



Bible Crossword Puzzles

10 printable puzzles for kids & adults, with answer keys

Joseph • Daniel • The Lord's Prayer • Ruth • Esther • Elijah • Hebrews 11 • Paul • Proverbs

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 (KJV)

WHAT'S INSIDE

3
easy puzzles
ages 6+

4
medium puzzles
ages 9+

3
hard puzzles
teens & adults

10
answer keys
+ KJV references

1
blank grid
make your own

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How to Solve

- 1 Print.** Print at 100% / "Actual size" on plain paper. Print one puzzle per child, or the whole set for a family, class or small group.
- 2 Read.** Read a clue, count the squares, and write one letter in each square. The number in brackets is the length of the answer; (3,3) means two words.
- 3 Look it up.** Easy and medium clues give the Bible reference. Open your King James Bible and read the verse to find the word.
- 4 Check.** All answers are on pages 13–17, with the KJV reference for every clue.

THREE LEVELS

Easy

AGES 6+

Word bank and Bible references given.

Medium

AGES 9+

Bible references given, no word bank.

Hard

TEENS & ADULTS

No word bank and no references (they are in the answer key).

WHAT'S INSIDE

- 3 Joseph and His Brothers **EASY**
- 4 Daniel in the Lions' Den **EASY**
- 5 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand **EASY**
- 6 The Lord's Prayer **MEDIUM**
- 7 Ruth and Naomi **MEDIUM**
- 8 Queen Esther **MEDIUM**
- 9 Elijah and the Fire from Heaven **MEDIUM**
- 10 Heroes of Faith **HARD**
- 11 The Journeys of Paul **HARD**
- 12 Wisdom from Proverbs **HARD**
- 13–17 Answer keys
- 18 Make your own crossword
- 19 Keep going

IDEAS FOR FAMILIES & CLASSES

- Bible in hand: let children find each answer in their own Bible. Looking up the reference is half the fun.
- Team play: pair a younger child with an older reader on the medium puzzles.
- KJV spellings: answers keep King James spellings, such as SCEPTRE, SARA, GEDEON, TIMOTHEUS and MELITA (Malta).
- Sunday school: use the puzzle that matches your lesson as a welcome activity, or send it home as review.

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

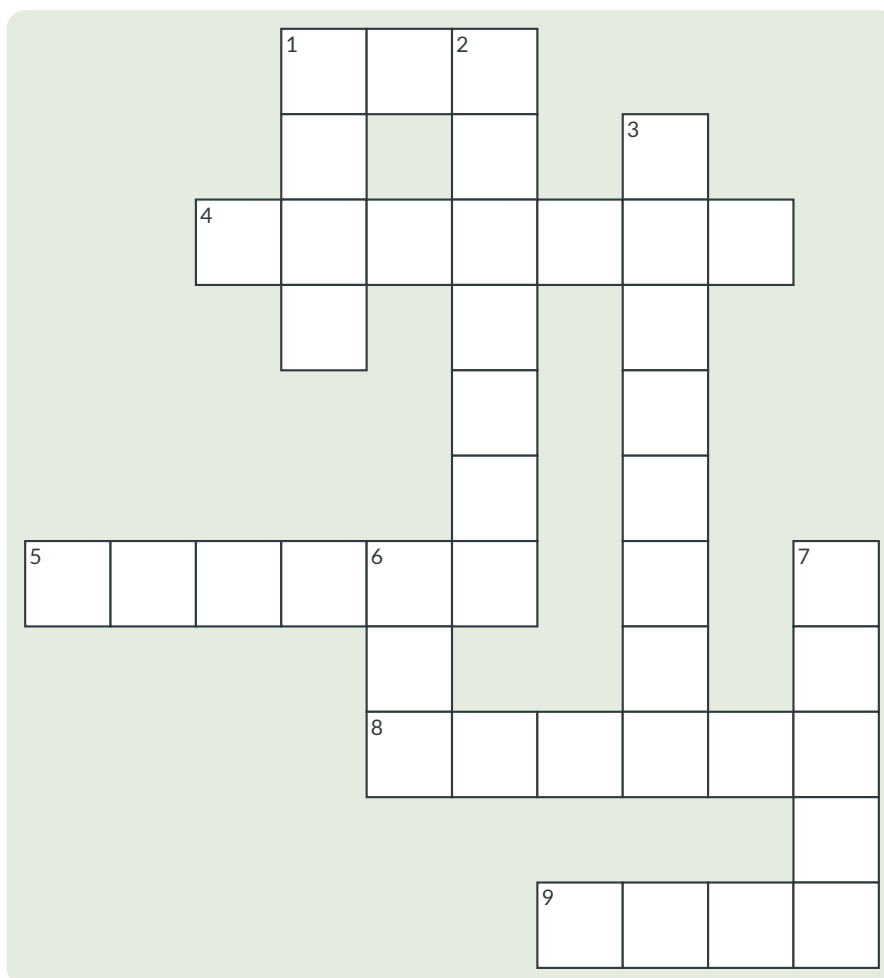
ACTS 17:11 (KJV)

Joseph and His Brothers

EASY

Genesis 37-45 • Ages 6+

Word bank and Bible references given.



WORD BANK

BENJAMIN • COAT • CORN • CUP • DREAMED • EGYPT • JOSEPH • PHARAOH • PIT • TWENTY

ACROSS

1 The silver ____ hidden in the youngest brother's sack (3) Genesis 44:2

4 "And Joseph ____ a dream, and he told it his brethren" (7) Genesis 37:5

5 "Now Israel loved ____ more than all his children" (6) Genesis 37:3

8 Joseph was sold for ____ pieces of silver (6) Genesis 37:28

9 His father made him a ____ of many colours (4) Genesis 37:3

DOWN

1 Joseph gathered this "as the sand of the sea" (4) Genesis 41:49

2 The king who sent and called Joseph out of the dungeon (7) Genesis 41:14

3 Joseph's brother whom Jacob did not send with the ten (8) Genesis 42:3-4

6 His brothers cast him into this. It was empty, with no water in it (3) Genesis 37:24

7 The country the merchantmen brought Joseph to (5) Genesis 37:28

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

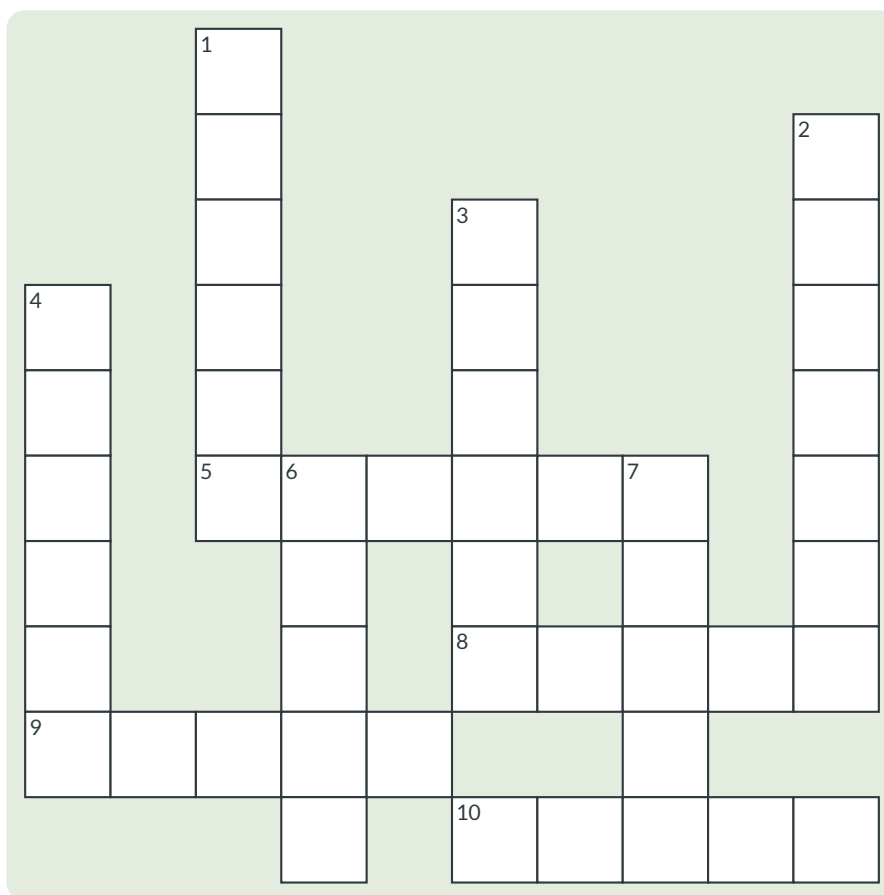
GENESIS 50:20 (KJV)

Daniel in the Lions' Den

EASY

Daniel 6 · Ages 6+

Word bank and Bible references given.



WORD BANK

ANGEL · DANIEL · DARIUS · KNEES · LIONS · PRAYED · SIGNET · STONE · THREE · WINDOWS

ACROSS

- 5 The king who set 120 princes over his kingdom (6) Daniel 6:1
- 8 Daniel was cast into the den of ____ (5) Daniel 6:16
- 9 How many times a day he kneeled to pray (5) Daniel 6:10
- 10 "He kneeled upon his ____" (5) Daniel 6:10

DOWN

- 1 Daniel ____ and gave thanks before his God (6) Daniel 6:10
- 2 His ____ were open toward Jerusalem (7) Daniel 6:10
- 3 He was taken up out of the den with no hurt, because he believed in his God (6) Daniel 6:23
- 4 "The king sealed it with his own ____" (6) Daniel 6:17
- 6 "My God hath sent his ____, and hath shut the lions' mouths" (5) Daniel 6:22
- 7 This was laid upon the mouth of the den (5) Daniel 6:17

"I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end."

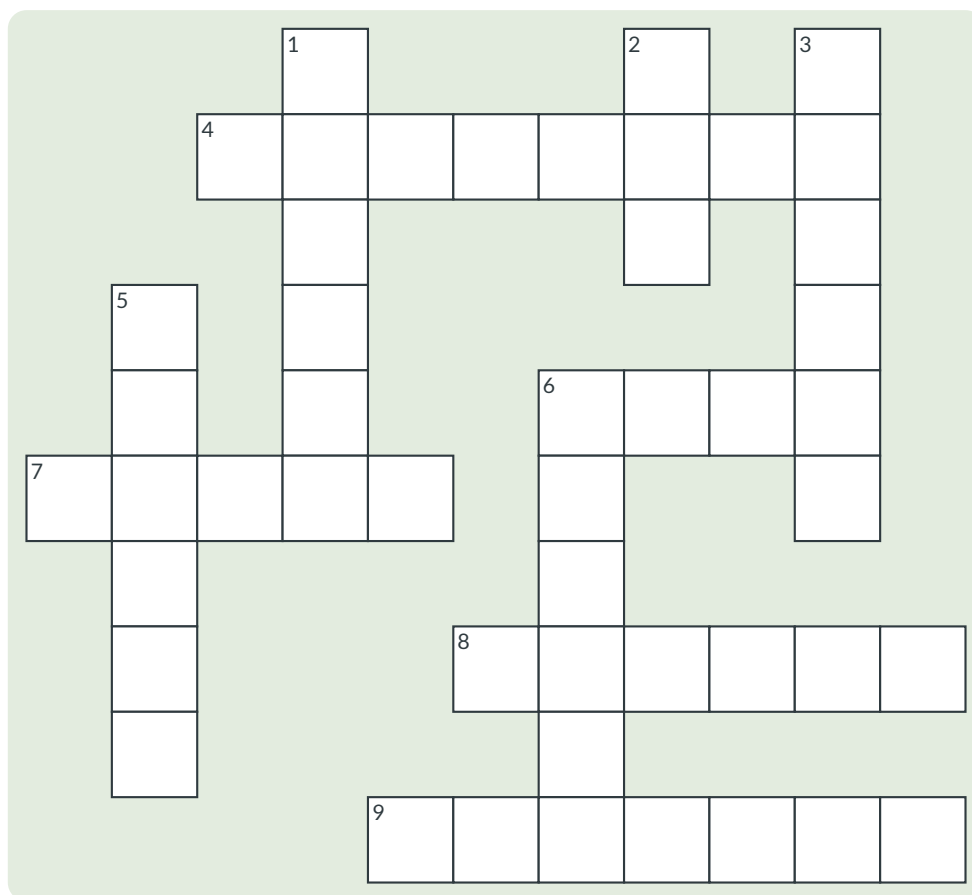
DANIEL 6:26 (KJV)

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

EASY

John 6:1-14 • Ages 6+

Word bank and Bible references given.



WORD BANK

ANDREW • BARLEY • BASKETS • FISHES • FIVE • GRASS • LAD • LOAVES • MOUNTAIN • PHILIP

ACROSS

- 4 Jesus went up into a ____ with his disciples (8) John 6:3
- 6 About ____ thousand men sat down to eat (4) John 6:10
- 7 "Now there was much ____ in the place" (5) John 6:10
- 8 The disciple Jesus asked, "Whence shall we buy bread?" (6) John 6:5
- 9 They filled twelve of these with the leftover fragments (7) John 6:13

DOWN

- 1 Jesus took these and gave thanks (6) John 6:11
- 2 "There is a ____ here" (3) John 6:9
- 3 Simon Peter's brother, who told Jesus about the boy's food (6) John 6:8-9
- 5 The boy's bread was made from this grain (6) John 6:9
- 6 The boy also had two small ____ (6) John 6:9

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

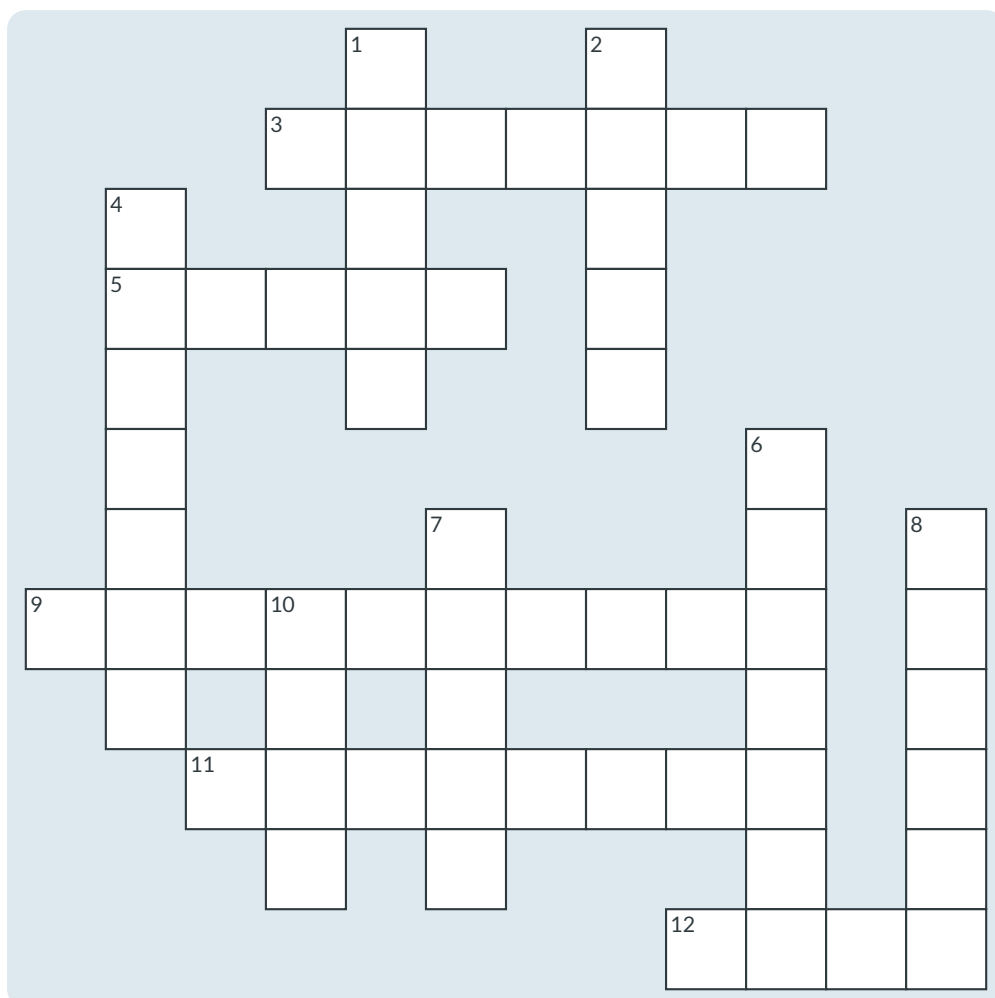
JOHN 6:35 (KJV)

The Lord's Prayer

MEDIUM

Matthew 6:9-13 (fill in the missing words) • Ages 9+

Bible references given, no word bank.



ACROSS

- 3 "...as we forgive our ____" (7) Matthew 6:12
 5 "Thy will be done in ____" (5) Matthew 6:10
 9 "And lead us not into ____" (10) Matthew 6:13
 11 "____ be thy name" (8) Matthew 6:9
 12 The last word of the prayer (4) Matthew 6:13

DOWN

- 1 "And forgive us our ____" (5) Matthew 6:12
 2 "...and the ____, and the glory, for ever" (5) Matthew 6:13
 4 "But ____ us from evil" (7) Matthew 6:13
 6 "Thy ____ come" (7) Matthew 6:10
 7 "Give us this day our ____ bread" (5) Matthew 6:11
 8 "Our Father which art in ____" (6) Matthew 6:9
 10 "After this manner therefore ____ ye" (4) Matthew 6:9

"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

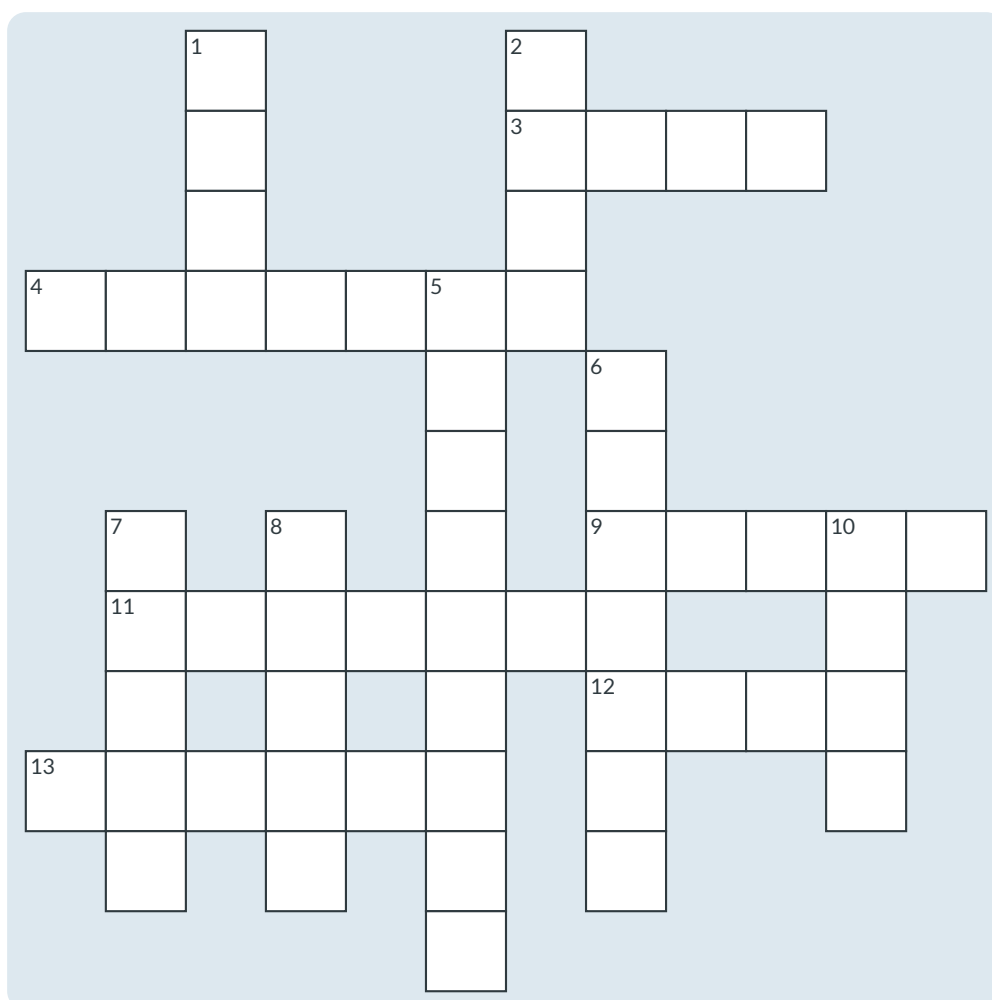
MATTHEW 6:8 (KJV)

Ruth and Naomi

MEDIUM

The book of Ruth · Ages 9+

Bible references given, no word bank.



ACROSS

- 3 The man who owned the field **(4)** Ruth 2:3
 4 Ruth ____ in the field (gathered the leftover grain) **(7)** Ruth 2:3
 9 "There is a son born to ____" **(5)** Ruth 4:17
 11 Ruth followed these workers in the field **(7)** Ruth 2:3
 12 "Call me not Naomi, call me ____" **(4)** Ruth 1:20
 13 "There was a ____ in the land", so the family left Beth-lehem-judah **(6)** Ruth 1:1

DOWN

- 1 The man drew off his ____ to confirm the deal **(4)** Ruth 4:8
 2 Ruth's son, the father of Jesse **(4)** Ruth 4:17
 5 Naomi's husband **(9)** Ruth 1:2
 6 Naomi's ____ was a mighty man of wealth **(7)** Ruth 2:1
 7 Ruth's sister-in-law: "the name of the one was ____" **(5)** Ruth 1:4
 8 Jesse's son, Ruth's great-grandson **(5)** Ruth 4:17
 10 The country the family went to sojourn in **(4)** Ruth 1:1

"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

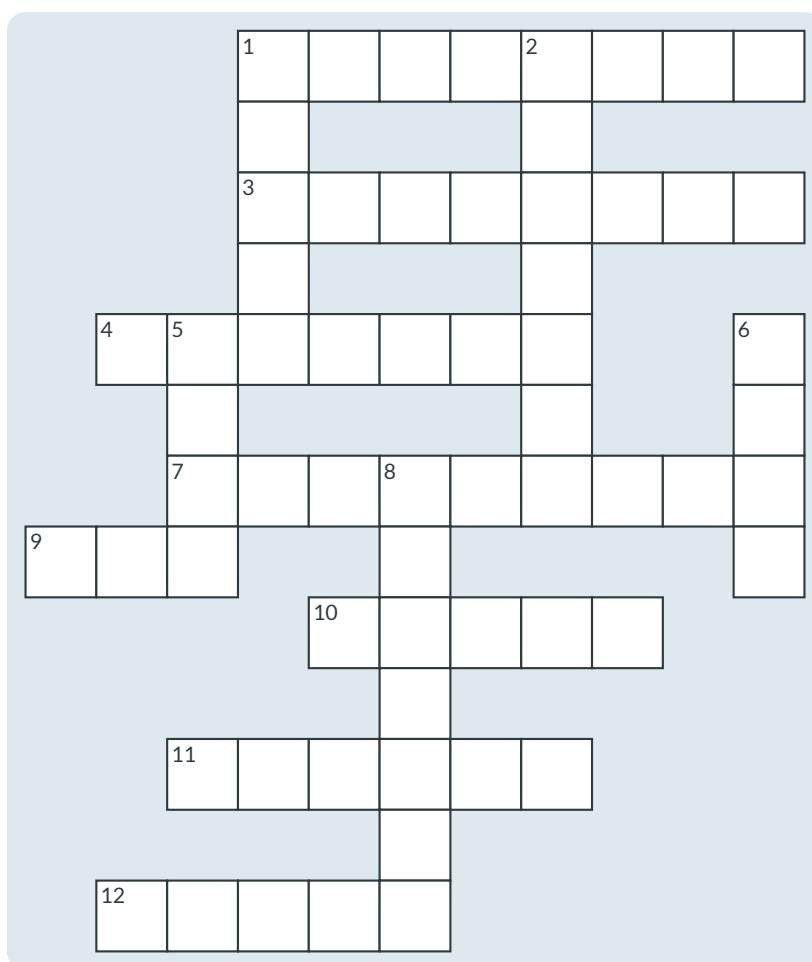
RUTH 1:16 (KJV)

Queen Esther

MEDIUM

The book of Esther · Ages 9+

Bible references given, no word bank.



ACROSS

- 1 Esther's other name (8) Esther 2:7
 3 Esther's cousin, who took her for his own daughter (8) Esther 2:7
 4 Esther prepared this and invited the king to come (7) Esther 5:4
 7 The king who reigned from India to Ethiopia (9) Esther 1:1
 9 The lot that was cast in the first month, Nisan (3) Esther 3:7
 10 The feast days named after the lot that was cast (5) Esther 9:26
 11 The queen who made a feast for the women (6) Esther 1:9
 12 The king set the royal ____ upon Esther's head (5) Esther 2:17

DOWN

- 1 The man the king promoted above all the princes (5) Esther 3:1
 2 The king held out the golden ____ to Esther (7) Esther 5:2
 5 "The twelfth month, that is, the month ____" (4) Esther 3:7
 6 "____ ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days" (4) Esther 4:16
 8 "____ the palace", where the king's throne was (7) Esther 1:2

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

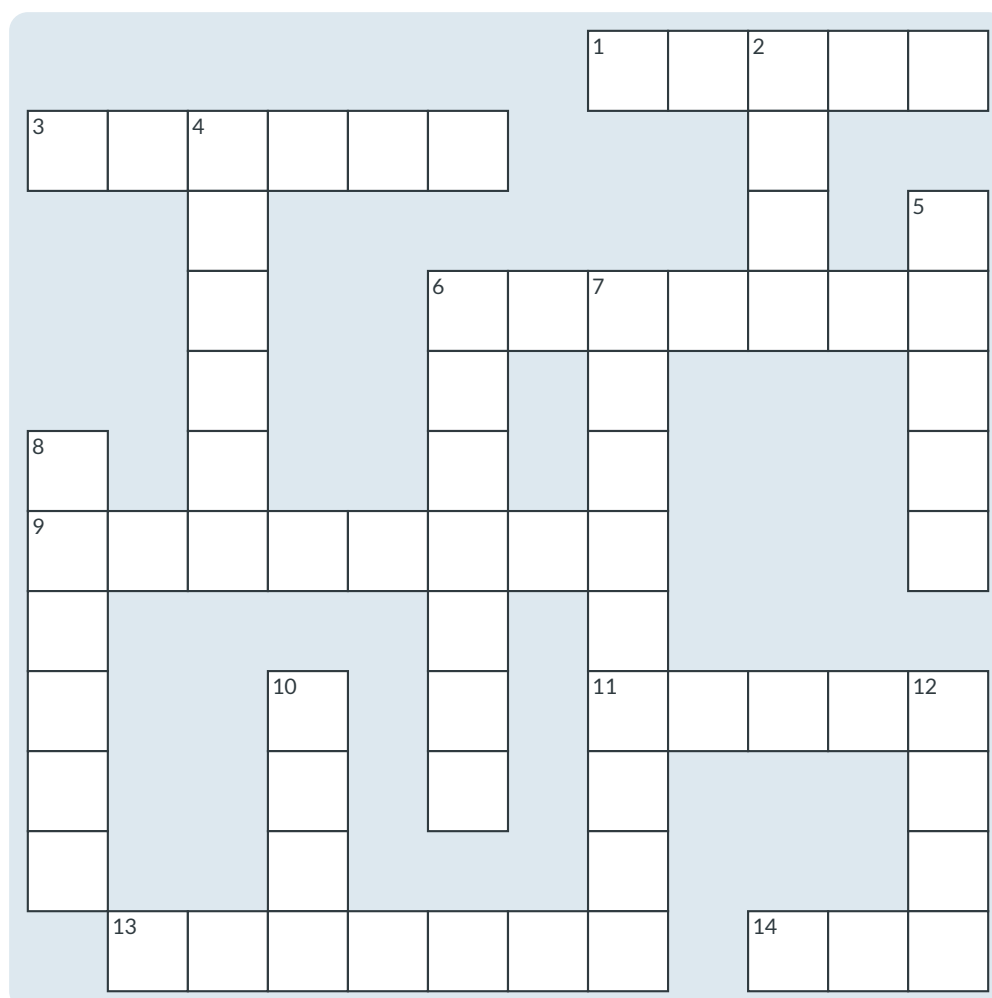
ESTHER 4:14 (KJV)

Elijah and the Fire from Heaven

MEDIUM

1 Kings 17-19 · Ages 9+

Bible references given, no word bank.



ACROSS

- 1 "And after the fire a still ____ voice" (5) 1 Kings 19:12
 3 The mount where all Israel gathered (6) 1 Kings 18:19
 6 The woman who sent a messenger to threaten Elijah (7) 1 Kings 19:2
 9 Elijah the ____, of the inhabitants of Gilead (8) 1 Kings 17:1
 11 He travelled forty days and nights to ____ the mount of God (5) 1 Kings 19:8
 13 The brook where Elijah hid, before Jordan (7) 1 Kings 17:3
 14 The widow's barrel of meal wasted not, and her cruse of ____ did not fail (3) 1 Kings 17:16

DOWN

- 2 The king Elijah told there would be no dew nor rain (4) 1 Kings 17:1
 4 They brought Elijah bread and flesh morning and evening (6) 1 Kings 17:6
 5 Elijah repaired the ____ of the LORD that was broken down (5) 1 Kings 18:30
 6 Elijah sat down under this kind of tree (7) 1 Kings 19:4
 7 The town where a widow fed Elijah (9) 1 Kings 17:9
 8 Elijah took twelve of these, one for each tribe (6) 1 Kings 18:31
 10 It fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice (4) 1 Kings 18:38
 12 The false god whose 450 prophets came to the mount (4) 1 Kings 18:19

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God."

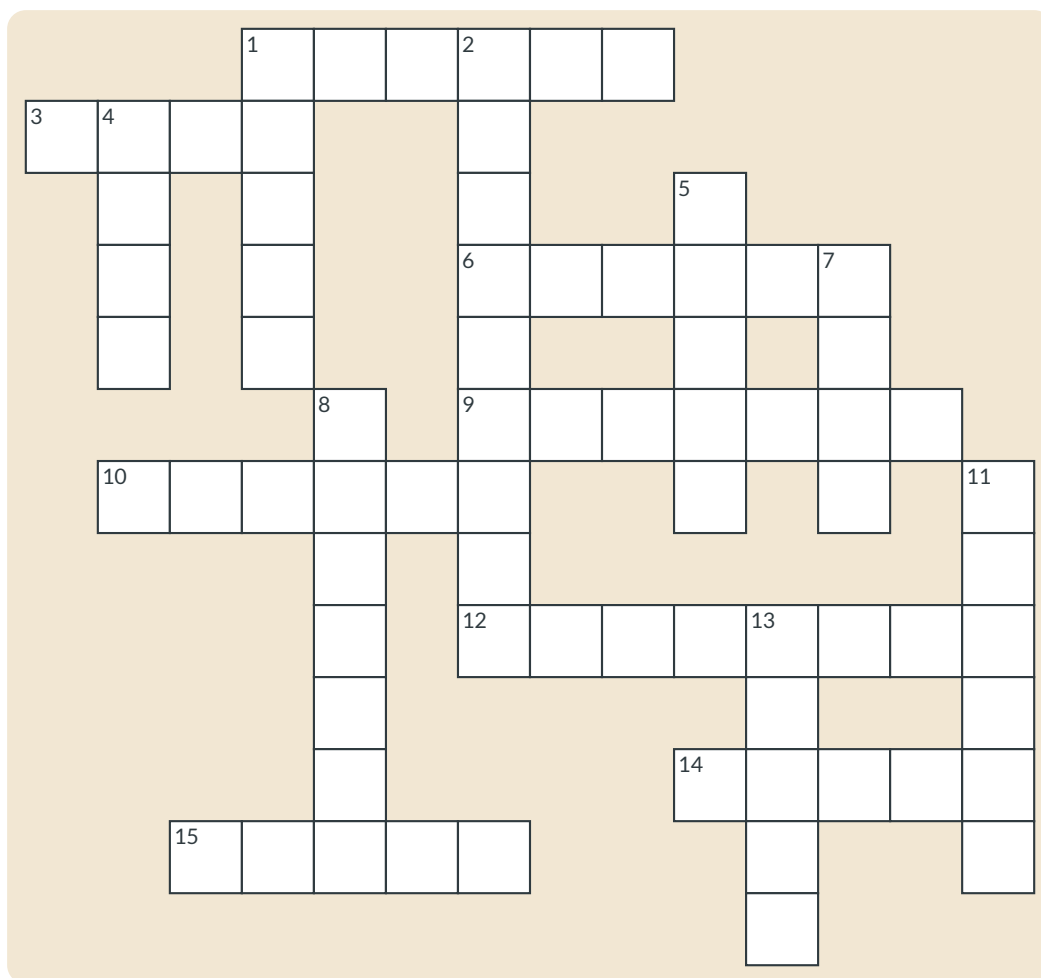
1 KINGS 18:39 (KJV)

Heroes of Faith

HARD

Hebrews 11 and the start of Hebrews 12 · Teens & Adults

No word bank and no references (they are in the answer key).



ACROSS

- 1 They passed through it as by dry land (3,3)
 3 She received strength to conceive seed when she was past age (KJV New Testament spelling) (4)
 6 Judge named between Barak and Jephthae (6)
 9 He went out, not knowing whither he went (7)
 10 The KJV New Testament spelling of the judge listed just before Barak (6)
 12 "...the ____ of things not seen" (8)
 14 He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter (5)
 15 We are compassed about with so great a ____ of witnesses (5)

DOWN

- 1 She received the spies with peace and perished not (5)
 2 "Now faith is the ____ of things hoped for" (9)
 4 He offered God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain (4)
 5 He blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come (5)
 7 Moved with fear, he prepared an ark to the saving of his house (4)
 8 Its walls fell down after they were compassed about seven days (7)
 11 "Without faith it is impossible to ____ him" (6)
 13 He was translated that he should not see death (5)

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

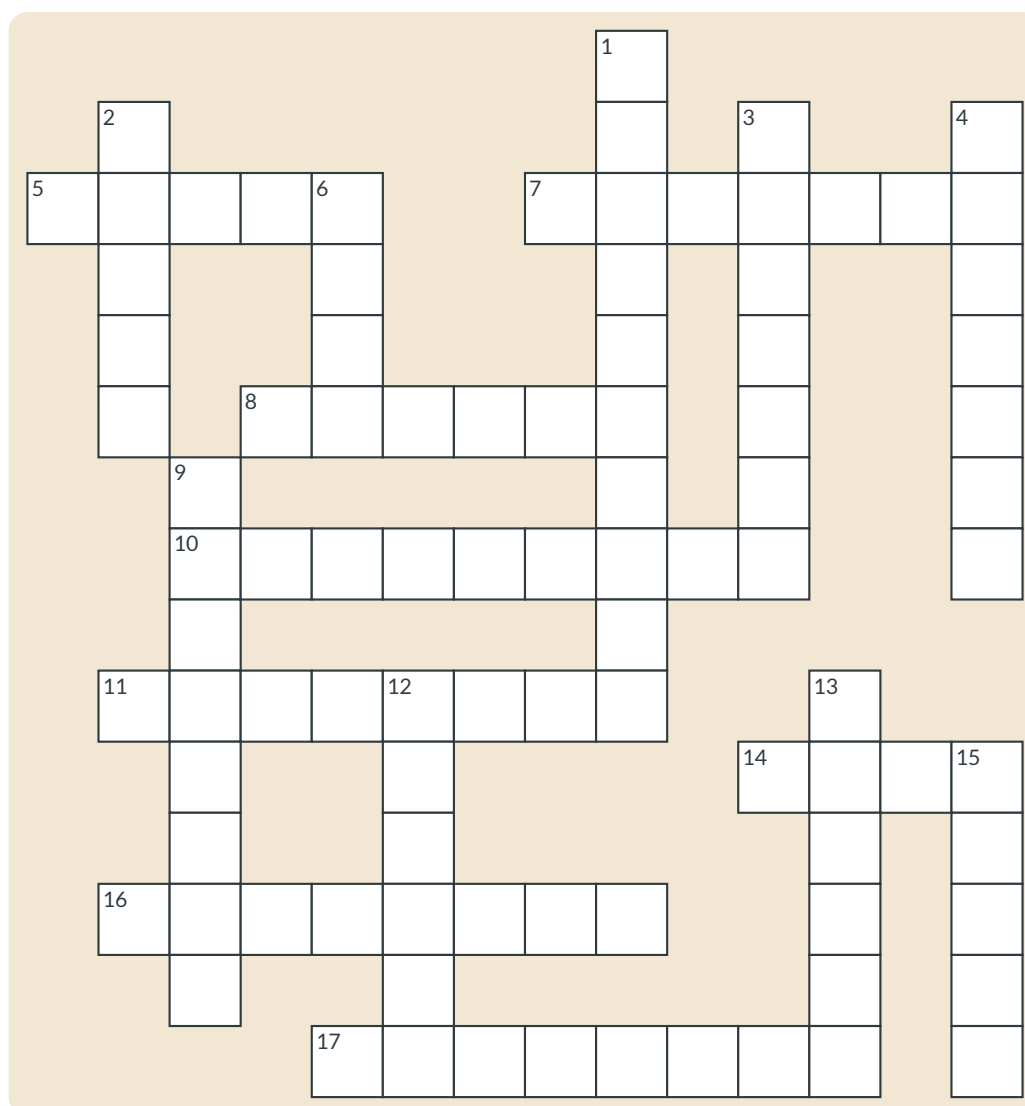
HEBREWS 11:3 (KJV)

The Journeys of Paul

HARD

The book of Acts · Teens & Adults

No word bank and no references (they are in the answer key).

**ACROSS**

- 5 It came out of the heat and fastened on Paul's hand (5)
 7 The altar in Athens read "TO THE ____ GOD" (7)
 8 The island of the shipwreck (Malta), as named in the KJV (6)
 10 The disciple at Lystra whose mother was a Jewess (KJV spelling in Acts) (9)
 11 Surname of Joses, meaning "The son of consolation" (8)
 14 His name before he was "also called Paul" (4)
 16 The chief city of that part of Macedonia (8)
 17 A light from heaven shined round about him as he came near this city (8)

DOWN

- 1 Paul's trade: "by their occupation they were ____" (10)
 2 He prayed and sang praises with Paul at midnight in prison (5)
 3 The disciple the Lord called by name in a vision (7)
 4 Where the disciples were first called Christians (7)
 6 Where Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier (4)
 9 "The street which is called ____" (8)
 12 A Jew born in Pontus, husband of Priscilla (6)
 13 Paul's home city (6)
 15 A seller of purple from Thyatira whose heart the Lord opened (5)

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

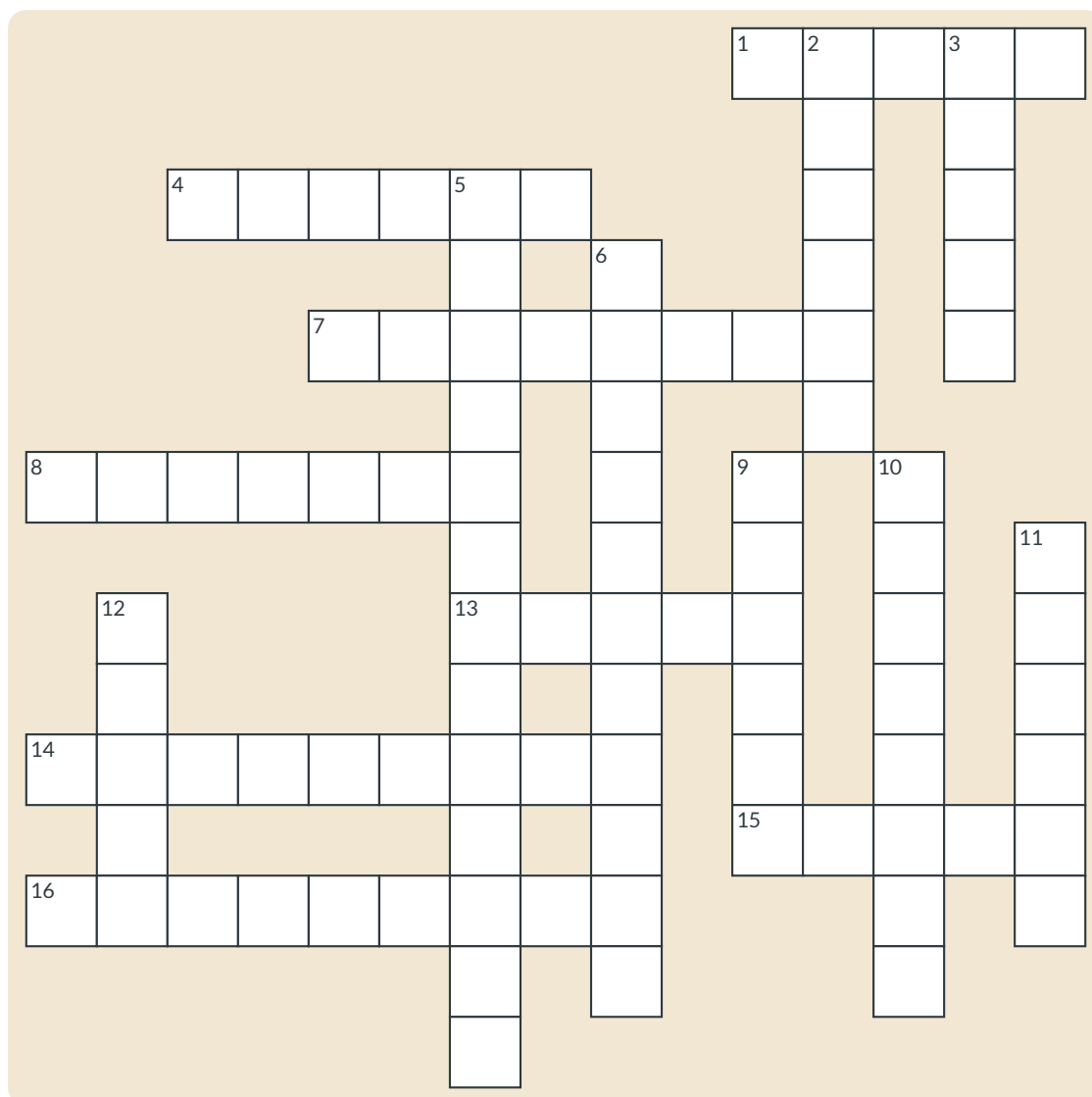
2 TIMOTHY 4:7 (KJV)

Wisdom from Proverbs

HARD

Fill in the missing word from Proverbs · Teens & Adults

No word bank and no references (they are in the answer key).

**ACROSS**

- 1 "A soft answer turneth away ____" (5)
- 4 "Death and life are in the power of the ____" (6)
- 7 "A merry heart doeth good like a ____" (8)
- 8 "...that sticketh closer than a ____" (7)
- 13 "The name of the LORD is a strong ____" (5)
- 14 "Keep thy heart with all ____" (9)
- 15 "____ up a child in the way he should go" (5)
- 16 "The fear of the LORD is the ____ of knowledge" (9)

DOWN

- 2 "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above ____" (6)
- 3 "____ in the LORD with all thine heart" (5)
- 5 "And lean not unto thine own ____" (13)
- 6 "In all thy ways ____ him" (11)
- 9 "And he shall ____ thy paths" (6)
- 10 "Go to the ant, thou ____; consider her ways, and be wise" (8)
- 11 "So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his ____" (6)
- 12 "____ goeth before destruction" (5)

"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

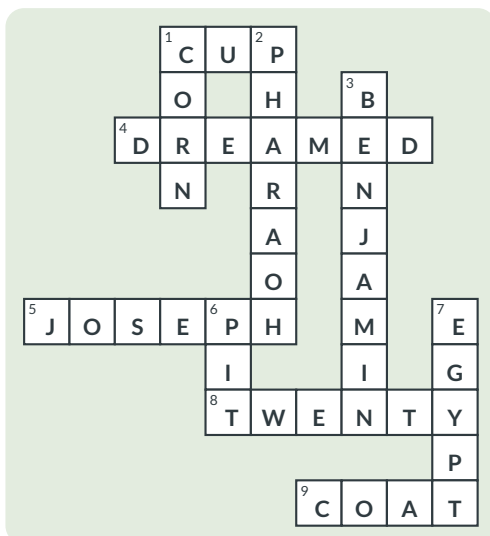
PROVERBS 8:17 (KJV)

ANSWER KEY

1. Joseph and His Brothers

EASY

page 3



ACROSS

- 1 CUP
- 4 DREAMED
- 5 JOSEPH
- 8 TWENTY
- 9 COAT

Genesis 44:2
Genesis 37:5
Genesis 37:3
Genesis 37:28
Genesis 37:3

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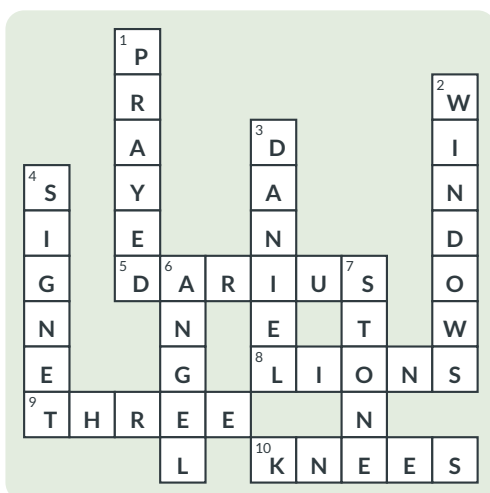
- 1 CORN
- 2 PHARAOH
- 3 BENJAMIN
- 6 PIT
- 7 EGYPT

Genesis 41:49
Genesis 41:14
Genesis 42:3-4
Genesis 37:24
Genesis 37:28

2. Daniel in the Lions' Den

EASY

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ACROSS

- 5 DARIUS
- 8 LIONS
- 9 THREE
- 10 KNEES

Daniel 6:1
Daniel 6:16
Daniel 6:10
Daniel 6:10

DOWN

- 1 PRAYED
- 2 WINDOWS
- 3 DANIEL
- 4 SIGNET
- 6 ANGEL
- 7 STONE

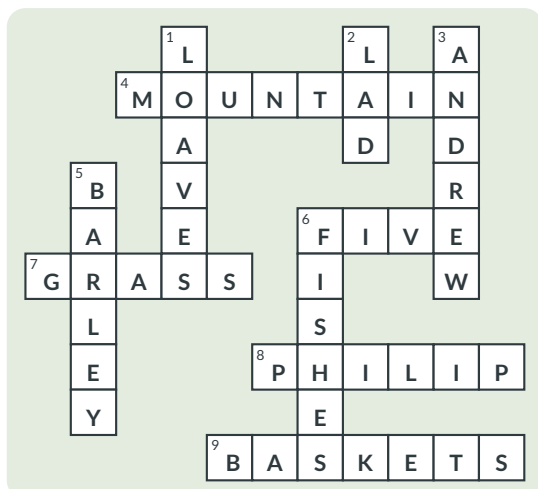
Daniel 6:10
Daniel 6:10
Daniel 6:23
Daniel 6:17
Daniel 6:22
Daniel 6:17

ANSWER KEY

3. Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

EASY

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ACROSS

- 4 MOUNTAIN
- 6 FIVE
- 7 GRASS
- 8 PHILIP
- 9 BASKETS

John 6:3
John 6:10
John 6:10
John 6:5
John 6:13

DOWN

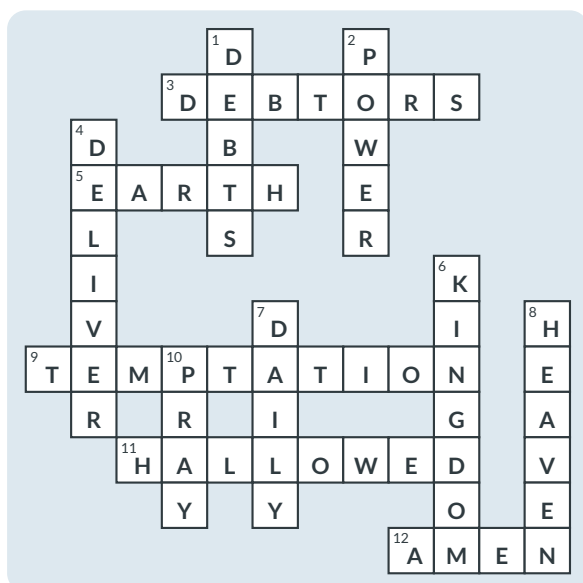
- 1 LOAVES
- 2 LAD
- 3 ANDREW
- 5 BARLEY
- 6 FISHES

John 6:11
John 6:9
John 6:8-9
John 6:9
John 6:9

4. The Lord's Prayer

MEDIUM

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ACROSS

- 3 DEBTORS
- 5 EARTH
- 9 TEMPTATION
- 11 HALLOWED
- 12 AMEN

Matthew 6:12
Matthew 6:10
Matthew 6:13
Matthew 6:9
Matthew 6:13

DOWN

- 1 DEBTS
- 2 POWER
- 4 DELIVER
- 6 KINGDOM
- 7 DAILY
- 8 HEAVEN
- 10 PRAY

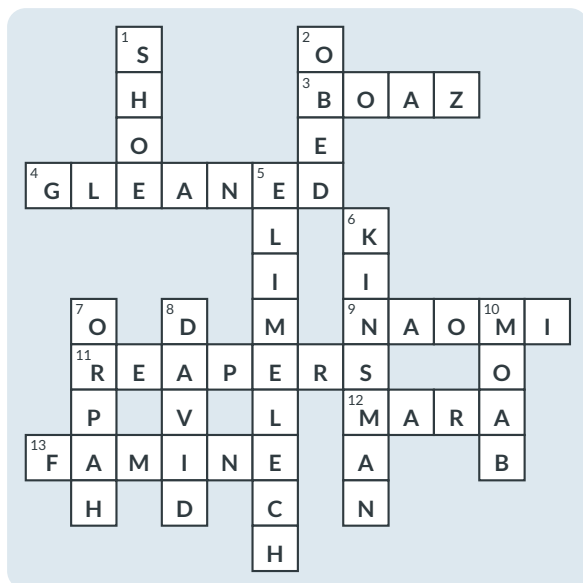
Matthew 6:12
Matthew 6:13
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Matthew 6:10
Matthew 6:11
Matthew 6:9
Matthew 6:9

ANSWER KEY

5. Ruth and Naomi

MEDIUM

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ACROSS

- 3 BOAZ
- 4 GLEANED
- 9 NAOMI
- 11 REAPERS
- 12 MARA
- 13 FAMINE

Ruth 2:3
Ruth 2:3
Ruth 4:17
Ruth 2:3
Ruth 1:20
Ruth 1:1

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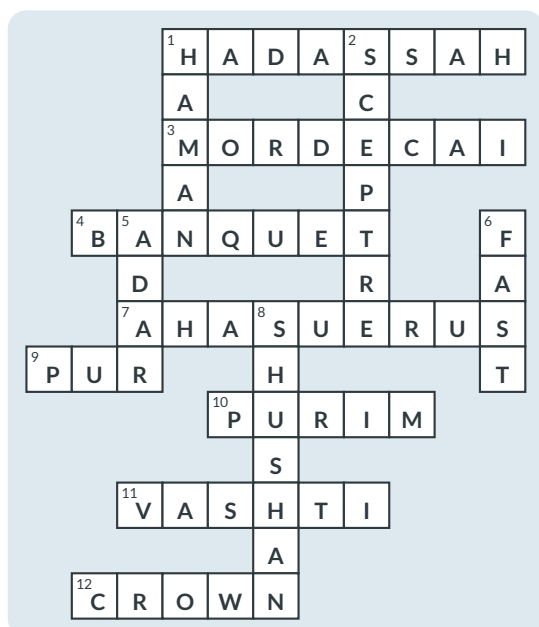
- 1 SHOE
- 2 OBED
- 5 ELIMELECH
- 6 KINSMAN
- 7 ORPAH
- 8 DAVID
- 10 MOAB

Ruth 4:8
Ruth 4:17
Ruth 1:2
Ruth 2:1
Ruth 1:4
Ruth 4:17
Ruth 1:1

6. Queen Esther

MEDIUM

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ACROSS

- 1 HADASSAH
- 3 MORDECAI
- 4 BANQUET
- 7 AHASUERUS
- 9 PUR
- 10 PURIM
- 11 VASHTI
- 12 CROWN

Esther 2:7
Esther 2:7
Esther 5:4
Esther 1:1
Esther 3:7
Esther 9:26
Esther 1:9
Esther 2:17

DOWN

- 1 HAMAN
- 2 SCEPTRE
- 5 ADAR
- 6 FAST
- 8 SHUSHAN

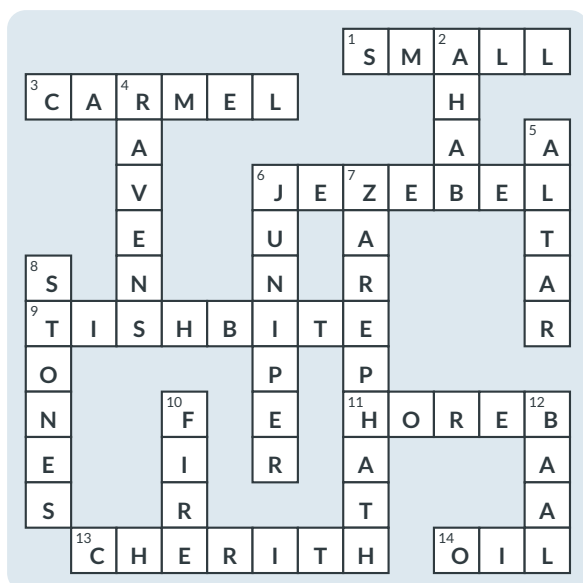
Esther 3:1
Esther 5:2
Esther 3:7
Esther 4:16
Esther 1:2

ANSWER KEY

7. Elijah and the Fire from Heaven

MEDIUM

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ACROSS

- 1 SMALL
3 CARMEL
6 JEZEBEL
9 TISHBITE
11 HOREB
13 CHERITH
14 OIL

1 Kings 19:12
1 Kings 18:19
1 Kings 19:2
1 Kings 17:1
1 Kings 19:8
1 Kings 17:3
1 Kings 17:16

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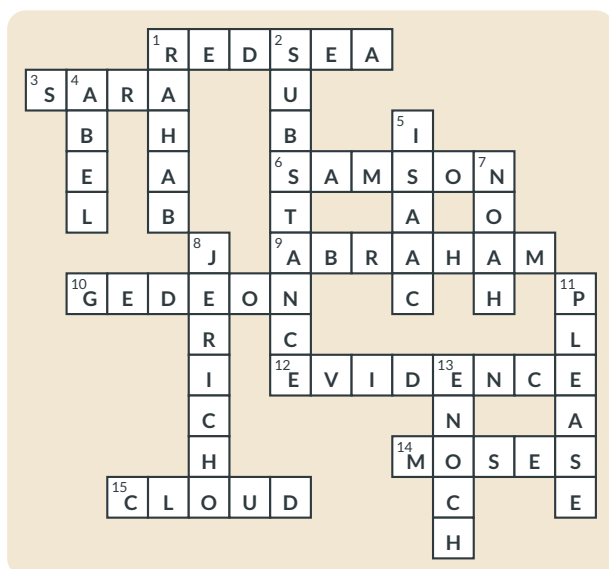
- 2 AHAB
4 RAVENS
5 ALTAR
7 ZAREPHATH
8 STONES
10 FIRE
12 BAAL

1 Kings 17:1
1 Kings 17:6
1 Kings 18:30
1 Kings 19:4
1 Kings 17:9
1 Kings 18:31
1 Kings 18:38
1 Kings 18:19

8. Heroes of Faith

HARD

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ACROSS

- 1 RED SEA
3 SARA
6 SAMSON
9 ABRAHAM
10 GEDEON
12 EVIDENCE
14 MOSES
15 CLOUD

Hebrews 11:29
Hebrews 11:11
Hebrews 11:32
Hebrews 11:8
Hebrews 11:32
Hebrews 11:1
Hebrews 11:24
Hebrews 12:1

DOWN

- 2 SUBSTANCE
4 ABEL
5 ISAAC
7 NOAH
8 JERICHO
11 PLEASE
13 ENOCH

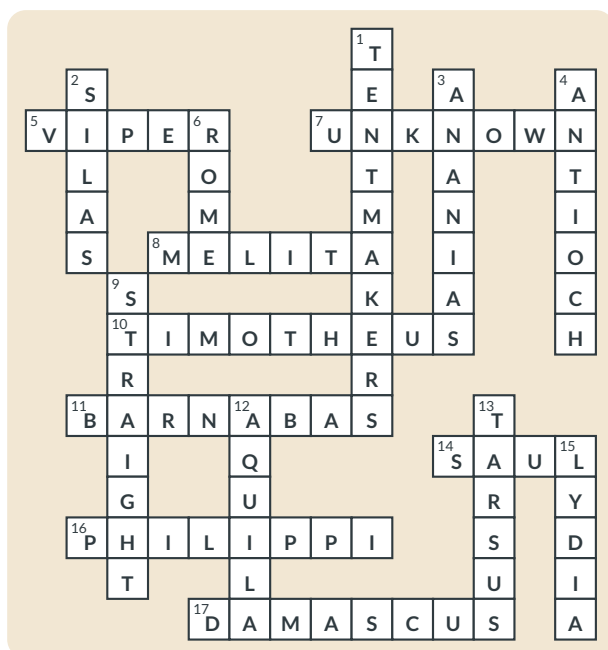
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Hebrews 11:1
Hebrews 11:4
Hebrews 11:20
Hebrews 11:7
Hebrews 11:30
Hebrews 11:6
Hebrews 11:5

ANSWER KEY

9. The Journeys of Paul

HARD

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ACROSS

- 5 VIPER
- 7 UNKNOWN
- 8 MELITA
- 10 TIMOTHEUS
- 11 BARNABAS
- 14 SAUL
- 16 PHILIPPI
- 17 DAMASCUS

Acts 28:3
Acts 17:23
Acts 28:1
Acts 16:1
Acts 4:36
Acts 13:9
Acts 16:12
Acts 9:3

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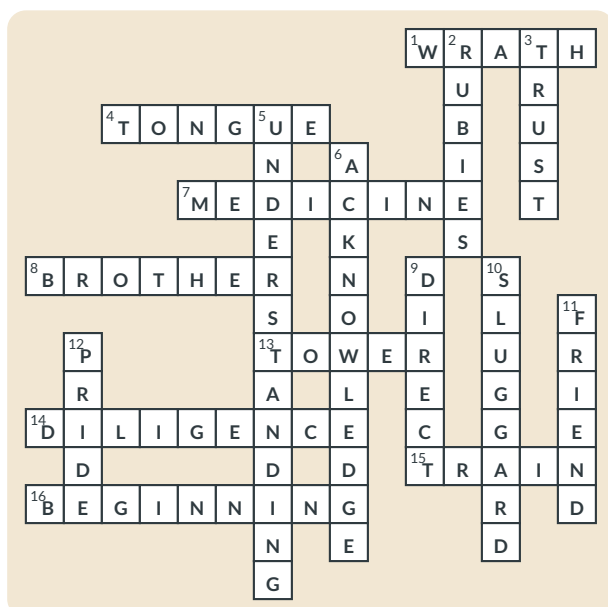
- 1 TENTMAKERS
- 2 SILAS
- 3 ANANIAS
- 4 ANTIOCH
- 6 ROME
- 9 STRAIGHT
- 12 AQUILA
- 13 TARSUS
- 15 LYDIA

Acts 18:3
Acts 16:25
Acts 9:10
Acts 11:26
Acts 28:16
Acts 9:11
Acts 18:2
Acts 9:11
Acts 16:14

10. Wisdom from Proverbs

HARD

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ACROSS

- 1 WRATH
- 4 TONGUE
- 7 MEDICINE
- 8 BROTHER
- 13 TOWER
- 14 DILIGENCE
- 15 TRAIN
- 16 BEGINNING

Proverbs 15:1
Proverbs 18:21
Proverbs 17:22
Proverbs 18:24
Proverbs 18:10
Proverbs 4:23
Proverbs 22:6
Proverbs 1:7

DOWN

- 2 RUBIES
- 3 TRUST
- 5 UNDERSTANDING
- 6 ACKNOWLEDGE
- 9 DIRECT
- 10 SLUGGARD
- 11 FRIEND
- 12 PRIDE

Proverbs 31:10
Proverbs 3:5
Proverbs 3:5
Proverbs 3:6
Proverbs 3:6
Proverbs 6:6
Proverbs 27:17
Proverbs 16:18

Make Your Own Bible Crossword

My Bible story: _____

A large, empty 15x15 grid of squares, intended for drawing a picture. The grid is composed of 15 columns and 15 rows of squares, totaling 225 squares. The grid is bounded by a double-line border.

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

COLOSSIANS 3:16 (KJV)

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THE VERSE I WANT TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

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