

In Luke 11:11, 13 Jesus said, "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a _ _ _ _ , will give him a _ _ _ _ _ instead? So if you sinful people know how to give good _ _ _ _ _ to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who _ _ _ _ Him." NIV / NLT But the last sentence of James 4:2 says something that is true for many, "...You do not have because you do not ask God."

Pr Helmut Haubell, in his book Steps to Personal Revival quotes A.W. Tozer. "If the Holy Spirit were taken away from our church today, 95% of what we do would continue and no one would notice the difference. If the Holy Spirit had withdrawn from the early church, then 95% (this means almost everything) of what they were doing would have stopped and everyone would have noticed the difference."

This term we will be learning about the amazing things done by the new Christian church after Jesus' death, through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is still working today, and you can be a part of it. Helmut Haubell suggests praying for the with Bible promises and praying for the Holy Spirit to work in our lives every day.

A MODEL PRAYER WITH PROMISES FOR THE DAILY RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Father in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus our Saviour.

*You said: **Give me your heart** in Proverbs 23:26. I want to do that now by submitting myself to You today with everything I am and have. Thank you that You have already answered this prayer according to Your will, because Your word says that if we pray according to Your will, we have already received it (1 John 5:15). And You also said that You would by not cast anyone out who comes to you (John 6:37).*

*Jesus said: "If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who **ask** Him." (Luke 11:13)*

*You further said that You would give the Holy Spirit to those, who **believe** in You (John 7:38-39), who obey You (Acts 5:32), who let themselves be renewed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and who **walk in the Spirit** (Galatians 5:16). This is my desire. Please accomplish this in me. For this reason, I sincerely ask You Father to give me the Holy Spirit today. Since it is a request according to Your will, I thank You that have given me the Holy Spirit now (1 John 5:15). Thank You that I have received Your divine love at the same time, because Your word says: "**The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.**" (Romans 5:5; Ephesians 3:17) I want to say with the psalmist: "**I will love You, O Lord, my strength.**" (Psalm 18:1) Thank you that I can love others with Your love.*

Thank You that through the Holy Spirit the power of sin has been broken in me (Romans 8:13, Galatians 5:16). Please save and protect me today from sin and from the world, give me protection from the fallen angels, save me from temptations and when necessary, snatch me and save me from my old corrupt nature. (1. John 5:18)

Please help me to be Your witness in word and deed (Acts 1:8). I praise You and thank You for hearing my prayer. Amen.

One person's testimony from steps-to-personal-revival.info:

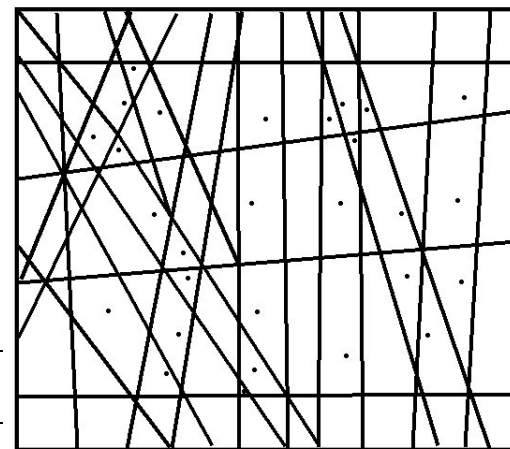
I spent most of my life enjoying the things of this world. I kept telling myself that if certain things happened, I would finally find my happiness. Little did I know that the more I surrendered to this world, the more empty and exhausted I felt. I was too busy digging up my own broken cisterns (water tanks) while the fountain of living water was right nearby! This year I decided to try Jesus and take Him at His word. Like Mary at Joseph's tomb, I saw Jesus and I tell you, He lives! Christ gave me a new perspective on prayer, obedience and faith. After confessing my sins, I gave my heart back to the Lord and asked him to stay with me. Now I have so much to live for.

Why?

Sabbath

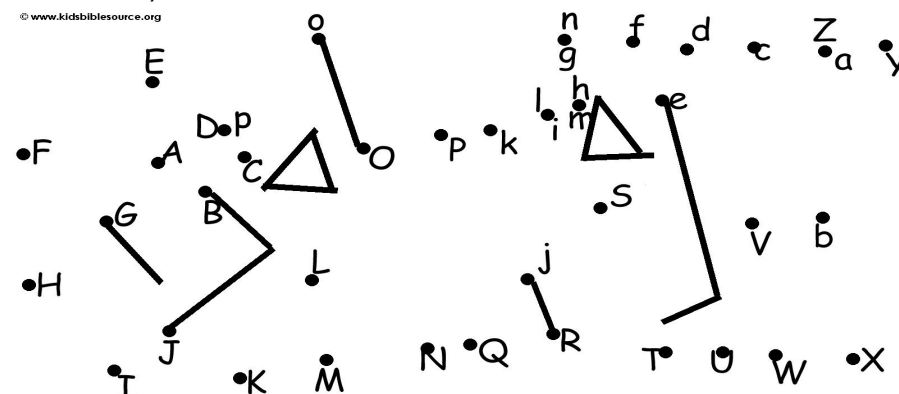
What causes death?
Colour the shapes that
have dots in them to find
out.

Where did _ _ _ come
from? See Genesis 3:1-7



Who really tricked them?

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Refer: Romans 3:23-25; 6:23; Acts 2:38; 1 John 3:4; Isaiah 53:5, 6; John 3:16; Revelation 21:1-4 NLT;
The Desire of Ages p19-26; The Bible Story vol'0 p176-178

Sunday

In the beginning God created a perfect world.

But then the first people chose to sin, and sin, which causes death, has been with us ever since.

Read these Bible verses and fill in the missing words.

Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is _____. " NLT

Romans 3:23 "Everyone has _____; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." NLT

But God didn't just leave us to die, He had a plan.

John 3:16 says "God _____ the world so much that He gave His one and only _____, so that everyone who _____ in Him will not perish but have _____." NLT.



Everyone since Adam and Eve has been born a sinner. That means that it is really easy for us to sin. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, we are all doomed to die the death that lasts forever.

The only way to escape that death is to allow Jesus to die in our place. And He has already done that. Because Jesus is God, He was able to die one time - for everyone!

Read Hebrews 9:28

"Christ died _____ for all time." NLT



Friday

The Trinity, as we have come to call God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is perhaps one of the hardest things for us as humans to understand. About the only thing we can do, until we go to heaven, is to compare it to things we know on earth.

Water, Ice and Steam

Water, ice and steam look different and do different things, yet they are all water.

God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit look different and do different things, yet they are all God.

Egg

Some people say God is a bit like an egg. An egg is made up of three different parts, the shell, the white and the yoke, each part different, but they are all a part of the egg.

My favourite example is the Family

What is your last name? _____

How many people are in your family? List their names: _____

Each member of your family is special and different, yet you are all _____'s ← (write your last name here)

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are each special and different, yet they are all God.

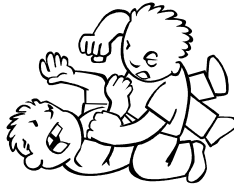
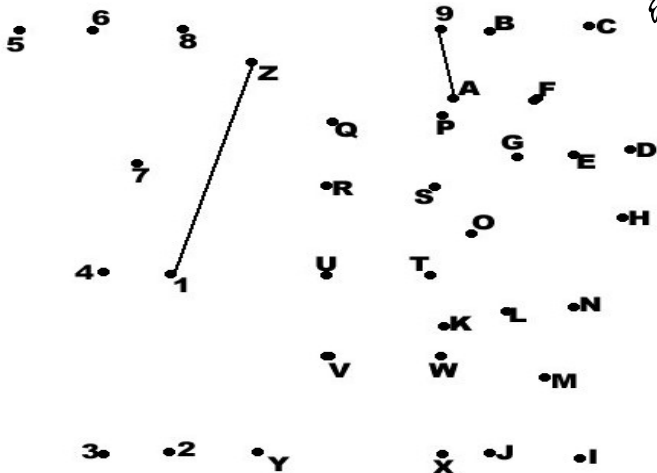
In a happy family, the members of the family will all be working together for the same purpose, just as God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are working together for the same purpose, and that purpose at the moment, is to save us.



Thursday

Are you a sinner?

Join the two sets of dots to find out.



You might not think you are a sinner, and some days might go by when you think you haven't sinned. But think about these things:

- ☐ Do you always remember to spend time with Jesus?
- ☐ Do you always think "What would Jesus do if He was me?"
- ☐ Do you always do what you know is right?
- ☐ Do you always think "How would Jesus want me to treat this person?"
- ☐ Do you always obey straight away?

No one does these things all the time, in fact it's much easier for us not to do these things and even when we do the right thing, Isaiah 64:6^{NLT} says "When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags" – That means that the good things and even the times we do our best are not good enough.

But the good news is no matter how bad your sins are, Jesus came to take them away, so you can live with Him forever.

Monday

Imagine trying to describe to a butterfly what it is like to be a human. Imagine trying to describe how big and how strong we are. Imagine trying to describe to a butterfly - which lives only hours, days or at the most a few months - what it is like to live 70 or 80 years. That would seem like forever to them. It would be impossible for a butterfly to come close to understanding and that must be something like us trying to understand God.



We are told in Jeremiah 23:24 that God is everywhere and that He sees everything. We are told in Luke 12:7 that He knows how many hairs we have and Psalm 139:2 says God even knows what we are thinking. We are told that God has always been alive, that He was never born and that He will never die (Jude 1:25). We are told that God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are all God - yet there is only one God. All of these things seem impossible to us, just as it is impossible for the butterfly to understand what it is to be human.

Read what happened at Jesus baptism and fill in the blanks.



Matthew 3:16 "As J____ came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the S_____ of G_____ descending like a d_____ and settling on Him. And a v_____ from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son..."

Tuesday

Romans 3:23 and 6:23 tell us something very important about why there is death.

Find the words of John 3:16^{NLT}
**God loved the world so much
 that He gave His one and only
 Son, so that everyone who
 believes in Him will not perish
 but have eternal life**

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Wednesday

It is impossible for us to fully understand what God is like, but there are many verses in the Bible to help us learn a little. Read these verses about God and fit the underlined words into the grid below. (Hint: Start with the longest word)

1 Corinthians 8:6^{NLT} - "There is only one God, the Father who created everything..."

Matthew 1:23 - Before Jesus birth, the angel told Joseph, "They will call Him Immanuel (or Emmanuel) which means, 'God is with us.'" ^{NLT}

In **Romans 9:5** Paul is talking about Jesus and says, "He is God"

In **John 14:9** Jesus said, "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." ^{NLT}

Matthew 3:16 "As Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son..."

