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FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020

ADVENTURE DEVOTIONS

FOR KIDS AGES 7-10



*In the
Beginning*

Adventure is designed to encourage kids in the 3rd and 4th grades (7-to-10-year-olds) to spend time with God each day.

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You'll find the answers to them on page 35!

DIG DEEPER Want more?

Each week, try to "Dig Deeper" with a passage and activity related to that week's readings. *Try the first one on page 9.*

WHO DID THIS?

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Hawaii is moving towards Japan at the speed of almost 4 inches per year. This is because they are on different tectonic plates.

FIND OTHER GREAT FUN FACTS INSIDE.

THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME



God Rules. Who is in charge of your life? Because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. [Read REVELATION 4:11.](#)



We Sinned. Have you ever done something wrong? Everyone sins or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. [Read ROMANS 3:23.](#)



God Provided. God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. [Read JOHN 3:16.](#)



Jesus Gives. What is the best gift you have ever received? Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! [Read 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21.](#)



We Respond. Everyone has a choice to make. Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus. [Read ROMANS 10:9-10.](#)

PARENTS

Parents, *Adventure* can be a regular part of your child's daily time with God and your family devotion time. Try these ideas this month with your child.

1. The theme for August is "In the Beginning." Your child can learn how God cares for His creation from the earth to people when he reads the devotions this month.
2. Each week, encourage your child to complete a Dig Deeper activity. This month your child will find information about the order of God's creation on page 9, the Garden of Eden, on page 13, family cooperation on page 20, and how Jacob tricked his brother on page 26.
3. On the back of the magazine are six images much larger than they appear in the magazine. With your child, see if you can find each one inside the magazine.
4. Your child may be asking questions about how to become a Christian. Be ready with an answer. Use the verses and information on page 4 to talk with your child about becoming a Christian. If your child is ready to respond by becoming a Christian, lead him to pray and tell God something like this:

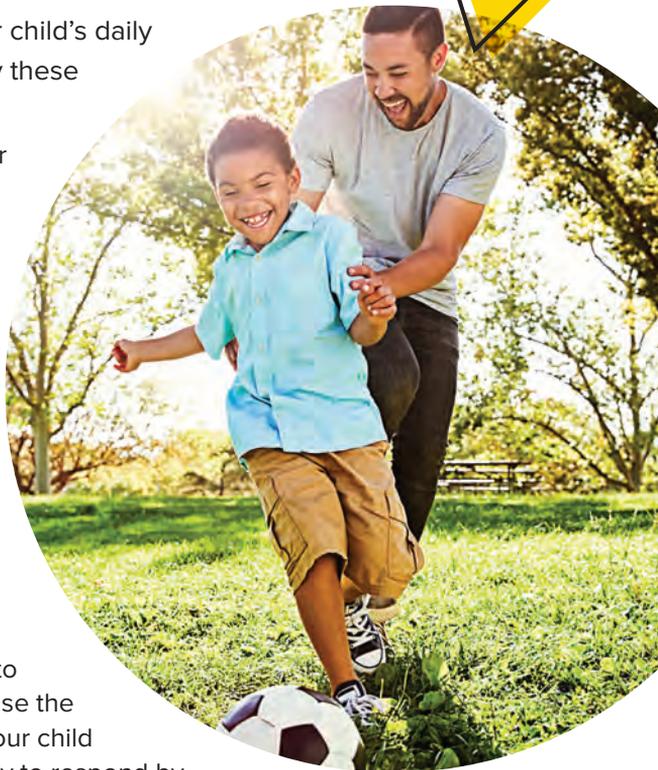
DEAR GOD,

I know I have disobeyed You and gone my own way. My sin separates me from You. I am sorry that I have disobeyed You and earned Your punishment, but today I turn back to You. I believe that Jesus died on a cross in my place so that my sins can be forgiven. I believe Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. I trust Jesus to save me. Thank You for sending Jesus to live a perfect life and to take away my punishment. God, please forgive me and help me to obey You and to live for You the rest of my life.

THANK YOU.

AMEN.

5. On page 8 is a story about Sally Hamrick. Sally is a missionary in Mozambique, Africa. Together, read her story and then pray for Sally as she teaches children.
 - Why does Sally want to teach the children of Mozambique?
 - How do missionaries travel to different groups of people?
 - Because many people in Mozambique do not know how to read or write, how do missionaries teach the children about Jesus?





TO SHOCK YOUR PARENTS

- 1 Wash your dad's vehicle. (Ask before taking on this task.)
- 2 Make mom a nice card telling her you love her.
- 3 Take dad a glass of cold water while he's working in the yard. Then offer to help him get the work done.
- 4 Clear the table after your family eats a meal.
- 5 Gather all the laundry in the house so Mom can get those things washed.
- 6 Give your dad a hug and tell him "Thank you" for all he does for your family.
- 7 Feed your dog (and not while you clear the table!)
- 8 Don't beg your parents to change their mind after they have said, "No."
- 9 Go to bed five minutes before your bedtime and go to sleep!
- 10 Plan a game night for the family. Play a game your dad wants to play.



Do All in the Name of Jesus

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:17*

James was a friendly fourth grader who always tried to make his friends happy. One day, his friend wanted to go to the grocery store on the way home from swimming. James agreed. Inside the store, James watched his friend take two candy bars and put them in his pocket. Later, he was outside bragging about what he had done.

“You were wrong to steal that candy bar,” James said to his friend.

His friend replied, “But no one else saw me.”

James said, “God did.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to do the things that honor You.



God Made Everything Good

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day. *Genesis 1:31*

Sarah woke up early in her tent with the other girl scouts. She was excited to be out in the park on her first camping trip. Growing up in a big city hadn't let her see a lot of wooded land.

“How do you like the woods?” Molly, the Camp Counselor, asked.

“Oh, I love it here!” Sarah said.

Molly said, “I love it, too. We get to see things just how God created it to be.”

Sarah replied. “It's so peaceful and clean here.”

“God created this beautiful world for us to enjoy,” Molly added.

“And I'm glad He did.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for this beautiful world.



Off the coast of Mauritius is an optical illusion that makes it look like there's an underwater waterfall within the ocean!



ON MISSION IN MOZAMBIQUE, AFRICA



Sally Hamrick is passionate about loving kids—so passionate she traveled to a country she had never heard of to tell kids about Jesus!

Sally's missionary job is to start children's programs and classes in Mozambique, a small country in Africa. Her work is not easy. Most children do not have Bibles or Bible storybooks. Sally says: "It's hard to get parents to understand that children should be coming to church—even parents who go to church themselves! There have been times when the children were told to go away and leave the church services."

Sally knows that Jesus does not want kids to go away. He wants kids to come to Him! "Wouldn't it be better if children knew about Jesus all their lives? Then they would have an entire life that they would get to learn about Him," she says. To help boys and girls in Mozambique know about Jesus, Sally reads them Bible stories. They draw pictures and make crafts. They sing and play and jump. Sally and her helpers welcome small groups of kids and groups of as many as 200 kids at a time.

The kids are learning, and Sally is excited. She wants the kids to come. She says: "This is the only way that they are going to hear about Jesus. They will listen and come back. The Word of God is going out to the community through these children!" Sally's hope is that these children would be able to change the country of Mozambique. She says: "If we have 100-plus children who are coming to hear about Jesus, and they grow up and move away, they could change this whole nation."

- Mozambique is known for its beautiful beaches and its amazing marine wildlife, such as whales, sharks and dolphins. Because of the long coastline, missionaries and local believers must travel by boats to reach many villages in Mozambique.
- Praise the Lord! A large number of people in Mozambique are hearing the gospel and choosing to follow Christ! Missionaries are training local pastors to lead churches there.
- Many people in Mozambique do not know how to read or write. Instead of reading the Bible with new believers, missionaries find other ways to teach Bible stories and truths.

Source: imb.org

Praise God At All Times

From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the name of the LORD be praised. *Psalm 113:3*

What a beautiful sight it is to watch the sun rise and set. It is a reminder of how awesome God is and how He loves you. His name is above all names because no one can compare to Him.

There's no doubt that God had a plan for His world before He spoke it into place. He also had a plan for you when He sent His Son to pay for your sins. Try thinking of God's *Son* when you see God's *sun* rise each day in the sky.



 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for giving Your Son and the sun as lights to the world.



DIG DEEPER

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Read each verse. Then match it to what God created on that day.

» How can you help take care of these creations? _____

There Is Nothing Difficult for God



Oh! Lord GOD! You yourself made the heavens and earth by your great power and with your outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for you! *Jeremiah 32:17*

Samuel’s parents bought him a new puppy, and Samuel wanted to build the puppy a doghouse. He asked his dad for help because he knew that he built houses every day at work.

“Sure, son!” Dad agreed. “I’ll help you. But why did you ask me instead of your brother?”

“Well, Joe’s a really good brother. But Dad, you build houses all of the time. I’ve seen some of them. They look really difficult to build, but you do it! You’re the best!”

 **DEAR GOD**, I know You can do anything, and I want to depend on You always.

No One Can Compare to God

LORD my God, you have done many things—your wondrous works and your plans for us; none can compare with you. If I were to report and speak of them, they are more than can be told. *Psalms 40:5*

God is wonderful. His works and plans are amazing. There are too many of them to count because He is doing things all of the time. It’s like trying to count the stars in the sky or grains of sand by the sea. Counting all the things God does is impossible. Even though God does things all of the time, He also has created a plan for you and wants to be a part of your life. How amazing is that? The creator of the whole world knows you and wants to do things in your life!

 **DEAR GOD**, Thank You for being so wonderful!



Crabs and insects live in the sands while sea turtles bury their eggs on sandy beaches.

God is Everlasting

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never becomes faint or weary; there is no limit to his understanding. *Isaiah 40:28*

David and his family were going on a family vacation to the ocean. David was so excited because he had only been to the ocean once when he was much younger. As his parents pulled in front of their cabin, David saw some boys playing in the sand. “Dad,” David said, “are they playing too close to the water?”

Dad answered, “I think they are fine. It looks like their dad is watching nearby.”

David said softly, “Isn’t that what God does for us?”

“Yes, David. We can’t even imagine how much God cares for us,” Dad replied.

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for always being near me.



CROSS OUT WORDS



sun	God	moon	birds
water	spoke	animals	night
the	sun	world	people
moon	birds	into	animals
people	existence	night	water

To find the hidden message, cross out the words that are printed twice. Read the message that is left.

Trusting God's Future



For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. *Romans 8:19*

Nancy was very excited about church summer camp. None of her friends were going this year, but she knew there would be some new people to meet. Nancy's mom was puzzled. "Nancy, are you sure you want to go to camp without your friends?" she asked.

"Sure, Mom," Nancy answered. "It's a good camp, and I'm sure the other girls will be fine. Some of them will be at my new school, and camp is a good place to get to know them."

"I never thought about it that way," Mom added.



DEAR GOD, Help me to be ready to meet other Christians.

God Helps His Children

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

Sandra didn't know what to do. She always spent the same weekend every summer with her grandmother at her beach house. She had told her grandmother that she was looking forward to the weekend. But Sandra's best friend invited her to spend that weekend at her house. Sandra wanted to stay with her friend, but she didn't want to disappoint her grandmother. "Mom," Sandra asked. "What should I do about the weekend?"

"You need to pray and ask God to help you make the right decision," Mom answered. "He will help you."

Sandra prayed that night for God's guidance. The next morning, she knew her promise to visit her grandmother was the right thing to do.



DEAR GOD, Guide me to know You are my help.



An entire beach of shells in Western Australia is over 74 miles long and more than 32 feet deep in shells!

God's Works are Wonderful

I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well.

Psalm 139:14

Will's mom woke him up very early to get ready to go to their mountain cabin to spend a few days. Will packed his small suitcase and was ready to go. As the family's vehicle climbed the crooked mountain road, Will could see the mountains, the sky, and a nearby lake. He remembered when his pastor talked about how God created the whole world and everything in it. Will's younger brother woke from his nap and asked Will, "Did God plan all of the world, including all of us?"

"Yes, He did," Will replied. "It's so amazing to look at His creation."

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for everything You made.



DIG DEEPER

1. Why did God put Adam in the Garden of Eden? _____
 _____ . (See verse 15.)
2. The man gave names to all the _____ ,
 to the _____ of the sky, and to
 every _____
 _____ . (See verse 20.)
3. This one will be called " _____ ." (See verse 23.)

God told Adam to name all the animals God had created. Then He told Adam to name the helper God had given him. Read Genesis 2:8,15-23. Answer the question and then fill in the blanks with the information you learn.

God Sent His Son

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only son into the world so that we might live through him. **1 John 4:9**

God created the world many years ago and made all people in His own image. He loved people so much that He actually sent His only Son, Jesus, to live on earth and die for the sins of each one. As Jesus died on a cross, He made a way for His people to live in heaven one day with Him. But He also wants His children to live for Him on earth and tell the news of Jesus to others. You can tell this amazing story to everyone you know!



DEAR GOD, Give me the courage to boldly tell others about Jesus.

SOLVE IT

To discover the missing word of the message, answer each clue and write the letters on the blank spaces. Then write each letter in the same numbered box below the puzzle.

1. A small river is called a
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2. When you put food in your mouth, chew, and swallow it you.

③ ④ ⑤

3. Christmas colors are and green.
⑥ ⑦

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God the world
① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦

from nothing.

God Remembers His People

What is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor. *Psalm 8:4-5*

Amanda lived two blocks from school. On the first day of school, she ran all of the way home to talk to her mom. Rushing through the back door, she saw her mom stirring a big pot on the stove.

“So it went better than you thought it would?” Mom asked.

“Yes, it did, Mom,” Amanda answered. “I prayed and asked God to help me today. Everyone was so nice. It was like I had always been there. God took care of everything.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for always taking care of me.



DROP IN

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OB _____
⑥ ⑦ _____

Drop each three-letter combination onto one of the three grouped spaces to make a word. Now, move the letter on each numbered space to the same numbered square at the bottom of the page.

The hidden words tell how long it took for God to create the world.

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Twelve to twenty minutes of running three times a week can increase bone density.

God Gives Us Life

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. *Job 33:4*

Andrew was a runner. He had loved to run since he was little. He joined the track team in the fifth grade. On the first track meet of the year, Andrew only ran in one race and placed third. He was very sad. “Dad,” Andrew began when they got to the car, “why did I lose? I thought I was running really fast.”

Dad quickly answered, “You were great son! You did a good job.”

“Then what went wrong?” Andrew cried.

“Nothing was wrong, Andrew. All of the runners were fast. God gave you a talent to run fast, but He also gave others the same talent. God just wants you to run and honor Him.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for the talents You gave me.

God is the Master Builder

Now every house is built by someone, but the one who built everything is God. *Hebrews 3:4*

Janet was nervous about moving. Her parents had built a new house on a beautiful street near her grandparents. As she held her grandma's hand and walked through the front door, she saw a picture of a cross and a Bible verse hanging on the wall. “Look Grandma!” Janet exclaimed. “Where did the picture come from?”

“I gave it to your family,” Grandma said. “My mother gave it to me when your grandfather and I bought our first house. It can remind you that everything you have was given to you by God and we should praise Him for that.”

“It’s beautiful!” Janet smiled.

 **DEAR GOD,** I praise Your name for what You have given me.

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INVENTOR'S MONTH

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WATER QUALITY MONTH



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Work Like a Dog Day 5

Wiggle Your Toes Day 6

Professional Speakers Day 7

Wear Your Mother's Jewelry Day (Ask you mother first) 8

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Sand Castle Day 22

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Everything Belongs to God



The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD. *Psalm 24:1*

Douglas walked to his friend Larry’s house after school to spend the weekend. The two boys had been friends since first grade and had planned to stay up all night watching movies. But when Douglas got to Larry’s house, Larry didn’t seem like himself. “What’s wrong?” Douglas asked.

“I just don’t feel like I belong. No one at school seems to like me, and even my dad doesn’t want to talk much lately,” Larry said.

“I’ve felt that way before. But then I remembered that no matter what, I have a place because I belong to God. He wants me so much that He sent Jesus to die for me!”

“Hey, that’s true! I’ll remember that next time I feel I don’t belong,” Larry said.

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for wanting me.



DIG DEEPER

God wants families to cooperate with one another. He wants families to get along in everyday living. Fill in the missing words from the story of Abram and Lot.

So Abram said to Lot, “Please, _____

_____ between you and me,

or between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, _____

_____.” (See *Genesis 13:8*.)

Do Not Argue

“Woe to the one who argues with his Maker—one clay pot among many. Does clay say to the one forming it, ‘What are you making?’ Or does your work say, ‘He has no hands?’” *Isaiah 45:9*

Maria had a habit of arguing with her mom about everything. One Saturday morning, Maria wanted to go with her friends to the mall, but she had not cleaned her room. “You can’t go until you finish your chores,” Mom said. “You haven’t even made your bed.”

“But, Mom!” Maria cried. “It’s not fair. My friend Cindy has a maid who cleans her house every day.”

Mom answered, “That makes no difference. And don’t argue with me. Be thankful for a room to clean.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Teach me to always respect authority.



Bricks, cooking pots, art objects, dishware, and even musical instruments can all be shaped from clay before being fired.

Live Peacefully

If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. *Romans 12:18*

Donald had a lot of friends, and he tried to keep them all happy. On the first day of school, he had to choose where to sit in homeroom. “Donald,” Randy called from the back row. “Sit back here.”

“No, sit here!” Chris said sitting two rows ahead of Randy.

“No, I want him to sit here. I’ve known him longer,” Randy said.

Donald thought for a moment. Then he noticed an empty seat in the row behind Chris and in front of Randy. “I’m going to sit between you guys so neither of you will be mad,” Donald said with a laugh.

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to always be peaceful.

Walk in Love



This is love; that we walk according to his commands. This is the command as you have heard it from the beginning: that you walk in love. 2 John 1:6

Greg's teacher explained in Sunday School that loving one another is not something you get to choose to do. Today's verse is a command from Jesus, and it was given to the world many years ago. The word *love* refers to loving God and obeying Him. Showing love through actions is the way you show God's love to others. Jesus showed this love when He walked on earth as a man. Jesus loved everyone.



DEAR GOD, Help me to follow Your command to love others.

CRACK THE CODE

ABC	DEF	GHI
JKL	MNO	PQR
STU	VWX	YZ

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Crack this code. Write the letter on the blank from the Decoder Key that matches the symbol below the blank. The answer is something God wants families to do.

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Parents Are Important

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they won't become discouraged. *Colossians 3:21*

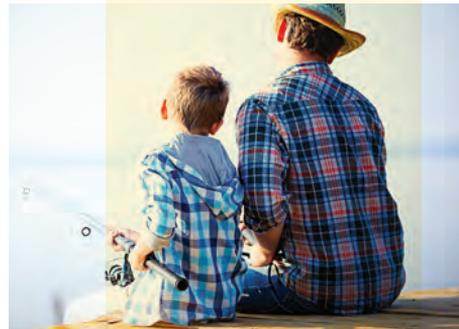
Ray and his dad were very close. Many weekends they went fishing on Saturdays and to church on Sundays.

One Sunday, Dad said he had to work. "But Dad," Ray said, "We always go to church on Sundays."

"I know son, but I'm getting paid double time today. I just can't turn it down," Dad explained. "We can use the money."

"Didn't pastor Kyle say God always provides when you obey Him?" Ray asked.

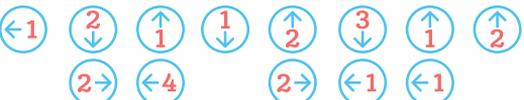
Dad said, "Pastor Kyle is right and you're right, son. We're going to church today."

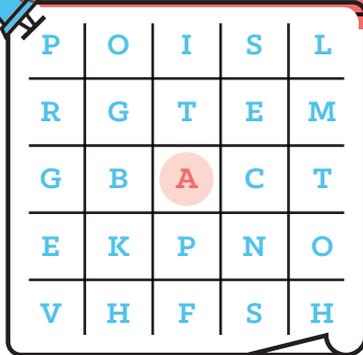


 **DEAR GOD,** Help my parents to always be good examples.

WAY TO GO







P	O	I	S	L
R	G	T	E	M
G	B	A	C	T
E	K	P	N	O
V	H	F	S	H

To discover the message, start with the circled letter **A** and follow the directions using the arrows and numbers to guide you. Each time you land on a letter, write it in the space above the clues, and continue from that letter.



The “Happy Birthday to You” song has been translated into at least 18 different languages.

Act With Integrity

A righteous person acts with integrity; his children who come after him will be happy. Proverbs 20:7

Donna was confused. She knew her mother was a good, honest person who always tried to do the right thing. But one day, she overheard a conversation that bothered her. Her mom had been talking on the telephone about keeping a secret. Her mom also said something about *Donna doesn't need to know*. Donna didn't know what to think. Her mom always did what was right. The next morning, Donna's mom called to her, “I need you in the kitchen.”

As Donna opened the kitchen door, she heard the singing and saw the cake. “Happy Birthday!” Mom said.

Donna knew her mom still had integrity, and she was so happy.



DEAR GOD, Help me to always do the right thing.

Love Each Other

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for her. Ephesians 5:25

Richard ran through the front door and put his books on the desk in the den. “Mom?” he called, “Are you here?”

“I'm in the kitchen,” Mom answered.

Richard walked to the kitchen and sat down on a stool. “Mom, do you and dad ever argue?” he asked.

“Where did that come from?” Mom asked.

“My friend Jim said his parents argue all of the time. I told him that my parents don't argue,” Richard replied.

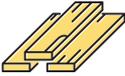
“Well, son, we do disagree at times, but your dad is very good to me. You have nothing to worry about,” Mom said with a smile.

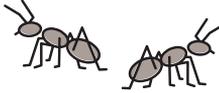


DEAR GOD, Thank You for loving me.

PICTURE PUZZLER

To discover the message, write the word for each picture on the line above the picture. Follow the directions to add or subtract letters from the word you wrote. The remaining words will reveal the message.

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 - h

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a +  - es +  - at

Live Together Peacefully

How delightfully good when brothers live together in harmony!

Psalm 133:1



John and Jim were twins. They liked many of the same things, including fishing, baseball, superhero movies, and pizza. One Saturday, John was looking for his fishing rod. When he asked his twin brother if he had seen it, Jim said, “No, I haven’t seen it. Why do you think I always have your stuff?”

“Wait,” John said. “I’m sorry. I was not accusing you of taking it. I was just asking if you had any idea where it was.”

“Oh,” Jim said. “I misunderstood you. I thought you said, ‘Why did you take my fishing rod’. I’m sorry.”

“That’s all right.” John added. “We are brothers and friends, and it’s going to stay that way.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to live in harmony with my siblings.



DIG DEEPER

Answer the questions below about Jacob, who tricked his brother.

1. Who were Isaac and Rebekah’s sons? *(See Genesis 25:25-26.)*
_____ , _____
2. How were Esau and Jacob different? *(See Genesis 25:27-28.)* _____

3. What was the thing that Esau traded his birthright for?
(See Genesis 25:29-34.) _____
4. To which brother was the family blessing supposed to have gone?
(See Genesis 27:32-35) _____

Isaac was very sad and angry. His own son had deceived him. Esau was so angry that he tried to kill Jacob when his father died. Everyone in the family was hurt because Rebekah and Esau decided to lie and trick Isaac. God wants you to respect each of your family members.

Listen to Parents

My son, keep your father's command, and don't reject your mother's teaching. Proverbs 6:20

Alan could not believe it. His parents had agreed to teach his Sunday School class of ten-year-old boys. He loved his parents, but he really wanted someone else to teach his class. "Dad?" Alan asked one Sunday afternoon, "Do you and Mom really have to teach my Sunday School class? Wouldn't you like to go back to your class?"

"But we like your class," Dad replied. "Do you not want us to teach?"

"I'm nervous," Alan answered. "I never know what you might say. I don't want you to talk about me and what I do."

"Oh, Alan, we will only teach God's Word and not talk about you," said Dad.

"Thanks, Dad." Alan added.

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to obey Your teachings and commands.



Forgive as God Forgives

Bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. Colossians 3:13

Diane was upset. Her friend Wendy had borrowed her notebook and dropped it in a mudhole. As the girls walked home, Wendy said she was sorry, and Diane forgave her. The next day, Diane overheard Wendy talking to a younger girl in the hall who was holding money in her hand. Giving the money to Wendy, the scared girl cried, "That's all I have. I'm sorry I ruined your sweater with the mustard."

"Bring the rest tomorrow or I'll tell on you," Wendy threatened.

Walking away in disbelief, Diane knew she had to talk to Wendy about forgiving other people.

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to always forgive other people.



Pigs, warthogs, elephants, and rhinos bathe in mud to cool their body temperature.

The Beginning and the End



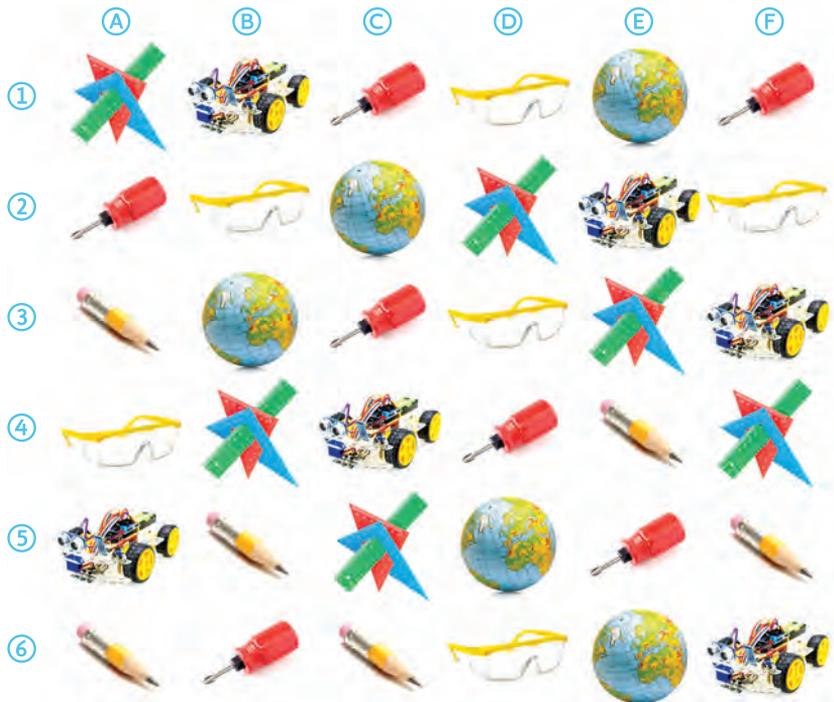
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”
Revelation 1:8

What a comfort it is to know that God has always been in the world, is in the world today, and will be in the world forever. There are so many things in this life that are temporary. Things always change, like where people live, who they live with, and where they go to school. God is forever and never changes. He will never leave you, no matter what might be happening in your life. He has promised to stay with you always and forever.

 **DEAR GOD,** Thank You for promising to be with me forever.

EYE SPY

Circle the row and column that contain pictures of six DIFFERENT objects.



Forgive Others

As a result, you should instead forgive and comfort him. Otherwise, he may be overwhelmed by excessive grief. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. **2 Corinthians 2:7-8**

Penny's Grandfather had made a terrible mistake and accused her of stealing money from his car. He would not believe Penny, and he told her to not return to his house until she confessed. On Sunday morning after his encounter with Penny, he opened a dresser drawer that he seldom used and saw a red envelope. Suddenly he knew the missing money was in the envelope. He had moved it from the car to the drawer. Rushing to Penny's house, he begged for her forgiveness.



"I love you, Granddaddy," Penny said. "Of course I forgive you."

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to be ready to forgive.

CALLING CODE

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Use the phone keypad to decode the message. The numbers work like this: **3/2** means the number key, **3** and the second letter under that number, **E**. A number with no slash means the first letter on the key.



Coal starts off as plant matter at the bottom of water.

Be Kind to Each Other

If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. *Romans 12:20*

Tammy was sad. Her best friend Sally had ignored her at lunch and sat with other girls. When Tammy tried to talk to her, Sally turned her back and walked away. Several days later, Sally saw Tammy sitting alone at lunch in the cafeteria with tears in her eyes. “What’s wrong, Tammy?” Sally asked.

Tammy she said, “I feel all alone. You act like you don’t want to hang out with me.”

Sally said, “I know, I was mean to you. I am so sorry.”

“Well, I’m your friend always. I forgive you.” Tammy said.



DEAR GOD, Thank You for Your forgiveness.

Forgive As God Forgave

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. *Ephesians 4:32*

Paul was very excited but a little nervous, as well. It was his dad’s birthday, and his aunt and uncle were coming over for dinner. As Paul was getting ready to go downstairs, there was a knock on the front door. Looking out the window, he saw Uncle Bill and Aunt Mary. There had been angry words spoken earlier in the week between Uncle Bill and his dad. He hoped everything would be alright. Turning around, he saw his parents greeting his aunt and uncle. He was totally relieved. “Dad,” Paul motioned for his dad, “I thought you were upset with Uncle Bill from the other day?”

“He said he was sorry, and I forgave him,” Dad explained. “It’s forgotten. We’re OK.”



DEAR GOD, Thank You for always forgiving me.

Seventy Times Seven

Then Peter approached him and asked, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?” “I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.” *Matthew 18:21-22*

Rebecca started going to a new school and needed some friends. Marla, an old friend and the popular girl in class, had asked her to sit with her at lunch, but she then told Rebecca there wasn't room for her. After school, Rebecca talked to her mom. “What can I do?” she asked.

“Have you forgiven Marla?” Mom asked.

“Well,” Rebecca thought for a minute, “I forgave her at first, but do I just keep forgiving her?” Rebecca asked.

“What did Jesus say about forgiving?” Mom asked.

Rebecca said, “Oh yes, I remember. Thanks for reminding me Mom.”

 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to forgive over and over again.



SECRET SENTENCE

Hear me all you foxes, bats, kangaroos, and

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heavy mice who eat up ice cream.

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Use the sentence to solve the code.

1.2—would mean the first word, second letter. **e**

4.1—would mean the fourth word, first letter. **y**

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5.1 4.2 15.2 7.4 14.1 9.4 12.1 8.2 12.1 5.5 7.9

Do Not Gossip



Whoever conceals an offense promotes love, but whoever gossips about it separates friends. *Proverbs 17:9*

Frankie was worried. He had overheard a conversation in the hall on Friday, and he didn't know what to do. It was a rumor about his friend Steve, and he was determined to not tell anyone. When his other friend Sam came up to talk about the rumor, Frankie said, "I don't want to talk about Steve, and I don't want to gossip."

Sam said, "That's a good idea."

Frankie and Sam knew they had made the right decision.



DEAR GOD, Thank You for my good friends.

Look Out for Each Other



An average pencil can be sharpened 17 times, draw a line 35 miles long, and can write about 45,000 words.

Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others. *Philippians 2:4*

Valerie loved the honor of helping her math teacher. She took up math homework, sharpened pencils, and straightened books on the shelves. As she passed Joe's desk on Friday, he searched wildly for his homework. "I can't find it," he whispered to Valerie.

"I know you did it. I saw it when you first got here this morning," Valerie said.

"Is something wrong?" Mrs. Baker asked.

"I need to wait a minute," Valerie explained as Joe finally found his homework in his notebook.

"Thanks for looking out for me," Joe said.



DEAR GOD, Give me a heart that looks out for other people.

Honor Your Parents

Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise. *Ephesians 6:2*

Carl was almost late to school one morning. His dad was sick, and he had to fix breakfast for his younger brother, Nick. Carl's mom was visiting her mother, and it was up to Carl to help. After breakfast, Carl almost had his dad's breakfast ready when he heard their ride blowing and blowing the horn. "Go ahead, Nick," he said, "I'm not quite ready."

"But how will you get to school?" Nick asked.

"I'll catch the school bus," Carl answered.

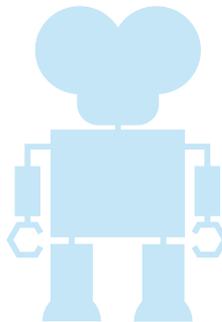
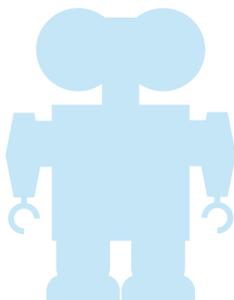
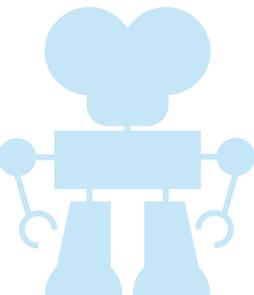
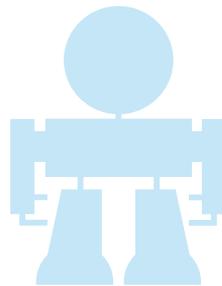
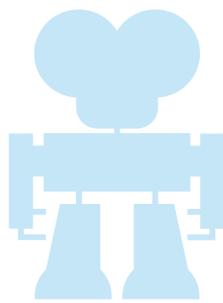
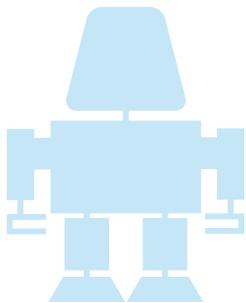
"I thought you didn't like to ride the bus!" Nick replied.

"Well, I don't, but it's not about me," Carl explained. "I'm going to take care of dad this morning. I'll make it to school on time."

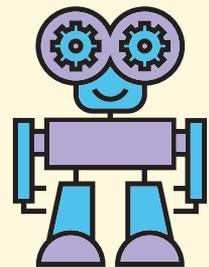


 **DEAR GOD,** Help me to always honor my parents.

SHADOW MATCH



Circle the correct shadow to the robot.



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What do you call a pig
that knows karate?

A pork chop!

Why did the
chocolate chip
cookie cry?

Because his mother
was a wafer so long!

What do
you call
a fly without
wings?

A walk!

What does
a shark like to
eat with
peanut butter
sandwiches?

Jellyfish

Why didn't the elephant
buy a suitcase for
his summer vacation?

Because he
already had
a trunk!

Why do bees
have sticky hair?

Because they use
honey combs!

ANSWERS

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1c, 2f, 3e, 4b, 5a, 6d

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God spoke the world into existence.

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1. to work it and watch over it
2. livestock, birds of the sky, and to every wild animal
3. woman

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1. Creek
2. Eat
3. Red

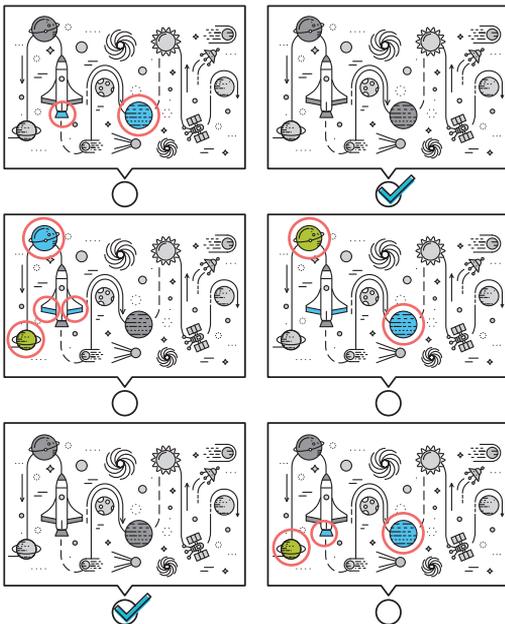
God created the world from nothing.

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1. Sunshine
2. Light
3. Sixth
4. Birds
5. Galaxy
6. Obeys

Six days

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So Abram said to Lot, "Please, let's not have quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, since we are relatives. Genesis 13:8

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Family members can work out differences.

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Families can live at peace together.

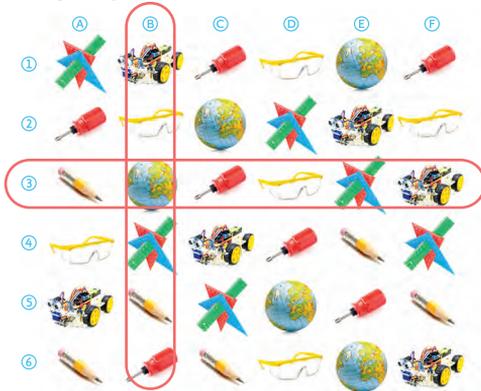
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God wants families to love, respect, and help one another.

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1. Esau and Jacob
2. Esau was hairy and liked the outdoors. Jacob liked the indoors
3. A bowl of stew
4. Esau

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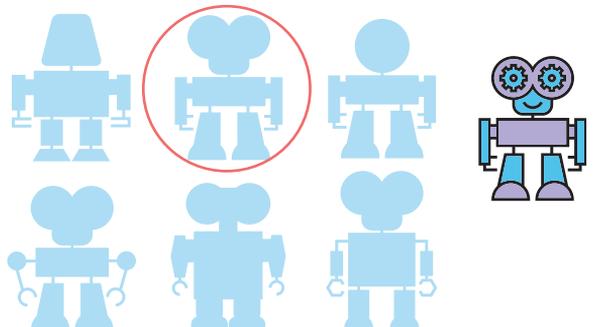
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When family members sin, God is ready to forgive.

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Family members can ask for forgiveness.

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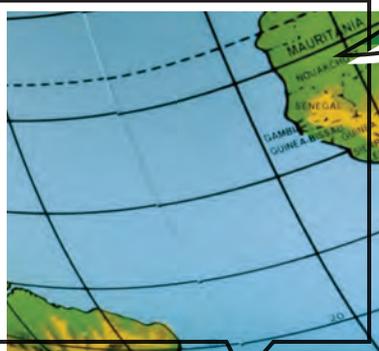
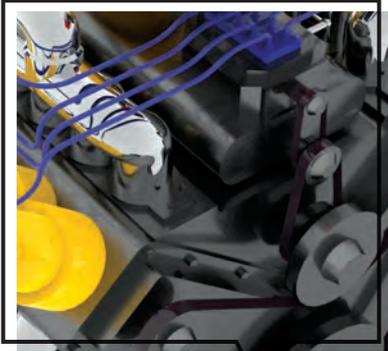
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