

Now, a little below the Delectable Mountains, on the left hand, lies the country of Conceit; from which country there comes into the way in which the Pilgrims walked, a little crooked lane.

Here they met with a very brisk lad coming out of that country and his name was Ignorance. So Christian asked him from what parts he came, and where he was going.

"Sir," said Ignorance, "I was born in the country that lies off there, a little on the left hand, and I am going to the Celestial City."

"But how do you think to get in at the gate," asked Christian? "For you may find some difficulty there."

"As other good people do," said Ignorance.

"But what have you to show at that gate that may cause that the gate should be opened to you?"

"I know my Lord's will, and have lived a good life. I pay what I owe; I pray, fast, pay tithes, give alms and have left my country for the Celestial City."

"But," said Christian, "Thou came not in at the wicket-gate that is at the head of this way; thou came in here through that same crooked lane and therefore, I fear, whatever you may think of yourself, when the reckoning day shall come, thou wilt have laid to thy charge that thou art a thief and a robber, instead of getting admittance into the city."

"Gentlemen," said Ignorance, "Ye be utter strangers to me, I know you not; be content to follow the religion of your country, and I will follow the religion of mine. I hope all will be well. And as for the gate that you talk of: all the world knows that that is a great way off of our country. I cannot think that any man in all our parts doth so much as know the way to it, nor need they matter whether they do or no, since we have, as you see, a fine pleasant green lane, that comes down from our country, next to the way."

When Christian saw that the man was 'wise in his own conceit,' he said to Hopeful, whisperingly, "There is more hope of a fool than of him. When he that is a fool walks by the way, his wisdom fails him and everyone calls him a fool. Shall we talk further with him, or stop and leave him to think of what he has heard already. Maybe we can talk again with him later and see if we can help him a little at a time?"

Then said Hopeful "Let Ignorance a little while now think on what is said, and let him not refuse good counsel to embrace, lest he remain still ignorant of what is important. God says those that have no understanding, although He made them, them He will not save." He further added, "It is not good, I think, to say all to him at once; let us pass him by, if you will, and talk to him later, even as he is able to bear it."

So they both went on, and Ignorance he came after.

The Party

Sabbath

Have you ever been to a party? _____

Where was it held? _____

What was it for? _____

Who was it for? _____

Did you have special food? _____

Did you have fun? _____

Did you play any games? _____

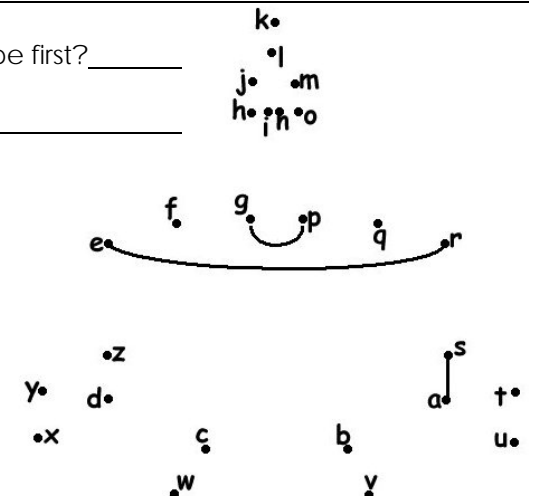
What games? _____

Who won? _____

Did you have cake? _____

Did you see kids pushing to be first? _____

Do you like parties? _____



Sunday

One Sabbath Jesus was eating at the house of a Pharisees; there was a man there with the disease dropsy. Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath?" The Pharisees would not answer so Jesus healed the man.

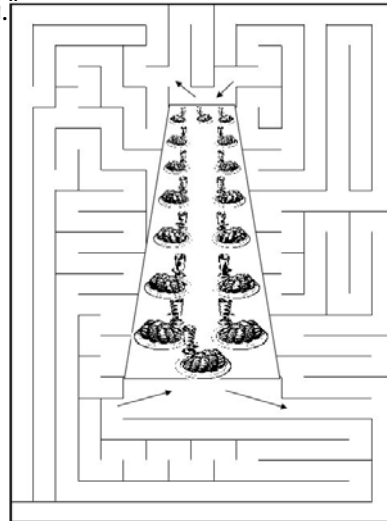
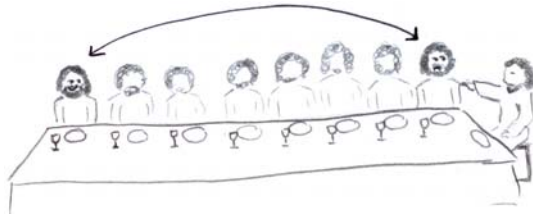
Jesus noticed that everyone was trying to sit in the best seats near the head of the table. Jesus said, "When you are invited to a party, don't sit in the best seat. What if the host comes to you and says, 'Give this person your seat.' You will be embarrassed, and will have to take whatever seat is left!

Instead, take the lowest place at the end of the table. When your host sees you, he will invite you, in front of everyone, to sit in a better place.

Don't try to make yourself look important or you will be humbled."

Then Jesus turned to his host and said. "When you have a party, don't invite your friends, relatives, or rich neighbours, knowing they will invite you back. Instead, invite those who are poor or disabled. They cannot repay you but God will reward you."

Jesus said if you try to sit in the best seat, you could be asked to change to a lower seat. Find a way from the head of the table to the end of the table, and from the end of the table to the head.



Friday

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines ignorance as lack of knowledge, education, or awareness.

Why did Ignorance think they would let him in at the gate of the Celestial City (Heaven)?

Find the words of his reply in the grid.

Do these things save a person?

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H C C E L E S T I A L O K N A
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N O R M Y A N C E P R I D E C

What did Paul and Silas say in Acts 16:31?

Ignorance is like the people Jesus spoke about in Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" NIV

Thursday

God has invited us all to the big party in heaven. I hope you are not too busy to spend time with Jesus every day and to tell Him that you want to be there.

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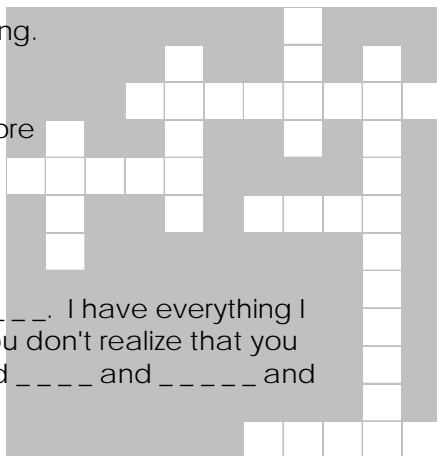
Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines conceit as favourable opinion, especially excessive appreciation of one's worth.

Conceit can be a dangerous thing.
Fit the missing words into the grid.

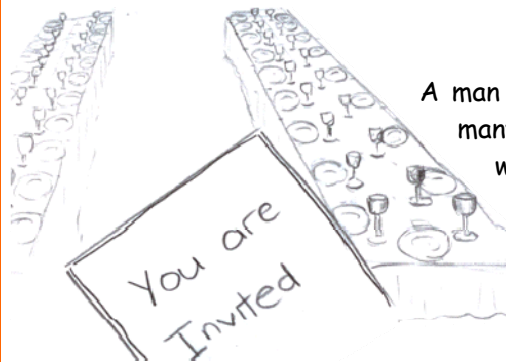
Proverbs 16:18_{NLT} "_____ goes before
_____, and haughtiness
before a _____"

Revelation 3:17_{NLT} "You say, 'I am _____. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are _____ and miserable and _____ and _____."



Monday

A man sitting at the table with Jesus said, "What a blessing it will be to attend a party in heaven with God!" So Jesus told this story:

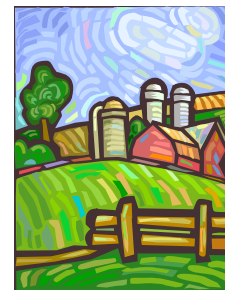


A man prepared a party and sent out many invitations. When the food was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, "Come, the party is ready." But they all began making excuses.

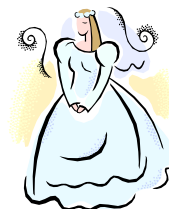
When the servant went to invite the guests to the party they all began making excuses. One said, "I have just bought a field and am going to look at it. Please excuse me."



Another said, "I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me."



Another said, "I now have a wife, so I can't come."



The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was angry and said, "Go into the streets and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame."

The servant did this but there was still more room.

So his master said, "Go out into the country lanes and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. But those I first invited will not get any of it."

What excuses did the people give for not coming to the party?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z



God said: "Through your descendants all the families on _____ (3a) will be _____ (6a)."

When _____ (8d) raised up His _____

(10a), Jesus, He sent Him _____ (1d) to you

people of Israel, to bless you by _____ (2d)

each of you from your sinful ways."

Romans 1:16NLT "For I am not _____ (4d) of

the Good News about Christ. It is the

(5d) of God at work, saving _____ (9a) who

_____ (6d) - the _____ (7d) first and also the

Gentile.

The good news about Jesus, was given to the Jews first, but many of them rejected Jesus, just like the guests at the party. Fill in the missing words and solve the crossword.

Colour in the squares that have the letters **BAD WAY** in them to find out what Jesus was saying NOT to do.

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T	O	T	H	E	R	S	F	I	R	S	T	P	U	T

Start at the top left and write the unused letters on the lines below to find out what you should do.

Do you do this? _____