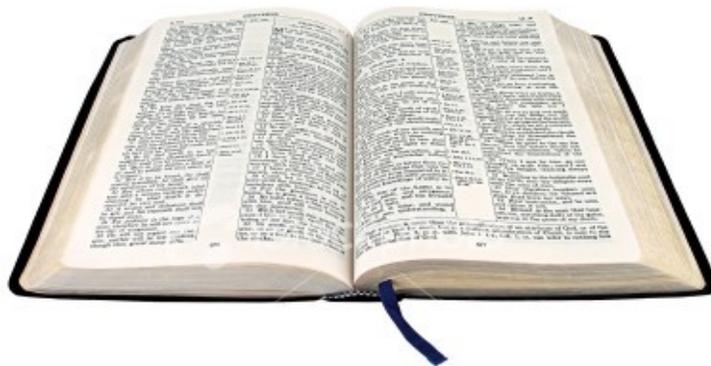


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# Swordsman Teen Newsletter



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1. Who is the first prophet quoted in the Gospel of Mark?
  - A. Isaiah
  - B. Daniel
  - C. Hosea
  - D. Jeremiah
2. In whose house did Jesus dine with publicans and sinners?
  - A. Peter
  - B. John
  - C. Levi
  - D. Judas
3. On what day did the disciples pluck ears of corn, much to the anger of the Pharisees?
  - A. First day of the week
  - B. Day of Atonement
  - C. Day of Pentecost
  - D. Sabbath
4. What sin does Jesus say is unforgivable?
  - A. Greed
  - B. Theft
  - C. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.
  - D. Murder
5. Where was Jesus when he taught the parable of the sower?
  - A. in A boat
  - B. In A mountain
  - C. On the coast
  - D. In the temple
6. Which relation of Jairus did Jesus heal?
  - A. Uncle
  - B. Brother
  - C. Daughter
  - D. Nephew
7. What did Jesus tell the twelve to shake off their feet if people refused to hear the gospel message?
  - A. Hay
  - B. Feathers
  - C. Spiders
  - D. Dust
8. At the feeding of the 5,000, how many fish did they have?
  - A. 8
  - B. 6
  - C. 5
  - D. 2
9. Complete the quote: This people honours me with their \_\_\_ but their heart is far from me
  - A. Mouth
  - B. Lips
  - C. Ears
  - D. Sacrifice
10. What are believers told to take up, if they are to follow Jesus?
  - A. Their money
  - B. The cross
  - C. Their faith
  - D. Their beds
11. During the transfiguration, who appeared to Jesus and the three disciples?
  - A. Adam and Noah
  - B. Abraham and David
  - C. Enoch and Solomon
  - D. Moses and Elijah
12. What is it easier for a camel to go through than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God?
  - A. Eye of a needle
  - B. A thimble
  - C. The gates of Jerusalem
  - D. An ear of corn
13. What did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on?
  - A. Donkey
  - B. Camel
  - C. Colt
  - D. Elephant
14. What did the Sadducees not believe in or practice?
  - A. The law
  - B. God
  - C. Resurrection
  - D. Sacrifices
15. How many mites did the poor widow give to the treasury?
  - A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
  - D. 4
16. Where did Jesus say that those in Judea should flee to when they saw the abomination of desolation set up?
  - A. Bethlehem
  - B. The River Jordan
  - C. The coast
  - D. The mountains
17. After the last supper, what did Jesus and his disciples do before going to the Mount of Olives?
  - A. Read the prophecy of Daniel
  - B. Sung a hymn
  - C. Changed their shoes
  - D. Offered a sacrifice
18. Whose ear was cut off with a sword at the arrest of Jesus?
  - A. Peter
  - B. Judas Iscariot
  - C. Mark
  - D. Servant of the High Priest
19. While on the cross, who did the bystanders believe that Jesus was calling for?
  - A. Eli
  - B. Elisha
  - C. Elijah
  - D. Elimelech
20. Who went to the tomb of Jesus with Mary Magdalene and Mary (mother of James) to anoint Jesus?
  - A. Martha
  - B. Salome
  - C. Elizabeth
  - D. Joanna

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## Title: Mouth

Sometimes my mouth is open,  
And a foot it's looking for.  
And then the senses come to  
life,  
And say, "Just close the door".  
Other times the senses,  
Can be quite a little bore.  
And stupidly refuse to close,  
And state whatever for.  
Me thinks my mouth is just to  
eat,  
And not hurt others pride.  
To chew and not to voice my  
ill's,  
At every ebb and tide..  
Let's hope my words are car-  
ing,  
Not hurting others pride.  
Cause words come back to  
haunt me,  
In the middle of the night.  
Putting people down to bring  
me up,  
Is such a fight.  
I open up my mouth to eat,  
And everything's all right.

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## Blessings After Salvation

We are in a generation that is so unthankful. We do not thank the Lord for all the things He gives us after we get saved. Sometimes I wonder how could the Lord save someone like me, but He does and has. So let's take a few moments and look at some of what we get when we get saved. When we are born into the family of God (*John 3:3*), we became a child of God.

*John 1:12 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:*

### We have access to God's grace through God the Father.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

*Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

**Grace** - (in Christian belief) the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

### We are adopted into the family of God as God's sons.

**Adopted** - To take into one's family through legal means and raise as one's own child.

*Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

*Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*

*Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

*Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

### We have an inheritance.

*1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **begotten us again unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance **incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and that **fadeth not away**, **reserved in heaven for you**,*

*Colossians 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

Ask yourself this, "What do I do for Jesus?"

*I go to church* (so you can learn).

*I read my Bible* (that's for you because Jesus knows the Word. He IS the Word.)

*John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that wazs made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

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### Rubias y última Petición

Three women are about to be executed. One's a brunette, one's a redhead, and one's a blonde. Two guards bring the brunette forward, and the executioner asks if she has any last requests. She says no, and the executioner shouts, "Ready . . . Aim . . ." Suddenly the brunette yells, "Earthquake!!" Everyone is startled and looks around. She manages to escape. The angry guards then bring the redhead forward, and the executioner asks if she has any last requests. She says no, and the executioner shouts, "Ready . . . Aim . . ." The redhead then screams, "Tornado!!" Yet again, everyone is startled and looks around. She too escapes execution. By this point, the blonde had figured out what the others did. The guards bring her forward, and the executioner asks if she has any last requests. She also says no, and the executioner shouts, "Ready! AIM!" The blonde yells!! "FIRE!!"

### Pregnancy

Brian's stress level was at unsurpassed levels. His wife Maggie was in labor and Brian was sure it was time to head to the hospital. Breathing heavily, Brian grabbed the phone and called the doctor. "MY WIFE, SHE'S READY, SHOULD WE COME?" The doctor tried to relax the poor fellow, "just try to relax, now tell me how much time elapses between the contractions?" "SHIRLEY!" Brian screamed at the top of his lungs, "HOW MUCH TIME IN BETWEEN THE CONTRACTIONS? TEN MINUTES? OK, TEN MINUTES IN BETWEEN!" "And is this her first child?" Questioned the doctor. "NO YOU NITWIT, THIS IS HER HUSBAND!"

### Drinking and Driving

The following is supposedly a true story. To be included, besides being true, the story is most likely strange, weird, surprising, or funny. The "Environmental Engineering News" published some rather sobering information about punishment for drunk driving convictions in other countries. In Australia, the names of drunk drivers are printed in newspapers under the caption, "He's drunk and in jail." In Malaysia the driver is jailed and, if married, the spouse is jailed. In the United Kingdom, Finland and Sweden there's an automatic jail term of one year. In Turkey, drunk drivers are driven twenty miles out of town and forced to walk back ten miles. In Bulgaria, a second drunk-driving conviction results in capital punishment. In El Salvador, your first offense is your last -- execution by firing squad.  
From the August Road & Track.

**Warning from the Bible : *Proverbs 23:29-33*** *Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes*

### Why Rednecks Make Good Soldiers

Dear Ma & Pa:

Am well. Hope you are. Tell brother Walt & brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before maybe all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you got to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m., but am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt & Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split, fire to lay. Practically nothing. Men got to shave but it is not so bad, they get warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc..., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie, and other regular food. But tell Walt & Elmer you can always sit between two city boys that live on coffee. Their food plus yours holds you till noon, when you get fed again. It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much.

We go on "route" marches, which the Platoon Sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it is not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys gets sore feet and we all ride back in trucks. The country is nice, but awful flat.

The Sergeant is like a schoolteacher. He nags some. The Capt. is like the school board. Majors & Colonels just ride around & frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt & Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk and don't move. And it ain't shooting at you, like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Be sure to tell Walt & Elmer to hurry & join before other fellers get into this setup & come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter, Gail

### When I Grow Up

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

## Blessings After Salvation

### We get heavenly citizenship.

*Ephesians 2:12 That at that time ye were **without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:***

*Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

*Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light*

### We become an heir of God.

*Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

**Heir** - one who receives or is entitled to receive some endowment or quality from a parent or predecessor.

*Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

### We become a new creature.

This is one of my favorite verses. Once we get born into the family of God, we are a new creation (creature) **in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become **new.***

So just exactly what does the word **new** mean? It means young.

1. Having been made or come into being only a short time ago; recent
  2. Still fresh: a new coat of paint. Never used or worn before now: a new car; a new hat.
  3. Just found, discovered or learned: new information.
  4. Not previously experienced or encountered; novel or unfamiliar: ideas new to her; visiting new places.
  5. **Different from the former or the old:**
  6. Recently obtained or acquired: new political power; new money.
  7. **Additional; further: new sources of energy.**
  8. Recently arrived or established in a place, position, or relationship: new neighbors; a new president.
  9. **Changed for the better; rejuvenated**
- God has made a new person of me.  
How about you? Has Jesus made a new creature or creation out of you? Have you given your life to Him? This article does not even scratch the surface of what the Lord Jesus has given to them who put their trust and faith in the Lord.

### The Helpful Alligator

Mr. Rabbit wanted to cross the river. But, of course, rabbits do not swim. So, Mr. Rabbit asked Mr. Frog if he would take him across the river.

"I would be happy to," said Mr. Frog, "but you are too heavy. I would sink and we both would drown. "So, Mr. Rabbit asked Mr. Fish to take him across the river.

Mr. Fish said, "I'm a fish. I swim under water. If I were to take you across the river, you would drown. "About that time, Mr. Alligator swam up. "I'll suppose I could take you across the river. I can swim on the top of the water, and I'm large enough to carry us both across."

"Yeah, but you're an alligator," replied Mr. Rabbit. "You'll eat me."

"Oh, no!" exclaimed Mr. Alligator. "I won't eat you. I've already had lunch today, and besides that I don't particularly care for rabbit."

"Well. Alright," decided Mr. Rabbit. So, Mr. Rabbit hopped

on Mr. Alligator's back. He decided to stay close to his tail, and away from him mouth - just in case. But, as they began to get farther and father out into the river, Mr. Alligator keep dropping his tail deeper and deeper. Eventually, Mr. Rabbit found himself sitting right over Mr. Alligator's nose about half way across the river.

"Why do you keep going deeper?" asked Mr. Rabbit.

"So I could get you near my mouth where it would be easier to eat you," replied the sly alligator.

"But, I thought you said you weren't going to eat me; that you had already eaten; and you didn't like rabbit," questioned the excited rabbit.

"Yes," said Mr. Alligator in his eerie sounding voice, "But, you knew what I was before you ever climbed on.

Isn't that how Satan is with us. Like he did in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), he lies, tricks, and tempts us into thinking that we are alright playing with sin. Yet, before we realize it, we are right in the middle of it, and Satan is there to consume us.

[\(Do you see the differences in these two versions?\)](#)

**THE BIBLE SAYS, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8)**

**(1 Pet 5:8 KJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: *The right Bible***

### Does the Blinker Work?

This guy was driving in a car with a blonde. He told her to stick her head out the window and see if the blinker worked. She stuck her head out and said, "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes,..."

### Six or Twelve

A blonde went to buy a pizza and after ordering, the assistant asked the blonde if she would like her pizza cut into six pieces or twelve.

"Six please" she said, "I could never eat twelve!"

### A Cheeseburger Please

A blonde went in the library and walked up to the librarian behind the desk and said, "I would like a cheeseburger."

The librarian replied, "Shh! This is a library!" The blonde blushed. "oh, sorry.." then she whispered, "I would like a cheeseburger."

### You Should Learn to Be More Polite

One day, Bill and Tom went to a restaurant for dinner. As soon as the waiter took out two steaks, Bill quickly picked out the bigger steak for himself. Tom wasn't happy about that.

Tom: "When are you going to learn to be polite?"

Bill: "If you had the chance to pick first, which one would you pick?"

Tom: "The smaller piece, of course."

Bill: "What are you whining about then? The smaller piece is what you want, right?"

**Answers to Mark Quiz:**

1. A. Isaiah (*Isa 40:3*)
2. C. Levi (*Mark 2:14-15*)
3. D. Sabbath (*Mark 2:23*)
4. C. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. (*Mark 3:28*)
5. A. in a boat (*Mark 4:1*)
6. C. Daughter (*Mark 5:22-23*)
7. D. Dust (*Mark 6:11*)
8. D. 2 (*Mark 6:38*)
9. B. Lips (*Mark 7:6*)
10. B. The cross (*Mark 8:34*)
11. D. Moses and Elijah (*Mark 9:4*)
12. A. Eye of a needle (*Mark 10:25*)
13. C. Colt (*Mark 11:7*)
14. C. Resurrection (*Mark 12:18*)
15. 2 (*Mark 12:42*)
16. D. The mountains (*Mark 13:14*)
17. B. Sung a hymn (*Mark 14:26*)
18. D. Servant of the High Priest (*Mark 14:47*)
19. C. Elijah (*Mark 15:35*)
20. B. Salome (*Mark 16:1*)

**Ark Questions and Answers For Your Little Brother or Sister**

- Q: When was the first meat mentioned in the Bible?  
A: When Noah took Ham into the ark
- Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
A: Noah – he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- Q: Did all the animals on the ark come in pairs?  
A: No the worms came in apples.
- Q: Which animal on Noah's Ark had the highest level of intelligence?  
A: The giraffe.
- Q: Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?  
A: Because they were using "fowl" language.
- Q: On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks?  
A: Quackers.
- Q: How do we know the horses aboard the ark were pessimistic?  
A: They said "neigh" to everything.
- Q: Why didn't Noah go fishing?  
A: With only two worms, he figured it wasn't worth the effort
- Q: Which animals were the last to leave the ark?  
A: The elephants. It took some time for them to pack their trunks

**THE CROSS**

The cross, the cross; what a sight to see,  
The cross, where the Christ died for me.  
The cross, the cross; an instrument of death,  
The cross, where Jesus gave up his breath.  
The cross, the cross of Mt. Calvary,  
The cross, where the Christ died for me.  
The cross, the cross; 'MY GOD' he cried,  
The cross, the cross; the Son of God died.  
The cross, the cross; oh what beauty I see,  
The cross of Christ - I am set free.

*1 Corinthians 15:3 - 4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

**Painting the Porch**

A blonde, wanting to earn some money, decided to hire herself out as a handyman-type and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do. "Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?" "The blonde said, "How about 50 dollars?" The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders she would need were in the garage. The man's wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, "Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?" The man replied, "She should. She was standing on the porch." A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money. "You're finished already?" he asked. "Yes," the blonde answered, "and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats." Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. "And by the way," the blonde added, "that's not a Porch, it's a Ferrari."

**Three Dads**

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers.  
The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'  
The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'  
The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people with baskets to collect all the money!'

**That's all folks**