

# SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR GOD'S WILD KINGDOM-WEEK 4: THE WOLF (6/28/20)

**Bible Verse:** "It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done"  
Joshua 7:20

**EXPLANATION:** *Achan had sinned against God, Joshua and, all of Israel and he was ready to tell them. Achan was admitting his sin. God says that it is good and right to admit our sin. When we know that we sin we can trust Jesus to take the punishment for our sin. Because Jesus takes the punishment for our sin we can know, love, follow and enjoy God all of our days! It is good to say, "I have sinned against the Lord...this is what I have done!" What sin have you done that you can admit to God?*

**Verse Activity:** Supplies needed: None

Tell your child to do a motion (run in place, flap arms like a duck, touch their toes, hop like a frog, wiggle like a worm, dance, bounce a ball, push-ups, etc.). When you say FREEZE! Your child must freeze in place and say the Bible verse.

**Journal:** Supplies needed: Journal page (see below) pencil

**EXPLANATION:** *Although he tried to hide it, God knew all about Achan's sin. God also knows all about our sin. God hates the sin that keeps us from knowing and enjoying Him and wants us to confess our sin to Him. When we confess our sin, God is faithful to forgive us and clean us from all unrighteousness. You will spend some time confessing sin today. **PRAY***

***Dear God, You are always good, never doing wrong. We are full of sin. You hate sin and must punish it. Thank you that you have a plan to give that punishment to another, the Lord Jesus. Show us now any sins we need to talk to you about. Amen***

Use the journal page below to allow your child to respond to the Bible lesson.

**Hidden Sins:** Supplies needed: index cards or small slips of paper and pencil.

**EXPLANATION:** *God does hate sin because it keeps us apart from Him. And just like Achan, from the Bible lesson, we often try to hide our sin. We hide sin from mom and dad. We hide sin from teachers. We even try to hide our sin from GOD! But the best thing to do with our sin is to admit it, to tell God and those we sin against what we have done. When we admit our sin to God He promises to forgive our sin (1 John 1:9)!*

Ask your child/children to identify sins he does...anything he thinks, says or does that breaks God's laws. Write each sin on a different slip of paper. Then hide the "sins" in a designated area and have your child search for them. Remind him that God wants us to tell Him about sin and He is always ready to forgive when we do!

**Don't Carry Your Sin Hike:** Supplies needed: a backpack for each child with snacks, water and things to create a little weight in the bag (enough for their age and stamina), a bible

Go for a nice long hike on a warm summer day giving each child a backpack with the above items in it. Walk for as long as you can without taking a break. As your child/children asks for a break find a nice shady place to sit and share. Read Psalm 32:3-5.

EXPLANATION: *Ask your child/children the following questions as is age appropriate:*

- *Why did we get tired of walking today?*
- *How do you feel if you do something wrong and NO ONE knows?*
- *What happened to Achan when he sinned against God?*
- *What does God promise to do when we confess or tell Him our sin?*

*If we sin but keep it a secret, we can begin to feel awful...even worse than when we carried this heavy backpack on a warm day! That heavy feeling we have when we hide our sin is called guilt. In the Psalm we read the writer said that His sin made Him feel like his bones were wasting away and that God's hand was heavy on Him-taking his strength away like on a hot day. At the end of the Psalm the writer talks about the wonderful feeling he has when God forgives him (Psalm 32:11). When we confess or tell God about our sin, He forgives us. He lifts the heavy load of guilt off of us and we feel light-hearted joy in our closeness to God!*

**Toss Your Sin Away:** Supplies needed: paper, pen or pencil, bucket or garbage can  
Place the bucket or garbage can far enough away that your child/children CANNOT possibly throw a paper ball into the "basket." Then have your child draw a picture of him or herself on the paper. Have your child crumple the paper into a ball. Challenge your child to try to toss the paper ball into the bucket or basket. After several failed attempts share the explanation below.

EXPLANATION: *The Bible tells us that everyone sins. One definition of sin is "missing the mark"- not hitting the target, or even not making the basket. God never sins-He ALWAYS does what is right. We cannot do any good things to get close to God. Sometimes you got pretty close to the basket. And sometimes we do some pretty good things. BUT even our good things are not good enough to make us close to God.*

MOVE THE BASKET CLOSER SO YOUR CHILD CAN MAKE THE BASKET.

*Thankfully, God made a way for us to "hit the mark" or make the basket. God sent Jesus to die and take the punishment we deserve for sinning. When a person believes in Jesus to do this, his or her sin is forgiven. Jesus makes it so those who believe in Him can "hit the mark" or make the basket. Jesus makes believers in Him close to God!*

**Draw a Wolf:** Supplies needed: paper, pencil, directed drawing sheet

EXPLANATION: *The wolf is a fierce animal crouching ready to have its prey, just like sin desires to have you (Genesis 4:7). Thankfully, God has sent one to rescue us from the sin that can destroy a life, keeping it far from God. Jesus is the one who rescues any who believe in Him from the destruction of sin!*

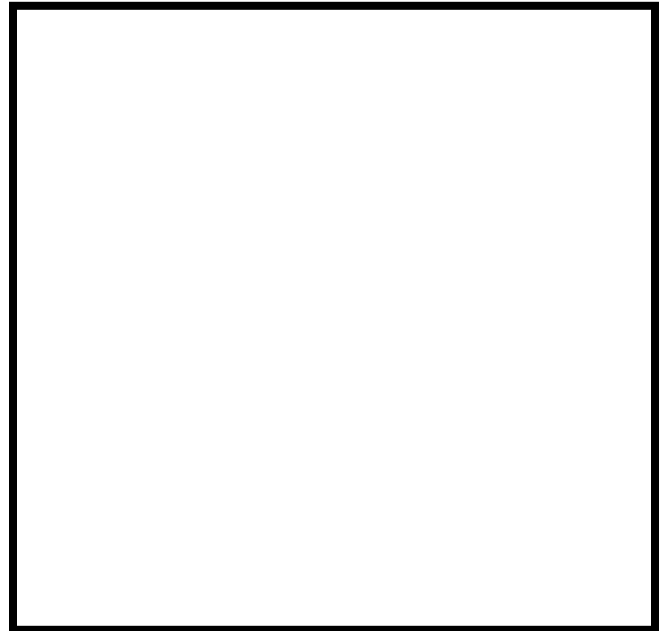
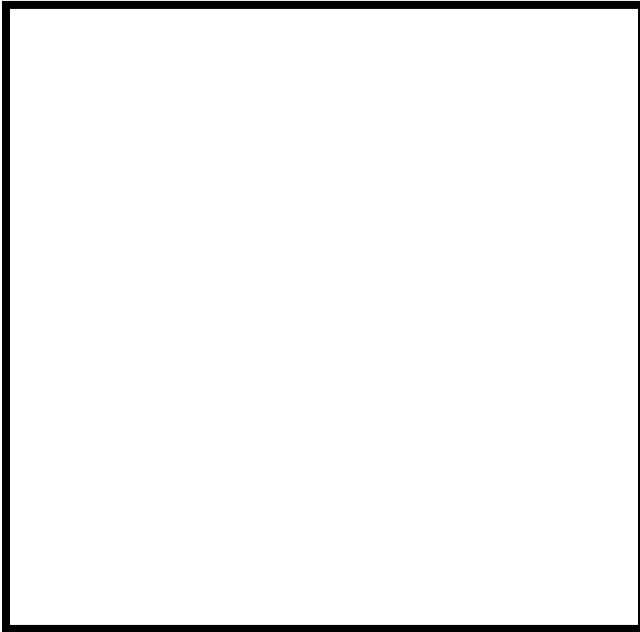
Follow the step by step directions to draw a fierce wolf.

# WOLF

## Time With God: Grades 1-3

*"...give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor Him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." Joshua 7:19*

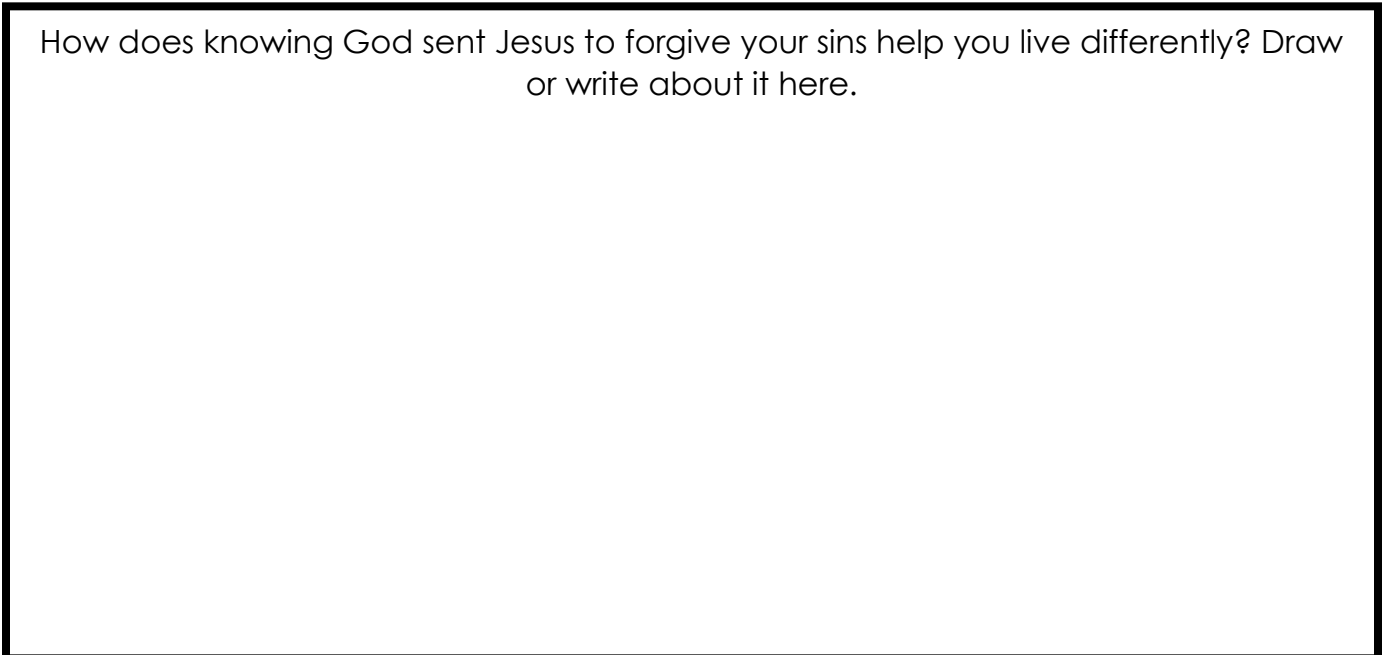
Draw at least 2 times when you have sinned in the boxes below.



Talk to God about your sins.

Tell Him about them. Ask Him to forgive them. Ask for help to not do that same sins again.

How does knowing God sent Jesus to forgive your sins help you live differently? Draw or write about it here.



# WOLF

## Time With God: Grades 4-6

*"...give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor Him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." Joshua 7:19*

Ask God to show you sin that you are thinking, saying, or doing. Write the sins that He shows you here.

How does knowing God hates sin and cannot be with it challenge you to live differently?

Write what you would like to say to Jesus knowing He took the punishment you deserve for sinning.

This is a picture of me.

**Step 1: Begin by drawing the forehead of the Wolf.**



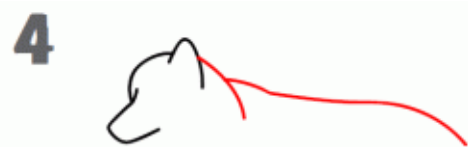
**Step 2: Draw the first ear.**



**Step 3: Draw the snout.**



**Step 4: Sketch the upper neck and lower back towards the tail.**



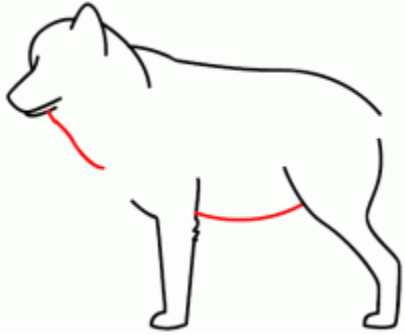
**Step 5: Draw the mouth and the beginning of the front legs and rear legs.**

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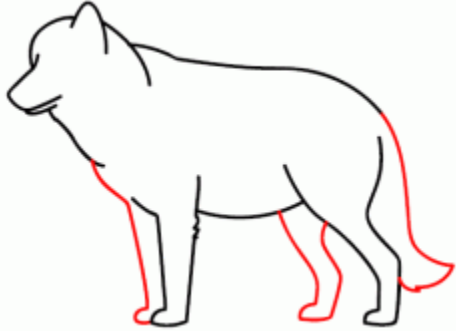
**Step 6: Add the underbelly and lower part of the neck.**

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**Step 7: Draw in the other two legs and add the tail.**

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**Step 8: Finally, draw the nose, eye, and second ear to complete this drawing of a Wolf.**

**8**

