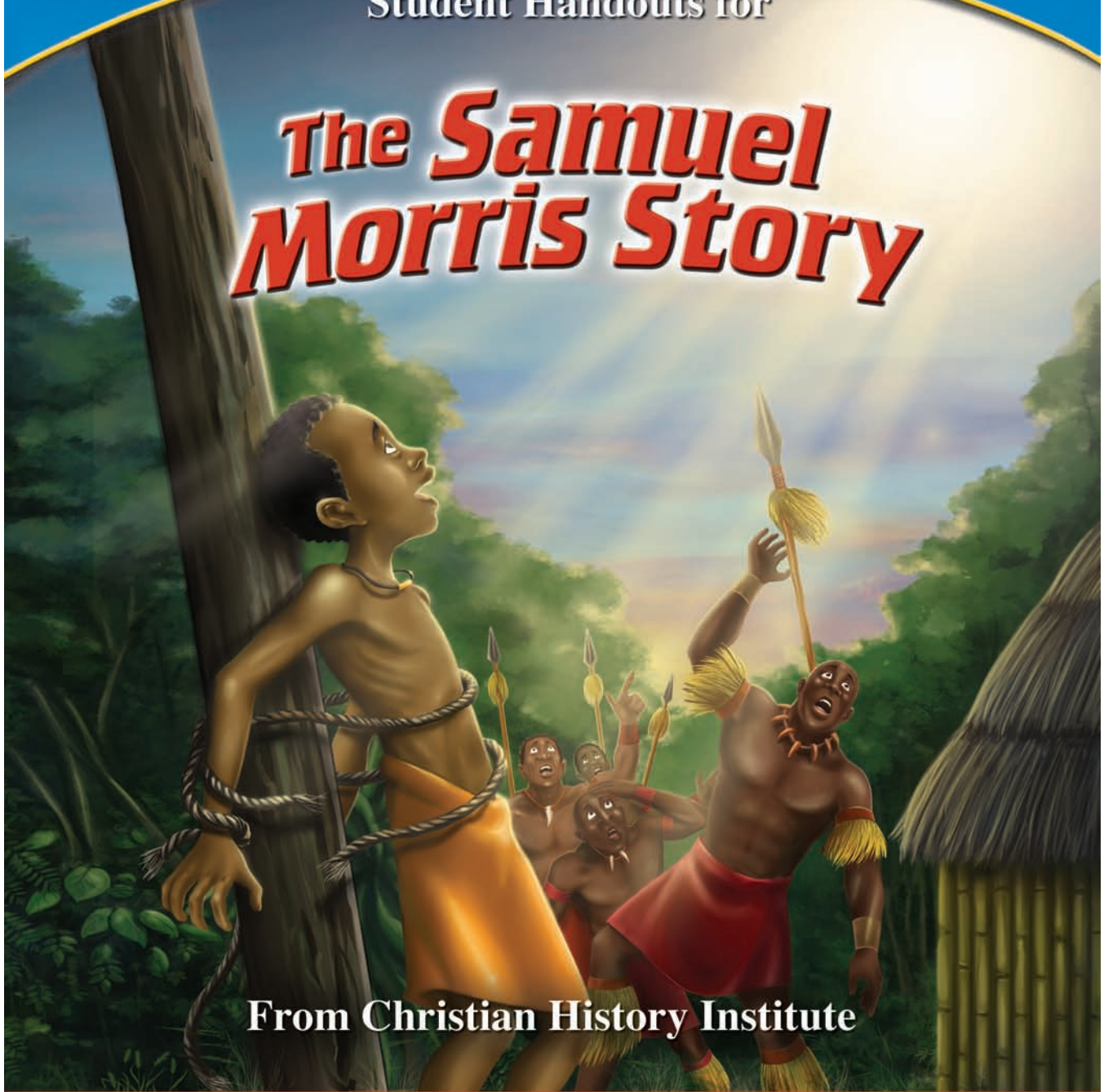




THE
TORCHLIGHTERS
HEROES OF THE FAITH

Student Handouts for

*The Samuel
Morris Story*



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NOTE: Answer key for selected pages is on page 26 of the Leader's Guide.



The Nations of Africa

There are more than 50 independent nations in Africa.
See if you can unscramble the names of the ones listed here!

HINT: Once the country names are unscrambled, they will be in alphabetical order! Question: Which nation did Samuel Morris come from?

- GEAALIR _ _ _ _ _
- YGPTE _ _ _ _ _
- TPIEHIAO _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- KYAEN _ _ _ _ _
- ILEABIR _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- YALIB _ _ _ _ _
- LIMA _ _ _ _
- CCOOORM _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- GANIRIE _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- DAWNRA _ _ _ _ _ _
- TOSHU CRAFIA _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- ANSDU _ _ _ _ _
- DANAGU _ _ _ _ _
- BZAEWBIM _ _ _ _ _ _ _



Dig into the Story!

Questions to get you thinking and talking about Samuel Morris

1. What was Kaboo's life like when he was a young boy in Liberia? What were his plans?
2. After Kaboo was kidnapped by the Grebo tribe, how did his father and his tribe respond?
3. How was God watching over Kaboo even when he was in the worst possible situations?
4. When you think of Kaboo's miraculous rescue, how does it remind you of the story of Saul's encounter with Jesus, recorded in Acts 9:1-9. How are their stories the same, and how are they different?
5. Kaboo's teacher suggested a new name for him. "Samuel Morris" was a teacher who had encouraged her to go into the missions field. Describe Kaboo/Samuel's zeal for sharing the Gospel.
6. How did Samuel share the Gospel with the rough seamen on the ship to America?
7. How did Samuel continue to share the Gospel when he reached Taylor University?
8. How did the students fulfill Samuel's mission after he died? Can you help fulfill Samuel's mission? How?



Dig Deeper

Thinking through some tough issues

1. God rescued Kaboo and led him even though Kaboo didn't yet know God to call on Him. How can this be? Can you think of ways God called to you even before you knew Him?
2. As Samuel learned more about the Gospel, he became especially interested in knowing more about the Holy Spirit. Why?
3. The Trinity is made up of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Which one of these aspects of the Godhead interests you most? How can you learn more and grow more in your faith?
4. Samuel wanted desperately to share his newfound faith with his tribal family, but first he wanted to learn more about the Holy Spirit. Do you think this was a good decision?
5. With little money, no experience as a seaman, and limited knowledge of America, Samuel Morris boarded a ship to New York City, then went on to Taylor University. What part of this journey would have been the most frightening to you? Why?
6. Some think of Samuel as a missionary to America. Why? Do you think Samuel would have agreed with this description?



What's My New Name?

Names in the Bible were very important. Parents often chose names to represent their hopes and dreams for their child. Sometimes God changed a person's name to better describe his calling or the person he had become. Look up the verses you see in the middle column. Then match the verse to the "old name" in the left column and the new name in the right column.

BENONI	Acts 13:9	BARNABAS (son of encouragement)
SIMON	Genesis 32:28	ABRAHAM (father of many nations)
WOMAN	John 1:42	ISRAEL (God contended)
SARAI	Genesis 17:3-6	EVE (life)
JOSEPH	Genesis 17:15-17	PETER (the rock)
ABRAM	Genesis 35:18	PAUL (small)
SAUL	Acts 4:36-37	SARAH (princess)
JACOB	Genesis 3:20	BENJAMIN (son of my right hand)

Discuss: Choose one person from the list and tell why God changed his/her name. If you could choose a new name, what would it be? Why? How did Kaboo's new name of Samuel Morris better represent who he was?



Modern Miracles Interview

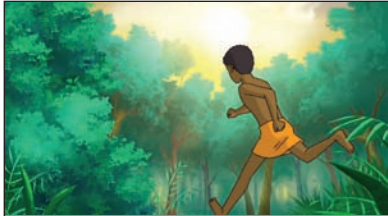
Invite someone to come to your class or home to share about a time when he experienced a miracle from the Lord. Ask him to come prepared to share his story. Use the questions here to help get the discussion flowing. An interview with a foreign missionary would be especially appropriate for the theme.

1. We would like to hear your story about a time when you witnessed God perform a miracle. Where were you living at the time?
2. Tell us about the miracle you saw.
3. How did you know it was from God and not just a coincidence?
4. How has this miracle changed your life?
5. Were other people affected by this miracle?
6. Do you think God does miracles often?
7. How can we know if we have experienced a miracle?

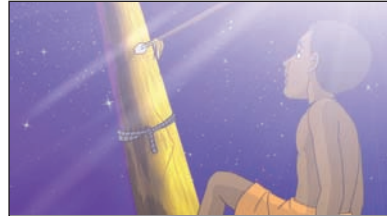


Story Mix-Up

These pictures of Samuel Morris's story are all mixed up.
Number the pictures in the correct order.



Kaboo escapes into the jungle.



God rescues Kaboo.



Samuel shares his story with the students
at Taylor University.



Kaboo studies the Scripture and takes
a new name: Samuel Morris



Samuel journeys by ship to the United States.



Kaboo is a prince in the Kru tribe.



Kaboo is captured by the Grebo tribe.

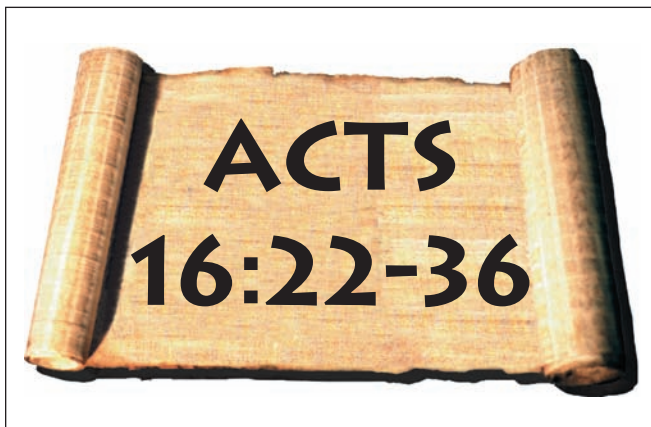


Taylor University students travel
to Africa as missionaries.



Miracle Charades

Find some friends and play Miracle Charades! Divide into four groups or play with just one friend. Cut these cards apart and distribute one to each group. Look up the stories and then act them out to see if your friends can guess the miracle. All of these are from Paul's life in the book of Acts. Try more miracles for even more fun!





Prayer Necklace Craft

In our story Samuel Morris wears a simple leather necklace with one orange bead. Make a necklace like Sammy's to remind you to pray for the children of the world and to share Jesus whenever you have a chance.

SUPPLIES

- A length of leather cording about 24–30 inches long (available at most craft or discount stores)
- One long, orange wooden bead (or choose a color you like!)

MAKE IT

- Cut the leather to a good length to make a necklace. Remember to allow for a few knots.
- String the bead onto the leather cord and then tie a single knot on each side of the bead. This will keep it in place.
- Tie the ends of the cord together with a firm knot. Make the necklace long enough so you can put it on and take it off without undoing the knot.

PRAY and SAY!

- Wear your necklace as a reminder to be a Torchlighter! When anyone asks about your necklace, tell them the story of Samuel Morris and how God is working in your life.



Color the Scene #1



Before his capture, Kaboo lived as a prince in his village.



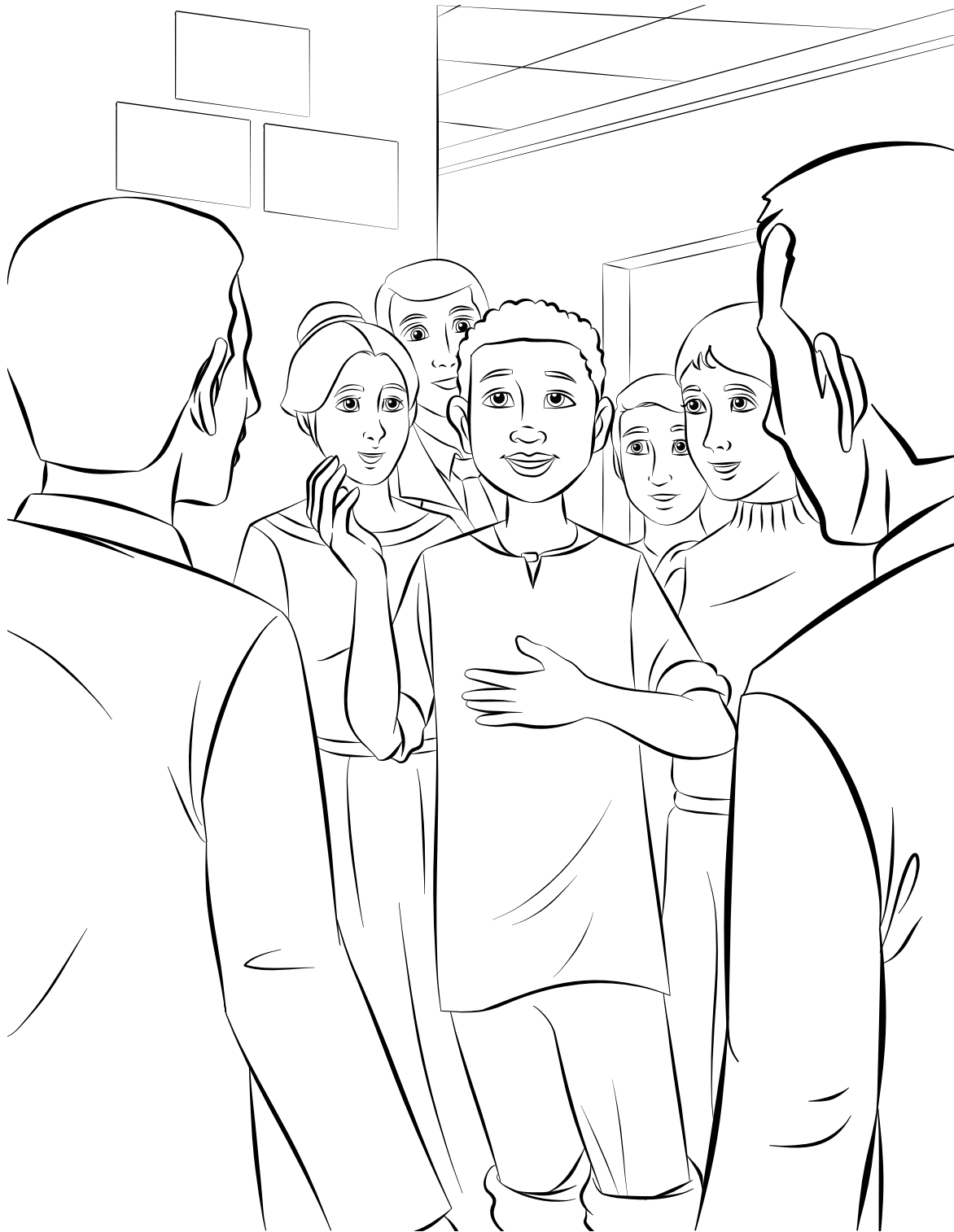
Color the Scene #2



God rescued Kaboo in a miraculous way.



Color the Scene #3



In America, Samuel Morris shared his story with the students at Taylor University.



Color the Scene #4



College students were so inspired by Samuel's life that they eagerly traveled to Africa to share the Good News about Jesus.