

The QUOKKAS, the SNAILS, and the LAND of HAPPINESS

Bonus activities and a journaling devotional
based on the book by Eric Geiger and Evie Geiger



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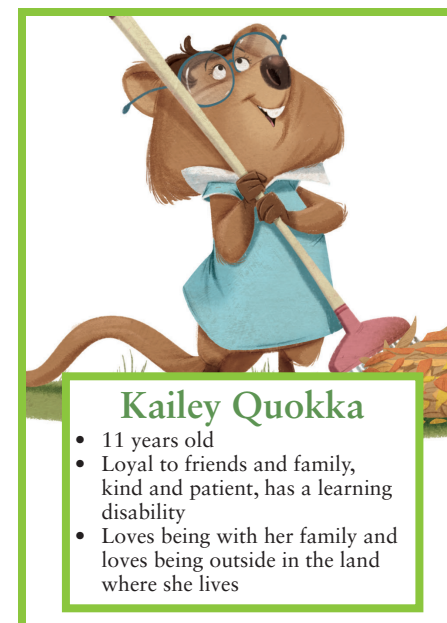
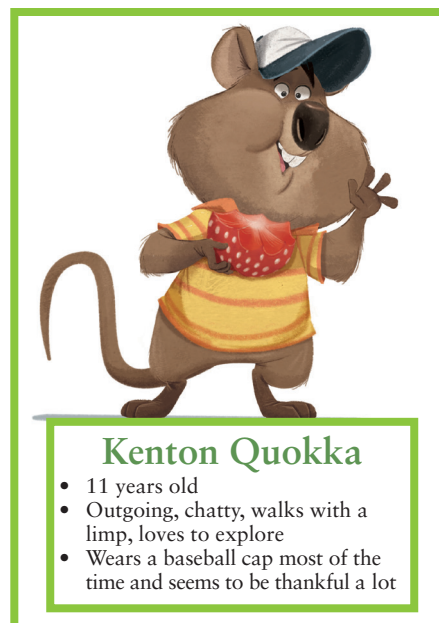
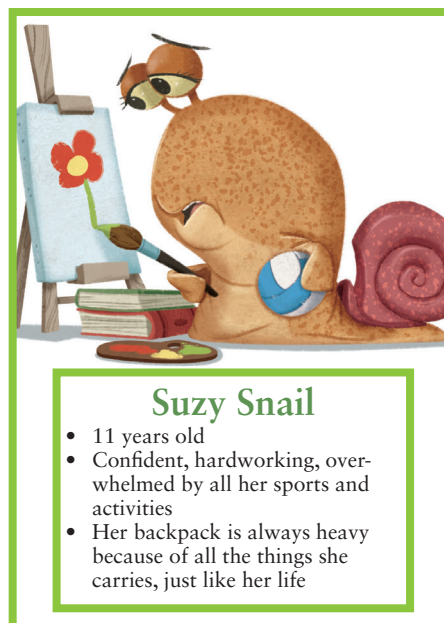
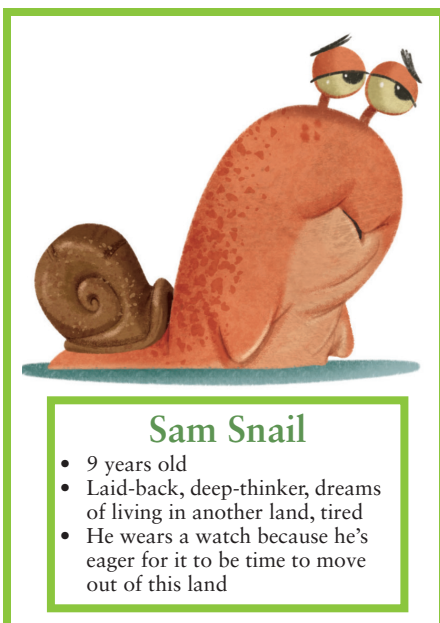
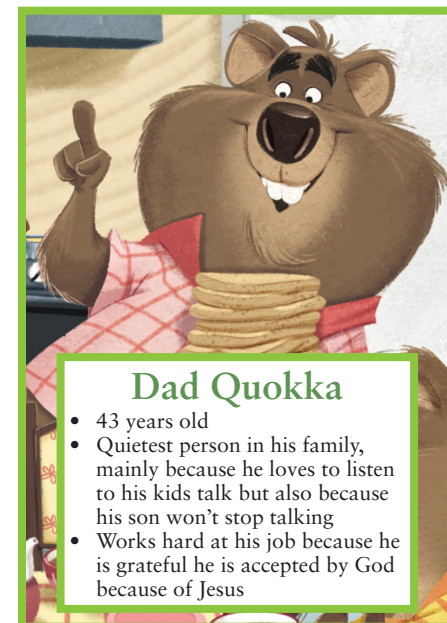
Hey, kids and parents!

We hope you love the story about the Quokkas and the Snails, and we pray the story helps you know how much Jesus loves you. He came to our world to give us His forgiveness and to take away our sins. When we believe in Him, the Bible says we get all of His righteousness! *Righteousness* is a big word that means we get His perfection and we are right with God. Another way to say it is that we get all His stickers. If we believe in Jesus, our sticker charts are now forever full. Enjoy these activities!

Your friends,
Eric and Evie Geiger

Character Card Games

Print and cut out two sets of cards.





Games to play with your character cards:

Charades

One person will choose a card and act out that character while other players guess which character the person is. Whoever guesses correctly goes next! (Play with one set of all 8 characters.)

Guess Who?

One person draws a card and reads the bio of the character without showing the card. The first person to call out the correct answer wins that card. The person with the most cards at the end wins the game. (Play with one set of all 8 characters.)

Memory

Turn all cards facedown. Players take turns flipping over two cards at a time as they try to make a match. The player with the most matches at the end wins! (Play with all 16 cards.)

Go Sticker

Deal the cards evenly between players. When it is each player's turn, the player asks another player for a card to make a match. If the player does not have the card the other player is asking for, the player says, "Go sticker!" The person with the most matches in the end is the winner. (Play with all 16 cards.)

Word Search

Circle the words listed below in the puzzle.

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Acceptance	Strawberry	Attention	Happiness
Grateful	Sadness	Sticker	Quokka
Kenton	Chart	Snail	Kailey
Hope	Joy	Peace	Suzy
Love	Sam		

Living from God's Approval: A 7-Day Devotional Journal

Day One:

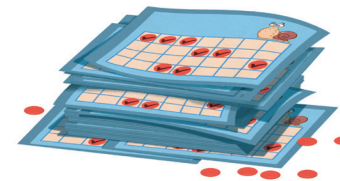
Read 1 Corinthians 1:30–31

Jesus is perfect and righteous. Those who trust Jesus receive all His perfection. God looks at us as if we are perfect, even though we are not!

- How grateful are the Quokkas that their sticker charts are always full?

- Who is our righteousness (the One who makes us right with God)?

- What does Jesus' sticker chart look like?



Day Two:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus took all our sin on Himself when He died on the cross for us, and we get all His forgiveness and righteousness! Jesus traded His righteousness for our sin.

- Who did Kenton Quokka say fills your sticker chart?

- Did Jesus ever sin?

- What do we get because Jesus died for us?



Day Three:

Read Galatians 5:1

There is a difference in living *for* God's approval and living *from* God's approval. God wants us to live free—because we are already approved. We have a full sticker chart!

- Why did Sam Snail say he was so tired?

- What are some things that Jesus set us free from?

- What is the difference between living *for* God's approval and living *from* God's approval?



Day Four:

Read Psalm 128:1; Ephesians 2:18

People love roller coasters because riders feel awe and safety at the same time. Because of Jesus, we can be in awe of God, and yet we are safe before Him at the same time. This makes us happy!

- Why is the Land of Happiness happy?

- What traits of God are you most in awe of (that you think are amazing)?

- Read Ephesians 2:18. How does Jesus allow you to come before this amazing God?



Day Five:

Read Psalm 1

This chapter in the Bible says there are two paths but only one path is the blessed or happy path!

- Why are the Quokkas happier than the Snails?

- What does the happy person delight in?

- What is the happy person compared to?



Day Six:

Read Romans 4:4–8

This is an important passage that is hard for some to understand. It says the way to know God is not to work but to rest! Instead of working your way to Him, trust Him instead.

- What is the big difference between the Snail family's motto and the Quokka family's motto?

- Who does God forgive, the one who tries to achieve forgiveness or the one who rests to receive forgiveness?

- This verse says that the person who is forgiven is blessed or happy. Why is someone who is forgiven by God happy (in the Land of Happiness)?



Day Seven:

Read Romans 10:9

To enter God's kingdom (the Land of Happiness), you simply receive Jesus as your Lord—as your King. You cannot achieve God's forgiveness on your own, but you can receive it if you believe in Jesus.

- After meeting with the Quokka kids, what were the Snail kids going to talk to their parents about?

- According to this verse, how do we enter God's kingdom? How are we saved?

- What does it mean to believe in Jesus?

Coloring Page

Color the Snails imagining their family moving to the Land of Happiness.

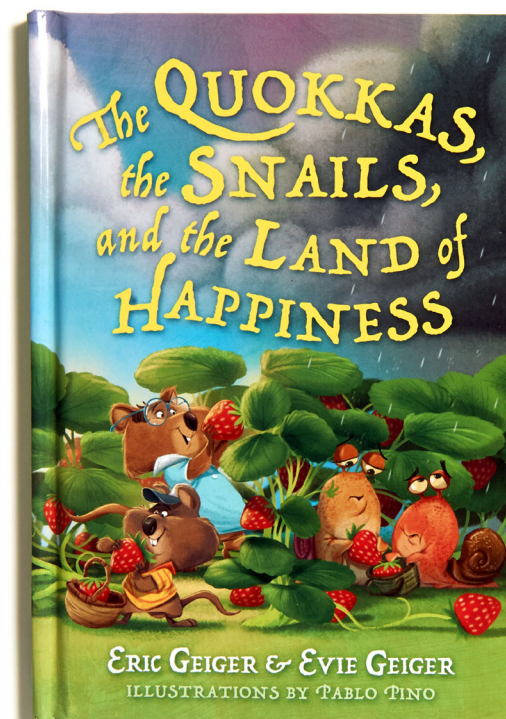




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Evie Geiger is an eleven-year-old who loves Jesus, loves people, and believes life should be fun and creative. Evie is always working on some creative project to bring people together, make them smile, and point them to the One who gives us ultimate joy. This is her first book, and she loved working on it with her dad. The “sticker chart” example is how Eric and Evie have often talked about the two different approaches to life. She is thankful her chart is completely filled.



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Word Search Answers:

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