

## WORD SEARCH

Also in the word search are 7 musical instruments see if you can find them

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### Answer to parts of body hidden in Word Search

Blood Heart Liver Knees Head Hands Toe Foot Ribs Hair Shoulder Ear

### Answer to the animal based clues - BASKETS

1.Bears 2.Apes 3.Sheep 4.Kid 5.Ewe 6.Turtle 7.Swine

# CONNECT

## Oldham Seventh-Day Adventist Church

### Filling The Gap

# July 2020



## You are Not Ready!

I remember it so vividly, well it seemed like just yesterday when I stood there, one evening, in my Gran's yard looking up at the glorious sunset. Even now, though it happened so long ago, I can still picture that amazing sight. The sun was lowering in the sky and its golden red, orange and yellowish rays were caressing the crimson sky. It seemed that the whole heaven was fully ablaze with Divine glory. It almost, as they say, took my breath away. So, I stood there gazing up at the wonderful display, which God placed in the heaven that we might be inspired to consider the wonders of His creative powers, and His incomprehensible love for us.

It truly filled my whole being with warmth, delight, and instilled in me a yearning for something better than what we normally find in the circles of our lives, it was indeed a very serene experience. Little did I know, my happiness, joy and peaceful contemplation was about to be shattered, this is how it happened.

Suddenly, from out of nowhere, my mischievous cousin, "Doctor" appeared...was that his real name or the ambition of his parents for him? To this day I really cannot tell. What I know however, is the impact of what he said to me, a little boy of tender years.

To understand how I felt, you need to try to put yourself in my shoes. That is, imagine that you were that little boy, or a little girl standing there in your Gran's yard and you were so delighted by all of that wondrous heavenly display, you were wrapped up in serious contemplation, and suddenly your mischievous cousin spoke the following words to you, with an air of bequeathed authority...."JESUS IS COMING AND YOU ARE NOT READY!"

Well, I do not know how you would have felt if this had happened to you, but I literally had the wind knocked out of my sail. My heart began to beat faster, my pulse rate increased, and I began to breathe much faster than before, in a sentence I was terrified

because I believed Doctor's diagnosis. "Jesus is coming, and you are not ready."

That was, indeed, a terrifying experience, but life has taught me that we have nothing to fear because Jesus, our trailblazer, has carved out the path to heaven for all of us.

I Quote: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. KJV

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. 1 John 3:2-3 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

I pray that whatever our hopes, our dreams, our needs and our fears are, we will humbly lay them at the Saviours feet. In Christ we Stand

Pastor Taylor

### Seven H's from God

He:	Hears	- Psalm 10: 7
	Helps	- Isaiah 41: 13
	Heals	- Luke 4: 18
	Hides	- Psalm 27: 5
He gives:	Hope	- Psalm 31: 24
	Honour	- Psalm 8: 5
He Makes us:	Happy	- Psalm 144: 15

## Silver Lining

I am sure most of us will have heard the saying “every cloud has a silver lining”. This is likely to encourage us to look for something good even in a bad situation.

This is in keeping with biblical guidance. In Philippians 4:8 we are told that whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report if there is any virtue and if there is any praise to think on those things. In other words, we are to contemplate the positive aspects of things only and not dwell on the negatives.

Further evidence is found in 2 Timothy 1:7 where we are told that God has NOT given us a spirit of fear BUT of power, love and of a sound mind. God wants us to be positive, optimistic people. We should recognise when our glasses are half full and NOT lament because they are half empty. To put it another way, we should count our blessings.

During the past few months, we have heard numerous tales of woe, of sorrow, heartache and lament and understandably so, but now and again, just recently, I have heard a few positive reports. Things like having more time to study deeply and a slower more relaxed pace to life are the reverse side of the coin of Corona Virus.

Another way of coming to terms with the lack of summer- like weather is the thought that good sunny weather would probably lead to crowded parks, beaches and places of amusements with the likelihood of a rise in the infection levels and deaths.

To hear it expressed, “the lockdown has been good for me” can make us sit up and take note. It is not that the horrifying reality of loss, suffering, and death of the past few months are to be ignored or that we pretend they never happened, but we can still find what is positive, the silver lining to the cloud.

Dwelling on negative things can lead to depression, especially if it is something that we have no control over, something we cannot change. The good thing about being Christians is that even if it is something that WE can't change we know someone who CAN change ANYTHING and make EVERYTHING RIGHT.

I have heard Christians referred to as looking for or expecting “pie in the sky” I don't know about pie in the sky but perhaps we are looking for the silver linings to the clouds or perhaps even gold linings? Without it we would be as Paul says “of all men most miserable”. 1 Corinthians 15:19

## Find the Parables

1. Two words - first word has four letters    EEHLPSST
2. Two words - same amount of letters in each word    CILNOOST
3. Four words - three of the words have the same number of letters and two words are the same    EEEFFHHIIILLOOSSVW
4. Four words - Two Long words and two short words    AEEHIPRS  
AEDHNT ABCILNPU
5. Two words - JNSTUU AEDRSTW
6. Four words - Three words are together two of the three have same number of letters    AACDHIMNNR AALRSUZ
7. Two words - The second word only has three letters  
ADGILNOOPRS

## **Jealousy, conspiracy, trickery and general wickedness**

The Bible tells us in the book of Revelation that in the last days one of the major issues is going to be about worship. The commandments also instruct us that we must remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. But we at this time may wonder how we will ever get to a point when worshipping God will be wrong. The story of Daniel can help us to understand how this could happen.

Daniel in the position of first president over two other presidents and 120 princes was favoured due to the excellent spirit found in him. This aroused the jealousy of his colleagues, which led to conspiracy, trickery and general wickedness.

Seeing that Daniel's colleagues could find no fault with him they decided to set a trap. The trap involved flattering the king Darius enough to persuade him to agree to a law which meant for thirty days no one could petition (worship) anyone but the king. Basically, it meant by praying to God Daniel would be breaking the law.

When Daniel knew that this decree had been signed, he went to his room, opened the windows and as usual knelt and prayed. Straight away Daniel's colleagues who had been spying reported him. They also reminded the King of his decree and ensured that something was done about Daniel's apparent disobedience. When the king realised how he had been manipulated he was angry with himself but could do nothing about it. The law was clear, Daniel had to be thrown to the lions.

What can we learn from Daniel 6?

- Daniel was a man of integrity. Obedience to God was his habit and no matter what it cost him, he was going to continue praying to God (Acts 5:29).

- Daniel always had been a faithful witness for God and continued to do so even when they threw him into the lion's den. We know this

because even the King knew his God would save him. (Daniel 6:16)

- Daniel was innocent, Jesus was innocent, but people sought to destroy them both (Matthew 12:14). When we do the right thing there will be those who will try to destroy us (John 18:38).

The chapter ends with Daniel not being harmed by the lions and being protected by God. King Darius also wrote to the people of the kingdom to testify that God is the living God.

Just as it happened in Daniel's day it will happen again that false worship will be enforced and true worship will be prohibited. We can be confident however that just as God saved Daniel from the lions, we too will be saved from our adversary the roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8)

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

1. Noah lived for 350 years after the Flood and died at age 950.
2. The first mention of building with bricks and mortar is found in Genesis 11.
3. The site of the Tower of Babel became the Babylonian Empire. Genesis 11/Daniel 1:2
4. Abram was a descendant of Noah's son Shem.
5. Abram was 75 when he set off from the land of Haran to go to Canaan
6. That Abram moved to Egypt to escape a famine. Genesis 12:10
7. After being asked to leave Egypt Abram went back to where he had started. Genesis 13:3

## Which Comes first God or Country?

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

The moral of the story is Matthew 22:21 don't be like the new teacher below....

### The New Teacher

A boy in Sunday school had been taught by the same teacher for a number of years. She had a way of telling stories and she always ended them by saying: "And the moral of the story is..."

Eventually, he moved up in Sunday school and had a new teacher.

After a few weeks, the minister asked the boy how he liked his new Sunday school teacher. He replied: "She's great; she doesn't have any morals."

## Fruit Smoothies

1 Banana per person

50g Soft fruit eg Blueberries, raspberries, strawberries per person

150ml Apple Juice

Place all ingredients in blender, and blend until smooth. The amount of apple juice will vary according to the size of the banana.

Usually works best with one soft fruit along with the banana

## Apple and Ginger

1 eating apple

1 finger joint sized piece of fresh ginger

150ml Apple juice

Optional extras

1 tsp Honey

2 tsp Lemon Juice

Place all ingredients in blender, and blend until smooth. This fruit drink helps combat hay fever when local honey and additional ginger is used.

The apple juice in both recipes can be replaced with water, oat, almond or rice milk.

Enjoy!

## PRAYER MINISTRY

### **GOSHEN - God's Ordained Shepherds Hastens Eternal Nurturing**

In the Holy Bible we read the story of Jacob moving to Egypt with his family (Gen.46:2-4) because of famine, for there was no food for both man and livestock in the land where he lived. (Gen.47:13).

Joseph, one of Jacob's sons, sold as a slave many years earlier (Ps.105:17) worked for the Pharaoh. Joseph was given a very high position in his office and was also on a higher rank of the hierarchy in the Egyptian government (Ps.105:21,22). This meant that he was favoured by God and man and that he was able to invite his family to come and settle in Egypt, (with Pharaoh's permission of course).

Upon arrival, Joseph, by God's wisdom, convinced the family to choose Goshen if Pharaoh was to give them an option. Joseph's kinsmen were farmers and so keepers of livestock, shepherds, so to speak. The land, Goshen seemed to be perfect (Gen.46:31-33) and fit for the purpose (Gen.47:4), as the Egyptians classed shepherds as abominable (Gen. 46:34) Goshen was therefore ideal, the best of the land. Remote with rich pastures for their flocks and away from the Egyptians

Many years and generations passed, the Pharaoh who ruled over Egypt in the time of Joseph had died and Joseph himself and many of his generation had gone to sleep (Ex.1:6). Another Pharaoh ruled over Egypt (Ex.1:8) and dealt horribly with the Israelites for he was a hard taskmaster (Ex.1:16,22). Things got nastier each day for the Children of Israel and each cloud seemed darker than the other as the days went by.

A few of the Israelites who had learned about the true God, the Creator, the living heavenly God, cried and prayed and called upon His name (Ex.2:23,24). They remembered the promise, the covenant He made with their fathers that He would never abandon them (Gen.48:3,4) and that they were His peculiar people.

### The Cause Of The Agony

At the very place Goshen, God blessed and multiplied the Israelites and also their livestock. There was not one feeble soul among them (Ex.1:9). They lacked nothing and they gained everything (Ex.1:7). In Goshen God supplied, sustained and replenished (Gen.47:27).

What could the Egyptians say? Pharaoh? Jealousy, envy and malice stirred their feeble minds. Pharaoh made it possible to engage the Israelites in the most dreadful manual jobs ever performed by man (Ex.1:10-14). It went ill with the sons of Jacob, they were debased to the value of a donkey.

They stood hopelessly!

In all these trials, God saw the afflicted, weary, wounded souls, for He is all seeing, all knowing and nothing can pass His eyes unnoticed. (Ex.2:23,24).

### God's Way (Ex.2:25)

God raised a man, Moses, (of course not from the dead) who fled from Egypt (Ex.2:15) to another country, to return back to Egypt to free the Israelites from their slavery. The time came when Pharaoh had to let go of the Israelites but would not (Ex.4:23).

Many wonders were performed (Ex.11:10) to prove to Pharaoh that the God of the Israelites required His own to return to the land promised in the covenant. All sorts of plagues were poured out for the Egyptians but only the first three also fell on the Israelites (Ex.11:7). God shielded them from the rest (Ex.12:12,13)

### The Morden Israelites

Although many but still the minority, the remnant will be shielded in the days to come. The plagues which will be poured upon earth will never affect (Goshen ) wherever the elect dwell. Those sealed by God's seal will never taste the pains of the last 7 plagues (Rev.16 ) hence the cause for agony. Jealousy will be manifested in the hearts of those who will worship the beast, those who receive his mark.

Rest assured, God will take care of His own (Isa. 33:16).

## Children's page

**Memory Verse** "Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life" (1 Samuel 7:15, NIV).

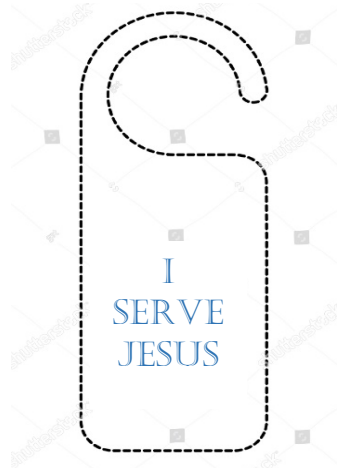
The lesson story is about Samuel and how he lived for God because he listened to him. You can read the story in your Bible. It is found in 1 Samuel chapter 7.

The Israelites turn away from God and worship idols of neighbouring countries. Samuel urges them to return to God and get rid of all their idols. They do.

Then Samuel invites the people to meet at Mizpah to worship God. While the Israelites are at Mizpah, the Philistines decide to attack them. The Israelites are warned and they ask Samuel to pray.

Samuel offers a sacrifice and prays for God's protection. God speaks through thunder and frightens the Philistines, who drop their weapons and run away.

Samuel sets up a rock at Mizpah as a memorial so the Israelites will remember that day and tell their children about it.



To help you remember who to worship Make the door hanger using the template.

1. Using some cardboard or thick paper fold it in half and draw a shape similar to the one to the left of this text.
2. Decorate your door hanger with stickers and colours
3. Write I serve Jesus neatly on your door hanger
4. Ask an adult to cut out your door hanger

## LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Once a fox was roaming around in the dark.

Unfortunately, he fell into a well. He tried his level best to come out but all in vain. So, he had no other alternative but to remain there till the next morning.

The next day, a goat came that way. She peeped into the well and saw the fox there. The goat asked "what are you doing there, Mr. Fox?"

The sly fox replied, "I came here to drink water. It is the best I have ever tasted. Come and see for yourself."

Without thinking even for a while, the goat jumped into the well, quenched her thirst and looked for a way to get out. But just like the fox, she also found herself helpless to come out.

Then the fox said, "I have an idea. You stand on your hind legs. I'll climb on your head and get out. Then I shall help you come out too."

The goat was innocent enough to understand the shrewdness of the fox and did as the fox said and helped him get out of the well.

While walking away, the fox said, "Had you been intelligent enough, you would never have got in without seeing how to get out."

### Think about the story

Did the fox tell the truth?

Did the goat deserve what happened to it?

Could this story be improved?

HOSEA	OF HEALING	THESSALONIANS	CHRIST
GALATIANS	PROPHETS	NAHUM	KINGS
OBADIAH	TITUS	REDEMPTION	JOB
PHILIPPIANS	GUIDANCE	ZEPHANIAH	OBJECT LESSONS
JONAH	STEWARDSHIP	HEBREWS	JOHN

THE GREAT	EPHESIANS	PATRIARCHS	JOEL
THE DESIRE	TREASURES	THE STORY OF	CHURCH
STEPS TO	COLOSSIANS	SIGNS OF	AMOS
LAST DAY	MALACHI	SELECTED	HOME
THE MINISTRY	ESTHER	COUNSELS ON	EZRA

Using the four grids find the titles of the EG White books and pair the books of Bible in twos

CHRONICLES	PHILEMON	JUDGES	HAGGAI
CORINTHIANS	DIETS AND FOODS	MATTHEW	JAMES
NEHEMIAH	MESSAGES	JOSHUA	WRITING
PSALMS	AND KINGS	JUDE	WORKERS
SONG OF SOLOMON	YOUNG PEOPLE	SAMUEL	THE TIMES

THE REMNANT	CONTROVERSY	CHRIST	MICAH
TESTIMONY	ECCLESIASTES	GOSPEL	OF AGES
THE ADVENTIST	HABAKKUK	PROPHETS	ROMANS
CHILD	TIMOTHY	MESSAGES TO	RUTH
COUNSELS ON	DEUTERONOMY	EARLY	EVENTS