

GROWING WITH GOD – VOCABULARY

A

Almighty – Has the strength to do anything; “all mighty” (p. 5)

Altar – A place to offer sacrifices; often a stone mound or table (p. 34)

Ancient – Very old (p. 148)

Angel – A messenger sent by God from heaven (p. 25)

Ark – A large boat or ship (p. 21)

B

Banquet / Feast – An elegant meal, often for a large group of people (p. 139)

Barley – A kind of grain that has been grown since ancient times; used to make bread (p. 108)

Besiege – To surround an enemy location, cutting off its supplies and attacking it (p. 121)

Birthright – The benefits of being the eldest or firstborn; often a bigger inheritance (p. 43)

Bless – To give someone special help or grace; to wish happiness or success (p. 21)

C

Cattle / Oxen – Animals in the bovine family, like cows, bulls, buffalo, or yaks (p. 135)

Chief Jailer / Prison Keeper / Warden – The person in charge of a prison (p. 77)

Christ / Messiah – A person chosen for a special role; the promised Savior, Jesus (p. 112)

Command – Another name for a law; to tell someone to do something (p. 21)

Compassion – A gentle, loving desire to help someone who is suffering (p. 108)

Conceive – To become pregnant with a baby (p. 30)

Confess – To admit doing something wrong; to reveal your beliefs (p. 56)

Contentment – Being thankful and happy with what you have (p. 65)

Courage – Doing the right thing even when you are afraid (p. 69)

Covenant – A binding promise or agreement (p. 21)

Creation – Everything God brought into being; the universe (p. 9)

Cubit – A standard of measurement used in ancient times; about the length from a person’s elbow to the tip of the fingers (p. 130)

D

Debtors – People who owe something, often money (p. 94)

Decree – A law given by a ruler; a public command (p. 126)

Defile – To make dirty, filthy, or corrupt (p. 121)

Deliver – To save or rescue; to bring out of trouble (p. 94)

Devotion – Total commitment to someone or something (p. 148)

Discipline – Self-control; training to do what is good, healthy, and right (p. 73)

E

Elder – In Scripture, an older person who helps lead a community (p. 112)

Empire – A large area ruled by an emperor, often with many different nations under one government (p. 143)

Envy / Jealousy – To want what others have or hate them for having it (p. 65)

Epistle – A letter; one of the 21 letters in the New Testament (p. 13)

Exalt – To lift higher up; to honor (p. 94)

Exile – To force someone out of their home; to banish or drive out (p. 121)

F

Faith – A belief in something we cannot see or prove; trust in God (p. 9)

Famine – A time when many people have very little food (p. 25)

Fast / Fasting – Choosing not to eat, sometimes to focus on praying (p. 148)

Favor / Grace – Special blessings or kindness; goodwill (p. 56)

Feast / Banquet – An elegant meal, often for a large group of people (p. 139)

Firstborn – The first child of a husband and wife (p. 43)

Foolishness – Refusing to learn; using knowledge poorly (p. 25)

G

Glean – To gather crops by hand, sometimes after the main harvest is over (p. 108)

Glory – The honor, praise, or credit for being great (p. 48)

Gospel – The “good news” about Jesus; one of the first four books of the New Testament (p. 13)

Grace / Favor – Special blessings or kindness; goodwill (p. 56)

Grain – Small seeds like corn or wheat; used to plant crops or make bread (p. 85)

Guilt – The feeling or knowledge that we have done something wrong (p. 85)

H

Hallowed – Set apart as special, sacred, holy (p. 94)

Harvest – To gather fruit or crops; to reap (p. 108)

Hebrews – A name for God’s chosen people; later known as Israelites or Jews (p. 43)

Herald – To declare a message, often for a king; also a name for someone who heralds (p. 130)

Holy – Far from sin or anything unclean; set apart or sacred (p. 5)

Humility – Understanding your limits; the opposite of sinful pride (p. 135)

I

Idol – A statue of a false god (p. 13)

Idolatry – The worship of idols or false gods (p. 130)

Iniquity – A wicked or evil action; a sin (p. 85)

Israel – A name for God’s chosen nation (p. 52)

J

Jealousy / Envy – To want what others have or hate them for having it (p. 65)

Judge (noun) – In Scripture, a leader chosen by God to save Israel from enemies (p. 103)

Judge (verb) – To declare something right or wrong; to decide what is just and fair (p. 103)

Just – Fair, righteous; following justice and truth (p. 56)

Justice – The state of being just, lawful, or right; fair punishment for wrongdoing (p. 77)

L

Levite – A person from the tribe of Levi (p. 108)

Loyalty – The state of being loyal; staying faithful, true, or loving to someone (p. 103)

M

Majesty – Greatness, beauty, and authority; grand and wondrous power (p. 135)

Maturity – The ability to deal with problems well; being prepared (p. 139)

Mercy – Kindness and compassion toward someone who might not deserve it (p. 56)

Messiah / Christ – A person chosen for a special role; the promised Savior, Jesus (p. 112)

Miracle – An event caused by God that breaks the laws of nature (p. 30)

O

Offer / Sacrifice – To give up something, often to serve or worship God (p. 34)

Offspring / Seed – Children or descendants (p. 30)

Oxen / Cattle – Animals in the bovine family, like cows, bulls, buffalo, or yaks (p. 135)

P

Parable – A story that pictures a lesson (p. 94)

Patience – Bearing troubles over time; enduring for the sake of a goal (p. 77)

Peninsula – A piece of land surrounded by water on three sides (p. 69)

Persecute – To keep mistreating or oppressing people, often because of their religion or background (p. 143)

Pharaoh – A king or queen of Egypt (p. 73)

Pillar – A post or shaft that stands upright (p. 25)

Potter – A person who makes pots, often by shaping clay (p. 5)

Prison Keeper / Warden / Chief Jailer – The person in charge of a prison (p. 77)

Prophet – Someone chosen by God to share a message (p. 13)

R

Reap – To harvest fruit or vegetables (p. 52)

Rebuke – To tell people that they have done wrong; to correct (p. 65)

Redeem – To buy back what was lost (p. 112)

Redeemer – A person that redeems; someone who can rightfully claim and take something (p. 112)

Rejoice – To take joy from something good; in Scripture, to be thankful for God's gifts (p. 143)

Repent – To regret sin and turn back toward God; to ask God to forgive you (p. 52)

Righteous – Declared by God to be moral, just, good, or "right" (p. 30)

S

Sackcloth – Rough fabric used for sacks or bags; in Scripture, often worn to show sadness (p. 69)

Sacrifice / Offer – To give up something, often to serve or worship God (p. 34)

Samaritan – In Jesus' time, a person from the land of Samaria, near Judah (p. 108)

Scripture – Sacred or religious writing; another name for the Bible (p. 13)

Seed / Offspring – Children or descendants (p. 30)

Sheaf / Sheaves – Bundles of grain gathered and tied together during harvest (p. 65)

Signet – A ring used to sign or seal official documents, often for kings and rulers (p. 148)

Sin – The decision to break God's law; turning away from God (p. 9)

Slave – Someone who works for no pay, often a prisoner against their will (p. 69)

Slave master / Taskmaster – A person who oversees slaves; someone who forces others to work (p. 73)

Sow – To plant seeds by throwing them on the ground (p. 52)

Steward – A person who takes care of another person's property; the manager of a farm or household (p. 90)

Submit – To serve someone or follow a leader; to put your wants under another's (p. 121)

Swear – To promise something while accepting the consequences (p. 43)

T

Taskmaster / Slave master – A person who oversees slaves; someone who forces others to work (p. 73)

Temple – A holy or sacred place for worship (p. 48)

Tempt – To invite someone to do wrong (p. 73)

Testament – A promise or record; a name for the two major parts of the Bible (p. 13)

The Pharisees – In Jesus' time, a religious group that added their own rules to God's law (p. 94)

The Trinity – The three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—mysteriously unified as one God (p. 5)

Threshing Floor – A wide, flat place where workers separate grain from the rest of the plant (p. 112)

Transgression – Stepping over a line or breaking a rule; wrongdoing (p. 85)

Tribe – A group of people united together; usually related to a shared ancestor (p. 65)

Trustworthy – Worthy of trust; describes a person that others can rely on (p. 85)

V

Vision – Seeing something; in Scripture, a glimpse of something supernatural or divine (p. 126)

W

Warden / Prison Keeper / Chief Jailer – The person in charge of a prison (p. 77)

Weep – To cry severely; to sob; to be overwhelmed by grief (p. 90)

Wisdom – The ability to use knowledge well; understanding (p. 25)