

Wilf and Melva McClintock were missionaries in Papua New Guinea and now they were returning to the mission field after having a holiday in Australia and then South New Zealand. Beverley was 3 years old and the twin baby boys were only 11 weeks. They had caught the train and now they had to get themselves and their luggage over to the ferry which would take them to the North Island where they would catch a plane.

They were standing on the platform discussing how they could carry their three big suitcases and large carry bag as well as the bassinet with the babies when a tall, nice looking young man asked, "Would you like some help?" "Yes please," said Wilf, "That would be very kind of you."

They thought he would take one or two of the suitcases; instead, he grabbed the bassinet with the babies and started off in a hurry. Thinking that he might be stealing their babies, Wilf and Melva quickly grabbed the suitcases and bag, and with Beverley also hanging onto the bag they ran to catch up.

When they arrived at the boat, the man gently put the babies down. Wilf and Melva put the suitcases down and then turned to thank him, but he had disappeared!

When the twins were old enough to understand, Melva told them "You were probably carried by an angel. What a privilege!"



Keep on _____, and you will receive what you ask for.

Keep on _____, and you will find.

Keep on _____, and the door will be opened to you.

Acts 7:7^{NLT}

Peter's Escape

Sabbath

Why do people normally go to jail?

Unscramble the missing words.

Breaking the _____
(AWL)

Being accused and found _____ (LUGITY)

How do people get out of jail?

Serve their _____
(EIMT)

Be _____
(PENEDRAD)

Try to _____
(EPASCE)

Be found _____
(ITNECONN)

Do _____ service
(MMOYTINUC)

Pay a _____
(FENI)



Year 3, Quarter 4, Week 1, Level: "Teens"

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Refer: Acts 12:1-9 NLT; *The Acts of the Apostles* p143-154; *The Bible Story* vol10 p57-62

Sunday

Now King Herod Agrippa arrested and killed the apostle James and when he saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. It was the time of the Passover celebration, so Peter was placed in prison to await his trial.

The church was praying for him. The night before the trial, Peter was asleep; he was fastened with chains between two soldiers and more soldiers stood guard at the prison gate. Suddenly, there was a bright light and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel woke him and the chains fell off his wrists.

Then the angel said, "Get dressed and put on your sandals and coat and follow me,"

So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a dream, he didn't realise it was actually happening. They walked passed the guards and when they came to the gate leading to the city it opened all by itself. They were walking down the street when the angel suddenly disappeared and Peter realized it wasn't a dream.

Peter quickly walked to the house where many of the believers were gathered for prayer. He knocked on the door and a girl named Rhoda came to see who was there. When she heard Peter's voice, she was so happy she forgot to open the door.



"Peter is standing at the door!" she told everyone. But they didn't believe it. Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking until they finally opened the door and let him in. He told them how the angel had led him out of prison. Then Peter left to go to another town.

In the morning the soldiers who had been chained to Peter, woke to find him missing but they didn't know how he had escaped.



Friday

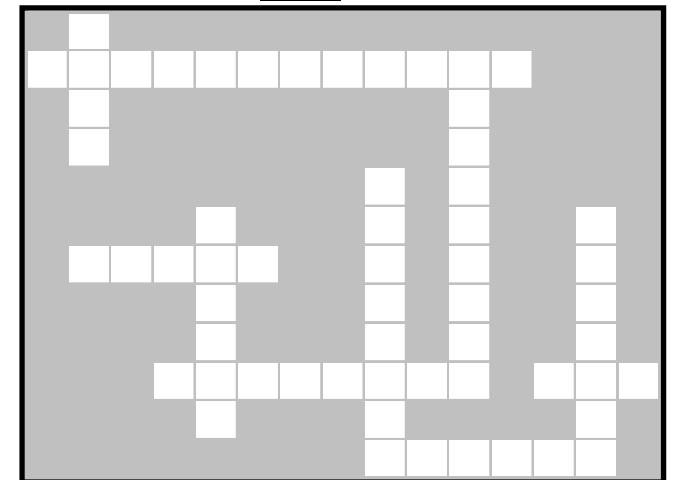
Revelation 12:17 says that the **remnant** people, as well as keeping God's **Commandments**, keep or have the "testimony of Jesus." Today, we use the word testimony to mean an official statement, such as a statement submitted to a judge.

Isaiah 8:20 also speaks about a testimony: "To the **law** and to the **testimony**: if they speak not according to this **Word**, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah is talking about comparing prophets with the Word of God – the Bible. The Bible testifies, or officially tells about, Jesus.














Testimony in the Bible means even more though. Revelation 19:10^{NIV} says "It is the Spirit of **prophecy** who bears testimony to **Jesus**." God's **Spirit** inspired the Bible prophecies, both before Jesus came and again after He left. On the day of Pentecost, Peter quoted from the prophet Joel, read what he said in Acts 2:17-21.














We can be assured that as we approach the end of the world, God has not forgotten us, we are not alone. God's Spirit is always with us to lead and guide us both as individuals and as a Church and thanks to God's **prophets**, we don't have to be afraid because we know what the **future** holds.

Fit the underlined words in to the grid.



Use the
code to
find the
words from
Psalms
34:7_{NLT}

												
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



Find the words that Jesus said in Matthew 19:26^{NIV}

A T H I S N Y T H I N G
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I S A S L W L A N Y T H
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Did you notice what Peter was doing when the angel came for him? He was asleep! - I'm sure that he would say, like the three boys who King Nebuchadnezzar threw in the fiery furnace, "The God whom we serve is able to save us... but even if He doesn't... we will never serve your gods." Daniel 3:17, 18_{NLT}. Peter was not afraid to die, he knew that he would live again when Jesus comes again. He had heard Jesus say, "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28_{NLT}



2 Peter 3:9 says that God "does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." But God gave people the power to choose for themselves. Jesus said in Matthew 7:13, 14_{NLT}, "The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it."

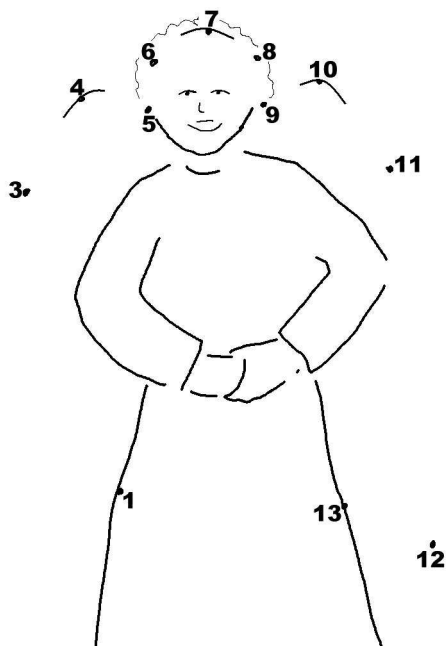
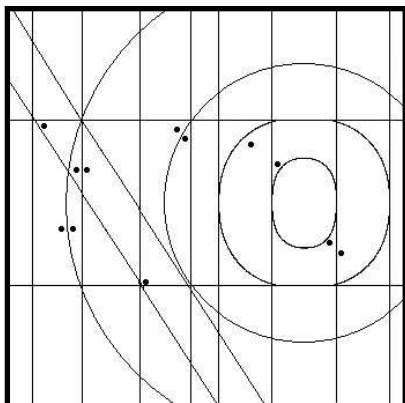
Revelation 12:17_{NLT} talks about a group of people who "keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus;" - The KJV Bible calls these people the "remnant." A remnant is the last little bit that is left of something.

Next week we'll learn more about it, but we believe that the Seventh-day Adventist church is a part of that remnant who "keep God's commandments." The majority of people in this world either know nothing about God or are too busy living their own lives to follow God. Don't be discouraged if you seem to be the only one of your peer-group trying to follow God. Do what is right because it is right, not because everyone is doing it and you will be a part of that remnant who are looking forward to heaven.

Tuesday

Who did God send to let Peter out of prison?

The believers had been praying for Peter's release, but did they believe it when it happened? Colour the squares with dots to find out.



How do you think Peter felt when he realised an angel had helped him escape from prison?

How do you think Peter felt when Rhoda forgot to let him in the door?

How do you think the believers felt when they heard what had happened to Peter?

Wednesday

3 Peter 3:9 says God does not want anyone to perish or be destroyed; He wants everyone to _____ (3 across)

But as Jesus said in Matthew 7:13, 14 the gate to destruction or hell is _____ (4d) but the way to heaven is _____ (6d). Jesus is not talking about real gates but symbolic ones. Most people choose destruction, and only a small percentage choose God's way.

Revelation 12:17 talks about the remnant people who keep God's _____ (1d) and have the _____ (5a) of _____ (2d)

