

As they walked along, Faithful chanced to cast his eye back, and espied one coming after them. "Oh!" said Faithful to his brother, "Someone comes yonder!" Then Christian looked and said, "It is my good friend Evangelist."
 "And my good friend too," said Faithful, "For it was he that set me the way to the gate."

Now was Evangelist come up unto them, and thus saluted them: "Peace be with you, dearly beloved, and peace be to your helpers."
 "Welcome, welcome, my good Evangelist; the sight of thy face brings to my remembrance thy ancient kindness and unwearied labouring for my eternal good," said Christian.
 "And a thousand times welcome," said good Faithful. "Thy company, O sweet Evangelist, how desirable it is to us poor pilgrims!"

Then Evangelist asked how their journeys had been and what they had met with in the way.
 "Right glad am I," said Evangelist, "Not that you met with trials, but that you have been victorious and that you have continued in the way to this very day. I sowed the seed, you are reaping the reward, and one day, if you continue, we will rejoice together. The incorruptible crown is before you, so run, that you may obtain it. Let no man take your crown. You are not yet out of the gun-shot of the devil; you have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin; let the kingdom be always before you, and believe steadfastly concerning things that are invisible. Let nothing that is on this side the other world get within you; and, above all, look well to your own hearts, and the wants thereof, for hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Remember, you have all power in Heaven and earth on your side."

Then Christian thanked him for his words and asked if he would speak further to them of things that would help the rest of the way, for they knew that he was a prophet, and could tell them of things that might happen unto them, and also how they might resist and overcome them. And Faithful also agreed.

So Evangelist began as followeth: "My sons, you have heard in the words of the truth of the Gospel that you must, through many trials, enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

"You have seen some of these trials already, and more are about to come, for now as you see, you are almost out of this wilderness and will soon come into a town. In that town you will have enemies who will try hard to kill you and be sure that one or both of you must seal the testimony you hold, with blood.

But be faithful unto death, and the King will give you a crown of life. He that shall die there, although his death will be unnatural, and his pain perhaps great, he will yet have the better of his fellow; not only because he will be arrived at the Celestial City soonest, but because he will escape many miseries that the other will meet with in the rest of his journey. But when you are come to the town, and shall find fulfilled what I have here told you, then remember your friend and act like men, and commit the keeping of your souls to your God in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

What is Right?

Sabbath

If a friend of yours does one of these things, are they being a good friend? Circle the Yes or No.

They hang out with you...	Yes / No
They tell you the truth	Yes / No
They lie to your parents	Yes / No
They steal money from you	Yes / No
They ask you to lie for them	Yes / No
They talk with you	Yes / No
They laugh about you to their other friends	Yes / No
They listen to your ideas	Yes / No
They are willing to do what you want sometimes	Yes / No
They make fun of you	Yes / No
They encourage you to do good things	Yes / No

Jesus wants us to treat each other like He treated people. Once you realise this it will be easier for you to be friendly without letting others influence you to do the wrong thing.
 - If that means not hanging out with them then that is what you should do.



Year 2, Quarter 4, Week 11, Level: "Pre/Teens"

Copyright © 2020 Delwyn McPaul - www.kidsbiblesource.org

Refer: Matthew 12:1-14, 31-37; 15:1-28; Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-6, 28-30; 7:1-30; Luke 6:1-11, 39; 11:37-41; 12:10; 13:10-17NLT;
 The Desire of Ages p399-403;

Sunday

Back when God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, He also gave other instructions to Moses; things like, how to live cleanly and avoid disease. Over time, these instructions became very important to the Jews; they worked out special ways of doing everything and very detailed rules about what was considered 'work' and thus forbidden, on the Sabbath. The Pharisees and teachers of the law always watched to make sure people obeyed their traditional rules.

The Pharisees complained to Jesus that His disciples were eating without performing the traditional hand washing ceremony, but Jesus said to them, "You hypocrites! - The prophet Isaiah was right when he said 'You honour Me with words, but your heart is far from Me. Your worship is false and you teach man made ideas as if they were God's.'"

Another time, Jesus and His disciples were walking through a grain field on the Sabbath. The disciples were hungry, so they plucked a few grains and ate them. The Pharisees saw and accused them of harvesting - working on the Sabbath. Jesus reminded them of the time that King David ate the bread set aside for priests (1 Samuel 21:1-7) and also told them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

On another Sabbath, the Pharisees brought a man with a withered hand into the synagogue and asked Jesus, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

Jesus reminded them that if one of their animals needed help on the Sabbath, they would help. He said, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Then he told the man with the withered hand to stretch out his hand, and it was healed. So the Pharisees started planning how they could kill Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that every sin can be forgiven; but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit cannot.

Jesus also said that good trees produce good fruit and bad trees always produce bad fruit. The same is true of people and He called the Pharisees a 'brood of vipers.'

Friday

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

The advice that Evangelist is good for everyone.

Fit the underlined words from the back page into the grid.

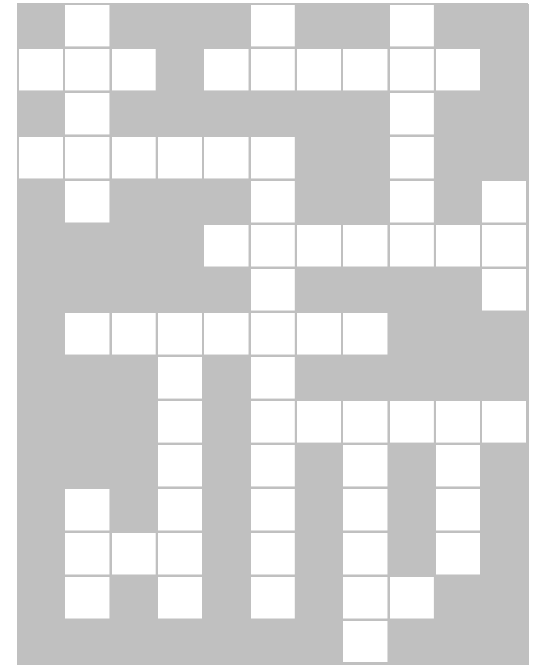
Matthew 6:33^{NLT} says, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

Sometimes people say, "I'm too busy to have time for God. But the truth is when you make time with God your priority - He will help you with everything else and you will be happier and have more time than before.

Evangelist quotes the words of Revelation 2:10 to Faithful and Christian. Fill in the missing words using the NLT or NIV version.

"Don't be _ _ _ _ _ of what you are about to _ _ _ _ _ . The devil will throw some of you into _ _ _ _ _ to _ _ _ _ _ you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain _ _ _ _ _ even when facing _ _ _ _ _ , I will give you the _ _ _ _ _ of _ _ _ _ _ ."

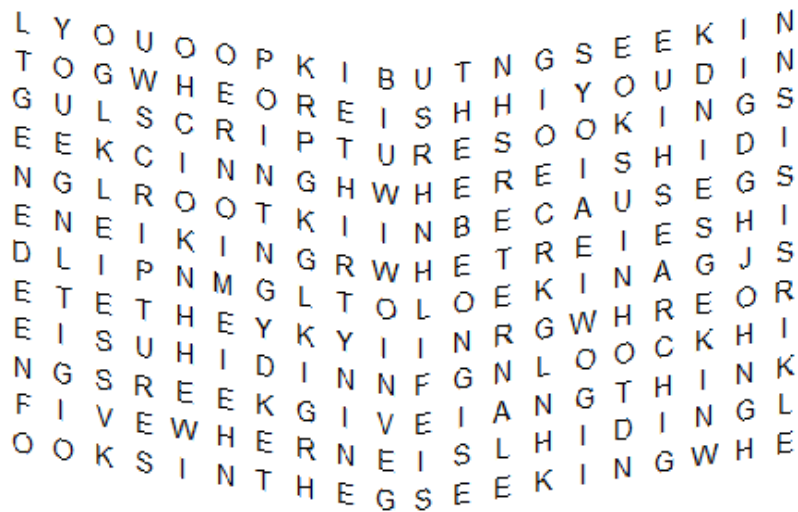
We don't need to be afraid of the future because God is in control. Whatever worries you, find some Bible verses or Bible stories that fit and read them whenever you start worrying. Then you won't be afraid anymore.



Thursday

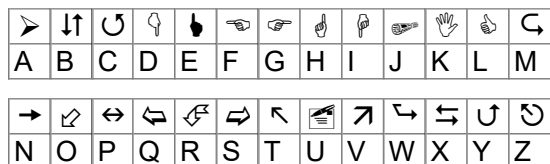
Search for these words of Jesus in the find-a-word.

"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to Me!



The Jewish leaders had missed the point of the Scriptures so much so, that they did not recognise Jesus the Messiah, when He came, and they had no idea of what He was going to do while there. Jesus often challenged what they believed.

The Jews believed that because they were born as children of Abraham that they would be saved. What did Jesus say about this in John 8:39_{NLT}?



"If you were really the children of Abraham...



Monday

On another Sabbath day, Jesus saw a woman with a hunch back in the synagogue. He said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." When He touched her, she was able to stand straight and she praised God.

The Pharisees were upset and told the people, "There are six days for work - come on one of those days to be healed; not the Sabbath." But as He had before, Jesus reminded them that they would help their animals on Sabbath.

So the crowd rejoiced and Pharisees were embarrassed.

One day a Gentile woman came to Jesus, begging Him to heal her daughter who was possessed by a demon.

Now the Jews were God's special, chosen people. They were very proud of this fact and, if they could help it, they would have nothing to do with anyone who wasn't a Jew.

If you remember how Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well, and even asked her for a drink, you'll know that Jesus didn't feel this way. But Jesus wanted to teach His disciples a lesson, so when the Gentile woman spoke to Him, He pretended to ignore her. The woman kept asking until the disciples asked Jesus to send her away. Jesus told the woman that He was sent to help the Jews, but the woman wouldn't leave. Then Jesus said, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

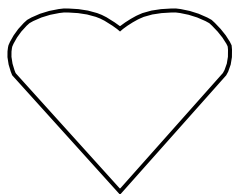
The woman replied, "But the dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall from the table."

Jesus was pleased with the woman's answer; He praised her for her faith and healed her daughter, just as she had asked.

Tuesday

Find the underlined words from Sunday.

In 1 Samuel 16:7^{NLT}, God says: "People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."



It is not what you say, or what you look like that matters – it is what you think and feel in your heart, and this will affect your actions.

I N S Y I D E O U T S I D E
L F R O M O V E F A H L S I
E A T U R U E I N W O R D S
S R I D E O U W T S N I D E
L O V E F A L I S Y O U R E
T R U E I N S T I D U E O U
T B U T S I D H E A R T E L
O V E F A L S E T R U E I N
S I D M E E O U T S I D E L
O V E E F A L S E T R U E I

Fit the words from Matthew 12:31^{NIV} into the grid.

"And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven."

Ezekiel 36:27^{CEV} says, "I will put My Spirit in you and make you eager to obey My laws and teachings."

It is the work of God's Holy Spirit to make us want to follow God's ways. When people totally reject God's Spirit, they have no desire to be forgiven, and so they will not even ask.

This is why Jesus called the Pharisees 'a brood of vipers.' Most of them had totally rejected the Holy Spirit and they were planning to kill God's own Son, the Messiah.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says blasphemy is 'insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God. OR claiming to be God.'

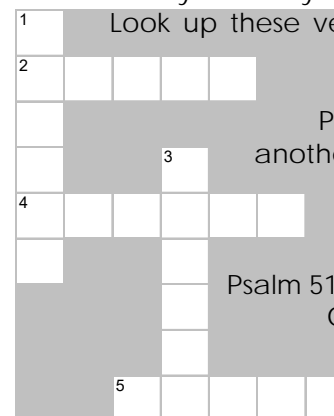
Wednesday

Colour the squares that tell how Jesus treated people in red. Colour the squares that tell how the Jews treated the Gentiles in black.

Would not speak to a Gentile if they didn't have to	Talked to a Samaritan woman	Looked down on people of other nations
Created both Jew and Gentiles	Looked at what was inside a person	Treated all people as equals
Would not eat with a Gentile	Asked a Gentile woman for a drink	Would not ask a Gentile for a drink
Judged people by the way they looked	Loved everyone	Would not trust a Gentile

What about you? Do you treat people the way that Jesus did?

Look up these verses in the NIV or NLT version and use the missing words to solve the crossword.



Philippians 2:5^{NIV} "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as _____ (1down) _____ (5 across)."

Psalms 51:10^{NLT} " _____ (3d) in me a clean _____ (2a), O God. Renew a loyal _____ (4a) within me."