# Walking In Truth

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### Introduction

Over the past few years, I have come to realize more and more the importance of truth. Truth is important to our Father in heaven, for it is a recurring theme in His Word.

Trust is one of the most important factors in a relationship. If we cannot trust our children, parents, or friends, on what can we base a relationship? How can we trust them if they do not consistently tell the truth? How can they trust us if we aren't consistently truthful ourselves?

The perfect example of truthfulness and trust is found in our heavenly Father, who always keeps His promises. We can trust Him completely. His Word guides us in truth. This book explores verses throughout the Bible that encourage us to be honest, truthful, and trustworthy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ came to earth from the Father full of grace and truth. His life is our model. If we follow in His steps, we will be walking in truth.

May the Lord bless your family as you study through this book. I pray that it will be an encouragement to you. Let us walk in truth as we keep our eyes on Jesus.

For my dear and precious friends Annalisa, Rosemary,
Johnmark, Heather, Rebekah, Benjamin, James, and Bethany.
May the Lord guide you as you continue
growing in Him and walking in truth.

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### How To Use This Study

This book is divided into 30 two-page lessons. Completing five lessons per week will allow you to finish the study in six weeks. Completing one lesson per week will spread the study out over a school year. The format allows flexibility, however, if you chose to complete more or fewer lessons each week. This study was created using primarily the New American Standard Bible; but effort has been made to make the study usable with a variety of translations, including the New International Version, the King James Version, and the New King James Version.

Younger children may need assistance reading the lessons, writing the verses, and completing the puzzles. Older children will be able to complete the lessons on their own, but parents are encouraged to oversee the study so that the children can gain wisdom from their parents as they look into the Word together.

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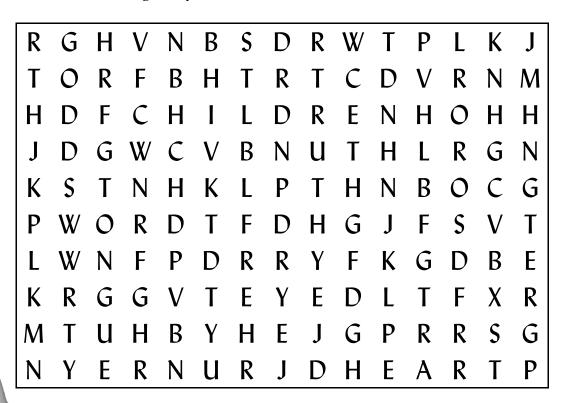
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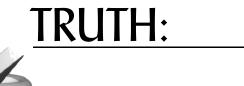
### What Is Truth?

The New Testament letter of 1 John was written by the apostle John. Read 1 John 3:18-20. Words from these verses are listed in the box on the left. Find each one in the puzzle. Words are hidden up and down, across, and diagonally.

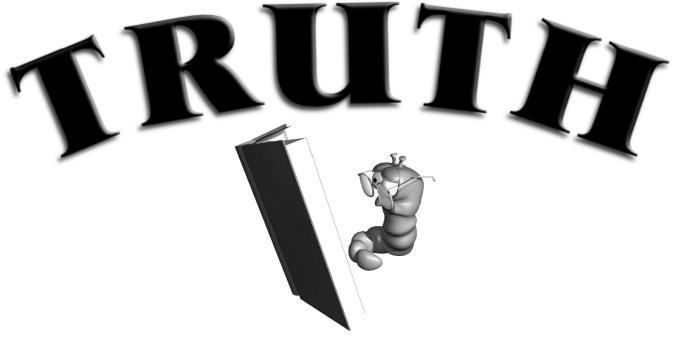
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GOD



Look up the word "truth" in a dictionary. Write the definition below.



Write the word *truth* on every blank in the following paragraphs.



| is important. The is something that really                                  |
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| happened or something that I really feel. I cannot make up the              |
| When I tell the, I am telling the facts.                                    |
| I must always tell the When I don't tell the                                |
| , I show people that I can't be trusted. If I want people to tell           |
| me the I need to tell them the  |
| God wants me to tell the all the time. If I am going to                     |
| please Him, I have to tell the  |
| Sometimes it is better to hold my tongue, even if what I want to say is the |
| If the I want to say might hurt someone else'                               |
| feelings, I need to think hard before I say it.                             |
| "Dear God, please give me the strength, wisdom, and courage to alway        |

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### God's Law

Truth is one of the most important things to God. After Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the Lord gave His people many laws telling them how to live and what He expected of them. Ten of these laws are known as the Ten Commandments. In one of the Ten Commandments, God told the Israelites not to bear false witness against their neighbors. To "bear false witness" means to lie. It was important to God that His people not lie to each other.

Read Exodus 20:1-18. Fill in the blanks below using the words in the oval. Then fit each of those words into the puzzle.

| 1. The Lord brought the Israelites out of                                  |
|--|
| 2. God said He would show lovingkindness to those who Him.                 |
| 3. In this passage the Lord gave Moses commandments.                       |
| 4. The Lord told the Israelites, "You must not to bear false against your" |
| 5. After the Lord gave the Ten Commandments, the Israelites saw            |
| 6. The Israelites heard the sound of a after the Lord spoke.               |
| 7. The Israelites trembled after they saw the smoking.                     |
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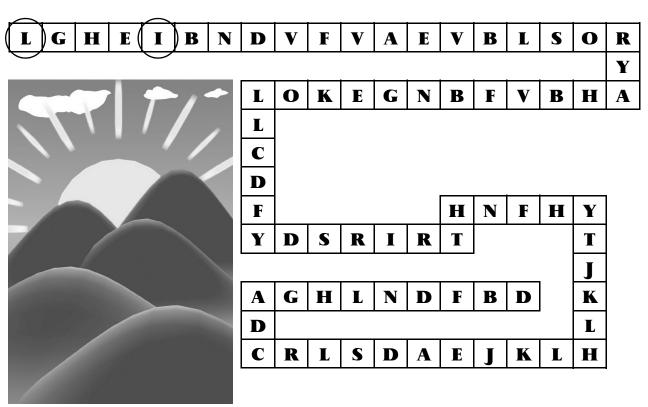
### Exodus 20:16

Circle every fourth letter in the puzzle below. Then write each circled letter in order on the blanks. The first two are written for you.

In Leviticus 25:18 God told the Israelites that if they were careful to obey His laws and follow His decrees, they would

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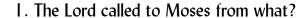
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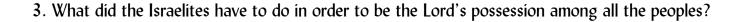
If we obey God's law and walk in the truth of His way, we can live safely and securely in Him!

# Hearing God's Law

Read Exodus 19:3-8 and answer the following questions.







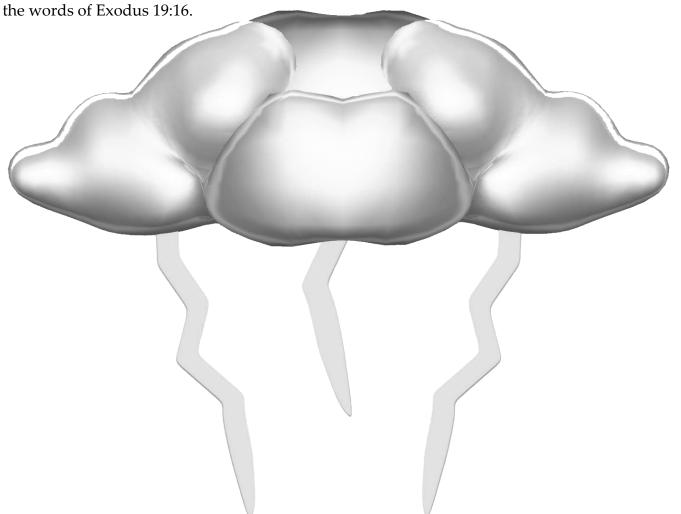
4. The Lord said that the Israelites would be a kingdom of what?

5. What kind of nation did the Lord say Israel would be?

6. What did the Israelites say in response to Moses?

Imagine that your family is among the Israelites who have just come out of slavery in Egypt. In the frame below, draw a picture of your family listening to Moses.

Read Exodus 19:16. God is powerful and His Word is true. One way that God showed his power to the Israelites was by sending thunder and lightning with a thick cloud over Mount Sinai where He gave Moses the Law. Draw a mountain under this cloud. On the mountain, write



# Do Not

Read Leviticus 19:11. Does God mean we can't blame anyone else for something we did ourselves? Does He mean we can't say we're tired when really we just don't want to finish our schoolwork? Absolutely! No lies? That's right. No lies!

Copy Leviticus 19:11 on the lines below.

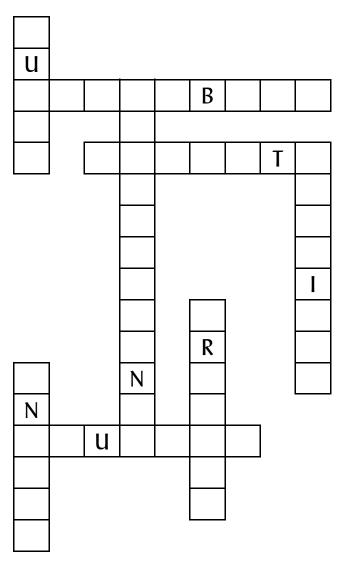
#### Leviticus 19:11

We must tell the truth to everyone! This includes:

PARENTS GRANDPARENTS
SIBLINGS UNCLES
NEIGHBORS AUNTS
FRIENDS COUSINS

Fit these words into the puzzle on the right.





Look up the words "lie" and "deceive" in a dictionary. Copy the definitions you read or write your own definitions on the lines provided. When you are finished, read the story below and answer the questions.

| Lie: | Deceive: |
|------|----------|
|      |          |
|      |          |

One Sunday Megan told Caroline that she had a secret to tell her after the church assembly. Caroline couldn't wait to find out what it was. She loved secrets! After the assembly was over, the two girls were standing near their parents who were talking. Caroline looked at Megan and whispered, "So, what's the secret?"

Megan stepped closer to her friend and whispered in her ear, "My big brother said that Tommy Miller is in jail because he stole something from a store." Tommy Miller was one of Caroline's neighbors. "My brother said the kids at church aren't supposed to know yet, but he found out from Tommy's brother himself." Caroline could hardly believe it. Tommy was in jail? She wondered if her parents knew.

On their way home, Caroline's mother surprised her by asking, "Was Megan talking to you about Tommy Miller?" Caroline wondered how her mother knew, and she didn't know what to say. Megan had said it was supposed to be a secret. Caroline knew her mother wouldn't like the fact that they had been talking about Tommy. She wanted to say no to avoid more questions, but she knew that saying no would be a lie.

"We talked about his brother," Caroline answered, proud of herself for telling the truth. They had talked about Tommy's brother!

"Well," Caroline's mom said, "I don't want you talking to your friends about the Millers. If you have questions, ask Dad or me, okay?"

"Yes, ma'am," Caroline answered. Caroline had a funny feeling in her stomach. She tried to forget about it, but she couldn't.

"Mom," she said after a few minutes. "When I said we talked about Tommy's brother, it was true, but it wasn't the right answer. We talked about Tommy, too."

"I'm very disappointed in you, Caroline," her mom said. "You aren't telling the truth if you make me believe something that isn't true. Even if the words you said were true, they became a lie because you left other words out. You deceived me, didn't you?"

"Yes, ma'am," Caroline said. "I'm sorry." Caroline felt horrible. She wondered if her mom would believe her the next time she answered a question. She realized how ugly deception is.

- 2. Why was Caroline's first answer wrong when what she said was a true statement?



### Just Measures

Read Leviticus 19:36. God wants His people to be fair. A "just measure" is an amount that is accurate. God doesn't want Martha to pay for fifty pounds of grain and receive only forty-seven pounds. He doesn't want Jonas to sell Mark a basket labeled "50 fish" when really there are only 47 fish in the basket. God wants us to be truthful. We must be truthful with our words and our actions.

The Israelites used different measurements than we use today. Read the Biblical measurements in the box and find each word hidden in the puzzle. The words are hidden up and down, across, and diagonally

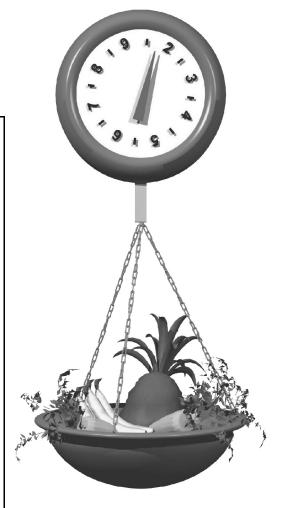
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Answer the questions in the boxes on this page by taking precise measurements of things around your house. Be sure your measurements are accurate and just!

| around your nouse. De sure your measurements ar | e accurate and just:                     |
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|   | How wide is the door into your bedroom?  |
|   |  |
| How long is your bed?                           | How tall is your family's dining table?  |
|   | Write down the weight of three things in |

| How tall is your front door? |  |
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| How wide is your closet? |  |
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Write down the weight of three things in your kitchen. If you have a kitchen scale, weigh something yourself. If not, look on a bag of sugar, a can of food, or some other object that has the weight printed on the package.

| Item:   |  |
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| Item:   |  |
| Weight: |  |
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| Item:   |  |
| Weight: |  |

# Accuracy

Read Proverbs 11:1 and copy the verse on the lines below. Honesty is important to the Lord! Use the chart to answer the questions on this page.

#### Proverbs 11:1

| Biblical Measurement: | <b>Equals Approximately:</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| talent                | 75 pounds                    |
| shekel                | 2/5 ounce                    |
| ephah                 | 3/5 bushel                   |
| omer                  | 2 quarts                     |
| hin                   | 1 gallon                     |



- 1. Rebekah went to the market and bought three omers of flour. How many quarts of flour did she buy?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Annalisa's father gave her two shekels of silver. What part of an ounce of silver did he give her?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Benjamin and James lifted a barrel that weighed three talents. How many pounds did it weigh?
  - \_\_\_\_
- 4. Rosemary went to the well and brought back three hins of water. How many gallons of water did she bring back?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Heather went to the field and gathered one ephah of wheat. What part of a bushel did she gather?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Johnmark made a wooden bucket which holds four omers. How many quarts does it hold?

Sometimes it is okay to estimate the size of an object, how long it will take you to complete a task, or how far away something is. Sometimes, however, it is important to know exactly how big, how long, or how far. You will need a ruler or yardstick and a timer to answer the questions on this page.

A cubit is 18 inches. This is the approximate distance from a man's elbow to the tip of his middle finger. How many inches is that distance on your arm?

A span is 9 inches. A span is the approximate distance from the top of a man's thumb to the tip of his pinky finger when he stretches apart his fingers as far as they will go. How many inches wide is your span?

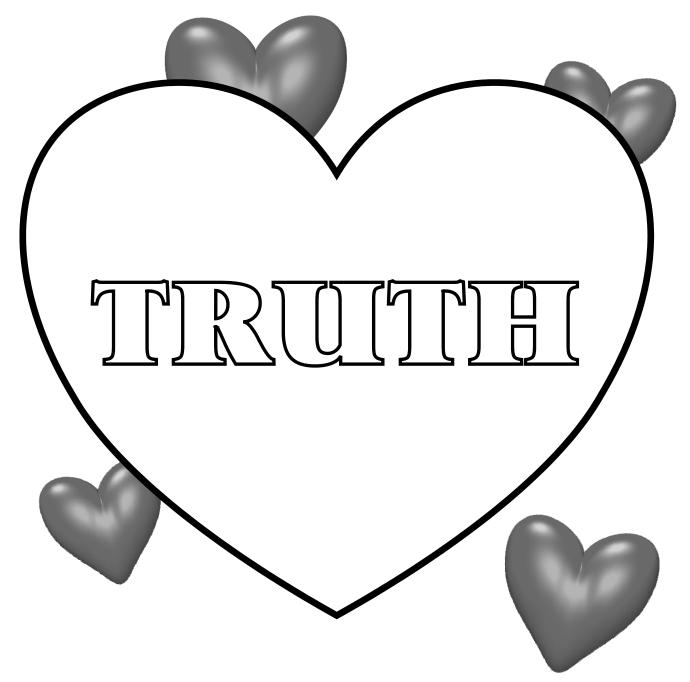
How many seconds does it take you to walk from your bed to the kitchen sink?

A handbreadth is between 3 and 4 inches. This is the approximate width of a man's four fingers, pressed closely together. How many inches wide are your fingers when you press them closely together?

How many steps do you have to take to walk from the front door of your house to the chair where you sit to eat meals at your house?

# Psalm 15

Read Psalm 15. David writes that a person who can live in the Lord's tent or on His holy hill must be someone who speaks the truth in his heart. The Lord wants you to speak the truth in your heart. Color the letters in the heart below. In the blank space around the letters, write other words that describe characteristics that God wants you to have in your heart, such as loyalty, peace, and joy.



God has commanded His people to be truthful. If we trust in the Lord and obey His commands, one day we will "live in God's tent" and "dwell on God's holy hill" like David describes in Psalm 15. We will be with God forever! Use the words in the oval to complete this crossword puzzle.

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| 3. We must do                | o no evil t | o our  |        |         |         |      |              | H  | <b>IEA</b> | RT  |           |   |  |
| 5. Who wrote                 | Psalm 15    |        |        |         |         |      | $\mathbf{T}$ | RU | TH         |     |           |   |  |
| 7. We must no innocent.      | =           | a      | _ agai | nst the | e       |      |              |    |            |     | BO<br>KEN | R |  |
| <b>Across:</b> 2. We must sp | eak the _   | ·      |        |         |         |      |              |    |            | BRI |           |   |  |
| 4. We must he                | onor peop   | ole wh | o fear | the     |         | \    | D            | AV | ID         |     |           |   |  |
| 6. If we follow psalmist s   |             |        |        |         |         | e    |              | ·  |            | HII |           | / |  |
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### Lead Me In Truth

Read Psalm 25:4-5 and copy these verses on the lines below. If we are going to know the truth, we have to know the ways of God. We must let Him teach us His paths. We must let Him lead us and guide us in truth. Just like a flashlight will guide you through a dark room or a map will guide you on a road, God's truth will guide you in your life.



Psalm 25:4-5

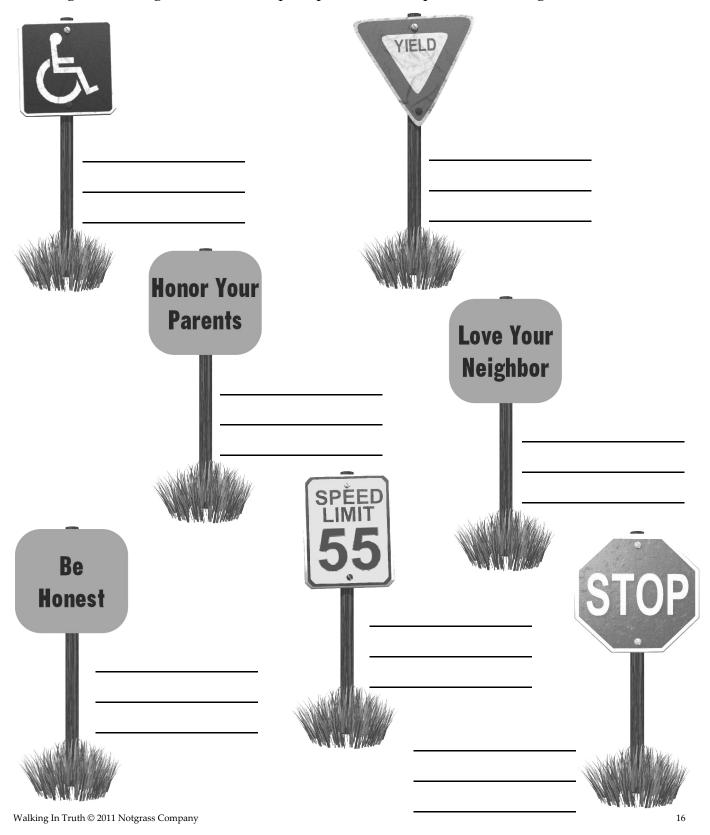
Draw a map with many roads and intersections in the frame below. When you are finished, draw a red line along the roads from the house to the pet shop showing what route a person should take to get there.





Road signs show us the way we need to go. They help us know the laws of the roads on which we drive. We are much safer on the road when everyone follows the road signs. In the same way, we are much better off when we follow the laws of God. As we walk down the path of life, God will guide us in His truth if we obey His commandments and live as we should.

It is important to follow the laws of our country. It is also important to follow the laws that God has given us. Write the meaning of each sign for motorists pictured below. Then write the meaning of each "sign" that God has put up for us on the path of following Jesus.



### God Of Truth

God is the God of truth. If we are God's people, we will be people of truth. God created every nation of people, and He wants all of them to believe in His name.

Read Psalm 31:1-5. The word "truth" is written below in five different languages. Copy each one on the lines provided, then find each of the five words in the puzzle below.

| German: wahrheit |  |
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| French: vérité   |  |
| Swedish: sanning |  |
| Spanish: verdad  |  |
| Italian: verità  |  |

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Copy Psalm 31:5 on the lines below. In the box, fill in the blanks from Psalm 31 using the words in the oval.

#### Psalm 31:5

In You, O Lord, I have taken \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me in Your righteousness.

Be my \_\_\_\_\_\_ of strength.

You are my \_\_\_\_\_\_ me for Your name's sake.

You are my \_\_\_\_\_\_ for Your name's sake.

You are my \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Into Your hand I commit my \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Your have ransomed me, O Lord,

God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Calling Upon God

Read Psalm 145:17-21. Copy verse eighteen on the lines below. When we pray, we are calling upon God. When we call upon God, we can be sure that He hears our prayers when we call upon Him in truth.

|   | Psalm 145:18      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unscramble each of the scrambled words belo | W.                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Lord is                                 | in all His        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| of the people who                           | Him.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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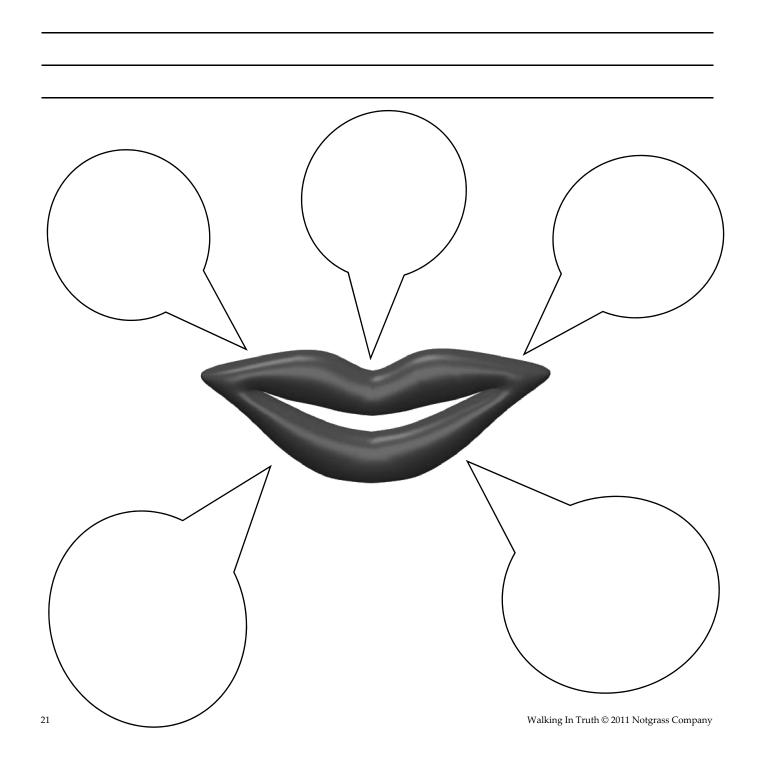
Read each of these passages. For each one, write down the name of the person or people who called upon God.

| Psalm 99:6       |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1 Samuel 2:1-3   |  |
| 2 Samuel 22:1-4  |  |
| 1 Kings 8:22-24  |  |
| 1 Kings 18:36-37 |  |
| 2 Kings 19:15    |  |
| Job 42:1-6       |  |
| Daniel 9:1-5     |  |
| Jonah 2:1-2      |  |
| Matthew 26:36-39 |  |
| Acts 10:9        |  |
| Acts 28:8        |  |

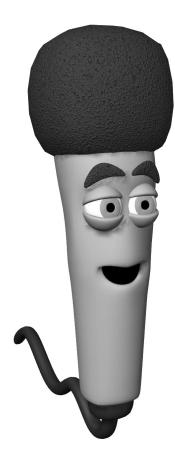
# Truthful Lips

Read Proverbs 12:19 and copy the verse on the lines below. Lying lips last only a moment, but truthful lips last forever! Write one true statement about God in each of the bubbles.

### Proverbs 12:19



#### Matthew 12:36-37



Words are very important. With words we can bless and encourage others, or we can get ourselves into a lot of trouble! With words we can praise our God and Father, or we can insult other people. Let's make sure that good, wholesome, and true words always come out of our lips!

Use a colored pencil or crayon to color in each square that contains an X or a Z.

### The words that come from my lips must be

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# Tony's Day



Read Proverbs 12:17. Sometimes we have to do things that are hard. Sometimes telling the truth is hard. The following story doesn't have a happy ending. After you have read it, answer the questions on the next page.

#### **Part One**

"May I go outside?" Tony asked his mom one sunny afternoon.

"Yes, you may," said Mrs. Hill. "Daddy didn't finish the table he's making to go on the front porch. All of the pieces and tools are lying around in the garage and I don't want you messing with them. Just don't go in the garage at all."

"Yes, ma'am," Tony said. "I won't." He hurried outside. He walked to the tool shed in the back yard and opened the door. It was dark and musty inside, but he held his breath and stepped in to get a bat and a box of tennis balls from the shelf along the back wall. He went outside and, facing away from the house, threw the balls up into the air one by one and hit them as far as he could.

#### Part Two

When he had finished his batting practice, Tony picked up the balls and returned them to the shelf in the shed along with the bat. He wandered back to the front yard. His dad was home and had left the garage door open. Tony looked inside at the pieces of wood lying neatly in a row, ready to be put together. The power saw was uncovered and a small handsaw was lying nearby with a hammer and screwdriver. Tony didn't think anyone was looking.

"I just want to look," Tony said to himself as he crept inside. "I won't mess up anything." As he inched closer, he had a terrible feeling inside his stomach. He knew he was disobeying and wasn't supposed to be there.

Tony wished he could help his dad with the table. He walked to the power saw and examined the blade. He longed to use the saw, but he had never even been allowed to touch it. Even though

he knew he shouldn't, he stretched out one finger and touched the blade. He ran his finger across it as he had seen his father do; but instantly he felt a sharp sting in his finger, and it began to throb. He pulled back his hand and saw blood flowing from his finger. As he was backing up, he knocked a screwdriver off the workbench. The screwdriver fell point down onto the beautiful piece of wood that was to become the top of the table. Tony looked down and saw a gash and a long scratch.

"No!" Tony cried under his breath. "Look at that!" His dad had spent hours carving a design into the wood and the scratch went right though the middle of it. Tony ran out of the garage. His finger was still bleeding. He ran into the house through the front door. He headed straight for the drawer where the bandages were kept, but his mom was standing right there. She could tell by Tony's face that he was in pain and asked him what happened.

"I cut my finger," said Tony. Mrs. Hill quickly looked at her son's finger, then washed it and put a bandage over the cut.

"How did you manage that?" she asked.

"I cut it on the door of the tool shed," Tony lied. The terrible feeling in his stomach grew worse. He knew that lying was wrong.

Tony's dad soon walked in, looking upset. When his wife asked him what the trouble was, he told her that there was a scratch and a gash on the tabletop, right in the middle of the design he had carved.

"The screwdriver was on it. I guess it fell off the bench. I'll have to start all over now. Do you know anything about it, Tony?"

"No, sir," Tony mumbled in reply, and felt even worse.

| 1. Tony thought that no one was looking when he went into the garage, but he was wrong. Who sees everything we do?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2. Is it okay to do something that is wrong when we think no one is looking?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. When Tony saw his mom after he cut his finger, what should he have done right away?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. What should Tony have said when his mom asked him how he cut his finger?   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. What should Tony have done the minute his dad walked into the room?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. After Tony disobeyed and lied, will his dad want Tony to help make the table?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Since Tony wanted to help his dad with the table, what could Tony have done?   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Is it ever okay to lie in order to stay out of trouble?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On the lines below, write a new version of Part Two of the story about Tony. Write about Tony being obedient and truthful. Make the story have a happy ending. Think about what a difference it makes and how things turn out differently when we do what is right. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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### Which Is Better?

Color in all the boxes which contain a W, X, or Z. When you are finished, write all of the letters that remain uncolored in order on the blanks below.

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Proverbs 19:22 tells us:

Sometimes people get rich by lying. Sometimes they get a good score by cheating or get something they want by stealing. Other people might be fooled by these liars, but God knows their hearts. Their wealth and honor won't last. Their riches and treasures will fade away like a mist. Living in the truth of God's way brings true joy and treasures which will last forever.

Look up these two verses from Proverbs, copy them on these lines, and answer the questions below.

| Proverbs 21:6   | Proverbs 22:4                  |
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| 1. Proverbs tells us that it is a bad idea to get tre | easures by what?               |
| 2. To what does Proverbs compare treasures ac         | quired by a lying tongue?      |
| 3. According to Proverbs 22:4, what will a perso      | on who fears the Lord receive? |
| 4. Who is a Christian you know whom the Lord          | d has rewarded with honor?     |
| 5. Why do you respect this person?                    |                                |
| 6. What is one way you can be humble?                 |                                |
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# Exaggerating

Read Proverbs 12:22. One common way that people lie is by exaggerating. Why do people exaggerate? Often they want people to think that they are better than they really are. They want them to be impressed with what they say. Sometimes people exaggerate so that others will feel sorry for them.

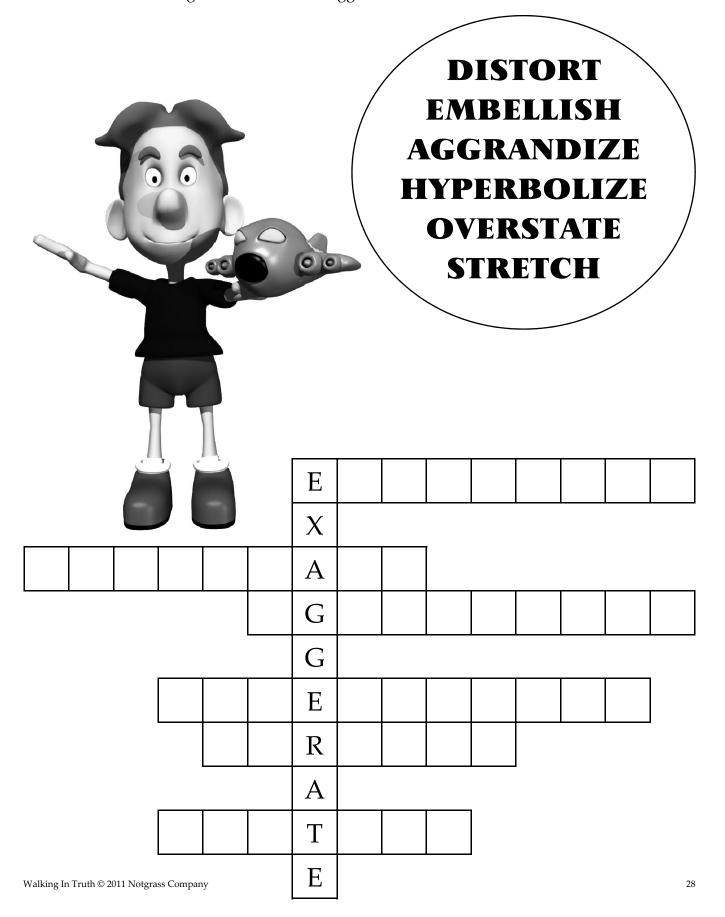
In each of the following sentences, one exaggerating sentence is underlined. On the empty blank, write a sentence to replace the one that is underlined. Write sentences that are completely true and that don't put other people down.



- 1. Annie worked on raking leaves for two hours on Saturday morning. On Sunday Mandy asked Annie what she had done the day before. Annie replied, <u>"I had to work in the yard all day."</u>
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- 2. Joseph saved up his money and bought a model airplane that cost \$37.95. When Michael asked him how much it cost, Joseph said, <u>"Nearly \$50!"</u>
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- 3. Helen was helping her grandmother prepare dinner. Her grandmother asked Helen if she liked spinach. Helen replied, <u>"Spinach is the most disgusting food in the whole world."</u>
- 4. Tom played right field on a baseball team. In one of his team's games, Tom hit two home runs and caught five fly balls. The day after the game, Tom's friend asked him how the game went. Tom replied, "Great! All I had to do was stick my hand up, and I was catching pop flies the whole game."
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- 5. Greg was on the phone with his cousin when his little brother ran through the room whooping and yelling, pretending to be a cowboy. His cousin asked what the noise was. Greg replied, "It's Sam. He never stops being loud and yelling and acting crazy."

A synonym is a word that is similar in meaning to another word. Several synonyms for the word "exaggerate" are listed below. Fit these words into the puzzle.

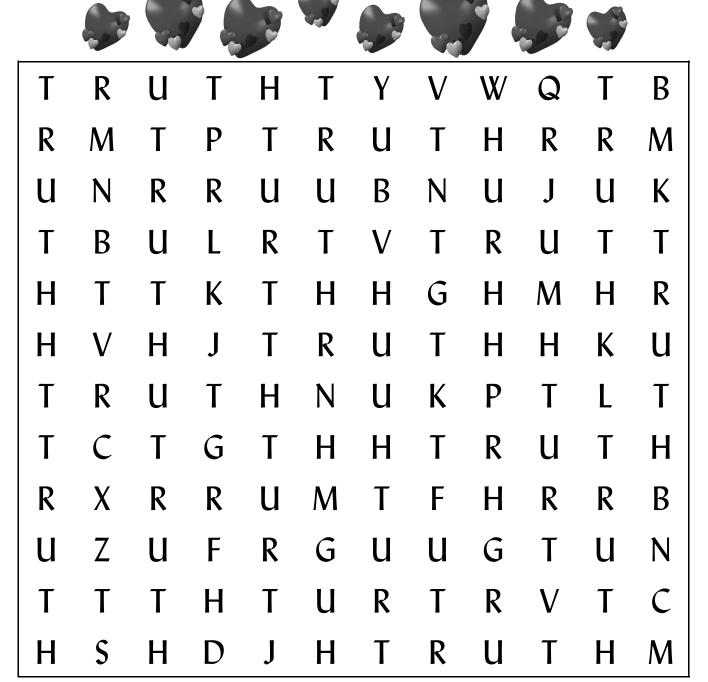
God wants us to be truthful. Our family and friends need to be able to trust what we say and know that we are telling the truth. Don't exaggerate. Stick to the facts and tell the truth.



### What I Love

Read Zechariah 8:19. The Lord told His people to love truth. If we love truth, we will want to hear the truth. We will also want to tell the truth. Truth is important to the Lord. Truth should be important to us, too.

See how many times you can find and circle the word "TRUTH" in this puzzle. The word is hidden twenty-four times in all directions (including backwards)!



We must always love truth because when we love something, it is important to us. In the boxes below, write down three ways you can show that you love what is written in each one. In the empty box, write one specific person whom you love and three ways you show love to him or her.

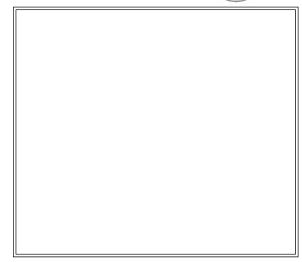
### **God and Jesus**

### **Family**

### **Truth**



### **Friends**



## Full Of Truth

Read John 1:14 and copy the verse on the lines below. Then fill in the blanks at the bottom of the page using the words in the oval. Refer to John 1:1-14 if you need help. "The Word" is another name for Jesus.

John 1:14 FLESH LIGHT LIFF **DARKNESS** GOD **GLORY** TRUTH **GRACE EARTH** CREATION WORD In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_\_ . The Word was with God and the Word was \_\_\_\_\_\_. Everything in \_\_\_\_\_ was made through the Word. His \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_ of men. The Light shines in the \_\_\_\_\_\_. The Word became \_\_\_\_\_ and lived on \_\_\_\_\_ .

People saw His \_\_\_\_\_\_.

He came from the Father full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is full of truth. We can trust what He said. We can trust that He will keep His word. Read each passage on the left and draw a line from each one to the message that is found there on the right. Think about the importance of the fact that we can trust what Jesus said. Think about how important it is for people to be able to trust what you say. Decide that you will be full of truth as Jesus is.

1. John 11:25-26

• A. When one sinner repents, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God.

2. Matthew 20:18-19

 B. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Everyone who lives and believes in Him will never die.

3. Luke 15:10

 C. Jesus told His disciples that in His father's house there are many dwelling places.

4. Matthew 11:28-30

 D. Jesus told His disciples that He was going to be killed and then raised up three days later.

5. John 14:1-4

 E. Jesus said that with God all things are possible.

6. Matthew 18:20

• F. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

7. Luke 19:10

 G. Jesus told His listeners to come to Him and He would give them rest.

8. Mark 10:27

 H. When two or three people are gathered in the name of Jesus, He is there with them.



## Into the Light

Read John 3:21. There is no darkness in Jesus. In Jesus everything is in the light! Jesus is light. When we follow Him, we will be lights, too.

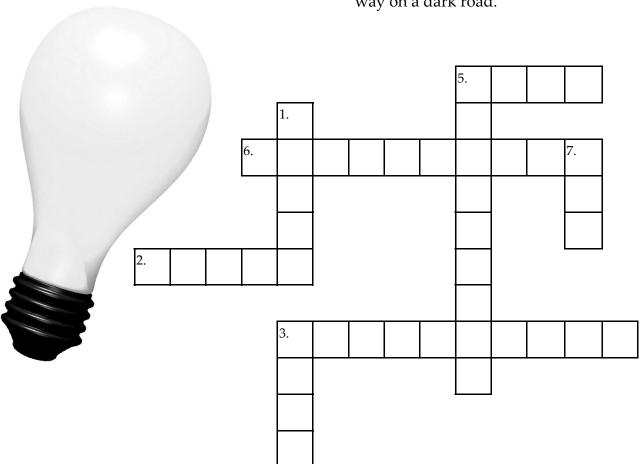
Complete this crossword puzzle about different things that give us light.

#### Down:

- 1. He is the most important light. He is God's Son and the light of the world.
- 3. You can roast hot dogs and marshmallows over this.
- 5. When this is screwed into a lamp or light fixture, it gives off light.
- 7. God created this light to shine on us during the day.

#### **Across:**

- 2. We can't even count all of these that shine in the nighttime sky.
- 3. If you are camping, you might have one of these long, thin objects in your pocket to light your way.
- 5. This object gives off light when it is turned on. It often has a shade on top.
- 6. These are on the front of a car and light the way on a dark road.

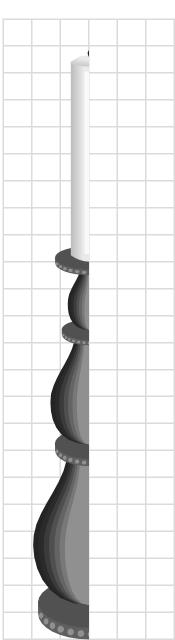


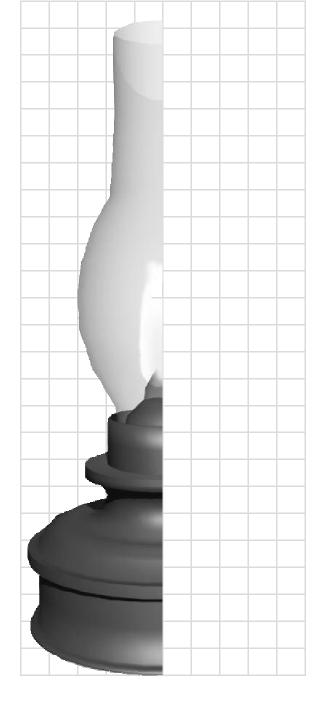
### John 3:21

When we live in truth, we live in the light of Jesus. When we live in the light, we have nothing to hide. We don't have to be ashamed of anything! Lies are ugly and dark and terrible, but the light of Jesus is bright and pure and beautiful.

Complete these pictures by drawing the right side of each one. Try to match the left sides as closely as you can. Use the grids to help you get things the right size and shape. Add a flame to the top of the candle. Decide always to live in the light of Jesus, shining His light and walking

in truth every step of the way.





# Worship In Truth

Read John 4:20-24. Copy verse 24 on the lines below. The way we worship God—having the right attitudes and thoughts—is much more important than where we worship Him.

### John 4:24

Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, urging them by the mercies of God to present their bodies as living and holy sacrifices that were acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). Paul told the

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Answers these questions about people in the Bible who worshiped God.











- 1. In Exodus 34:8, who bowed low to the earth and worshiped?
- 2. Who worshiped after hearing the interpretation of his dream in Judges 7:15?
- 3. Who did the Magi come to worship in Matthew 2:1-2?
- 4. In Acts 24:10-11, who said he went to Jerusalem to worship?
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- 5. According to Revelation 4:9-11, when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to God, who will fall down and worship him?

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6. Who fell down and worshiped at the feet of an angel in Revelation 22:8-9?

After he did so, the angel told him to worship God instead.

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## **Know the Truth**

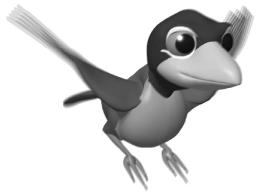
Read John 8:31-32 and copy these verses on the lines below. The teachings of Jesus are true. If we hold to the teachings of Jesus, we will know the truth. The truth will make us free in Christ.

John 8:31-32

If we know the truth, we will be free. Freedom in Christ is true freedom. When we don't have the truth of Jesus in our hearts, we are like a bird in a cage, trapped in sin. Jesus brought us freedom and set us free from sin by dying for us and giving us new life!

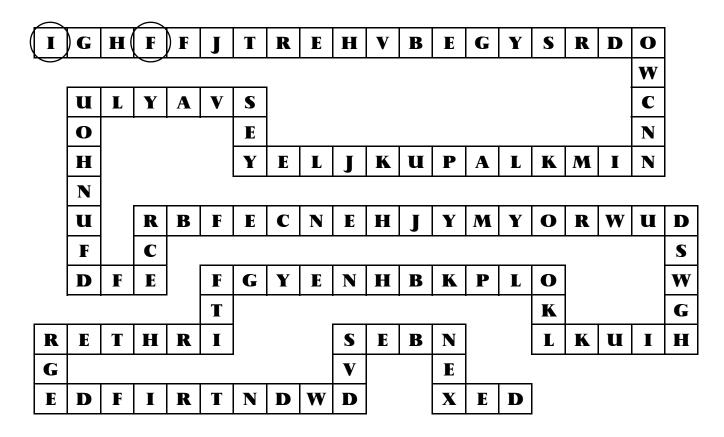
Draw a picture of an empty bird cage behind this bird. Thank God for sending Jesus, who has shown us the truth that makes us free!

The truth will make you free!



Circle every third letter in the puzzle below. Then write each circled letter in order on the blanks. The first two are written for you.

John 8:36



1. Read John 8:34-36. According to this passage, everyone who commits sin is what?

2. This passage says that if the Son makes us free we will be "free indeed." What does it mean to be "free indeed"?

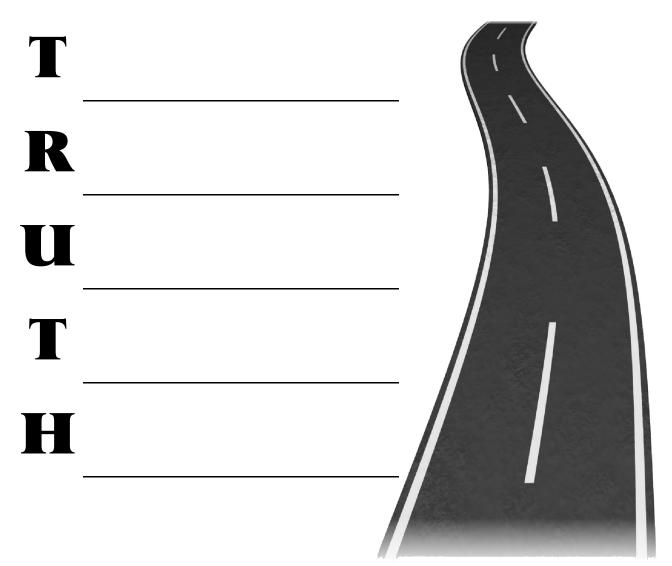
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# Way, Truth, Life

Read John 14:6 and copy it on the lines below.

John 14:6

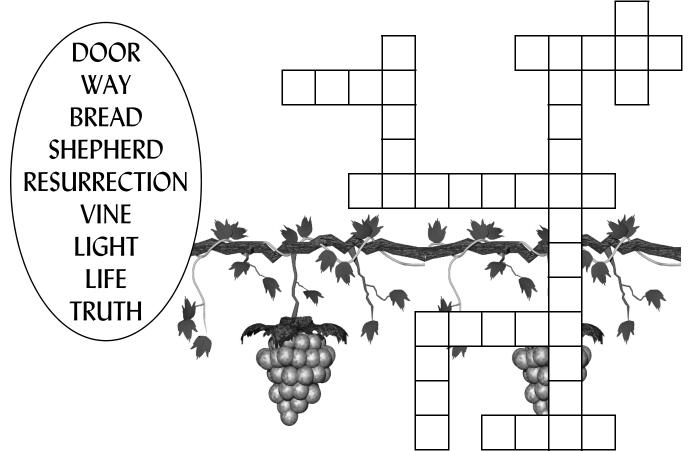
Think of five words that describe Jesus that each contain one of the five letters of the word "truth." Write them on the blanks below.



Jesus used many words to describe Himself. Look up each of the passages below and select the correct word from the oval to complete each sentence. Fit each of the words from the oval into the puzzle. Begin with the longest word, then write in the words that are connected to it.

## Jesus said. . .

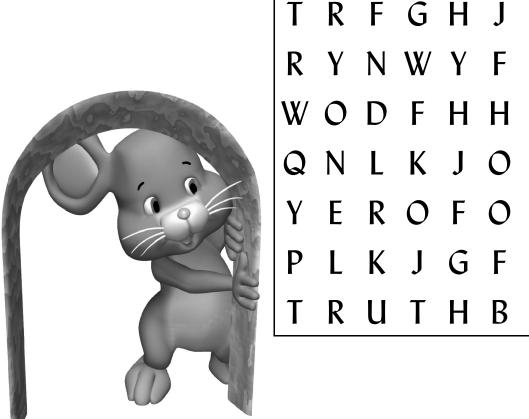
- 1. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of life (John 6:35).
- 2. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world (John 8:12).
- 3. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:9).
- 4. I am the good \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:11).
- 5. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the life (John 11:25).
- 6. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and the
- 7. I am the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:5).



## Listen!

Read John 18:37. In the puzzle below, find each word in the following sentence:

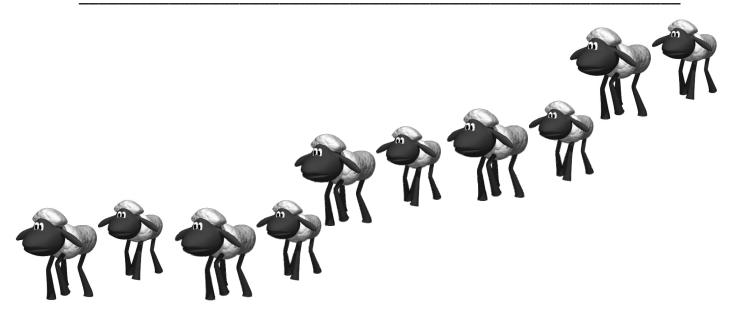
# EVERYONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH LISTENS TO JESUS.



Look up the following verses about listening and answer the questions.

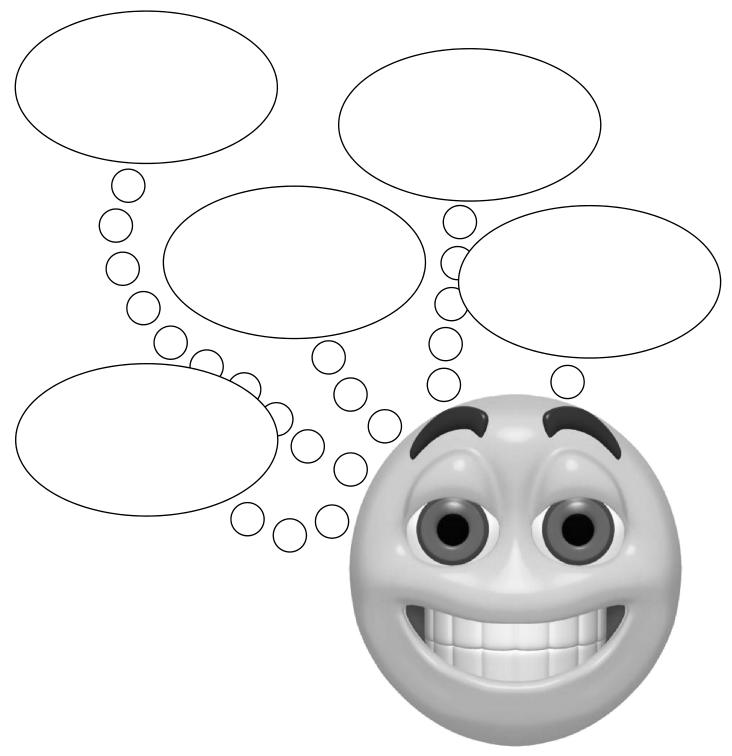
- 1. Mark 4:24 What did Jesus say to the people about listening?
- 2. Mark 7:14 Jesus told the people to listen to Him and do what?
- 3. Mark 9:7 What did the voice which came out of the cloud say?
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- 4. Luke 5:1  $\bullet$  The crowd was pressing around Jesus and listening to what?
- 5. Luke 10:39 What was Mary doing as she sat at the feet of Jesus?
- 6. Luke 15:1 Who was coming near to listen to Jesus?
- 7. Luke 21:38 When did the people go to the temple to listen to Jesus?
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8. John 10:27 • What do Jesus' sheep do after they hear His voice?



# Rejoice With Truth

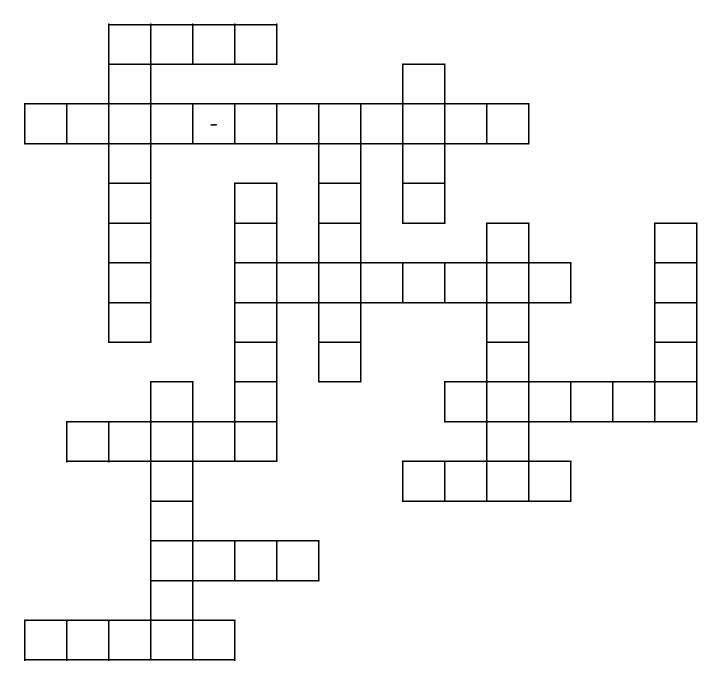
Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Truth gives us reasons to rejoice! In the bubbles below, write five true things that make you rejoice.



Fit into the puzzle the **BOLD** words that describe what love is and what love is not. Write the words from the box with a thumbs down in red. Write the words from the box with the thumbs up in black. Begin with the hyphenated word and the words connected to it.

Love is not JEALOUS.
Love does not BRAG.
Love is not ARROGANT.
Love is not RUDE.
Love is not SELF-SEEKING.
Love is not easily ANGERED.
Love does keep keep a record of WRONGS.
Love does not rejoice in EVIL.

Love is PATIENT.
Love is KIND.
Love rejoices with the TRUTH.
Love BEARS all things.
Love BELIEVES all things.
Love HOPES all things.
Love ENDURES all things.



## Truth In Love

Read Ephesians 4:14-16. Copy verse fifteen on the lines below. Children grow taller as they grow older. Both children and adults grow spiritually as they learn and study the Bible. They grow stronger in faith. They grow in their knowledge of God and His word. No one, no matter how old he or she is, should ever stop growing in Jesus. One way to grow spiritually is to speak the truth in love.

| Ephesians 4:15  |
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| What are five areas in which you need to grow to become more like Jesus? Write one on each of the blanks below. |
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Speaking the truth in love means that we don't boast or brag or show off or try to put other people down. Speaking the truth is important, but we must always remember to speak the truth in love. We can speak the truth in love by speaking gently and compassionately and with respect for the people we are talking to, remembering to treat them the same way we want to be treated.

Read the following story about Tyler and Kelly.

One September morning, Tyler and Kelly Williams both auditioned to be in the play their homeschool group was putting on. They both knew that only a few children were going to be given speaking parts. The rest of the children would be in the chorus. Tyler and Kelly both had their hearts set on receiving a speaking role. They were both very excited and talked to their mom about the try-outs all the way home. The only thing left to do was wait for Mrs. Hampshire, the director, to call the next day and let them know what parts would be theirs.

After lunch on the following day, Kelly went outside to play in the backyard. Soon after she was out the door, the phone rang. Mrs. Williams answered it.

"Oh, hello, Mrs. Hampshire," Tyler heard her say. He stood where he was as if he was frozen. He was nervous and could hardly wait for his mom to get off the phone and tell him the news.

"Thank you," Tyler's mom said, "I'll let them know." She hung up the phone and smiled. "Congratulations, Tyler Williams," she said. "You were chosen to play the lead role in the play!" "I was?" Tyler exclaimed. "Oh, boy! What part did Kelly get?"

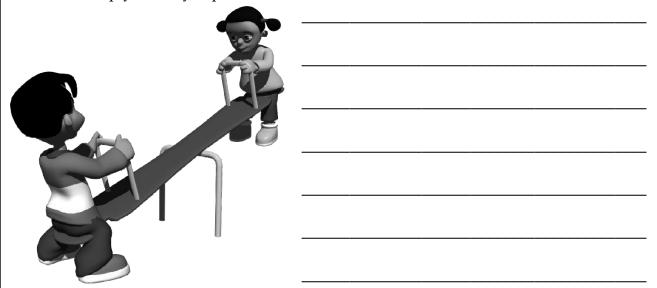
"She's going to be in the chorus this year. Mrs. Hampshire said she did a good job at the try-outs, but she's really too young for any of the speaking parts."

"Oh," said Tyler. He knew his sister would be disappointed.

Tyler went outside and found Kelly trying to see-saw by herself. He sat down opposite her and they began to see-saw together.

"Has Mrs. Hampshire called yet?" Kelly asked. "Did we get the parts we wanted?"

Tyler has to answer his sister. He has to tell her the truth. What should he say? He could boast about the part that he got and make Kelly feel bad, but he doesn't want to do that. Is there a nice way to break the news to her? How can he speak the truth in love? Write Tyler's kind and truthful reply to Kelly's question.



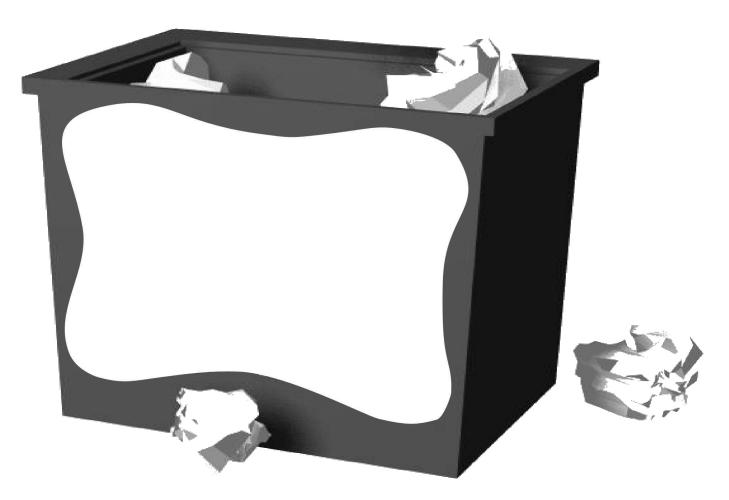
## Throw It Away

Read Ephesians 4:25 and copy it on the lines below.

Ephesians 4:25

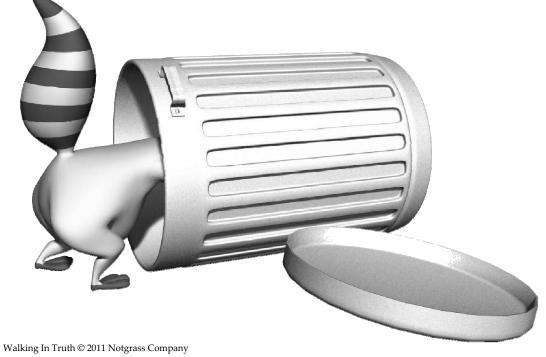
To speak the truth, we have to get rid of falsehood. We have to throw away all the lies. Lies are like nasty, smelly garbage that needs to be thrown out.

Write each of these words on the garbage can below: LIES, DISHONESTY, INACCURACY, INVALID, UNSOUND, CHEATING, FALSEHOOD, TRICKERY, DECEIT, UNTRUTHFULNESS. Think about how you can keep this nasty garbage out of your mouth and out of your life!



See how many times you can cross out the word "LIES" in the puzzle below. Look in all directions. The word appears in the puzzle twenty-six times.

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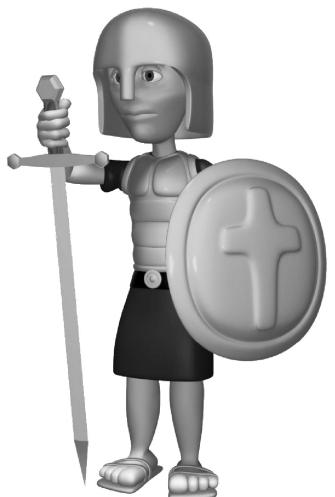


## Belt Of Truth

Read Ephesians 6:13-17. To resist the temptations of the devil, we need to put on the armor of God and stand firm in Jesus. The armor of God includes a belt of truth. We need to know the truth to be able to stand against the devil. Look up the following passages about temptation and answer the questions.

- 1. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by whom (Matthew 4:1)?
- 2. What two things did Jesus tell the disciples to do so that they would not fall into temptation (Matthew 26:41)?
- 3. In Jesus' parable, when do the people on rocky soil fall away (Luke 8:13)?
- 4. When we are tempted, what will God provide for us (1 Corinthians 10:13)?
- 5. What should we not say when we are tempted (James 1:13)?
- 6. Who knows how to rescue godly people from temptation (2 Peter 2:9)?

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A warrior needs to be ready for battle. We need to be ready to fight for Jesus by doing what is right and by not letting the devil win in anything! Refer to Ephesians 6:13-17 to help you complete this crossword puzzle.

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| 3. I must put on the brea                  | stplate of _ |          | waist.                            |    |
| 5. With the shield of extinguish the arrow |              |          | •                                 |    |
| 7. In my hand I need to he the Spirit.     |              |          |                                   | my |
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# Everyone

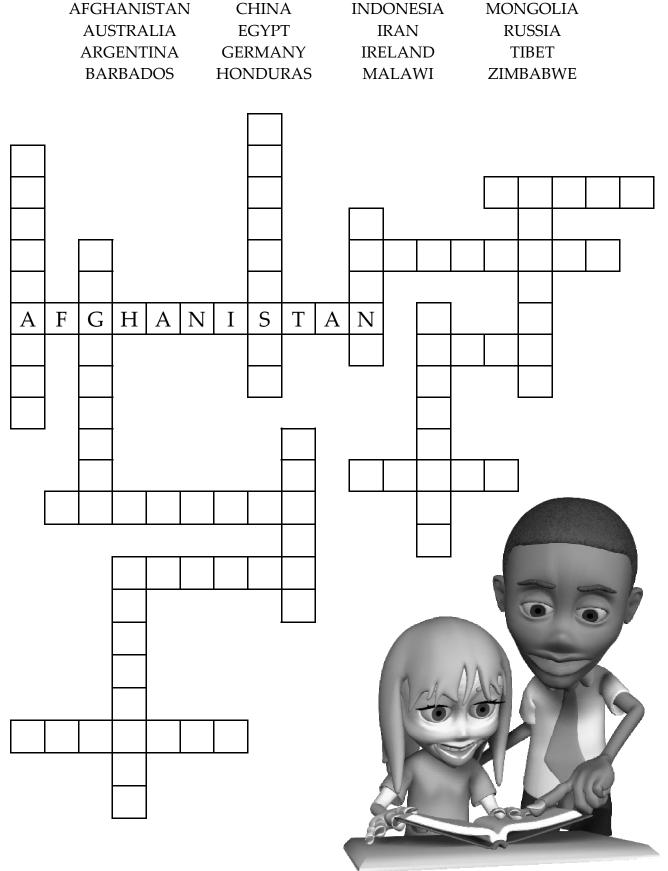


Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. The truth is that God created the world. He created every person who has ever lived, He loves each one, and He sent Jesus to save us all from our sin. When we believe in God and obey His Word, God will give us eternal life. These are truths God wants everyone to know!

Try to think of twenty-six people you know whose names all begin with a different letter. Write one name on each of the lines below. Write your own name beside the first letter of your name. If you can't think of someone whose name begins with a particular letter, you may use someone's last name, or someone who has that letter anywhere in his or her name. God wants you, every person you know, and every person you don't know to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth!

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Fit the countries listed below into the puzzle. Begin with the countries that share letters with the word "Afghanistan." These are only a few of the countries in the world. God wants all the people in every country on earth to know the truth!



## Confessing



Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We are all going to make mistakes and sin. When we sin, the best thing to do is confess, ask for forgiveness, and move on. When we keep our sin hidden, sometimes it keeps growing. One lie often leads to another. Instead of living in lies, let's live in the truth. Confessing is a hard thing to do. It means admitting we were wrong. It's hard, but it's right. It's what God wants and expects from His people.

Read the following verses and then draw a line from each question on the left to its correct answer on the right.

Psalm 32:5
Psalm 38:18 James 5:16
1 John 1:8-9

- 1. David was full of what because of his sin (Psalm 38:18)?
- 2. To whom did David say he would confess his transgressions (Psalm 32:5)?
- 3. What did David do because he had sinned (Psalm 38:18)?
- 4. Christians should confess their sins to the Lord and to whom (James 5:16)?
- 5. What will God cleanse us from if we confess our sins (1 John 1:9)?
- 6. What did David say he would not hide (Psalm 32:5)?
- 7. What will God do if we confess our sins (1 John 1:9)?

- confessed
- forgive
- anxiety
- all unrighteousness
- the Lord
- iniquity
- one another

#### Read the following story and answer the questions.

"May I go outside and play with Eppie?" Michelle asked her mom one afternoon. Eppie was Michelle's new kitten.

"Is your schoolwork finished?" Mrs. Addams asked.

"Yes, ma'am," Michelle answered.

"Did you answer the questions from your history book?" Mrs. Addams asked. "You forgot that yesterday." When Michelle assured her mom that everything was finished, Mrs. Addams gave Michelle permission to go outside.

Michelle ran to the garage and found Eppie curled up on the old porch swing that was stored there. Michelle began to stroke her kitten. Eppie woke up, stretched, and yawned. Michelle found a piece of twine and began to swing it in front of Eppie. Eppie pawed at the string and soon got up to chase it around the garage as Michelle ran back and forth, dragging the twine behind her.

When Eppie grew tired of the twine and Michelle grew tired of running back and forth, they both curled up on the old swing. Michelle scratched behind Eppie's ears and Eppie purred. As Eppie was falling asleep in her lap, Michelle began to think back on the morning. *Did I answer those history questions?* She wondered. She assumed that she had when her mom asked, but she realized that she hadn't really thought it through. She had been anxious to get outside. She remembered reading her history lesson, and she remembered marking it off her list of school assignments, but she didn't remember answering the questions. *I don't think I did them,* she said to herself. She thought about getting up and going inside to check, but she was comfortable and she didn't want to disturb Eppie.

After a little while, Michelle heard the back door open. In a moment, her mom was standing beside her in the garage with Michelle's history folder in her hand.

"I don't see a paper from today, Michelle," Mrs. Addams said, "but you told me you answered the questions. Where is your paper?"

"I guess I forgot again," said Michelle. "I'm sorry." Mrs. Addams told Michelle to come inside and finish her work. Michelle put Eppie down beside her and followed her mom into the house.

After she finished answering the history questions, Michelle wondered what she should say to her mom. I really did think I was finished with my schoolwork before I went outside, she told herself, but then she realized that she hadn't thought very hard before she answered the question. I didn't mean to skip that part of my work, Michelle thought. It was just an accident. Then she realized that it was wrong just the same. I really didn't want to disturb Eppie, Michelle thought, and that's the main reason I didn't go and check right away. Then she realized that she shouldn't have been spending time with Eppie at all unless her schoolwork was done. Michelle knew that she had been wrong. It was time to make things right.

| 1. What should Michelle say to her mom?                              |  |
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| 2. What should Michelle say to God?                                  |  |
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| 3. What can Michelle do next time to keep this from happening again? |  |

## Walk In the Light

1 John 1:6-7 tells us that if we say we have fellowship with God, but walk in **DARKNESS**, we lie and do not practice the **TRUTH**. However, if we **WALK** in the **LIGHT** as **GOD** is in the light, we have **FELLOWSHIP** with one **ANOTHER**, and the **BLOOD** of **JESUS** cleanses us from all our **SINS**. Let's tell the truth and walk in the light!

Find each of the **BOLD** words above in the puzzle.



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### I John 1:6-7

If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we will be walking in truth. Read 1 Peter 2:21. We should follow in the footsteps of Jesus. That means that we should live as Jesus lived. When we live that way, we will be walking in truth!

Look up these passages about Jesus. Give detailed and specific answers to the questions about how you can live like He lived.

- 1. Mark 9:35 Jesus was a servant. What are some ways that you can be a servant?
- 2. Matthew 9:36 Jesus showed compassion. How can you show compassion to people?
- 3. Luke 3:22 Jesus pleased His Father. How can you please your parents?
- 4. Luke 23:34 and Matthew 6:14-15 Jesus asked God to forgive the people who crucified Him. Why is it important for you to forgive people who do wrong to you?





## An Honest Heart

Read Jesus' parable of the sower in Luke 8:5-15. Then use the words in the oval to fill in the blanks below.

| Jesus told a parable about a _                          |               | _ who went o   | ut to sow his seed. |  |  |  |  |
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| The sower also dropped seed                             | s among       |                | As the seeds grew,  |  |  |  |  |
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| and riches and pleasures of this                        | life choke th | nem and they   | don't bear fruit.   |  |  |  |  |
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| crop. These seeds represent the                         |               |                |                     |  |  |  |  |
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| fruit   | rocky         | road           |                     |  |  |  |  |
| tempted   | thorns        | choked         | people              |  |  |  |  |
|   | soil          |                |                     |  |  |  |  |

Read about the following times when having an honest heart, or not having one, made a difference. Answer the question after each one.

Archie and Sam had been good friends since they were very young. One day Archie told Sam a secret. Later that same day, Sam found out that Archie's secret wasn't true. Sam was sad when he found out that Archie had told a lie. Why do you think it was hard for Sam to believe Archie the following week when he said, "I'll be your friend forever, Sam"?

While Louise was taking a walk outside, a stranger stopped his car in front of her driveway to ask a question about the house next door that was for sale. It was a rule that Louise wasn't allowed to talk to any strangers unless her mom or dad was with her. The man in the car called out his question, but Louise was already on her way up the driveway and into her house. Louise's mother had been watching from the window. She asked Louise if the man had talked to her. Louise said he had. She asked Louise if she had answered him. Louise said she had not. Louise's mother believed her daughter. What kind of heart do you think Louise must have shown in the past that would enable her mom be able to trust her without a doubt?

Jeff and Emma played a game on the floor while their mothers, sitting on the couch behind them, talked about their plans for the upcoming school year. Emma was losing badly in the game when the phone rang and Jeff's mom told him to go answer it. Jeff went into the kitchen. Emma realized that if she slipped one little piece onto the board, she could change her score by a lot and would be almost caught up with Jeff. Emma had an honest heart, though, and she didn't do it. Jeff came back and they finished the game. Jeff won. Why do you think that Emma felt good about losing?

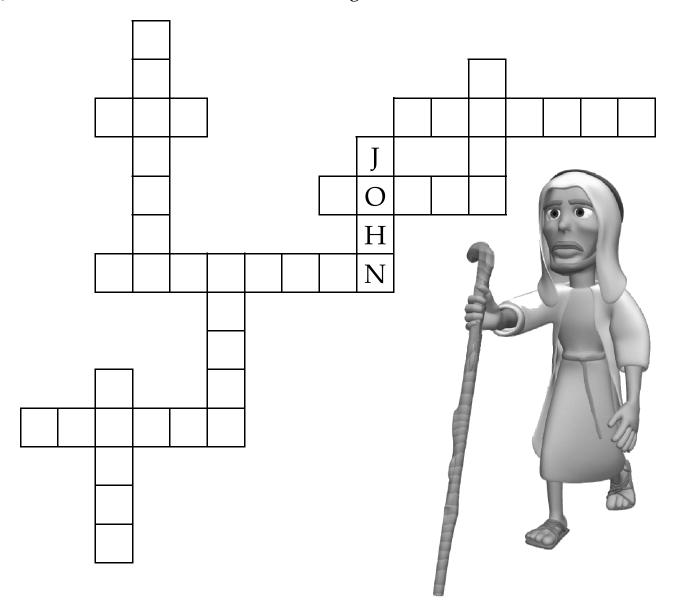


| Write a prayer to God asking Him for wisdom   |
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| and strength to help you have an honest heart |
| honest words, and honest actions.             |

# Walking In Truth

Read verses 1-4 of 3 John. Fit each **BOLD** word in the paragraph below into the puzzle. Begin with the words that are connected to the word "John."

John wrote a letter to **GAIUS**, a man who was like a son to him and whom John **LOVED** in truth. John prayed that Gaius would **PROSPER** in all things and be in good **HEALTH**. John was very **GLAD** when the **BRETHREN** came and told him that Gaius was **WALKING** in truth. John had no greater **JOY** than to hear of his children walking in **TRUTH**.

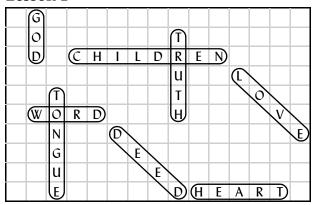


| Copy 3 John 1:4 on the lines below. In the frame, draw a picture of yourself walking through a forest, beside the ocean, in a park, or in another place where you are surrounded by the beauties of God's creation. Decide now that you are going to be an honest person. Decide that you are not going to tell lies. Decide that for the rest of your life you are going to strive to walk |
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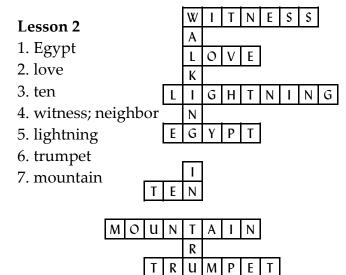
## **Answer Key**

If no answer is given for a particular question, it means that the answers students give will vary. The wording of some answers will vary according to the Bible translation used. The Bible answers in this key are from the New American Standard Bible.

#### Lesson 1



Truth: sincerity of action, character, and speech; things, events, and facts that are real and actual



Exodus 20:16 - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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Live safely in the land

#### Lesson 3

1. the mountain; 2. eagle; 3. obey the Lord's voice and keep His covenant; 4. priests; 5. a holy nation: 6. "All that the Lord has spoken we will do"

Exodus 19:16 - On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a

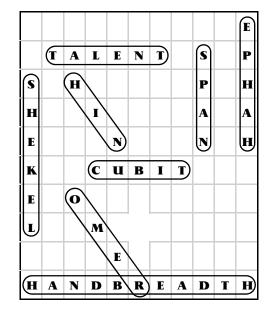
thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Lesson 4 Ε ı В 0 R S Leviticus 19:11 -R You shall not steal, P Α R Ε N S nor deal falsely, N I nor lie to one another. D В L I Lie: a statement R Ν that is not true Ε G Deceive: to give N u a false impression T S 0 u N L D Ε

1. Yes, we were.

2. She was deceiving her mom by trying to make her mom think that she and Megan did not talk about Tommy.

#### Lesson 5



#### Lesson 6

Proverbs 11:1 - A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight.

- 1. 6 quarts; 2. 4/5 ounce; 3. 225 pounds
- 4. 3 gallons; 5. 3/5 bushel; 6. 8 quarts



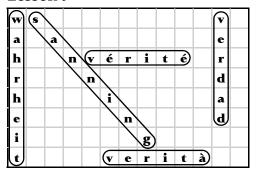
Psalm 25:4-5 -

Make me know Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

Sign descriptions should be similar to: reserved for handicapped people only; yield to other vehicles; be obedient and respectful to your parents; treat other people the way you want to be treated; tell the truth; do not drive faster than 55 miles per hour; stop your vehicle and check for other vehicles

#### Lesson 9



Psalm 31:5 - Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

refuge; deliver; rock, fortress; guide; strength; spirit; truth

#### Lesson 10

Psalm 145:18 - The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

righteous; ways; kind; near; calls; truth; desire; fear; cry; save

Moses, Aaron, and Samuel; Hannah; David; Solomon; Elijah; Hezekiah; Job; Daniel; Jonah; Jesus; Peter; Paul

#### Lesson 11

Proverbs 12:19 - Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Matthew 12:36-37 - But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

Colored squares reveal: TRUE

#### Lesson 12

- 1. God
- 2. no
- 3. He should have told her what he had done.
- 4. "I touched the power saw."
- 5. He should have told the truth and apologized.
- 6. no
- 7. He could have asked his dad if he could help.
- 8. no

#### Lesson 13

It is better to be poor than to be a liar.

Proverbs 21:6 - The acquisition of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

Proverbs 22:4 - The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life.

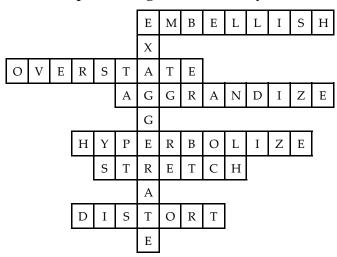
1. lying tongue; 2. a fleeting vapor and the pursuit of death; 3. riches, honor, life; other answers will vary

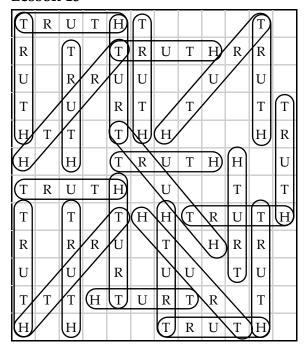
#### Lesson 14

possible answers:

- 1. "I raked leaves for a couple of hours."
- 2. "\$37.95."
- 3. "No, ma'am, not particularly."

- 4. "Our team won, but the other team played well."
- 5. "Sam's pretending to be a cowboy."



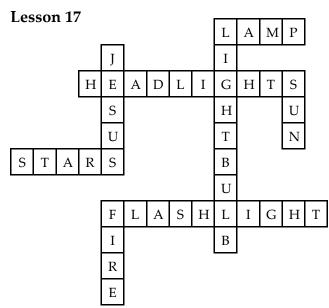


#### Lesson 16

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Word; God; creation; life; light; darkness; flesh; earth; glory; grace; truth

1. B; 2. D; 3. A; 4. G; 5. C; 6. H; 7. F; 8. E



John 3:21 - But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.

#### Lesson 18

John 4:24 - God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

1. Moses; 2. Gideon; 3. Jesus; 4. Paul; 5. elders; 6. John

#### Lesson 19

John 8:31-32 - So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

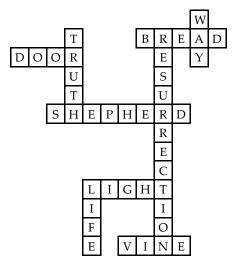
If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

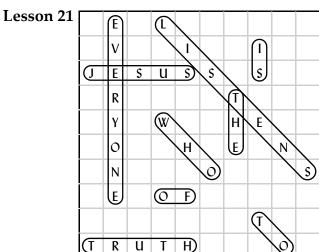
1. a slave to sin; 2. to be truly and completely free

#### Lesson 20

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

- 1. bread; 2. light; 3. door; 4. shepherd;
- 5. resurrection; 6. way, truth, life; 7. vine





1. "Take care what you listen to."; 2, understand; 3. "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"; 4. the word of God; 5. listening to Him; 6. tax collectors and sinners; 7. early in the morning; 8. follow Him

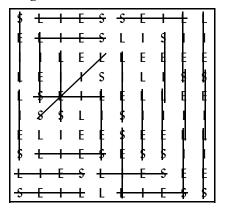
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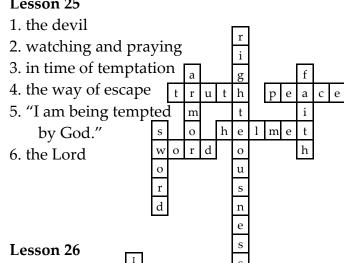
Ephesians 4:15 - But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.

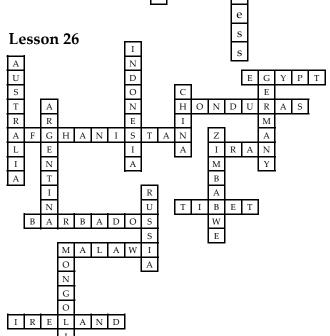
#### Lesson 24

Ephesians 4:25 - Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.



#### Lesson 25





- 1. anxiety; 2. the Lord; 3. confessed;
- 4. one another; 5. all unrighteousness;
- 6. iniquity; 7. forgive

Answers will vary, but could include some of the following:

- 1. I'm sorry I forgot to do my history questions. I should have come inside right away when I realized that maybe I hadn't answered the questions after all. I was wrong not to tell you all of this when you came to get me from the garage when I just said that I had forgotten.
- 2. Please forgive me for being irresponsible and not finishing my work. I'm sorry I didn't think harder before I answered Mom, and I'm sorry I didn't come inside right away when I realized that my work might not all be done.
- 3. Be careful to finish all of her work, think before she speaks, go ahead and check if she thinks she might have made a mistake, and confess what she has done wrong right away.

Lesson 28

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1 John 1:6-7 - If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one

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#### Lesson 29

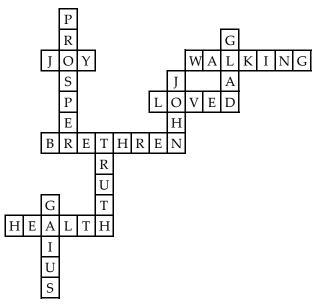
sower; road; birds; hear; hearts; rocky; people; tempted; thorns; choked; word; worries; soil; honest; fruit

Answers will vary, but may be similar to: Archie had lied to him once, so how could he know next time that Archie wasn't lying again?

Louise must have shown herself to have an honest heart.

She knew she had played fairly and hadn't cheated.

#### Lesson 30



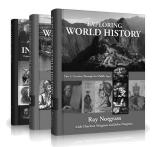
3 John 1:4 - I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.



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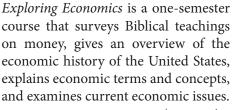
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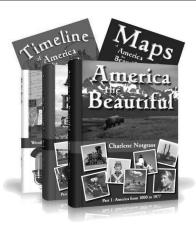
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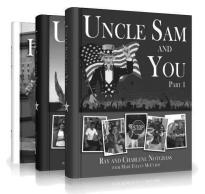
### Grades 5-8

#### America the Beautiful

America the Beautiful is a one-year American history, geography, and literature course. Daily lessons guide your student chronologically through American history, highlighting key events, people, and places. A collection of original documents brings our country's story even more vividly to life.

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#### Uncle Sam and You

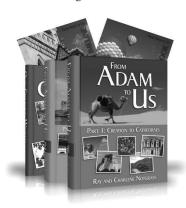
*Uncle Sam and You* takes students on a guided tour of what elected officials and everyday citizens do to run America today. In this one-year course students learn about government on all levels: Federal, state, and local. They study American ideals, symbols, and holidays. They learn respect for their community, state, and country.

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#### From Adam to Us

From Adam to Us is a one-year world history and literature course. The daily lessons are written in a narrative style and richly illustrated with color photographs and maps. Primary sources, literature, and hands-on activities help the student connect with the history in a personal way.

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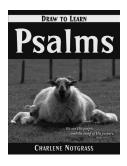


## All Ages

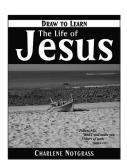
#### Draw to Learn

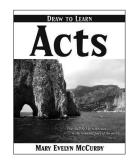
Draw to Learn is an art curriculum and Bible study series. It helps children internalize truths from God's Word while giving them assignments to draw a wide variety of pictures. In each lesson, the student reads a passage from his own Bible, thinks about the meaning, and then draws a picture related to the passage. This simple approach helps children grow in their faith and understanding of Scripture, and at the same time they use and develop their art skills. Choose from five different titles, each with 150 lessons.

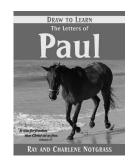
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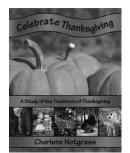






Celebrate the Savior

### Ages 7-12



#### **Celebrate Series Unit Studies**

Celebrate Thanksgiving features fifteen lessons that explore history, geography, Bible study, art, poetry, grammar, creative writing, character, science, traditions, and thinking skills related to the Thanksgiving holiday. It also contains craft instructions for seven projects and acid-free pages for your own Thanksgiving scrapbook.

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Celebrate the Savior has fifteen lessons that chronicle Jesus' birth and childhood, teach how the celebration of Jesus' birth began, and tell about Christmas traditions and legends from many lands. Students learn to separate the facts revealed in the Bible from the traditions and legends created by men. Activities include Bible study, history, geography, science, art, poetry, grammar, and stories of Christmas carols.



#### Walking In Series

Each of these workbooks has fun word puzzles and writing activities that help children dig deeply into how God's word applies to our daily lives. Younger children may need assistance reading the lessons, writing the verses, and completing the puzzles. Older children will be able to complete the lessons on their own, but parents are encouraged to oversee the study so that the children can gain wisdom from their parents as they look into the Word together.

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