

Bohemia is part of what is now known as the Czech Republic; it is bordered by dense forests and mountain ranges. The people of Bohemia had the Bible translated into their language and the freedom to worship as they wished. But as the power of Pope Gregory VII increased he sent a ruling declaring that all worship must be done in an ancient-unknown language.



John Huss was raised to love God by his widowed mother and received a scholarship to study at the university in Prague. He was a dedicated student, Christian and member of the Church; after completing his studies he entered the priesthood and was eventually assigned to the chapel in Bethlehem, Prague. In this chapel, the Bible had always been preached in the language of the people, and John Huss continued with this tradition; encouraging the people to turn from evil and practice the truth. He also read the writings of John Wycliffe with interest and believed Wycliffe must be a sincere Christian, although Huss wasn't ready yet to break from the Church.

About this time two missionaries came from England, speaking out against the power of the Pope. When the authorities told them to stop they changed their tactics. They drew two murals, one showing Christ entering Jerusalem on a donkey followed by his travel-worn disciples and the other showing the Pope with his magnificent robes and crown followed by his officers in dazzling array. Everyone could see the difference!

The Bible preaching of John Huss soon came to the attention of the church leaders in Rome and Huss was called to appear before the Pope, but the king, queen, university and government all appealed that he be permitted to answer the charges from Prague. Instead, the Pope declared the city of Prague under interdict: – Churches must be closed, funerals forbidden and everyone would be banned from heaven – or so the Pope claimed. This caused such a disturbance in Prague that Huss left the city, returning to his home town and travelling through the countryside preaching to those who eagerly listened.

After a while John was able to return and continue preaching the Gospel of the Bible from his pulpit in the Bethlehem Chapel. He continued to speak out against sin and corruption, and urged the people to follow the teachings of the Bible.

The Showdown!

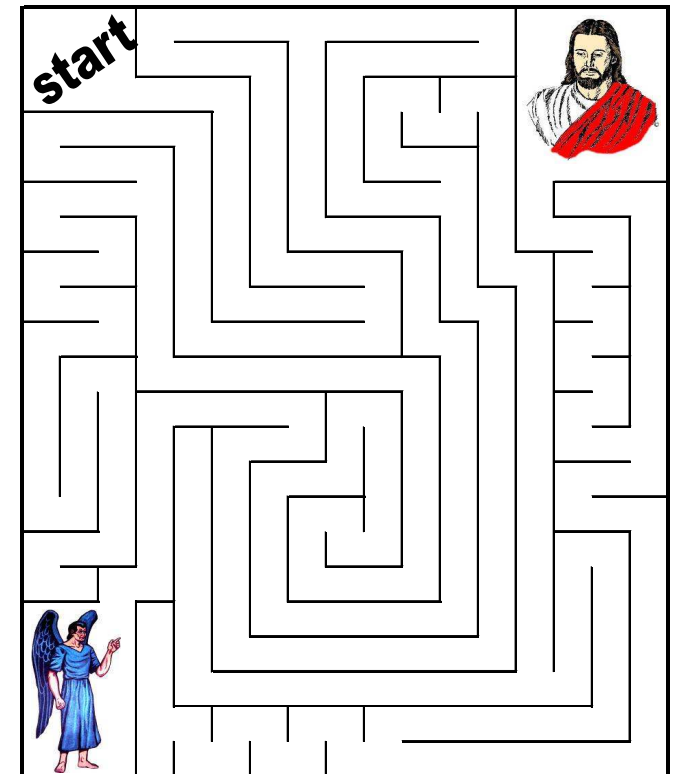
Sabbath

If it is true that God is real, and that God is stronger than anyone else, who do you want to follow? Find your way through the maze to show your answer.

This week we will learn how God showed the Israelites that He was real and how they chose to follow God.

When you were young your parents probably helped you follow God; but as you get older, you must choose for yourself; in fact this is a choice that you must make every day.

Choosing to follow God, doesn't mean that life will always be easy; it means that God will always be with us and that one day, we will go to live with God in heaven.



Year 2, Quarter 1, Week 8, Level: "Pre/Teens"

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Refer: 1 Kings 17-19 NLT; Prophets and Kings p137-140; The Great Controversy ch6; The Bible Story vol5 p26-43

Sunday

Now God sent His prophet Elijah to tell King Ahab, "The Lord says there will be no dew or rain during until I give the word!" Before Ahab could do anything, Elijah was gone and God sent him to hide by the Brook Kerith where, morning and evening, ravens dropped food for him.

When the brook dried up, the Lord sent Elijah to the village of Zarephath. He saw a widow gathering sticks, and asked her, "Please bring me a little water and some bread."

But she said, "I have only a handful of flour and a little oil. I was just getting sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." Elijah said, "Don't be afraid! Make a little for me first, and then prepare a meal for yourself and your son. For the Lord says there will always be flour and olive oil, until the time when the Lord sends rain!"

So she did as Elijah asked, and there was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers to make bread for Elijah and her family.

One day the woman's son became very sick and he died. Elijah took the child's body and carried him up the stairs to the room where he was staying, and laid the body on his bed. Then Elijah prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, why have you brought sadness to this widow who has shared her home with me?" He stretched himself over the child three times and prayed. Then the life of the child returned, and he woke up.

Then Elijah brought him down and gave him to his mother. "Look!" he said. "Your son is alive!"

For three years the drought continued. Then God told Elijah to go to King Ahab again. Ahab had searched everywhere for Elijah and hadn't found him. When he saw Elijah he asked, "Is it really you, you troublemaker?"

Elijah replied. "You are the troublemaker, because you worship idols and don't obey the Lord. Now call all the people to Mount Carmel."

Friday

Have you ever done something really exciting and then afterwards you felt really tired? Maybe you went to a party, a camp, or a theme park, or you had friends to visit, or you went on a holiday? Maybe it was a graduation or even your baptism. Once the fun is over, we often feel tired and drained, perhaps we are sad that it is over; you might wonder what to do next. This is a perfect time for Satan to attack and try to discourage us. How can we defeat Satan?

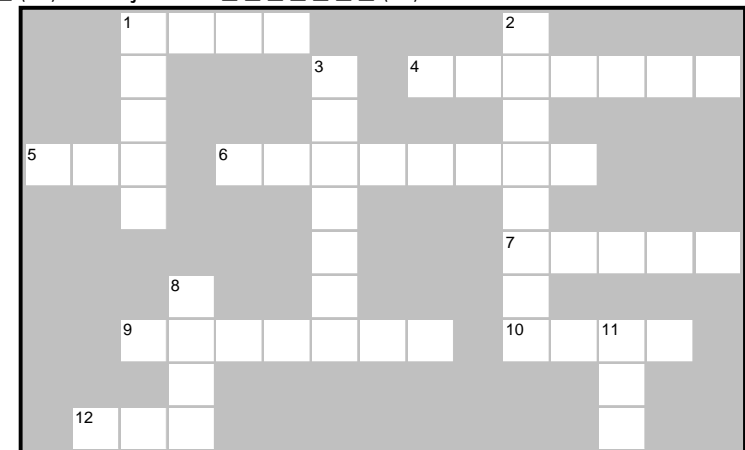
Look up the missing words in these Bible verses to fill in the crossword puzzle.

Romans 8:31_{NLT} "If _ _ _ (12 Across) is _ _ _ (5A) US, who can ever be _ _ _ _ _ (4A) US?"

Isaiah 40:31_{NLT} "But those who trust in the _ _ _ _ (10A) will find new _ _ _ _ _ (6A)... ...They will _ _ _ (11 Down) and not grow _ _ _ _ _ (1D). They will _ _ _ _ (1A) and not _ _ _ _ _ (7A)."

Romans 7:19_{NLT} Paul said, "I want to do what is _ _ _ _ (8D), but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway."

1 John 1:9_{NLT} "But if we _ _ _ _ _ (9A) our sins to Him, He is _ _ _ _ _ (2D) and just to _ _ _ _ _ (3D) US..."



If you really want to know that God is real – ask Him! He will show you, just like he showed the Israelites and Elijah.

Discover for yourself
that the Lord is kind.
Come to Him for
protection, and you will
be glad.

Psalms 34:8_{CEV}

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At Mount Carmel Elijah said, "Let us make sacrifices without setting fire to them; the real god is the one who sends fire - let us follow Him!" The prophets of Baal prepared an altar and called on Baal from morning until lunchtime. Then Elijah called to them, "Shout louder, maybe he is daydreaming or asleep, or maybe he is away on a trip!" So they shouted louder and danced around the altar cutting themselves with knives and swords until they bled. But there was no answer.

Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord and prepared the sacrifice. He dug a ditch around the altar and had four large jars of water poured over everything, three time!

When it was time for the evening sacrifice, Elijah prayed, "O Lord God, show these people that you are the real God in Israel." As he finished, fire flashed down from heaven and burned up the entire altar! When the people saw the fire they cried out, "The Lord—He is God!"

The prophets of Baal were executed, the people went home, the king stopped to eat before going home but Elijah remained to pray. He sent a servant to look towards the sea for any clouds, on the seventh time he saw the first small cloud. Soon the storm soon arrived, catching the King's chariot and Elijah ran in front, guiding Ahab safe to the city.

When Ahab told the evil queen Jezebel what had happened, she vowed to kill Elijah and he fled for his life, finally stopping from exhaustion under a tree; he asked God to take his life then fell asleep. Twice he awoke at a touch to find an angel had brought food. Then he travelled 40 days to Mount Sinai and stayed in a cave on the mountain.

The next morning Elijah watched a mighty windstorm, followed by an earthquake, then a fire. Then in the quiet that followed, God spoke to Elijah, "Why are you here?"

Elijah replied, "The people all worship idols; they have killed all the prophets, I am the only one left and now they are trying to kill me." God said to Elijah, "There are 7000 who have stayed true to me. Now get up and return the way you came, for I have work for you to do."

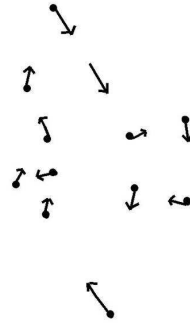
Tuesday

We never have to worry that God cannot give us what we need. He is God – He can do anything.

Join the arrows to show how God provided for Elijah.

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Find the underlined words from Sunday.



What would have happened to the widow and her son if she didn't believe Elijah?

Solve the code to see what Elijah said to the people on Mt Carmel.

1 King 18:21^{NLT}

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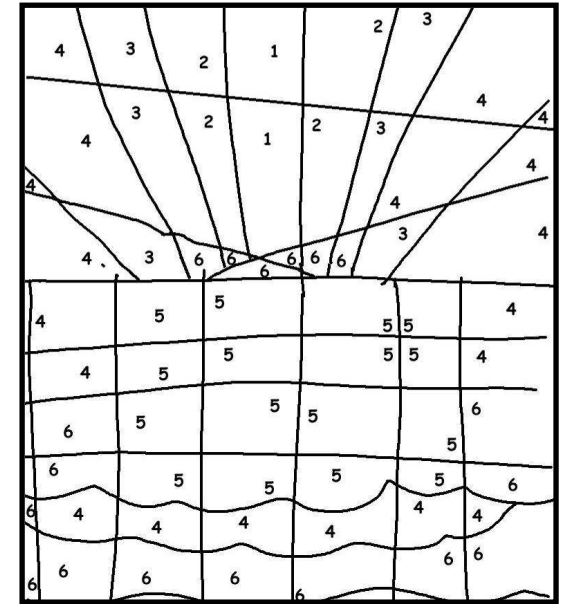
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Wednesday

How did God prove that He was really God?

1=Red
2=Orange
3=Yellow
4=Blue
5=Gray
6=Brown

When Elijah heard that Jezebel was out to get Him, he forgot that God would protect him. He was feeling tired and discouraged; he thought he was the only one left who still believed in God. He ran away in fear of his life, forgetting to trust God.



Did God forget Elijah?
What did God do for Elijah?

1. He sent an _ _ _ _ to feed him.
2. He showed him His power with the wind, earthquake and fire.
3. He asked Elijah what he was doing.
4. He encouraged Elijah with the news that he was not alone, he was not the only believer.
5. And then He gave Elijah some work to do.

