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# Relying on The Son

week. Now, here we stood in the dark. He reached for my hand, "Come on, Momma." Suddenly I wasn't afraid at all.

Using the flashlight to find our way around, we were to solve several clues in 60 minutes. As each clue was solved, lights would come on. By the end of the game, the whole room would/should be flooded in light. Yay!

The game area covered two floors. Puzzles were hidden all around the area. We repeatedly worked a large board full of holes. It was two stories tall. Working together, at first in the dark, we inched metal balls in a cradle up the board to the top. When successful, clues opened somewhere in the room. If a ball went into one of the holes in the middle of the board, we would not get the clue. My son called out as we lifted each ball with ropes on the sides of the board, "Let up a little," or "Pull!" I listened to him. He had played these games before. I trusted him. We got each one exactly where it needed to be.

For one test, we used seven mirrors to project a laser from each corner, upstairs and back down. (It was sooo cool!) Again, I listened to my son. He is wiser than me and had been here before.

After each victory, lights began to come on in the room. Working together, listening to my son, we did it! We solved all the clues and got out with eight minutes to spare! It was mostly him. I was Velma to his Shaggy, Robin to his Batman. If not for him, I would still be trying to spell words with my feet. (Another puzzle.)

As corny as it sounds, the game reminded me of my spiritual walk. My eyes teared up when it hit me right in the middle of it all.

I listened to my son, because he knew what to do. I trusted my son, because he had been there before. When I was afraid, my son reached out for me. He guided me so I wouldn't fall. I couldn't have done it without my son. Working together, we finished the game.

If I listen to God's Son, He always knows exactly what to do. I can trust God's Son, because He has gone before me. When I am afraid, God's Son is right there with me-every minute. God's Son will guide me if I let Him. Working together with God's Son, I can do anything.

We hadn't expected to start off in the dark, but God used it to teach me something. Life is so much like "Shock and Awe". It's exciting, puzzling, confusing, and fun! I can't wait to go again!

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

1 John 4:11-12

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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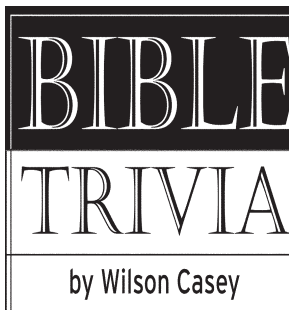
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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### Bible Word Search Answer on Page 12



- John the Baptist
- From Hebrews 7, who was the only king said to have neither mother nor father? Solomon, David, Melchizedek, Sargon
  - Whose four daughters were considered prophetesses? Gad, Philip, Jonah, Noah
  - Which biblical name means, "God has helped"? Solomon, Paul, Lazarus, Amos

**Answers on bottom of Page 12**

**"Test Your Bible knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.**

- Is the book of Lydia in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From 1 Corinthians 11, Paul said women should have a symbol of authority because of \_\_\_? Life, Trust, Love, Angels
- In Acts 10, who said, "Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean"? Herod, Peter, Thomas,

## Blasphemy?

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unto you."

So, we can reach no other conclusion but that the Holy Spirit guided the writers of the New Testament to write only the things that were true and beneficial to our salvation. And, if anyone will not accept what is written and ever speak against the truths therein, he or she will never be forgiven in this world nor in the world to come. Why? Because the Gospel is God's prayer to save all of mankind if believed on and obeyed. Hebrews 5:8-9.

Now, how can, and sadly are we doing to commit blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Here is a real experience. Just recently a fellow said, "baptism is a command, but it really does not do anything for us." This, My Friend, is nothing short of blasphemy, because the Holy Spirit said unto Peter in Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Accordingly, Ephesians 1:13 reveals this is our gift of salvation. Then, the Holy Spirit also caused Peter to write in 1 Peter 3:21, these words, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

So now, we can see that a person who does not believe that which the Holy Spirit caused to be written, is not saved; plus, if they do not change their mind and repent, they will never be saved. **Harsh words! Yes!** But they are given from Almighty God. So, if you want to argue with him, go right ahead, but you will lose every time.

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**Sincerely, Bob Casey**

PS: Our heart-felt condolences to the family of Blake Crowe for their terrible loss. We are praying for all. **B.C.**

It is written in Matthew 12:31-32, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

First of all, what are the definitions of blasphemy? The act of expressing evil; a lack of reverence toward God; a defilement, desecration, impurity, profane, and to address with irreverence.

To understand the seriousness of these two verses, one has to consider just who is this Holy Spirit? In 1 John 5:7-8, he is the third person in the Godhead, and he is bearing witness in the earth today. How is he doing this? In John 16:13-14, Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." Jesus says in Verse 8, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

Now, take notice that the Holy Spirit would testify of Jesus himself (John 15:26); plus, in John 14:26, Jesus said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, (authority) he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said

### Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Skill

LATENT

Bash

MINGAL

Flame

LINKED

Niche

VOCAL

### TODAY'S WORD

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While watching a large oceangoing cargo ship slip quietly into the Atlantic I noticed a mark on the side of the ship. Having been in the Navy for several years, I was rather embarrassed to ask my friend what it meant.

"It's a Plimsoll Mark," he said with authority. It was not an answer that helped at all, so I asked, "What's a Plimsoll Mark?"

"It's a load-line on the ship that shows how much cargo the ship can carry safely under different conditions. For example, the closer the line is to the water, the more 'at-risk' the ship would be in a storm."

The Lord has a "load-line" marking on each of us. As we read in Psalm 103:14, "for He knows how we are

formed, He remembers that we are dust." The Psalmist assures us that God knows our limitations - what we can safely and securely "carry."

None of us are immune to trials - nor are any of us excused from being tempted. All of us, in one way or another and at one time or another, face similar types of trials and temptations. None are new. None are different. They come at different times in different situations from different directions appealing to our different weaknesses.

As Paul wrote, "No temptation has seized you that is not common to others, And, God is faithful! He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide you a way out."

He knows our "load-lines" and will not let us sink. However, we must be careful not to put ourselves at risk.

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## Stickeler's Puzzle



What number comes next?

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