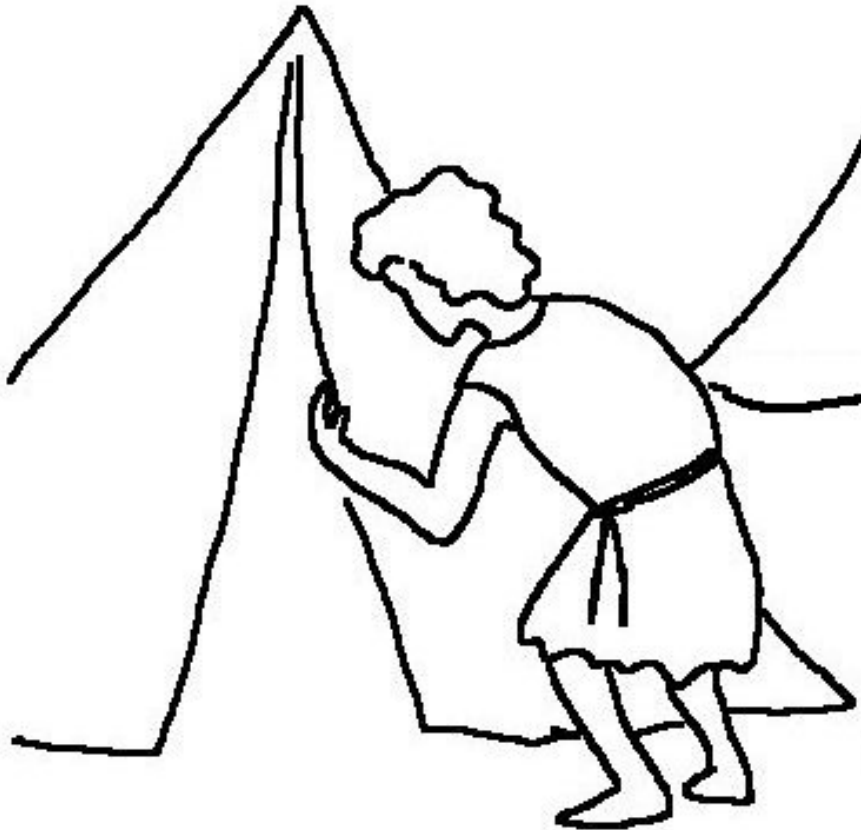


Answer to Sabbath's maze:

You were sure there was a way through the maze – but there isn't. It is an impossible maze.

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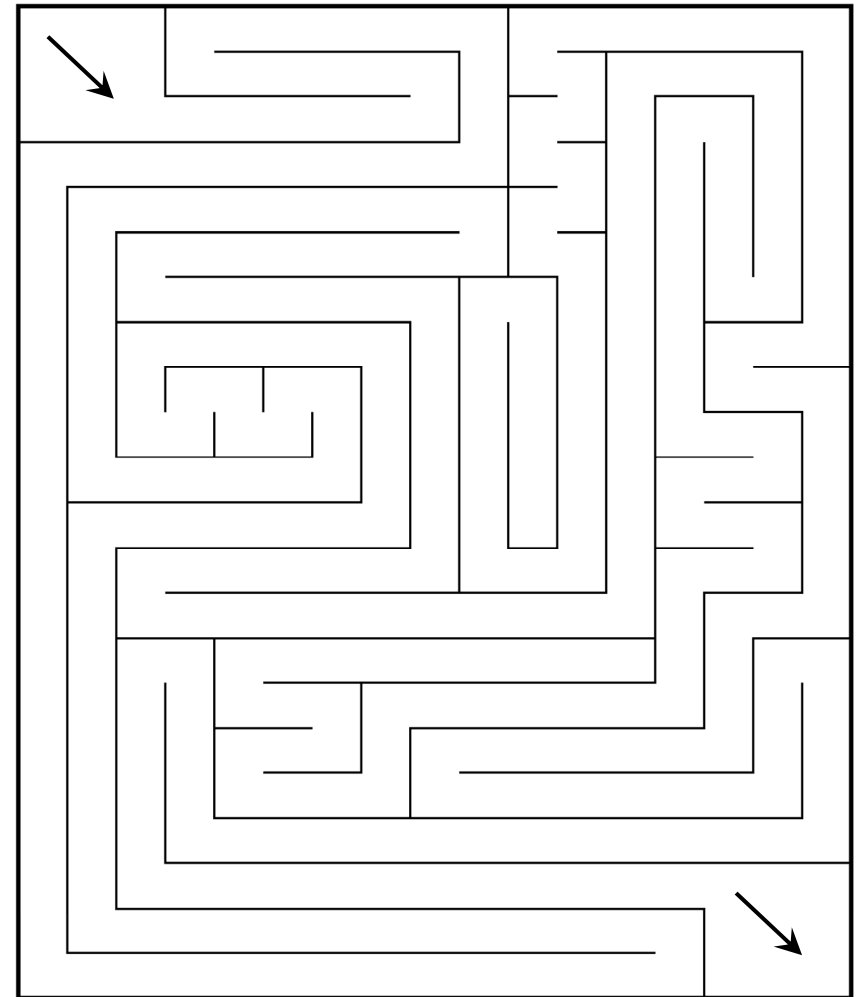
You may be sure that your sin will find you out.
Numbers 32:23^{NLT}



Found Out!

Sabbath

Have you ever been sure that something would work out a certain way – and then it didn't? Find your way through the maze. (The answer is on the back page)



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Refer: Joshua 7; 8:1-29 NLT; *Patriarchs and Prophets* p493-498; *The Bible Story* vol3 p92-95

Sunday

Excited by the victory at Jericho, the Israelites sent three thousand of their fighting men to attack the town of Ai. But instead of the victory they expected, they were badly beaten!

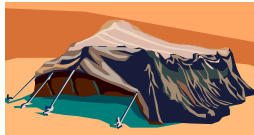
Then Joshua cried to the Lord to find out why.

The Lord said "Israel has sinned! Someone has stolen something from Jericho, lied about it and then hidden the stolen things. That is why you were defeated. Tomorrow morning - present yourselves in groups and I will show you who has done this thing. You will never defeat your enemies until you remove these things from among you."

The following morning all the people gathered together. And Joshua brought the tribes of Israel before the Lord, and the tribe of Judah was chosen. Then the clans of Judah came forward, and the clan of Zerah was chosen. Then the family of Zimri was chosen, and finally a man named Achan was singled out.

"It is true!" said Achan, "I have sinned. I saw a beautiful robe, some silver coins, and a gold bar; I wanted them so much that I took them. They are hidden under my tent."

Then the Israelites stoned Achan and his family and piled a great heap of stones over them.



Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Now take all your fighting men, setup an ambush and attack Ai, for I will be with you. You will destroy them as you destroyed Jericho."

So, Joshua sent 30000 warriors to hide in a place behind the town, while the rest attacked it from the front. When the men of Ai came out to fight, the Israelites ran away and the men of the town chased them.

With the fighting men gone, the Israelite warriors who had been hiding, came out, captured the town and set it on fire.

When the men of Ai saw the smoke, they realised what had happened and Joshua and his army stopped running and turned and defeated them.

Friday

All of us sin at times, whether with obvious sins, or even just with sinful attitudes. Even doing the right thing for the wrong reasons is a sin, for example, obeying, while feeling angry about it. Sin is something that will be with us until Jesus comes, but it doesn't have to defeat us, or control us.

The most important thing that we can learn to help us in the battle against sin, is to pray, and pray is most effect when it includes Bible verses.

When talking about the Armour of God, Paul tells us to pray for victory for ourselves and our friends and family.

Ephesians 6:17, 18, "Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the

_____ (11d) of the _____ (10d), which is the _____ (8a) of _____ (1d).

_____ (12a) in the _____ (11a) at all times and on every occasion. Stay _____ (5d) and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. NLT

Psalm 139:24, "Point out anything in me that offends you, and _____ (2a) me along the path of

_____ (3d) life. NLT

1 John 1:9, "If we _____ (9a) our sins, He is _____ (6a) and _____ (7a) and will _____ (4a) us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." NIV



Thursday

Do you have things that God wouldn't like? Put a cross next to the things that God wouldn't like and a tick next to the things He would like.

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| △ Bible stories | △ TV shows with lots of swearing |
| △ Stories with magic | △ Violent comic books |
| △ Stolen clothes | △ Toys that are stolen |
| △ Magazines about animals or nature | △ TV programs or books that teach good values |
| △ TV shows with lots of violence | △ Things your parents wouldn't want you to have |
| △ Magazines with rude pictures | △ Visiting sick people |
| △ Violent computer games | △ Going to school |
| △ Computer games that teach good behaviour | △ Lying to your parents |
| △ TV shows about magic | △ Rude pictures on the internet |
| △ Lollies that are stolen | △ Calling people names |
| △ Your bike or scooter | |

Monday

This term we have been learning about the Sanctuary, and there is a lot more that we could learn, including the different types of sacrifices and how they were handled, the special festivals, and many more details. Absolutely everything in the Sanctuary was designed to teach something about God.

This is a very brief summary of some of the things we have learned, starting from the entrance of the courtyard.

- There was only one entrance, because there is only one way to come to God.
- The altar of burnt offering was in front of the entrance. The sacrifices pointed forward to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- Next was the laver or wash basin, where the priests washed before entering the Sanctuary. Baptism is also a symbol that our sins are washed away, and sin cannot be where God is.
- The colours of the curtains, and the colours of the High Priests' robes, gold, purple, scarlet and blue, remind us that Jesus is **God**, the **King** of Heaven who came to **die**, because we broke the **law**.
- Inside the Sanctuary, on the left was the lampstand. Jesus brought light to this world and calls Christians to do the same.
- On the right was the Table of Shewbread because Jesus is the Bread of Life - Spending time with Jesus every day fills our spiritual emptiness.
- From the Altar of Incense, the sweet smell was to constantly rise, and so our prayers should rise to God.
- Behind the curtain was the Ark of the Covenant, with the visible light of God above the Mercy Seat or Atonement Cover, and the Ten Commandments inside. Here, on the day of Atonement, the High Priest would come to God on behalf of the people. Now, with Jesus acting as our High Priest, we can come directly to God.

If Achan had been sorry for his sin, he would have brought a sin offering to the priests as a sign that he was seeking forgiveness, and his story would have had a very different ending.

Tuesday

Why didn't God
help the
Israelites defeat
Ai like He
helped them
with Jericho?

Solve the code and you
will find out that it was
because they had...

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Find the underlined
words from Sunday.
They are from Joshua
7:13^{NLT}

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There is nothing wrong with gold or silver or nice clothes. What
was wrong, was that they had been stolen!

Wednesday

Label or draw each item of furniture in the Sanctuary.

