

## Word Search

Answer the questions about Joseph below then find the answers in the word search

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HAVEN UPHARSIN RAVEN CAKES OLYMPAS YOKE PLEA KEZIA ELI NUN  
 EARS PHILIP WEDDING BRAMBLES EDOMITES SYNAGOGUE HANDBREADTH  
 ELDER EWE HOUSE UPPER GATE HAIL SALT ERR RANGE GLEDE GREY  
 HEEL LED HALI SPUN PLAN HAPPY ASIEL PAIN NURSE BLOODY HART  
 UEL ANT LEHI AIR CAB ORATOR RAN LATE INNER FLEE PIN THYINE  
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 SORT ROLL ARD AGATE HEM HETH DEED CANA SPAN CANE BEFORE  
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 DIET LEES REAR ULLA EZRA MARAH HOSEA NEST SPARE LAMA RAIN  
 APRON SON FEET SALLU FILE ZER ORPAH RARE AARON MAID DASH  
 ZIN BID SOUL HEAD SAIL SLEEP NOE ROE

1. Joseph's Egyptian name
2. Joseph first born son
3. Joseph's wife
4. Given to Joseph by his father
5. His age when his brothers sold him
6. Joseph's father-in-law
7. His brothers put him in this
8. He was put in here because of a lie
9. Put in his brothers sack
10. Father-in-law's occupation
11. Put to death by Pharaoh
12. A high number of heavenly lights bowed

### Books of Bible hidden in last Word Search

Ezekiel Genesis Ezra Haggai Leviticus Psalms Samuel Jeremiah Hosea  
 Micah Daniel Numbers Judges Joshua Song of Solomon Nehemiah Kings  
 James Jude Thessalonians Matthew Revelation Peter Acts

# CONNECT

## **Oldham Seventh-Day Adventist Church**

### Filling The Gap

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## Hen Pecked Part 2

I think most of you are familiar with the term “Mother hen”, but just in case I am mistaken let me tell you a little bit about what the term means. Informally, it means “a person who sees to the needs of others, especially in a fussy or interfering way. “If we consider the term mother hen in a literal way it simply means “a female chicken who bears eggs or chicks.” Well, the story which I want to share with you is about my regrettable encounter with a mother hen.

I was having a debate with my elder brother, as far as I can remember I was probably about six or seven years old and he would have been about eight and a half. The problem we had was that we both wanted eggs for our breakfast, but the chicken had chosen to build her nest under our Grandma Newell’s house. It was not going to be an easy task to crawl under the house, get to the nest, snatch a few eggs from under the brooding mother hen and make a quick escape before being badly pecked by her.

The question was who should run the risk, suffer this painful experience so that we could both have a wonderful delicious breakfast? Well, in my experience big brothers and sisters always seem to get their own way, and this was no exception. Somehow, my brother eloquently convinced me that I was the one who was most suited to undertake this perilous adventure.

I was scared, but I also wanted the eggs. I was scared because I had seen what brooding mother hens could do when attempts are made to take their eggs from them, or when chicken hawks swoop down and try to snatch their chicks, or the hens themselves. There I was, stooping down and making my way under the house, very soon I was stretched out on my tummy, head down to the ground, feeling my back up against the house, just about able to inch my way forward towards the nest.

The hen knew that I was coming, and began to cluck at me, warning me to go away or else be prepared for the upcoming consequences of my action. I ignored her warnings and continued to move forward; thinking of the delicious breakfast that I was going to have. Suddenly with her wings spread out she ran at me and began to peck me, it was so painful that I began to cry, at the same time trying to get out from under the house as quickly as I could. The trouble was that I could not

turn around, I had to try to reverse from under the house, I could not see where I was going, and to make matters worse the hen was constantly pecking me. Eventually, I managed to get out, badly pecked covered in dirt and without a single egg to show for that painful experience.

I can’t blame the mother hen. I only have myself to blame, she did warn me to stay away from her nest, she was doing what she could to protect her eggs so that she could hatch them and raise her chicks. In the book of Luke, we read these words, which Jesus spoke against Jerusalem:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it! Luke 13:34

In this text we can clearly see that Jesus likens himself to a mother hen whose desire is to gather us under His wings to protect us from danger. I pray that we will surrender our desires, our cares, our future into the hands of the Lord as we continue to pray for his protection and guidance through these perilous times.

Pastor Taylor.

### Seven D’s from God

He:	<b>Delights</b> in us	- Psalm 37:23
	<b>Delivers</b> us	- Psalm 97: 10
	<b>Directs</b> us	- Proverbs 16: 9
	<b>Declares</b> the right	- Isaiah 45: 19
He forgives:	<b>Debts</b>	- Matthew 6:12
He satisfies:	<b>Desires</b>	- Psalm 145: 16
He lightens:	<b>Darkness</b>	- Isaiah 42: 16

## Daniel Chapter 2

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which he could not remember. He was so disturbed by it that he insisted that the wise men tell him the dream and its interpretation. They could not fulfil the king's impossible demand and as a result he ordered the execution of all wise men.

As wise men Daniel and his friends were sought out by Arioch for execution. When Daniel heard of the problem he appealed to the king for some time, after which he assured the king that he would reveal the dream and its interpretation. After telling his friends the situation, they held a prayer meeting and asked God to reveal the secret dream and its interpretation.

In a night vision the secret was revealed and so Daniel praised and thanked God. Daniel then revealed the dream and interpretation to Nebuchadnezzar.

The dream outlined the sequence of world powers from the time of Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon), down to the end of time when God's kingdom will reign forever.

So, what can we learn from this chapter?

1. God is merciful and seeks to help all people. Nebuchadnezzar was concerned about the future and so God revealed it to him.
2. We should be honest in everything we do. The king's wise men pretended to be able to interpret dreams but could not.
3. We are called to witness. Daniel trusted God and testified of God's power and ability. At no time did Daniel take the credit for himself.
4. At the first sign of trouble Daniel called a prayer meeting. Next time there is a problem keep calm and follow Daniels example, hold a prayer meeting.

### Discussion Question

Why did God allow Daniel and friends to be put in this difficult position?

## Prayer Ministry

Focus: Romans 8:28

For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose.

### The Story of Joseph: part 2

Recap: as we read in the previous article that Joseph got punished for refusing to join the wrong doers club and God made a way for him to promotion, from the well to a slave, from a slave to a governor! ...what excuse could one give of not believing in God's marvellous works. (Jeremiah 32:27) Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?

### The Seven Fat Cows and The Seven Lean Cows

In his new office, Joseph, with God's imparted wisdom, gathered the produce which was plenteous during the seven years and stored it in granaries preparing for the future predicted famine. Gen 41: 35, 36. God's hand is always at work, through dreams and visions, He reveals the future and provides means of saving His people.

Scriptures:

Ecclesiastes 1:9 ... there is nothing new under the sun ...

Amos 8:11, 12. the famine of God's word shall be upon earth.

Let us build our store houses (heads) and store as much food (scriptures) as we can, so that we should never starve in time of spiritual famine.

We have been living in the time of the Fat Cows (Daniel 12: 4) where all resources of spiritual food is at our disposal.



## Hello everyone

I hope you are all well, healthy and well exercised spiritually, physically, mentally, psychologically and emotionally. I realise that right now social health might be suffering to some extent, but other areas of health are still possible and essential.

I was thinking about excitement the other day, it started off by seeing someone else excited. Can you remember the last time you were excited? I think excitement is a type of mental exercise it helps to keep our minds active and healthy. It helps with mental, psychological and emotional health. That is why we should have a project of some sort, something to take an interest in.

The dictionary defines excitement as a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness, a feeling of happiness, enjoyment or satisfaction.

The reason for the excitement I am talking about is only small everyday things, nothing like winning millions of pounds but definitely better.

Quite a few years ago I subscribed to a gardening paper and it told how to make a compost heap. This is done by using all fruit and vegetables peelings and food waste (not cooked) together with a little garden soil and one or two other additions. After a few weeks, the food peelings would rot down to form a compost (soil that contains more nutrients for plants).

I made a compost heap but once it was done, unfortunately neglected it for several months. I noticed that it had grown what I thought was extremely large weeds and decided I had better get rid of them. Imagine my surprise when I pulled the first one up and found potatoes. Potatoes had grown from the potato peelings used.

I harvested about 19 pounds of big, beautiful, healthy organically grown potatoes. Yes, you guessed it, I was Excited with a capital E, however no one else was at home so I had to contain myself but as soon as a family member came home, I ran up to them with the potatoes and the story.

I have grown potatoes since then deliberately but have never experienced as much excitement as that again.

In the last three or four years, it was garlic that I tried to grow without much success. Finally, about two years ago I found out where I had gone wrong in the past and harvested some big healthy organically grown garlic bulbs. Yes, excitement reigned again.

Where I had gone wrong in the past was in the soil. Plants need good quality soil; just ordinary garden soil is often of poor quality. Now- a-days I buy compost although I still think homemade is best.

Does this remind you of Jesus' parable of the seed falling on the different types of soil? Remember the seed that fell on the good ground yielded up to an hundredfold?

Remember too we have an excellent reason for being excited. We are told we should be eager and enthusiastic, that is excited, about sharing the gospel and in contemplating eternal life in Heaven. Isaiah 65:21 tells us we will build houses and inhabit them and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. I am looking forward to building my house and especially planting my vineyard, aren't you?

We have definitely got something to be excited about.

GO ON, GET EXCITED.

## Man on the Street

Planning a life of excess after restrictions caused by lockdown

1. Hold on to the good and don't go back to the bad

Matthew 6:26 Take no thought for the morrow

Matthew 6:21 Where your treasure is there your heart is

2. Plans should be for a life of gratitude, thanksgiving and improvement

1 Corinthians 10:31 Eat and drink to glory of God

1 Corinthians 6:19 Our bodies a temple of God

3<sup>rd</sup> John 2 Prosper and be in good health

## Did you know.....

1. Angels sometimes appear as human beings. Hebrews 13:2

2. Angels have direct access to God. Luke 1:19

3. Angels obey God's commandments. Psalm 103:20

4. There are different orders of Angels. Isaiah 6:2 Genesis 3:24

5. Angels are involved in helping people to preach the gospel.  
Acts 5:17-20

6. Angels refuse to be worshipped, but they worship God.  
Revelation 19:10 Revelation 22:8-9

7. Angels know our names, addresses and occupations. Acts 10:3-6

## Do Something.....

Larry Walters, a 33-year-old man decided he wanted to see his neighbourhood from a new perspective. He went down to the local army surplus store one morning and bought forty-five used weather balloons. That afternoon he strapped himself into a lawn chair, to which several of his friends tied the now helium-filled balloons. He took along a six-pack of beer, a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich, and a BB gun, figuring he could shoot the balloons one at a time when he was ready to land.

Walters, who assumed the balloons would lift him about 100 feet in the air, was caught off guard when the chair soared more than 11,000 feet into the sky -- smack into the middle of the air traffic pattern at Los Angeles International Airport. Too frightened to shoot any of the balloons, he stayed airborne for more than two hours, forcing the airport

to shut down its runways for much of the afternoon, causing long delays in flights from across the country.

Soon after he was safely grounded and cited by the police, reporters asked him three questions:

"Where you scared?" "Yes."

"Would you do it again?" "No."

"Why did you do it?" "Because," he said, "you can't just sit there."

A funny story with a serious moral: as Christ's ambassadors are we 'just sitting there' or have we taken some action.

## Simple Suppers (or dinner!)

### Pesto

1 Bag Spinach

¼ Cup Whole raw Almonds

2 Tbs Nutritional Yeast

2 Tbs Flavourless Vegetable Oil

1 Small clove Garlic

2 Tbs Lemon juice/water and Salt and cayenne pepper to taste

Food processor or Stick blender or Mini chopper

Place all the ingredients except the lemon juice in your machine and blend until they are the desired texture. Add Lemon juice, salt and cayenne pepper to taste.

Uses

This can be used

As a pasta sauce

To top jacket potato

As a simple salad dressing

In potato salad as an alternative to salad cream or mayonnaise

As a dressing for broccoli or other boiled green vegetables

Enjoy!!

### Answers to Bible Pairs

Adam & Abel   Isaac & Ishmael   Judah & Joseph   Job & Jemima  
 Abihu & Amminadab   Loammi & Loruhamah   Amnon & Abasalom  
 Shuah & Shelah   Kezia & Keren-Happuch   Athaliah & Ahaziah  
 Elisheba & Eleazar   Dinah & Dan   Mary & Martha   James & John  
 Zilpah & Zebulun   Adah & Aholibamah   Leah & Laban   Moses & Miriam  
 Huz & Hazo   Jabal & Jubal   Mahlah & Milcah   Michal & Merab  
 Aaron & Amran   Bilhah & Benjamin   Joash & Jehoram  
 Ahab & Azariah   Jehoiada & Jehosheba   Joash & Jeroboam

### **GOD CAN HEAR ME**

### **MATERIALS:**

- 2 Cans or paper cups
- Small nail and hammer
- Long piece of string

*Talking with God is easy!*

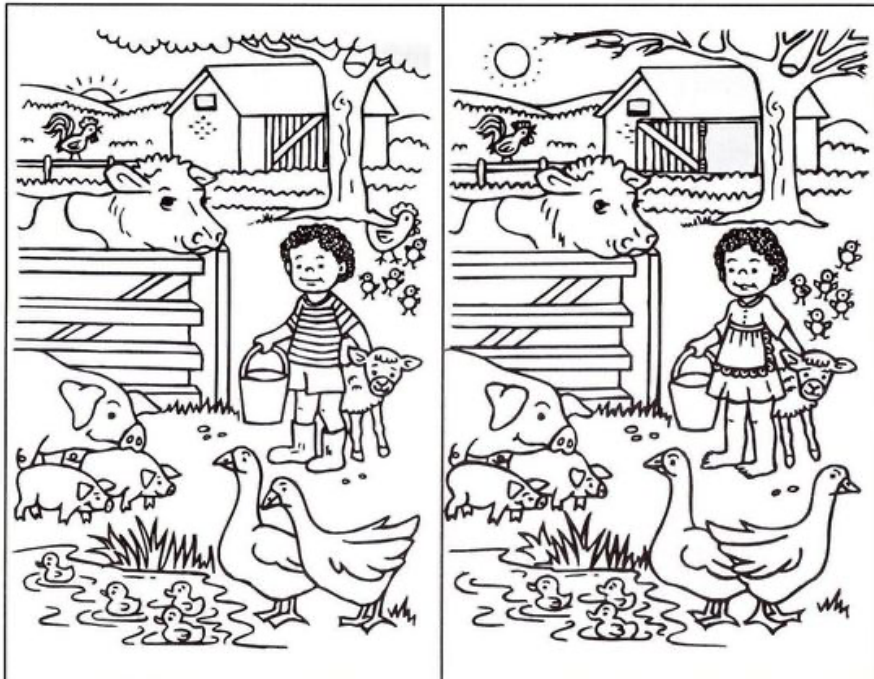


### **DIRECTIONS**

Use the small nail and hammer to punch a hole in the bottom of each can or paper cup. The hole should be in the centre. Push the string through the hole in the first can and tie a knot at the end of the string so that it cannot pull through the hole in the can. Repeat this process for the second can.

Use the "telephone to whisper messages like, "God loves you very much." into your can. The person on the other end should be able to hear the message loud and clear, if not, try repeating the message a bit louder.

### **SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**



### **Jesus Taught Us How to Pray**

To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me."

Jesus taught us how to pray,  
 to God our Father everyday;  
 Morning, noon, and night-time too,  
 we can pray and so can you.  
 Yes, we can pray! Yes, we can pray!  
 Yes, we can pray, to God through-out the day.



Prayer time

Thank Jesus for the happy times we have with our family and friends.

## Man on the Street

If there is a God why are we experiencing this Coronavirus and seeing all of this suffering?

1. If in their opinion God is responsible for all of the bad things that exist, God must also be responsible for all of the good things that happen which far outweigh the bad, for example good food, life, freedom etc. In the news all we hear is all of the bad things. We never talk about all of the many everyday good things that happen that we take for granted.

God is good (love) Ephesians 2:4 (NIV)

We love Him because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19 (NKJV) 19

If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31 (NKJV)

2. The universe is based on the rule of law; life and order depend on it. All worthwhile things depend on it. God is a God of law and created the universe based on laws.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15 (NKJV)

3. Freedom of choice is the first principle of the government of God.

Genesis 2:9 (NKJV) the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 3:5-6 (NKJV) knowing good and evil.”

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV) serve the LORD