



MORE THAN TALENT

The Holy Spirit gives everyone different gifts! A talent is a natural ability to do something well. But when we become Christians, the Holy Spirit gives us supernatural abilities.

If you entered a talent contest, what would you do?

- sing dance
- rap act
- perform tricks
- tell jokes gymnastics
- play a musical instrument
- other_____

READ: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

God gives us spiritual gifts so that we can serve Him and help each other (verse 7).

Draw lines to match each description to the correct gift.

THE GIFT HELPS US TO:

1. Give wise advice
2. Teach
3. Have great faith
4. Heal the sick
5. Perform miracles
6. Speak God's messages
7. Distinguish right from wrong
8. Speak in unknown languages
9. Understand unknown languages

NAME OF GIFT

- (a) FAITH
- (b) PROPHECY
- (c) WISDOM
- (d) INTERPRETATION
- (e) DISCERNMENT
- (f) TEACHING
- (g) MIRACLES
- (h) TONGUES
- (i) HEALING

Now read *Romans 12:6-8* to learn about more gifts.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for the Holy Spirit, who gives us spiritual gifts. Help me use my gifts to serve You by helping others. Amen.

GOING YOUR OWN WAY

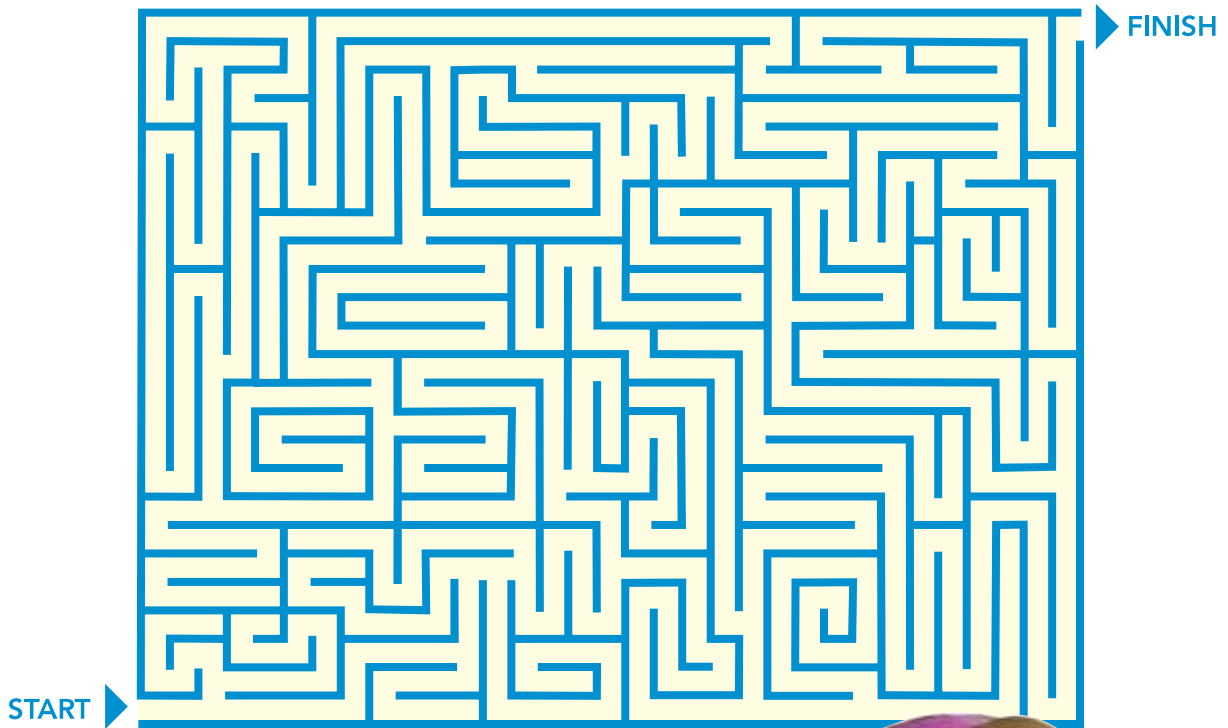
Have you ever been in a car that used a GPS (Global Positioning System) as a navigating device? If the driver ignores the map and instructions and drives in the wrong direction, the voice from the GPS may say, "recalculating."



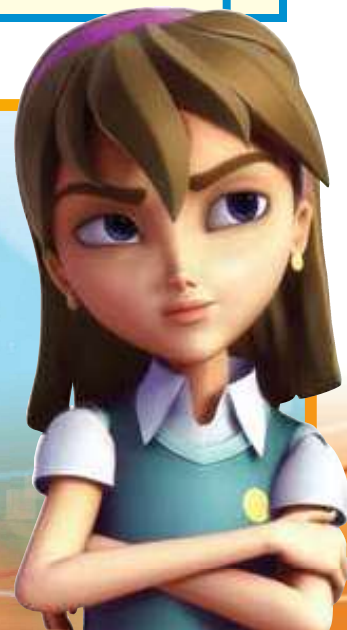
READ: Luke 15:11-19



DO: Trace the route the young man took when he went his own way. The man finally "came to his senses" (verse 17) and realized that he had sinned by going his own way.



PRAY: Dear Lord, help me always to listen to Your instructions so that I don't go my own way and get lost. But if I do make a mistake, please help me come to my senses and turn to You. Help me to recalculate and follow Your instructions so that I can be on the right path again. Amen.



WELCOME HOME

How do you celebrate when someone comes home after being away for a long time?

READ: Luke 15:20-24

The son realized that he had done wrong by going his own way and wasting his inheritance money. He was prepared to go back home and be a servant.



Cross out the first word and then cross out every other word to continue the story.

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Check off only those things that his father did.

HOW DID THE FATHER WELCOME HIS LOST SON?

- 1. He shouted at him.
- 2. He hugged and kissed him.
- 3. He gave him fine clothes and sandals.
- 4. He gave him a hat and cloak.
- 5. He gave him a ring.
- 6. He gave him a talking-to.
- 7. He gave him a party.

When we do something wrong, God, like the father in this story, never stops loving us. He will forgive us if we are sorry for our sins and tell Him. He rejoices to welcome us back.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for being my heavenly Father and for loving me so much that if I confess my sins to You, You are faithful and just to forgive me and to cleanse me from all wickedness. Amen.

TEMPTATION



When you take a test at school, what do you do to get a good grade? Circle YES or NO.

I do nothing.	YES	NO
I cheat.	YES	NO
I study.	YES	NO

So what do you think:

Does studying help you get a good grade? YES NO



When the devil tested Jesus in the wilderness, Jesus knew the Scriptures so well that He passed the test.

DO: In the wordsearch, find the words written in purple capital letters below.

READ: Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus was hungry and the devil tempted Him to use His power for His own benefit. But Jesus didn't rely on His own feelings to make a decision. Instead, He quoted Scripture to stand up to the devil.

JESUS
SPIRIT
DEVIL
TEMPTED
SON OF GOD
STONES
LOAVES
BREAD
EVERY
WORD

E	V	S	T	I	R	I	P	S	F
J	L	T	E	M	P	T	R	E	D
E	A	O	V	E	S	L	J	S	E
S	O	N	O	F	G	O	D	U	T
U	V	E	A	D	R	A	O	J	P
S	E	S	N	O	D	V	D	C	M
M	P	T	S	E	V	E	R	Y	E
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PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for the Bible, my textbook. Help me to know it so well that I can pass the real-life tests that come my way. Amen.



THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

The devil is very clever when he tries to get us to do wrong things. But we have an ultimate weapon to use in fighting him. Do you know what it is?

READ: Matthew 4:5-7

When the devil tempted Jesus a second time, he copied Jesus and even used words from ____ (s,g,d)

S _____

(R,b,q,h,o,s,t,q,d,r)

CODE KEY

a = b	j = k	s = t
b = c	k = l	t = u
c = d	l = m	u = v
d = e	m = n	v = w
e = f	n = o	w = x
f = g	o = p	x = y
g = h	p = q	y = z
h = i	q = r	z = a
i = j	r = s	



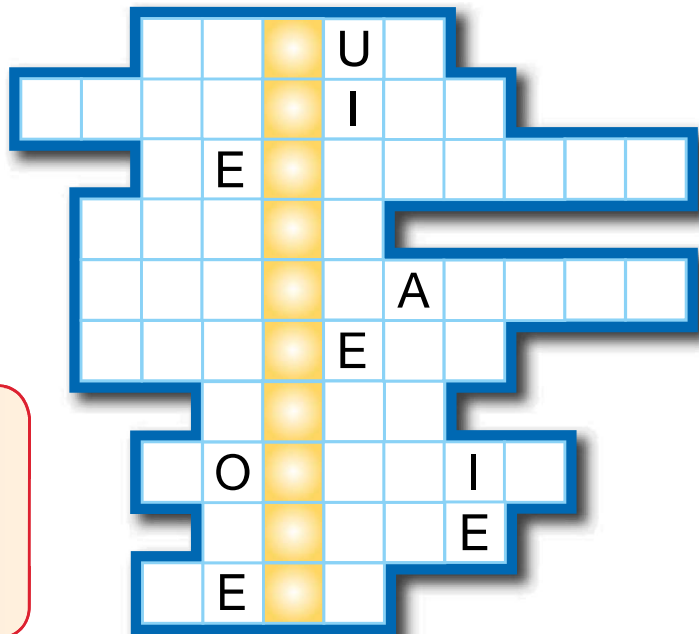
READ: Matthew 4:8-11

The devil often tries to gain power over us by offering to give us things that appear very attractive. We need to watch out for his tricks and use the ultimate weapon when fighting him.



DO: To find out what the ultimate weapon is, write the words from the Bible

passage listed in the box below in the correct places in the puzzle, and the shaded blocks will give you the answer. Write that word in the prayer below.



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|-----------|------------|
| TEST | JESUS |
| JUMP | DEVIL |
| PROTECT | SERVE |
| WORSHIP | JERUSALEM |
| HOLY CITY | TEMPTATION |



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for giving us the _____, which we can use as the ultimate weapon against the devil in fighting off temptations. Thank you for giving us the victory! Amen.

TESTING TIME



I am hidden in rocks deep in the ground,
 But with mining tools I can be found.
 Separate me from the ore and the sand;
 Smelt me with the hottest heat I can stand.
 Throw away all that is not pure;
 And what's left is valuable, you can be sure.
 Use me for money or jewelry for young and old.
 I am very, very precious, because I am _____.



Can you tell what I am?

READ: 1 Peter 1:7

During what's called the refining process, impurities are removed so what's left is pure gold. In a similar way, trials and hardships in our lives refine us. They help God remove the impurities from our lives and make our faith strong and pure.

How should we respond when troubles come our way?

READ: James 1:2-4

To use what James says, circle the correct word in each bracket in the prayer below.



PRAY: Dear Lord, whenever troubles come my way, may I consider it [a gift, an opportunity] for great [joy, peace]. For when my faith is [growing, tested], my [endurance, honesty] has a chance to grow. So I will let it grow. For when my endurance is fully developed, I will be [weak, strong] in character and [ready, late] for anything. Amen.



WHY WORRY?

Did you know that God commands us to not worry, but to pray instead? The Bible teaches us in 1 Peter 5:7 that we can give all our worries and cares to God, for He cares about us.



Rate your worries below according to this rating scale:

	<i>I'm cool. Not worried at all.</i>	<i>I'm only a little worried. No one would know.</i>	<i>I'm quite worried. Does it show?</i>	<i>I'm a nervous wreck! It shows!</i>
1. You haven't done your homework.				
2. You came home later than you were supposed to.				
3. You forget to do the household chores you are responsible for.				
4. The school bully is on your case.				
5. There are so many wars in the world.				

READ: Philippians 4:6-7



Don't **WORRY** about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell **GOD** what you **NEED**, and **THANK** him for **ALL** he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything **WE** can understand. His peace will **GUARD** your **HEARTS** and **MINDS** as you live in Christ Jesus.

DO: In the wordsearch, find the same words that are in **RED** in the verse above, and cross them out. Use the remaining letters to find out what can replace "worry." Write the answer on the line below.

P	W	O	R	R	Y
T	D	N	E	E	D
H	R	A	L	L	M
A	A	E	W	G	I
N	U	A	E	O	N
K	G	C	E	D	D
H	E	A	R	T	S

In the prayer below, write one or two things that worry you, and then pray to Him about them.



PRAY: Dear Lord, I'm concerned about _____ and _____ . Please help me to know that You don't want me to worry about these things, but that You want me to trust You. I put these things in Your hands right now, knowing that You love me and that I can trust You with all my problems. Amen.