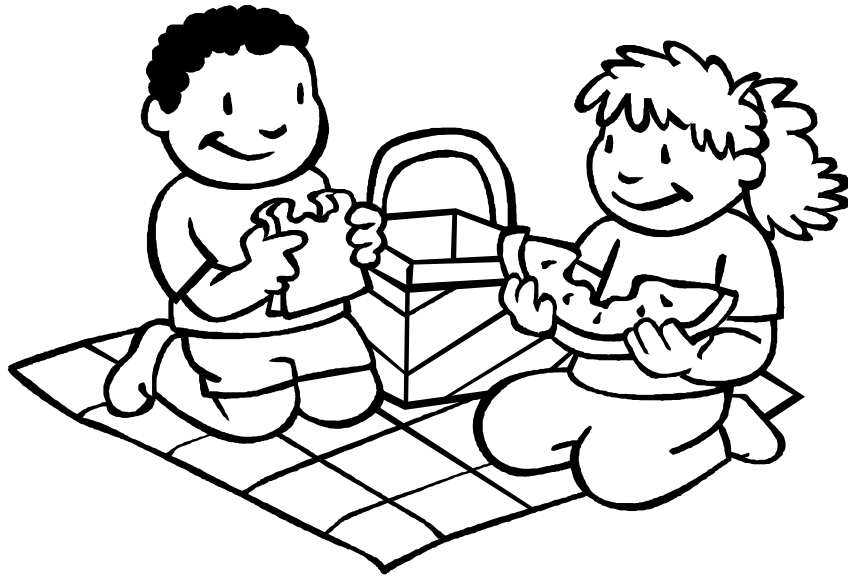


Try playing a game where someone tells a short story, then the next person tells it again but makes one change. Continue doing this and see how the final story compares to the original.



Love each other...
take delight in honouring
each other.

Luke 6:31

Abraham's Choice

Sabbath

Have you ever heard the story of the Rainbow Serpent? It is the Aboriginal story for the beginning of the world. Read a brief version of it on the left and compare it with the creation story on the right. Use coloured pencils to highlight similar words or phrases. Two are already done for you.

In the dreamtime, **everything was still**; one day the Rainbow **serpent** awoke; she woke the frogs and water came from their mouths to run all of the earth. Water, grass and trees appeared and then animals awoke and followed the Rainbow serpent across the land.

The Rainbow serpent made laws, those who disobeyed the laws became stone; the others became the people. They lived together on the land given to them by the Rainbow serpent and knew that no-one should ever take it from them.

In the beginning **everything was still**, then God said, "Let there be light." He separate the waters; He made the grass, trees and finally animals and people. But the **serpent** who was Satan, tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God and sin increased until the people were constantly disobey God's laws.

So God sent the great flood to cover all of the earth; only Noah, his family and two of each animal were saved. Those who disobeyed and the rest of the animals were destroyed; (Sometimes their fossils are found in stone).

Then God told Noah and his family to spread out on the land given to them and He put a Rainbow in the sky as a reminder that He would never flood the earth again.

Sunday

One day God said to Abraham, "Leave your country, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make your descendants into a great nation."



So Abraham packed up his household, his wife and servants, sheep and cattle, and his nephew, Lot, also went with him. They travelled until they came into the land of Canaan., then God said to Abraham "I will give you this land."

Now a famine struck the land, and there was no food, so Abraham decided to go to Egypt.

But Abraham was afraid that when the Egyptians saw how beautiful his wife Sarah was they would kill him and take her, so he told them she was his sister instead. When the Pharaoh saw how beautiful Sarah was he invited her to the palace and sent her gifts.



Then God sent terrible plagues on Pharaoh's house, so Pharaoh found out Sarah was Abraham's wife, and he commanded that Abraham and Sarah leave immediately with all their servants and belongings.

So Abraham and Lot returned to Canaan and God blessed them both, and their herds of sheep and cattle grew very large. In fact they grew so large, that the workers started fighting about who needed more grass.

Finally Abraham said to Lot, "Let's not allow this arguing to come between us; after all, we are relatives! The whole countryside is open to us, you choose any section of the land you want, and we will separate."

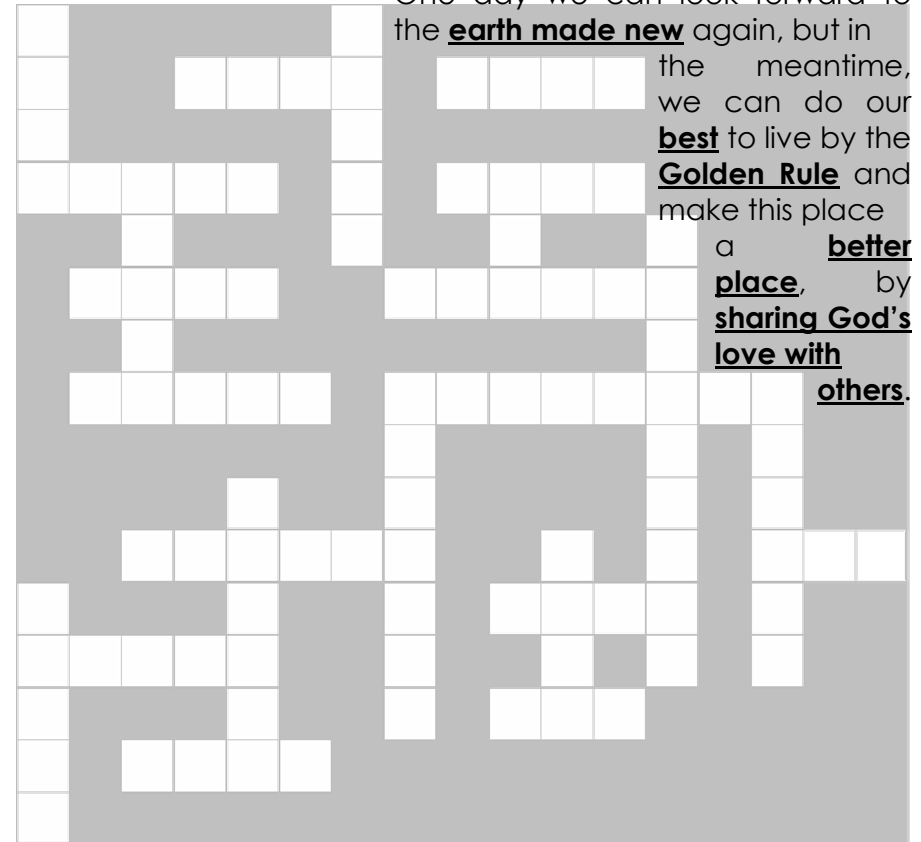


Lot took a long look at the beautiful green plains of the Jordan Valley, and choose that direction. So Lot parted company from Abraham, and moved his animals and servants and settled near one of the cities in the Valley.

Friday

If Adam and Eve had not **sinned** our world would be totally different. There would be no **pain, sickness** or **death**. People would always follow the golden rule and everyone would be **happy**. Noah's flood would not have been needed and the earth would **never** have experienced the earthquakes and volcanoes that went with it. The mountains would not be so high, nor, I imagine, would they be bare rock or covered with snow. The climate would not be boiling hot or bitterly cold. We would not have cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes or other disasters. You would know your grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents and in fact, **all your ancestors** because they would all still be **alive!**

One day we can look forward to the **earth made new** again, but in the meantime, we can do our **best** to live by the **Golden Rule** and make this place a **better place,** by **sharing God's love with others.**



Thursday

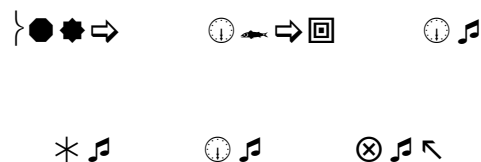
When Abraham let Lot choose first; he was following the Golden Rule which is found in Luke 6:31^{NLT}.

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

The Golden Rule can help you decide what the right thing to do is too.



Who is following the Golden Rule? Make a smiley or frowny face. The first two are done for you.



Sally lets Jane go in front of her



Sam takes the biggest piece of cake



Gracey cleans up the kitchen after making toffee



Richard yells at little sister



Michael agrees to play a two player game on the Nintendo so that Jim can play too



Billy shares his lunch when Bob forgot his



Johnny pushes to the front of the line



Matthew takes his plate and cup to the sink when he finishes eating



Lisa grabs the last biscuit



Sandy grumbles when Mum asks her to do something

Monday

In the years following the flood, its story was no doubt told and retold to generation after generation of children. Those children who were lucky enough to have known one of Noah's sons or grandsons, had the advantage of a first hand or second hand eye-witness. Someone who, unless times were really hard and busy, was probably happy to share their memories. But after the split at Babel, many groups would not have had this advantage and the details of the big flood were gradually changed or forgotten.

The Hawaiians remember most of the details, but changed the ark into a "canoe with a house on it" - something which probably made it easier for children who had never seen a ship, to understand; and the Alaskans changed the ark to a raft.

Does this remind you of the cartoons we see of Noah's ark?

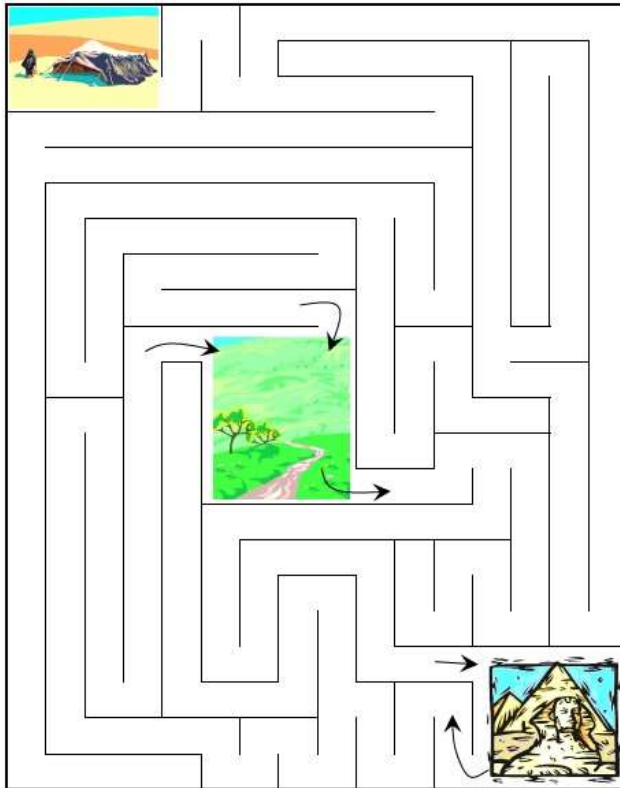


Abraham was the great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Shem, who lived through the great flood, and Moses, the great-great-great-great-grandson of Abraham, is believed to have written the first 5 books of the Old Testament, which include detailed ancestry records from Adam to Moses' time.

Other groups of people also recorded or at least have a memory of their ancestry from Noah. The ancient Irish kept accurate records and trace their ancestry back to Magog, a son of Japheth and Indians, Greeks, British and some Chinese also claim to be descendants of Japheth.

Tuesday

Abraham obeyed God and packed up his house to travel. God led him to the promised land of Canaan. Then a famine forced Abraham to move to Egypt, and he finally, returned again to the Promised Land. Find a way through the maze to show Abraham's journey.

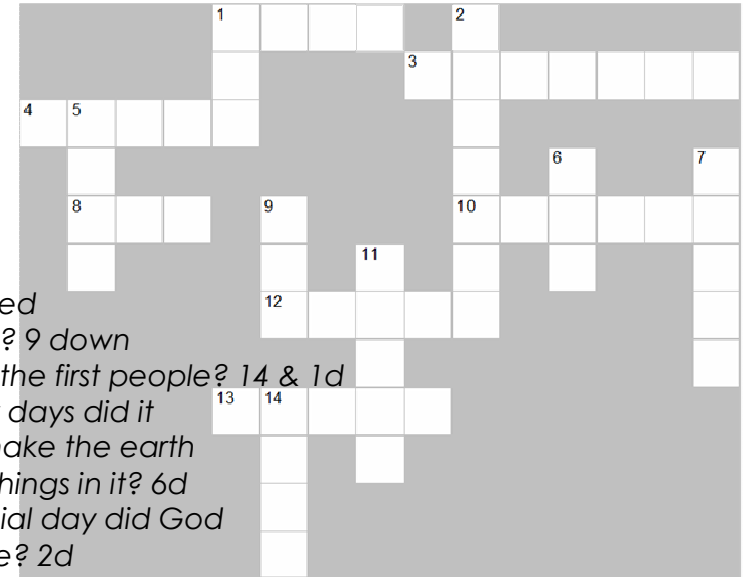


Find the underlined words from Sunday

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Wednesday

Although everyone used to know about the creation of the world, the beginning of sin and the great flood, some people didn't take the time to tell their children; other people changed the details so the children could understand better and others just couldn't remember all the details. These day's we have no excuse because it is all written down for us in the Bible. How much do you remember? Use the clues to fill in the crossword.



Who created

the world? 9 down

Who were the first people? 14 & 1d

How many days did it

take to make the earth

and the things in it? 6d

What special day did God

also make? 2d

What did Satan disguise himself as? 4a

What does sin cause? 12a

The world became totally e___ 1a

God decided to send a great ____ 7d

The only man who still listened to God was ____ 5d

God told him to build an ___ 8a

God sent two of every kind of _____ 10a

What covered the whole earth? 11d

What did God send as a promise to never destroy the whole earth again? 3a

God told them to spread out and fill the earth again, but instead, a large group of people came together to build a tower at _____ 13a