

Mahragan El-Keraza 2018



English Edition Kindergarten



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INTRODUCTION MAHRAGAN EL-KERAZA 2018

This educational children's competition was produced under the auspices of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II.

We thank the Lord for blessing this festival (Mahragan El-Keraza) throughout the parishes of Egypt, Sudan, and the lands of immigration. We thank His Holiness Pope Tawadros II who rejoices in the Lord's work through Mahragan El-Keraza. He views this work as a beautiful Christian Egyptian product working in collaboration with the Mother Church of Egypt to produce the best possible work.

The Lord has blessed us in many ways in Mahragan El-Keraza of 2017.

Firstly, we thank the Lord for the number of participants- about 2.5 million participated at the children's level. We thank the Lord, not only for the large numbers, but also for the depth and devotion that was put into this work.

Secondly, the Championship: The 2017 Mahragan El-Keraza was conducted under the theme: "Take Heed to Yourself and to the Doctrine." It was conducted as follows:

1. In Sudan: for the members of the Parish of om Dorman and Khartoum. Judges traveled from Egypt to monitor the competition with the presence of His Grace Bishop Sarabamon and His Grace Bishop Elijah.



2. In the land of immigration: The Festival has spread into many countries and the booklets have been translated into nine languages.

Finally, Mahragan El-Keraza 2018 the the theme verse, this year is:

"Therefore you also be ready." (Matthew 24:44.)

We hope these books will be valuable and we urge you to begin studying for the educational competition soon, God willing.

May the Lord bless this work, which is encouraged by His Holiness the Pope, and is encouraged by the respected beloved of the Church and is supported by the priests and servants in all areas.

Through the prayers of our loving shepherd, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II. May the Grace of God includes us all , Amen

✠
My best wishes for a happy
Festival
✠
Bishop Mousa

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...In this book we follow **Olivia, Angela, Ben, Samuel,** and their friends in kindergarten on an adventure in Cubic City. Through this entertaining, colorful picture book we will learn about stories through five topics:

1. **I will always Be Alert and Prepared;** This topic teaches the children about the definition of being prepared and its positive consequences and rewards through the story of **Rahab and the Scarlet Rope.**



2. **I Practice and Work Hard;** This topic teaches the children the steps to preparing oneself through a lesson about **Preparing for the Holy Liturgy.**
3. **I Reject the False Teachings;** This topic teaches the children to reject any thought that is different from the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and from what we have learned from our Coptic Orthodox Church through the story of **Saint Ephraim The Syrian (Mar Ephraim El-Souriani).**

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4. **I will Serve Everyone with Love;** This topic teaches the children how to be always ready to offer love to everyone at any time through the story of ***Elisha and the Shunammite Woman***
5. **I am Happy and Confident because I am Prepared and Ready;** This topic teaches the children the results of being prepared through the ***Parable of Building on the Rock***





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I Will Always Be Ready and Alert

In the theme park, there are many games and rides for children to enjoy. Cubic City is one of the most popular rides in the whole theme park, but now all the colors of the games have started to fade away. Most of the games are broken. It is no longer beautiful. The children don't want to ride the rides nor even visit it.

Cubic Angela, Olivia, and their friend Ben are all Cubic characters. They put their heads together to think how they will solve the problem... They wanted to get the children's attention, so they will come into the park and play with them.



Angela: What can we do now? We must find a solution to our problem! No one wants to come in and play with us.

Olivia: How about if we go by the entrance of Cubic City and jump and make noise so we can get the children's attention. Perhaps when they see us, they will come in and play with us.

Ben: Do you think this will work? Is it worth the try? Let's try!

They all liked Olivia's idea and decided to put the plan to the test! At the entrance, they met Officer James, and Officer Philip. the security guards:

Officer James: STOP! Where do you think you are going Cubic Pieces? Why are you playing by the entrance of Cubic City? You should stay away from the entrance. It is not safe here...

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Ben: Hello Officer James. We thought that if we came out and played here, the children would see us and come in and play with us.

Olivia: This is the only way we can save the rides and make it popular again.

Officer Philip: Cubic City is in great risk. No one wants to come and play here anymore. They might close it down.

Officer James: The problem is that our park is not well prepared.

Angela: What do you mean by “not well prepared”? Perhaps if we know the meaning of being well prepared, this will help us solve the problem.

Officer James: I will explain the meaning of being well prepared. When we were in training to be guards for Cubic City, they told us a nice story about being always ready and prepared.....



Rahab and the Scarlet Rope (Joshua 2,6)

Officer James: This is a story about a smart young lady named Rahab. Rahab was from a city named Jericho. Rahab was always ready and well prepared... Even though she was not from God's chosen people, Rahab believed in God when she heard about His mighty work with His people and how He cared for them and saved them from their enemies. She showed her faith in God in a very clear way.

Angela: How did Rahab show her faith in God?

Officer Philip: let me explain to you, Angela. One day, Joshua the leader of God's people, sent two spies to Jericho. Their mission was to explore the city and learn everything about it so they would be able to conquer it and take over the land that God has promised to give His people (The Land of Canaan). When the two spies went to Jericho, they went to Rahab's house.



Officer James: Rahab welcomed them to her home. She even hid them on the roof of her house from the evil king's soldiers because they wanted to arrest them. When the king's soldiers passed by her house, Rahab requested something from the spies.

Angela: What did she request?

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Officer Philip: She asked them to promise her that when they come to take over the City of Jericho, to spare her life and the life of her family.

She said: I know your God is mighty and He will give you this land. I beg you, promise me that, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. The two men agreed and promised to protect her when they come back to take over the city.

Angela: Of course, they will protect her because they promised. Did the men stay in Rahab's house for long?

Officer James: No, Angela. Rahab helped them escape and return to Joshua safely. They told Joshua everything they saw in Jericho.

Olivia: How did she help them escape?

Officer Philip: Rahab's house was built on the wall of the city. She tied a strong rope to the window of her house and let them down through the window.



When they were let down, they asked her to do something.

Ben, Olivia, and Angela: What's it?

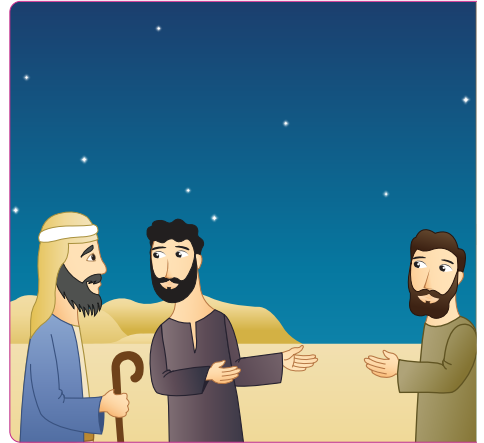
Officer Philip: They told her, to tie a scarlet (red) rope and let it down the same window they escaped from. They also asked her to bring her father, mother, brothers, and all her family to her house. So, it will be that whoever was in with her in the house will be saved from their attacks when they come back with Joshua and his people.

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Officer James: As I told you, Rahab was always well prepared, she made herself ready as she was told by the two spies. She invited all her family to come to her house, and she tied the scarlet rope to the window and she waited for God's people to enter her City. She was confident and had a lot of faith in the promise of the two men. That is how Rahab was ready and prepared at anytime!

Angela: Was Rahab's faith and trust in God along with the work she did, the reason for her being prepared and ready to face any challenge?



Officer James: Yes, you are right Angela. You got it!

Angela: Now, please tell us what happened next.

Officer Philip: A few days later, God's people entered and took over the city of Jericho. Joshua asked his two spies to get Rahab and her family safely out of the City.

Olivia: Wow!! She was lucky because she believed, and she was prepared.

Angela: Yes, indeed Olivia, she was lucky because she had faith and was well prepared, she was saved. Just as the verse says:

"As you have believed, so let it be done for you." (Matthew 8:13)

Memory Verse

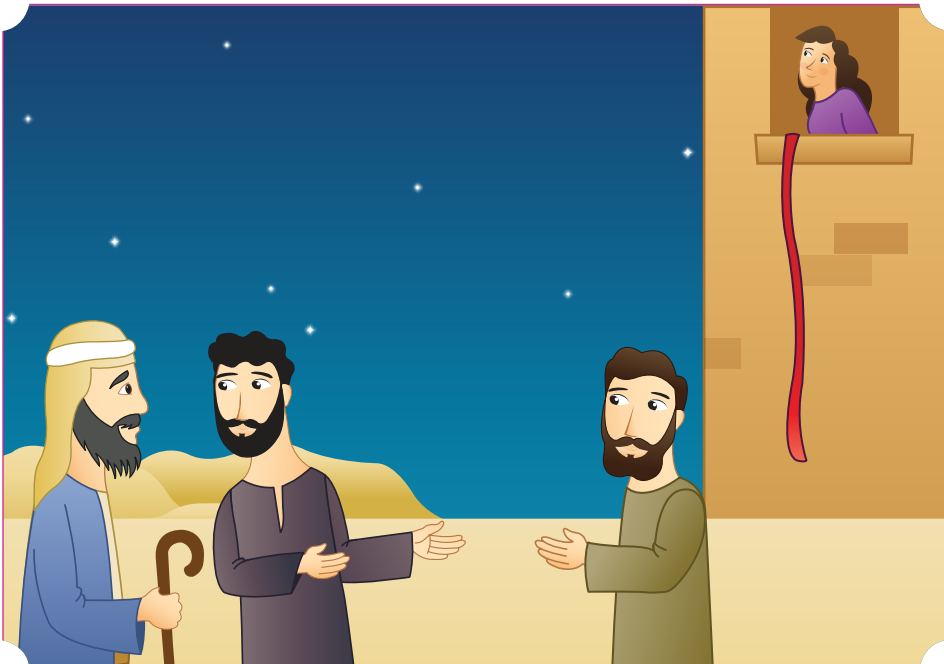
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Officer James: Since that day, Rahab and her family lived with God's people safely.

Angela: Now we understand what it means to be ready. It means to prepare all the toys in Cubic City and make them look great. This way we can make the children happy.

Olivia: Let's go ask the children for their opinion. They can tell us some ideas on how to make our toys look great, so they can come and play at Cubic City.



Rahab and the Scarlet Robe

Find the following words and draw a circle around them.

E G F C L T T E R I
K D A R E T R O O F
B T I M J M M O B A
O R T R E B Y Z E D
L K H E R A H A B Y
S S D D I F Z D Z C
P W J N C T Y F C I
I B S Y H S Z Y F H
E J V J O S H U A K
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SPIES	ROOF	FAITH
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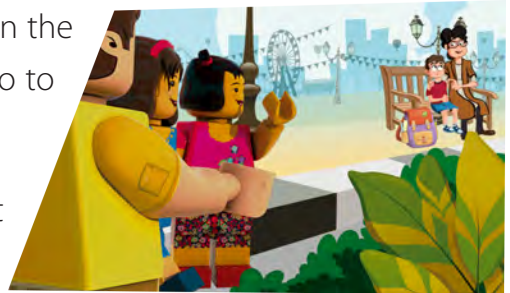
The Cubic toys decided to go outside of the Cubic City to ask the children for help.

Officer Philip: I want you to be very careful while you are outside of Cubic City. You are made of small Cubic pieces. It is very dangerous out there. If one of you gets lost, the whole Cubic City set will be broken forever.



As the Cubic characters stepped outside the gates of Cubic City, All the rides looked beautiful and colorful. However, it was very dangerous to be out there. Children were running around and enjoying the rides at the theme park. No one noticed the Cubics Angela, Olivia and Ben However, they noticed one little boy was playing with his Mom.

Angela: Here is a boy sitting with his mom on the bench, Let's ask him why children wouldn't go to Cubic City and play with us.



Ben: This is a very smart idea. Let's go! I will climb his backpack and talk to him.



Olivia began to climb on the boy's backpack so she can speak to him.
SUDDENLY, ...

Mom: Come on Samuel, We have to leave. It is time to go to Church to attend Vespers before we go home.

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Samuel: Sure Mom. Coming right now. I will pick up my backpack and follow you

Olivia: (Screaming) HELP! I slipped, I fell inside the BAG!!! HELP!!



Mom: Samuel, we need to sleep early tonight, so that we can be ready for Holy Liturgy tomorrow.

Samuel: OK Mom.

Olivia: (Screaming inside the bag) Help!! Help!! Angela, Ben,!! I'm here! Anybody? Someone, please help!

Angela and **Ben:** (together) Olivia!!!

After church, when Samuel got home, he looked in his backpack and found Tom.

Samuel: (thinking to himself) *This Cubic toy looks strange. It is not mine! Humm! How did it get in there?*



Olivia: Hi, Samuel! I'm Olivia from Cubic City at the theme park.

Samuel: (very surprised) Who? Olivia? How did you get in my bag?

Olivia told Samuel the whole story.

Olivia: Please take me back to Cubic City. I am sure your friends the Cubeis must be so worried about me.



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Samuel: Unfortunately, we can't go now. I have to wake up early for the Liturgy tomorrow. Tomorrow, God willing, after the Liturgy, my Mom and I can go back to the theme park and take you home to your friends. But wait! You said you climbed my back to ask me a question. What was your question?



Olivia: Why don't you and your friends like to play with us in Cubic City?

Samuel: Honestly, we would love to play with all the Cubies in Cubic City, but the rides are never ready when the children come to play.

While they were talking about being ready, Samuel's Mom reminded him to get ready for church the next day.



Olivia: Getting ready?! You have to be ready too?! How? What do you need to get ready for? And how will you get ready?

Samuel: Wait Olivia. I will ask my mom to tell us what we need to do to get ready for Liturgy.

Samuel asked his Mom to explain how to get ready for the Liturgy.

Mom: OK, Samuel, do you remember what do we have to do to prepare ourselves for tomorrow's Holy Liturgy?



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Preparing for the Holy Liturgy

Mom: Good children prepare themselves from the night before Liturgy. Just like the Church teaches us because they will attend the Liturgy.

Let's start with vespers, the night before the Liturgy.

The Church prepares herself by praying the Offering of the Incense. These prayers will help the church to be prepared for the Liturgy tomorrow.

Samuel: Me too, Mom! I am always ready to receive Christ in me. On the night before the Liturgy, I pray and sleep early. I don't eat after dinner until I receive Communion when Abouna gives me Communion at the end of the Liturgy.



Mom: Good job, Samuel.

Samuel: I also remember what you told me last week. You told me about things I need to do before the Liturgy.

Mom: To do what? Do you remember?

Samuel: Of course, Mom.



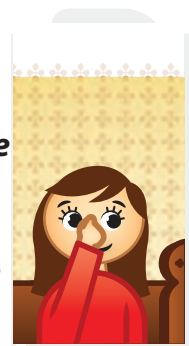
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1) On my way to church I pray: ***"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."*** I am joyful because I am going to the House of God, and I love God so much.

2) As I enter the church, I do the Sign of the Cross and say, ***"In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God, Amen."***

3) I walk into the church slowly and quietly and say, "Peace to the Church the house of the angels."

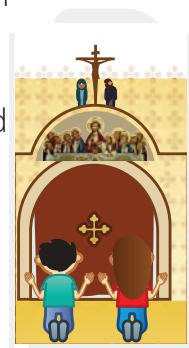


4) When I get to the Altar, I bow down and kiss the curtains. Then after that I lift up my hands and pray, ***"Xε Πενιοϋτ"***

5) Once Abouna starts the prayers, I stand by my seat quietly and pray. I sing the hymns that I memorized.



Mom: Well done, Samuel! This is how we should get ready for the Holy Liturgy. There is one more thing our Church teaches us to prepare for the Holy Liturgy....



Very early in the morning of the Liturgy, Abouna covers the Altar with a clean white cover. He prepares the clean covers and the "Lefafas". He puts everything neatly in place. Abouna places the sacred vessels in place (the Paten, the dome, the Chalice) after he wipes everything clean.

Later Abouna dresses himself in a beautiful white "Tunic" so he can pray the Liturgy. Same for us, Samuel, we should also do like Abouna and the Church and get ourselves prepared for the Holy Liturgy.

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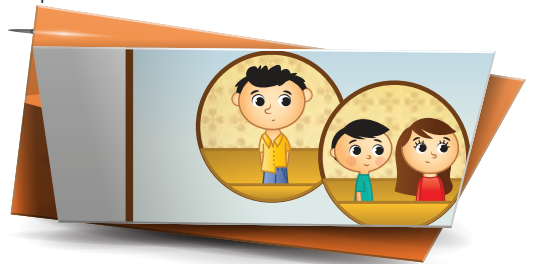
Samuel: What Do you mean, Mom? What do I need to do?

Mom: Just like Abouna prepares the Sacred Vessels and dresses the Altar in white, we too, each one of us, should keep his heart pure and clean. We should also make sure our body is clean before Liturgy. This way our hearts and our bodies would be ready to receive the Holy Body and the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Samuel: What do you mean my heart and body would be ready to receive the Body and the Blood of Christ?

Mom: My heart is clean and prepared means I should love everyone, and if I was upset with someone, I must go and make peace with him first before going to church. When I do that, my heart will be prepared to receive Christ. And Christ will dwell in my heart the whole time. My body should also be prepared. First thing, I should be fasting from the night before Liturgy. I should also make sure that I take a shower and dress up nice, and clean clothes to church. This means our clothes must be proper for church. We cannot wear sleeveless tops or shorts or unclean clothing to church. Our beautiful church is always organized and prepared with her prayers and rites. She always teaches us to be prepared and alert.



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"Let all things be done decently and in order." (I Corinthians 14:40)

Memory Verse



Mom: Now, Good night, Samuel. We need to go to bed now so you can wake up early in the morning. Sleep tight, my sweetheart.

Samuel: Good night, Mom! You too

Samuel: (Whispering) Olivia! Where are you?

Olivia: Right here. I heard the beautiful conversation you had with your Mom. Now I know how to be ready and prepared.

- 1) First, we have to organize the rides and clean them.
- 2) Second, we need to be pure and get rid of any evil inside of us.



Samuel: Good Job, Olivia. Let's sleep now so we can go to Liturgy early tomorrow morning. And after Liturgy, I will ask my Mom to take you back to Cubic City at the theme park.

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ACTIVITY

Draw a Circle around the Church Appropriate Clothes.





I Will Reject the False Teachings

The following morning after church, Samuel took Olivia back to the Theme park. As they were close to the entrance at Cubic City they saw all the friends in Cubic City. Olivia introduced them one by one.

All: (together) OLIVIA !!! you're back!

Olivia: Hello friends! Look Samuel. these are my friends: Officer James, Officer Philip, and these are Angela, and Ben. Olivia told them that Samuel is willing to help them solve the problem of Cubic City.



Officer James: We are very happy that you are willing to help us, Samuel. Let me introduce you to Mayor Mark the Mayor of Cubic City.

And they all went to meet Mayor Mark and told him everything that had happened.

Mayor Mark: I am very happy that you will help us find a way to save the park, Samuel. Now, after you told us that the only way to solve the problem is to get organized and get rid of anything strange from among us, we can do the organization part so easily. But what about getting rid of strange things among us? How can we do that?



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Samuel: I believe that your biggest enemy in Cubic City that you need to get rid of is the DUST.

Cubic figures: (together) DUST!!

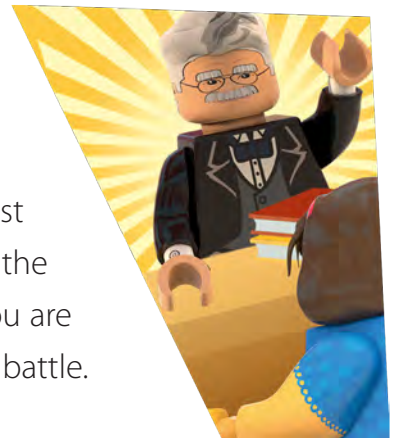
Mayor Mark: He means Windle the dust. That is very true. You know what, Samuel. In the past we used to get rid of Windle, the dust, daily. We never skipped a day. But after a short while, we became lazy and Windle the dust started to pile up on everything in Cubic City. We must start fighting him again.

Ben: How can we kick Windle the dust out? This is impossible! He is everywhere in the park. There is no way we can stop him.

Mayor Mark: Don't say it is impossible. You are the best Cubic figures in Cubic City. You were able to pinpoint the problem and now we know the reasons for it. Now you are like many heroes who fought the enemy and won the battle.

Angela: Like who? Tell us about one of those heroes!

Mayor Mark: I have a book about the heroes from the past. Let me tell you about one of them. This hero had an enemy that was teaching the people the false teachings about our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hero was able to stop this enemy. This is the Story of Saint Ephraim.





Saint Ephraim The Syrian (Synexarium 15th of Abib)

Mayor Mark: Saint Ephraim was born in Syria (not in Egypt) that is why we call him Saint Ephraim the Syrian because he was born in Syria. His parents taught him the love of God. He loved our Lord Jesus very much and wanted everyone to know the Lord Jesus Christ just like him. When he moved to another town in Syria, he noticed that many people there are pagans, he started to tell them about the Lord Jesus.

Olivia: What does “pagans” mean?

Samuel: A “Pagan” is a person that does not worship God. Pagans worshiped many other things such as stones, the sun, or animals. They called these things “gods.”



Mayor Mark: Very true, Samuel. But Saint Ephraim did not keep quiet about this. Every day, after his work he used to go around town and teach the pagans about God. He taught them that God created the heavens and the earth. And He created all the living things around us.

Samuel: Yes, God also created me and all the humans, He listens to us when we pray to Him, and He loves us very much because we are His children.

Angela: Did the pagans listen to Saint Ephraim?

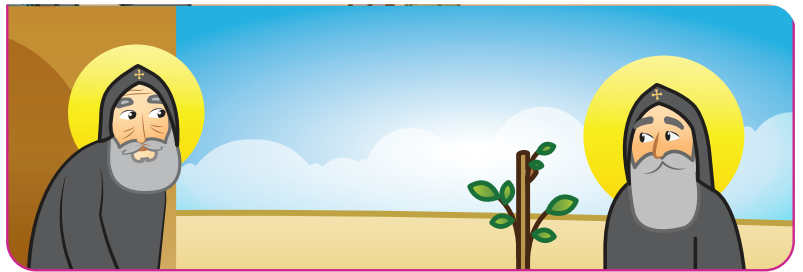
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Mayor Mark: Yes, Angela. Many people learned from him. He also wrote many books to teach the people about the True God and to correct the wrong teachings that were being taught at his time. God gave him the ability to explain the teachings of the Holy Bible in a very simple way for the people to understand it. Many people learned from Saint Ephraim. God gave him grace and power to perform many miracles in the Name of the Lord.

Olivia: Can you tell us one of these miracle, please?

Mayor Mark: Sure Olivia. I will tell you about a miracle that took place while Saint Ephraim was in Egypt. Saint Ephraim went to



visit Egypt. While visiting Egypt, Saint Ephraim came to the desert (Wadi El Natroun) where many monks lived and the place had many monasteries. A lot of monks lived there. Saint Ephraim lived there for 8 years. While in the desert, Saint Mar Ephraim used to walk with a staff in his hand. One day, he left his staff outside the door of the cave of Saint Bishoy the Beloved of our Good Savior. While he was visiting him, the staff sprouted and grew into a beautiful big tree. This tree still exists at the Monastery of Our Mother the Virgin Mary (El Sourian) in Egypt

Angela: Saint Mar Ephraim the Syrian is a great saint indeed. But you said he was a hero and he was able to overcome his enemies! How?!

Mayor Mark: Yes! That is true. Let me finish the story.

When the saint returned to Syria, he found some people teaching wrong teachings



about God. One man wrote 150 songs that had bad teachings, and people started memorizing all the wrong things about our Lord.

Olivia: What did Saint Mar Ephraim do when he heard these wrong songs?

Mayor Mark: Very quickly, he rejected the wrong teachings and wrote 150 new beautiful songs with the correct teachings about God. Everyone loved Saint Mar Ephraim's songs and memorized them instead. Saint Mar Ephraim was able to defend the correct teachings and teach the people the correct things about God. He was able to win the battle against the false teachings.

Samuel: Saint Mar Ephraim followed the Biblical verse that says;



Mayor Mark: That's very true, Samuel. Saint Mar Ephraim continued to love God and served everyone until the end of his life. Our Coptic Orthodox church commemorates him on the 15th day of Abib of each Coptic Year.

Angela: Now I understand what he did, but what about us? What will we do?

Ben: Each one of us can get a towel and start wiping off the dust from the whole Cubic City .

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Mayor Mark: How Ben? This is a lot of dust, It is not going to work, A towel will not be able to clean it all.

Samuel: How about if I asked my mom to borrow her vacuum cleaner? We can use it to clean the dust.

Olivia: Many Cubic pieces are so small, and the vacuum cleaner can hurt us and break us all.

Mayor Mark: This is a big problem. We need to put our heads together and think about it. We should hold a town meeting and invite all the Cubic pieces in Cubic City. At the meeting everyone can present their ideas. This way we can pick the best resolution to the problem of the dust.





Color the Picture.

ACTIVITY



I Will Serve Everyone With Love

All the Cubic pieces in Cubic City came together to the meeting.. Mayor Mark told everyone the whole problem about the dust, Each Cubic piece started to think how they will be able to fight Windle. But they could not come up with any solution.

As they were talking, Engineer Techo the Engineer of Cubic City came and announced....

Engineer Techo: I have an idea. If all the Cubics of Cubic City can come together and build a huge fan, we will be able to blow very strong wind and blow Windle away.



Everyone: Great idea!! Very smart one. We all like it.

Engineer Techo: However, in order to build this fan, we will need every single shape of Cubic to be able to build a very strong fan.

Mayor Mark: I can give you all the Cubics you need.

Everyone: We are all willing to help!!

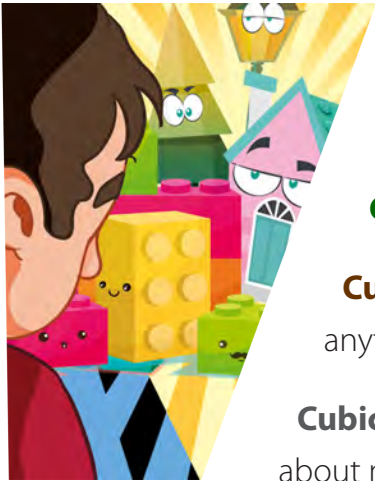
Unfortunately, not all the friends in Cubic City were willing to give up their Cubic pieces to help build the fan.



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The Cubic Tree told them that she can't give up her pieces because that will ruin her shape. The Cubic House thought that giving some of his pieces will ruin his beautiful shapes. Also the Lamp Post and the Christmas Tree did not want to donate any of their Cubic pieces either. .



Samuel: Listen everyone! In order to help save your park, everyone has to give up a little. This is an important service for your park.

Cubic Tree: What benefit will I get?

Cubic House: I am happy this way! No need to give anything to anyone.

Cubic Lamp post: No one gives me anything, I only care about myself.

Samuel: This is not true. Many people offer services to others without expecting anything in return, just like the Shunammite Woman did. Let me tell you her story.



The Shunammite Woman and Her Service to Elisha the Prophet (2 Kings 4:8-18)

Samuel: In a town named Shunem lived a rich woman and her husband. At that time, there was a prophet named Elisha the prophet (A prophet is the man of God) .

One day, as Elisha was traveling, he passed by Shunem. the Shunammite woman asked him to come and have a meal at her house. Elisha the Prophet went to her house. Then she asked him to come visit her in her house whenever

he passes by Shunem. One day, the Shunammite Woman asked her husband to build an upper room on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table for eating and reading, and a lamp to light the room for Elisha the Man of God. She wanted Elisha to rest when he comes to their house.



Olivia: This is a great woman because she thought about a way to serve the Man of God and make him comfortable. What did Elisha do?

Samuel: One day Elisha the prophet came with his servant, Gehazi, to sleep over the Shunammite woman's house. Elisha wanted to offer a reward for the Shunammite Woman and her husband because they were so kind to him. He wanted to offer something nice to her and her husband in return.



Elisha told Gehazi, his servant to ask the woman about what she might need so they can help her.

Ben: I wonder what she would ask for?

Samuel: Well, the Shunammite woman was a great person, so she did not want anything in return. She was thankful for everything she had, and she had nothing to complain about.

Angela: She could have asked for anything! How can the Prophet Elisha pay her back for her kindness?

Samuel: Elisha asked Gehazi the same question, “how can I ever pay her back for her kindness?” And Gehazi answered, “In a matter of fact, this woman has no son, and her husband is getting old.”

So Elisha asked Gehazi to get her. Elisha told the woman, about this time next year you shall have a son.



Olivia: Did God grant her the son as Elisha said?

Samuel: Yes Olivia. God fulfilled His promise to the Shunammite Woman and she had a son. Her son grew and she was very happy.

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Angela: This is a beautiful story. We should be always ready to serve anyone and show kindness just like the Shunammite Woman. She did it all without expecting anything in return.

Samuel: This is exactly what the Holy Bible told us to do...



Cubic House: I loved how the Shunammite woman built an upper room for Elisha. She willingly gave a room in her house.

Cubic Tree: And also, she was not waiting for anything in return. She was a kind woman. I will do like her.

Cubic Lamp Post: I will do the same thing too. I will help Engineer Techo. I will give him all the Cubic pieces he needs.

Christmas Tree: Me too. I will do the same and help Engineer Techo.

Cubic House: I loved this story so much. I want to serve others and make them happy too. I will give Engineer Techo the Cubic pieces that he needs to build the fan.

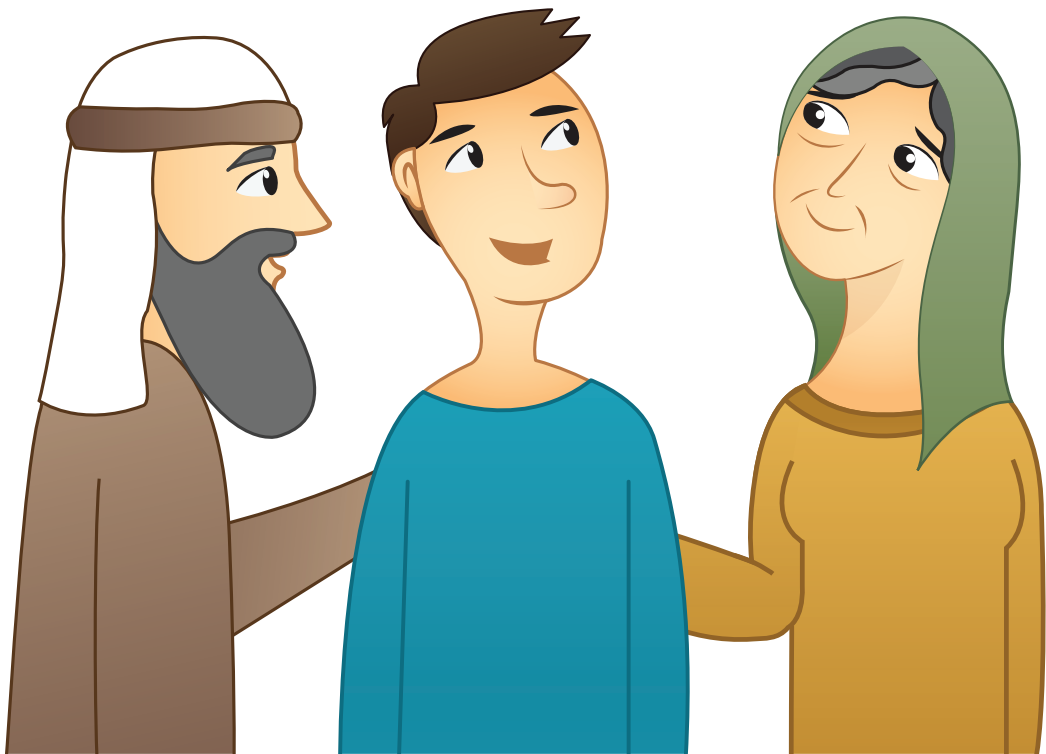
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Engineer Techo: Great job, everyone! After we get rid of Windle, I promise, I will help you put back your cubic pieces way you are now.. I promise you will all look better than you do now after we clean the dust.

Cubic House: really? So, what are waiting for? let's start working on the fan!

All the Cubic pieces began working on the fan to clean up their park. Everyone was so happy.



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I am Happy and Confident because I am Prepared and Ready

After they gathered a big number of Cubic pieces together, the Cubic pieces began building the big fan to clean the dust from their park.

Engineer Techo: In order to build that huge fan, we have to dig a deep hole in the ground to lay the foundation.



Olivia: I think this hole is big enough. Now we can start building the fan. We worked hard enough.

Ben: That's enough digging. I am exhausted.

Angela: Isn't this hole big enough? We should stop digging. We are all very tired.

Engineer Techo: Wait! We need a bigger hole to have strong foundation for the fan. The foundation will keep the fan from falling apart. It needs to be very deep and strong. If we build the fan on a weak foundation, the fan will break very easily. This will be like the man who built his house on the sand.

Olivia: Which man? What's his story? Tell me please.

The House Built on the Rock (Luke 6:47-49)

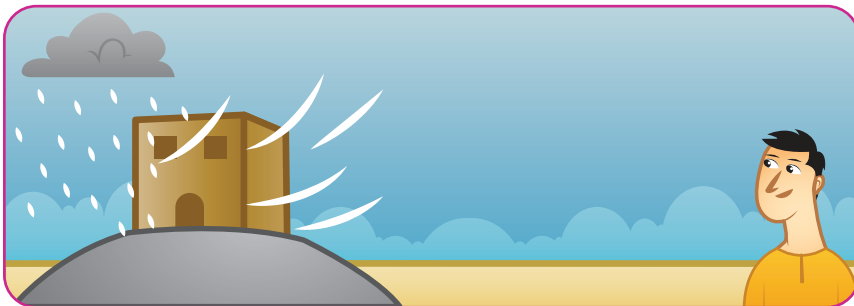
Engineer Techo: Two men wanted to build a house. One of the men was wise (he was a good planner), and the other was foolish (he was a bad planner). The first thing the wise man did was dig a big hole in the ground. He kept digging deeper until he got to the rocks. On the rocks, he started building his house with strong foundation.

Then he started building one block on top of another until he built a very large, strong house on this strong foundation. Days later, the rain came pouring down very hard and water piled up just like a river. The strong wind blew against the new house.

Angela: What happened to the house during this big storm?

Engineer Techo: the house stood firm against the wind and the rain. Nothing could shake it. Do you know why?

Samuel: Because it was built on the rocks.



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Engineer Techo: Exactly, Samuel. Since the foundation is strong, we can be comfortable and assured that the wind and the rain will never damage the house.

Olivia: How about the foolish man? How did he build his house?

Engineer Techo: He did not do what the wise man did. He did not dig deep, nor did he build a strong foundation. Instead, he built his house on the sand. He built a big house without a foundation.

Angela: No foundation?!!!

Engineer Techo: Unfortunately, Angela. What do you think happened to the house when the rain came pouring down, and the wind blew strongly against it?

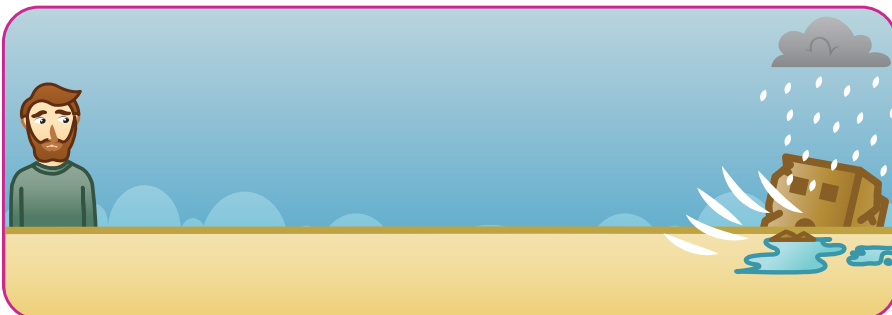
Olivia: I am sure the house was shaken.

Angela: Or probably drowned.

Olivia: That house will never be able to stand without a strong foundation.

Engineer Techo: This is true. The house tumbled down because it did not have any foundation.

Samuel: I love this story. Where did you hear it?



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Engineer Techo: Many years ago, when we were building Cubic City, they told us this story, so we can build it right. Since then, whenever I build any structure I always build a strong foundation first. How about you, Samuel? Where did you learn about this story?

Samuel: This is a story that our Lord Jesus Christ told the people and is written in the Gospel according to Saint Luke chapter 6. The Lord Jesus told us many beautiful stories to help the people understand difficult things in a very simple way. This is called a parable. The Parable of the Houses is one of many parables told by the Lord Jesus.

Engineer Techo: What did our Lord Jesus want you to learn by telling this parable?

Samuel: He wanted us to learn that when we listen to His words and obey Him, we will be like the wise man, we will be firm and strong. That way we will be happy and confident just like the Wise Man...

Olivia: The one who built his house on the rocks?

Samuel: Yes, Olivia. When we do this, we will be obeying this commandment,

**"Continue in the things which you
have learned" (2 Timothy 3:14)**

Memory Verse

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Engineer Techo: What do you think? Should we dig a little more?

Everyone: We should dig deeper.

They built a big fan and it even looked beautiful. As soon as it started working..

Ben: Wow!! Look, all the dust is flying away and disappearing.

Olivia: And yes! Look at the colors of our Cubic toys, they all look bright and beautiful again. I am very happy.

Angela: Everything looks beautiful and as good as new in our park.

The plan worked and the children started coming back to play in Cubic City. All the Cubic toys were happy that they saved their park.





The House Built on the Rock (Song)

The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
The wise man built his house upon the rock,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down!

The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
The rains came down and the floods came up,
And the house on the sand went SPLAT

Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ
And the blessings will come down

Oh, the blessings come down As your prayers go up
The blessings come down As your prayers go up
The blessings come down As your prayers go up
So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ.





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BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Books of the Law

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

Historical Books

6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles

15. Ezra

16. Nehemiah

17. Esther

Poetic Books

18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets

28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi



Memorization

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Gospels

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John

Acts

5. Acts

St. Paul's Epistles:

6. Romans
7. 1 Corinthians
8. 2 Corinthians
9. Galatians
10. Ephesians
11. Philippians
12. Colossians
13. 1 Thessalonians

14. 2 Thessalonians

15. 1 Timothy

16. 2 Timothy

17. Titus

18. Philemon

19. Hebrews

Catholic Epistles

20. James

21. 1 Peter

22. 2 Peter

23. 1 John

24. 2 John

25. 3 John

26. Jude

Revelation

27. Revelation

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Χερε νε τενηζο ερο...

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παρθενος: τοτρω
μωμη ναληθωινη: χερε
πωτοωοτ
ντε πενζενος: αρεχο
ναν νεμμανοτηλ.

Hail to you O Virgin, the
very and true queen, hail to
the pride of our race, who
gave birth to Emmanuel.

Τενηζο αριπενμενι: ω
προστατης
ετενηζοτ: ναζρεν
Πενβοις Ιησοω
Πιχριστος: ντεχχα
νεννοβι ναν εβολ.

We ask you to remember us, O
our trusted advocate, before our
Lord Jesus Christ, that He may
forgive us our sins.





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