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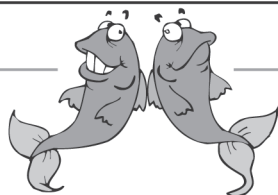


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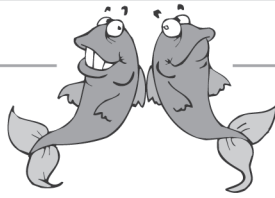
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The Club Verse

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.

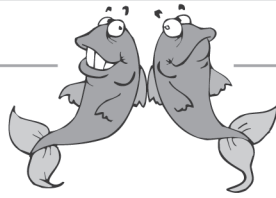
For much of my life, I’ve read a daily Proverbs chapter matching the day of the month. What a wonderful habit to have daily! I hope it’s something you will try to do. Reading the Bible every day has helped me far more than I could have ever imagined!

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*



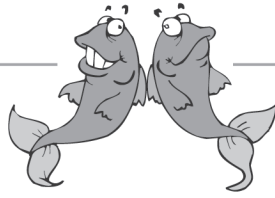
*White Patch the Pirate
polo shirt*



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.

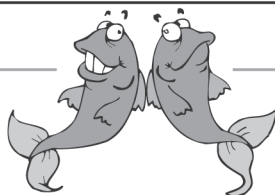
If your child misses one meeting during the month, he may make up the absence by quoting the make-up memory verse to a club worker. If he misses more than one meeting and wishes to make up absences, the captain may (if he or she determines an absence to be legitimate) assign the child a make-up memory 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?

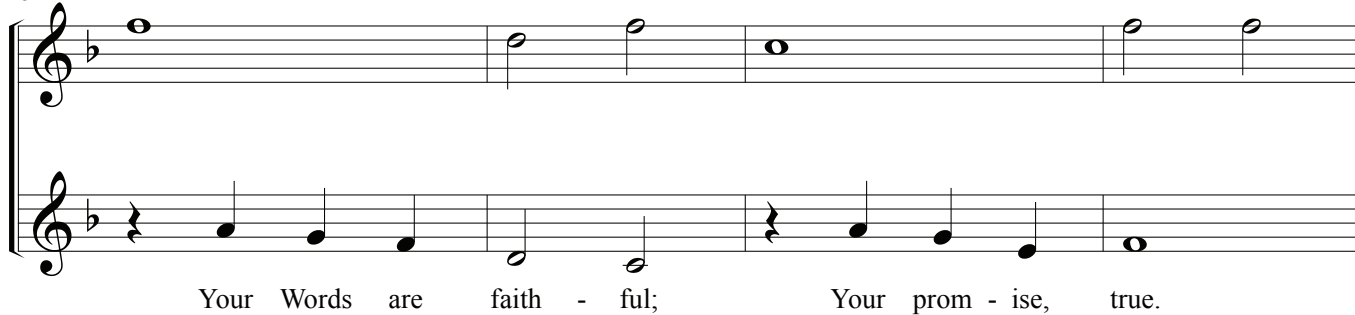
Optional C instrument

mf legato *mf legato*

You are my Ref - uge; I hide in You.

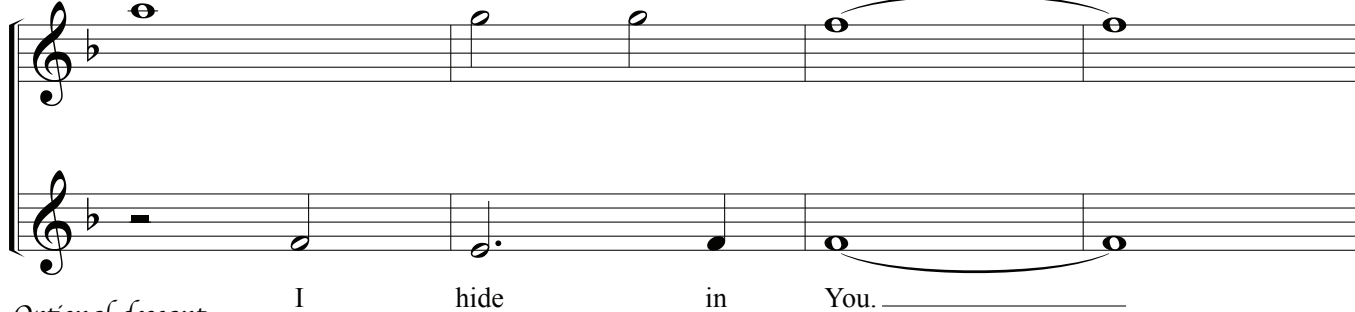
You are the hope I'm run - ning to.

32



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

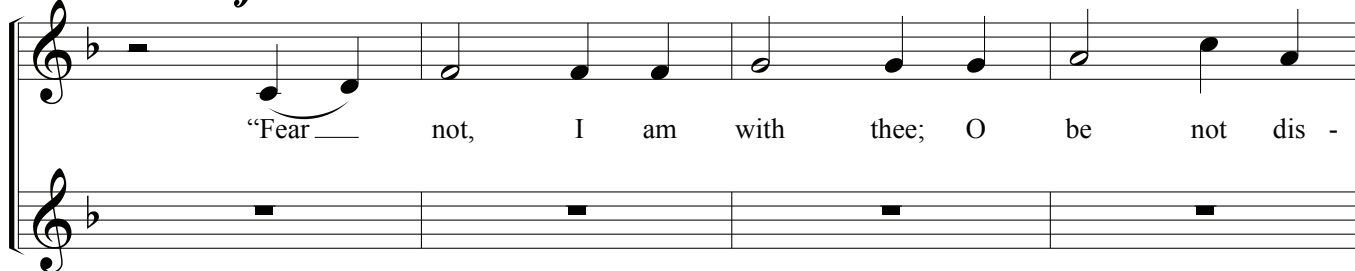
36



I hide in You.

Optional descant

40

mf marcato


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

44

f


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**



GODLY

Song of the Month: "The Master of Your Mind"

Patch Fun Song of the Year: "A Respectable Pirate"

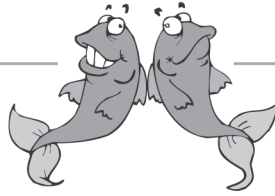
Children's Hymn of the Year: "How Firm a Foundation"

Memory Verse: Psalm 51:10—"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Make-up Memory Verse: Matthew 26:41—"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

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

Sailors 2, 3, and 4 sit in a group facing Sailor 1. Sailor 1 holds an object such as a large locket or medal hanging on a chain or ribbon and swings it back and forth.

- Sailor 1: *(Speaking in a loud, droning voice.)* Watch the pendulum! Keep your eyes on the pendulum . . .
- Sailor 2: I'm watching it, but I'm getting bored. What is this supposed to do, anyway?
- Sailor 1: *(Speaking in loud monotone.)* You are now completely under my control. You will obey all my wishes.
- Sailor 2: What are you talking about? We don't have to obey you!
- Sailor 1: Oh well, I guess that didn't work. It was supposed to hypnotize you.
- Sailor 3: *(Yawning and stretching.)* It just made *me* sleepy!
- Sailor 4: It made me hungry. Does anyone else want pizza?
- Sailor 2: Sorry to disappoint you, *(Sailor 1)*. I guess silly stuff like that only works in the cartoons.
- Sailor 3: Besides, there's only one Person we're supposed to give the control of our minds over to.
- Sailor 1: *(Hopefully.)* Me?
- Sailor 4: No, you crazy goon! God *alone* ought to have charge of our minds, through the truth of His Word and the power of His Holy Spirit.
- Sailor 2: If we are God's own children, our bodies, our souls, and our minds belong only to Him!
- Choir: *(Recites.)* Psalm 51:10—"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."
- Choir: *(Sings.)* "The Master of Your Mind"



The Master of Your Mind

Lauri Lou Jones

Lauri Lou Jones

Confidently ♩ = 78 **3** *mf*

The Bi - ble is the mas - ter of your
mind. It speaks the spe - cial lan - guage of your soul.
mf Part 1
Ev - 'ry day can seem the sweet - est, ev - 'ry hill not look the steep - est if you've o - pened up the Book to
Part 2
Your fears can end where God's prom - is - es be - gin.
read. You're not a - lone! You're not a -
God's Word is truth, and need - less fear is sin. The mas - ter of your mind pro - vides the
lone! The mas - ter of your mind pro - vides the
rit. *a tempo*
saf - est place you've been; in the arms of Je - sus, at peace a - gain.
2
If you be - came the mas - ter of your

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mind and had to fi - gure out the way your - self—

28 *mf*

ev-'ry day would seem the long-est, ev-'ry en-e-my the strong-est; aren't you glad you've found a Book that

31

Your fears can end where God's prom - is - es be - gin.

says— you're not a - lone! _____ You're not a -

34

God's Word is truth, and need-less fear is sin. The mas - ter of your mind pro - vides the

lone! _____ The mas - ter of your mind pro - vides the

rit.

37 *mf*

saf - est place you've been; in the arms of Je - sus, at peace a - gain.

40 *molto rit.*

In the arms of Je - sus, at peace a - gain. _____

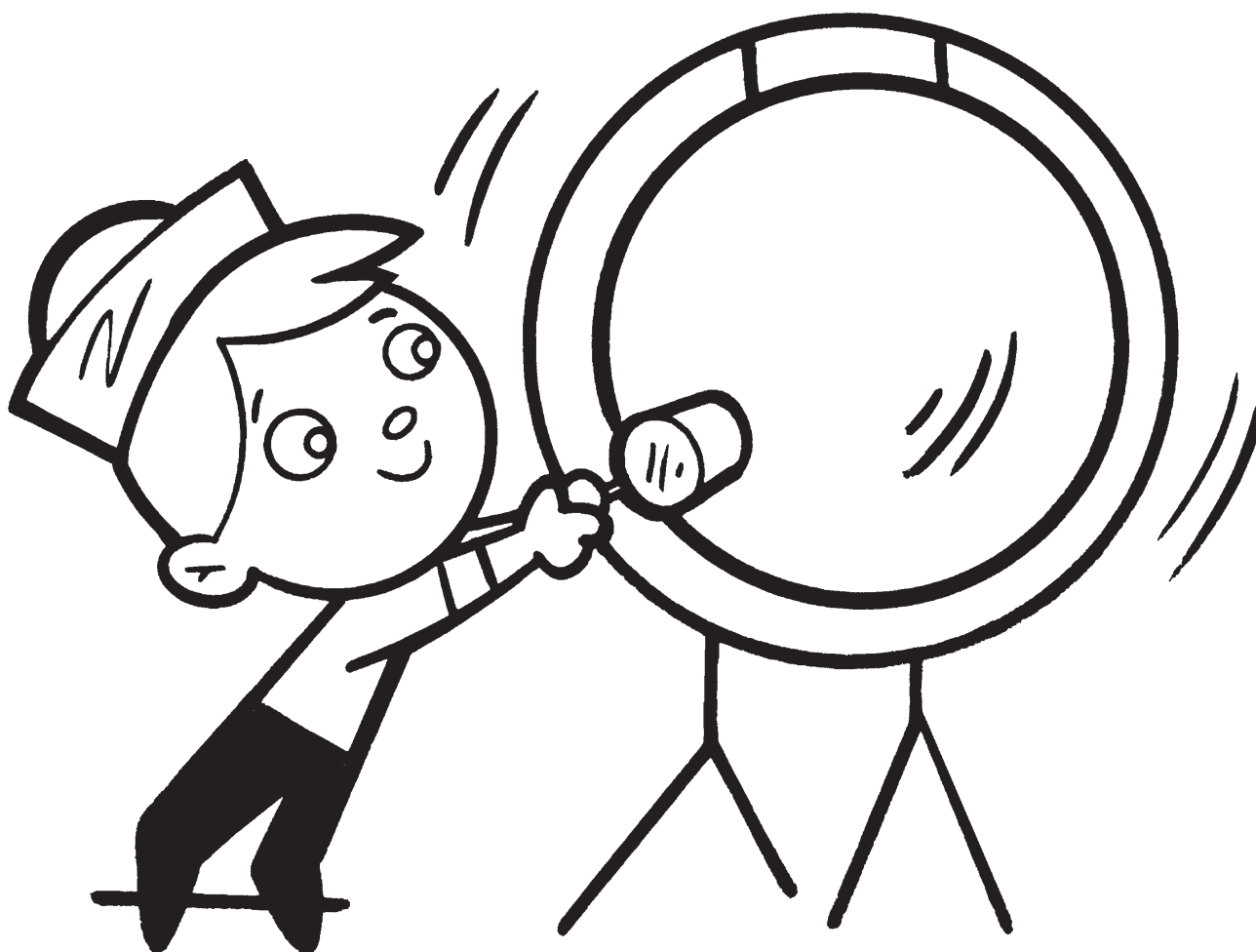


A

Gongs are usually made of thin bronze with a turned edge, but may also be made of silver, iron, or bell metal. They are found in various sizes.

B

In the orchestra, the unpitched gong or tamtam needs to be at least 39 inches in diameter to produce a deep enough sound. Gongs are generally freely hanging and are struck in the center with either a beater or the fist.



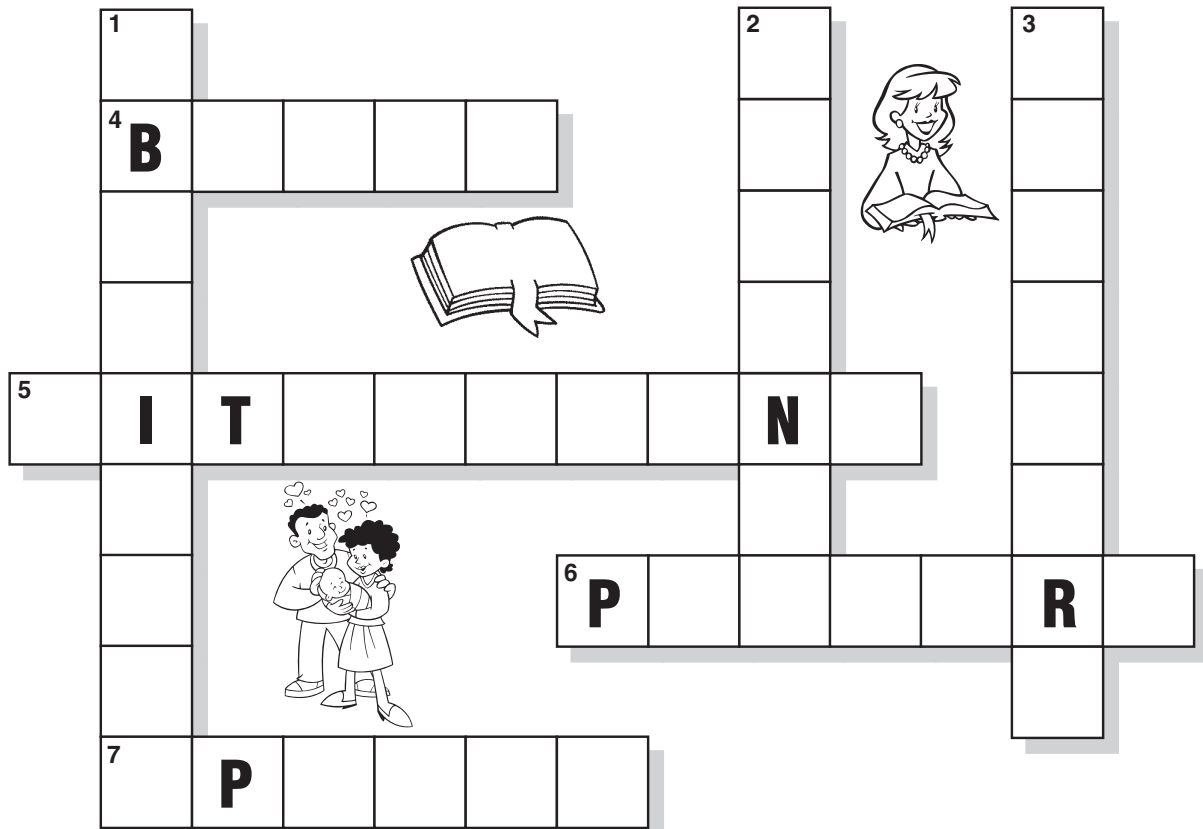
C

Color the Patch the Pirate Club sailor playing the gong.

HOW GOD GUIDES ME

MONTH ONE - WEEK 1

Directions: Use the clues to solve the puzzle. These are people or things that God uses to give you instruction and guidance for your life.



ACROSS

- God's written instructions for guiding us.
- Another word for "life events" which shape our lives and give us direction.
- God gives these men an important responsibility to shepherd and teach His people.
- The Holy _____ is given to all Christians to help guide them throughout their lives.

DOWN

- God prepares us for His work by giving different _____ to each person.
- God uses these very special people to help direct your life.
- If you have been blessed with godly _____ in your school or church, then pay attention to them.

ACTION: Aren't you glad that God gives you His Word, His Spirit, and people to help you with decisions! Thank God that He's always near to help you walk with Him.



Grimsteel captures the prince at the castle of the Sonshine Kingdom.
Kingdom Chronicles



HOW DOES GOD GUIDE ME?

Life is full of confusing questions and situations. What does God want you to do with your life? How do you know whether or not you are in God's will? Why does God allow bad things to happen to you and those you love? God is a loving Heavenly Father. He will not leave you confused and lost. He has promised to show you the right way you should go. This week as you have your devotions, you will learn about some ways that God guides you to make right decisions.

DAY 1

MONTH / DAY

Deuteronomy 1:33—"Who went in the _____ before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in _____ by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a _____ by day."

When Moses led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, the people began a long journey over many miles. Where were they going? Only God knew. How would they get there? Again, only God knew. God did not leave His people to wander around in circles. He provided a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night to lead the Israelites in God's path for them. Just like the Israelites, you have a journey ahead of you—the journey of life. You do not know where you are going or how you will get there. But God knows, and He will guide you where you should go. He won't let you wander around in circles if you are obeying Him. Just as He gave the Israelites very clear direction, He will show you where He wants you to go.



Thank God that He has a plan for your life. Thank Him that He will lead you clearly if you are willing to obey Him.



DAY 2

MONTH / DAY

Psalm 119:133—“_____ my steps in thy _____:
and let not any _____ have dominion over me.”

When the children of Israel were following God through the desert, they did not have the Bible to show them what God wanted them to do. Instead God led His people with a cloud and with fire. God also spoke directly to Moses. In order to show the people His great power, God did amazing miracles so that the Israelites would obey and follow Him. Today God does not guide us with a cloud and fire. If we really want to learn about God, we can easily find instructions. We have God’s Word to tell us how powerful God is. The Bible is God’s greatest tool of guidance. If you understand what the Bible says, you will know what God wants you to do in nearly every situation. Study your Bible, and let God use His Word to guide you along your life journey.



Thank God for giving you His Word. Ask Him to help you learn and understand what the Bible says so that you will know how to follow God.

DAY 3

MONTH / DAY

John 16:13—“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of _____,
is come, he will _____ you into all truth: for he shall not
speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he
will _____ you things to come.”

When Jesus told His disciples that He was leaving them to go back to heaven, the disciples must have become worried and confused. How would they know what to do without Jesus there to guide them? The disciples must have been very happy when Jesus told them that the Holy



Spirit would come to help them. When you become God's child, the Holy Spirit comes to live in you. Today's verse says that the Holy Spirit guides you. He is with you all the time. He uses your own conscience to help you know when you have done wrong. You may not see or feel the Holy Spirit, but He is with you guiding you to do what God wants you to do.



Thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit. Thank Him that He is guiding you through your life and taking care of you.

DAY 4

MONTH / DAY

Proverbs 6:20, 22—"My son, keep thy _____ commandment, and forsake not the _____ of thy mother: When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall _____ thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

"Why can't I go to Tiffany's slumber party?" Amanda asked her mother. "Trust us," her mother answered. "We know Tiffany's parents. You are too young to understand all the reasons why, but we know that it is best for you not to go." One of the reasons God gives you parents is so that they can help guide you while you are young. Your parents understand how it feels to be a child because they were children once, too. But now that they are grown up, they can see and understand things that you cannot understand. Obey your parents without complaining. God has given you parents to guide you through your childhood safely.



Thank God for giving you parents to take care of you. Ask Him to help you to obey without complaining.



DAY 5

MONTH / DAY

1 Corinthians 11:1—"Be ye _____ of _____,
even as I also am of _____."

Paul was a great missionary and leader. Because of the way God used Paul, thousands of people believed in Jesus and became Christians. Paul did his best to live his life to please God. He told those around him to follow his example just as he followed the example of Christ. Just as God used Paul to guide His children, God can use a Christian leader in your life to guide you. Perhaps it was a teacher or a pastor who led you to trust in Jesus as your Savior. After you are saved, God often uses Christian leaders as an example to you of how you should live. If you are being influenced by a Christian leader, be sure that this person is following Christ, like Paul, so that you will not be led astray.



Thank God for the Christian leaders in your life. Ask Him to help you follow Christ, just as Paul followed Christ.

DAY 6

MONTH / DAY

Proverbs 16:9—"A man's _____ deviseth his way: but
the Lord _____ his _____."

"I want to give my money to God," Matt told his mother. "But I don't know whether to give it to Trevor to help him buy a new coat or to put it in the offering for the missionaries." Just then the telephone rang. "Hi, Matt!" Trevor said. "Guess what? I just got a new coat!" Sometimes God tells you what you should do through circumstances. Today's verse says that you control what you do, and God controls what happens to you. Matt had decided to give his money to God. God guided Matt to put his money in the offering by allowing Trevor to get a new coat without Matt's help. Sometimes God will use circumstances in your life to guide you to do what He wants you to do.



Thank God for controlling the things that happen to you. Ask Him to help you follow Him and do what He wants you to do.

DAY 7

MONTH / DAY

1 Samuel 16:18-19—"Then answered one of the _____, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a _____ valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me _____ thy son, which is with the sheep."

God had a plan for David. God knew that David would someday be the king of Israel. God prepared David for his special job by giving David certain abilities. David was strong and polite, and he could play the harp very well. God used the abilities He had given David to guide David to the place God wanted him to be. Make a list of the abilities God has given you. Practice to become as good as you can be in these areas. If you will obey Him, God will use the abilities He has given you to guide you into the work that He wants you to do.



Thank God for each ability He has given you. Ask God to help you obey Him and use your abilities to serve Him.



I have faithfully had my devotions this week.

(sailor's name)

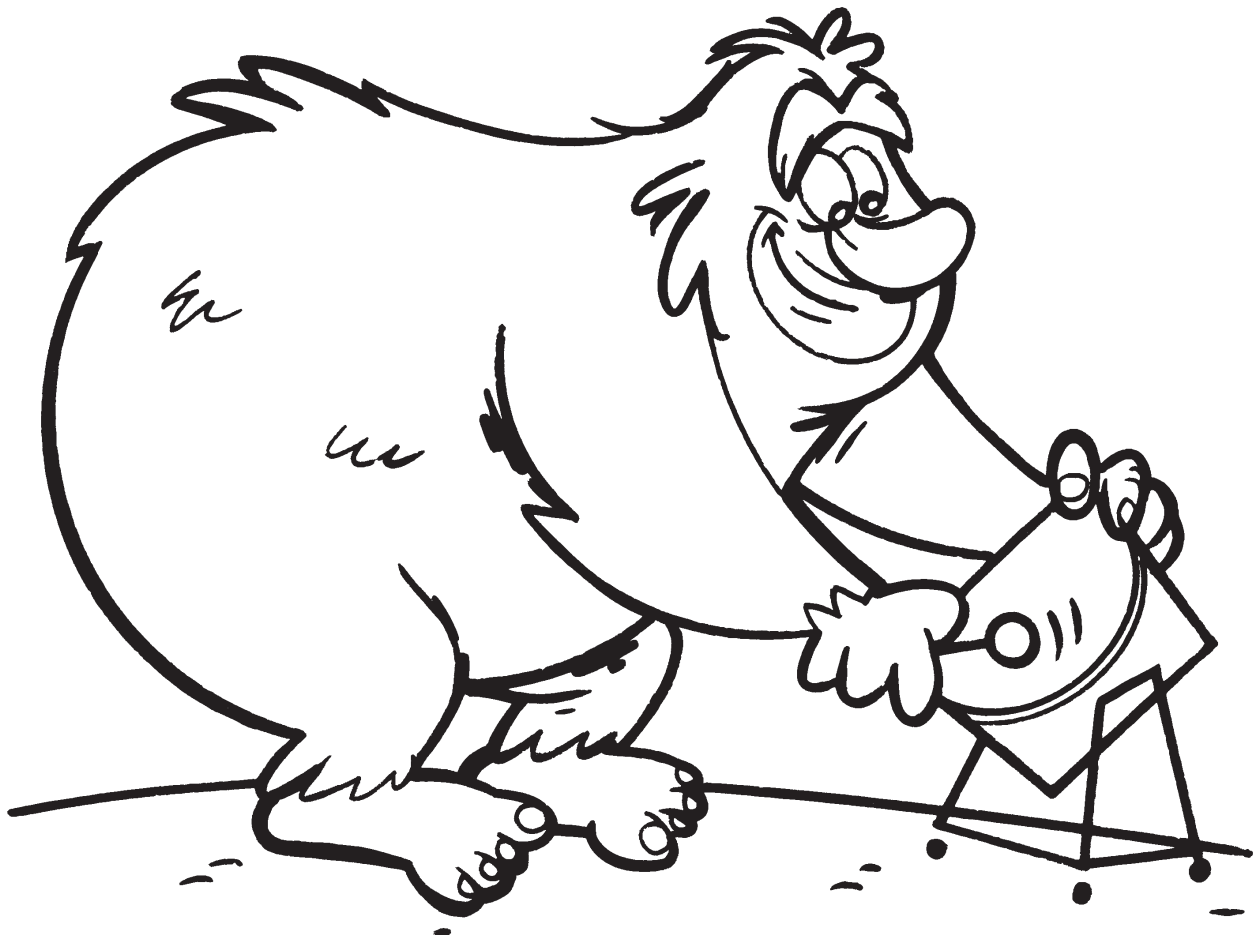


Bomb & Nibble's bass drum is the largest orchestral drum of indefinite pitch. The drum is played while standing up. It is

held up by a stand or a swivel frame which the percussionist can move up or down. It is struck with a large felt-headed stick, and the proper way to play is to strike the drum between the center and the rim.



Sometimes a double-headed beater is used, played with a rapid movement of the wrist. This way of playing is used in Dukas' *L'Apprenti sorcier* (1897) and Stravinsky's *The Firebird* (1910) to produce a bass drum roll.



Color Bomb & Nibble and his massive bass drum.

TOOLS FOR GUIDANCE

Directions: During club time today, write the correct Bible reference under each heading. Your captain will help you with this list. Remember that these items are tools that God has provided to help guide you in life.

MONTH ONE - WEEK 2



THE BIBLE

GOD OR THE HOLY SPIRIT



PRAYER

THOSE IN AUTHORITY



Psalm 5:3, Psalm 32:7-8, Psalm 48:14, Psalm 119:104, Proverbs 4:1, Proverbs 6:20-22,
John 14:26, Romans 8:14, Ephesians 5:22-23, Ephesians 6:1-2, Philippians 4:6,
2 Timothy 3:15-16, Hebrews 13:17, James 5:16

ACTION: Put a star by one of the verses above that is especially encouraging to you. Can you memorize the verse you selected this week? Hiding God's Word in your heart can be a big help as you walk in a godly manner.



Rex trying to roast Sissy!
Kingdom Chronicles



WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

Last week you learned about some ways that God guides you. Does God always guide you? What about the times when you don't know what to do? What if the Bible doesn't have a clear answer for your problem? This week as you have your devotions, you will learn what you should do when you don't know what to do.

DAY 1

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Jeremiah 42:6—"Whether it be _____, or whether it be _____, we will _____ the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God."

"How do I know if God wants me to be a missionary?" Ruth asked her mother. "God wants all of His children to be missionaries," Ruth's mother replied. "Then how do I know where God wants me to be a missionary?" Ruth asked. "Just be willing to go wherever God tells you to go," her mother said. "God will lead you where He wants you to be." Ruth's mother gave Ruth very good advice. Today's verse says that whether God's instructions are pleasant or unpleasant, the people said they would obey. When you don't know what you should do about something, make sure you are willing in your heart to obey God no matter what He tells you to do. If you are willing to obey, God will show you what you should do.



Tell God about some things that you are not sure about. Tell Him that you will obey what He tells you to do, whether it is pleasant or unpleasant to you.



DAY 2

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John 13:14-15—"If I then, your Lord and _____, have washed your _____; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an _____, that ye should do as I have done to you."

When Jesus lived here on earth, He pleased God in everything He did. His life of godliness showed the disciples how they should live. His example also shows you how you should live in order to please your Heavenly Father. When you don't know what you should do about something, ask yourself what Jesus would do. If you are truly trying to be like Jesus, He will give you the wisdom to make the right decision every time.



Ask God to help you follow Jesus' example. Thank Him that He has given you the Bible so that you can know how to please Him.

DAY 3

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Proverbs 3:5-6—"_____ in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own _____. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall _____ thy paths."

"Daddy, it's dark out here—I can't see!" Jonathan held tightly to his father's hand as they walked through the dark woods. "Just trust me," his father said. "I know the way. Hold my hand, and I'll take you the right way." If you are a child of God, your Heavenly Father is with you all the time, holding your hand. When you don't know what you should do about something, God wants you to trust Him. Believe that He will take care of you and lead you in the right direction. Don't try to find your own way through the journey of life. Obey God, and He will guide you.



Thank God that He will guide you when you don't know what to do. Ask Him to help you trust Him.

DAY 4

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Psalm 25:9—"The _____ will he _____ in judgment: and the meek will he _____ his way."

Are you meek? A meek person is a person who is under control—a person who willingly obeys another person. If you are a meek Christian, you will humble yourself and willingly obey God. Today's verse says that God will guide those of His children who are meek. The verse says that God will also teach them His way. If you don't know what you should do about something, make sure you are obeying God. Make sure you are meek.



Ask God to help you to be meek. Ask Him to help you obey Him with a humble heart.

DAY 5

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Psalm 37:7—"_____ in the Lord, and wait _____ for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth _____ devices to pass."

A little bird and his mother were in a cage riding on an airplane. The little bird kept fluttering around the cage, beating his tiny wings frantically. "Stop flying around and rest," his mother finally chirped. "You don't need to fly—the airplane is flying for you." Like that airplane, God is carrying you through your life. He is in charge. When you don't know what to do, just rest and wait for Him to carry out His will for you. Don't try to work things out for yourself.



Ask God to help you rest, and wait for Him to work instead of trying to make things work out on your own.

DAY 6

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2 Timothy 3:14—"But _____ thou in the things which thou hast _____ and hast been assured of, _____ of whom thou hast learned them."

"I just don't know what I should do!" Mandy exclaimed. "Just keep doing what you know is right," her teacher told her. "You do your part, and God will do His part." In today's verse, Paul tells Timothy to continue doing what Paul has taught him to do—obey God. When you do not know what you should do about something, just keep obeying God. He will work everything out for you.



Ask God to help you keep doing right when you don't know what to do. Thank Him that He will work everything out.

DAY 7

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Mark 1:17-18—"And Jesus said unto them, _____ ye after me, and I will make you to become _____ of men. And straightway they forsook their _____, and followed him."

Simon and Andrew were fixing the holes in their fishing nets. They were fishermen. Jesus came walking by and said, "Follow me." Did the fishermen say, "We'll come as soon as we finish what we're doing?" No. They immediately got up and obeyed. There will come a time, after trusting, waiting, and obeying, when God will show you what you should



do. When that time comes, what will you do? Will you tell God, "I'll obey as soon as I finish what I want to do?" Or will you obey right away?



Ask God to help you obey right away when He tells you what you should do. Thank Him that He guides you.



I have faithfully had my devotions this week.

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