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GOD IS LOVE



When Adam and Eve were created, everything was perfect. There was no pain, no sorrow nor death. Everything was in harmony like a melodious and a well-orchestrated piece of music. But when Adam and Eve chose to listen to the Devil, sin and death entered the world. However, though sin destroyed the beauty of what God had created and things began to die, God did not abandon our first parents.

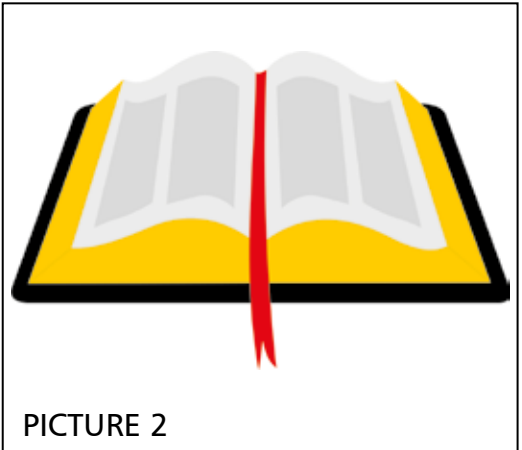
Of course, the Devil has always tried to get us to believe that God cannot be trusted, but we can see God's love written on all that He created. God reveals Himself to us through His creation, the Bible, and through His son, Jesus, who came and died for us on the cross so that we can be reconnected to Him. There can be no doubt—God is love!

PUNCH TEXT:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 (NIV)

ACTIVITIES



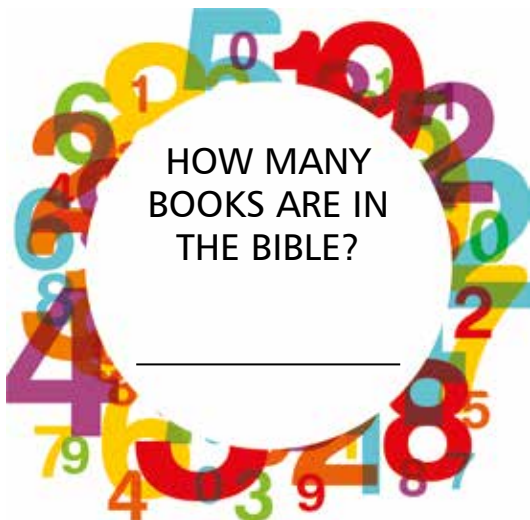
Write the name of all the things you see in Picture 1:

What is the name of the book in Picture 2?

The things in picture one are from nature. And if you wrote your answer as *Bible* for the book in picture two, you are correct!

The Bible is also known as “special revelation”. God has revealed Himself to us through nature and the Bible.

Unscramble the words below and write your answers on the lines provided:



TANURE

LIBEB

These two—the Bible and nature—reveal God to us and tell us of His love.

Nature, the Bible, and the cross of Jesus tell us something about God. To find out what these things tell us, do the activity below.

ACTIVITY ON WHAT PLANTS TELL US ABOUT GOD

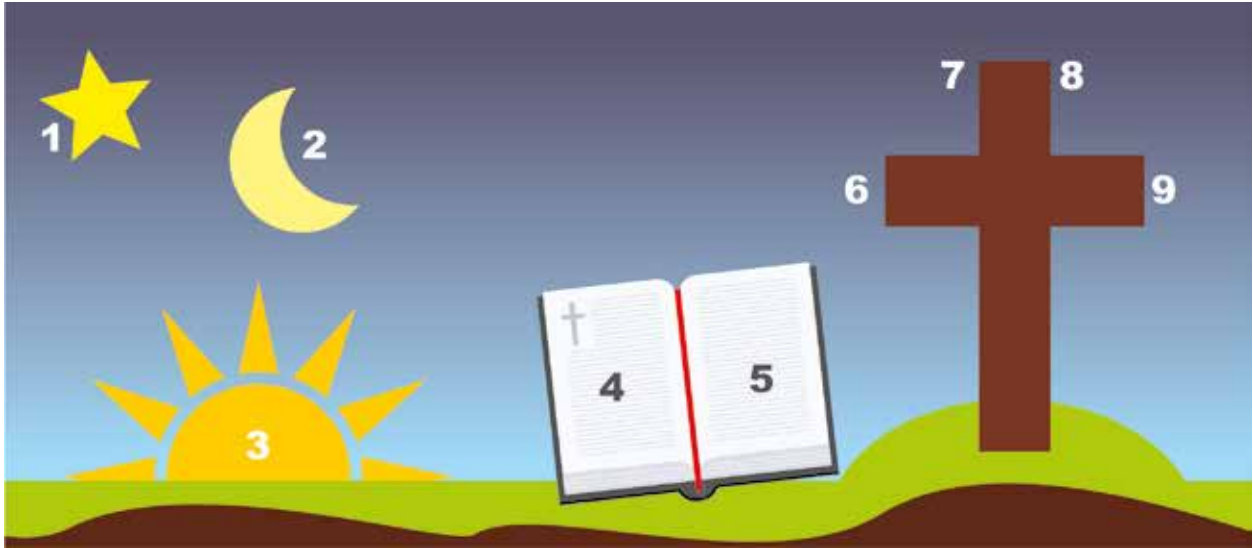
The box on the right has numbers 1-9. Boxes 2, 4, 7, 9 have vowels O, I, O, E. And in boxes 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 are the words Good, Bad, See, Look and Love. Only one of the letters of the word in each box should be used. Choose the correct letter and write it in the space in the box to find a sentence in the grid that tells us about God.

1 GOOD	2 O	3 BAD
4 I	5 SEE	6 LOOK
7 O	8 LOVE	9 E

If you are having difficulties making sense out of the above activity, turn your Bible to *1 John 4:8* to get a clue. If you need further help, find an adult to assist you.



Now transfer each letter to the corresponding number on the picture below, and write the whole sentence on the lines below:



TRULY, GOD IS LOVE.



BABY IN A BASKET

Moses, one of the Bible writers, has written a number of things telling us of God's character. When Moses was on Mount Sinai talking to God, Moses asked God if he could see Him. But God told Moses that no one has seen Him and lived. [Exodus 33:18-20]. But God told Moses that He would do him a favor. He would put him in a cave and cover the entrance of the cave with His Hand. Then

He would pass in front of the cave. After passing the cave, He would remove His hand and Moses would only see His back. And that is exactly what God did. Moses was thrilled at the arrangement. And for sure, God passed by him and told him what is recorded in Exodus 34:6, 7. "I am the Lord. I am merciful, gracious, and slow to anger. I have unfailing love and always forgive."

**WE THANK GOD
THAT MOSES GREW UP
AND BECAME ONE OF
THE BIBLE WRITERS. IF IT
WERE NOT FOR MOSES,
WE WOULD PROBABLY
NOT HAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL
UNDERSTANDING OF GOD.**



In Exodus 2:1-5 we find the story of baby Moses. He was born during a time when Pharaoh had told the people of Egypt to kill all baby boys born of Israelite mothers. His parents hid him in their home for three months. After three months, they could no longer hide him in the house. His cries were becoming louder and louder. The parents of Moses made a basket and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. They wrapped baby Moses nicely, put him in the basket, and took the basket to the river Nile and hid the basket amongst the papyrus reeds. Miriam, Moses's brother watched over the basket.



BABY IN A BASKET ACTIVITY

There were many things which could have destroyed baby Moses. To find out these things, do the activity.

There are pictures of different things on the image on the next page. Not all the pictures are part of this game. Fill in the letters in each line across in the boxes to complete the name of the thing.



All the answers are written across, starting from left to right. One of the answers is the name of the country where the river Nile is located. Some letters have been put in the boxes for you.

				n			e	s		
				u						
						y	p			
				P		o			e	
J			k							

To find out the one who really watched over Moses as his basket was afloat amongst the papyrus reeds in the river Nile, copy all the letters you have written in the blue boxes, starting from top down, and write them on the line provided.

We should thank Jesus for sending an angel to watch over baby Moses. Read the whole story in Exodus 2:1-10 and learn the “Baby in a Basket” song.

And by the way, who were the parents of Moses?

Circle the right answer below.

- (a) Joseph and Mamram
- (b) Miriam and Amram
- (c) Jochebed and Amram
- (d) Adam and Eve



BABY IN A BASKET

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

F F F F F

Melody in L.H.

1. Mom hides a bas - ket deep in the reeds
 2. And in that bas - ket, Mo - ses sleeps tight
 3. Mir - i - am guards the bas - ket a - float
 4. Guar - di - an an - gels keep Mo - ses safe

A - long Riv - er Nile, a - long Riv - er Nile.

F F B \flat B \flat

Mom hides a that bas - ket deep in the reeds.
 And in that bas - ket, Mo - ses sleeps tight,
 Mir - i - am guards that bas - ket a - float,
 Guar - di - an an - gels keep Mo - ses safe

F C7 F F

There's a bas - ket u - pon the Nile. _____
 In that bas - ket u - pon the Nile. _____
 O that bas - ket u - pon the Nile. _____
 In that bas - ket u - pon the Nile. _____



2 Corinthians 5:19 is one of the passages in the Bible which tell us why Jesus came to this world. This is how the verse reads in the NIV Bible:

GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:19

What does “reconcile” mean? Circle the correct answer.

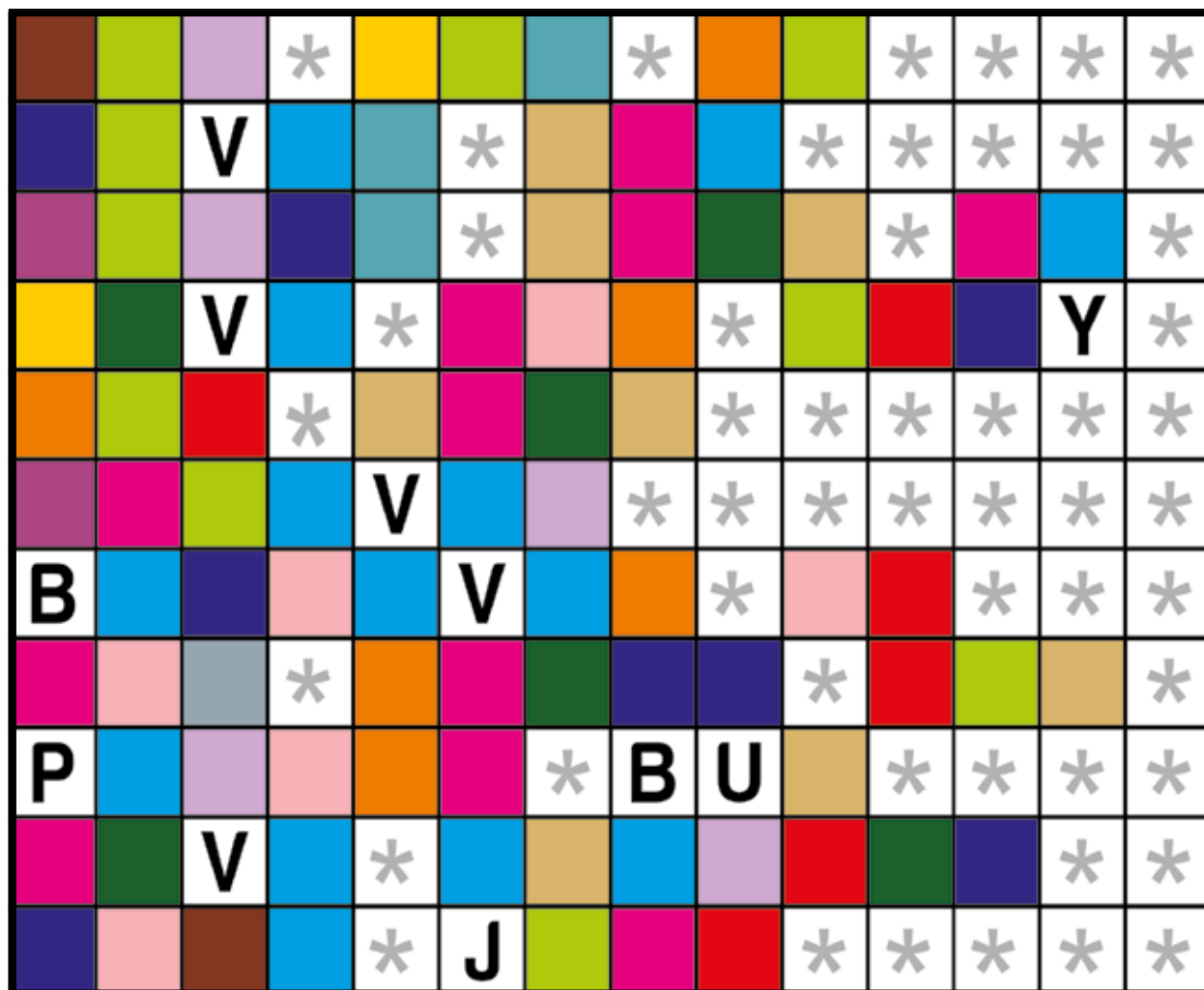
- (a) Repairing a broken relationship.
- (b) Chasing away the people who hurt your feelings.
- (c) The jury condemning the wrongdoer.
- (d) None of the above.

Use a dictionary or ask an adult to help you find the correct meaning of “reconcile.”

Jesus came to this world to help us know that He loved us so much that He was willing to die for us so that we can live with Him forever and ever. He died to repair a relationship broken by sin.



On the previous page, some letters in 2 Corinthians 5:19 are colored. Transfer the colored letters to the corresponding color in the grid below. You will discover a lovely verse.



In which Bible chapter and verse will you find the verse you have discovered?

FIND OUT WHAT JESUS DID FOR ME

To find out how God reconciled the world to Himself through Jesus, color X and \$ in red. After you have done all the coloring you will discover a symbol of God's love.

L	P	W	Y	G	B	P	P	Z	K	Q	Z	B	V	Y	A
J	E	S	U	S	K	X	\$	\$	X	D	I	E	D	G	A
Z	V	Q	P	K	W	X	L	Y	X	G	V	B	A	Y	L
L	K	Q	V	A	B	\$	K	P	\$	Q	W	Z	V	G	Y
Q	K	Y	L	V	W	\$	V	Z	X	B	K	G	Y	K	L
L	Z	W	G	B	A	X	Q	K	X	V	L	Y	B	G	A
X	X	\$	X	\$	X	\$	V	W	\$	X	X	\$	\$	X	X
X	Z	P	A	B	O	N	P	L	T	H	E	G	Y	B	\$
\$	V	Q	K	C	R	O	S	S	V	F	O	R	V	A	X
\$	\$	X	\$	X	X	\$	P	V	\$	\$	X	\$	\$	X	\$
P	W	V	G	Y	K	X	K	B	X	P	Q	V	Z	A	W
V	P	W	L	Y	A	X	V	G	X	W	K	A	V	Y	G
L	Y	G	B	A	V	\$	Z	Q	X	P	K	W	L	P	Y
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K	Y	B	K	G	Y	\$	B	P	X	V	Y	A	L	Z	P
L	P	W	A	K	L	X	Y	A	\$	G	K	B	A	L	Q
Y	K	L	K	G	L	\$	W	A	X	B	Y	G	V	Y	Z
G	B	W	Y	B	B	\$	M	E	\$	V	W	Z	L	P	V
B	A	Y	A	L	V	X	\$	X	\$	G	L	B	W	G	A

GOD IS LOVE

Words and Music by
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C C G7 C C F C

God is love, yes God is love, My God is love.

Detailed description: This system contains the first line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, C G7, C, C, F, C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

C C/E Dm G7 C F C

He is love, He is love. God is love, yes God is love. My God is love.

Detailed description: This system contains the second line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, C/E, Dm, G7, C, F, C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

C C G7 C (use capo or bar chords for successive key changes)

God is love, I know 'cause na - ture tells me so. God is love, yes God is love, My

Detailed description: This system contains the third line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, C G7, C. A note indicates a key change: "(use capo or bar chords for successive key changes)". The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

God is love. He is love, He is love. God is love, yes God is love. My

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth line of music. It features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The key signature has changed to three flats (E-flat major/C minor). The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



God is love. God is love, I know; My Bi - ble tells me so.

God is love, yes God is love, My God is love. He is love, He is love.

God is love, yes God is love. My God is love. God is love, I know 'cause Je-sus died for all.

WHY WE ALL NEED JESUS

In the Garden of Eden, before Adam and Eve sinned, God spoke to them face to face. But after they listened to the Devil and ate the forbidden fruit, sin entered the world. We can therefore say that sin is obeying the Devil instead of God. God could no longer speak to Adam and Eve face to face.

A gap was created between our parents and God. Our first parents, who had been created perfect, lost their perfection. To make matters worse, because of their sin, all of us have been affected by sin.



In fact, sin totally changed our nature, and there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Our only way of overcoming sin so that our nature can be restored to the way it was in the Garden of Eden is by accepting Jesus as our friend and depending upon Him to lead us every day. That is why Jesus came to this world—to bridge the gap created by sin between us and God.

PUNCH TEXT:

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”

John 1:29.

THE WORLD BEFORE SIN

Do the activity below to find out what the world was like before sin. The alphabet is represented by numbers. A = 1, B = 2, and so on. Fill in the numbers above the letters.

ALPHABET IN NUMBERS

on top of the alphabet A-Z write numbers 1-26.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Using the alphabet above, write out what the world was like before sin.

7 15 15 4

23 5 1 20 8 5 18,

2 5 1 21 20 9 6 21 12

6 12 15 23 5 18 19

14 15

4 5 1 20 8.

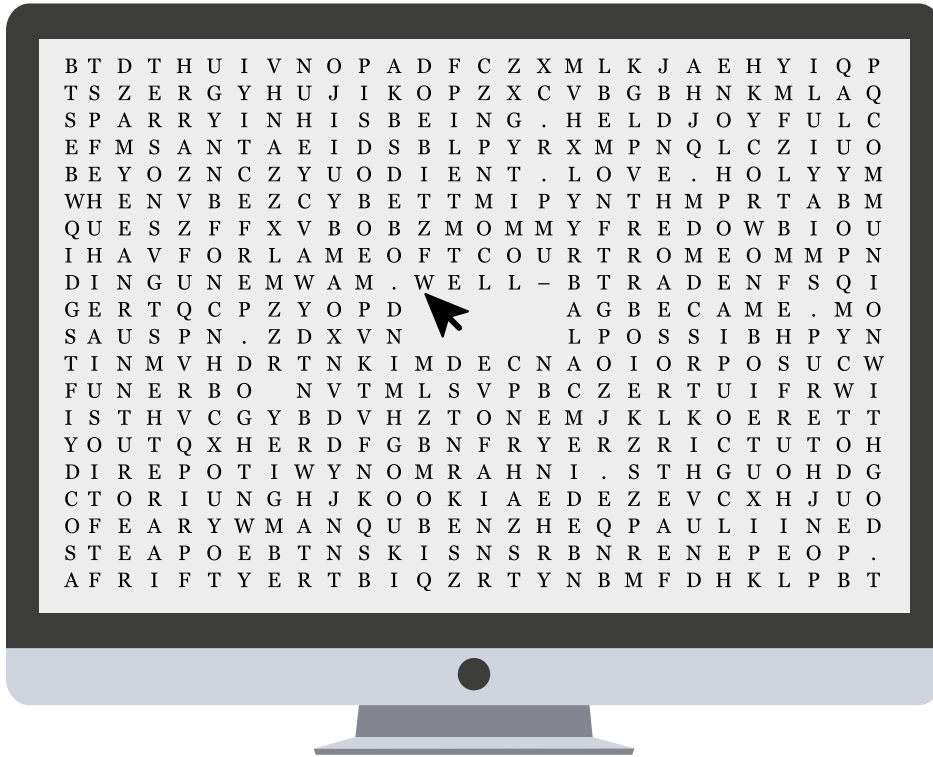
ADAM AND EVE ON THE MRI MACHINE

When God created Adam and Eve, the world was perfect. There was no sin. God put special qualities in Adam and Eve. To find these qualities, do the activity on the next page.

An MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is a machine used in hospitals.

This machine can detect very subtle changes in a human body. This machine uses magnetic force and radio waves to carefully examine tissues in the spinal cord, head, brain, abdomen, and extremities to see if there are any abnormalities to be found. The game we are going to play is called MRI—Mind Reader Imaging.

In this activity, the MRI machine will read the thoughts of Adam and Eve, helping you to know their thoughts before they sinned. To read their minds, go to the arrow (cursor) on the center of the computer screen on the next page. You will notice that the cursor is pointing on W. Starting from W, go clockwise to E, then L, and keep on going letter by letter. When you come to the end of a word or sentence, there will be a full stop. As you trace the words, it will be as if you are drawing a rectangle which starts small but gets bigger and bigger as you continue tracing the words. Keep on going until you find EIGHT qualities which show how Adam and Eve were before they sinned. Write your answers on the lines on the lines provided.



But then Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They ate the fruit of the tree God told them not to touch. They failed to control their appetites. Just like Adam and Eve, there are many boys and girls who also fail to control their appetites. They fail to make wise choices in what they eat. It is important for us to learn to make wise choices in our food.

MAKE WISE CHOICES

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

C Em/B Am7 C/G F Dm7 C/E G

Make wise choic - es in your food. You are made of what you eat. Eat
Pro - cessed foods aren't best for you; Eat them on - ly spar - ing - ly. But

F C G7 C Dm G F C

plen - ty of greens, the right pro - teins. Main - tain a bal - anced di - et.
fruits and grains, le - gumes and_ nuts Are great! Choose what is best._

(spoken) What did you say?

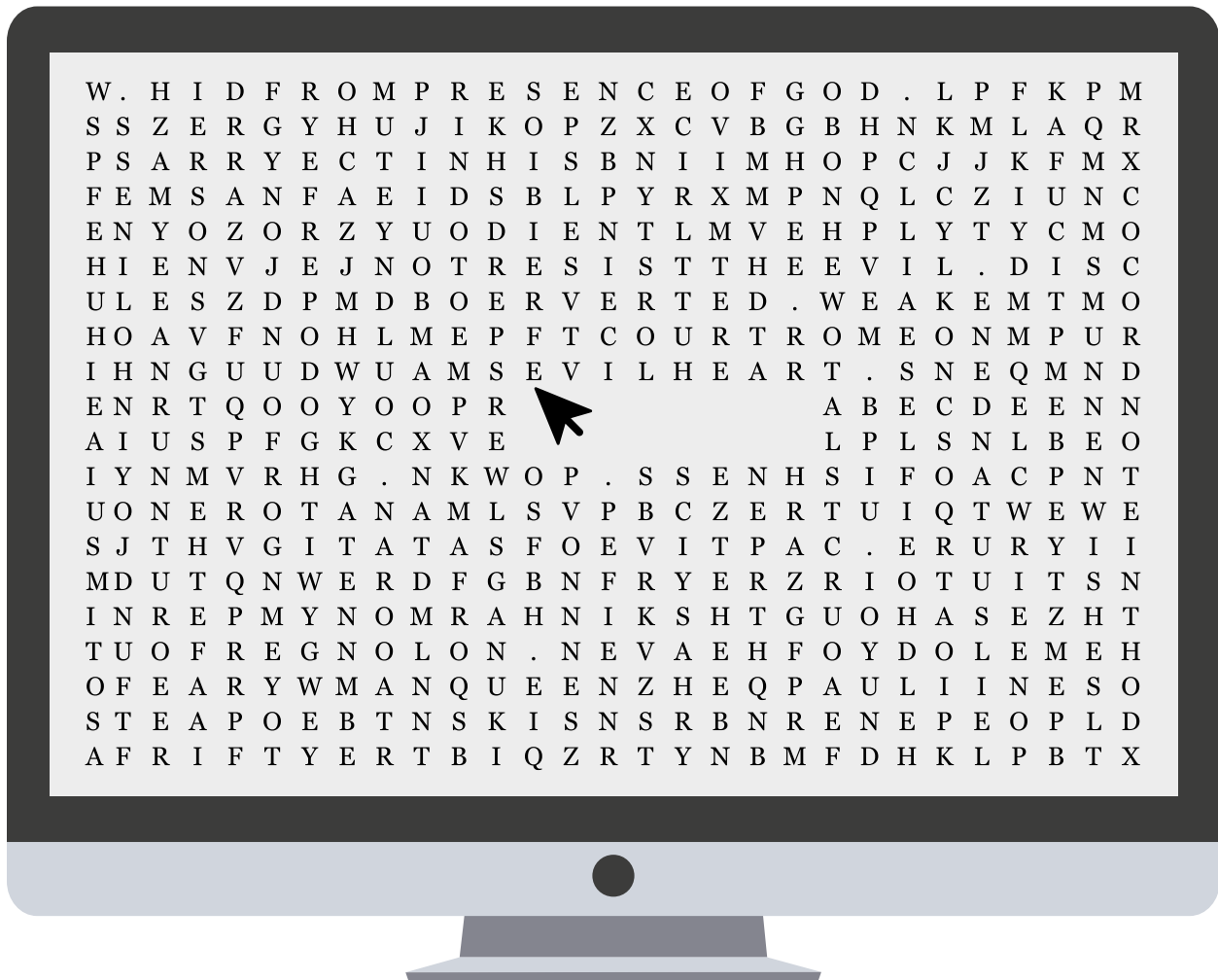
C C F C C G

Make your choice! Make your choic-es ev-'ry day, And laugh a-way junk food! Ha-ha-

G C F C Dm/F F/G G7 C

ha, ha-ha-ha! A bal-anced di - et,___ pre-pared just right, Can make you health-y and strong.
(keep)

Now, after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, something happened to their minds. Their thoughts were not as they were before, because they had disobeyed God. To know what happened to them after sin, do another MRI game below. But this time the answers have been given and your job is to find them on the MRI computer screen. The answers also begin on the center of the screen, but unlike the previous screen they do not follow a spiral pattern – they are found all over the screen.



1. Evil heart
2. Selfishness
3. Powers perverted
4. Weakened nature
5. Captive of Satan
6. Could not resist the Devil
7. Discord note in the melody of heaven
8. No longer found joy in holiness
9. Hid from the presence of God

THE WORLD AFTER SIN

Do the activity to find out what became of the world after sin. Hidden in a jumble of letters on the right are ten things that happened after sin entered the world. The beginning letters of the words are AN, CR, FE, DE, FI, GR, HA, JE, PA, and SU. The words run forwards or down. Write the ten words on the lines provided.

A	O	P	C	N	U	J	F	S	I	O	P	C	J	K
L	J	N	H	V	D	F	E	S	X	F	N	R	K	M
I	P	O	T	T	J	E	A	L	O	U	S	Y	G	D
F	A	C	V	B	S	A	S	F	T	Q	E	I	Z	T
I	I	G	J	K	G	R	Y	G	D	T	I	N	P	O
G	N	D	E	A	T	H	A	J	K	D	A	G	R	T
H	Y	U	J	G	D	W	N	W	Z	E	A	D	H	N
T	M	B	N	G	D	F	G	I	F	K	C	J	G	F
I	A	N	U	P	G	R	E	U	Y	V	C	C	M	L
N	M	S	U	F	F	E	R	I	N	G	P	O	G	L
G	T	Y	K	F	S	T	Y	O	L	E	R	E	R	C
C	Y	U	G	E	T	R	C	X	O	P	B	N	E	N
N	L	M	E	T	J	H	D	X	H	A	T	R	E	D
C	B	N	E	R	X	T	Y	C	K	L	I	M	D	P
W	S	D	P	U	D	J	I	N	M	L	K	R	E	F

This is the damage that sin did to our great-great-grandparents and to the entire world. And we are affected today just as they were affected. Job 14:4 and Romans 8:7 tell us that we are not able to save ourselves from the pit of sin we have fallen into.

ADAM AND EVE NEEDED TO CONTINUE SPEAKING TO GOD

It was important for Adam and Eve to continue talking to God. To find out why, write the colored words in the matching colored lines.

Hidden

Wisdom

Knowledge

Whom

Treasures

“...in _____ are _____ all the _____ of _____ and _____.” Colossians 2:3 (NKJV)

Nothing in the world can save us, whether it is education, money, politics, or anything else. Only Jesus save can us from the deep pit of sin. He is a friend of children, moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas—everybody.



JESUS IS A FRIEND OF CHILDREN

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D A7 A7 D

Je - sus is a friend of child-ren;.... Je - sus is a friend of child-ren._

D7 G/D D A7 D

Je - sus is a friend of child-ren, _ a friend of child-ren, _ a friend of child-ren._

Additional verses: Jesus is a friend of Mommy, Granny, Daddy, etc.

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REPENTANCE

As sinners, we have been separated from God. And, therefore, our daily desire should be to become reconnected to Him. No one else but Jesus is our connecting link with God. However, if we keep doing bad things, holding onto our sins, it will be difficult to be reconnected to God.

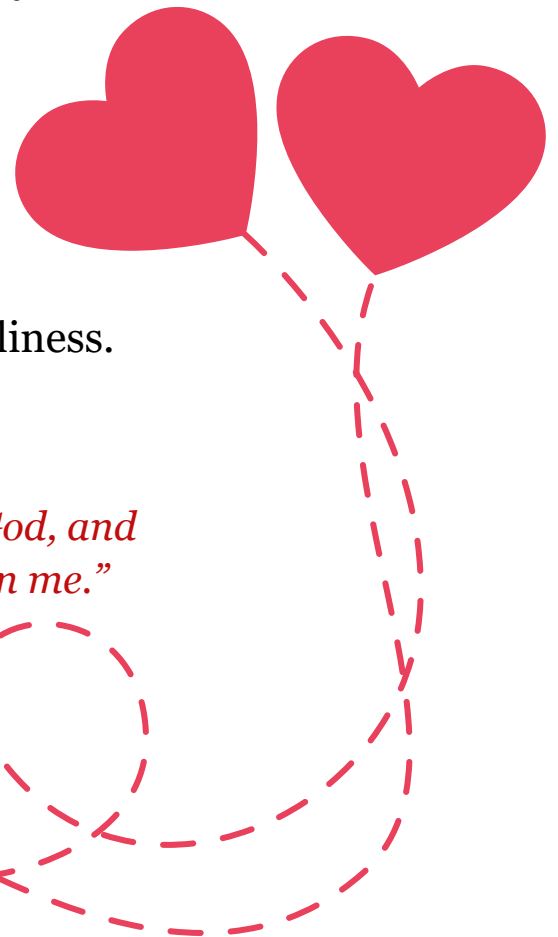
By choosing Jesus, He will give us the desire and the power to stop doing sinful things. He will help us to repent. To repent means leaving the bad things you were doing and turning around and going the opposite direction, away from the sin and back toward Jesus.

It means having a change of heart. It means learning to hate sin and to love purity and holiness.

PUNCH TEXT:

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:10.



Our activity is based on Psalm 51:1-14 (NIV). This is the prayer of David asking God for forgiveness after he had sinned, and pleading with God to give him a new, pure heart. Read the verses below or, if you have the NIV Bible, read from your Bible.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions. ²
Wash away all my iniquity and
cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I
know my transgressions, and my
sin is always before me. ⁴ Against
you, you only, have I sinned and
done what is evil in your sight;
... ⁵ Surely I was born with a
sinful nature. ⁶ Yet you desired
faithfulness even in the womb; you
taught me wisdom in that secret
place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop,
and I will be clean; wash me, and
I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let
me hear joy and gladness; let the

bones you have crushed rejoice.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a steadfast
spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast
me from your presence or take
your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²
Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I
will teach transgressors your
ways, so that sinners will turn
back to you. ¹⁴ Deliver me from
the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your
righteousness.

Find these words and phrases in the grid (they are all found in Psalm 51:1-14):

- BACK
- CREATE
- INIQUITY
- SINNED
- INNERMOST
- SINFUL
- TRANSGRESSION
- BLOT OUT
- PRESENCE
- TONGUE
- HOLY SPIRIT
- PURE HEART

N	E	T	T	G	N	H	M	X	P	H
P 3	U	R 1	E	H	E 10	A	R	T 6	R	L
S	I	A	V*	I	R*	B	S	D*	E	C
B	N	N*	S	H	T	T*	A	C	S	B
L	I	S	I	K	I	O	E*	R	E	A 7
O	Q	G	N	S	N	N	F	E	N	C
T	U	R	N 5	I	N	G	B	A	C 9	K
O	I	E	E	N 8	E 4	U	L	T	E	U
U	T	S	D	F	R	E	O	E	T	H
T	Y	S	W	U	M	N	T	O	Y	D
A	J	I	Y	L	O	E	O	G	M	Y
C*	O*	O	C	E*	S	S	U	S	D	H
D	Q	N	E 2	P	T	S	T	A	J	R
X	H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T

All the words read downwards except for two which read across (one set of words appear twice). There are also an additional two phrases which read across. One of the phrases is given on the list above and the other is not. After you find it, write it on the lines below:

After he sinned, David’s prayer is recorded in Psalm 51:1-14. It is David’s prayer of _____.

To find the answer to the question, go to the grid above and copy the letters numbered 1 to 10 in red and write them above the numbers.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

When you pray as David prayed and start to dislike the sinful things you used to do, it means that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, has helped you to become

_____.

To find the answer, go back to the grid and find the letters with a star, column by column, starting from left to right.

Write your own prayer on the lines provided, showing that you have repented, or you have been converted, or you have turned back from your bad ways, as David did.

YOUR PRAYER OF REPENTANCE:

Remember that the Devil is very clever. He will make you believe that some sins are very small, and you don't have to worry about them. But there is no small sin. Sin is sin, and it separates us from God.

Here are five people who are blindfolded. There is a line below each blindfolded person. On that line, write some sins that the Devil makes boys and girls think are very small and that they don't need to worry about.

There are boys and girls who are blindfolded by the Devil, making them believe that some sins are small, and they need not worry about those sins. He even convinces them that it would be easy to leave those sins alone in the future if the situation demands it. But the truth is that the education of a lifetime will make it very difficult to escape the stranglehold of that sinful habit.



When the Devil blindfolds you, you will find yourself going back to doing the bad things you used to do before you were converted. You will no longer be honest, truthful, kind, and faithful. To remain on the path of conversion, you will need to pray to Jesus to give you power every day to overcome the Devil's temptations and give you the desire to read your Bible and other Christian books daily, which will strengthen you.

If you catch yourself...

- Not obeying your parents and your teachers
- Going to church, but not really enjoying being in church
- Enjoying listening to other kinds of music and not Christian music
- Not enjoying watching Christian, educational, and character-building programs on TV
- Spending most of your time on your cellphone and other media gadgets

...plus many more distractions, then know that you have been blindfolded by the Devil.



We cannot repent on our own without the power of the Holy Spirit working on our conscience. The Holy Spirit, working together with Christ in our lives, is the only Being who can help us not to love sin. Jesus is able to put in us a heart that will not love sin. This is why He says in John 12:32: “But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

LESSON FROM A MAGNIFYING GLASS

Recently I came across a very powerful magnifying glass. I took the glass and held it over a piece of paper which looked very smooth. However, when I looked through the magnifying glass, I could not believe my eyes. The paper was not as smooth as I thought. It was really quite rough!



It is the same with our Christian lives. When we look at ourselves, we may consider ourselves smooth. But when the glory of Jesus Christ shines on us, we begin to see ourselves the way we really are—really quite rough!

But just like David, God can help you overcome your bad habits. And do you know what? We should thank Jesus that even though many times we fail Him, He is patient with us and works hard to draw us to Himself. Always sing songs of thanks to Jesus.

THANK YOU, JESUS

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

C G7 C

1. Thank you, Je - sus, for air that we breathe.
 2. Thank you, Je - sus, for moon - light so bright,
 3. Thank you, Je - sus, for Dad and for Mom,

C G7 C

Thanks for flow - ers, the sun and the trees.
 And for stars that il - lu - mine the night.
 For they love me and give me a home.

Em Am F Dm

Thank you, Je - sus, for the birds in the air.
 How I long to be in heav'n where You are!
 But in heav - en there's a man - sion for me

C/G G7 C

Thank you, Je - sus, for all that is fair.
 Thanks for ma - king me your shi - ning star.
 Where I'll live with You e - ter - nal - ly.

CONFESSING TO THOSE I HAVE WRONGED

Chapters 3 and 4 are closely linked together. In Chapter 3 we talked of repentance—feeling sorry for our sins and having a change of heart, wanting to be better through Christ’s help. That is the first condition of acceptance by God. This chapter deals with confessing those sins to God who alone can forgive them, as well as confessing your faults to one another.



Confession is a two-way activity. You play your part and Jesus plays His part. Your part is to confess with a “sorry heart” and “repentant spirit” (Psalm 34:18), and to make a change in your life away from sin and toward doing good. The Lord’s part is to come close to you, to forgive you, and to save you.

It is never a true confession to say, “Lord, I’m sorry for what I did, but if so-and-so had not done this to me, I would not have done what I did to him. But, anyway, please forgive me.” This shows that you have not taken full responsibility for the wrong you did, and Jesus cannot forgive you. You should apologize to the one you wronged and have no excuses. Tell them that you feel very sorry for what you did and if there is something to be paid back, you will do your best to pay it back. If you have been spreading rumours about someone, go back and tell those people the truth to restore the name of the person whose reputation you destroyed. Let those people know that you feel deep sorrow for destroying somebody’s name. Making things right is part of true confession.

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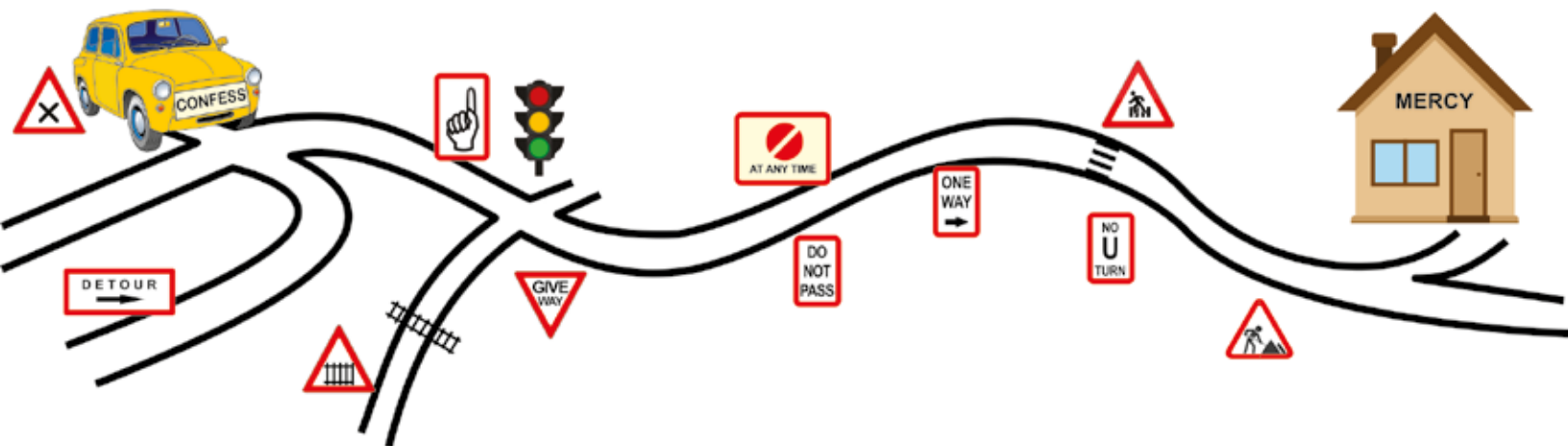
“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9



THE DRIVING GAME

Imagine a young fellow driving a car with the license plate CONFESS. He would like to drive along the road and find the house marked MERCY. Help him find the house. As you can see, there are road signs along the road. These road signs are actually the alphabet. Using the code given on the opposite page, write down the letter on the lines provided. Note: The letter may be either of the two given. The period (dot) that is either before or after the line indicates which letter to use.



KEY

STOP	.A or B.	DO NOT PASS (NO OVERTAKING)	.O or P.
TRAFFIC LIGHT	.C or D.	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING	.Q or R.
ONE WAY	.E or F.	PEOPLE WORKING	.S or T.
DETOUR	.G or H.	RAILWAY CROSSING	.U or V.
YIELD (GIVE WAY)	.I or J.	NO U TURN	.W or X.
DO NOT ENTER	.K or L.	CROSS ROADS	.Y or Z.
NO PARKING	.M or N.		

Detour One Way No U-Turn No Overtaking Traffic light No Parking
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 Traffic light One Way Stop Do Not Enter People Working Detour Yield People Working
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 . _____ . _____ _____ . . _____ _____ . . _____ _____ . _____
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CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING GOD'S MERCY

In Proverbs 28:13, there are two key words, namely, “conceal” and “confess.” What does “conceal” mean? Check in your dictionary and write the meaning on the line below.

What does “confess” mean? Again, check in your dictionary or ask an adult or your teacher and write the meaning on the line provided.

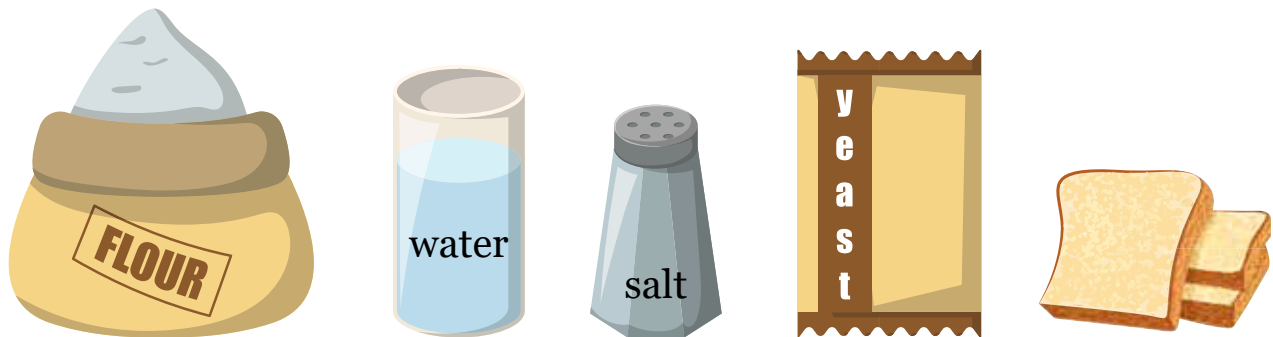
To confess means to apologize. It means to say, “I’m sorry”. Therefore **Proverbs 28:17** is telling us that the only thing we have to do if we are to receive God’s mercy is not to hide our sins, but to say that we are sorry for the wrong we have done. God wants all of us to receive His mercy, and the conditions of obtaining His mercy are very simple. Like a loving parent, He does not ask us to do some unusual thing in order that our sins be forgiven.

I'm
sorry!



INGREDIENTS OF CONFESSION

When making bread, the bread maker mixes certain ingredients to have the desired loaf. Some of the ingredients used are flour, yeast, salt, and water.



These ingredients are mixed together to make dough that is put in a baking pan and then into a hot oven. And after some time, you have a baked loaf.

True confession has certain ingredients too. To find the ingredients, do the exercise below. Remove all the **2s, Ws, and some of the Hs, Ts and Os** in between the letters to find out which ingredients make up genuine confession.

1. W2HHW2EW2AW2RW2TTW2 W2FW2EW2LWTTW2.

2. W2NW2OO2W2TW2 W2FW2OW2RW2CW2EW2DW2
W2FW2RW2OOW2MW2 W2TTW2HW2EW2 W2SW2IW2NW2NW2EW2RW2.

3. W2NW2OOW2TTW2 W2TTW2OOW2 W2BW2EW2
W2MW2AW2DW2EW2 W2CW2AW2RW2EW2LW2EW2SW2SW2LW2YW2.

TRUE OR FALSE

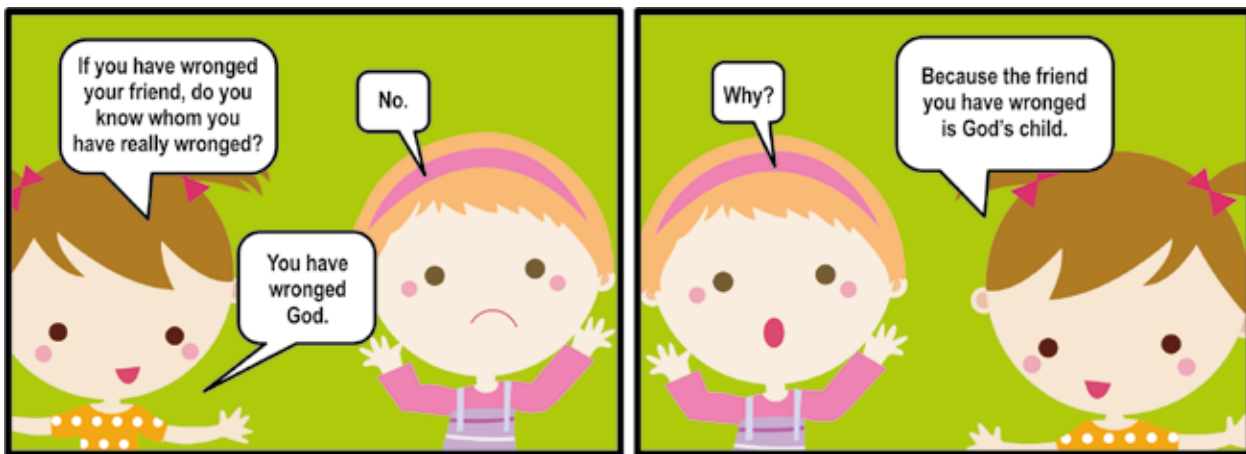
Write T in the bracket if the answer is true and F if the answer is false.

- () 1. True confession should always be general in nature and should not acknowledge particular sins.
- () 2. The nature of some sins means that they should be confessed to God only.
- () 3. If you have wronged an individual, you should make specific confession to that person.
- () 4. When you have told a lie in your class, you should not confess to the whole class because it is humiliating.

For the answers which are false, rewrite them on the lines below to make them true:



As a Christian, when you have wronged someone, the Bible requires you to confess to the one you have wronged.



The Bible has a promise for us regarding confessing our sins. Turn to your Bible and read **1 John 1:9**.

And do you know what? When you have confessed your sins, the Devil will try to make you feel that your sins are not forgiven. When you have that kind of feeling, know that it is coming from the Devil. When God says He has forgiven you, He means what He says.

IF I CONFESS MY SINS

Words: 1 John 1:9

Music by Saustin Sampson Mfuné

Moderately, not too fast

G D7 G G/B C D7 G G/B

If I con-fess my sins, He is faith-ful and just to for-give.

Am7 Am7/C D7 D7/F# Am7 D7 G G/B

He'll right all my wrongs, and He'll give me a new life to live.

G D7 G G/B Em G/D C Am7

He'll guide each step of my way, and He'll lead me from day to day.

C C/E G Am7 G/D D7 G

If I con-fess my sins un-to Him, He is faith-ful and just to for-give.

SEARCHING WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

“**A**ll to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.” This line from a well-known hymn is easy and enjoyable to sing, but how easy is it to live out in our daily lives? So often we are weak, full of doubts, and controlled by bad habits. Jesus is willing and able to free us from the slavery of sin, but He will not do so against our will. We need to surrender our wills to Him, moment by moment, and only then can He begin to transform us into something new and wonderful.

But don't fool yourself—you cannot belong half to God and half to the world. Whatever it is that you've made an idol out of, that which you will not give up, will gradually begin to draw you away from God. It is like

a drowning man who continues to sink because he refuses to empty his pockets of the gold coins weighing him down. Imagine going down to your death, clinging to money, when you could let it go and regain life! The life Jesus wants to give us is way better than anything we could achieve on our own. After all, when we surrender ourselves to Jesus, what are we actually giving up? Nothing but a grubby, sin-polluted life—in exchange for a beautiful, pure one!

“All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.” Let’s not allow this to be merely a song we sing. Let’s make it a reality. Give your will to God and He will enable you to live the life of faith.



FIND THE PUNCH TEXT

When I was a child, I enjoyed playing hide and seek. I'm sure you have played that game too. The fun of the game, at least for me, was when I was so well hidden that my friends could not find me. Although God is not playing hide and seek with us, He is very happy when we find Him. In fact, there is a promise in the Bible which states just that. And that promise is our Punch Text for this chapter.

PUNCH TEXT: To find the Punch Text, do the following activity. Complete the code key below then transfer the letters to the correct numbers.

Multiply by 2

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
4	10	15	9	7	14	3	11
8	20						

Add 3

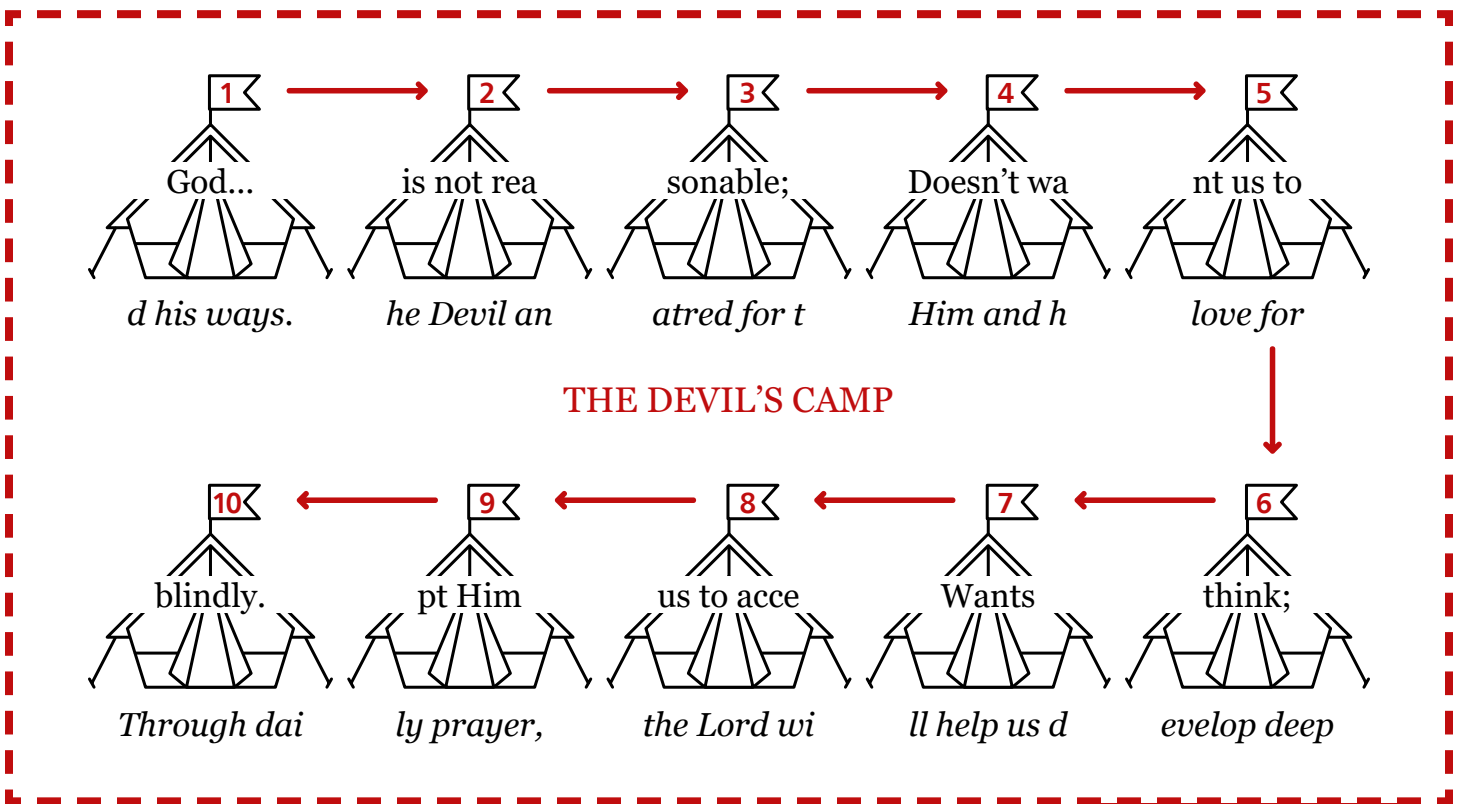
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
7	9	4	1	6	2	12	8	10

Subtract 5

R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
28	6	8	21	7	22	29	30	45

SATAN'S CAMP AND HOW TO GET OUT OF IT

Satan, the father of lies, has been manufacturing lies about God. To know what false rumors he has been spreading about God, do the following activity. Below are ten tents. This is "The Devil's Camp" where he manufactures lies about God. Starting at the word "GOD", follow the arrows through all 10 tents until you have found three false rumors the Devil has been spreading. Write your discovery on the lines below which are numbered 1, 2, and 3.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

But all these claims are lies. We need to be able to see between truth and the Devil's lies in order to escape the Devil's camp.

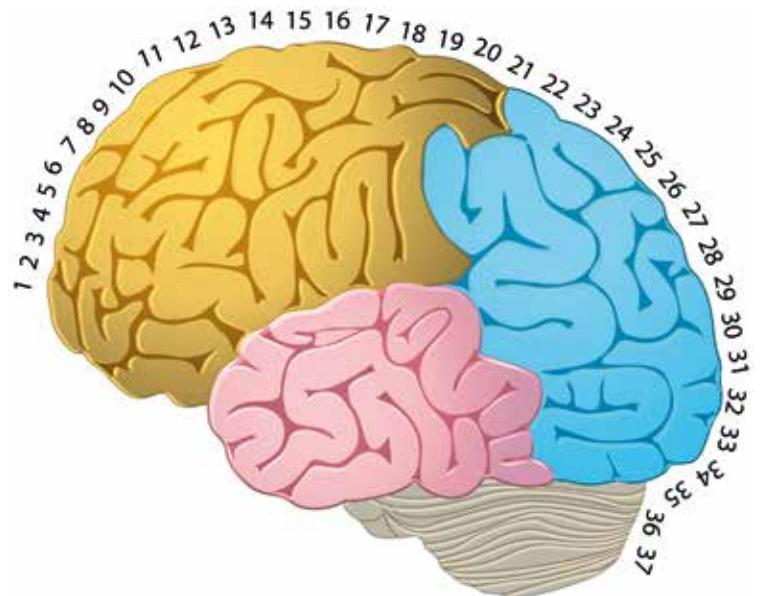
Now, going back through the tents in reverse order (from Tent 10 to Tent 1), find how you can get out of the Devil’s camp. Copy the words in each tent and write the sentence in full on the lines:

God wants us to know the truth about Him.
To find out what this truth is, do the activity below.

THE BRAIN GAME

Below is a diagram of the brain with numbers around it. Next to the diagram is a grid with letters, numbers and a colon sign in them. Write the letters in each block next to the corresponding number on the brain (1-37). The numbers 38-47 in the grid will tell you where the verse is found.

I (38)	W (7)	: (45)	R (13)	O (35)	S (27)	H (32)	1 (44)
N (18)	O (17)	A (40)	D (37).	M (3)	A (15)	T (19)	C (1)
E (4)	1 (46)	Y (29)	U (11)	H (24)	T (10)	O (6)	S (39)
T (23)	E (14)	O (20)	E (9)	S (16)	R (36)	E (25)	S (12)
L (8)	G (21)	A (28)	T (31)	O (2)	R (26)	I (41)	8 (47)
S (30)	E (22)	E (33)	A (42)	H (43)	N (5)	L (34)	★

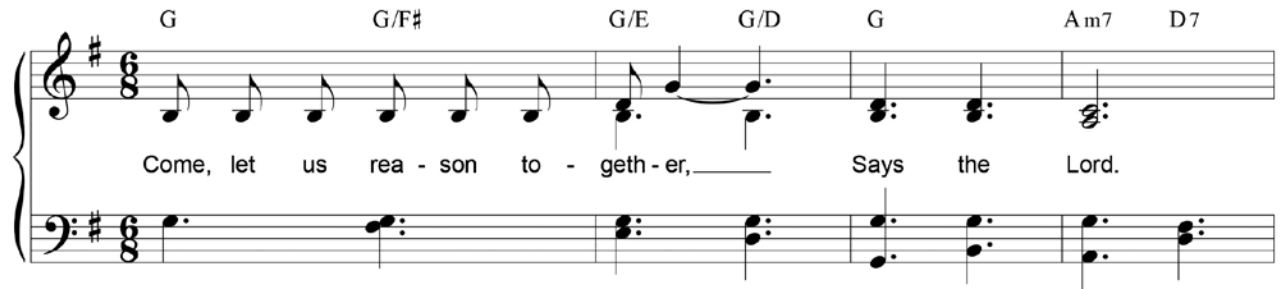


Scripture reference: _____

COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

G G/F# G/E G/D G Am7 D7



Come, let us rea - son to - geth - er, Says the Lord.

Am7 Am7/C D D7 D/F# D G



Come, let us rea - son to - geth - er, I will set you a - part as my child. I'll re-

G G/F# G/E G/D G/B G C C/B



move your heart of stone, And I'll give you a heart of flesh.

Am7 G/B C G/D D7 G



Though your sins are as red as can be, I will wash you; you'll be whit - er than snow.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD



If you gave your parents such an answer, how do you think they would feel? If your answer is that they would be hurt, you are most likely correct. We obey our parents not because we fear that they will punish us. We obey them because we love them. We know what they have done for us and the plans they have for us.

In the same way, we obey God because we love Him. God loved us so much that He gave Jesus to die for us. Therefore, all the things we will do for Him we will do because we are moved by His love.

But remember, no matter how you wish to do what is right, you cannot do it on your own. You need to know how to pray and depend on Jesus.

FAITH AND ACCEPTANCE

Imagine, if you will, that it's Sabbath and you are in church. The pastor is preaching, and you are in the back row with your friends, some of whom are texting. You dip your hand into your pocket and begin to pull out your cellphone. But as you do so, something inside you (your conscience guided by the Holy Spirit), tells you in no uncertain terms that the thing you are about to do is wrong.

Your friends seem to be enjoying themselves. The temptation to join in threatens to overpower you and a feeling of helplessness overwhelms you. “What should I do?” you ask yourself.

This is not the time to live by your feelings. It is the time to offer up a prayer and ask God to help you overcome this temptation—then, trust that He will!

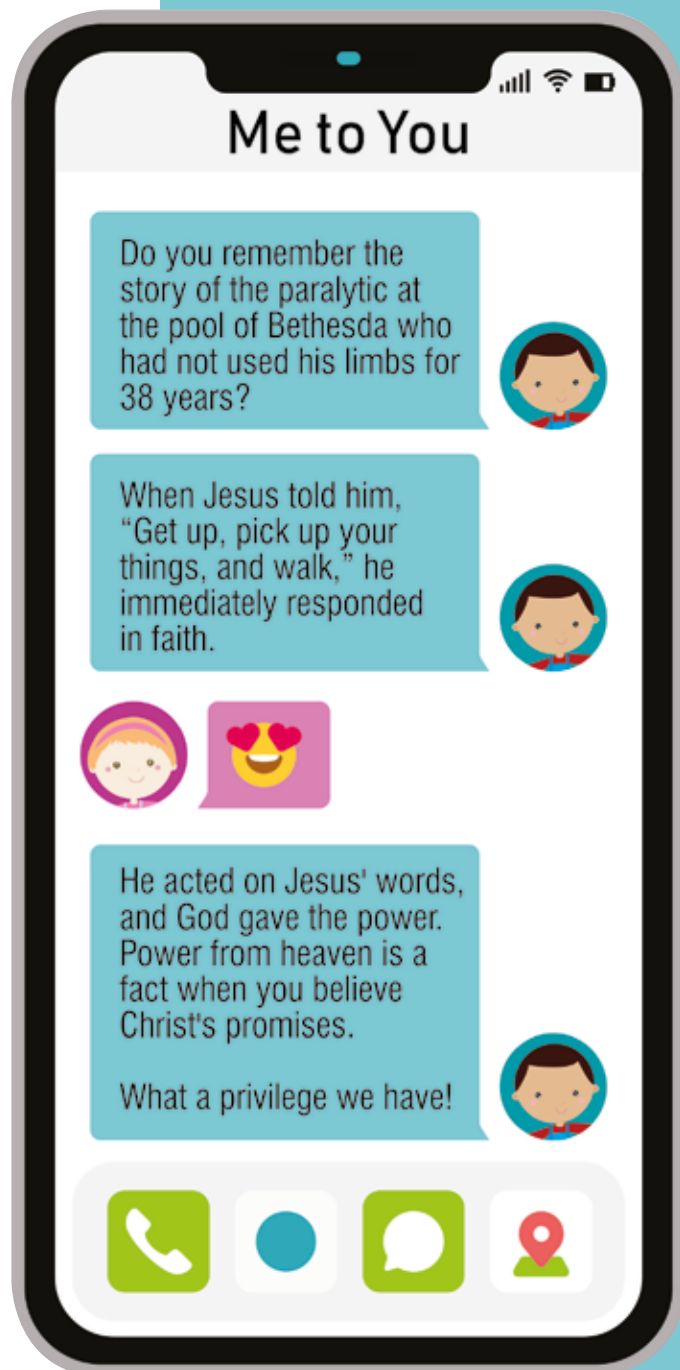


Whenever you pray according to the will of God, He is always ready to answer your prayer. Even if you have been texting in church in the past, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will help you obey your conscience and change your behavior. Jesus loves us to come to Him just as we are, sinful, helpless, dependent. It is His glory to pick us up and make us clean and shiny and new again, no matter how dirty we may have become.

PUNCH TEXT:

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Isaiah 1:18



THE NATURE OF SIN

Unscramble the words below to learn something about the nature of sin.

Sin is... fupwerlo _____

Sin takes us on a... tilug prit _____

Sin separates us from... sejsu _____

Sin fills us with... slessenfish _____

Sin fills us with... dab soughtht _____

Sin makes us... savels ot natsa _____

Sin will bring... etranel dathe _____

It should be clear to us that sin is not something to play around with. But what does God do when we find ourselves trapped by sin? Does He forsake us? Not at all! As our Punch Text tells us, God promises that even though our sins are as bright red as crimson, once He has washed us we shall be as white as snow.

How much do you think this wonderful experience costs? Color all the letter Zs in the grid below to find out the costs to us for God's forgiveness.

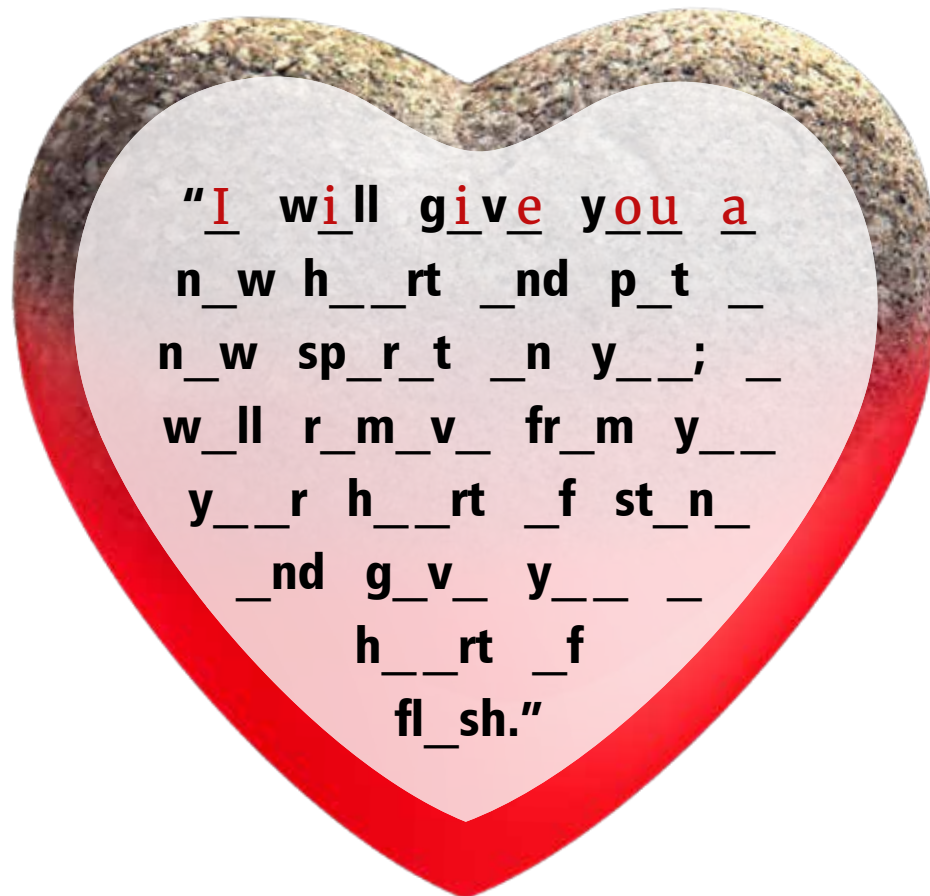
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Z	?	?	?	?	?	Z	%	%	%	Z	%	Z	%	%	%	%	%	Z	%	%	%	%	
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As we have seen in this activity, God freely offers us the gift of forgiveness. But He does not stop there. He offers something else. To find out what this offer is, complete the next activity.

THE BIBLE HEART TRANSPLANT GAME

Dr. Christian Barnard did the first heart transplant on a human being on December 3, 1967 at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa. Unfortunately, the patient, Mr. Louis Washkansky, did not live long. He died 18 days later due to complications from pneumonia.

But Jesus has been transplanting hearts for thousands of years. Place the correct vowels (a, e, i, o, u) in the text inside the heart below to find a verse that talks about Jesus “transplanting” hearts. Then write the Bible text on the lines provided. The first line has been done for you. The verse is found in Ezekiel 36:_6



Jesus is not only a great surgeon. He is also a great family doctor. He healed all kinds of diseases. Below there are eight circles arranged in a circular pattern. The eighth circle, which is at the center of the seven circles, is bigger than the other circles. All the circles have words written in them. But in the eighth circle, there is a crossword puzzle. Complete the crossword puzzle and write the words of the crossword puzzle on the corresponding numbers on the next page. Then read the sentences starting from the first circle to the eighth circle. This activity will help us learn why Jesus healed diseases.

DOWN:

- 2. Only Jesus can deal with our sins in this way.
- 7. Another word which means 'in addition'.

ACROSS:

- 5. Another word for 'sickness'.
- 6. To get better.
- 8. What Jesus forgives.

7
It is the same with us. We should have faith in Him.

1
Jesus healed the people of their diseases

8
1 I 2 []
[] O []
[] G [] 3 C [] 4 H
5 D I [] E [] S []
[] V [] N
6 H [] 7 A []
E [] []
[] 8 S [] N
[] [] []

6
Those who believed were healed.

2
when they had faith in His power;

5
concerning things they could not see.

3
He helped them in the things which they could see,

4
thus inspiring them with confidence in Him

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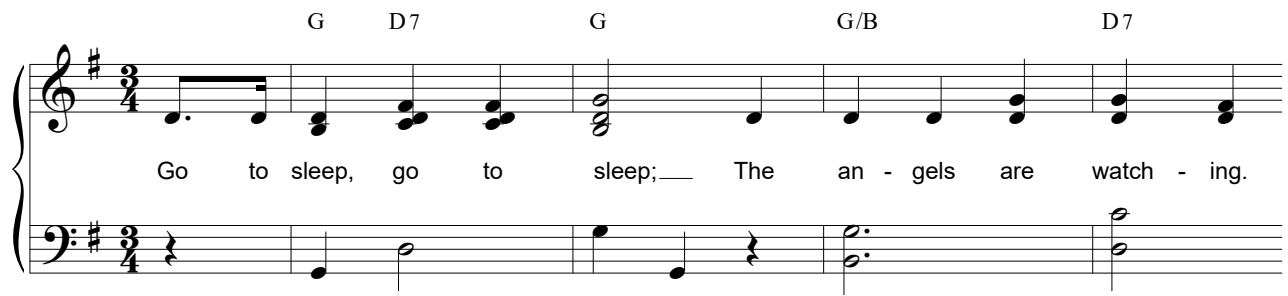
A GROWING FAITH

The more we spend time with God, the more our faith in Him will grow. And God's angels continually give us strength to overcome the Devil. When we have faith in God, our fears will go away. We will always be assured that Jesus's angels are always watching over us.

ANGELS ARE WATCHING

Words and Music by
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G D7 G G/B D7



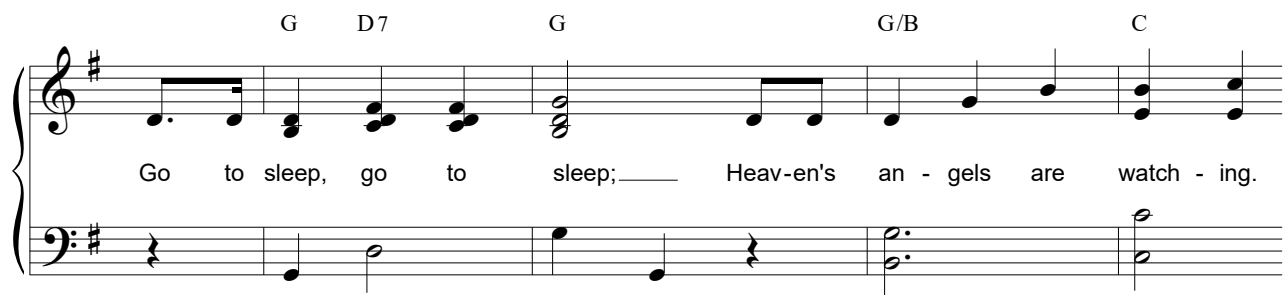
Go to sleep, go to sleep; The an - gels are watch - ing.

D7 D7 D7 G



Gent - ly sleep and be calm, And fear not the dark - ness.
Gent - ly sleep and fear not The loud clap - ping thun - der.
Gent - ly sleep, have sweet dreams. God's an - gels are with you.

G D7 G G/B C



Go to sleep, go to sleep; Heav - en's an - gels are watch - ing.

Am G D7 D7 G



Go to sleep, go to sleep; The an - gels are watch - ing.

JESUS GIVES US POWER TO BE HIS CHILDREN



Miss Robinson had taken her Grade 4 class for a nature walk. Suddenly Andrew yelled, “Hey, something’s moving under this leaf!” The kids crowded around, eager to identify this strange creature. Then Hayley exclaimed, “They’re everywhere! Look at all these strange sacks hanging from the leaves! And—oh wow! Look! It’s a butterfly!” All the kids gasped. The butterfly was beautiful. It had yellow and black wings with white spots dotting the outer edges.

The children watched it for some time before the teacher said, “Can someone tell me what the process is called that this butterfly went through to become this pretty creature?” One hand quickly shot up. “Yes?” Miss Robinson gave her the go ahead. “I saw this on YouTube,” the girl began. “It’s called





metamorphosis.” “That is a great answer,” the teacher replied. “All of these sacks are larvae that will soon emerge as butterflies.” Pointing at a larva squirming under a leaf, the teacher said, “Who can believe that this thorny, ugly crawling insect will become one of those butterflies?”



Boys and girls, do you sometimes feel like a “thorny, ugly creature”? Just like He changes the larva into a lovely butterfly, Jesus can change you into a lovely human being. You can become a new creature; a new creation. In fact, this transformation is the best way to know if you are converted—if there has been a change in your character and behavior. The best part is that you don’t have to make this change in your own strength. Actually, you can’t, even if you tried!



Only when you stay connected to Jesus will you become the beautiful creature He wants you to be.



PUNCH TEXT:

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*



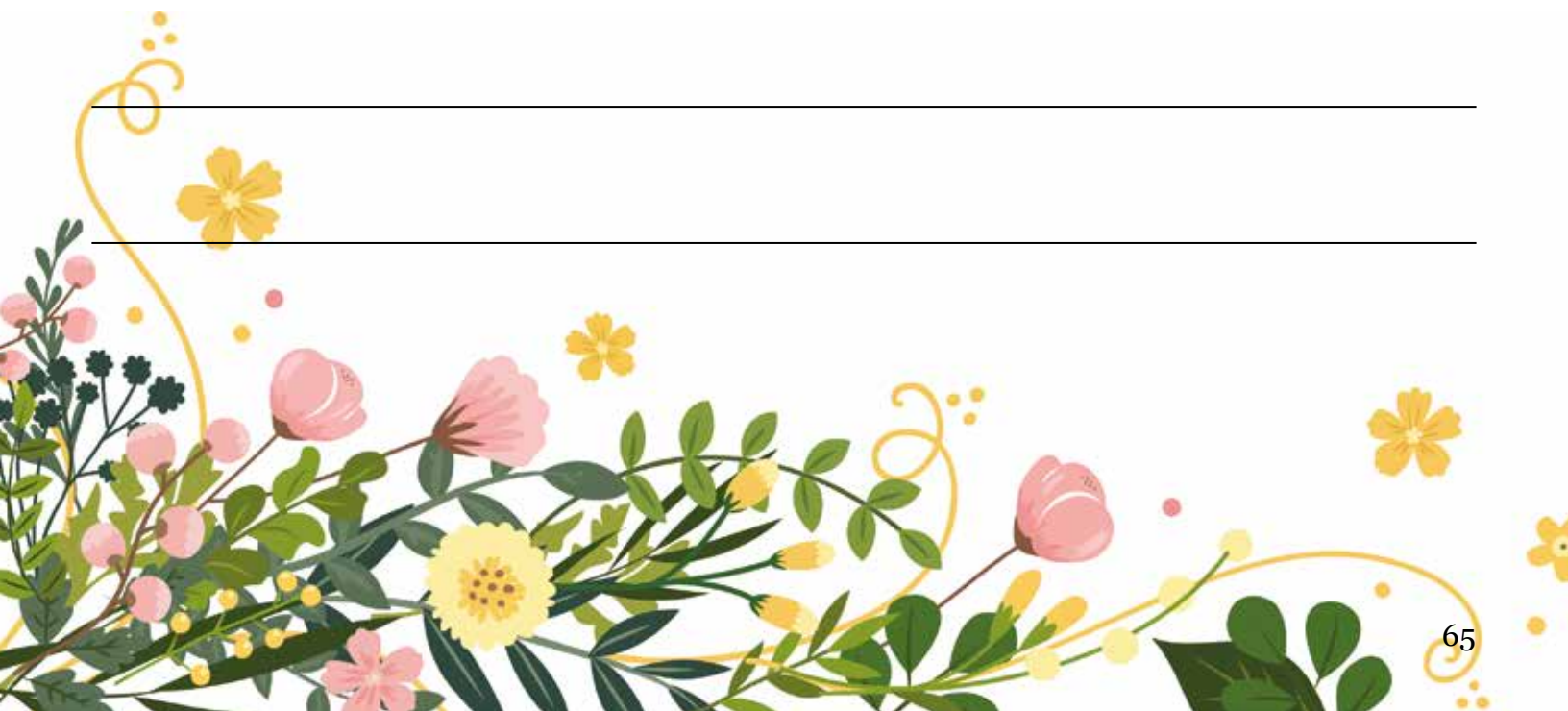
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considerate; generous; humble; peaceful; cheerful; encouraging; hardworking;
kind; pure; compassionate; forgiving; honest; patient; unselfish.

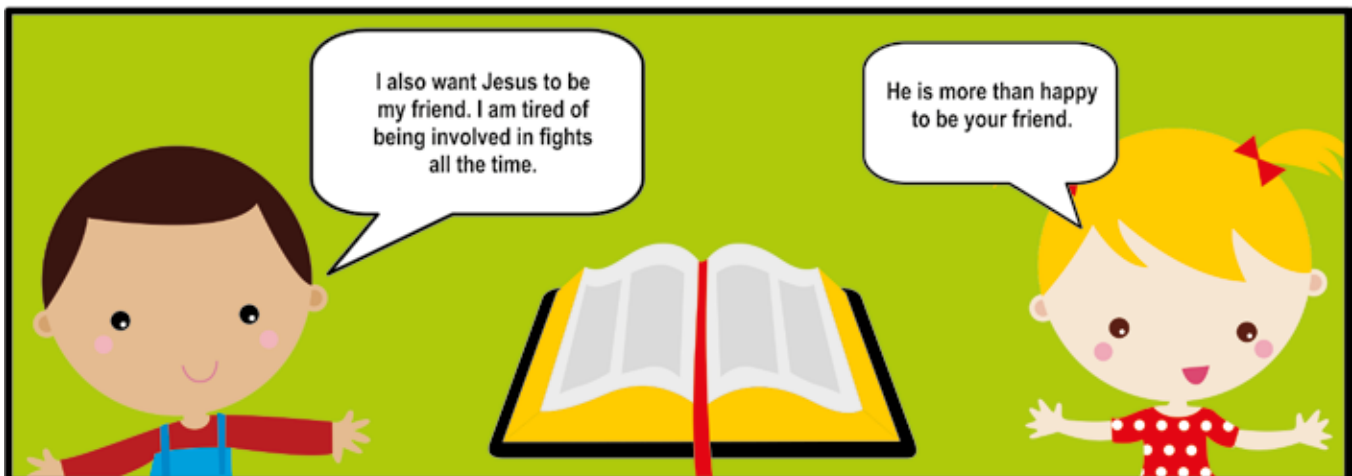
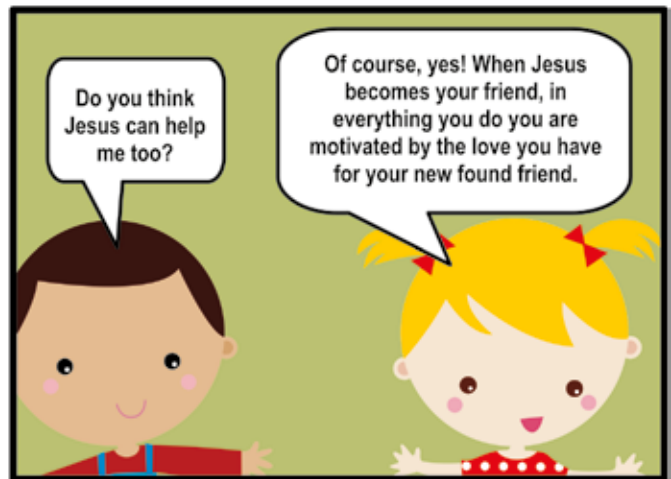
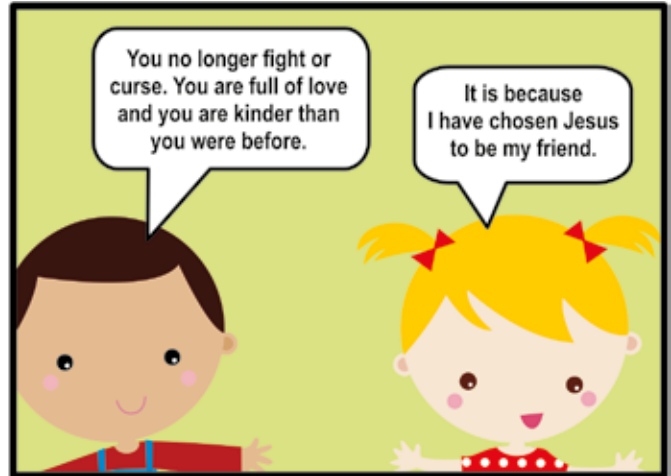
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S	D	P	F	U	G	J	A	Q	W	N	E	I	U	M	I	Z

Now, read the Bible texts below. There are two verses which are best suited to this chapter's theme. One of them is 2 Corinthians 5:17 which is the chapter's punch text. Find the other verse. Write it on the lines provided.

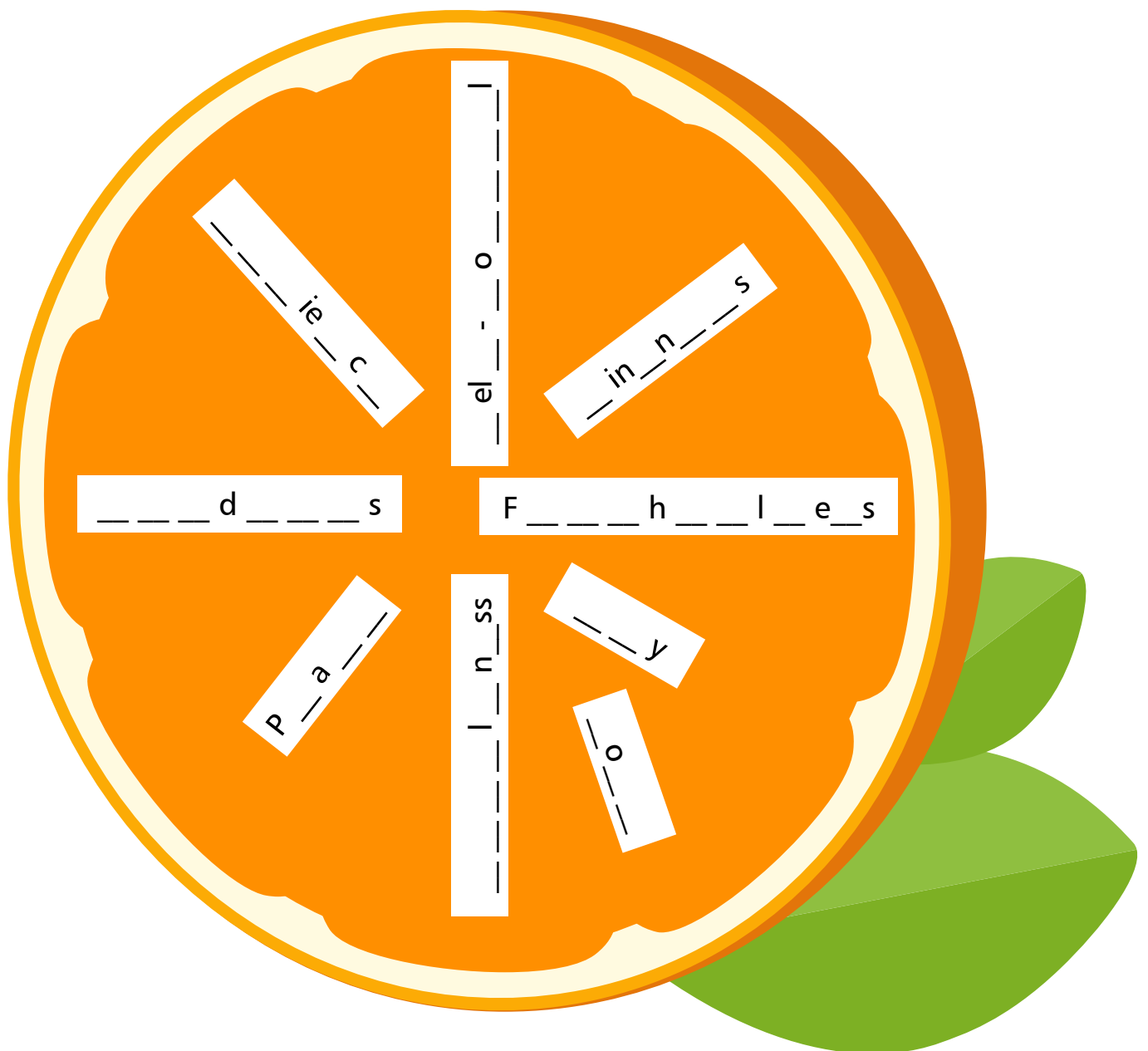
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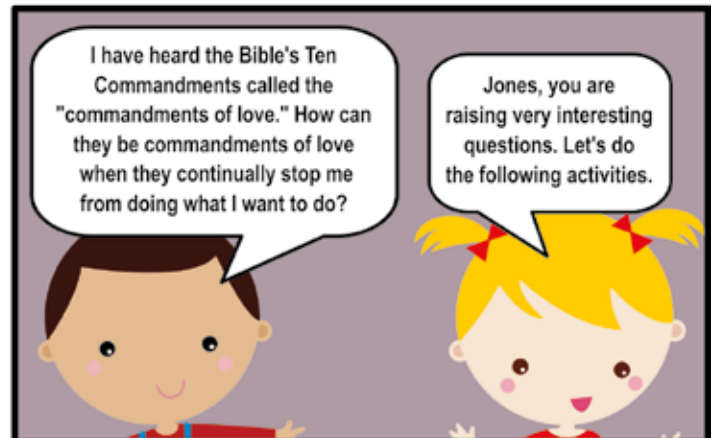
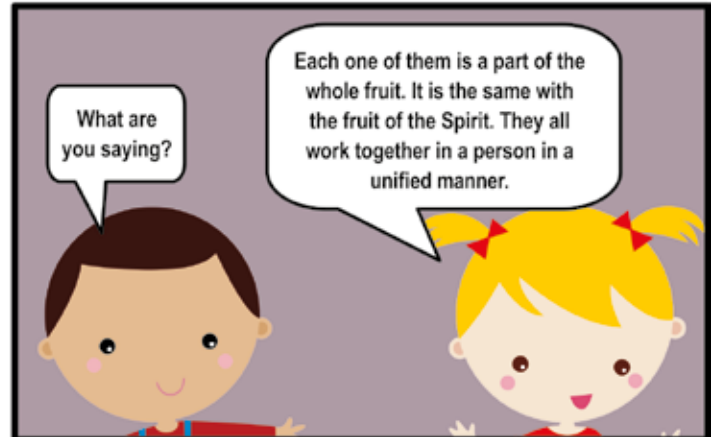
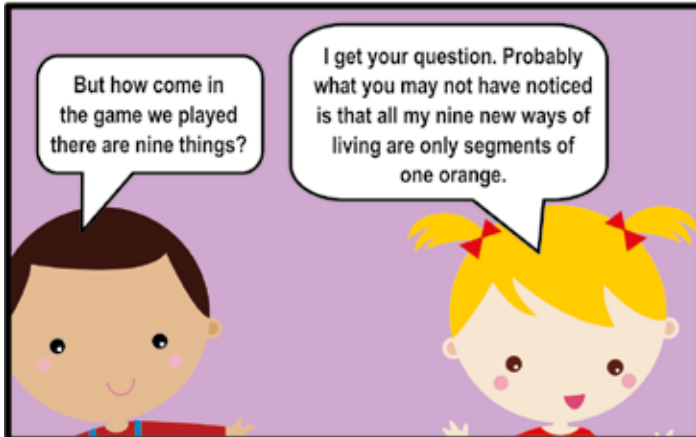
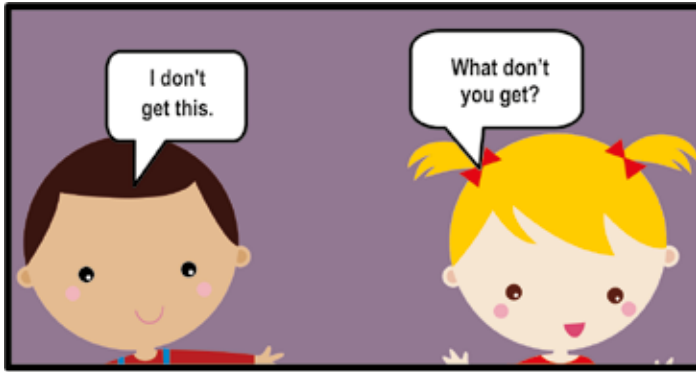


JOHN LEARNS ABOUT SALVATION FROM QUEEN



In the conversation between Jones and Queen, Queen told Jones that when she chose Jesus, He gave her power to overcome her bad habits and her life began to show the fruit of the Spirit. But what is the fruit of the Spirit? Here is an orange cut in half. Inside there are nine segments that have incomplete words. Fill in the correct letters in the blank spaces to find the full word of the segment. If you need help, turn to Galatians 5:22-23 (RSV).





LESSON FROM A MIRROR

Here is a mirror. What can you see in the mirror? Write your answer below:

That is true—there is a reflection of a child dressed in rags. Write on the line below one purpose of a mirror.

A mirror is able to help you in many ways, including showing you how dirty your face is. On the line provided, write one thing a mirror cannot do.



The list of what a mirror cannot do is endless. A mirror cannot clean your dirty face. Neither can it mend your torn clothes. A mirror cannot comb your hair. A mirror is similar to a thermometer. A thermometer will tell you that you have a fever but it cannot remove your fever.

There is something in the Bible which can be represented by a mirror. Can you guess what it is? If you guessed the Ten Commandments, you are correct. Though the Ten Commandments are important, they cannot save us. They are only like a mirror to point out how dirty our “spiritual faces” are. The mirror shows how dirty, filthy and ragged our spiritual hearts are.

BACK TO FRONT MIRROR GAME

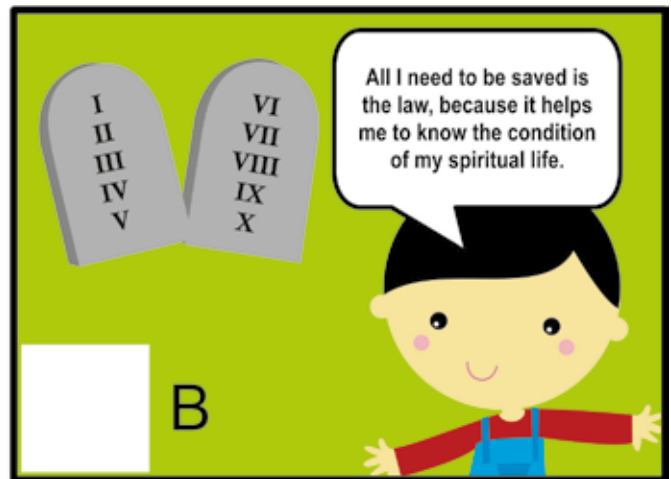
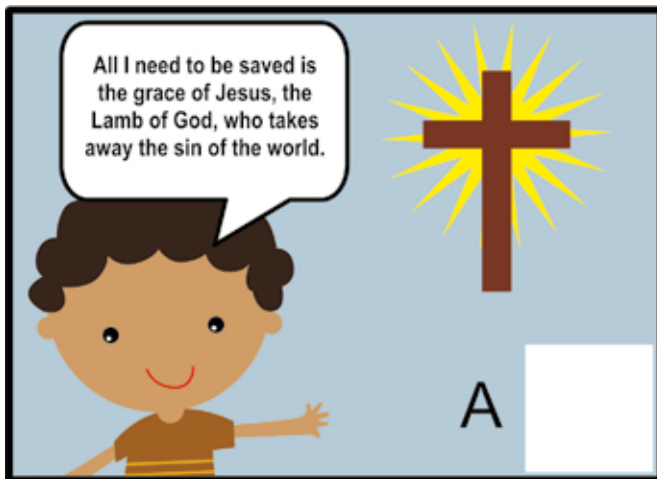
There is a text in the Bible which says just what we have talked about. Now to read the text, you will need a mirror. Hold a mirror to the right of the verse below and read on the mirror what has been written.

Therefore no one will
be declared righteous
in his sight by
observing the law;
rather through the law
we become conscious of sin.
Romans 3:20

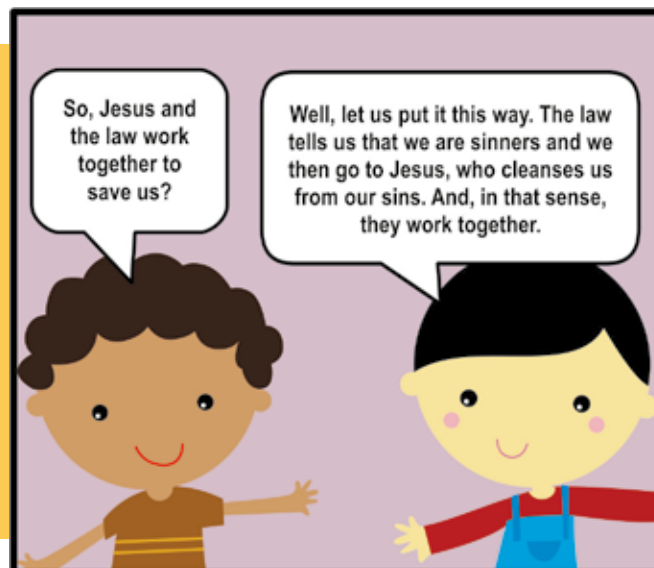


That is why John the Baptist, talking about Jesus, said, “... Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). The law merely shows us our sin. It does not take the sin away—only Jesus can do that.

Below is cartoon A and cartoon B. Read carefully what these cartoons are saying. Then put a check mark in the cartoon which you think conveys the whole truth. If you are not very sure, ask your teacher, parent or your pastor to help you out.



If you put a tick in cartoon A you are only partly correct, and if you put a tick in cartoon B you are also only partly correct. Why are your answers partly correct? Read the cartoon below:



GROWING UP IN CHRIST

Jesus, the best teacher of them all, used a lot of illustrations from everyday life to help us understand deep spiritual lessons. When Nicodemus went to meet Jesus one night and asked Him how to be saved, Jesus told him that he must be born again. What He meant by this is that Nicodemus must begin a new way of living (John 3:3). Jesus also used the example of germinating seeds which have been planted to teach about spiritual maturity. In these illustrations, you will notice that the newborn baby and the germinating seeds both need nutrients to grow up to maturity.



I am sure you have seen what happens when you pluck a flower from a plant. No matter how beautiful the flower is, it eventually withers and dies. It is the same with our spiritual lives. We cannot grow if we are not connected to Jesus. When we focus on Jesus by reading the Bible and other spiritual books, by listening to good Christian music, by not spending all our time playing with our media gadgets, and by praying to Jesus, asking Him for guidance in all that we do, we will grow from spiritual babies to His disciples and to His workers. And just as plants cannot grow without light, we also cannot grow spiritually without Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness.

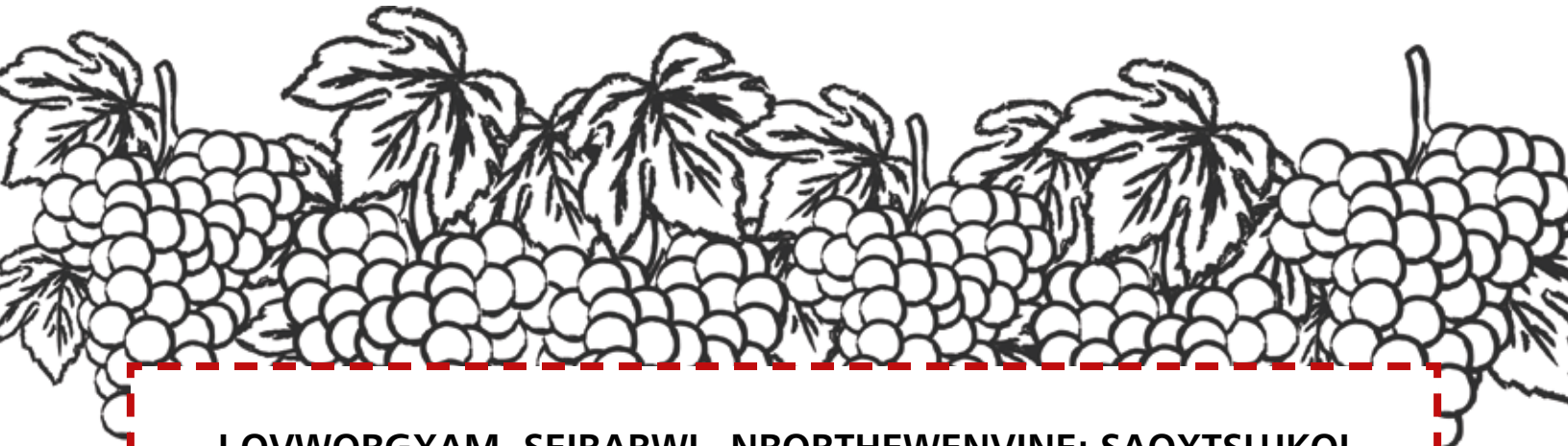
PUNCH TEXT:
“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 (NIV)



GRAPEVINE AND NEW BABIES

In the jumble of words below there is a verse, John 15:5. Move line by line starting from the left of the top line to the right and color all the words you can identify to find the verse. You may skip over some of the letters, but all the words are in the correct order. Transfer your colored words onto the lines on the opposite page. The left-over words: starting from the top line but now moving from right to left, and again going line by line, find a sentence which talks of 'new babies'. The words are back to front. And again, you may skip over some letters, but all the letters are in the correct order (see 1 Peter 2:2 and Ephesians 4:15 for clues).



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Write the verse you have found on the lines provided.

John 15:5

Now, write the sentence you have found which talks of 'new babies' on the lines below.

THE STAGES OF GROWTH OF A CHILD





CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND THE SUN GAME

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:4, 5 (NIV).

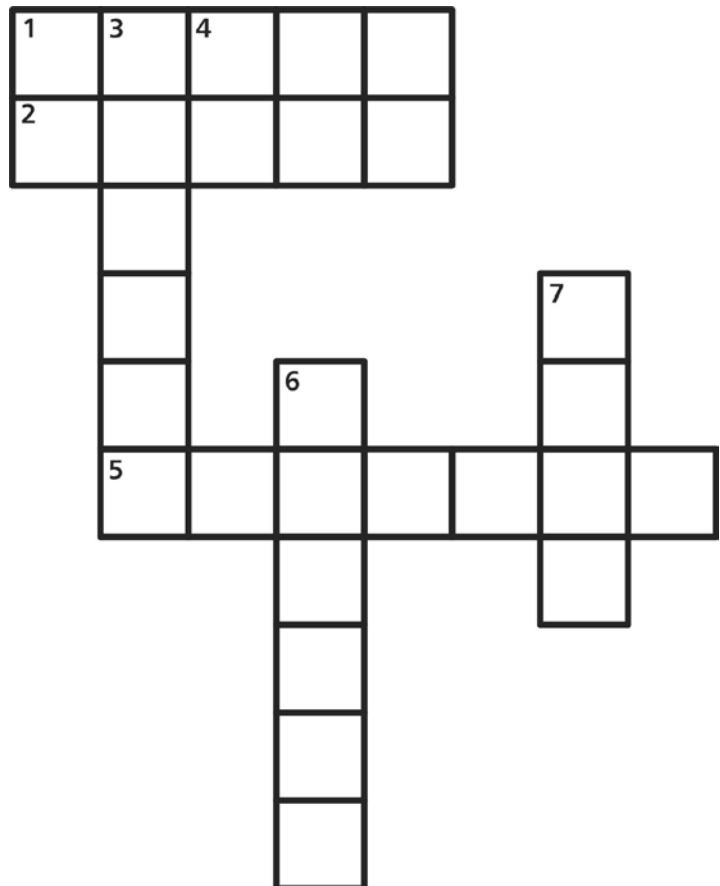
Do the crossword puzzle which is based on the above verse.

ACROSS:

- 1. This is the result of remaining in the Vine.
- 2. Who is the Vine?
- 5. How much can we achieve if we are not in the Vine?

DOWN:

- 3. This is what a person should do in order to bear a lot of fruit.
- 4. Who are the branches?
- 6. No branch can bear fruit by...
- 7. This is where branches grow from.



TO DO THE SUN GAME, GO TO YOUR ANSWERS ON THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

1. Using the numbers on the puzzle, follow the instructions below to find a letter. Then write the letter in the space provided.

2. To find out who the sun is, write your letters on the corresponding number on the sun on the next page. The numbers on the right correspond with the numbers on the rays and the center of the sun.

Across: Last letter of number 1 _____ (1)

Across: 4th letter of number 5 _____ (2)

Down: Last letter of number 7 _____ (3)

Down: Last letter of number 4 _____ (4)

Across: 4th letter of number 2 _____ (5)

Down: 3rd letter of number 7 _____ (6)

Across: 2nd letter of number 5 _____ (7)

Down: Last letter of number 6 _____ (8)

Down: First letter of number 3 _____ (9)

Down: 2nd letter of number 7 _____ (10)

Across: Last letter of number 5 _____ (11)

Across: 4th letter of number 5 _____ (12)

Across: Last letter of number 1 _____ (13)

Down: 4th letter of number 6 _____ (14)

Across: 2nd letter of number 5 _____ (15)

Across: 4th letter of number 2 _____ (16)

Down: 3rd letter of number 6 _____ (17)

Across: 1st letter of number 5 _____ (18)

Across: 2nd letter of number 2 _____ (19)

Down: 2nd letter of number 4 _____ (20)

Across: 3rd letter of number 2 _____ (21)

Down: 5th letter of number 3 _____ (22)

Down: 3rd letter of number 6 _____ (23)

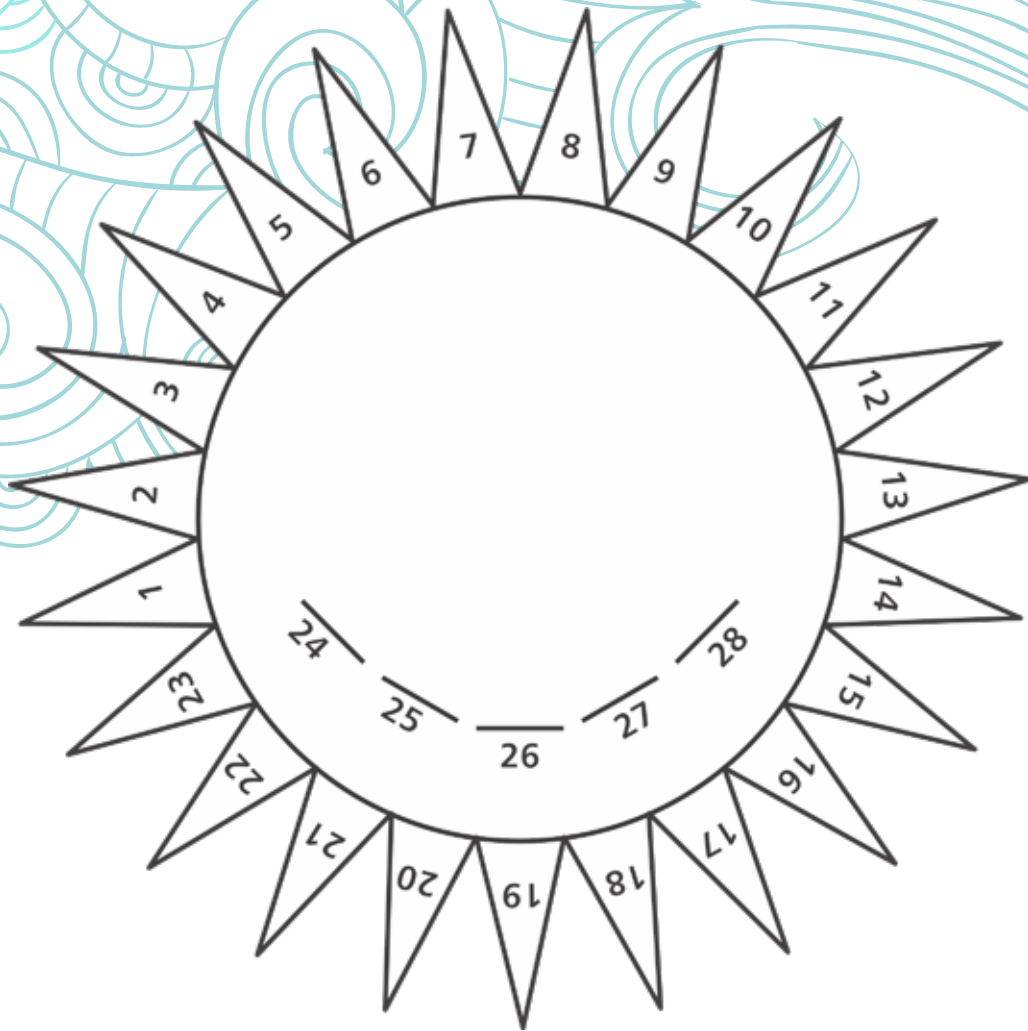
Across: All letters of number 2 _____ (24)

_____ (25)

_____ (26)

_____ (27)

_____ (28)



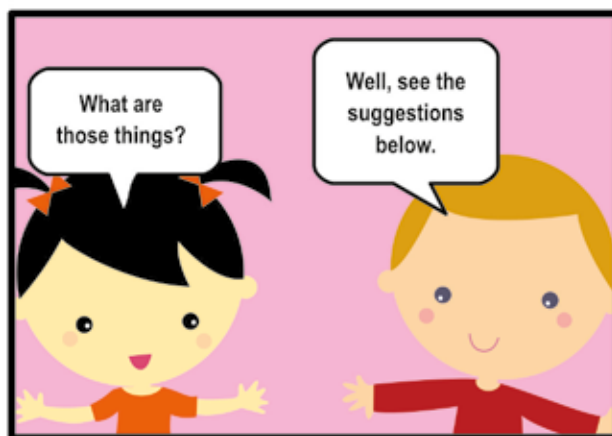
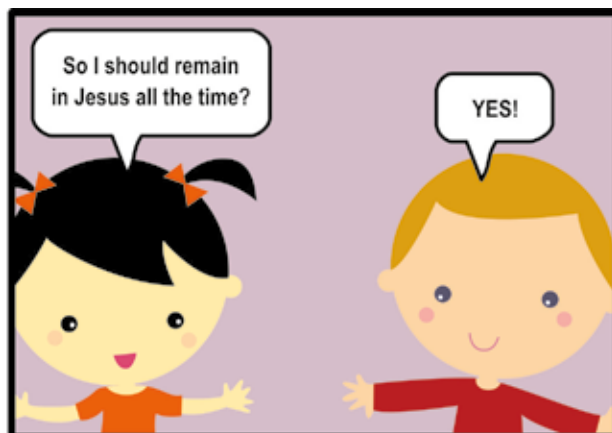
When Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, shines in our lives,
His effect upon our lives is the same as that of the sun upon plants
and life in general.

Unscramble the words below to find out two things the sun does.

1. L-silk me-rgs _____

2. Sake-m san-ltp go-wr _____

Just as flowers turn to the sun to grow and obtain their beauty, we should also turn to Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, that our characters may be developed into His likeness. The Sun of Righteousness will kill the germs of sin in our lives.



1. PRAY:

“O Lord, use me today for your service. Amen.”

Now write a prayer in your own words:

2. Read your Bible.

3. Listen to Christian music.

4. Tell others about Jesus and what He means to you.

When we choose Jesus to be our friend, we become different people.

His Spirit controls our lives and makes our thoughts and desires to be like those of Jesus. Let us make time to read our Bibles every day. Let's choose good Christian music to listen to. And let's share our love for Jesus with others. Remember, Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. If we remain in Him, we will grow spiritually.

JESUS IS THE VINE

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

Capo on 1st fret

G G G G/B Bbdim Am

Je-sus is the Vine, We are the bran-ches. He is the Source of Life. A-

Am Am D7 Am D7 G

part from Him, We can do noth - ing. He is the Source of Life.

G G G G/B C

Je-sus is the light, the Sun of right-eous-ness. He makes all things grow. As

C D7/Bb G C D7 G

long as I re - main in Him, I will grow, grow, grow. As

C D7/Bb G C D G

long as I re - main in Him, I will grow, grow, grow.

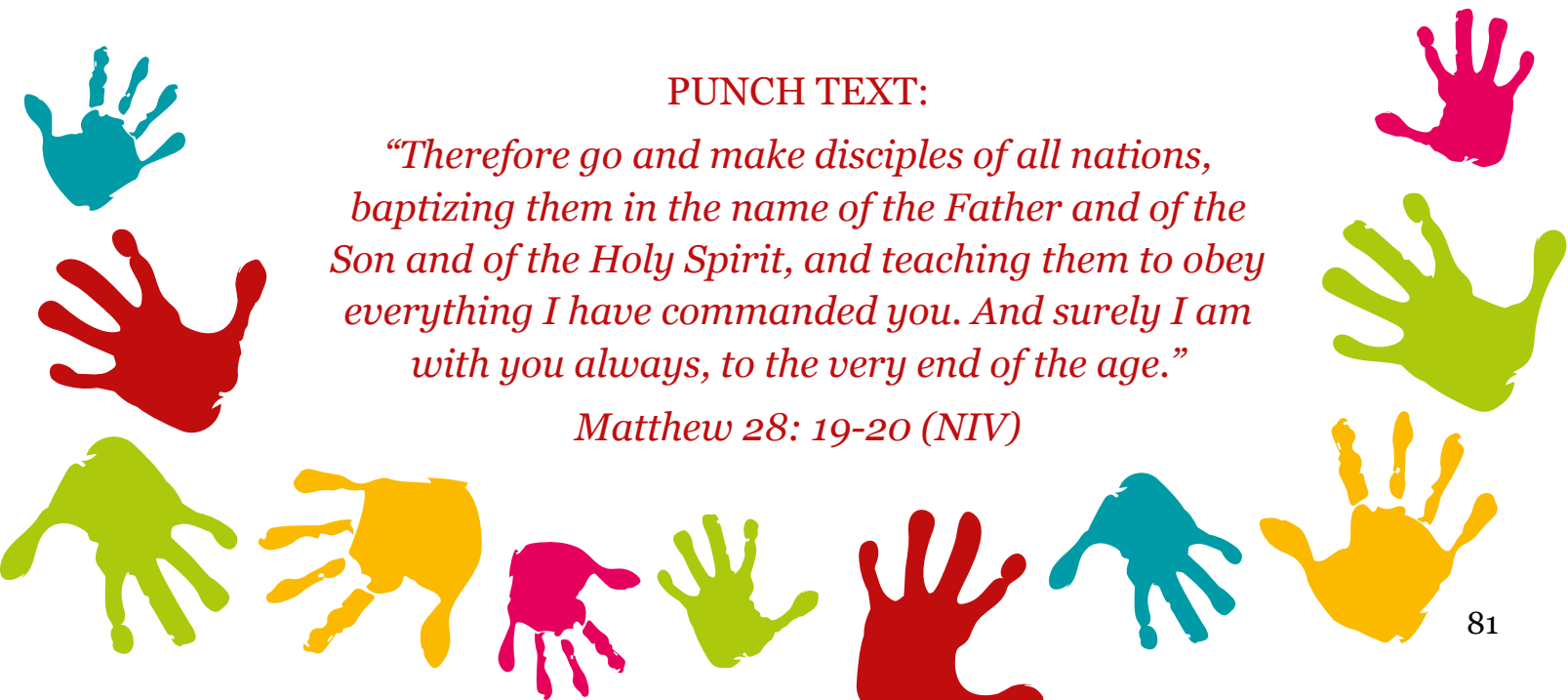
WE ARE HIS HANDS

Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life for us. He died on the cross so that all who believe in Him could be saved and have eternal life. And it is not only Jesus who is interested in our salvation. Angels also enjoy working for us so that we can be saved. But sad to say that there are many people who don't know anything about Jesus. Therefore, Jesus wants those of us who know Him to work hard in telling boys, girls, fathers, mothers and grandparents of how He created the world, how He was born as a little baby, how He died on the cross and rose up on the third day. And, most importantly, that He is coming back soon to take people to heaven. He wants as many people as possible to go to heaven and live with Him forever and ever. This is what we call the gospel, the good news. Jesus is coming again!

PUNCH TEXT:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 19-20 (NIV)



ACTIVITIES

Hidden in the table below is a Bible text. As you will notice, some boxes have numbers and others do not. To find the verse, follow the instructions on the next page. For example, the instructions for number 1 say *From number 1 go down three letters*. This means you should go to box number 1 and look for a three-letter word, counting the letter in box 1 as the first letter and the two letters below it as the rest of the word. The word that you will find is THE. Then write THE in the space provided. Continue in this way until you find the entire verse. Then write the whole verse on the lines provided. Number 1 has been done for you.

T	R	14 H	1 T	O	13 G	R	Z	D
X	Z	I	H	5 D	I	D	Y	U
P	16 A	11 S	E	18 R	V	E	Q	J
B	W	3 O	F	17 A	E	J	D	F
4 M	12 A	N	15 L	20 M	A	6 N	Y	10 S
A	N	M	I	2 S	7 C	O	M	E
T	D	P	19 F	O	R	8 T	Z	R
T	V	O	E	N	A	O	E	V
H	X	S	H	E	B	F	9 B	E
E	21 R	A	N	S	O	M	U	D
W	Z	T	I	L	C	P	T	Z

Write the verse on the lines provided

The _____

_____ 20:28 (NIV).

This verse tells us that Jesus gave up heaven and came and died so that we all can be saved.

As mentioned before, angels are also involved in the work of helping people to be saved. But there are also others who are supposed to be involved in working for people to be saved. To find those who should be involved in telling others about Jesus, do the exercise below.

Key: A=N and B=O, etc. Using the letters below, do the activity in the in the box on the next page. Write your answers in the left column. If what you have written is true, then put a check mark under the word TRUE in the right column. But if what you have written is false, then put a check mark under the word FALSE.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

CNFGBEF BAYL _____	TRUE _____	FALSE _____
OBLF NAQ TVEYF _____	TRUE _____	FALSE _____
FVAPR CQBPGBEF, AHEFRF, SNRZREF, GRNPUREF NAQ ZNAL JBEXEF NER OHFL, GURL FUBHYQ NR RKPFRQ. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	TRUE _____	FALSE _____
NYY JUB YBIR WRFHF FUBHYQ _____	TRUE _____	FALSE _____

Here are some of the ways you can tell others about Jesus:

1. Positive Busy Bees for Jesus

Talk to adults, asking them to assist you in forming a Positive Busy Bee group in your church. Together with your leaders, Positive Busy Bees for Jesus can help people clean their yards, wash windows, or do other odd jobs.

Let me not do all the thinking. On the lines provided on the next page, write some of the things you can do in your Positive Busy Bees group for your community.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

2. FBI4J Club

FBI4J club stands for ‘FBI’s for Jesus’. And ‘FBI’ in this case stands for Faithful Bible Investigators. In this group, your leaders can help you to study the Bible. You cannot tell others about Jesus and what He teaches in the Bible if you yourself don’t know anything about the Bible. Learn the Bible stories and share them with other people. As you faithfully do your FBI4J work, you will find out, for example, that while some people believe that the world came into being through a process of evolution and that human beings came from monkeys, the Bible tells us in Genesis 1:1-31 that God made the world and all that is in it. He made the sky and the heavens. And we are made in His image.

What are some of the other things an FBI4J Club can learn from the Bible?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

3. His Voices

You could form a singing or drama group. You could visit nursing homes and some parts of the hospital. Of course, you will have to get permission to go to these places. You could visit parks and malls and do your activities for passers-by. What are some of the things you can do as a Voices for Jesus group?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

4. His Eyes

As a 'watchful eyes' group, you will be on the lookout to notice those who are in need in your neighborhood, community, church, and school. While some of you may have a lot of clothes, some kids only have one shirt or one dress, and that shirt or dress might be full of holes and patches. While some of you have three or four pairs of shoes, some kids only have a pair of flip-flops. In some cases, they would be lucky to even have flip-flops! Let your eyes be wide open, looking for those who are in need. You might want to work together with the Positive Busy Bees group. What are some of the things you can do as Watchful Eyes for Jesus?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

WE ARE HIS HANDS

Words and Music by
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D D Em D/F# A7 D

1. We are His hands, we are the hands of God.
2. We are His eyes, we are the eyes of God.
3. We are His feet, we are the feet of God.

D F#m G A

We are His hands, we are His help - ing hands.
We are His eyes, we are his watch - ful eyes.
We are His feet, we are His walk - ing feet.

D F#m Bm Em Bm

We'll use our hands to help those who are in need.
We'll use our eyes to see those who are in need.
We'll use our feet and we'll reach those who are in need.

D D Em D/A A7 D

We are His hands, we are the hands of God.
We are His eyes, we are the eyes of God.
We are His feet, we are the feet of God.

WAYS OF KNOWING GOD

God's greatest desire is for you to know Him. And so, He has provided several ways for you to discover Him and learn to love Him.

Do you ever look around at the beauty of nature—the rolling hills, flowers, trees, majestic mountains—and just know in your heart that there is a Master Designer behind it all? Jesus used nature to teach many lessons, knowing that when we look at sheep, or the mountains, or the grains of sand on the shore, these lessons would come back to mind. The things of nature also teach us lessons of obedience and trust—tiny birds that never worry because they know their Maker is watching over them, or the planets that obey God's commands as they move through the universe. For sure, nature tells us loud and clear that God is love.



God also speaks to us through His word. When we read about the people in the Bible and notice that they struggled with the same things we struggle with, had the same doubts and discouragements—but that they overcame through their relationship with their friend Jesus—our faith becomes stronger. We also want to walk with God like they did. But we should never read the Bible in a hurry or just out of duty. If we want to have minds that are intelligent and wise, and characters that are noble, we will spend time digging deep into God’s word.

The whole Bible is about Jesus, from Creation right through to the last promise: “Behold, I come quickly” (Revelation 22:12). Getting to know Jesus is the best way to know God. In fact, Jesus said this exact thing: “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). If you want to know what God is like, let Jesus be your friend..

The activities in this chapter focus on the three main things that help us know that God exists and what kind of a God He is. And these three things are: Creation, the Bible, and Jesus.



PUNCH TEXT:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.”

Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV)

NATURE TELLS US THAT GOD IS THERE

Below are activities on creation. Follow the instructions carefully and enjoy yourself.

CREATION WEEK ACTIVITY

We have seven circles representing the seven days of creation. Each circle represents an activity or activities which happened on that day. But if you look carefully, you will find that there is a picture of something that was not created on that day or should not happen on that day. Write the name of what was not created on that day or should not happen on that day on the lines provided. Read the verses which are found below each day to help you find the answers.



DAY 1
GEN. 1:3-5



DAY 2
GEN. 1:6-8



DAY 3
GEN. 1:9-13



DAY 4
GEN. 1:14-19



DAY 5
GEN. 1:20-23



DAY 6
GEN. 1:24-30



DAY 7
GEN. 2:1-4

Do the exercise below to know something about Creation.

1

Choose any even number between 1 and 10 and write it down.

2

Add the next higher even number to it. Write down the total.

3

Add 8 to your total in number 2. Write down the total.

4

Divide your total in number 3 by 2. Write down the total.

5

Subtract the original number from your total in number 4.

6

Add 2 to your number in number 5. Write down the total.

If you read Genesis 1:31 and Genesis 2:1-3, you will find that the answer you have in number 6 is the number of days it took to create the world, including the Sabbath rest. Out of a shapeless, dark, and empty earth, God made a beautiful world.

Just as Sabbath rest is important, we must also have time to rest every day.

GIFT OF REST

Capo on 1st fret

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D Bm G A D D A

Rest, oh what a precious gift

D G D Bm Gbm G Em

To keep us young and strong! In ev-'ry-thing you want to do, leave some time when you can

A D A D

rest. The pres-sures and ten-sions that cause stress can of-ten be re-

G D Bm G A/E

moved by rest. So as you work, and as you play, Make sure to plan for

D G Gbm G A Gbm

rest. There's al-ways work that must be done, And don't for-et the fun! But

Gift of Rest, cont.

G7 *Gbm* *Em* *A*

if you want life at its best, You must take time to rest. The

This system of music features a treble and bass clef. The treble clef contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols G7, Gbm, Em, and A are placed above the staff. The lyrics are: "if you want life at its best, You must take time to rest. The".

D *A* *D* *G*

pres-sures and ten-sions that cause stress Can of-ten be re-moved by rest. So

This system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. Chord symbols D, A, D, and G are placed above the staff. The lyrics are: "pres-sures and ten-sions that cause stress Can of-ten be re-moved by rest. So".

D *Bm* *G* *A* *D*

as you work, and as you play, Make sure to plan for rest.

This system of music concludes the piece. Chord symbols D, Bm, G, A, and D are placed above the staff. The lyrics are: "as you work, and as you play, Make sure to plan for rest."

While the Bible tells us that God created the heavens and the earth, as stated in Genesis 1:1, there are some who don't believe in the Creation Story. They believe that things came about through *evolution*. In 1859 a book was written by the originator of the theory of evolution.

If you have no idea who wrote the book and the title of the book, ask a teacher or a pastor to help you.

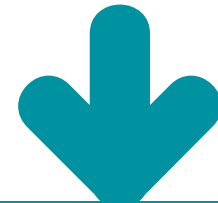
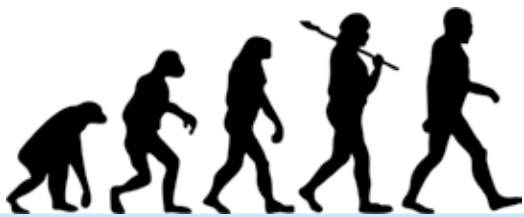
Circle the name of the person:

- (a) Abraham Lincoln
- (b) Winston Churchill
- (c) Charles Robert Darwin
- (d) Nelson Mandela



His book was entitled:

- (a) All People Have Perished
- (b) Can you prove Creation?
- (c) A Monkey Has escaped from the Zoo
- (d) On the Origin of Species



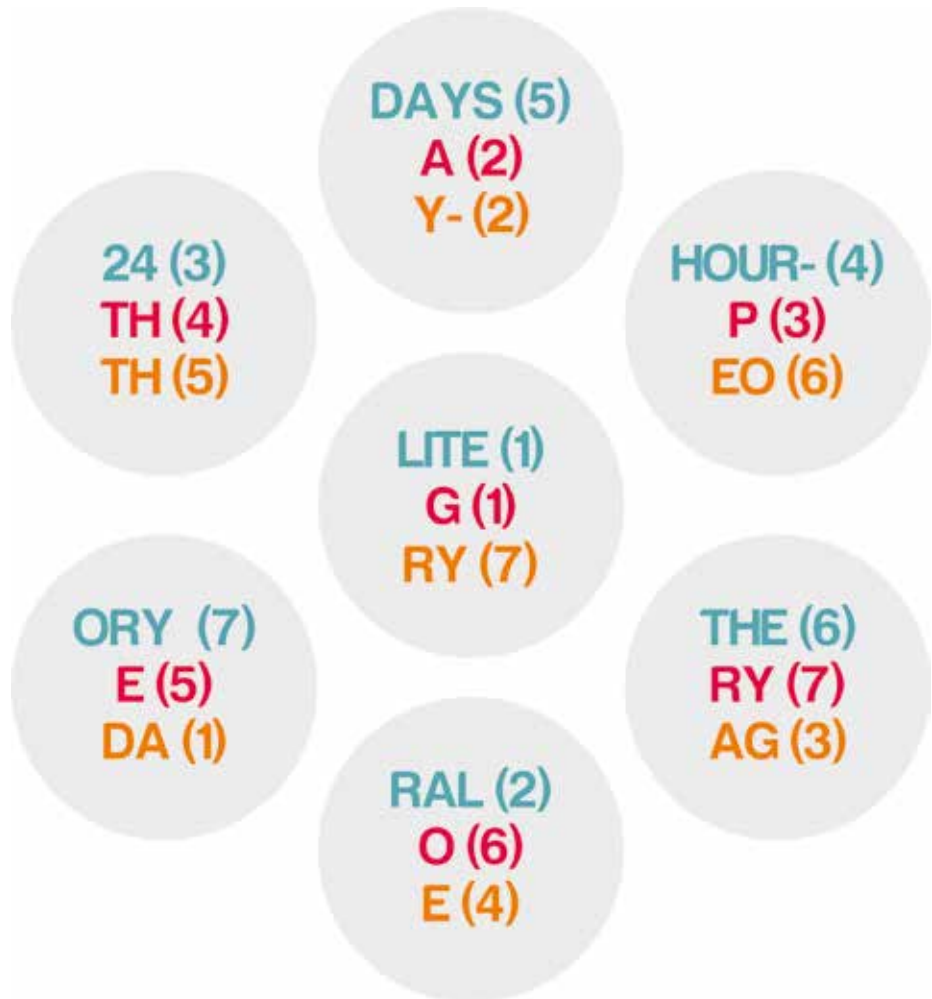
Evolutionists

do not believe in the existence of God and in the Bible. Evolution teaches that we were not created by God but are the result of some Big Bang which happened millions of years ago. And, as millions of years passed, man evolved from a microscopic organism swimming in a soupy swamp and progressed to become a monkey and eventually a human being.

The Devil is very clever. Just as he deceived Adam and Eve by mixing truth with error, he continues to do the same thing when it comes to Creation. Some people now say that evolution is the process God used in creating the world. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.**

The Devil has introduced theories on creation which seem to be based on the Bible but are far from the truth.

Hidden in the circles are three primary theories about how the world came into being. Two of the theories are wrong and one theory is correct. Transfer the letters to the corresponding numbers below the lines which have the same color as the numbers.



Blue line: _____
 1 2 3 4 5 6

Pink line: _____
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Orange line: _____
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Write the theories you have found on the lines above the statement that best explains the theory.

(A) _____

This theory teaches that each day in the Creation week is an age presenting long periods of time.

(B) _____

This theory teaches that there is a big gap of millions of years between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.

(C) _____

This theory teaches that the days mentioned in the creation week in Genesis are literal 24-hour days.



ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, WHICH THEORY IS CORRECT?

A

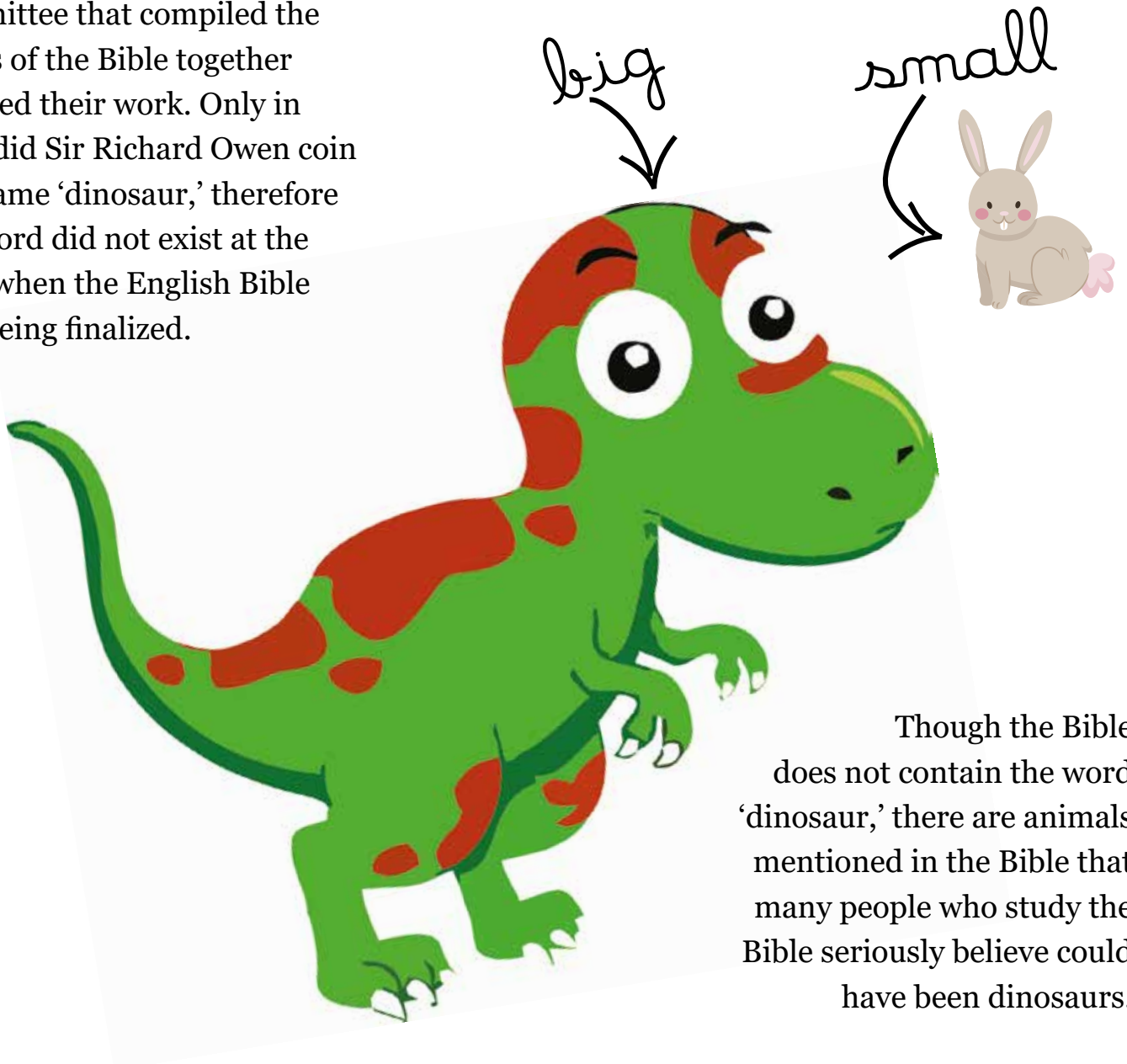
B

C

ON DINOSAURS

Some people say that the Bible is not a true book because animals like dinosaurs are not mentioned (at least, the word 'dinosaur' is not mentioned). Don't rush to conclusions. What you should know is that it was in 816 A.D. when the committee that compiled the books of the Bible together finished their work. Only in 1841 did Sir Richard Owen coin the name 'dinosaur,' therefore the word did not exist at the time when the English Bible was being finalized.

In Genesis 1:24, the Bible tells us that God made animals big and small. Dinosaurs are big animals that were created on the sixth day, together with the other animals. However, they became extinct a long time ago.



Though the Bible does not contain the word 'dinosaur,' there are animals mentioned in the Bible that many people who study the Bible seriously believe could have been dinosaurs.

ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN DINOSAURS

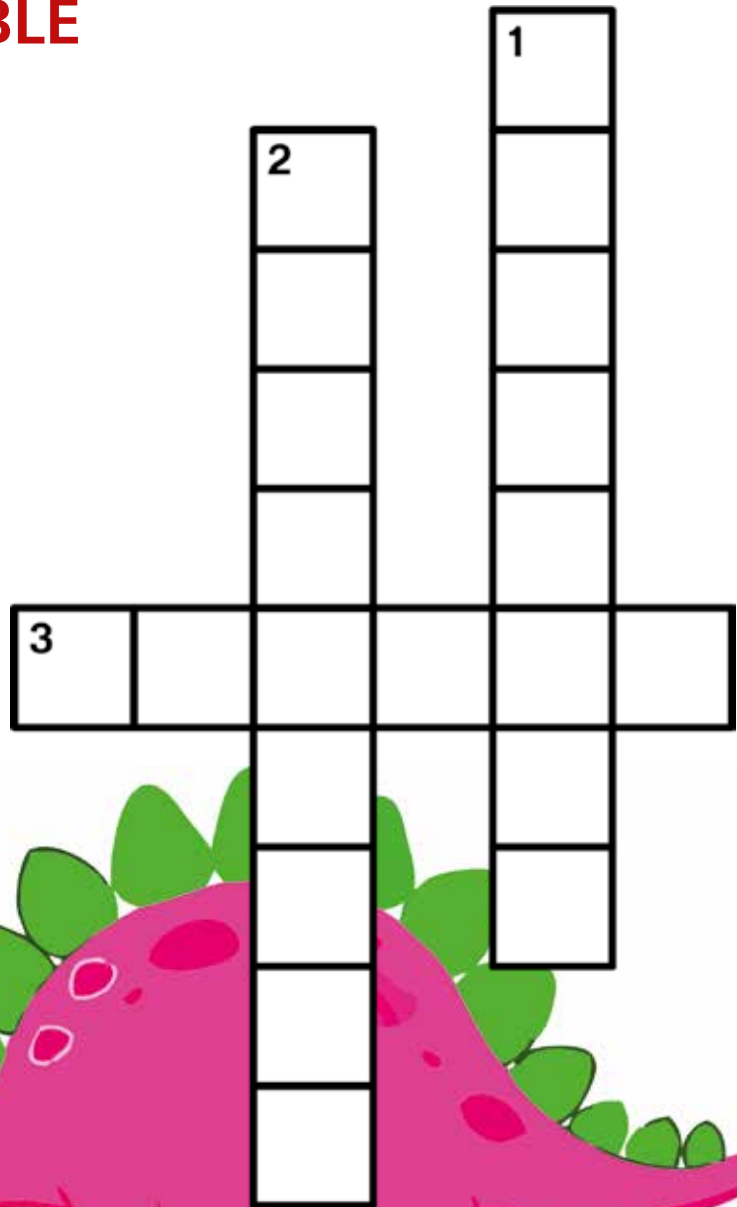
To find out the names of these animals, do the crossword puzzle.

DOWN

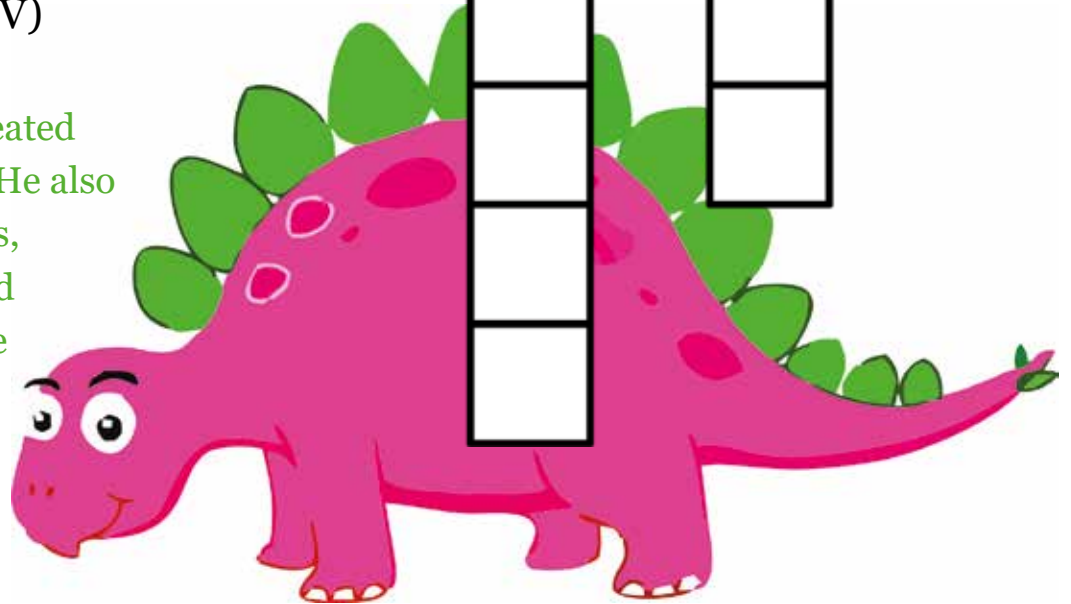
1. Job 40:15-24 (NIV)
2. Job 41 (NIV)

ACROSS

3. Jeremiah 9:11 (KJV)



On the 6th day, God created big and small animals. He also created our first parents, Adam and Eve. God told our first parents to have children. Through Adam and Eve, God made all the children of the world.



Though some believe that the animal's name in Job 40 refers to a hippopotamus, and that the animal's name in Job 41 refers to a crocodile, many believe that these could have been dinosaurs.

GOD MADE ALL CHILDREN

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

Capo on 1st fret

1 A A D A

God made the child - ren, all child - ren of the world. He

5 E7 E7 E7 A

gave them diff - 'rent col - ors, Some dark - er and some light. No

9 A A A

mat - ter what your col - or, You're made by God's own

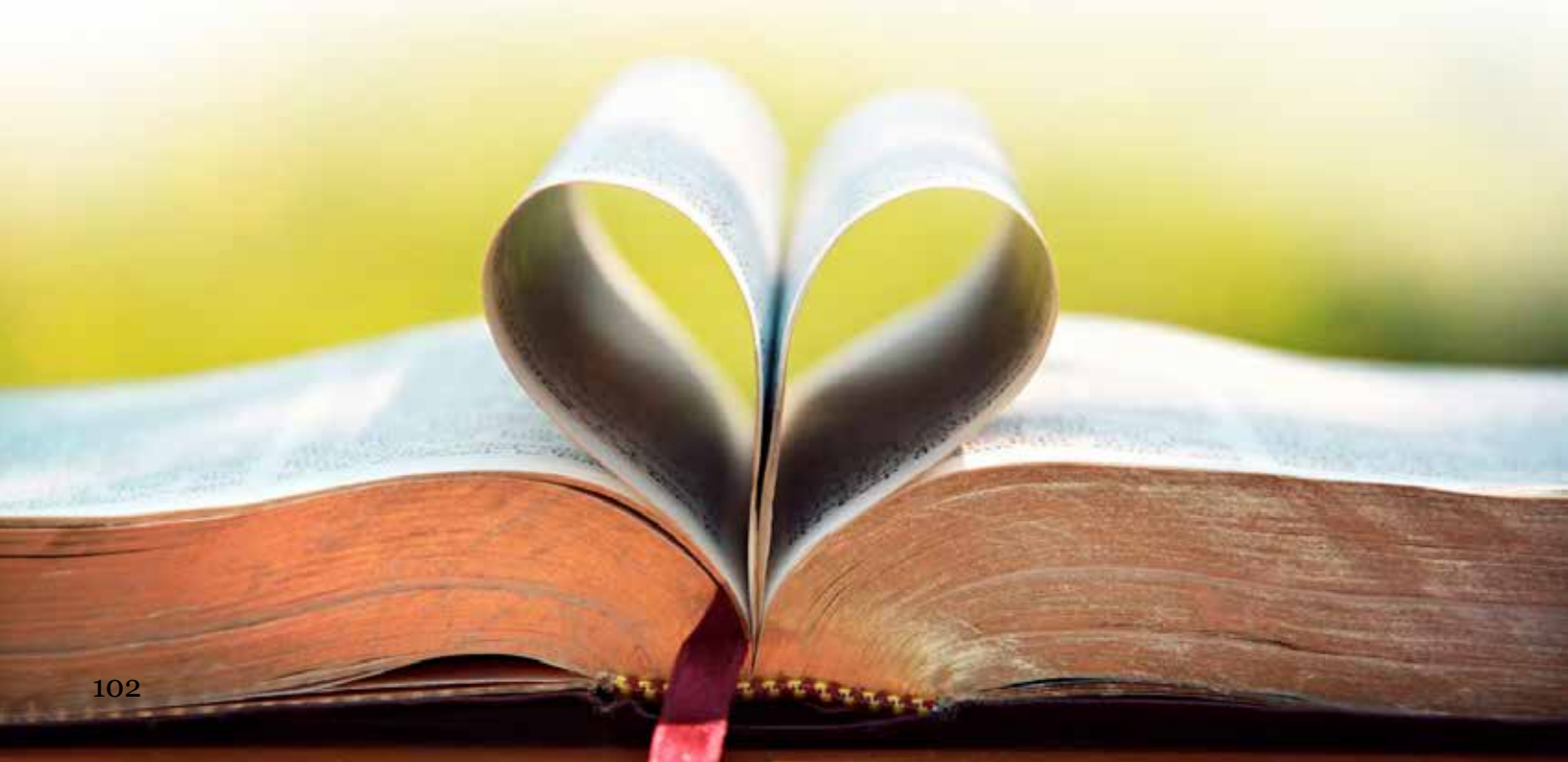
12 D Bm A Gbm A/E E7 A

12 hands. All the col - ors that God made are pre - cious in His sight.

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD IS THERE

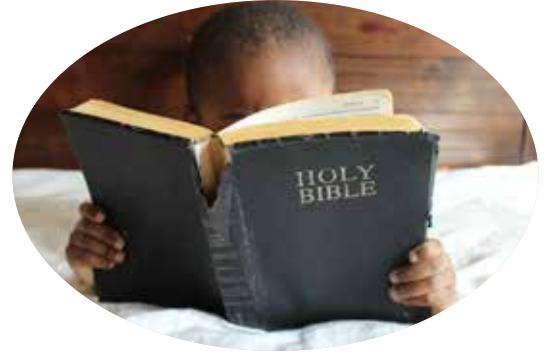
The second way we know that God exists is through the Bible. “Isn’t the Bible just an ordinary book?” you may ask. The Bible is not just another book. I know of an atheist (somebody who does not believe in God), who became a Christian because of Bible prophecy. What is prophecy? Prophecy is saying what is going to happen in the future, usually many years before it comes to pass. This person, when he read the Bible and realized that what the Bible had said was going to happen, had actually happened, could no longer doubt the Bible. He knew that there is Somebody mighty behind the scenes. And he is convinced that the prophecies concerning events that are still in the future will indeed come to pass.

The Bible is like a letter God has written to us. When I was young and would receive a letter from my girlfriend (who is now my wife), I would read it over and over and never get tired of it. Why did I do that? Because I love her. If we truly love God, we will read His love letter to us over and over. This love letter from God tells us of Jesus Christ and how He has done everything to bring us back to God and to give us eternal life.



SECRETS TO STUDYING THE BIBLE

To know the secrets of studying the Bible, unscramble the words:



1. Yap-r or-beef i-garden royu ilbeB

2. On-dt' dear ni a ruyhr

3. Are-pom-c pictures-r ihwt pure-citsr

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible is not an ordinary book. It is the word of God. If we study the Bible carefully, we will be like a miner who digs deep in the belly of the earth discovering veins of precious metals.

1. The Bible was written by more than 40 authors from different backgrounds.
2. The Bible was written in 3 languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
3. The Bible was written on 3 continents: Asia, Africa and Europe.
4. The Bible talks about physics, biology, astronomy, chemistry, and many more subjects.
5. One book in the Bible is translated into 2,883 languages.
6. The New Testament has been translated into 1,329 languages.

JESUS TELLS US THAT GOD IS THERE

Read the verses below to discover how Jesus reveals God. Draw an arrow connecting the Bible verse to the correct description.

John 14:9

John the Baptist, talking of Jesus as He came to the river Jordan to be baptized, said, “Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world!”

Matthew 3:17

He that has seen me has seen the Father.

John 10:30

As John baptized Jesus, God’s voice was heard from heaven saying that Jesus was His beloved Son.

John 8:18

I am a witness about myself. The other witness about me is the Father, who sent me.

John 3:16

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

John 1:29

I and my Father are one.

John 16:28.

God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son.

As you have read these verses, you will have noticed that Jesus reveals God. Jesus, Creation and the Bible—they all tell us that God is there and what kind of a God He is.

GOD IS THERE

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

G C G G G/B Gdim Am7 D7

C - R - E - A - T - I - O - N, God made the world in six days.
On the sev - enth day God rest - ed Af - ter He worked for six days.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of the song. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is a bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Am7 D Am7 D7 C/G G

B - I - B - L - E, the Bi - ble; 'tis God's Book for the whole wide world.
He worked Sun - day, Mon - day, Tues - day, Wed - nesday and Thurs - day and Fri - day too.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of the song. The musical notation continues from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

G C G G G7 C

J - E - S - U - S, Sweet Je - sus. He's God's Son who died for us.
But on Sat - ur - day He rest - ed, Mak - ing it the Sab - bath day.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of the song. The musical notation continues from the second system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Am7 C G/D Em/B C G D7 G

God's cre - a - tion, the Bi - ble and Je - sus, These three tell us God is there.
Week - ly cy - cle and Sab - bath wor - ship, These things tell us God is there.

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth lines of the song. The musical notation continues from the third system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

THE PRIVILEGE OF TALKING TO THE KING OF KINGS

We have already learned the ways God has revealed Himself and speaks to us. This is through nature, the Bible, His Son Jesus, and by the influence of the Holy Spirit. God, the King of the universe, has provided many lines of communication for us. The most direct way to communicate with God is through prayer. Jesus Himself, when He was on earth, spent much time in prayer, asking for strength to withstand temptation. Jesus is our example, and if He felt the need of prayer, how much more should we!





You can pray in your family circle, in church, or in a crowd. But the most important type of prayer is secret prayer, when you share your joys and sorrows, struggles and triumphs, with your best friend, Jesus. You cannot burden Him or make Him tired. Prayer is like talking to a friend. By doing this, you will be doing exactly what Enoch of the Bible did.

Jesus, like any good parent, knows what is best for you. So, when you make a request, He will not always give an immediate yes, but might say no, or wait. Our Punch Text, Mark 11:24, tells us that there are three steps to prayer—ask, believe and expect to receive. But for you to receive your answers to prayer, God has given conditions:

- When others have wronged you, learn to forgive them (Matthew 6:12)
- Confess your sins (Psalms 66:18)
- Have faith, believing that God will answer your prayer (Hebrews 11:6)
- Learn to be patient as you wait for your answer (Romans 12:12)
- Remove pride from your life (Isaiah 14:12-14).

PUNCH TEXT:

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Mark 11:24 (NIV)

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Circle the correct answers:



1. What is the fastest animal in the world?
- (a) Lion
 - (b) Cheetah



2. What is the fastest recorded speed of this animal?
- (a) About 109-120km/h (68-75mph)
 - (b) About 30km/h (50mph)



3.

How fast does air move from your mouth when you sneeze?

- (a) About 280km/h (175 mph)
- (b) About 240km/h (150mph)
- (c) About 160km/h (100 mph)
- (d) None of the above



4. How fast does sound move?
- (a) 1000 meters per second
 - (b) 250 meters per second
 - (c) 332 meters per second

5.

How fast does light move?

- (a) About 186,000 miles per hour
- (b) About 186,000 miles per second





NASA tells us that light moves so fast that in the time it takes you to snap your fingers, light would have travelled around the world over 7 times. In a minute light travels a little over 11 million miles. If we multiply that by 1,440—the number of minutes in 24 hours—we find that in one day, light travels 16 billion miles. Now, get your calculator and find out how many miles light moves in a year (365 days make up one year). Circle the right answer.

- (a) 5.9 tetrillion miles (b) 5.9 trillion miles (c) 100 billion miles (d) None

If you have done your arithmetic correctly, you should have found out that light moves _____ miles a year. Boys and girls, 5.9 _____ miles is what makes one light-year. It is a distance hard to imagine. When you read in a book that Alpha Centauri, the nearest star to us, is 4.3 light-years away, it means you multiply 4.3×5.9 trillion miles. This star is about 25 trillion miles (40 trillion km) away. Wow! How can that be the nearest star? And the furthest star which can be seen is Deneb. It is about 1,550 light-years away from earth. The nearest galaxy is 13.3 billion light-years away. The distances in the universe are so huge that it is hard to imagine them. In fact, what we see is not the end of the universe. We are only able to see as far as the strength of the best telescopes' lenses can see.





The world has various means of communication. In the days of the Bible, a runner, like Ahimaaz (2 Samuel 18:19-31) would run long distances to deliver the message. You may also have heard of “talking drums” being used, where a certain sound and rhythm of drum beats would convey a message.

Below are some of the modern methods of communication. Unscramble the words to find the mode of communication and write your answer on the lines provided.

1. SETRLTE _____

2. MACFITE _____

3. IODAR _____

4. PELHENTOE _____

5. ILIONSEVENT _____

6. RENTTIRE _____

7. HATSPAWP _____

8. YASPK _____

9. AFOOBECK _____

10. TRETWIT _____

THE FASTEST OF THEM ALL

But do you know what? There is something which moves faster than all the things mentioned before. To know what it is, transfer the colored letters from the last activity to the matching colored lines below:



Prayer is so fast that you just have to think and God will have heard you already. How's that for fast? When you have learned the importance of prayer, share the good news about it with your friends. The more people you tell, the more you are strengthened in your own prayer life.

Prayer is the key which opens heaven's storehouse. Wow, that's something! Speeding into heaven's storehouse at that speed? What a privilege!

Write some of the things you would like to find in heaven's storehouse:

One day, we were watching a live TV satellite broadcast in a small church. Our eyes were glued to a large screen in the front of the church. At first, everything was fine. But after a short while we began to lose the picture, until suddenly everything went off. The Communication Director of the church and one of the church elders called the studio from where the program was being transmitted and spoke to one of the engineers. The engineer assured him that the

program was still going out, but that there were several things he could check to see what was causing the loss of signal. He told the Director that he'd get back to them as soon as he had found the problem.

When it comes to prayer, there are also several things which interrupt our connection with God. They prevent our prayers being transmitted into the throne room of heaven. To find out what these things are, do the following game.



There are four TV screens below which are marked A, B, C, and D. On each TV screen are scrambled words. Unscramble the letters and write the words on the lines below the screens. Then read the four texts provided and write the scripture reference below the corresponding TV screen.



Matthew 6:12

Psalms 66:18

Hebrews 11:6

Isaiah 14:12-14

TV SCREEN

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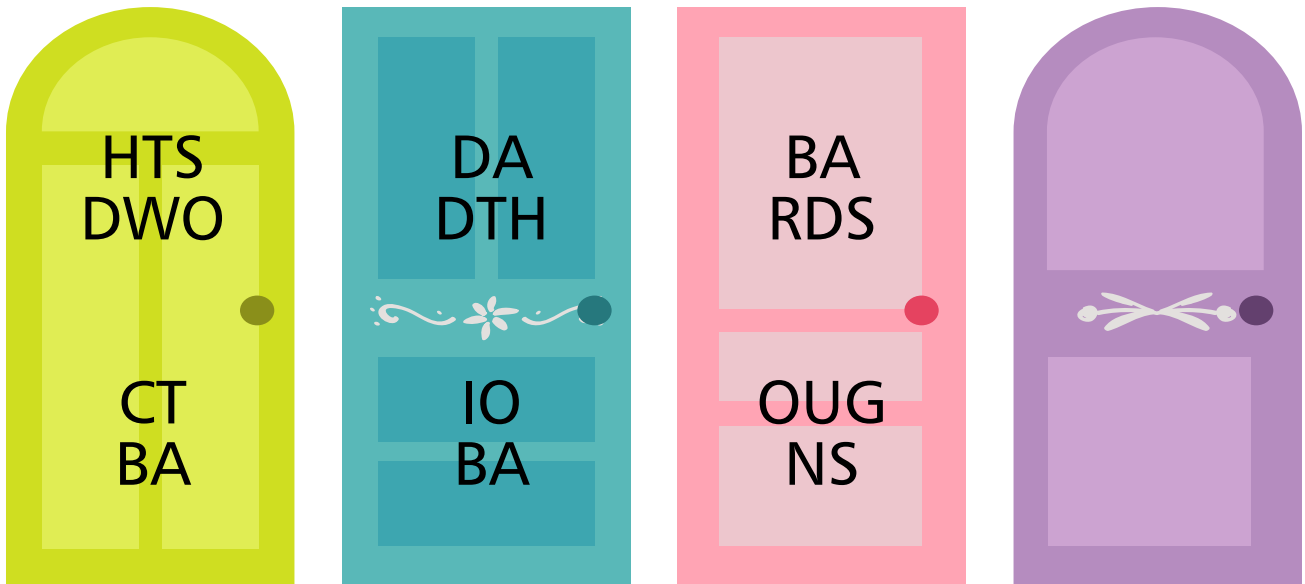
A

B

C

D

When we pray, we close doors on many evil things. To find out some of the bad things prayer shuts out, look at the four doors below. Draw lines connecting a set of letters from door to door until you have made three phrases. They all begin with the word “Bad.” After you have connected them, write your phrases on the fourth door.



If you would like to overcome these evil things, you need to know the power of prayer.

KNOW THIS...

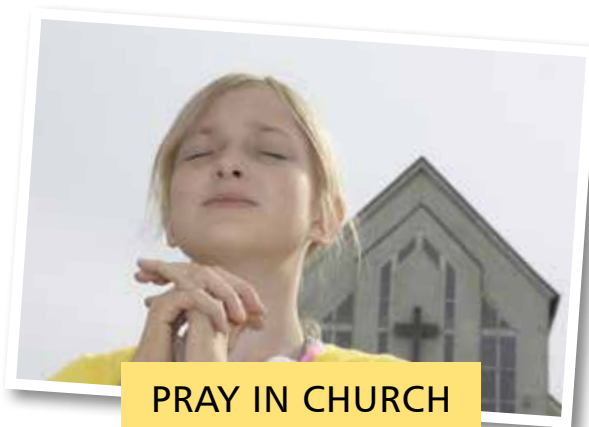
God will not always answer our prayers in the way we want. He is like a loving parent. When we ask for things from God, we have no idea how the things we are asking for will affect our lives. Therefore, God answers our prayers according to what He knows is best for us.

There are times when God will say “yes.” There are times when He will say “no.” And there are times when He will delay answering our prayers by saying “Wait!” Our duty is to trust God and know that whatever He does is for our good.

WHEN TO PRAY



PRAY ALONE



PRAY IN CHURCH



PRAY IN THE FAMILY CIRCLE



PRAY IN A CROWD

When you pray with your family in a family circle, at church, alone, or in a crowd, you will be doing exactly what Enoch of the Bible did—he walked with God. Enoch prayed all the time. When we pray constantly, as Enoch did, we are charged with the high voltage of heavenly electric power. We are like an electrified fence marked, “Do not touch—high voltage.”

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

C G G7 C Am7 G F/A C/G G/B C F

1. Dear Lord, as I kneel to pray, Hear my child - ish say - ing.
 2. Dear Lord, as I learn and play, Guard my thoughts and ac - tions.
 3. Dear Lord, as I sleep to - night, It's dark all a - round me.

C F G/B C Dm F/G G7 C

Guard all that I do to - day, Al - le lu - ia, Lord, A - men
 Help me mind all I will say. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, A - men.
 Let my sleep be safe and tight. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, A - men.



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WHEN SOME BIBLE PASSAGES DON'T MAKE SENSE

Sometimes, at school, there are things you are expected to learn that just don't make sense. No matter how hard you try to understand, that tricky bit of science or mathematics or biology just isn't clear. Do you stop believing in science or mathematics or biology because of this? Of course not! You simply accept that the problem is in your inability to understand. In many cases, with time, the topic that used to confuse you becomes clear.



The same thing is true with Scripture. While there are many truths in the Bible that are easy to understand, especially those concerning salvation, there are some things—like the question of where sin came from, or how it was possible for Jesus to be both God and man, or what heaven will be like—that are difficult even for the most gifted minds to grasp.

And it is better this way!
Imagine if the Bible were so easy to understand that you only had to read it once to understand everything, and then you could toss it aside, never needing to read it again. We wouldn't value the Bible nearly as much as we do knowing that it contains deep truths that require diligent study and discovery. Also, when we don't know everything there is to know about God, this means that we will have so much to discover and learn when we get to heaven. How exciting is that?

Remember that it is pointless to study the Bible without humbly asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you are reading. Don't rely on human reasoning alone. If you have a sincere desire to know the truth and a heart that is willing to obey, you will find the wisdom that leads to salvation.

PUNCH TEXT:

*“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.”
Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV)*



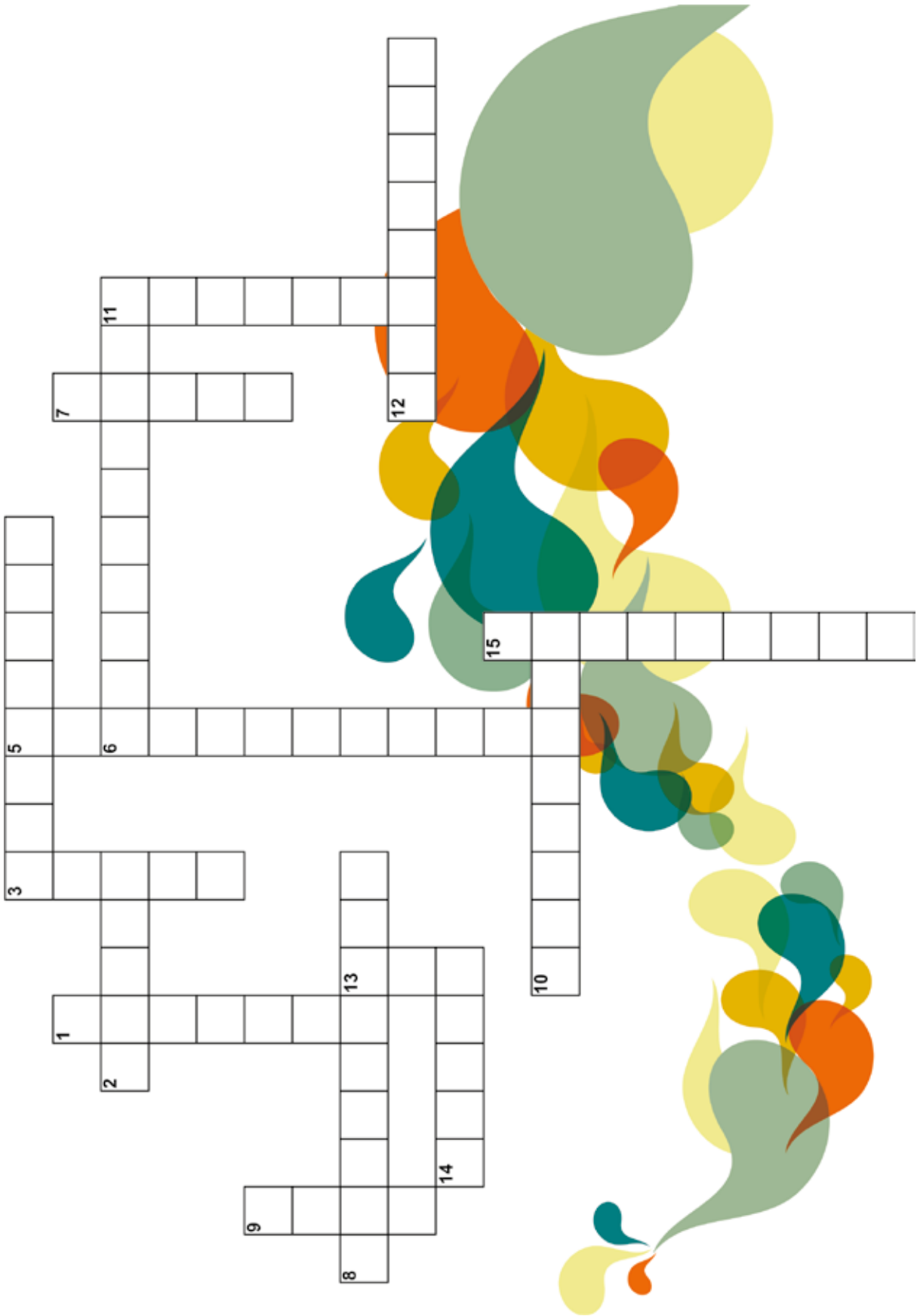
To complete the crossword puzzle, read the Bible text and fill in the blank space with the correct word. Then transfer the word onto the corresponding number in the puzzle. I have used the NIV Bible to create this activity. Other Bible translations will also give you the word or a word which may give you an idea of the word you are looking for.

DOWN:

1. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and _____ are the foundation of his throne. Psalm 97:2.
3. _____ and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8.
5. Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How _____ his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Romans 11:33.
7. But when he, the Spirit of _____, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. John 16:13,14.
9. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will _____ out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. John 7:17
11. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and _____ Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18
13. The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of _____. Proverbs 4:18
15. Whoever has accepted it has _____ that God is truthful. John 3:33

ACROSS:

2. See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that _____ away from the living God. Hebrews 3:12
3. These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the _____ of God except the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:10,11.
6. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other _____, to their own destruction. 2 Peter 3:16
8. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and _____. Colossians 2:2,3
10. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be _____. John 16:24
12. For He has rescued us from the dominion of _____ and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves. Colossians 1:13
14. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am _____ known. 1 Corinthians 13:12.



To find the main theme of the Punch Text of this chapter, go back to the crossword puzzle and find the following letters:

1. The letter located where numbers 2 and 3 meet _____
2. The letter located where numbers 8 and 1 meet _____
3. The second letter in number 6 as you read across _____
4. The letter located where numbers 6 and 7 meet _____
5. The letter located where numbers 10 and 5 meet _____
6. The first letter in number 2 _____

7. The first letter in number 3 _____
8. The second letter in number 3 _____
9. The fifth letter in number 1 _____
10. The second letter in number 5 _____
11. The second from last letter in number 8 _____
12. The letter located where numbers 6 and 11 meet _____

13. The third letter from last in number 5 _____
14. The second letter from last in number 6 _____
15. Third letter in number 14 _____
16. The second letter in number 10 _____
17. The fourth letter in number 2 _____
18. The second letter from last in number 8 _____

19. The second from last letter in number 10 _____

20. The third letter in number 3 _____

21. The fifth letter in number 3 _____

22. The second letter in number 10 _____

23. The last letter in number 9 _____

What is the main theme of this chapter's Punch Text? Write your answer on the line below:

_____.

Do you know the book, chapter and verse in the Bible where this passage is found? If you do, write it here:

_____.

If you don't, you can Google or ask an adult or your pastor to help you.



There are many texts in the Bible which are difficult to understand. This should not make you doubt the Bible. What God has chosen to reveal to us, we will understand. But what He has chosen to keep as a secret, we can be assured that we will understand when we get to heaven. For now, keep scuba diving deep into God's word.

SCUBA DIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Words and Music by
Saustin Mfuné

With a swing feel: ♩ = ♩³♩

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a swing feel. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a melody in the right hand. Chords are indicated above the staff.

System 1: Chords: C, C/G, C, C, Am7, G. Lyrics: I'm learn-ing to scu-ba__ dive.____ Div-ing deep in - to God's Word.____ Be-fore we

System 2: Chords: G, G, G/D, G, C. Lyrics: start the__ day, And be - fore we__ sleep, We read the Bi-ble and then we__ pray.____

System 3: Chords: C, C/E, C, Am7, F. Lyrics: Div-ing deep in - to God's Word,____ Walk-ing with Je - sus all the__ way;____

System 4: Chords: F, C, Dm, G, C. Lyrics: So I'm scu-ba div - ing deep in - to God's word, The B - I - B - L - E.

As we journey in this world on our way to heaven, we cannot expect everything to be rosy all the time. But, as children of God, we are called to represent Jesus Christ in the world despite challenges and difficulties. We are to show to the world the goodness and mercy of the Lord. Just as Jesus has revealed to us the true character of God the Father, we are also to reveal Christ to the world that does not know His tender, pitying love. We are His ambassadors to the world. As we journey on, we should continually rejoice in the Lord and inspire others to join us.




PUNCH TEXT:

“You show that you are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

*2 Corinthians 3:2-3
(NIV)*



As you may have noticed, this chapter does not have a title. To find out the title of this chapter, do the activity below then write the letters on the lines provided on the previous page under Chapter 13. Using the provided code key, find the letter that belongs to each line below then transfer the letters to the lines at the beginning of this chapter to find out the title of this chapter.

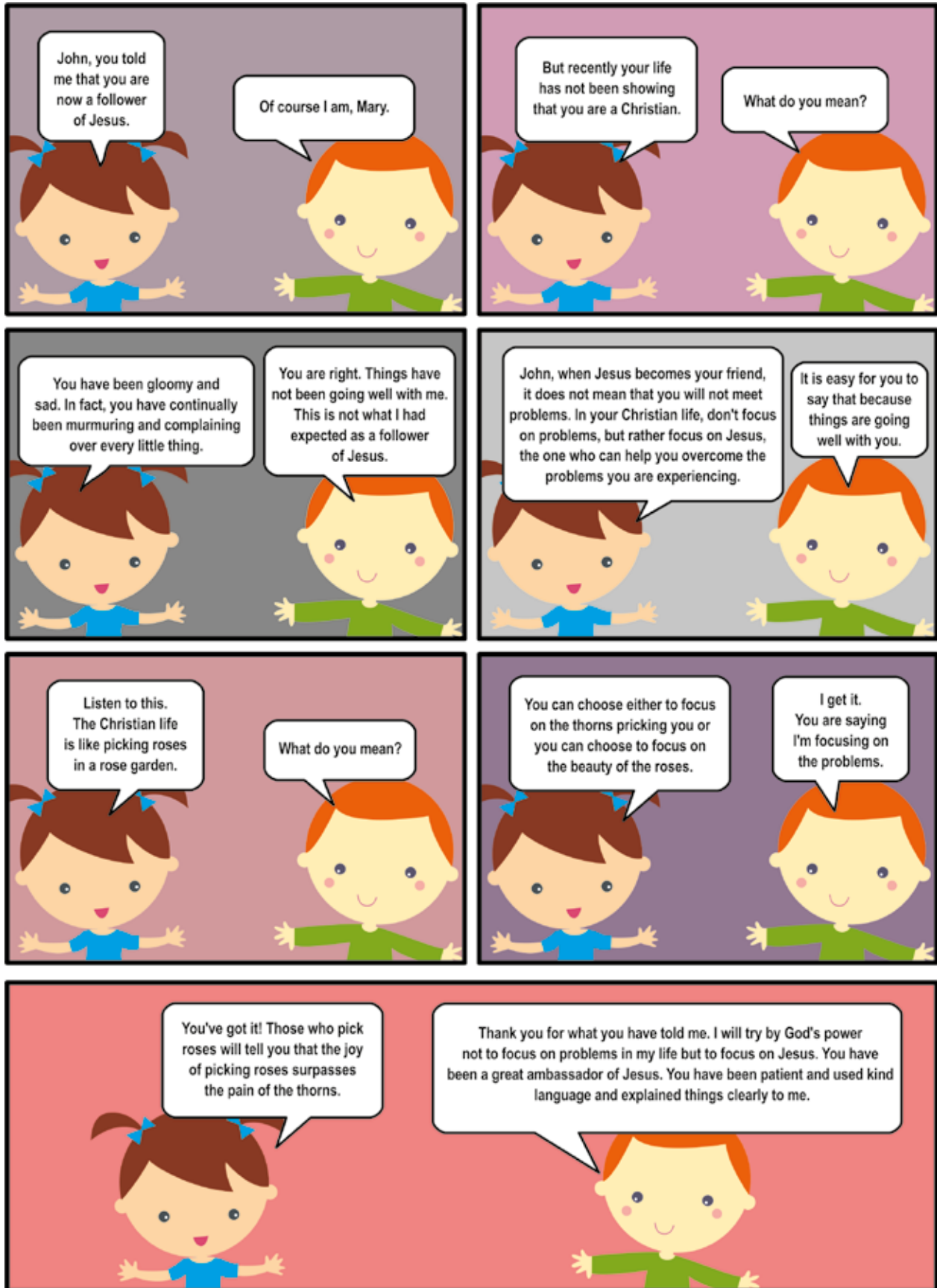
			
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AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

In 2 Corinthians 5:20, the Apostle Paul tells us we are ambassadors of Christ. An ambassador is someone who represents his or her country in a foreign land. In our Punch Verse, Paul says that we are like a letter or an email which can be read by everybody. Ask yourself a question: what are people seeing in you? Remember, the Devil will not make it easy for us. He will raise all kinds of problems to try to make us complain all the time so that we don't represent Christ in the right way.



In Matthew 5:14 Jesus says that we are like the light of the world, set on a hill. Everyone can see us.



To find out some of the ways you can become a light bearer for Jesus, do the activity below. Unscramble the letters in the sentence then write them on the line provided.

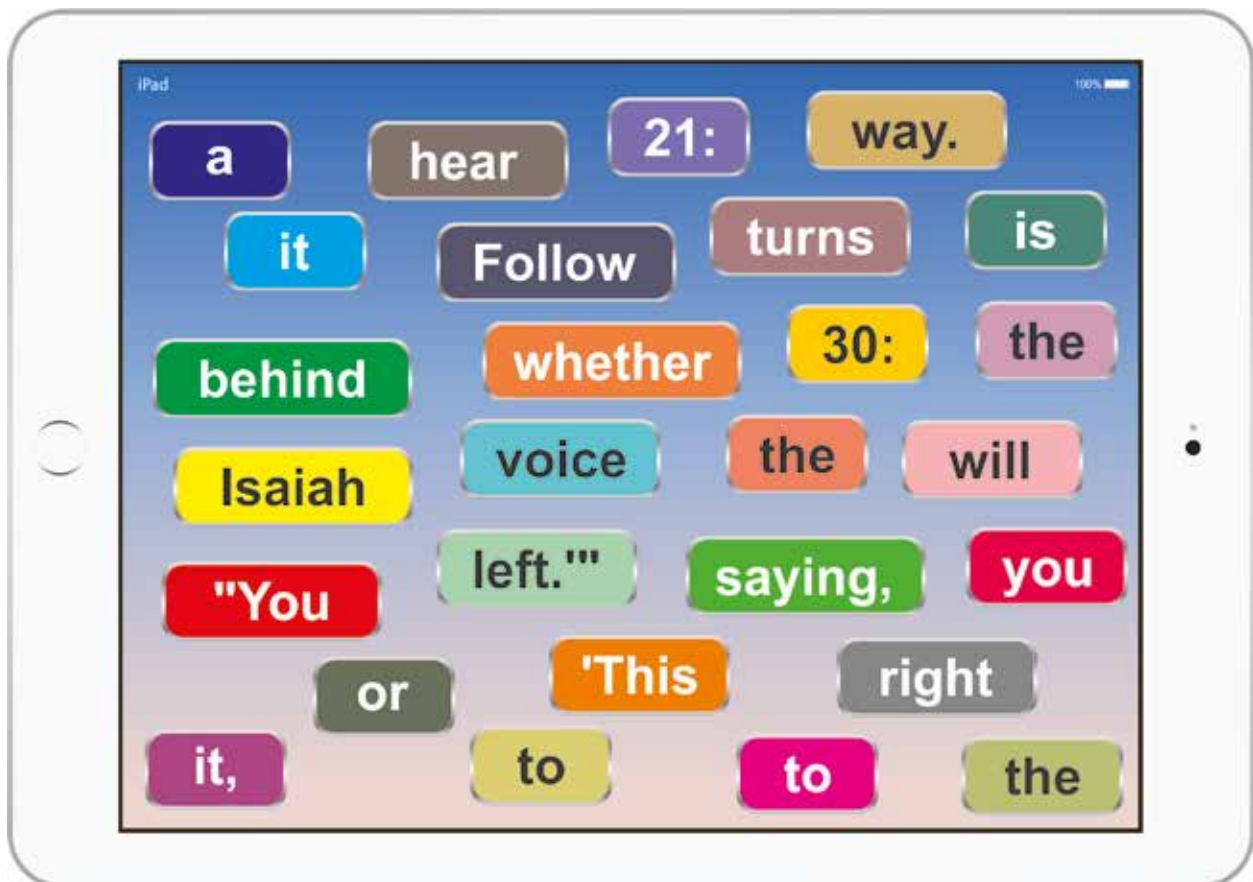
1. By being *dink* to others. _____
2. By not *gitentg vengree* when others have wronged you. _____
3. By telling others that *sseJu solve meht*. _____
4. By loving people who are *fedfentir mrof* us _____
5. By *pihgeln hte sels* fortunate at school. _____

Write in the lines below some other ways in which you can become a light bearer to the world.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

TRUSTING AND REJOICING

Below is an iPad with squares of different colors on its screen. Each square has either a word, a letter, a number, or a symbol. On the next page, there is a road that is made up of different colored squares that match the colors of the squares on the iPad. The road runs from the starting point and goes all the way to the New Jerusalem where Jesus is waiting with open arms. Transfer the text from the iPad's squares to the corresponding color on the road.





After you are finished, read what you have written on the line provided to discover a beautiful Bible promise.

Make your own cards (they don't have to be different colors). Time yourself to see how long it takes to finish putting the verse together. Play the game several times and see if you can beat your own record. You can play this game alone but it is best played in pairs or in two groups.

Once you have memorized the verse, let someone be blindfolded (just like you see in the picture). Once they are blindfolded, put obstacles in their pathway. Let them walk through the obstacle course by following instructions from the voice behind, directing them through the obstacles.



**BY LISTENING TO THE
VOICE OF THE HOLY
SPIRIT, HE WILL LEAD
US UNTIL WE REACH
HEAVEN WHERE WE
WILL LIVE WITH JESUS
FOREVER AND EVER.**

TRUSTING AND REJOICING

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D G/D D A7 A7 D

If you trust the Lord, He'll turn your pain in-to gain; He'll be a guide by your side, He'll put the walkin yourtalk.
If you trust the Lord, He'll turn your night in-to light. He'll give you meals and not bills, He'll flip your flop in - to hope.

D7 G/D Ddim A7

If you trust the Lord, He'll put a glide in your stride; If you trust the Lord, He'll put some
If you trust the Lord, He'll give new life af - ter strife. If you trust the Lord, He'll give i -

A7 A7 D G

pep in - to your step. The Lord will give you joy by and by. So re - joice in the Lord, keep re -
de - as you can use. The Lord will give you joy by and by.

D A7 D G

joic - ing in the Lord; Keep re - joic - ing in the Lord, Keep re - joic - ing in the Lord. So re - joice in the Lord,

D D A7 D

Keep re - joic - ing in the Lord; Keep re - joic - ing, You'll meet Christ in heav'n at last.

ANSWERS TO ACTIVITIES

CHAPTER 1: GOD IS LOVE

Picture 1: Moon; stars; person; clouds; fish; tree; flower; sun
Picture 2: The Bible

Number of books in the Bible: 66

Scrambled words: NATURE; BIBLE

Grid: GOD IS LOVE

Snakes
Sun

Egypt
People

Jackals

Parents of Moses: Jochebed and Amram

"Reconcile" means (a) repairing a broken relationship.

Grid: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT

HAVE ETERNAL LIFE (JOHN 3:16)

CHAPTER 2: WHY WE ALL NEED JESUS

The world before sin: GOOD WEATHER; BEAUTIFUL; FLOWERS; NO DEATH

MRI screen (8 qualities):

- 1. WELL-BALANCED MIND
- 2. OBEDIENT
- 3. LOVE
- 4. HOLY AIMS
- 5. PURE THOUGHTS
- 6. IN HARMONY WITH GOD
- 7. PERFECT IN HIS BEING
- 8. HELD JOYFUL COMMUNION WITH GOD

The world after sin: ANGER; CRYING; DEATH; FIGHTING; GREED; HATRED; JEALOUSY; PAIN; SUFFERING

Why Adam and Eve needed to continue to talk to God: "...in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;" Colossians 2:3.

CHAPTER 3: REPENTANCE

TURNING BACK
David's Prayer of REPENTANCE
CONVERTED

CHAPTER 4: CONFESSING TO THOSE I HAVE WRONGED

Driving game: He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV).

Conceal = to hide something
Confess = to acknowledge and admit that you have done something wrong

Ingredients of confession:

- 1. HEARTFELT
- 2. NOT FORCED FROM THE SINNER
- 3. NOT TO BE MADE CARELESSLY

True or False: False, True, True, False

False statements rewritten as true: True confession should be specific and as far as possible acknowledge particular sins; Sins that are public in nature should be humbly confessed to the public that has been wronged.

CHAPTER 5: SEARCHING WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART

Find the Punch Text: You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV).

The Devil's false rumours:

God...

- 1. Is not reasonable.
- 2. Doesn't want us to think.
- 3. Wants us to accept Him blindly.

Getting out of the Devil's camp: Though daily prayer, the Lord will help us develop deep love for Him and hatred for the Devil and his ways.

Brain game: COME NOW LET US REASON TOGETHER SAYS THE LORD; Scripture reference: Isaiah 1:18.

CHAPTER 6: FAITH AND ACCEPTANCE

Scrambled words: powerful; guilt trip; Jesus; selfishness; bad thoughts; slaves to Satan; eternal death.

Cost to us for forgiveness: FREE

Bible heart transplant game: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26).

Crossword in eighth circle:

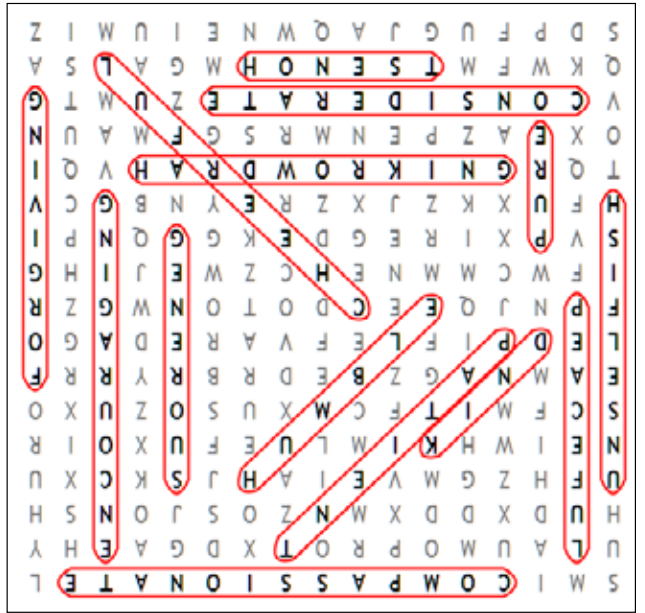
- 1 - IF
- 2 - FORGIVE
- 3 - CAN
- 4 - HE
- 5 - DISEASE
- 6 - HEAL
- 7 - ALSO
- 8 - SIN

IF HE CAN HEAL DISEASE HE CAN ALSO FORGIVE SIN

Circles 1-7: Jesus healed the people of their diseases when they had faith in His power; He helped them in the things which they could see, thus inspiring them with confidence in Him concerning things they could not see. Those who believed were healed. It is the same with us. We should have faith in Him.

CHAPTER 7: JESUS GIVES US POWER TO BE HIS CHILDREN

Opposites character traits/word search:



- 1. peaceful
- 2. unselfish
- 3. honest
- 4. kind
- 5. patient
- 6. compassionate
- 7. generous

- 8. pure
- 9. forgiving
- 10. cheerful
- 11. encouraging
- 12. hardworking
- 13. considerate
- 14. humble

John 3:1-8

Orange segments (fruit of the Spirit): Gentleness; kindness; peace; patience; love; goodness; faithfulness; joy; self-control. **Reflected text:** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather through the law we become conscious of sin. Romans 3:20.

CHAPTER 8: GROWING UP IN CHRIST

Verse: I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF YOU REMAIN IN ME YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. **New babies sentence:** JUST AS NEWBORN BABIES GROW UP NEW CONVERTS SHOULD GROW UP SPIRITUALLY TO THE STATURE OF MEN AND WOMEN IN JESUS.

Crossword puzzle:

- Across:
- 1. Fruit
 - 2. Jesus
 - 5. Nothing

Down:

- 3. Remain
- 4. Us
- 6. Itself
- 7. Vine

Sun game: THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS JESUS
 Scrambled words:
 1. Kills germs
 2. Makes plants grow

CHAPTER 9: TELLING OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

Hidden text: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Who should tell others about Jesus: Pastors only (false); Boys and girls (true); Since doctors, nurses, farmers, teachers and many workers are busy, they should be excused (false); All who love Jesus should (true).

CHAPTER 10: WAYS OF KNOWING THAT GOD IS THERE

Creation Week Activity:

Number of days to create the world: 7

Originator of the theory of evolution: Charles Robert Darwin

Name of his book: On the Origin of the Species

Blue line: LITERAL 24-HOUR DAYS THEORY

Pink line: GAP THEORY

Orange line: DAY-AGE THEORY

Crossword puzzle:

Down:

- 1. Behemoth
- 2. Leviathan

Across:

- 3. Dragon

Secrets to studying the Bible:

- 1. Pray before reading your Bible
- 2. Don't read in a hurry
- 3. Compare Scripture with Scripture

Jesus tells us that God is there (matching verse with description):

John 14:9 – He that has seen me has seen the Father.

Matthew 3:17 – As John baptized Jesus, God's voice was heard from heaven saying that Jesus was His beloved Son.

John 10:30 – I and my Father are one.

John 8:18 – I am a witness about myself. The other witness about me is the Father, who sent me.

John 3:16 – God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son.

John 1:29 – John the Baptist, talking of Jesus as He came to the river Jordan to be baptized, said, "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world!"

John 16:28 – I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

CHAPTER 11: THE PRIVILEGE OF TALKING TO THE KING OF

CHAPTER 13

Title: REJOICING IN THE LORD

Test your knowledge:

1. (b) Cheetah
2. (a) About 109-120km/h (68-75mph)
3. (c) About 160km/h (100mph)
4. (c) 332 meters per second
5. (b) About 186,000 miles per second

Number of miles that light moves in a year: 5.9 trillion miles

Scrambled words:

1. LETTERS
 2. FACETIME
 3. RADIO
 4. TELEPHONE
 5. TELEVISION
 6. INTERNET
 7. WHATSAPP
 8. SKYPE
 9. TWITTER
 10. FACEBOOK
- The fastest of them all: PRAYER
- TV screens:
- A: Pride (Isaiah 14:12-14)
 - B: Lack of faith (Hebrews 11:6)
 - C: No forgiveness (Matthew 6:12)
 - D: Cherished sin (Psalm 66:18)
- Doors: BAD THOUGHTS; BAD WORDS; BAD ACTIONS
- CHAPTER 12: WHEN SOME BIBLE PASSAGES DON'T MAKE
- SENSE
- Crossword puzzle:
- Down:
1. justice
 3. Taste
 5. unsearchable
 7. truth
 9. find
 11. saviour
 13. day
 15. certified
- Across:
2. turns
 3. thoughts
 6. Scriptures
 8. knowledge
 10. complete
 12. darkness
 14. fully
- The main theme of the Punch Text: SECRET THINGS OF GOD
- Deuteronomy 29:29