

Christian spent a few days with Discretion, Prudence, Piety and Charity, learning more of what the Lord of the hill had done. They showed him the armoury with all manner of things which their Lord had provided for pilgrims including a sword, shield, helmet, breastplate, all-prayer, and shoes that would not wear out. They also showed him some of the engines with which some of his servants had done wonderful things, like Moses' rod and the sling and stone with which David slew Goliath.

One morning they had him to the top of the house and bid him look and behold, at a great distance, he saw a most pleasant mountainous country, beautified with woods, vineyards, fruits of all sorts, flowers also, with springs and fountains, very delectable to behold. Then he asked the name of the country. They said it was Immanuel's Land. And from there said they, thou mayest see to the gate of the Celestial City. Then they took him into the armoury and harnessed him from head to foot lest, perhaps, he should meet with assaults in the way.

Discretion, Piety, Charity, and Prudence, would accompany him to the foot of the hill. Christian said, "As it was difficult coming up, it is dangerous going down." Prudence said, "It is a hard matter for a man to go into the Valley of Humiliation."

At the bottom of the hill, they gave him some food and drink and he went on his way.

But now, in this Valley of Humiliation, poor Christian was hard put to it; for he had gone but a little way, before he espied a foul fiend, an evil one, coming over the field to meet him; his name is Apollyon. Then did Christian begin to be afraid and to cast in his mind whether to go back or to stand his ground. But he considered again that he had no armour for his back so he went on and Apollyon met him.

Now the monster was hideous to behold; with scales like a fish, wings like a dragon, feet like a bear and out of his belly came fire and smoke and his mouth was of a lion. When he was come up to Christian, he thus began to question with him. "Whence come you?" "I am come from the City of Destruction to the City of Zion."

"...By this I perceive thou art one of my subjects, for all that country is mine, and I am the prince and god of it."

But Christian said, "I have let myself to another, even to the King of princes; I have given Him my faith, and sworn my allegiance to Him." Then Apollyon broke out into a rage saying, "I am an enemy to this Prince; I hate His person, His laws, and people!"

Apollyon straddled quite over the whole breadth of the way and said, "Prepare thyself to die; for I swear that thou shalt go no further; here will I spill thy soul!" And with that he threw a flaming dart at his breast; but Christian had a shield in his hand, with which he caught it, and so prevented the danger of that.

In this combat no man can imagine unless he had seen and heard as I did, what yelling and hideous roaring Apollyon, like a dragon, made all the time of the fight, nor on the other side, what sighs and groans burst from Christian's heart. I never saw him all the while give so much as one pleasant look, till he perceived he had wounded Apollyon with his two-edged sword; then, indeed, he did smile.

This combat lasted for above half a day, even till Christian was growing weaker from his wounds. Then while Apollyon was fetching of his last blow, thereby to make a full end of this good man, Christian stretched out his hand for his sword and caught it, saying, "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise." And with that gave him a deadly thrust, which made him give back. Christian cried, "We are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us." Then Apollyon spread forth his dragon's wings and sped him away, that Christian for a season saw him no more.

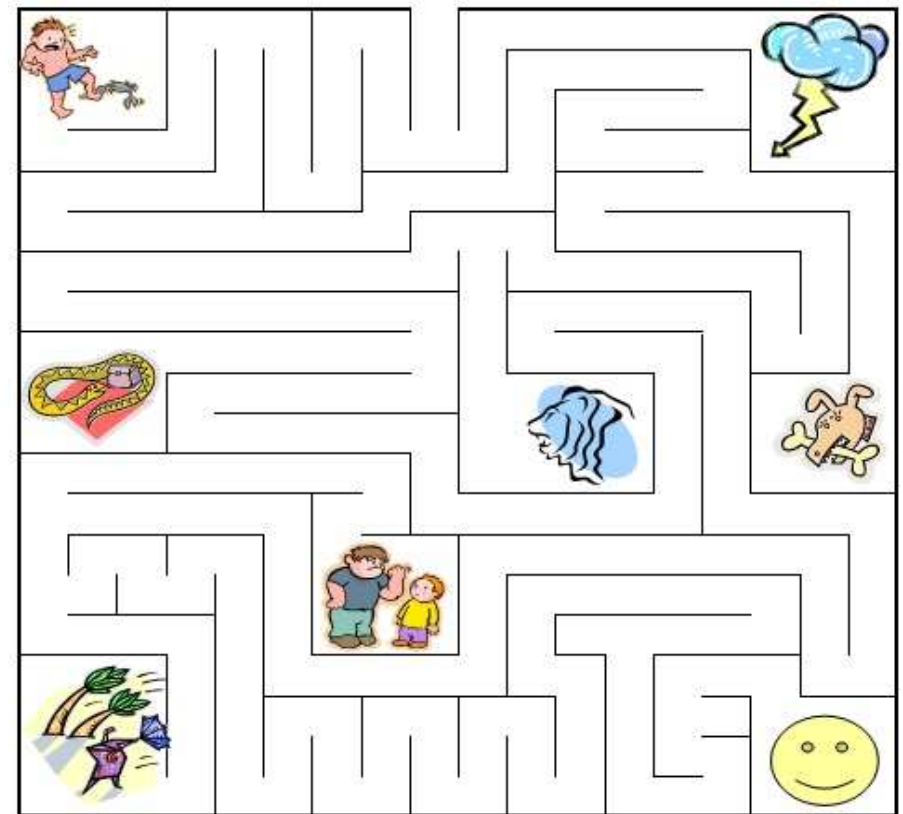
The Storm

Sabbath

Have you ever been scared?

When? _____

Do you like being scared? _____



Year 2, Quarter 4, Week 7 "Pre/Teens"

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Refer: Luke 8:22-39; Matthew 8:23-34; Mark 4:35-5:20 NLT; *The Desire of Ages* p333-341; *The Bible Story* vol7 p184-192

Sunday

Jesus had been teaching the people all day. As evening came, Jesus and His disciples hopped in their boat to cross the lake. They were followed by other boats.

Suddenly a fierce storm came up; high waves crashed into the boat and it began to fill with water.

Jesus was asleep at the back of the boat and didn't notice until the disciples woke him up and shouted, "Don't you care that we're going to drown?"

Then Jesus stood up and said to the wind and the waves, "Silence! Be still!"

The storm immediately stopped, and the water was calm.

Everyone was amazed and asked, "Who is this man? Even the wind and waves obey him!"



When Jesus and His disciples arrived on the other side of the lake, they were met by two men who were crazy because they had demons of Satan in them. These men lived in a graveyard and were so violent that no one could go there. They began screaming at Jesus, "Why are you here, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us?"

A large herd of pigs could be seen feeding in the distance, and the demons said, "Don't just cast us out, let us go into pigs."

"All right, go!" Jesus said. Then the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs, and the whole herd ran down a cliff into the lake and drowned.

The men looking after the pigs ran to the nearby town, telling everyone what happened to the crazy men and the pigs.

The townspeople came out to meet Jesus, but they were angry about loosing the pigs and begged Jesus to go away.

The men who had been demon possessed begged to go with Jesus, but Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them what God has done for you."

Friday

What should you remember when you are scared?



Read Psalm 46:1-3_{NLT}

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

Thursday

Read the back page to find out what happens to Christian next in Pilgrims Progress.

In the Valley of Humiliation Christian meets a big problem.
Use a dictionary to find out what humiliation means?

Is humiliation a nice feeling to have? _____
Although the actual arguments that Apollyon used have been left off the back page, looking at them will help us to understand what this battle represents in the real Christians spiritual life.

- Apollyon promises Christian rich rewards if he will return to serve him in the city of destruction. What sort of rewards does Satan promise those who serve him? Some ideas are at the bottom.

- Apollyon says others have given up and so will Christian. Who are your heroes? Remember that people, even our heroes are not perfect and that they make mistakes. When we look at people we will be disappointed. Only Jesus was perfect.

- Apollyon tells Christian that he has made a bad choice and tells of the danger that Christian will meet. Write 1 Corinthians 10:13 in your own words.

- He reminds Christian of his past failures like at the Slew of Despond. Read Philippians 3:13. Is it more important to think about the past which is behind us or the future which is in front?

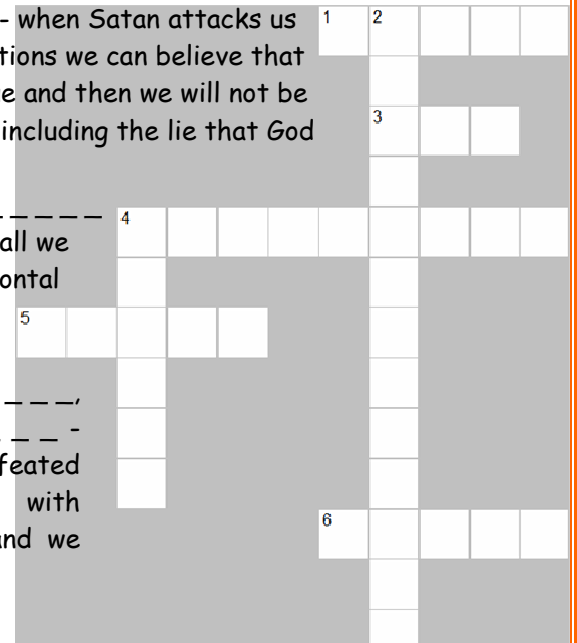
The future is what is important. Remember the story of Joseph? God can turn bad things into good things. What matters most is the relationship that we have with God now.

Monday

Before Christian in Pilgrims Progress continues on his journey, he is outfitted with armour - this represents the armour of God described by Paul in Ephesians 6:14-18. Read these verses again and use them to answer the following questions.

The armour of God includes:

- The belt of _ _ _ _ _ - a belt keeps a soldier from an embarrassing situation - always telling the truth and also trusting that what God says is true will protect a Christian from embarrassment.
- The breastplate or body armour of _ _ _ _ _ - our hearts do not need to be discouraged by our mistakes or our sinfulness; Jesus has taken these things on Himself; He has covered us with His righteousness.
- The shoes of the Gospel or Good News of _ _ _ _ _ - when we choose the way that Jesus wants us to go in life we will also have the peace and comfort that can only come from God. Being a part in spreading the Good News about Jesus is the greatest work that anyone can do.
- The shield of _ _ _ _ _ - when Satan attacks us with doubts and temptations we can believe that what God has said is true and then we will not be tricked by Satan's lies; including the lie that God cannot forgive us.
- The helmet of _ _ _ _ _ - it is a gift from God - all we have to do is use our frontal lobe to make the choice to accept.
- The sword of the _ _ _ _ _ , which is the word of _ _ _ - Jesus resisted and defeated all of Satan's attacks with prayer and scripture and we can do the same!



Tuesday

Read Philippians 4:6, 7 and then answer these questions.

What should we worry or be anxious about? _____

What situations should we pray about? _____

What should we ask God for? _____

Unscramble this word of something that we must do: **TAKNH**

What will we receive from God? _____

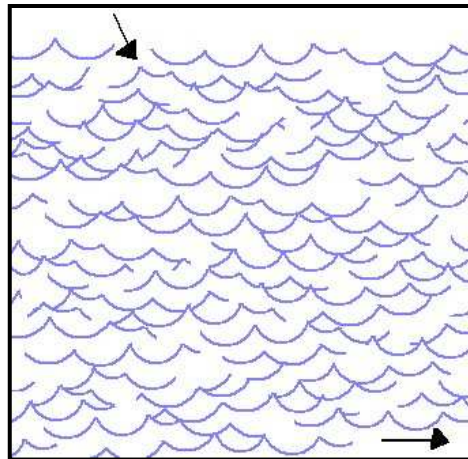
Jesus was not afraid in the storm; He had the peace of knowing that God was in control. When the disciples saw the crazy men they ran away, but Jesus was not afraid, once again He had the peace of knowing God was in control.

Then Jesus stood up and said to the wind and the waves, "Silence! Be still!" The storm immediately stopped, and the water was calm. Everyone was amazed and asked, "Who is this man? Even the wind and waves obey him!"

Find a way through the waves

Find these words of the following promise in the grid. The words may be diagonal.

God alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust Him. For He will rescue you from every trap and will protect you from deadly disease. Psalms 91:2, 3



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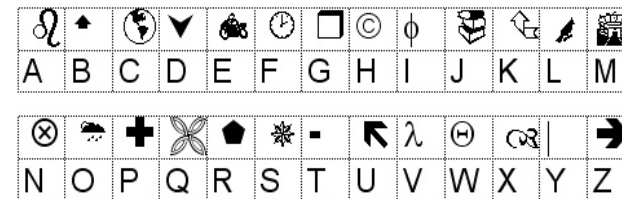
Wednesday

Have you ever wondered why the demons asked to go into the pigs? And why they then killed the pigs? – Killing the pigs did not hurt the demons because demons are Satan's angels. Do angels die? What did Jesus say in Luke 20:36?

After they heard that they had lost all their pigs, what did the townspeople ask Jesus to do? Luke 8:37

The people were upset by the loss of the pigs which represent wealth and money to them. They were fearful of losing more things. No doubt this is what Satan had in mind; he planned to stop the work of Jesus in that area.

The man who had been demon possessed begged to go with Jesus, but what did Jesus say to him?



What happened next time Jesus returned to the area?

Matthew 14:34-36