

*God's
Garden*

Activities

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Color it in 1!



You are special



When God created people, He could have made everyone exactly the same. But He didn't. Below are just a few of the things that make **you** special—the way God wanted you.

What is your name? _____

When is your Birthday? _____

What is the color of your hair? _____

Is your hair curly, wavy, or straight? _____

What is your favorite food? _____

Circle the things you like or are good at.

doing art

dancing

gardening

music

reading

camping

sports

making things

writing

numbers

baking

Sin is Sin

In God's eyes, big sins **and** small sins are all sin; and committing one sin is as bad as breaking all of His commands (James 2:10).

♥ **Sin is doing** what God said we **should not do**.

On the next page, write how you could win over the temptation to sin. Here are examples of things we should not do:

- Don't tell a lie (Colossians 3:9)
- Don't be jealous (James 3:14, 16)
- Don't strike back (Romans 12:17)
- Don't be proud (Jeremiah 13:15)

♥ **Sin is not doing** what God said we **should do**.

On the next page, write how you could please God by obeying His commands? Here are examples of things we should do:

- Worship God only—put Him first (Luke 4:8)
- Keep God's day holy—for Him (Exodus 20:8)
- Obey and respect your parents (Ephesians 6:1)
- Be kind to others (Ephesians 4:32)

honest

humble

loving

forgiving

thankful

content

prayer

church

Bible

friendship

helpfulness

giving

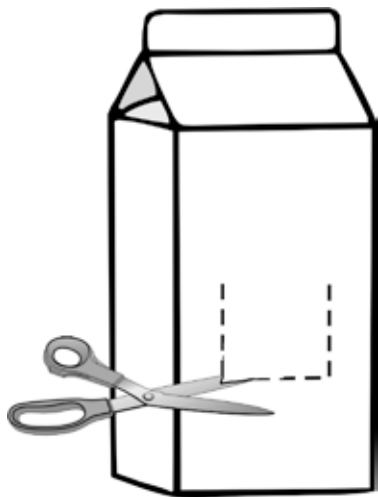
Color it in 2!



You are God's garden
and vineyard
and field
under cultivation..

1 Corinthians 3:9 (Ampc)

Making a bird feeder



1. Wash out a milk carton.
2. Let an adult help you cut a square window in the front, as shown.
3. Fold the flap of the window up.
4. Make a hole below the window with a pen. Make a second hole in the same place at the back.

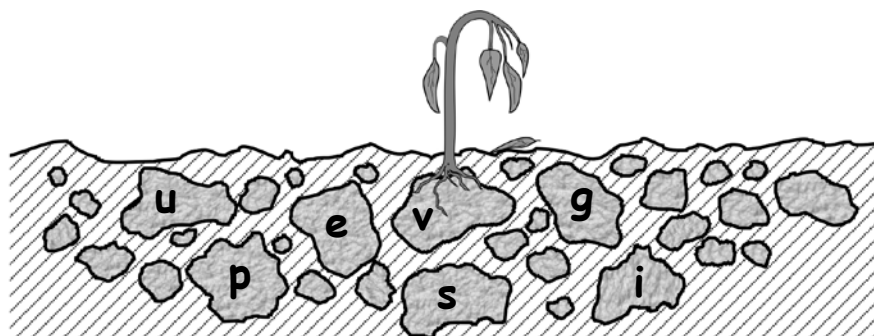


5. Push a dowel or pencil through both holes so that it sticks out in front.
6. Fill the feeder with seed up to the level of the window.

Rocks that block faith

Give an example of something that could keep one's faith from growing.

Copy the letter on each stone to the line under the matching stone.



The rocky heart just



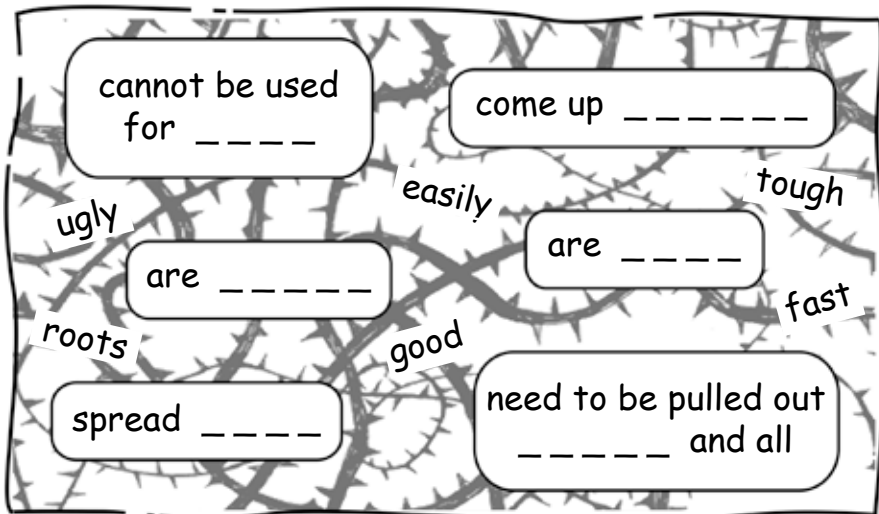
The seeds that fell on rocky ground
are the people who gladly hear
the message and accept it.
But they don't have deep roots,
and they believe only for a little while.
As soon as life gets hard, they give up.

Luke 8:13 (CEV)

The weeds of sin

Find the missing words among the weeds and use a pencil to write them in the blank spaces.

Like sin, weeds...



Adam's punishment for sin was that thorns and prickly weeds would come up in his fields (Genesis 3:17-18).

The good news is that even though we, like Adam, have sinned, Jesus took our punishment.

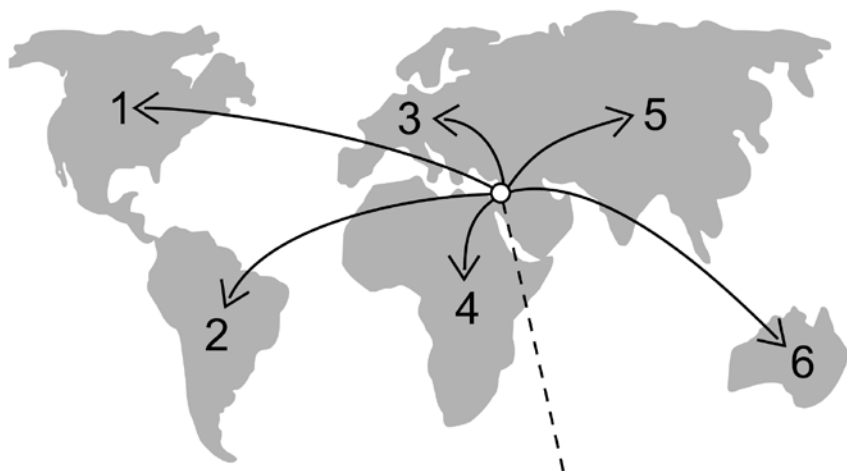
A crown of thorns was put on His head when He was nailed to a cross. Jesus died in our place so that we can be set free from the curse of sin (Ephesians 2:1-9).



God's promise of blessing

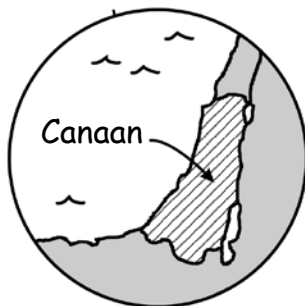
The Lord said to Abraham, "All the nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed Me."

This blessing has come through Jesus, God's Son. The good news of Jesus has spread to every continent and is changing the lives of many, many people—countless as the stars in the sky (*Genesis 22:17*).



Write the number of the continent on the world map next to the name of that continent. Draw a dot on the map to show where you live.

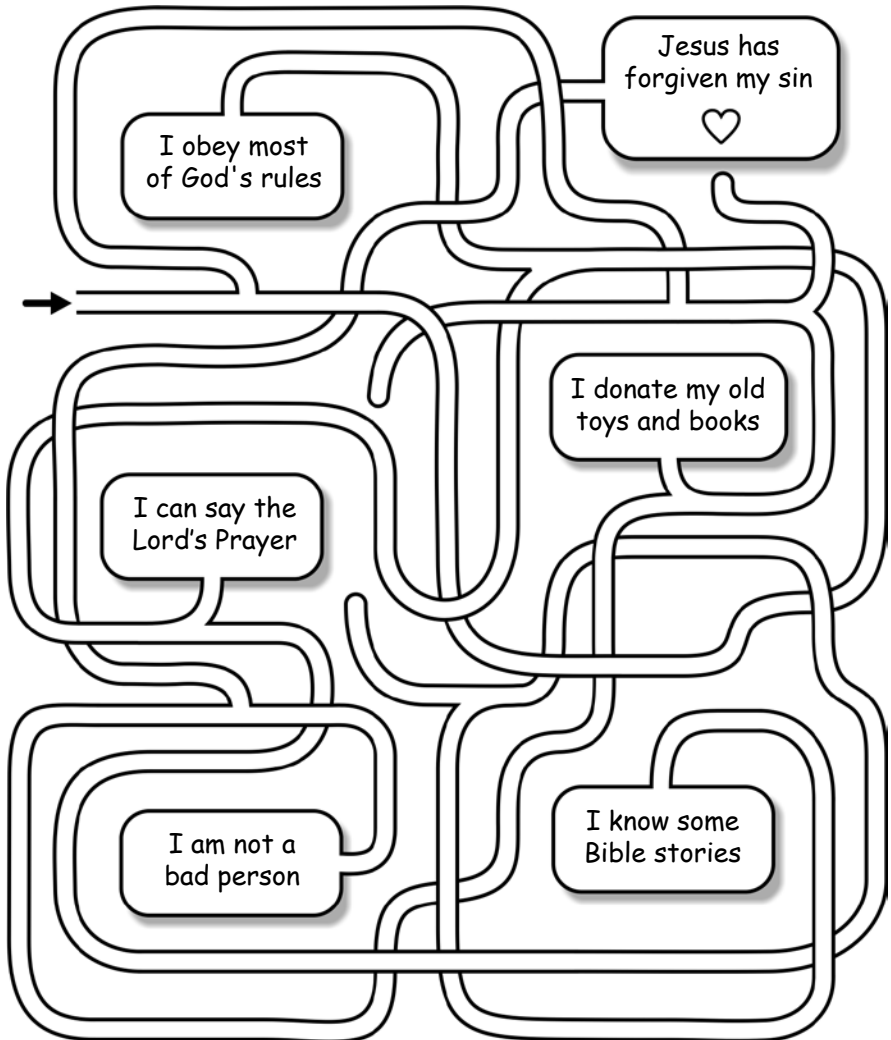
- ___ Africa
- ___ Asia
- ___ Australia
- ___ Europe
- ___ North America
- ___ South America



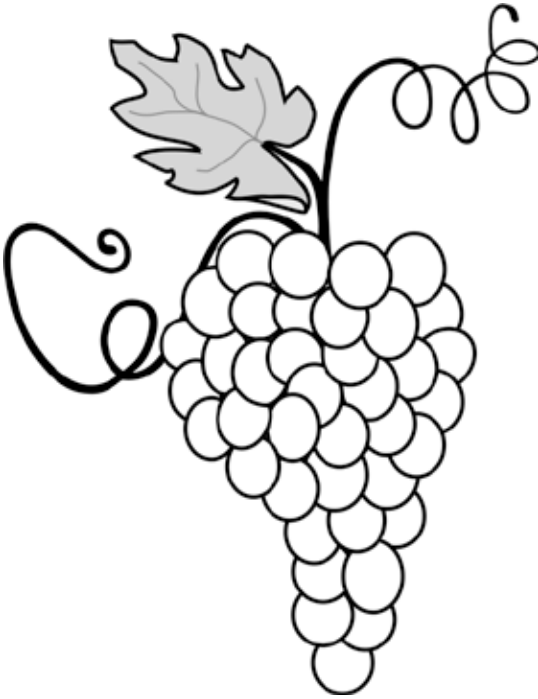
The only Way!

Some people believe that there are different ways to get to heaven. But Jesus told us that He is the **only** way to God (John 14:6).

Follow the path that leads to eternal life with God.



What a lot!

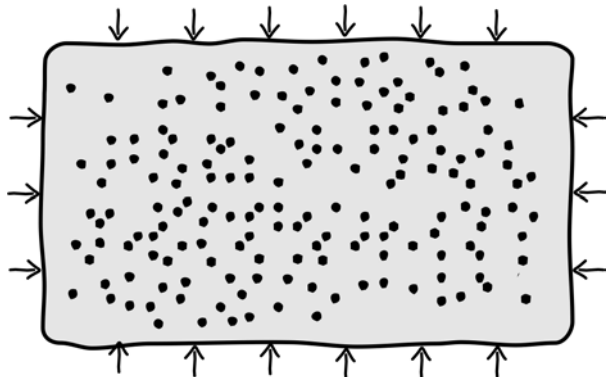


Count the number of grapes you can see in the bunch. How many did you count?

(It may help to number the grapes.)

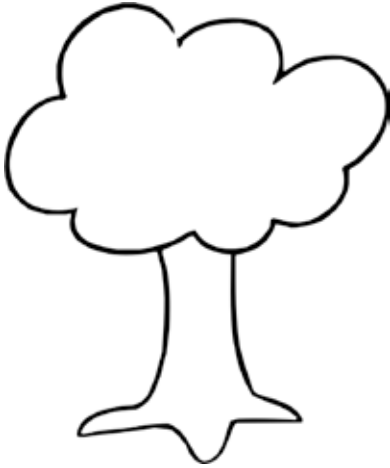
The Lord promised Abraham that from him would come many, many people—uncountable, like the sand on the sea shore. Can you count how many grains of sand have been sprinkled in the box below? _____

To make it easier, draw lines between the arrows facing each other, then add up the totals in each square.



How to draw a tree

Using a pencil, practice drawing the trees in the blank squares.



The vineyard crossword

Fill in the missing letters of the words below, then use the words to complete the crossword.

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Vin__s

Gr__pes

Fert__le

Pl__nted

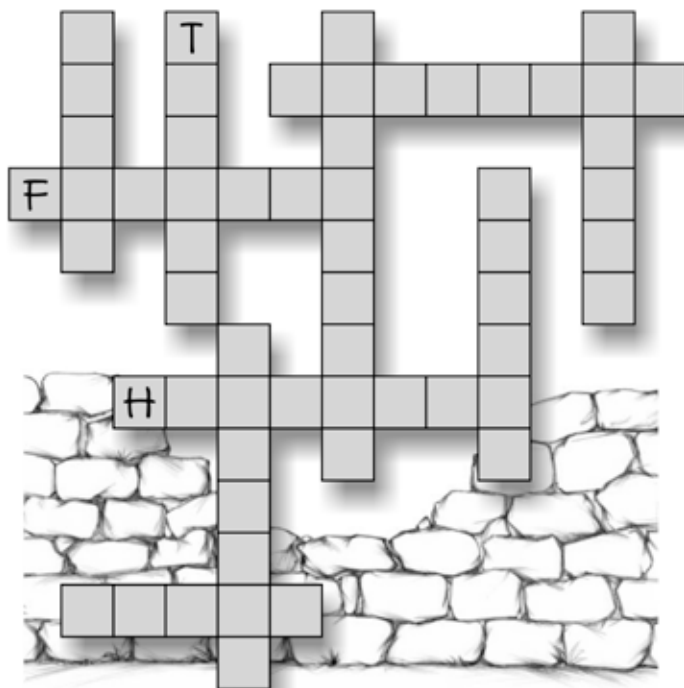
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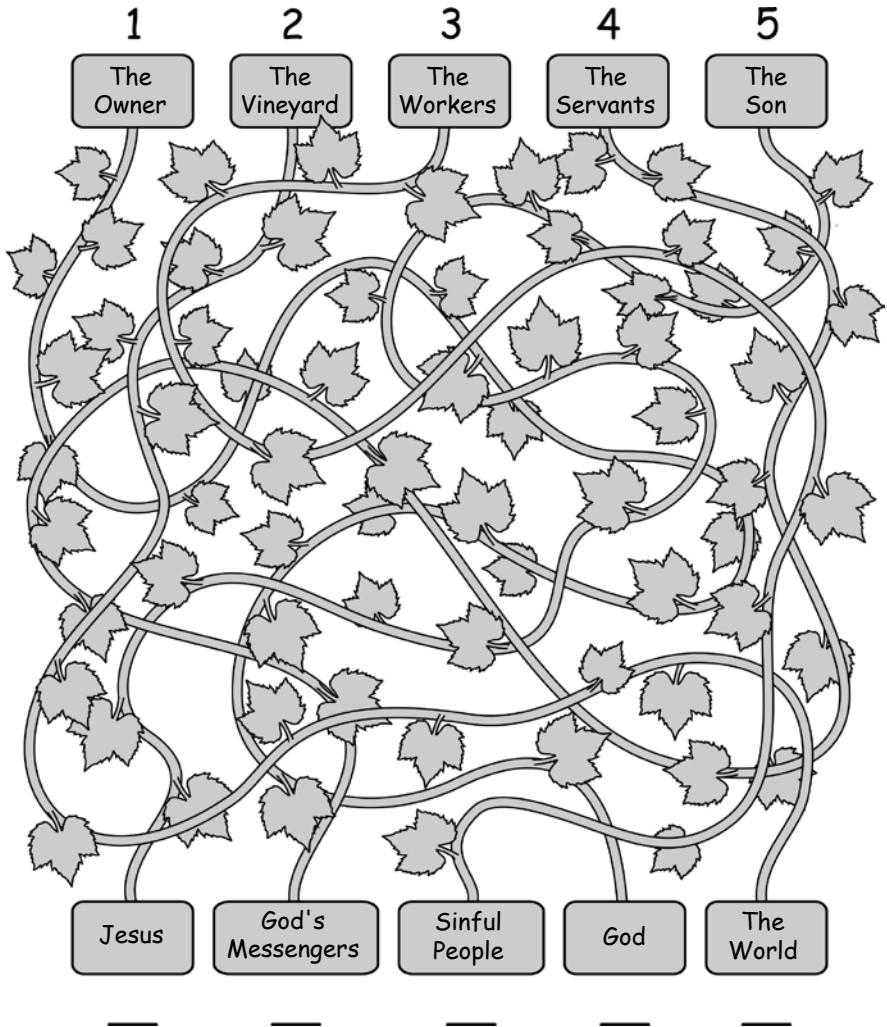
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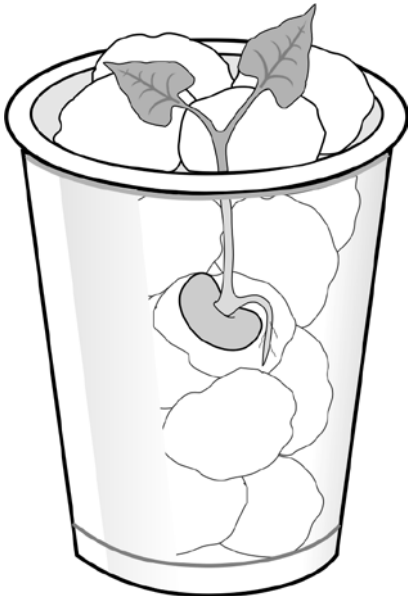
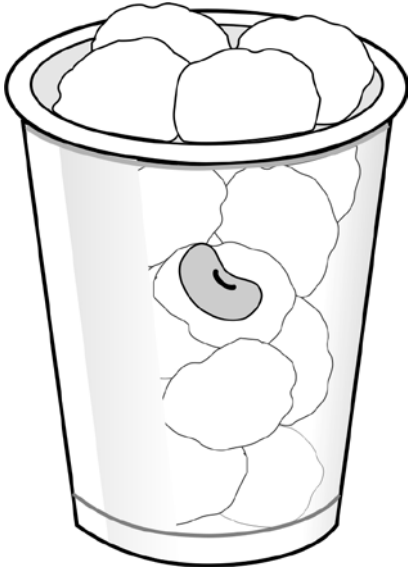
The vineyard tangle

To help you remember the key points of the story, follow each vine from top to bottom and write the matching number under the bottom box.

Then look up John 3:16.



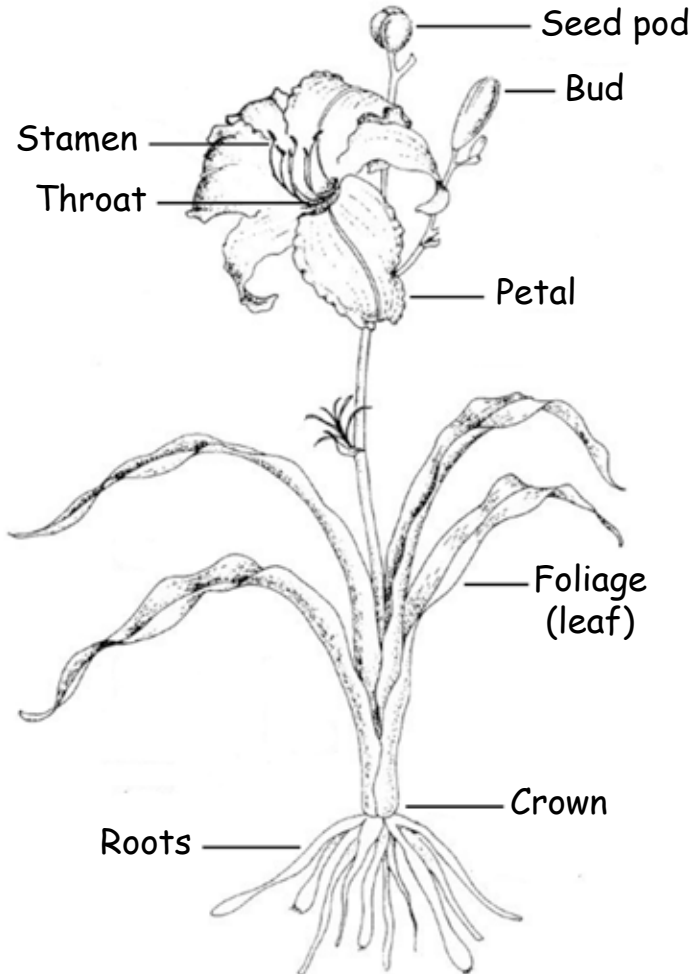
Growing a bean seed



1. Soak a few kidney beans in water for a day (12 hours).
2. Fill a clear plastic cup with cotton balls or pieces of rolled-up paper towel.
3. With the back of a spoon, push some beans between the cotton balls and the cup.
4. Sprinkle the cotton balls with water, but don't make them too soggy.
5. Keep the cotton balls moist.
6. Within a few days, the beans should sprout.

Color it in 3!








Lily colors are white, pink, red, orange, yellow and purple.



Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow.
They don't work or make their clothing.
Matthew 6:28 (NLT)

Notice the changes

Can you recognize the four seasons? Write each of the seasons in the shaded box and complete the pictures.

<p>[shaded box]</p> <p>snow or frost </p>  <p>some animals hibernate longer nights</p>	<p>[shaded box]</p> <p> blossoms and sweet fragrances</p>  <p>animals have their babies birds chirp and sing</p>
 <p>[shaded box]</p> <p>warm weather</p>  <p>longer days fruit ripens</p>	<p>[shaded box]</p> <p>leaves change color harvest time</p>  <p>some birds migrate</p>

When God created, He said; "Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years." *Genesis 1:14*

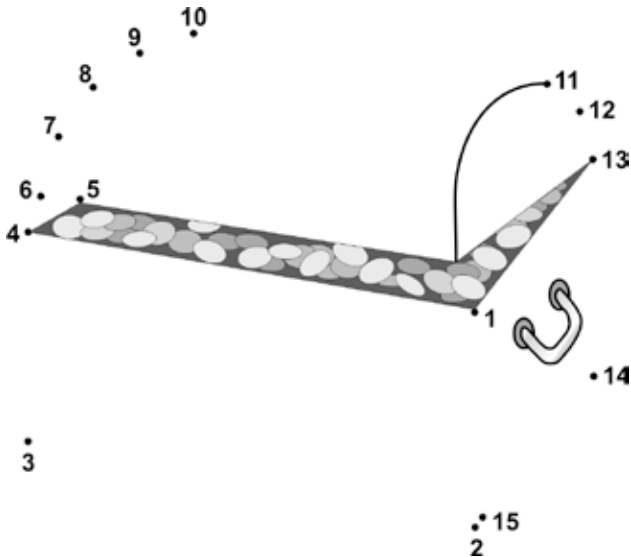
Color it in 4!



The greatest treasure

Some people cannot see the treasure of God's kingdom until they've joined the dots.

Connect the dots with a line (from 1 to 15).



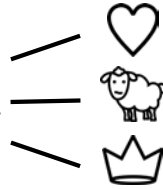
As you dig for treasure in the Bible, you will find three stories of women who gave ALL they had for something more lasting—kingdom treasure.

- A widow gave her last m ___ (see 1 Kings 17:7-16).
- And old woman gave her last bit of m ____ (see Mark 12:41-44).
- A woman gave the most precious thing she owned—an alabaster jar of expensive p _____ (see Luke 7:36-38).

The cross

Jesus died...

1. to take away our sins (Romans 4:25).
2. to bring us back to God (Luke 15:3-7).
3. to give us eternal life (John 3:16).



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Use the letters that form the cross to complete the verse 1 Peter 2:24.

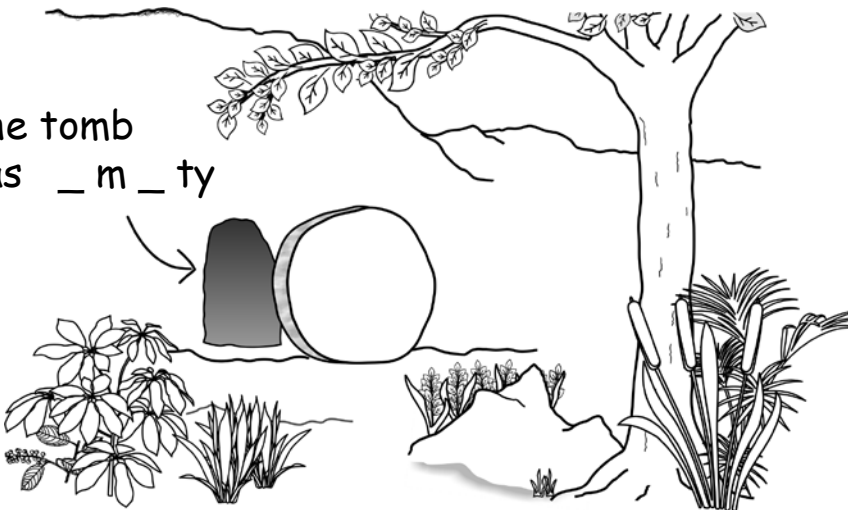
He personally carried o _ _ s _ _ i _ h _ _
 b _ _ _ o _ t _ _ c _ _ _ s _ w _
 c _ _ b _ d _ _ _ t _ s _ _ a _ _
 l _ _ _ f _ _ w _ _ _ i _ r _ _ _ .

Jesus is alive!

Circle the correct answer

- Which day is the first day of the week?
Sunday / Monday
- Who was the first one at the tomb?
Peter / Mary (John 20:1-2)
- What time of the day did Mary go to the tomb?
Early morning / Late afternoon (John 20:1)
- How many people saw Jesus alive?
13 / 276 / More than 500 (1 Corinthians 15:6)
- Who did Mary think Jesus was when she saw Him outside the tomb?
An angel / The gardener (John 20:14-15)

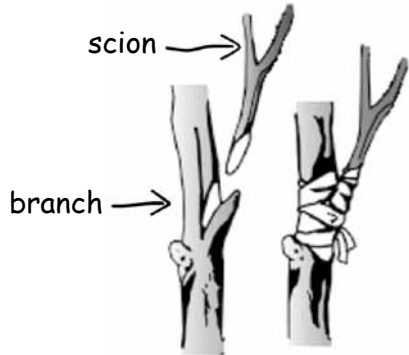
The tomb
was _ m _ ty



How grafting works

How to graft a tree

1. Make a slanting cut on the branch.
2. Cut the scion* to a sharp wedge.
3. Push the scion into the cut.
4. Tie up the graft (to seal it and hold it).



* A scion is the young twig that is cut for grafting.

How to be grafted into God's family (become His child).

Believe...

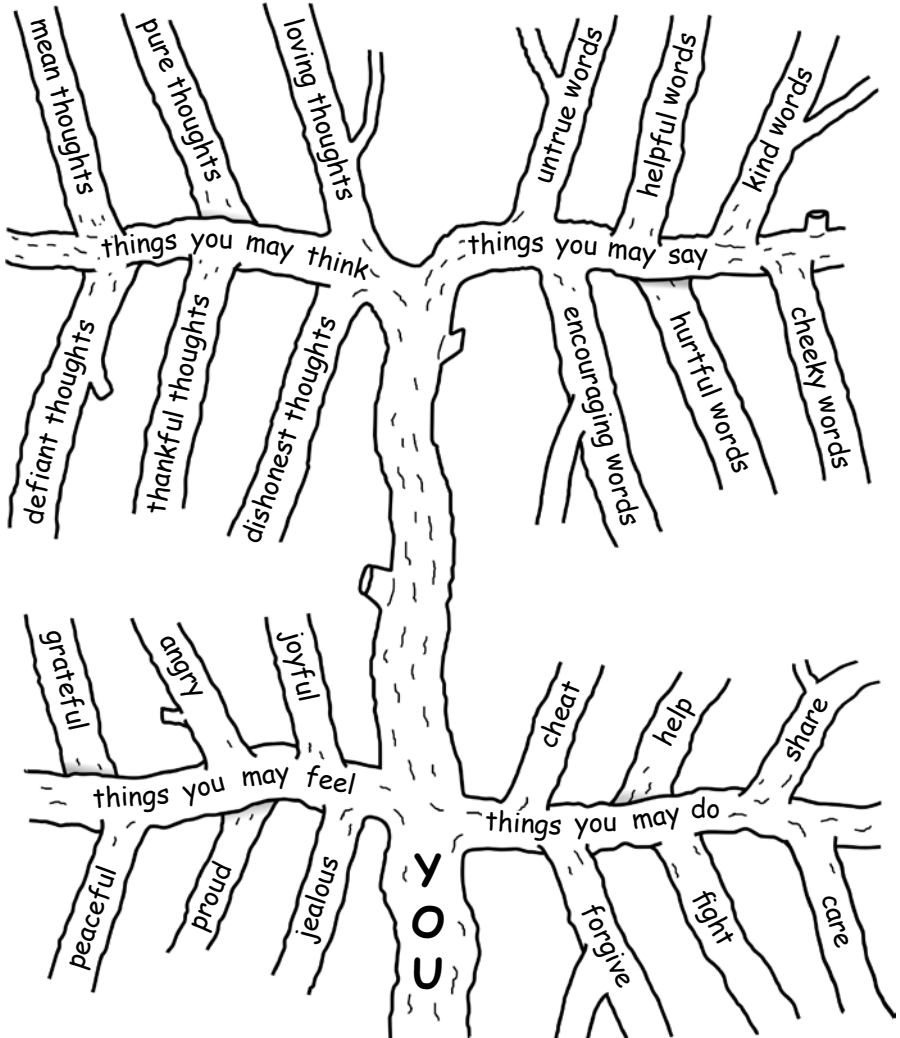
- that you have sinned and done wrong. (Romans 3:23)
- that God loves you and wants to give you eternal life. (John 3:16)
- that Jesus is the only One who can save you because He died for your sin on the cross. (Acts 4:12, John 14:6, 1 Peter 3:18)

Ask...

- God to forgive you. Tell Him that you want to become His child and live a life that pleases Him. (Romans 10:9, John 1:12-13, Colossians 1:10).

Pruning to make us fruitful

Show which shoots would need to be pruned by drawing a line across the base of the shoot.



The Fruit of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is the change one can see in a person when the Holy Spirit comes to live in them.



To find out more, connect the matching shapes.

- | | | |
|--------------|---|--|
| love | ▼ | ● a calmness that comes from trusting God |
| joy | ▮ | ◆ being willing to wait; and not becoming easily annoyed |
| peace | ● | ▼ giving someone of your time, yourself, and what you have |
| patience | ◆ | ▮ being cheerful and thankful, whatever happens |
| kindness | ★ | ◐ obeying God and doing what is right |
| goodness | ◐ | ★ being friendly, generous and helpful |
| faithfulness | ■ | ◑ thinking things through before reacting |
| gentleness | ▲ | ■ being loyal, reliable, and true to one's word |
| self-control | ◑ | ▲ being caring and sensitive toward others |

What heaven will be like?

Circle the T or the F to show whether the sentences below are T (True) or F (False).

In heaven...

- we will be able to eat. T F (Revelation 19:9)
- we will still have bodies. T F (Philippians 3:20-21)
- we will still need to sleep. T F (Revelation 21:25)
- we will have our own rooms. T F (John 14:2)
- we will never be sad. T F (Revelation 21:4)

In heaven there will be no more tears, sickness or pain. Instead, God has promised you something special.

To find out what that is, complete the verse from Revelation 21:5 by connecting the dots in the right order. (Hint: It is something the Lord will give you.)

