

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 107:28-29

Then they **cried** out to the **LORD** in their **trouble**, and he **brought** them **out** of **their distress**. He **stilled** the **storm** to a **whisper**; the **waves** of the **sea were hushed**.

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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 TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jonah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel 11, who received a letter from David telling him to put Uriah into battle? Gideon, Ahab, Isaac, Joab
3. In Luke 12:27, what did Jesus say are better arrayed than King

Solomon? Lilies, Angles, Trees, Sheep

4. Matthew, the tax collector, was known by what other name? Levi, Felix, Reuben, Jehu

5. Who was the baby born of Zacharias and Elizabeth? Daniel, John the Baptist, Noah, David

6. Which king of Judah had his eyes gouged out? Uzziah, Ahaz, Jeconiah, Zedekiah

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



There's nothing else for me to do but up give up on it," he said with discouragement.

"Give up, son? Why would you give up?" he asked.

"There's nothing else to I can do," said Tim.

"Oh, but there is. You can always call on me to help you, Son," he said with compassion.

Often God allows us to realize how weak we are without Him. We struggle and fail. We try and give up. We worry and become depressed. We think and realize that many things are beyond us. We practice and still make mistakes. We work and still can't make ends meet.

Then suddenly we realize that God has put a "gap" between us and the solution to our problem. It's His way of saying, "You can always call on me for help. And when you do, I will answer you and I will be with you!"

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Young Timothy was helping his Dad clear a lot next to their home for a garden. Things went well until Tim ran into a large stone that he couldn't budge. After struggling for a few moments he called to his Dad and said, "Dad, this one is too big for me to handle. What should I do?"

"Well," said his Dad wanting him to learn a lesson, "what have you tried to do?"

"I've pulled on it with both hands," he said looking down at the stone. "And I've tried to pull it with a hoe, too, but that didn't work either."

"Sounds like you've tried to move it with all the strength that you have," his Dad said patiently.

"Sure have, Dad."

FIRST-PERSON: Having some fun at children's church



by Dawn Reed
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Some of my genius ideas for children's church turn out to be not so genius. I do get extra points for enthusiasm.

Realizing our new 2-year olds and some other wiggly kids needed a little something extra for activities, I latched on to the idea of sensory toys. Going the easy/cheap way, I purchased brightly colored balloons and packed them with all manner of things.

Beads, beans, rice, and marbles were a few of the fillers I had planned. Walking through Dollar Tree, I searched for anything with a texture. And, it had to go through the neck of the balloon! Grits and miniature marshmallows were added to my basket.

I don't know if you've stuffed balloons lately with anything other than water; it can be tricky. While brainstorming at work, a college student suggested the top of a Gatorade bottle could be used as a funnel. Game. Changed.

As with most of my genius ideas, I made a huge mess. Balloons had to be blown up for 10 minutes to make them pliable. I clipped them with clothes pins. They rolled everywhere. Sitting on my couch with bags of filler all around, I looked like I was having a party all by myself.

My beloved had gone to bed. He will be very curious when he finds grits and rice in the couch.

As silly as it may sound, I prayed as I worked. I want our kids to learn about Jesus and have the best time ever!

The next morning in children's church, the kids LOVED the balloons! Right off, we played "Pass the Balloon" to one of their favorite songs. Passing to their neighbor was a totally new concept. We laughed so much! It was one of those delicious moments when everything was right...and then it wasn't.

One 4-year old especially loved the marshmallow filled balloons and cried every time he had to pass it to someone else. (Later, I caught him trying to stuff it into

his pocket to take home.)

A 5-year old somehow exploded a rice filled balloon showering a thousand grains on the floor. (A grit balloon was leaking, but we caught it just in time.)

Our Father's Day lesson was on Zechariah. He became a father at an old age. We made angels, Zechariah faces with big cotton ball beards, and played a silly game of "Hot Baby John". It's exactly like hot potato but with a swaddled baby doll. Learning that Gabriel struck Zechariah mute, we put our hands over our mouths and tried to talk. It was hilarious! Oh, there was also singing with big motions. (My helpers need a raise!)

Why am I telling you all this? Learning about God and His Word can be so much fun! COVID shut down so many things over the last 15 months, including church services. We are sooo glad to be back to "normal".

I hope you and your family have gone back to church. If not, I hope you will. You need it; your children and grandchildren need it. I hope you go and learn about Jesus together and you LOVE IT; and love HIM. I pray He gives you so much joy that you can't keep it in, like a balloon filled with rice... that it will explode all over everyone you meet!

Making Attempts to Justify Religious Claims

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In **Luke 10:25-37** is found the story of a certain lawyer, standing up and testing the Lord by asking him this question, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁵

Now, in my opinion, this is the greatest question that anyone can ask. But, if you ask this in today's religious society, you would receive so many responses that this page could not contain them.

First of all, this man was noted to be a man of letters; perhaps had once been a scribe translating the Old Testament scriptures. But now, he had reached a place where he was called a doctor, meaning that he could with certainty claim to be an instructor to others.

Sometimes, our Lord would answer a question with a question. So, he did, saying, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?"²⁶ Then, he answered correctly, quoting Deuteronomy 6:4, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."²⁷

This should have been the end of it, "but he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?"²⁹ He was a Jew; he already knew what the duty to one's neighbor consisted of, but he rejected others who were not Jews when he had the opportunity. So, he thought that he was righteous if he only acknowledged the Jew, when our Lord came to save the whole world.

So, the Lord told him this story about the traveler who was accosted by thieves and the self-proclaimed righteous one did nothing to help him. Then came the Samaritan and gave assistance to him all the way. At the summation of this story, our Lord put him on the spot by asking, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?"³⁶ Then, he had to answer correctly or he would have looked ignorant, and he said, "He that shewed mercy on him."³⁷ Then Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise."³⁷

Point is, that this man was attempting to appear righteous when in fact, he knew the truth but was not doing it. Sadly, but many who are attempting to appear righteous are doing the same things today. In **Acts 10:34-35**, it says, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." This was said to me in a discussion with a man who attended a denominational church, but the problem was his opinion of working righteousness did not correspond to what the Bible actually said, and he was unwilling to discuss it any further.

So today, we are still facing the same things that our Lord faced as he taught the people. Many willing to justify their claims to be righteousness have used the opinions of men formulating their scheme of redemption. This will not get one to Heaven. **John 1:12-13** says so, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." Many will try it, though, but will be rejected. All one has to do is read Matthew 7:21-23.

The examples are seen all over the world; men claiming to be married to Christ but taking other opinionated names also, thereby committing spiritual adultery. In the most serious case of opinions is made, when the Plan of Salvation is taught. The plain Biblical teaching is, for one to be saved, they must hear the Gospel, believe the Gospel, repent of all past sins, confessing the name of Christ before men, and to be baptized for the remission of sins. This is God's plan, but men that will try to justify their failures to do this are saying, 'Well, it is a command, but it really doesn't do anything for you.' How can one arrive at this conclusion?

Acts 2:38 says baptism is "for the remission of sins." Romans 6:3-5 says baptism is a burial; not sprinkling, pouring. This is why we contract his shed blood into his death.

1 Peter 3:21 says, "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, is your conscience clear, or are you depending upon the opinions of men to save you. Think about it. Your hope of Heaven depends upon it.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

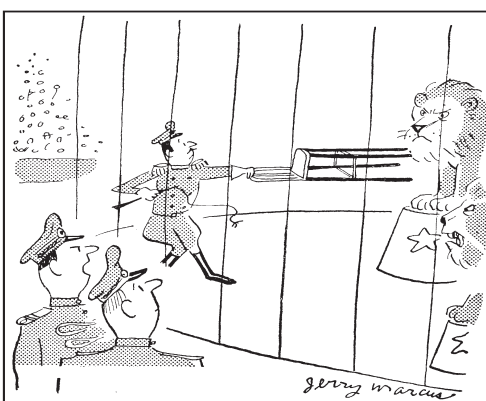
STICKELERS [sic]
by Terry Stickels

A cow is referred to as a bovine, a dog is a canine and a wolf is a lupine. Match the animals on the left with the descriptive adjective on the right.

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| 1. hare | a. anatine |
| 2. sheep | b. ovine |
| 3. duck | c. vulpine |
| 4. bear | d. leporine |
| 5. fox | e. ursine |

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"If you ask me, he's losing his _____."

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!

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