

Jesus and the Army Officer

Matthew 8:5-10, 13

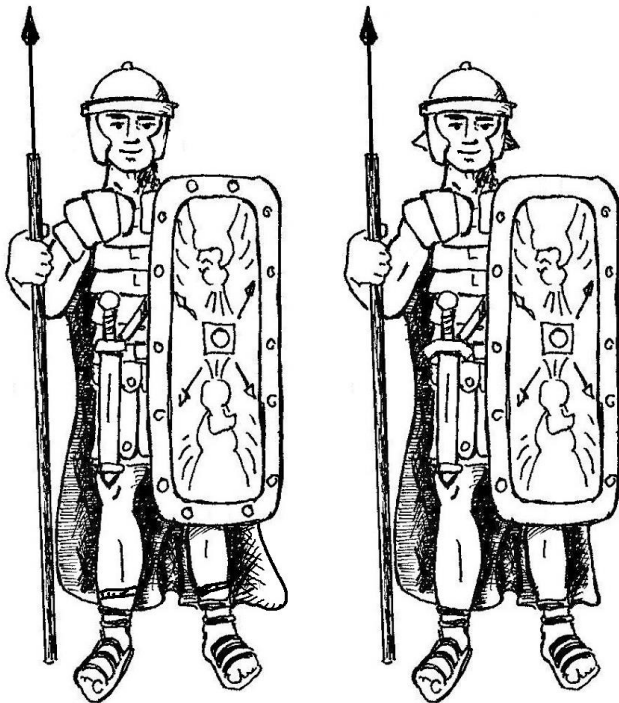
Jesus went to the city of Capernaum. When he entered the city, an army officer came to him and begged for help. The officer said, "Lord, my servant is very sick at home in bed. He can't move his body and has much pain."

Jesus said to the officer, "I will go and heal him."

The officer answered, "Lord, I am not good enough for you to come into my house. You need only to give the order, and my servant will be healed. I know this, because I understand authority. There are people who have authority over me, and I have soldiers under my authority. I tell one soldier, 'Go,' and he goes. I tell another soldier, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and my servant obeys me."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. He said to those who were with him, "The truth is, this man has more faith than anyone I have found, even in Israel."

Then Jesus said to the officer, "Go home. Your servant will be healed the way you believed he would." Right then his servant was healed.



Circle the six differences between the two pictures.

Read the whole story in *Matthew 8:5-13*.

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Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Jeremiah 23:29 ESV©

The LORD is pleased when good people pray, but hates the sacrifices that the wicked bring him.

Proverbs 15:8 GNT©

Let's talk about it. Why does God hate the sacrifices of the wicked person?

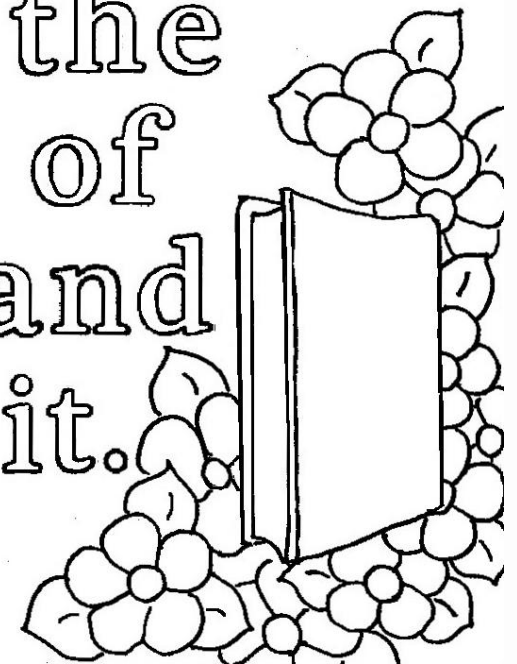
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Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Matthew 7:3-5 NIV©

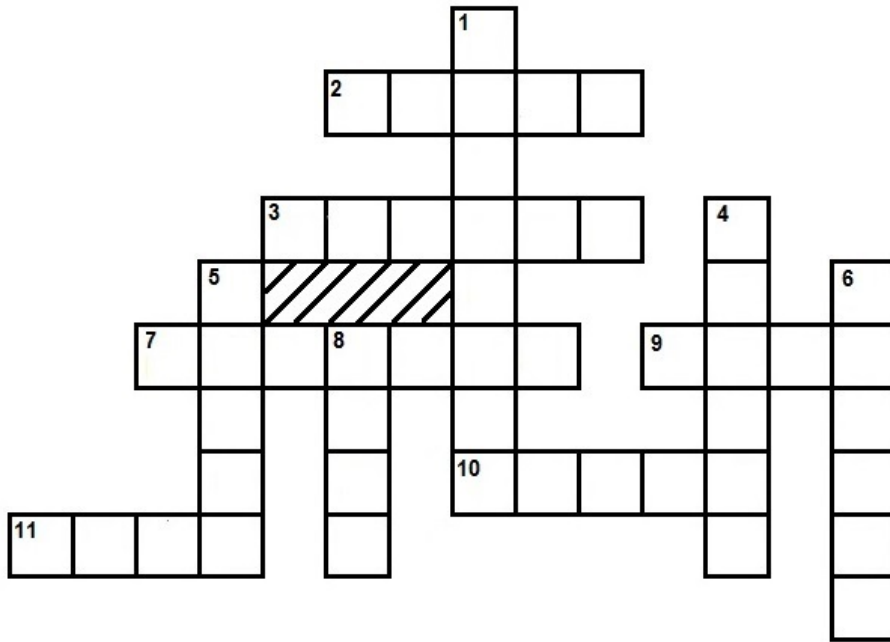
Let's talk about it. Why should we improve ourselves before we try to improve other people?

But he said,
 Yea rather,
 blessed are
 they that
 hear the
 word of
 God, and
 keep it.

Luke 11:28 NASB



Let's talk. Why does keeping God's Word lead to blessings?



ACROSS

- 2. A place of dwelling
- 3. What a carpenter does
- 7. Work of the look-out
- 9. Empty effort
- 10. Actively ready
- 11. To cover all

DOWN

- 1. Those who work
- 4. Armed protection
- 5. Hard task
- 6. Except, without
- 8. Organized community.

WORD BANK:

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Psalm 127:1 NIV©

Let's talk about it. How can God become the Builder of great things in your life?

The Explorer's Challenge

Matthew 20:26-28 ESV©

It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Underline all the words that tell who.
 Circle words that tell what we should be.
 Draw a box around words that tell why.
 Draw arrows pointing to the words that tell how.
 Draw a star near the most important thing in this verse.

Let's talk about it. Why should you follow Jesus' example?

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Unscramble the verse

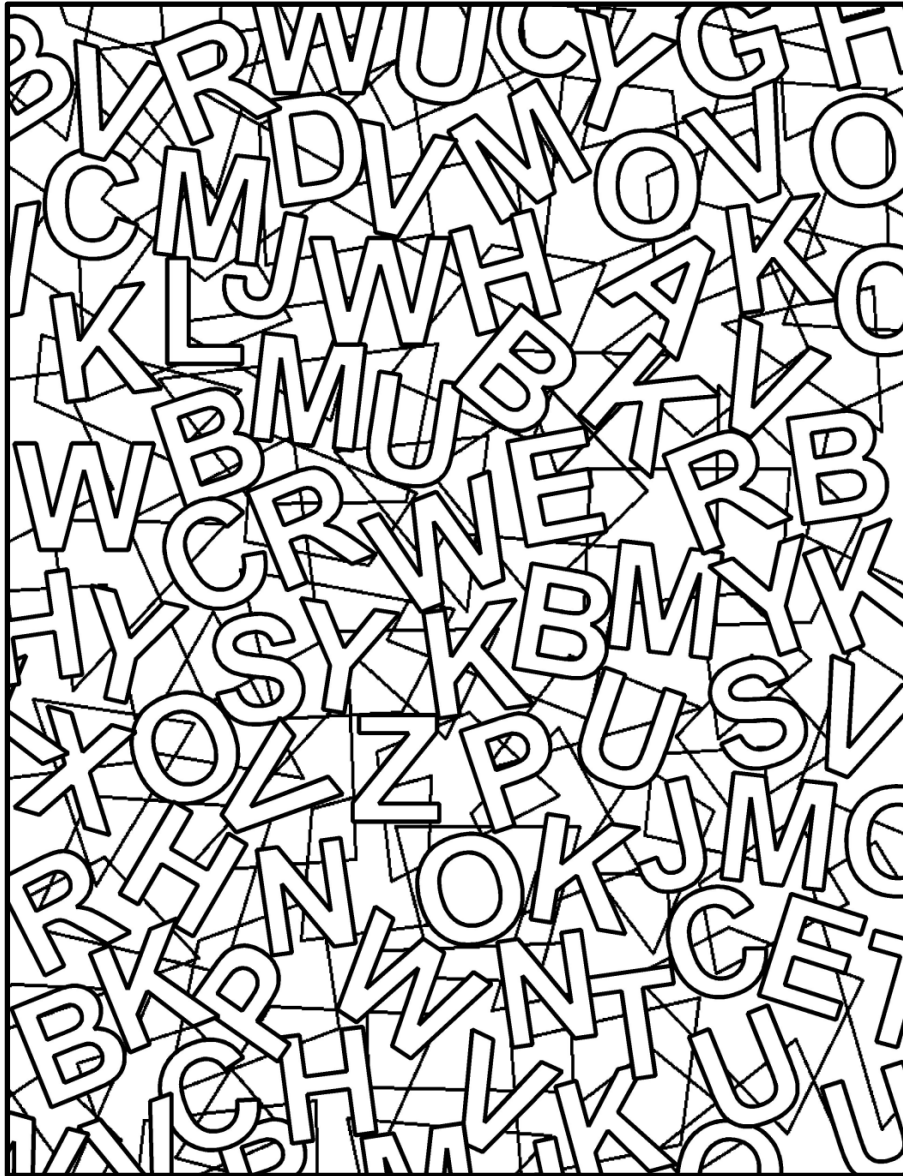
1 John 4:8 NIV©

Woevhre odse ont leov edso nto onkw

Gdo, esaubec oGd si olve.

Let's talk about it. Why does love show we have God in our lives?

Find the letters P, L, E, A, S, E, S, and color the word.



God will hear our prayers when we ask for what

PLEASES him. 1 John 5:14 CEV©

Let's talk about it. What do you ask that pleases God?

W	S	P	M	C	E	V	E	R	Y
J	O	A	C	M	O	U	T	H	A
T	B	R	N	C	L	M	P	E	S
N	O	T	D	S	O	E	E	R	G
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G	W	R	I	T	T	E	N	R	D
L	I	E	Y	D	K	S	R	S	T
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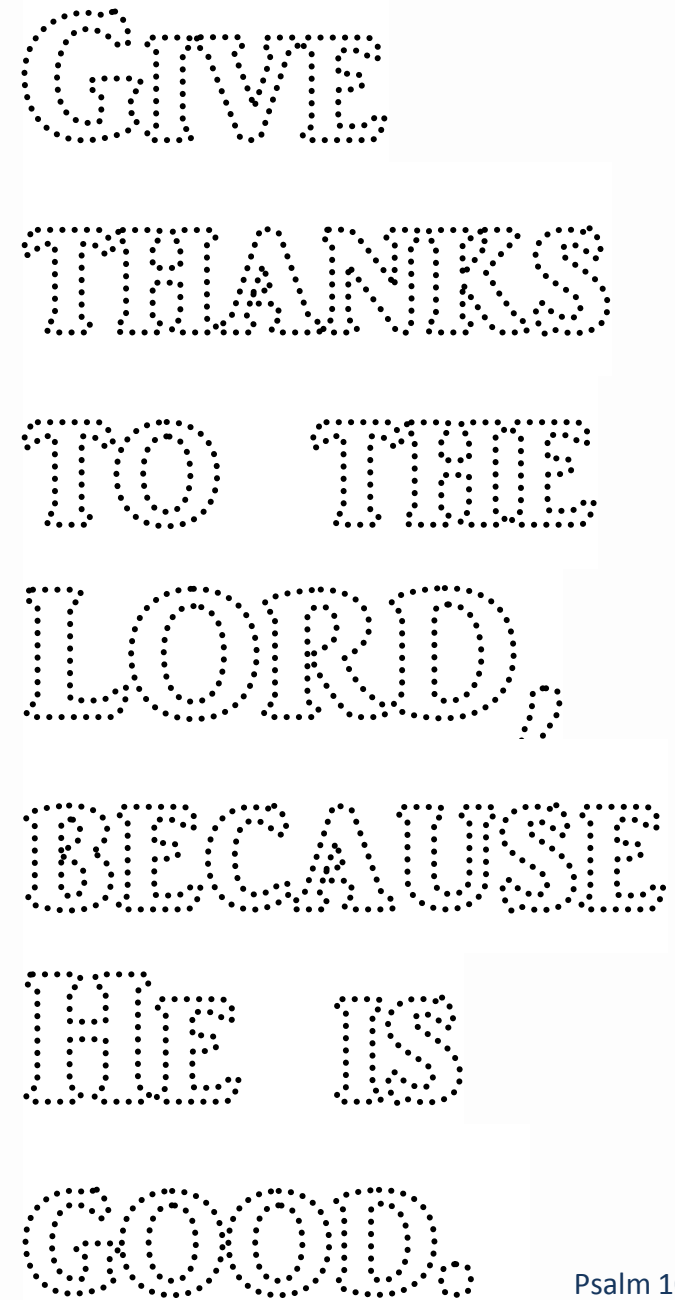
Find the underlined words.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 NIV©

Let's talk about it. How is reading the Bible like eating food?



Talk about it. What kind of love does God have for you?



Let's talk about it. In How many ways is God good?

Cut out the Bible reading Bookmark, and fold in half. Put it in your Bible and mark the days as you read God's Holy Word.

Week of ___/___

Day 1
Psalm 31

Day 2
Psalm 32

Day 3
Psalm 33

Day 4
Psalm 34

Day 5
Psalm 35

Day 6
Psalm 36

Day 7
Catch up day

Ask yourself

Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there an example to follow?
Is there a truth about God?
Is there a lesson to learn?
Is there a warning to heed?
Is there a reason to be thankful?

What is this about?
When is this happening?
Who is this about?
Why does God tell us this?
How can I obey this?

Fill in the blanks and read the verse

The L_____ is on my s_____ ; I
w_____ n_____ f_____. What c____
m_____ do to me?

Word bank: can, will, fear, man, side, LORD

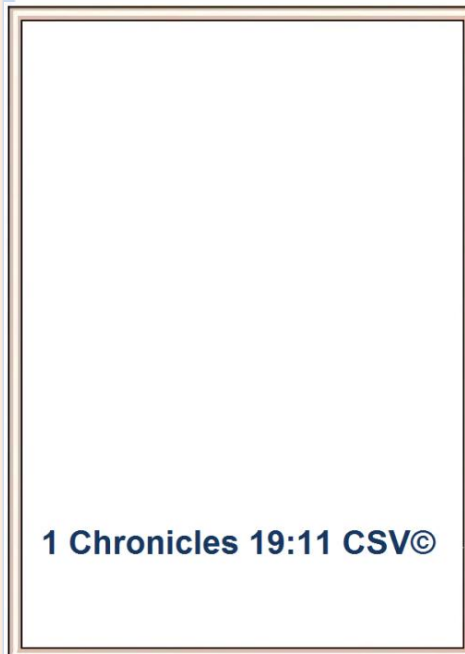
Psalm 118:6 ESV©

Let's talk about it. Why is God on your side?

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Make a memory verse trading card.

Color the picture, cut out both sides, and glue them back to back. When it is dry, use it to help memorize the Bible verse.



Class: God

Seek the
Lord and
His
strength;
seek His
face always.

1 Chronicles 19:11 CSV©

1 Chronicles 16:11 CSB ©