

THE MAZE

Religious Education – Christianity

Key stage 2 and 3



LEARNING OUTCOMES

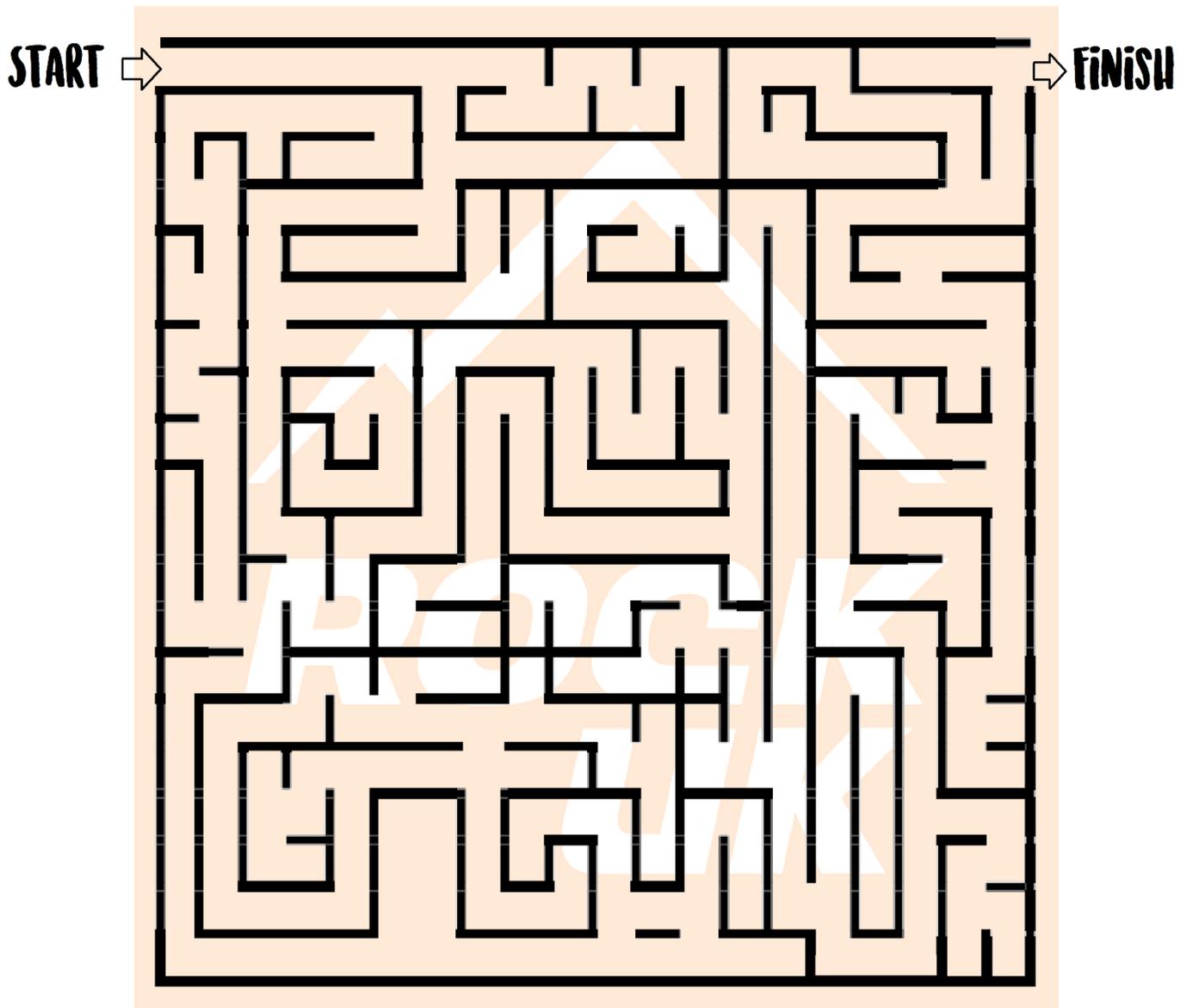
- Read the bible story about the prodigal son
- Understand how choices we make can have an impact
- Understand that God's love overcomes all of our mistakes when we return to Him

INSTRUCTIONS

Print off the maze and using a coloured pen try to complete the maze without taking your pen off the paper. You are not allowed to go back on yourself, if you find yourself at a dead-end go back to the last turning where you went wrong and carry on from there with a new colour.

If you do not have a printer...

Right click on the maze below, select 'copy'. Open paint on your computer and right click on the page, select 'paste'. Pick a colour for your pen and try to complete the maze with one complete line (only one click on the mouse). You are not allowed to go back on yourself, if you find yourself at a dead-end go back to the last turning where you went wrong and carry on from there with a new colour.



How many colours did you use to complete the maze? _____

The following key points make great group/family discussion points but if you are working on this by yourself think about each point carefully and write down your answers on a piece of paper.

"IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, GO BACK TO WHERE YOU WENT WRONG"

Everyone makes wrong turns in the maze, the best thing to do is go back to where you can take a different path!

- Sometimes we say things that hurt other people, we might regret saying them.
- How can we go back to where we went wrong to make it better?
- We can always go and apologise for what you said!

Do the maze once more but go slowly, how many colours did you use this time? _____

"LOOK AHEAD"

Sometimes in the maze you could have avoided a wrong turn by just pausing and looking further down the path

- We make wrong choices all the time, like stealing, lying, or again, saying something hurtful.
- How can we avoid this by looking ahead?
- We can always stop and think, what will the effects of my actions be?

Read the following bible passage and answer the questions below

STORY ABOUT TWO SONS *Luke 15:11-32 (Easy-to-Read Version)*

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Give me now the part of your property that I am supposed to receive someday.' So the father divided his wealth between his two sons.

"A few days later the younger son gathered up all that he had and left. He travelled far away to another country, and there he wasted his money living like a fool. After he spent everything he had, there was a terrible famine throughout the country. He was hungry and needed money. So he went and got a job with one of the people who lived there. The man sent him into the fields to feed pigs. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything.

"The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All my father's hired workers have plenty of food. But here I am, almost dead because I have nothing to eat. I will leave and go to my father. I will say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But let me be like one of your hired workers.' So he left and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming and felt sorry for him. So he ran to him and hugged and kissed him. The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and have done wrong to you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and good sandals on his feet. And bring our best calf and kill it so that we can celebrate with plenty to eat. My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So they began to have a party.

QUESTIONS

1. The son made many wrong choices, can you name any?
2. Why did the father welcome the son back?
3. What did the son have to do to make things right with his father, and what was the father's reaction?
4. How is this like God's love for us?

EXTRA CHALLENGE

Now you know how to complete the maze write a set of instructions for someone in your house to follow. See if they can complete the maze using your instructions without making any mistakes.

Like your instructions, we believe that God has given us the bible to guide us through life, we are not alone when we make our decisions.

