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The most
beautiful way
to start and end the day
is with a

Grateful Heart

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times, during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for your mistakes.

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life full of fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for their setbacks.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, they can become

your blessings.

Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving should be a regular part of our routine not reserved only for celebrations. If we praise God continually we will find that we won't take his blessings for granted.

Four elements of true thanksgiving

- remembering what God has done
- telling others about it
- showing God's glory to others
- offering gifts of self, time and resources



Psalm 92:1-2

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night"

During thanksgiving, we focus on our blessings and express our gratitude to God for them, but thanks should be on our lips daily. We can never say thank you enough to our parents, friends, ministers and especially God. When thanksgiving becomes an integral part of our life, we will find that our attitude towards life will change. We will become more positive, gracious, loving and humble.



As we thank God for material and spiritual blessings, we should also thank him for answered prayers, remembering when we asked God for protection, strength, comfort, patience, love or other special needs, and he supplied them.

Beware not to take God's provision and answered prayers for granted.



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

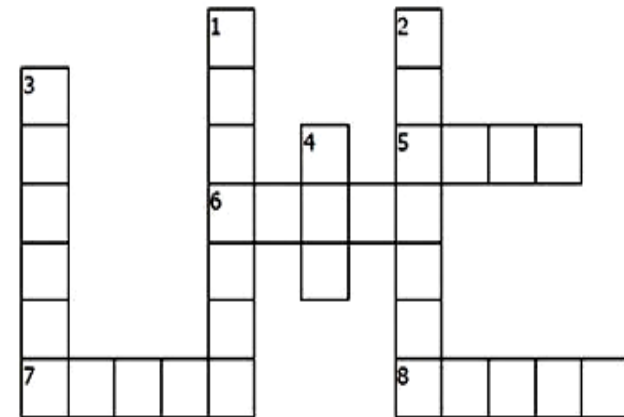
Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



Giving Thanks

“Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”

Psalms 100:4



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- 5. A short piece of music that is sung
- 6. To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
- 7. A small animal with a wooly coat
- 8. The planet where people live

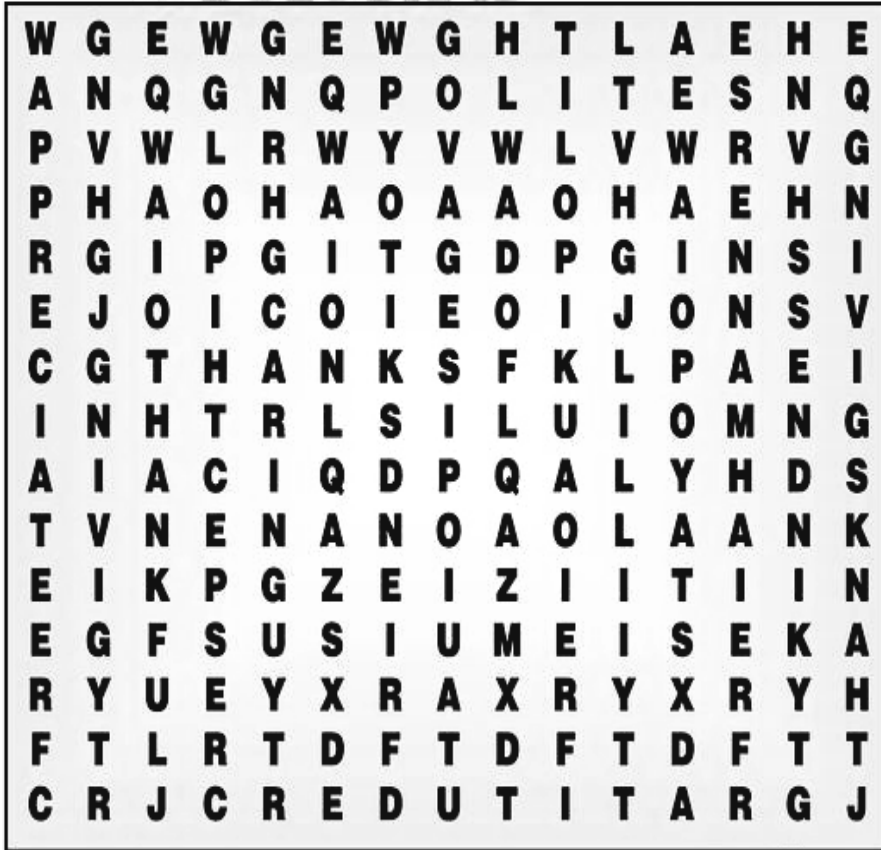
DOWN

- 1. To express one's love and adoration for God
- 2. A field covered with grass where animals eat
- 3. An expression of appreciation
- 4. A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP	SONG	JOY	THANKS
PASTURE	EARTH	SHOUT	SHEEP

Giving Thanks

Word Search



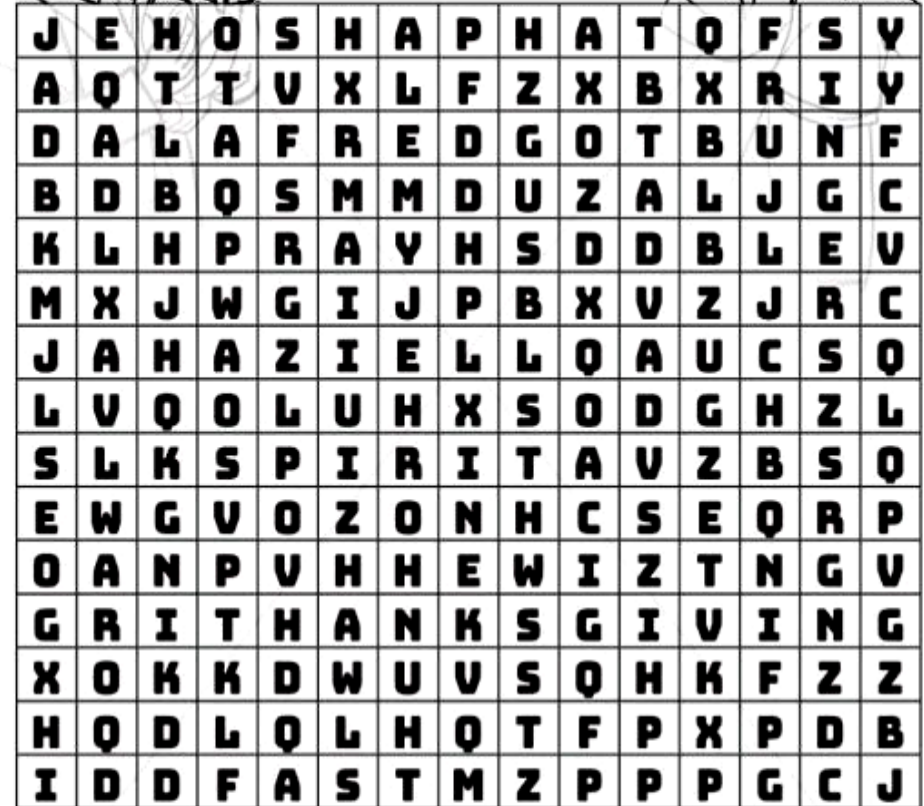
See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. GIVING | 5. GRATEFUL | 9. FAMILY | 13. RESPECT |
| 2. THANKS | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS | 11. HEALTH | 15. POLITE |
| 4. HOLIDAY | 8. CARING | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS |

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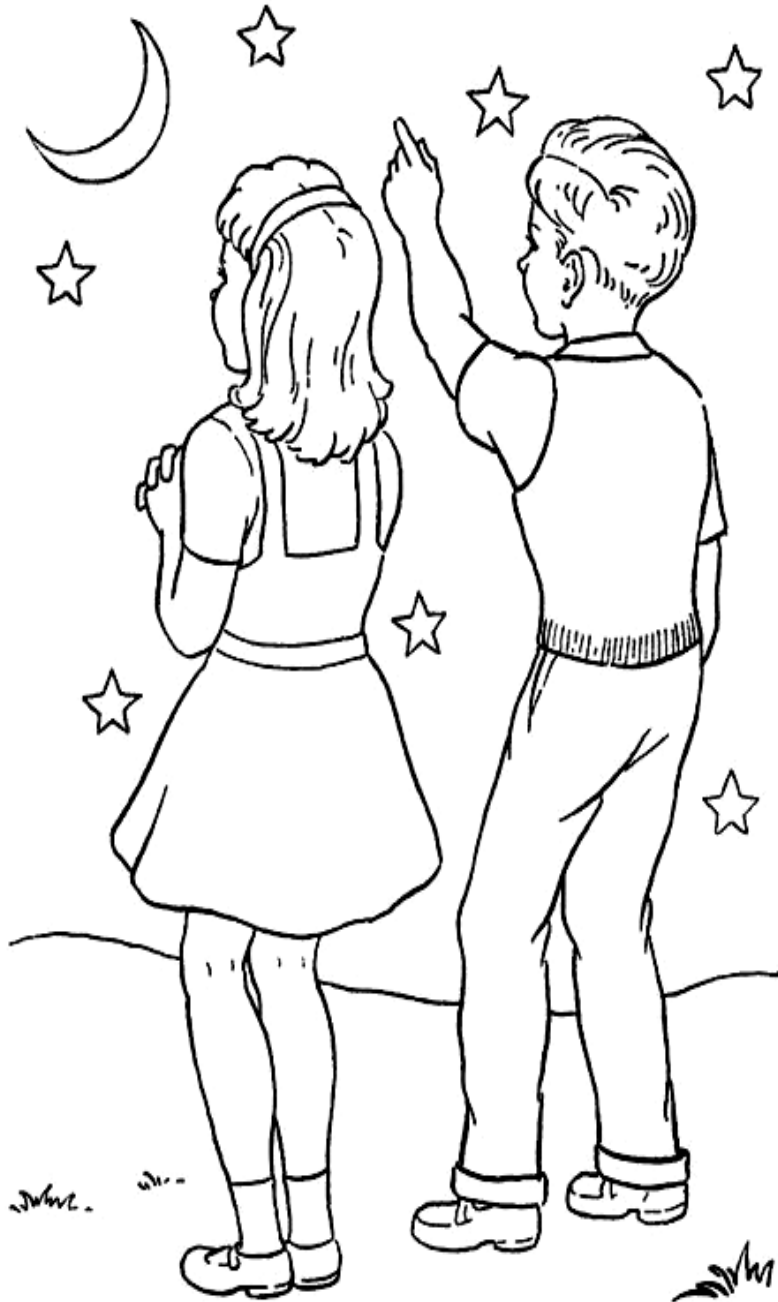
Discover the hidden words.



Word Bank

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|-------------|--------------|----------|
| JEHOSHAPHAT | LOVE | KING |
| JUDAH | FAST | WAR |
| GOD | PRAY | SPIRIT |
| SINGERS | THANKSGIVING | JAHAZIEL |

Thank You God, for everything.

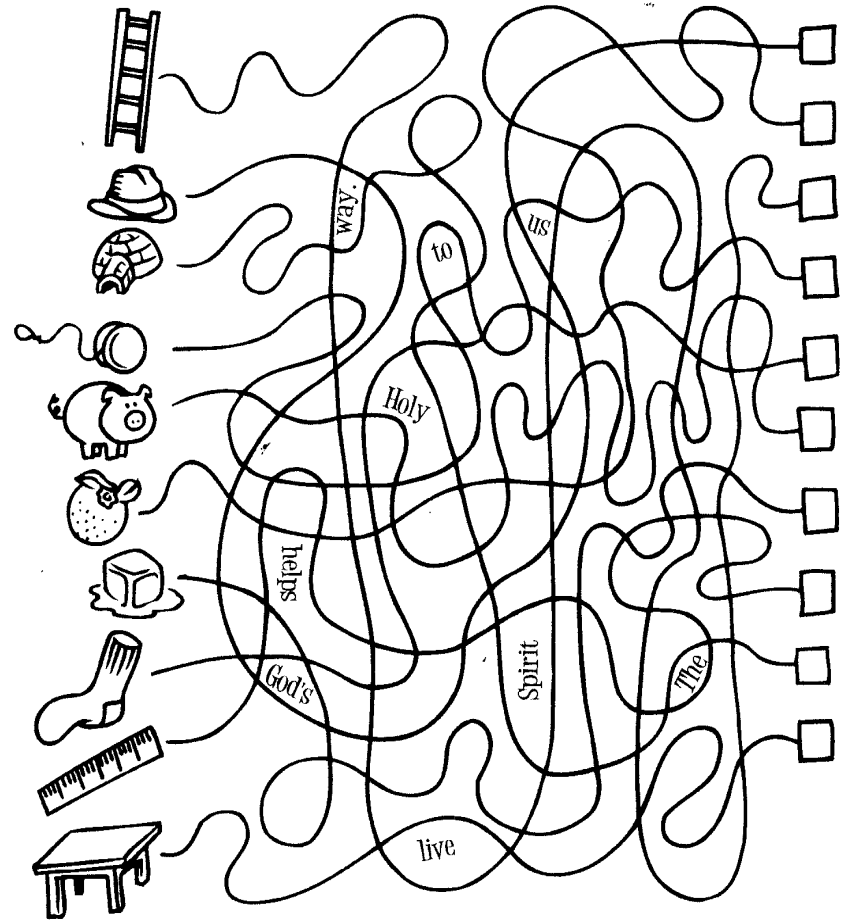


JESUS – THE GIFTGIVER!

Acts 2



Jesus said that after He went to heaven, His Father sent us a special gift. To discover what it was, determine the first letter of each object on the left, follow the path next to each object and put that letter in the box at the end of the path. Read down the column of squares to find out the name of your special gift from Jesus.



Write the words from the squiggles on the line. Then put the words in order to make a sentence about the Holy Spirit.

Parable of the Ten Lepers

Luke 17:15-16



Jesus healed all ten lepers, but only one returned to thank him.

It is possible to receive God's great gifts with an ungrateful spirit – nine of the lepers did so.

Only the thankful leper however learned that his faith had played a role in his healing; and only grateful Christians grow in understanding of God's grace.

God does not demand that we thank him, but he is pleased when we do so, and he uses our responsiveness to teach us more about Himself.

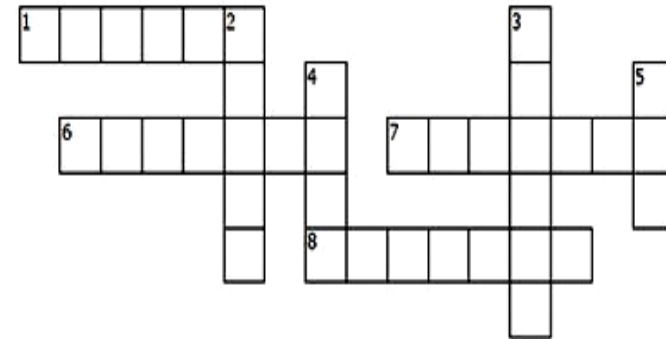
Not only was this man a leper, he was also a Samaritan – a race despised by the Jews.

This shows that God's grace is for everybody.

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers



“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,”
 “And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.” Luke 17:15-16



ACROSS

1. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
6. A community smaller than a city
7. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
8. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

DOWN

2. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done
3. To honour, worship and express admiration to God
4. To restore to health
5. The number equal to 7 + 3

THANK	TEN	CLEANSE	LEPROSY
PRAISE	HEAL	PRIEST	VILLAGE