

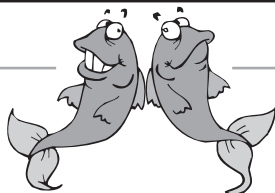
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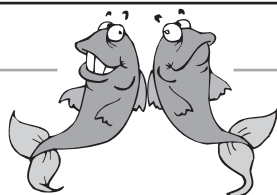


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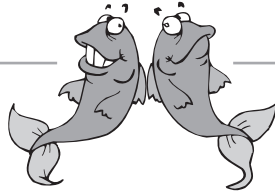
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Club Verse

Colossians 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”



Sailor's Salute

I pledge allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose name I love and
Whose praise I sing. As a faithful sailor in Patch the Pirate Club,
I will do my best to serve my Savior and obey His Word.





Ahoy, Mates!

Welcome aboard. We're proud to have you as part of our Patch the Pirate crew. Now that you are officially a sailor, it's important that we establish a few ground rules.

A friend of mine shared a quote with me that I really like. It goes like this: "Life by the yard is hard; but by the inch, it's a cinch." This is true with spiritual things also. Learning God's Word is a cinch if you learn a little bit every day.

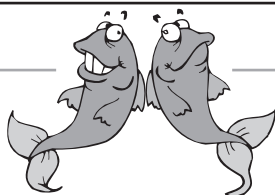
We've built the Patch Club program so that you can learn God's Word and have a great time! Here's the key—keep at it. Be faithful! Attend every meeting. Have your devotions every day. Sing your very best in every rehearsal. And you will have the greatest year of your life!

Well, it's time to shove off. The *Jolly Roger* is waiting for us. Keep sailing for the Savior.

Rejoicing in the Lord,

Patch the Pirate

Ron Patch Hamilton
Philippians 4:4



A Message to Parents

It's been over twenty-five years since Ron "Patch" Hamilton lost his left eye to cancer. Since that time the Lord has given him and his wife, Shelly, a wonderful opportunity to minister to children. Patch the Pirate Club is just a part of the ministry God has provided through this life event.

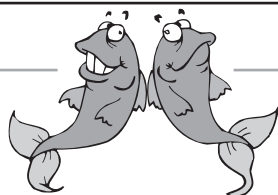
Because of God's plan, your child now has the opportunity to be included in the Patch the Pirate Club (PPC) ministry. This club program has been created especially to help children come to Christ and grow in His love. Each month, your child will learn a character-building song written by "Captain Patch." Each song has a corresponding godly character lesson that is emphasized throughout the month. The music, Scripture memory, Bible lesson application, Fun Pages, and My Quiet Time Daily Devotional Guide are designed to work together to promote godly character in your child's life.

This *Sailor's Log* is divided into three units, one for each month. Each unit contains the following:

1. **Unit Pages**—These pages list the godly character lesson, the memory verse, the make-up memory verse, the speaking parts for the monthly performance, and the sailor scripture which is to be recited each week and can be used in place of speaking parts in any performance during the club year.
2. **Monthly Song**—Immediately after the unit pages for each month, the music for the Patch the Pirate song is included for your child's use.
3. **Music Page**—The music theory worksheet may be completed during the club time under the direction of the captain or a co-captain. If there is not adequate time in the club meeting, the captain may choose to have the children complete this exercise at home and receive a sticker for completion at check-in.
4. **Fun Page**—This fun-filled activity page appears after the music page every week. Puzzles, mazes, crosswords, and other enjoyable activities emphasize the godly character lesson for the month. The club captain will instruct the sailors when to use this page.
5. **Adventure Coloring Page**—The coloring page is a weekly illustration from the current Patch the Pirate adventure.
6. **My Quiet Time Daily Devotional Guide**—This section gives your child a simple guide to follow as he studies the Bible and prays each day. The Bible verses have been carefully selected to teach and explain the godly character lesson of the month. If your child has trouble reading or writing, you may help him by reading the verses and explaining the answers. This guide may also be used for family devotions.

On the following pages you will find an explanation of the attendance system and of the awards your child can earn. A Song and Scripture Table is also provided, listing the titles of the songs and their corresponding Scripture memory.

Your child is about to set sail on an exciting and rewarding adventure! Encourage your child to participate fully in PPC. Your entire family will benefit from this year of sailing with Patch the Pirate.



Attendance System and Earning Awards

The sailors in Patch the Pirate Club meet every month for four consecutive weeks. At the end of the month they perform the song they have learned. A sailor must attend each of the weekly meetings *and* the performance, and must complete the entire month of *My Quiet Time Devotions* to earn the award pins given at the end of each month.

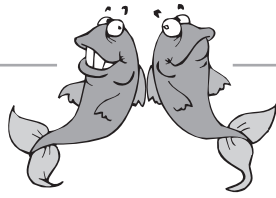
If your child misses one meeting during the month, he may make up the absence by quoting the make-up memory verse to a club worker. If he misses more than one meeting and wishes to make up his absences, the captain may (if he or she determines the absence to be legitimate) assign the child a make-up verse for each absence. The only way to make up incomplete *My Quiet Time Devotions* is to complete them and have them checked by the club captain or co-captain.

If a child is faithful in attendance and in completing his devotions for an entire year (and has thus earned all nine of his award pins), he is eligible to receive a *Faithful Servant Award* at the end of the club year.

A very special *Super Sailor of the Year Award* is given at the end of the year to one boy and one girl who have shown a consistent testimony and giving spirit.

The club captain will keep attendance records for your child. See the captain if you have questions concerning your child's award eligibility.

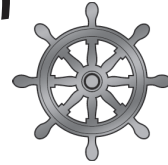
Note: The award pins are to be attached to the sailor hat in neat rows on either side of the logo badge. See the following page for a complete illustration of the uniform and awards.



Official Uniform



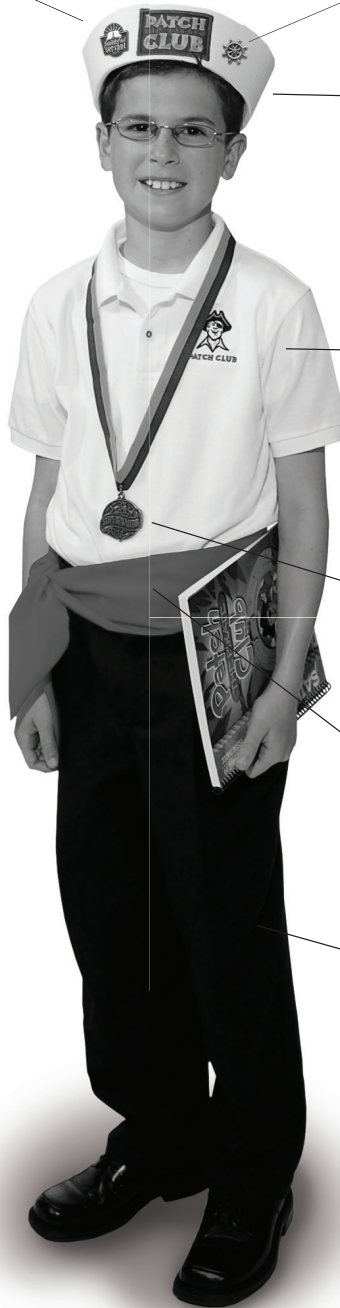
Faithful Servant
award pin



Award pin—Ship's Wheel



Sailor's hat with
club logo badge



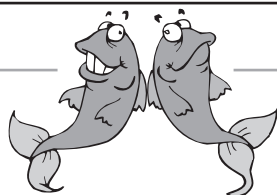
White Patch the Pirate
polo shirt



Super Sailor award

Red sailor sash

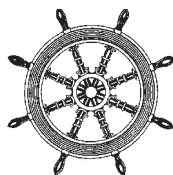
Black/navy slacks
(or skirt for girls)

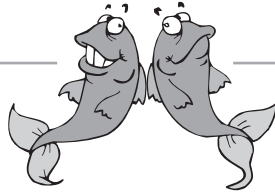


Song and Scripture Table

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Month	Song Title	Godly Character Lesson	Scripture Memory	Make-up Memory
1	"I Will Sing" "Amazing Grace"	The Christian's Song	Psalm 104:33	2 Corinthians 5:17
2	"The Secret Place"	Search the Scripture	Jeremiah 15:16	Joshua 1:8
3	"A 'Here-I-Am' Christian"	Surrender for Service	Acts 20:24	Matthew 25:21





Daily Devotional Guide Instructions

It is important for Christians to be faithful in having a daily quiet time with God. This year we are going to help you develop this good habit.

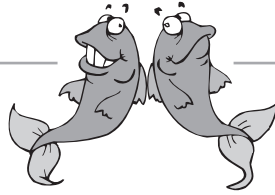
A quiet time is a time when you *listen* to God and let Him talk to you through His words in the Bible. It is a time when you talk to God or *pray* about things you or someone else needs. It is also a time when you *thank* the Lord for things He has done for you. Every time you have your quiet time, be sure to *praise* God and tell Him that you love Him.

If you are able to read the Bible, you can have your quiet time all by yourself. This is the best way to grow up in your Christian life. If you cannot read the Bible yet, ask your father, your mother, or some older person to share your quiet time with you every day.

Here is a plan for you to follow for your quiet time:

1. Look up the verse in your Bible.
2. Fill in the blanks or answer the questions in My Quiet Time Daily Devotional Guide.
3. Read the explanation of the verse.
4. Think about what the verse means.
5. Use the prayer time as a guide when you pray. Ask God to help you apply the lesson to your own life.





You will need the following for your quiet time:

1. A Bible (The *King James Version* is used in all Patch the Pirate Club materials.)
2. A pen or pencil
3. Your *Sailor's Log*, which contains the *My Quiet Time Daily Devotional Guide*

Have your quiet time every day. Pick a time and a place where you won't be distracted. It should be a place where you can see well and where you can comfortably write.

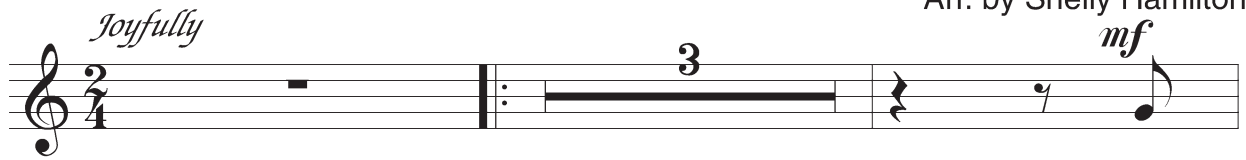
I will have my quiet time with God _____.
Time of day

My quiet time place will be _____.
Place

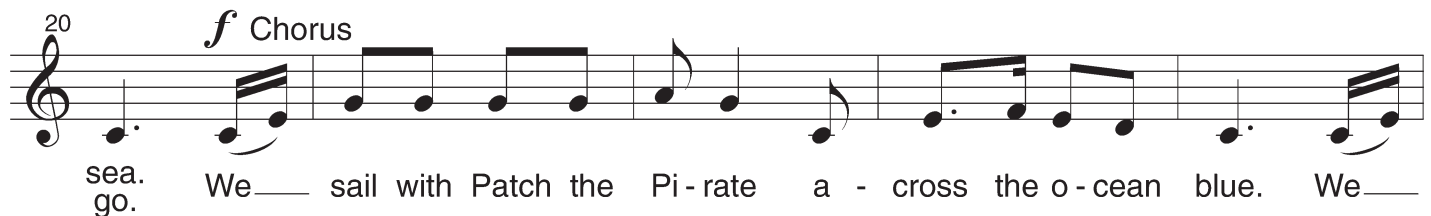
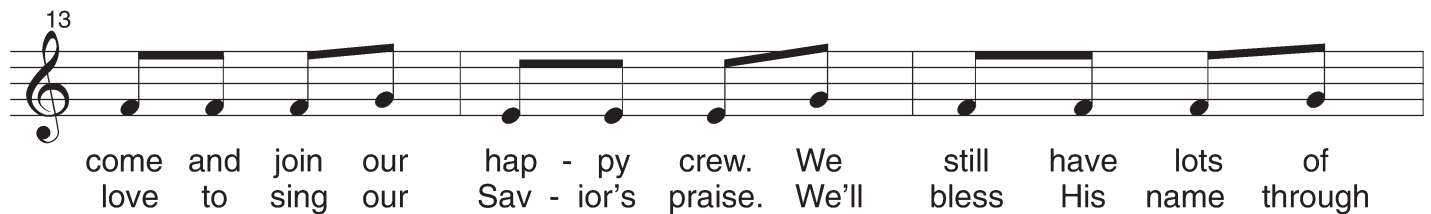
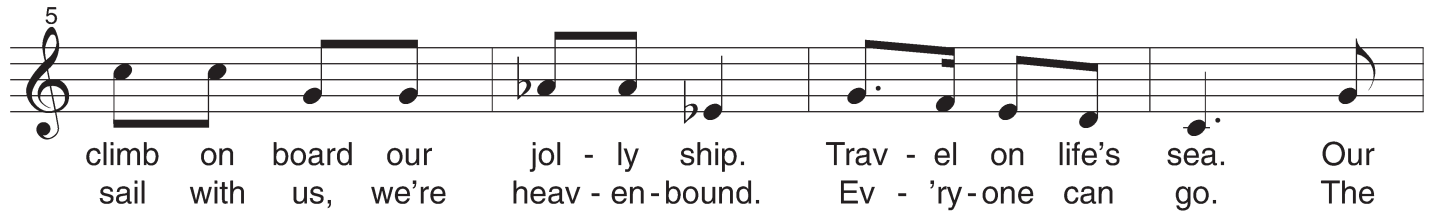


Club Song

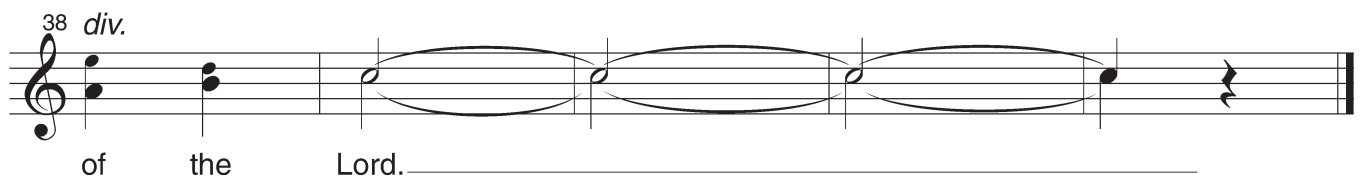
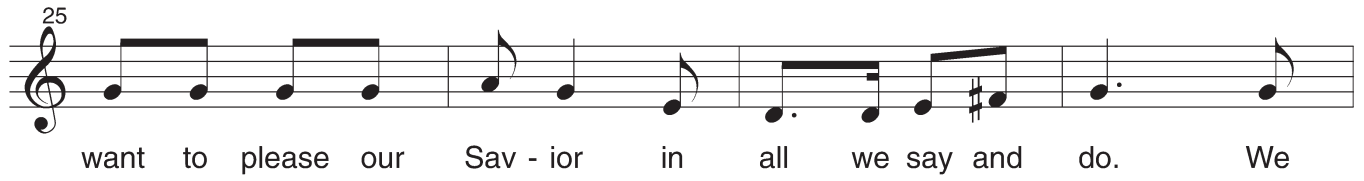
Words & Music by Ron Hamilton
Arr. by Shelly Hamilton



1. Oh,
2. Come



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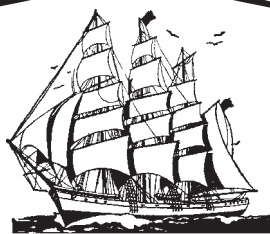




UNIT PAGE



month One



I WILL SING



Godly Character Lesson: THE CHRISTIAN'S SONG



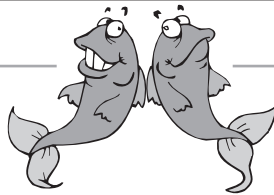
Memory Verse: Psalm 104:33—"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."



Make-up Memory: 2 Corinthians 5:17—"Therefore if any man *be* in
Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all
things are become new."



Sailor Scripture: Psalm 98—"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he
hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath
gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salvation: his
righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of
Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise
and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with
the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of
cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea
roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together. Before
the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall
he judge the world, and the people with equity."



SPEAKING PARTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE

Sailor 1 (boy): Hey, (*Sailor 2*). I saw you singing last week in Patch Club. You really cracked me up! (*hee hee*)

Sailor 2 (girl): Oh really? And what was so funny?

Sailor 1: Well . . . a . . . you were . . . a singing . . . and a . . . you knew the words . . . and a . . . you were smiling . . . and a

Sailor 2: Yes . . . go on!

Sailor 1: And all the guys were laughing cause you really were into it . . . I mean . . . you looked like you really meant it.

Sailor 2: That's no surprise to me—because I did mean it. I read a verse last week, Psalm 104:33, and it got me thinking. The verse was written by a king who was also a valiant warrior. He slew a bear and a lion with his bare hands!

Sailor 1: What was the king's name?

Sailor 2: David, the giant killer—and whatever he did, he did it with all his might—even singing and playing the harp.

Sailor 1: Wow! Maybe I ought to put a little more into my singing, too. Hey, do you think you could give me some voice lessons?

Choir: (*Recites*) Psalm 104:33—"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

Choir: (*Sings*) "I Will Sing"



I Will Sing

Ron Hamilton & Cheryl Reid

Ron Hamilton
Arr. by Shelly Hamilton

Brightly

9 *f* *div.*
I will sing! I will sing! Sing a new song to the Lord!

13
I will sing! I will sing! Sing a new song to the Lord!

17 *mf*
I will sing it loud and clear, sing for all the world to hear. Sing a new

22 *mf* *unis.*
song to the Lord! There's a song that's
I was lost and

28
ring - ing through the sky a - bove. It's the sound of mu - sic;
lone - ly, search - ing for a song. Look - ing for the an - swer;

33
it's a song of love. Voic - es join to - geth - er, sing - ing praise for -
need - ing to be - long. Till the Sav - ior found me, wrapped His love a -

38
ev - er. Field and for - est join the chor - us prais - ing God a - bove!
round me - He for - gave me when He saved me, giv - ing me a song.

44 *div.*

I will sing! I will sing! Sing a new song to the

47

Lord! I will sing! I will sing! Sing a new song to the

51

Lord! I will sing it loud and clear, sing for all the world to hear.

56

1st Ending

3

2nd Ending

Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing a new song!

64

Sing a new song! Sing a new song to the Lord!

70 *f unis.*

Sing a new song! Sing a new song!

74 *div.*

I will sing!

Amazing Grace

John Newton

Virginia Harmony
Arr. by Rachelle Whitcomb
& Shelly Hamilton

p *mp*

Ooo _____ A-

8

maz - ing _____ grace! how sweet the sound that saved a _____ wretch like me! _____

15

_____ I once _____ was _____ lost but now _____ am _____ found— was blind but _____

21 *mf* ♩ = 100

now I see. _____ Grace, grace, God's grace— grace that will

29

par - don and cleanse with - in. Grace, grace, God's grace—

36

grace that is great - er than all our sin.

44 *mf* Grace, grace, God's grace— grace that will

(Optional)

mf A - maz - ing _____ grace! how sweet the sound— grace that will

51 *mf*

par - don and cleanse with - in. Grace, grace, God's

mf

par - don and cleanse with - in. I once ____ was ____ lost but now ____ am ____

57

grace— grace that is great-er than all our sin.

found— grace that is great-er than all our sin.

65 *Slower*
f ♩ = 84

When we've been ____ there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing ____

72 *molto rit.* *f* *a tempo*

as the sun, ____ we've no ____ less ____ days to sing ____ God's ____

78

praise than when we'd ____ first be - gun. ____

85 *mp*

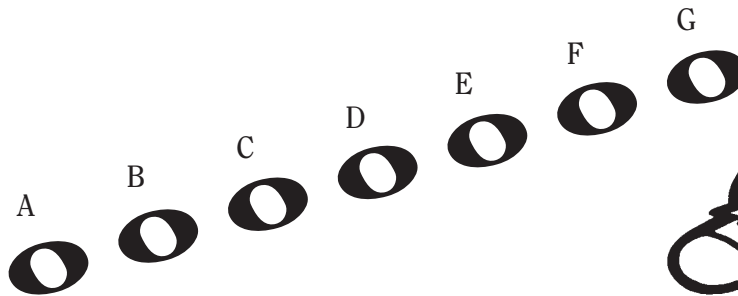
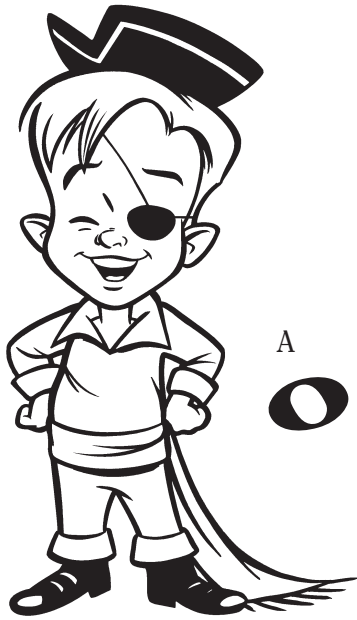
God's grace! ____

NAMING NOTES

MONTH ONE - WEEK 1



A Music notes have special names. They are not names like PeeWee or Princess. They are alphabet letter names. It's easy because there are only seven letters: A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

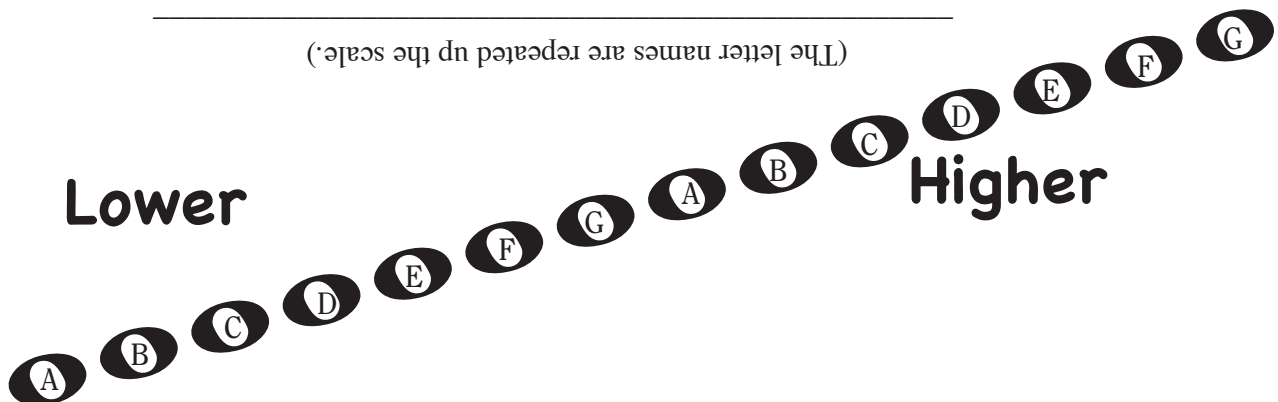


B When you sing or play a musical instrument, you are making melody with notes. Notes are little pieces of music. When they are all put together, they make a song.

Help PeeWee and Princess write the note names on the spaces below.

C How can seven letters name all of the high and low notes?

(The letter names are repeated up the scale.)





DO YOU HAVE A "NEW" SONG?

Directions: To solve this puzzle, look up Psalm 40:3, and fill in the missing vowels (*a, e, i, o, or u*). Read the entire verse when you've finished. If you have not yet accepted Christ as your Savior, then you don't have a new song in your heart. Today would be a great day to ask Jesus to be your Savior and to fill your heart with His new song!



Psalm 40:3

“__nd H__ h__th p__t __ n__w
s__ng in my m__ __th,
__v__n pr__is__ __nt__ our G__d:
m__ny sh__ll s__ __ it, __nd f__ __r,
__nd sh__ll tr__st __n th__ L__RD.”





“I will sing a new song to the Lord!”



THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Our world is filled with all kinds of music. Music is an important part of our lives. Where did music come from? Just what exactly is music? This week as you have your devotions, you will learn from God's Word some basics about music.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Zephaniah 3:17—"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will _____, he will _____ over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with _____."

Do you like to sing? When things are going well and you feel happy inside, it's fun to sing a song. Today's verse says that God likes to sing, too. He loves His children so much that He rejoices and sings. What do you suppose God's singing voice sounds like?

This verse, along with some other verses, shows us that God is musical. He invented music. Heaven is filled with the sound of glorious music. Like most other things, music began with God, long before the earth was created.

When God made people, He made us like Himself in many ways. He gave us a love for music and the desire to make our own music. Music is a gift from our Heavenly Father.



Thank God for the wonderful gift of music. Tell Him about the many ways you enjoy music.

**DAY 2**

MONTH / DAY

Romans 1:20—"For the invisible things of him from the _____ of the _____ are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal _____ and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

Have you ever seen God? Of course you haven't. The Bible says that "no man hath seen God at any time" (John 1:18). Today's verse tells how you can find out about God just by looking around you.

Read today's verse carefully. It says that the invisible things of God can be clearly seen through creation, or nature. In other words, the world that God created shows us things about His character.

What does nature teach you about God? The beauty of nature shows that God is a God of beauty. The order of nature tells us that God is orderly and neat. The great power of a huge waterfall or storm shows that God is very powerful.

The sounds of nature also teach us about God: birds singing, leaves whispering in the wind, a stream chattering over rocks, and ocean waves beating out a steady rhythm. From the music of nature, we learn that God loves music and beauty.



Thank God for teaching you about Himself through nature. Thank Him for giving you eyes and ears to enjoy all the beauty of the world around you.



DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

2 Chronicles 30:21b—“And the Levites and the priests _____
the LORD day by day, _____ with loud
_____ unto the LORD.”

This week you are learning some of the basics of music. Today’s verse illustrates that music can be divided into four important parts. First is the music itself: the notes played by instruments and sung by voices. The music mentioned in today’s verse was played with loud instruments. How many musical instruments can you think of?

In addition to the music itself, many songs have words written to go along with the music. These words are another basic part of music. The children of Israel often sang Bible passages from Psalms or made up their own words to songs.

In today’s verse, Israelite priests were the people who sang and played the music. These people, the performers, were specially trained to perform music that worshipped God. The performer is an important part of music.

Another important part of music is the purpose of the music. For whom is the music played or sung? Why was the music written? In today’s verse the purpose of the music was to worship God. It is important for you to remember that God hears all the music you sing, play, or listen to.



Thank God that He is with you all the time. Ask Him to help you listen to, play, and sing music that pleases Him.

**DAY 4**

MONTH / DAY

1 Samuel 16:23—“And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an _____, and played with his hand: so Saul was _____, and was _____, and the evil spirit departed from him.”

Have you ever noticed the effect music has on you? If cheerful music is playing, you begin to feel cheerful. If sad music is playing, it makes you feel sad. Quick music makes you feel like moving, and slow music makes you feel like resting.

Do you remember the Bible story about King Saul and David? When David was a young man, he worked for King Saul. When the king fell into a bad mood, he would call David to play the harp for him. What kind of music do you think David played for Saul? It must have been pleasant, quiet music, because today's verse says that the music refreshed Saul and made him feel better.

There is good music (like the music David played for King Saul), and there is also bad music. Good music can make you feel cheerful, pleasant, and relaxed; but bad music can make you feel uptight, angry, and disobedient. Music is like a language. The melody, harmony, and rhythm are like words that can be put together to send a message that is good or evil.

Later in your devotions this month, you will learn how to tell the difference between good and bad music. For now, it is more important for you to realize that, even without any words, music itself can be good or evil.



Tell God what you have been learning about music. Ask Him to help you learn the difference between good and bad music.



DAY 5

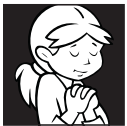
MONTH / DAY

Proverbs 10:32—"The lips of the _____ know what is acceptable: but the _____ of the _____ *speake*th frowardness."

You can tell a great deal about a person just by listening to him speak. The more a person says, the more you can tell what kind of person he is.

Today's verse says that someone who is obedient to God (righteous) knows how to speak in a way that pleases God. But the disobedient (wicked) person speaks words that are disobedient and evil.

When music has words, these words can either be good words that are obedient to the Bible, or evil words that displease God. Listen closely to the songs you like to sing and play. Are the words of those songs pleasing to your Heavenly Father?



Ask God to help you listen to music that pleases Him. Thank Him for giving you the Bible to show you how you can obey Him.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

Nehemiah 12:46—"For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the _____, and _____ of _____ and thanksgiving unto God."

In Old Testament times, music was very important to the children of Israel. They had happy songs to celebrate victory in battle, sad songs to sing at funerals, and working songs to pass the time during the day. But the most important music to them was the music sung at the tabernacle—the music used for worshipping God.



Only specially appointed Levites could play and sing temple music for God. These Levites trained for many years. They weren't allowed to perform with the temple choirs until they were 30 years old. And they had to follow all the strict rules and laws placed on all the other priests who offered sacrifices to God for the people of Israel.

Why was it so important that these singers and players were pure and holy before God? Because they were offering worship and praise to God. Just as these musicians were holy and obedient, there may also be musicians who are sinful and disobedient. Do you think music performed by a sinful person is pleasing to God?



Ask God to help you keep your life pure and obedient so that every part of your life—including your music—will be pleasing to Him.

DAY 7

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Galatians 5:17—"For the _____ lusteth against the Spirit, and the _____ against the flesh: and these are _____ the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

In every Christian's life, a great battle is going on. If you are God's child, this same war is boiling inside of you. What is this fight about? It is the battle between what your flesh (your natural self) wants to do, and what the Holy Spirit tells you to do.

Every area of your life is involved in this war. When the alarm clock rings in the morning, what does your flesh tell you to do? "Stay in bed! Go back to sleep!" What does God's Spirit tell you? "This new day was made by God—get up and rejoice!"

The area of music is also a battle ground in this fight between your flesh and God's Spirit. Your flesh wants to hear music that makes you



feel good. God's Spirit wants you to listen to music that pleases God above all.

You may have your flesh under God's control in many areas of your life, but what about the area of music? Are you listening to music just because you enjoy the way it makes you feel? Are you using music to worship and obey your Heavenly Father? Make up your mind that you will surrender every area of your life to the Holy Spirit—including this area of music.



Ask God to give you strength and courage to fight against the desires of your flesh? Thank Him for giving you the Holy Spirit who helps you and comforts you every day.



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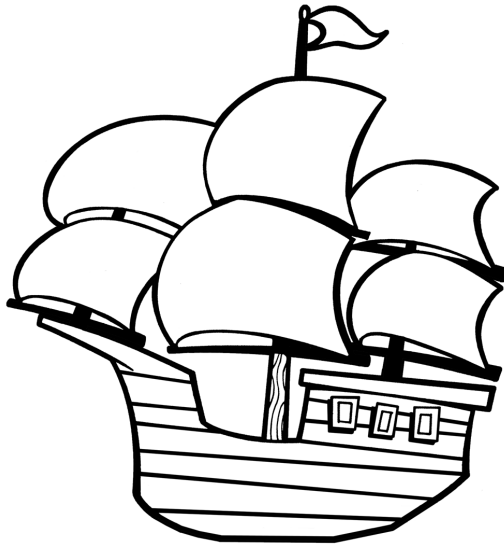
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ALL ABOARD!

MONTH ONE - WEEK 2



Some musical notes represent high notes and some represent low notes. You also know that each note has a letter name.



Music notes are sometimes short and sometimes long. Sing the words to *Jesus Loves Me* following the long and short ship boards like we find on the Jolly Roger.

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Je- sus loves me. This I know.

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For the Bi- ble tells me so.

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Lit- tle ones to Him be- long.

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They are weak, but He is strong.

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Yes, Je- sus loves me.

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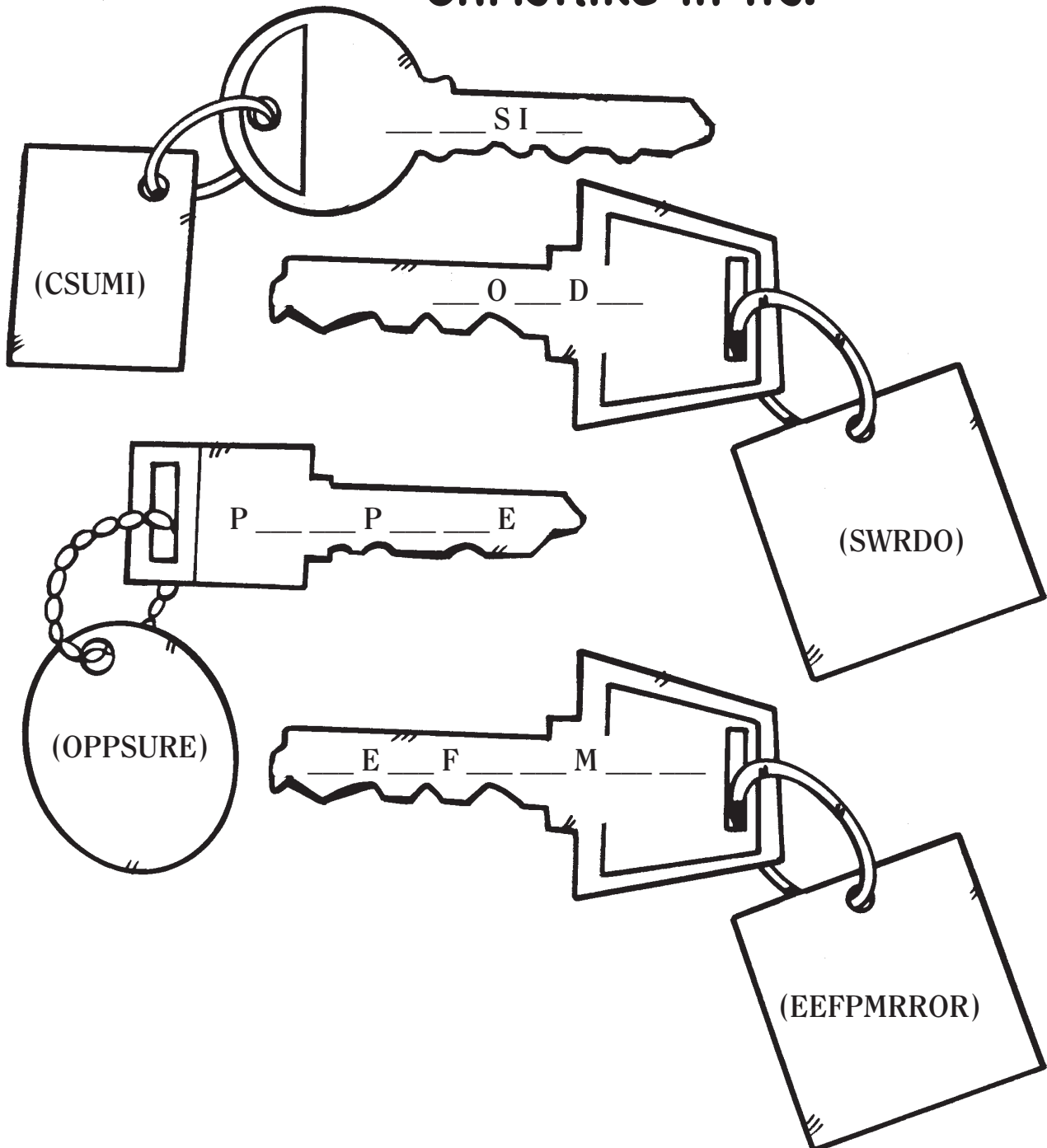
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KEYS TO "CHRISTIAN MUSIC"

Directions: In your lessons today, you'll learn some Bible truths about choosing good Christian music. Unscramble the words to list some of these characteristics. Write the words on the keys below.

Christlike in its:





“Luigi, you bring home the meatball!
But it’s me that makes the sauce!”



“CHRISTIAN” MUSIC

The phrase “Christian music” is heard everywhere today. Just what is Christian music? Is it any kind of music performed by Christians? Is it any song that quotes a Bible verse? Or is it just the old-fashioned songs in old hymnals? This week as you have your devotions, you will learn what true Christian music is.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 40:2-3—“He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a _____, *and* established my goings. And he hath put a new _____ in my mouth, *even* _____ unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.”

Before George was saved, he was angry and upset nearly all the time. He felt guilty for doing wrong things and angry that he didn’t have a better life. Then he went to church with Chuck. Chuck’s pastor explained how George could be forgiven of his sins—once for all! George learned that Jesus loved him enough to die for him. George confessed his sin and trusted Jesus to be his Savior.

The next morning, George woke up with a smile on his face. God loved him, and his sins were forgiven! Instead of feeling angry and upset all day, George was filled with joy. He felt loving to those around him, and he couldn’t wait to tell his friends about Jesus. George had been saved.

Today’s verses tell how Christians should feel about their salvation. God rescued you out of the horrible pit of sin and sadness. He put your



feet on the rock of Jesus Christ. And He changed your life and gave you a purpose to live.

What is your response to this wonderful salvation? “He hath put a new song in my mouth.” Singing praise to God is a natural way to let Him know how thankful and happy you are to be a Christian. Can an unsaved person create songs about the wonderful experience of salvation? Of course not. Christian music can come only from people who have been saved by Jesus Christ.



If you are a child of God, take extra time today to thank and praise your Heavenly Father for saving you. Thank Him for the new song of praise that He gives you. If you are not God’s child, go and talk with your Patch club Captain, asking him or her to tell you how you can become a Christian.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

2 Corinthians 5:17—“Therefore if any man *be* in _____, *he is* a new _____; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become _____.”

If you are saved (in Christ), you are a new person. The old you is gone. You are changed into a new person because of trusting Jesus as your Savior. This does not mean your body looks different when you look into the mirror. It does mean that your spirit is different. Your thoughts, attitudes, and wants will change because you are different in your heart.

This “newness” affects every area of your life. Your attitude about school is different than it was when you were unsaved. Your home life will be different than it was when you were unsaved. Your home life will be different as you serve God by being loving, kind, and helpful to your family members.



Being a new creature in Christ will affect your choices in music as well. Whereas you enjoyed music that made you feel good before you were saved, now you will want to listen to music that worships and praises your Heavenly Father.

This brings us to the next principle about Christian music. True Christian music should be “new” just as your life is new after you are saved. It will not sound like the same kind of fleshly music that the world writes. Rather, Christian music should reflect the newness of your life after Jesus has saved you.



Thank God for making you new on the inside when He saved you. Ask Him to help you sing praises to Him and worship Him in song.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

1 Peter 1:14-15—“As _____ children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all manner of _____.”

What is the highest, most important goal of the child of God? What one principle or basic rule should control every choice and decision the Christian makes? This question is answered by today’s passage.

“Be obedient children of God,” Peter writes to God’s children. Don’t continue to live the way you did before you were saved. But just as Jesus (the One who saved you) is holy, be holy yourselves in every way.

To be holy means to be set apart, separated from sin, and separated to God. In other words, the life purpose of every Christian should be to stay apart from sin and become more and more like Christ.



This goal should control every area of the Christian's life. It also applies to music. A Christian's music should be separate from sin and worldliness.



Ask God to help you understand that music should be holy—separated from the world and like God Himself.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 90:17—“And let the _____ of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the _____ of our _____ upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.”

Last week you learned that music has some very basic parts: the music itself, the words, the performer, and the purpose. According to what you learned yesterday, every part of music should be separate from sin and like Christ.

How can music be like God and separate from sin? (Remember, music by itself can be good or evil.) First, you must know what God is like. God is orderly; and therefore, music that reflects God must be orderly—not wild and disorganized.

God is also beautiful. Music that reflects God will be beautiful. God is holy and righteous, without sin. The style of Christian music should not remind listeners of the sinful music of the world. Some people are fooled into believing that Christian music can sound just like the world's music and still be pleasing to God. However, this kind of music is not holy and righteous.

Christ is humble and obedient. Christian music should send a message of obedience and humility. Much of the world's music sounds rebellious and angry, not humble and kind. Be careful that the music you sing and listen to is Christlike in style and message.



Ask God to help you choose music that is like Him and not like the music of the world. Thank Him for saving you and giving you a new song and a new life in Him.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Colossians 3:16—“Let the _____ of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in _____ and hymns and spiritual songs, _____ with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

This week you are learning what Christian music should be like. Yesterday you learned that the music itself should be like God and not like the world.

Today’s verse tells us what the words of Christian music should be like. They, too, should be Christlike. The Bible is filled with the words of God and His Son, Jesus. God’s words and messages should fill our songs.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,” today’s verse says. God’s children should be thinking about God and His Word all day long. God’s Word should be constantly in the front of our minds, reminding us of His love and teaching us how we should live.

What better way is there to keep God’s Word in your mind than to sing it? Notice that the Apostle Paul tells Christians to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. And to whom are God’s children supposed to sing? They should sing “with grace in [their hearts] to the Lord.”



Thank God for the gift of music. Ask Him to help you sing and listen to songs that cause you to think about and remember His Word.

**DAY 6**

MONTH / DAY

Philippians 1:10-11—"That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without _____ till the day of Christ. Being filled with the _____ of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and _____ of God."

As you choose the kinds of Christian music you will listen to or sing, it is important to the life of the person who performs the music.

As you sing to the Lord, your life and the way you sing to God should be Christlike, just as the music and words of the songs should reflect God. As today's verse says, God's child should approve the things—including music—that are excellent. You should also be sincere, and the fruit of the Spirit should be seen in your life. Finally, your life should be dedicated to the glory and praise of God.

Some musicians who write and perform religious music have lives that are not holy and pleasing to God. Instead, they copy the sinfulness of the world in the way they dress, talk, and spend their time. Often, their music also copies the world in its style and even in its words.

Think back to the Old Testament priests who were required to be pure and without sin in order to offer their music to God. In searching for truly Christian music, we should not give our respect and admiration to performers whose lives are not Christlike.



Ask God to help you be like Him in the way you sing. Thank Him for giving you a voice to praise Him.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 30:11-12—"Thou has turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with _____; To the end that *my* glory may _____ praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give _____ unto thee for ever."

You have learned that Christian music should be Christlike in every way. It must be created by a Christian; it must be separate and different from the music of the world; and the music itself must reflect God. The words of Christian music should come from God Himself, and the life of the performer should be Christlike.

Now we come to the purpose of Christian music. Like every other part of music, the purpose of the music must be Christlike. What was the purpose of Jesus' life while He was on earth? His purpose was to give glory to His Father in heaven. So, if Christian music is Christlike, it too, will give glory to God.

Today's verses teach this very thing. God was good to David. He brought David out of sadness and filled his heart with joy. Because of God's great goodness, David wanted to sing praise to God. He was so grateful to God that he wanted to give thanks to God forever. Does the Christian music you listen to give praise and glory to God? Is it like Christ in its purpose?



Thank God for your salvation and for all the wonderful things He has done for you. Ask Him to help you praise and worship Him in song.



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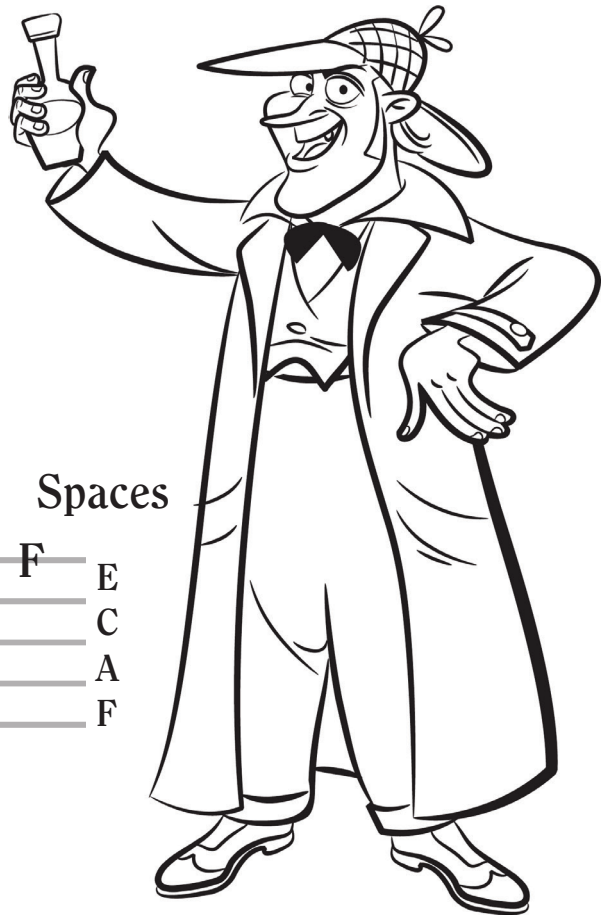
Shylock finds clues to the mystery of the sinking gondola by learning to read high and low notes on a set of lines called a music staff.



Each line and space on the staff has a letter name of its own.

From the bottom to the top, the lines are E, G, B, D, F. You can remember them as *Every Good Boy Does Fine*.

The names of the spaces from the bottom to the top are: F, A, C, E. That spells FACE.



Lines

F
D
B
G
E



E F G A B C D E F

Spaces

E
C
A
F



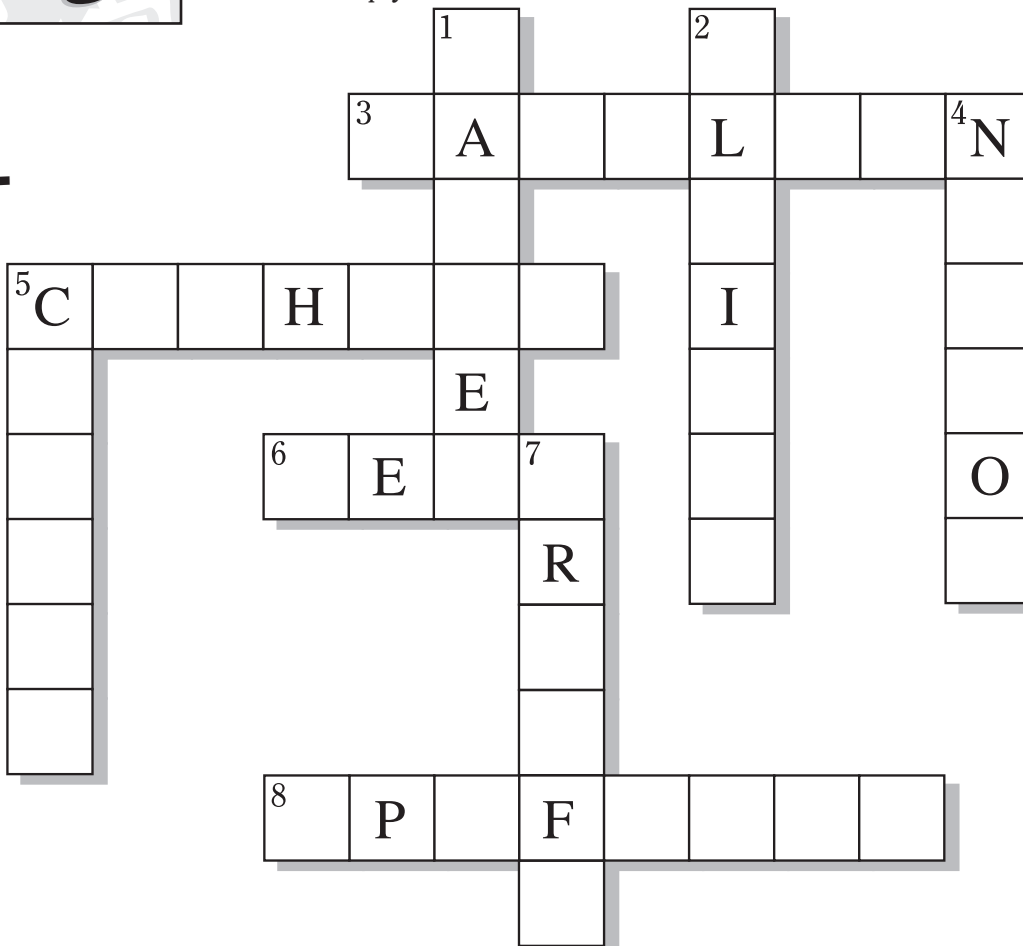
Shylock is going to jail. Help him to change his evil ways. Draw lines matching the words on the left below to the correct corresponding lines or spaces on the right. One is completed for you.

Lines

Spaces

E, G, B, D, F
Four
F, A, C, E
Five

Berg
Crosby
Cushing
Elliott
Graeff
Hamilton
Newton
Spafford
Warner



3. After losing his eye to cancer, Ron _____ wrote the song “Rejoice in the Lord.”
5. William _____ wrote the hymn, “Hiding in Thee” after the death of his wife.
6. This young woman who watched her father drown in a shipping accident, wrote “Day by Day.”
8. Horatio _____ penned the words, “It Is Well With My Soul” as a testimony after losing his four daughters at sea.

1. This woman wrote "Jesus Loves Me," a children's favorite all over the world.
2. Charlotte _____ wrote "Just As I Am." The friend who led her to Christ told her that Jesus would love and accept her just as she was.
4. God brought a slave trader and ship captain through a near ship wreck to show him how much he needed salvation. This man, John _____, wrote his testimony in the hymn, "Amazing Grace."
5. A blind Fanny _____ wrote thousands of songs. "My Savior First of All" is her testimony of looking forward to seeing Jesus.
7. This poet wrote "Does Jesus Care?" while facing great heartache. Through his study of Scripture, he concluded, "Yes, He cares!" _____



“I spinna the dough up high in the air!”



MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

Did you know that nearly every time music is mentioned in the Bible, it is being used to worship God? Two or three times in the Bible the song of foolish men is mentioned, and a couple of times singing to a loved one is talked about. Every other reference to music involves worship and praise to God. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn about worshipping God through music.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 100:1-2—"Make a _____ noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with _____: come before his presence with _____."

Worship should be a very important part of the Christian life. What exactly is worship? Worship has three parts: praise, thanksgiving, and submission.

Praising God is telling Him how great and wonderful He is. Thanksgiving is telling God "thank you" for all the good, loving things He has done for you. Submission is realizing in your heart that God is great and holy, you are small and imperfect, and deciding that you will obey and serve God because He is so great and loving.

Worshipping God is not something you do only at church. God wants you to worship Him every day—during your quiet time with Him and all through the day as you talk to Him. When you choose to obey the people who are in charge of you, you are worshipping God in your actions.

God also wants you to worship Him by singing to Him. Today's verse says that God's children should come before Him with singing. From



this verse and from many other verses, we learn that music is a very important part of worship.



Ask God to help you worship Him every day. Thank Him for loving you and for giving you His Word.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Hebrews 13:15—“By him [Jesus] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of _____ to God continually, that is, the _____, of *our* lips giving _____ to his name.”

In Old Testament times, the children of Israel offered sacrifices to God for many different reasons. Sometimes the priests killed animals as a sacrifice for the sins of the people. These animal sacrifices were a picture of Jesus’ coming to die for the sins of the world, once and for all. There were also sacrifices to praise God and to thank Him for good things He had done.

After Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, these Old Testament sacrifices were no longer needed. Now God’s children could talk to God themselves and read His Word to learn what He said to them.

Although there are no more animal sacrifices like the priests in the Old Testament offered to God, there are different kinds of sacrifices God wants from His children. Christians are to offer their bodies as a living sacrifice, dedicated to serving God (as given in Romans 12:1-2). Today’s verse talks about a sacrifice of praise that God wants to receive from His children. What is this sacrifice of praise? It is “the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.”

Music that we sing to God is a kind of sacrifice as well. Our songs should be filled with praise, thanksgiving, and submission to our



Heavenly Father. As you sing at church or by yourself at home, think of your singing as a sacrifice that you are offering to God. Let it be a sacrifice of true praise and worship to God.



Thank God that you do not need a priest to help you talk to God. Ask Him to help you offer to Him a sacrifice of praise every time you sing.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

1 Chronicles 16:29—"Give unto the LORD the _____ *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: _____ the LORD in the beauty of _____."

In Old Testament times, when it was time to offer a sacrifice to the Lord, a perfect lamb was chosen. The lamb had to be pure white, without a spot or scratch. The lamb could not be sick or weak. Only the best lamb would be good enough to offer to God.

When we offer anything to God today, we should give Him only our best. Today's verse says that God's children should give to Him the "glory due unto his name." This means giving to God what He deserves—the best we have to offer. Now, because God is perfect and holy, and because people are sinful and imperfect, no one can give God a gift as good, as big, and as perfect as He deserves. God doesn't ask His children to give what they cannot give. But He does ask them to give Him their best.

As you sing to God at home and at church, make sure the music you sing is music that pleases God—not just music that makes you feel good. Make sure you are singing your very best for Him.



Ask God to help you give Him your best in every area of your life. Ask Him to help you make choices about music that will please and give glory to Him.

**DAY 4**

MONTH / DAY

1 Corinthians 14:15—"What is it then? I will pray with the _____, and I will pray with the _____ also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will _____ with the understanding also."

Three-year-old Beth wanted to make a special drink for her mommy. She had heard her mother say she was thirsty. Little Beth used a cup to scoop up some water from a puddle in the driveway. Then she stirred in some leaves and grass. As a finishing touch, she put a little dandelion on top.

"Here, Mommy! I made a drink for you," Beth said, holding the cup out to her mother. "Drink it, Mommy!" Do you think Beth's mother drank what her daughter made? Of course not! Although she was glad her daughter wanted to help her, the drink Beth made was not what her mother needed or wanted.

Many times when Christians create music for God's children to use in worship, they do what little Beth did. They choose music and words from the music they hear around them, never considering what kind of music God Himself wants to hear from His children.

Today's verse says, "I will sing with the understanding." God wants His children to offer Him worship with understanding. This would include understanding the meaning of the songs they are singing. God's children should study and learn the kind of music that pleases God. Last week you learned what pleases God—Christlikeness in every area of life, including music.



Ask God to help you worship Him with an understanding of what pleases Him. Ask Him to help you choose music where the words, the music, the performer, and the purpose all are like Jesus.



DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 67:3—"Let the people _____ thee, O
_____; let all the people _____ thee."

"I wish I could sing like that man in church," Robert told his father on the way home. "Just think—that man can sing to God all day long, whenever he wants to, because his voice is so nice."

Robert's father smiled. "Son, that man is praising God with the voice God gave him. God gave you a voice, too, and you should be using it to praise your Heavenly Father all day long, no matter what it sounds like to others."

Robert's father was right. We should be singing and praising God with our voices. Even if your voice is not as good as someone else, it is the voice God gave you. Don't you think God wants to hear you praising Him with what He has given you?

Singing to God should be a normal, daily part of your life if you are His child. Just as you whisper prayers to your Heavenly Father as you go through your day, your heart and your voice should be lifted in songs of worship as well. Don't limit your quiet time to reading God's Word and praying. "Come before His presence with singing!" (Psalm 100:2). Make singing a part of your personal time with God.



Sing this month's song to praise God in your quiet time today. Ask Him to help you worship Him by singing to Him every day.

**DAY 6**

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 42:8—“Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the _____, and in the night his _____ *shall be with me, and my* _____ unto the God of my life.”

Yesterday you learned that singing to God should be a normal part of your Christian life. No matter what your voice may sound like, God wants to hear you singing about Him and to Him.

Singing to God is pleasing to Him, but it also greatly helps you. When you are lonely or sad, singing about God will remind you that He is always with you and that He cares for you. When you are happy, singing to God allows you to praise Him for what He has done for you. This will keep you from being proud and taking the credit yourself for what God has done.

When you are angry about something, singing to God will remind you that He is great and perfect and you are small and sinful. Your angry spirit can be changed as you sing to Him, and the Holy Spirit can use your singing to help you have a submissive and quiet spirit. Then you can act in a way that pleases God instead of being angry with others.

Make an effort to memorize songs that quote God’s Word. The Holy Spirit will use these songs to comfort you and speak to your heart in every situation you face. Singing to God helps you keep your heart close to your Heavenly Father all the time.



Thank God for the way singing can help you stay closer to Him through the day. Ask Him to help you sing Bible songs, instead of other songs that don’t please Him and don’t help you.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Acts 16:25—“And at _____ Paul and Silas _____, and sang _____ unto God: and the prisoners heard them.”

Poor Paul and Silas! Their enemies had beaten them and thrown them into prison. They were bruised and bleeding in the cold, dark prison. Did Paul and Silas complain and cry about their terrible state? Did they moan from the pain or curse the mean people who put them there?

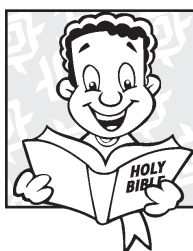
No—Paul and Silas praised the Lord! They actually worshipped God by singing praise to Him in the darkest part of the night. They trusted in God so much that they knew He was taking care of them. They felt His love and trusted that He would work everything out for His glory.

Today’s verse says that the other prisoners heard Paul and Silas. What a witness their song was to these people! Here were two men, thanking Him for His love and care.

In the Bible, music is never used to reach unsaved people. It is almost always used to worship God. However, unsaved people will be drawn to Christ when they see Christians sincerely praising and worshipping God in song. Beware of “Christian” music that is created to attract unsaved people. True Christian music will be Christlike music offered to God as a sacrifice of praise, with an understanding of what is pleasing to God.



Ask God to help you worship Him every day in song and in prayer. Thank Him for all the wonderful things He has done for you. Thank Him for giving you a voice so you can sing praises to Him.



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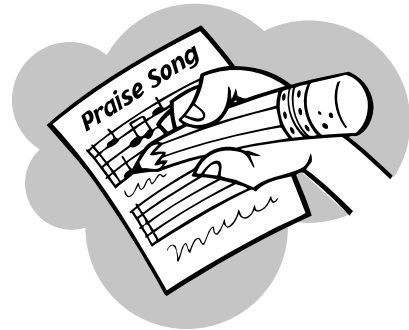
THE GONDOLIER'S TREBLE CLEF

Directions: The garlic breath gondolier is drawing a treble clef sign. Begin at the circle at the bottom, and trace over the treble clef. Try to draw one of your own.

MONTH ONE - WEEK 4



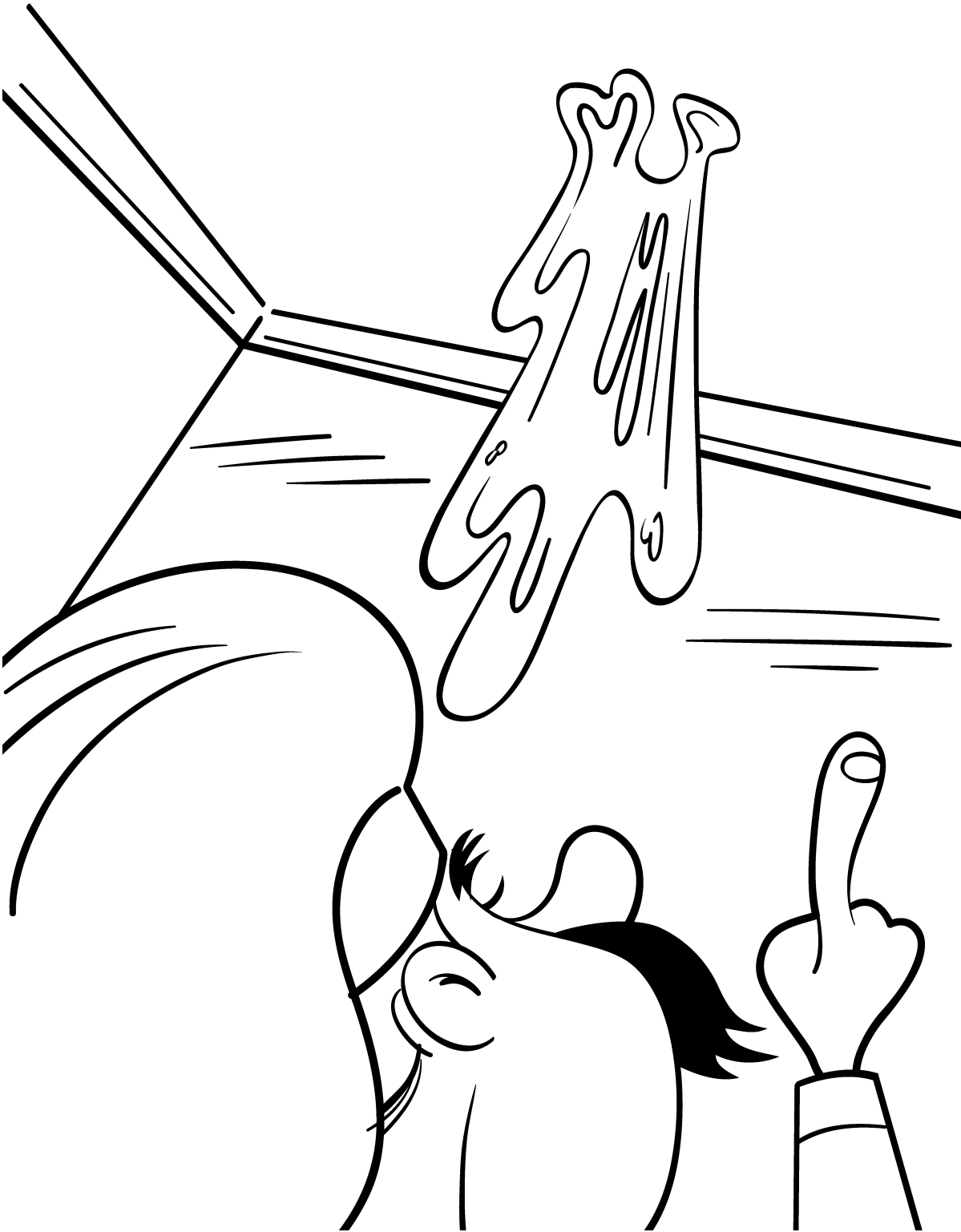
Directions: Compose your own song of praise to the Lord. Choose a familiar tune such as “Praise Him!” or “Jesus Loves Me.” Write the name of your tune you have chosen, then compose the words for it. You can team up with another sailor or a parent, if you wish.



Name of Tune: _____

Words I composed: _____

[illegible]



Sometimes dough sticks to the ceiling.
It really upsets Luigi!



WORLDLY “CHRISTIAN” MUSIC (WHAT’S WRONG WITH IT?)

Today there is a group of musicians creating and performing a kind of music which is causing a lot of confusion among Christians. This music is called “Christian” music, but it sounds like the music of the world. Is it okay for you to listen to and sing this music, since it is called Christian music? Many people believe that it is. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn some biblical principles that will help you know whether this worldly “Christian” music is right or wrong.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Leviticus 10:10—“And that ye may put difference between _____ and _____, and between unclean and _____.”

Many things in this world can be either holy or unholy. This is a basic truth from God’s Word. God wants His children to make a clear difference between what is holy (like God) and what is unholy (different from God—sinful).

Satan is the great deceiver. His favorite trick is to take a little bit of God’s truth and twist it a little, adding on some lies of his own. God’s children are attracted to his trap by the little bit of truth and are deceived into believing Satan’s wicked lie.

In the area of Christian music, Satan is deceiving an amazing number of Christians. He has taken the fleshly, rebellious music of the world and put a Christian name on it. Many of God’s children fall into Satan’s trap and are soon involved in enjoying music that pleases their



flesh and does not please their Heavenly Father. How happy Satan must be with his evil lie!

Does the kind of music you listen to and enjoy show a clear difference from the unholy music of the world? Have you been fooled by Satan's lie about Christian music?



Ask God to help you resist Satan's temptation of worldly "Christian" music that pleases your flesh but does not give glory to God. Thank Him for giving you His Word and His Holy Spirit to help you.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Colossians 2:8—"_____ lest any man spoil you through _____ and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after _____."

"Music itself doesn't really matter," Joel told his friend as they listened to a "Christian" rock album. "I mean, as long as the words aren't bad, it's okay." Have you ever heard someone say this? Have you ever thought this yourself? A great many Christians believe this lie about "Christian" music.

Jeremiah 17:9 teaches that the human heart (the part of you that thinks, feels, and makes choices) is deceitful and wicked. Your feelings and ideas cannot be trusted. They are sinful and will lead you to trouble. The only truth you can trust is the Word of God. That is why God wants you to trust in and obey His Word instead of making choices according to how you feel or what your opinion is. Today's verse tells God's children not to be deceived by trying to live the way the world does—by using your feelings and ideas to judge right or wrong, instead of using God's Word. This month you have learned many Bible principles for choosing music that pleases God. Make sure that the music you listen to and sing



is music that conforms to God's standards, instead of relying on the opinions and feelings of yourself or others.



Ask God to help you trust in His Word to help you make choices instead of using your own mind to figure out what is right or wrong.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 1:2—"But his _____ is in the _____ of the LORD; and in his law doth he _____ day and night."

If you are God's child, God's Word is the most precious thing that you have. God wants you to keep His Word in your mind all day and all night. You do this by reading it every day, by thinking about it during the day, and by talking about it with those around you. Your music should also keep God's Word in your mind. The songs you listen to should speak about God and remind you what His Word says.

Much of the worldly Christian music today does not even mention God or His Word. The people who write this music say that they do not want to "scare away" unsaved people by preaching at them through their music. Is this what God wants from His children—music that does not even refer to Him or His goodness? Make sure the music you sing or listen to pleases God by keeping His Word in your mind.



Thank God for the precious gift of His Word. Ask Him to help you keep it in your mind by reading it, thinking about it, talking about it, and singing its words.

DAY 4

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1 Corinthians 2:4-5—"And my _____ and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's _____, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the _____ of God."



The Apostle Paul preached the gospel wherever he went. His heart's desire was to serve God by telling the unsaved about Jesus. Did Paul stand on a platform, dancing and singing, to attract people to Christ? Did he charge people ten dollars to listen to him preach? No—today's verses say that Paul's words were simple and humble. He tried not to call attention to himself. He did not want men to admire and follow him—he wanted men to follow Christ and accept Him as their personal Savior.

Many times, people involved in worldly Christian music call great attention to themselves and draw little attention to God. "Christian" performers stand before great crowds of young people who scream and clap their hands for this great performer.

Whom are the young people praising? The performer. Whom do the young people want to imitate and pattern their lives after? The performer. This kind of music does not please God because the focus is on the performer and not on God. Are you giving praise and admiration to a musical performer instead of to God?



Ask God to help you choose music that gives all the praise and glory to your Heavenly Father and not to a performer or a musical group. Thank Him for His gift of music.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Ezekiel 33:32—"And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely _____ of one that hath a pleasant _____, and can play well on an _____: for they hear thy words, but they do them not."

Imagine a clean-cut young man standing at the front of your church, singing a solo. The music is beautiful and godly. The message of the song comes from John 3:16 in God's Word.



“Surely this is music that is a holy sacrifice to God,” you say to yourself. “This cannot be worldly music—not in my church!” But there is a kind of music that can look and sound this good. It is the music of hypocrisy.

Today’s verse is talking about a situation like this. Sometimes we have good music in Bible-believing churches where the people dress up, go to church, enjoy a pleasant service, and go home again. But something’s wrong with this. Don’t we sometimes go to church and listen to the music for our own personal enjoyment? When we do, we are not taking God’s Word into our hearts and letting it change us and make us more like Christ.

Don’t be guilty of being involved in this kind of worship. When you sing and perform your Patch Club songs, sing sincerely to the Lord and for His glory. Think about the words you are singing, and sing them as a prayer to your Heavenly Father. Offer your song to God as a sacrifice of praise and love—just for Him.



Ask God to keep you from singing to Him hypocritically. Thank Him for loving you and adopting you as His very own child.

DAY 6

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Romans 12:1-2—“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your _____ a living sacrifice, holy, _____ unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this _____: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Today’s verses make it clear that Christians are to pattern themselves after God and not after the world. Your body and everything



about you should be dedicated to pleasing and serving your Heavenly Father. The things you do and the choices you make should follow Jesus' example. As you spend time in God's Word, in prayer, and in obeying God, the Holy Spirit will work in your heart to make you more like Christ every day.

Because the music you choose to sing and listen to is part of your life, this music should be acceptable to God in each of its four parts—the music itself, the words, the performer, and the purpose. When even one of these parts is patterned after the world, the music becomes worldly and does not please God.

Take time today to think carefully about music you listen to. Does the music show God's character—is it orderly, full of beauty, with no hint of the worlds' rebellion? Do the words of the song keep God's Word in your mind as you sing it? Is the performer dedicated to knowing what pleases God and to offering a pure sacrifice of praise? Does the song give praise and glory to God?

Make sure that every area of your life—including the music you choose to listen to, sing, or play—is holy and acceptable to your Heavenly Father.



Ask God to give you the courage and determination to choose music that pleases God in every way. Ask Him to keep you from conforming to the world.

DAY 7

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Psalm 104:33—"I will _____ unto the LORD as long as I
_____: I will sing _____ to my God while I
have my being."



This month, you have learned many things about music. You have learned the basic parts of music and what kind of music is pleasing to God. Music is a great part of the Christian's life. Sadly, it seems as though Satan is winning the battle for Christian music in our world. Don't let him deceive you into believing that the kind of music you listen to really doesn't matter. Music is important to God—and because of that, music should be important to you as well.

Take a few extra minutes today to write down your personal standards in music based on what you have learned from God's Word this month. Include references to verses you have studied in your devotions. When you finish, put this page in a place where you can read it often.

Based on what the Bible says about music or the biblical principle of keeping my life pure from the influence of the world, these are my standards for choosing music to listen to and to sing:



Thank God for what you have learned about music this month. Pray today's verse to Him as a commitment to singing praise to Him as long as you live.



I have faithfully had my devotions this week.

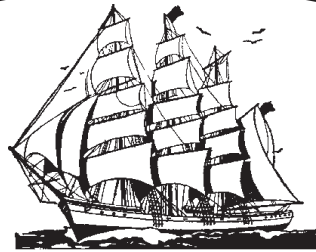
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UNIT PAGE



Month Two



THE SECRET PLACE



Godly Character Lesson: SEARCH THE SCRIPTURE



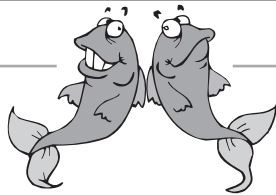
Memory Verse: Jeremiah 15:16—"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts."



Make-up Memory: Joshua 1:8—"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."



Sailor Scripture: Psalm 98—"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together. Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity."



SPEAKING PARTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE

Instructions: *Sailors 1, 2, 3, and 4 are standing in a row, each reading something different. They should stand this way for a few moments before beginning to speak.*

Sailor 1: *(Holding a letter.)* What are you looking at, Sailor 2?

Sailor 2: *(Holding a road map.)* I'm going on a trip, Sailor 1. This map will show me how to get where I'm going. What are you reading, Sailor 3?

Sailor 3: *(Holding a book.)* This is an exciting adventure story. What do you have, Sailor 1?

Sailor 1: My father is on a trip. He sent this letter to me, and I keep reading it over and over because I miss him so much. What is Sailor 4 reading?

Sailor 4: *(Holding a Bible.)* I'm reading my Bible.

Sailor 1,2,3: *(Speaking scornfully.)* You're reading your Bible?

Sailor 3: Isn't the Bible boring? I'd rather read an adventure story.

Sailor 1: Why read the Bible when you can read something written by a real, live person?

Sailor 4: The Bible is written by a real, live person, Sailor 1. It is a letter from God to us. And it certainly is not boring. It's full of exciting stories—stories that are true! The Bible is just as useful as your map, Sailor 2. The Bible tells us how we can get to heaven.

Sailor 2: Wow! I guess I should be reading my Bible every day.

Sailor 1: Do you have an extra Bible I could read, Sailor 4?

Sailor 3: I want to read those exciting stories. Do you have a Bible for me?

(Sailor 4 hands a Bible to each child.)

All: *(Holding up the Bibles and speaking in unison to audience.)* The Bible is a letter, a map, and a lesson book. Study the Bible, and learn how to live!

Choir: *(Recites)* Jeremiah 15:16—"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts."

Choir: *(Sings)* "The Secret Place"



The Secret Place

Cheryl Reid & Ron Hamilton

Jonathan Hamilton
Arr. by Shelly Hamilton

Meditatively

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(With)

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found a se - cret place of com - fort and re - lease— a
ev - 'ry trial He brings, my Lord will make a way— to

14
spe - cial place of heal - ing, a qui - et place of peace. And
strength - en and pro - tect me, to help me face each day. He

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ev - 'ry - one who dwells there finds rest be - neath God's
leads me through the val - ley to draw me clos - er

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find His per - fect will.

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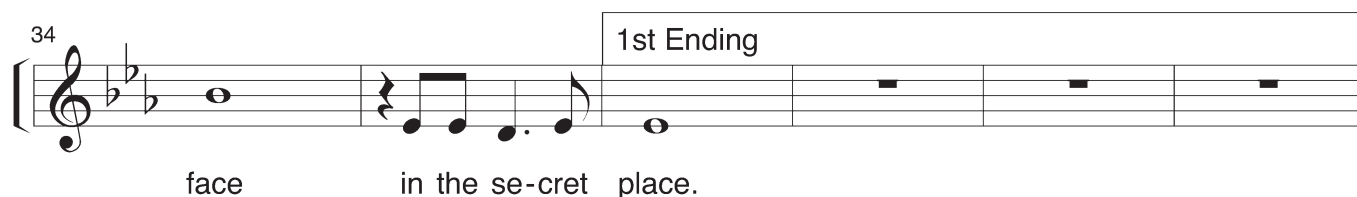
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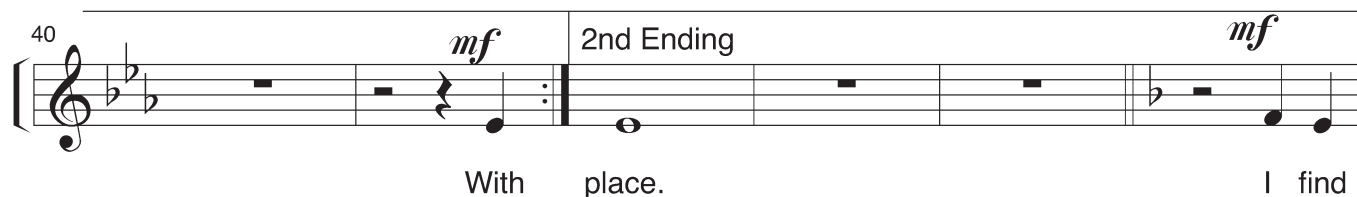
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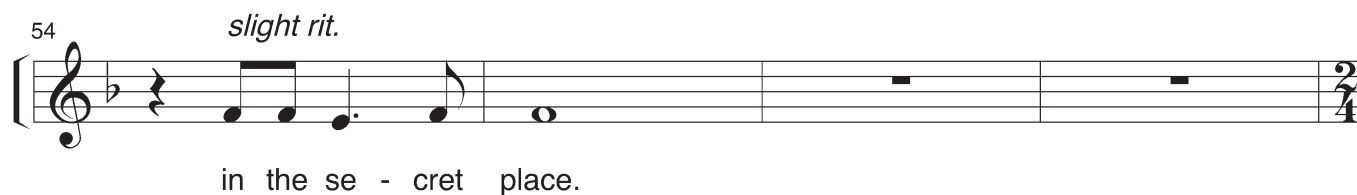
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LEARNING LEDGER LINES

Month Two - Week 1



 Learn the ledger lines on the railroad track (staff) below.

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B
G
E

G A B C


D C B A

Spaces

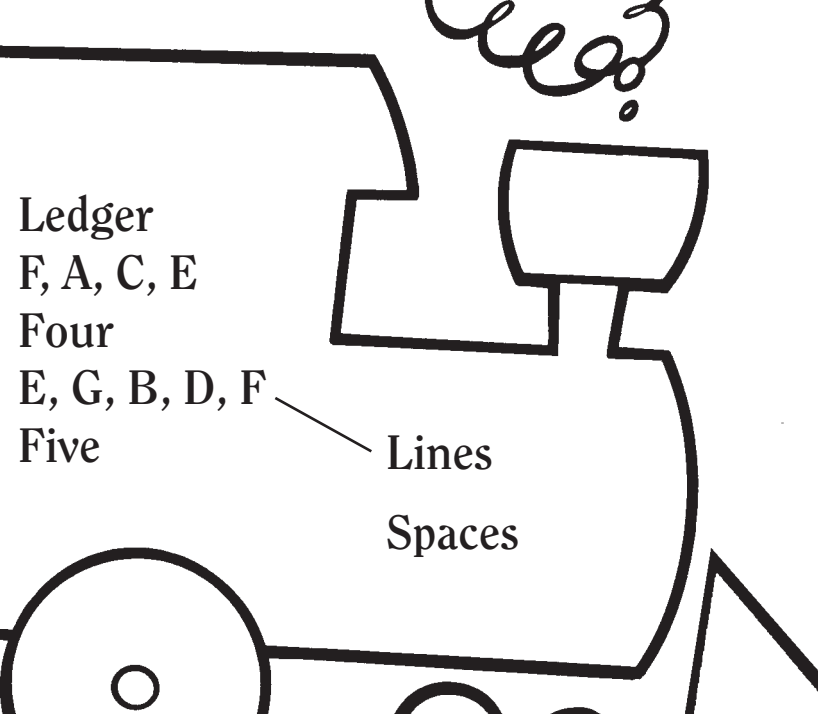
E
C
A
F

Cartoon steam train with a thought bubble containing the letters G, A, B, C, D, C, B, A.

B If a note is too high or too low to fit on the staff, extra lines can be added called ledger lines.

 Help the music train get to Venice on time. Complete the note review below.

Help the music train get to Venice on time. Complete the note review below.



Ledger
F, A, C, E
Four
E, G, B, D, F
Five

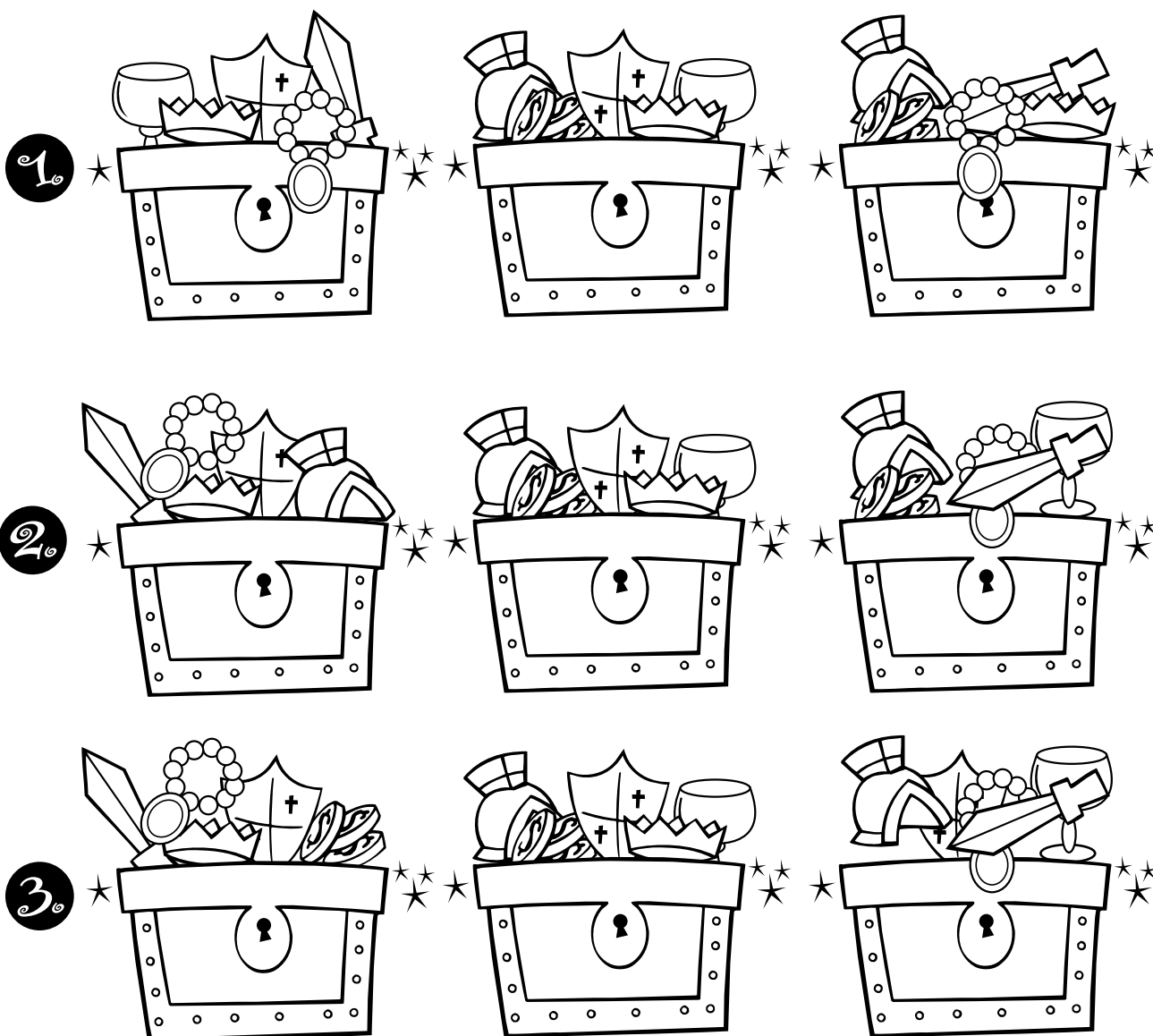
Lines
Spaces



GOD'S WORD IS A TREASURE

Directions: There are three rows of treasure chests. Find the object in each row that is in all three treasure chests. Circle the object using a different color for each row. Color the treasures and read the Bible verse on this page. Do you find treasure when you read your Bible? You can!

"I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil."
Psalm 119:162





“It’s like my own secret place up here. . .
all white and soft and quiet.”



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

Since you have this book and you are using it to have your devotions, you are probably familiar with the Bible. You take your Bible to church and use it to look up verses for your devotions. But do you really study the Bible to find out what it says? Is Bible study only for grown-ups? This week as you have your devotions, you will learn why you should be studying the Bible.

DAY 1

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2 Timothy 3:16a—"All _____ is given by
_____ of _____."

Today's verse tells us that God inspired the Bible. *Inspired* means "God-breathed." God chose men to write down His words. He told them what to write about, and He guided them in the way they wrote. God used many different men to write the complete Bible over a period of hundreds of years. And yet when it was finished, it was perfect and had no mistakes.

The Bible is God's Holy Word. Every word written in the Bible is true, because God inspired every word. This alone is enough reason for you to study the Bible.



Thank God that He planned every word of the Bible. Thank Him that you can know that the Bible is true.



DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

2 Timothy 3:16—“ _____ scripture *is* given by inspiration of _____, and *is* profitable for _____.”

The word “doctrine” in today’s verse refers to what the Bible teaches us about God and about salvation. It is through the doctrine in the Bible that we learn what God is like. We also learn how we can become like Him.

How much do you know about God? Do you feel that you know Him as well as you know your parents and friends? Probably not. That is another reason why you should study the Bible—to get to know God.



Thank God for giving you the Bible. Ask Him to help you learn to know Him better by studying His Word.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

2 Timothy 3:16—“All scripture *is* _____ by inspiration of God, and *is* _____ for doctrine, for reproof, for _____, for instruction in righteousness.”

A third reason to study the Bible is that the Bible teaches us about ourselves. The Bible tells us what things we shouldn’t do and what things we should do to please God. That is what the words reproof, correction, and instruction refer to in today’s verse.

If we didn’t have the Bible, how would we know that lying and being unkind are wrong? And how would we know to ask God to forgive us when we do wrong? But we do have the Bible. Therefore, we should study the Bible to learn these things about ourselves.



Thank God for giving you the Bible so you can learn about yourself the way He sees you. Ask Him to help you study the Bible.



DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

2 Timothy 3:17—"That the _____ of God may be _____, thoroughly furnished unto all _____ works."

Are you perfect? "Nobody's perfect," you would probably answer. To you, "perfect" means without any flaws. We think of someone who is perfect as someone who never does anything wrong. In today's verse however, the word "perfect" means "completely able to do the job."

When you study the Bible and learn what it means, you are getting the tools you need to do the job that God wants you to do. The Bible contains everything you need to know in order for you to serve God. That is why you must study it and learn what it says.



Thank God that He gives you everything you need to please Him. Ask Him to help you study His Word so that you can serve Him better.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Joshua 1:8—"This _____ of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt _____ therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good _____."

How would you define the word success? Is success being rich and famous? Is it having a loving family and a nice home? The Bible defines success as pleasing God and being close to Him.

Today's verse gives the key to success and happiness for the person who wants to please God. Speak the Word of God; think about the Word of God; obey the Word of God. The person who does these things is



promised by God to be successful. If you want the kind of success that the Bible talks about, you must study, memorize, and obey the Bible.



Ask God to help you want His kind of success in your life. Ask Him to help you study, memorize, and obey His Word.

DAY 6

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2 Corinthians 3:18—"But we all, with open _____ beholding as in a glass the _____ of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the _____ of the Lord."

Mirrors are handy tools. We look in the mirror to see if we look the way we want to look. Most of the time we don't—our hair is sticking up somewhere, or something is dirty. The mirror tells us these things so that we can fix them.

The Bible is like a mirror. When we look in the "glass" or mirror of the Bible, we see how we really look, and we see how we want to look—like Christ. Then as we study God's Word, we learn to fix the things in our lives that are wrong. In doing this, we become more like Christ. Isn't this a very good reason to study the Bible?



Thank God for giving you the Bible so that you can learn to become more like Christ.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 17:4—"Concerning the _____ of men, by the
_____ of thy lips I have kept *me from* the
_____ of the destroyer."

"The destroyer" in today's verse is Satan. Satan wants you to follow him into sin and destruction. He wants you to laugh at God and to ignore the Bible. Satan hates God, and if you love God, Satan hates you, too. How can you escape him?

"By the word of thy lips," David wrote in Psalm 17:4. David knew that the Word of God could deliver him from Satan's attacks. Nothing has changed today. God's Word is your greatest weapon against the Devil. That is why you must study His Word and know it very well.



Ask God to help you learn and understand His Word so that you can defend yourself against Satan's attacks.



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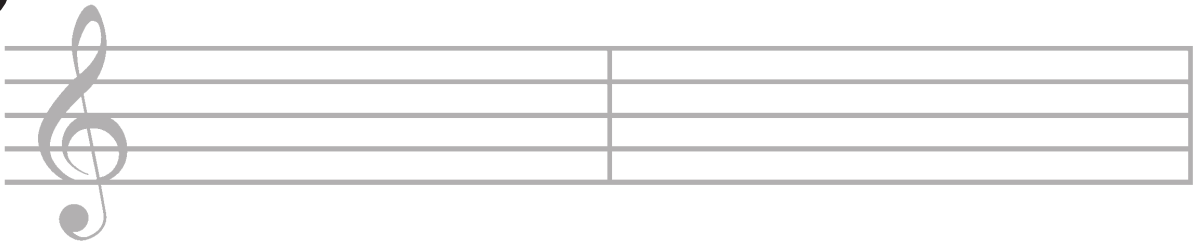


Directions: Sherlock knows the secret to writing good music. Help him write the letters at the correct place on the staff. Each note can be placed either high or low on the staff.

Lines **Spaces**

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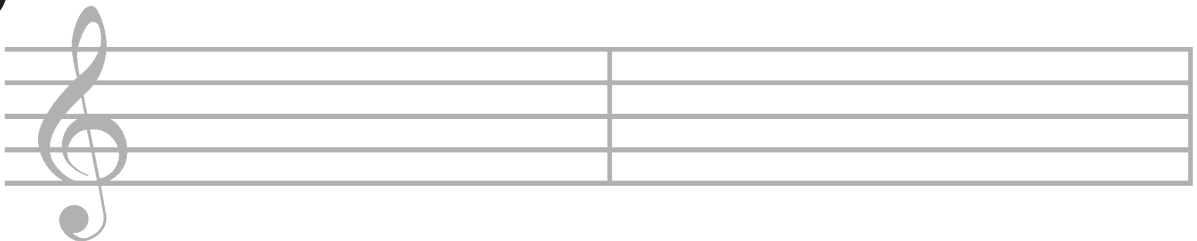
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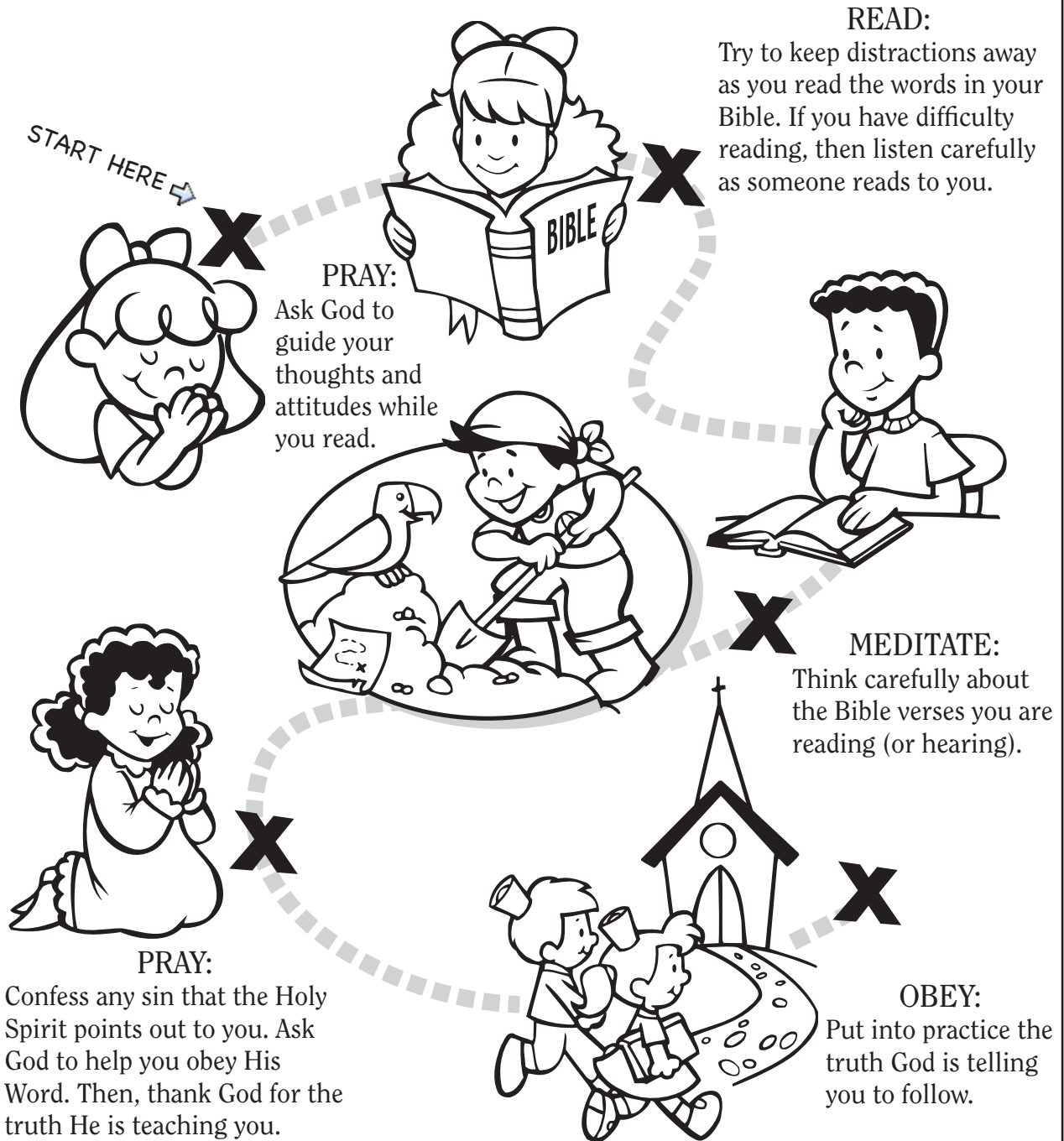
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DIGGING FOR TREASURE

Directions: Finding treasure in God's Word really isn't hard at all. Color the pictures, and trace the path on the map below. Read each step, and try this when you go to your "secret place" for your Bible study.





“I love garlic. It’s fun to eat!”



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE BIBLE

Last week you learned that the Bible contains everything you need to know in order to do what God wants you to do. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn what the Bible has to say about itself. What does God tell you in His Word about His Word? Find out this week.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 119:72—"The _____ of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of _____ and _____."

How much money did your Bible cost? A small one probably cost between ten and fifteen dollars. If you have a larger one with a leather cover and a fancy concordance, you may have spent fifty dollars or more for it. But how much is your Bible worth to you?

The person who wrote today's verse knew that God's Word was worth more than any amount of money. God's Word is what tells us of salvation and eternal life. All the money in the world could not buy that! Hold your Bible in your hands and think about it—how much is God's Word worth to you?



Thank God for giving you the precious gift of His Word. Thank Him that you live in a country where you can own your own Bible.



DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 119:105—"Thy _____ is a _____
unto my feet, and a _____ unto my path."

Have you ever been in a place that was so dark that you could not even see your hand in front of your face? No one likes to be in darkness like that. That's why when the sun goes down, we turn on lights—inside and outside of the house.

The Bible says that God's Word is like a light. It lights up your path and shows you which direction to go. It shows up things that are wrong so you can fix these things. And it tells you the right road to follow in your life.



Thank God for giving you the Bible to show you what things are right and wrong. Ask Him to help you learn what the Bible says so that you will make right choices.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

Jeremiah 23:29—"Is not my word like as a _____?
saith the LORD; and like a _____ that breaketh the
_____ in pieces."

Today's verse compares God's Word to fire and to a hammer. In order to make steel very strong and hard, the metal is heated up in a very hot fire. The Bible is like that fire because it makes the person who studies it stronger.

A sculptor uses a hammer to chip away at a stone. He taps and hammers, breaking off pieces of stone until a beautiful sculpture is created. The Bible is like that hammer. When we study and obey the Bible, the bad parts of our lives are broken off as we become more like Christ.



Ask God to help you study and obey His Word so that you can become stronger and more like Christ.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Ephesians 5:26—“That he may sanctify and _____ it [the church] with the washing of _____ by the _____.”

Many people who live in other countries think that Americans are overly concerned about being clean. We build fancy bathrooms in our houses, and we take baths and showers nearly every day. Water is very important to us, not only to drink but to wash us clean.

Today’s verse says that the Bible is like water. Water can wash and clean our bodies on the outside. God’s Word can wash and clean our hearts on the inside—but only if we take God’s Word and obey it.



Thank God that He uses His Word to wash you and make your heart clean from sin. Ask Him to help you obey His Word.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Ephesians 6:17—“And take the _____ of salvation, and the _____ of the Spirit, which is the word of _____.”

Ephesians 6 is a chapter in the Bible that talks about being prepared to fight against evil. God compares the Christian to a soldier wearing armor. Each piece of armor mentioned in this chapter stands for a tool that God gives the Christian in order to defend himself against the attack of Satan.

Today’s verse says that the Word of God is like the soldier’s sword. If we correctly use the Word of God, we can keep ourselves from evil and defend ourselves from Satan.



Ask God to help you learn how to use His Word to defend yourself against evil.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

Hebrews 4:12—"For the word of God is _____, and _____, . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the _____."

To discern means to see and understand what is the truth. Today's verse says that the Word of God discerns what your thoughts and motives (the reason why you do things) are.

As you study the Word of God, you will discover that God cares not only about what you do but about your thoughts and about the reason why you do things. God cares about what is in your heart. The Bible helps you see your heart the way God sees your heart.



Thank God for teaching you in His Word what He wants you to be. Ask Him to help you learn and obey what you study in the Bible.

DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

James 1:22—"But be ye _____ of the word, and not _____ only, _____ your own selves."

Bible study is important. It can cause you to grow and to become more like Christ. It can teach you what God is like and what He expects you to be like. But Bible study does nothing for you if you only read the Bible and refuse to do what it says.

"Be ye doers of the word," today's verse says. Are you a doer? When you read in the Bible that you should do something, do you do it? These last two weeks you have read many verses that tell you how



important it is to study God's Word. Be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer—study the Bible, and then obey it!



Ask God to help you understand and obey His Word. Ask Him to help you study the Bible because He has told you to do it.



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SISSY'S SECRET SONG

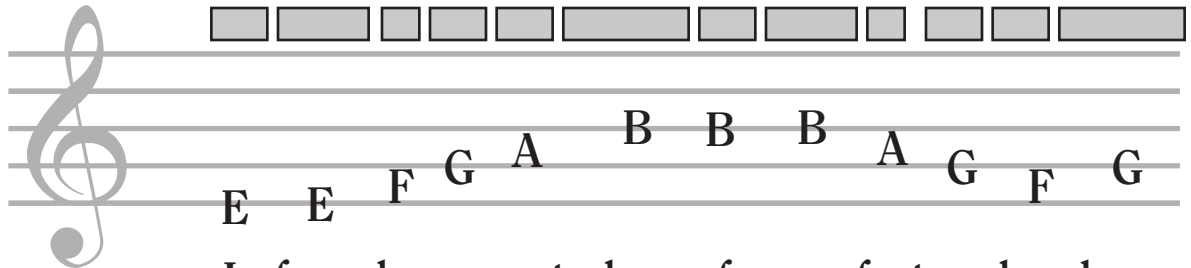
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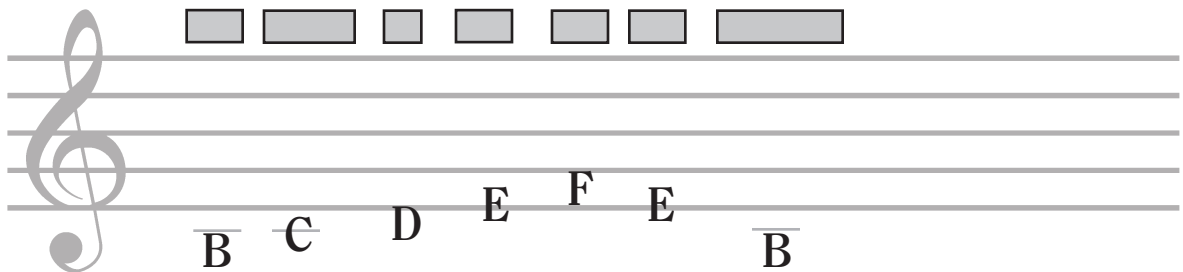
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Sissy is chirping out a tune. Play or sing this musical alphabet exercise along with our little songbird. Learn it well so you can play it with a rhythm instrument. The amount of time you sing and hold each note is indicated by the bars above.

B



I found a se-cret place of com-fort and re-lease,



a spe- cial place of heal- ing,

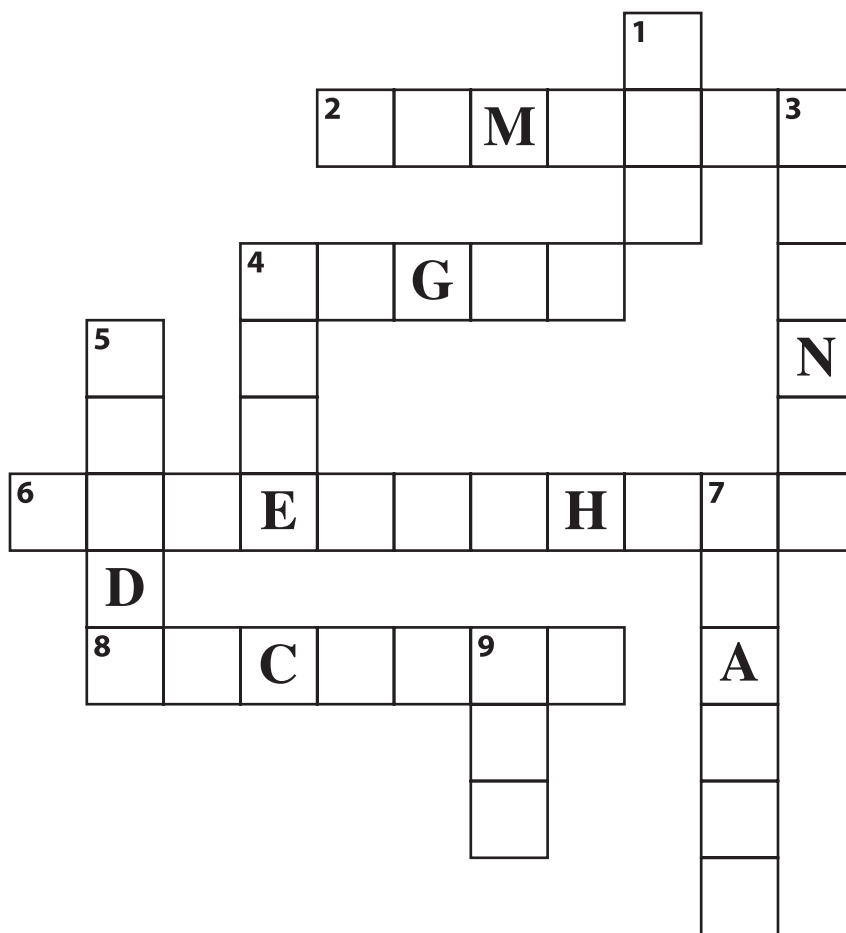


a qui- et place of peace.



WHY SHOULD I STUDY GOD'S WORD?

Directions: There are great benefits to studying God's Word. Use the clues to fill in the puzzle below. When you have finished, you'll know some marvelous reasons for wisely studying your Bible.



DOWN

1. So I'll learn more about _____ and His Word (2 Peter 3:18)
3. So I can remember the good _____ (works) God has done (Psalm 105:5).
4. So I will _____ God's Word even more (Psalm 119:97).
5. So my _____ and thoughts will please God (Psalm 19:14).
7. So I can better _____ and worship God (Psalm 63:5b-6).
9. To keep me from _____ (Psalm 119:11).

ACROSS

2. So I can find _____ during difficult times (Psalm 119:50).
4. So I can teach others about God and be a _____ to the unsaved (Philippians 2:15).
6. To help me with my _____ (Psalm 119:63).
8. So I will be a _____ in God's eyes. (Joshua 1:8)



“We worship as a family and fill the second pew!”



HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE ("I'M JUST A KID!")

Studying is something that most children don't want to do. But you have learned that the Bible says you should study and learn God's Word. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn how you can study the Bible—even though you're "just a kid."

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Genesis 19:27—"And _____ gat up early in the _____ to the place where he stood before the _____."

The first thing you must do to have a time of Bible study is to choose a time of day that you can be alone with your Bible and with God.

Today's verse says that Abraham got up early in the morning to meet with God. Morning is an excellent time to have your time of Bible study. But any time of day that you can be alone for a little while is a good time of day for your quiet time. Take a moment now to write down a time when you will try to have your quiet time every day.

I will have my quiet time: _____



Ask God to help you make time each day to meet with Him.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Matthew 6:6a—"But thou, when thou _____, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy _____, pray to thy _____ which is in secret."



After you have chosen a time each day to study the Bible, you must also choose a special place where you can study each day. This place should be a quiet place where you can be alone. It should have a comfortable place for you to sit and plenty of light so that you can read without straining your eyes. Have a place to keep your Bible, some paper and pencils, and any other books that you think would help you study God's Word.

If you are having trouble finding a place where you can study your Bible and pray each day, ask your father or mother to help you. Having a certain place to be alone and study God's Word will make your Bible study a special time.



Ask God to help you find a special place where you can study His Word each day.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

Matthew 14:23—"And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a _____ apart to _____: and when the _____ was come, he was there alone."

A very important part of Bible study is prayer. The Bible is the way God talks to you. Prayer is the way you talk to God.

Before you even open your Bible, you should pray and ask God to forgive you for any sins that you know are in your heart. As you are reading the Bible, ask God to help you understand the things that you read. And after you have finished, you should pray, thanking God for the things you have learned and asking Him to help you obey His Word.



Thank God for the things you are learning about Bible study. Ask Him to help you pray as you study His Word.



DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Deuteronomy 17:19—“And it [the word of God] shall be with him, and he shall _____ therein all the days of his _____: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this _____ and these statutes, to do them.”

In order to study God’s Word, you must read the Bible. Whatever passage you choose to study, read it carefully several times until you can understand what it is saying.

How should you choose what to read? If you are a new Christian just starting to learn about the Bible, begin reading in the New Testament at Matthew. If you are more familiar with the Bible, choose a book or passage that interests you, and read it. The important thing is to read the Bible every day.



Ask God to help you read His Word every day. Thank Him for giving you the Bible to help you and teach you about Him.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Psalms 119:27—“Make me to _____ the _____ of thy precepts: so shall I _____ of thy wondrous works.”

When you read the Bible, you will come across words and phrases that you don’t understand. This is where the studying part comes in. Use your dictionary to look up the meanings of words you don’t know. If you still can’t figure out what a verse is saying, ask one of your parents or your Sunday school teacher.

Today’s verse is a prayer that David prayed asking God to help him understand God’s Word. Don’t forget to pray and ask God to help you understand the Bible. The Holy Spirit will help you understand what you read and study.



Ask God to help you understand what you read in His Word.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 119:11—"Thy _____ have I hid in mine _____, that I might not _____ against thee."

After you have read a passage in the Bible and have studied it until you understand it, choose a verse or two from the passage to memorize. Choose verses that mean something special to you or verses that contain a rule for living. Write the verses down and practice them over and over until you have them memorized. Keep a list of all the verses you learn, and practice them often.

Today's verse gives a reason why memorizing God's Word is so important. Having the Bible in your heart and mind will keep you from sinning against God. The Holy Spirit will remind you of the verses you have learned at the exact time you need them.



Ask God to help you memorize His Word. Thank Him for giving you a mind that can learn and remember verses.

DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 1:2—"But his _____ is in the _____ of the LORD; and in his law doth he _____ day and night."

To meditate means to think about something, over and over. Many times in the Bible we are told to meditate on the Word of God. Meditation is a very important part of Bible study.

As you go throughout your day after you have your Bible study, spend time thinking about what you have read and studied. Say to yourself the verses you have memorized, and think about them. As you continue to meditate on what you have read, God will help you to understand it more and more.



Ask God to help you remember to think about what you have read in His Word. Ask Him to help you understand His Word more as you meditate on it.



I have faithfully had my devotions this week.

(sailor's name)

A SAILOR SPELLING BEE

MONTH TWO - WEEK 4



A

Our little sailor is warming up for the spelling bee at school. Help him place the notes correctly on the staff. Use either staff lines or ledger lines.

Lines **Spaces**

<p>G A B C</p> <p>E F G A B</p>	<p>C D E F</p> <p>D C B A</p>
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(Note: The letters above the staff correspond to the lines and spaces of a treble clef staff. Lines are F, D, B, G, E from top to bottom. Spaces are C, E, G, B, A from top to bottom.)

B

D E E D F A D E

C

B A D C A B B A G E



MEDITATE ON THIS!

Directions: On the lines below, write down the beginning letter for each picture. Read the message when you finish.
Hint: The words come from Joshua 1:8.



"___ hou ___ h ___ lt



me ___ i ___ at ___ t ___ e ___ ein



___ ot ___ d ___ y



an ___ ___ i ___ ht."



“Come join in the choir and lift up your voice!”



WAYS TO STUDY THE BIBLE (ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS)

Last week you learned exactly what Bible study is and how you should go about doing it. Are you still wondering exactly what to do when you open your Bible? This week as you have your devotions, you will learn about different ways you can study your Bible.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Luke 20:42—“And _____ himself saith in the book of _____, the LORD said unto my _____, Sit thou on my right hand.”

One way to study the Bible is to choose one book to read. Begin with a short book such as 1 John or Titus. Many times there are notes in the margins and section headings. An introduction may tell you what the theme is and even key verses of the book. Find out who wrote the book. You may be able to discover why the author wrote the book. Learn all the background you can because this will help you to better understand about what the author is saying.

Study the book for several days or weeks until you feel you understand it. Memorize verses that give the main ideas of the book. Studying one book will teach you much about the entire Bible.



Thank God for giving you all the books of the Bible. Ask Him to help you choose a way to study His Word.



DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Hebrews 11:32—“And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell *of* Gedeon, and *of* Barak, and of _____, and *of* Jephthae; *of* _____ also, and Samuel, and *of* the _____.”

The Bible is filled with people who were great servants of God. You can learn a lot from these people by studying them in the Bible.

Do you have a favorite Bible person? Choose a person in the Bible to study. Some Bibles have a place in the back where you can find that person’s name. Next to their name is a list of references where the Bible talks about that person. Look up all the Scripture passages where the person’s name appears. Find out what made that person great. Try to discover the mistakes that person made and how he or she acted toward God. Write down all you can learn about the Bible character. Studying a person in the Bible is called a *character study*.



Thank God for the examples of great people He has given to you in His Word.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

Acts 16:25—“And at midnight _____ and Silas prayed, and _____ praises unto God: and the _____ heard them.”

Another way to study the Bible is to choose a topic, such as prayer, and learn what the Bible has to say about it. Choose a topic that interests you or a topic that can help you grow in the Lord.

If you choose to study prayer as your topic, use a Bible dictionary or concordance to find many of the passages in the Bible that mention



prayer. The concordance is where you can look up words at the back of your Bible. You may want to read the actual prayers of people in the Bible such as Paul and Jesus. Find a verse to memorize about prayer. Write down the things you learn, and organize them into an outline. Looking up a topic and studying the Bible in this way is called a *topical study*.



Ask God to help you find a way to study the Bible even though you are a child.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

1 Timothy 4:13—"Till I _____, give attendance to _____, to exhortation [instruction], to _____."

Basic truths that we find in the Bible are called doctrines. As a Christian, you should know what these basic truths are. You study doctrines in the same manner that you study a topic. Below is a list of doctrines you may wish to learn about during your daily Bible study time.

Faith	Salvation	Scripture
Grace	Baptism	Lord's Supper
Christ's Second Coming	Forgiveness	The Church
Creation	Heaven	The Trinity
Resurrection	Names of Christ	Angels



Thank God for teaching you what is true. Thank Him for loving you enough to explain doctrines to you in the Bible.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

John 2:11—"This beginning of miracles did _____ in Cana of _____, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples _____ on him."



Jesus performed many miracles while He was on the earth. After He went back to heaven, many of His disciples and followers also performed miracles. Many people in the Old Testament performed miracles as well. What is a miracle? Why did Jesus and the disciples perform miracles? What can we learn from miracles that will help us serve God better?

These questions are good ones to ask yourself if you choose to do a Bible study on miracles. Look up all the miracles you can find in the Bible. Decide what each miracle teaches about God.



Thank God that you can learn about miracles in the Bible. Ask Him to help you use a study such as this to learn more about Him.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

Mark 4:2a—"And he [Jesus] _____ them
_____ things by _____."

In the Bible, a parable is a story that teaches a spiritual lesson. Jesus used parables to teach His followers about many things. When you study a parable, try to find out what Jesus was trying to teach. Then apply that lesson to your own life. Below is a list of a few parables that you may wish to study.

Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7)

Pharisees and publicans (Luke 18:9-14)

Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)

Unforgiving servant (Matthew 18:23-25)



Thank God for using stories in the Bible to teach you spiritual lessons. Ask Him to help you learn these lessons.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

1 Corinthians 10:11a—"Now _____ these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are _____ for our _____."

The Old Testament is full of interesting stories about kings, prophets, giants, and exciting battles. The most interesting thing about these stories is that they are true! Today's verse tells us that these stories were given to us in the Bible so that we can learn how we should live. Study these stories and learn the lessons that they teach us.

Noah and the Flood (Genesis 5-9)

Gideon (Judges 6-8)

Naaman and Elisha (2 Kings 5)

Isaac (Genesis 22:1-19)

Jericho (Joshua 6)

David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Moses (Exodus 2)

Daniel (Daniel 6)



Thank God for the examples you find in the Bible that teach you how to live. Ask Him to help you study the Bible so that you can learn more about Him.



I have faithfully had my devotions this week.

(sailor's name)



UNIT PAGE



month Three



A “HERE-I-AM” CHRISTIAN



Godly Character Lesson: SURRENDER FOR SERVICE



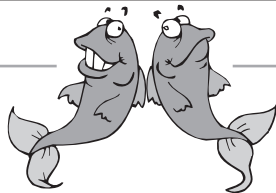
Memory Verse: Acts 20:24—“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”



Make-up Memory: Matthew 25:21—“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”



Sailor Scripture: Psalm 98—“O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap *their* hands: let the hills be joyful together. Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.”



SPEAKING PARTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE

Instructions: *Sailors 1-3 stand grouped around Sailor 4. If possible have the performing sailors wear robes over their clothes to indicate the time period of the Apostle Paul. If possible, choose an older boy for the part of Paul (Sailor 4).*

Sailor 1: Paul, why are you going to Jerusalem?

Sailor 4: The Spirit of God is calling me to Jerusalem. I must go.

Sailor 2: Stay here with us, Paul! You can keep preaching and teaching here, and you will be safe.

Sailor 4: Brothers and sisters, there are souls in Jerusalem who need to hear the gospel. I must go.

Sailor 3: But Paul, have you considered the dangers of going there? The Jews will have you arrested and perhaps even kill you!

Sailor 4: (*Sadly.*) The Spirit of God has told me that you will never see me again on this earth. (*Boldly, with confidence.*) But dear friends, I am not afraid. What is my life worth if I do not carry out the work God has designed me to do? I must go!

Choir: (*Recites*) Acts 20:24—"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Choir: (*Sings*) "A 'Here-I-Am' Christian"



A “Here-I-Am” Christian

Words & music by Mike Manor
Arr. by Alyssa & Shelly Hamilton

Bouncy

mp

Dum - da-dum - da - dum,

6 *mf*

dum - da-dum-da - dum, A “Here - I am” Chris - tian, serv - in’ is the plan—

9

giv - in’ of my-self, help - in’ when I can. A “Here - I-Am” Chris - tian— that’s

12

what I’m gon - na be— a serv - ant for the Lord. Dum - da-dum - da - dum,

15 *mf*

dum - da-dum-da - dum, I love to help my moth - er; I love to help my dad— ‘cause
(I) love to help my teach - ers; I help ‘em ev - ‘ry day. It

18

when I help ‘em out I real - ly make ‘em glad. Wash - ing all the dish - es or
real - ly makes ‘em smile, just do - in’ what they say. Pass - ing out the pa - pers or

21

work - ing in the yard— a serv - ant for the Lord. Dum - da-dum - da dum,
pick - in’ up the room— a serv - ant for the Lord.

24 *mf*

dum - da-dum-da - dum, A “Here - I-am” Chris - tian, serv - in’ is the plan—

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giv - in' of my - self, help - in' when I can. A "Here - I - Am" Chris - tian— that's

30

what I'm gon - na be— a serv - ant for the Lord. Dum - da - dum - da - dum,

33

dum - da - dum - da - dum, I Lord. Dum - da - dum - da - dum, dum - da - dum - da - dum, A

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serv - ant for the Lord. Dum - da - dum - da - dum,

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dum - da - dum - da - dum, A serv - ant for the Lord.

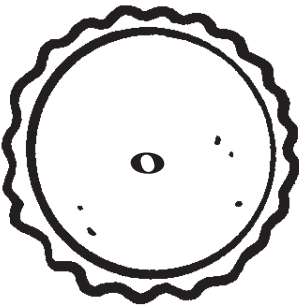


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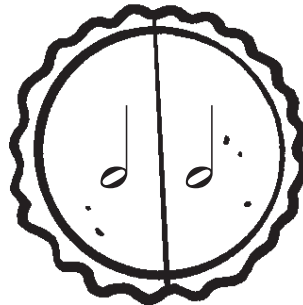
A note tells us two things: how high or low a sound is and how long the sound lasts. You know how high or low a note will sound by where it is on the staff. Black notes are short and white notes are long. But there's more—you need to be very exact about note values and how long a note is sung.

B

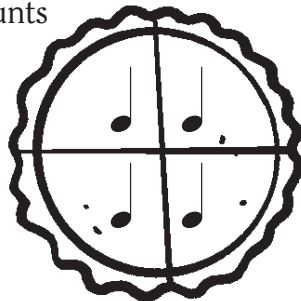
Note values are measured in beats. When Papa Luigi taps his foot along with a song, he is tapping musical counts or beats. Fill in the blank below each pizza to indicate the total counts in a $\frac{4}{4}$ time signature.



1 whole note = ____ counts



2 half notes = ____ counts



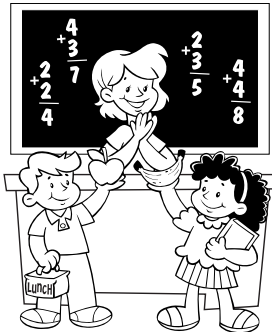
4 quarter notes = ____ counts

C

The longest note in most music is a whole note. The chart shows how a whole note—and Papa Luigi's pizza pie can be divided into smaller pieces of equal size. Color each pizza portion a different color.



Directions: God is looking for faithful servants to do His work. He needs people to serve Him in all kinds of places and all kinds of jobs. Unscramble the letters below to make words that describe some jobs God has for people to do. Some jobs may seem more glamorous, but in God's eyes they are all equally important. Draw a line to the matching picture.



___ A ___ E ___
(ENPART)



G R ___ N ___ A ___ E N T
(TNRGAADRPEN)



___ O C ___ R
(COORTD)



F ___ M ___
(AERRMF)

___ SS ___ N ___ Y
(RISAMSIONY)



P ___ T ___
(ROSAPT)

___ A ___ E ___
(CARTEEH)



___ R ___ T
(TTARIS)





“You’re thin and bony. Eat macaroni!”



WORTHLESS DIRT AND PRICELESS TREASURE

When God created the world, He covered it with a layer of dirt. Dirt is one of the most common things on earth. In everyday life, dirt seems to have no value. People wipe it off their shoes and sweep it out of their houses. Machines move dirt out of the way to build roads and houses. What good is dirt?

But like everything else God made, He created dirt for a purpose. A few days after He made the world, God took a handful of dirt and made it into a man named Adam. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn why God created the world and everything in it and why He created YOU.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Isaiah 64:8—"But now, O LORD, thou *art* our _____; we are the _____, and thou our _____; and we all are the work of thy hand."

Have you ever made something out of clay? Clay comes from the ground. When God made Adam, He took some dirt from the ground and made it into the shape of a man. Then God took a breath and breathed into Adam. Immediately, Adam came to life and became a living person.

All people born into this world came from that first man, Adam. God made you on purpose, just as He made Adam on purpose. He had a reason for making you, and He had a reason for making all things. Tomorrow you will learn what that reason is.



Thank God for the beautiful things in this world that you enjoy. Thank Him that He made you on purpose, for a reason.

**DAY 2**

MONTH / DAY

Revelation 4:11—"Thou art _____, O Lord, to receive glory and _____ and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy _____ they are and were created."

Katy's teacher gave the class a fun project to do. "Draw a picture of a house you would like to live in," Mr. Jones told them. Katy smiled when she finished her drawing. Her house looked different from the house every one else drew, but she didn't care. She was happy with it because it looked exactly the way she wanted it to be.

Today's verse gives the reason God created all things. Read the verse and underline the words "for thy pleasure." God made all things because it pleased Him to make them. He made everything—including you—exactly the way He wanted and the way that gave Him pleasure. God delights in you because He created you for His pleasure. He also created you to be able to choose whether or not you obey Him.



Thank God that He made you exactly the way He wanted you to be and that He delights in how He made you. Ask Him to help you choose to obey Him with the life He has given you.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

Jeremiah 18:3-4—"Then I went down to the _____ house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the _____ that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed _____ to the potter to make *it*."

When a potter wants to make a dish, he takes a lump of soft clay and puts it on his potter's wheel. This wheel spins around and around while the potter forms the clay into the shape he chooses. Today's Bible passage tells about a potter who made a dish that was "marred."



This means something was wrong with it. Instead of throwing the clay away, the potter started over with the same clay and made it into something useful.

When God made Adam, Adam was perfect and without sin. But the Bible says that Adam sinned, and sin came into the whole world. Sin ruined everything, just like the pot in today's passage was ruined. God did not "throw away" Adam or the world. Instead, He made a way for the sinful people in the world to be made new and useful. This is what happens when you trust in Jesus to take away your sins and make you God's child.

If you are God's child, you are like the new pot in today's Bible passage. Your sin has been taken away, and now you are able to be useful to God. Useful to do what? Tomorrow you will find out.



Thank God that He did not destroy you because you are a sinner. Thank Him for sending Jesus to die for your sin so you could be made new and useful.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Ephesians 2:10—"For we are his _____, created in Christ Jesus unto good _____, which God hath before _____ that we should walk in them."

Jason had saved his money for months, and finally he was able to buy a new bike. At the store, he stood for a long time considering two bikes. The red one was shiny and sleek. It had a siren attached to the handlebars and ten gears to choose from. The blue bike was sturdy with rugged tires. There were no extra features to make it attractive. "I'll take the blue one," Jason said finally.



“Why would you choose that one?” asked the store clerk. “The other one is prettier and has all these extra features. “I deliver papers every morning,” Jason told him. “I need a reliable bike that can handle the job.”

You have learned that God created all things in a way that pleases Him. But He also created people—and YOU—to do a job. Today’s verse describes that job as “good works.” You probably already understand that bad works are sinful things that you do. Good works are the obedient, unselfish things you do for God and for others. This is what God created and saved you to do.



Thank God that He perfectly created you for the job He wants you to do. Ask Him to help you obey and help others today.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

2 Timothy 2:20—“But in a great house there are not only vessels of _____ and of _____, but also of wood and of earth; and some to _____, and some to dishonour.”

Think of all the different kinds of containers in your house: plastic bowls, metal pans, glass vases, and wooden drawers. Each kind of container was designed to do a certain job. Some containers such as perfume bottles are for fancy jobs; others perform humble, every-day kinds of jobs like holding trash.

What would happen if you tried to cook food in a plastic wastebasket? Not only would the job not get done, but the wastebasket would be damaged or destroyed. It is always best to use each container for the job it was made to do.

Today’s Bible passage teaches that just as different kinds of containers (vessels) are made to do different jobs, each child of God was designed to carry out a different job for God. As you grow and learn, you will discover



what job God has prepared you for. However, if you use your life just to please yourself instead of serving God, you will damage and destroy the life God has given you.



Ask God to help you serve Him with your life instead of only trying to please yourself.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

2 Timothy 2:21—"If a man therefore _____ himself from these [iniquities], he shall be a vessel unto _____, sanctified, and meet for the _____ use, *and* prepared unto every good work."

Have you ever been very thirsty and filled a glass with cold water only to discover that the glass was dirty? Did you drink the water anyway? No one wants to use dishes that are dirty. That's why we wash dishes after we use them and put them away in the cupboard. Then when we need a dish, it is clean and ready to use.

Today's verse also talks about clean dishes (vessels). This verse teaches that God's children should keep themselves clean from sin so they will be "prepared unto every good work." Sin will trap you and damage your life. God's grace and mercy makes a way for sin to be forgiven so you can be made useful again. Is your life free from sin today?



Ask God to show you what sin is in your life today. Spend a few extra minutes confessing your sins. Then ask God to use you to serve Him today.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

2 Corinthians 4:7—“But we have this _____ in earthen _____, that the _____ of the power may be of God, and not of us.”

Old gold coins from sunken ships of long ago are often found in dirty, wooden chests. Pearls grow inside of a plain-colored oyster. To find delicious coconut milk, you must look inside of the brown, fiber-covered coconut shell. Many “treasures” in this world are hidden inside plain objects of little value.

Today’s verse says that God’s children hold a treasure inside the clay pot (earthen vessel) of their lives. Is this treasure your own hidden talents or your own worth as a person? 2 Corinthians 4:6 says that this treasure is the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ—the good news that Jesus died for the sins of the world and rose from the dead to win the victory over sin and death.

Jesus is your “treasure.” Jesus is the One who saves you from the punishment of sin. God created and designed your life to be a container to hold the gospel of Jesus: a “clay pitcher” to pour the love and forgiveness He gives to you onto those around you.



Thank God for the treasure of Jesus Christ and what He has done for you. Ask Him to help you use your life to show His love and forgiveness to others.

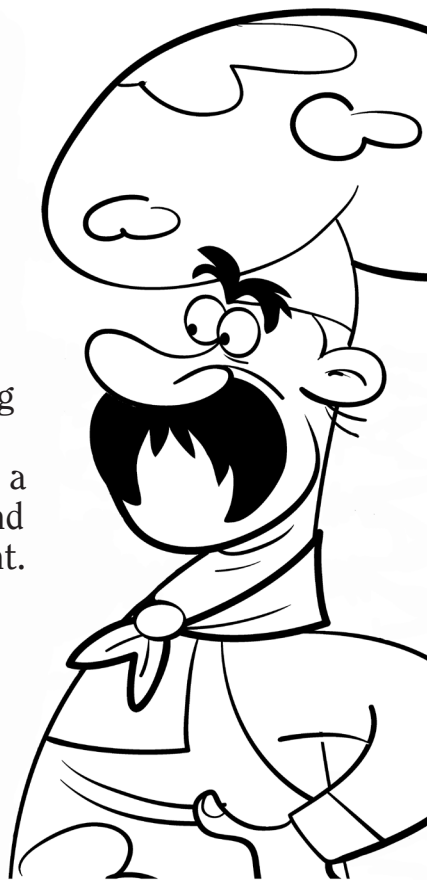


I have faithfully had my devotions this week.



(sailor’s name)



Papa Luigi is perplexed! Fill in the charts, and tell him how long to sing his notes. Remember: a whole note receives four counts, a half note receives two counts, and a quarter note receives one count.



Whole Note  = _____ counts

Half Notes  + 
2 + _____ = _____ counts

Quarter Notes  +  +  + 
1 + _____ + _____ + _____ = _____ counts



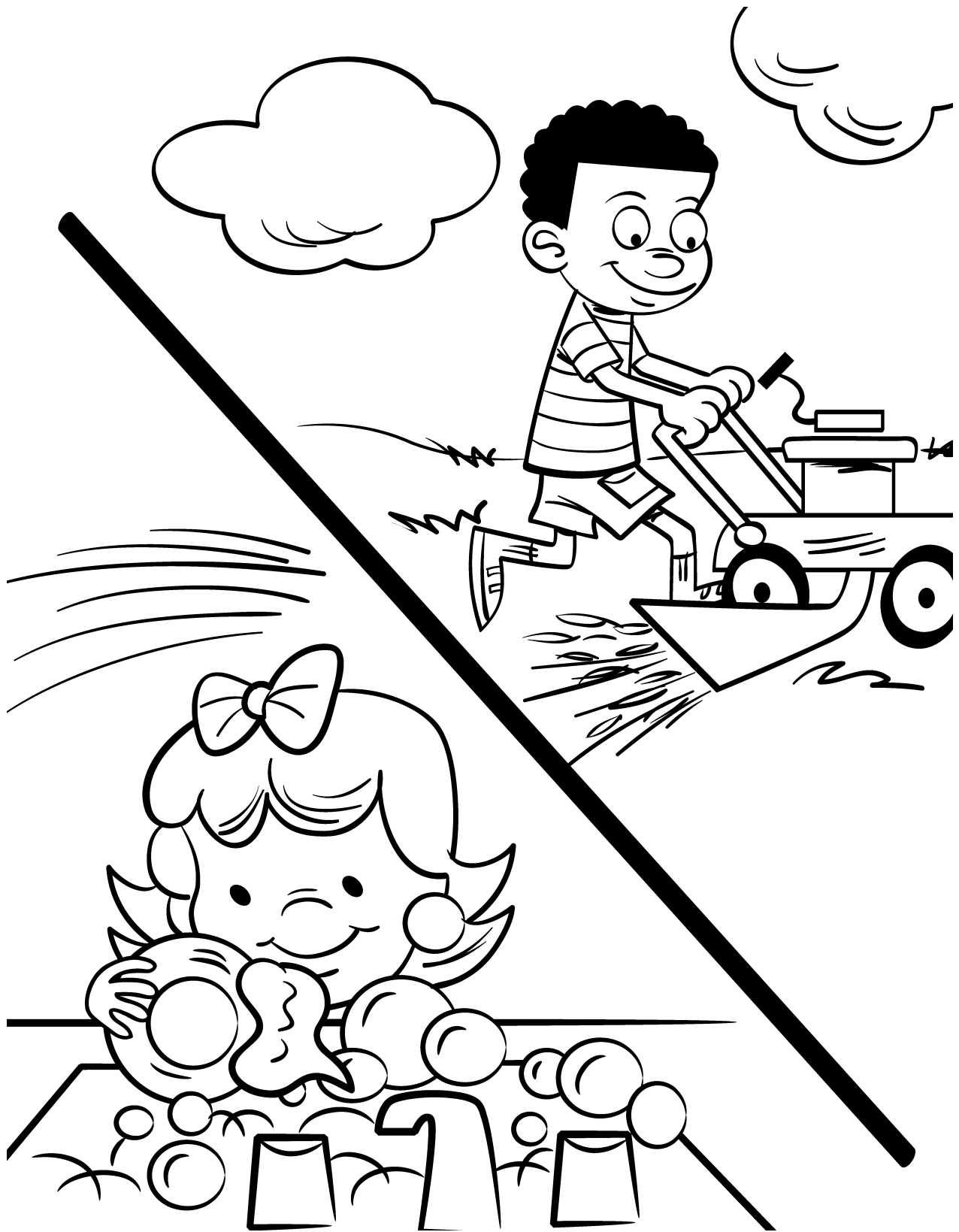
A Jolly Roger Reminder:
Note values are measured in counts or beats.

SAMUEL'S EXAMPLE

Directions: Color the picture of Samuel working in the temple. Samuel is a good example to us of someone who was ready to do whatever God called him to do.

MONTH THREE - WEEK 2





“I love to help my mom and dad.”



WORKING FOR GOD HERE AND NOW

Do you know any missionaries, pastors, or Sunday school teachers? What did these people do in order to have the jobs they do for God? Some went to college; others spent years studying the Bible. You may think a person must have special training to serve God or that you must be in a certain place such as church in order to serve God. This week, you will study what the Bible says about serving God everywhere and anywhere you happen to be.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Joshua 22:5—"But take diligent heed to do the _____, and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD _____ you, to love the LORD your God, and to _____ in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him; and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

During World War II, soldiers had to be very careful when they crossed through unknown territory. The enemy would bury dangerous bombs to try to stop them. In order to get across a field safely, the soldiers would walk in a line behind one another. As long as they followed the exact steps that their leader took, they could avoid the enemy's traps.

Today's verse says that serving God means walking "in all his ways." Jesus was the perfect example of a servant of God. He washed His disciples' feet, healed people that nobody else would talk to, and taught kindly even when He was tired. Serving God is not always easy, but if you follow the example of Jesus, He will lead you safely to where He wants you to go.



Today, thank God for giving you perfect footsteps to follow. Ask Him to help you follow Jesus' example of a servant.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Joshua 24:15—"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, _____ you this day whom ye will _____; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the _____."

The Israelites were at a crossroads in their history. They would either choose to obey and serve God, or they would turn from God and serve the false gods of other nations. Joshua stood boldly before them and challenged them to make their choice. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve!" he called out to them.

Every moment of every day, you are faced with the same challenge. Will you spend your life pleasing yourself? Or will you choose to serve the Lord? A decision to serve the Lord will set you on a journey toward true joy and satisfaction. It will be a journey of adventure and struggle, but God will go with you every step of the way. What will you choose?



Ask God to give you a heart to serve Him. Thank Him that He will be with you and help you as you trust and obey Him.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

1 Samuel 2:18, 7:15—"But Samuel _____ before the LORD, *being* a _____, girded with a linen ephod. And Samuel _____ Israel all the days of his life."



Samuel's mother took him to the temple to serve God when he was a very little child. What jobs do you think Eli the priest gave Samuel to do? Maybe he swept the floor or polished door handles. He probably ran errands for the priests as well. There were probably other times when he had to sit by himself and leave the priests alone to do their important jobs.

Samuel did not wait until he was grown up to serve God. He served God as a little child and continued to serve God all the days of his life. God wants you to serve Him right now, right where you are. What can you do to serve God today?



Thank God for the example of Samuel in the Bible. Ask Him to help you serve Him by obeying and by helping others today.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Genesis 39:21-22—"But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him _____, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison _____ to Joseph's hand all the _____ that *were* in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it*."

Joseph sat on the dirt floor with his head in his hands. First his brothers had made fun of him and sold him to slave traders; now his owner had thrown him in prison for something he did not do! But at least he was alive. Joseph stood up and looked around. Even though he was in jail, he could still find ways to serve his God.

Joseph did find ways to serve God in jail. Later on, Pharaoh would put Joseph in charge of the whole land of Egypt. Even there, Joseph served His God.



Throughout your life, your situation will change. You will live in different places and have different jobs. But wherever you go, you can still obey God and help those around you. Today, whether you are at school, at home, or at the dentist, look for ways to serve God.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

2 Kings 5:2-3—“And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away _____ out of the land of Israel a little _____; and she waited on Naaman’s wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with the _____ that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.”

She was a young girl, stolen from her quiet home in Israel and made to be a servant to the enemy. Instead of pouting and causing trouble, this little maid worked hard and obeyed her mistress. When the husband of her mistress became ill with a terrible disease, this girl was paying attention. She spoke up and told her mistress about God’s man, Elisha, who could heal Naaman.

In order to serve God, you need to pay attention! It is easy to go through your day just thinking about your own problems and what you have to do. But God has jobs for you to do—jobs of helping others like the Jewish girl in today’s passage had. As you go through your day today, look for people who need help, and be willing to step forward and help. Who can you be a blessing to today?



Ask God to help you become more aware of the people around you. Ask Him to use you to help and encourage others today.

**DAY 6**

MONTH / DAY

Colossians 4:2-3—"Continue in _____, and watch in the same with _____; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the _____ of Christ, for which I am also in bonds."

Sophie's grandmother was making cookies. Sophie watched eagerly as Grandma got out the flour and sugar and the bag of chocolate chips. Finally, Sophie couldn't hold her question in any longer. "Can I help, Grandma?" she asked. "Why, of course you can, Sophie!" Grandma told her. "I was hoping you would ask!"

In today's verses, the Apostle Paul asks his friends to pray that God would give them an opportunity to tell unsaved people about Jesus. If you have a desire to serve God, pray and ask God to give you opportunities each day to serve Him. You will be surprised by how many people God will send to you when you are looking for ways to serve Him.



Thank God that He allows His children to help Him do His work. Ask God to give you opportunities to serve Him today.

DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Exodus 35:22—"And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing _____, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of _____: and every man that *offered* an _____ of gold unto the LORD."

"Why is everyone bringing their things to Moses?" little Jamin wanted to know. He had spent the whole morning sitting in front of his family's tent, watching people rush by with bundles of all sorts of things. "They are giving their gold and silver jewelry to help build a house for God," his



mother told him as she searched through a wooden chest in their tent. “Is Moses making them do it?” was Jamin’s next question. His mother smiled. “No, we are doing it because we want to. Isn’t that the best way to give?”

Do you want to serve God? If so, be ready to help every time there is a need. When your church needs helpers for a special project, be the first to raise your hand. When your Sunday school teacher asks for volunteers to help arrange the chairs, jump right in and get to work. Don’t wait until later to serve your God. Serve Him right now, today!



Thank God that you can serve Him every day of your life. Ask Him to help you serve cheerfully, because you want to—not because someone makes you.



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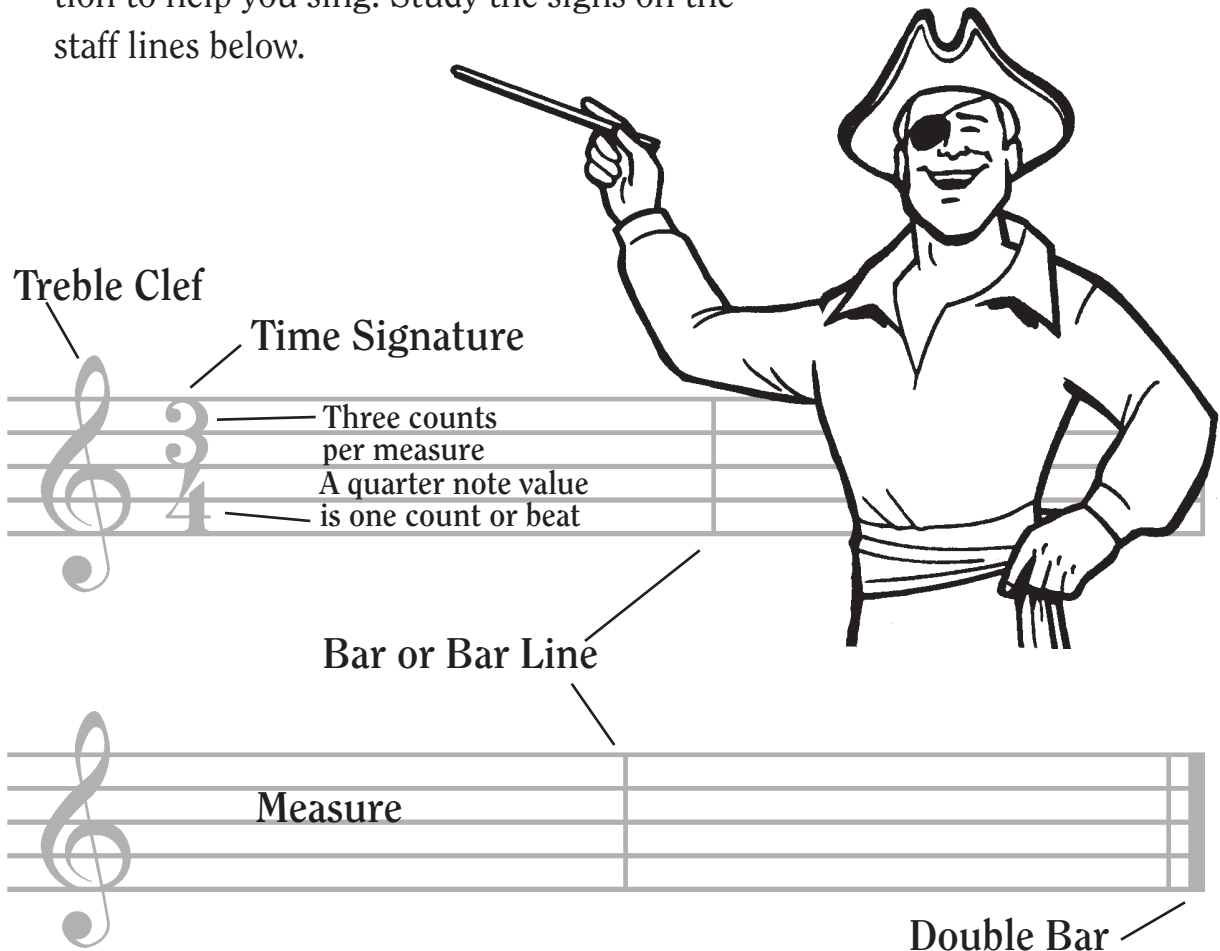
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PATCH THE PIRATE'S MUSIC FACTS

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You have learned that notes are written on a staff of five lines and four spaces. The staff in your Patch the Pirate music has more information to help you sing. Study the signs on the staff lines below.



Patch the Pirate wants you to know your music signs and symbols. Fill in the blanks, and identify the terms below.

1. Name the sign at the very beginning of the song. _____
2. These divide the staff into measures. _____
3. The space between two bar lines. _____
4. Tells how many counts in each measure and what kind of note receives one count. _____
5. Tells you where the song ends. _____



Directions: Color the page showing David caring for his sheep. He is another example to us of someone who was willing to do God's work.





“I seek His face in the secret place.”



SERVING GOD WITH WHATEVER I HAVE

Wouldn't it be great to have all the money in the world and use it to buy Bibles for everyone? Wouldn't it be wonderful to be an incredible songwriter and write a whole book of new hymns for your church? Or how about living for a thousand years and spending every day preaching the gospel to the unsaved? In real life, however, you can only give to God what He has given to you. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn about using what God has given you to serve Him.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 24:1—"The _____ is the _____, and the fulness thereof; the _____, and they that dwell therein."

Tari followed her mother through the grocery store. As they walked past the candy aisle, Tari had an idea. "Mom, if you buy me a bag of candy, I'll give you some!" she said. Her mother chuckled. "Tari, if I buy the candy, doesn't it already belong to me?"

People think they own things: land, buildings, and everything money can buy. But today's verse says that the whole world and everything in it belongs to God. Everything you have was given to you by God. Even your life belongs to God. But you still have a choice: will you use what God has given you to please yourself? Or will you use it to serve the One who gave it to you?



Thank God for everything He has given to you. Ask Him to help you use it to serve Him.



DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

James 4:14—"Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your _____? It is even a _____, that appeareth for a little time, and then _____ away."

Before the flood in Noah's day, people lived a very long time. Some even lived over 900 years. Imagine trying to fit 900 candles on a birthday cake! Today it is very unusual for a person to live beyond the age of 100.

You don't know how many days or years you will live on this earth. Only God knows the length of your life. Today's verse says that a person's life is like your breath on a cold morning. It's there one moment, and the next moment it has disappeared.

Your life is a gift from God. He loved you enough to make you and to send His Son to die for your sins. Do you love Him enough to give Him your time? Time you spend pleasing yourself is lost forever. Time you spend serving God brings heavenly rewards that will never fade away.



Thank God for giving you this day of your life. Ask Him to help you spend the hours of this day serving Him.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

1 Peter 4:10—"As every man hath received the _____, even so _____ the same one to another, as good _____ of the manifold grace of God."

Do you know what abilities or talents God has given to you? Some people are very musical. Others are good at math. God made some people to be good builders or artists. Others are gifted to teach or preach. As you grow and go through school, your parents and teachers will help you discover how God has gifted you.



Today's verse says that God wants you to use your gifts to serve (minister to) others. When you serve, help, and encourage others, you are serving God. Think about the people in your church. How do those people use their talents and abilities to help the other people in your church? Right now, as you are finding out what your talents are, your job is to practice and become as good as you can be at doing the things God has gifted you to do.



Thank God for giving you talents and abilities that you can use to serve Him. Ask Him to help you faithfully study and practice to become more useful to Him.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

2 Kings 4:9-10—"And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an _____ man of God, which passeth by us _____. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall _____ in thither."

"We're having the new family over for lunch on Sunday," Mrs. Smith told her son. "Do we have to?" said Josh. He had seen the brand new van the visitors drove and the nice clothes they wore. "Our house is too small," he complained to his mother. "We're not trying to impress them, Josh," Mrs. Smith said. "We're just trying to encourage them and be their friends."

Whether your family has much or little, God wants you to use what you have to serve Him. Today's Bible passage tells what a woman did for Elisha, the great prophet. This woman used what she had to provide a room in her house for Elisha to use when he was passing through that town. She did this to help Elisha; not to impress him. What do you have that you can use to serve God and help others?



Thank God for the home and belongings He has given to your family. Ask Him to help you use whatever you have to serve Him.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

1 Timothy 2:1-2—"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, _____, intercessions, *and* giving of _____, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all _____ and honesty."

Have you ever felt like you could not do anything to help someone who was going through a hard time? It can be frustrating when somebody you love is sick, troubled, or in pain. These are times when both you and the person you want to help need God the most. Sometimes God puts you in seemingly helpless situations just so you will call out to Him for help. When you cry to God, He hears and answers your prayer. Prayer is a powerful tool you can use to help other people—even without them knowing it. When you pray for others, you are serving God.



Think of three or four people to pray for every day this week. Ask God to help you be consistent as you pray for these people. Thank Him for the people who pray for you.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

Exodus 2:3—"And when she could not longer _____ him, she took for him an ark of _____, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the _____ therein; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink."

"When boys are born to the Israelite women, throw the baby boys in the river!" ordered the king of Egypt. A young woman named Jochebed



gave birth to a son. Instead of obeying the wicked king, Jochebed hid her baby for three months. Then she realized she would have to figure out some other way to keep him safe.

With great care, she made a basket that would float without letting any water seep in. When she was finished, she put her baby son into the basket and gave his older sister some strict instructions. You have probably heard this story about Moses and his mother. Jochebed used her creativity to protect her son from the evil king.

God made you to be creative, as well. You are able to think of new things to make and find new ways to solve problems (the way Jochebed did). Are you using your creativity to serve God?



Thank God that He gifted you with creativity. Ask Him to help you use this gift to find new ways to serve Him today.

DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

John 9:2-3—“And his _____ asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his _____, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man _____, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.”

“What’s wrong with your leg?” a boy at school asked Jamie. Jamie pretended he hadn’t heard the question, and kept hobbling quickly along the hallway. “Why did God make me with one leg shorter than the other one?” He asked his mother later that day. “Why couldn’t God make me normal like the other kids?”

“God wanted you to get more attention from others,” Jamie’s mother wisely told him. “You can either take that extra attention for yourself, or you can turn it to shine on Jesus,” she added.



Today's passage talks about a blind man. The followers of Jesus thought the man's blindness was his punishment for sin. Instead, Jesus told them that God allowed the man to be blind in order to show God's power. Has God given you something in your life that causes others to pay more attention to you? Give glory to God by turning the attention to Him.



Thank God for the challenging things in your life. Ask Him to help you use your challenges to give Him glory.



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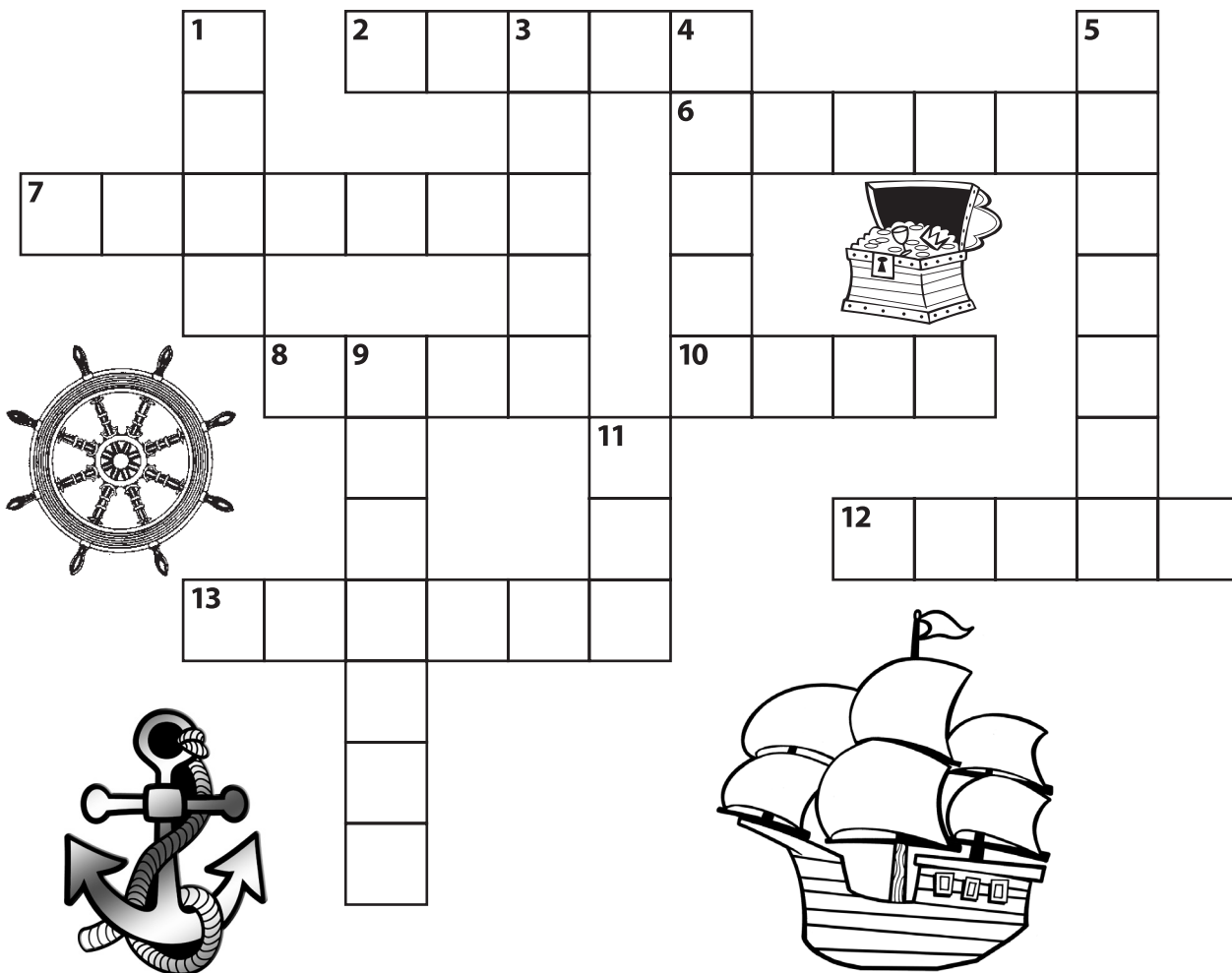
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3. In 3/4 time there are ____ counts.
4. Notes are written on a ____ of lines and spaces.
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11. A double ____ tells you where the song ends.

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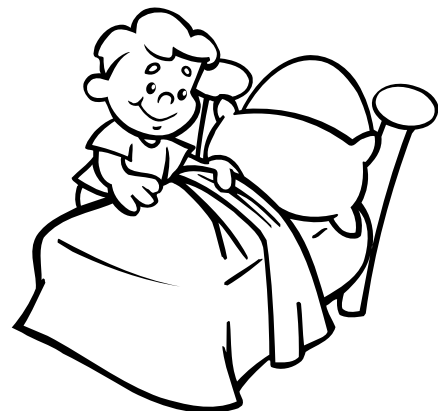
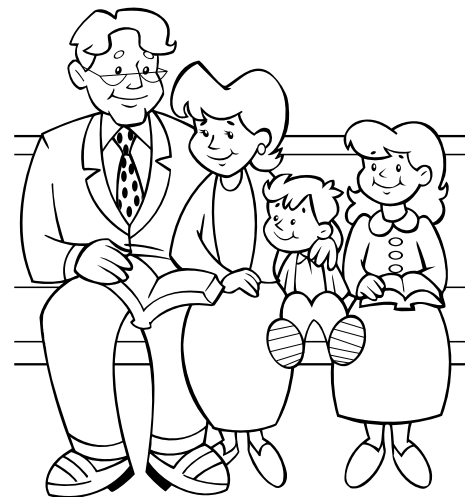
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7. In 4/4 time the ____ note is one beat long.
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12. There are ____ letters in the musical alphabet.
13. Notes above or below the staff are written on ____ lines.

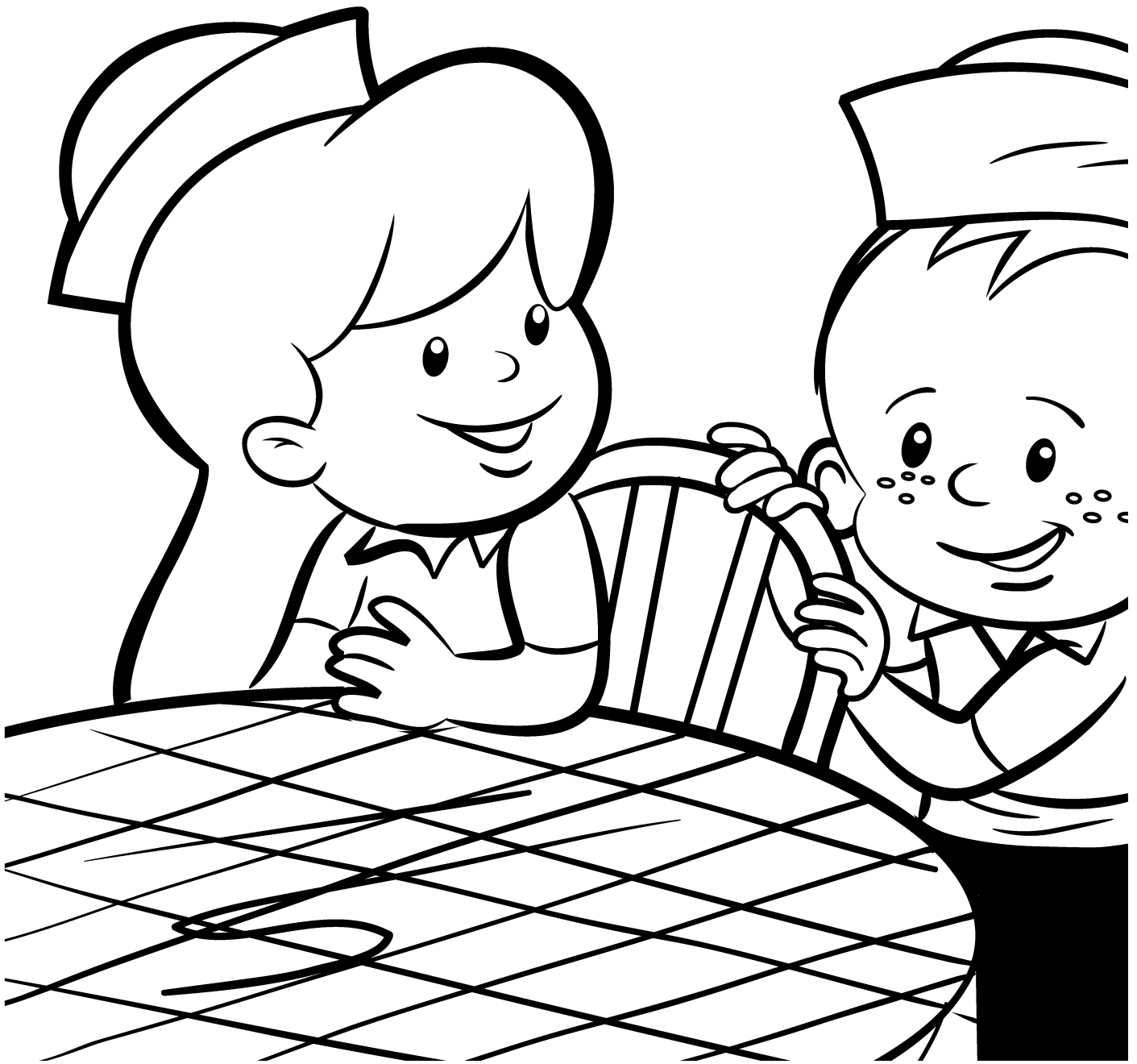


READY, SET, SERVE!

Directions: A Christian should be ready to serve God whenever he is called upon to do so. What are some things you can be doing today that shows your love for Christ? Color the pictures that show things you can do to serve.

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Put others first every day.



THE JOY OF SERVICE

What is joy? The dictionary says joy is the happiness that comes when desires are satisfied. The human heart seeks to satisfy its desires with what the world offers: fame, power, wealth, the “good life.” The idea that worldly pleasure satisfies is a trap of Satan. “Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? And your labour for *that which* satisfieth not?” asks God in Isaiah 55:2. In contrast to that, Psalm 107:9 tells that God “satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.” This week as you have your quiet time, you will learn about the satisfaction and joy that comes from serving God and others.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Acts 20:24—“But none of these things _____ me, neither count I my life dear unto _____, so that I might _____ my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”

Paul, the famous Bible missionary, faced every danger and trouble on this earth as he served God by preaching the gospel and starting churches. He had pain and sickness in his body, and he had enemies who wanted to kill him. He was shipwrecked and stoned. He was beaten and put in prison for preaching. In the end, he was killed for his service to God.

Yet in all of this, Paul had great satisfaction and joy. In today’s verse, Paul says that all of these troubles do not affect him or keep him from his goal: to finish the work God had given him to do with joy. He didn’t say the work of the ministry was misery and pain. He used the word joy. True joy and satisfaction only comes from serving God.



Thank God for the joy of serving Him. Ask Him to help you to be faithful in your service.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20—“For what *is* our _____, or joy, or crown of _____? *Are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and _____.”

Brandon watched eagerly out the window of his family’s van as they sped down the road. He couldn’t wait to get to the park! There were rides and food stands, ducks to feed, and kites to fly. But these things were not what Brandon was most excited about. He was going to see his favorite cousin, a boy his own age who had been his best friend since they were three years old. Brandon wouldn’t have cared if they were going to an empty field instead of a park—he just wanted to see his cousin again!

God’s Word describes heaven as a wonderful place of joy, fellowship with God, and rest. But in today’s verses, Paul tells what was going to give him the most joy in heaven: his loved ones joining him in the presence of Jesus. Paul’s driving desire was to see people come to Christ and become children of God. Those who trusted Jesus would see Paul again in heaven. These people were Paul’s “glory and joy.”

What do you think will bring you most joy? A new toy or game here on earth that will break and get lost—or people you have told about Jesus, who will be with you forever in heaven? Reaching others for Jesus brings eternal joy.



Ask God to help you tell others how they can trust in Jesus and be saved forever from their sin. If you are a child of God, thank God for saving you.



DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

1 Chronicles 29:9—"Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered _____, because with _____ heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and _____ the king also rejoiced with great joy."

King David wanted with all his heart to build a great palace for God. But God told David that his son, Solomon, would be the one to build Him a temple. So David and the people collected gold, silver, special woods, and jewels so everything would be ready for Solomon when he built the temple.

Underline the five words in today's verse that tells how David and the people felt about giving their treasures to make a house for God. God has designed people to be unhappy when they are greedy and selfish. But when you obey willingly and give to others, God gives you great joy. Joy is a special gift from God for giving to and serving Him.



Ask God to help you have a willing heart to give to Him and to others. Thank Him for the joy He gives when you obey.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

2 John 1:12—"Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I _____ to come unto you, and _____ face to face, that our _____ may be full."

God made Adam so He could have fellowship with His creation. Then God created Eve so Adam would not be alone. People like to be together. Being together brings comfort and happiness. Working together with other Christians to serve God brings joy.

In today's verse, John says he is looking forward to being with his Christian friends so that his joy "may be full." Serving God together with other Christians creates a close bond of fellowship that is filled with joy.



Thank God for your Christian friends. Ask Him to give you ways to help your friends and work together with them to serve God.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Isaiah 65:14—“Behold, my _____ shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall _____ for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of _____.”

Crystal shivered and covered her ears with her hands as she snuggled under the thick blankets at her grandmother’s cabin. She loved visiting her grandmother, but she hated to hear the wolves howl in the night when the moon was shining bright. “They can’t hurt you, Crystal,” her grandmother reassured her. “I know, Grandma,” answered Crystal. “But they just sound so sad and hopeless!”

Perhaps God was thinking of wolves howling when He told Isaiah to write today’s verse. In this verse, God says that people who refuse to serve Him will be filled with sorrow to the point that they will howl because they are so miserable. This is what happens to those who chase after the things of this world, trying to get satisfaction.

The beginning of this same verse describes the person who is busy serving God. “My servants,” God calls them. These who give their lives to serving God will “sing for joy of heart,” God says. Do you have joy in your heart today? Look around you for ways to serve God. Make sure you confess your sins, and keep your heart focused on God. Then God will make your heart sing for the joy of serving Him.



Ask God to help you serve Him with a willing heart today.

**DAY 6**

MONTH / DAY

Mark 10:21—"Then Jesus beholding him _____ him, and said unto him, One thing thou _____: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have _____ in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow me."

Imagine that you know a boy who is working very hard to earn money. Every time he earns some money, he rushes to the store and buys some birdseed. Then he scatters the birdseed all over the ground. Over the next few days, the birds come and eat up all the birdseed. Would you say that this boy is "storing up treasure" with the money he earns?

Now imagine that another boy you know is also working hard to earn money. Every time this boy earns money, he carries it straight to the bank and puts it into his bank account. Over time, the money grows into a large amount that is able to pay the cost for college. Did this boy use his money wisely?

Anything you buy with money in this world will be destroyed someday. Today's verse says that when you use your money and possessions to serve God and give to others, you are storing up treasures in heaven. The Bible doesn't describe what these treasures are like, but we do know these will be treasures we will enjoy for eternity: treasures that will never break or wear out or get stolen. Are you storing up treasures in heaven?



Ask God to help you see that serving Him and helping others is more important than storing up treasures on this earth.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Matthew 25:21—“His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* _____ and faithful servant: thou hast been _____ over a few things, I will make thee _____ over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

A person’s life is divided into different stages. First you are a baby, then a child. When you grow to be a young adult, you may get married, work at a job, and have children. Later on, the children will grow up and leave your home. Then you may become a grandparent. Eventually, your body and mind will become old and feeble.

Throughout your life you will have many joys, but also many sorrows. There will be sickness to deal with, hard times with your family, and troubles in your job. In all of these things, God wants you to trust Him, give Him glory, and serve Him. Then when your life is over, you will stand before God at last and finally see Him face to face. You will look into His eyes and be able to see for yourself how much He really loves you. It is the moment your entire being yearns for: the moment when you finally, completely, have become what God designed you to be. It is at this moment that those who serve God here on earth will experience their greatest joy: God Himself looking at you with love and approval, saying “Well done, thou good and faithful servant!”

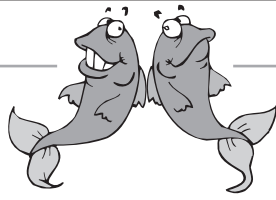


Ask God to help you faithfully serve Him all through your life so you can hear Him call you a good and faithful servant when your life is over. Thank Him for giving you joy when you serve Him.

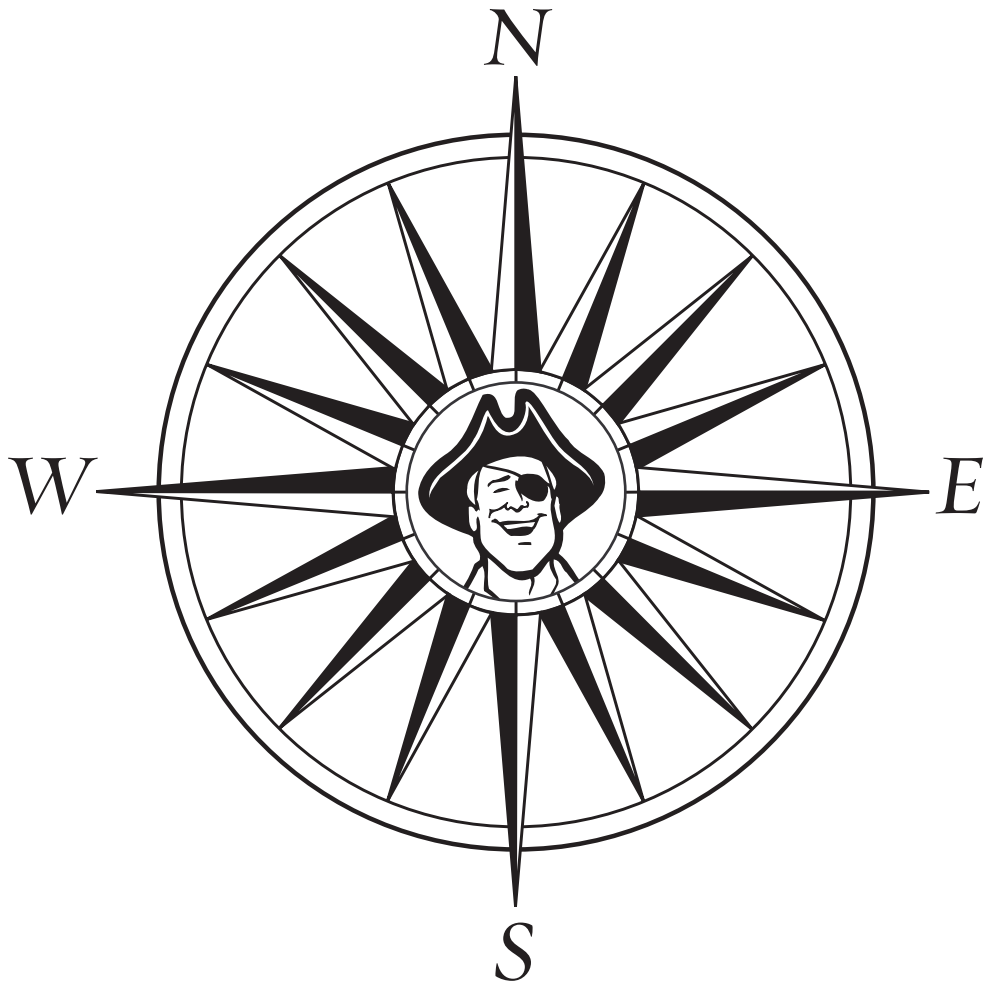


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My Prayer Journal

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What God is teaching me through this month's song and devotions:



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