

Now I saw in my dream that the highway up which Christian was to go was fenced on either side with a wall, and that wall was called Salvation. Up this way, therefore, did burdened Christian run with great difficulty, because of the load on his back. He ran thus till he came at a place where stood a cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a sepulchre (tomb). As Christian came up with the cross, his burden fell off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do, till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more. Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said, with a merry heart, "He hath given me rest by His sorrow and life by His death." Then he stood still awhile to look and wonder; for it was very surprising to him, that the sight of the cross should thus ease him of his burden. He looked, therefore, and looked again, even till the springs that were in his head sent the waters down his cheeks.

Now, as he stood looking and weeping, behold three Shining Ones came to him and greeted him with "Peace be to thee."  
 So the first said to him, "Thy sins be forgiven thee."  
 The second stripped him of his rags and clothed him with change of raiment.  
 The third also set a mark in his forehead and gave him a roll with a seal upon it, which he bade him look on as he ran and that he should give it in at the Celestial Gate.  
 Then Christian gave three leaps for joy, and went on singing.

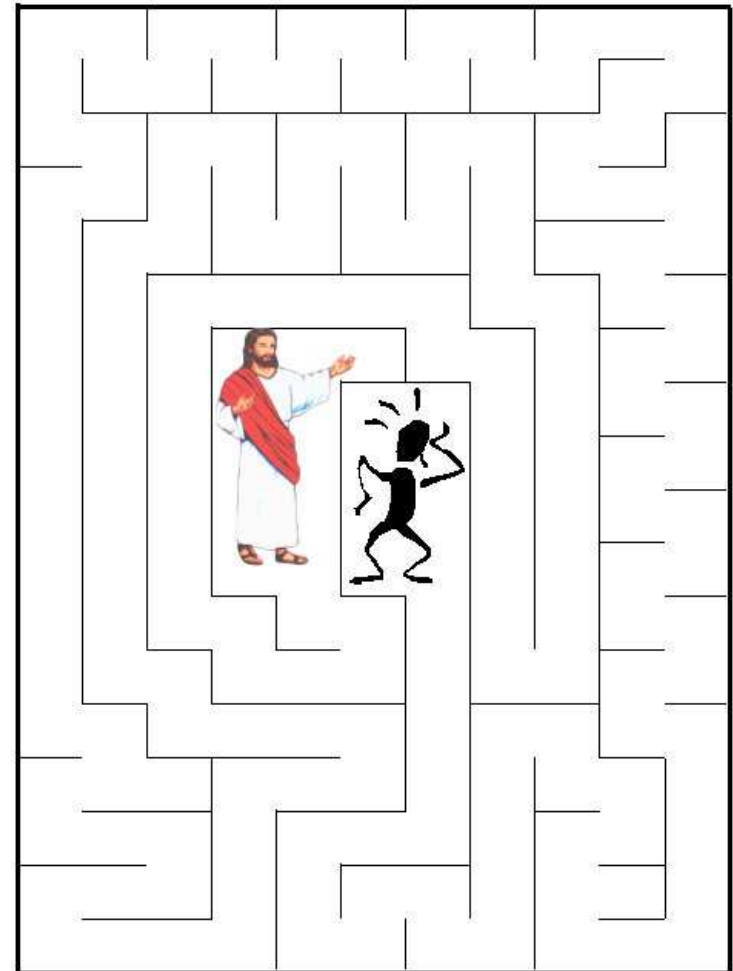
I saw then in my dream, that he went on thus, even until he came at a bottom, where he saw, a little out of the way, three men fast asleep, with fetters upon their heels. The name of the one was Simple, another Sloth, and the third Presumption. Christian then seeing them lie in this case, went to them, that he might awake them, and cried, "Awake, therefore, and come away; be willing also, and I will help you off with your irons. If he that 'goeth about like a roaring lion' comes by, you will certainly become a prey to his teeth."  
 With that they looked upon him, and began to reply in this sort: Simple said, "I see no danger, Sloth said, "Yet a little more sleep," and Presumption said, "Every fat must stand upon its own bottom; what is the answer else that I should give thee?" And so they lay down to sleep again, and Christian went on his way. Yet was he troubled.

Now Christian espied two men come tumbling over the wall on the left hand of the narrow way and they made up apace to him. The name of the one was Formalist, and the name of the other Hypocrisy.  
 "Gentlemen," said Christian, "Whence came you, and whither go you?"  
 "We were born in the land of Vain-glory, and are going for praise to Mount Sion."  
 "Why came you not in at the gate, which standeth at the beginning of the way? Know you not that it is written, that he that cometh not in by the door, 'but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber?'"  
 They said, that to go to the gate at entrance was, by all their countrymen, counted too far about; and that, therefore, their long standing custom was to make a short cut of it and to climb over the wall as they had done.  
 "But," said Christian, "When I come to the gate of the city, the Lord thereof will know me for good, since I have His coat on my back—a coat that He gave me in the day that He stripped me of my rags. I have, moreover, a mark in my forehead, of which, perhaps, you have taken no notice, which one of my Lord's most intimate associates fixed there in the day that my burden fell off my shoulders. I will tell you, moreover, that I had then given me a roll, sealed, to comfort me by reading, as I go on the way; I was also bid to give it in at the Celestial Gate."  
 To these things they gave him no answer.

# Faith & Salvation

## Sabbath

When things go wrong and you wonder where God is, you'll find out later that He was very close. The way through this maze might be very long but do you see how close Jesus is?



## Sunday

One day as Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum; a Roman officer came and said, "My servant is so sick he cannot get out of bed."

Jesus said, "I will come and heal him." But the officer said, "I am an officer, and I tell my soldiers, 'do this' and they do it. Just say so now, and I know my servant will be healed."

Jesus was amazed and turning to those with Him, He said, "I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!" Then Jesus said to the Roman officer, "Go back home. Because you believed, your servant is healed."

And the young servant was healed just then.



On Sabbath Jesus and His disciples went to the Synagogue and a man with an evil spirit jumped up and cried out, "Why are you here Jesus of Nazareth, have you come to destroy us? I know who You are Son of God!" Jesus told the evil spirit to be quiet and come out of the man. It screamed, through the man on the ground and then left him.














Jesus and his disciples went to Peter's house and found Peter's mother-in-law sick in bed. When Jesus touched her hand the fever disappeared and she got up and prepared a meal for them. That evening many sick people and others with evil spirits came to see Jesus and He healed them all.

One day Jesus said, "When a spirit is cast out, it looks for another place to live but find none so it comes back, when it finds its former home empty, it invites seven more evil spirits to come and live with it and they all enter the person who is now worse off than before."














## Friday

Now Christian sees three men sleeping by the road and now that He has experienced the saving power of Christ he wants to help others.

2 Corinthians 1:4<sup>NLT</sup> tells us what Jesus does for us and what we can do afterwards.

												
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Did Simple, Sloth and Presumption want help from Christian?\_\_\_\_\_

- An adult might be described as simple-minded if they seem to think more like a child than an adult; this can happen when the brain is damaged by accident or illness. A child will not recognize the same dangers as an adult will.
- Use a dictionary to find the meanings of Sloth:\_\_\_\_\_

- Use a dictionary to find the meaning of Presumption:\_\_\_\_\_

Who are they in danger from? 1 Peter 5:8

Then Christian meets Formalist and Hypocrisy. Use a dictionary to find what their names mean.

Formalist or Formalism:\_\_\_\_\_

A formalist will do things the same way because it is a tradition. Many religions hold traditions more important than learning about and following God.

Hypocrisy:\_\_\_\_\_

Hypocrisy means pretending to be religious or pretending to do what is right. What did Jesus call someone who comes over the wall? John 10:1

Their hope of having the glory of heaven was just like the name of their town Vain-glory, a vain hope, a useless hope.

## Thursday

Read the next section of Pilgrims Progress from the back page.

- Evangelist could not take away Christian's burden.
- Legality (following the law) could not help.
- Goodwill, the gate keeper could not take away Christian's burden, although Christian asked him.
- Reading his scroll (or Bible) did not take away Christian's burden,
- The Interpreter could not take away Christian's burden.

What took away Christian's burden?

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Read and summarise 1 Peter 2:24

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The burden being removed from Christian's back represents his sins and his load of guilt being taken away. Now he has the peace of God that Philippians 4:6-7 speaks of, which is greater than anything we can understand. What else was done that represents the removing of sin? Zechariah 3:4

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Christian is also given a scroll and a mark in his forehead.

In Ephesians 1:13<sup>NIV</sup>, Paul speaks of a mark given to Christ's people; what is it?

"When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised \_\_\_\_\_."

Do you remember from last term which part of your brain listens to God? It is the frontal lobe, which is located nearest your forehead!

The roll that Christian is given may represent a Christian's personal relationship with God. The Bible is God's Word but we will only understand what God is saying to us in the Bible if we open our minds to God's leading. This happens best when we have a close personal relationship with God. We will find the words of the Bible comforting and helpful rather than burdensome and hard to understand.

## Monday

Leprosy was the most dreaded and contagious disease of the time and anyone who had leprosy was required to leave their home and live in the wilderness; they could not go near other people for fear of spreading the disease.

One day as a large crowd of people followed Jesus, a man with leprosy approached and kneeled before Him, saying, "Lord if you are willing you can heal me." Jesus reached out and touched the man and said, "I am willing - be healed."

Jesus told the man to take the required sacrifice to the priests but not to tell anyone. However the man told everyone and soon such large crowds looked for Jesus that He couldn't enter the towns.

Not long after that, Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain.

They arrived just as a large funeral procession was coming out of the town.

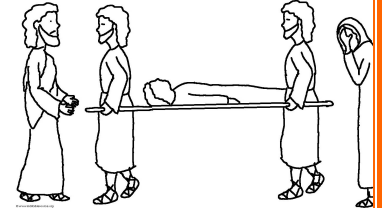
The poor woman's husband had died some time ago and now her only son was dead.

When Jesus saw her, He felt sad for her.

He walked over to the stretcher and said,

"Young man, get up." The dead boy sat up and began to talk!

The crowd praised God and the news about Jesus spread. The people said, "God has sent us a mighty prophet," and "God has visited us!"



When John the Baptist heard of the miracles, he sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah. Jesus told John's disciples to watch the miracles He was performing and to tell John about them.

When John's disciple had gone, Jesus talked to the crowd about John the Baptist, telling them that John was the messenger prophesied about who would come before the Messiah. He called John the Baptist the greatest prophet who ever lived, yet all who enter the Kingdom of God will be even greater.

## Tuesday

Do you know what a demon or evil spirit is?  
Who does Ephesians 6:12 say we are fighting against?

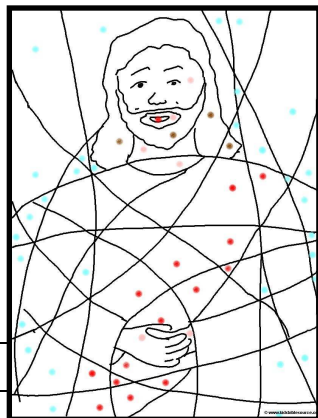
Read Revelation 12:7-9 which tells us who these evil spirits are. They are described as the dragon and his angels. Who is the dragon?

They are really responsible for all of the bad things that happen in the world today. For diseases, disasters and accidents, for encouraging people to be disrespectful, mean, selfish and rude. When you don't choose to be on God's side you are automatically on Satan's. But sometimes people choose to be on Satan's side - of course they don't always know what they are choosing. Sometimes Satan and his angels pretend to be a people who died long ago; sometimes they say they are a spirit guide or even a god.

At first the spirits let the person control their own life; they just offer advice and share secrets or give special powers or abilities to the person. But gradually the spirits take over the person's life until the person doesn't have control any more. There is only one hope for a person when this happens. How did Jesus say demons would be cast out? Mark 16:17

What did God warn the Israelites about spirits? Leviticus 19:31 and 20:6

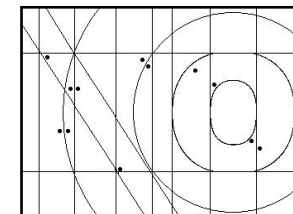
Have nothing to do with people who claim to talk to spirits, or dead people like, spiritualists, clairvoyants, fortune tellers, witches, mediums or wizards, channelling, palm readings, astrology, crystal balls and horoscopes. Ouija boards, pronounced 'weegie' and sometimes spelled differently, look like a board game but they are designed to communicate with spirits. When someone wants to escape from the spirits, they must call on Jesus, and keep calling on Him to save them each time the spirits attack. Jesus is their only way out and many people both in ancient times and in modern times have been saved from spirits through Jesus.



## Wednesday

Psalms 33:6<sup>NLT</sup>, The Lord merely spoke, and the \_\_\_\_\_ were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born."

Is it any surprise that Jesus could just say the word and the servant was healed?  
Colour the spaces with dots.



Have you ever wondered why Jesus just said the word, yet other times, He went to the sick person and sometimes He touched them or told them to do something? Look up the following verses to find the missing words.

Luke 7:9<sup>NLT</sup>, "When Jesus heard this, He was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following Him He said, 'I tell you, I haven't seen \_\_\_\_\_ (6 down) like this in all \_\_\_\_\_ (9 across)!'"

Hebrews 11:1<sup>NLT</sup>, "Faith is the confidence that what we \_\_\_\_\_ (10 across) for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ (11a)."

Hebrews 11:6<sup>NIV</sup>, "And without faith it is impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ (7d)

God, because anyone who comes to Him must \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) that

1	He exists and that He rewards
2	those who earnestly _____ (8a)
3	Him."
4	Matthew 17:20 <sup>NIV</sup> , "If you have
5	faith as small as a _____
6	seed, you can say to
7	this _____, 'Move
8	from here to there,' and it
9	will move. Nothing will be _
10	_____."
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