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# A LITTLE ABOUT YOU



MY NAME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

MY BIRTHDAY IS: (CIRCLE THE CORRECT MONTH & DAY)

January	February	March	April	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
May	June	July	August	September	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
October	November	December			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
First time at camp?  YES  NO



My favorite thing to do is: \_\_\_\_\_  
What country would you like most to visit? \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite song is: \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite band is: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play an instrument?  YES  NO **What?** \_\_\_\_\_

What do you want to be when you grow up? \_\_\_\_\_

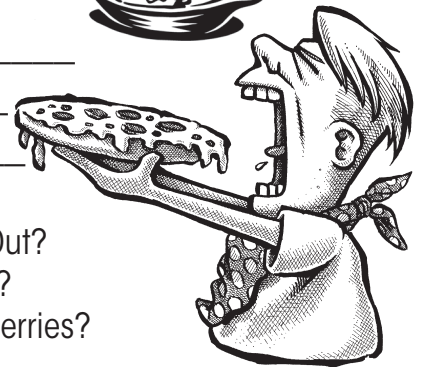
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(HOT FUDGE **or** CHOC. SYRUP)



Favorite animal? \_\_\_\_\_

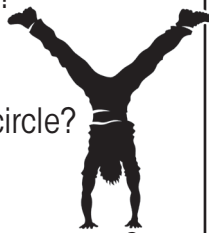
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Favorite food? \_\_\_\_\_

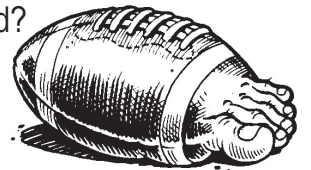


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- YES  NO

- Do the splits?
- Write with both hands?
- Whistle?
- Blow a bubble?
- Roll your tongue in a circle?
- Cross your eyes?
- Do a handstand?
- Touch your tongue to your nose?
- Read upside down?
- Hold your breath for 1 minute?
- Walk with your toes curled?
- Speak more than 1 language?



- Pepsi **or** Coke?
- McDonalds **or** In-N-Out?
- Chocolate **or** Vanilla?
- Strawberries **or** Raspberries?
- Chicken **or** Steak?
- Chinese Food **or** Mexican Food?
- Cheerios **or** Corn Flakes?
- Cake **or** Pie?
- The Mountains **or** The Beach?
- Basketball **or** Baseball **or** Football?
- Nintendo Wii **or** Xbox 360 **or** PS3?
- Dog **or** Cat?
- Summer **or** Winter?



I came to camp because \_\_\_\_\_

I AM A CHRISTIAN  YES  NO  I DON'T KNOW

I READ THE BIBLE  NEVER  OCCASIONALLY  OFTEN  EVERYDAY

I PRAY TO GOD  NEVER  OCCASIONALLY  OFTEN  EVERYDAY

I GO TO CHURCH  NEVER  OCCASIONALLY  OFTEN  EVERY WEEK

When God asks me why He should let me into heaven, I will say: \_\_\_\_\_





# MY SUMMER CAMP INFO PAGE

I am in FAMILY # \_\_\_\_\_

My counselor at camp is \_\_\_\_\_

The names of the campers in my family are:

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 8) _____ |



My favorite camp activity was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite memory at camp was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite camp meal was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite chapel event was \_\_\_\_\_

My favorite song we sang at camp was \_\_\_\_\_

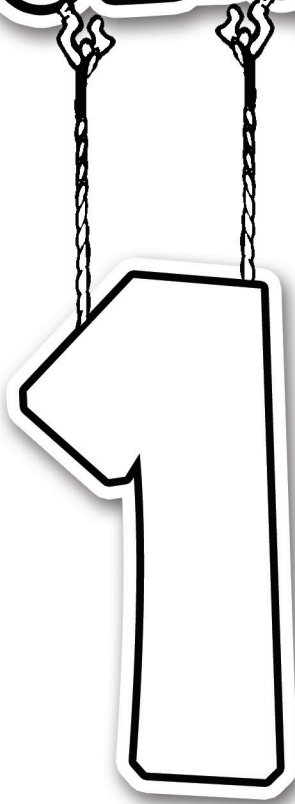
The coolest thing that happened at camp was \_\_\_\_\_

What is something I've learned about God? \_\_\_\_\_

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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number One**

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# Welcome to SUMMER CAMP



Do you know that the **United States Treasury Department** has a special group of people whose job is to track down **COUNTERFEITERS**? So these people REALLY need to know a **COUNTERFEIT** bill when they see it!

Do you know how they learn which bills are fake?

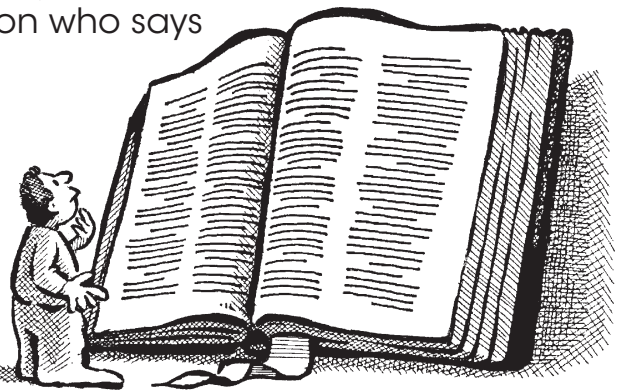
- Do they spend time looking at fake bills?  YES  NO  
 Do they spend time looking at real bills?  YES  NO  
 Do they spend time making real bills?  YES  NO



The truth is they spend their time looking at and holding the real bills so when they come to a **COUNTERFEIT** bill, they know right away it isn't real.

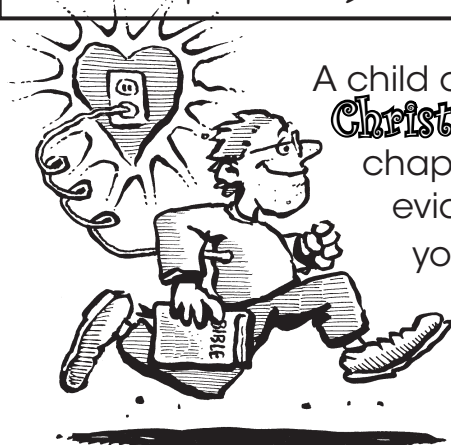
This week we are going to spend some time seeing what **1 JOHN 3** has to say about a **COUNTERFEIT** person; a person who says that he is a **Christian** but really isn't, and what the Bible says is a true, a REAL **Christian**.

We are warned in **1 JOHN** that in the world today there are **COUNTERFEIT Christians**!



LET'S READ... **1 JOHN 3:10 TOGETHER**

"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother."



A child of **God** practices righteousness and loves other **Christians** no matter what! If you have read the first **2** chapters in the book of **1 JOHN**, you know that the evidence of being a **Christian** is revealed in your fellowship with **God** and that the fruit of that fellowship is shown in the practicing of righteousness and in your love for others.





### LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 3:6,9 TOGETHER

"Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

In verse 6 it says "whoever abides in Christ does not sin", and in verse 9 we are told "whoever has been born of God does not sin".



### LET'S READ... 1 JOHN 1:8,10 TOGETHER

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

In verse 8 we see that "we do sin", and in verse 10 we are told "If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and His word is not in us."

In the original language...  
The word "sin"  
here means "to live in sin."

HOW CAN  
BOTH THESE  
STATEMENTS  
BE TRUE?



So what 1 JOHN 3:6 says is,

"No one who abides in God lives in sin... No one who lives in sin has seen God, or even knows God."

So what 1 JOHN 3:9 says is,

"No one who is born of God lives in sin... he cannot live in sin because he is born of God."

### SO THE PERSON WHO LIVES IN CHRIST DOES NOT GO ON SINNING.



1 JOHN 3:8-9 explains that there will be times in our lives that we will sin, but if we confess and repent from the sin, God will forgive us.



So to live in sin is to sin as a way of life. It does not refer to committing an occasional sin. It is clear that no Christian is sinless (1 JOHN 1:8-10), But God wants a true believer to sin less and not to sin habitually.

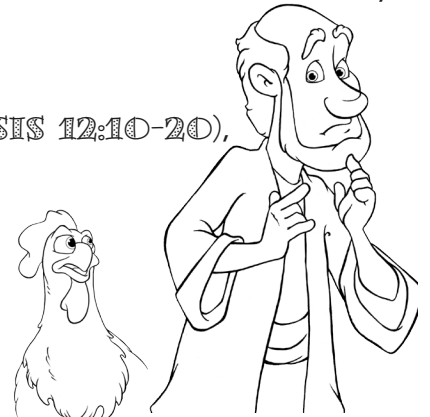
We read about people in the Bible who at one time or another sinned.

Such as when...

ABRAHAM LIED ABOUT HIS WIFE (GENESIS 12:10-20),

MOSES LOST HIS TEMPER AND DISOBEYED GOD (NUMBERS 20:7-13),

AND  
PETER'S 3 DENIALS OF THE LORD (MATTHEW 26:69-75).





He may sin sometimes, but he will not practice sin, making it a way of life.

But they didn't live in sin as a way of life. You could say that those were incidents which took place in their lives, but they were totally contrary to their normal way of living.

**And** when they sinned, they admitted their sin and asked **GOD** to forgive them!

### AN UNSAVED PERSON-

(Even if he professes to be a **Christian**, but is **COUNTERFEIT**), lives a life of habitual sin - sin is the normal way of life for him.

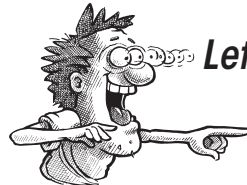
### A TRUE BELIEVER-

**Does not live** in habitual sin. He may commit sin - sinning sometimes, but he will not practice sin - making it a way of life.



The difference is that a true **Christian** knows **GOD**. A **COUNTERFEIT Christian** may talk about God and go to church, but he doesn't really know **GOD**.

A person who has been "**BORN OF GOD**" through faith in Christ knows **GOD** and because he knows **GOD**, he lives a life of obedience - he does not live in sin.



Let's take a look at **BIBLE STUDY**

## Number One



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 2:29-3:3**

"If (since) you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_ of Him. Behold what manner of \_\_\_\_\_ the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF HEBREWS 1:8-9**

"But to the Son He says: 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of \_\_\_\_\_ is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved \_\_\_\_\_ and hated \_\_\_\_\_; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.'"

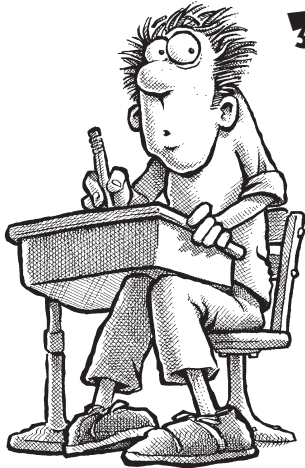


In **1 JOHN 2:29** we are told...

Whoever practices righteousness is a true **Christian**.

List **3** things that you could do to practice righteousness this week:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



Now, think about those 3 things and ask yourself the question, "Do I practice these things at home or school?"

John relates doing righteousness to being born of **God**.

Do you know that a person demonstrates who they are by what they do?



WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE DO???	
A FIREMAN	PROTECTS
A TEACHER	WRITES BOOKS
A POLICEMAN	TEACHES
	FIGHTS FIRES
	PLAYS SPORTS
	SINGS OPERA

We demonstrate who we are by what we do! Many people talk the right talk, but don't walk the right walk. (They are **COUNTERFEITS** - not the real thing)



**JAMES 1:21-25 SAYS**

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

The Bible tells us that we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the word. We are to practice what **God** says! The Bible says that if we don't do (practice) the word, we are deceived!

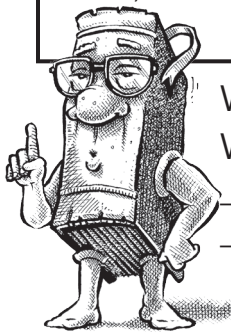
What does it mean to be deceived? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happens to someone that has been deceived? \_\_\_\_\_

# We are told of people in the Bible who are deceived.



**MATTHEW 7:13-23 SAYS**

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"



Who goes to heaven? A counterfeiter will say: "Everyone goes to heaven!" What does **GOO** say?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**1 JOHN 3:1 SAYS**

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."



**This next part is really**



**EXCITING!!!**

**1 JOHN 3:1**

**tells us of **GOO'S** love for us.**

**GOO K UP & READ 1 JOHN 3:2-3. WHAT HOPE IS BEING TALKED ABOUT?**



**GOO K UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF ROMANS 5:8**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us."

**DO YOU GET IT?!**

**GOO SENT HIS SON TO TAKE THE PENALTY FOR YOUR SINS**



**THOSE THINGS THAT SEPARATE YOU FROM GOO**



**AND GOO DID THIS EVEN BEFORE YOU EVEN CARED ABOUT HIM.**

When you were doing bad things, when you didn't care about being good, when you were at your worst - **GOO loved you then!**



# ACTIVITY PAGE

# 1

IN THE **WORDSEARCH**, FIND THE **BIBLE VERSE** THAT IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

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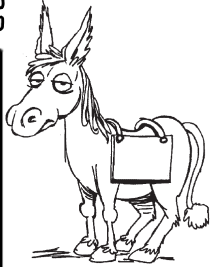
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

REVELATION 3:20



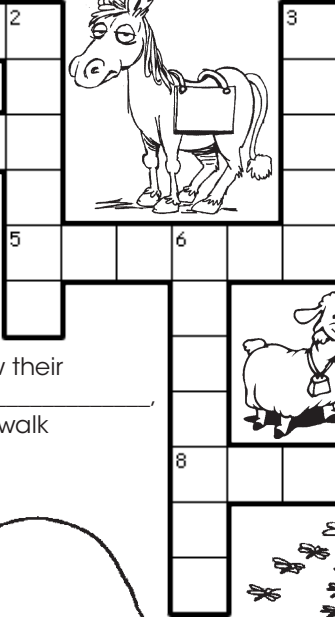
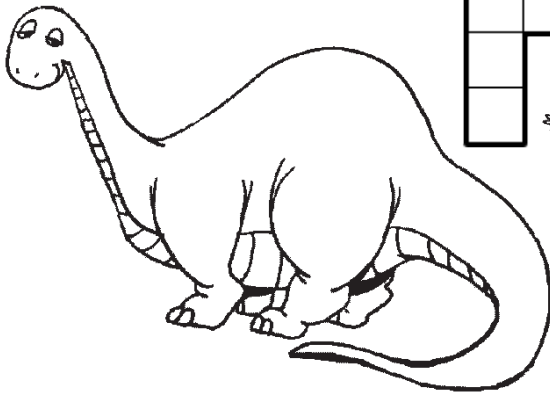
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## CRITTERS OF THE BIBLE



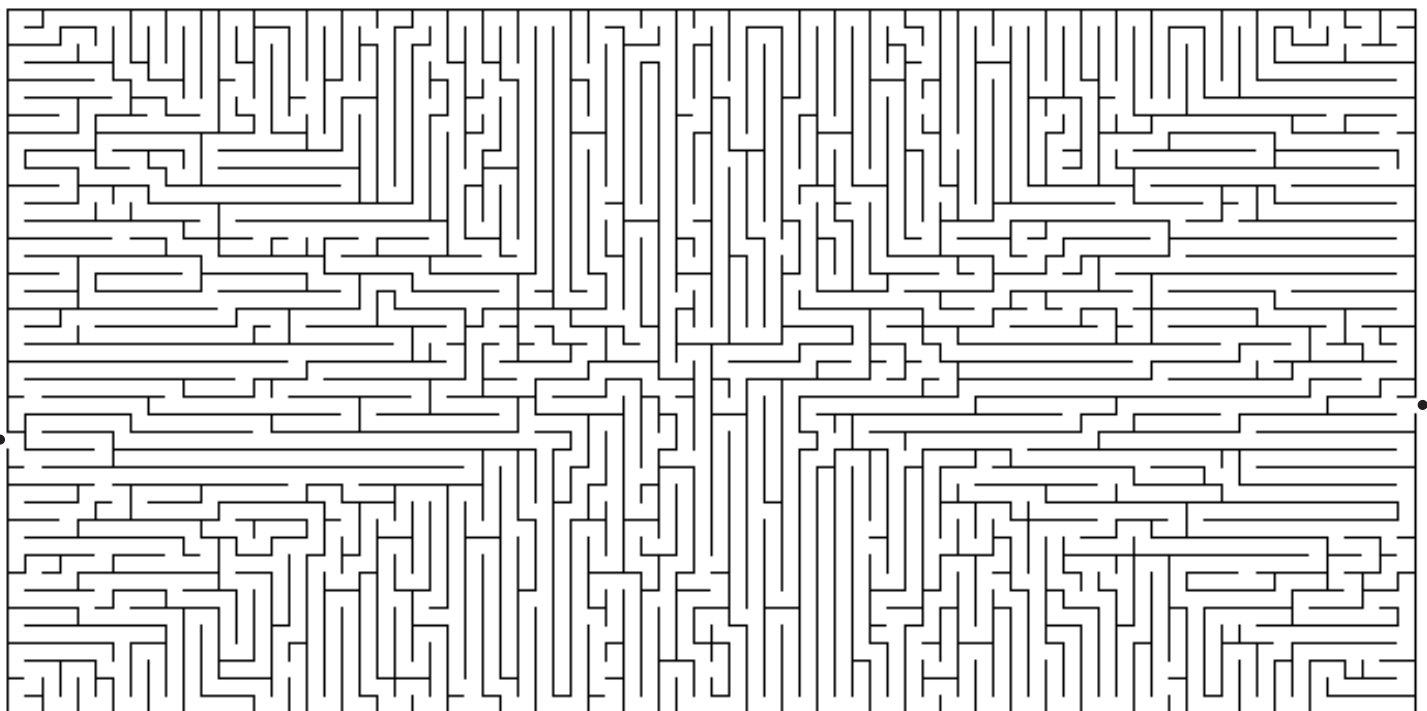
### ACROSS

- 1. I laid down my life for all mankind. (John 1:29)
- 4. I am the fiercest creature that God created. (Job 41)
- 5. "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount on wings like \_\_\_\_\_ they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)
- 8. Samson found us in the carcass of a lion he had slain. (Judges 14)



### DOWN

- 2. Jesus rode me into Jerusalem (Matthew 21)
- 3. Aaron stretched forth his hand over all the waters of Egypt and these came forth. (Exodus 8)
- 6. John the Baptist ate these along with honey. (Matthew 3)
- 7. I have a tail like a cedar tree, my bones are like bronze, and my ribs like bars of iron. (Job 40)






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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number Two**

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# LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 3:4-7

"Whoever commits \_\_\_\_\_ also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one \_\_\_\_\_ you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous."

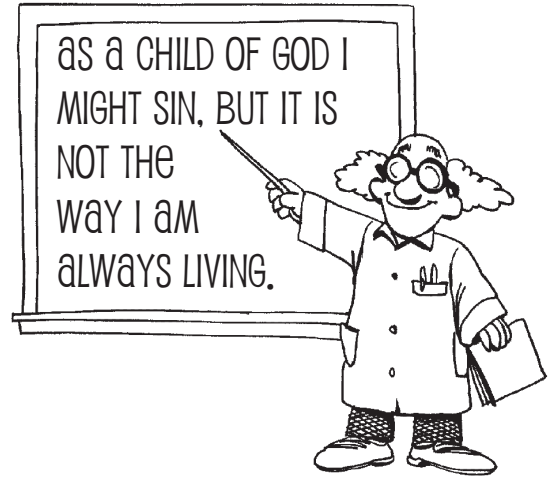
What kind of attitude do we have when we continually commit sin?



- We are willing to do God's will and not our own
- We want to do our own will  
*(We want to do what we want to do)*

If you are a Christian, what place should Jesus Christ have in your life?

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- I don't know



Is there someone or something more important to you than Jesus Christ?  
Think about it and read **MATTHEW 16:24-25**



"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.'"

Which way are you going?

**GOD'S WAY**  
**or**  
**YOUR WAY?**



**Sin is rebellion against God and if you live in sin, you are constantly in rebellion against God!**

## 1 JOHN 3:4 SAYS

"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."

List some ways people might live their lives in rebellion to God:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

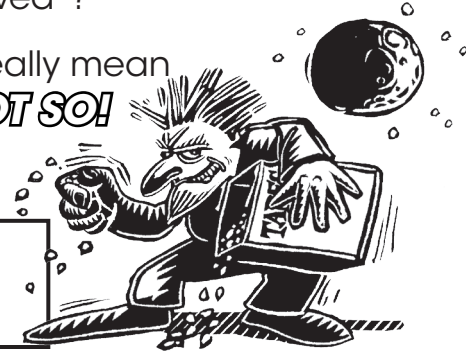




Today, so many people have been deceived! They think that God will overlook the things they are doing.

What does it mean to be "deceived"?

They think that God doesn't really mean what He says. **THIS IS NOT SO!**



**GALATIANS 6:7 SAYS**



"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF EPHESIANS 5:6-8**

"Let no one \_\_\_\_\_ you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of \_\_\_\_\_."



**But here is some GOOD NEWS!!!**

**1 JOHN 3:5 SAYS**



"And you know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him there is no sin."

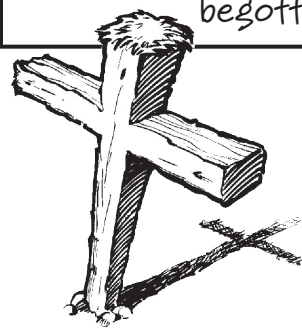
**Why did Jesus come to earth?**

"to \_\_\_\_\_ sins!"



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 4:9**

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His \_\_\_\_\_ begotten \_\_\_\_\_ into the world, that we might live through Him."



**God loves you so much!** Have you received the love He is offering to you? Are you living in a way that is in rebellion against God? Think about it!

Now what did we say was the difference between **living** in sin and sinning on occasion?

Let's not forget what we read in **1 JOHN 1:8,10**

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."





There will be times that I sin, but I won't be **BEVING** in sin if I am a child of **GOD**.

You cannot abide in Christ and be **BEVING** in sin!

**1 JOHN 3:6 SAYS**



"Whoever abides in Him does not sin.  
Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him."

So, if you are constantly doing something **GOD** says not to do, you cannot be abiding in Him!



If you are **BEVING** in sin, you cannot be abiding in Christ.  
If you are abiding in Christ, you cannot be **BEVING** in sin.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF ROMANS 12:1-2**

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a \_\_\_\_\_, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of \_\_\_\_\_."



**THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS...**

- What are you using your life for?
- Are you presenting yourself to God?
- Are you abiding in Christ?



*Many people think their good works will get them to heaven.*

They think that if they go to church, or go to Sunday School, or just because they live in America or because their parents are Christians, that makes them Christians...

**NOT SO!**

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF MATTHEW 7:21-23**

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who \_\_\_\_\_ lawlessness!'"



**WHO ENTERS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?** \_\_\_\_\_



**There are TWO kinds of people...**

There are those who are **DOERS**.  
Those that are in harmony with God's purposes,  
saying, "Thy will be done."

**AND**

There are those that are **HEARERS ONLY**.  
Those that are living for themselves,  
saying, "My will be done."



Which person are you?

This is a great time to pray and ask **GOD** to enable you to be a **DOER** of His Word!

But, you can't be a **DOER** of the Word unless you have accepted **GOD'S** forgiveness for your sins and have been "**BORN AGAIN**" (**adopted** into **GOD'S** family).

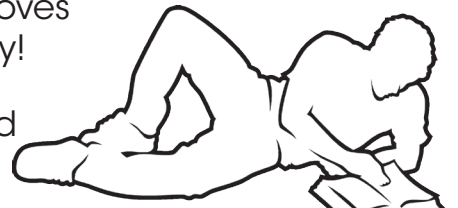
**GOD** loves you so much, He wants you to be in the family of **GOD**!

**THINK ABOUT IT!**

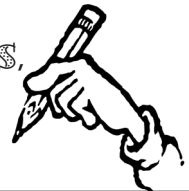
The eternal **GOD**, the Creator of the universe in which we live, wants to **adopt** us into His family. You have a Father in heaven who loves you supremely!



- **GOD** just wants to spend time with you and to
- enjoy your company.



**PAUL**, who wrote the book of **ROMANS**, understood this.



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF ROMANS 8:15-17**

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."



Do you understand this?  
Do you really understand what this means?

**GOD WANTS YOU FOR A SON OR A DAUGHTER. HE WANTS TO RECEIVE YOU AND ME INTO HIS FAMILY!**



*So how does that happen?  
How can you be adopted?*



# HOW CAN I BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY?

**LOOK** up and talk about these Scriptures.

**1.**

## **GOD LOVES YOU, AND HE SENT JESUS CHRIST TO SHOW YOU HIS LOVE!**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

**2.**

## **ALL HAVE SINNED!**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
Romans 3:23

**3.**

## **CHRIST DIED FOR US!**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

**4.**

## **SIN CAUSES (SPIRITUAL) DEATH!**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

**5.**

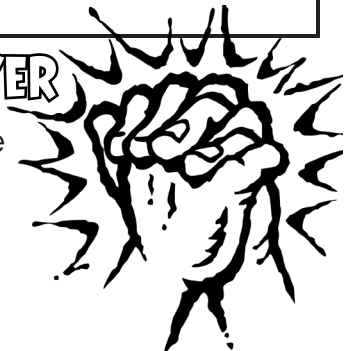
## **CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH!**

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."  
Romans 10:9

## **DEAR GOD,**

I know that I am a sinner. I've made wrong choices and have done bad things. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. I know that Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins and I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I want Jesus to be my Lord. Thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Now, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so I'll have all the strength I need to obey You. **AMEN**

**PRAYER**

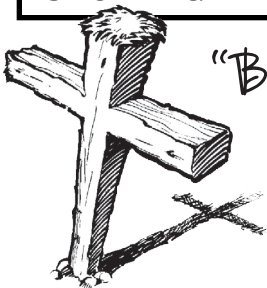
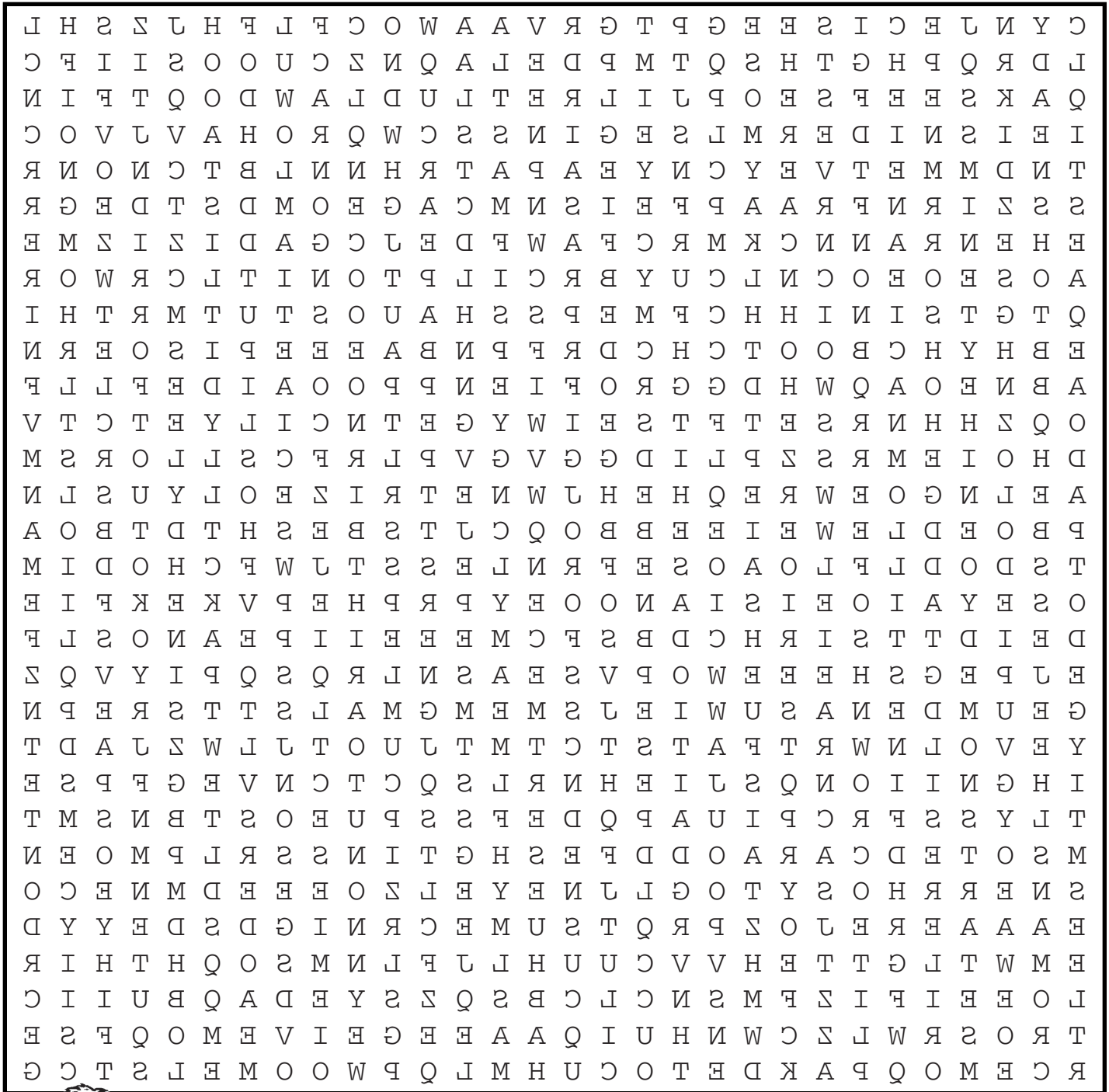




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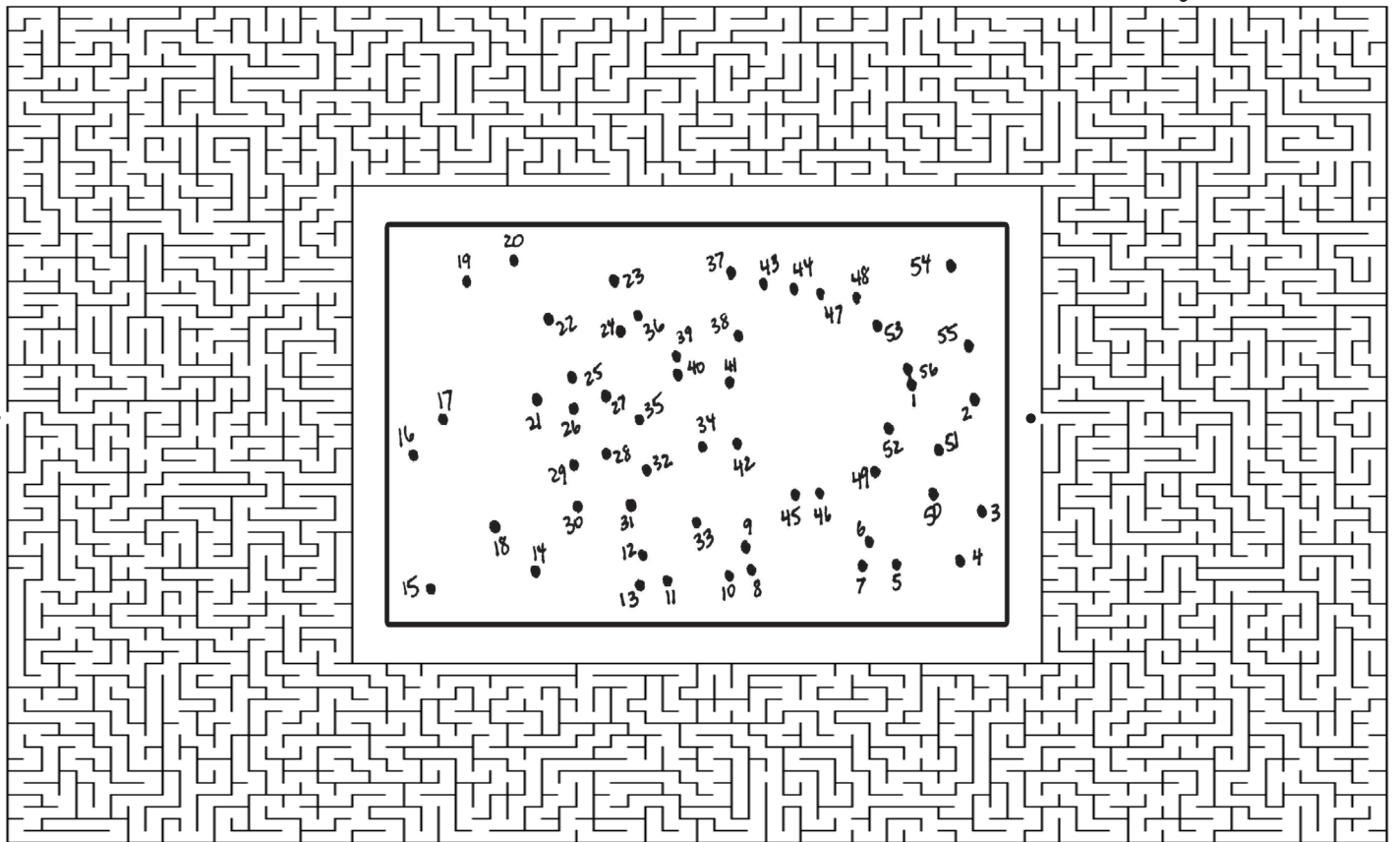
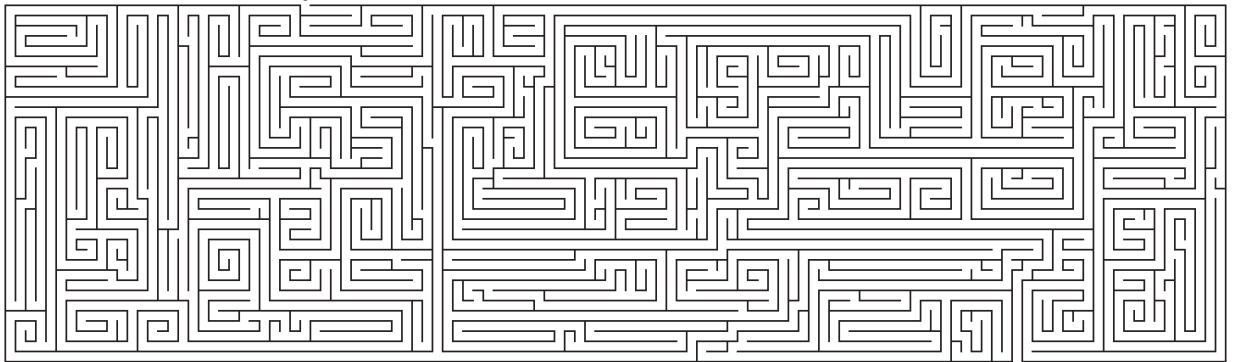
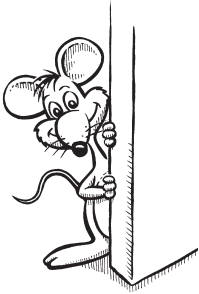


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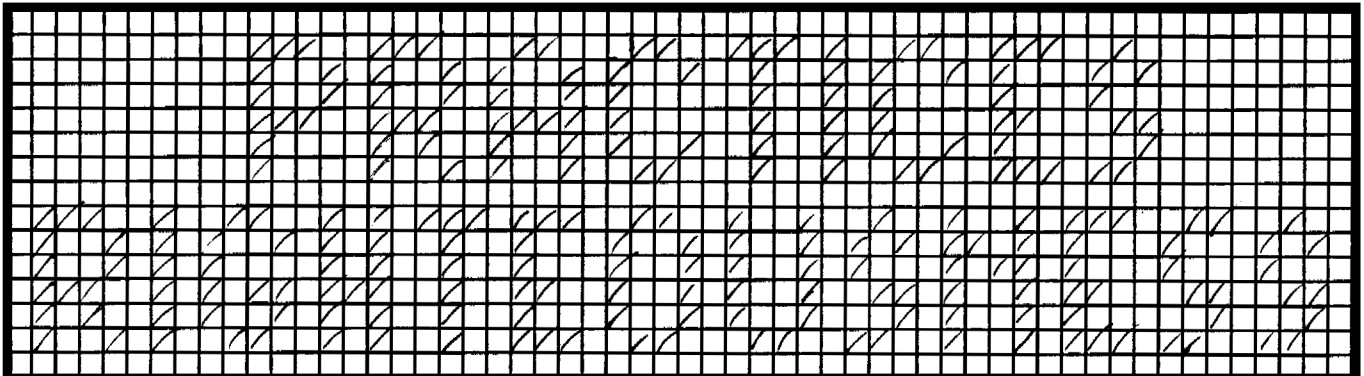
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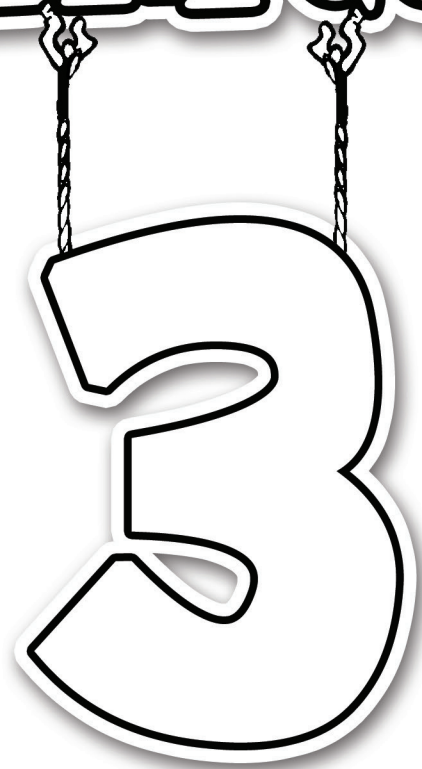


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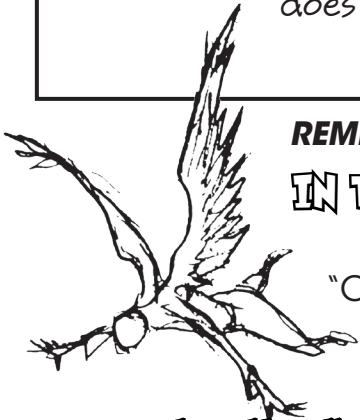
**Number Three**





**LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS** OF 1 JOHN 3:8-9

"He who \_\_\_\_\_ is of the devil, for the devil has \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning. For this \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been \_\_\_\_\_ of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been \_\_\_\_\_ of God."



**REMEMBER**, if we're **ABDING** in Christ we won't be practicing sinning.

**IN THE ABOVE VERSE WE READ THAT THERE IS A DEVIL.**

Often people will say,

"Oh, you don't really think there is a **DEVIL** do you? That is just something someone has made up. It's not really true!"



But we read here in the Bible that there is a **DEVIL**.

The Bible calls him by different names:

Satan, Adversary, Thief, Enemy, Lucifer, Accuser, Destroyer, & The Prince of this World.

**2 CORINTHIANS 11:14 STAYS**

"And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light."



Whatever **name** you call him, keep in mind what his true purposes are.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS** OF JOHN 10:10

"The thief does not come except to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."



List **3** things that the thief has come to do:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**SATAN'S** chief activity is to oppose Christ and **God's** people.

**LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS** OF 1 JOHN 4:4 & 2 THESSALONIANS 3:3



"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is \_\_\_\_\_ than he who is in the world."

"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and \_\_\_\_\_ you from the evil one."

**God** is eternal, **Satan** is not, for the enemy is a created being.

It's important to understand that **Satan** is not like **God**. His present nature is the result of his past rebellion.

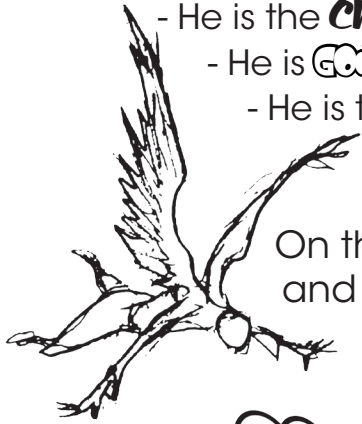
**God** is eternal, ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-KNOWING, EVERYWHERE PRESENT (omnipresent).

- **Jesus** was an obedient Son and humbled Himself (**PHILIPPIANS 2:8**).

- He is the **Christ** (**JOHN 10:22-38**).

- He is **God** (**JOHN 1:1-2, 14**).

- He is truth (**JOHN 14:6**).



On the other hand, the **DEVIL** is a rebel. He is a created and fallen angel. He is full of pride (**ISAIAH 14:12-16**).

**Question:** Do you know when the 1st sin happened?

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF ISAIAH 14:12-14**



"How you are fallen from heaven, O \_\_\_\_\_, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the \_\_\_\_\_.'"



**Understand this:**

If a person knows **God**, he will obey **God**.  
If a person belongs to the **DEVIL**, he will obey the **DEVIL**.

**MATTHEW 12:30 & ROMANS 6:16 SAY**

"He who is not with Me is against Me,  
and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."



"Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey,  
you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death,  
or of obedience leading to righteousness?"

One of the reasons the book of **1 JOHN** was written was that back in the days of **Jesus**, people were trying to deceive others into believing that a Christian could be living in sin and be saved. *This was NOT true*



**1 JOHN 3:9 SAYS**

"Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."



WHAT DOES IT MEAN, "**BORN OF GOD**"?

**LOOK UP & READ JOHN 3:1-21**



We all have experienced a natural birth  
- The birth of the flesh. We must also have a spiritual birth!

When Adam sinned back in the beginning, it was his spirit that died.

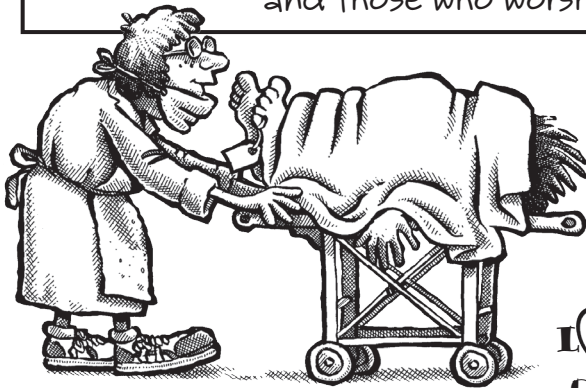


It is in the realm of the Spirit that man makes contact with **GOD**.

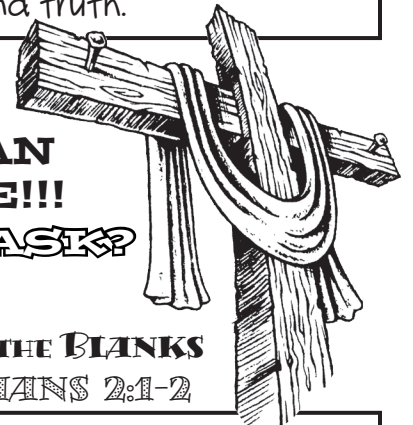


**JOHN 4:23-24 SAYS**

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."



**OUR SPIRIT CAN BE MADE ALIVE!!!  
HOW, YOU MAY ASK?**



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 PETER 3:18 & EPHESIANS 2:1-2**

"For Christ also suffered once for \_\_\_\_\_, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit."

"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and \_\_\_\_\_, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the \_\_\_\_\_ who now works in the sons of disobedience."



**Jesus Christ** suffered once for sins so that our spirit can be made alive!  
So how can a person be **BORN AGAIN?**



**HOW CAN I BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY?**



**You can refer back to page 19 for additional questions.**

JOHN 1:12-13 SAYS



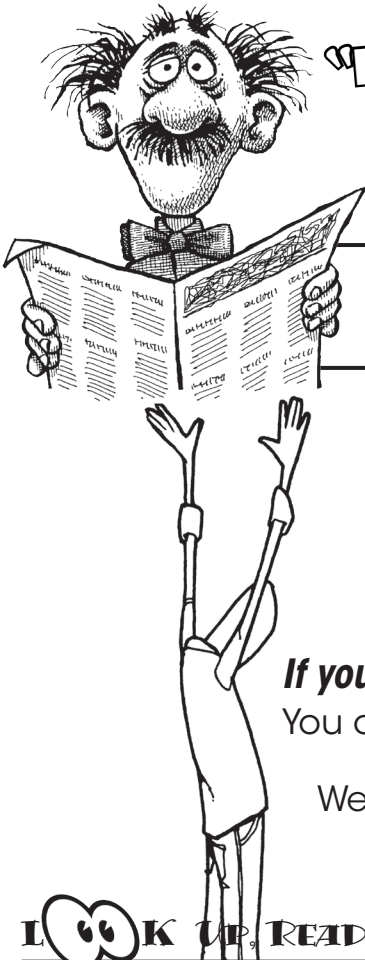
"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

**By far** the most important question that you will ever be asked is,

**"HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?"**



**Do you have a personal relationship with God?**



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF 1 PETER 1:23**

"Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of \_\_\_\_\_ which lives and abides forever."



So what's the proof that a person has been **BORN AGAIN?**

**1 JOHN 3:9** tells us that the proof is that we are no longer leading a life of living in sin!

**If you want to....**

You can be **BORN AGAIN** right now!

We are told how we can have victory over sin, how we can keep from living in sin.



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF PSALM 119:9-11**

"How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, That I might not \_\_\_\_\_ against You."



What does it mean, "To hide in my heart"?

Maybe, if you are having a problem with a sin in your life, you are overlooking what **PSALM 119:9** tells us we need to be doing.



So what happens when **GOD'S WORD** is hidden in my heart?

**PSALM 40:8 SAYS**

"I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."



In order for you to keep from living in sin, it's important to **PRAY, READ, LISTEN & RESPOND** to **GOD'S WORD!**



In other words, **HAVE FELLOWSHIP** WITH THE **LORD** EVERY DAY! *So, how do we do that?*

Every day we should talk things over with the Lord who loves us so much. In **MATTHEW 6:13**, Jesus tells us something very important... to pray so that we would go God's way, not Satan's way. (**Read aloud MATTHEW 6:13**)

**2 PETER 2:9** tells us,  
"The Lord knows how to deliver  
the godly out of temptation."

Spend time praying to God; He will help  
you so you won't keep doing the same  
sins over and over again!



We know what reading the **Bible** means. It's important for us to read **GOD'S** Word, the **Bible**. It's also important for us to listen to the **Bible** being taught. But, what about responding to **GOD'S** Word?

### HOW DO WE DO THAT??!

What does it mean to respond? Respond means to "*send back*."

So how DO we respond to what **GOD** says in His Word? Its like talking to a friend. They say something and then you say something back to them in response to what they said. So, when you read the **Bible**, **GOD** is telling you something He wants you to know and you can respond back to Him in prayer.

**LOOK UP, & FILL IN THE BLANKS, THEN READ OUT LOUD PROVERBS 3:5-6**

"Trust in the **LORD** with all your \_\_\_\_\_, And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall \_\_\_\_\_ your paths."



You might respond,

"Lord, help me to trust and depend on you more and not to think I have all the answers. Help me to talk to you about everything in my life. Thank you that you will show me the right ways to go and the right things to do."



That's responding to **GOD** and what He said in His Word, the **Bible**.

You can respond back to **GOD** in prayer every time you read the **Bible**. That way you and **GOD** are having a **TWO-WAY** conversation! Don't forget! **GOD** WANTS to have fellowship with you!

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 SAYS**

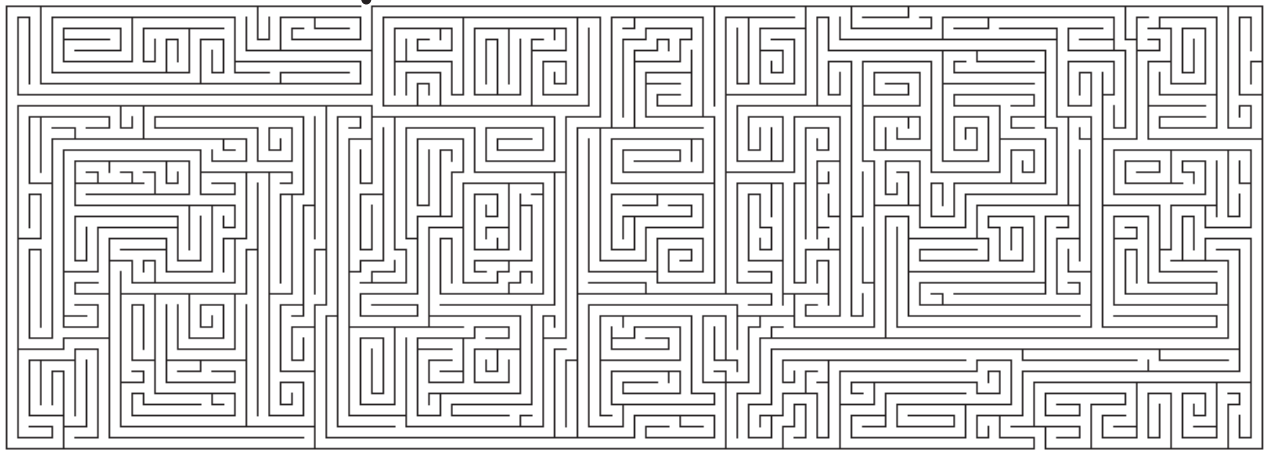
"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."





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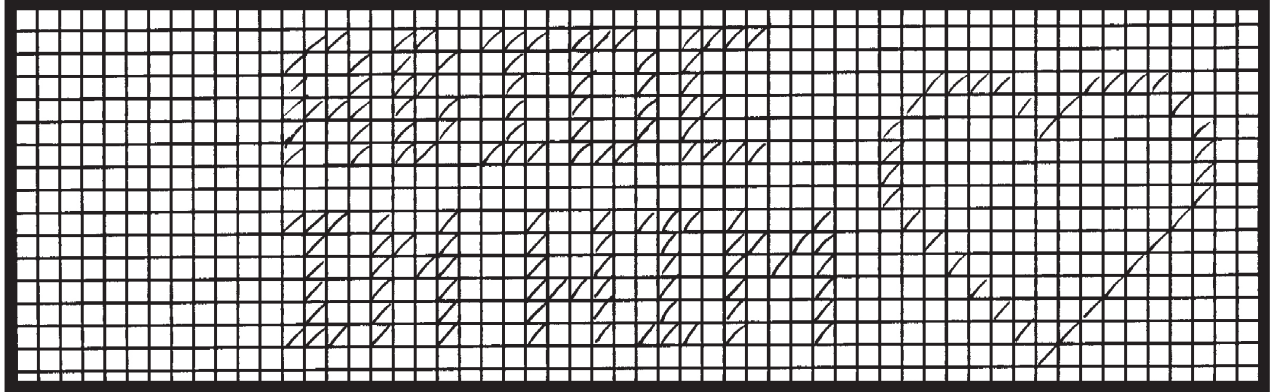






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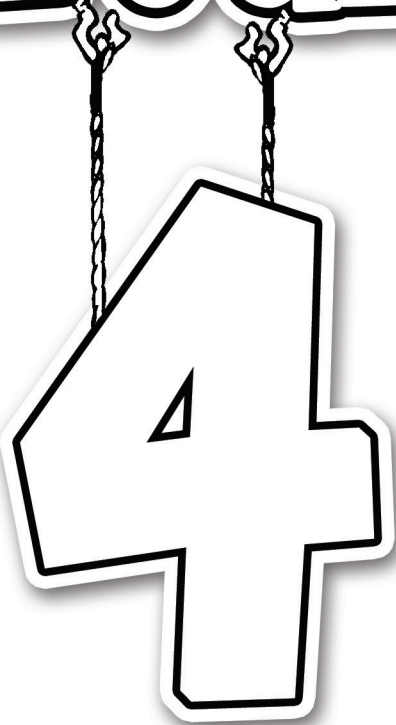




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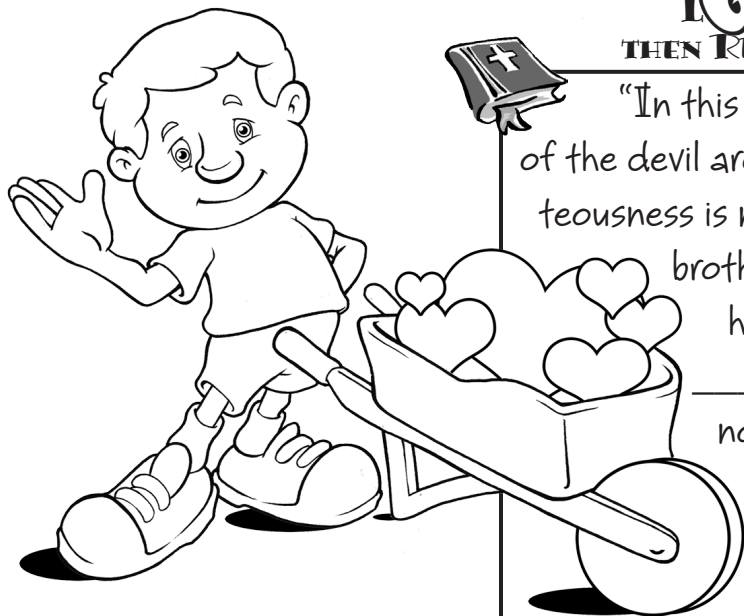
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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number Four**





**LOOK UP, & FILL IN THE BLANKS,  
THEN READ OUT LOUD 1 JOHN 3:10-13**



"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that you heard from the beginning, that we should \_\_\_\_\_, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you."

We have talked about one of the proofs of being a **Christian**: a **Christian** does not live in sin - a **Christian** does not practice sin.



A **Christian** is someone that **God** the Father has adopted into His family - the family of **God**.

Therefore, those who have been adopted into **God's** family, will take on the characteristics of a child of **God**.

**LET'S LOOK UP AGAIN & READ 1 JOHN 3:10-11 WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?**

"...that we should \_\_\_\_\_." (VERSE 11)

What did **Jesus** have to say about **love**?

**LOOK UP & READ MATTHEW 22:34-40**

"But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."



**WHAT'S THE MESSAGE?**

"...You shall \_\_\_\_\_." (VERSE 39)



*We also read about a lawyer who had a question for Jesus*



**So who is your neighbor?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is your neighbor someone who is kind to you?

YES  NO

Is your neighbor someone who is mean to you?

YES  NO

Can your neighbor be both those who are kind and those who are mean to you?

YES  NO



Because loving one another is one of the proofs that we are **Christians**, let's consider some of the characteristics of **love**.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 13**

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not \_\_\_\_\_, I am nothing..."

**Bible Verse continued on next page**



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF LUKE 10:25-37**

"And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?' So he answered and said, 'You shall love the **LORD** your **God** with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your \_\_\_\_\_.' And He said to him, 'You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.' But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Then Jesus answered and said: 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?' And he said, 'He who showed mercy on him.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

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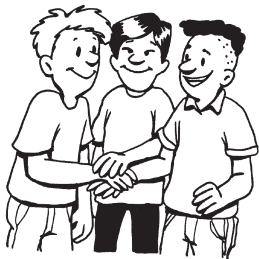
"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, these three; but the greatest of these is love."



Now, let's look at VERSE 4

"Love suffers long" - Talk about what "suffers long" means.  
List 2 ways that you might suffer long in loving someone.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



"Love is kind" - List 2 ways that you can show kindness to someone.

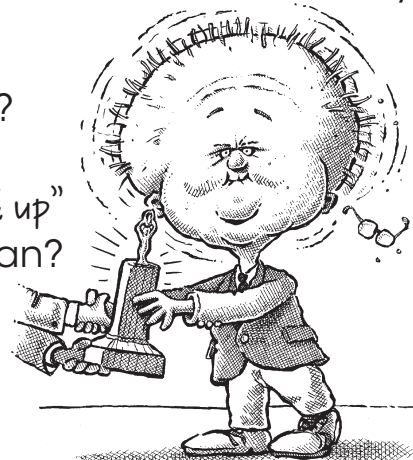
1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



"Love does not parade itself"  
What does it mean to parade?

"Love is not puffed up"  
What does puffed up mean?

"Love does not envy"  
What does it mean to envy?



As children of **God**, we are to **love** one another!

**1 JOHN 2:9-10 SAYS**



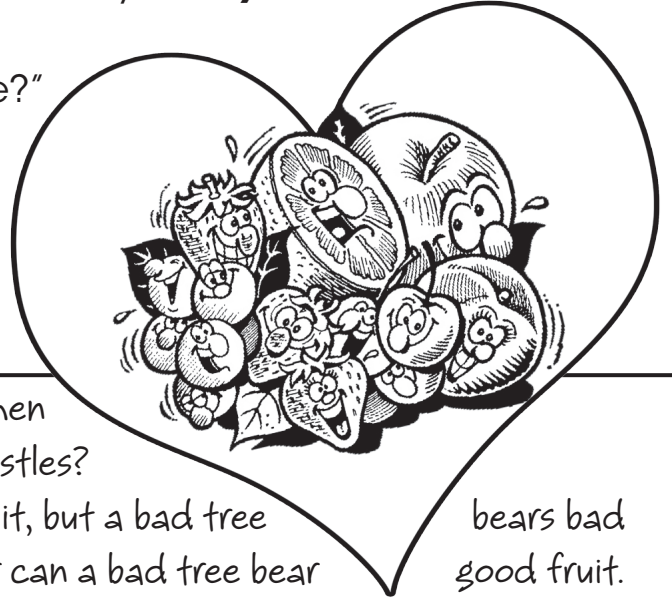
"He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him."

It's not only what you say that counts, it's what you **say** AND **do** that counts!

*Ask yourself this question...*

"Is the love of **God** demonstrated in my life?"

**DO NOT FORGET**, one of the proofs that we are in the family of **God** is our love for one another.



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS**  
OF MATTHEW 7:16-20

"You will know them by their \_\_\_\_\_. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?"

Even so, every good tree bears \_\_\_\_\_ fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Therefore by their \_\_\_\_\_ you will know them."



**However**, we do not make ourselves **Christians** by **loving** the brethren.

It is the other way around.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS** OF 1 JOHN 4:7-8

"Beloved, let us love one another, for \_\_\_\_\_ is of God; and everyone who loves is born of \_\_\_\_\_ and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

We prove that we are **Christians** by our **love** for one another.

**But**, let's not forget what Jesus did for us.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK** OF 1 JOHN 4:9-10

"In this the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

**God** proved His **love** for us. Now, that's **GOOD NEWS!**

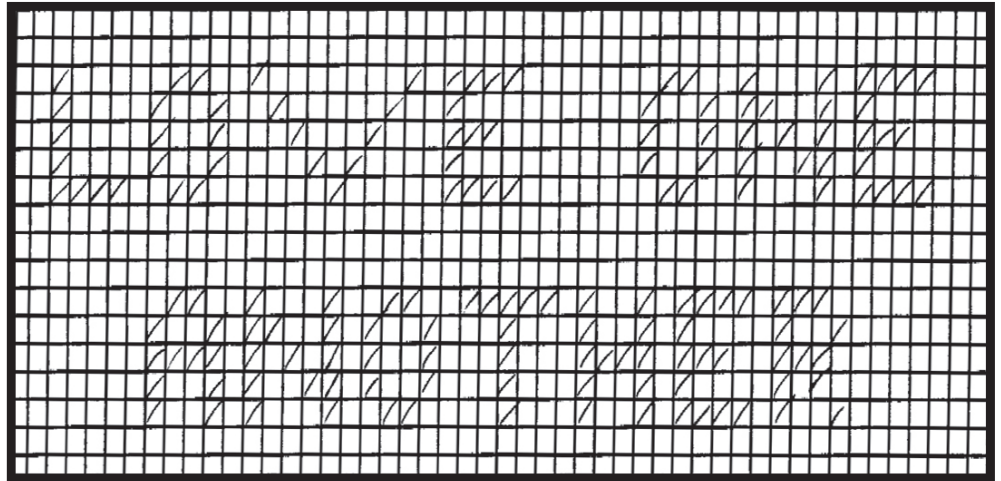




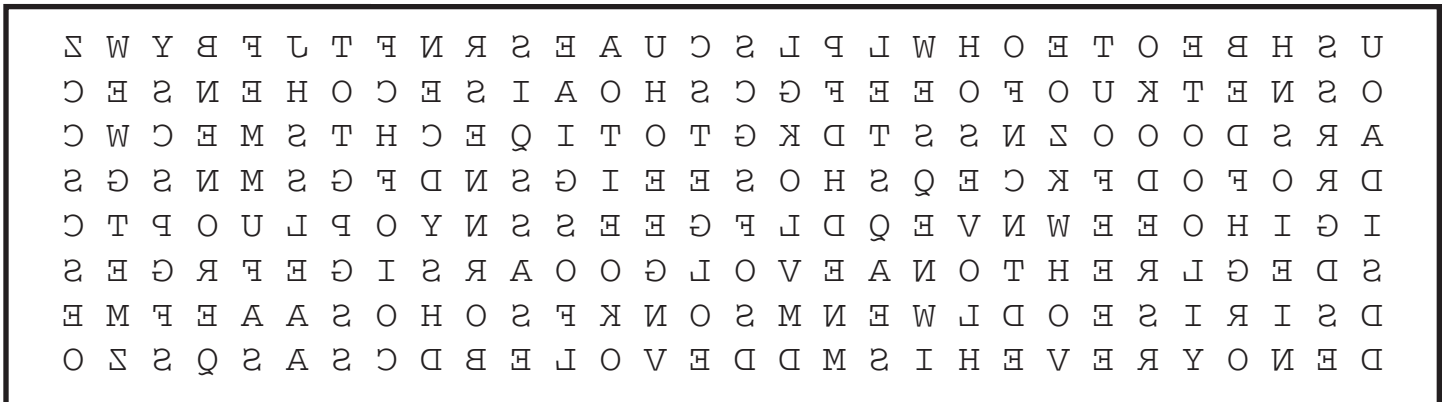


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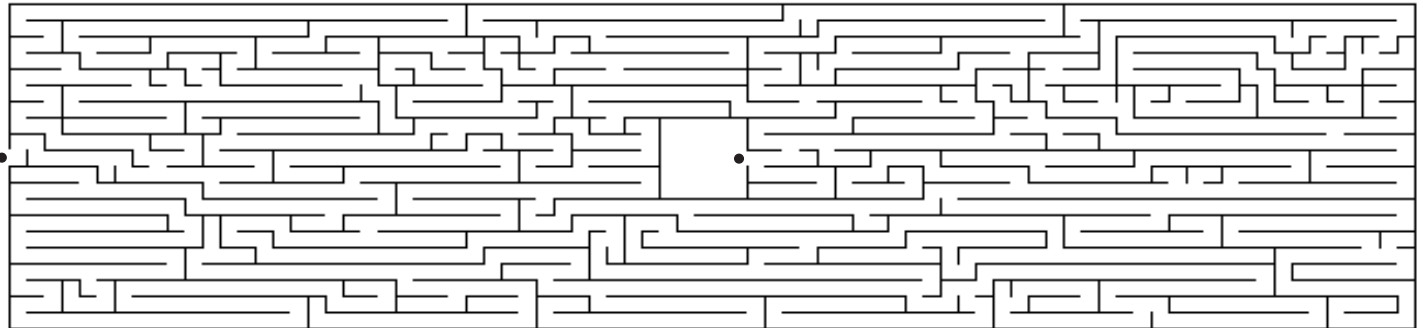


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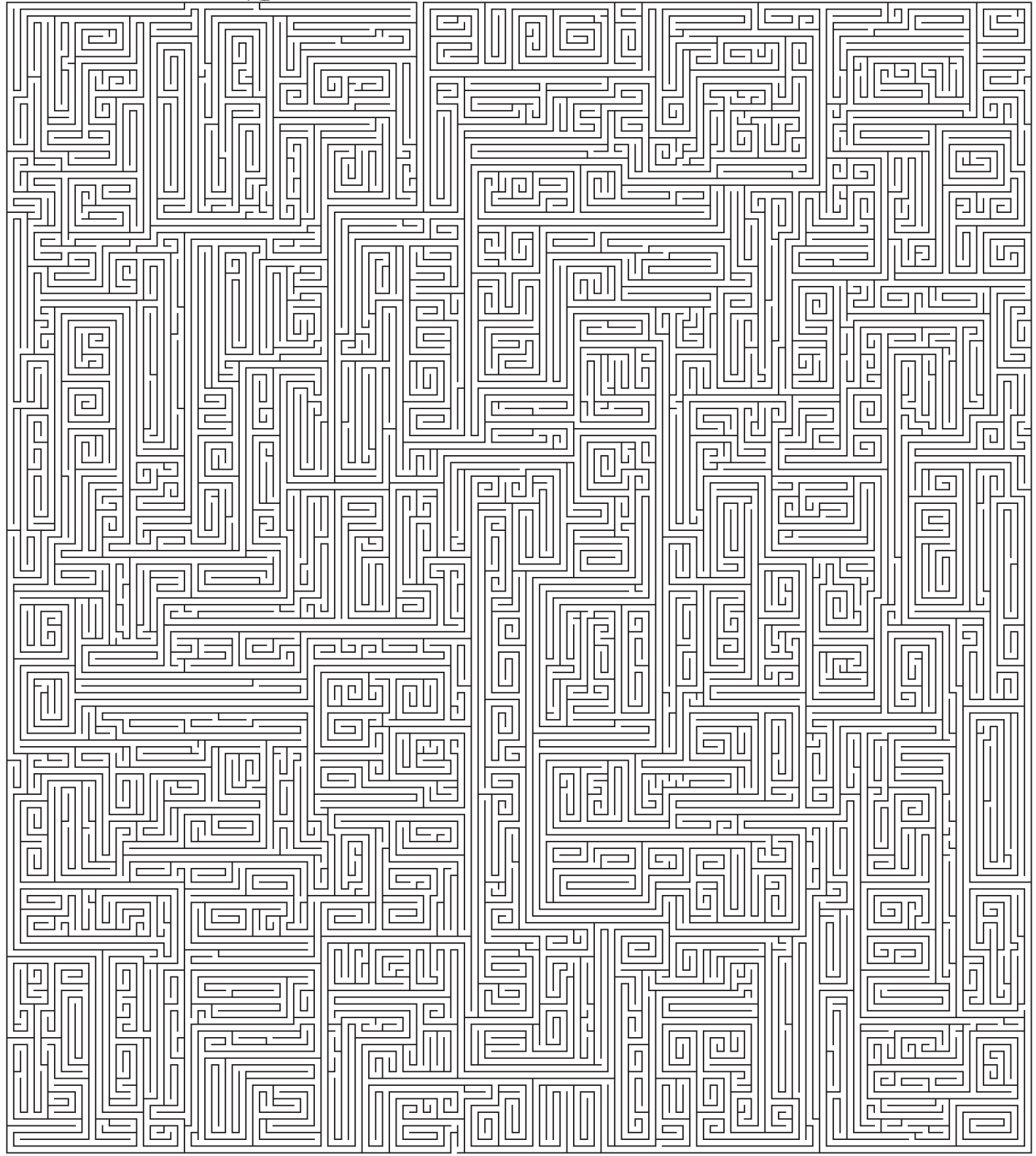


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# ACTIVITY PAGE 2

CAN  DO IT?



**GOD'S  
LOVE  
FOR US**

"IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED TOWARD US, THAT GOD HAS SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM. IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS." 1 JOHN 4:9-10

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Number Five**





**LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 3:14-15**

"We know that we have passed from death to \_\_\_\_\_, because we love the brethren. He who does not \_\_\_\_\_ his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."



**LOOK UP & READ TOGETHER JOHN 15:9-12**



"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."



What is one of the ways we can know we have passed from death to life?  
Because we \_o\_e \_o\_e a\_o\_e\_. (FILL IN THE BLANKS)

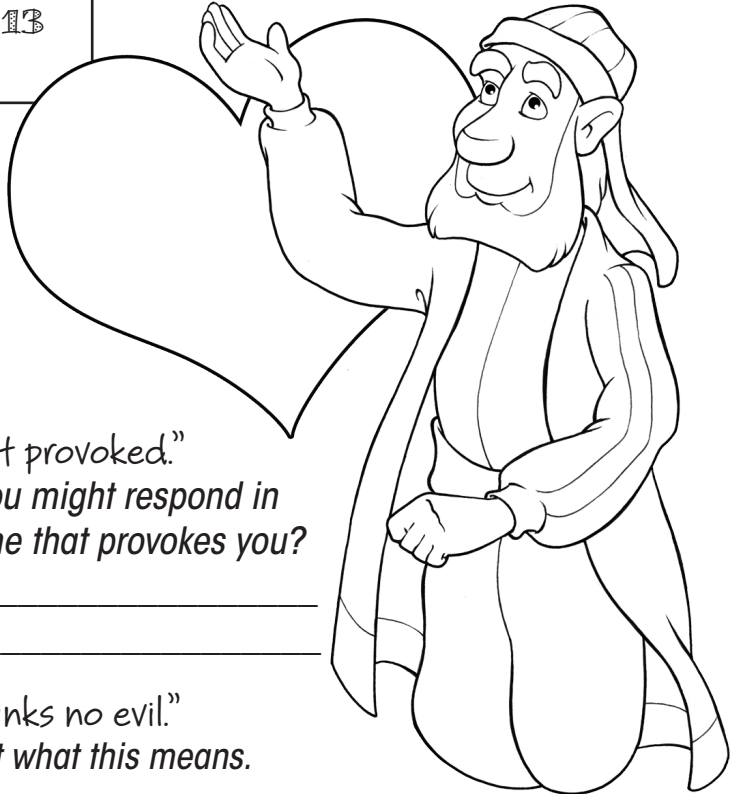
Let's continue to define

**I LOVE**



We have considered that **love** suffers long, is kind, does not envy, does not parade itself, & is not puffed up

Let's turn again to **1 CORINTHIANS 13** and read **VERSE 5**.



"Love does not behave rudely."  
*This means when someone acts in a rude way to me, I am not to be rude back to them. This can be tough!*

"Love does not seek its own."  
*Let's talk about what this means.*



"Love is not provoked."  
*List 2 ways that you might respond in love to someone that provokes you?*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

"Love thinks no evil."  
*Let's talk about what this means.*

A **COUNTERFEIT** Christian might say, "to **love** is not that important."  
But it is **VERY IMPORTANT** for a Christian to listen to what **God** says!

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 4:20-21**

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and \_\_\_\_\_ his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not \_\_\_\_\_ his brother whom he has seen, how can he \_\_\_\_\_ God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must \_\_\_\_\_ his brother also."



**You may ask:**

"What if I don't like someone? How can I **love** them?"

You need to understand that we are not called to like the brethren, we are called and commanded to **love** them! But we can choose to **love** or we can choose not to **love**.



**love** looks past the things in a person's life that it does not like and sees the person.

If this were not so, it would be impossible for **God** to love sinners (us).

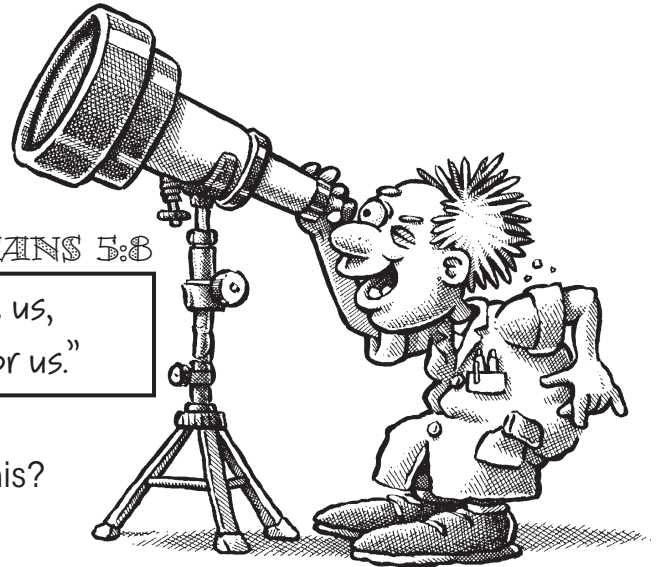


**LOOK UP & READ ROMANS 5:8**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**You may be thinking,**

"How can I do this? How can I **love** like this?"



**THE FIRST** key to answering these questions is:

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF JOHN 15:5**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do \_\_\_\_\_."

What does it say? "Without Me you can do \_\_\_\_\_."

We need God's help!



**THE SECOND** key to answering these questions is:

**LOOK UP, READ, & WRITE OUT PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

" \_\_\_\_\_ "



Where does our strength \_\_\_\_\_ to **love** come from?

- \_\_\_ ourselves
- \_\_\_ our parents
- \_\_\_ our friends
- \_\_\_ our Lord



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF JOHN 15:4**

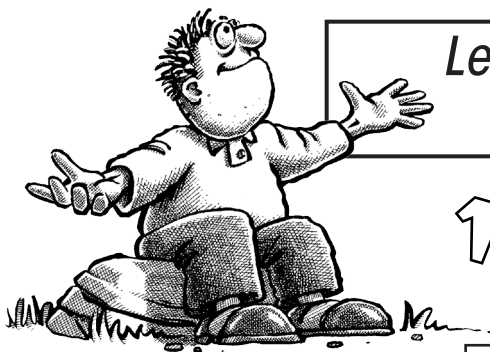
“\_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you \_\_\_\_\_ in Me.”



To **ABIDE** in Christ is to have no sin in my life that I have not confessed.

To **ABIDE** means that I do not do anything that I would not want Jesus to share in. **ABIDING** means that I take all my concerns to Him and that I get all wisdom, life, & strength from Him.

It's not as if I always have to think about **God**, but I don't allow anything in my life that would hinder my fellowship with **God**.



# Let's take a closer look at some aspects of **ABIDING IN CHRIST.**

**1<sup>st</sup>** I need to daily confess all known sin to the Lord, and acknowledge again that I want the Lord to guide & direct me. **1 JOHN 1:9 SAYS**

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

**PSALM 139:23-24 SAYS**

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."



**2<sup>nd</sup>** I need to consider my actions, whether they are pleasing to the Lord or not. At the end of **COLOSSIANS 1:16** it says that **God** created me for His good pleasure so I must seek to please Him in all things. So, when I'm thinking about doing something, the question shouldn't be if it is right or wrong, but does it please Jesus?

**3<sup>rd</sup>** I need to daily take my concerns to Jesus by praying to Him, as it says in

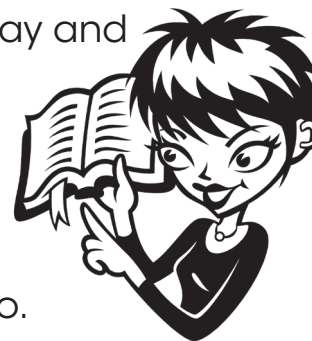


**1 THESSALONIANS 5:17** "Pray without ceasing."

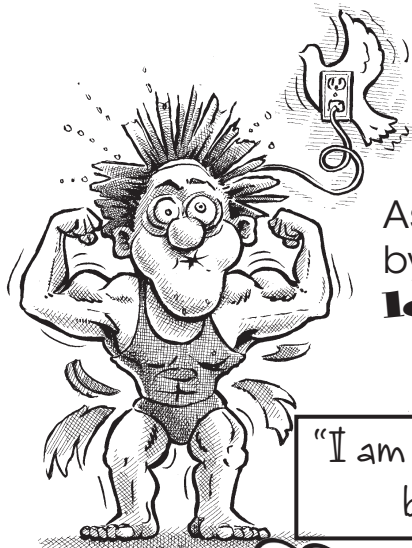
Jesus tells us how to pray (*talk to God*) in **MATTHEW 6:9-15**.

How do I stay close to Jesus and grow in Him?

**4<sup>th</sup>** I read **God's** Word, the Bible, every day and I respond to **God** as I'm reading.



As I **ABIDE** in Christ, it will be **God's love**, by His Spirit, that will come out of my life to **love** others as Christ commands us to do.



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF JOHN 15:5**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do \_\_\_\_\_."

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

"I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through Christ who strengthens me."



So, as I **ABIDE** in Christ, the fruit that will come out of my life, that is pleasing to Him, will be His **love**.





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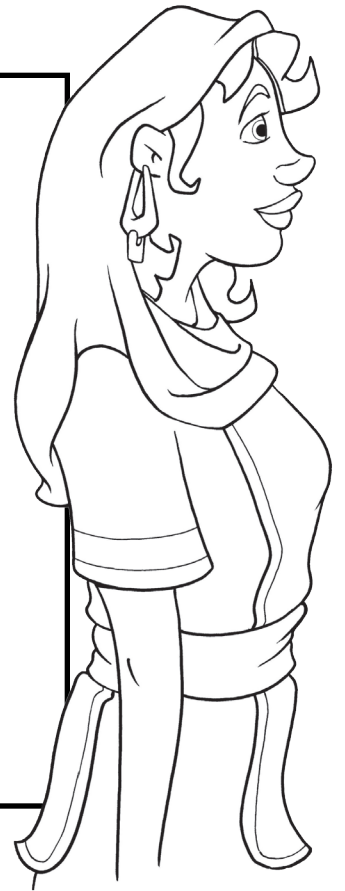
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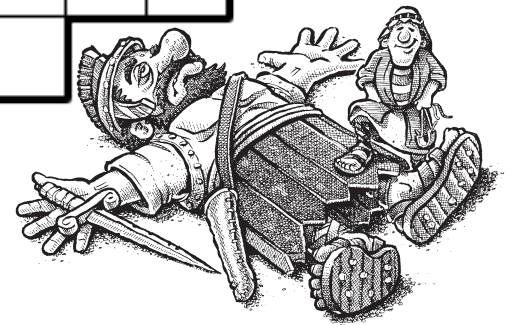
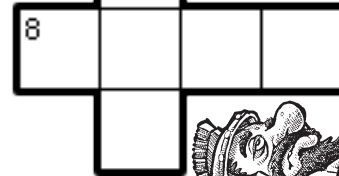
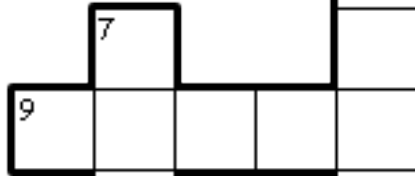
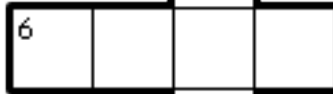




# ACTIVITY PAGE 2

## ACROSS:

1. I denied Jesus 3 times. (*John 18*)
3. I asked God for wisdom instead of wealth. (*2 Chronicles 1*)
4. I died on the cross for all mankind. (*John 19*)
6. I ate locusts and wild honey. (*Matthew 3*)
8. God saved me, my family, and a bunch of animals from a global flood. (*Genesis 5-9*)
9. I fought off a bear, a lion, and a giant soldier with God's help. (*1 Samuel 17*)



## DOWN:

2. I was Noah's great grandfather and I didn't die. (*Genesis 5:24*)
3. We came to see baby Jesus after an angel appeared to us in the fields. (*Luke 2*)
5. I killed an army with a donkey's jawbone. (*Judges 15*)
7. My name was Saul but was changed to \_\_\_\_\_. (*Acts 13*)

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**BIBLE STUDY**

**Number Six**





**LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 3:16-17**

"By this we know \_\_\_\_\_, because He laid down His \_\_\_\_\_ for us. And we also ought to lay down our \_\_\_\_\_ for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the \_\_\_\_\_ of God \_\_\_\_\_ in him?"



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF JOHN 15:13 & JOHN 3:16**

"Greater \_\_\_\_\_ has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."  
"For God so \_\_\_\_\_ the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

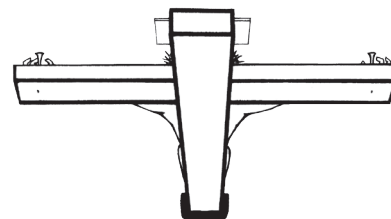


There may be times when we are not sure of **God's LOVE** for us. You may ask, "Does **God** really **LOVE** me?"

When this question is asked of **God**, we should remember the cross.



At the cross, we are shown how much **God LOVES** us!



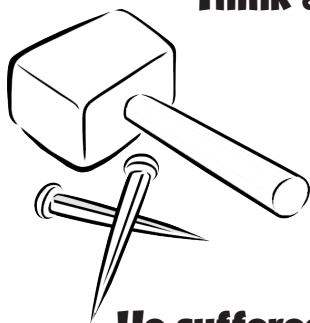
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**WE NEED TO STOP AND THINK ABOUT THIS... JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND ME!**

**Think about it:** He was nailed to the cross because of your sin.



**He took all of the pain** for you.

**It was your sin** that put Him there.

**It was His LOVE for you** that kept Him there.



**He suffered for you** - so you would not have to suffer for your sins.

**He died for you** - so you would not have to die for your sins.



**He redeemed you from the power** of sin so that you might become a child of **God**.

Remember what **1 JOHN 3:16 & JOHN 15:13** SAY

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us...”

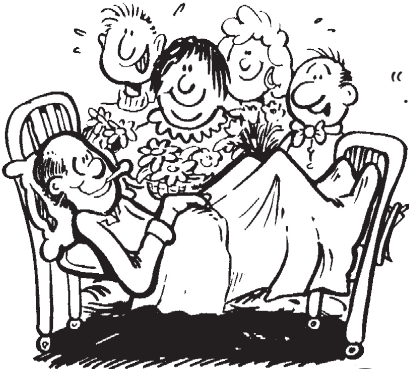
“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”



**We must not forget that God did not have to redeem us from our sin. He did this because He LOVES us.**

**LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 4:8**

“He who does not \_\_\_\_\_ does not know God, for God is \_\_\_\_\_.”



**1 JOHN 3:16 GOES ON TO SAY**

“...And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

God wants you to do the same as He, by **LOVING** those around you.



**REMEMBER:**

**LOVE** suffers long, **LOVE** is kind, **LOVE** does not envy, **LOVE** does not behave rudely, **LOVE** does not seek its own.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13

You may ask

“Wait a minute! I can’t do that! It’s impossible for me to be like that!”



**YOU’RE RIGHT!**

The fact of the matter is, you can’t! But, that is what God wants you to do.



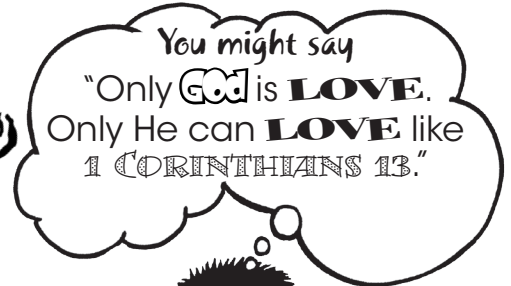
**YOU’RE RIGHT!**

But God still wants you to **LOVE** as He **LOVES**.



You might say

“Only God is **LOVE**. Only He can **LOVE** like **1 CORINTHIANS 13**.”



Remember, God is **LOVE** and He desires to show His **LOVE** to others through you! As we abide in Christ, and yield our lives to Him, His **LOVE** can be released to others through us.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF JOHN 12:24-25**

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who \_\_\_\_\_ his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for \_\_\_\_\_."



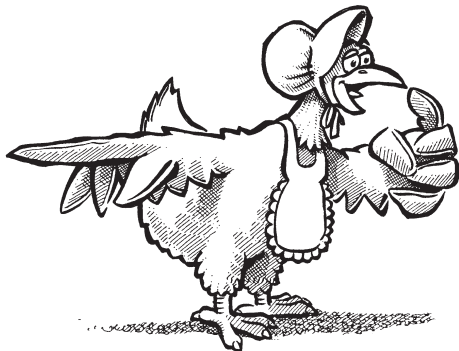
**You need to realize you only have two choices!**

- 1) To give your life to God and to do what He wants
- OR**
- 2) To live your life apart from God, and to live only for yourself.



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF MATTHEW 12:30**

"He who is not with Me is \_\_\_\_\_ Me..."

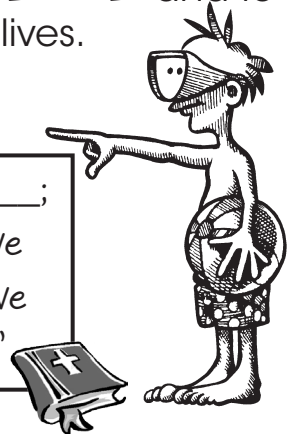


If you have not already made this choice, even now, you can choose to follow Jesus and allow Him to show His **LOVE** to others through you.

**1 JOHN 3:17** tells us if we choose to **LOVE** and to follow God, there will be proof in our lives.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 4:20-21**

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a \_\_\_\_\_; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love \_\_\_\_\_ whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who \_\_\_\_\_ God must love his brother also."



**LOOK UP 1 JOHN 4:7-10 & READ IT TOGETHER 3 TIMES**

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."



(Propitiation is satisfying the righteousness of a Holy God, thereby making it possible for Him to show mercy righteously.)

**REMEMBER** - Let us **LOVE** one another!



## JOHN GRIFFETH, THE BRIDGE OPERATOR

*This is a story that takes place in the 1930's in Oklahoma:*

"John Griffith was in his early twenties. He was newly married and full of optimism. Along with his lovely wife, he had been blessed with a beautiful baby. He was living the American dream. But then came 1929 - the Great Stock Market Crash - the shattering of the American economy that devastated John's dreams. The winds that howled through Oklahoma were strangely symbolic of the gale force that was sweeping away his hopes and his dreams. And so, broken-hearted, John packed up his few possessions, and with his wife and his little son, headed East in an old Ford Model A. They made their way to the edge of the mighty Mississippi River and found a job tending one of the great railroad bridges there.

Day after day, John would sit in the control room and direct the enormous gears of the immense bridge over the mighty river. He would look out wistfully as bulky barges and splendid ships glided gracefully under his elevated bridge. Each day, he looked on sadly as those ships carried with them his shattered dreams and his visions of far-off places and exotic destinations.

It wasn't until 1937 that a new dream began to be birthed in John's heart. His young son was now eight years old and John had begun to catch a vision for a new life, a life in which Greg, his little son, would work shoulder to shoulder with him. The first day of this new life dawned and brought with it new hope and fresh purpose. Excitedly, they packed their lunches and headed off towards the immense bridge.

Greg looked on in wide-eyed amazement as his Dad pressed down the huge lever that raised and lowered the vast bridge. As he watched, he thought that his father must surely be the greatest man alive. He marveled that his Dad could singlehandedly control the movements of such a stupendous structure.

Before they knew it, Noon time had arrived. John had just elevated the bridge and allowed some scheduled ships to pass through. And then taking his son by the hand, they headed off towards lunch.

As they ate, John told his son in vivid detail stories about the marvelous destinations of the ships that glided below them. Enveloped in a world of thought, he related story after story, his son hanging on his every word.

Then, suddenly, in the midst of telling a tale about the time that the river had overflowed its banks, he and his son were startled back to reality by the shrieking whistle of a distant train. Looking at his watch in disbelief, John saw that it was already 1:07. Immediately he remembered that the bridge was still raised and that the Memphis Express would be by in just minutes.

In the calmest tone he could muster he instructed his son "Stay put." Quickly, he leaped to his feet, he jumped onto the catwalk. As the precious seconds flew by, he ran at full-tilt to the steer ladder leading into the control house.

Once in, he searched the river to make sure that no ships were in sight. And then, as he had been trained to do, he looked straight down beneath the bridge to make certain nothing was below. As his eyes moved downward, he saw something so horrifying that his heart froze in his chest. For there, below him in the massive gearbox that housed the colossal gears that moved the gigantic bridge, was his beloved son.



Apparently Greg had tried to follow his dad but had fallen off the catwalk. Even now he was wedged between the teeth of two main cogs in the gear box. Although he appeared to be conscious, John could see that his son's leg had already begun to bleed. Then an even more horrifying thought flashed through his mind. Lowering the bridge would mean killing the apple of his eye.

Panicked, his mind probed in every direction, frantically searching for solutions. In his mind's eye, he saw himself grabbing a coiled rope, climbing down the ladder, running down the catwalk, securing the rope, sliding down towards his son, pulling him back to safety. Then in an instant, he would move back down towards the control lever and thrust it down just in time for the oncoming train.

As soon as these thoughts appeared, he realized the futility of his plan. Instantly he knew there just wouldn't be enough time. Frustration began to beat on John's brow, terror written over every inch of his face. His mind darted here and there, vainly searching for yet another solution.

His agonized mind considered the four hundred people that were moving inextricably closer and closer to the bridge. Soon the train would come roaring out of the trees with tremendous speed, but this was his son...his only son...his pride...his joy.

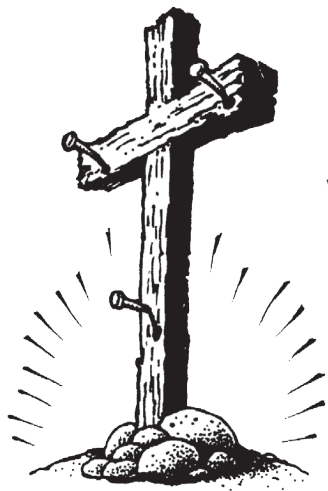
He knew in a moment there was only one thing he could do. He knew he would have to do it. And so, burying his face under his left arm, he plunged down the lever. The cries of his son were quickly drowned out by the relentless sound of the bridge as it ground slowly into position. With only seconds to spare, the Memphis Express - with its 400 passengers - roared out of the trees and across the mighty bridge.

John Griffith lifted his tear-stained face and looked into the windows of the passing train. A businessman was reading the morning newspaper. A uniformed conductor was glancing nonchalantly at his large vest pocket watch. Ladies were already sipping their afternoon tea in the dining cars. A small boy, looking strangely like his own son, pushed a long thin spoon into a large dish of ice cream. Many of the passengers seemed to be engaged in idle conversation or careless laughter.

No one even looked his way. No one even cast a glance at the giant gear box that housed the remains of his hopes and his dreams, his precious son.

In anguish he pounded the glass in the control room. He cried out "What's the matter with you people? Don't you know? Don't you care? Don't you know I've sacrificed my son for you? What's wrong with you?"

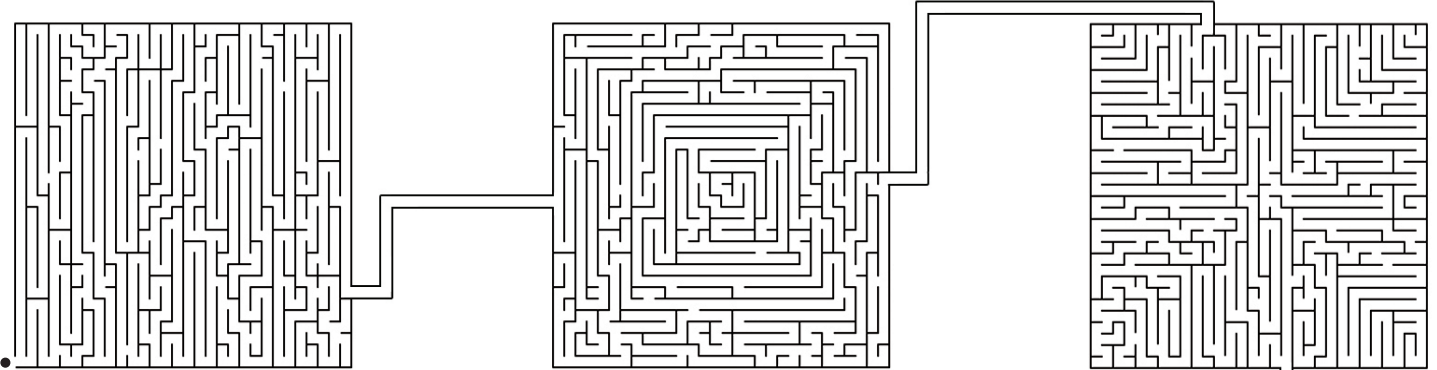
No one answered. No one heard. No one even looked. Not one of them seemed to care. And then, as suddenly as it had happened, it was over. The train disappeared moving rapidly across the bridge and out over the horizon."



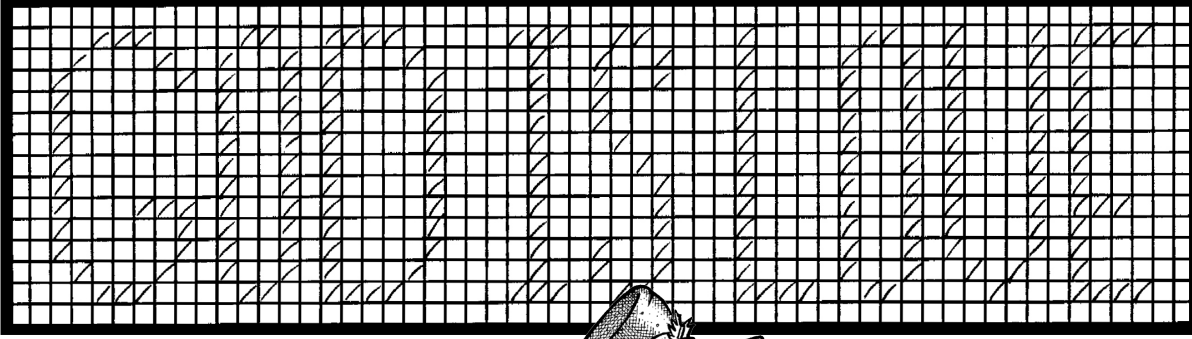
**In this story we see a faint glimpse of what God the Father did in sacrificing His Son, Jesus, to atone for the sins of the world. Unlike the Memphis Express a train that caught John Griffith by surprise, God in His great love for us, sacrificed His Son so that we might be saved. The love of Christ is demonstrated in that He was not accidentally caught as was John's son. But, He willingly sacrificed His life for the sins of all mankind.**



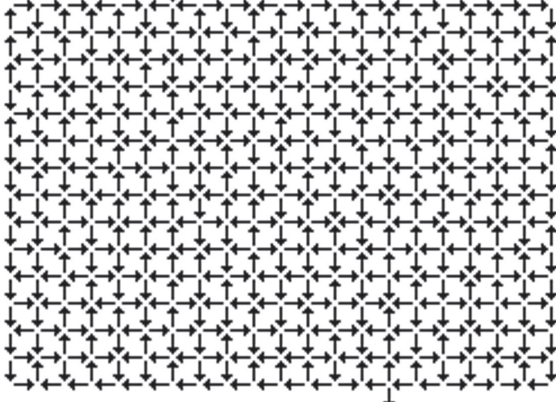
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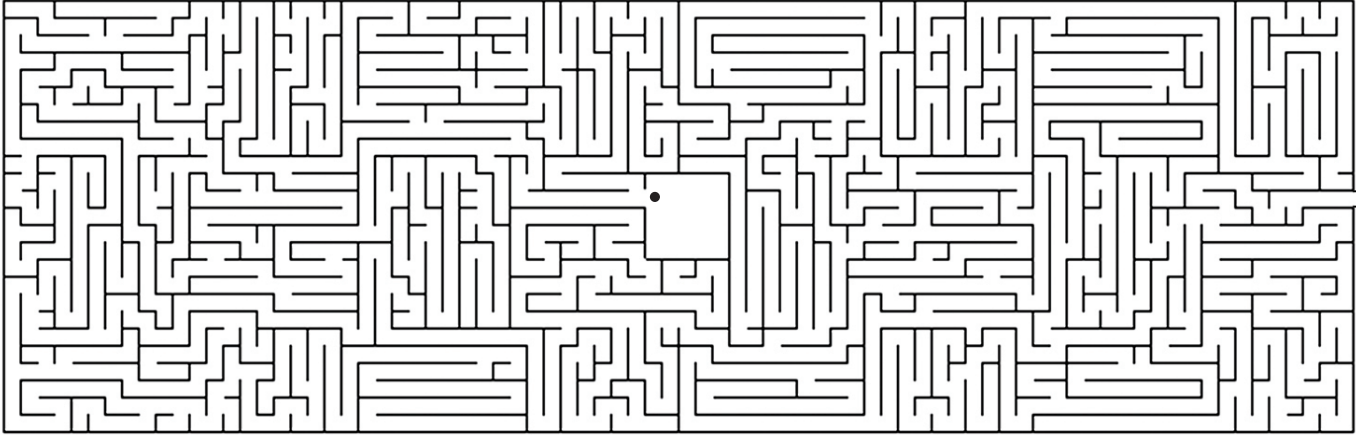


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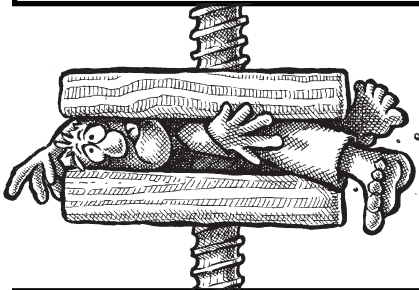
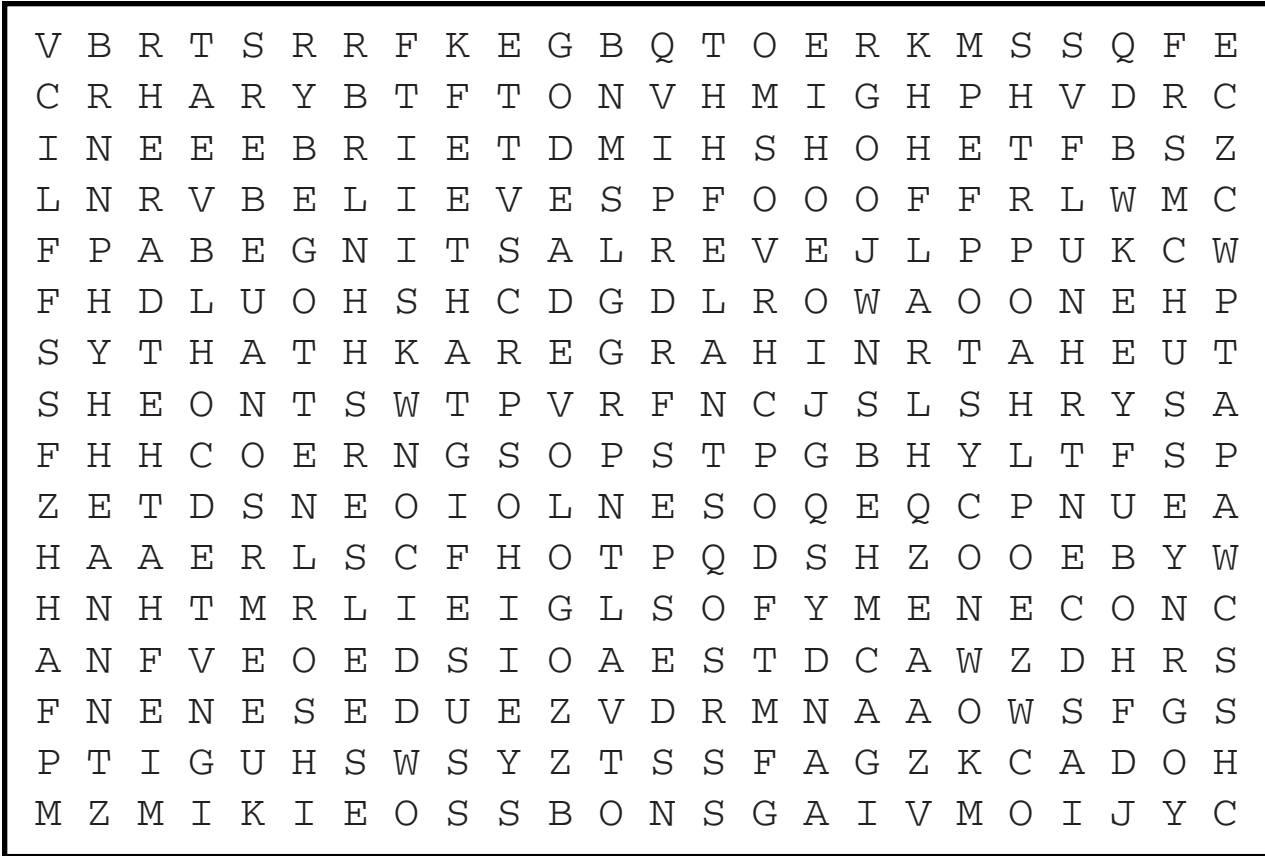
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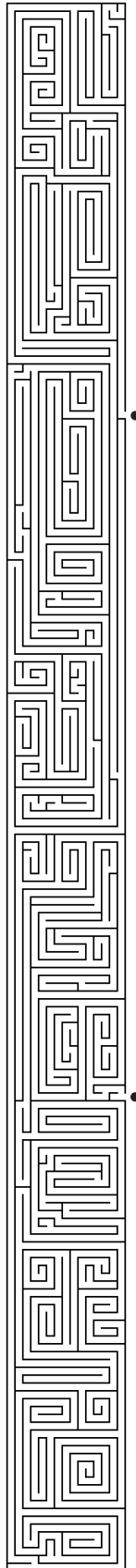
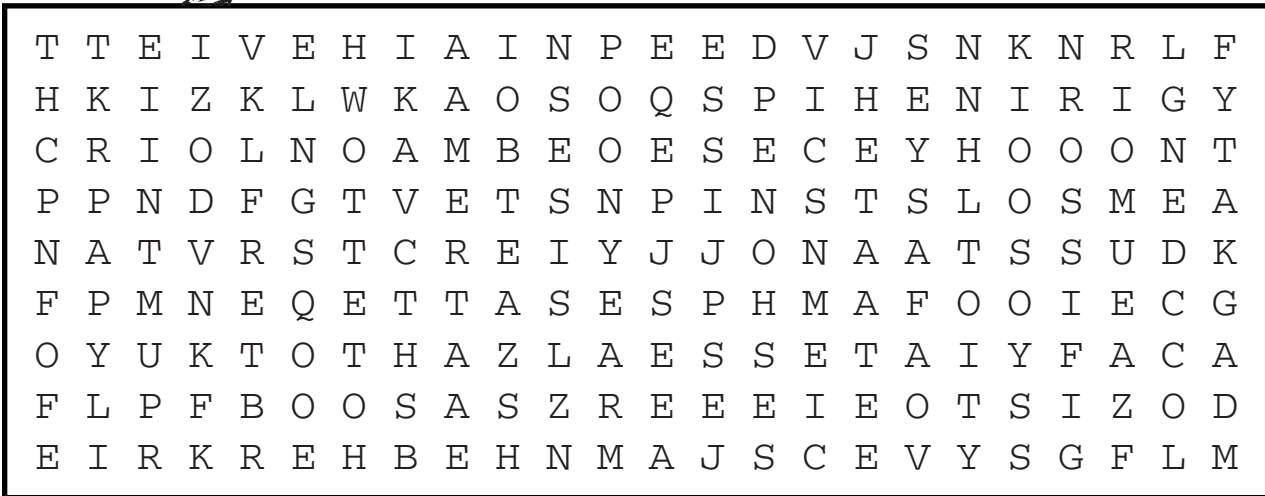
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IN BOTH WORDSEARCHES, FIND THE BIBLE VERSE.  
(WARNING: WORDS MAY CROSS FROM THE TOP WORDSEARCH TO THE BOTTOM WORDSEARCH)



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

JOHN 3:16

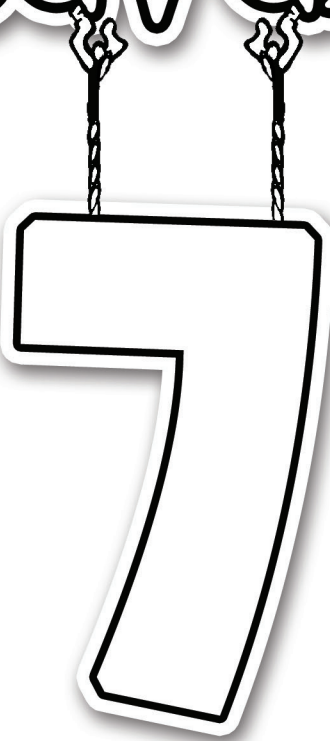




**GOD'S  
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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number Seven**







**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF ROMANS 5:5**

"Now hope does not \_\_\_\_\_, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the \_\_\_\_\_ who was given to us."



This is such a wonderful truth that **God's LOVE** has been **POURED OUT** in our hearts.

The **GREEK** tense of "**POURED OUT**" means "it has been, and continues to be **POURED OUT**". That is awesome! **God's LOVE** is continually being **POURED OUT** in our hearts.



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 4:10**

"In this is love, not that we loved \_\_\_\_\_, but that He loved us and sent His \_\_\_\_\_ to be the propitiation for our \_\_\_\_\_."



**This LOVE that has been POURED OUT in our hearts, is produced by the Holy Spirit**

LET'S LOOK AT SOME SCRIPTURES ABOUT THIS.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS:**

**ROMANS 8:6**

"The \_\_\_\_\_ Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

**FIRST**



**LOVE**



**2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-22**

"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has \_\_\_\_\_ us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our \_\_\_\_\_ as a guarantee."

**SECOND**

**EPHESIANS 1:13-14**

"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of \_\_\_\_\_, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the purchased possession, to the praise of \_\_\_\_\_."

**THIRD**

NOW, let's look at two more important Scriptures regarding the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF EPHESIANS 4:30**

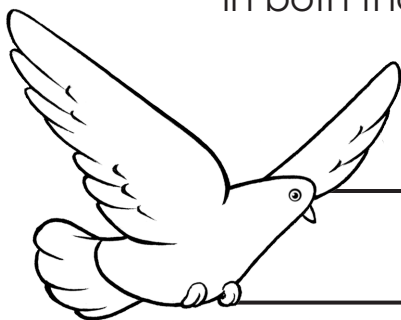
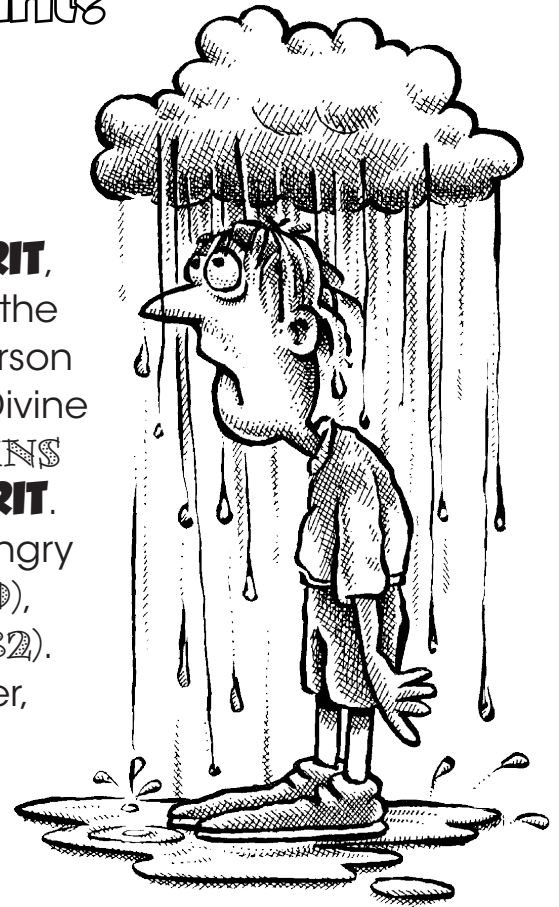
"And do not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."



**What does it mean to "grieve the Holy Spirit?"**

To understand what it means to **grieve** the **SPIRIT**, we must first understand that this indicates that the **HOLY SPIRIT** possesses a personality. Only a person can be **grieved**, therefore, the **SPIRIT** must be a Divine Person in order to have this emotion. **EPHESIANS 4:30** tells us that we should not **grieve** the **SPIRIT**. We **grieve** the **SPIRIT** by lying (4:25), by being angry (4:26-27), by stealing (4:28), by cursing (4:29), by being bitter (4:31), by being unforgiving (4:32).

To **grieve** the **SPIRIT** is to act in a sinful manner, whether it is in thought only or in both thought and deed.



**1 THESSALONIANS 5:19 SAYS**

"Do not quench the Spirit."



NOW, what does it mean to "*quench*" the **HOLY SPIRIT**? The **HOLY SPIRIT** wants to express Himself in our actions and attitudes. When believers do not allow the **SPIRIT** to be seen in our actions, when we do what we know is wrong, we suppress or *quench* the **SPIRIT**. We do not allow the **SPIRIT** to have His way.



Both the **grieving** and **quenching** of the **HOLY SPIRIT** happens when a believer sins against **God** and follows his or her own worldly desires. The only correct road to follow is the road that leads the believer closer to **God** and holiness, and farther away from the world and sin. Just as we do not like to be **grieved**, and just as we do not seek to quench what is good - so we should not **grieve** or **quench** the **HOLY SPIRIT** by refusing to follow His leading.

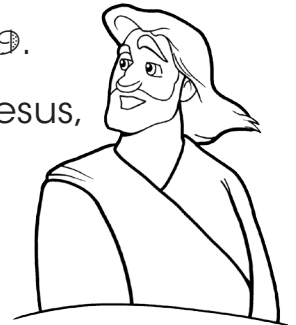


It is **God's LOVE** that motivates us to do what is right.

Who can separate us from the **LOVE** of **God**?  
**LOOK UP & READ TOGETHER ROMANS 8:35-39.**



What a wonderful promise to those who follow after Jesus, to those who are "**BORN AGAIN**." Remember, we talked about the story of Nicodemus which explained how to be "**BORN AGAIN**."



(**JOHN 3:1-21**)

**LOOK UP, READ TOGETHER, & THEN FILL IN THE BLANKS OF JOHN 3:16-17**

"For \_\_\_\_\_ so loved the world that He gave His only begotten \_\_\_\_\_, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For \_\_\_\_\_ did not send His \_\_\_\_\_ into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."



**READ & WRITE OUT THE SECOND HALF OF JOHN 10:10**

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**God loves us so much!**

And for those that are **BORN AGAIN**, the promise of not being separated from the **LOVE** of **God** is theirs!

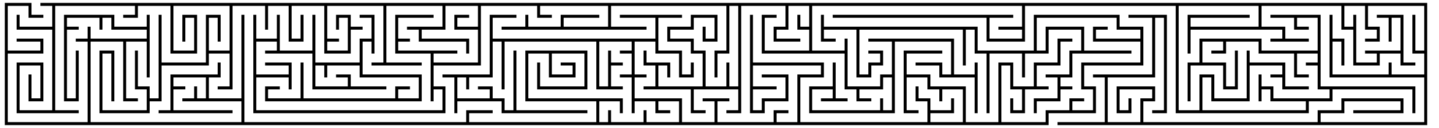
**God** has done everything for us to be able to receive His **LOVE** and His great desire is to be able to pour out His **LOVE** upon us!





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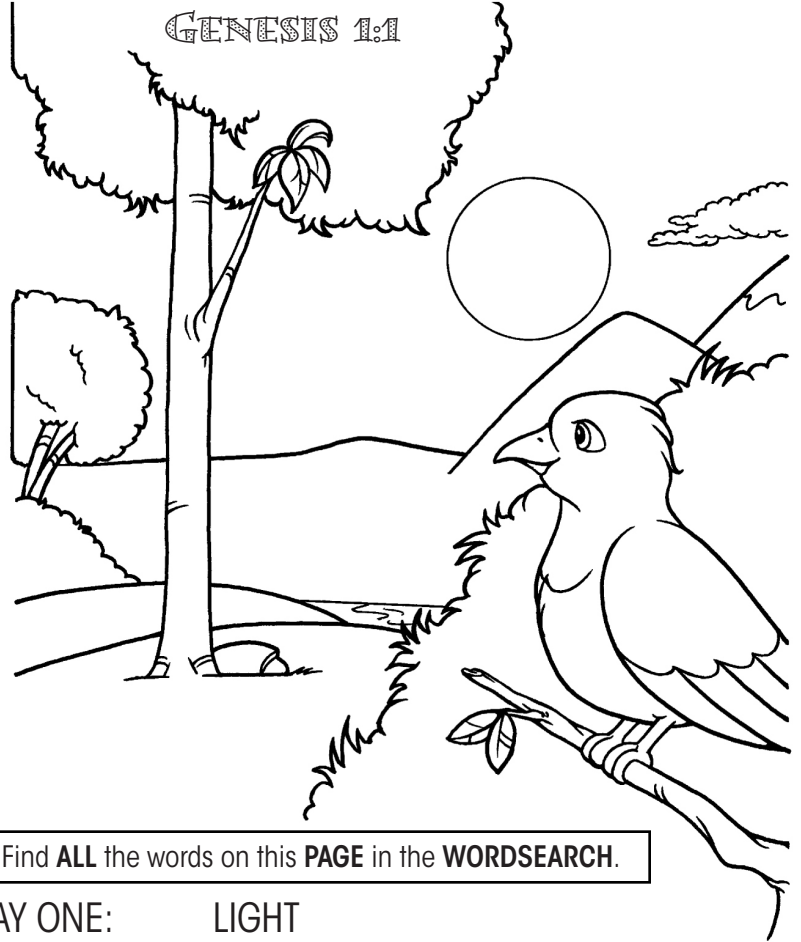
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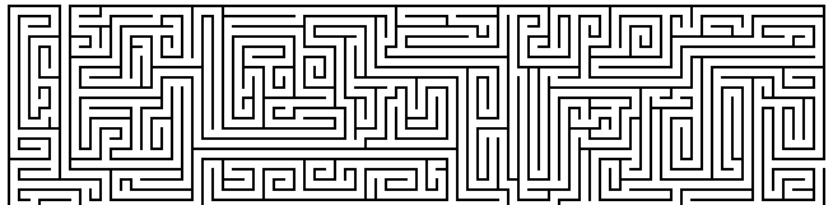
"In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth."

GENESIS 1:1



Find **ALL** the words on this **PAGE** in the **WORDSEARCH**.

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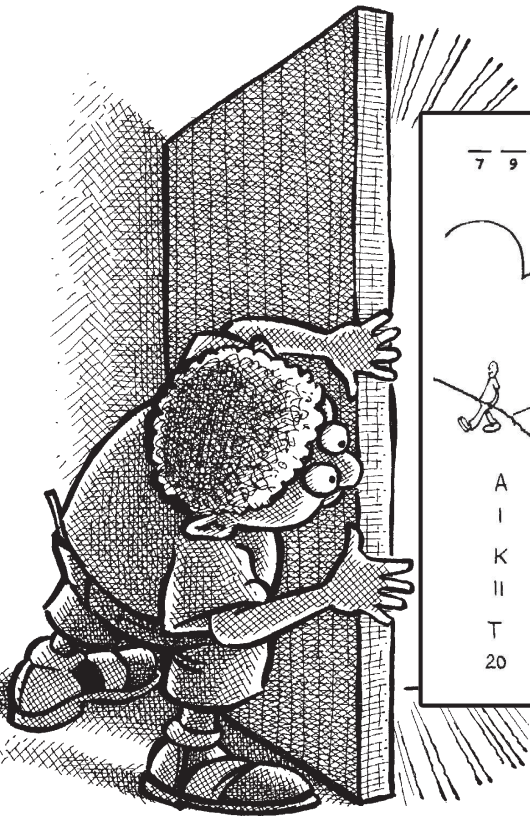
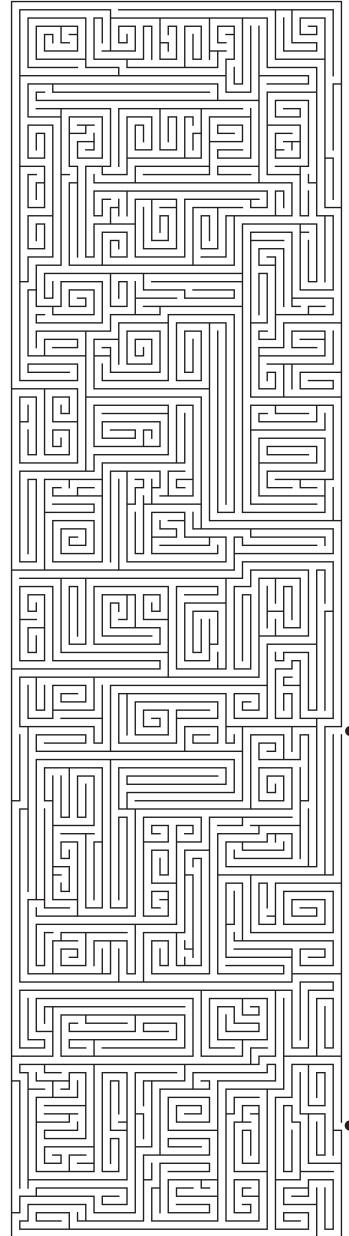




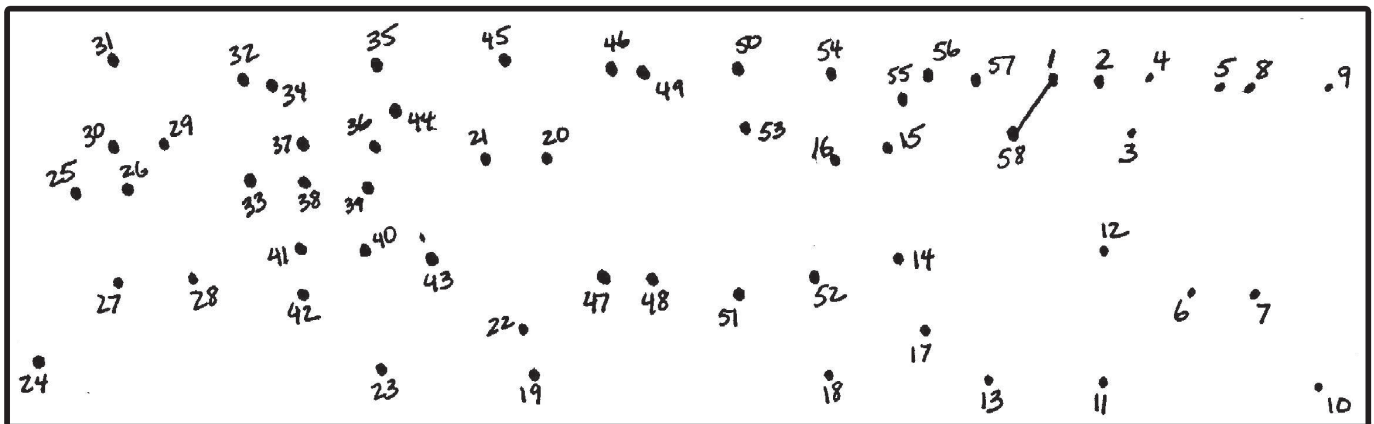
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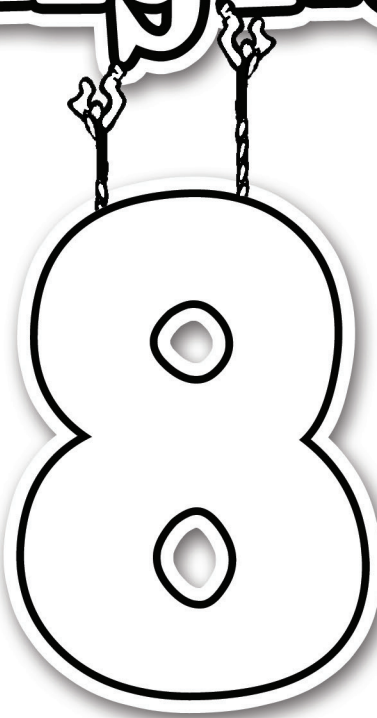




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**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number Eight**





**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 3:23-24**

"And this is His \_\_\_\_\_: that we should \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He \_\_\_\_\_ in us, by the \_\_\_\_\_ whom He has given us."



**This is our last study. Now, just because it is the last Bible study does not mean it is the least! As a matter of fact, it may be the most important study we will do!**

**LOOK UP & READ 1 JOHN 2:3,7-10**

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him."



**What commandments are being talked about in these verses?  
Read the answers in these Scriptures:**

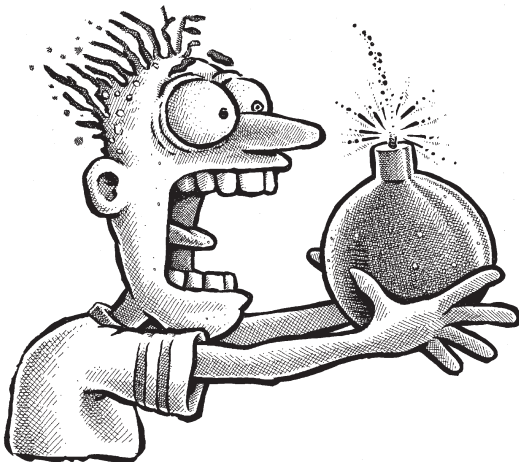
**JOHN 13:34; JOHN 3:36; MARK 12:28-34; JOHN 15:12**

Two words describe what the commandments are:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**LOVE**

We have looked at what it means to  
But, what does the word "BELIEVE" mean?



**If you believed that right now, as you read this Bible Study right where you are sitting, a gigantic bomb is going to explode in 30 seconds, what would you do?**

**If you truly BELIEVED that the bomb would explode, what would your actions be?**

- chill for a bit
- talk about it for awhile
- take a nap
- eat a Snickers bar
- GET UP & RUN FOR YOUR LIFE



If someone told you that the food on your plate would make you sick if you ate it, and you **BELIEVED** that person, what would you do?

- examine the food
- take a vote on whether to eat it or not
- NOT EAT IT & THROW IT AWAY

What if someone very rich told you that if you picked up ten pieces of trash and threw them away, he would give you \$100 and you **BELIEVED** him, what would you do?



- laugh at that person
- only pick up 9 pieces of trash
- ignore him and walk away
- PICK UP 10 PIECES OF TRASH & THROW THEM AWAY AS FAST AS YOU CAN



The point is, if you **BELIEVE** something, you'll take some action to do something!

Do you believe in Jesus?  
What does it mean to "**BELIEVE** on the name of **God's** only Son, Jesus Christ"?



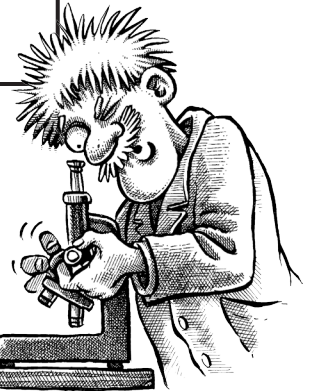
**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16**



"Do you not know that you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God dwells in you?"

Do you understand what this verse says?

"\_\_\_\_\_ dwells in you?"  
**1 CORINTHIANS 3:16**



**Make sure you understand these commandments!**

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF 1 JOHN 3:23**

"And this is His commandment: that we should \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another, as He gave us commandment."



**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANK OF 1 JOHN 3:24**

"Now he who keeps His commandments \_\_\_\_\_ in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

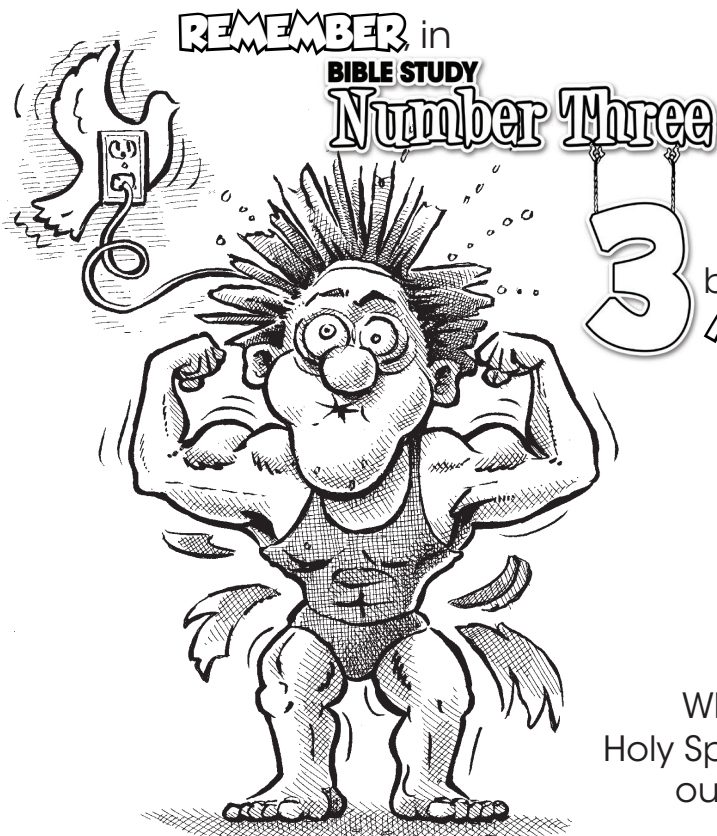


We are told, if we keep His commandments, we **ABIDE** in Him.

And the proof that we **ABIDE** in Him is that He has given us His Spirit.







**REMEMBER** in  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**Number Three**

The promise in **JOHN 16:5-11** when we talked about our need of the Holy Spirit who enables us to live a life well-pleasing to the Lord?

So, we know we keep His commandments because we **ABIDE** in Him. And we know we **ABIDE** in Him because He gave us His Spirit. But what is the proof that we have the Spirit of **God** living inside of us?

We are told in **GALATIANS 5:22**,  
 "The fruit of the Spirit is love."

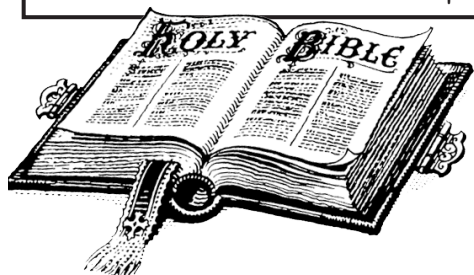


When a person is overflowing with the Holy Spirit, **God's** divine **LOVE** comes rushing out like a mighty torrent of living water!

**LOOK UP, READ, & FILL IN THE BLANKS OF JOHN 4:5-14**

"So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink' For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a \_\_\_\_\_,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.' The woman said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?' Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this \_\_\_\_\_ will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst.

But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into \_\_\_\_\_."



**LOVE** (agape) is defined for us in two places in the **NEW TESTAMENT**. We have already looked at one of the places in **1 CORINTHIANS 13**, now let's look at the second definition of **LOVE**.

LOOK UP GALATIANS 5:22-23 AGAIN, READ IT, & FILL IN THE BLANKS



"But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."



This is the kind of **LOVE** that **God** wants to flow forth from your life; a river of living water!

Through these studies we have looked at the Biblical description of a **Christian**, a person who **LOVES God** and **LOVES** others.

A **COUNTERFEIT Christian** might say, "Don't worry about others, just take care of yourself."



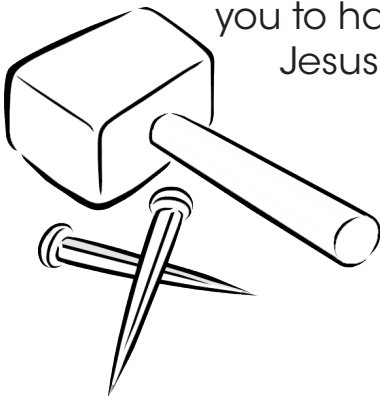
**God's** message is clearly found in **GALATIANS 5:22-23** which says,

"That we should love one another."

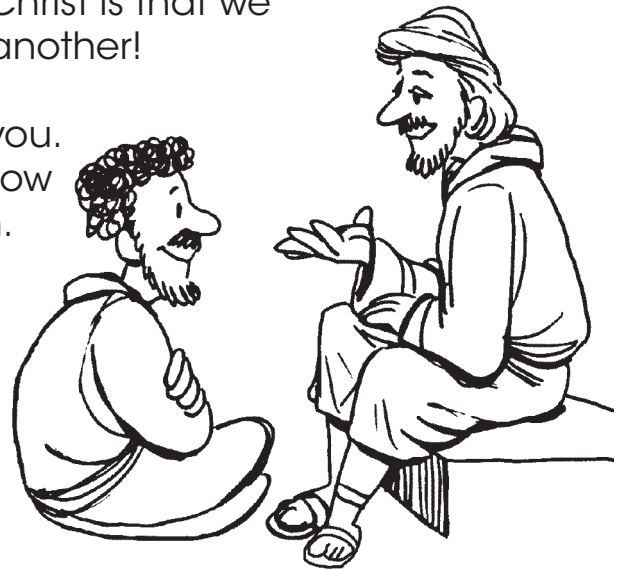


The great theme of the Bible is that of **God's LOVE** toward us. The proof that we believe in Jesus Christ is that we **LOVE** one another!

**God** desires to have a relationship with you. He has done everything needed to allow you to have that fellowship with Him. Jesus Christ died for you!



He wants you to believe, to **ABIDE** to obey, and to **LOVE**.



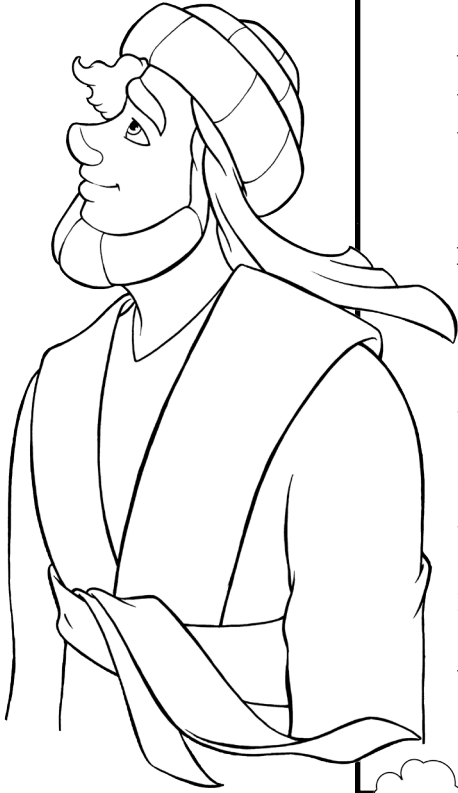
May **God** help each one of you to **LOVE**; to **LOVE God** with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and to **LOVE** your neighbor as yourself.

**GOD BLESS YOU**



# ACTIVITY PAGE 1

## Men of the Bible



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- Find these Bible names in the MIRRORRED WORDSEARCH
- Adam
  - Daniel
  - David
  - Elijah
  - Isaac
  - Job
  - John
  - Jonah
  - Joseph
  - Moses
  - Nicodemus
  - Solomon
  - Isaiah
  - Peter
  - Zacchaeus
  - Jesus
  - Paul





# ACTIVITY PAGE 2



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## ACROSS:

- 1) He lost everything he owned but did not leave God
- 2) Jesus raised my brother from the dead
- 5) I was the first man
- 6) I led the Israelites after Moses
- 7) I heard God's voice in the night when I was a boy
- 8) I led the Israelites out of Egypt
- 10) A BIG fish swallowed me
- 11) I am the son of Saul and David's best friend

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## DOWN:

- 1) I Betrayed Jesus
- 2) Jesus raised my brother from the dead
- 3) I hid two spies in the city of Jericho
- 4) Yes, I was a wee little man
- 7) I was the first king of Israel
- 9) I was given great wisdom as a gift from God

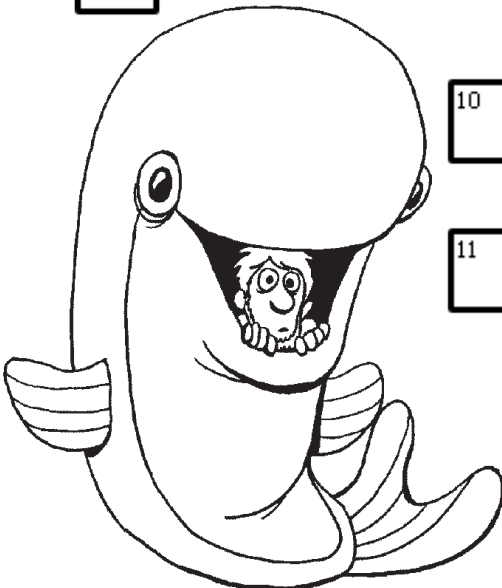


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