Testimonies from steps-to-personal-revival.info:

I was born into an Adventist family and baptised at 17. Then in 2016, I was sentenced to 43 years in prison for murder. I was able to escape from prison and while I was on the run I met a lady who gave me the book Steps to Personal Revival. I read it through the same week and to my own surprise I realised my inner emptiness without the Holy Spirit. It was then I fully committed my life to Jesus. Praise God, I went back to prison and my escape was not charged to me. I was so blessed after going through this book, I am deeply convinced that there are no hopeless cases before God! I am now the leader of a prayer ministry, and the booklet has been distributed among the prisoners. Many prisoners were touched by its message. I am glad I can serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was and is a real blessing for us.

A young man shared his story with me that he had been trapped in an addiction for more than 25 even though he was born in an Adventist home. He told me that since I arrived and started to preach, he had no peace, he longed to be freed. I asked if he had prayed and asked God for forgiveness: he told me, yes. But he was not sure that he was forgiven. Then I remembered chapter 5 (Praying with Promises) of the book Steps to Personal Revival, which talks about prayer based on Bible promises. I prayed with Him and in tears he received God's forgiveness. Then I prayed for the Holy Spirit. He was baptized, and soon after he told me that he had never experienced such peace in his life.

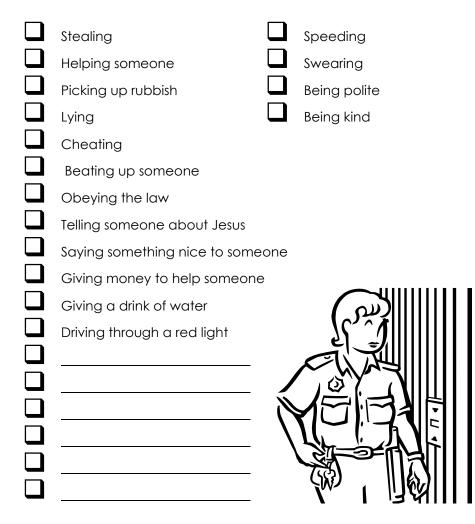
These days the church we are in, we have 40 days of prayer at dawn based on the book 'Spirit-Filled Coworkers of Jesus' (available for free from *steps-to-personal-revival.info*, more than half of the church has participates and every morning has been full of praise and testimonies. The church is involved in the mission: health fairs, stop smoking, Bible classes. Many blessings.

A little child and his grandmother passed in front of the church and the child started crying that he wanted to go to the church, and on the following Saturday they came to our church. I have witnessed one miracle after another. All honor and glory to our God.

The Escape

<u>Sabbath</u>

Tick the reasons why a person might go to court.



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<u>Sunday</u>

The apostles spent their time preaching and healing people and more and more people believed in Jesus. Crowds came from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick, and they were all healed.

The high priest and his officials were angry and one day they arrested the apostles and put them in jail. That night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out; he told them, "Go to the Temple and preach to the people."



The next morning the high priest sent guards to bring the apostles. They returned and said, "The jail was locked, but when we opened the gates, no one was there!"

Then someone said, "The men you put in jail are in the Temple!" The apostles were arrested again and brought before the council. "Didn't we tell you never again to talk about Jesus?" The high priest demanded.

But Peter replied, "We must obey God rather than man."

The council was furious and wanted to kill them, but Gamaliel, who was respected by all the people, said, "Men of Israel, take care what you are planning to do. Remember that fellow Theudas? He had 400 followers, but he was killed, and they all left. And there have been others like him. So, my advice is, leave these men alone; if they are doing these things on their own, it will soon end. But if it is from God, you will not be able to

stop them; you may even find yourselves fighting against God!"

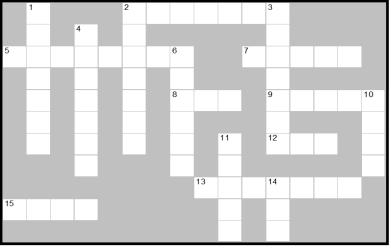
So the apostles were flogged and ordered never again to speak in the name of Jesus; and they let them go.



<u>Friday</u>

The name 'Seventh-day Adventist' reflects the 1st Angels message. 'Seventh-day', of course, refers to the seventh day of creation, the Sabbath. Adventist means someone who looks forward to the Advent or coming-of-Jesus.

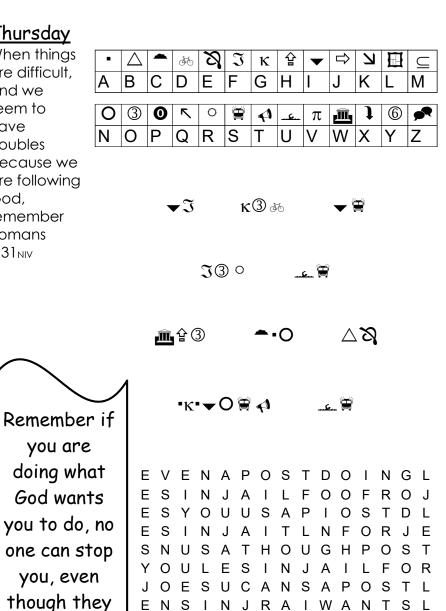
Use the missing words from the 1st Angels message and the 4th Commandment to fill in the crossword.



Thursday

When things are difficult. and we seem to have troubles because we are following God, remember Romans 8:31_{NIV}

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Monday

God gave the apostle John many strange visions which were symbols or parables to teach about past, present and future events. In one of these visions, John saw three angels flying through the sky, with special messages of the 'Everlasting Gospel' to deliver.

This first angel's message was: "Fear God; give glory to Him. For the time has come when He will sit as judge. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all the springs of water." Revelation $14:7_{NLT}$

The prophet Daniel also had many visions summarising events throughout the world's history. In Daniel 7:9-10, he actually saw a vision of God sitting down to begin judging! Daniel 8 contains another vision which described the same events from Daniel 7 but with other details and in verse 14 it has what we call the longest time prophecy: 2300 prophetic days, which ended in the year 1844. That is when the judgement started.

The second part of the angel's message talks about worshipping the creator, of course, denying that God created the world is

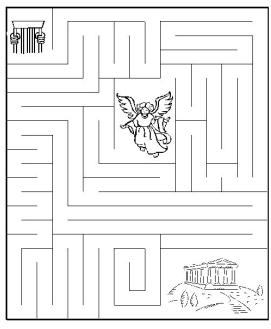


one of Satan's big lies today- he has nearly everyone convinced the world evolved by itself. But have a read of the 4th Commandment in Exodus 20:8, 11_{NLT}.

Did you notice it used many of the same words as the angel's message? The angel's message not only reminds us that God created but it is an order to keep the 10 Commandments, especially the 4th Commandment.

<u>Tuesday</u>

The angel let the apostles out of jail and told them to continue preaching and teaching about Jesus in the temple. Find a path from the jail, to the angel and then to the temple.



The year 1844 is significant not only because of the prophecies in Daniel, but also because of the effect it had on the people who later founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

William Miller had been studying the Bible and found the prophecies in Daniel; he realised something significant was going to happen in his lifetime, and believed this must be the date of Jesus' Second coming! The people who listened to William Miller became known as the Millerites.

The Millerites looked forward eagerly for the second coming and spent their time spreading the good news. So sure were they in their belief, that some didn't even bother to harvest their crops.

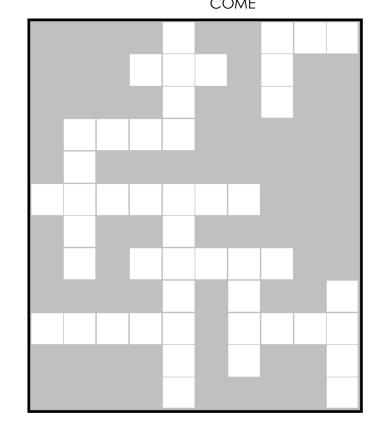
But Jesus didn't come. We call October 22, 1844, The Great Disappointment. Many became discouraged, but others turned to Bible study instead. They had the date right, but the event wrong. 1844 was the start of the judgement, not the second coming.

The word 'Adventist', means someone who is looking forward to the second Advent – the second coming of Jesus.

Wednesday

Here are the words that were underlined in the first angels message on Monday. Fit them into the grid below.

7 letter words	5 letter words	4 letter words	3 letter words
WORSHIP	JUDGE	MADE	GOD
HEAVENS	EARTH	FEAR	SIT
	GLORY	TIME	SEA
		GIVE	
		COME	



In the 1844, virtually everyone went to Church on Sunday; it was soon after this that Joseph Bates, one of the first Seventhday Adventists, became convinced that Saturday was the real Sabbath.