

Ulric Zwingli was born around the same time as Martin Luther, in a herdsman's cottage in the Alps of Switzerland. His father wanted him to have a good education and while studying at Basel he was introduced to the truth of God's grace by a teacher of ancient languages who had found God while studying Greek and Hebrew. Zwingli's first job was as a priest to a church near his boyhood home and he studied the scriptures faithfully, realising the scriptures must explain themselves. When he heard Luther was preaching the same truth he praised God saying, "...the Spirit of God is in unison with itself, since both of us, without collusion (planning together) teach the doctrine of Christ."

In 1516 Zwingli was invited to preach in the convent in Einsiedeln. People travelled there from all over to visit a statue of the Virgin Mary, believing this would forgive their sins. Many found Zwingli's message of forgiveness and salvation in Jesus difficult, but others accepted it and the number of visitors to the shrines dropped causing a reduction in offerings and thus income for Zwingli, but he didn't care.

In an effort to gain control, the authorities of the church called him to work at a Cathedral in Zurich where they instructed him to assign the preaching to a cleric and concentrate on collecting offerings and payments. Zwingli however said that he would preach the gospel of Christ and no one could change his mind.

Two great forces came to Switzerland next: An Italian named Samson was given the right to sell forgiveness from sins in Switzerland like Tetzel was in Germany and at the same time a man named Lucian came, selling Luther's books. Luther's books with Zwingli's preaching greatly reduced Samson's success. In fact when Samson came to Zurich he couldn't sell a single pardon there!

The church leaders in Rome saw what was happening in Switzerland and sent three deputies to the council in Zurich seeking to stop Zwingli, but the council supported Zwingli because the Gospel had made Zurich a peaceful city. Next the church leaders invited Zwingli to participate in a debate to take place in the city of Baden. Seeing this invitation as a trap, Zwingli's supporters arranged for representatives to go in Zwingli's place and students wrote down what had been said each day and delivered it to Zwingli and returned his response to his representatives.

The church leaders eventually declared themselves winners of the debate but since Zwingli was not physically present, they could not arrest and kill him as had been their plan. As a result of the debates, two other towns in Switzerland declared that they would support the Reformation.

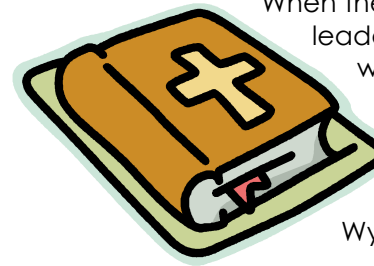
The Missing Scroll

Sabbath

Unscramble the words in capital letters to find out something that John Wycliffe and Martin Luther both did to help spread the Gospel:

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When the people weren't able to read the Bible, the leaders could teach them anything they wanted whether it was true or not. This happened in the days of Israel and Judah – especially when the kings worshipped idols. It happened in the days of Jesus and it happened in the days of John Wycliffe and Martin Luther.

The Prophet Jeremiah started writing his book during the times we are learning about today. What did he say in Jeremiah 7:11?

What did Jesus call the priests of his day? Matthew 21:13

The leaders of the church in the days of Martin Luther were more concerned with making lots of money than with spreading the truth – in fact they had found that by stopping the truth, they could make even more money and Satan was pleased.

Sunday

Hezekiah's son Manasseh was the next king and he did not follow God; he ruled for fifty five years and rebuilt the idols that Hezekiah had destroyed. He built altars to worship idols in the temple of the Lord and followed the evil practices of other idol worshipping nations.

The King of Assyria came and took Manasseh as a prisoner to Babylon and then Manasseh prayed to God. God brought Manasseh back to Israel and Manasseh removed the idols and altars from the temple. He built the wall of Jerusalem and built it higher than before; he called the people to worship God again.

When Manasseh died his son Amon became the king and he did the same evil things as Manasseh had when he first became king. Amon only ruled two years before he was assassinated by his own officers. His son Josiah was eight years old when he became king and unlike his father, Josiah loved God.

Josiah ordered that the idols and altars throughout the land be broken and the pieces scattered. Then Josiah told the high priest to take the money collected at the temple gate and pay builders and carpenters to make the repairs needed in the temple.

One day Hilkiah the High Priest found a scroll, it was called the "Book of the Law." He gave it to the court secretary, who read it to the king. When King Josiah heard what was written in the scroll, he tore his clothes in despair. "God must be angry with us," he cried, "because we have not been doing what this scroll says we must do!"

Josiah sent men to talk to the prophet Huldah. She said, "Go back and tell the king, this is what the Lord says: 'I am going to bring disaster on this city. Everything written in the scroll will come true. For my people have forgotten me and worshiped heathen gods. But because you were sorry when you read the scroll and you tore your clothing in despair, I have heard you. So I will not send the promised disaster while you are king.'"

Friday

What did the Prophet Jeremiah write in Jeremiah 7:4^{NLT}?

"But don't be fooled by those who promise you safety simply because the Lord's Temple is here. They chant, 'The Lord's _____ (3d) is here! The Lord's _____ (4d) is here!'"

Being in the temple was not enough to save them.

What did Jesus say in John 5:39^{NLT}?

"You search the _____ (2d) because you think they give you eternal _____ (6a).

But the Scriptures point to me!"

Just reading the Bible will not save you.

What does save a person? Acts 31^{NLT}

"They replied, '_____ (5a) in the _____ (6d) _____ (1a) and you will be saved.'"

Read the Parable of the Sower that Jesus told in Mark 4:3-8, 14-20

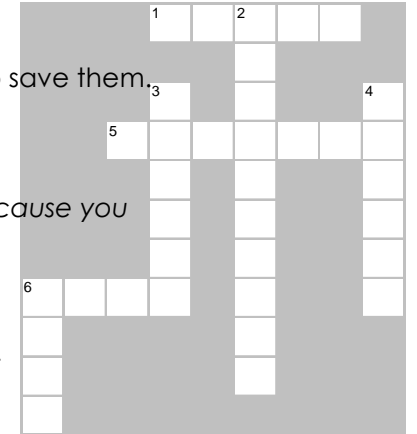
What can you do so you are not like the pathway? How can you make time for things of God?

What can you do so you are not like the rocky ground? How can you stay close to God in times of trouble?

What can you do so you are not like the thorny ground? How can you make God a priority in your life?

What can you do to be like the good soil?

Jeremiah 29:13^{NIV} says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

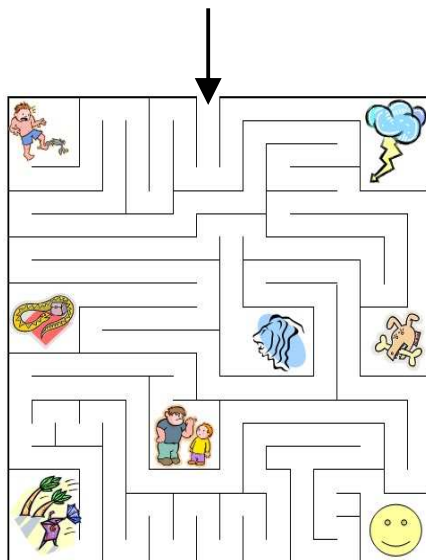


Thursday

Rules and laws are meant to keep everyone safe and happy. It's when people break rules – that other people or even they themselves are hurt.

Find your way through the maze, avoiding the dangers to get to the happy face.

Some times people break rules without even knowing it. Have you ever done this?



The book of God's laws had been lost so even though Josiah loved God and encouraged the people to love God, they were still breaking some of the laws that God had given Moses.

We are blessed at the moment in that the Bible is freely available to us in our own language. But even today there are people who have no idea what the Bible says.

What about you? Do you have a Bible that you can read? Yes / No

How often do you read it? _____

It is a good thing to make a habit of reading the Bible every day. Find a good time and place when you can read without interruptions. Ask your parents if you need help finding a good time. Before you read, pray and ask God to help you remember and understand what you read. When you have time during the day, think about what you read and ask yourself what you can learn from it. Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and write it in your own words.

Monday

King Josiah called all the people to the temple, and read to them the Book of the Law that had been found in the temple; he promised to obey the commands and laws of the Lord and all the people agreed. On Josiah's orders everything that had been used for idol worship was removed from the temple and the city.

When this was complete, King Josiah called the people together to celebrate the Passover. It was the biggest celebration since before the first king of Israel. Josiah also removed the mediums and psychics from Jerusalem and the whole land of Judah as commanded by the laws written in the scroll that had found in the Temple.

The Bible says in 2 Kings 23:25_{NLT} that "Never before was there a king like Josiah, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses; and there has never been a king like him since."

One day King Necho of Egypt took his army to Carchemish. Then Josiah brought his army to meet him. But Necho sent a message to Josiah saying, "I am not attacking you; I am following God's orders so go home or God will destroy you too." But Josiah did not go home, instead he attacked; and Josiah died from an arrow wound.

Then Josiah's son Jehoahaz became the king but he only ruled for three months before the king of Egypt came and took him prisoner and made Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim, whom he renamed as Jehoiakim, the next king. Jehoiakim did not love God and eleven years later, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came and took him as a prisoner to Babylon and made his son Jehoiachin become the king.

Three months later Jehoiachin was also taken to Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar made his Uncle Zedekiah king, but he also rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, so Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and took those who remained as prisoners to Babylon.

Tuesday

Josiah was a good king. He loved God. When the temple needed repairs, he arranged for the repairs.

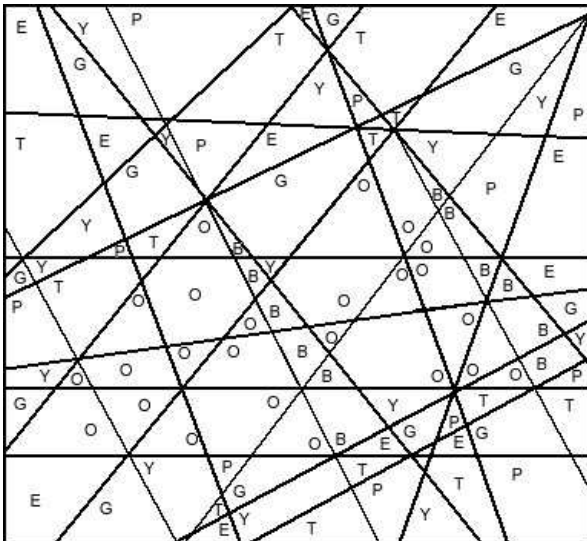


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priest	s	p	h	t	u	v	a	w	n	x	r
money	y	l	a	z	a	b	i	c	g	d	o
hammer	e	e	m	f	m	o	r	t	a	r	w
paint	g	h	m	i	o	j	k	l	m	n	e
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bricks	y	z	a	b	y	c	d	i	e	o	f
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Josiah wanted to obey God and do everything that was written in God's book. The Passover Celebration was to remind the people that God had saved them from where?

Colour the O's orange and the B's brown and then write the other letters used below. Use the picture as a clue to rearrange the letters to spell where God saved His people from

Letters: _ _ _ _ _



Wednesday

What did Josiah do in 2 Kings 23:24?

Remember how King Saul went to a medium because he wanted to talk to Samuel after he was dead? Saul talked to an evil angel! What did God say about witches, psychics and mediums?

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

Do you think God would want you to look at books or TV programs with any of these things? _____

Look at the list of things below, circle any you have seen or heard about. Then draw a big red x over the box so you remember to have nothing to do with them.

