

Then I saw in my dream, that they soon saw the town of Vanity before them where a year round fair is kept, called Vanity Fair. Long ago Beelzebub, Apollyon, Legion and their companions, seeing the way that pilgrims must travel set up the fair where all sorts of vanity should be sold. Houses, lands, trades, honours, favours, riches, titles, countries, kingdoms, pleasures, amusements and sins from every nation. There is no way to miss the fair - the Lord Himself passed through and Beelzebub invited Him to buy of his vanities - even offered to make Him lord of the fair, if He would worship him.

As Christian and Faithful entered into the fair they caused great excitement; but they put their fingers in their ears, and looking to heaven, cried, "Turn away my eyes from seeing vanity." When asked what they would buy, they said, "The truth." This caused a big argument and the great one of the fair, quickly came down and arrested them; they were beaten and put into the cage where everyone could laugh at them. Christian and Faithful however, were patient, giving blessing and kind words for bad; so some tried to speak in their defence, causing a fight amongst the men of the fair. Then were these two poor men were charged with causing another riot. So they were beaten and bound in chains. But Christian and Faithful behaved yet more wisely and they comforted each other with Evangelist's words.

At the time appointed, they were brought before their enemies. The Judge was Lord Hate-good. The charges: that they were enemies to trade, had caused riots and spread dangerous opinions. Faithful answered that he was a man of peace and only against the enemies of Him that is higher than highest; "Those who were won to us were won by seeing our truth and innocence and have turned from the worse to the better. And since Beelzebub is the enemy of our Lord, I defy him and all his angels!"

Envy, Superstition, and Pickthank stepped forward as witnesses. Envy said, "This man cares nothing for us or our laws. He once said Christianity and the customs of our town are totally opposite." Superstition said, "I do not know him, but I heard him say that our religion is worthless." Pickthank said, "I have heard him speak against our noble prince Beelzebub and Lord Carnal Delight, Lord Luxurious, Lord Desire of Vain Glory, Sir Having Greedy, and the rest. He called you, my lord Judge, an ungodly villain and worse.

Faithful spoke in his defence saying that any rule, law or custom that did not agree with the Word of God was opposite to Christianity. True worship of God required faith in God and, "The prince of this town, with all his followers are more fit for a being in hell, than in this town and country: and so, the Lord have mercy upon me!"

Then went the jury out to make their decision. Mr Blind-man said, "I see he is a heretic." Mr No-good: "Away with such a fellow." Mr Malice, "I hate the looks of him." Mr Love-lust: "I could never endure him." Mr Live-loose, "He is always condemning me." "Hang him," said Mr Heady. "A sorry scrub," said Mr High-mind. "My heart riseth against him," said Mr Enmity. "He is a rogue," said Mr Liar. "Hanging is too good for him," said Mr Cruelty. "Let us get rid of him," said Mr Hate-light. Then said Mr Implacable, "I could never agree with him; let us find him guilty."

So Faithful was found guilty and condemned to the most cruel death. They scourged him, buffeted him, cut his flesh with knives; after that, they stoned him, pricked him with their swords; and last of all, burned him at the stake. Thus came Faithful to his end. Now I saw that there stood behind the multitude, a chariot and a couple of horses, waiting for Faithful, who was taken up into it, and straightway was carried up through the clouds, with sound of trumpet, the nearest way to the Celestial Gate.

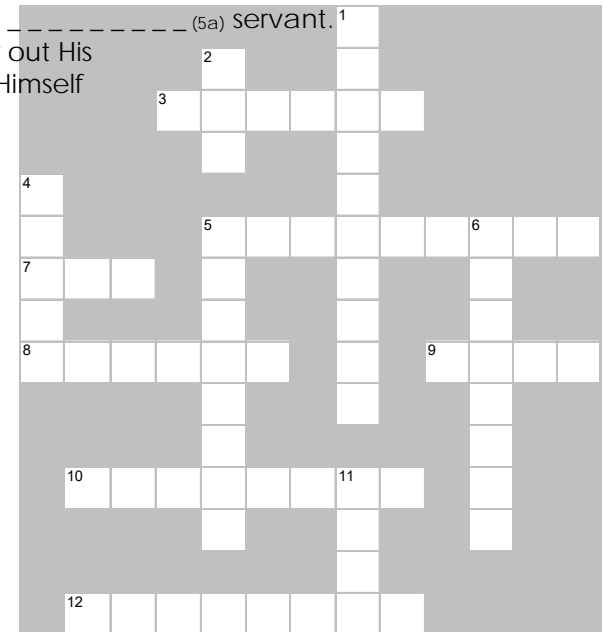
Who is Jesus?

Sabbath

Look up the prophecy of Isaiah 53 and use it to solve the crossword. (The number at the beginning of the line indicates which verse has the answer)

2. Would He look majestic or just ordinary? (6 down)
3. He would be _____ (12a) and _____ (5d)
4. He would receive the _____ (1d) for our sins.
5. All off this happened so we would be _____ (8a)
6. How many of us have sinned? ____ (7a)
7. Would He be silent or did He speak loudly? (3a)
8. Would many or none protest when He was condemned and taken away? (11d)
9. Would He be put in a rich or poor man's grave? (9a)
10. His life would be an _____ (10a) for _____s (2d)
11. He is called my _____ (5a) servant.
12. He would 'pour out His life' or 'expose Himself to' _____ (4d)

Isaiah lived and wrote this prophecy several hundred years before Jesus came but Jesus is the only person who fits the prophecy, and Jesus fits it perfectly.



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Refer: Matthew 15:29-39; 16:21-28; 17:1-21; Mark 7:31-37; 8:1-10, 31 - 9:29; Luke 9:22-43 NLT;

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Sunday

One day a deaf man who could not speak properly was brought to Jesus. Jesus led him away from the crowd. He put His fingers in the man's ears; then spat on His fingers and touched his tongue. Jesus said, "Be opened" and straight away, the man could hear and speak properly.

One day when Jesus was out on a hillside, many sick people came for healing. Soon, people who had not been able to speak were talking, the crippled were running and walking, and the blind could see again! The people stayed to listen to Jesus for three days.

Then Jesus called his disciples and told them, "I feel sorry for these people. They have nothing left to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry, or they may faint along the way."

The disciples said, "Where would we get that much food? There isn't even a town here!"

Jesus asked, "How much food do you have?"

"Seven loaves, and some fish" they said.

Then Jesus told everyone to sit down; He took the loaves and fish, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. The disciples passed the food out and everyone ate as much as they wanted. When they were finished, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftovers. There were 4,000 men fed that day, plus all the women and children.

One day Jesus tried to tell the disciples of how He would be rejected by the leaders of the people, would suffer many things, die and then rise to life again. He said, "Even the teachers of the religious law teach that Elijah will come. Elijah has already come! The scriptures also teach about the Messiah's suffering." But the disciples didn't understand and Peter even told Jesus not to speak this way.

Then Jesus turned to the crowd of people and told them, "Following Me is not easy. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but if you are willing to lose your life for the gospel, then you will save it. What is the profit if you gain the whole world but lose eternal life? If you are ashamed of Me then I will be ashamed of you."

Friday

Read the story of Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

In our story this week, Christian and Faithful go through a very tough time. In John 16

Jesus warned that His followers would have difficulties. Solve the code to see what He said in John 16:33.

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You will have problems in life too. People might tease you, annoy you or even threaten you. People might blame you or accuse you of doing wrong. There will also be times in life when you will stuff up.

When you have difficulties, talk to God about them and memorise Bible verses that you can claim. When you do this, God will help you overcome your difficulties.

Summarise Psalm 37:5, 6 and 1 John 1:9 in your own words.

Thursday

An evil spirit (one of Satan's angels) stopped the boy from speaking and caused him to have seizures. These days we would say it gave him epilepsy. Jesus told the disciples they could not heal the boy because they did not have enough faith. How much faith did Jesus say could move a mountain? Matthew 17:20

Have you ever see how big a mustard seed is? Have a look next time you are shopping. It is about this size: ● ←
Mustard seeds are used to flavour food, and the leaves from young plants are good to eat too.
Mustard plants grow into a large bush; most grow to between 1m and 7m in height (taller than a house!) depending on the type of mustard; some can apparently grow even taller.



Use an NIV or NLT Bible to fill in the missing words from these verses and then solve the crossword.

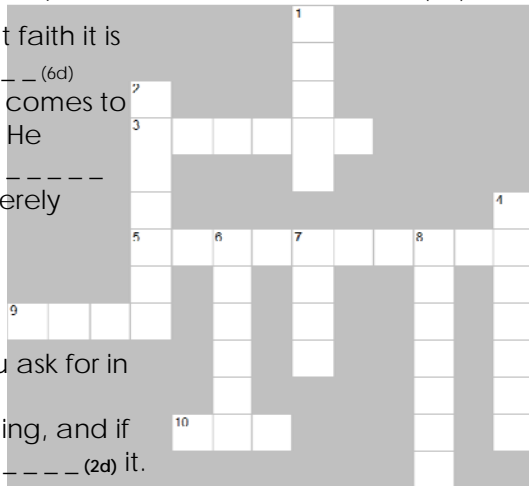
Hebrews 11:1^{NIV} "_____ (1 down) is the confidence in what we _____ (9a) for and assurance (or evidence) about what we do not _____ (10a)."

Hebrews 11:6^{NIV} "And without faith it is _____ (5a) to _____ (6d) God, because anyone who comes to Him must _____ (8d) that He _____ (3a) and that He _____ (4d) those who earnestly/sincerely _____ (7d) Him.

Matthew 21:22

NIV: "If you believe, you will _____ (2d) whatever you ask for in prayer."

NLT: "You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will _____ (2d) it.



Monday

Several days later Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain. Suddenly, Jesus face shone bright like the sun, His clothes also became bright white and Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.



Peter said, "Lord, this is amazing! Let me make each of you a shelter." But as he spoke, a cloud surrounded them, and a voice said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him." The disciples were scared and fell down to the ground. Then Jesus touched them and said, "Get up, don't be afraid." When they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone.

As they went back down the mountain, Jesus said to them, "Don't tell anyone about this until after I have been raised from the dead."

When they returned to the other disciples, they found a crowd had gathered. A man stepped forward to Jesus and said, "Teacher, I have brought my son for healing. Because of an evil spirit, he cannot speak. Sometimes the spirit seizes him and throws him to the ground where he becomes stiff. Sometimes it throws him into the water or the fire to try to kill him. I asked your disciples to heal him but they could not. Can you help?"

Jesus said, "Everything is possible if you believe."

The man cried, "I believe, help me overcome my unbelief!"

The boy was brought forward but he fell down in violent convulsion or seizure. Jesus commanded the evil spirit to leave the boy and never return. The boy appeared to be dead at first, but then Jesus reached out and helped him to stand and he was well.

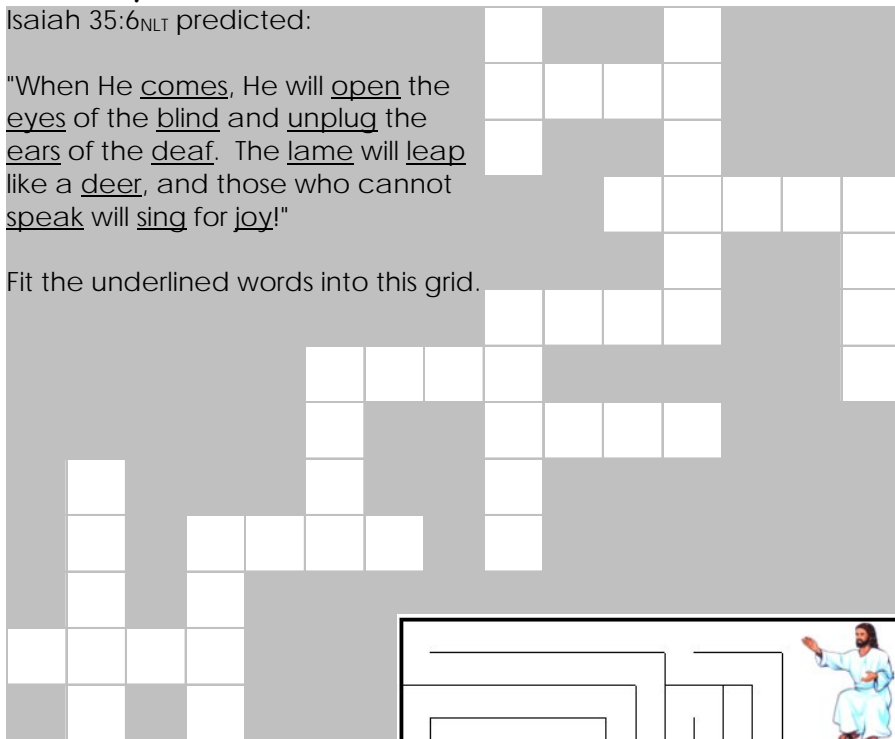
Later the disciples asked why they had failed. Jesus said, "This kind of spirit can only be cast out by prayer. You did not have enough faith. Faith as small as mustard seed can move mountains."

Tuesday

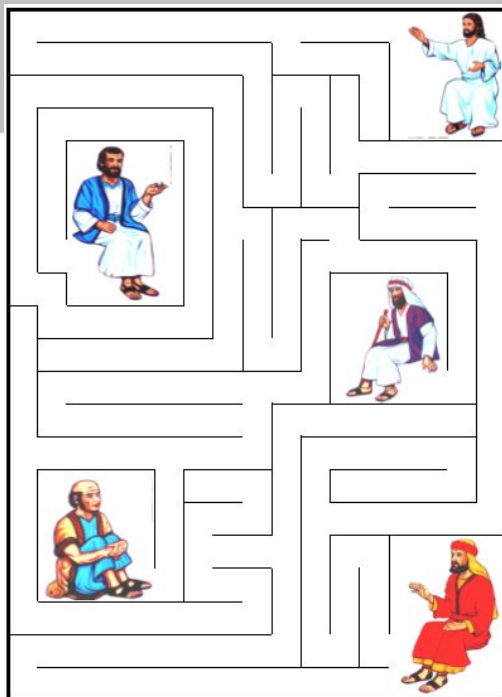
Isaiah 35:6^{NLT} predicted:

"When He comes, He will open the eyes of the blind and unplug the ears of the deaf. The lame will leap like a deer, and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!"

Fit the underlined words into this grid.

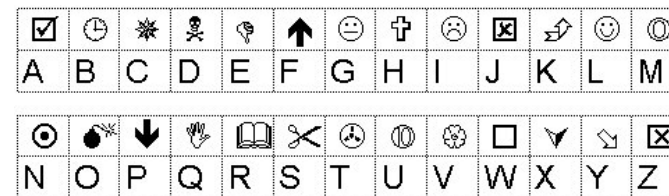


The disciples took the bread from Jesus and passed it to all the people. Find a way from Jesus to all the people.



Wednesday

God sent Moses and Elijah from Heaven to talk to Jesus.



Do you remember why Moses and Elijah were in Heaven?
(Read about it in Deuteronomy 34:1-7, Jude 1:9, 2 Kings 2)

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him back to 😊☹⬆👉 and took him to ✝👉☑🌸👉🕒.

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came and took him to ✝👉☑🌸👉🕒.

God proved to the disciples that Jesus was His Son.

God showed the disciples that Jesus was His Son, and they wrote about it so we know we can trust everything Jesus said.

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