

The Pastor of the Methodist church didn't like babies, so when baby Melva was born, her parents stopped going for a while and it was during this time that Dad decided to get a new cowshed built. At morning tea time, Mum sent a cup of tea out for Mr Cox, the builder, but he sent it back and asked for water or juice instead. That was the start of some interesting conversations with Mr Cox, and Mum and Dad were soon studying the Bible to learn more about the Sabbath.

When the Pastor of the Methodist church found out, he was mad. He drove straight out to the farm to confront them - he was so mad that he was frothing at the mouth and spitting, and he was talking so fast they couldn't get a word in! When he finally stopped, Dad quietly said, "Jesus kept the Sabbath when He was on earth and its' going to be kept in the new earth. Why aren't we keeping it now?"

When he heard that, the Pastor grabbed his hat and left mumbling, "I dunno my lad, you'd better go and ask Him."



So they decided to start attending the local Seventh-day Adventist church and, unlike at the Methodist church, they were allowed to take their baby.

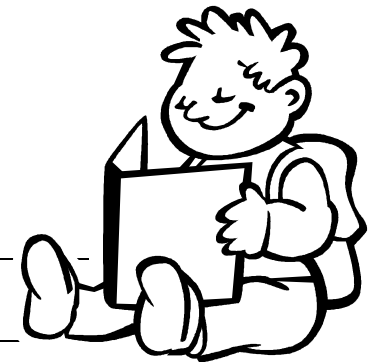
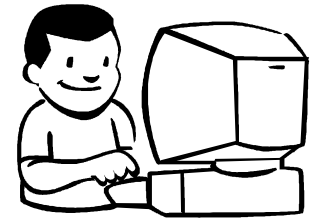
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Acts 17:11<sub>NLT</sub>

# Searching

## Sabbath

What do you do when you want to learn something or find out about something?

- ☐ Ask Mum or Dad
- ☐ Look it up on the internet
- ☐ Ask your teacher
- ☐ Ask your brother or sister
- ☐ Go to the library
- ☐ Nothing
- ☐ Ask a friend
- ☐ Look in the encyclopaedia
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
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What do you do when you have a question about God?

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_



## Sunday

Paul, Silas and Timothy were travelling from town to town, preaching about Jesus.

When they arrived in Berea, they went to the Jewish synagogue to talk to the people as they always did. They found the people of Berea were more open-minded than many others, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. As a result, many of them, both Jews and Greeks believed.

But when some of the Jews who had caused trouble in Thessalonica learned that Paul was in Berea, they went there and tried to stir up trouble. Hoping to avoid trouble, Paul travelled with a group of believers to Athens, while Silas and Timothy remained a little longer.

While Paul was waiting in Athens, he wandered around the city and saw the large number of shrines or idols to all sorts of gods. Now Paul had an opportunity to talk to the high council of the city. They said "come and tell us about this new teaching; we want to know what it's about."

So Paul stood before the council and said, "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious, as I was walking along I saw your many shrines and one of your altars had this inscription on it, 'To an unknown god.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about. He is the God who made the world and everything in it."



And so Paul continued, telling them of all that God had done, and how Jesus had come to save men from sin.

Some of the council laughed at Paul, but others said, "We want to hear more about this later."

That ended Paul's discussion with them, but some joined him later and became believers.

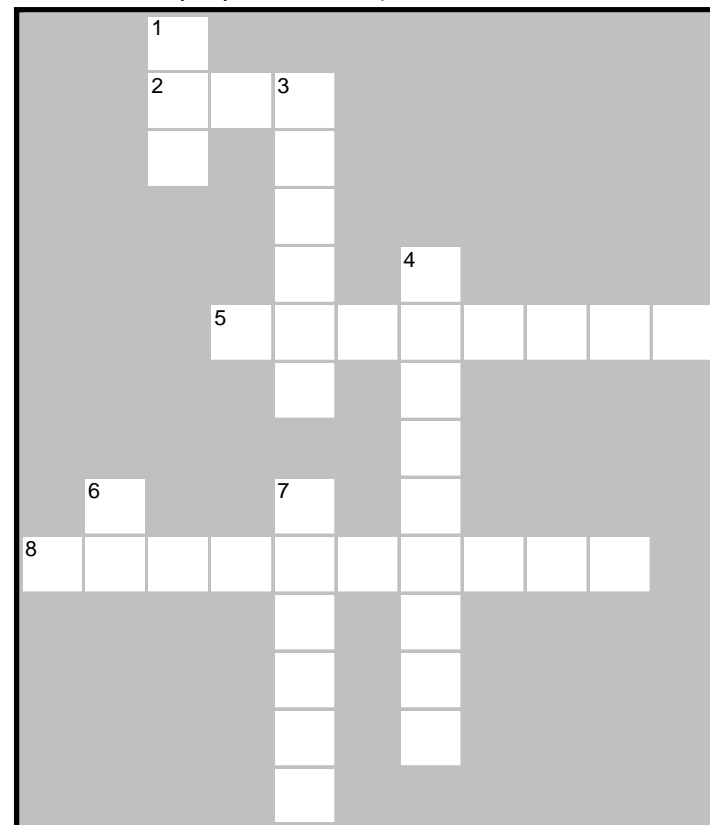
## Friday

How much of the Bible is inspired by God? 2 Timothy 3:16 \_\_\_  
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What can it be used for? 2 Timothy 3:16<sup>NIV</sup> for "t \_\_\_\_\_  
(5a), rebuking, c \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) and training in  
righteousness."

Looking at the outside of the Bible doesn't do anyone any  
good, like the Bereans, you need to \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) the  
Scriptures every \_\_\_ (1d). Acts 17:11<sup>NIV/NLT</sup>

Then as James 1:22 says<sup>NIV</sup>, "Do not merely \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) to the  
word... \_\_ (6d) what it says."



Do you  
read your  
Bible every  
day? It's a  
good habit  
to get into.  
Find a time  
and place  
where you  
won't be  
interrupted  
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remember  
to pray first  
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God to  
help you to  
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read.

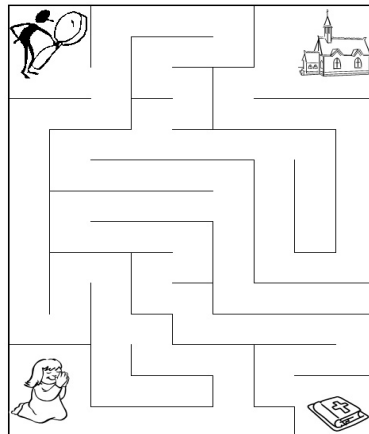
## Thursday

God says if you really look for Him, you will find Him. Find these words from Jeremiah in the puzzle below.

And you will seek Me and  
find Me, when you search  
for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13<sub>NKJV</sub>

F I N D G O D S P R O M M I  
O S E G O D S P R O M E M I  
R S E S G S O W D S E P R O  
M I J E R E M I A H S A L L  
E G O A D E S L P E R N O M  
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O O D C S P R O M R I S E O  
U G W H E N O W I T H D S U



Here are some places you  
can find out about God

## Monday

The people of Berea are still remembered today for their dedication to reading the Bible. They were willing to listen and learn, but they also checked for themselves so they would not be deceived.

Even today, there is no other book like the Bible; it was written more than 2000 years ago, as a collection of letters and books from more than 40 different authors who lived over a period of 1500 years and yet it still makes sense! This does not seem possible until you consider what Peter says in 2 Peter 1:20, 21<sub>NLT</sub>, "You must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God." Timothy says that "All Scripture is inspired by God..." 2 Timothy 3:16<sub>NLT</sub>

Some people think of the Bible as a history book. It does have a lot of history in it - stories and information about the past. It also has prophecy - stories and information for the future. Not only that, there is no other book on earth that has the same power to change lives. Hebrews 4:12 compares the Bible to a sword or weapon, "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." <sub>NLT</sub>

The world is filled with self-help books on diet, relationships and virtually every topic you can think of, but even the best self-help book will not help if it is not applied. The same is true with the Bible. James 1:22<sub>NIV</sub> says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

John 3:16 is sometimes called "The Gospel in a nut-shell," that means it is a summary of it. Read John 3:16 and write it in your own words:

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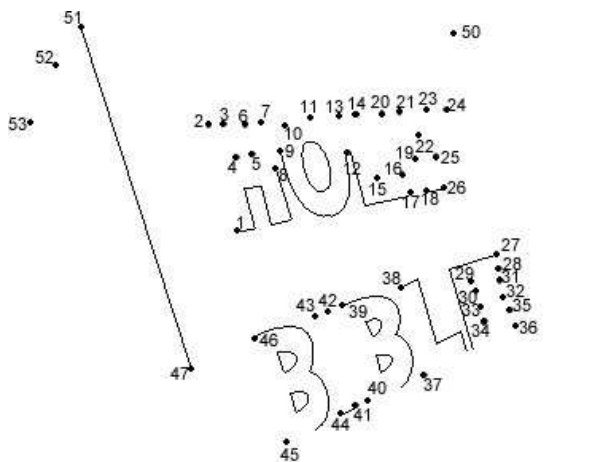
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## Tuesday

What was special about the people in Berea?



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Did you know the scripture means the words of the Bible?

Do you read your Bible every day?

## Wednesday

Have you ever found the Bible boring? Sometimes it can be difficult to start reading the Bible. Of course Satan doesn't want us to read the Bible and he will try to distract us and make it seem boring if he can. But don't give up! Here are some steps you can take to improve your Bible reading: Fit the underlined words in the grid.

1. **Always pray before reading the Bible** – The Bible can only be understood with the help of God's Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, "The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit." NIV
2. **Start with the Gospels** – All of the bible points to Jesus, but the first 4 books of the New Testament are eyewitness accounts of Jesus time on earth and an easy place to first learn about Jesus. Jesus said in John 5:39<sup>NLT</sup>, "The Scriptures point to me!"
3. **Try different versions** – English has changed over the years, so some Bibles will be easier to read and understand than others. Also, reading from different versions can help you work out what the author really meant.
4. **Learn about the culture** – Some parts of the Bible will mean more when you learn more about what it was like back then and what it would have meant to the people involved.

