

I will...
offer



Surrender

Although some studies have indicated that a butterfly may retain some of its learned behaviour during its time being a caterpillar, it becomes something completely different.

It gives up its eyes. While a caterpillar can only see in black and white, a butterfly can see even more colours than humans.

It gives up a mouth for eating leaves for a long proboscis. A caterpillar's primary function is to eat plants. A butterfly's primary function is to lay eggs and when feeding it pollinates plants.

It gives up its short legs for much longer legs that can taste for sugars or whether a plant is suitable to lay her eggs on.

And, of course, a butterfly gives up hold on the ground for wings allowing it much more freedom!

It's worth contemplating what is given up and what is gained in a spiritual life to see it in a new light.

Week 31

Write out Psalm 66:13-15.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about offering?

What can you do to put this into practice this week?

I will... _____

What does it mean to offer?

Find a definition for “offer” in an English dictionary.



Look up the verse from this week in a concordance or Bible Study program and find out what the original Hebrew word is that it is translated from.

What is the word and what does it mean?

What do you think the opposite of offering is and what is its effect?

What do you have to do in order to offer anything?

“The fact is that we can only give God our hearts. We can exercise our volition just in so far as He has made us free and endeavour to serve Him by responding to that invitation which is given to whosoever will. All faithful work performed as in His sight is simply an index of this gift of our hearts. No human achievement can be so great as to be of any benefit to Him, yet no faithful work can be so insignificant as to be overlooked. Wherefore let us remember our task in life is here, ready to our hands every day, and we can find preparation in all things.” —Islip Collyer (Conviction and Conduct)

Week 32

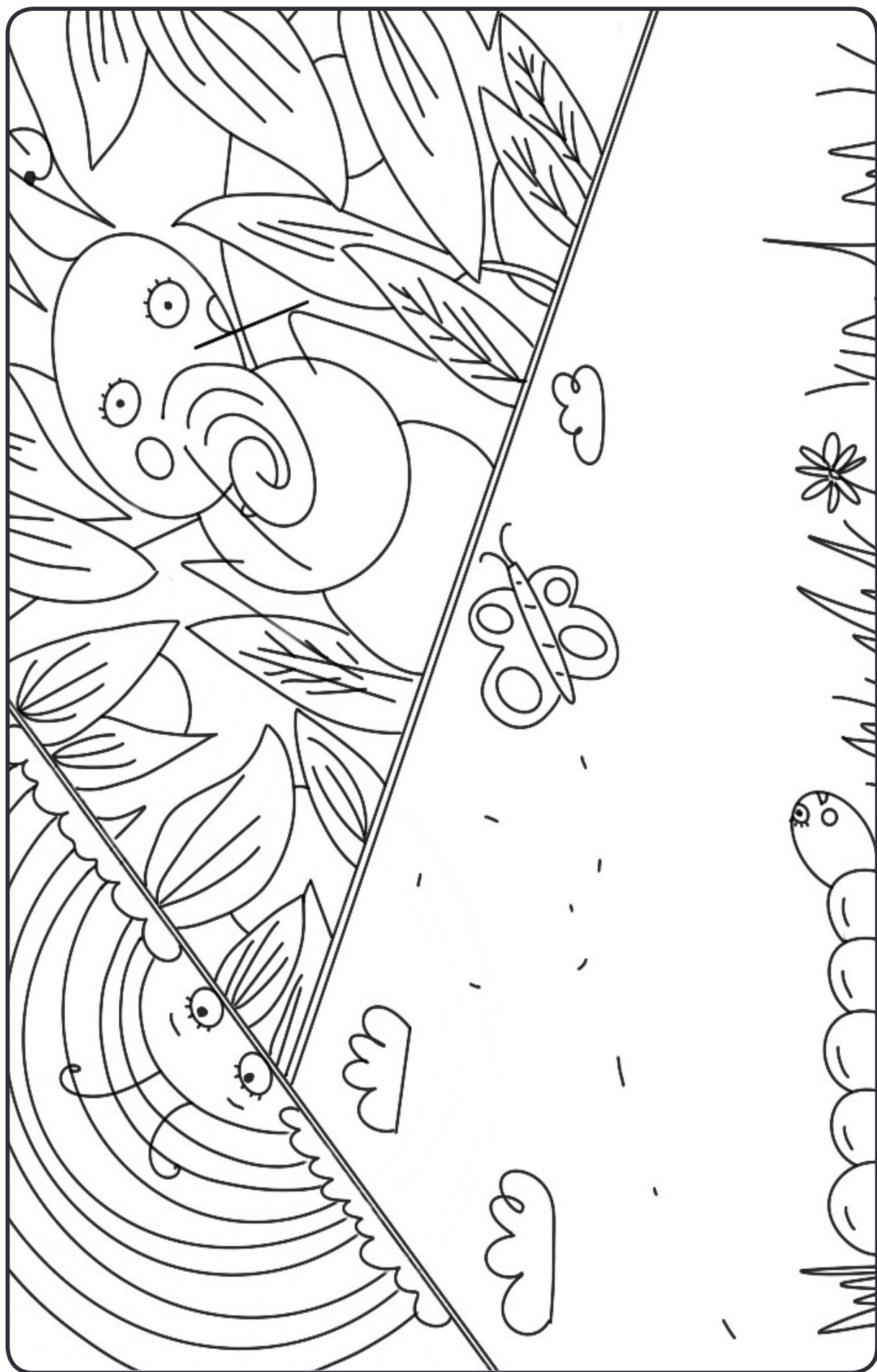
Write out Psalm 107:21-22.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about offering?

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Write out Romans 12:1-2.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

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What did Jesus do?

“For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:13-14)

How did Jesus demonstrate the sacrifices that God is pleased with? Write down some sacrifices that you can make to serve God instead.

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Week 34

Write out Hebrews 10:8-10.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about offering?

What can you do to put this into practice this week?

I will... _____



Take my life

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

Week 35

Write out 1 Peter 2:4-5.

What does this scripture say about God and you?

What does it tell you about offering?

What can you do to put this into practice this week?

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Read through this Psalm several times this week. Find a version of it put to music if you can and listen to it, or find an audio version of it and listen to it. Take some coloured pencils and mark it up.

Psalm 77

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph.

I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.
Selah.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?
Selah.

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.
Selah.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled. The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook. Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known. Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.