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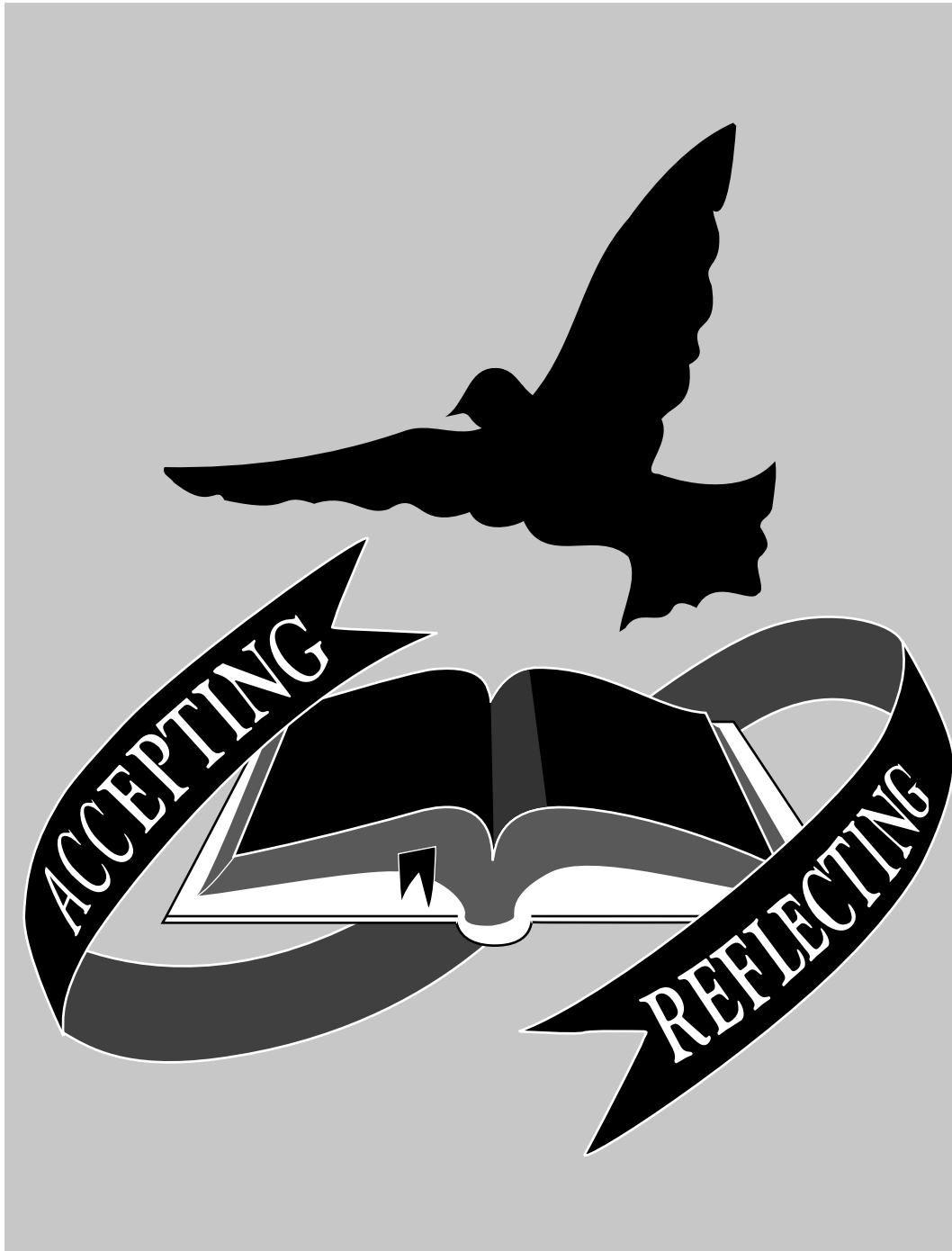
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God's People

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Note to Parents

Thank you for becoming actively involved in your child's development. The Bible tells us that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). All children need to develop mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. This course has been specifically designed to help your child grow spiritually.

This course may be used in various ways: through a school, a church, or your home. You yourself may choose to help your child complete some parts of the study guide such as the homework from the group he or she is attending. In that case, you as a parent will have the opportunity to discuss the Biblical principles which will be brought out in the group. You may have chosen to use these materials in your own home as a devotional guide for your family. The Instructor's Guide will help you with many ideas for the lesson and with answers to the Study Guide activities.

At the end of this unit there will be a test and a questionnaire which the student should complete. Both of these will help you evaluate comprehension and attitude regarding the materials used and the teaching method. If your child is in a class or church group, the leader will collect these two items. If your child is studying independently or with you as an instructor, the test and questionnaire may be sent by mail to the International Office of ICI University. The address is located inside the front cover of the Study Guide.

God Called Out a People

Abram and his family and their flocks of sheep and cattle walked for many days, sleeping in tents at night. When they came to the land of Canaan, God appeared to Abram. “To your offspring I will give this land.” Abram built an altar to God and worshiped Him there at Bethel. Abram was thankful that God had safely led them to a new place to live.

Abram and his wife Sarai had no children. When Abram was 99 years old, God again appeared to him and again promised that he would be the father of many nations, and that Sarai, who was 90, would be the mother of nations. Then God gave them new names. Abram was to be called Abraham, which means “father of many nations,” and Sarai became Sarah, which means “princess” or “mother of nations.”

Abraham laughed to think that he and Sarah could have a son at their age. It was impossible! But with God all things are possible, and the following year Sarah gave birth to a son. They named him Isaac, which means “laughter.” God had kept his promise.

Years passed, and Isaac grew into a strong young man. One night God began to test Abraham to see whom he loved more, his son or God. “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

With a heavy heart, Abraham arose the next morning and began to prepare for the journey. He gathered a bundle of wood and a pot of fire for the sacrifice and food and supplies for the three-day trip. With a couple of servants, he and Isaac set off for Mount Moriah to worship God.

“Father,” said Isaac, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

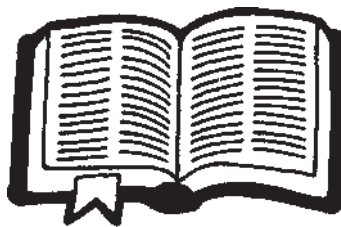
“God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham replied.

When they reached the base of Mount Moriah, Abraham said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” The Book of Hebrews tells us (11:17-19) that Abraham believed God could raise Isaac from the dead.

At the top of Mount Moriah, Abraham and Isaac built an altar of large stones for the sacrifice. Then Abraham tied up Isaac and laid him on the altar. Isaac did not resist. He trusted his father. Abraham raised his knife to kill his son.

Suddenly the angel of the Lord stopped him. “Do not lay a hand on the boy. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

At that moment Abraham noticed a ram caught by his horns in some bushes nearby. God had provided the lamb. Abraham and Isaac joyfully worshiped God together. It had been a hard test, but Abraham put God first in his life, and God took care of him.



Review

Fill in the blanks in the sentence below with these words. You may use some words more than once.

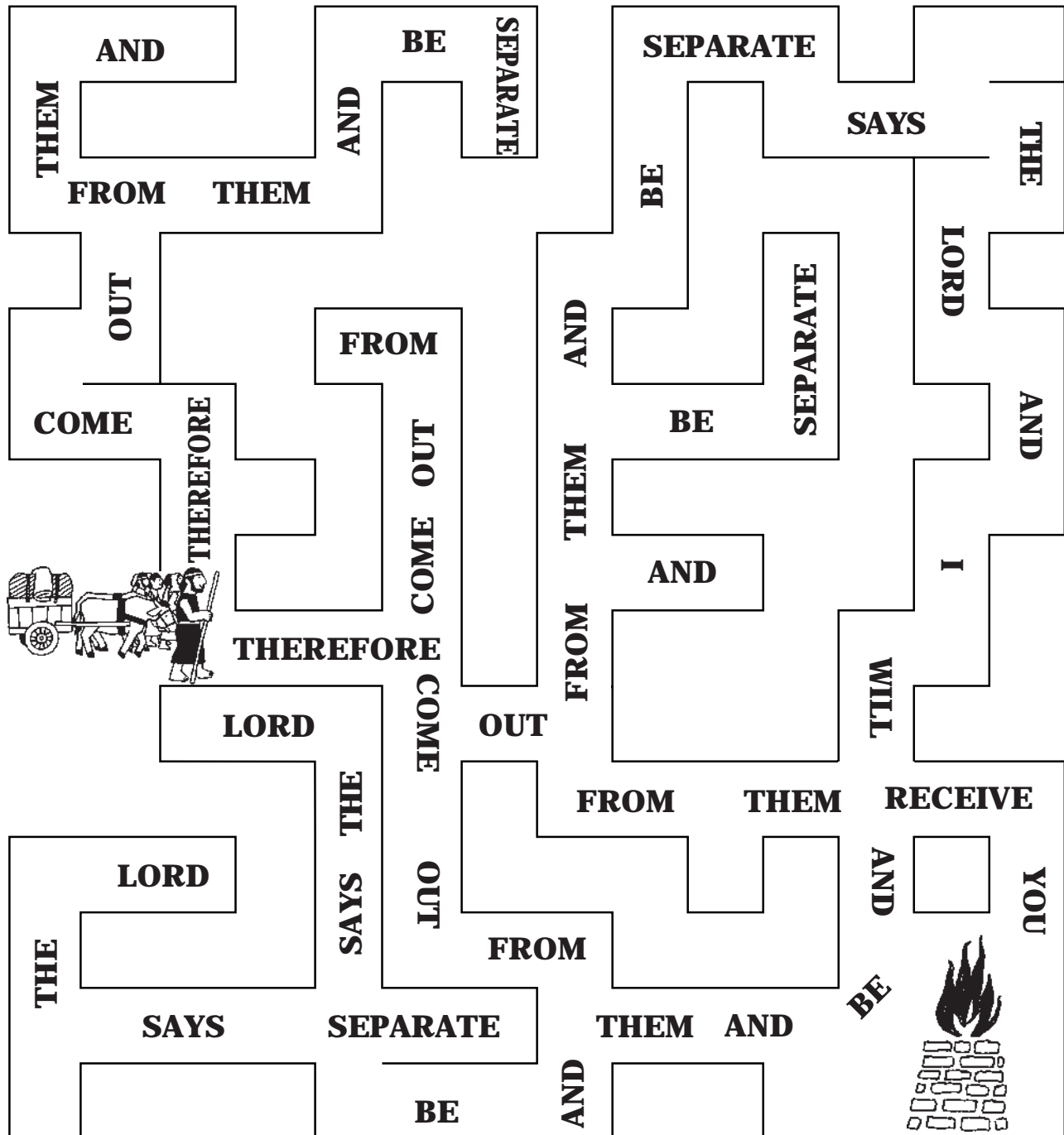
Obeying
Faith
Trust

1. Abraham had _____ in God.
2. Another word for faith is _____ .
3. Abraham showed his faith by _____ God.
4. We show our _____ in God by _____ God's Word, the Bible.



Bible verse maze

If you know the memory verse, you will be able to help Abraham find his way from Haran to the altar he built in Canaan. Use a pencil or a crayon to trace the correct pathway following the words of the memory verse in order. Watch out! Don't get caught in a dead end!



Living sacrifices

Abraham had to be willing to sacrifice his son to God. What are some things God asks us to give up to follow Jesus? Unscramble the words below each picture to find out.



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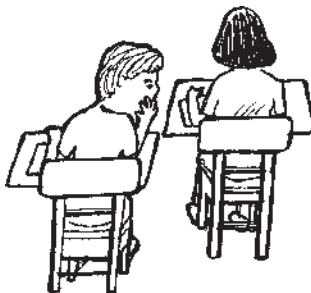
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List some other things you can think of that God is asking you to give up to follow Jesus. Are you willing to obey?

God Keeps His People

God promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation. Abraham's son Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons, but everyone knew Joseph was his favorite, especially when Jacob gave him a beautiful coat of many colors. Joseph's brothers were jealous. When Joseph dreamed his family was bowing to him, the brothers hated him even more.

Joseph's ten older brothers had taken the flocks to pasture and had been gone longer than Jacob expected. Jacob sent 17-year-old Joseph to find them. When they saw Joseph coming, they began to plot how they could get rid of him. Stripping him of his coat of many colors, they threw him in a pit. Just then, a caravan bound for Egypt approached them. "Let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him," Judah said. And that's what they did. Then they killed a lamb and dipped Joseph's coat in its blood. When they returned home they told their father, "Some ferocious animal has devoured him."

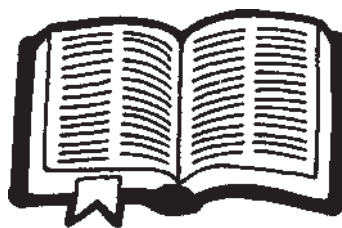
Meanwhile, in Egypt God was with Joseph. He was not there by chance. Through hard trials, God was preparing him for a special mission. When Pharaoh had a disturbing dream, Joseph was able to interpret it. The dream was a message from God that Egypt would experience seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Joseph recommended that food from the years of plenty be stored up for the bad years. Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of that project and made him second in command in all of Egypt.

When the years of famine came, Jacob's family had no food. Word came to them that there was food in Egypt. When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food, they bowed down to the man in charge, who was Joseph, just as he had dreamed. Soon Jacob and Joseph were reunited when the family moved to Egypt. When Jacob died, Joseph's brothers were afraid he would seek revenge on them. But Joseph assured them, "God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance." Joseph was a wise, kind and forgiving leader whom God had provided to deliver His people.

The years passed. Joseph died, and the Pharaoh died. Then there came a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph. Abraham's descendants had become numerous and were called Hebrews. Pharaoh made the Hebrews his slaves. He made them work hard making bricks and building cities. Then the Pharaoh commanded that all their baby boys be killed at birth. This way he could stop their growing population.

When baby Moses was born, his mother hid him for three months. When she could no longer hide him, she built a little boat of bulrushes, and made it waterproof with slime and pitch. Placing Moses in the boat, she set it in the tall grasses of the Nile river where Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe. Moses' older sister Miriam hid nearby to watch. When Pharaoh's daughter opened the top of the little boat, Moses began to cry. Immediately she recognized him as one of the Hebrews' children. The Bible tells us she had compassion on him and took him as her own son. Miriam came out of hiding and asked, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" And Miriam then brought Moses' own mother to be the nurse! She was able to care for her own baby son.

When Moses was old enough to leave his mother, he went to live in Pharaoh's house as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. There he received the finest education and training to be a king. When Moses grew up, he too had many trials, but God was preparing him to become the man who would lead the Hebrews out of slavery and into the promised land.



Review

Below are several events that occurred in the lives of these men. Write the correct name on the line beside each event. If you get stuck, look up the Scripture passage listed after each event. In fact, you would enjoy reading all the stories about these men.



Joseph

Moses

Joshua

- _____ 1. God spoke to him through a burning bush (Exodus 3:1-10)
- _____ 2. He was punished for a crime he didn't commit (Genesis 39:7-20)
- _____ 3. He had to flee for his life because he killed a man (Exodus 2:11-15)
- _____ 4. Of the twelve men sent to spy out the Promised Land, only he and one other man brought back a good report (Numbers 13:25-14:9)
- _____ 5. God gave the Ten Commandments through him (Exodus 19:25-20:17)
- _____ 6. He married Zipporah, a shepherd girl, and they had two sons, Gershom and Eliezer (Exodus 3:21,22; 18:1-6).
- _____ 7. He married Asenath and had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, for whom two tribes of Israel are named (Genesis 41:45,50-52).
- _____ 8. In the middle of a big battle, he commanded the sun and moon to stand still, and they did (Joshua 10:12-14).
- _____ 9. He wrote the first five books of the Bible (see the title of each book: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).

If you know your memory verse, you will be able to connect the dots in the right order to reveal something that caused Joseph a lot of trouble.

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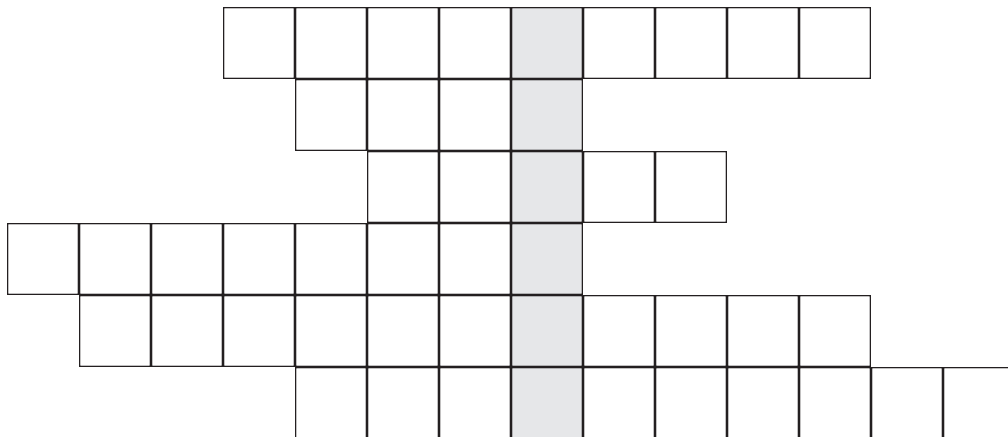
LOVE • HAVE • • THINGS • FOR
 TO • • KNOW
 HIM •
 WHO •
 ACCORDING • • THAT
 GOD

BEEN • CALLED • • IN • • ALL

Romans 8:28

These words and phrases are qualities we look for in a certain kind of person. Place them in the correct places to spell a word in the box for this person. (Hint: one letter goes in each space.)

obeys God
brave
wise
sacrifices
loves people
unselfish



God Gave Kings and Prophets

All the days of Joshua, the children of Israel served the Lord. After Joshua died, they began to worship idols. Then the Lord allowed their enemies to mistreat them. Whenever they would cry out to the Lord for help, He would raise up a leader or judge to free them from their enemies. This cycle went on for many, many years.

Finally, God called Samuel to be a prophet, a special messenger from God to his people. When Samuel was old, the people began to fear what would happen to them when he died. They begged Samuel to set up a king to judge them so they would be like the other nations around them. Samuel prayed to the Lord for wisdom. The Lord answered, "Listen to the people. They have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me. They don't want Me to rule over them. Warn them of the problems a king will make for them. They will have to pay taxes and obey his orders. The king will make their sons join his army or do his work. If they still insist on having a king, then set up a king. I will show you the man to be king." The Lord directed Samuel to a tall, handsome young man named Saul, and Samuel anointed him king over Israel by pouring oil on his head.

Calling all the people of Israel together, Samuel presented them Saul as king. "Here is the king you desired," Samuel said. "If you obey the Lord and serve Him and do not turn against His commandment, all will be well. If, however, you do not obey the Lord, both you and your king will be destroyed."

One day God sent Samuel to Saul. "God wants you to punish the Amalekites for their wickedness. Go and attack the city of Amalek and completely destroy it. Kill every person and animal." Saul gathered his army, and they attacked the Amalekites. They killed all the people, but Saul took King Agag alive. He also spared the best of the cattle and sheep. He just didn't want to kill them, but he had everything else completely destroyed.

Then the Lord spoke to Samuel. "I regret having made Saul king because he has disobeyed me." In the morning Samuel set out to meet Saul. When they met, Saul said, "I have done everything the Lord commanded." "Then what is the bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle I hear?" Samuel asked. "Oh, we brought back the best sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord," Saul replied. Then Samuel said, "Be quiet! Last night the Lord told me, 'I sent Saul to completely destroy the Amalekites, but he has disobeyed Me.'" "But I did destroy them completely," Saul argued. "The people took the best things to sacrifice to the Lord." Then Samuel said, "Does the Lord enjoy sacrifices better than obedience? No, to obey is better than sacrifice. Because you have rejected the command of the Lord, He has rejected you from being king."

Samuel mourned for Saul, until the Lord said, "Samuel, I want you to go to the house of Jesse and anoint one of his sons king in place of Saul." When Samuel saw David, Jesse's youngest son, who was still a boy, the Lord said to Samuel, "This is the one I have chosen. Don't look at his outward appearance. I see his heart. Anoint him king."

David did not become king until after the death of Saul. God called David "a man after My own heart." David was not perfect. He committed some terrible sins, but he always repented quickly, never trying to excuse himself before God. And God set up the throne of David as an everlasting kingdom in Israel. As long as the king and the people obeyed the Lord, the kingdom did well and a descendant of David sat on the throne. Because of sin, they were taken many years later as captives to another land. But Jesus, a descendant of David, now reigns on the throne of David forever and ever.

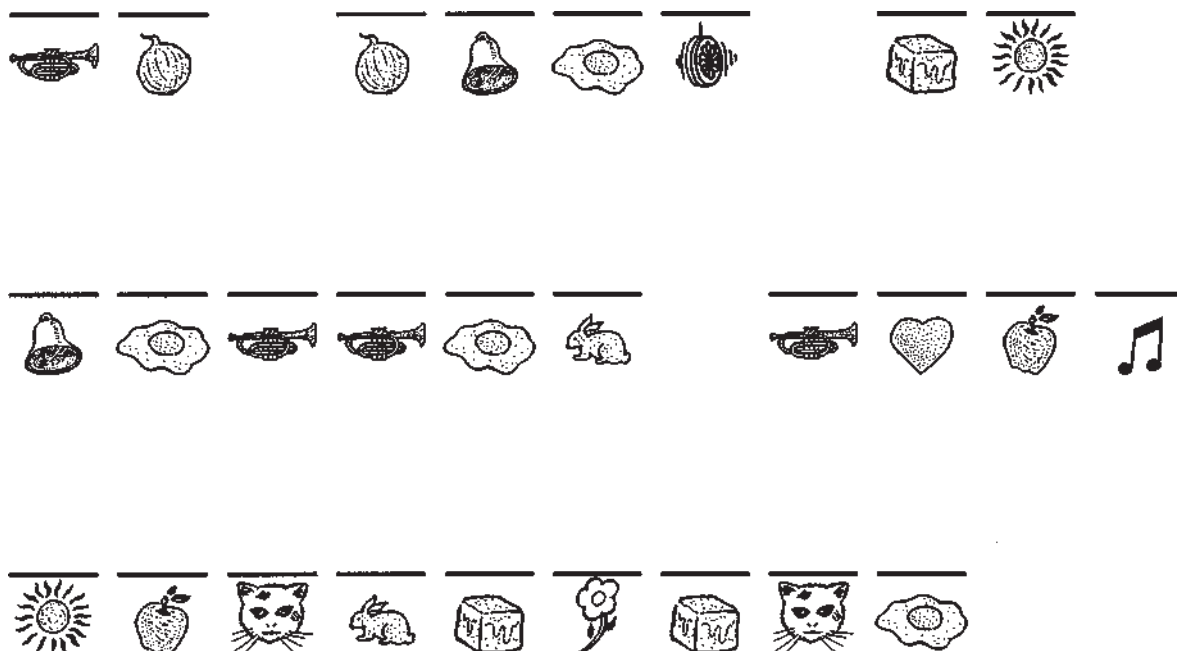
During the reigns of the kings, God continued to send his special messengers, the prophets, to speak to the kings and the people. Stories of the kings of Israel are recorded in 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, and 1 and 2 Chronicles. The stories of prophets such as Nathan, Elijah, and Elisha are in 1 and 2 Kings. Some prophets wrote down their messages. The Old Testament books of Isaiah through Malachi were written by the prophets for whom the books were named.

Kings and Prophets

The following are facts about kings and prophets of the Old Testament. If the fact is true of kings, write “K” on the line beside the fact. If it is true about prophets, write “P” on the line. If it is true of both kings and prophets, write “KP” on the line.

- ___ 1. Are inspired messengers
- ___ 2. Rule by God’s permission
- ___ 3. Were desired by the people
- ___ 4. Are called “watchmen”
- ___ 5. Are under God’s control
- ___ 6. Were Anointed
- ___ 7. Can be removed by God
- ___ 8. Books of the Bible are named for them

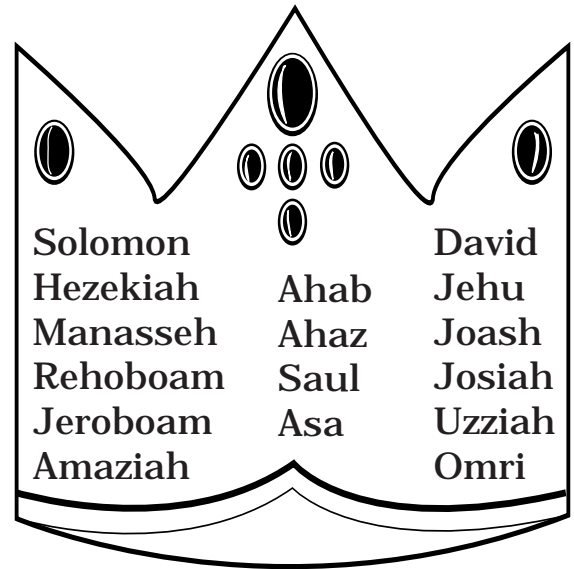
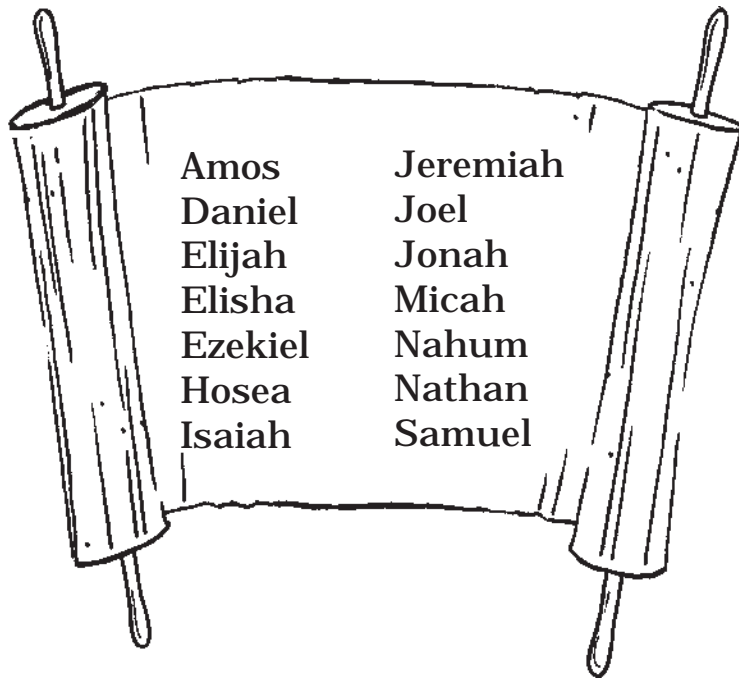
Put the letter the picture begins with in the blank above it to solve the code for this Bible verse.



1       15:22

Names of Prophets and Kings

Can you find in the puzzle below the names of these kings and prophets? They may be up or down, backward or forward, or diagonal. Draw a circle around each word as you find it.



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

Jesus' Life, Old Covenant to New Covenant

The Old Testament was written to tell us how sin began and why we need a Savior. It also shows how God prepared mankind to understand the meaning of Jesus' death on the Cross. The Old Testament contains the story of the nation and the family through whom the Savior would come. While the Bible contains many stories, it is one big story of God's plan of salvation for all mankind.

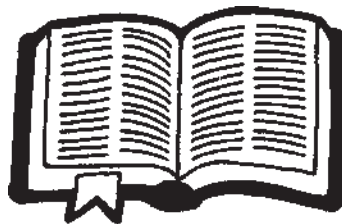
When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, the curse of sin brought pain, sorrow and death into their lives and into the lives of all who would be born after them. They were helpless to change the consequence of their sinful disobedience. But God did not leave them without hope. God first promised the coming of the Savior to them.

Years later, God made a special covenant with Abraham. A covenant is a formal, solemn, and binding agreement between two people or groups of people, especially for carrying out some particular action. The word "testament" means "a covenant between God and man." The Old Testament tells about the covenant between God and the Hebrew people. In His covenant with Abraham God promised to bless him if he would obey. And God promised to bless all the nations of the world through Abraham's descendants. God renewed this covenant with Abraham's son Isaac, and with Isaac's son Jacob.

Through Moses, God again renewed this covenant with the Hebrew people when He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. For the first Passover Feast, which was a celebration of Pharaoh letting them leave Egypt, they were to kill a lamb and put its blood on the doorposts. When the death angel saw the blood, he would pass over that house. God commanded them to celebrate Passover every year. It was an annual picture to them of how Christ would shed his blood to save us from God's wrath. Jesus would be the Lamb of God who would die for our sins.

At Mt. Sinai God gave the law through Moses. In the law God commanded the people to do certain things in order to receive forgiveness for their sins. Every year they were to observe the Day of Atonement. On that day they were to sacrifice a lamb for sin. Animal sacrifices could not take away sin, but they pointed ahead to the day when the Savior would die on the Cross for the sins of the world. The high priest would also lay his hands on the head of a goat, confess the sins of the people, and send it away into the wilderness. It was a picture to the people that the Savior would take away their sins. These were not to be simply ceremonies, but a message of what God was going to do. God looked for faith in their hearts. Salvation has always been received by faith.

The law of sacrifices for sin continued for hundreds of years. Then Jesus came. His life fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. His people, the Hebrew people, did not accept Him. They falsely accused Him and had Him crucified. But He arose from the dead! Now He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, where He is praying for us. Jesus was the final sacrifice that was needed to pay the price for our redemption from sin. He said, "I have not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it." And He did.



Bible Vocabulary

Draw a line from each word to its definition. The words are all from the Bible lesson.

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| 1. Righteousness | a. God's unearned favor; His forgiving mercy. |
| | b. A will; a covenant between God and man. |
| 2. Law | c. A formal, solemn, and binding agreement between two people or groups of people, especially for carrying out some particular action. |
| 3. Grace | d. The rules God gave concerning man's relationship with God before Christ died. |
| 4. Testament | e. Being delivered (set free) from sin, and the price paid for that deliverance. |
| 5. Covenant | f. Having character approved by God because a person's sins are under the blood of Jesus. |
| 6. Redemption | |

Memory verse puzzle

Do the math, then put the letter under the problem that matches the correct answer. You will discover an important message.

A = 1	F = 6	K = 11	P = 16	U = 21
B = 2	G = 7	L = 12	Q = 17	V = 22
C = 3	H = 8	M = 13	R = 18	W = 23
D = 4	I = 9	N = 14	S = 19	X = 24
E = 5	J = 10	O = 15	T = 20	Y = 25
				Z = 26

4	3	21	8	10	26	11	15	23	6	4	10	18	2
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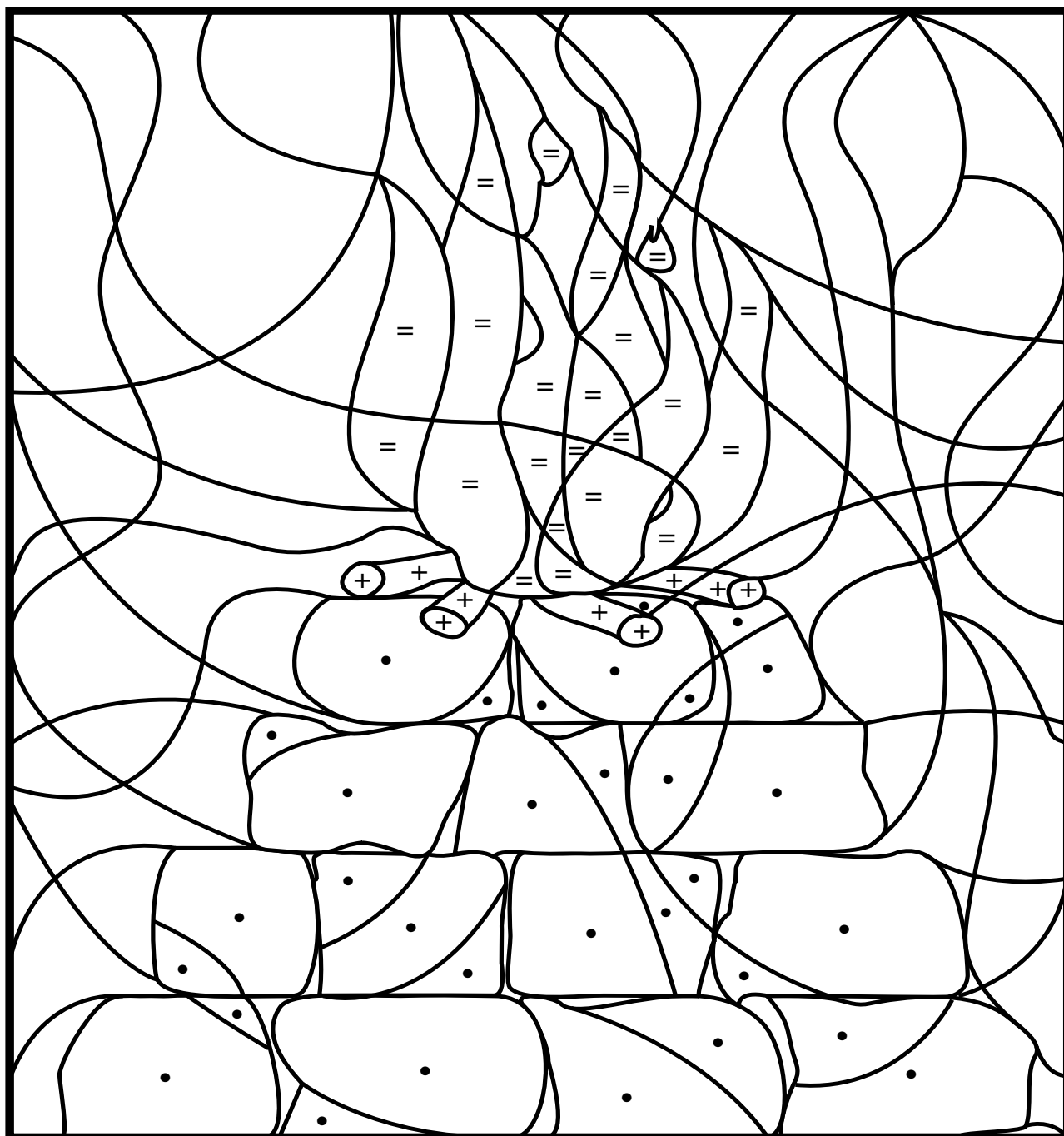
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17	18	8	22	20	13
<u>+1</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>+5</u>	<u>-21</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>+6</u>

10:4

Find the hidden picture

Color gray all the spaces with a dot(.). Color brown all the spaces with a plus(+). Color orange all the spaces with an equal sign(=). You will discover something that Jesus' death on the cross did away with.



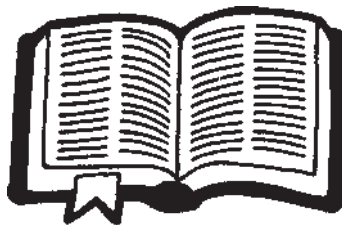
The Early Church

Before Jesus went up to heaven, He told His disciples, “Do not leave Jerusalem until you receive the promise of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When you have received the Holy Spirit, you will have the power you need to be witnesses of Me at home, in your neighborhood, and around the world.” (See Acts 1:4-8).

The disciples gathered in an upper room to wait for the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, a special feast day for the Jews, Acts 2 tells us 120 followers of Jesus were “all with one accord in one place.” They were there for one purpose, to receive what God had promised them. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting, and there appeared to them small flames of fire, which sat on the head of each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues (languages they didn’t know), as the Spirit gave them the words to speak.

Because of the feast, people from all over the Roman world were in Jerusalem. They all heard the good news about Jesus in their own language as the disciples spoke in other tongues. They were all amazed and wondered what it all meant. But some thought the disciples were all drunk. Then Peter stepped forward and began to preach to them. His message was so powerful because of the Holy Spirit that 3,000 people got saved that day. That is why we refer to that day as the birthday of the Church.

What was the Early Church like? Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 tell us. Why don’t we stop right now and read it? First, it says they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching” That means they spent as much time as possible listening to the apostles teach about Jesus, and they obeyed His commandments. Next, it says they continued in “fellowship, and in breaking bread, and in prayers.” They spent time with fellow believers, eating together, and praying. In fact, verse 46 says they went to the temple for prayer every day, and they ate in each others’ homes everyday. The believers sold their possessions and shared with each other as each one had a need. No one went hungry. They were happy serving God and one another, and they spent a great deal of time praising God. These verses also tell us that the apostles preached with great power, and did many signs and wonders (miracles). Because of their lives, many people were saved and joined their number every day.



Do I need the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Break the code to find out why YOU need the baptism in the Holy Spirit. (Clue: 1=a, 2=b, 3=c)

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16 15 23 5 18 20 15 2 5 1

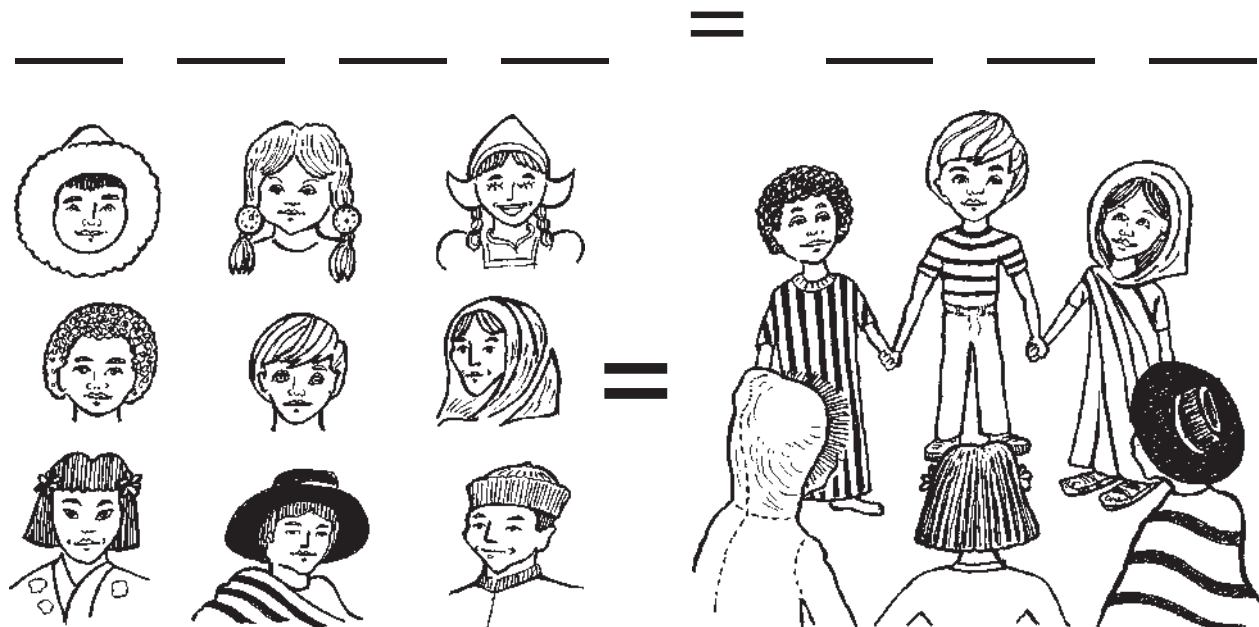
23 9 20 14 5 19 19 .

Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35 describe the early church. In the list below cross out all the things the early church did not do, according to these verses.

The early believers . . .

had all things in common
praised God in all things
fought among themselves
were weak witnesses for Jesus
sold their possessions
shared meals with other believers
gave to those in need
hated all who were not believers
went to the temple every day to pray
had favor with all the people
stayed at home all the time

God's math is different from ours. Our memory verse can be stated in this simple equation:



Put the beginning letter of each picture on the line above it to complete the verse.

All the _____

were one in _____ and _____

_____ 4:32

On the lines below, write the reason Jesus prayed that His many followers would be one. (see John 17:21.)

In the boxes below draw pictures of ways you can be like the early church and do what each statement says.

1. I can learn more about Jesus.

(Draw a picture of one way you can do this.)

2. I can pray every day.

(Draw a picture of you praying.)

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3. I can give to help others learn about Jesus.

(Draw a picture of you giving.)

4. I can praise God in all things.

(Draw a picture of a situation in which you can praise God even when you don't like what has happened.)

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The Missionary Church

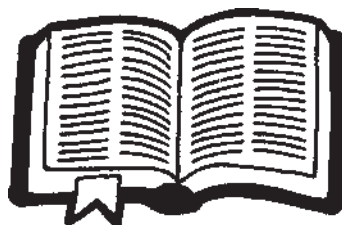
The Church at Jerusalem was doing well, but God wanted the believers to take the gospel to the whole world. God allowed persecution to come against the Church. A Jew named Saul went from house to house arresting Christians and putting them in prison. Then the believers had to leave Jerusalem. As they went, they preached the good news about Jesus. Philip took the gospel to Samaria. Other Christians went to Damascus and Antioch.

Saul followed the believers to Damascus. He had letters to the Jewish leaders there that he was to arrest any Christian he found there and take them to prison in Jerusalem. But God had another plan for Saul. As he was walking along the road to Damascus, suddenly a blinding light from heaven shone on him, and he fell to the ground. A voice from heaven said, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" Immediately Saul knew it was the Lord's voice. "Lord, what do You want me to do?" he asked. "Go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." When Saul got to his feet, he realized he was blind. His traveling companions led him into Damascus. After three days God sent a man named Ananias to pray for Saul. He was healed of blindness and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Then he was baptized in water and his name was changed to Paul. After a few days he went to the synagogue, the Jews' "church," and preached that Jesus was the Son of God. That made the Jewish rulers there very angry. They planned to kill him. But the Christians let Paul down over the wall in a large basket, and he escaped.

The church at Antioch was growing. The apostles sent Barnabas to teach them. He brought Saul, who was now using his Roman name Paul, to Antioch. One day during prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit spoke through a prophet, "Send Barnabas and Paul to do the work I have called them to do." After the believers laid hands on them and prayed, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey to take the gospel to the world.

Everywhere they went, they established churches. They had many exciting experiences, as well as many hardships. At Lystra they prayed for a lame man who was healed by the power of God. The people thought they must be gods and tried to offer sacrifices to them. Later because of the Jews they turned on them and stoned Paul. At Philippi Paul and Silas cast a demon out of a slave girl. She had been using the Devil's power to predict the future and work as a fortune teller. Her owners became so angry when she was no longer able to use the demons in her that they had Paul and Silas beaten and put in stocks in prison. At midnight, as Paul and Silas sang praises to God, an earthquake set them free. As a result, they were able to tell the jailer about Jesus, and he and his family were saved. In Athens Paul found a statue to "the Unknown God." He used it to tell the people there about Jesus, the God of the whole universe. In Corinth Paul worked as a tentmaker while he preached the gospel. In Ephesus he was so successful in preaching that the men who made silver images of the goddess Diana began losing business. They even caused a riot, but God took care of Paul.

On his way to Rome as a prisoner because of the gospel, Paul was in a shipwreck on the island of Malta. While he was building a fire on the beach, a poisonous snake leaped out of the firewood and bit him. When he didn't die, the people were amazed and he had an opportunity to preach the gospel there. While awaiting trial in Rome, Paul wrote letters to the churches he had started. They are now a large part of the New Testament. In Rome he was even able to give his testimony before Caesar, the ruler of the entire Roman Empire.



Review

Look on a map to find Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. You will see that Jerusalem is a city in the province of Judea, and Samaria is the neighboring province. To you, Acts 1:8 means you are to be a witness in your Jerusalem, your home. Your Judea is the neighborhood around your home. Your Samaria is the nearby community. The uttermost part of the earth is the whole world.

What is the name of your Jerusalem?

What is the name of your Judea?

What is the name of your Samaria?

What is your Damascus?

Your Antioch?

Write a paragraph or draw a picture of something you can do now to help to spread the good news about Jesus.

Message in Greek

Paul wrote his letters to the churches in the Greek language. Use the Greek code below to find out why Paul became a missionary and why we are to be witnesses too.

A - α	J - φ	S - σ
B - β	K - κ	T - τ
C - χ	L - λ	U - υ
D - δ	M - μ	V - ϐ
E - ε	N - ν	W - ω
F - φ	O - ο	X - ξ
G - γ	P - π	Y - ψ
H - η	Q - θ	Z - ζ
I - ι	R - ρ	

“BUT YOU WILL

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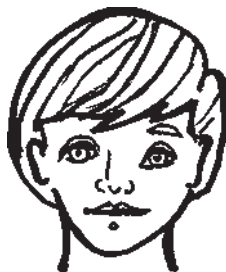
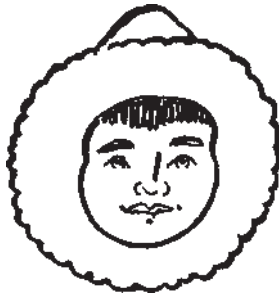
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ε α ρ τ η . ”

α χ τ σ 1:8

In our lesson we learned whom we should tell about Jesus. Draw a circle around each person to whom God wants us to tell the good news.



Did you draw circles around all of them?

Prejudice means not liking someone simply because of his race, color, religion, customs, dress, looks, and so on. What does God say about this? Circle T if the statement is true, F if it is false.

- T F 1. Prejudice is un-Christian.
- T F 2. God plays favorites.
- T F 3. I should only witness to people who are like me.
- T F 4. God judges by a person's heart, not by his looks.

Look up 1 Samuel 16:7. What does this verse tell us about the way God views people?

Pictures of the Church

An old proverb says, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” God often inspired the writers of the New Testament to paint pictures with words to help us understand heavenly truths. The Church was a new idea to God’s people. It was to be a group of people working together, not a building. To help them understand what the Church should be like, God inspired the apostles to describe it in terms of a bride, a building, a human body, a garden, a family, and a flock of sheep.

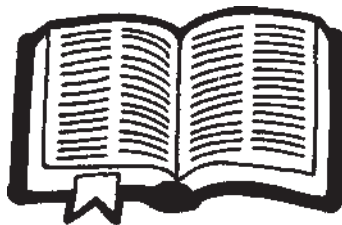
Perhaps the most used picture of the Church in the New Testament is to call it the body. Christ is the head. The body is one unit, even though it has many parts. So it is with the Church. We Christians are one in Christ, yet we each have something only we can do in the body of Christ. Paul asks some humorous questions as he writes in the Bible: What if the foot should say, “Because I am not the hand, do I not belong to the body?” What if the ear should say, “Because I am not the eye, I am not part of the body?” What if the whole body were one big eye? How would it hear? What if the whole body were one big ear? How would it see? What if the eye were to say to the hand, “I don’t need you?” What if the head were to say to the feet, “I don’t need you?” Wouldn’t that be silly? Paul wanted the Church to know that everyone in the Church is important. Everyone has a ministry. Each one’s ministry is different, but everyone is essential, just as each part of our human body is necessary. If you hurt your little toe, your whole body suffers. If someone in the Church is hurting, the whole Church hurts with him. If your hand gets cut off, your whole body is affected. When someone in the Church is not doing their ministry, the whole Church suffers. “Each member belongs to all others.”

Another common picture Paul and Peter used is the Church as God’s building. Each Christian is a living stone in this building. We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Jesus is the chief cornerstone. This imaginary building is also called “a holy temple in the Lord.” It will not be complete until Jesus comes again. How is the Church like a building? In Ephesians 2:22 Paul says we are being built into a “habitation of God through the Spirit.” A habitation is “a place to live in.” God is building His Church as a place where He can live. Each Christian individually is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and so is the Church as a whole. The picture of the Body reminds us of the ministry we each have to one another in the Church. The picture of the building reminds us of our ministry of praise and worship to God as the Church.

Paul and John also described the Church as the bride of Christ. A bride spends much time preparing herself for her bridegroom. On her wedding day she puts on a beautiful, spotless, white wedding dress. Only those who have been washed clean from sin by the blood of Jesus can be part of His bride. When Jesus comes again to take us to be with Him forever, there will be a great marriage in heaven. The bride, the Church, will be united with Jesus, our bridegroom, for eternity.

Paul also called the Church God’s garden. This picture reminds us that we have a ministry to the world—to tell them about Jesus. Some of us plant the seeds of the gospel in people’s hearts, others water that seed by witnessing to them again, but God is the One who makes that seed grow. We must all work together to help God’s garden to grow.

The New Testament also calls the Church the family of God or the household of God. We are adopted into God’s family and become His son or daughter when we get saved. Jesus is our elder brother who takes care of us and helps us please God. The Church is also described as the flock of God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Our pastors and teachers are shepherds under Him who take care of His people.



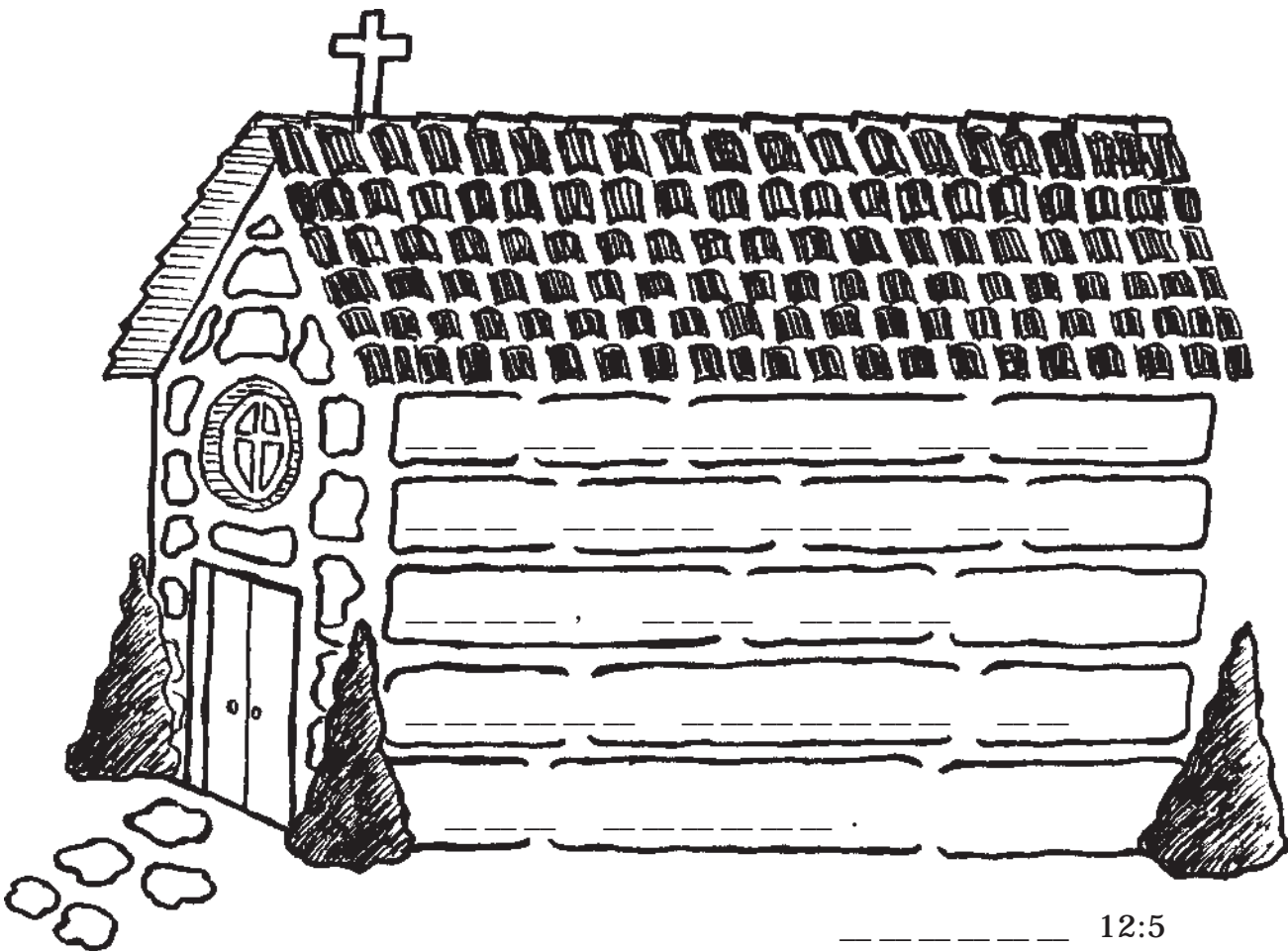
Review

On the line beside each word picture of the Church listed below write the letter of the phrase that tells what the word picture reminds us of.

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|-----------------------|--|
| — The Flock of God | a. Our ministry to one another in the Church. |
| — The Bride of Christ | b. Our ministry of praise and worship to God. |
| — The Family of God | c. Our ministry of spreading the gospel to the world. |
| — The Body of Christ | d. The need for us to prepare ourselves for heaven by having our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus. |
| — God's Building | e. The relationship between the Church and Jesus, and between us and our pastors and teachers. |
| — God's Garden | f. We all become God's sons and daughters when we are saved. |

Cross out all the Js, Ks, Qs, Vs, Xs, and Zs to find an important message. Write it on the blanks on the building below.

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



The three main purposes of the Church are given below. Use the code boxes to complete the answers.

1. TO _____

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_____ JESUS.

• ____/____ ••••/____ ____/•• ____/____

2. TO _____ GOD.
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3. TO _____ CHRISTIANS _____
/...../.....
/...../...../...../.....
 _____ JESUS.
/...../...../...../.....

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B	■■■■	G	■■■	L	■■■	P	■■■	T	■	X	■■■
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D	■■■	I	■■	N	■	R	■■■	V	■■■	Z	■■■
E	■	J	■■■■								

In the space below draw a picture (or write a story) that shows something you will do as part of the church.

The Church and its Ordinances

An ordinance is a law or order set forth by a government or person in authority. Jesus, who has all authority in heaven and on earth, gave his disciples two ordinances to be practiced by the Church: Water Baptism and Communion.

Before Jesus began His ministry, He asked John to baptize Him in the Jordan River. After He arose from the dead, Jesus told His disciples to go everywhere, teaching everyone about Him and baptizing them in water. To *baptize* means “to dip” or “immerse.” When a person is baptized in water, he is dipped under, or immersed in, water. Jesus was baptized in a river. Some people are baptized in a lake or in the ocean. Some churches have a large tank for water, called a baptistry. The place doesn’t matter. The only requirement is water deep enough to completely cover the person being baptized.

Every Christian should be baptized in water. The most important reason is that Jesus commands it and has set an example for us to follow. Baptism in water is also an important way that we tell the world we are Christians. Water Baptism doesn’t save us. Water cannot wash away our sins. Water Baptism shows others what has already happened in our lives. When we are baptized in water, we go down under the water to show that our old life is dead and our sins have been buried. When we come up out of the water, we show that our sins have been washed away, and that we are a new person, living a new life in Christ.

Since Water Baptism is a picture of having been saved, it doesn’t make sense for a baby or someone who hasn’t been saved to be baptized. The Bible says we must repent, or turn from our sins, and be able to understand that Jesus died for our sins. Only then should we be baptized. As soon as a person is old enough to understand that Jesus died for his sins and has accepted Jesus as his Savior, he should be baptized.

Just before Jesus was arrested and crucified, He had a last supper with His disciples. That night the Jews were celebrating the Feast of Passover, when they were remembering the night Pharaoh allowed the Children of Israel to leave Egypt. The death angel had killed the oldest son in every Egyptian family. God had told the Jews to put the blood of a lamb on the doorposts of their homes. When the death angel saw the blood, he “passed over” those homes. Jesus wanted to show His disciples that just as a lamb had to die so the death angel would pass over the Jews’ homes in Egypt, He too would have to die so we might have eternal life.

In that first Communion service, also called the Lord’s Supper, Jesus took bread, broke it into pieces, and gave it to His disciples. He told them to eat the bread to remember that His body would be broken for them. Then He took a cup of grape juice. After praying over it, He passed it to His disciples. He told them all to drink some juice to remember that His blood would be shed for the sins of the world. Jesus told His followers to keep on having Communion. He said, “Do this to remember me and my death until I come again.”

We still have Communion today because Jesus has not yet returned. When we celebrate Communion, we remember two things. First, we look back to Jesus’ death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. Second, we look ahead to the wonderful day when Jesus will come again to take us to be with Him forever.



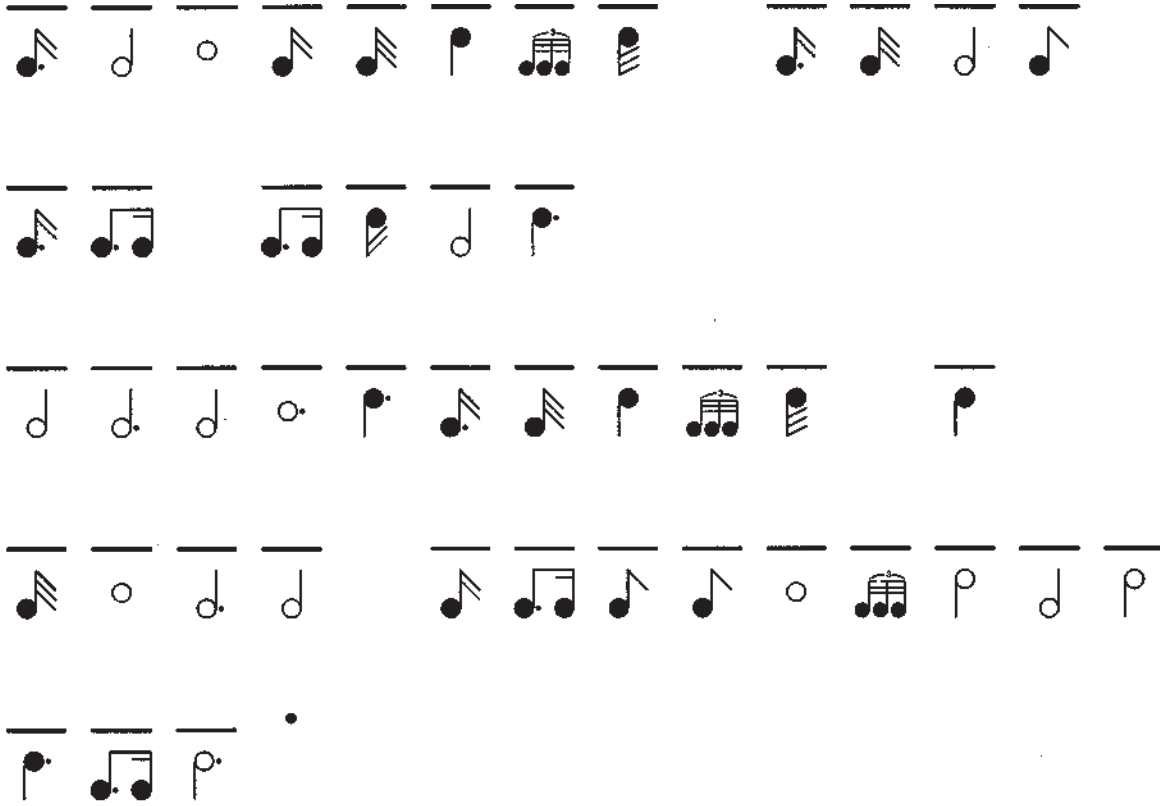
Check-up

Draw a line to connect the beginning of each sentence to the words that best complete it.

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|---|---|
| 1. Water baptism | a. they are
“dedicated” to the
Lord. |
| 2. Immerse | b. the Father, the
Son, and the
Holy Ghost. |
| 3. We are baptized
in the name of | c. is a way of telling
the world that
you have been
saved. |
| 4. Babies are not
baptized | d. means “to dip or
plunge in water.” |
| 5. Communion is | e. the blood Jesus
shed on the cross
for our sins. |
| 6. The grape juice
reminds us of | f. until Jesus
comes again. |
| 7. The broken bread
reminds us of | g. also called the
Lord’s Supper. |
| 8. Believers are
to observe
Communion | h. the body of Jesus
which was
broken for us. |



























Coded message puzzle

Someone got confused typing. Use the code to discover the important message.



28:20



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 		

Passover and communion

Jesus introduced Communion at the Feast of Passover. Complete the two sentences below by writing on the line the name of the ceremony that fits the description. Do you see the similarity between the two?

the Feast of Passover

Communion

At _____ the Jews celebrate how the blood of a lamb saved them from death.

At _____ believers remember that Christ's blood was shed to save people from eternal death caused by sin.

Unscramble the words to find the answers to these important questions.

Baptized in water?

Receive communion?

Who?

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Who?

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What about you?

Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior? _____ Have you been baptized in water? _____ Do you participate in Communion? _____ If not, why not make preparations today? _____

Serving in the Church

As the Early Church grew bigger, it began to have some problems. The widows needed food and clothing. Then one group of widows complained that they were not getting enough help. The Apostles knew something should be done, but they were already busy preaching and teaching the Word and praying. They must not neglect these important duties. They held a meeting with the believers and told them to select seven honest and wise men who were filled with the Holy Spirit to take care of the business of the church. The Apostles laid hands on them and prayed for them. They knew they would need God's help in their work in the church. These seven men were the first deacons.

As the Church formed other groups of believers in other towns, leaders and helpers were needed in these new churches. God provided men and women for these jobs too. In Ephesians 4:11-16 we read that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to the Church to prepare His people to do the work of the ministry. These leaders help God's people grow to become more like Jesus, so they can go out and win others to Christ.

Today God still calls people to serve in these positions. A pastor is the leader of a local church. He preaches the Word of God and cares for the spiritual needs of the people. A deacon is one who helps with the business of the local church and helps the pastor. A teacher often works in the Sunday school, teaching a smaller group of people about Jesus and God's Word. A person who travels from place to place preaching the good news about Jesus is called an evangelist. A person who goes to a foreign country or to a group of foreign people to preach about Jesus is a missionary.

These are just a few of the jobs that must be done in the church. The church needs many helpers. A janitor is needed to keep the church clean. Secretaries keep records and send letters. People who are good at math can count offerings. Some people work especially with children. Musicians are needed to play instruments and sing. Ushers are needed to help people find places to sit, maintain order during the service, and to collect the offering. The church also needs people who give their tithe and offerings to help the church reach more people. Other people are needed to do works of mercy and kindness for those who are in need. Some are able to encourage God's people as they work for Him. Carpenters are needed to build churches. Artists can make the church more beautiful. Gardeners can care for the grounds around the church.

Jesus told His disciples that leaders in the Church are to be different from those in the world who treat people like slaves. The Christian leader is to be the servant of all. That is what the word "minister" means. All Christians are to be "ministers" and serve one another. And Jesus set the example for all leaders to follow. He came "not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Paul described to Timothy and Titus, who were young pastors, the kind of character to look for in pastors and deacons. They are to be ones who are well thought of for their good lives. They are to have only one wife and to teach their children to be obedient and respectful. They must not be proud or impatient, not greedy, not drunkards or fighters. They must enjoy having guests in their home. They must be able to teach. They must be full of the Holy Spirit and be wise, honest, fair, clean minded, earnest, wholehearted followers of Christ, who set good examples for others to follow.



Review

Place a check mark by each correct answer. There may be more than one correct answer to each question.

1. Why did the Early Church choose deacons?

- _____ a. The disciples needed help getting all the work done.
- _____ b. Some of the widows were being neglected.
- _____ c. The apostles wanted to spend their time in prayer and preaching.
- _____ d. Jesus told them to choose deacons.

2. What did they look for in deacons?

- _____ a. Men with a lot of money.
- _____ b. Men full of the Holy Spirit.
- _____ c. Men full of wisdom.
- _____ d. Men who were good looking.
- _____ e. Men who were honest and helpful.

3. Why did God give apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to the Church?

- _____ a. For the perfecting of the saints.
- _____ b. For the work of the ministry.
- _____ c. For the construction of church buildings.
- _____ d. For the edifying of the body of Christ.

A. Scrambled message: The words of this important message are all mixed up. Write them in the correct order on the lines below.

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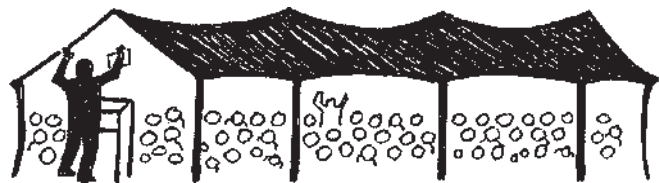
MARK 10:45

B. Leaders in the church: Unscramble these words to find titles of leaders in the Church.



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____ () ____



STREECAH

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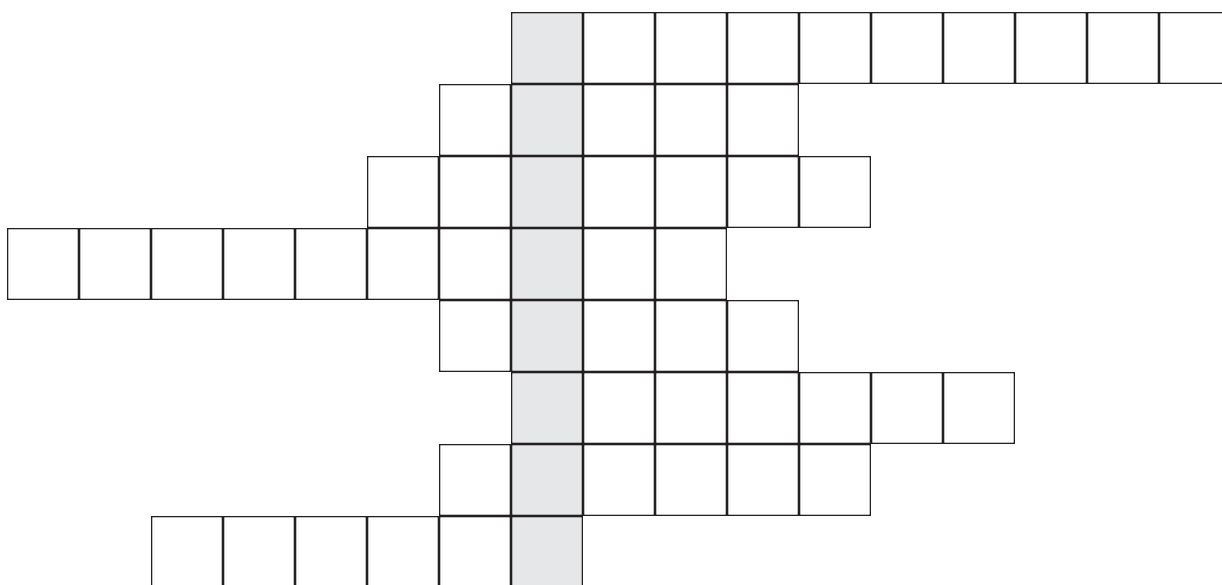
Now write the letters in the circles above in the circles below. Then unscramble those letters to discover another name for Christians who make up the Church. (See Ephesians 1:1 to see if you are correct.)

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Helpers in the church

Print the word that matches the definition on the line with the same number in the puzzle below. The word in the box will spell a word used to describe Jesus that means “servant” or “one who serves.”

1. One who goes to a foreign country to preach about Jesus.
2. One who is generous with his money for the Lord’s work.
3. One who cleans the church.
4. One who travels place to place preaching the good news that Jesus saves.
5. One who seats people and collects the offering.
6. One who usually works with the Sunday School.
7. One who helps with local church business.
8. The leader of a local church.



My Role in the Church

To explain a truth about the Kingdom of God, Jesus told a story about two kinds of stewards. Their master was leaving on a long trip. He gave each one of his servants money to manage in his absence. To one he gave five talents (a talent is about 100 pounds of silver or gold), to another he gave two talents, and to a third, one talent. When the master returned from his trip, he called his servants to give an account of what they had done with his money.

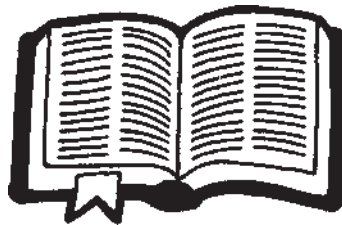
The first servant had earned five more talents and was able to give his master a total of ten talents. "Well done, good and faithful servant!" said the master. "You have been faithful over a few things. I will now make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

The second servant had earned two more talents. He too was rewarded for his faithful service. But the third servant had been lazy and only made excuses. He could only give his master the original talent. "You wicked, careless servant!" the master said. "You should have at least put the money in the bank. Then I would have received interest on the money." Then the master commanded that the talent be taken away from him, and he was thrown out of the master's house.

Jesus wanted his disciples to see that as Christians, all we have and all we are belongs to God. He made us, and He has given us time, talents and abilities, and a certain amount of possessions to be used for His Kingdom. We will receive rewards in heaven based on what we do in this life with what God has placed in our care. We must be faithful to give our tithes and offerings to the Lord's work in the church. Depending on our talents and abilities, we must do all we can in the church to help the Kingdom of God grow. Putting the Lord and His Kingdom first in our lives is good stewardship.

Jesus set an example for us to follow when He took the role of a servant and washed His disciples' feet. Many jobs need to be done in the church. They are not all glamorous. Trash must be picked up and thrown away. Floors need to be swept and the pews dusted. We must be willing to do whatever needs to be done.

The Old Testament teaches about tithing. A tithe is a tenth. While everything we receive comes from God, he asks us to give back to Him one-tenth of all we receive, for the care and support of our church and our pastors. By paying our tithes, we are recognizing that all we are and all we have belongs to God. We "pay" our tithes because it is required. In the New Testament Jesus and the apostles taught that we should give offerings to God in addition to our tithes, to show our love for God. Paying our tithes and giving our offerings is a way to worship God, as well as a way to serve God. We should do it on a regular, planned basis.



How do you spend your time?

How many hours do you spend . . . each day?

_____ sleeping _____ doing chores _____ studying

_____ eating _____ at school _____ other

How much time do you spend with God each day by reading your Bible and praying? _____

Do you give God some of your time by attending Sunday school and church each week? _____

Are you using your talents wisely?

A talent is a natural, God-given ability. You must work to develop skills in your areas of ability. Everyone has a talent, an ability, he can develop and use for God.

What is [are] your talent(s)? _____

What can you do to develop and use it [them] for God? _____

How do you spend your money? Your material possessions?

A tithe is one-tenth of your income. Malachi 3:8-10 tells us to bring our tithes into God's House. If we don't, we are really robbing God.

If you have 10 coins of equal value, how many belong to God? _____



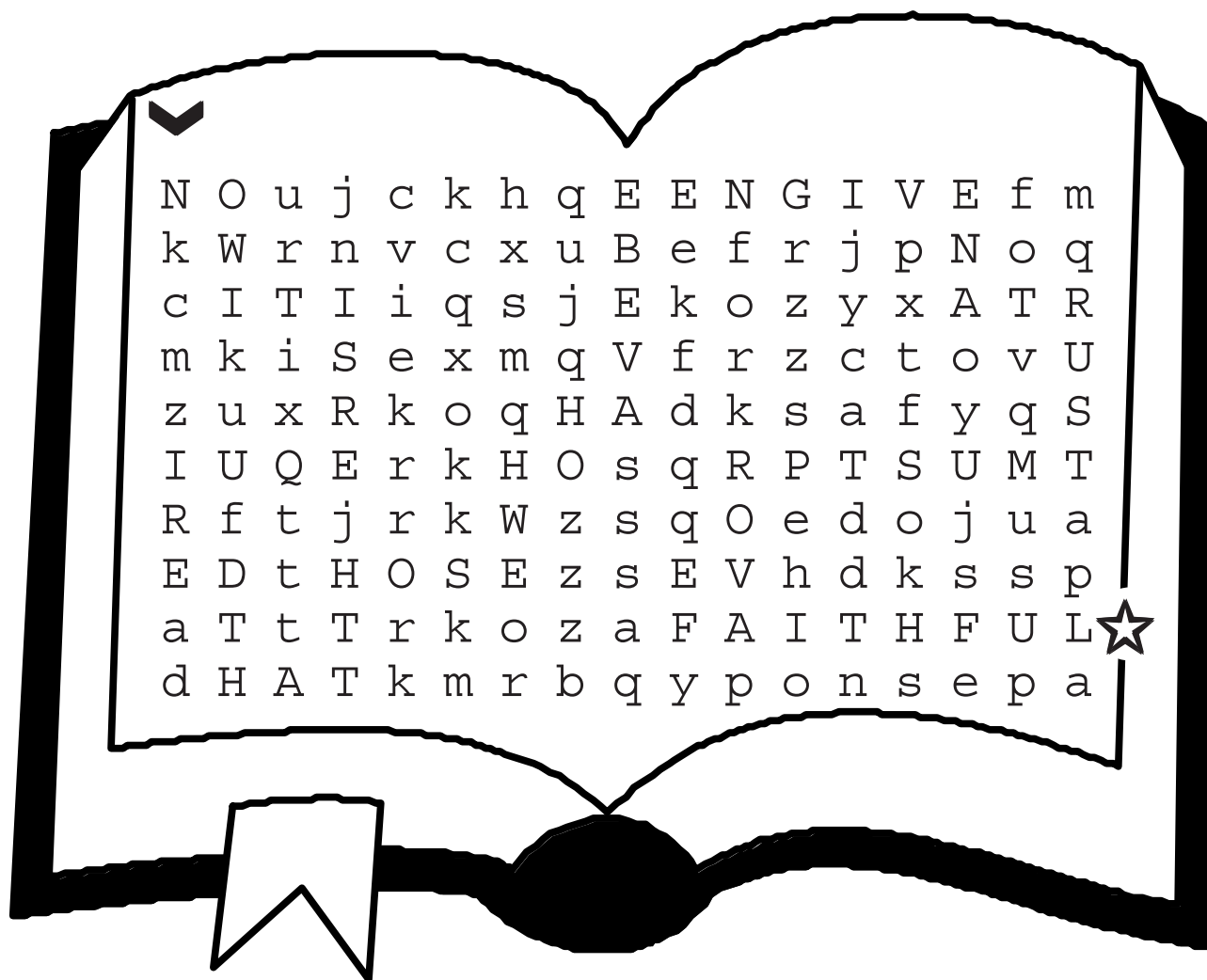
If you have 50 coins of equal value, how many belong to God? _____

Why don't you keep a record of your tithes? You can make a chart like this:

RECORD OF MY INCOMES AND TITHES

Total income	What I owe God	Date paid

Begin at the arrow and follow the capital letters through the maze to find an important truth from God's Word. Write the message on the lines below.



1 Corinthians 4:2

A. Name three things our lesson named that we are to be faithful stewards of.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Cross out all the words that do not apply to a faithful steward:

dependable

obedient

wise

trustworthy

careless

good looking

hard working

selfish

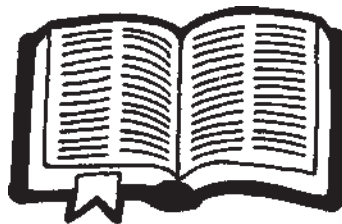
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C. Write the first letter of each picture on the line above it to discover what your role in the church is to be.



Memory Verse List 4-1

- 1.** 2 Corinthians 6:17 “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.... and I will receive you.”
- 2.** Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
- 3.** 1 Samuel 15:22 “To obey is better than sacrifice.”
- 4.** Romans 10:4 “Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”
- 5.** Acts 4:32 “All the believers were one in heart and mind.”
- 6.** Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- 7.** Romans 12:5 “So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”
- 8.** Matthew 28:20 “Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”
- 9.** Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- 10.** 1 Corinthians 4:2 “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”



Exam


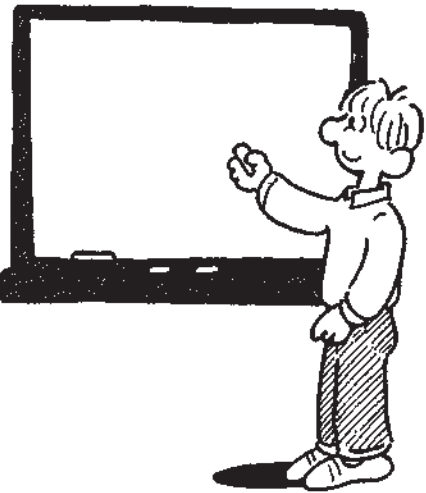
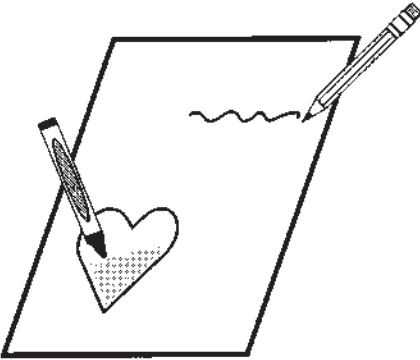
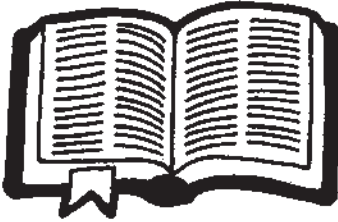

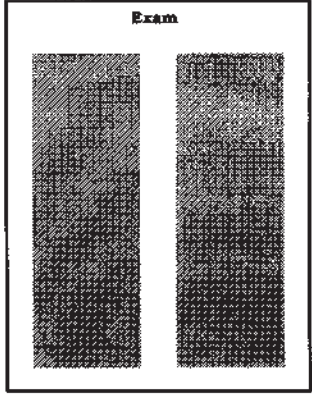
Draw a circle around the letter beside each correct answer(s).

1. How did Abraham show his faith in God?
 - a. By praising Him
 - b. By obeying Him
 - c. By going to church
 - d. By praying
2. The man who led the Children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt was
 - a. Joshua.
 - b. Isaac.
 - c. Jesse.
 - d. Moses.
3. The first king of Israel was
 - a. Saul.
 - b. Samuel.
 - c. David.
 - d. Jesse.
4. We no longer follow the Old Testament laws of sacrifice because
 - a. God changed His mind.
 - b. Jesus is the final sacrifice for sin.
 - c. we are not as sinful as the people in the Old Testament.
 - d. we can now earn salvation by good works.
5. Redemption means (circle all that apply)
 - a. being delivered (set free) from sin.
 - b. being sorry for our sins.
 - c. God's unearned favor and forgiving mercy.
 - d. the price paid for our deliverance from sin.
6. Circle all the phrases that describe the Early Church.
 - a. Had all things in common
 - b. Fought among themselves
 - c. Praised God in all things
 - d. Were good witnesses for Jesus
 - e. Hated all who were not believers
 - f. Went to the temple to pray every day
 - g. Gave to those in need
 - h. Shared meals with other believers
 - i. Obeyed the Apostles' teachings
7. What did the early Christians do when persecution came against the church at Jerusalem?
 - a. They hid in their homes.
 - b. They sold everything they owned.
 - c. They took their persecutors to court.
 - d. They took the gospel to other cities.
8. We remember that Christ's blood was shed to save us from eternal death at
 - a. water baptism.
 - b. Passover.
 - c. communion.
 - d. dedication.
9. Circle all the reasons believers should be baptized in water.
 - a. To show Christ's death until He comes again.
 - b. To show that our old sinful nature is dead.
 - c. To tell the world that we are Christians.
 - d. To show that we are living a new life in Christ.
 - e. To receive power to be a witness.
10. Circle all the qualities the Early Church looked for in deacons.
 - a. Wealth
 - b. Wisdom
 - c. Full of the Holy Spirit
 - d. Good looks
 - e. Honesty
 - f. Good reputation
11. The most important role we can have in the Church is to be a
 - a. pastor.
 - b. faithful steward.
 - c. evangelist.
 - d. missionary.

Student Comments

• Please evaluate this course by coloring in one face for each item.

The three faces mean: 😊 Good 😐 OK ☹️ Bad

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My Witness

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Faithful Joseph

We like the story of how Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers, became governor of Egypt. But there is more to that story. For many years Joseph was a slave before he was discovered by Pharaoh. He experienced many hard things.

When 17-year-old Joseph first arrived in Egypt, he was bought by Potiphar, Pharaoh's captain of the guard. Potiphar saw that the Lord was with Joseph and everything that he did succeeded. Potiphar made Joseph overseer over his household and over all he owned. He knew he could trust Joseph.

Potiphar's wife saw that Joseph was a handsome young man. She fell in love with him and wanted him to go to bed with her. Joseph knew that would be a sin against God and against his master, so he refused. But Potiphar's wife did not take no for an answer. One day when Joseph was in the house by himself, she went in to tempt Joseph. She grabbed his robe and tried to get him to make love to her. Joseph jumped up and ran away, leaving his robe in her hand.

Now Potiphar's wife was angry with Joseph. She called to the other men of her house and showed them his robe. "That Hebrew tried to lie with me," she told them. "When I cried out for help, he ran away, leaving his robe with me." When Potiphar came home, she told him the same lie. Potiphar was angry and had Joseph thrown in prison.

The Lord was pleased with Joseph and continued to make him successful. Soon the jailer put Joseph in charge of everything in the prison. One day Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker were thrown in prison because Pharaoh was angry with them. That night each had a dream that upset him. In the morning they told Joseph their dreams, and God gave him the interpretations. In 3 days the butler would be restored to his position with Pharaoh, but the baker would be hanged, Joseph told them. When it came to pass, Joseph asked the butler to tell Pharaoh about him and how he had been thrown into prison unfairly. But the butler forgot about Joseph.

Two years later Pharaoh had a dream which no one could interpret. Then the butler remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about him. Pharaoh sent for him immediately. God again gave Joseph the interpretation: "God is showing Pharaoh that He is about to send 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine upon Egypt. You should choose a wise man to oversee the storage of food in the years of plenty to provide for the years of famine."

Pharaoh answered, "No one is wiser than you, Joseph. You will be governor over all Egypt. Only I will be greater than you."



Review

One important word is missing from the sentence below. Read each sentence carefully. Can you guess the missing word? The same word will correctly complete each sentence.

Everyone saw the Lord was with Joseph because he was _____ .

When we are _____ , it is a good witness for Jesus.

We must be _____ even in the little things.

Well done, good and _____ servant.

You have been _____ with a few things. I will make you ruler over many things.

If we are _____ in serving God on earth, we will receive a reward in heaven.

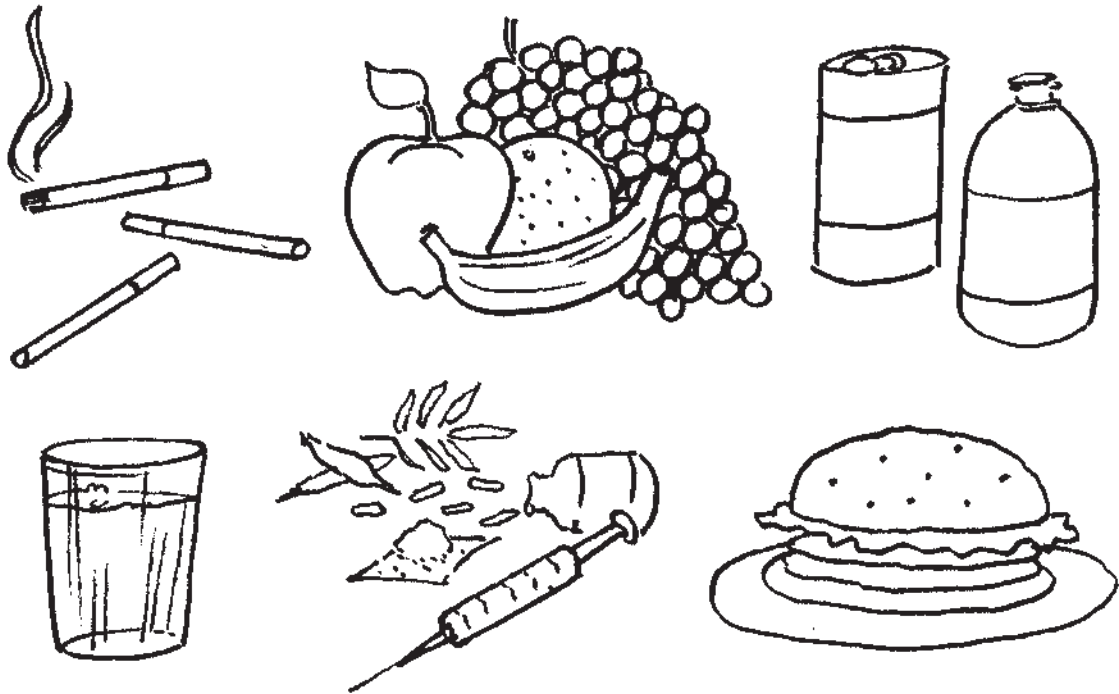
Joseph is best known for being _____ to God and to his responsibilities.

God is _____ to keep His promises to us.

What is the important missing word?

faithful things
 charge things
 and been many of you
 have good with of charge servant
 you a few with in
 done with a you faithful
 servant with you put
 and have been
 faithful good many faithful
 Well done things
 Well done good

Joseph said “no” to temptation. Draw an X through the temptations to which we should say “no.”



Joseph was faithful to do what God wanted him to do, even when life did not seem to be going his way. Draw a circle around each picture that shows ways we should be faithful.



David Trusts God

David was probably about 18 years old when Samuel anointed him to be king of Israel. But he, like Joseph, had to wait a long time and go through many troubles before he actually became king. He had many lessons to learn to prepare him to be a good king.

Not too long after David was anointed king, his older brothers were called into the army. The Philistines were making war against Israel. Jesse, their father, sent David to take food to his brothers and find out how they were doing. David arrived at the army camp just as the men were going out to battle. He quickly found his brothers. As they were talking, he heard a horrible, roaring voice: "Choose a man to fight me. If he kills me, we will be your servants; but if I kill him, you will be our servants."

David looked across the valley toward the Philistine camp. There he saw the biggest man he had ever seen. He was over 9 feet tall, and he was dressed in armor. As soon as the men in Saul's army heard the giant, they all ran away in fear. "Why doesn't someone fight him?" David asked. "Who does he think he is to challenge the armies of the living God?"

When Saul heard about David, he sent for him. "I will fight this Philistine," David told him.

"But you are just a boy, and he is a man of war," Saul said.

David answered, "When I was taking care of my father's sheep, a lion and a bear took a lamb. I killed them and saved the lamb. This Philistine shall be as one of them."

Then Saul told David to wear his armor; but when he tried it on, he knew he could not fight in it. So David took his shepherd's staff, chose five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in his bag. Taking his slingshot in his hand, he approached Goliath.

When Goliath saw David, he laughed, and said, "Am I a dog that you come to fight with sticks and stones? Come, I will feed you to the birds and beasts."

Then David replied, "You come to me with a spear and a shield, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, whom you have denied. Today the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and everyone will know that there is a God in Israel."

Having said this, he took a stone from his bag, put it in his slingshot, and let it fly. The stone hit the giant in the forehead, and Goliath fell to the ground dead. As soon as the Philistines saw him fall, they tried to run away; but the army of Israel chased after them and killed them.

After the battle Saul placed David in charge of the men of war. As they returned home, the women of Israel came out to meet them. "Saul has killed his thousands," they sang, "but David has killed his ten thousands!" When Saul heard that, he was jealous. The next day Saul was in a bad mood. He asked David to play his harp for him. Saul knew the Lord was with David, and he knew the Lord had left him because of his disobedience. As he listened to the harp, Saul suddenly threw his spear at David. David saw it coming and jumped out of the way.

The more Saul feared David, the more wisely David behaved. All Israel loved him. When Saul continued to threaten his life though, David had to go into hiding. For many years Saul chased David around the countryside. David and the men who joined him had to hide in caves and in the wilderness. One time Saul came into the mouth of the cave in which David and his men were hiding. Not knowing they were there, Saul laid down and went to sleep. David sneaked up on him and cut a piece off his robe. When Saul awoke and left the cave, David called after him. "I could have killed you, but I will not harm the one the Lord has anointed," David said, showing Saul the piece of his robe. Even though Saul said he was sorry, he still continued to hunt David, until finally Saul was killed in a battle with the Philistines.

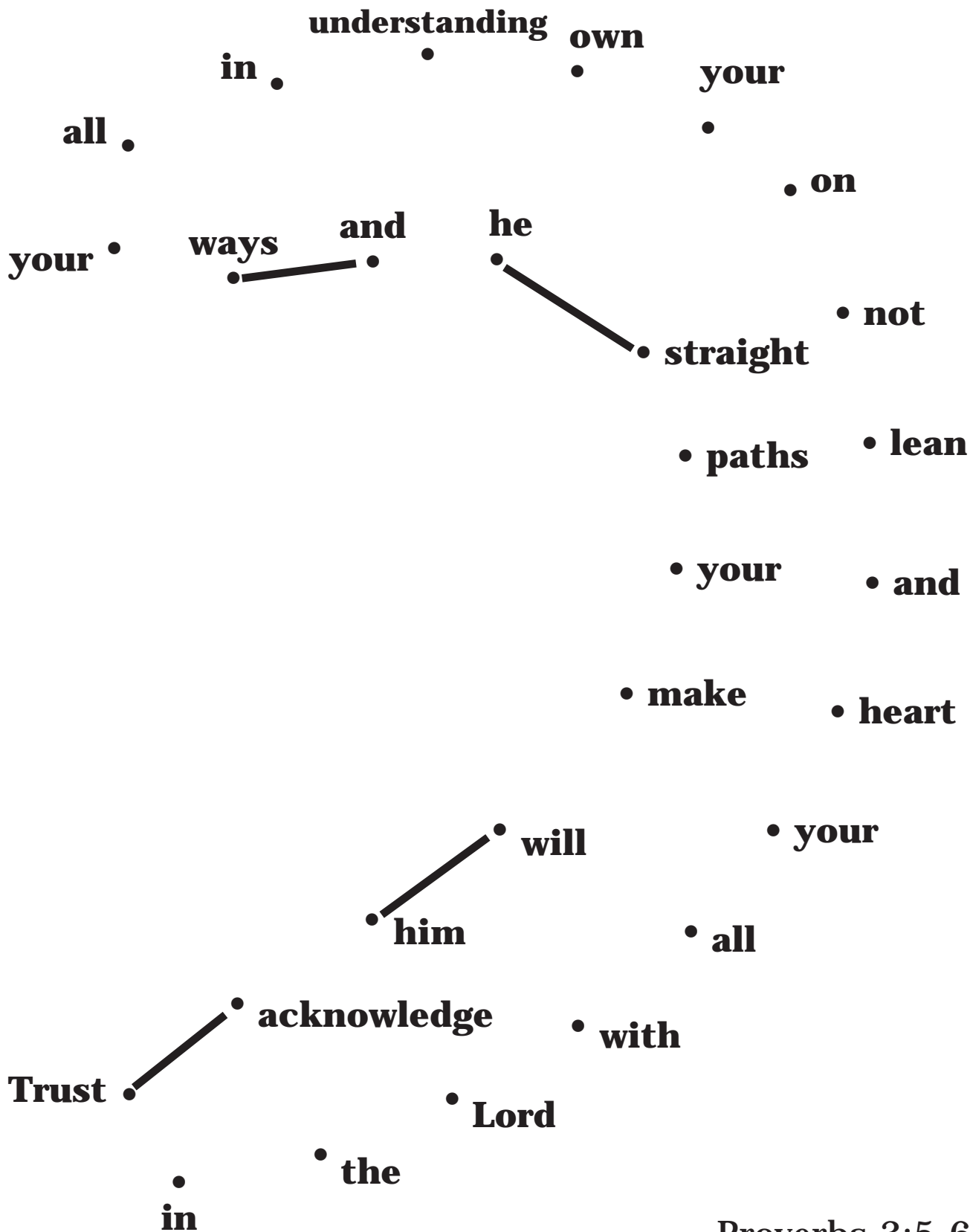
Complete the story

On the blank lines, write the word or phrase that best completes each sentence. (Hint: Some words may be used more than once; others may not be used at all.)

trusted God	armor	small	David
slingshot	big	ran away	Saul

1. When Saul's army heard Goliath's shouts, they _____ .
2. When David saw Goliath, he _____ .
3. Saul gave David his _____ .
4. Saul's armor was too _____ .
5. David used his _____ to kill Goliath.
6. _____ became commander of the army.
7. The people said, " _____ has killed his thousands, and _____ his ten thousands."
8. _____ was jealous of _____ .
9. _____ knew God had left him.
10. _____ played his harp for _____ .
11. _____ threw his spear at _____ .
12. _____ spared _____ 's life in the cave.

If you know your memory verse, you will be able to connect the dots in the right order to discover the musical instrument David played.



Proverbs 3:5-6

Overcoming our Giants

Sometimes our emotions (feelings like anger, fear, hate, unforgiveness, bad temper) are so strong, they are like giants to us. Sometimes our problems (such as mental or physical handicaps, family problems, bullies, and so on) are so big and difficult, they are like giants to us too. Bad habits, like drug abuse, alcoholism, smoking, swearing, can become so strong we can't break them by ourselves.

In a sentence or two, describe a "giant" (emotion or problem or bad habit) you are facing in your life.

Goliath was too big for David to kill by himself. He trusted God to help him. David did what he could. He used his slingshot. God did the rest. He gave David the strength and courage he needed, and He caused the stone to kill the giant. Together, God and David killed Goliath. You and God together can lick your "giant" too. What will you do to overcome your problem? What will you trust God to do for you?

Three Courageous Hebrews

The Hebrew people had disobeyed God's commandments time and time again. They kept on worshipping idols, even though God had told them not to. Finally, God allowed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to destroy Jerusalem and take them into captivity.

King Nebuchadnezzar told his servant Ashpenaz to select the best young men of the Hebrews to train for work in the government. Daniel and his three friends, whose Babylonian names were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were among those who were chosen. The king sent food for all the young men from his own table. The meat had been offered to idols, and the drink was alcoholic. Daniel and his three friends did not want to sin against God's commandments by eating this food. They asked Ashpenaz for lentils and water instead. He was afraid of what the king would say if they did not look as healthy as the other young men. He agreed to let them eat what they wanted for 10 days. If they looked healthy, he would let them continue. At the end of 10 days Daniel and his friends looked healthier and had done better in their studies than all the other young men. God had honored their faithfulness to do right even when it was not popular.

After their training was completed, the four young men were given positions in the government—Daniel in the king's palace, and his friends in the province of Babylon. One day King Nebuchadnezzar decided to make an image of gold and set it up on a plain in the province of Babylon. He then called all the government officials to come to the dedication. He commanded, "When you hear the music, you must all bow down and worship the golden image. Anyone who does not bow down and worship will be thrown immediately into a fiery furnace."

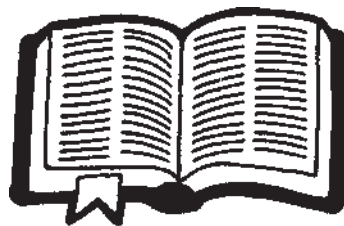
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not bow down and worship the image. When the king heard they had not obeyed his order, he was furious. He had them brought to him. "Why did you refuse to worship my image? Can your God deliver you out of my hands?" he asked.

They answered, "O king, our God is able to deliver us out of your fiery furnace. But if He doesn't, we still won't serve your gods nor worship your golden image."

Nebuchadnezzar was so angry, he told his men to heat the furnace seven times hotter. Then he commanded the strongest men to tie up the three Hebrews and throw them into the furnace. The furnace was so hot that the strong men were killed when they threw the three Hebrews into the fire.

Suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar stood up. Pointing a shaking finger at the furnace, he asked, "Didn't we throw three men into the furnace? Who is that fourth man? He looks like the Son of God! And how can they all be walking around in the fire, and none of them are burned?" Then he called to the three Hebrews, "Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego! Come out!"

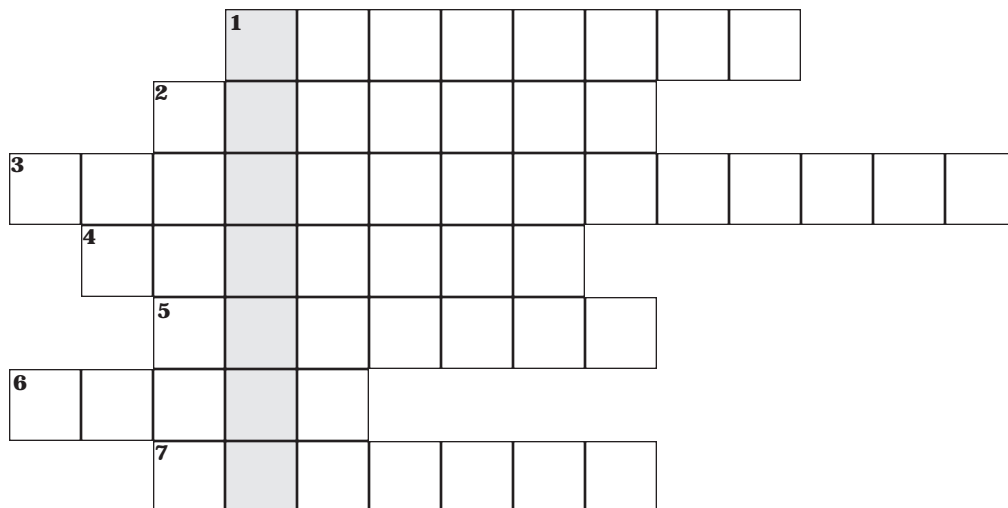
When they came out of the furnace, the king and his men were amazed because the three Hebrews did not even smell of smoke. They were not burned. Their clothes and hair had not been touched by the fire. The king said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has delivered them from the fiery furnace. You may worship your God and not our gods. Anyone who speaks against your God will be destroyed."



Review

Fill in the blanks in the sentence using the clues at the bottom of the page. Write the word that correctly completes each sentence in the spaces below to make a word that describes an important characteristic that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego possessed.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were Hebrew (1) _____ in (5) _____. They refused to eat the king's meat and wine, but asked for (7) _____ instead. King (3) _____ built a golden (6) _____. He ordered everyone to bow down and (2) _____ it. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused, they were thrown into a fiery (4) _____. God saved them from the fire.



(Clues: Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon, captives, image, lentils, furnace, worship)

Math Game

Do the math, then put the letter under the problem that matches the correct answer. You will discover an important message.

A= 11	J= 2	S= 23
B= 20	K= 9	T= 5
C= 17	L= 18	U= 7
D= 26	M= 16	V= 12
E= 8	N= 13	W= 1
F= 19	O= 6	X= 21
G= 10	P= 25	Y= 14
H= 24	Q= 4	Z= 22
I= 15	R= 3	

40	36	7	15	12	15	3	30	6	24
-39	-28	+9	-8	+11	-10	+3	-10	+2	-10

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22	13	15	36	5	25	12	16	7	3	14	20	7
-12	-7	+11	-33	+6	-20	+12	-8	-4	+2	+10	-9	+6

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20	4	23
-4	+4	-10

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6	20	5	12
+5	-3	+0	+11

— — — — 5:29

The Daniel Club

The Bible says Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, “purposed in their hearts that they would not defile themselves” by eating the meat and wine from the king’s table. “To defile” means “to make themselves unclean or sinful in God’s eyes.” “To purpose in your heart” means “to make up your mind” or “to be determined.” Describe a situation in which you are tempted to “defile yourself.”

Will you purpose in your heart to please God? If so, you can be a member of the Daniel Club. Sign your name on the membership card pictured below.

This is to certify that
has purposed in his/her heart to please God in everything and is therefore entitled to be a member of THE DANIEL CLUB.

Daniel's Confidence in God

King Nebuchadnezzar had died, and a new king ruled the land where Daniel had been taken as a captive. The new king Darius divided the kingdom into 120 provinces and placed a governor over each. Daniel was one of three presidents to whom the governors had to report. Daniel soon proved himself to be more capable than the other presidents and governors. King Darius wanted to place him in charge of his entire kingdom. Only King Darius would be over Daniel.

The other officers became jealous of Daniel and began to look for some fault in his work so they could complain about him to the king. But they could find nothing wrong with anything Daniel did. He was faithful, honest, and made no mistakes. They decided that the only way to get at him was through his religion. Daniel made it a practice to kneel and pray in his upstairs bedroom with the window open toward Jerusalem three times every day.

The presidents and governors went to see the king. "King Darius, live forever!" they said. "We have decided that you should make a law that for the next 30 days anyone who asks a favor of God or any man, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. We ask you to sign this law, so it cannot be changed." The king was flattered, and he signed the law.

Even though Daniel knew about the law, he went to his house and knelt down to pray as usual in his upstairs bedroom with its window open towards Jerusalem. The wicked officers ran to Daniel's house to catch him praying there. They rushed back to the king. "Didn't you sign a law that allows no one to ask favors of God or man, except you, O king, for 30 days?"

"Yes, it is a law that cannot be changed," the king replied.

"That fellow Daniel, one of the Jewish captives, is ignoring your law and is asking favors of his God three times a day," they told the king.

When he heard this, the king was angry with himself for signing the law. He spent the rest of the day trying to figure out some way to spare Daniel's life. In the evening the officers returned. "O king, you must carry out the punishment on Daniel for breaking the law. You signed it, and it cannot be changed."

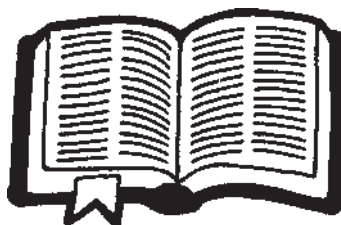
Sadly, the king gave the orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. "May your God, whom you worship continually, deliver you, Daniel," he said.

Then they threw Daniel into the lions' den and placed a large stone over the mouth of the den. The king sealed it with his ring, so no one could rescue Daniel.

The king refused his dinner. He didn't sleep all night. Early the next morning he hurried to the lions' den. "O Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God able to save you from the lions?"

Then he heard a voice answer, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths, so they couldn't harm me because I was innocent and have not wronged you."

Happily, the king commanded that Daniel be released from the lions' den. Then he ordered that Daniel's accusers and their families be thrown into the lions' den, where they were killed instantly by the lions. Afterwards, King Darius wrote a new law that everyone in his kingdom should worship and reverence Daniel's God.



What is prayer?

Put a check mark [✓] beside each phrase that describes prayer.

- ___ Talking to God.
- ___ Saying “thank you” to God for His goodness to us.
- ___ Asking forgiveness for sins.
- ___ Praising God.
- ___ Listening to God.
- ___ Asking God for our needs.
- ___ Enjoying God’s presence.

(Did you check them all? Prayer is all of these and much more!)

Can you just go right up to the president or king of your country and talk to him at any time you please?

Yes ___ No ___

God created the president, the king. He created you. Can you talk to God any time you want to?

Yes ___ No ___

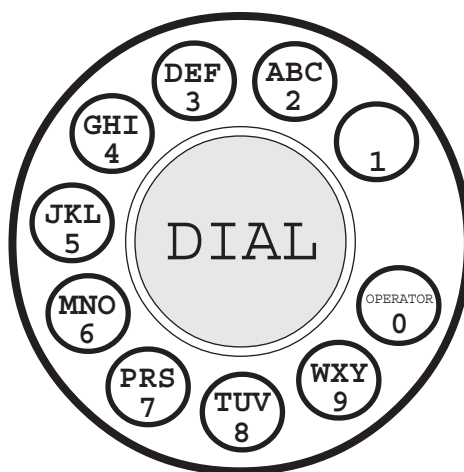
Prayer is a wonderful privilege!

God's closer than a phone call

Use the dial to help you work this puzzle. A dot before the number means it is the first letter in that circle. A dot behind it means it is the third letter. No dot means it is the middle letter.

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Jesus' prayer life

Read Mark 1:21-34. Write a list of all the things Jesus did in one day.

How do you think Jesus felt after such a busy day? _____

Read verse 35. What did Jesus do at the end of that busy day? _____

Jesus needed His Father's help and strength every day. We do too. We all need to spend time alone with God, talking and listening to Him.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray, so He gave them a pattern for prayer. We call it "The Lord's Prayer." You can read it in Matthew 6:9-13. Can you say it from memory?

Write the number to the phrase that explains what it means on the line beside each phrase of The Lord's Prayer.

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| ___ Our Father in heaven, | 1. "So be it" or "I agree with everything." |
| ___ Hallowed be your name; | 2. We need the Lord's leading each day to keep us from sin. |
| ___ Your kingdom come, | 3. We should show reverence for God's holy name. |
| ___ Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. | 4. We should pray for God's will to be done because God knows what is best for us. |
| ___ Give us today our daily bread. | 5. If we want God to forgive us, we must forgive others. |
| ___ Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. | 6. God is the One who supplies all our needs. |
| ___ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. | 7. We pray for the kingdom of God, the Church, to grow on earth. |
| ___ For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. | 8. Every day we should praise and worship God. |
| ___ Amen. | 9. We should pray to God, our Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus, whose death makes it possible for us to have blessings of God. |

Esther Risked Death

Esther was a Jewish girl who lived in Persia. Because she was an orphan, her older cousin Mordecai had adopted her as his own daughter. Ahasuerus, king of Persia and the world, needed a queen. His advisors suggested that he gather together beautiful girls from all over his kingdom that he might choose one to be his queen. When Mordecai heard about this beauty contest, he brought Esther to the king's house to the keeper of the women, because she was very beautiful.

When her time to appear before the king came, the king fell in love with Esther. He recognized her inner loveliness as well as her outer beauty. He set the royal crown on her head and made her his queen.

Because Mordecai had told her not to, Esther did not tell the king she was Jewish. The king had promoted an officer named Haman above all the other officers in the kingdom. Haman became proud and expected everyone to bow down to him in reverence. Mordecai, however, obeyed the Ten Commandments and refused to bow down.

This angered Haman, and he plotted revenge. In order to destroy Mordecai, he plotted to destroy all God's people, the Jews. In fact, by telling lies about the Jews, Haman even had the king sign a law offering a reward to those who would kill Jews on a certain day and had it sent all over the kingdom.

When Mordecai learned of the plot, he began to mourn for his people. He tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, fasted, and wept. Esther's maids told her about Mordecai's actions. She sent him newclothes, but he sent them back. Finally, she sent one of her manservants to question him. Mordecai told the servant everything, and asked him to tell Esther to go to the king and plead for the lives of her people.

The law of the palace, however, was that anyone who entered the king's inner court without being called by the king would be put to death, unless the king would hold out his golden scepter to that person. And Esther had not been called to see the king in a month. Mordecai reminded her that she, being Jewish, was also in danger of being destroyed by the new law. "If you do not speak to the king, we will all be destroyed," Mordecai said. "Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther sent word back to Mordecai: "Gather all the Jews in the city together and fast for three days. I and my maids will fast too. Then I will go in to see the king. If I die, I die."

On the third day Esther dressed herself beautifully in her royal clothes. Then she entered the king's inner court. When the king saw Esther standing there, he held out his golden scepter to her. "What do you want to ask of me, Queen Esther? It shall be given you even to the half of my kingdom."

Esther answered, "I would like for you and Haman to come to a banquet I have prepared for you."

At the dinner when the king again asked, "What can I do for you?" she invited them to come to dinner the next day also.

Haman went home and called his friends to tell them how the king had promoted him and how even the queen had honored him. "Yet, all this means nothing to me as long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." To make him feel better, his friends suggested that he build a gallows to hang Mordecai.

The next day at Esther's banquet, the king again asked her what she wanted from him. This time she said, "If I have found favor in your sight, I ask that my life and the lives of my people be spared." Then she described the plot against her people, the Jews.

The king was angry. "Who would do such a thing to you?"

Esther answered, "Our enemy is this wicked man Haman."

One of the king's servants said, "He has built a high gallows by his house to hang Mordecai."

Then the king commanded that Haman be hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordecai. Since the laws of the kingdom could not be reversed, not even by the king, Ahasuerus sent letters to all the Jews in the land to defend themselves against the attack Haman had planned. And Mordecai was promoted to special adviser to the king.

Review

In the space in front of each statement write the first letter of the name the statement describes.

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| A. Esther | C. Haman |
| B. Mordecai | D. Ahasuerus |

- ___ 1. A Jewish orphan girl in Persia.
- ___ 2. The cousin and adopted father of Esther.
- ___ 3. The king of Persia and the world.
- ___ 4. He needed a queen.
- ___ 5. He gathered beautiful girls from all over the world.
- ___ 6. He took Esther to the palace for the special beauty contest.
- ___ 7. He fell in love with Esther.
- ___ 8. He was promoted to highest position under the king.
- ___ 9. He became proud.
- ___ 10. He would not bow down to anyone but God.
- ___ 11. He was angry when a certain Jew would not bow down to him.
- ___ 12. He plotted to kill all the Jews.
- ___ 13. A brave person who pleaded for the lives of the Jews.
- ___ 14. If the king held out his golden scepter, this person's life would be spared.
- ___ 15. He made a gallows for his enemy.
- ___ 16. Exposed the plot and the enemy of the Jews to the king.
- ___ 17. He was hanged on the gallows he had built.
- ___ 18. Called for fasting and prayer before attempting to see the king.
- ___ 19. Saved the lives of the Jews by risking death.
- ___ 20. Became the most trusted adviser to the king.

What about you?

Mordecai told Esther, “Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” By that he meant God may have allowed her to become queen so she could help to save her people. God has a special job for you to do for Him with your life too. It probably won’t be easy. You can learn from Esther how to be ready to do your job for God.

Draw a circle around the letter(s) of the statement(s) that best answer the questions. (Hint: Some may have more than one correct answer.)

1. How did Esther prepare herself spiritually for her mission?
 - a. by fasting and praying
 - b. by shaving her head
 - c. by getting a good night’s sleep
2. How did Esther prepare herself to please the king?
 - a. by cleaning her room
 - b. by dressing beautifully in her royal clothes
 - c. by preparing a banquet for him
3. Why did the king love Esther?
 - a. because she loved him
 - b. because she was Jewish
 - c. because she was beautiful and had a beautiful character and spirit
4. How can you prepare yourself for the big job God has for you?
 - a. by studying the Bible
 - b. by praying every day
 - c. by obeying God’s Word day by day
 - d. by taking care of your body
 - e. by making right choices in all your little decisions
 - f. by learning to be beautiful in spirit and character

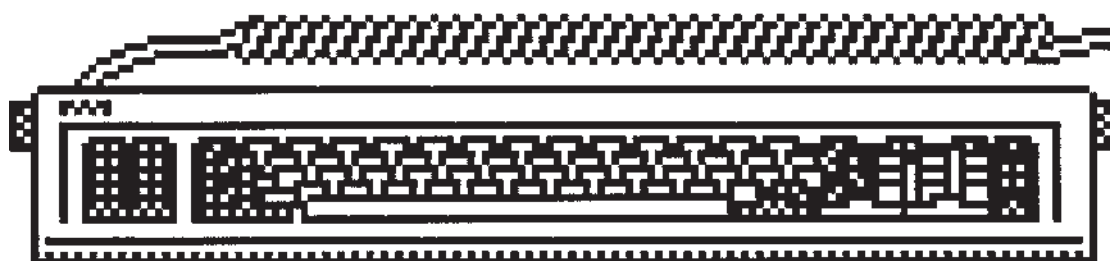
(Did you circle all the letters for question 4?)

Can you do this?

Someone got confused typing. Can you crack the code and discover the message?

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Peter Learned Loyalty

On their last night together Jesus told His disciples, "One of you is going to betray Me into the hands of My enemies tonight." Then He turned to Simon Peter and said, "Satan wants to have you, that he might sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith will not fail. When you are converted (saved), minister to your spiritual brothers and sisters."

"But, Lord," Peter answered, "I am ready to go with You to prison and even to death."

Jesus replied, "Peter, the rooster will not crow in the morning before you have denied three times that you even know Me."

Rising from the table, Jesus led the way to the Mount of Olives, where He often went to pray at night. It was there Judas Iscariot led a crowd of armed men to arrest Jesus. They took Jesus to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance.

In the hall of the house people were warming themselves by a fire, so Peter joined them. A maid studied him a moment, then said, "This man was also with Him."

Peter's heart began to pound with fear. Quickly he said, "I don't even know Him."

A little while later another person saw him and said, "You are one of them."

Again Peter denied being a disciple of Jesus.

About an hour later another servant declared, "I know this man is one of them. He even has a Galilean accent."

Then Peter said, "I don't know what you're talking about! I don't know Him!" At that moment the rooster crowed, and Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Immediately Peter remembered Jesus' words. He stumbled out and wept bitterly.

Peter spent 3 agonizing days, unable to forgive himself for being so cowardly. When the women returned from the tomb after seeing Jesus alive, they said, "He told us to tell you all and Peter that He will meet you in Galilee." How Peter must have clung to those words. Jesus wanted to see him. Was he forgiven?

In Galilee Peter became restless waiting for Jesus to come. He announced to the other disciples, "I'm going fishing!" The others decided to go along. Although they knew the fishing trade well, they fished all night and caught nothing. At daylight Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not recognize Him. "Throw your nets on the right side of the boat and you will find fish!" He called. When they did what He told them, the nets were so heavy with fish they could hardly pull them in. Immediately Peter said, "It's the Lord!"

Jesus had prepared breakfast for them on the shore. After they had eaten, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love Me more than these?"

Peter answered, "Lord, You know I love You."

And Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Three times Jesus asked this question. Perhaps Jesus was giving him the opportunity to express his love three times just as he had denied Him three times. Each time Jesus told Peter, "Feed my sheep." Although Peter had failed miserably, Jesus was making sure Peter knew he was forgiven and that he still had work to do for God.

Before Jesus ascended back into heaven, He told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. The Holy Spirit would give them the power to be witnesses of what Jesus can do in a person's life. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came and filled them all with power from above. Peter stood up and preached such a powerful sermon on the streets of Jerusalem that 3,000 people were saved that day. And the Book of Acts tells how Peter became a great preacher and leader in the Early Church.

Review

If the sentence is true, draw a happy face next to it ☺. If it is false, draw a sad face ☹.

- ___ 1. Peter denied Jesus because he hated Jesus.
- ___ 2. Judas received money to lead Jesus' enemies to Him, and that is why he did not receive forgiveness.
- ___ 3. Peter denied Jesus three times, and Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?"
- ___ 4. Jesus forgave Peter because Peter was sorry he had hurt Jesus.
- ___ 5. Judas asked to be forgiven, and Jesus said, "No."
- ___ 6. Jesus has promised to forgive our sins if we confess them to Him.
- ___ 7. Jesus will not forgive a murderer.
- ___ 8. Jesus will forgive any and all sins we confess to Him.
- ___ 9. We can only receive forgiveness from God if we believe Jesus' death on the cross paid the penalty for all our sins.
- ___ 10. We can sin whenever we please because God will forgive us.
- ___ 11. Christians will try not to sin because we want to please God.
- ___ 12. Whenever we realize we have sinned, we should confess it to God right away.

Can you decipher this?

A telegram is sent in Morse Code. Can you figure out this important message God wants you to remember?

● TELEGRAM ●

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What changed Peter?

Here is a short drama from the life of Peter. Perhaps you and several of your classmates would like to act it out for the rest of the class.

Scene 1: Jesus' Trial

(Peter stands warming himself over a fire.)

Servant Girl: *(knowingly wagging her finger at Peter): You're one of His followers aren't you?*

Peter: *(nervously glancing around to see who is listening):*

I am not!

I don't even know Him!

(Two men enter.)

First man: You're one of them, aren't you?

Peter: I am not!

Second man: But I know you were with Him. You're a Galilean just as He is.

Peter: I don't even know what you are talking about!

Scene 2: The Day of Pentecost

(Several people, including Peter, are grouped at left, hands raised, praising God. Several others enter from right, calling out, pointing, gesturing to each other.)

First speaker: They're drunk!

Second speaker: Yeah, and it's still morning!

Third speaker: But aren't these men Galileans and uneducated? Why are they able to speak so many languages?

First speaker: They're just drunk! *(Loud guffaws.)*

Peter: *(steps forward, raising his hands for silence, speaks with authority):*

We aren't drunk. No! We are filled with the Holy Spirit as the prophet Joel prophesied. You men of Jerusalem, you crucified Jesus, God's only Son, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of His resurrection! Repent of your sins, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then you too shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 1:1-9, 12-14; 2:1-4. Be a detective and look for the clues to the mystery of what changed Peter. On the lines below, write your answer to the question, "What changed Peter?"

Look up in Acts 2:39 and write it here. Draw a box around the word that lets you know the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for you too.

Paul Dared To Tell The World

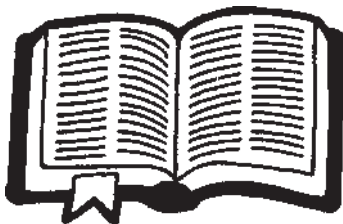
In 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, Paul listed the many trials and hardships he experienced in his ministry. He was beaten and imprisoned many times. He was stoned and even left for dead. Three times he was shipwrecked. As he walked from city to city, he was often in danger of robbers. His enemies followed him everywhere he went, stirring up trouble. He was often tired, hungry, cold, thirsty, and sick. And he felt a great burden for the care of the churches he had started. How did he cope with all he suffered?

The Book of Acts contains many stories from the life of Paul. He was a Jew born in Tarsus, but he was also born a Roman citizen, which was unusual. As a young man, he studied with a great Jewish teacher, Gamaliel, and he became a Pharisee and a teacher of the Jewish law. When the Early Church began to spread the gospel, Paul, then called Saul, was the most feared persecutor of the Christians. God, however, had another plan for Paul's life. On the Road to Damascus to imprison more believers, Paul was stopped by a great light. "Why do you persecute Me?" the Lord asked him. "I want you to preach the gospel to the world." And Paul's life changed immediately. In Damascus instead of arresting believers, Paul preached about Jesus in the synagogue. The Jews became so angry, they plotted to kill him. Friends lowered him in a basket over the wall of the city so he could escape.

As God led him, Paul began to make missionary journeys around the Roman Empire, preaching the gospel and starting churches. In Lystra Paul prayed for a crippled man to be healed. When the man was healed, people thought Paul was a god. He began telling them about Jesus, the true Son of God. His enemies, certain Jews who followed him from place to place, soon caught up with him in Lystra. They stirred up the people against Paul and they stoned him and left him for dead.

In Philippi, Paul and his traveling companion Silas cast a demon out of a woman. Her owners became so angry they had Paul and Silas beaten and thrown into prison. That night as they sat with their hands and feet in stocks, they began to sing praises to God. God sent an earthquake to set them free. The jailer, recognizing God's power, asked them, "What must I do to be saved?" That night he and his family became Christians. They cared for Paul and Silas' wounds, fed, and helped them.

When Paul went back to Jerusalem for a visit, his enemies caused a riot, and Paul was arrested. Forty or more men plotted to kill Paul. Paul's nephew told the Roman soldier in charge about the plot. Under a guard of 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen, Paul was moved to Caesarea. There he sat in prison for 2 years. Finally, he was sent to Rome to appear before Caesar himself. On the way to Rome, Paul was shipwrecked on the island of Melita. As he was building a fire, a poisonous snake leaped out of the fire and bit his hand. The island people thought he must be a murderer, and the gods were not going to let him live even though he had not drowned. When Paul did not die, they thought he must be a god. Once again Paul had the opportunity to preach about Jesus. In Rome, Paul was kept prisoner in a house. He could receive visitors and write letters to the churches. Finally Paul was beheaded for his witness for Christ.



Handling persecution

Place an X beside the statements that tell what Jesus said about persecution.

- ☐ 1. Since He was persecuted, we will not be persecuted.
- ☐ 2. We should expect persecution and tribulation in the world.
- ☐ 3. Persecution will not hurt or kill us.
- ☐ 4. We should not be afraid of persecution.
- ☐ 5. He would be our strength in weakness.
- ☐ 6. He will be with us in persecution.
- ☐ 7. He has overcome the world.

Place an X beside the statements that describe what Paul did when he was persecuted.

- ☐ 8. He decided never to speak of Jesus again.
- ☐ 9. He praised God.
- ☐ 10. He complained to his friends.
- ☐ 11. He trusted God.
- ☐ 12. He kept on preaching.
- ☐ 13. He took his persecutors to court.

Place an X beside the statements that describe what you should do when you are persecuted for Jesus' sake.

- ☐ 14. Decide never to speak of Jesus again.
- ☐ 15. Praise God.
- ☐ 16. Complain to your friends.
- ☐ 17. Trust God.
- ☐ 18. Keep on witnessing about Jesus.
- ☐ 19. Take those who persecute you to court.

Place an X beside each statement that correctly completes this statement. When I suffer as a Christian,

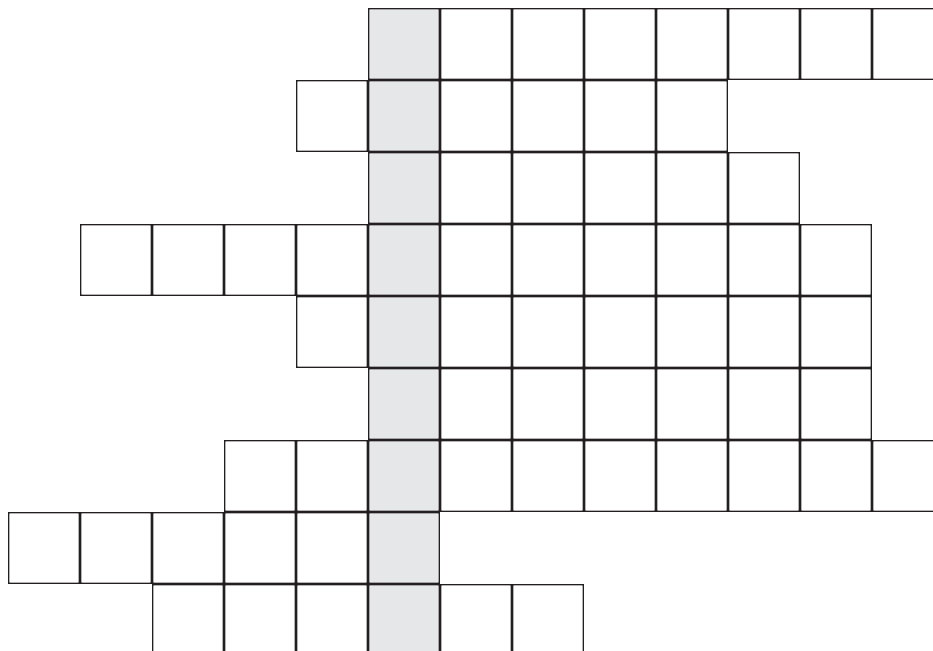
- ☐ 20. I can turn to God for comfort and help.
- ☐ 21. it means God doesn't love me.
- ☐ 22. I can learn to trust God more.
- ☐ 23. I can love my enemies.
- ☐ 24. it means God is punishing me.

Here is a list of things Paul endured for the sake of preaching the gospel. Write them on the correct spaces, one letter per space. You will find another word for “persecution” in the boxes.

**beatings
danger
fevers**

**hunger
painfulness
prison**

**robbers
shipwrecks
stonings**



Message in Greek

Paul wrote his letters to the Churches in the Greek language. Use the Greek code below to find out what Paul wrote to Timothy, his son in the ministry.

A - α	J - φ	S - σ
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Sharing My Testimony

During the 3 years after Paul was arrested for the gospel's sake in Jerusalem, he had many opportunities to share his personal testimony before governors and kings. In Acts 26 Luke recorded Paul's testimony as he gave it before King Agrippa. Why don't you read it now?

Paul first told about his youth, how he was born a Jew and was a strict Pharisee who longed for the coming of the Messiah. He described how he religiously persecuted the Christians because he did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Then he explained how he had been on his way to Damascus to throw the Christians there into prison. Suddenly a light from heaven, as bright as the noonday sun, shone all around him. He told how he fell to the ground and heard a voice speaking to him in Hebrew, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Paul continued, "I said, 'Who are You, Lord?'"

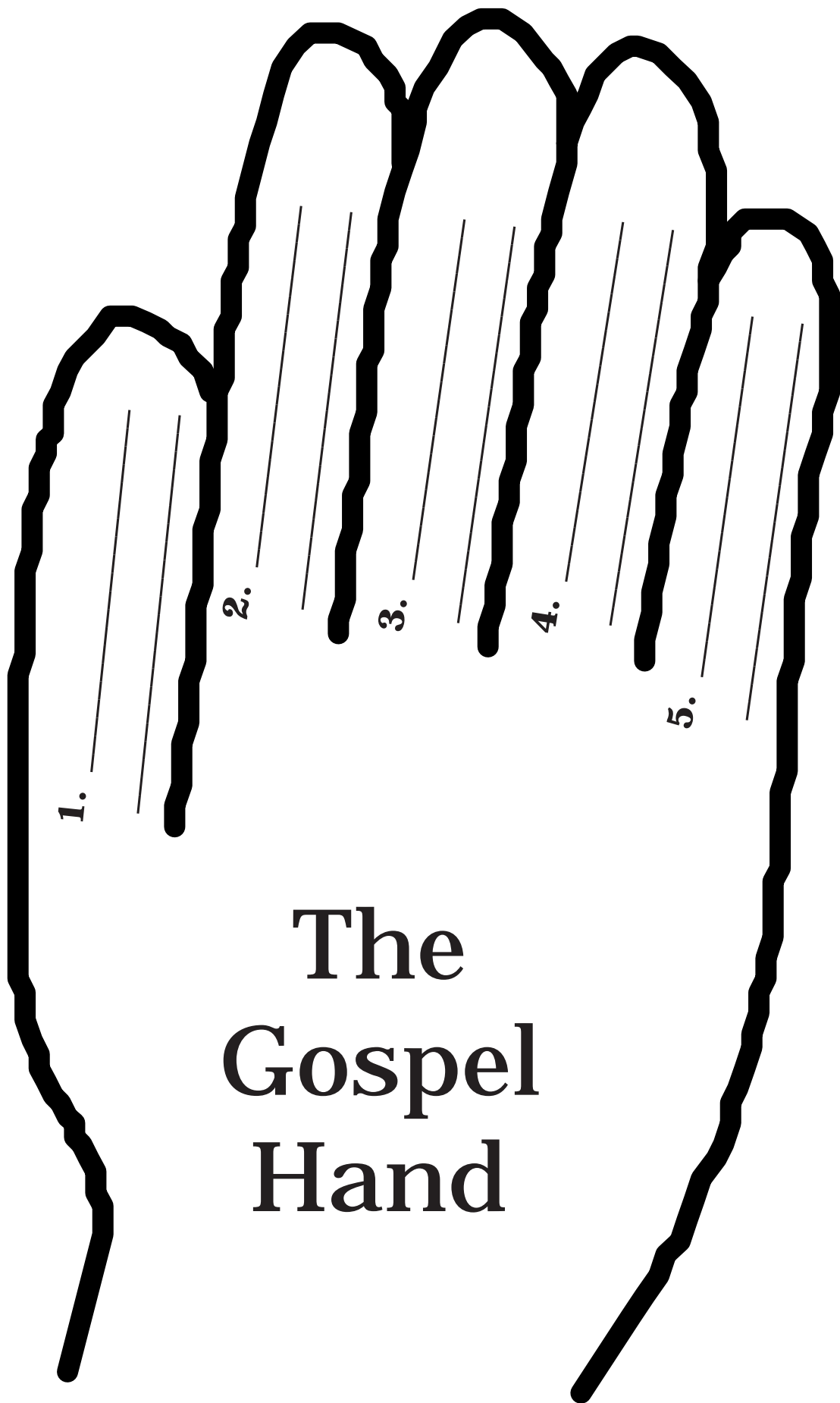
And He said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'" Then Paul described how the Lord had told him, "I have appeared to you to make you a minister and a witness of the things you have seen and of those things which I will show you. I will send you to the Gentiles to preach the gospel that they might receive forgiveness of sins and become part of My family."

"And, King Agrippa," Paul went on, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. I preached first in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout Judea, and then to the Gentiles, telling them they should repent and turn to God and live for Him. This is why the Jews caught me in the temple and tried to kill me, but God helped me, and I continue to witness to everyone I see about the message of the Messiah. The Old Testament foretold His coming and that He would suffer and die but be raised from the dead, and this is the message I preach to all people."

King Agrippa was moved with emotion. "You almost persuade me to become a Christian," he said to Paul.

"I wish that you and all who heard me today were both almost and completely as I am, except for these chains," Paul responded. Although King Agrippa did not become a Christian, Paul knew he had pleased God by telling him his testimony. That is all God asks of us. We are responsible to tell what Jesus has done for us. Each person is then responsible for his own response.





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The Gospel Hand

Writing my personal testimony

Write a couple sentences that describe your life before you were saved.

Describe how you came to know Jesus as your personal Savior.

Describe what your life is like now that you know Jesus as your personal Savior. How do you feel differently now?

Write out the steps to salvation according to the “Gospel Hand” and give the Scripture reference for each one. Try to do it from memory.

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5.

Write the name of a person to whom you will tell your personal testimony.

Write the date you did it and the person’s response.

Verses to remember

**Have you memorized these important verses to use in witnessing?
Fill in the blanks with the correct word.**

“For _____ so _____ the _____ that he _____ his
one and only _____ , that _____ in _____ shall
not _____ but have _____ ” (John 3:16).

“For _____ have _____ and _____ of the
_____ of _____ ” (Romans 3:23).

“But God _____ his _____ for _____ in this: While
_____ were still _____ , _____ died for _____ ” (Romans 5:8).

“Yet to _____ who _____ him, to those _____ in
his _____ , _____ gave the _____ to become _____ of
_____ ” (John 1:12).

“Whoever _____ in the _____ has _____ , but
_____ rejects the _____ will not _____ , for God’s
_____ on him” (John 3:36).

**Write these words in the correct order to find out why Paul was
willing to risk sharing his testimony.**

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Romans 1:16

Scriptures To Share

When we plan a trip, we use a road map to show us the best way to go. Life is like a trip. Where we end up depends on the road we take. The Bible is our road map in life. The Bible points out the way to heaven. It also tells us how to stay off the road that leads to hell. If we obey the Bible, we will reach heaven safely.

When someone buys a car, a television, a typewriter, a tractor, or some other piece of machinery, it comes with an instruction manual. The manual tells you how to operate the machine to get the best performance. Wouldn't it be silly to say, "I don't want anyone to restrict my freedom. I'll use this machine the way I want to. No one will tell me what to do?" Yet that is exactly what many people say about the instruction manual God has given to man. The maker of a machine is the best one to tell us how to use it. God created man. That makes Him the best One to tell us what is best for us.

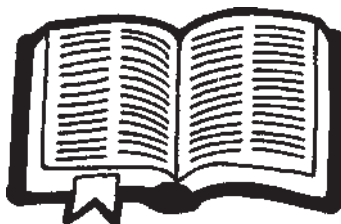
The Bible is God's instruction book to man. In it He tells us how to be happy. If we disobey God, we can expect unhappiness and, unless we repent and ask God's forgiveness, we can expect the second death, which is eternal separation from God.

In Psalm 19:7-11 we read that the Word of God converts the soul. That means it changes us. The Word of God makes us wise. It warns us about sin. Obeying God's Word brings great reward. Psalm 119:11 says hiding God's Word in our hearts keeps us from sin. Verses 105 and 130 point out that God's Word lights up life's pathway and gives us understanding.

Second Timothy 3:16 says God's Word, the Bible, is useful for teaching us Bible truths that help us know how to live the Christian life. This verse also says the Bible gives us reproof. That means the Bible makes us realize what is wrong in our lives. The Bible also gives us correction. It helps us do what is right. It also gives us instruction in righteousness. That means it helps us know what is right.

Here's an example: When you whisper to your friends in church, the pastor, your teacher, or your parents say, "Shh! Don't talk in church!" That's reproof—telling you what not to do. When they say, "You should listen and sing and pray instead of talking to your friends," that's correction—telling you what to do instead. Then your parents tell you that the right way to act in church is to take part so you can learn more about God and how He wants you to act in life. That's instruction in righteousness. You learn why you should act certain ways. The Bible does all these things. It tells us what to do, what not to do, and why. If we obey the Bible, we will please God.

Some people think God gave us the Ten Commandments just to make us miserable, just to show us He is boss. But God wants us to be happy. He knows that if we lie or steal or disobey our parents, we may get hurt or we may hurt others. That would make us unhappy. So God's commandments are for our own happiness.



Finding a particular scripture about a particular topic

A concordance is a Bible study tool that can help you find Bible verses about particular topics. If you want to find verses about fear, for example, you would look up the word fear in the concordance. Listed under that word you will find all the references for all the verses in the Bible that contain the word fear. After each reference is a short phrase from the verse. Some of the words may be abbreviated. The words in a concordance are all arranged alphabetically as in a dictionary.

Use a concordance to find a good verse for each of the following subjects. Write the verse and its reference on the lines provided with each topic.

fear _____

worry (cares, needs) _____

death _____

forgiveness _____

witnessing (witnesses) _____

temptation _____

faith _____

sickness _____

sorrow (comfort) _____

guidance (guide; instruct) _____

anger _____

suffering _____

peace _____

Hint: for some topics you may need to look up other forms of the word or words with similar meanings. Other possible words are given in parentheses.

The Bible is like

Unscramble the words in the first half of each statement. Then draw lines to the phrases on the right to complete the statements.

The Bible is like . . .

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it lights life's path
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it shows us the right
path in life.

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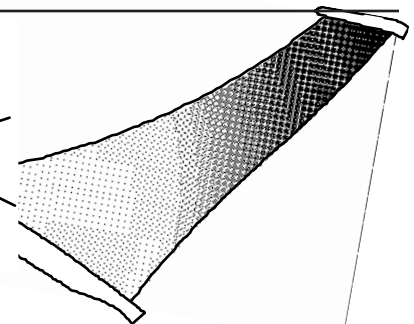
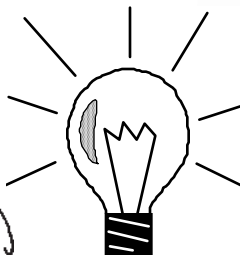
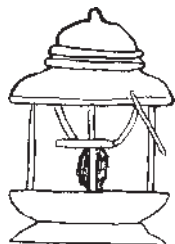
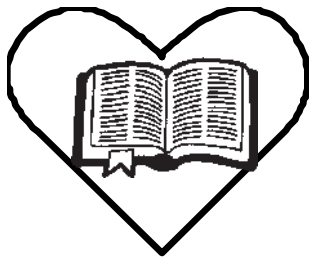
it gives us directions
for life.

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it tells us how we
operate best.

What the Bible says about itself

The pictures below remind us of verses from the lesson about the Bible. On the lines below each picture write out the correct verse and its reference.



God's Plan For Me

Everyone wants to know what he will be when he grows up. In this unit we have learned about several people from the Bible who discovered and followed God's plan for their lives. Joseph dreamed of being a ruler over his family. Even though his brothers sold him into slavery in Egypt, God was working out His plan for Joseph's life. He became the governor of Egypt at a very important time. It was all part of God's plan to save the lives of His people, Joseph's family.

David was anointed to be king of Israel. For many years he was hunted by King Saul. It seemed he would never become king. Yet God was protecting David, and he was learning many valuable lessons that would help him be a good king. In God's time David became king.

Daniel and his three friends were the kind of young men that would make good leaders in Judah. Yet they were taken into captivity in Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. They determined to obey God's commandments even there. God honored them and caused them to find favor in the eyes of the king. They found and followed God's plan for their lives in the government of Babylon.

Esther became queen of Persia. She too found God's plan for her life when she was able to save God's people, the Jews, from being destroyed by the wicked Haman.

Peter made many mistakes. At Jesus' trial he even denied ever knowing Him. Yet he asked for and received Jesus' forgiveness. He found strength to follow God's plan for his life on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was given to all believers.

Paul had studied the Scriptures and was a rabbi, a teacher of the Scriptures. He was looking for the Messiah to come. Yet he persecuted the Christians, not realizing Jesus was the Messiah for whom he was longing. Jesus appeared to him on the Road to Damascus and told him God's plan for his life. He was to be the apostle to the Gentiles.

In the days of Elisha a little girl whose name we do not know was taken from her home and family in a raid by the Syrians. She was made a servant to the wife of Naaman, the captain of the entire army of the king of Syria. Naaman was a brave soldier, but he had the dreaded disease of leprosy. The little slave girl said to her mistress, "I wish my lord Naaman were with the prophet of God, Elisha, in Israel. He would heal him of his leprosy."

Finally, someone told Naaman what his servant girl had been saying. The king of Syria insisted Naaman go to Israel. When Naaman arrived at Elisha's house, Elisha sent his servant out to tell him to go to the Jordan River and dip himself seven times in the river. Naaman was angry. "How can that cure me?" he asked.

His servants said, "If the prophet had told you to do some great thing, you would do it. Why not do as he said? It might work."

Naaman went down to the Jordan River. Even though it was muddy, he dipped himself seven times. The seventh time he came up completely healed. He was healed because a little slave girl was a witness for God even though she was away from home and working for her country's enemies. She found and followed God's plan for her life.



Matching God's plan to the person.

One the line in front of each statement, write the name of the person from this list.

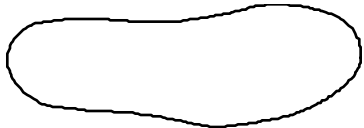

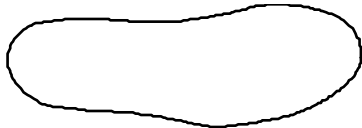

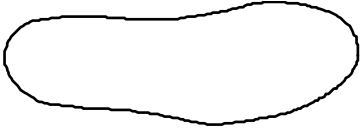

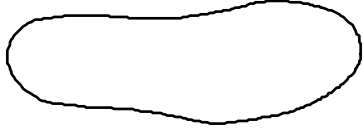

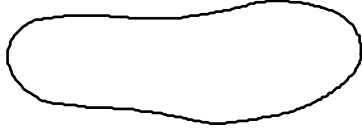




Paul	Daniel
Peter	Esther
David	Naaman
Joseph	


- _____ 1. He was called of God to be the apostle to the Gentiles.
- _____ 2. He was anointed to be king of Israel but had to run for his life for years.
- _____ 3. He was sold into slavery by his brothers, but God made him governor of Egypt to save their lives.
- _____ 4. He was determined to obey God's commandments even in a foreign country.
- _____ 5. He received power to follow God's plan for his life on the Day of Pentecost.
- _____ 6. A little slave girl witnessed to her mistress and this man was healed of leprosy.
- _____ 7. She became queen of Persia and was able to save her people, the Jews, from the wicked Haman.

Jumbled message

Write the words of this jumbled message in the correct order on the footsteps below to discover something God will do for those who trust Him.

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delights	in	If	Lord	a
Psalms	the	man's	steps	

		
		
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 37:23

God's will for your life

Most of God's will for your life is already given in the Bible. If you obey what you know is right, God will lead you in the other parts of your life, such as what you will be when you grow up.

Write "Yes" by the statements below which are God's will for you and "No" by the ones which are not. If you are not sure, look up the Bible reference given after each statement.

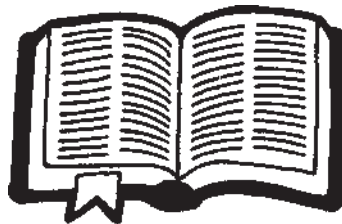
- _____ 1. God wants me to tell others about what Jesus has done for me. (Acts 1:8)
- _____ 2. God wants me to want for myself everything that my neighbor has. (Exodus 20:17)
- _____ 3. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)
- _____ 4. God wants me to worship Him only. (Exodus 20:3-6)
- _____ 5. God wants me to go to church regularly. (Hebrews 10:25)
- _____ 6. God wants me to obey my parents. (Ephesians 6:2)
- _____ 7. God wants me to lie if I need to. (Exodus 20:16)
- _____ 8. God wants me to use His name reverently, only in prayer, and only when I am talking about Him. (Exodus 20:7)
- _____ 9. God wants me to have sex whenever I want to and with whomever I want. (Exodus 20:14)
- _____ 10. God wants me to go to bed angry if someone irritates me. (Ephesians 4:26)
- _____ 11. God wants me to forgive those who hurt me. (Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 6:12-15)
- _____ 12. God wants me to worry. (Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6)

My hero in the faith

On the lines below write a paragraph telling about a Christian you know or have read about or heard about whom you admire. Tell something about him/her and why you admire him/her.

Memory Verse List 4-2

1. Matthew 25:23 “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”
2. Proverbs 3:5,6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”
3. Acts 5:29 “We must obey God rather than men!”
4. Matthew 26:41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”
5. Esther 4:14 “Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”
6. 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”
7. 2 Timothy 2:3 “Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.”
8. Romans 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”
9. Psalm 119:11 “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”
10. Psalm 37:23 “If the Lord delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm.”



Exam

On the blank lines write the word or phrase that best completes each sentence. (Hint: Some words will not be used.)


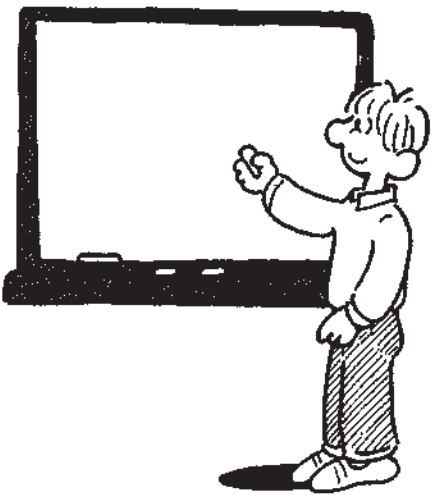
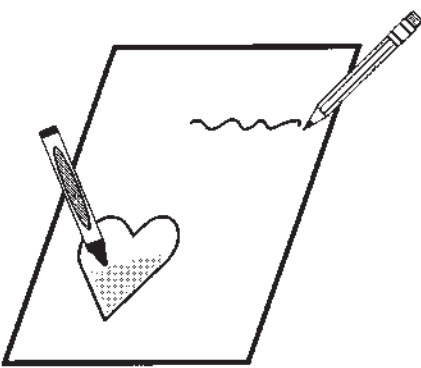
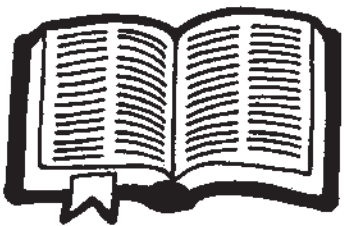

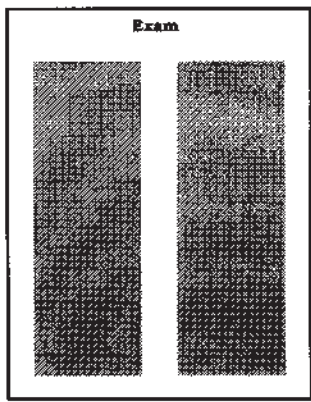
God's Word	lied
faithful	dutiful
stoning	witness
power	hardships
trustworthy	witnessed
courage	death
prison	forgives
fasting	risked her life
plan	give an answer
prayer	trusted

1. Joseph is best known for being _____ to God and to his responsibilities.
2. All the soldiers in King Saul's army ran away in fear when they saw Goliath, but David _____ God and killed the giant.
3. Daniel and his three friends possessed _____ when they said "no" to King Nebuchadnezzar's food and drink.
4. The three young Hebrews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, determined in their hearts to obey God's commandments when King Nebuchadnezzar told them to bow down to his statue, even if it meant _____ .
5. Daniel remained faithful in _____ even when he knew a law had been passed against it.
6. Esther _____ to save her people from Haman's plot to kill them.
7. When Peter denied Jesus three times, he learned that Jesus _____ if we confess our sins to Him and believe His death paid for our sins.
8. On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was outpoured on the believers and Peter received _____ to be the witness for Jesus God wanted him to be.
9. Paul continued to preach the gospel even though he experienced many _____ .
10. Peter wrote that Christians should "be ready always to _____ to every man that asks a reason of the hope that is in you."
11. To _____ means to tell others what Jesus has done for you.
12. _____ is like a road map because it shows us the right way to go in life.
13. God has a _____ for everyone's life.
14. A little slave girl stolen from her home in Israel _____ to her mistress and as a result Naaman, her master, was healed of leprosy.

Student Comments

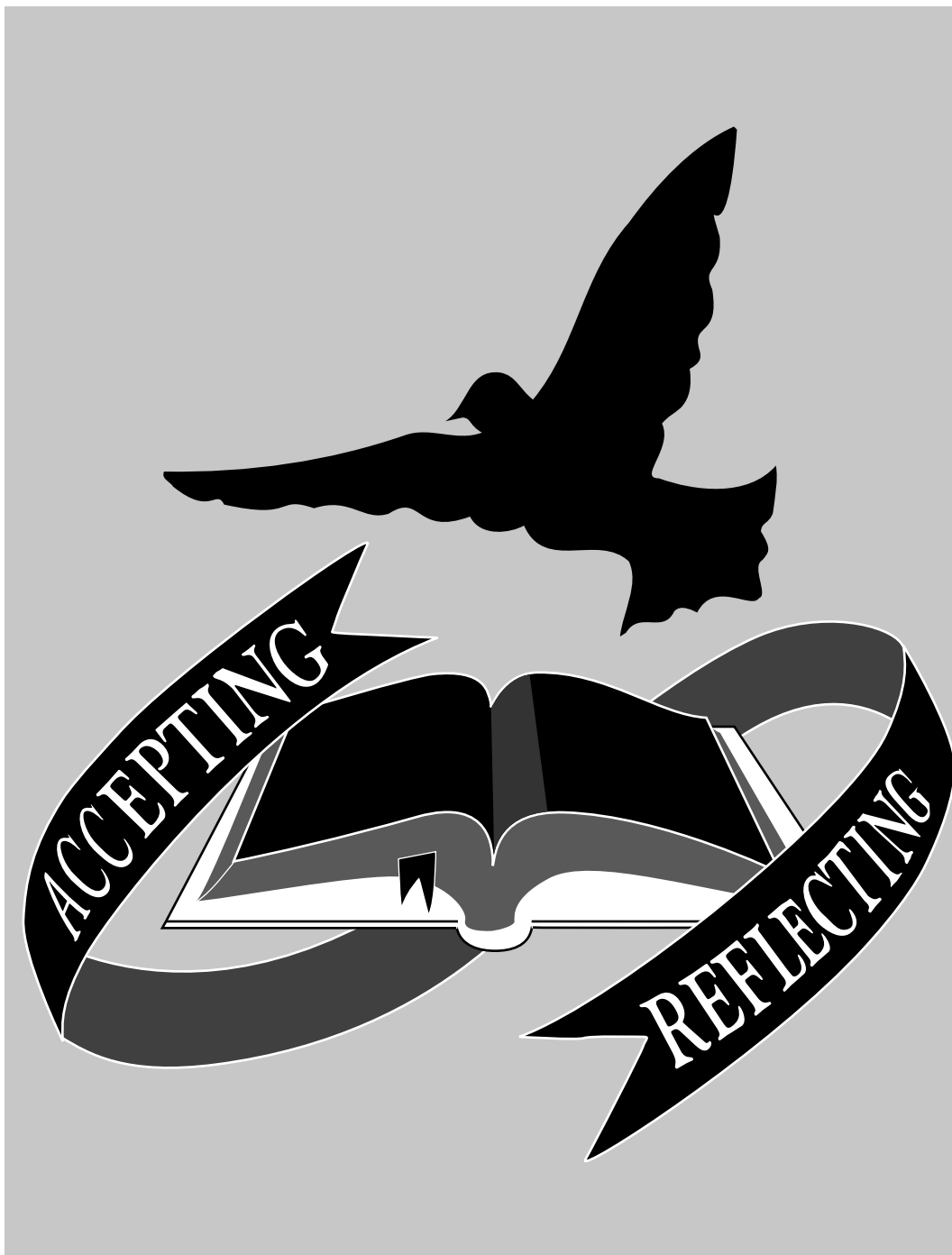
• Please evaluate this course by coloring in one face for each item.

The three faces mean: 😊 Good 😐 OK ☹️ Bad

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My Questions

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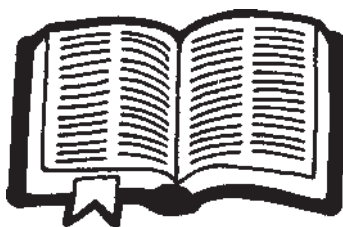
Why Do People Die?

When God created the world, He created man and woman perfect in every way. Genesis 1:31 says, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." There was no sin, no sickness, no pain, no death. Then Satan came along. He had been the most beautiful and most powerful angel in all of heaven, but he had become proud saying, "I will make myself like God!" (Isaiah 14:12-15) So God had to throw Satan and his followers out of heaven. When Satan saw the man and woman God had created, he saw his chance to get even with God. He decided to ruin God's beautiful creation.

In the Garden of Eden God had placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil among the many other trees. God told Adam and Eve, "You may eat the fruit of any of the trees except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of that tree, you will surely die" (Genesis 2:16,17). Satan, in the form of a beautiful serpent, tempted Eve. "God told you not to eat of that tree because He knows you will become just like Him if you do," he lied (Genesis 3:4,5). Eve looked at the tree. The fruit looked delicious, and she wanted to be as wise as God, so she took the fruit and ate it. Then she offered some to Adam, and he ate some too. Suddenly they had a new awareness of themselves and each other. They realized their nakedness and shame. They hid from God. Their fellowship with God was broken. Sin separated them from God.

Adam and Eve did not die the moment they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but the seeds of death were planted in them. Sin, sickness, pain, sorrow, and death had entered God's creation. And just as we have brown eyes or blue because our parents have brown or blue eyes, we inherit a sinful nature from Adam and Eve, the parents of mankind (Romans 5:12,17). God had formed them from the dust of the earth, and dust they would become again at death.

Thank God, He did not leave Adam and Eve without hope. Even as He told them the terrible results of their sin, He promised them that a Savior would come one day to take away the curse of sin (I Corinthians 15:21,22). Thousands of years later Jesus, God's Son, came to earth as a baby. He lived a sinless life. Then He died on the Cross to pay the penalty for mankind's sin. He was resurrected on the third day and ascended to heaven forty days later. Now if we accept Jesus as our personal Savior, we receive eternal life.



Sentence Completion

Fill in the blanks from the list of words and phrases given. Some words may be used more than once, and some not at all.

Satan	the second death
Jesus	promise
Adam	Savior
eternal life	do
decide about Jesus	

1. Sin and death entered the world by _____ .
2. Eternal life can be ours through _____ .
3. Separation from God for eternity is called _____ .
4. Because Jesus arose from the dead, we too can have _____ .
5. The serpent that tempted Eve was really _____ .
6. Along with the punishment, God also gave Adam and Eve a special _____ .
7. God said that from the seed of woman would come a _____ who would crush Satan's head.
8. What we _____ in this life determines where we will go when we die.

Cross out all the things that are not results of Adam and Eve's disobedience to God.

- the second death
- knowledge of good and evil
- they became like God
- physical death
- pain
- wisdom like God's
- troubles
- broken fellowship with God
- sickness
- sin
- sorrow
- hard labor
- thorns and thistles
- eternal life

Draw a circle around all the things we can receive because Jesus died and rose again.

- salvation
- punishment for sin
- fellowship with God
- hell
- the wisdom of God
- peace
- healing
- eternal life
- answered prayer
- heaven
- joy
- suffering

An important message

Fill in the blank spaces under the pictures with the correct words to discover an important message.



For the _____ of _____ is



_____, but the _____ of



_____ is _____ in



_____ .

Romans 6:23

Why Is There Evil?

Have you ever watched a potter making a bowl from clay on a potter's wheel? Carefully he molds the soft clay into just the shape he wants. When it is just right, he fires it in a very hot oven so it becomes very hard. He is very happy with his finished work and sets it on a shelf for everyone to see. Then, someone comes by and deliberately knocks the bowl off the shelf, and it breaks into a thousand pieces. The potter's work is ruined. God made the world and everything in it. God saw that everything He had made was very good. There was no sin, no sickness, no death, no evil. Then Satan came along and ruined it.

The Bible tells us that God created man in His own image and likeness for His glory (Isaiah 43:7). That means that He gave man the ability to have a relationship with God (Acts 17:24-31). God could have made robots to love Him, but He wants people to love Him because they want to. That means they must be allowed to choose not to love Him. In that sense, God created evil (Isaiah 45:7). He allowed man to have a free will to choose to love Him. True love is only possible when one can choose not to love.

In the Garden of Eden God placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as a test for Adam and Eve. God wanted to know if they would choose to obey Him or to disobey Him. Genesis 3 tells the sad story of their disobedience which brought sin and evil into the perfect world God had created.

What is sin? The Bible says sin is breaking God's laws or disobeying God's commandments (1 John 3:4). Sin is always choosing our own way instead of God's way (Isaiah 53:6). Sin is not doing what we know God wants us to do (James 4:17). Sin is not believing in Jesus as our Savior (John 16:9). Sin separates us from God. Adam and Eve didn't die physically the moment they ate the forbidden fruit, but something even more terrible happened. Their sin of disobedience separated them from God. The Bible calls this "spiritual death."

In the Book of Romans the apostle Paul described what happened to mankind after the Fall. Since mankind rejected God and chose to sin, God allowed them to go their own way. Mankind began to do wicked things: coveting, envying, expressing wrath, murdering, lying, gossiping, hating God, boasting, disobeying parents, breaking promises, committing sexually immoral and unnatural acts, fighting, being heartless and without pity, and continually inventing new ways of sinning (Romans 1:18-32). Doesn't that describe conditions in the world today? We see people murdered, robbed, abused, and raped. People starve to death because wicked people keep them from receiving food. Evil rulers put innocent people in prison or kill them. Parents abuse their own children.

What can we do about the evil we see all around us? First, we must always remember that "the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment" (2 Peter 2:9). God will preserve our souls from the evil all around us. Even if we suffer at the hands of evil men, they cannot destroy our souls. In Romans 12:19-21, Paul reminds us that vengeance is God's, and He will repay the wicked for their evil. Then Paul points out that as Christians we are to be kind to our enemies and pray for their salvation. He calls it "heaping burning coals on their heads." Then they will no longer be our enemies but our friends. As our memory verse reminds us, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).



Matching

Draw a line from each word to the phrase that it goes best with.

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| 1. sin | a. is the ability to choose. |
| 2. spiritual death | b. is only possible when one can choose not to. |
| 3. free will | c. separates us from God. |
| 4. love | d. is the result of sinful activity in this world. |
| 5. evil | e. is separation from God. |

Math code

Do the math, then put the letter that matches the correct answer under the problem. You will discover an important message.

A= 11	J= 1	S= 23
B= 20	K= 9	T= 5
C= 15	L= 16	U= 19
D= 17	M= 14	V= 18
E= 8	N= 13	W= 2
F= 4	O= 6	X= 27
G= 10	P= 25	Y= 24
H= 12	Q= 26	Z= 22
I= 7	R= 3	

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Can you “heap coals of fire”?

Can you name 3 ways to “heap coals of fire on someone”?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Draw a picture of a way you can “heap coals of fire” on the head of someone who has done evil to you.

A large empty rectangular box with a double-line border, intended for drawing a picture of a way to "heap coals of fire" on the head of someone who has done evil to you.

Does God Answer Prayer?

What is prayer? Is prayer talking to God? Saying thank You to God? Asking forgiveness for sins? Praising God? Yes, prayer is all these and much more.

If you wanted to talk to the president or king of your nation, could you just go up to him anytime you wanted? No. Yet, if you want to talk to God, who created all the presidents and kings in the world as well as each one of us, you can do it anytime you want. God wants our fellowship and our friendship. He is just waiting for us to come to Him in prayer—anytime.

Did Jesus pray? Mark 1:21-34 tells us the things Jesus did in one day. Verse 35 says that even though Jesus was very busy, He knew He needed to pray. He needed His Father's help and strength every day. We do too. We all need to spend time alone with God, talking and listening to Him.

One day Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. Jesus gave them a pattern for prayer. We call it "The Lord's Prayer." You can read it in Matthew 6:9-13. Sometimes we pray this prayer as it is written. Prayer however, is conversation with God. If we talked to our friends using only words we had memorized, our friends would think we were really strange, wouldn't they? We should use the Lord's Prayer as our pattern, but pray in our own words.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." God is our Heavenly Father. He cares for us and loves us. We are His children. In John 14:13 Jesus said we should pray to the Father in Jesus' name. That is why we begin our prayers with "Our Heavenly Father" and close by saying, "In Jesus' name." Hallowed means "holy." We should show reverence for God's holy name when we pray. That's why we bow our heads.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Just as Jesus did, we should always ask for God's will to be done in everything because He knows what is best (Mark 14:32-36). According to James 4:2,3 and 1 John 5:14,15 the reason we don't receive the answers to some of our prayers is that we are praying for things that are not God's will.

"Give us today our daily bread." God wants us to ask Him for our needs—food, clothing, healing, help, everything we need. He is the One who supplies all our needs.

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Everyday we need to ask forgiveness for our sins. Psalm 66:18,19 tells us that God will not hear our prayers if we have sin in our hearts. The Bible says selfishness, an unforgiving spirit, unbelief, pride, fighting among ourselves, and wrong motives (reasons) interfere with our prayers. We must also forgive those who have wronged us. If we don't, God will not forgive us (Matthew 6:15).

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." We should pray for the Lord's leading in our lives each day. If we follow Him, we will not be led into places that tempt us to sin.

"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Everyday we should praise and worship God. The word *amen* means "so be it" or "I agree with everything."

The easiest way to remember Jesus' instructions for prayer is to remember the four things we should include in our prayers—worship (praising God for who He is), confession (asking forgiveness for our sins), thanksgiving (telling God thank You for His goodness to us), and requests (asking God for help for our needs and the needs of others).

Does God always hear and answer our prayers? Yes, but not always the way we expect or want. Sometimes God answers "No" because He knows what we are praying for would be harmful to us in some way. That is why we must always pray, "Your will be done." God knows what is best for us. Sometimes God answers, "Wait." He knows we aren't ready yet, or He wants to teach us something through waiting.

Many times God says an immediate "Yes" to our prayers. God loves us and knows just how and when to answer our prayers in a way that will be most helpful to us. Why don't you plan now to have fellowship with God everyday through prayer?

Ways God has answered my prayers

On the lines below describe times in your life when God has answered your prayers “yes,” “no,” and “wait.”

God answered my prayer “yes” when _____

God answered my prayer “no” when _____

God answered my prayer “wait” when _____

Thank you, God, for answering my prayer as You see best!

Letter maze

Follow the capital letters through the maze to discover the condition you must meet in order to have your prayers answered.



i I u j v H A T r a I T W I L
k F r n n W o E t e D r j p L
c Y O U e K t V o k N z y x B
m k i R n S m E R f A v I G E
I A M E e A U i Y d H s V f y
N e s n r k O m O q S e E N s
I f A N D k Y z U W I e d Y s
N M E e M o N z s l a h a O U ★
a i t d Y k I N I l c f h a r
d e r e W m r b A y h o e s e
a i t d O R o E M l s j c h O
s c n e m D S R s l a h s r d

On the lines below, write out the message you found in the maze.

John 15:7

How can you “abide in Him and have His words abide in you”?

The statements below illustrate the words in the acrostic. Fill in the blanks to discover a privilege of all believers.

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- A crossword puzzle grid is shown with 6 starting points labeled 1 through 6. The grid is composed of white squares for letters and gray squares for empty space. The starting points are: 1 (top row, 3rd column), 2 (2nd row, 3rd column), 3 (3rd row, 3rd column), 4 (4th row, 3rd column), 5 (5th row, 3rd column), and 6 (6th row, 3rd column).

A covenant is a solemn promise that you commit yourself to fulfill. If you will make a commitment to spend time in prayer every day, you may sign the covenant below. Remember, you are making this covenant with God. Do not take it lightly.

The time that is best for me to pray every day is _____.

Why Do People Stop Loving?

When God created the first man Adam, God gave him the responsibility of naming all the animals. Adam saw that each animal had a mate, but he found no mate for himself. Genesis 2:18 tells us that God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a help meet for him." God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. From Adam's side God took a rib and fashioned a woman for the man. When Adam awoke and saw the woman God had given him, he said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Genesis 2:23). The Bible goes on to tell us: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Jesus later added, "What God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:6).

Thus we see that marriage is God's idea. God's plan for marriage is that the man and the woman separate from their parents and be united in marriage and remain together permanently until death separates them. God designed marriage to provide each partner with love, companionship, and fellowship so that together they could build a stable home in which to raise their children. It has been pointed out that when God made woman, she was not taken from man's head to lord it over him nor from his foot to be walked on, but from a rib in man's side because she was designed to walk along side of him, to love and be loved by him.

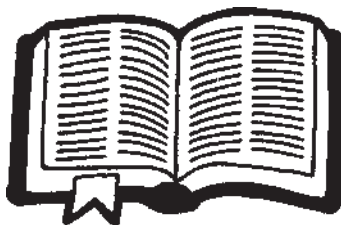
As we read through the Old Testament, however, we soon discover that sin caused a breakdown in marriage relationships. Jesus said that Moses finally had to allow divorce because of the hardness of the hearts of God's people.

Sin is anything that falls short of God's design for our lives. Since divorce is not part of God's design for marriage, divorce is sin. The seventh of the Ten Commandments says, "You shall not commit adultery." Jesus said that divorce is really committing adultery (Matthew 19:9).

In writing to people in the Early Church the apostle Paul pointed out that Christians should only marry believers (2 Corinthians 6:14). If a person becomes a Christian after he/she is married but his/her partner does not accept Christ as Savior, he/she should stay married and pray that the unsaved partner will come to know Christ (1 Corinthians 7:10-16). Peter told the Christian partner not to continually nag at the unsaved partner but to live a good Christian life-style before him or her (1 Peter 3:1-7). Paul also added that if the unsaved partner wants to leave the marriage, the Christian should let him or her go but to continue to pray for his or her salvation.

In Ephesians 5:21-33 Paul compared the relationship between Christ and the Church to the Christian marriage relationship. He told husbands to love their wives sacrificially, just as Christ loved the Church and gave His life for it. He told the wives to respond to their husbands just as the Church follows the leading of the Lord. He pointed out that no man hates his own body, but he takes care of it and feeds it. He is to love and care for his wife in the same way he takes care of his body.

When we allow sin to enter our lives, we stop the flow of God's love through us. This is what causes marriages to fail. As long as we stay close to Jesus, God's love will flow through us to others including our marriage partner. Begin today to allow God's love to flow through you so you can one day have a marriage like God designed marriage to be.



Completion

Fill in the blanks with the word that best completes the sentence. Refer to the lesson story if you get stuck.

God said, "It is not good for the man to be _____."

God created Eve from Adam's _____.

Marriage was _____ idea.

The man and the woman are to _____ their parents.

They are to stay together as man and wife until _____ separates them.

Since divorce is not part of God's design for marriage, it is _____.

Christians should only marry _____.

Marriage is a picture of the relationship between Christ and the _____.

God's plan for marriage

Write a sentence or two telling how each word below relates to God's plan for marriage.

leave _____

unite _____

one flesh _____

Use this code to discover an important message about God's plan for marriage.

For this _____ a man will leave

his _____ and





_____ and be

_____ to his

_____, and they will become one flesh.

_____ 2:24

God's kind of love

Cross out all the words below that describe God's kind of love.

patient

proud

kind

boastful

unselfish

stuck up

irritable

demands own way

jealous

touchy

loyal

expects the best

holds grudges

stands up for you

forgives

never fails

Is Lying Wrong?

The first lie is recorded in Genesis 3:4 when Satan, in the form of a serpent, tempted Eve to eat the fruit of the tree from which God had forbidden them to eat. “You will not surely die,” Satan said, contradicting God. Eve believed the lie, and sin entered the human race. Satan, the father of all lies, had affected God’s perfect creation forever. Is it any wonder God hates lies?

In the Early Church Satan entered the hearts of a man and his wife and led them to lie to Peter (Acts 4:34-5:11). Barnabas and other believers had sold all their lands and possessions and brought the money to the apostles to be given to those in the church who had needs. Ananias and Sapphira sold a possession, but they decided to keep part of the money for themselves, which they had every right to do. Wanting people to think they had given all the money, however, Ananias brought the money to the apostles and told them it was all the money.

Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land? It was yours to do with as you pleased. You have lied not only to us, but also to God.” As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell down dead. The young men wound him in grave clothes and carried him out for burial.

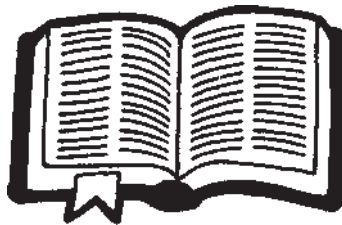
Three hours later Sapphira came in. She did not know what had happened. Peter asked her, “Tell me, did you sell the land for so much?” She answered, “Yes, for that amount.” Then Peter said, “How is it that you have agreed together to lie to the Holy Spirit? Look, the feet of them which have buried your husband are at the door to carry you out too.” And she too fell down dead and was buried beside her husband.

The Bible says great fear, awe, and reverence came upon the church and upon all who heard what had happened.

When you tell a lie, you probably won’t drop dead, but it is no less a sin than the lie Ananias and Sapphira told. God’s Word is clear. Lying is sin. The ninth commandment says, “you shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.” To “give false testimony” is to tell a lie. In Psalms and Proverbs we read several times that God does not respect those who tell lies (Psalm 40:4); that the wicked are the ones who tell lies (Psalm 58:3; 62:4); and that liars will be punished (Proverbs 19:5, 9). In Colossians 3:9,10 we read that Christians are to “put off the old man with his deeds,” which include lying, and “put on the new man,” which is renewed after the image of Christ. The picture Paul paints here is one of changing our clothes—taking off old filthy rags and putting on a new garment.

One reason we will want to stop lying is the fact that liars will not make it to heaven (Revelation 21:8,27; and 22:15). Instead, all liars will be punished in the lake of fire along with Satan, whom Jesus called “the father of lies” (John 8:44).

Our memory verse, Ephesians 4:25, tells Christians, “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” Because we are members of the body of Christ, we need to be honest and open with each other.



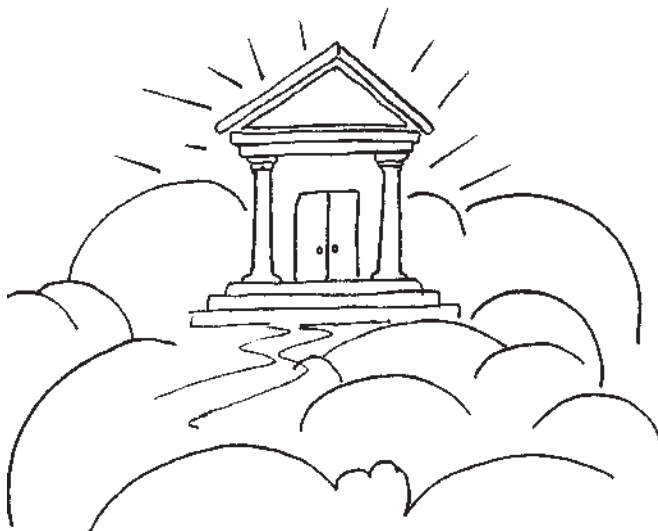
Review

1. Where is the first lie recorded? _____
2. Who told it?/To whom? _____
3. Who did Jesus say is the father of all lies?

4. When Ananias lied to Peter, Peter said he was really lying to whom? _____
5. To bear false witness means what? _____

6. What should Christians do instead of lying?

Draw a circle around the picture that shows the end of the line for all liars.



Can you decipher this?

Someone got confused while typing this message. Can you decode it to find an important set of instructions from God's Word?

A - ∞	J - \emptyset	S - \dagger
B - \S	K - \approx	T - $<$
C - \P	L - $\sqrt{\quad}$	U - \pm
D - Σ	M - \int	V - $>$
E - \llcorner	N - μ	W - Π
F - β	O - \geq	X - π
G - ∂	P - $+$	Y - \diamond
H - Δ	Q - \square	Z - Ω
I - \neg	R - \ddagger	

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4:25

$\llcorner \div \Delta \llcorner \dagger \neg \infty \mu \dagger$

True or False

Write “T” on the line if the sentence is true and “F” if it is false.

- ___ 1. It is all right to tell a lie as long as no one gets hurt by it.
- ___ 2. All liars will go to the lake of fire.
- ___ 3. God respects liars.
- ___ 4. God commands us not to bear false witness.
- ___ 5. Satan is the father of all lies.
- ___ 6. God calls liars wicked.
- ___ 7. God blesses liars.
- ___ 8. A Christian should not lie to get his own way.
- ___ 9. Little white lies are harmless.

In the space below draw a picture or write a story telling what you need to do in your life today to become known as one who speaks and lives truthfully.



Why Are There Rich and Poor?

During Jesus' ministry a rich young man came to see Him one day (Mark 10:17-30).

"What must I do to inherit the kingdom of God?" he asked.

"Keep all of God's commandments," Jesus answered.

"I have kept them since I was a little boy," he answered.

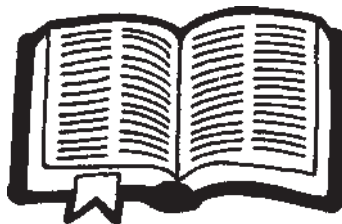
"You are lacking in one area," Jesus said. "Go and sell all your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and be My disciple."

The rich young man went away sad when he heard that because he did not want to give up his wealth. Jesus told His disciples, "It is hard for those with riches to enter the kingdom of God." He knew that rich men tended to put their trust in their wealth rather than in God. He also told them that a person's heart would be with his treasure. For that reason He always encouraged them to lay up treasure in heaven by serving God in this life rather than trying to earn a lot of money.

Riches in themselves are not wrong. Some Christians are wealthy. God blesses them so they can bless others in a special way. Jesus told a story about a rich man however, who did not use his money to help others (Luke 16:19-31). A poor sick beggar named Lazarus lay on the ground just outside the gates of the rich man's beautiful mansion, but he did not help him. The poor man longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. The only ones to care for his sick body were the dogs that licked his sores. Finally Lazarus died. There was no funeral for him, but the angels came and carried him to Abraham's bosom, as the Jews called paradise. The rich man died too. He had a big funeral, but he went to hell. Tormented by the flames, he begged Abraham to send Lazarus with a drop of water to cool his tongue. But Abraham said, "Remember how in your life you received good things while Lazarus received only bad things? You did nothing to help him then. Now there is a great gulf fixed between paradise and hell, so that he cannot go to you and you cannot come to him. Now he is comforted, and you are tormented."

David wrote in Psalm 73: "I was envious when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. I try to serve God, but all I receive is pain and suffering." Then he went into the sanctuary of God, and he understood their end. The wicked will spend eternity suffering for their sins.

We live in an imperfect world, stained by sin. Jesus saw the problems of the poor, but He did not solve them while He was on earth. He did, however, die on the cross and rise again so that we may have eternal life. In heaven with Jesus there will be no sin. There will be no rich and poor. In heaven we will all share Jesus' riches. The wicked, however, will be forever poor because they neglected the great salvation Jesus bought on Calvary.



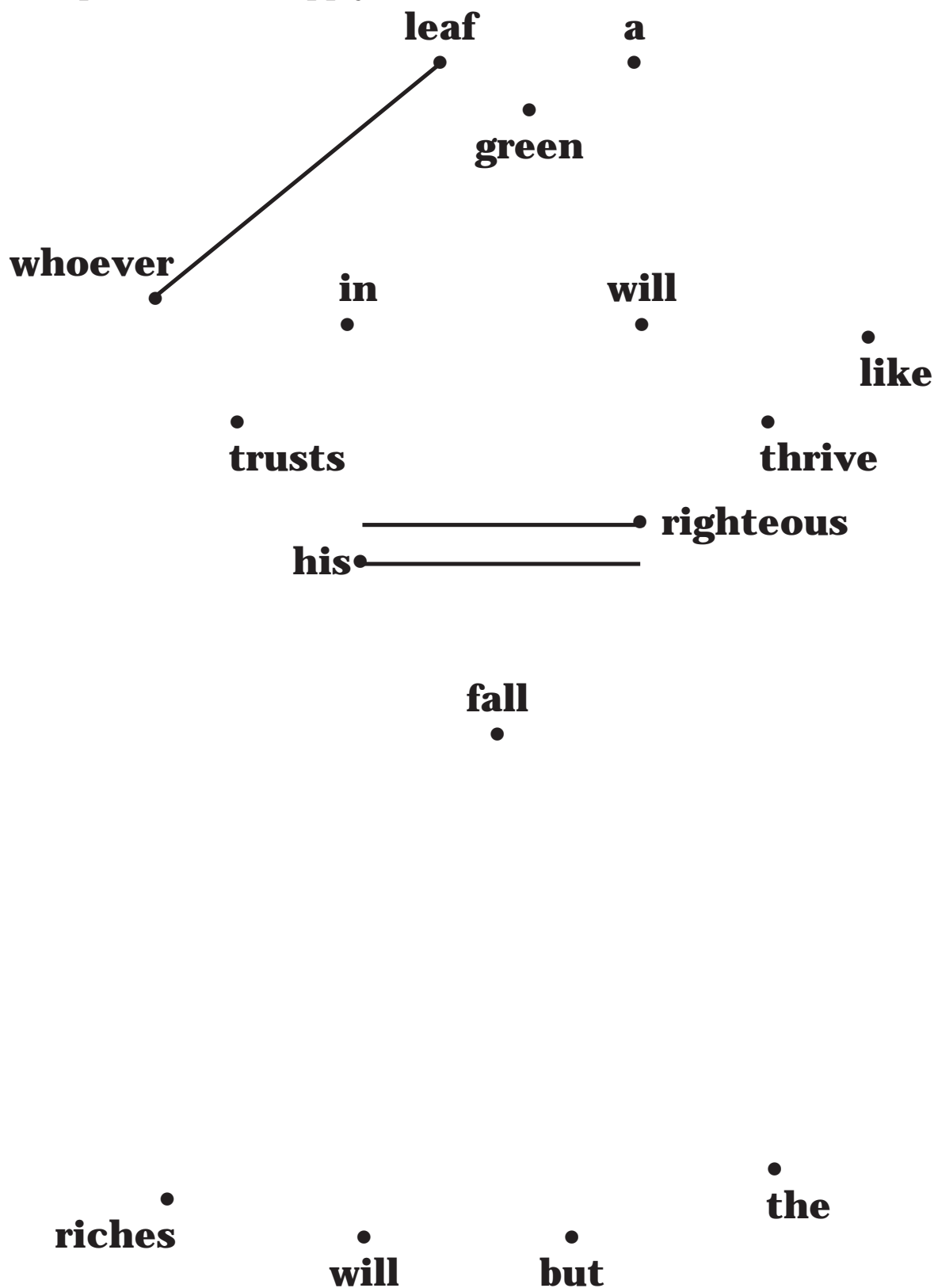
Complete the story
Write the correct word on each blank.

rich(es) poor

Lazarus was a _____ sick begger. He lay at the gate of a _____ man's house. He ate crumbs that fell from the _____ man's table. The _____ man did not help Lazarus. When Lazarus died, angels carried him to Abraham's bosom. He was no longer _____. The _____ man died too. He had a big funeral, but he went to hell. In torment he asked Abraham to send Lazarus with a drop of water to cool his tongue. That was not possible. The _____ man was now the _____ man. David envied the wicked who were _____ until he saw their end. He realized then that they are really _____. We need to put our trust in God, not in _____. He will supply all our needs according to His _____ in heaven.

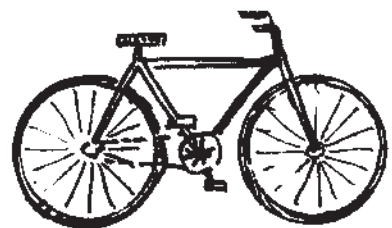
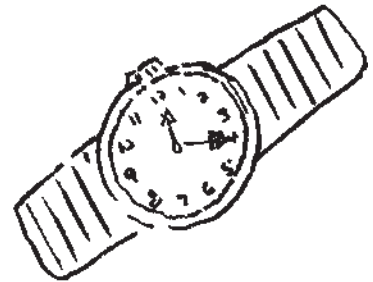
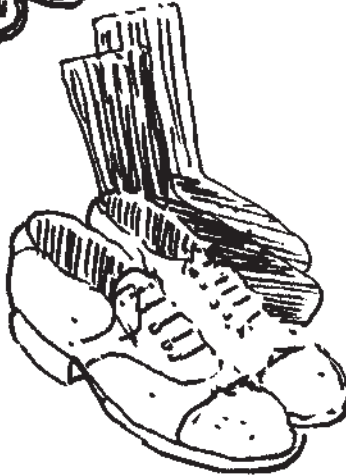
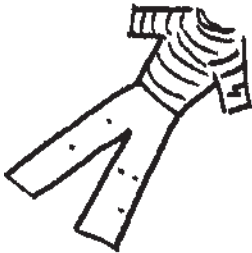
Dot-to-dot memory verse

Draw a line from word to word in the correct order of your memory verse. You will discover a picture of one of the things God has promised to supply.



What do we need?

God has promised to supply all our needs. Circle or color the pictures of things you believe God has promised to supply. Cross out the things you do not really need.



Why Say No?

God told the Jews to build a temple where His presence would dwell in a special way. He gave them specific instructions about how to build it. No hammering or cutting of wood was to be done in the temple as it was being built. Nothing unclean or common was ever to be taken into the temple. The people were told to take a bath before going to the temple to worship. It was to be a holy place set apart for worshipping God only.

The apostle Paul taught the early Christians that their bodies were now the temple of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, He filled the believers. They spoke in other tongues, showing that the Holy Spirit had indeed filled them. Since God's Spirit now filled them in this special way, they were now temples, or dwelling places on earth, for the Holy Spirit.

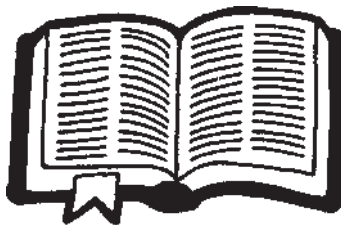
In 1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 6:15-20; and 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Paul explained the behavior appropriate for believers now that their bodies had become temples of the Holy Spirit. "If anyone destroys God's temple God will destroy him" Paul declared. "The temple of God is sacred," he pointed out. To be sacred means to be separated from sin and dedicated to God's use. Things that harm the body, such as alcohol, drugs, and sex outside of marriage are things that defile or destroy the body. If the Christian is going to obey God in this area, he will carefully avoid drinking alcohol, using drugs, and having sex outside of marriage.

In previous lessons we have learned how men like Joseph and Daniel refused to drink strong drink (alcoholic), or to engage in sex outside of marriage. God blessed them for their stand. Another man, King David, let down his guard and fell into sin with a beautiful woman named Bathsheba.

David was looking out of his palace window and saw Bathsheba taking a bath on the roof of a nearby house. He wanted to have her for himself even though she was another man's wife. He sent for her to come to his palace, and he had sex with her. When she discovered she was pregnant, David sent for her husband, who was away in the army. He thought that if her husband came home and had sex with her too, he would think the child was his. He, however, would not go home to his wife when the other soldiers were not able to be with their wives. Then David ordered that the man be sent to the front lines of the battle where he would be sure to be killed. When he was dead, David took Bathsheba as his wife.

David thought no one knew what he had done, but God knew. He sent Nathan, the prophet, to give David a message. Nathan told David a story about a rich man who had many sheep but stole the only lamb a poor man owned so he could feed a hungry traveler. David said, "That man should be killed!"

Nathan answered, "You are the man!" Immediately David knew God had seen his sin. He confessed his sin and asked God's forgiveness. God forgave his sin, but David paid for that sin many times in his own family. His and Bathsheba's child died. His sons rebelled against him and tried to take the throne by force. One of his sons killed another of his sons. David suffered greatly for that sin.



Review

Draw a circle around the picture that shows what Paul says is the temple of the Holy Spirit.



Cross out the phrases that do NOT apply.

To be holy means:

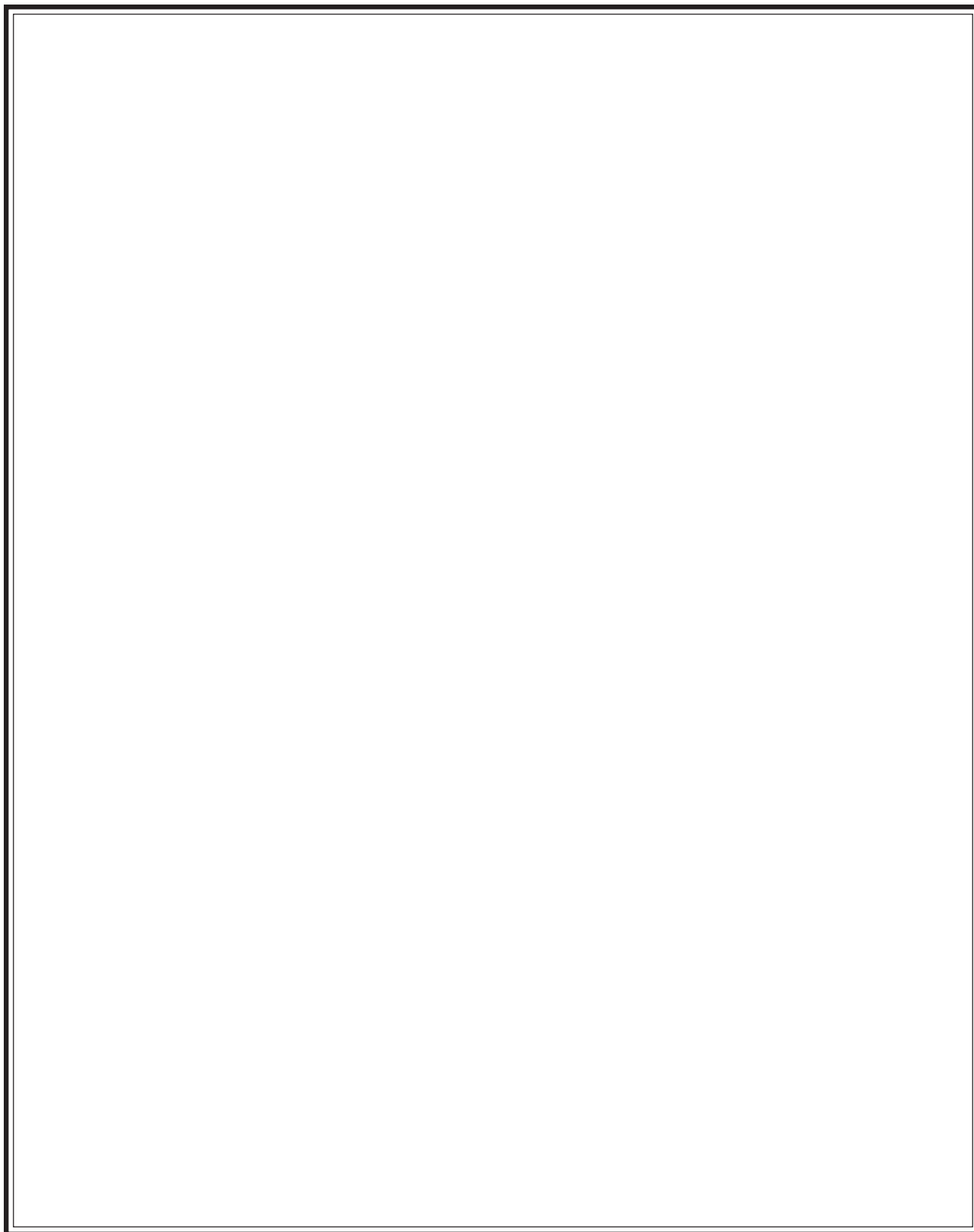
- a. to be dedicated to God's use.
- b. to be different from everyone else.
- c. to be super spiritual.
- d. to be perfect and sinless.
- e. to be separated from sin.

Put these words of the memory verse in the correct order.

Everyone	as	is	just	this
himself	in	has	hope	pure
purifies	who	him	he	

Draw a picture

In this space draw a picture of you saying “no” to a temptation you face in your life.

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In Philippians 4:8 Paul wrote a formula for keeping ourselves pure. Things we are to think about to maintain purity are hidden in this puzzle. The words may be vertical or horizontal or diagonal, backwards or forward. Can you find them all? Here are the words to look for:

true
noble
right
pure

lovely
admirable
excellent
praiseworthy

P	R	A	I	S	E	W	O	R	T	H	Y	A	S	E
A	I	C	A	M	A	B	L	E	E	J	S	E	X	P
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Is It My Fault?

Life is not fair. When sin entered the world, life became difficult. Everyone experiences trouble sometime in his life. Some people face more trouble than others. Sometimes people suffer because of their own sin. Others suffer because of the sins of others.

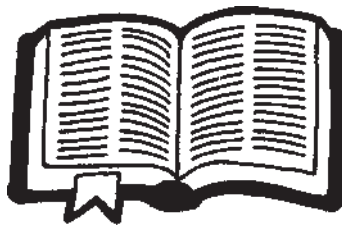
In previous lessons we learned how Joseph was sold into slavery by his own brothers. After David was anointed to become the next king of Israel, he had to go into hiding because King Saul, his own father-in-law, was trying to kill him. The apostle Paul was beaten, stoned, imprisoned, and finally beheaded by the enemies of the gospel. Stephen was stoned to death for preaching the truth. None of these men did anything to deserve such treatment. But God was with them through their trials. And according to Hebrews 11:39, they received a good report because they kept their faith in God in spite of the trials.

When Job had lost his cattle to robbers, his sons and daughters had been killed in a terrible storm, and even his health was gone, his friends tried to tell him it was because he had sinned. God, however, eventually made them all understand that Job was a righteous man. His trials were a test from the devil to try to defeat Job. But Job came through the test with his faith in God still strong. Job declared, "Though he slay me, yet I will hope in Him" (Job 13:15). And God blessed Job in the end of his life even more than He had blessed him in the beginning.

Jesus once healed a man who was blind from birth (John 9:1-12). His disciples asked, "Who sinned that this man was born blind, he or his parents?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but he was born blind so that the works of God could be made known in his life."

Our memory verse says, "A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all" (Psalm 34:19). In John 16:33 Jesus said, "In the world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Afflictions, tribulations, troubles come to all of us. We suffer many things that are not our fault. But we do not have to be afraid. Jesus will be with us in trouble. Sometimes He delivers us from our troubles. Sometimes He doesn't. In any case, He will carry us through if we keep our trust in Him.

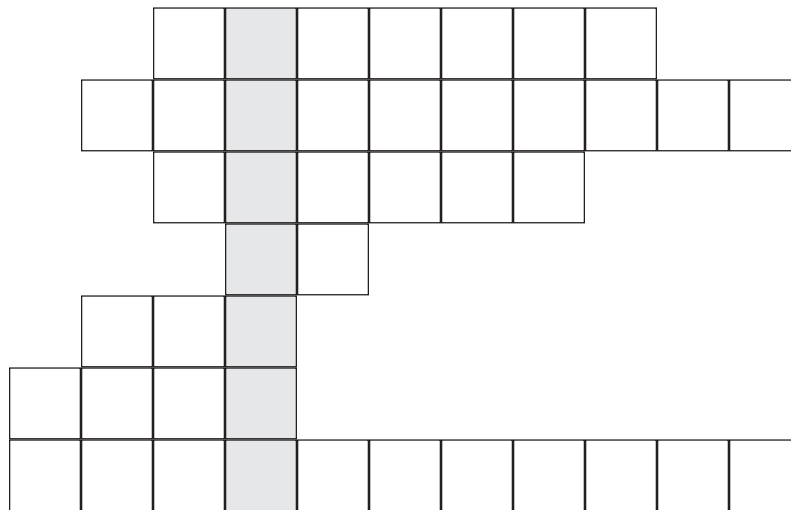


Acrostic

Put these names on the right lines to find something all of them have in common.

Joseph
Christians
Unbelievers

Job
Stephen
Paul
Us



Bible SOS

SOS means “help” in Morse Code. When a person is in trouble, he sends an SOS for help. Use the Morse Code to decipher this message.

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How to have peace

Look up Isaiah 26:3 and write it on these lines, then put it into practice to have peace in your heart in the midst of trouble.

Concordance study

Here are several words the Bible uses for the bad things that happen to us. Look them up in a concordance to find a verse containing each word. Write out the verse on the lines next to the appropriate word.

afflictions: _____

trials: _____

troubles: _____

tribulations: _____

Why Am I Like This?

Jeremiah was just a young man when the Lord spoke to him. “Before you were even born, I set you apart and appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

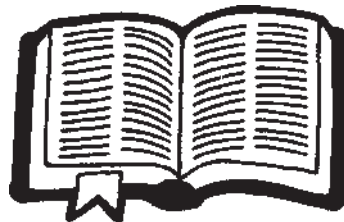
Jeremiah replied, “But Lord, I am only a child, and I don’t know how to speak.”

The Lord said to him, “Don’t say you are only a child. You must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you to say. Don’t be afraid of the people. I am with you and will rescue you.” Then the Lord reached out and touched Jeremiah’s lips with His hand and said, “See, today I appoint you a prophet to the nations and kingdoms on this earth. I will give you words that will uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow, build and plant. Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. Today I have made you like a fortified city with an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you.”

Jeremiah became a great prophet during the time of the destruction of Jerusalem. The people were taken into captivity by their enemies because they did not listen to Jeremiah’s message from the Lord. In fact, when Jeremiah wrote the message of God on a scroll and read it to King Jehoiakim, the king burned the scroll. God gave the message to Jeremiah again so it could be written down again. The Book of Jeremiah contains the second message the Lord gave him. Jehoiakim lost his throne, his family, and all his possessions to the Babylonians because he did not listen to the word of the Lord through Jeremiah.

Although Jeremiah suffered imprisonment by the kings of Judah, he was allowed to remain in Judah when the people of Jerusalem were taken into captivity. He had found God’s special plan for his life, and he was faithful to obey the Lord. The Lord, in turn, proved His faithfulness to Jeremiah.

God has created each one of us with a unique set of characteristics. He designed each of us for a special purpose. If we obey Him and follow His leading in our lives, we too can find God’s plan and purpose for our lives. Then we will truly be happy. We need to learn to thank God for what He has made us to be. As we appreciate our own particular set of traits, we can begin to see God’s purpose in making us as we are. God has a purpose for your life that only you can fulfill. Begin today to seek God’s plan and direction for your life.



True or False

On the space before each sentence write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

- ___ 1. God told Jeremiah He planned for him to be a prophet even before Jeremiah was born.
- ___ 2. Jeremiah said, “I am an old man.”
- ___ 3. God told Jeremiah he would be like a fortified city.
- ___ 4. Jeremiah prophesied during the time of the destruction of Jerusalem
- ___ 5. Jeremiah was put in prison for prophesying the destruction of Jerusalem.
- ___ 6. The king burned the scroll God told Jeremiah to write.
- ___ 7. Jeremiah was taken into captivity by the Babylonians.
- ___ 8. God has a special plan for everyone’s life.
- ___ 9. Before we were born, God knew us.
- ___ 10. One area we can change in our lives is how much we are like Jesus.

Greek code

The first language the Old Testament was translated into was Greek. Use this Greek code to decipher an important message.

A - α	J - φ	S - σ
B - β	K - κ	T - τ
C - χ	L - λ	U - υ
D - δ	M - μ	V - ϐ
E - ε	N - ν	W - ω
F - φ	O - ο	X - ξ
G - γ	P - π	Y - ψ
H - η	Q - θ	Z - ζ
I - ι	R - ρ	

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ψ ο υ ρ ω ο ρ κ σ α ρ ε

ω ο ν δ ε ρ φ υ λ .

139:14
π σ α λ μ

How am I “fearfully and wonderfully made”?

Describe yourself. List some things you do well and some things you do not do well. Underline the things you like about yourself. Draw a circle around the things you would like to change about yourself.

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Write a prayer thanking God for who you are.

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Can I Question God?

Have you ever wanted to ask God a question? Often, when bad things happen in our lives, we want to ask why. Even Jesus, while on the cross, asked God, “Why have you forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)

When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush in the desert, Moses asked God, “Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?” (Exodus 3:11) Moses had been taking care of sheep in that desert for 40 years. Even though he had grown up in the palace, he no longer felt capable of speaking there. God did not get angry at Moses for questioning Him. Instead, God promised to be with him and gave him a promise that he would see the people worshipping on that very mountain, and it came to pass just as God had said.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he asked, “If the Lord is with Israel, why have we fallen under the power of our enemies?” (Judges 6:13-16) God told Gideon that He would use him to deliver Israel out of the hand of their enemies. When Gideon wanted proof, God gave him two miracles to prove that God was with him.

We have already learned about the many troubles of Job. He asked God why all these troubles had come upon him. God never did really answer Job’s questions, but He spoke to Job. Job came to realize that God’s ways were higher than his ways. And God blessed the end of Job’s life even more than his early days.

David asked God many questions. He wanted to know why God seemed so far away when he was facing troubles in his life. He wanted to know how long God would allow his enemies to triumph over him. He even asked God why He had forsaken him. Each time he asked a question, God helped him realize that God was with him in the midst of his troubles, and he would one day see God’s salvation.

The prophet Habakkuk saw all the wickedness in the land and wanted to know how long God would allow it to go on. God showed him that He would use Israel’s enemies to punish her for her sins. That caused Habakkuk to have other questions. Why would God use a wicked, godless nation known for its cruelty to punish Israel? Israel was not as wicked as her enemy nations. God showed him that sin is sin, and He can use the nations to discipline His people. In the end Habakkuk declared he would “rejoice in the Lord” and “in the God of my salvation” (3:18).

Jesus, the Son of God, entertained Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, at night. Although Nicodemus was a teacher of the Scriptures, he had many questions about God. Jesus answered all his questions and showed him the way to salvation. We know he became a follower of Jesus because he provided the spices for embalming Jesus’ body after His crucifixion (John 3:1-6).

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples, but Thomas was not present. When the others told Thomas about Jesus, he said, “Until I see the nail prints in His hands and put my hand in the wound in His side, I will not believe.” Later Jesus appeared to His disciples again. This time Thomas was there. “Put your finger in the nail print in my hand and in my side and believe.” Immediately, Thomas answered, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen, you have believed. Blessed are those that have not seen, and yet have believed” (John 20:19-29).

God is willing to answer the questions we ask honestly out of a desire to know Him and to understand spiritual things. There are three words we use to describe God: *omnipresent*—present everywhere at all times (Psalm 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23,24); *omniscient*—all-knowing (Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 40:13,14); and *omnipotent*—all-powerful (Romans 4:16-24). Because He has all knowledge, He has the answer for every question we will ever ask. Because He is omnipresent, He is always with us no matter where we go. Because He is all-powerful, He can do more than we can even ask or think.

Matching

Match each word to the correct definition by drawing a line from the word to its definition.

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| 1. Omniscience | a. All-powerful |
| | b. All-knowing |
| 2. Omnipresence | c. The right of a higher power to make choices |
| 3. Omnipotence | d. Present everywhere at all times |
| 4. Sovereignty | |

List some things God knows that we don't know.

List some things God can do that we can't.

List the places where God can be found.

Decipher the coded message



55:9

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Did God answer?

Look up each passage. Write the name of the person and the question(s) he asked God. Did God answer the question(s)?

Exodus 3:11-14 _____

Judges 6:13-16 _____

Job 23:1-7 _____

Psalms 10:1; 13:1-6; 22:1 _____

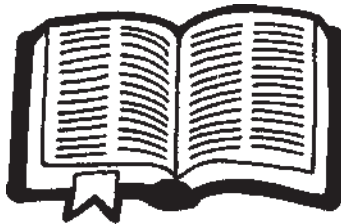
Habakkuk 1:1-11 _____

John 3:1-6 _____

John 20: 24-29 _____

Memory Verse List 4-3

1. Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
2. Romans 12:21 “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
3. John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”
4. Genesis 2:24 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”
5. Ephesians 4:25 “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”
6. Proverbs 11:28 “Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”
7. 1 John 3:3 “Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”
8. Psalm 34:19 “A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all.”
9. Psalm 139:14 “I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.”
10. Isaiah 55:9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”



Exam

I. Write the letter of the phrase in the right column on the line beside the word in the left column it matches.

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| _____ 1. The second death | a. Breaking God's laws |
| _____ 2. The blessed hope | b. Asking forgiveness for sin |
| _____ 3. Sin | c. Dwelling place for God |
| _____ 4. Spiritual death | d. The lake of fire |
| _____ 5. Heaping coals of fire on someone's head | e. Bearing false witness |
| _____ 6. Prayer | f. A prophet during the destruction of Jerusalem |
| _____ 7. Amen | g. Separation from God |
| _____ 8. Confession | h. All-knowing |
| _____ 9. Worship | i. The rapture of the Church |
| _____ 10. Divorce | j. The temple of the Holy Spirit |
| _____ 11. Lying | k. Conversation with God |
| _____ 12. Our bodies | l. Praising God for who He is |
| _____ 13. Temple | m. A man who experienced much suffering |
| _____ 14. Omnipotence | n. Overcoming evil with good |
| _____ 15. Omnipresence | o. All-powerful |
| _____ 16. Omniscience | p. So be it or I agree with you |
| _____ 17. Sovereignty | q. Is not part of God's plan for marriage |
| _____ 18. Jeremiah | r. Separation from sin and dedication to God |
| _____ 19. Job | s. Present everywhere at all times |
| _____ 20. Holy | t. Right of a higher power to make choices for us |


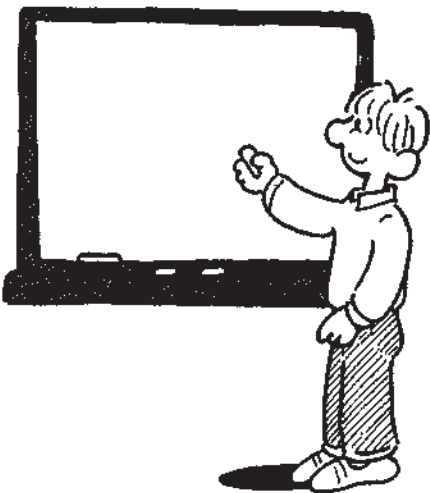
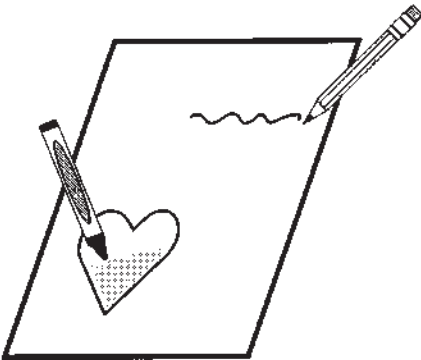


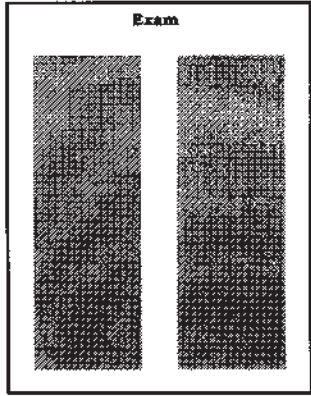
II. Write "T" on the line in front of each sentence that is true and "F" if it is false.

- _____ 1. Life isn't fair.
- _____ 2. Only the poor can go to heaven.
- _____ 3. When you lie to man, you are also lying to God.
- _____ 4. God's plan for marriage is for a husband and wife to stay together until death separates them.
- _____ 5. Bad things that happen to us are always our own fault.
- _____ 6. God does not listen to us if we ask Him questions.
- _____ 7. God has a special plan for each person's life.
- _____ 8. God answers prayer three ways: "Yes," "No," or "Wait."

Student Comments

• Please evaluate this course by coloring in one face for each item.

The three faces mean: 😊 Good 😐 OK ☹️ Bad

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