

It was time for another furlough – a break from mission work for my Grandparents; but for a while now, my Grandmother's hip had been bothering her. The doctors could find nothing wrong but it grew worse during the break, then a few days before they were due to fly back to the mission she had a bad fall and ended up in hospital on her birthday! She had smashed her hip bone and would have to stay in the hospital for 3 months while Pa returned to the mission alone.

To make matters seem worse, the surgical ward was full at the time so she was stuck in the dementia ward but she soon grew to love the nurses who probably enjoyed having a patient they could talk with.

X-rays showed the bone was healing more quickly than expected, the nursing staff were eager to discuss why and this is what she concluded:

1. So many people were praying.
  2. She had always eaten a health vegetarian diet.
  3. The nursing staff took good care.
- And the nursing staff added: 4. Happy people heal quicker!

Twenty-six years later, she met one of her former mission school girls, all grown up and now a grandmother, but now she was hopping round on one foot, using a big stick as a crutch. She said she had broken her hip and the Lions club wanted to send her to Australia - to the very same hospital my Grandmother had been in - for an operation, but she was scared they would eat her!

My Grandmother pulled her into the bush where they sat on a log. She showed her her scar and told her exactly what would happen so she wouldn't be scared anymore.

And so what had been a painful and no doubt inconvenient experience at the time, had in fact been a blessing.

# Runaway

## Sabbath

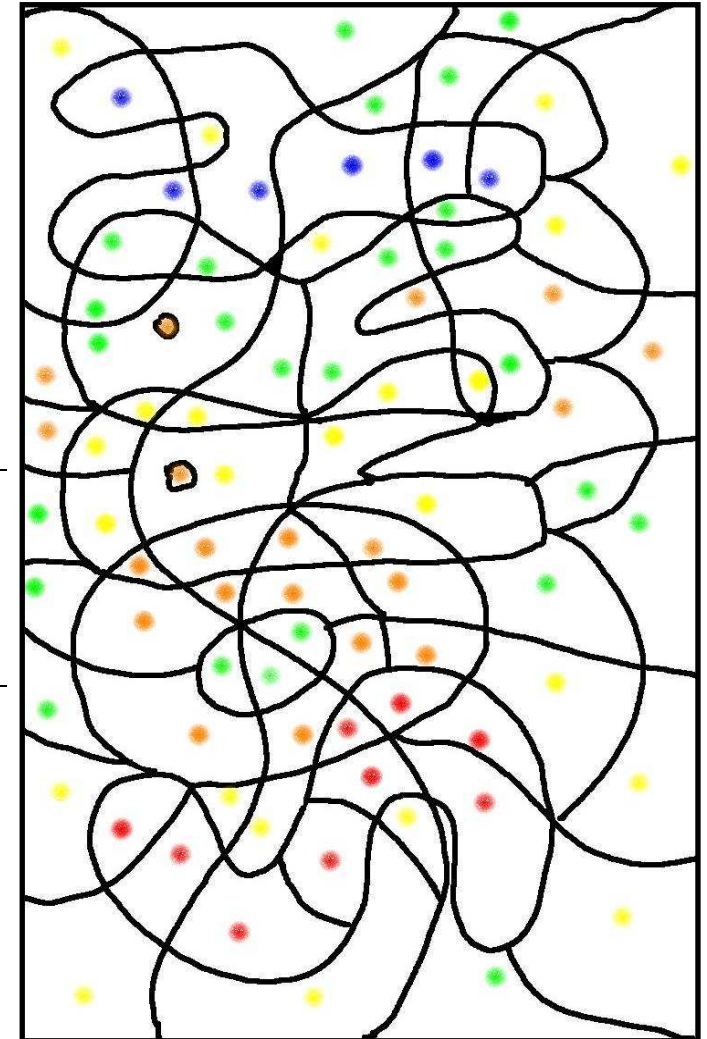
This week we are learning about a very important word and why we need to use it.

How often do you use it?

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How often should you use it?

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Refer: Acts 28; Philemon NLT; *The Acts of the Apostles* p455-513; *Christ's Object Lessons* p78

## Sunday

Finally, Paul arrived as a prisoner in Rome, but instead of being put in Jail, Paul was allowed live in a house, with a soldier to guard him. Here Paul lived for the next two years; he had many visitors, and spent his time telling them about the Lord Jesus Christ.

One person he met during this time was Onesimus. Onesimus was a slave; his master, Philemon, had become a Christian after meeting Paul. But Onesimus was not a good slave, he had stolen money from Philemon and then runaway.



Now Onesimus listened as Paul told about Jesus and finally decided that he wanted to be a Christian too. God forgave Onesimus for his sins, just as He promises to forgive everyone who asks. Then Paul wrote a letter for Onesimus to take to Philemon.

From: Paul, a prisoner for Christ

To: Philemon, our brother in Christ, and the church that meets in your home.

People have told me of your Christian love and kindness, so I am writing to ask you a favour. Please show kindness to Onesimus. He has become like a son to me while I am here in prison. I know Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but I am sending him back to you a changed man. I wanted to keep him here with me and he would have helped me on your behalf, but I didn't want to do anything without your permission. It seems you lost Onesimus for a little while so that you could have him back forever; he will no longer be just a slave to you; he is now a beloved brother, especially to me. So please welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.

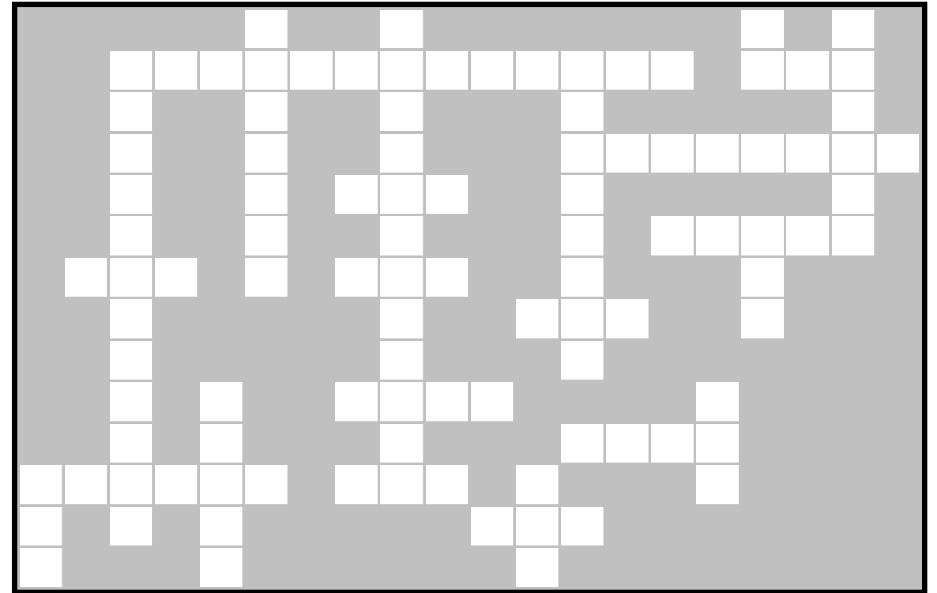
I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it, and I won't mention that I led you to Jesus!

Paul

## Friday

Fit the words of Romans 5:18<sup>NLT</sup> into the grid.

**"Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone."**

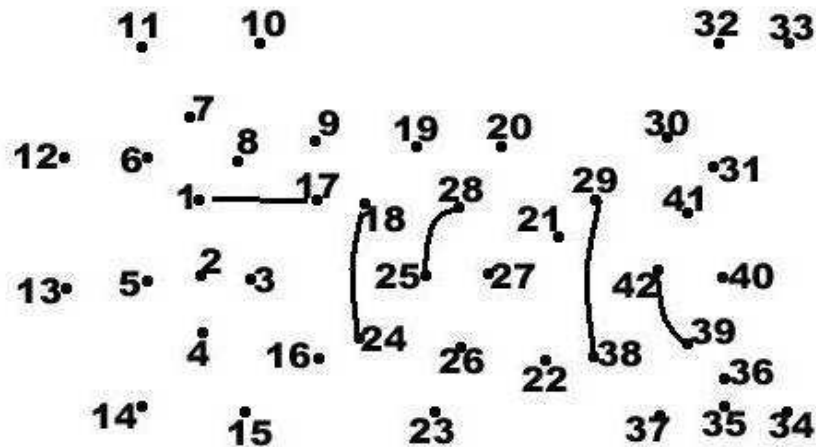


Baptism is a symbol of dying to our old sinful selves and starting a new life in God, but baptism doesn't remove our sinful nature. As long as we live in this sinful world, we will still find it easy to sin, and we will have to work hard to do the right thing.

The difference is, we try to do the right thing because we love God and we know that He loves us. And, when we do stuff up, we know we can take it to God and He will forgive us. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins and as a result we don't have to die the second death. If we agree to Jesus taking our punishment, He will make us right with God and give us eternal life. We just have to ask Him.

## Thursday

When you do something wrong who is the first person you need to ask for forgiveness?

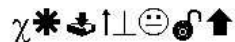


You also need to say sorry to the person you have hurt. Here are some things that you might need to say sorry for:

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Monday

When God created the world He made it perfect; He intended that it would be a paradise filled with happy people who enjoyed life, cared for each other and their world, and loved spending time with God.

The reality of what we see today is totally different: People are hateful and unhappy, many people and even animals have to fight to live. Technology has in many ways made our lives easier than those of our ancestors, but it has not brought happiness and at the same time, the number of bad things in the world seems to be increasing, despite all the new inventions and improvements.

If you know your Bible you will know the reason why. Read about the start of sin in *Genesis 3*.

Romans 5:12<sub>NLT</sub> says that "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone."

As a result of Adam's sin, every person born since then, has been born with what Paul called a "sinful nature" - that means we have a tendency to sin; it is really easy for us to sin. David said in, Psalm 51:5<sub>NLT</sub> "For I was born a sinner - yes, from the moment my mother conceived me."

Many people look at a brand new baby and ask, "How can this child be a sinner? They are beautiful and perfect."

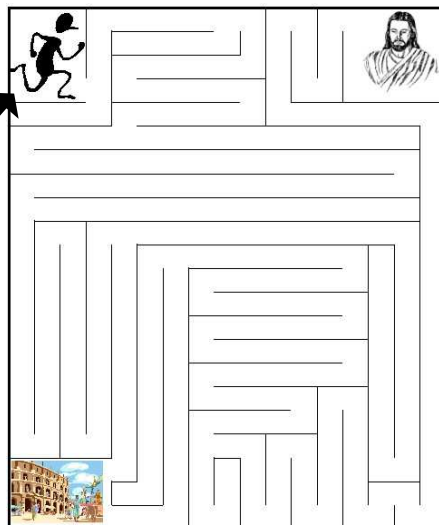
Watching a new baby does give us an idea of how great and amazing our God is, but even babies are born with a sinful nature.

Have you ever played with a toddler? What do they do when they don't get their own way? What about when you have something that they want or another toddler has something they want? Children are born selfish; they have a sinful nature just like their parents, grandparents and so on, all the way back to Noah and Adam.

But thank God for the rest of Romans 5:18<sub>NLT</sub> which says, "Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone."

## Tuesday

When Onesimus ran away to Rome, who did he find? Find a path through the maze.



Read Paul's letter from Monday. Find the words that were underlined, in the grid below.

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## Wednesday

Read about the start of sin in Genesis 3 and answer the questions to fill in the crossword.

What did Satan disguise himself as? A crafty \_\_\_\_\_ (10 across)  
 Who did he convince to eat the special fruit? \_\_\_\_ (9 down)  
 God warned them not to eat that fruit or even \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) it.  
 God said they would, Satan said they wouldn't: \_\_\_\_ (8a)  
 Eve ate some of the fruit and gave some to her \_\_\_\_\_ (5d)  
 They suddenly found they were \_\_\_\_\_ (2a)

How did they feel when they heard God coming? (3d)  
 What did they do when they heard God coming? (1d)

It would be more difficult to grow food as the ground  
 was \_\_\_\_\_ (7d)

Now there were \_\_\_\_\_ (4a) and thistles.

They had to leave the  
 Garden of \_\_\_\_\_ (11a)

