

The following is from Pr Glenn Coon's study, "The Science of Prayer, it's ABC's" which is available from archive.org/details/GlennCoonBooks

A minister was approached by a Christian woman who wanted forgiveness for her sins. The minister pointed her to the promise of 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The condition to this promise is confession, and she explained to the minister that she had confessed her sins hundreds of times for forty years. He suggested that they pray now and claim the promise.

After doing this, the minister said, "Now you are now forgiven."

"That is what I'm afraid to say," she replied, her face filled with doubt. The minister asked her if she believed the Bible. "Yes."

He asked her if she believed the Bible promises, including this promise. The answer again was a firm "Yes."

The minister, just to be sure, asked her if she had confessed all her sins. She replied she had confessed all she was aware of.

Then the Holy Spirit seemed to impress him to ask, "If the Holy Spirit should point out one sin you have not confessed, would you be willing to confess that sin also?"

The lady unhesitatingly replied, "Yes, I surely would!"

The minister asked kindly, "What about the sin brought to view in 1 John 5:10 in the middle of the verse? It says, 'Whoever does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar.' What about confessing this sin you have committed for 40 years?"

Suddenly, she saw that she had been committing a very great sin in not believing God, she was acting as if God was a liar!

"Let us get down on our knees!" she cried. And there she confessed her sin of calling God a liar for 40 years. She asked the minister to claim God's promise for her and now she knew she was forgiven.

As they rose to their feet she exclaimed, "Just think of it, Pastor, I could have had complete forgiveness and cleansing 40 years ago had I but believed God."

Hebrews 6:18 says that it is "impossible for God to lie."

Real Faith

Sabbath

What would happen if...

- You wanted to get a job at the local vet, but you do not think they will give you one, so you don't ask?
- You want to learn to ice skate, but you are too scared to let go of the wall?
- You want to buy a phone, but you keep spending your money on lollies instead of saving it?
- You want to do well on a test, but you do not study?
- You wish you could make some new friends, but you never talk to anyone?

What is missing from all of these scenarios? Unscramble the letters below to find out. (Turn the page upside-down to see the answer)

ITANOC

Answer: ACTION is missing.

Year 2, Quarter 3, Week 13, Level: "Pre/Teen"
Copyright © 2010 Delwyn McPaul - www.kidsbiblesource.org
Photos of Betty Lukens Felts used by permission

Refer: Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26_{NLT}; The Desire of Ages p252-271-67; The Bible Story vol7 p157-163

Sunday

When Jesus came to Capernaum again, the news quickly spread that He was back. Soon the house where He was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door.

While Jesus was talking to the people, four men arrived carrying a paralysed man on a mat. This man was now very sick because of the bad way he had been living. He was sorry for what he had done and wanted to ask Jesus to forgive him so that he would not feel guilty any more, but the men who carried him could not find any way into the house where Jesus was.

The closest they could get was up the stairs to the roof, so up they went. Then they made a hole in the roof and tied some ropes to the sick man's mat and lowered the man, on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

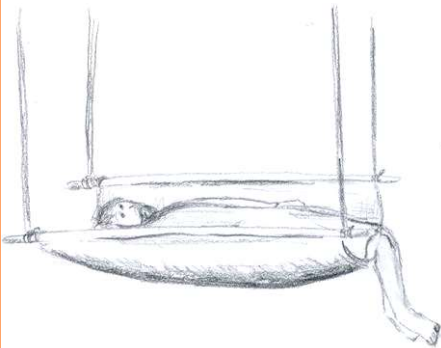
Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven."

But some of the people were thinking, "What is He saying? Only God can forgive sins!"

Jesus knew what they were thinking, so He asked them, "Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk?' Then Jesus said to the sick man, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

The man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out.

The people were amazed and praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this before!"



Friday

How can you use the Shield of Faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil?

Ask God to give you the faith to know that God is real; that God is in control; and that God will lead you in the best way. Then put your faith into action.

Choose to do what God wants you to do, and choose not to do anything that will hurt your body.

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

NO GOALS, NO SCORE

OK, who thinks they're good enough to get around me?" Pastor Smith challenged the youth group. He stood at the front of the church sanctuary, bouncing a basketball.

Bounce, bounce, bounce. Brian's knees started to bounce in time with the ball. Hearing that sound was more than he could take. Everyone knew he was the best basketball player on the court. Brian stood up, took off his jacket, and side-walked out of the pew. "Let's play ball," he told the pastor.

"OK, your ball first." Pastor Smith bounced the basketball toward Brian.

It was then that Brian realized the church sanctuary was missing something very important for a game of one-on-one. There wasn't a hoop or net to be seen. He looked at the big grin on the pastor's face as the man held out his open hands. Sheepishly Brian tossed the ball back.

"Are there any of you who are playing a game with no goal?" Pastor Smith asked as Brian sat down in the pew. The church was silent.

Brian knew he had done that very thing on several occasions. He listened as Pastor Smith asked, "How can you win the game of life if you have no real goals to reach for?"

When the game of basketball was first played, teams shot the ball into real bushel baskets. At one point, the games got so violent that fences were erected around the court to keep the crowd safe.

Guide
Presents:
Elasti-Brain –
365
devotions to
stretch your
mind and
shape your
faith! 2008
Used by
Permission

Thursday

What fiery arrows does the devil use to attack teens today?

a	☀	●	①	e	◻	↖	!	i	↓	×	△	①
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

⊗	o	↺	☝	◐	🚲	🔪	u	🚌	👂	Ω	☞	★
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

↺ee◐

↺◐e🚲🚲u◐

🔪o

🚲🔪ea△,

△ie,

🚲×i↺

🚲●!oo△,

🚲👂ea◐,

o◐

①o

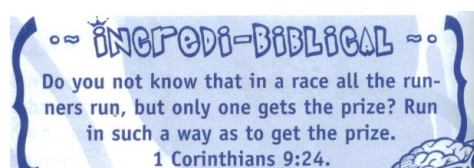
🔪!i⊗↖🚲

🔪!a🔪

!a◐①

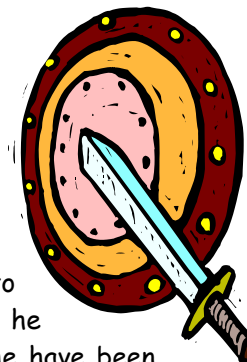
☞ou◐

!ea△🔪!



Monday

Last week we learnt from Hebrews 11:1^{NLT} that "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."



Would it have been enough for the paralysed man to say, "I have faith that Jesus can heal me."? Would he have been healed if he had stayed home? Would he have been healed if his friends had given up trying to get him close to Jesus? - He had to act on his faith and do whatever he could to go to Jesus. His actions proved that he had faith, and when Jesus saw his faith, He gave him what he really wanted, forgiveness of his sins.

James 2:14^{NLT} says, "What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?" And in verse 17, "So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

This term we have been learning about the Armour of God. Ephesians 6:16^{NLT} says, "Hold up the Shield of Faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil."



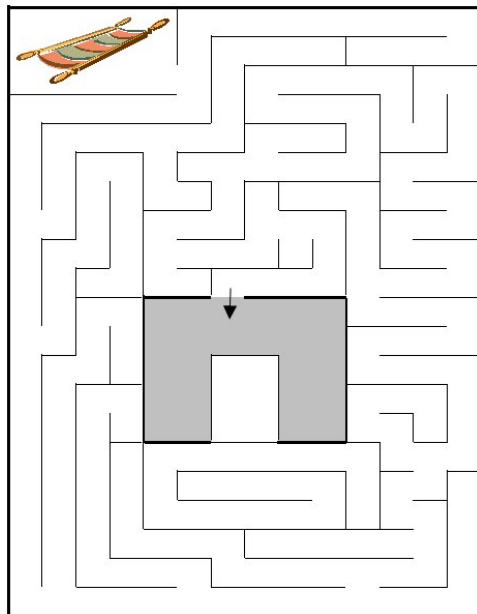
What sort of fiery arrows does the devil shoot? If faith produces good deeds, then perhaps the fiery arrows are things that stop us from doing good things.

For example, things that distract us from doing what we should: bad friends, bad TV shows and books. Tiredness, doubts, discouragement, and the urge to give up when things do not go as planned. All these things stop us from doing what we should, from reaching our full potential.

God has great plans for our lives, but if we do not use the Shield of Faith - the faith to believe that God will do what He says, then we will be discouraged and beaten down by the attacks of the devil and might never see the wonderful things that God has prepared for us.

Tuesday

The sick man had to find a way to get to Jesus. Find a way from the stretcher into the house to see Jesus.



Find these words:

Amazed, carry,
forgive, hole,
house, Jesus,
lowered, mat,
paralysed,
praised, roof,
sick, stand,
walked.

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

Wednesday

Fit the missing words from the verse used on Monday into the crossword. (12a = 12 across)

Hebrews 11:1^{NLT} "Faith is the _____ (12a) that what we _____ (11a) for will _____ (4a) happen; it gives us _____ (4d) about things we cannot _____ (5a)."

James 2:14^{NLT} "What _____ (2d) is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have _____ (1d) but don't show it by your _____ (10a)? Can that kind of faith save _____ (6d)?"

James 2:17^{NLT} "So you see, faith by itself isn't _____ (9a). Unless it produces good _____ (3d), it is dead and _____ (8a)."

