

Sunday School package for September 19, 2021

A Clock with No Hands

Theme: God is with us now.

Hello, Immanuel friends!

It is exciting to think about some of you who went back to school last week. If we were meeting in person, Ha Na would like to ask you about your new teachers and your classes.

Our first activity this week is “Things in Backpacks.”

Answer the following questions. If you need to, have a grown-up help you write in the answers.

What colour is your backpack? _____

How big is it? What could you compare it to that is about the same size?

How old is it? _____

What do you like about it? _____

Is there anything you don't like about it? _____

What do you have in your backpack right now? _____

Here is the story for today. You can read it yourself or get a grown-up to read it for you:

A friend of Ha Na's told her this story about her backpack. In her backpack she kept . . . a clock! This is a common tool that we use many times a day. But this person's clock was a little different. The clock was missing its hands. You know, those are the long and short pieces that point to the numbers to show us the time. Ha Na asked her friend, "What good is a clock that doesn't tell time?" Her friend replied, "But it does. My clock tells me that that the time is . . . now." In our Bible stories, God knows that the time is always . . . now. And now is when God is with us. Ha Na's friend's not-so-ordinary, not-so-useful clock that she keeps in her backpack is actually a very special tool. Whenever she hears someone ask "What time is it?" she smiles and knows that it is always "now."

As we go forth and live in the "nows" of the new school year, let us have faith and prepare with hope. God is with us now and God will still be with us now.

Older children could take time to write down a reflection about the new school year. They could answer questions such as:

What are my hopes for the school year?

What am I most looking forward to?

Is there anything I am worried about?

How does knowing that God loves me help me at school?

Grab hold of your backpack or pencil case, and pray with a grown-up, as we faithfully prepare for this new school year.

Dear God,

It is time!

It is now!

School is starting.

Strengthen our hope.

Anchor our faith.

You are with us.

You will be with us.

You have always been with us.

Now

and now

and still now.

We love you.

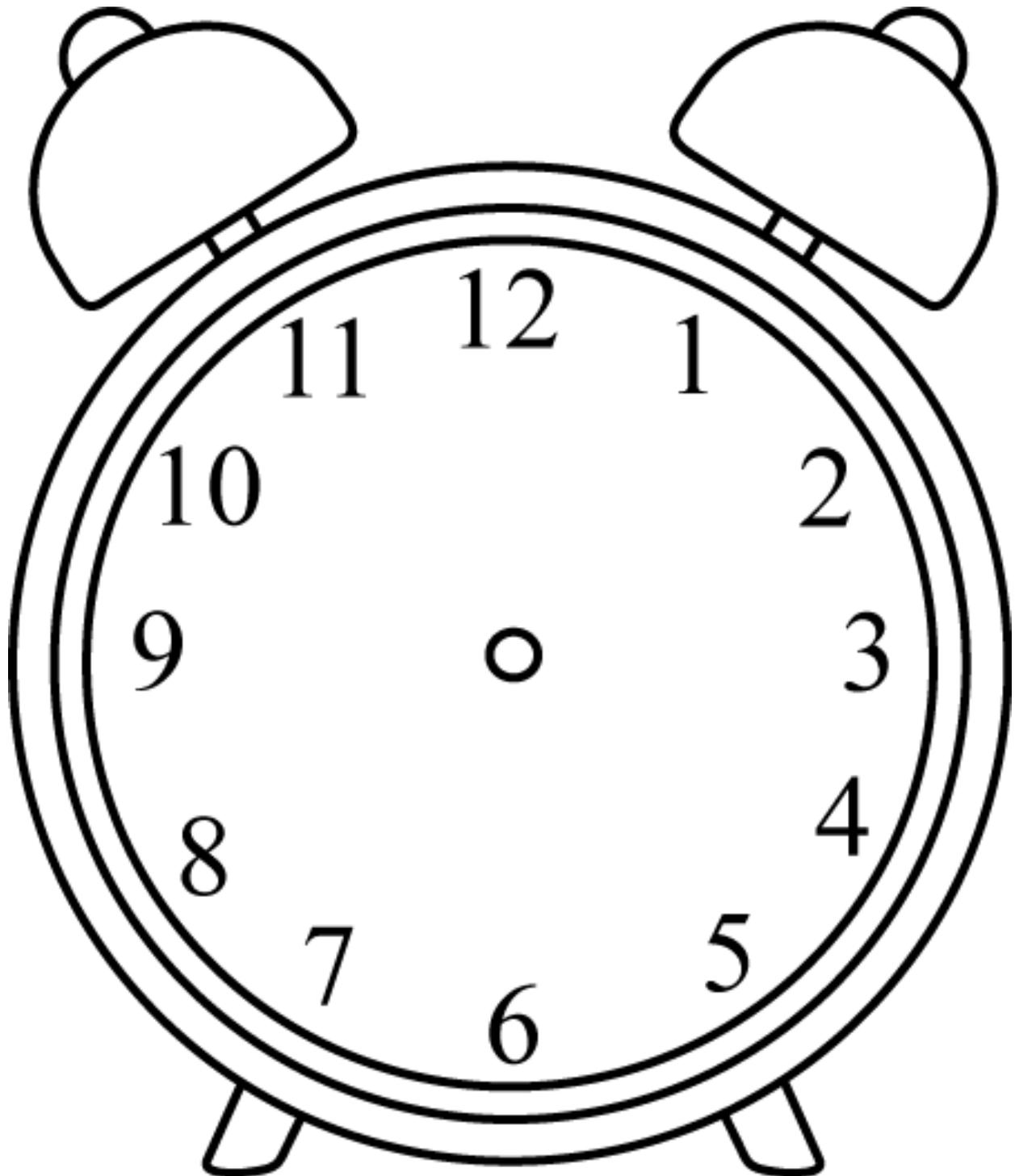
You love us.

Amen

There are two colouring sheets for you. One is of a clock with no hands. The other is of a backpack. Have fun decorating and colouring these pages. Older children could try constructing a three dimensional clock or backpack out of cardboard or construction paper.

Please colour this very special clock with no hands.

What time is it? It is always . . . NOW!



Here is a picture of a backpack for you to colour. Add some more items to it, if you would like.

