

When my Grandmother first met Rovai at the Mission school at Rumba, Papua New Guinea, she thought he was the loveliest Christian – but he hadn't always been.

Rovai had been a very skilled devil priest and the people lived in absolute fear of him. In his devil house Rovai had 3 arrows from which poison dripped and if he decided someone was guilty of something, he would take some hair or something from that person and mix it with the poison. Then he would hide the mixture on the path and watch to make sure the victim walked over it. Three days later they would die – even if they didn't know they had been cursed!

Now it happened that one day Taroa, one of the Christian men from the Mission school, decided to take a shortcut through the bush which led to the path where Rovai was waiting for his next victim. Imagine Rovai's surprise when Taroa walked over the poison first - He did not know if the curse would work on a Christian.

But a greater shock awaited him for when he arrived back home he found his devil potion had dried up! The devils had deserted him; the God of the Christians really was stronger.

So Rovai went to the Christian school and sat in the haus-tok – a small roof with a log seat where visitors were expected to wait. Everyone knew who he was so they avoided him until Pr Tati (pronounced Tar-ti) came past and asked him "Yu laikim wonem? What do you want?" and Rovai answered "Mi laik Klisten! I want to be a Christian!"

Pr Tati didn't believe him; he had caused a lot of trouble for the school in the past. Later in the day Pr Tati came past and found Rovai still sitting there; again he talked to him but he still wasn't sure if he was for real. It wasn't until the evening when he came past again and sat down for a long talk with Rovai that he was finally convinced. And so, the former devil priest became a true Christian, and a valuable helper at the school.

# Singing in Prison

## Sabbath

Colour the face which shows how you feel when you do each of the following things.

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|   Sleeping           |   Eating            |
|   Doing nothing      |   Visiting a friend |
|   Singing            |   Helping someone   |
|   Watching TV        |   School work       |
|   Exercising         |   Ringing a friend  |
|   Talking to Mum     |   Eating junk food  |
|   Crying             |   Laughing          |
|   Drawing        |   Going outside |
|   Staying inside |   Running       |
|   Something bad  |   Been forgiven |
|   Hurt someone   |   Sinned        |

## Sunday

Paul and Barnabas parted ways and Silas became Paul's new travelling partner. Together they travelled from town to town, telling the people about Jesus. In Philippi a lady named Lydia and her family believed, and invited Paul and Silas to stay at her house while they preached. One



day as they were walking, a slave girl who was controlled by a demon started following them. She was a fortune-teller who earned a lot of money for her masters. She shouted, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved."

Day after day, she followed them shouting, until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon in her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." Instantly, the demon left her but her masters were angry because they could not make any more money from her, so they grabbed Paul and Silas, beat them, and threw them into prison with their feet in the stocks.

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God; suddenly, there was a massive earthquake.



The doors of the prison flew open, and the chains fell off the prisoners! The jailer woke up and thinking the prisoners had escaped, drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon. He brought Paul and Silas out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." They told the jailer and his family all about Jesus and the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds; then he and everyone in his household were baptized. He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and they all rejoiced.

## Friday

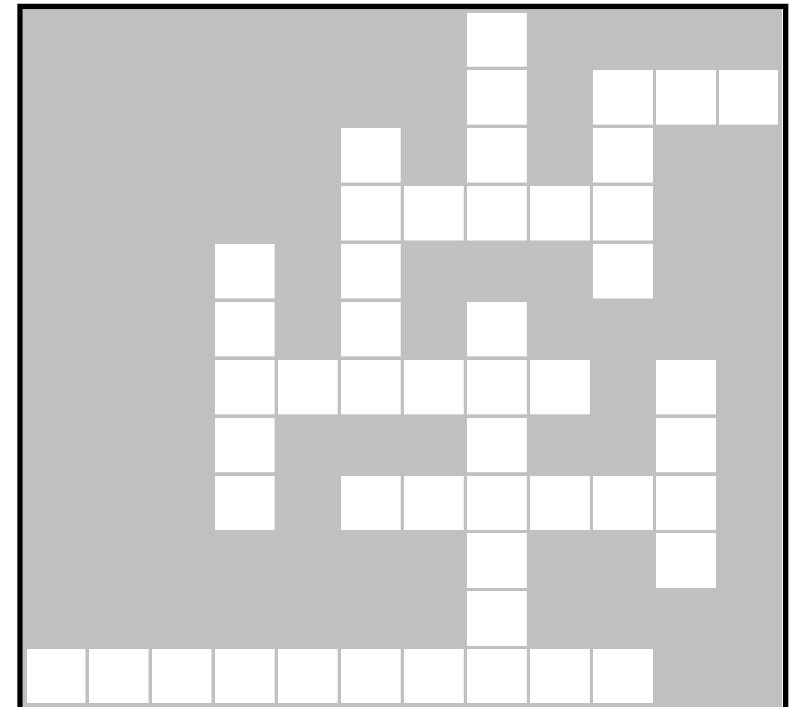
What does this all mean to me?

- I am a sinner
- If I were to see God's face I would die! (That's why sinners can't be in heaven)
- Jesus died because of my sins
- Jesus has taken my punishment; I just have to agree.

What does it mean to you?

- You are a sinner
- If you were to see God's face you would die!
- Jesus died because of your sins
- Jesus has taken your punishment; you just have to agree.
- Do you agree to Jesus taking your punishment?

Fit the underlined words into the grid.



Here is a really good way for you to learn and remember things about God. You can then do this whenever you need to remember.

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J A I L E A L O R D P R A I  
S E Y E T D H E L O R D P R

As Acts 4:12<sup>NIV</sup> says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Who has sinned? Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_

What does sin cause? Romans 6:23 \_\_\_\_\_

What was God's plan? Romans 5:8

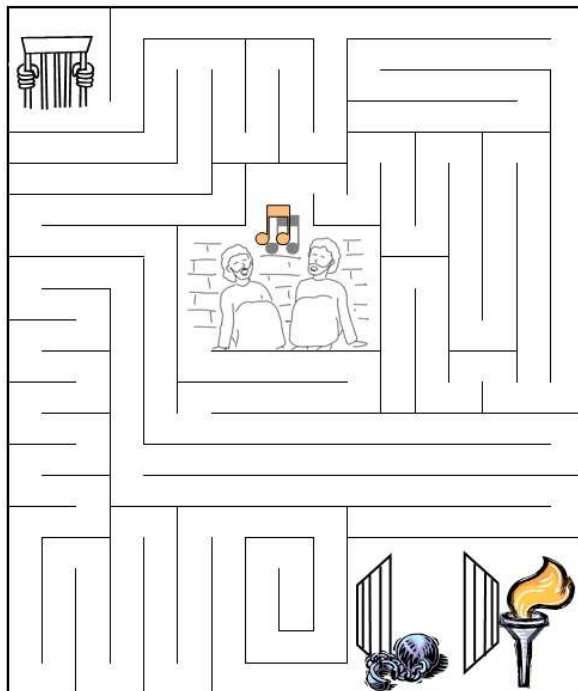
Who is God's plan for? John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Atonement is a really big word that we use to describe this. Jesus atoned for our sins - He paid for them. A really easy way to remember it is "At-one-ment" - Sin separated us from God but Jesus made us "one" with God.

## Tuesday

How did Paul and Silas get out of jail? Find a way from the jail through the maze to find out.

Why were Paul and Silas singing in prison?  
Why weren't they afraid?  
They remembered Psalm 34:7<sub>NLT</sub>



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## Wednesday

Romans 3:23<sub>NIV</sub> says, "For all have \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (2 down) and fall short of the glory of God"

Do your eyes hurt if you've been in the dark and someone shines a torch at you? How much brighter is the sun? How much brighter is God who made the sun?

God said to Moses, "You cannot see My \_ \_ \_ \_ (10 across), for no man can see Me and \_ \_ \_ \_ (5d)!" Exodus 33:20<sub>NASB</sub>

As Romans 6:23 says "For the wages of \_ \_ \_ (3a) is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (7d), but the free \_ \_ \_ \_ (6a) of God is eternal \_ \_ \_ \_ (9a) through \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (1a) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (4a) our Lord.

This is because as Romans 5:8 says, "\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (1d) died for us."

Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, "No one comes to the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (11a) except through \_ \_ (8d)."

