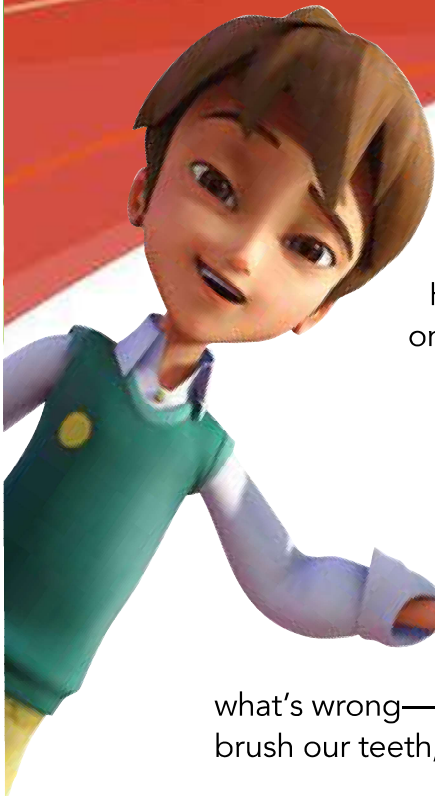


MIRROR TALK



How many times do you look in a mirror every day?
 once ____ twice ____ 5 times ____ more ____

Have you ever looked in the mirror and noticed that your hair was all messed up? Or maybe you noticed that you had something stuck in your teeth—yuck! Or maybe you noticed there was a smudge of dirt on your cheek! We use mirrors to show us what's wrong—so that we can fix it! We can comb our hair, we can brush our teeth, and we can wash our faces!

The Bible is just like a mirror. It shows us what we cannot see without it. It shows us where we have things that need to be changed or fixed. But after we see what's wrong, we have to take action. That's what it means to obey God!



DO: UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS IN BRACKETS

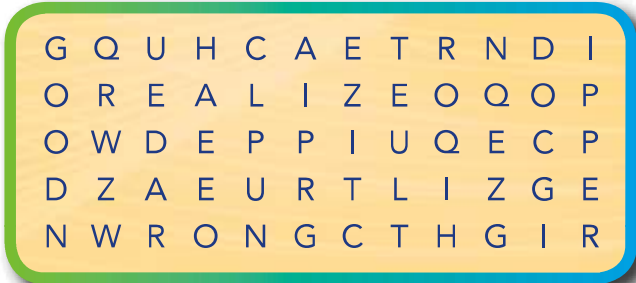
READ: James 1:22-25

James describes the Bible as being like a mirror. When we look into God's Word, we should not only _____ [NESTIL], but we should also _____ [YOBE].

DO: Find the words written below in red capital letters in the wordsearch.

READ: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to **TEACH** us what is **TRUE** and to make us **REALIZE** what is **WRONG** in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to **DO** what is **RIGHT**. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully **EQUIPPED** for every **GOOD** thing God wants us to do.



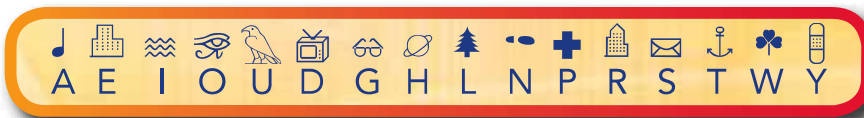
PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to use the Bible just like a mirror—to see what is wrong in my life, to change those things, and to do what is right by obeying You. Thank you for helping me. Amen.

TALKING TOGETHER

Today there are many ways in which people communicate with each other. In the blue box to the right, underline or write how you have communicated with others.

God wants us to communicate with Him through prayer. Praying really just means talking to God! He wants us to talk to Him and tell Him honestly what we are thinking.

DO: Use the code to fill in the missing words below.



- LETTER
- POSTCARD
- TELEPHONE
- CELL PHONE
- E-MAIL
- FACEBOOK
- TWITTER
- MYSPACE
- TEXT MESSAGE
- FAX

_____ is the way we can communicate with
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God. In the Bible, Jesus gives us some _____
 on _____
 envelope bird gears gears building envelope anchor water eye ear



READ: Matthew 6:5-8
 What did Jesus teach His disciples?

CIRCLE
 DO OR DON'T

- Pray loudly on the street corners to impress people. DO DON'T
- Make sure others can see you while you are praying. DO DON'T
- Pray quietly to God in private. DO DON'T

God doesn't want us to pray to impress other people. He wants us to pray so that we can talk directly to Him and tell Him what's on our hearts. We're His children, and He is our heavenly Father. He loves it when we talk to Him!



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you that I can talk to You in prayer. Thank you that I can be honest with You and tell You just what I am feeling and thinking, straight from my heart. Amen.

A PRAYER

Praying is important! But how should we pray? When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He taught them a prayer that we now call “the Lord’s Prayer.”



READ: Matthew 6:9-13

Draw a line from each part of the Lord’s Prayer to the correct meaning in a box. The first one has been done for you.

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins, as we have
forgiven those who sin against us.

And don’t let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

God’s kingdom is where He rules.

God is the perfect father.
We can trust Him to take care of us.

Show respect to God, who is holy
by nature and by name.

We ask God to keep us safe
from Satan, the evil one.

May God’s plans be carried
out in the world.

We ask God to keep us from things that
tempt us to do wrong or difficulties too
hard for us to cope with.

We ask God to forgive us
and we must forgive others.

Don’t worry about the future.
Pray for what you need.

There are many ways to talk to God in prayer—but one of the best is to pray the Lord’s Prayer, just as Jesus and the disciples did. Why not pray it right now, quietly or out loud, thinking about what the words mean as you pray?

PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you that I can talk to You in prayer. Thank you that I can be honest with You and tell You just what I am feeling and thinking, straight from the heart. Amen.



MEETING TOGETHER

Just as friends and families spend time together, Christians should meet together. Do you know why?

According to the Bible, spending time with other Christians—which is called “fellowship”—is very important. It’s one of the ways that God helps us to grow as Christians!

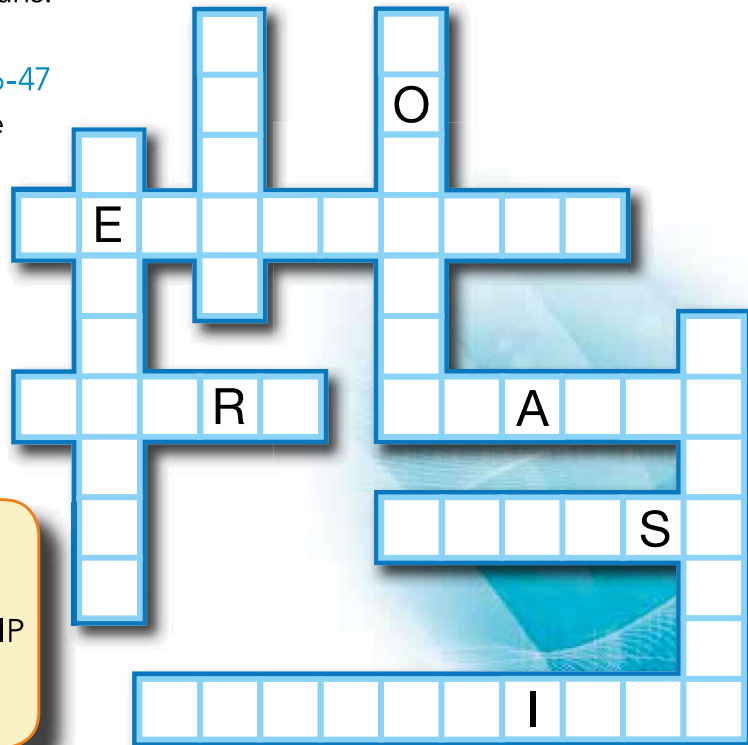


READ: Acts 2:42, 46-47

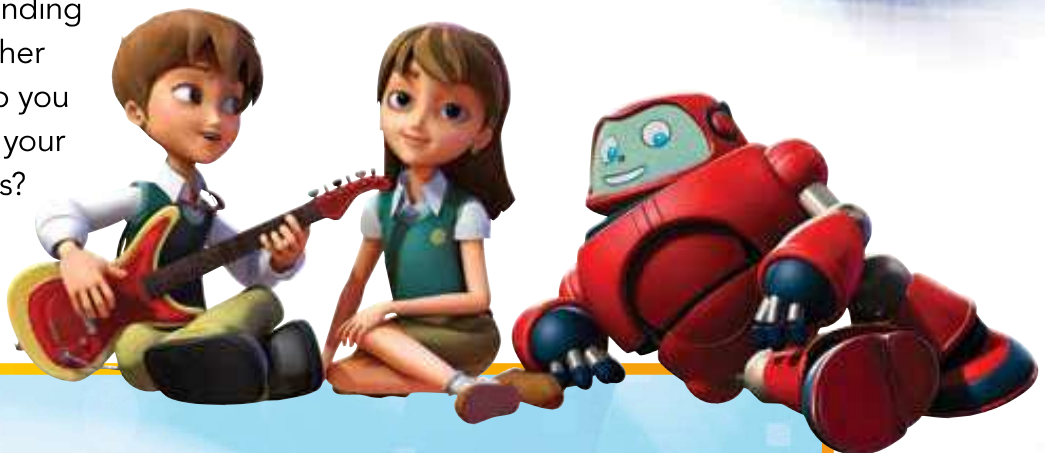
The Christians in the early Church did several things when they were together. We still do these things today!

DO: Use the words below to fill in the crossword puzzle.

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|------------|------------|
| CHRISTIANS | PRAISE |
| TEACHING | SHARE |
| FRIENDS | FELLOWSHIP |
| PRAYER | MEALS |
| WORSHIP | |



Are you spending time with other Christians so you can grow in your faith in Jesus?



PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to do the things that help me grow spiritually, as Your child. Help me to read the Bible every day, to pray every day, and to spend time with other Christians who love You and obey You. Amen.

TELL OTHERS

When we discover something exciting, we usually want to tell others. One of the most exciting things we can imagine is the idea that we are God's children! So we should tell others about it. In fact, God wants us to tell others!



READ: Mark 5:19-20

To discover what Jesus said, start where the arrow is and go in a clockwise, spiral direction until you end with the letter in the red shaded block. Write every letter on a line below.

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M	S	I	F	U	L	H	E	H	U	T	U	
E	A	C	N	E	E	B	S	A	A	H	R	
H	H	R	E	M	W	O	H	D	N	I	F	
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When we tell others about Jesus, our own faith grows stronger. Telling others about Jesus is one of the ways that we can grow spiritually!

Think of someone you can tell about these wonderful things the Lord has done for you:

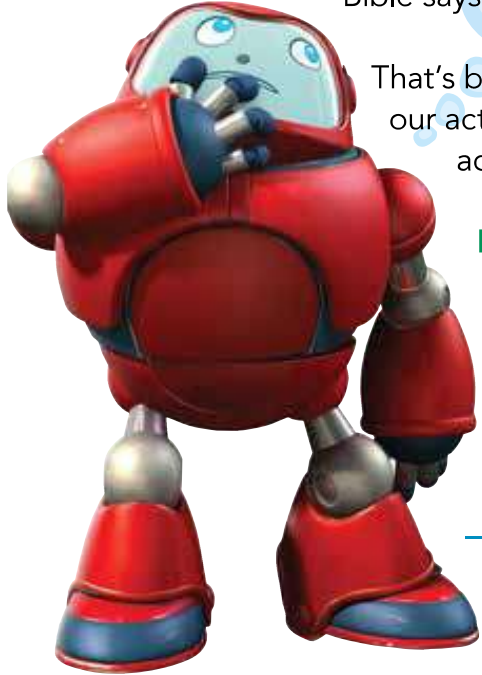
Jesus loves me. I am forgiven. He died for my sins. I am God's child.



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for all of the amazing and wonderful things You've done for me! Help me to tell others about those things in a way that will bless them and show them Your love. Amen.

THINK RIGHT

We all know that what we do is important. But did you know that the Bible says that what we think is just as important?



That's because what we think influences our attitudes and our actions. The Bible tells us to "think right" so that our actions will be right too!



READ: Philippians 4:8

DO: Fill in the words from the Bible passage that describe right thinking.

Fix your thoughts on what is _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and _____, and _____. Think about things that are _____, and worthy of _____.

We need to watch our thoughts, and perhaps even change the way we think about some things. Use the code to answer the following questions.

When a thought comes into your mind, ask yourself:

Is it _____ ? (20,18,21,5)

Is it _____ ? (11,9,14,4)

Is it _____ ? (16,21,18,5)

Is it _____ ? (18,9,7,8,20)

CODE KEY

A = 1	J = 10	S = 19
B = 2	K = 11	T = 20
C = 3	L = 12	U = 21
D = 4	M = 13	V = 22
E = 5	N = 14	W = 23
F = 6	O = 15	X = 24
G = 7	P = 16	Y = 25
H = 8	Q = 17	Z = 26
I = 9	R = 18	

The Bible says that how we think really affects how we act. So to obey God and please God, we have to get our thoughts in line with His thinking too!



PRAY: Dear Lord, help me to watch my thoughts and to think right. I want to think like You so that I can be more like You. Please help me to do that. Amen.

WATCH YOUR WORDS

What we do is important and what we think is important. But did you know that, according to the Bible, what we say is important too?

READ: James 1:26

Fill in the missing word. We should _____ our tongues.

According to the Bible, the tongue is small but it can be very powerful.



READ: James 3:3-6

As Christians, we have to control our tongues and watch what we say.

James gives us three pictures to show how powerful our tongues, and our words, can be.

DO: Write the verse number next to each picture.

James 3:3-6: ³We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

⁵In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.



VERSE ____



VERSE ____



VERSE ____

The words we speak affect how we think and what we do. So to obey God, we have to be careful of what we say!



PRAY: Dear Lord, please help me to control my tongue, and help me only to speak words that are pleasing to You. As Psalm 19:14 says, "May the words of my mouth ... be pleasing to you, O LORD." Amen.