

# STEP BY STEP

## TWO-STEP WORD PROBLEMS

Track the amount through each change. Write one equation per step.

### 1 Remember

The shepherd had 56 sheep. 32 lambs were born. Then 38 sheep were sold. How many sheep are there now?

Step 1:  $56 + 32 = 88$   
Answer:  $50$  sheep

Step 2:  $88 - 38 = 50$

### 2 Track the change

1 The builders had 51 stones. They used 15 on Monday and 11 on Tuesday. How many stones are left?

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2 The camp had 58 tents. 23 tents were taken down, then 39 new tents were put up. How many tents are there now?

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3 The disciples caught 40 fish, then 16 more, then 13 more. How many fish did they catch in all?

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

4 There were 49 loaves in the basket. The people ate 39. Then 38 more loaves were baked. How many loaves are there now?

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 Does it make sense?

My answer is reasonable because it is \_\_\_\_\_ than the start. ☐ larger ☐ smaller

4 I checked: ☐ each step ☐ only the end ☐ with a diagram

Children, obey your  
parents in the Lord.  
*Ephesians 6:1*