

So I saw in my dream that they went on together, until they came in sight of the gate. Now, I further saw, that between them and the gate was a river, but there was no bridge to go over and the river was very deep. At the sight, therefore, of this river, the Pilgrims were much stunned, but the men that went with them said, "You must go through, or you cannot come at the gate."

The Pilgrims then began to inquire if there was no other way to the gate; to which they answered, "Yes; but there hath not any, except Enoch and Elijah, been permitted to tread that path, since the foundation of the world, nor shall there be, until the last trumpet shall sound."

The Pilgrims asked the men the depth of the waters. They said, "You shall find it deeper or shallower, as you believe in the King of the place."

They then addressed themselves to the water; and entering, Christian began to sink, and crying out to his good friend Hopeful, he said, "I sink in deep waters; all the waves go over me!"

Then said the other, "Be of good cheer, my brother, I feel the bottom, and it is good." Then, said Christian, "Ah! my friend, the sorrows of death have surrounded me. I shall not see the land that flows with milk and honey." And with that a great darkness and horror fell upon Christian, so that he could not see before him. Also here he could neither remember, nor talk of any of those sweet refreshments that he had met with in the way of his pilgrimage, and he was much in troublesome thoughts of the sins that he had committed, both since and before he began to be a pilgrim.

Hopeful, therefore, here had much ado to keep his brother's head above water; yea, sometimes he would be quite gone down, and then, ere awhile, he would rise up again half dead. Hopeful also would endeavour to comfort him, saying, "Brother, I see the gate, and men standing by to receive us."

But Christian would answer, "It is you they wait for; you have been Hopeful ever since I knew you."

"And so have you," said he to Christian.

"Ah, brother!" said Christian, "Surely if I were right, He would now arise to help me; but for my sins He hath brought me into the snare, and hath left me."

Then said Hopeful, "My brother, you have quite forgot the text, where it is said of the wicked, 'There are no bands in their death; but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men, neither are they plagued like other men (Psalm 73:4, 5). These troubles and distresses that you go through in these waters are no sign that God hath forsaken you; but are sent to try you, whether you will call to mind that which heretofore you have received of His goodness and live upon Him in your distresses."

Then I saw in my dream, that Christian thought awhile. And Hopeful added this word, "Be of good cheer, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole."

And with that Christian brake out with a loud voice, "O! I see Him again, and He tells me, 'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.'"

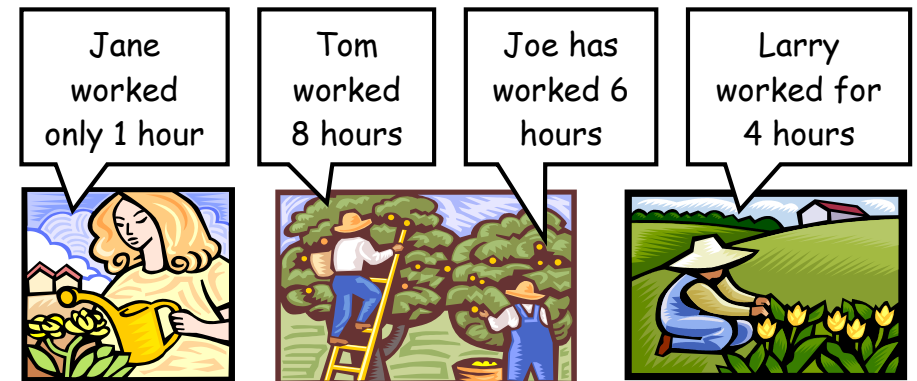
Then they both took courage, and the enemy was after that as still as a stone, until they were gone over. Christian therefore presently found ground to stand upon, and so it followed that the rest of the river was shallow.

Thus they got over.

# The Workers

## Sabbath

These People have picked fruit today. Look at how many hours each has worked and work out who gets which pay.



**\$10**

**\$40**

**\$60**

**\$80**

People who work longer are usually paid more than people who only work a short time.

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Refer: Matthew 20:1-28, 21:33-46; Mark 10:32-45; 12:1-12; Luke 18:31-34, 20:9-19, 22:24-30 NLT;

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## Sunday

Jesus told the following story about workers and pay:

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers to pick grapes in his vineyard.

⌚ He found some men and agreed to pay them the normal daily wage and so they went to work.



⌚ At nine o'clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace again and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them too, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day.

⌚ At lunchtime and again at ⌚ three o'clock he hired more workers.

⌚ At five o'clock that afternoon he was in the marketplace again and saw some more people standing around doing nothing. When he asked them why, they said, "No one hired us today." The landowner told them, "There is still one hour left to work, go out and join the others in my vineyard."

That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in to be paid, beginning with the last workers first.

Those who were hired at five o'clock were paid first, and each received a full day's wage. Those hired during the day were also paid a day's wage.



When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day's wage.

They protested, "Those people worked only one hour, and yet you paid them as much as you paid us. It's not fair! We worked all day in the scorching heat."

The owner replied, "Didn't you agree to work all day for the usual wage? I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. It is my money. Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?"

## Friday

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

Hebrews 11:5, "It was by

\_\_\_\_\_ (1 across) that \_\_\_\_\_ (2d)

was taken up to heaven without dying –

'he disappeared because \_\_\_\_\_ (7a)

took him."

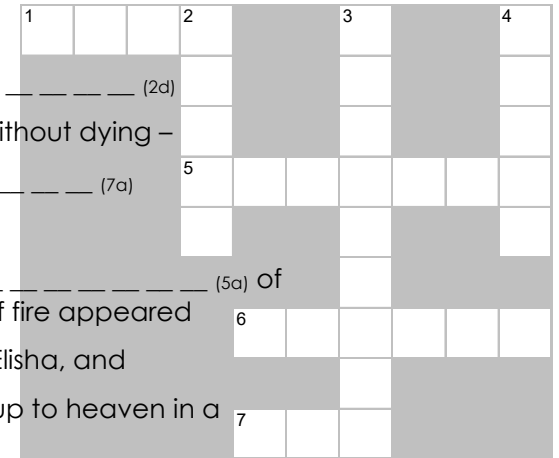
2 Kings 2:11, "Suddenly a \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) of

\_\_\_\_\_ (1a) and horses of fire appeared

and separated Elijah and Elisha, and

\_\_\_\_\_ (6a) went up to heaven in a

\_\_\_\_\_ (3d).



Aside from those who will be alive at the second coming of Jesus, these are the only two people who will go to heaven without experiencing death.

In the parable of the workers, did you notice the reason those who started working at 5 o'clock gave when asked why they were not working? (Matthew 20:5)

It was not that they did not want to work.

Now imagine in the same parable, if there were people who didn't really want to work, they want to do their own thing and then only work a short day. If they finally start looking for work at 5 o'clock, they might get some, but more likely there would be no vineyard owners in the market at that time and they would miss out.

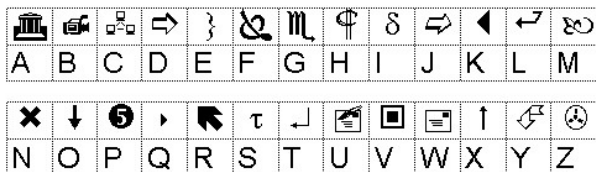
Sometimes young people think they want to do things their own way and wait to decide for God until they are old. Some people do repent on their death beds, but for many it is too late. Just as the river in Pilgrims Progress is different for different pilgrims, none of us knows when or how we will die. We might be old, but we might be young. We might have warning, but it might be sudden. We might have good mental and physical health, but we might not.

As Solomon concluded in Ecclesiastes 12:1<sup>NLT</sup>, "Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator."

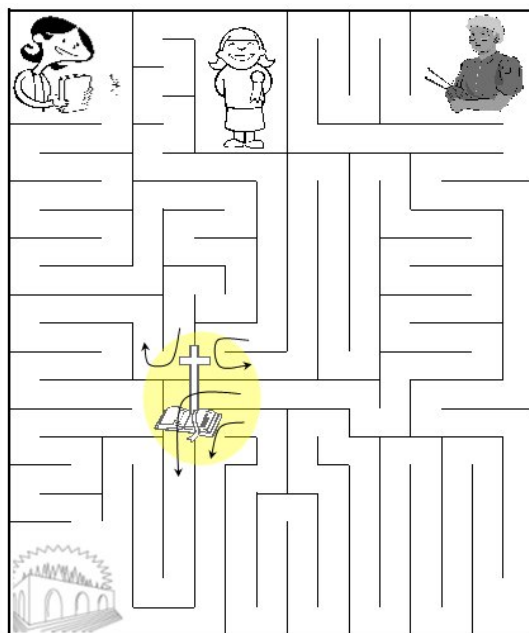
## Thursday

What is God's gift to us and how do we claim it?

Romans 6:23<sup>NLT</sup>



God is going to give all His people the gift of eternal life. Whether you are young or old, when you choose to belong to Jesus, He has promised you eternal life. Choose this while you are young, and you will have many more happy years working for Jesus on earth.



## Monday

This is another story Jesus told about a vineyard: A man planted a vineyard and then leased it out to tenant farmers and moved to another country.

At harvest time, he sent a servant to collect his share of the crop, but the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him back empty-handed.

The owner sent another servant, but the same thing happened. The next servant he sent was killed.

This continued happening until he decided to send his son.

When the tenant farmers recognised the owner's son they said, "He is the heir to this vineyard, let's kill him and then we can keep the place for ourselves!"



Then Jesus asked those who were listening, "What do you think the owner of the vineyard will do when he finds out? He will come and execute those farmers and lease the vineyard to others."

The religious leaders realised that Jesus was talking about them, and they wanted to arrest Him immediately, but they were afraid of what the people would do, so they said nothing, and went away.

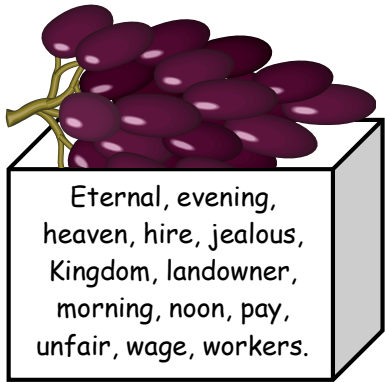
Jesus talked to the twelve disciples privately and warned them that He would be betrayed and sentenced to die, mocked, whipped, and crucified, but then He would live again on the third day.

One day the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, asked Jesus if her sons could be given the places of greatest honour in His kingdom. Jesus told her that she didn't know what she was asking.

When the other disciples heard what had happened, they were furious. But Jesus said to them, "Rulers in this world show off their authority, but it is different in my kingdom. Whoever wants to be a leader, must be a servant to others. The Son of Man didn't come to be served, but to serve others and to give His life."

## Tuesday

Find these words:



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

Did Jesus know that He was going to die? \_\_\_\_\_  
He did, and He told the disciples, but they didn't understand.

In Matthew 20:25, Jesus said, "You know that the \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 across) in this world \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) it \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) their people, and  
officials flaunt or exercise their \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) over those  
under them. But among you it will be different.

Whoever wants to be a leader  
among you must be your

\_\_\_\_\_ (1d),

and whoever wants to be first

among you  
must become

your \_\_\_\_\_  
(5a)."

A leader, like Jesus describes is one who truly  
cares for their people. Who wants what is best for them and will do  
whatever they can for their people.

## Wednesday

In Monday's story what did the owner plant? A \_\_\_\_\_

Who created this earth? \_\_\_\_\_

In Monday's story who did the owner lease the farm to?

\_\_\_\_\_ .

Who did God put in charge of the earth? \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Did the farmers listen to the servants who came? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus call Jerusalem in Matthew 23:37<sub>NLT</sub>? "The city  
that kills the \_\_\_\_\_ and stones God's  
messengers!"

Who did the vineyard owner finally send? His \_\_\_\_\_

Who did God finally send? His \_\_\_\_\_

The farmers \_\_\_\_\_ the owners son.

Jesus warned His disciples privately that He would be

Fit the missing words into the grid.

