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Also hidden in the word search are twelve parts of the body.

TURTLE DOVE CASTOR AND POLLUX ALABASTER BOX SECOND COMING ON VASHTI ONESIMUS HEAVEN KNEADING TROUGHS SAVOUR AARON NETS LAZARUS RUTH ZAIR YOUTH NEST DEAL LAODICEAN SAUL UNLOOSE LEBANON MAID CLOTHING ROAD TARES OUTCAST GOAT SELED LOIS BANNERS TALENT VERY PUAH ELIAS ORACLE OLIVE TAVERNS URIAH GALBANUM OLD HYMNS GHOST DART CLOUD ASER EARTH ETHIOPIA GOG SEW OHEL TIRES ROMAN CROWNS EVENTIDE SEATED MEDDLE LAUD BURN BARN BREAD TARRY TROAS SPAN SALU NAUM EMMOR YET CRY AGE TRY LOG WAIT LAEL RISEN ANAN LILY HATS JOHN RID TIN GAMUL SIT LAND JOHA HARP SEAM LIED ALL MEND ANY LISTED DAY LOOK DARK BID DULL HELM JARED EAST OPEN LEAP SOP SAP MAD HARE PLAY SPY SAD PILE DAN PUA HEAR

Answers to find chapter and book and re-arrange the words

1. Exodus 2: 5 - GALFS=Flags 2.1 Kings 17:10- KICTSS=Sticks, 3.Numbers 6:4- NIVE=Vine 4.Judges 16:11-SOPER=Ropes 5.Genesis 11:3- MILES=Slime
6. Isaiah 18: 2- RULES BUSH=Bulrushes 7.Exodus 2:3- HICTP=Pitch 8.Job 13:25- FEAL=Leaf 9.Jeremiah 36:23- KEEPFINN=Penknife 10.Luke 19:30-ETID=Tied
- 11.Ezekiel 42:20- GRINST =String 12.Psalm 11:2- DEERS=Reeds

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Plum in A Drum

There I was, looking up at the not so very tall plum tree, filled with an abundance of very red and juicy plums and I knew that they were ready to be picked and be eaten. I must have watched those plums since they first appeared on the tree, eagerly anticipating the time when I would be able to climb that tree, sit in it and eat to my heart's content. Eventually all the plums were eaten, regrettably not all by me, the local boys and girls also had a liking for them, so did the rest of my family and the birds of the air.

One of the strangest things I remember about this experience, is that even though I knew that there was not a single plum left on the tree, I would ritually make my way to it expecting that I would find one last plum on it, but my trips were all in vain. Now, awfully close to the plum tree my Dad had balanced Thames' carriage on several oil drums, perhaps I should have told you before that Thames was the name of my Dad's lorry, and every so often this is what he would do.

so happened that on one such visit to the tree, having been disappointed yet again, my attention was attracted to the drums, I considered that there might be a plum in the one closest to the tree. I approached the drum and as I got close to it my cousin Jean came by and stood next to me, I ignored her and peeped into the drum and, to my surprise and delight, I saw what looked like a red juicy plum at the bottom of the drum.

The question now was how I was going to get the plum, I was but a little fellow and the drum was up to my shoulders. Greed, I admit, got the better of me and I decided to try whatever it would take to get the plum. Now, the oil drum was very wide, so there was enough space for me to reach into it without disturbing the carriage of the lorry. Reaching did not solve the problem, the plum might as well be several miles away, I was not able to get to it.

I began to lean forward, head down in the drum, but the plum was still very much out of sight, I stretched with all my might reaching towards it, whilst trying to pull myself up to the top of the drum, I am sure you are able to guess what happened next. Before I knew it, I fell into the drum,

my hands at the bottom, with my two little legs hanging over it's rim, it was a very painful experience.

If that was all that happened I think I could have coped with it, but what compounded the matter was that my cousin Jean laughed so much that she seemingly did not hear me crying out to her to go and get help. It seems that she was enjoying the moment, one might say that she was beside herself! To be truthful, I do not know how long it took for me to be rescued but I know that I was hospitalised for about six weeks.

I still bear the scars of that experience. By this I mean that I have been left with a curved spine, all be it a slightly curved one. The moral which I would like you to take from this story is that often we all do things without thinking of the possible consequences of our actions. I little dreamed that my attempt to get that plum out of the oil drum would have left me with this curved spine. I might also add that some of the consequences of our actions might totally transform our lives and significantly affect not only ourselves but also the lives of our loved ones.

It still remains true, that the greatest scars that has every been inflicted on a human being, are the scars of the crown of thorns which was pressed into the Saviours forehead, the scars in the palm of His hands and feet when He was nailed to the cross and the scars caused by the spear which was thrust in His side.

And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds in your hands?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends (Zachariah 13:6).

Seven G's from God

He is our:	Glory	- 1Chronicles 16: 27
	Guide	- Isaiah 58: 11
He is:	Good	- Psalm 25: 8
	Gracious	- Psalms 145: 8
He:	Grants	- Revelation 3: 21
	Gives	- Psalm 145: 15
	Gathers	- Isaiah: 40: 10 & 11

Strange happenings

It was a great night. Everyone was enjoying themselves. The party was just what was expected, good food, plenty to drink and a wonderful guest list. The party was so good that even the best drinking vessels were called for to be used. With the choicest wine being poured toasts were made to their gods.

The party could almost go down in history as the best, ever, but then something strange happened. Was this the entertainment? Had the organisers paid for this happening or... was it something from a horror movie.

The fingers of a man's hand suddenly appeared and wrote words in the plaster on the wall near the candlestick. The scene continued with guests horrified and the host, the king with knocking knees and shaking all over.

What did it all mean? Well this is what the terrified Belshazzar wanted to know. The astrologers, Chaldeans and soothsayers were called and instantly failed to decipher the words on the wall. It was then that Daniel the Jew, who was described by the queen as having an excellent spirit and understanding in interpreting dreams was called.

Daniel, who by now had lived in Babylon for many years, was still as honest and true to God as when he had first been taken captive. The king offered rewards and gifts if Daniel would interpret the writing on the wall. Knowing himself to be a true servant of God, Daniel refused the gifts and rewards, as the interpretation declared the judgement of God upon Belshazzar.

So, what can we learn from the happenings in Daniel chapter 5?

- Belshazzar had to face the judgement of God for failure to be humble. He knowingly (verse 22) continued to be proud and had not learned from Nebuchadnezzar. Remember, pride goes before a fall, God always allows us to learn to do the right thing.

- We can learn from this account that Daniel had always remained a faithful and true witness for God. This was evident from the queen who reminded Belshazzar of Daniel's God given talents (Daniel 5:10-12).

- We should also try to learn from past experiences. One day we all will be held accountable for our actions (Daniel 5:18-28).

Belshazzar lost his kingdom and his life all in one night. We need to ask ourselves how much do we have to lose before we learn?

Did You Know.....

1. That the first generations from Adam lived for over 900 years
2. Mahalalel was a mere baby at age 65 when he had his first child.
3. The name Noah means comfort or consolation
4. Noah was 500 years old before he had his first child.
5. That after the forty days of rain the flood water was on the earth 150 days
6. A Raven was the first bird that Noah sent out of the Ark.
7. It was one year and ten days from the start of the flood until the earth was dry.

Work out the animal based clues below to find a 7 letter word.

1. Used to help Elisha revenge his honour
2. A gift from Hiram
3. A gift to Abimelech
4. Judah sent this to redeem his pledge
5. Prophet used this to illustrate the king's wrong
6. If a new mother could not afford a lamb she could bring two of these
7. Shouldn't waste your pearls on these

Hi there everyone

Here we are at week 16 since the churches closed. Who would have thought such a thing could have happened. Even up to February this year it would have been unimaginable, yet now, we are quite settled in and used to it.

It is amazing how adaptable human beings can be. Our mental, spiritual, psychological and emotional well being demands that we adjust.

We tend to dislike change, we fear and resent it most of the time, yet life contains many changes. There are gradual changes like ageing and sudden changes like corona virus and lockdown but whatever the change we ought to make the most of the time, and the situation that we find ourselves in.

Since the lockdown, several people have found more time to study the bible deeply, to improve their study and spiritual lives, proving, that something good can come out of even a potentially bad experience

The Christian's life calls for many changes throughout its journey. We are admonished to "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it" in Psalms 37:27. While a new heart of flesh is offered in Ezekiel 36:26. Constant changes are necessary.

The corona virus situation has caused many people to sit up and pay attention. Many are questioning, wondering, if the pandemic is part of the last day events. Whether or not, the virus has certainly brought about significant changes, and experts are expecting it to hang around for some time yet. We are told that there is the likely hood of other such pandemics in the future also.

We do not know what the future holds but many people are looking forward to getting back to normal, however we can't expect to get back to the "old" normal but will have to find a "new" normal.

Adam and Eve had to get used to the change of life outside the garden of Eden after they had sinned. Change in fact came about because of sin and we are sure that we still have at least one more large change to come.

This change is a positive, pleasurable change for Christians, nothing to fear, dislike or resent. We can look forward to Jesus' second coming, the one final large change that will put an end to changes forever and will introduce a new normal that we can enjoy eternally.

Prayer Ministry

BIBLE THE ANSWER TO ALL OUR QUESTIONING

Reference: Day of prayer and fasting, July 4, 2020.

Vision and spiritual discernment to our leaders: 2 Timothy 2:15, Philippians 1:9,10. 1 John 4:1

Revival: Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 19:7.

Things that grieve us: Psalm 34: 18, Psalm 147:1, 1Peter 5:7.

Praising God for carrying us through: Psalm 150

Broken world and broken people: 2 Chronicles 7:14, John 3:16,17, Psalm 103: 2-4.

Poor and destitute: Proverbs 14:31, Acts 20:35.

Justice: Micah 6:8, Proverbs 21:16.

Oppressed and marginalised: Isaiah 1:17

Knowledge: Proverbs 2:10, Proverbs 1:7.

Finding truth in Jesus: John 8:32, Matthew 7:7, John 1:14.

Prayer Ministry Continued

Jesus our example: Phil 2:5, John 13:34.

Financial stability: Deuteronomy 28:11,12.

Healing: Jeremiah 17:14, Mal 4:12.

Recovery: Psalm 30:2,3. Jeremiah 30:17

Comfort: 2 Corinthians 1:3,4.

The church, the sanctuary: John 4:23. Hebrews 10:25.

The fruit of evangelism, interacting with the new members:

Psalm 105:1. 1Corinthians 15:1,2. 1 Peter 3:15.

Supporting the newly baptised: 1Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:26,27.

Healthy marriages: 1Corinthians 7:1,2,5.

Struggling with private sins: 1Corinthians 10:13. 1 John 1:9.

Romans 7:15-25.

Troubled teenagers: Matthew 11:28,29.

Bearing Christ' likeness: Genesis1:27. Colossians 3:10.

Developing the faith of Jesus: Hebrews 11:1. John 4:7

Taking God's word as treasure: Mark 12:30. Ecclesiastes 12:13.

The church, the truth: Matthew 18:20. Hebrews 10:24,25.

Online preaching of the gospel: 2Timothy 2: 24-26. Mark 16:15.

The national leaders to acknowledge God and the time we are living in:

Dan 2:20,21. Psalm 75:5-7.

Ceasing brutality for the public: Proverbs 3:31, Isa 60:18, Psalm 11:5.

🙌KEEP STUDYING🙌

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

A rat looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. What food might it contain? He was appalled to discover that it was a rat trap. Retreating to the farmyard the rat proclaimed the warning: "There is a rat trap in the house, a rat trap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said: "Excuse me, Mr. Rat, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The rat turned to the pig and told him: "There is a rat trap in the house, a rat trap in the house!" "I am so very sorry Mr. Rat," sympathised the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but be assured that you are in my prayers."

The rat turned to the cow. She said: "Like wow, Mr. Rat. A rat trap. I am in grave danger. Duh?" So the rat returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's rat trap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a rat trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well.

She died, and so many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

THE MORAL - The next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it doesn't concern you, remember that when there is a rat trap in the house, the whole farmyard is at risk.

Children's page

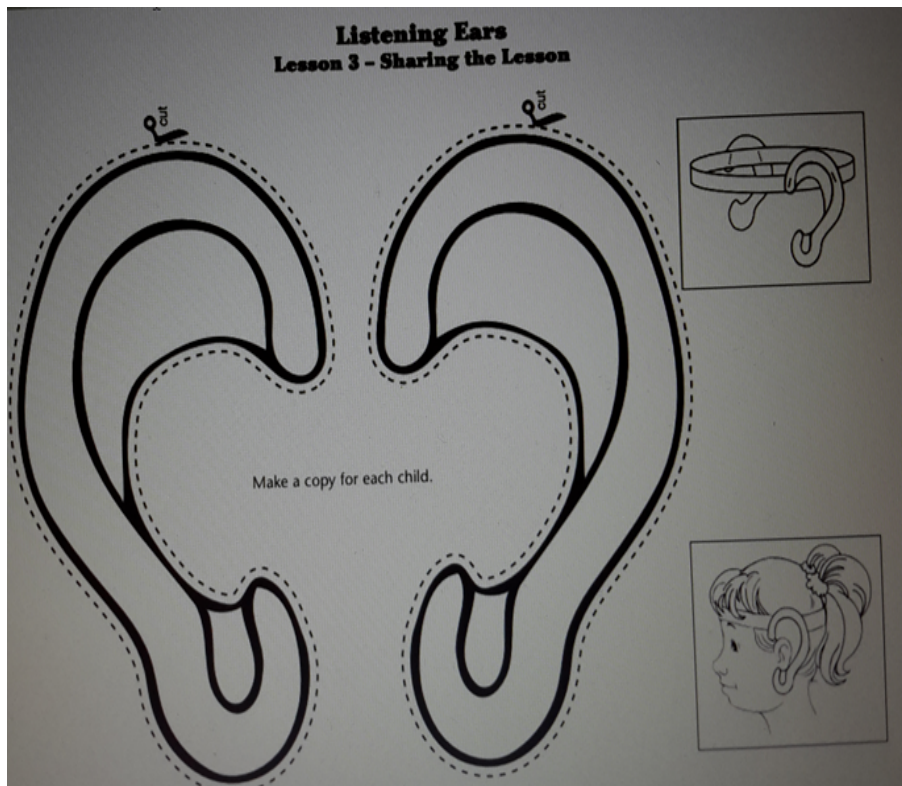
Memory verse

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9, NIV).
Samuel listened to Eli and God and followed their instructions. God still speaks to us to help others. When we follow His instructions, we are serving God.

We serve God when we listen to His voice

Listening Ears

Copy and cut out a Listening Ears pattern. Colour the ears. Then staple or tape the headband together to fit your head; then staple or tape the ears to the headband.



THE SINGING HIPPO

Once upon a time, a hippopotamus lived in a river next to a big and solitary tree.

One day, a bird came and nested in the tree. The songs and the flight of the bird caused such envy in the hippo that he couldn't think of anything else. Every day he would lament the fact that he had been born a hippo. This, despite the many times the bird told the hippo he was so lucky to be so big and such a good swimmer.

Finally, the hippo made his mind up that he would come out of the river, climb the tree, go out to perch on a branch, and start singing. However, when he tried to climb the tree it was all too clear that the hippo didn't have wings, nor claws to climb with, and neither could he hop.

Realising that he would never manage it, he angrily rammed his whole weight against the tree until it came crashing to the ground. Then, triumphantly, he stepped onto the leaves of the fallen tree, and began singing.

Unfortunately, hippos can't sing either. All that came from his mouth were horrible noises, and when the other animals heard this they all gathered round to make fun of the hippo standing on the branch of a fallen tree, trying to sing like a bird.

He was so embarrassed by this that he decided to never again regret being a hippo. He also felt bad about having knocked the tree over. He used all his strength to raise the tree back up again, replant it, and look after it until it had completely recovered.

The problem with Jonah

The Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh and warn the people there, because of their wickedness, but Jonah decided to disobey



I am NOT going to Nineveh, I am going to get the first ship going to Tarshish

Meanwhile a storm developed and the ship was in danger of damage and the people could lose their lives. Everyone was afraid and praying to their gods. The sailors were throwing cargo into the sea to lighten the ship, then the captain noticed that Jonah was asleep

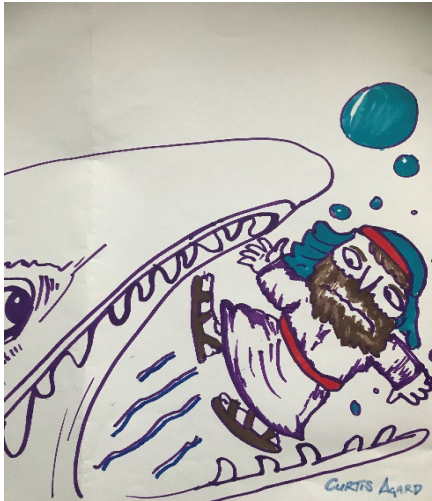
Hey you sleeper, what do you mean by this? Get up and pray and call on your God so we don't all die.

The people decided to cast lots to see why the storm had come, who had disobeyed. The lot showed that it was because of Jonah. He had to be thrown into the sea to stop the storm.



Ah, good peace at last, Tarshish here I come and time for a little sleep too!





God prepared a big fish to swallow Jonah.



While in the belly of the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord and the Lord heard his prayer and spoke to the fish.

The big fish vomited Jonah up onto dry land.

The Lord spoke to Jonah again and told him to go to Nineveh. This time Jonah **obeyed**.

Can you remember why Jonah disobeyed?
How did Jonah misbehave further on in the story?
What lesson did God have to teach Jonah to remind him of who was in charge?

Sausage Patties

Ingredients

1 cup Water
½ tsp Salt
2 tsp Smoked Paprika
½ tsp Garlic powder
½ tsp Fennel Seeds
1 tsp Basil
½ tsp Ground Sage
1 Tbs Nutritional Yeast
1 tsp Sugar
2 Tbs Oil
1½ cups Quick Oats
Medium sized saucepan, sturdy wooden spoon, ice cream scoop, lined baking sheet, preheat oven to 180

1. Crush the fennel seeds
2. Add the water and the oil to the pan and bring to a simmer
3. Add herbs and seasonings to the simmering water and oil mixture
4. Add the oats and stir until the ingredients are thoroughly mixed
5. Set aside for 10-15 minutes
6. While still warm use the ice cream scoop and the mixture into balls
7. Flatten onto the lined baking tray with a damp fork
8. Bake for 5 minutes on each side

Serve –

- on a burger bun with the usual topping or
- on a tortilla wrap with salad
- with a chopped salad - Enjoy