

After Christians battle with Apollyon there came to him a hand with some of the leaves of the tree of life which Christian took and applied to his wounds and was healed immediately. He also sat down in that place to eat and drink and then he addressed himself to his journey.

Now at the end of this valley was another, the Valley of the Shadow of Death. This is a very lonely place and here Christian was worse put to it than in his fight with Apollyon. I saw then in my dream, that when Christian was got to the borders of the Shadow of Death, there met him two men, children of the spies who gave an evil report of Promised Land. They said, "We were going as you but we dare not continue. Lucky for us, we looked and saw the danger; the valley is pitch dark with monsters and dragons and we heard howling and yelling like trapped people; it is every way dreadful!"

Then Christian went on his way, with his sword in his hand and I saw then in my dream that in the valley there was on the right hand a very deep ditch and on the left a very dangerous quagmire where no man can find the bottom. King David once fell into this quagmire and would have been smothered, had not HE that is able plucked him out. The pathway was here also exceeding narrow and therefore good Christian had a hard time for when he sought in the dark, to avoid the ditch on the one hand, he was ready to tip over into the mire on the other; also when he sought to escape the mire without great carefulness he would be ready to fall into the ditch. And besides these dangers the pathway was so dark he could not see and flame and smoke would come out, so much sometimes that he was forced to put away his sword and use another weapon called All-prayer and he cried, "O Lord, I beg Thee, deliver my soul!"

Thus he went on a great while, yet still the flames reached towards him and he also heard sad voices and rushing movement so he feared for his life. This continued for several miles until he thought he heard a group of evil ones coming in front of him and he stopped and began to wonder what he had best to do but he decided to continue then when they were almost at him, he cried out, "I will walk in the strength of the Lord God" and they backed up and left him.

I noticed that now poor Christian was so confused that when he come near the mouth of the burning pit one of the wicked ones got behind him and whispered against the Lord and Christian thought these were his own thoughts. He was very upset to think he should now blaspheme Him that he loved so much before; he did not know where these thoughts came from or think to block his ears.

Then he thought he heard the voice of a man in front saying, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me." And he was glad for he felt someone who feared God was in this valley too and God was with them so God must be with him although he could not feel it.

Also, he hoped he might catch up to them and have company. By and by the morning came and said Christian, "He has turned the shadow of death into the morning."

The sunrise was a mercy to Christian for though the first part of the Valley of the Shadow of Death was dangerous this second part was, if possible, far more dangerous, for from the place where he now stood even to the end of the valley the way was set so full of snares, traps, nets, pits and deep holes that had it now been dark as it was when he came the first part of the way and had he a thousand lives, he would have lost them. But, as I said, just now the sun was rising and said he, "His candle shineth upon my head and by His light I walk through darkness." In this light, therefore, he came to the end of the valley.

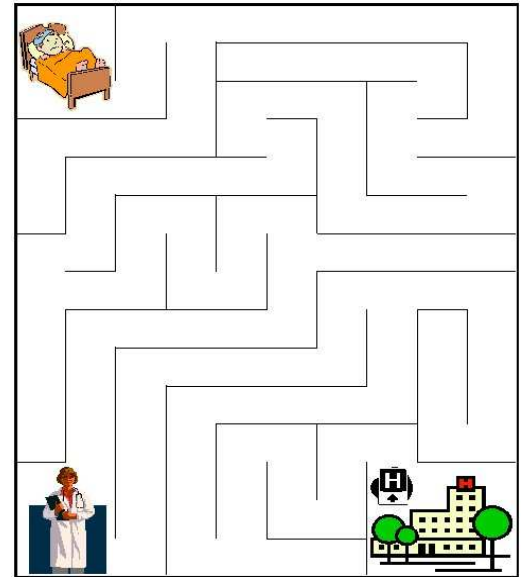
A Very Sick Girl

Sabbath

Help the sick boy find the way to the doctor and then to the hospital.

Do you know what your friends believe happens when you die? Have you ever asked them?

There are many different ideas about death today.



- Many Christian religions believe that people go straight to heaven when they die.
- Some people believe that you have to be 'good' to go to heaven.
- Some people believe that everyone will go to heaven.
- Some people believe we go to a place of waiting before going to heaven or hell (the opposite of heaven)
- Some people believe that when you die that is the end – there is nothing else.
- Some people believe that when a person dies they come back to this world again as a baby.
- Others believe a person may come back as an animal or an insect depending on whether they led a good or bad life.
- Some people believe we become spirits when we die – they say a person's soul is their spirit.
- Some people believe we go to another place.

Year 2, Quarter 4, Week 8, "Pre/Teens"

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Refer: Mark 5:21-43; Matthew 9:18-26 NLT; *The Desire of Ages* p342-348; *The Bible Story* vol8 p12-18

Sunday

One day as a large crowd was following Jesus, a man named Jairus came and begged Jesus to heal his daughter who was dying. So Jesus went with him, followed by the people.

A woman in the crowd had been sick for twelve years. She had spent all her money seeing different doctors, but she only became worse. She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind Him through the crowd and touched His robe. Straight away she knew she was healed. Jesus knew what had happened and turned around in the crowd to ask, "Who touched my robe?"

His disciples said to Him, "How can you ask, 'Who touched me' with all this crowd?"

Then the woman stepped forward and knelt in front of Him and told Him what she had done. Jesus said to her, "Your faith has made you well. Your suffering is over."

Before they reached Jairus house, a messenger arrived to say, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling Jesus now."

But Jesus heard and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid, have faith."

Then Jesus stopped the crowd and took Peter, James, and John, His disciples to the house.

The house was full of people crying and wailing. Jesus asked, "Why all this noise? She isn't dead; she's only asleep."

The people laughed at Him. But He made them all leave and took the girl's father and mother and His three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. He held her hand and said, "Little girl, get up!"

The girl stood up and Jesus told them to give her something to eat!

Two blind men came to Jesus and He asked them if they believed He could heal them. They said "Yes Lord," so Jesus touched their eyes and they were healed. Then a man who had a demon in him so he could not talk was brought to Jesus. Jesus sent the demon away and the man could talk.

Friday

In Pilgrims Progress, Christian now goes through a difficult time – through the Valley of the Shadow of Death where he cannot feel God's presence. Yet he chooses to go forward, using his weapon of prayer. Read the next part of the story on the back page.

The Valley of the Shadow of Death represents very difficult times in a Christian's life. Like when all the disasters happened to Job in the Bible. There may be times in our lives when we can't feel the presence of God and when it may even seem that God is not real, or that God has rejected us. During these times we need to have faith that what God has said in the Bible is true even when it doesn't feel like it is. This is where we have to use our heads instead of our feelings. Read Hebrews 11:6 and write it in your own words.

John Bunyan compares the leaves of the Tree of Life to the promises of God that bring us encouragement. When you have a problem, finding and learning a Bible promise about it can be very helpful.

What is on the left side of the path in the Valley of the Shadow of Death?

What is on the right side?

This can represent many different situations where Christians must be careful not to go to one extreme or another. Look up the verses and fill in the table.

For example, Isaiah 58:13 says we must not break the Sabbath , but at the same time... →	We must not become so caught up in the rules of the Sabbath that we make it a burden like the Pharisees did and forget the real purpose of it.
What does Ephesians 2:8-9 say we need to do?	But at the same time, what does John 14:15 say?
1 John 1:9 says that God is always willing to forgive us , but at the same time... →	Romans 6:1-2 says:

Thursday

You can talk to God about absolutely anything. He is always listening. He will always answer you, and always do what is best for you.

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In all of our Bible stories this week, Jesus did what the people wanted, but there are times when God doesn't seem to answer our prayers. Sometimes it may seem like He is not hearing or answering us but it might be that He knows what we are asking for is not good for us and He is saying "No." There are many other times when God seems to be saying, "Wait – not yet."

Fit the underlined words from Psalm 23^{NASB} in the grid.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul; He guides me
in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of Death, I fear no evil,
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows. Surely goodness and loving kindness will
follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Monday

On Sabbath's lesson we looked at what other people believe happens when we die. Now let's look at what the Bible says.

What does Genesis 2:16, 17 tell us about death?

Have a look at the list on Sabbath and put a cross next to those that disagree with this text.

What does Matthew 10:28 tell us about who dies?

Put a cross next to the points from Sabbath that disagree.

Immortal means living forever, never dying; who does 1 Timothy 6:15, 16 tell us is immortal?

Who is not immortal?

Put a cross next to the points from Sabbath that disagree.

If you look up a dictionary you will probably read that soul means spirit. But to understand how the word was originally used it is helpful to go back to when the word was first used in one of the oldest English translations of the Bible, the King James Version. Genesis 2:7^{KJV} says, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

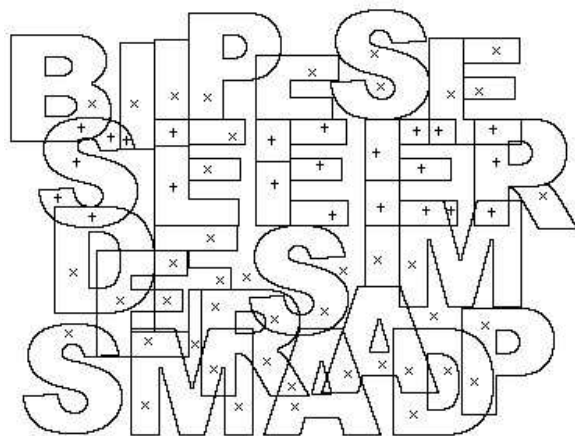
Notice that Adam wasn't a 'soul' until God breathed life into his body. In Amazing Adventures, Pr Doug Batchelor uses the object lesson of cheese and bread; when you put them together they become a sandwich. When you pull them apart, they stop being a sandwich.

When Peter preached to the crowd in Acts 2:34, he spoke about King David who loved God. Did Peter say David was in heaven? YES / NO?
Put a cross next to the points from Sabbath that disagree.

Colour in the shapes
which have a +
and write the word
on the line below.

Jesus said that
death is like

_____.



- You don't know what is happening around you
- You don't walk or talk (unless you sleep-walk)
- It seems like no time has passed when you wake
- Jesus can wake you when He comes again – your Mum can wake you when she comes in, in the morning.

Put a cross next to the points on Sabbath that disagree. Are there any left?

What does Ecclesiastes 9:5 tell us that we know when we are dead?

Look up these verses, fill in the missing words and then solve the crossword.

Revelation 1:7_{NLT}, "Look! He comes with the _____ (5 across) of
heaven. And everyone will _____ (4 across) Him."

1 Corinthians 15:52^{NLT}, "It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an (3 down), when

the last _____ (1 across) is blown. For when

the trumpet sounds, those who have died will

be _____ (2 down) to live forever. And we who

are living will also be transformed.'

Use the verses to fill in the chart. Some of these verses you have already looked up on previous days.

When	What	How do we know?
We die	<i>We are dead; we know nothing; it is like being asleep.</i>	Genesis 2:16, 17 Ecclesiastes 9:5 Matthew 10:28 Acts 2:34
When Jesus comes		Revelation 1:7 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 Matthew 24:27, 30 John 14:3 2 Peter 3:10-13
In Heaven for 1000 years		John 14:2 Revelation 20:6
After 1000 years		Revelation 20:5, 7
Afterwards		Revelation 21:1-4