



## Niki Knack's Gritty Journal of Adventuring

### 800 Sneaky Gerbils

It was dark. We snuck through the jungle into an underground tunnel. Ahead of me, Kiwi had gone full ninja. Silent stealth mode. Even I couldn't see him. My heart hammered. This wasn't a good idea.

But Kiwi was excited about visiting his parents for their anniversary. That was a good idea! I'd always hoped to meet his family. We'd parasailed to Old Zealand,

Kiwi's childhood home. I'd enjoyed the trip. Well, except for that stint with the hair-tangling hurricane of Old Hampshire. (My hair was still tangled!)

Why sneak through a tunnel? Kiwi insisted we surprise his parents and 800 siblings. So, there we were, tunnel sneaking. In the middle of the night. Maybe this wasn't the smartest way to surprise them.



# Let's Go Exploring!

John  
9:1-41

Follow this map and the 5 *What's* as you explore the passage. Watch out for 800 sneaky gerbils. Follow God!  
Go Discover!

- ☐ 1. Remember Verse
- ☐ 2. What's That Word?
3. Peaks and Pitfalls ☐
4. Hear It ☐
- ☐ 5. Tell It
  - You Hear That?
  - That One Face
6. Embrace It ☐
7. What's Happening in the Bible? ☐
8. What's This Say about Us? ☐
- ☐ 9. Record Your Discovery!

## Remember Verse

For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the  
earth, and the mountain peaks  
belong to him. The sea is his,  
for he made it, and his hands  
formed the dry land.

**Psalms 95:3-5 (NIV)**

### What's That Word?



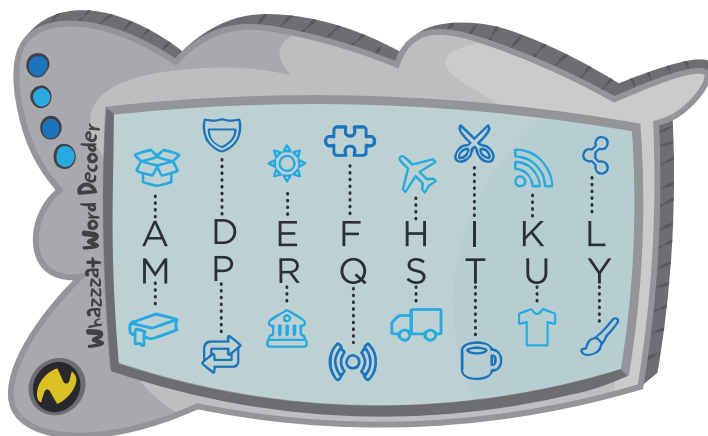
**sa**: A song or poem about God used for worship or praise. King David wrote most of the ones in the Bible.



**go**: Anything a person worships that affects that person's actions or choices.



**ir\_c\_e**: An amazing act that shows God's power. You can't explain what happened in any other way.





## Eureka! Bible Passage: John 9:1-41

- A. One Sabbath Jesus was walking with His disciples and they noticed a blind man. “Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind—his parents or his?”
- B. “Neither one,” Jesus told them. “This happened so God’s glory will shine. This world is very dark, but I am the light of the world.” Jesus spit on the ground and made some mud. He put the mud on the blind man’s eyes and said, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam.”
- C. After he washed, he could see! Some neighbors recognized him, but others said he was someone else. But he insisted, “I am the blind man!” The people asked how he could see. “A man named Jesus put mud on my eyes; now I can see!” he said.
- D. The crowd asked where Jesus went. “I don’t know,” he said.
- E. He was taken to the Pharisees. He and his parents were asked, “How did this happen?” When they heard Jesus healed on the Sabbath some were furious, “He is a sinner for breaking Sabbath law!”
- F. Others defended Jesus, “How can a sinner do miracles?” The blind man exclaimed, “No one heals someone born blind unless they are from God!” The Pharisees were so angry they threw him out.
- G. Jesus heard about this, found him, and asked, “Do you believe in the Messiah?”  
 “Yes! Tell me where to find Him!” Jesus told him, “You are looking right at Him!”  
 “Lord, I believe you!” he said. Then he worshipped Jesus.

### 5 What's

1. What's That Word?
2. What's Happening in the Passage?
3. What's Happening in the Bible?
4. What's This Say about God?
5. What's This Say about Us?

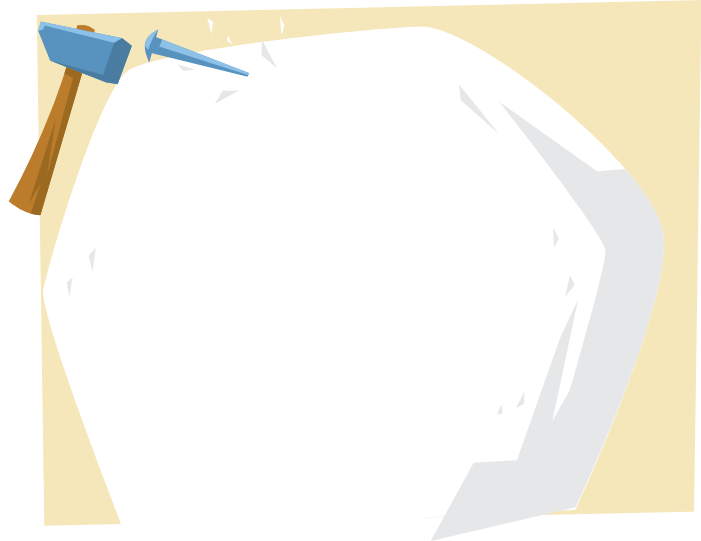


# Keep Exploring!

Keep your exploring skills sharper than Kiwi's dad's brother's son's ninja skills. See what you discover as you dive into God's Word and explore God's love at home.



How many **Remember Verse** words can you find in Niki? Circle them. Just don't mess up her hair.



Record Your Discovery!

Draw something to help you remember what you've discovered in the passage.



Kiwi buried 6 words from the **Remember Verse** in the Bible picture. Can you find them? Niki used a word from the **Remember Verse** in her journal. Can you find that too?

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*Klangity! Klang!* That was the sound of me stumbling over a metal something-or-other in a dark tunnel—and the end of our sneaking.

A light came on. I was lying on the ground looking up into a face like Kiwi's. But older. And angrier. It had to be Kiwi's father. Yikes. This was the gerbil who taught Kiwi his fierce ninja skills. I tried to move, but my arms and legs were pinned by about 20 gerbils. Kiwi's siblings? One looked younger than Kiwi. One looked fluffier. One look stronger. One look

intense-er. Where was Kiwi?

"Don't attack! I'm with Kiwi! He wanted to surprise you." Kiwi's laughter filled the tunnel.

"Actually, we wanted to surprise YOU!" his dad said. The gerbils helped me off the ground. Their laughter echoed off the walls. "You knew we were coming?" I asked.

"It's our way of welcoming you to the family," Kiwi's mom said. They came at me again, but this time with furry gerbil hugs. Maybe the tunnel was a good idea after all.