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Remember the A.B.C method of prayer? A – Ask. B – Believe. C – Claim (get or receive) and then give thanks.

Matthew 21:22<sup>NIV</sup> says, "If you believe, you will receive, whatever you ask for in prayer."

What happens if you don't believe? \_\_\_\_\_

In Mark 9:23-24, Jesus told a father who brought his boy for healing, "Anything is possible if a person believes."

The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" and Jesus healed his son.

Many Bible promises have conditions, and these conditions are not always easy for humans, but in actual fact, if we ask, God will help us even with the conditions.

What do we need in Hebrews 11:6? (4 Across)

What has God given or distributed to us in

Romans 12:3? (8 Down)

1 John 3:22 says, "We will \_\_\_\_\_"

(9a) from Him whatever we ask because we

obey<sub>(1d)</sub> Him." <sup>NLT</sup> Or "Keep<sub>(7d)</sub> His

Commandments<sub>(2d)</sub>" <sup>NIV</sup>

What does God say He will

do in Ezekiel 36:27? "And I

will put My \_\_\_\_\_"

(10a) in you so that you will

follow My \_\_\_\_\_"

(6d) and be careful to

obey<sub>(3a)</sub> my regulations." <sup>NLT</sup>

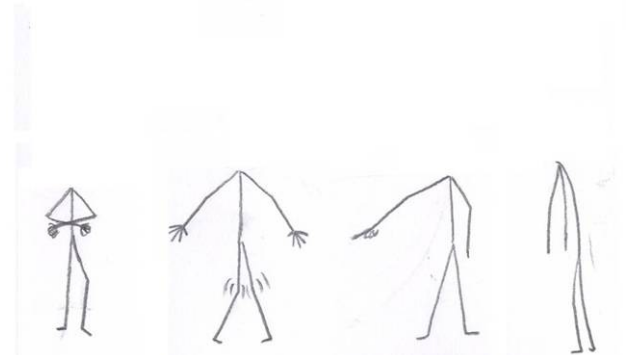
or "Keep<sub>(7d)</sub> My laws<sub>(5d)</sub>" <sup>NIV</sup>



# A Change of Heart

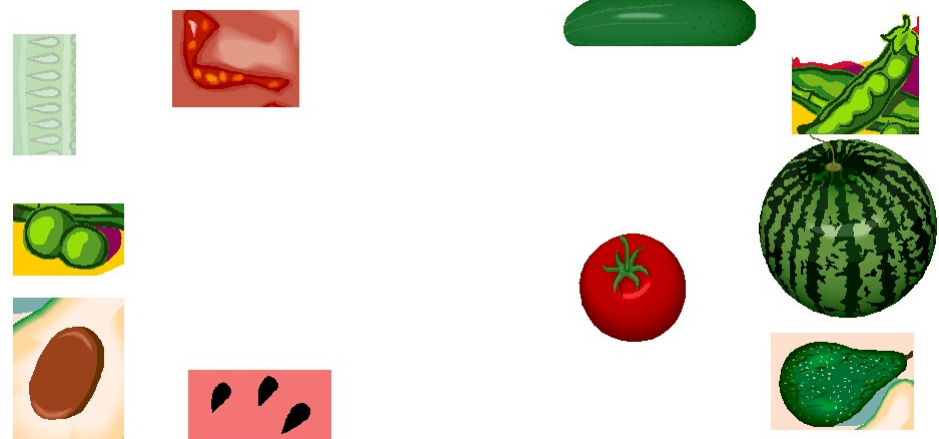
## Sabbath

Can you tell which body belongs to which head? – Copy the right body under each head. – Then check your answers on the back page.



Can you tell how people are really feeling by their body language?

What is on the inside shows on the outside. Which seed is found inside which fruit or vegetable?



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Refer: John 2:13-17, 4:43-54<sup>NLT</sup>; *The Desire of Ages* p154-177; *The Bible Story* vol7 p134-144

## Sunday

When the time came for the Passover celebration, Jesus went to Jerusalem.

But when He went to the temple, He found business men selling cows, sheep, and doves; and more business men changing foreign money into temple money. Jesus picked up some ropes and made a whip. He said, "My Father's house is not a market - get these things out!" Then He chased them all out of the temple and scattered the money changers' coins over the floor.

Jesus was angry because the people said they loved God, but they were misusing God's temple.

When some of the Jews asked for a sign to show that Jesus had the authority to do this, He told them that He would destroy the temple and then rebuild it; after Jesus died, His disciples remembered Him saying this and realised He was talking about His death and calling His body a "temple" - that is, a place where God lives.

Jesus did many miracles in Jerusalem and many people believed in Him.

One night, a man named Nicodemus, who was a Pharisee, came to see Jesus. (He came at night because other Pharisees did not like Jesus, and he did not want anyone to know.) Jesus told him, "If you want to see God's kingdom, you must be born again."

Nicodemus asked, "How can I be born again when I am an adult?"

Jesus explained that He wasn't talking about a physical birth, but a spiritual birth. "For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16<sub>NLT</sub>

John the Baptist was baptising at Aenean near Salim, when his disciples complained that less people were coming to them for baptism, and more were going to Jesus. John said, "I am not the Messiah; I am just preparing the way for Him, so I am pleased to hear of His success. He will become greater, and I will become less and less."

## Friday

Use the code from yesterday to decode more symbols.

† β ⊗ ➤ ■ ♣ - Represents dying, being buried, and rising to a new life. See Colossians 2:12

† ➡ ➡ ➡ ★ τ † ♀ ■ ★ - Represents starting a new life as a baby and growing. See John 3:1-21

τ β ■ ↑ ➡ ★ ➤ ★ τ - Compares people's ability to listen and obey, to different types of soil. See Matthew 13:24-30

⊗ ■ ➡ β ■ ♀ ■ ➡ - Shows how much we should value heaven. See Matthew 13:44

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If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:46-48, NIV.

You know, you say some pretty dumb things, but that's got to be one of the dumbest," Colleen scoffed. "When are you going to grow up, anyway? What a baby." Tears stung my eyes as I watched Colleen and some of my other friends walk away. I felt just as though she had taken an arrow and shot it into me. Her unkind words continued to sting me as they replayed over and over in my mind.

The more I thought about it, the madder I got. Just then someone sat down at the table next to me. It was Jienette. She was not popular, but for some reason she'd taken a liking to me and hung around with me whenever she could.

"Is something the matter?" Jienette asked.

It was on the tip of my tongue to tell her that any idiot could see that yes, something was wrong, and maybe I did just lose my best friend, but it certainly wasn't her.

Is that a nice thing to say? a voice in my head asked.

I squirmed uncomfortably. Jienette hadn't done anything wrong. She was just worried about me. If I were mean to her it would be just like taking the arrow Colleen had shot into me, taking aim at Jienette, and shooting it at her instead!

I came here to break arrows, the voice in my head continued. You don't have to let evil continue. Give Me the arrow. I'll break it and it will end here.

Yes, it would end here. I smiled and turned to Jienette.

"Thanks for asking. I'll be OK."

What do you do when someone shoots an arrow of hurt into you? Why do you think it's important not to string it up and shoot it into someone else?

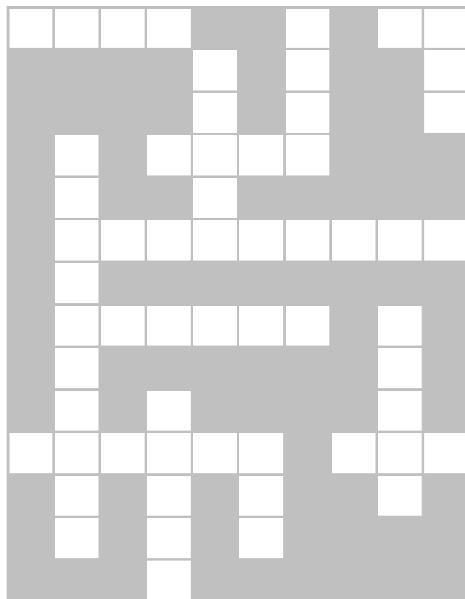
## Thursday

Fit the words in bold from Galatians 3:11 into the grid below.

So it is **clear** that **no one** can be **made right** with **God** by **trying** to **keep** the **law**. For the **Scriptures** say, "It is through **faith** that a **righteous person** has **life**." Galatians 3:11<sup>NLT</sup>

The devil will do whatever he can to trap people. For some, he convinces them they are already righteous and do not need a Saviour. Others, he tells them they are so bad nothing can save them. Still others he convinces that they have to do something first – clean up their act - before they can be saved.

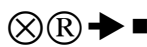
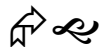
Our spiritual heart is protected when we realise that it is Christ's righteousness that saves us. We do not have to try and save ourselves nor can anyone be so bad as to be un-save-able.



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The way that Jesus saves us can be hard to understand, so Jesus used lots of parables (stories) and symbols to help teach us about it. Use the code to identify some of the symbols.



Represents accepting Jesus righteousness. See Isaiah 61:10

## Monday

The Breastplate of Righteousness is part of the Armour of God. But what does righteousness mean?

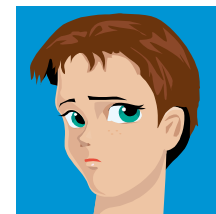
[www.thefreedictionary.com](http://www.thefreedictionary.com) says:

1. Morally upright; without guilt or sin: a righteous person.
2. In accordance with virtue or morality: a righteous judgment.
3. Morally justifiable: righteous anger.

But can we be without guilt or sin? Romans 3:23 says "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, humans have been sinning - it is impossible for us not to sin.

Have you ever felt like you want to do the right thing, or do a good job, but no matter how hard you try, you don't do as well as you want to?

The first part of Galatians 3:11 says: "So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law." It is impossible for us to be righteous - to be perfect, just by trying - we will always fail.



Luckily for us, it does not end there.

The last part of Galatians 3:11 says:

"It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

Through His death, Jesus has offered us His own righteousness as a free gift to anyone who believes.

So, this is what we must do, instead of struggling to do the right thing. We need to ask Jesus for His righteousness, and as the Bible puts it, receive a new "heart" or as Jesus said to Nicodemus, we need to be "born again". Once this happens, we will find it much easier to do the right thing. We will still have struggles, and still fail at times, but we will grow more and more like Jesus when our heart is protected by His righteousness.

## Tuesday

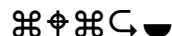
Find the underlined words from Sunday.

The original purpose of the temple was to teach people about Jesus; but the Priests and Pharisees had become so corrupted they were more concerned with looking good, being important and making a profit.

What strange thing did Jesus tell Nicodemus? Use the code to find the answer and then in your own words, write what you think it means.

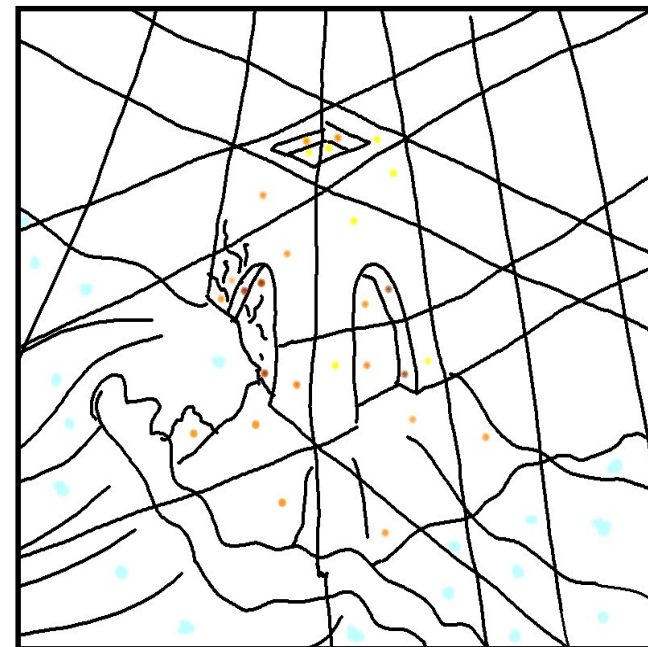
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## Wednesday

Have you ever built a house out of blocks or lego, and then found out that the foundation was not strong enough, and you had to reinforce it without hopefully knocking over the whole lot?



It can be a lot harder to try and repair something, than to build it in the first place! If the foundation, or the seed, or the heart is not right... there will be problems.

Read Matthew 7:24-29 and then answer these questions:

What makes a good physical foundation? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes a good spiritual foundation? (verse 26) \_\_\_\_\_

What can you do to have a good spiritual foundation? \_\_\_\_\_