



DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

ALL SIN IS SERIOUS, BUT THERE ARE SOME SINS WHICH ARE ESPECIALLY CONTAMINATING TO INDIVIDUALS AND CHRIST'S CHURCH. SINCE THE 6TH CENTURY, THE CHURCH HAS CAUTIONED PEOPLE AGAINST THE "7 DEADLY SINS" WHICH WERE COMMON IN THE WORLD THEN AND STILL AS MUCH TODAY. THIS SERIES WILL EXPLORE THE BIBLICAL WARNING OF EACH TOXIC DANGER AND OFFER A COORDINATE VIRTUE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO PURSUE.

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE TO THE KIDPIX STORE BY DECEMBER 8 TO RECEIVE 20 TOKENS.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND ENJOY THIS DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE. WE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING COMPLETED CHALLENGES IN DECEMBER.

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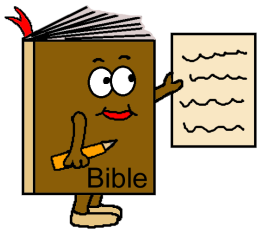




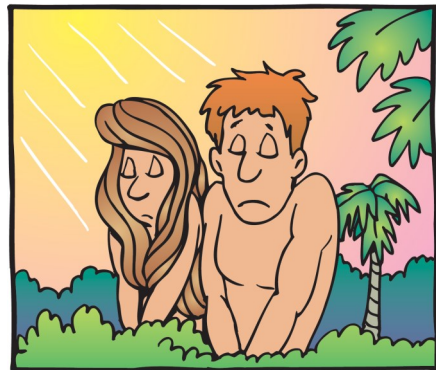
WHAT IS SIN?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WRITE A DEFINITION OF SIN:

GOD'S CREATION WAS PERFECT: THERE WAS NO SICKNESS, PAIN, OR DEATH. BUT THIS PERFECT CREATION DID NOT LAST LONG. GOD PLACED ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN WHERE THEY COULD ENJOY HIS CREATION. GOD GAVE ADAM AND EVE A RULE: DO NOT EAT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. GOD TOLD THEM THAT IF THEY ATE OF IT, THEY WOULD DIE.



READ GENESIS 3:1-6

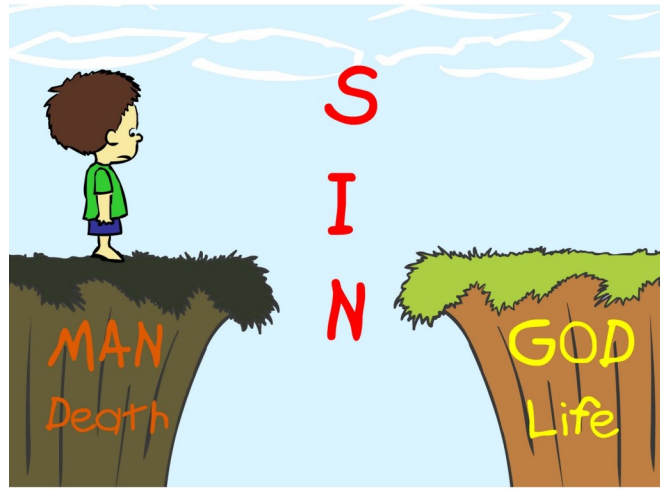


- Which animal spoke to the woman?
- What did he ask?
- Did the woman know God's rule not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?
- Where was her husband?
- What did he do?
- Did Adam and Eve obey God's rule?

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT EVERYBODY SINS. READ ROMANS 3:23, THEN FILL IN THE BLANKS:

For _____ have _____ and fall short
of the _____ of God

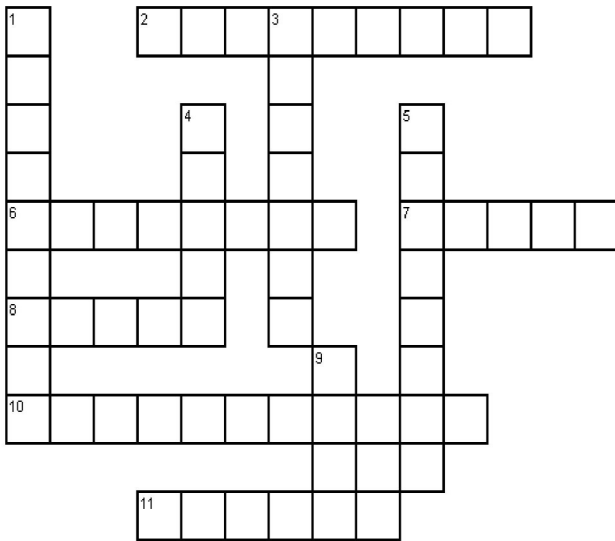
Sin can be something big, like stealing something or hurting someone else. Sin can be something smaller, like saying unkind words to someone or disobeying your parents. What are sins you struggle with?



SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD. GOD IS COMPLETELY HOLY (WITHOUT SIN) AND HE IS JUST (FAIR AND IMPARTIAL). BECAUSE HE IS JUST, HE CANNOT MAKE A RULE, ESTABLISH THE PENALTY, AND THEN NOT FOLLOW THROUGH WHEN THE RULE IS BROKEN.

GOD'S WRATH REVEALED

All of the answers to this crossword puzzle deal with the wrath of God and can be found within the verses provided.



Across

- 2 The Lord will pronounce judgment on his people for doing what to Him? (Jeremiah 1:16)
- 6 Against all the godlessness and wickedness of men, the wrath of God is being what? (Romans 1:18)
- 7 What are the wages of sin? (Romans 6:23)
- 8 Wrath and anger will be on all who follow evil and reject this? (Romans 2:8)
- 10 God's wrath comes on those who are what? (Ephesians 5:6)
- 11 God will bring judgment to both the righteous and the what? (Ecclesiastes 3:17)

Down

- 1 Because of our iniquities, we are this from God? (Isaiah 59:2)
- 3 Besides the wicked, who else will not stand in the judgment? (Psalm 1:5)
- 4 What is being stored up because of stubbornness and an unrepentant heart? (Romans 2:5)
- 5 God will bring every deed into this, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)
- 9 Whoever rejects the Son will not see this because God's wrath remains on him. (John 3:36)



WITH YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION OR ASSISTANCE, MAKE SLIME!

What you need:

- 1 part Water
- 1.5 to 2 parts Cornstarch
- A big bowl
- Food coloring (optional)



What you do:

- Start with the water in a bowl and add the cornstarch a bit at a time.
- Keep stirring until it has a goopy consistency. You may want to use your hands.
- When the slime is just right, slowly add food coloring, if you want.

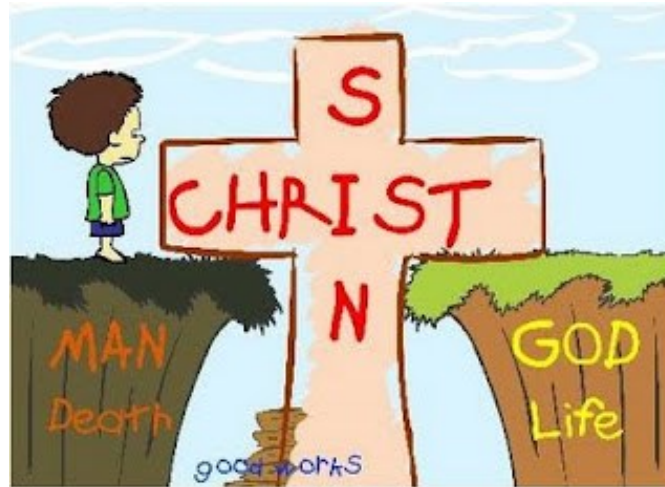
Drop your hands quickly into the slime, then slowly lower your hands into it. Notice the difference! Place your hand in the mixture. Scoop it up and let it run down your fingers and arm.

SIN IS LIKE THIS SLIME...IT IS GROSS! WHEN WE FIRST START MESSING WITH IT, WE MIGHT THINK THAT WE CAN CONTROL IT, BUT WE CANNOT. IT SPREADS AND GOES EVERYWHERE, MAKING A MESS OF OUR LIVES. THE ONLY WAY TO BE FREE FROM SIN IS TO ASK FOR GOD'S HELP!



SALVATION-GOD'S SOLUTION TO SIN

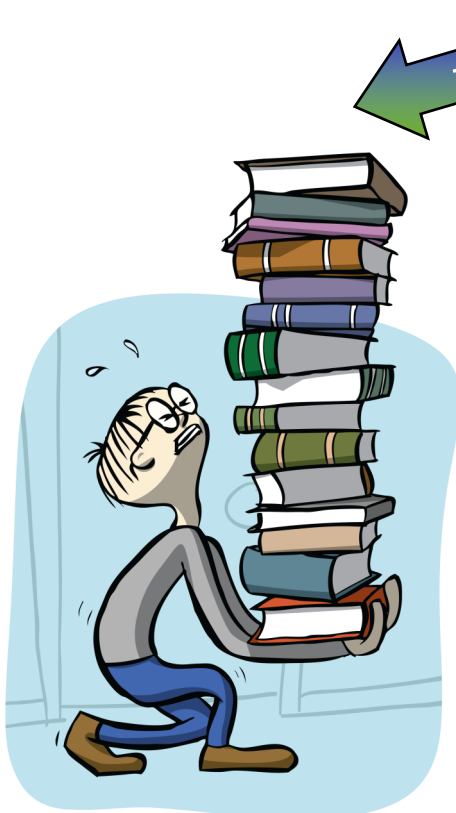
GOD HATES SIN. BUT HE LOVES US! HE DOES NOT WANT US TO REMAIN SEPARATED FROM HIM. GOD LOVES EVERYONE OF US SO MUCH THAT HE SENT HIS ONE AND ONLY SON TO EARTH SO THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM CAN LIVE FOREVER AND EVER WITH HIM IN HEAVEN ONE DAY.



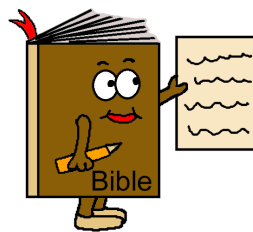
Imagine a book that had all of the sins you have ever committed written in it...every lie, every time you talked back, every time you grumbled, every time you slammed a door, every time you cheated, and anything else.

How long do you think you could hold that book up at arms length? What if you had to hold a book of sins for everyone in your class? In our church? In your neighborhood? In the world? Can you imagine how heavy all of those books would be?!

The Bible says that when Jesus died on the cross, he bore [*carried*] the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Jesus himself was without sin. It was because of *our* sin that he died on the cross. He died in our place.



With the help of someone else, gather several books and have them place the books in your arms, one on top of the other. Keep stacking until you feel like you can't hold another book.



READ ROMANS 5:8-9

- When did Christ die for us?
- What did God show by sending Jesus to die in our place?
- What does it mean to be justified? (If you don't know, ask your parents or a church leader)
- Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior?

THE HOLY SPIRIT

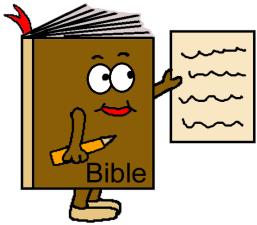
WHEN YOU RECEIVE CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR, THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL LIVE IN YOU FOREVER. HE IS THE GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS BELONG TO GOD (EPH. 1:13).

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? (MATTHEW 28:19)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the _____ and the _____ and the _____.” The Holy Spirit is a part of the Trinity of God.

WHERE DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVE? (JOHN 14:16-17)

The Father will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of _____. The world will not accept Him, but you know Him because He lives with _____ and will be in you.



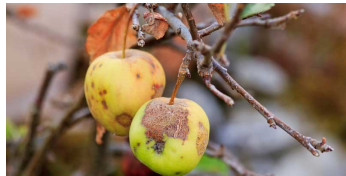
THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES A LOT OF THINGS. HE IS A DIVINE COUNSELOR AND HELPER WHO IS EAGER TO ENCOURAGE, COMFORT, LEAD, CONVICT, AND GUIDE US. ONE VERY IMPORTANT THING HE DOES IS CHANGES YOU TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS. GOD NOT ONLY FORGIVES YOUR SIN, HE WANTS TO FILL YOUR HEART WITH GOOD THINGS!

READ GALATIANS 5:22-23 AND LIST THE NINE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Look at the fruit on this tree.

- Does it look appetizing?
- What is wrong with it?
- What can you conclude about the tree that produced this fruit?
- What kind of tree are you...a good tree with healthy fruit or a bad tree with rotten fruit?
- Do you think that you can produce good fruit on your own without the Holy Spirit?



JESUS SAID YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE HIS FOLLOWERS BY THE “FRUIT” THEY PRODUCED...THE WAY WE ACT WHEN WE PUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS. ASK HIM TO FORGIVE US OF OUR SINS, AND PROMISE TO OBEY HIM.

**By their fruit you will recognize them.
Every good tree bears good fruit,
but a bad tree bears bad fruit.**



Make a fruit salad (with your parents' permission)

INGREDIENTS

For the dressing:

- 1/4 c. honey
- 1/4 c. freshly squeezed orange juice
- Zest of 1 lemon

For the salad:

- 1 lb. strawberries, hulled & quartered
- 6 oz. blueberries
- 6 oz. raspberries
- 1 orange, peeled and wedges cut in half
- 2 apples, peeled and chopped
- 2 c. grapes

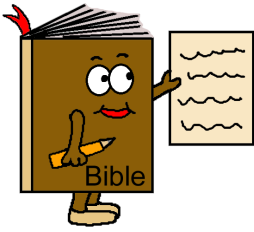


DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl whisk together honey, orange juice, and lemon zest. Add fruit to a large bowl and pour over dressing, tossing gently to combine. Chill until ready to serve.

LOVE

WHEN ASKED WHAT WAS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT, JESUS REPLIED, "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (MATTHEW 22:37-39) LOVE IS NOT JUST A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, BUT A COMMAND FROM GOD!

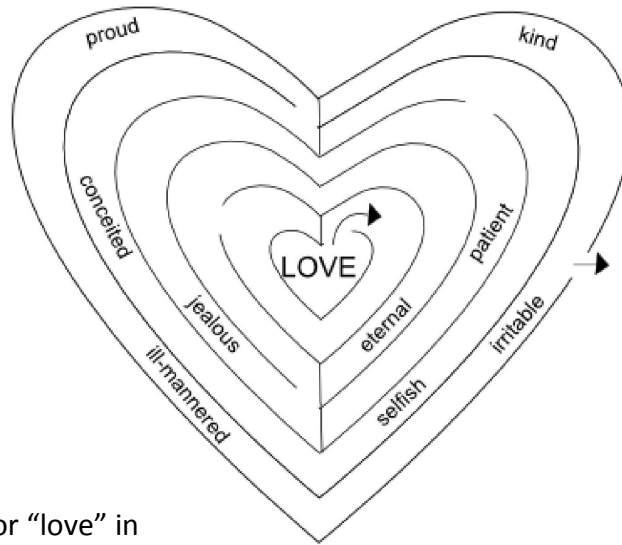


Draw a path through the maze from the center to the right side. Some of the words will be crossed out by the line you draw.

If a word is not crossed out, write it in the "LOVE IS" list.
If a word is crossed out, write it in the "LOVE IS NOT" list.

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

LIST ALL OF THE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE LOVE:



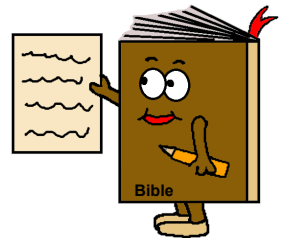
LOVE IS

LOVE IS NOT

- Could you substitute your name for "love" in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?
- Would these words describe you?
- Which characteristics of love are your strengths?

JOY

READ JAMES 1:2-3



- According to James, what should we consider the hard and difficult things in our lives?
- How is it possible to have joy and praise God in difficult times?
- What's one way to be joyful when good or bad things happen?
- How do you share joy with others?

Happiness

A feeling based on circumstances

VS

Joy

An attitude, regardless of circumstances, based on faith in God

WHILE HAPPINESS AND JOY CAN EXIST AT THE SAME TIME, HAPPINESS IS BASED ON EXTERNAL THINGS OR EVENTS, LIKE GETTING A GIFT, GOING TO A PARTY, OR EATING YOUR FAVORITE TREAT. JOY, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS FROM GOD AND RUNS DEEPER - IT CAN BE PRESENT EVEN DURING UNHAPPY TIMES.

Fill in the blanks:

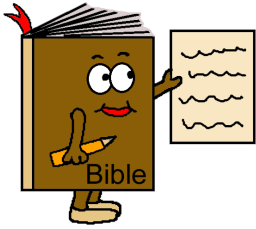
Romans 15:13-15

Our _____ comes from God. May He fill you with _____ and peace because of your _____ in Him. May your hope grow stronger by the power of the _____.

PEACE



THE WORLD'S VIEW OF PEACE INCLUDES ENDING CONFLICT, PEACE WITHIN YOURSELF, AND/OR BEING COMPLETELY RELAXED (LIKE BEING AT A BEACH OR SPA). UNFORTUNATELY, THE PEACE THE WORLD OFFERS ONLY LASTS A SHORT WHILE. CONFLICTS ALWAYS ARISE, NO MATTER HOW HARD PEOPLE TRY. A SPA WILL NEVER TAKE ALL OF THE STRESS AWAY FOREVER. MEDITATION DOES NOT GRANT REAL PEACE. BUT CHRISTIANS HAVE GOD'S PEACE AVAILABLE TO THEM. A PEACE THAT IS GREATER THAN ANYTHING THE WORLD OFFERS.



READ PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

- What is the opposite of peace?
- What's one thing that makes you feel worried?
- Where does our peace come from?
- How can you trust God to handle it?

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

What does it mean to have Peace?

- A. It means that you never have any problems.
- B. It means that you trust God in difficult times.
- C. It means that you never fight with anyone.
- D. It means that you get plenty of sleep and eat healthy.

- Imagine that you're at school and you are about to start a very important test. How can you have peace?
- A. Tell the teacher that you should be allowed to skip the test.
 - B. Calmly pray God will help you remember what you studied.
 - C. Carefully look at your friend's test to get answers.
 - D. Panic!

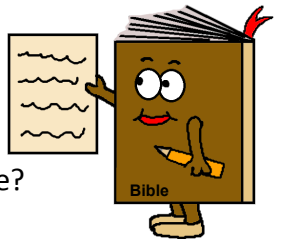
PATIENCE

EACH DAY THINGS TEST OUR PATIENCE...SMALL THINGS, LIKE SOMEONE TAKING THEIR TIME WHEN YOU ARE IN A HURRY OR VERY BIG THINGS, LIKE WAITING ON GOD TO HEAL A FAMILY MEMBER. AS WE LEARN TO BE PATIENT IN THE SMALL THINGS, GOD WILL PREPARE US TO GO THROUGH THE BIGGER THINGS.

READ EPHESIANS 4:2

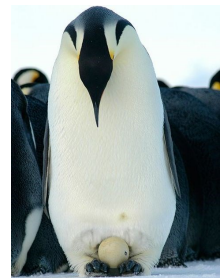
In this verse, what three things are we called to be?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



LISTS SITUATIONS WHERE YOU BECOME IMPATIENT:

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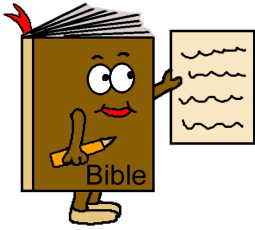


PATIENT AS A PENGUIN

A female emperor penguin transfers a single egg to the top of her mate's feet. The female goes to sea to feed while the male incubates the egg. The egg is typically ready to hatch after four months! The male fasts throughout the courtship, nesting, and incubation periods. He lives off reserves of body fat and loses up to 45% of his body weight.

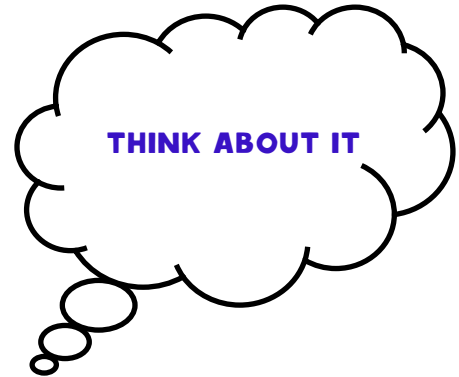
KINDNESS

REAL CHRISTIAN KINDNESS IS NOT JUST OUR MANNERS; IT IS A CHANGE OF OUR HEARTS. KINDNESS IS OUR COMPASSION THAT WE USE BECAUSE GOD HAS SO TOUCHED US, SO WE ARE SENSITIVE AND COMPASSIONATE TOWARD OTHERS.



READ EPHESIANS 4:32

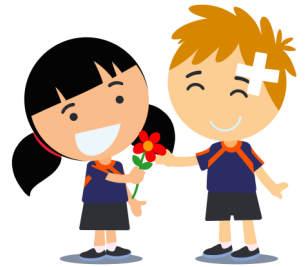
- What does compassion mean?
- Write an example of being compassionate.



READ THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN (LUKE 10:25-37).

- Why do you think the Samaritan helped the man who was hurt?
- Why did the others not help him?
- What would you have done? Why?
- How do you show kindness?

**SPEND SOME TIME ASKING
GOD WHO YOU CAN HELP/
SMILE AT/ SAY SOMETHING
NICE TO OR GIVE SOMETHING
TO OVER THE COMING WEEK.**



GOODNESS

THE GREEK WORD FOR GOODNESS - "AGATHOSUNE" - IS A SPECIAL WORD BECAUSE IT IS ONLY FOUND IN THE BIBLE AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE. IT IS USED IN THE BIBLE 4 TIMES:

ROMANS 15:14

I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of _____, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

GALATIANS 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, _____, faithfulness...

EPHESIANS 5:9

For the fruit of the light consists of _____, righteousness and truth

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for _____ and your every deed prompted by faith.

THE SUN SHINES, HEATS, AND PROVIDES LIFE. WHEN THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT ON A NICE DAY WE FEEL GOOD AND CAN GO OUT AND PLAY. WHEN WE HAVE THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT LIKE GOODNESS WE SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

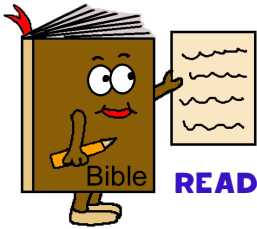


- How do you shine God's love onto others?
- What other ways can you do this?

FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS MEANS STICKING BY ANOTHER PERSON THROUGH HARD TIMES, NOT JUST IN THE EASY TIMES. TRUE FRIENDS ARE FAITHFUL TO EACH OTHER EVEN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

Saul was the King of Israel. Unfortunately, Saul was not a king who pleased God, so God chose to give the honor of being the king to David (1 Samuel 15,16), a young man who worked for King Saul. David spent a lot time in the palace and became very good friends with Saul's son Jonathan. After some time, King Saul became so jealous of David that he wanted to kill him. Even so, Jonathan remained David's best friend.



READ 1 SAMUEL 18:1

- What does the Bible say that tells us David and Jonathan were good friends?

READ 1 SAMUEL 19:1-7

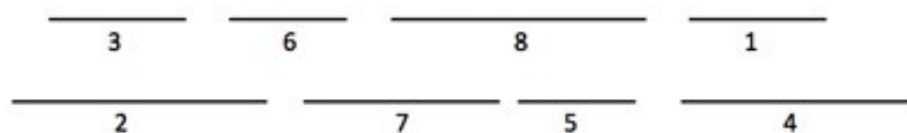
- What did Jonathan do to prove his love for David?
- Do you think this could have angered King Saul?
- Would you speak the truth about one of your friends to defend him/her even if it might mean you could get yourself into trouble?
- If another kid said your friend was not allowed to play a game, would you be a faithful friend and say, "If you're asking him not to play, then I am not going to play either"?

GOD IS FAITHFUL WORD PUZZLE

Below are statements that prove God's faithfulness. Read each sentence and write down the underlined words below from each sentence. Place each word in the corresponding numbered blank to find out the sentence solution.

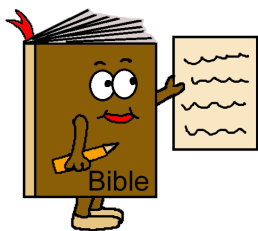
1. You and your family are loved by God!
2. God will always provide for you!
3. God will never leave you!
4. His promises are new every morning!
5. His word will not fail you!
6. God is always listening to our prayers!
7. God keeps you in perfect peace!
8. Faithful is an attribute of God!

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| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |



GENTLENESS

GENTLENESS IS NOT BEING WEAK; IT IS OUR STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL. DISPLAYING GENTLENESS TO OTHERS MEANS THAT WE ARE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER PEOPLE AND TREAT THEM WITH LOVE AND RESPECT EVEN IF THEY DON'T TREAT US THE SAME WAY. JESUS IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE OF GENTLENESS THAT IS ALSO STRONG AND BOLD.



READ PROVERBS 15:1

- What does a gentle answer do?
- What does a harsh word do?

WITH YOUR PARENTS' PERMISSION, TASTE A SMALL PINCH OF SALT, THEN A SMALL PINCH OF SUGAR.



- What would you rather eat a spoonful of sugar or a spoonful of salt? Why?
- Have you ever got salt in a cut? How did it feel?
- How does it feel when you have done something wrong and a teacher or parent corrects you harshly?
- How do you feel when someone is mean to you? How is this like salt?
- How do you feel when someone tells you did a good job? How is that like sugar?
- Which one do we need to be?

SELF-CONTROL

SELF-CONTROL IS ALLOWING GOD TO BE IN CONTROL OF YOUR WILL AND HEART AND SEEKING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ENABLE US. THEN WE WILL KNOW WHAT NOT TO DO AND GUARD THE AREAS WE ARE WEAK IN.

READ JAMES 1:19-27

- Why should we be slow to get angry?
- What kind of things do kids get angry about?
- Why shouldn't we get angry about the little things?
- What sort of things should we be concerned or "angry" about?
- How can we channel that anger into doing something good?



IMAGINE THIS...

Your grandmother makes the most amazing tasting brownies in the world. You go to her house and the smell of those brownies fills the air. You decided beforehand that you would only eat one, but then you found yourself eating a second, and then a third. At that moment, your lack of self-control nearly finished off a pan of brownies meant for the entire family to enjoy.

Eating a pan of brownies might not seem that serious, but the idea of being unable to control your actions is very serious.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WORD SEARCH

X	T	Z	G	V	S	S	U	W	K	C	X	O	D	D
K	K	F	Z	O	E	A	M	K	I	G	C	V	K	V
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Love
Joy
Peace
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self-Control



SERIES MEMORY VERSES

PROVERBS 11:2

WHEN PRIDE COMES, THEN COMES DISGRACE; BUT WITH HUMILITY COMES WISDOM.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

**WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AS WORKING FOR THE LORD NOT FOR MEN.**

PROVERBS 14:30

A HEART AT PEACE GIVES LIFE TO THE BODY, BUT ENVY ROTTS THE BONES.

PSALM 51:10

CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

PROVERBS 15:1

A GENTLE ANSWER TURNS AWAY WRATH, BUT A HARSH WORD STIRS UP ANGER.

PROVERBS 11:25

A GENEROUS MAN WILL PROSPER; HE WHO REFRESHES OTHERS WILL HIMSELF BE REFRESHED.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

**FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF TIMIDITY, BUT A SPIRIT OF POWER, OF LOVE,
AND OF SELF-DISCIPLINE.**