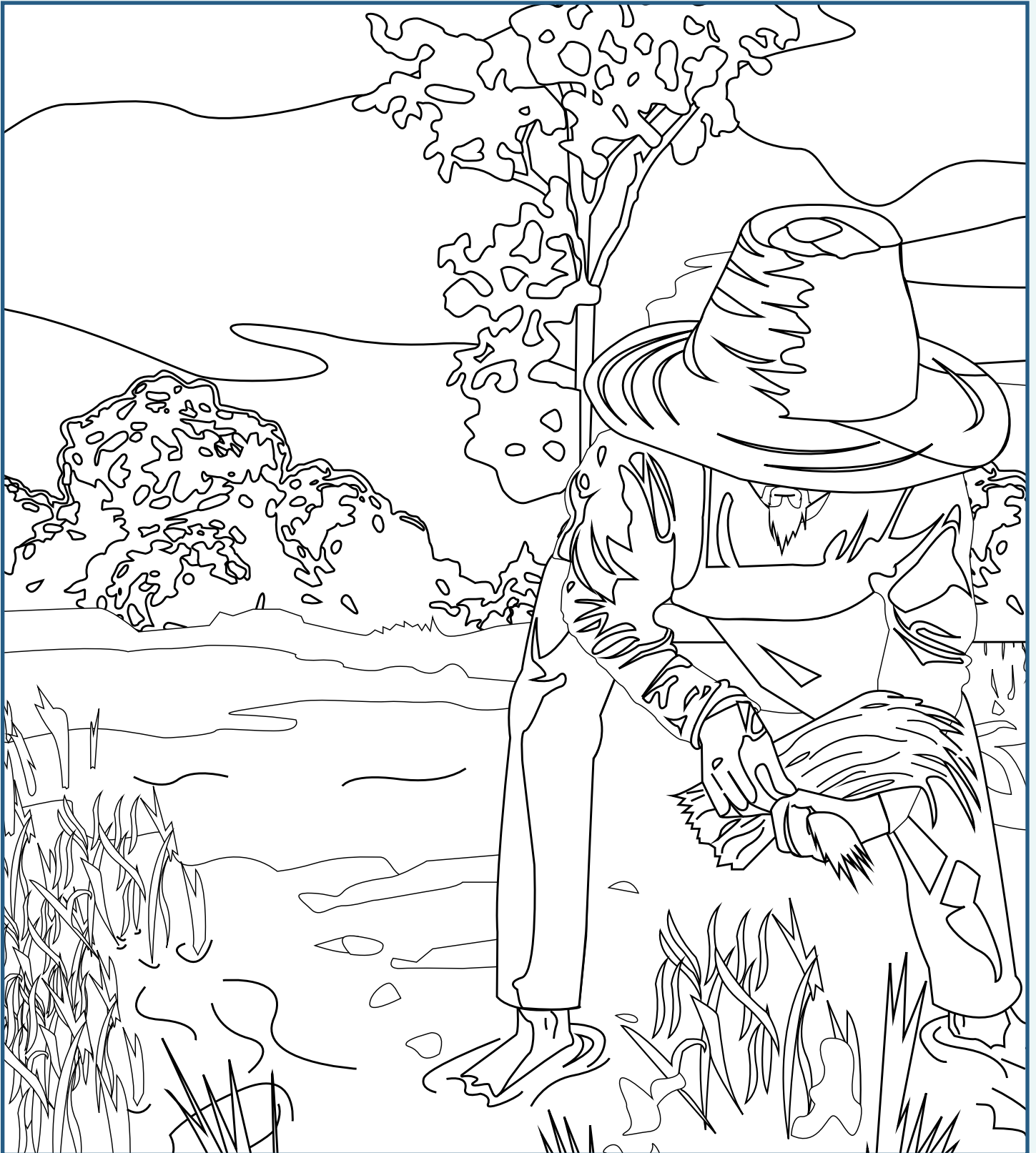
1. Paint the rough, unfinished sides of the coasters. Once the tile has dried, grab your photos.
2. Trim each photo into a square shape to fit your tile.
3. Apply Mod Podge to backside of trimmed photo. Then place photo on tile and press down. Allow to dry completely.
4. Once dry, apply a layer of Mod Podge to the top of the photo. Use even left-to-right strokes. (As always with Mod Podge, lines will show.)
5. Allow to dry completely. Repeat with two more layers of Mod Podge (allowing each layer to dry completely before applying the next).
6. Apply acrylic sealer spray to front side of coaster. Apply one to three layers of spray, allowing it to dry. This step, depending on your choice of product, creates a smooth surface finish.
7. Cut felt of your choice and glue to the back of the coaster. This step is important to prevent wooded or glass surfaces from being scratched by the tile.

Find the coaster designs below!





Colouring Connection!



Weigh In

Weighing the facts
about Fathers

1.

In Malaysia, it is typical for fathers to serve as the sole breadwinner and be less involved in other parenting responsibilities.

2.

For Christian men, the most common tactics of persecution include physical and psychological violence, imprisonment by the government, economic harassment and military conscription. For Christian women, attacks typically target their perceived purity.

3.

In traditional Vietnamese households, extended families often live together, with the father (or eldest male) holding the primary role as authority figure and provider.

4.

Father's Day is recognized and celebrated in more than 50 countries around the world.

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Corresponding Question Points:

1. Imagine being the only person responsible for meeting the daily financial needs of yourself and your family. What do you think this pressure would feel like? Have you ever carried a responsibility that others depended on you for? Explain.
2. Why do you think men and women experience persecution differently? What might be the underlying reasons for these differences?
3. We all come from families of different sizes, structures and roles. What advantages and challenges might different family situations create for the people within them?
4. How can the global recognition of Father's Day encourage Christians to pray for fathers everywhere – especially those facing hardship, persecution or overwhelming responsibility?

One Way

A Father's Spiritual Calling

"What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?"

~ Luke 11:11-12 ESV

A dad's role isn't just to keep his family safe and make sure everyone has food, clothes and a place to live. It's a sacred calling that has the power to shape hearts and direct lives. The Bible shows us – especially in Luke 11 – that God is the best Father, and He gives good things to His children. This helps us understand what earthly fathers should be like too.

A Christian dad cares about more than helping his children grow strong and healthy on the outside. He knows that life is full of big challenges, and his kids need more than just food and clothes. They need wisdom, spiritual strength and the ability to make good choices. That's why Christian dads work with their wives to help their children respect God and follow His ways.

One of the biggest areas where this matters is money. The Bible says money isn't just something we spend; it often reveals what is in our hearts. Learning to use money wisely is therefore not only a financial skill, but a vital part of growing spiritually!

Here are five important lessons Christian fathers teach about money:

1. Everything belongs to God. Psalm 24:1 reminds us that everything on earth belongs to the Lord. That means money isn't truly "ours"; it is entrusted to us by God. He lets us take care of it. So, we should use what we have wisely and honour Him with it.

2. Wisdom matters more than wealth. Proverbs 21:20 reminds us that wise people save and plan, but foolish people waste what they have. Before focussing on earning money, youth should learn how to make smart choices.

3. Stay away from greed and debt. Proverbs 22:7 warns that when people borrow too much money, they can become "slaves" to what they owe. Good dads protect their kids from the traps of greed and unwise borrowing.

4. Be generous and thankful. Proverbs 3:9 teaches that we should honour God with what we have. That means giving freely, helping others and being happy with what God gives us. Good dads show their kids how to share and be grateful.

5. Leave a legacy that lasts. Proverbs 13:22 says that a good man leaves behind an inheritance for his children and grandchildren. This doesn't just mean money. It also points to something deeper: a legacy of faith, kindness, wisdom and a life lived as a Godly example.

Learning to handle money isn't just about saving or spending. It's about trusting God, making smart choices and living in a way that honours Him. A Christian dad helps his kids grow not only outwardly, but inwardly as well – preparing them to be strong, wise and ready for whatever life brings.

