

## Word Search

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 EAT REED LEAP SIR LEG MINGLE MAIL SELL TAKEN GNAT MEET DASH GRAY  
 HIEL ARM GRACE CUT SUSI MIRE RIDE DAY FAN HOME HEN FATHER HOUSE  
 COAT LOTS LOAF ESAU CART HELP SNARE SETH LEAD GATE SOP OIL SARA  
 LIE DINED ASS SEE

Also in the word search are three Bible verses of encouragement, use the clues below to find all the words of all three verses and where they are found then look for them.

1. This book has more chapters than any other book in the Bible. For the chapter multiply the number of days manna could be collected by the commandments. The verse is the number that went into the ark.
2. This book by the fisherman disciple is number one of two. The chapter is the number of foolish virgins. The verse is the number of plagues in Revelation.
3. Number one of two books in the New Testament that has the most letters in its name. The chapter is the number of wise virgins. For the verse Joseph's age when he took a report about his brothers to his father

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## Reflections

Dear friends, permit me to ask you a few questions. Have you ever been so happy that you did not know how to express your happiness? Have you ever found yourself in a situation which was so strange that you could not believe what you were experiencing? Have you had an encounter or an experience which took you completely by surprise, so much so that it almost overwhelmed you?

We had just had our first born, our daughter Janine. I had been at the hospital with Maxine, my wife, all night and sometime later in the day, she asked me to go to the shop. I set off in my car and soon pulled up outside a shop where I parked, went in and began to pick up what I needed, placed them in the basket, and took them to the counter. I left the counter and went to get another item, when I returned the shopkeeper told me what she said I owed her for the groceries. I was livid, how dare this woman try to get me to pay for the same goods twice. I was so sure that I had paid her, before going to get the forgotten item. I was so sure that she was trying to rip me off that I showed her the contents of my wallet, to prove my case. It was absolutely devoid of money, and I knew that I had given her a twenty-pound note, minutes earlier.

She insisted that she was right, and I was wrong, and I stringently argued my case, I was right, and she was wrong! Clearly, she was not going to change her mind, nor was I. I left the shop fuming, knowing that she had tried to rip me off, until I put my hand in my back pocket and pulled out a twenty-pound note!

I have been there. I have experienced unfathomable joys and happiness at the birth of our children, that I could not find words to express how I felt. The experience with the shop keeper was strange and almost overwhelming. I believe that if we search our hearts and minds, we will find that we have all had experiences which fall into these categories.

The global impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus is something with which we are all concerned, and rightly so. It came upon us suddenly, unexpectedly, and uninvited and it has filled many hearts with

fear. Some of us are asking if this is what our Lord meant when He spoke about "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken that..." Luke 21:26(KJV) . It is in times such as these that we especially need to find comfort and strength in the scriptures. I pray that the following texts will be of encouragement to all.

- The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe. Proverbs 18:10
- Hear my prayers O' Lord attend unto my prayers from the end of the earth will I cry onto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. Psalm 61:1-3

May the Lord bless and keep us all as we wait upon Him knowing that "...God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

Pastor Taylor

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## Seven A's from God

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| We are:   | The <b>Apple</b> of His eye | - Psalm 17: 7 & 8      |
| He is:    | Our <b>Advocate</b>         | - 1 John 2: 1          |
| He knows: | Before we <b>Ask</b>        | - Matthew 6: 8         |
| He will:  | Send His <b>Angel</b>       | - Psalm 91: 11         |
|           | <b>Abide</b> with us        | - John 14: 16          |
|           | Be our <b>Armour</b>        | - Ephesians 6: 11 – 13 |
| We will:  | Be <b>Accepted</b>          | - Acts 10: 35          |

In everything give **thanks**: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5: 18

## Did You Know

That there are many words and phrases in common use today that come from the Bible?

Below are some of them and the Bible reference:-

1. Heap coals of fire. Romans 12:20
2. Blind leading the blind. Matthew 15:14
3. By the skin of your teeth. Job 19:20
4. Can a leopard change his spots. Jeremiah 13:23
5. Eat, drink and be merry..... Ecclesiastes 8:15
6. How the mighty have fallen. 2 Samuel 1:19
7. The root of the matter. Job 19:28
8. Scapegoat. Leviticus 16:10
9. See eye to eye. Isaiah 52:8
10. Wits end. Psalm 107:27

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## Celebrating Cheers

A Methodist Minister meets three Baptist Deacons on the golf course and invites them to come to his church some Sunday. Not too many weeks after and just as services are starting, they show up. Attendance was good in the small Methodist church and there wasn't a pew available. Several church members were already seated on folding chairs. When the minister, just starting the service, saw the three Baptist deacons enter, he leaned down from the pulpit and whispered to the nearest usher, "Please get three chairs for my Baptist friends in the back." The usher, hard of hearing, leaned closer and said, "I beg your pardon?" "Get three chairs for my Baptist friends," repeated the minister. The usher strained closer with a puzzled look still on his face. Once more the minister tried, speaking slowly and distinctly. "Three chairs. For the Baptists," he enunciated. The usher's face lit up in comprehension, and he turned to face the congregation. "Alright, everybody," he called out to the assembled worshipers. "Three cheers for the Baptists!"

**We don't have to go to extraordinary lengths but we should always make others feel welcome especially in church.**

**Psalm 144:15**

## Staying Healthy

Hello everyone

Just some quick reminders and hints on staying healthy during this strange and trying time of being under lockdown, I know that some people are alone and might be feeling a little isolated but we have to make the best of the situation.

**Spiritual Health** – demands that we keep a strong and constant relationship with God. During daily study, especially if we are alone, it might be a good idea to sing a hymn or two out loud and to pray aloud as well, not just silently. This could be a good time to increase our pray life also, praying for others and counting our blessings.

**Mental Health** – a healthy out-look is essential. We can be assured there will be a positive outcome so we should keep ourselves occupied with doing something worthwhile. A project of some sort would be of benefit, with something to look forwards to every day. Knitting, crocheting, sewing and gardening for example. Even if we don't have a garden we could still "get growing" with plant pots seeds and compost.

**Physical Health** -is also a must. If we are not able to do standing exercises, it is possible to do some gentle exercises while sitting down – mostly moving arms, legs, shoulders, hands and feet. If we have a private garden, then tending to the garden is very good exercise. We must also remember that even if we are mostly indoors, **outside is not the enemy**. If we have a private garden then it is ideal and would tick many important boxes, but even if we only have some private outside space available then that is good too. We should try to spend some time outside regularly at least 2 to 3 times a week breathing in fresh air. We also need to have some fresh air inside, so we should not forget to open our windows. As the weather gets warmer, we can look forward to being outside even more, enjoying nature, observing flowers, plants, trees, skies etc, having some sunshine/daylight on our skin, and doing all we can to stay healthy.

SO, take care and stay **Healthy**.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in **health**, even as thy soul prospereth.

**:3 John 1: 2**

## Children's page

### Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

“Oh, that’s my trouble tree,” he replied. “I know I can’t help having troubles on the job, but one thing’s for sure, troubles don’t belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again.”

He paused. “Funny thing is,” he smiled, “When I come out in the morning to pick ‘em up, there ain’t nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before.”

### Things to discuss

Why do you think the carpenter was quiet on his trip home? What do you think happened to the problems? What else could the carpenter do with his problems? Are there any Bible verses we could use at the end of the story?

### Things to find out

How many angels’ names do you know? Write down the place in the Bible where you can find their names.

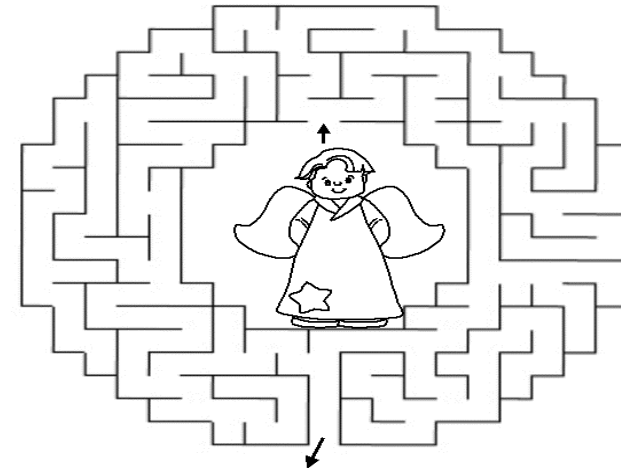
What do angels do?

Can angels talk?

Do you know any Bible songs about angels? Sing one to your Mum.

## Angels of the Bible Maze

Help the angel get the message to you!



Draw a picture of yourself here!

### Fill in the missing words

“The .... is with me; I will not be .....” (Psalm 118:6, NIV).



## Money Matters

In this current climate of uncertainty, fear and bewilderment one of the hottest topics is money. There are several important questions, that many of us are considering. Rather than worrying about the questions we have about money, maybe we should remind ourselves about some of what the bible says.

1. Whether we have lots of money or only a small amount, it is God who gives us the ability to get wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18).
2. The bible warns us against putting our trust in the money we have. We always need to remember that we cannot take our money with us when we die (Proverbs 11:28 and Psalm 49:16-18).
3. Money can become a snare with which we can be tempted, so we need to be careful how we deal with it (1 Timothy 6:6-10).
4. Whatever we are considering in life, debts, bills, unemployment etc we should always seek God first (Matthew 6:33)
5. Finally, we should remember that God has promised if we return our tithe we will be blessed (Malachi 3:10).

Generally we are living in very uncertain times but one thing is certain, God has promised to supply all of our needs and we know we can **trust** Him.

If you worry about what might be and wonder about what might have been, you will miss what is.

**Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.**  
**Matthew 6:34**

## Problem Page

Problems, problems everywhere  
We don't know what to think  
Problems, problems everywhere  
The only solution is to sing!!

Since the start of the covid-19 outbreak, daily we hear people calling in to talk or chat shows with questions. These questions tend to be regarding fears, worries or even just clarification regarding the lockdown. Well I am suggesting we turn to our hymnbooks for the solution. This may sound strange but let us just try and see if we can sing our troubles away. Below are some sample questions and hymn solutions.

1. The Government have said that we should all stay at home, but I miss my going out?

**Solution** - Hymn Number 590 Trust and Obey

2. Staying at home all of the time means I have nothing to do, so what do you suggest?

**Solution** – Hymn number 500 Take time to be Holy

3. Lockdown means that we can no longer go out to eat, so I am bored with the meals at home, how can I overcome this?

**Solution** – Hymn number 271 Break Thou the bread of life

4. What is the best way to exercise at home?

**Solution** – Hymn number 618 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

5. Being in isolation I feel very lonely. What should I do?

**Solution** – Hymn number 499 What a friend we have in Jesus

6. Currently I am very worried about the situation. What shall I do?

**Solution** – Hymn 485 I must tell Jesus

7. I am missing church and not sure how to cope with it?

**Solution** – Hymn 469 Leaning on the everlasting arms

8. All of the current changes and uncertainty has left me feeling lost?

**Solution** – Hymn number 538 Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah

My hope and prayer is that we can all sing and pray all of our troubles away.!!

## Puzzle It Out

Make as many words as you can from the word

# CONGREGATION

For three and four letter words - 1 point

For five letter words - 2 points

For six letter words - 3 points

For seven letter words - 4 points

You can also get extra points by completing the tasks below

Find the following items out of the same word and you will get 5 Points for each one you find

Type of food

Insect

Part of face

Part of foot

Piece of clothing

Bird

Transport

2 Animals

2 Numbers

1 Mineral (10 points)

Finally there are two sets of two words that mean the same thing They are 15 points for each pair if you find them and connect.

## Vegetarian Sausage Casserole ( makes 4 Healthy Portions)

- 680 g Potato
- 50g Margarine
- 1 large Onion
- 1 Packet Passata or ½ pint home made tomato sauce
- 1 large clove of Garlic
- 2 TBs Tomato ketchup
- 8 Vegetarian / vegan Sausages
- Salt and cayenne pepper to taste

Oven proof dish large enough to hold

Preheat oven to 180

1. Peel and boil potato in small amount of salted water until tender. Mash with margarine until desired texture.
2. Peel and slice onion in half-moons and dry fry until lightly browned.
3. Dry cook sausages until lightly browned. Either in the oven or in a dry frying pan and set aside to cool.
4. Finely chop or crush or grate garlic and add to passata with cayenne pepper to form passata mix.
5. Add a thin layer of passata mix to oven proof dish.
6. Slice sausages in half length ways and add face down on top of layer of passata mix
7. Top the sausages with onions cover with the remainder of passata mix and the tomato ketchup.
8. Finally cover with mash potato. Mash potato can be piped or swirled with a fork.
9. Bake for 20-30 minutes until lightly browned.

Enjoy!!