

Now as Christian and Hopeful continued their journey they entered into a very dark lane, where they met a man tied with seven strong chords and being carried off by seven devils who were taking him to a back door that in the side of the hill. And Christian and Hopeful began to tremble; yet as the devils led away the man, Christian looked to see if he knew him; and he thought it might be Turn-away a professor from the town of Apostasy.

Christian said to his fellow, "I am reminded of something that happened to a good man around here; the name of the man was Little-faith, but he was a good man, and he dwelt in the town of Sincere. As he entered this passage, he chanced to sit down and slept. Now there happened, at that time, to come down the lane from Broadway Gate, three rogues, and their names were Faint-heart, Mistrust, and Guilt, and seeing Little-faith, they came up all to him, and with threatening language bid him stand. At this, Little-faith looked as white as a cloud, and had neither power to fight nor fly. Then said Faint-heart, "Deliver thy purse." When he did not, Mistrust thrust his hand into his pocket, pulled out a bag of silver. Then Little-faith cried out, "Thieves! Thieves!" But with that, Guilt, with a great club that was in his hand, struck Little-faith on the head and knocked him down. Then the thieves, hearing something and fearing lest it should be one Great-grace of the city of Good Confidence, ran away and after a while, Little-faith came to himself and continued on his way.

"They had not taken his jewels or his certificate, but the good man was very upset by his loss. He had a little spending money left, but he was forced to beg as he went and often go hungry. They that told me the story said that he made but little use of his certificate the rest of the way - he forgot it most of the time and when it did come to his mind and he began to be comforted therewith, then would fresh thoughts of his loss come again upon him and he would be overcome with grief again."

"It is a wonder that he did not give up or sell his jewels," said Hopeful, "Many do, Esau sold his birthright, and that birthright was his greatest jewel."

Said Christian, "Little-faith, though he had little faith, was by his faith kept from such sin. His mind was on things from above."

"But, Christian, I think these three fellows who attacked him were cowards. Why did not Little-faith pluck up a greater heart?"

"They are cowards," said Christian, "Many have said this, but few have found it so in the time of trial. I myself have been threatened as this Little-faith was, and I found it a terrible thing. These three villains set upon me, and I beginning, like a Christian, to resist, they gave but a call, and in came their master. I would, as the saying is, have given my life for a penny; but that, as God would have it, I was clothed with armour of proof. Aye, and even then I found it hard. No man can tell what in that combat attends us, but he that hath been in the battle himself. Even Peter and David despaired at times. Glad shall I be, if I meet with no more such brunts; though, I fear, we are not yet beyond all danger. However, since the lion and the bear have not as yet devoured me, I hope God will also deliver us from the next uncircumcised Philistine."

Then sang Christian: "Poor Little-faith! Hast been among the thieves? Wast robbed? Remember this, whoso believes, And gets more faith, shall then a victor be over ten thousand, else scarce over three."

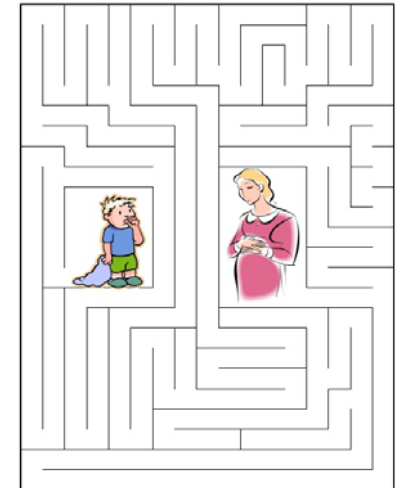
Lost and Found

Sabbath

This little boy has lost his mother. Can you help them find each other?

Jesus told a story about a lost sheep being found and a lost coin being found.

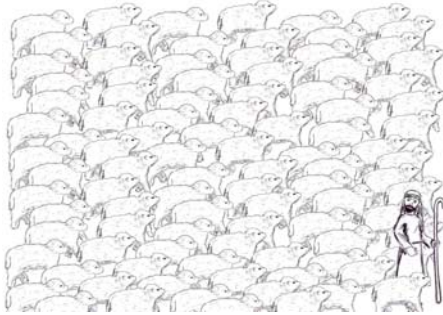
Find the lost sheep and the lost coin in this picture.



Sunday

The Pharisees and teachers of religious law were not happy that Jesus spent time with sinners and tax collectors - people that they would not associate with. So Jesus told them this story:

If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do?



He will leave the ninety-nine others and go looking for the one that is lost, and he will keep looking until he finds it.



When he has found it, he will be very happy and carry it home.

He will call his friends and neighbours, saying, "Look I have found my lost sheep!"

Then Jesus told another little story:

Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.



She will light a lamp and sweep the whole house, and search carefully until she finds it. When she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbours and say, 'Look I have found my lost coin!'



Just like the Shepherd who is happy to have found his one lost sheep, and the woman who finds her one lost coin, everyone in heaven is glad when even one sinner comes to God!

Friday

What does God say in Jeremiah 31:3^{NIV}?

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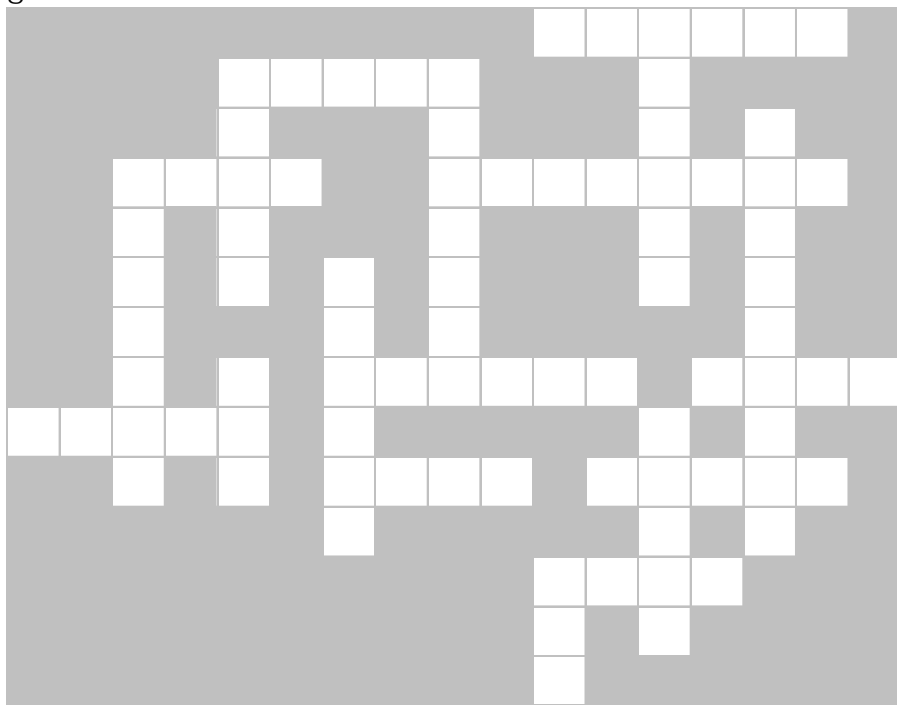
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Thursday

Fit the underlined words from the verses on Monday into this grid.



What sort of plans does God have for us? Jeremiah 29:11

What are some of the good things in life that we can experience now? Galatians 5:22, 23

Monday

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page.

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Apostasy means 1. An act of refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognise a religious faith. 2. Abandonment of a previous loyalty.

In other words, apostasy means to turn away from a person's former religious beliefs.

When you leave home to attend University or Tafe, or to get a job, it is vitally important that you spend regular time with God. Creating good Bible study and prayer habits now, will help to protect you from turning away from your beliefs later.

Proverbs 3:6 says, "Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."

Little-Faith's little faith, allowed him to be attacked by Faint-heart, Mistrust and Guilt. He did not have the faith to fully trust in God's promises, and so he felt guilty and also fearful – faint of heart.

Here are some of the promises he could have claimed and they would have made his journey much more pleasant.

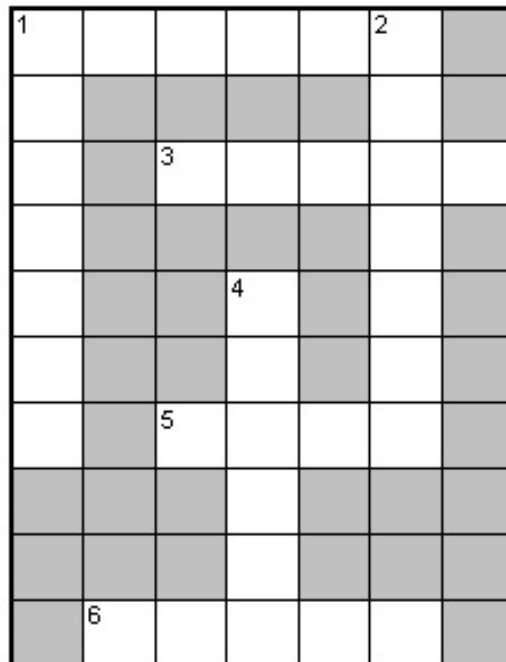
- James 4:7^{NIV} "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
- Psalm 34:7^{NLT} "The angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends those who fear Him."
- 1 John 1:9^{NIV} "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
- Philippians 4:19^{NIV} "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
- Psalm 91- read it.

Tuesday

Use the clues to fit the words in the box into the crossword.

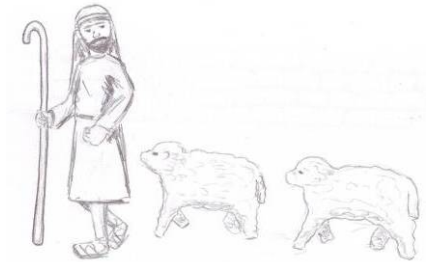
1. **(across)** When one sheep was lost the shepherd went to _ _ _ _ _ for it.
1. **(down)** The Pharisees were not happy because Jesus spent time with _ _ _ _ _.
2. The shepherd had a _ _ _ _ _ sheep.
3. The woman had ten silver _ _ _ _ _.
4. The woman had ten _ _ _ _ _ coins.
5. Everyone in heaven is _ _ _ _ , when even one sinner comes to God.
6. When the shepherd finds his sheep he will _ _ _ _ _ it home.

CARRY
COINS
GLAD
HUNDRED
SEARCH
SILVER
SINNERS



Wednesday

When the **sheep** disobeys the **shepherd** and **wanders away**, the shepherd keeps **looking until** he saves the sheep.



Whenever we **disobey God** and do the **wrong thing**, God will **keep trying** until He **saves** us.

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