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SAMSON AND DELILAH DAVID AND GOLIATH HEROD ASA NUN BETHLEHEM  
 YOUTH MARY CHEESE BLESSINGS SOUTH PAVEMENT VISIONS ROMAN  
 SERPENT HOUSE BREAD MOSES BABEL LEPPER RUTH LANGUAGE HIN  
 GREEN HERD DARA DINNER SHAVE OLIVE OIL ANNA BEAUTY ARROW  
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 SHEET DEVIL DRESS BOAST PITS CANA VINES GOAL DROVE GATES  
 GUTTERS GRASS RASH ALSO LEAN BOIL EDEN ROSE SORROW SAT  
 LISTEN OUT NET TREASON SEAT APES TREE ALAS DEEP BED HIN  
 DAN TABLE PEARLS SIDE GRACE SACRED STEAL BLAST SHOE ULAI  
 OAR PAU NEAR TIE NER BAT TAN ELA EVIL

Answer to musical instruments hidden in Word Search

Trumpets Psalteries Organ Harp Cymbals Cornets Timbrels

Answer to find the parables

- 1.EEHLOPSST-Lost Sheep
- 2.CILNOOST-Lost Coin
- 3.EEEFFHHIIIILOOSSVWW-Five Wise Five Foolish
- 4.AEEHIPRS AEDHNT ABCILNPU-Pharisee and the Publican
- 5.JNSTUU AEDRSTW-Unjust Steward
- 6.AACDHIMNRR AALRSUZ-Rich Man and Lazarus
- 7.ADGILNOOPRS-Prodigal Son

# CONNECT

## OLDHAM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

### Filling the Gap



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To be honest with you, I am not proud of the story which I am about to share with you. This is because it will reveal to you what I consider to be one of the worst character traits I developed during my formative years. I was a little boy, I do not know how old I was when it happened, and you know that this is unusual for me.

I love my food; I have always loved my food. Sugar cane, mangoes, pears... otherwise known as avocado...especially when eaten with a nice bulla cake, and if you do not know what bulla cakes are...well... I need to pray for you! Star apples, pineapples, tangerines and mandarins, sweetsop and soursop, pawpaw, guineps, ripe bananas, roast breadfruit with freshly cooked ackee, with a sprinkling of the parched leaves from a pimienta tree...so good.

So, there I was, I had just eaten a nice meal, a lovely meal, a delicious meal, there in the house of my Gran on Hazard Drive in the town of May Pen. It was getting dark now, and just like Lions, all I wanted to do after that meal was to sit down, relax and sleep. However, Gran had a different plan. She called me and my two older siblings and sent us on a journey.

Our task was to take a message to two of our relatives who were living close to us, perhaps a fifteen minute journey from our home to theirs and back. Now remember I had just eaten a nice meal. We went to the first house and delivered the message, at which point we were asked if we would like something to eat. Both of my siblings politely declined the offer, stating that they had just eaten. But I had a mind of my own, I was my own man, I could speak for myself and I did. I sat there and devoured a huge plate of rice and peas, and beef, it was good, even now I am challenged to find words enough to describe how nice it was, said the vegetarian!

The difficulty was that I had eaten that meal so quickly, my siblings were looking at me with evil intent in their eyes, I knew what they were thinking and it was not good, I had to finish the meal very

quickly or leave it behind. The trouble was when I got up and began to walk, I noticed that my tummy was now bigger and felt heavier that when we first arrived at the home of our cousin and why was I lagging behind my siblings as we headed for the next home, why was I no longer able to keep up with them?

Believe it or not, after delivering the message to our second Cousin they asked us the same question that was put to us before “would you like something to eat?” My siblings, again, politely declined, but I was my own man I could speak for myself and I did. They placed the food before me and I began to eat, seeing “murderous intent” in my siblings’ eyes!

Well I was feeling so delicious on the inside, the food was good, and I had eaten like a champion. So, I limped home lagging behind my siblings again, my tummy had gotten bigger, and even heavier, I felt like a balloon ready to burst due to the pressure from within, every step was painful. Forgive me for saying so, but I had eaten so much food that my tummy was packed to capacity, so that I could not even swallow my own spit. I honestly thought that I was going to die.

I still love my food, but I have learnt to have a healthy respect for my food and for my body and I have never eaten three meals in such a short time, almost in one sitting from that day until now. Whatever you are going through, whatever your challenges are, remember...Immanuel... God is with us.

Pastor Taylor

### **Seven I's from God**

I am the bread of life	-	John 6: 35
I am the light of the world	-	John 8: 12
I am the gate	-	John 10: 7
I am the good Shepherd	-	John 10: 11
I am the resurrection and the life	-	John 11: 25
I am the way, the truth and the life	-	John 14: 6
I am the true vine	-	John 15: 1

Hello everyone

Here we are again in a not very happy situation, it seems as though the goal post has been moved just as we were about to reach it. Victory has been snatched from just under our noses. The lockdown has been lengthened. How can we deal with this? Who has been in a similar situation before us that we can learn from?

Let's have a look at the children of Israel in captivity, their freedom was curtailed. They were forced to live in a foreign country, their normal lives were disrupted, changed forever.

Daniel and his three friends especially spring to mind, they did not sit around feeling sorry for themselves, but were determined to serve God come what may. The whole book of Daniel is full of references to this fact.

I think there is someone else that is often overlooked too. The little captive maid of 2 Kings who told her mistress that the prophet in Samaria could cure her master of leprosy. This led to Naaman's healing.

This is what we call making the best of the situation, even a bad situation. This is exactly what we need to learn to do.

I think we should look at Paul, formerly Saul, he was full of zeal both before and after conversion when he suffered many beatings, imprisonments and bonds, but was determined to continue witnessing. His wish was that those who heard him should be like him (Christians) without the bonds, with which he was afflicted at the time.

Paul and Silas prayed and sang while in prison with spectacular results and the conversion of the keeper,

It could be that we relate more closely to Paul because he suffered house arrest and maybe that is how we view lockdown.

Yet even worse than house arrest though, John was exiled on the isle of Patmos which HAS to be worse than lockdown. We are in lockdown for our own protection, for our own good. John was being punished for witnessing. He was on a whole island all alone. Not in a house in a street with neighbours all around as we are.

We have looked at worthy examples of how to cope in our strange and prolonged situation. All those mentioned above were of course following the example of Jesus so what we need to do now is to follow the same example. Make the best of the situation, witnessing where and when we can and praying without ceasing. 1  
Thessalonians 5.

### **Did You Know.....**

1. Abram was age 86 when Ishmael was born.
2. Abram was age 99 when God changed his name to Abraham.
3. God told Abraham to circumcise all males of his household including his slaves.
4. Sarai name was also changed to Sarah and the promise made of her child.
5. Abraham laughed but God told him Isaac would be the name of the child.
6. He was also told that Isaac would be born at that time in one years' time.
7. God promised that Ishmael would also be blessed.

## What A Mighty God We Serve!

Daniel Chapter 7 is one of the most interesting and debated chapters in the bible. In this chapter Daniel received a night vision from God which contained creatures that could easily be found in a modern science fiction movie.

The first creature was a lion with eagle's wings, then a bear raised up on one side with three ribs in its mouth. The next was a leopard with four heads and wings and the final creature that was said to be terrible and strong with iron teeth. It was also said to stamp and trample on things. It had ten horns and after some time three horns were uprooted by a stout little horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke blasphemous things.

The vision contained a judgement scene which included books being opened among many other happenings. Daniel found the whole vision disturbing and troubling. We know this because in verse 16 Daniel asked an explanation of the whole thing.

The meaning of this vision was similar to that in the Daniel chapter 2 vision. The difference was that in this chapter as in other prophetic books, the repeat and enlarge principal was employed.

Once again, the major succeeding kingdoms were outlined. Babylon, Medo Persia, Greece and Rome were still represented but by the various creatures. The repeat was the outlining of the kingdoms but the enlarge part of the prophecy was the part about the little horn.

In John 14:29 Jesus said He was revealing certain things before they happened so that when they did happen, we would believe. Daniel 7 was one of those chapters.

In this chapter we were given the kingdoms that would occur from the time of Daniel (Babylon), right down to the end of time. Another significant feature in the chapter was about the papal Rome power represented by the little horn.

So, what can we learn?

- God outlined the major kingdoms of this world that would have an effect on His people until the end, long before they came to power.
- In this chapter God foretold that papal Rome would persecute His people for a period of 1260 years.
- If we lack wisdom (James 1:5) we can ask and receive it. Daniel did not understand the vision, he asked and it was made clear to him.
- From the judgement section of the chapter we can see that Jesus is in the heavenly sanctuary interceding on our behalf.

We can learn that we have a mighty God who wants us to understand what is happening in this world so that we have faith in Him, believe and not worry.

## Children's Corner

### Memory Verse

The Lord	Point upward.
cares	Arms together as if rocking a doll
for those who	Point to others.
trust in him.	Point upward.
Nahum 1:7	Palms together, then open as if opening a book.

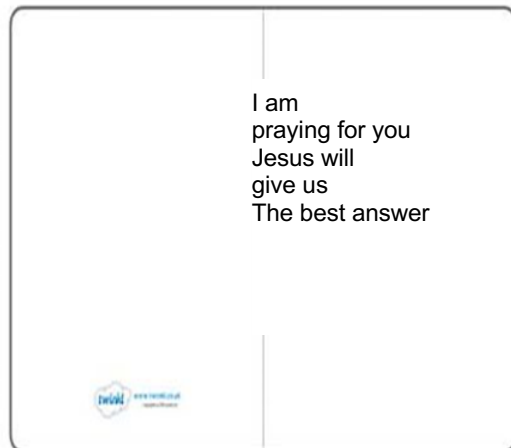
## Children's Pages

“God sends Elijah to a widow who fed him during a time of famine when there was not much food or water for a long time. While Elijah is staying there, the widow’s son becomes sick and dies. She is very sad and tells Elijah what has happened.

Elijah takes the boy up to his (Elijah’s) room and puts him on the bed. He spreads himself over the boy’s body and prays. God hears Elijah’s prayer and raises the boy to life. The widow rejoices and says that she now knows that God speaks through Elijah

**God will always give the best answer to our prayers.**

**Get-Well Card** How would you feel if someone made a card and sent it to you while you were sick?



Using the template make a card to send to someone who is sick or who you want to cheer up.

You can decorate the card with crayons or stickers then write these words to help your friend feel better.

Don't forget to write your name on the card!

## Long Jump

Lay a piece of masking tape five feet (1.5 meters) long on the floor. Taking turns see who can jump farther than this masking tape. See if anyone can do it. How did it feel to try your very best to jump longer than the line and still not make it? Sometimes we can't do things on our own, and we need to ask for help. Our Bible story today is about a widow who couldn't help her sick son. But God helped her. God took care of her son.

You can read the story in **1 Kings 17:17-24**;

## About the Bible story

What did Elijah say to God when he prayed over the boy? God didn't answer Elijah's prayer right away. Elijah prayed three times before the boy came back to life. Does God always answer our prayers right away? When he gave the boy to his mother, how do you think Elijah felt? How did the woman feel about Elijah then? How did she feel about God? God always hears and gives the best answer to our prayers. God answers our prayers according to His will and what is best for us. Sometimes it is not the answer we expect. Yet, no matter how God answers our prayers we can always know He loves and cares for us.

## Colour the picture below



## PRAYER MINISTRY

### Tempted Beyond Degree ?. Part 1

1 Corinthians 10:10-13.

Have you ever been in a situation or had a life experience where you had to conclude that all was lost? Well, ask Job.

We learn, in the Holy Bible about the man, Job, who was righteous in the eyes of God (Job 1:1). In all his ways and his daily lifestyle, God was the director of each step he took, he even offered sacrifices for his children in case they may have sinned against God. (Job1:5). At this point let us pause; this is a very important point for us, praying for our children and others avails much. (1Timothy 2:1)

Job was also known to be the richest man of his time (Job 3:3). The counting of his livestock gives us a picture of his wealth. Despite him being the richest man in his country, God still remained his number 1 priority, quite unusual compared to most rich people today. We can conclude that he was a "CELEBRITY " but yet not distracted by paparazzi or driven by fame to prove his class or to glorify himself. He was in a class by himself and remained humble in all his ways.

#### Pressing the red button

When all is well and life is smooth, not all are happy. Have you ever wondered why the more you pray the tougher life gets?. It happened with Job, while all was in place, the usual daily routine commenced, the children decided to treat themselves in celebrating an occasion in one of the sibling's house (Job 1:4). I can imagine it was a special day for the family.

On the very same day, the devil also was busy (Job1:6-12) planning how he could destroy Job, to drive him away from God's presence, to draw his mind away from the merciful Father, to shake him off from his solid faith, to rob him off his blessings. That old serpent (Revelation12:9) pressed the red button and turned Job's life upside.

Things changed dramatically, messages came to Job, the sheep, camels, oxen, asses and above all, his own children were all destroyed. All this took place at the same time (Job1:14-19) without giving Job a chance to process the information brought to him. There was no room for him to digest the whole ordeal!

The happy party mood turned into mourning. The wealthy man became a pauper within a day. But how can things like this happen to someone like him who God recorded as being upright?

How many of us can bear this and still remain faithful to God? (Job1:20) The holy scriptures explain that Job was still faithful and none of this shook his trust in God.

As an ordinary human being, as we all are, Job had questions but his heart was inclined to worshipping God and acknowledging his blessings and also accepting that nothing he owned was his but only blessings from God.

#### Stretched to the limit

The father of lies (Job 2:3-6) was still not satisfied that the tests he placed on Job was enough. He pressed even harder by taking a further step, he tormented Job with boils.

All his body was covered in sores. He was unpleasant to look at. Not a part on his body was spared for his consolation (Job 2:7)

#### He was restless!

The wife also got fed up with him for his condition seemed hopeless (Job 2:9). The future looked dark hence she thought they had nothing to lose, her advice was for eternal death. God knew that this was not his end he was just on a bend. Only God sees beyond where our eyes can reach for He knows the future and has big plans for our lives.

"For I know the plans I have for you...." Jeremiah 29:11).

# David and Goliath

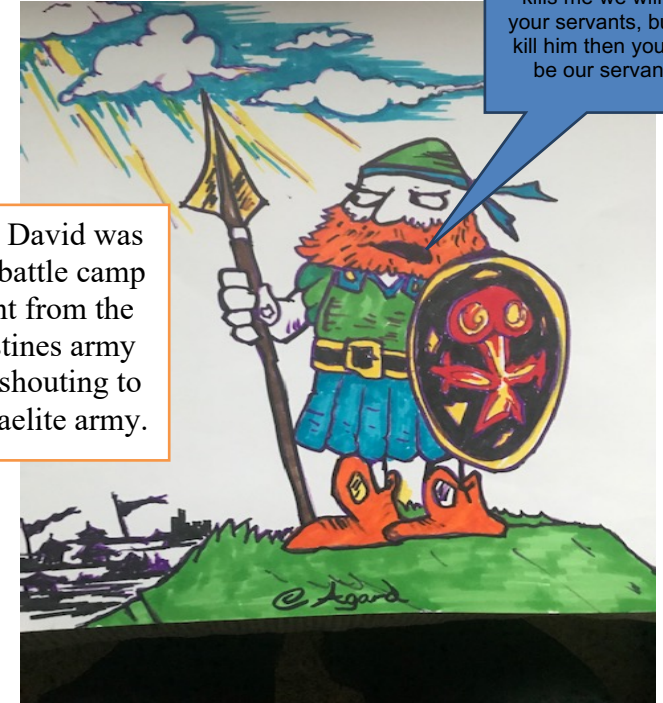
## Things to think about

1. Why did God allow young David to represent Israel and become victorious.
2. Are young people more useable than adults
3. Do God's people need to be ready to physically fight
4. Is fighting always the answer and if not was it really the answer in this case.

The three oldest sons of Jesse had gone off to battle, so he sent his youngest son David.



While David was at the battle camp a giant from the Philistines army came shouting to the Israelite army.



The Israelite soldiers were afraid!!

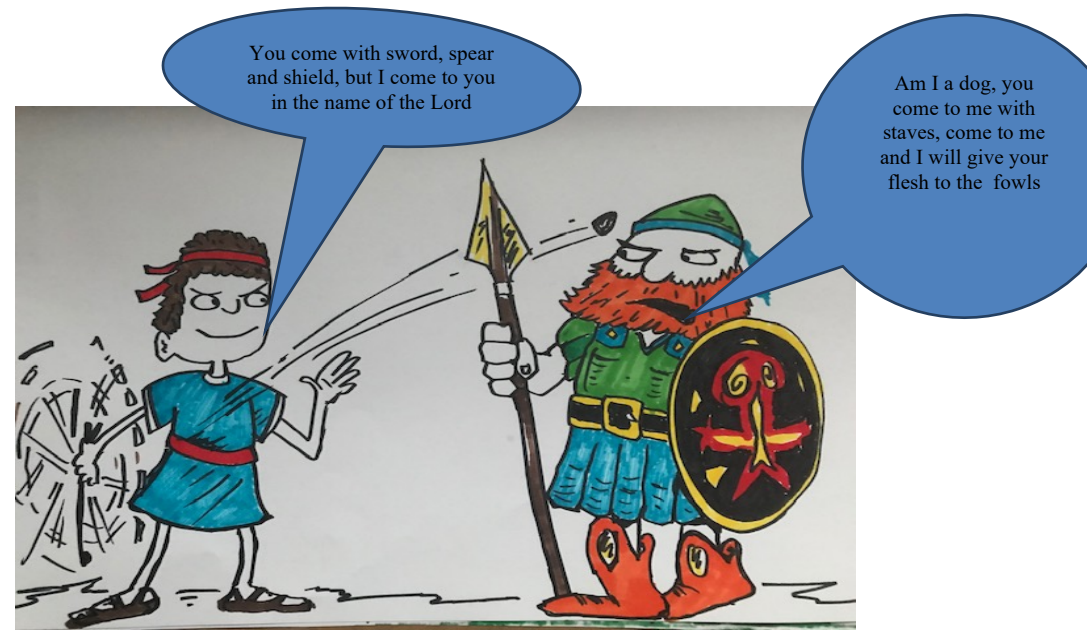
David said he would fight Goliath, but the king said.....



King Saul was convinced. He put his armour on David, but David took it off.



David took his staff and five smooth stones from the brook and his sling in his hand.



David put a stone in the sling and swung it. It hit Goliath in his forehead.



Goliath fell to the ground. David ran and took Goliath's sword and chopped off his head with it. The Philistine champion was **dead**.



## This Is Good

The story is told of a king who had a close friend with whom he grew up. The friend had a habit of looking at every situation that ever occurred in his life (positive or negative) and remarking very specifically: "This is good!"

One day the king and his friend were on a hunting expedition. The friend would load and prepare the guns for the king. In preparing one of the guns, the friend had apparently done something wrong, for after taking the gun from his friend, the king fired it and his thumb was blown off.

Examining the situation the friend remarked as usual, "This is good!"

To which the king replied, "No, this is NOT good!" and proceeded to send his friend to jail. About a year later, the king was hunting in a dangerous area. Cannibals captured him and took him to their village. They tied his hands, stacked some wood, set up a stake and bound him to it. As they approached to set fire to the wood, they noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious, they never ate anyone that was less than whole. So after untying the king, they sent him on his way.

As he returned home, he was reminded of the event that had taken his thumb and felt remorse for his treatment of his friend. He went immediately to the jail to speak with his friend. You were right," he said, "it was good that my thumb was blown off." And he proceeded to tell the friend all that had just happened. "And so I am very sorry for sending you to jail for so long. It was bad for me to do this."

"No," his friend replied, "This is good!"

"What do you mean, 'This is good'? How could it be good that I sent my friend to jail for a year?"

"If I had NOT been in jail, I would have been with you."

The Moral – God said it first through Paul in Ephesians 5:20

## Crackers

1	cup	Oat flour
2	cups	Plain flour
2	tsp	Salt
2	tbs	Herbs
4	tbs	Oil + 1 tbs
1	cup	Warm water

Preheat oven to 200 fan assisted oven

Mixing bowl, measuring jug, rolling pin, lined baking sheet, air-tight container

1. Place all the dry ingredients in the mixing bowl and mix well
2. Make a well (space) in the middle of the dry ingredients and add 4 tbs of oil and a third of the warm water and mix well.
3. Continue to add the water a little at a time until the mix forms a slightly sticky dough. **Note** you may not need all of the water in some cases more water may be needed. If you need more water wet your hand and keep kneading. Continue to knead the ingredients together until it can form a ball that does not crumble. This should take approximately 5 minutes
4. After a smooth pliable dough is formed roll out on a lightly floured surface to a cracker thickness.
5. Cut out in the desired shape and size and bake
6. After 7 minutes in the oven remove the crackers brush with oil sprinkle with salt and return to the oven for a further 7 minutes. Cooking times may vary.
7. Cool on a baking wire until cold and enjoy, store the remainder in an air-tight container.

# REMEMBER

Place ourselves in God's hands

Release ourselves to His control

Accept His guidance

Yield to His will

**PRAY** or Satan will **PREY**

# CROSSWORD

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## Across

- Young disciple brothers (3 words)
- Decide not to go ahead \_\_\_ out
- Hairy twin
- What we \_\_\_ not what we want
- Altar built by children of Reuben and Gad
- Moses and Israelites crossed this
- You hear with this
- Good News (initials)
- Birthplace of Abraham
- Where a pig lives
- Used for fishing
- Seventh day of the week
- Male pronoun
- Opposite of shut
- On edge of curtains of tabernacle
- Seth's son
- Initials of first two to be born
- To hear with your ears
- Metal
- Male voice higher than a bass
- Valley where Saul fought Philistines
- Place in Joshua 21: 3
- South East (initials)
- Friend
- First garden
- Plants need these to grow
- Before none \_\_\_
- Ham found Noah like this
- Hiram sent some to Solomon
- A needle pulling thread spelt like the song
- First mother in her old age
- King Saul's father, see Acts 13
- Open wound (not cooked painful)
- Son of Bela 1 Chron. 7: 7
- To employ something as a tool
- About Time (initials)
- Sister or brother's daughter
- Opposite of late + 12 month periods (2 words)
- Huppim's father 1 Chron. 7: 12
- Personal pronoun
- The direction of the sky
- Clean the floor with a brush
- Exclamation see Isaiah 44: 16
- Not to be worshipped
- Inspect, Investigate, Grade (initials)
- A note to follow so
- Weight (abbr)
- Weapon in your mouth
- Unusual noises
- Slow Song (initials)

## Down

- City Jesus condemned in
- Insane
- To notice with your eyes
- King who removed idols
- Not applicable (initials)
- No road sweeper for a while
- First number
- Place we all want to go to
- King Saul's uncle
- Feast celebrated yearly
- Time, Date (initials)
- Long period of history
- Saul's title in Romans 1: 1
- General Everyday People (initials)
- Juice out of a tree
- You smell with this
- Traps and \_\_\_\_\_ to catch
- Young Deer
- Seaside rides & noise they make
- Place in 2 Kings 28:34
- Old Testament (initials)
- One of David's mighty men
- Past particle of sit
- In the neighbourhood (initials)
- Anno Domini (initials)
- A fast breeze
- Plain mentioned in Nehemiah 6
- Okay (abbr)
- North East (abbr)
- Sent Daniel to Lion's den
- Period before butler went back
- Followers of Jesus
- All rise (initials)
- Used when playing snooker
- Another word for a prophet
- Hot weather we have \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
- There are flaws or a \_\_\_\_\_
- Rabbi, Priest, Scribes (initials)
- The Lamb stands on mount \_\_\_\_\_
- A hen sits on hers
- No room at this place
- If you have a debt you \_\_\_\_\_
- Balaam's spoke to him
- Two Units (initials)