

The king of France still hadn't decided to fully support the Roman church or the Protestant Reformation so when the king was away one time, Princess Margaret arranged a Protestant minister to preach. It was forbidden in the churches so she had a palace apartment converted to a chapel; anyone who wanted could come and thousands did – so many they filled the chapel and the surrounding rooms and halls. Amazingly, when the king returned, instead of forbidding the preaching he ordered two churches be used instead! The crime rates in the city dropped, but soon the officials of the churches managed to cause trouble, the churches were closed, and the arrests of the Reformers started again.

John Calvin was a loyal supporter of the official church but like Luther he became overwhelmed with the guilt of his sins; he longed for peace but nothing he did helped. Then one day he happened to see the burning of a martyr; he was amazed by the peaceful look on the man's face and decided to study the Bible for himself. He found the peace and joy that only Jesus can bring and then at the urging of friends, started going from home to home, town to town, sharing the good news with those who were interested. One day officers arrived at the home where he was staying to arrest him but escaping out the window, he disguised himself as a farmer he left the city.

Some of the Protestant Reformers wanted to hurry their cause along, so they posted signs throughout the country criticising the official church mass – one was even posted in the private rooms of the king. This made the king furious, and he ordered all Reformers to be killed! Soldiers went from house to house making arrests; the priests were overjoyed until they saw the peace and joy on the faces of the martyrs, a powerful message which could be seen by everyone. As the arrests continued hundreds of people fled the city, including many people of skilled and important professions.

Geneva is in Switzerland but on the border of France and close to Italy. Antoine Froment, a school master in Geneva started preaching to his students; soon the parents came, and Bibles and books were shared in the city marking the start of the Reformation in Geneva. When William Farel left France, he moved to Switzerland, becoming a travelling preacher. When the opportunity presented to work in Geneva, he took it and meeting John Calvin who happened to be passing through and convinced him to stay and work with him too.

The Kings Dream

Sabbath

Can you tell what someone else is thinking?

Play this game:

Think of a number between 1 and 100; write it down on a piece of paper without telling anyone or showing them. See how long it takes them to guess the number.

eg. Is it a 1? Is it a 2? Is it a 99?

Did they guess it? How long did it take?

Game 1:

Game 2:

Game 3:



People can't read other peoples minds. Sometimes we might be able to guess what they are thinking by their actions or the expressions on their face – but only God knows what someone is really thinking. Peoples can't see the future either; but they might guess what is going to happen, especially if they know what happened in the past. Satan is very good at guessing because he knows everything that has happened in the past. But only God knows the future. God told Daniel what was going to happen in the future, and we can read the history books and know He was right. We can also trust what God has said about the end of the world.

Find all the underlined words and then there will be 5 different letters left. Unscramble them to see what we can have to help us trust what God has said.

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Sunday

One night King Nebuchadnezzar had an amazing dream but he couldn't remember what it was and he couldn't sleep. He called his wise men and demanded they tell him what he had dreamed and its meaning. The wise men said "Long live the king! Tell us what you dreamed and we will tell you its meaning." But the king shouted "If you don't tell me what my dream was, I will have you all killed!"

The wise men protested "No one on earth can tell you your dream! And no king has ever asked such an impossible thing."

The king was furious and ordered all the wise men of Babylon be killed.

When Daniel heard he hurried to see the king and asked for time to tell the king what the dream meant. Then he asked his friends to pray that God would show them the dream and its meaning, and that night God gave Daniel the dream.

The next morning Daniel said to the king, "No human can tell you your dream, but there is a God in heaven who knows everything and He is showing you what will happen in the future. In your dream you saw a huge statue of a man. The head was gold, the chest and arms silver, the belly and thighs bronze, the legs iron, and the feet a mixture of iron and clay.

Then you saw, a rock hit the feet and the whole statue smashed into pieces which blew away and the rock became a great mountain that covered the whole earth."

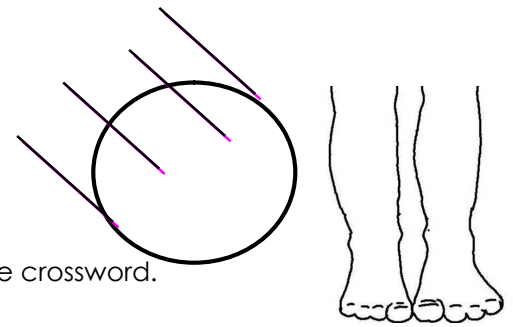
"Now I will tell you what it means," said Daniel. "You are the greatest king; the head of gold. But after you, a weaker kingdom will come. Then a third kingdom shown by the bronze will rule the world, followed by a fourth one strong as iron. The feet and toes, a mixture of iron and clay, show that this kingdom will be divided; it will have both strong and weak parts, and like iron and clay it will not mix properly. Then God will set up a kingdom that will last forever; that is the meaning of the rock. God was showing you, O King, what will happen in the future."



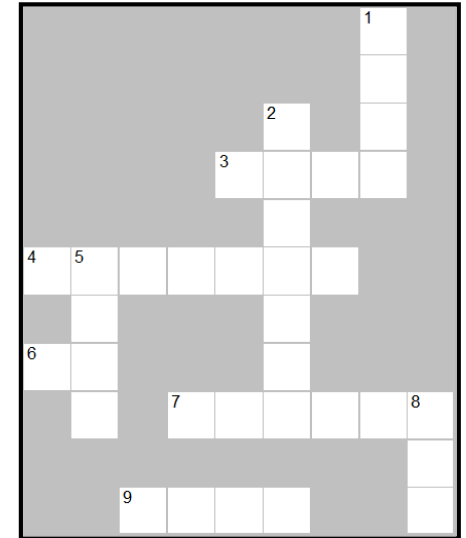
Friday

What did the feet and toes of the statue represent?

Use Daniel 2:41-43 to solve the crossword.



1. This is what some of the nations described by the feet and toes would be.
2. How long will the kingdom represented by the rock last?
3. What represents God's kingdom?
4. The nations of the feet and toes will be...
5. The metal in the feet and toes.
6. Will the nations ever unite?
7. This is what some of the nations described by the feet and toes would be.
8. Who will setup the final kingdom?
9. The other substance in the feet and toes.



In what time-period are we living today? Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome have all passed. For a long time, no one nation has ruled the world. Some nations are strong, others are weak; everything has happened just as predicted. The signs of Jesus soon return are increasing. It seems that we are living right on the tips of the toes now.

What will happen next? _____

James 1:12^{NLT} says, "God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."

Thursday

Daniel's vision of the four beasts gives a lot more detail about the fourth empire – Rome.

What appeared among the ten horns? Daniel 7:8

What did it have and what did it do? Daniel 7:8

What else did it do? Daniel 7:21

Daniel is also told in verse 25 that the little horn would try to change sacred festivals and laws.

Do you remember reading about the destruction of Jerusalem last term and the persecution of the Christians that followed when many lost their lives in the colosseum? Then when Emperor Constantine made Christianity popular, many idol worshippers joined the church bringing their traditions, festivals, and worship styles with them. Constantine moved the capital of the empire from Rome to Constantinople, yet the church in Rome had become the centre for the newly combine Christian-pagan religion and it remained so.

The Roman Empire was not overthrown in any single battle but was gradually divided and overcome. At the same time, the Church centre in Rome remained strong. The Pope was declared to be God; he officially changed

the day of worship from the seventh day to Sunday and changed the Ten Commandments to suit.

Time and again those who would follow God, had to flee to other places or live and worship in caves, and many times it seemed that they would be totally defeated, and the truth totally destroyed.

Find the underlined words.

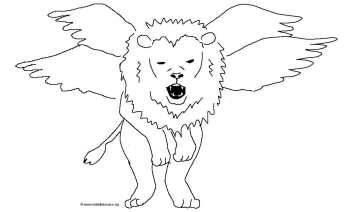
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Monday

Approximately fifty years later, God gave Daniel more dreams about the future. In one dream he saw four great beasts come out of the sea.

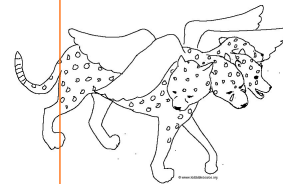
The first one looked like a lion but it had wings like an eagle, but then the wings ripped off and it stood up like a person.

Babylon was like a lion; fast and powerful – conquering everyone around.



Next came a bear but one side was higher than the other. It had three ribs in its mouth and was told to go and eat.

The third beast looked like a leopard, but it had four heads and four wings.



Then Daniel saw the fourth beast. It was, "terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns." Daniel 7:7^{NIV} It also had bronze claws. Daniel watched as a little horn with eyes and a boasting mouth grew large and three of the others broke off to make room for it. This horn fought God's people and was winning!

Then Daniel saw God Himself sit down for the judgement – God's hair and cloths were shining white, and His throne looked like fire. Millions of angels were there, and the books of judgement were opened. The fourth beast was destroyed by fire and then Daniel saw the second coming of Jesus.

In his dream Daniel was scared, especially by the fourth beast, so he asked one of the angels near the throne what it all meant. The angel said, "The four beasts are four world empires; but the fourth will be different than all the rest. The ten horns are ten kings, but one will over-power three others, and will defy God and hurt His people; he will try to change laws and festivals. But his power will finally be taken away."

Tuesday

Why did King Nebuchadnezzar have the dream? Daniel 2:45^{NLT},

"___ (7a) was showing the king what will happen in the ___ (6a)."

Which king did the head of gold represent?

___ (4d)



The prophet Jeremiah predicted both the rise in power of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and the fall of Babylon. He even named the conqueror.

Jeremiah 51:28, "The kings of the ___ (5d)

Jeremiah 51:61^{NLT} tells us that Jeremiah gave his prophecies about Babylon to Seraiah and said, "When you get to ___ (9d), ___ (2a) aloud everything on this scroll."

Daniel received the vision of the four beasts in Daniel 7 before the events he wrote about in Daniel 5 when he interpreted the writing on the wall. What did the writing mean and what happened? Daniel 5:28, 30-31^{NLT}?

"Your kingdom has been ___ (13a) and given

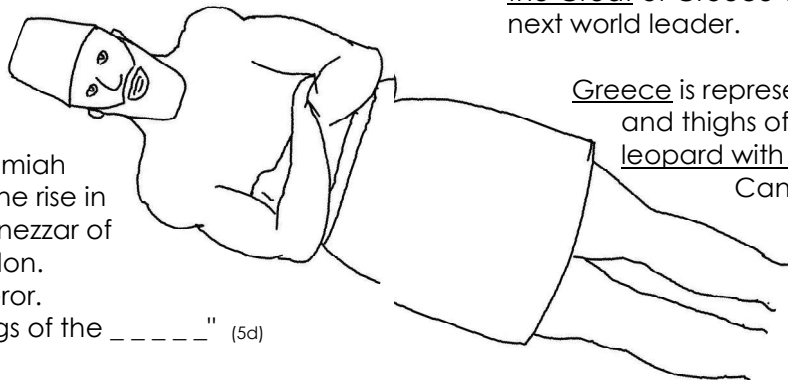
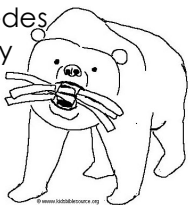
to the ___ (12d) and ___ (8d)...

...That very night ___ (10a), the

Babylonian ___ (11d), was killed and ___ (3d)

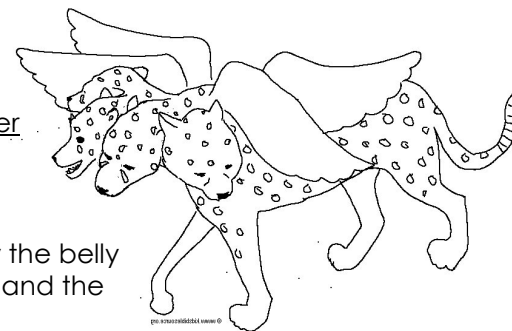
the ___ (1d) took over the kingdom."

The lop-sided bear represents the kingdom of the Medes and Persians, led by Cyrus the Great of Persia – the higher side of the bear.



Wednesday

Daniel didn't live to see the fulfilment of the third kingdom, but history tells us the Alexander the Great of Greece was the next world leader.



Greece is represented by the belly and thighs of bronze, and the leopard with wings.

Can you imagine how fast a leopard would travel if it had wings? One of the greatest generals of all time, Alexander united Greece and the conquered the Persian Empire which included Egypt and Assyria and he did everything it in just over eleven years!

Alexander died of a fever at age 33 and his empire was divided into four kingdoms by his generals – the four heads on the leopard.

The legs of iron on the statue and the fourth beast with its iron teeth and bronze claws represent the Roman Empire which was still in power when Jesus was born.

Fit the underlined words into the grid.

