

As Christian and Hopeful walked through the Enchanted ground, Christian asked Hopeful about the steps that had led him to begin his journey, the first being, an awareness of his sinfulness.

"What sort of things would bring you sins to mind?" Christian asked?  
"Many things," replied Hopeful, "Things like, seeing a good man, or hearing the Bible, or hearing of sickness or death. I tried to fix my life, by fleeing from sins and sinful company, and by doing religious duties. But then I read that all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags, and by the works of the law shall no man be justified. And it occurred to me, if a man runs a hundred dollars into the shopkeeper's debt and after that shall pay for all that he gets, yet, the old debt still stands, and for that the shopkeeper may sue him, and cast him into prison till he shall pay the debt. And another thing troubled me, still, if I looked closely into the best of what I did, I saw sin mixing itself; so that now I was forced to conclude, that I was sinning enough, even now to send me to hell, even without the faults of my former life."

"What did you do then," Christian asked?

"I did not know what to do," Hopeful replied, "but I spoke to Faithful, and he told me the I needed the righteousness of a man that never had sinned, for no other righteousness could save me. He told me of our Lord Jesus. And said I must be justified by Him, even by trusting to what He hath done, and what He hath suffered when He did hang on the cross. I asked him further, how that man's righteousness could be so effective to justify another person before God? And he told me that He was the mighty God, and did what He did, and died the death also, not for Himself, but for me. I asked him further, how I must make my request to Him? And he said, Go, and find Him upon the mercy-seat and say, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"

This Hopeful had done, and the reply had been, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. He that cometh to Me shall never hunger, never thirst, him, I will in no wise cast out. For I came into the world to save sinners."

"And now," said Hopeful, "Was my heart full of joy, mine eyes full of tears, and my love running over to the name, people, and ways of Jesus Christ."

# Jesus and the Children

## Sabbath

Have you ever spent time around a younger child? YES / NO

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

How old were they? \_\_\_\_\_

What do they like to play? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever noticed how trusting young children can be? If someone they trust tells them something, they believe it. Even things like kissing or hugging a sore better or telling them that a band aid will fix everything. When children hear miracles stories, they don't question how they can be true, they just believe. Do you know any stories of children who prayed and believed and had their prayers answered even when adults doubted?

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## Sunday

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so He could bless them. But when the disciples saw this, they scolded the parents for bothering Him.

Then Jesus called the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."



Another time, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who will be the most important in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Jesus called a little child; then He said, "Unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. The greatest people in Heaven will be those who are humble like little children."

"And anyone who welcomes a child is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be thrown in the depths of the sea."



"Don't look down on these little ones, for I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of God."

## Friday

Read the story from Pilgrims Progress on the back page, then look up these verses in the NIV or NLT Bible, fill in the missing blanks and solve the crossword.

Isaiah 64:6<sup>NLT</sup> "We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our \_\_\_\_\_ (4 down) deeds, they are nothing but filthy \_\_\_\_\_ (8 across)."

Romans 3:20<sup>NLT</sup>, "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) commands. The law simply show us how sinful we are."

Jesus told the story of a Pharisee and a tax collector praying in Luke 18:13<sup>NIV</sup>, "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to \_\_\_\_\_ (1d), but beat his breast and said, '\_\_\_\_\_ (9d) have mercy on me, a \_\_\_\_\_ (7d).'

Paul told the jailer in Acts 16:31<sup>NIV</sup>,

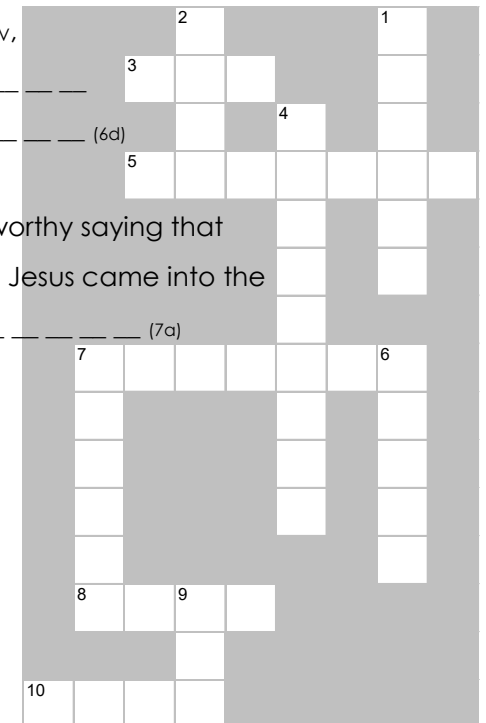
"\_\_\_\_\_ (5a) in the \_\_\_\_\_

(10a) Jesus, and you will be \_\_\_\_\_ (6d)

– you and your household."

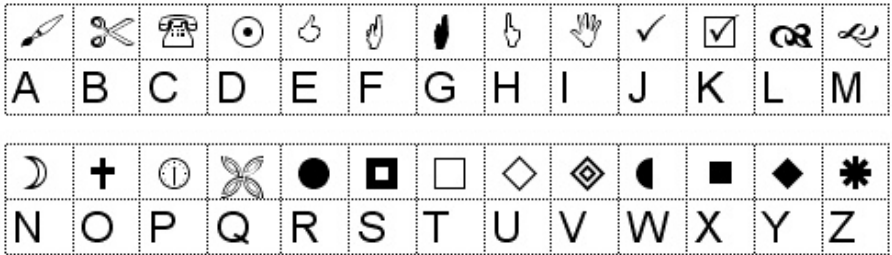
1 Timothy 1:15<sup>NIV</sup>, "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) \_\_\_\_\_ (7a)

– of whom I am the worst."

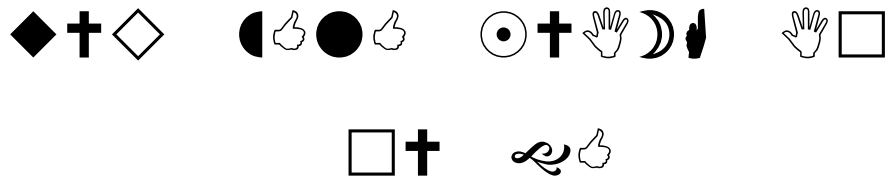


# Thursday

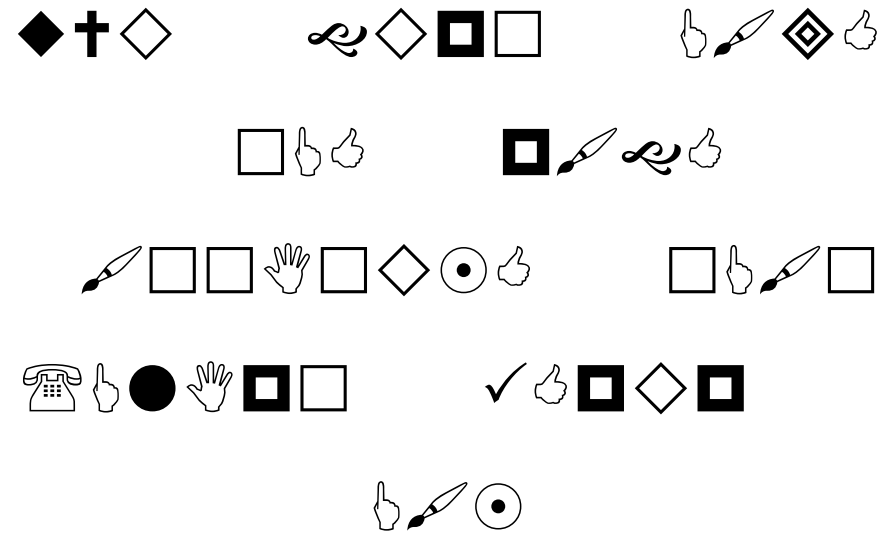
Whether people are young or old, when you treat them kindly or unkindly, what does Jesus say this is like?



Matthew 25:40



Philippians 2:5



# Monday

One day the temple tax collectors found Jesus and the disciples in Capernaum, and they said to Peter, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

"Of course," Peter replied, entering the house.

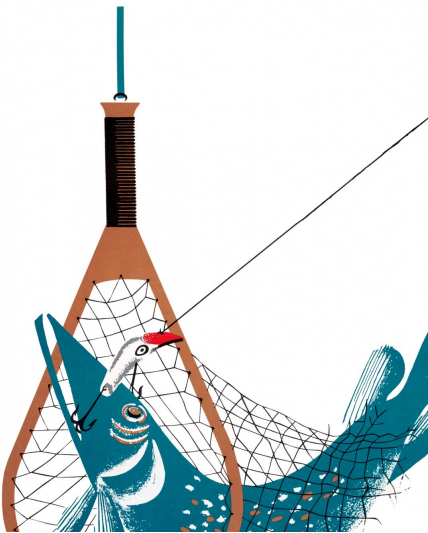
Before Peter could say anything, Jesus asked Peter, "Do kings tax their own people, or those they have conquered?"

"Those they have conquered," Peter replied.

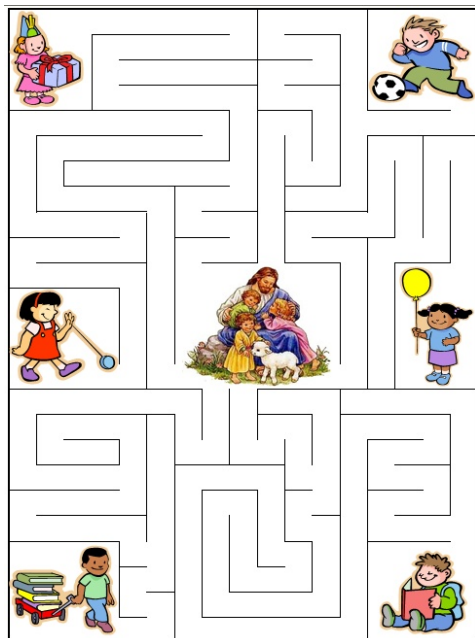
"You are right," Jesus replied, "But we don't want to offend them so go to the lake and throw in a fishing line. The first fish you catch will have a coin in its mouth so you can pay the tax for both you and I."

Apparently, priests were not required to pay the temple tax, so Jesus, as the Messiah should have been exempt.

Peter went and did what Jesus had told him to do. He caught a fish, and sure enough, in the fishes' mouth was a coin, so Peter took that coin and gave it to the tax collectors. That is how a fish paid Jesus' temple tax.



## Tuesday



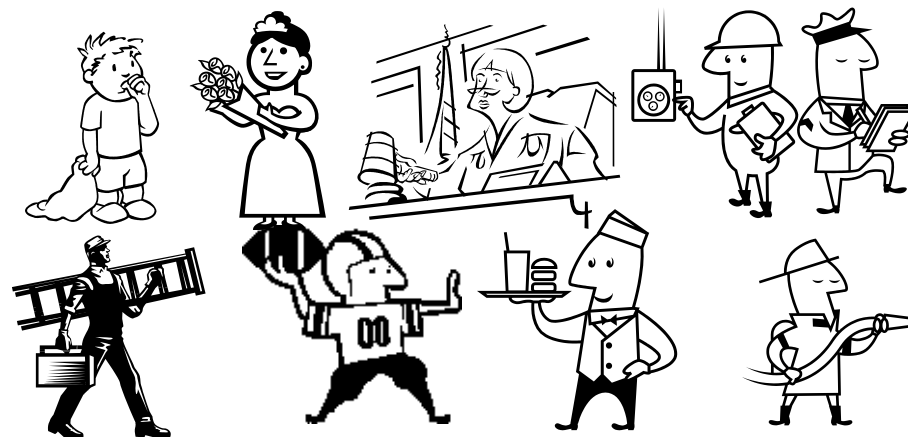
Children are very special to God. Jesus was happy to see the children. Help these children find the way to see Jesus.

Fit the words of Jesus from Matthew 18:10 NLT into the grid.

"Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father."

## Wednesday

Number these people from most important to least important, according to what most people would think.



The disciples often argued about who would be the most important in heaven. What did Jesus say? Find the underlined words from Monday.

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