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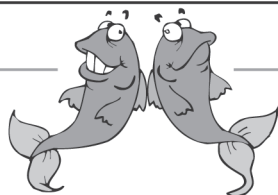


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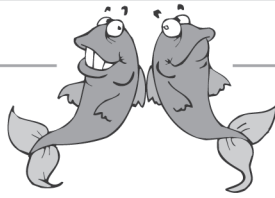
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The Club Verse

Colossians 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”



The Sailor Salute

I pledge allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose name I love and
Whose praise I sing. As a faithful sailor in Patch the Pirate Club,
I will do my best to serve my Savior and obey His Word.





Ahoy, Mateys!

Welcome aboard to more character-building fun!

First Timothy 4:7-8 teaches us to “exercise [ourselves] . . . unto godliness. For . . . godliness is profitable unto all things.”

Your Patch the Pirate Club lessons will help you learn godly character traits through daily *Quiet Time* devotions, Bible stories, Patch the Pirate adventure music, and *Willow Valley Kids* stories with beautiful illustrations.

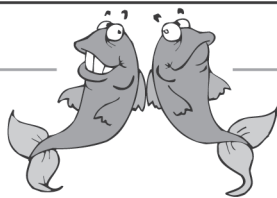
For much of my life, I’ve read a daily Proverbs chapter matching the day of the month. What a wonderful habit to have daily! I hope it’s something you will try to do. Reading the Bible every day has helped me far more than I could have ever imagined!

Join us each week as we study how a wise child builds his or her life on the Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout the year, we will also be reminded of the wonderful refuge and source of strength we have in Jesus Christ. Don’t miss the boat! See you in club!

Rejoicing in the Lord,

Patch the Pirate

Ron Patch Hamilton
Philippians 4:4



The Official Uniform



Faithful Servant
award pin



Award pin—Ship's Wheel



*Sailor's hat with
club logo badge*



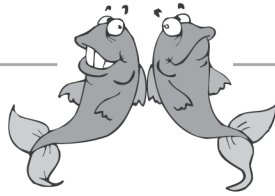
*White Patch the Pirate
polo shirt*



Super Sailor award

Red sailor sash

*Black/navy slacks
(or skirt for girls)*



A Note to Parents

The sailors in Patch the Pirate Club meet every month for four consecutive weeks. At the end of the month they perform the song they have learned. A sailor must attend each of the weekly meetings *and* the performance and must complete the entire month of *My Quiet Time Devotions* to earn the award pin given at the end of each month.

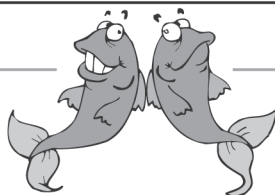
If your child misses one meeting during the month, he may make up the absence by quoting the make-up memory verse to a club worker. If he misses more than one meeting and wishes to make up absences, the captain may (if he or she determines an absence to be legitimate) assign the child a make-up memory verse. The only way to make up incomplete *My Quiet Time Devotions* is to complete them and have them checked by the club captain or co-captain.

If a child is faithful in attendance and in completing his devotions for an entire year (and has thus earned all nine of his award pins), he is eligible to receive a *Faithful Servant Award* at the end of the club year.

A very special *Super Sailor of the Year Award* is given to one boy and one girl who have exhibited a consistent testimony and faithfulness throughout the club year.

The club captain will keep attendance records for your child. See the captain if you have questions concerning your child's award eligibility.

Note: The award pins are to be attached to the sailor hat in neat rows on either side of the logo badge. See the previous page for a complete illustration of the uniform and awards.



Daily Devotional Guide Instructions

It is important for Christians to be faithful in having a daily quiet time with God. This year we are going to help you develop this habit. A *quiet time* is a time when you *listen* to God and let Him talk to you through His Word, the Bible. It is a time when you *praise* God, *tell* Him you love Him, and *thank* Him for things He has done for you. You also *pray* about things you or someone else needs.

If you can read the Bible, you can have your quiet time all by yourself. This is the best way to grow up in your Christian life. If you cannot read the Bible yet, ask your father, your mother, or some older person to share your quiet time with you every day. Pick a time and place where you won't be distracted. It should be a place where you can see well and where you can comfortably write.

Here is a plan for you to follow for your quiet time.
You will need a Bible, a pencil or pen, and your *Sailor's Log*.

1. Look up the verse in your Bible.
2. Fill in the blanks in *My Quiet Time* daily devotional guide.
3. Read the explanation of the verse.
4. Think about what the verse means.
5. Ask God to help you apply the lesson to your own life, and use the prayer time suggestion as a guide when you pray.

I will have my quiet time with God _____.
time of day

My quiet time place will be _____.
place



Club Song

Words & music by Ron Hamilton

Arr. by Shelly Hamilton

Joyfully ♩ = 92 **3** *mf*

1. Oh, climb on board our jol - ly ship;
2. Come sail with us; we're heav-en-bound.

7
trav-el on life's sea. Our Cap-tain is the Son of God; He will faith-ful
Ev - 'ry-one can go. The fare was paid with Je - sus' blood man - y years a -

12
be. Oh, come and join our hap - py crew. We still have lots of
go. We love to sing our Sav-ior's praise. We'll bless His name through

16
room for you. Climb on board our jol - ly ship; trav - el on life's
all our days. Sail with us; we're heav-en-bound! Ev - 'ry-one can

20 ***f* Chorus**
sea. We— sail with Patch the Pi-rate a - cross the o - cean blue. We—
go.

25
want to please our Sav-ior in all we say and do. We serve the King of

30
Heav-en and proud-ly bear His Sword. We— sail with Patch the Pi-rate to the

35
1st Ending 2nd Ending
glo-ry of the Lord. glo - ry of the Lord.

A Respectable Pirate

Adam Morgan

Adam Morgan
Arr. by Brian Buda

13 *mf*

While oth-er pi-rates loot and shoot, we'd nev-er steal or

18 rob. We sail up-on the sev - en seas to share the Word of God!

2

23 To join a crew you have to work and do what you are

29 told. Our great - est hope is to be-come a Chris - tian strong and bold!

f

34 We al - ways have ad - ven-ture while sail - ing on the sea. So

39 join our crew! We wel - come you! That's if you want to be _____

6

44 _____ a re-spect - a - ble pi - rate!

mf

54 A sail - or trusts her in - stru-ments to nav - i - gate her ways; so

59 I will trust the Bi - ble's words to guide me all my days! I al - ways keep a

64 watch - ful eye as far as I can see. A - top the mast, I look, "A - vast!" for

69 *f* dan - gers out at sea! We al - ways have ad - ven - ture while sail - ing on the

74 sea. So join our crew! We wel - come you! that's if you want to be _____

79 *mf* a re - spect - a - ble pi - rate! **6**

90 *mf* There may be dan - gers up a - head _____ and tri - als yet un -

96 *mf* *Adventurously* $\text{♩} = 108$ told, but sail - ors must have cour - age that their

102 *f* *Arrgh!* hope is in the Lord! We al - ways have ad - ven - ture while sail - ing on the

107 *Ahoy!* *accel.* sea. So join our crew! We wel - come you! That's if you want to be _____

113 *mf* a re - spect - a - ble pi - rate! **7**

CHILDREN'S HYMN OF THE YEAR
How Firm a Foundation
with You Are My Refuge

Rippon's *Section of Hymns*, 1787
 & Megan Hamilton

Traditional American melody
 & Megan Hamilton
 Arr. by Shelly Hamilton

With conviction $\text{♩} = 63$ **3** *f marcato*

How firm a foundation, ye
 saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His
 ex - cel - lent Word! What more can He say than to
 you He hath said, to you who for refuge to
 Je - sus have fled?

Optional C instrument
mf legato *mf legato*

You are my Ref - uge; I hide in You.
 You are the hope I'm run - ning to.

32

Your Words are faith - ful; Your prom - ise, true.

36

I hide in You.

Optional descant

40

mf marcato
“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis -

44

f marcato
mayed, Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis -

48

mayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee

52 *f*

aid. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to

aid. I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to

56

stand up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent

stand up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent

60 *f*

hand." How —

hand." *f* How — firm a foun - da - tion,

65

firm a foun - da - tion, ye

f How — firm a foun - da - tion, ye

69 *ff* **2**

saints of the Lord! —

saints of the Lord! — **2**



SALVATION

Song of the Month: “Noah Found Grace” and “Ocean Commotion”

Patch Theme Song of the Year: “A Respectable Pirate”

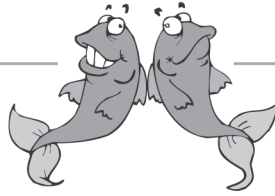
Children’s Hymn of the Year: “How Firm a Foundation”

Memory Verse: Genesis 6:8—“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.”

Make-up Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:7—“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

Sailor Scripture Memory: Each week, read and review the passage below in order to quote the entire passage in any performance during the year. Quote along with Patch the Pirate on the *Learn at Home* CD.

Psalm 27:1–14—“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.”



SPEAKING PARTS FOR THE PERFORMANCE

Choir: *(Sings.)* “Ocean Commotion”

Sailor 1 plays the part of Noah. He may be dressed in a robe or simply wear a sign with the name “Noah” on his shirt. As the performance begins, Sailor 1 sits in a lone chair in the center of the performance area.

Sailor 1: *(Sitting with head bowed. Raises head and looks upward as he speaks.)* Yes, Lord, I will obey what You are asking. *(Pausing as if listening.)* I know the people have grown very wicked. Thank you, Lord, for sparing my family.

Sailor 2: *(Looking toward Noah.)* Noah did exactly what God commanded him. He built the ark, gathered the food, led in the animals, and brought his family into the ark just like God commanded.

Sailor 3: *(Questioning.)* Don’t you think Noah’s friends and neighbors made fun of him during those long years of building that humongous boat?

Sailor 2: The Bible doesn’t say for sure if the people laughed and mocked Noah, but we can suppose that just like Christians are mocked for their faith today, Noah was mocked for his.

Sailor 4: But we do know for sure that the Bible clearly says that Noah walked with God and found grace in His sight.

Sailor 3: It was because of Noah’s faithfulness that he and his family were spared in the worldwide flood!

Sailor 4: *(Speaking with enthusiasm.)* Yes, Noah and his family all rested in God’s amazing grace when God shut them in the ark!

Choir: *(Recites.)* Genesis 6:8—“But Noah found grace in the eyes on the Lord.”

Choir: *(Sings.)* “Noah Found Grace”



Noah Found Grace

Ron Hamilton

Ron Hamilton
Arr. by Shelly Hamilton

Thoughtfully ♩ = 84 *mp* *legato*

Oh, No - ah found grace in the
eyes of the Lord. Oh, No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. With his
fam - i - ly safe — and all the an - i - mals on board — yes,
No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Lively ♩ = 112 *mf*

There was a time when God looked down and saw man's sin was great. God
said, "I'll send a might-y flood and wash you all a-way!" But then the Lord saw No-ah who
dai-ly sought God's face, who al-ways wor-shipped God a-bove and found "A-maz-ing
Grace!"

f

Oh, No - ah found grace in the
eyes of the Lord. Oh, No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. With his

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28
fam - i - ly safe and all the an - i - mals on board— yes, No - ah found grace in the

31
eyes of the Lord. — *mf* The

34
Lord com-mand-ed No - ah, “Go build a gi-ant boat, and here’s ex - act - ly what to do to

37
keep your boat a - float. Go build it out of go-pher wood with three floors up and down; and

40
when I tell you ‘Get on board,’ o - bey or you will drown.”

43
f Oh, No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Oh,

46
No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. With his fam - i - ly safe and all the

49
an - i - mals on board— yes, No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

52
rit. *mf* *legato* *Slower* ♩ = 69
And so to - day our God still sees the

55
wick-ed-ness of man, but in His love our gra-cious God pro - vides sal - va-tion's plan. He

58
sent His Son to Cal - v'ry to die up-on the cross—and in our place the Lamb of God has

61 *rit.* *accel.* *f marcato*
paid sal - va - tion's cost. Oh,

64 *Lively* ♩ = 112
No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Oh, No - ah found grace in the

67
eyes of the Lord. With his fam - i - ly safe and all the an - i - mals on board—yes,

70
No - ah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

73 *mf*
You can find grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Ocean Commotion

Megan Hamilton
Chorus adapted from *Ocean Commotion*
by Mark Millard & Steve King

Megan Hamilton
Arr. by Brian Buda

9 *mp*

13 A flood was com - ing to the earth to
cov - er ev - 'ry land. Man's wick - ed heart was ev - il there was

17 sin on ev - 'ry hand. But God told No - ah what to do; he

21 *mp*
lis - tened and o - beyed. He built a might - y boat of wood, —

25 *mf* *f*
— and through it he was saved. There was an

29 o - cean com - mo - tion— a storm so — sur - pris - ing, an

33 o - cean com - mo - tion— the wa - ter — was ris - ing! But the

37 Lord our God is strong and true. When you trust and fol - low Him,

41 *mf* 2 *mf*
He will see — you through. But

46 still to - day the wick - ed - ness of man is clear to see, for

50 man - y have re - ject - ed God and lived so self - ish - ly. But

54 God gave us His on - ly Son to pay for all our sin. He

58 saves us and re - makes us when _____ we put our faith in

62 *mf* Him. *f* There was an o - cean com - mo - tion— a

66 storm so _____ sur - pris - ing, an o - cean com - mo - tion— the

70 wa - ter _____ was ris - ing! But the Lord our God is strong and true. When you

74 trust and fol - low Him, *mf* He will see _____ you through.

78 **2** He will see _____ you through. *f* He will

83 see you through.

THE JOLLY ROGER ORCHESTRA

MONTH ONE - WEEK 1

- A.** The Jolly Roger Orchestra is tuning up and getting ready to play. The people are gathering on deck to listen to Patch the Pirate's new song, "Noah Found Grace."



- B.** There are so many instruments. Can you name the instruments below?
Color the orchestra.



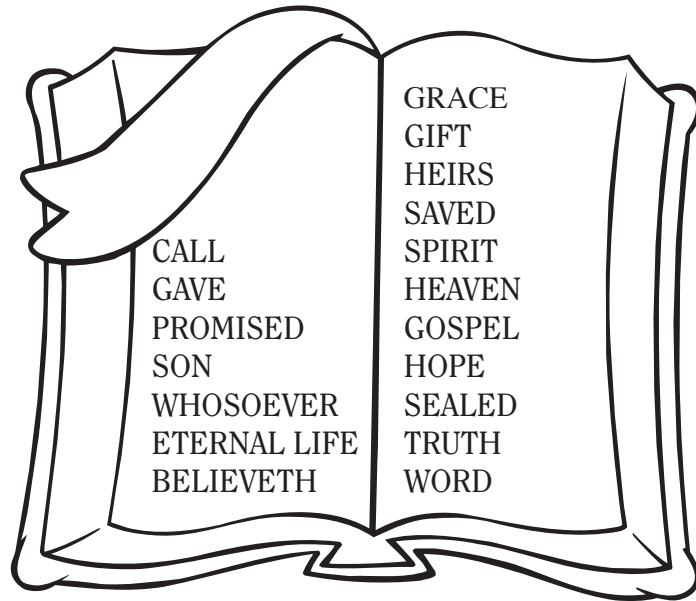


SALVATION PROMISES

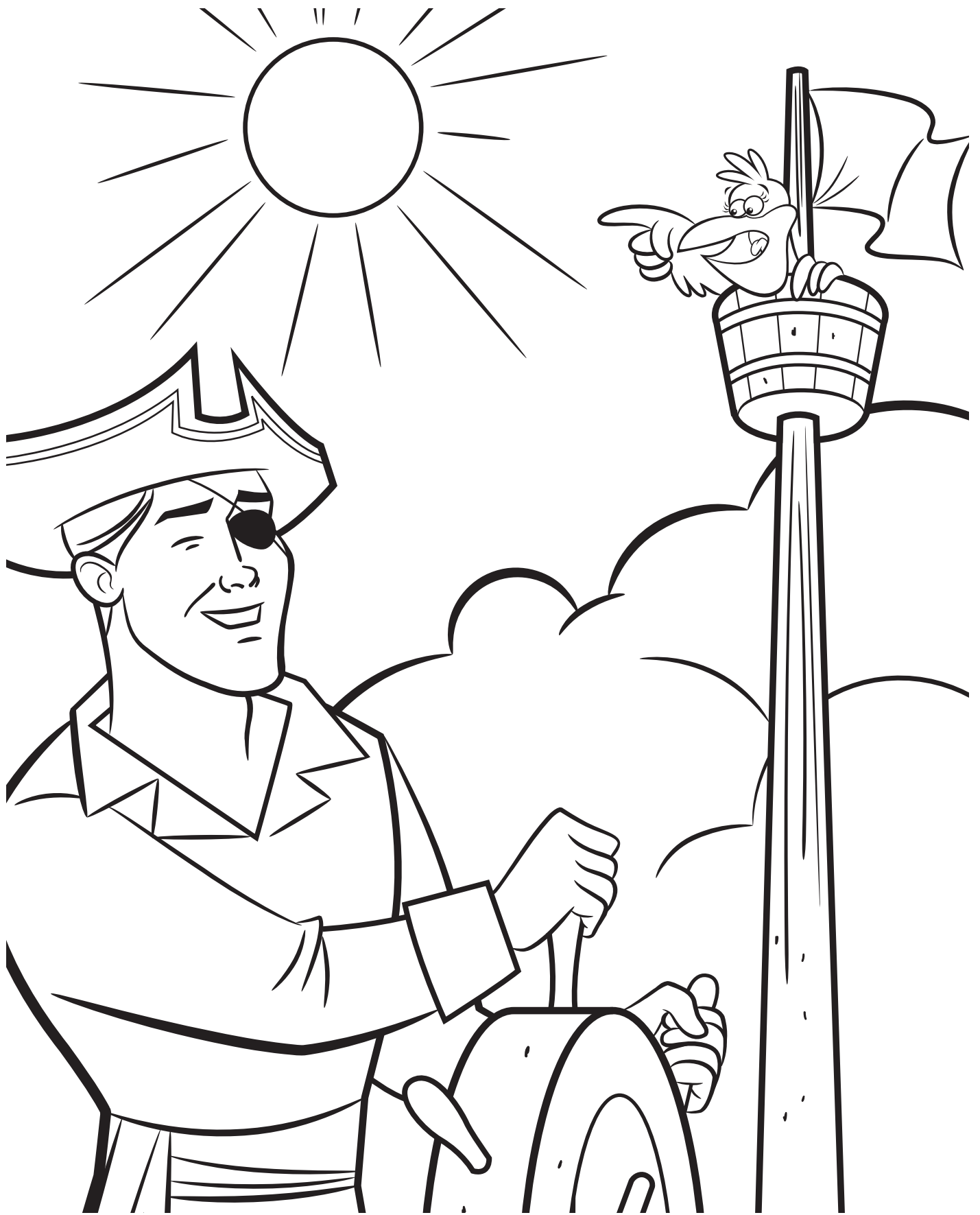
Directions: Find the Bible words that are hidden in the puzzle below. Each word is used in verses about salvation.

ACTION: Write the scripture reference of one of your favorite salvation promises.

Can you say it from memory and share it with someone this week?



| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | E | L | A | E | S | C | A | L | S | A | V |
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| V | E | L | E | O | G | I | F | T | N | R | P |
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| A | V | R | H | I | V | S | A | E | I | S | E |
| L | E | U | W | H | E | A | V | B | Z | F | D |
| L | A | T | E | S | N | C | W | O | R | D | E |



“What a beautiful day for sailing!”
The Legend of Stickyfoot



WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT MY HEART

Every person has a heart. Your heart is the organ that thumps and beats inside your chest. Your heart keeps you alive and pumps blood to every part of your body. But you also have another kind of “heart.” This week as you have your devotions, you will learn about this other heart and what the Bible says about it.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Proverbs 4:23—“Keep thy _____ with all _____; for out of it are the issues of _____.”

The heart that beats inside your chest is what gives your body life. But the Bible talks about a different kind of heart that every person has. This is the “heart” today’s verse talks about. When the Bible speaks of your heart, it is talking about the part of you that thinks, feels, and decides. This heart is the *real* you that lives inside your physical body. This part of you is very important. Today’s verse says that everything you *do*, *say*, and *are* comes from your heart. The thoughts, feelings, and decisions you make in your heart show what kind of person you really are.



Thank God that you are able to think, feel, and make decisions. Ask Him to help you learn what the Bible says about your heart.

DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Proverbs 28:26—“He that _____ in his own heart is a _____: but whoso walketh _____, he shall be delivered.”



Yesterday you learned that when the Bible talks about your “heart” it is referring to the part of you that thinks, feels, and decides. To put it another way, your heart is your mind, your emotions, and your will. When you make a decision about something, you usually make that decision based on what you think and how you feel. You are trusting your “heart.” But God says that the human heart is not to be trusted. Today’s verse teaches that the person who trusts in his own heart is a fool. Who is the wise person? Proverbs 9:10 says that the “fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Your heart will lead you down the wrong paths in life, but God will show you the right way to go.



Ask God to help you trust Him and obey Him instead of trusting in what you think or feel.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

Genesis 8:21b—“For the _____ of man’s
_____ is _____ from his youth.”

Some scientists believe that when a child is born, he or she is basically good. They believe that the people and things around that child are what make that child become bad. The Bible teaches that this belief is wrong. Today’s verse says that a person’s heart (mind, emotions, and will) is evil or sinful from childhood. Even when you were a newborn baby, your heart was sinful. You were totally selfish and cared only for what pleased you. Was everyone born this way? Yes. The Bible teaches in Genesis that Adam and Eve were created perfectly. They were put into a perfect garden, and they spent time with God Himself every day. Yet even in this perfect situation, they both *sinned*. Because of their sin, every person born after that (except for the Lord Jesus) was born with a sinful, evil heart.



Ask God to help you learn what the Bible says about your heart. Thank Him for giving you His Word.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Jeremiah 17:9—“The _____ is deceitful above all things, and _____: who can know it?”

Yesterday you learned that you were born with a sinful heart. But now that you are older, you have learned how to obey and give to others, haven't you? Doesn't that mean you have a good heart now? That's what most people like to think. But remember, God says that you cannot trust what you think. You can only trust what God says. In today's verse, God teaches that man's heart is deceitful and extremely wicked. Your mind and your emotions lie to you. The second part of the verse says, “Who can know [understand] it?” This means that no person who has ever lived can truly understand his wicked and deceitful heart. “I'm not that bad,” you might say. But you are trusting your own feelings and thoughts when you say this. God cannot lie, and He says your heart is wicked. Whom do you believe?



Tell God the things you are learning about your heart. Ask Him to help you trust in what He says and not in what you think or feel.

DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 14:1—“The _____ hath said in his heart, There is no _____. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth _____.”

Have you ever met someone who doesn't believe there is a God? Today's verse says that a person who decides this in his heart is a fool.



This is another lesson about the human heart. Your human heart wants you to deny God. Even if you truly believe in God, your natural heart is still wicked. “There is none that doeth good,” God teaches in today’s verse. This is a sad, discouraging thought. Doesn’t someone somewhere have a good heart? Isn’t there some way you can get a good heart? The Bible teaches that there is no way for you to make your heart *good*. But God loves you so much, He has made a way for you to have a *new* heart. You will learn how you can get this new heart in next week’s devotions.



Thank God for teaching you about your heart. Thank Him that He loves you enough to make a way for you to get a new heart.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

1 John 3:8—“He that committeth sin is of the _____; for the devil sinneth from the _____. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might _____ the works of the devil.”

Do you know who is in charge of your heart? “I am, of course,” you answer. “After all, I’m the one who thinks my thoughts, feels my emotion, and makes my decisions.” But the Bible teaches that Satan is in charge of those hearts that are sinful. You have already learned that your natural heart is wicked and sinful. This means that Satan is king of your heart—unless God gives you a new heart. Today’s verse says that Jesus (God’s Son) came to earth to destroy Satan’s works in your heart. There is a way to get Satan off the throne in your heart. But Jesus is the only One who can do it.



Tell God what you learned about your heart today. Thank Him that Jesus has the power to destroy the works of Satan in your heart.



DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

Jeremiah 17:10—"I the Lord _____ the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his _____, and according to the _____ of his doings."

The Bible teaches that God is all powerful. There is nothing He cannot do. He created the whole world and everything in it. He sees everything and knows everything. Today's verse says that He can see into your heart. He knows you. He sees your thoughts. He knows exactly how you feel, and He understands the decisions you make. Today's verse also teaches that God will judge you by what He finds in your heart. There is punishment for everyone who has a sinful heart—that includes everyone who has ever lived. But God doesn't want to punish us. That's why He lovingly made a way for you to have a clean, new heart. You will learn how you can have that new heart in your devotions next week.



Thank God that He knows you and can see into your heart. Ask Him to help you today to understand what you are learning about the human heart.



I have faithfully had my devotions this week.

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PRINCESS PLAYS THE VIOLIN

MONTH ONE - WEEK 2

A Instruments that are alike sit together in orchestra “families.” The violin belongs to the string family. The other string instruments are the viola, the cello, and the big, big string bass. All of these instruments are played with a bow or plucked with the fingers.



B The violin is the smallest of the string instruments. There are even very little violins for children. The violin’s song can be bright and _____, or it can be sad as a teardrop. Its music can also be light as a feather or soft as a whisper from Princess. When all the violins play together, the music may sound strong as a mighty rushing _____.

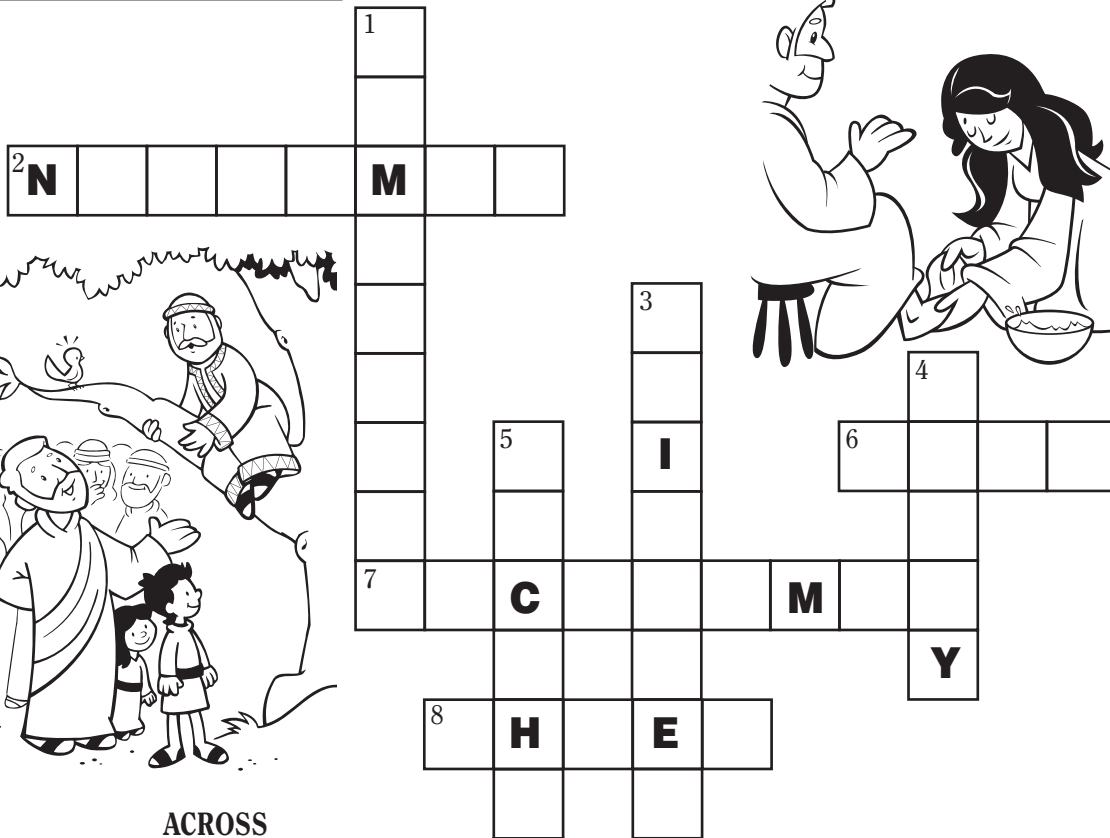
Color Princess playing the violin.

C Some beautiful orchestral works featuring violin are:
Rimsky Korsakov: *Scheherazade* • Mahler: *Symphony No. 4*
Concerti by Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius



CHANGED HEARTS

Directions: Jesus loved to see peoples' hearts changed. He often went out of His way to share His love with others. Complete the puzzle below to find the people Jesus reached out to.



ACROSS

2. This _____ of Capernaum had such faith that he went to Jesus and asked Him to heal his dying son. (John 4:49-50)
6. This woman of Bethany showed her love for Jesus by anointing His feet with costly oil and wiping them with her hair. (John 12:3)
7. He came to Jesus by night and soon became a faithful Christian. (John 3:1)
8. He hung beside Jesus on a cross and asked to be remembered when Jesus entered His kingdom. (Luke 23:40-43)

DOWN

1. Jesus went specifically to a well to meet this woman and give her the gospel. (John 4:7-10)
3. Jesus was unhappy when His disciples sent away the little _____. (Mark 10:13-16)
4. A man who was sick with this disease was healed by Jesus and forgiven of his sins! (Matthew 9:2-7)
5. He climbed into a tree so that He could see Jesus. When Jesus passed by, He called to this man and went to eat in his house. (Luke 19:3-5)

ACTION: Jesus is still interested in saving people today. Was there a time when you knew that Jesus wanted to forgive you of your sin and become your Savior? Did you respond "Yes" and allow Him to wash away your sins? If you've been saved, then share that message with someone soon. If you haven't been saved, then ask someone to show you how you can do this today!



“Thanks for leading the way, Wally Whale!”
The Legend of Stickyfoot



GETTING A NEW HEART FROM GOD

Last week you learned what God says about the human heart. You learned that your thoughts, devotions, and will are wicked and cannot be trusted. God has made a way for you to get a new heart—one that is clean and pleases God. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn how you can receive a new heart from God.

DAY 1

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Romans 5:12—"Wherefore, as by one man _____ entered into the world, and _____ by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have _____."

Adam and Eve were created with clean hearts. They talked with God every day in the Garden of Eden. Everything around them was perfect. Then Satan came to Eve in the form of a serpent. He tempted her to sin, and she disobeyed God. Adam came along, and he joined in the disobedience. The hearts of Adam and Eve were no longer clean. Their hearts were stained with sin. God is so pure and righteous that He cannot look on sin. He sent Adam and Eve out of the garden forever. Because of their sin, death entered the world. Every child that was born to them was born with a sinful heart. That is why you were born sinful and wicked. The first step toward getting a new heart is to understand that you are a sinner.



Tell God how you know you are a sinner. Thank Him that He has made a way for you to receive a new heart.

**DAY 2**

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Romans 6:23—"For the _____ of sin is death; but the _____ of God is eternal _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

God is just. This means that He cannot overlook sin. There is a punishment for sin that must be paid. Today's verse says that the penalty for sin is death. Every person who commits a sin (and that includes everyone who has ever lived) must pay for that sin by dying. This punishment goes beyond death. Those who do not accept a new heart from God will spend eternity in hell. The second step toward receiving a new heart is to realize that you cannot pay the penalty for your own sins. There is nothing you can do by yourself to make up for your wicked heart in God's eyes. Your only hope lies in Jesus Christ, God's Son.



Ask God to help you understand that you can't do anything to take away your own sins or to make your heart clean. Thank Him for the gift of eternal life that comes through His Son, Jesus.

DAY 3

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John 3:16—"For God so loved the _____, that he gave his only begotten _____, that whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Long ago in the little town of Bethlehem, a baby boy was born. His name was Jesus. He was not an ordinary baby. He was the Son of God, sent to earth to pay for the sins of the whole world. When Jesus was a man, He was nailed to a cross and died. Why would God send His only Son to suffer such a terrible death on earth? The beginning of today's verse gives the answer: "God so loved the world." God's love for every person is so great that no one is able to understand it. He knew that



people had no way of paying for their sins, so He sent His very own Son to pay that penalty. Jesus was perfect. His heart was never wicked. He was the only Person who could pay for sin by His own death. Three days after His death, God raised Jesus back to life. The debt of sin had been paid, and Jesus had won the victory over sin and death—for you. Do you believe that Jesus is God’s Son? Do you believe that He paid the price for your sins when He died on the cross? This is the next step to receiving a new heart from God.



Thank God for giving you the Bible so you can learn about Jesus and the wonderful love of God. Thank Him for sending His Son to die for your sins.

DAY 4

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Romans 10:9—“That if thou shalt _____ with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt _____ in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be _____.”

Let’s review what you have learned this week. First, because Adam sinned, all men are sinners. Therefore, you were born with a sinful heart. The penalty for sin is death. Because you are a sinner, you deserve to die and suffer in hell for your sin. But God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to earth to suffer and die in your place. Jesus’ death paid the penalty for your sin. If you have never trusted Jesus and accepted God’s gift of salvation, don’t wait any longer. Today’s verse tells you how you can have your sins forgiven. Believe in your heart that Jesus is God’s Son. Believe that He died for your sins and that His death is the only way you can receive forgiveness. Then with your mouth confess your sin to God. Tell Him that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, and that you trust in Jesus to pay the penalty for your sin. Ask God to make you His child and



give you a new heart. If you do this and truly believe what you are saying to God, He will give you His gift of salvation.



Thank God for telling you in His Word how you can accept His gift of salvation. If you have never trusted in Jesus to save you from the penalty of sin, don't delay. Believe in Jesus and be saved today!

DAY 5

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Ephesians 2:8-9—"For by _____ are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of _____, lest any man should _____."

Once you confess your sin to God and trust in Jesus to pay the penalty for your sin, God makes you His child. You are saved from the suffering and death you deserved because of your sin. Your heart is made clean from the wickedness and sin that was there. "Don't I have to do anything?" you ask. Today's verse says that you are saved just by believing in Jesus (faith). Salvation is God's gift, and nothing you could do would earn that gift.



Thank God for the wonderful gift of salvation. Thank Him for His great love for you.

DAY 6

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2 Corinthians 5:17—"Therefore if any man be in _____ *he* is a new _____: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become _____."

When you become God's child, several things happen to you. First, your sin is immediately paid for. When God looks at you, He sees you



as perfect and sinless because your sin was paid for by Jesus on the cross. Another thing that happens is the Holy Spirit comes to live in your heart—the *real* you. He helps you understand God’s Word and to obey it. He also works in your life to make you more and more like your Heavenly Father. You receive eternal life when you are saved. This means that you will always be God’s child. When your body dies, you will go to heaven and live forever with God. Even if you sometimes feel the way you did before you asked Jesus to save you, the Bible teaches that these things and many more are happening inside you.



Thank God for the way He changes your life when you become His child. Thank Him for giving you the Holy Spirit to help you become more like Him.

DAY 7

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Ezekiel 36:26a—“A _____ also
will I give you, and a new _____ will I put within you.”

When you become a child of God, your Heavenly Father gives you a new heart. This new heart makes you want to obey Him instead of pleasing yourself. It makes you want to be around other Christians instead of spending time with worldly people. The Holy Spirit now lives in your new heart and changes you to become more like God every day. Even though you have a new heart from God, sin can still have its wicked power over you. When you were saved, you were saved from the penalty of sin. But sin is still present with you, and its power is still fighting for control of your heart. Next week as you have your devotions, you will learn ways you can keep God on the throne of your heart instead of letting sin rule in your heart.



Thank God for giving you a new heart when you are saved.
Ask Him to help you learn how to keep Him on the throne of your heart.



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