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# *Swordsman Teen Newsletter*



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Trivia Book of Genesis 1-20 ~ Circle the right answer:

1. On which day did God rest after creating everything?  
A) Seventh  
B) Fourth  
C) Sixth  
D) Fifth
2. In *Genesis 2:7* God formed man from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ground.  
A) Bones  
B) Dust  
C) Grass  
D) Animals
3. In *Genesis 3:21* The Lord made clothes out of \_\_\_\_\_ for Adam and Eve.  
A) Denim  
B) Leaves  
C) Cotton  
D) Skin
4. In *Genesis 4* Who was NOT the son of Adam and Eve?  
A) Cain  
B) Isaac  
C) Abel  
D) Seth
5. In *Genesis 4:1* Adam and Eve's first child was named \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Cain  
B) Abel  
C) Seth  
D) Enosh
6. In *Genesis 6:10* Who was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth?  
A) Abraham  
B) Moses  
C) Noah  
D) Adam
7. In *Genesis 8:4* Where did Noah's ark finally come to rest?  
A) Sinai  
B) Ararat  
C) Zion  
D) Pisgah
8. In *Genesis 8:12-16* What is the sign of the covenant God made with Noah?  
A) Stone tablets  
B) Baptism  
C) An unicorn  
D) A bow
9. In *Genesis 11:9* God confused the languages of mankind at  
A) Ur  
B) Eden  
C) Babel  
D) Nineveh
10. In *Genesis 11:30-31* How many children did Abram and his wife have when they set out for Canaan?  
A) Three  
B) Two  
C) Twelve  
D) None
11. In *Genesis 12:1* The Lord commanded \_\_\_\_\_ to leave home and go to a new country, and that all peoples on the earth would be blessed through him.  
A) Egypt  
B) Abram  
C) Sodom  
D) Haran  
E) Moab
12. In *Genesis 12:12* Abram thought that the Egyptians would \_\_\_\_\_ him because of his beautiful wife.  
A) Kill  
B) Respect  
C) Pay  
D) Rob
13. In *Genesis 12:12* When Abram went to Egypt, he told Sarai to say that she was his \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Mother  
B) Servant  
C) Sister  
D) Boss
14. In *Genesis 13:7* The herdsmen of Lot quarreled with the herdsmen of \_\_\_\_\_ because there was not enough land for them both.  
A) Isaac  
B) Abram  
C) David  
D) Moses
15. In *Genesis 13:12-13* When he had the choice, Lot chose to live near the city of \_\_\_\_\_ where the people were wicked.  
A) Nineveh  
B) Gath  
C) Babylon  
D) Sodom
16. In *Genesis 13:16* The Lord told Abram that his descendants would be as many as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.  
A) Kings  
B) Cities  
C) Animals  
D) Dust
17. In *Genesis 15:3* Abram was disappointed because after all these years he still did not have a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Car  
B) Child  
C) Wife  
D) Beard
18. In *Genesis 15:13* God told Abram that his descendants would be slaves in another country for \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
A) Four hundred  
B) Forty  
C) Four  
D) Four thousand
19. In *Genesis 18:1-2* The Lord appeared to Abraham in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ while Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent.  
A) Three men  
B) A dove  
C) A wheel  
D) A burning bush
20. In *Genesis 18:24* The two cities that God destroyed by fire were Sodom and \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) London  
B) Gomorrah  
C) Beer-Sheba  
D) Jericho

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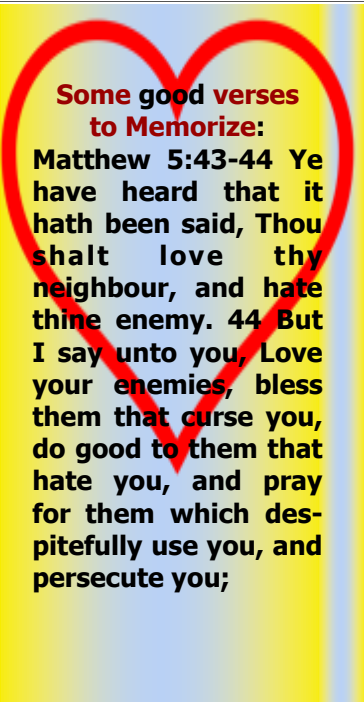
*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12*

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**Some good verses to Memorize:**  
**Matthew 5:43-44** *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

## The Wizard Of Oz

In the last twenty years, there have been a lot of changes. For instance, in our Baptist churches you didn't have to worry that your Bible might not say the same thing as the preachers'. **The King James Bible 1611** was the rule, NOT the exception.

### Some examples

Fifty years ago, you did not have to tell children what they could wear to school because everyone had to dress decent. Twenty years ago, People were not ashamed to say that they got **SAVED!** Not that they had a conversion or a religious experience, but they had a true, soul shaking, tear shedding, life changing, Blood bought salvation!!! They had a law in New York state against queers. When I was a kid, gays were called queers and it was not a hate crime to call them queers. When I was in high school a teacher could read his or her Bible. When I was in kindergarten, they taught from the Bible. Everything has gone downhill in seventy years. Forty years ago, it was wrong for a boss to swear at a meeting; in 1957, it was wrong to shake your body the way MTV does on television.

**Ezra 3:10-13** *And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. 12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: 13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.*

You see, when this Temple was finished, the old **men that had seen the first Temple wept, but the young folks that had never seen the glory come** down rejoiced! We that have been around for a while have seen the old Camp Meetings and Revivals, **and the old preachers that walked with God!** My generation is saddened by the lack of Camp meetings and God-fearing preachers just as these old Jews were weeping and saying, "This isn't Jerusalem anymore. This isn't the power of God anymore."

**As I was thinking about how much things have changed, an old classic movie came my mind-the Wizard of Oz.** That's where Dorothy told her dog Toto, "This ain't Kansas anymore." You all probably can remember the story of Dorothy and a big storm where she got a knot on her head, woke up, and realized that she was not where she started out. Then she said to Toto, "This ain't Kansas anymore."

Let's examine this movie with a different perspective. Remember when Dorothy is talking to her dog Toto in Munchkinland and tells him, "people come and go so quickly." I can picture a pastor's wife saying the same thing to her dog about people in the church, "People come and go so quickly."

Do you remember the song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow?" That's where Dorothy is looking for the Emerald City, so she can find out how to get home. Isn't that what we are all looking for, a city over yonder with streets of gold? If you remember, Dorothy has a rough time trying to get somebody to show her how to get to that city. She finds **three people**, a tin man, a scarecrow and a cowardly lion; and asks them how she can get to the Emerald City. She now has two Baptists and a Pentecostal to help her.

**Let's look at the Tin Man. Do you remember his problem? The Tin Man didn't have a HEART.**

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### Riding on a Bus

A commuter was reading a newspaper article about life-expectancy statistics. Turning to the man beside her, she asked, "Do you know that every time I breathe, someone dies?" "That's interesting," he answered. "Have you ever tried mouthwash?"

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### Pray for Me

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

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### Two Beggars

Two beggars are sitting on a park bench in Ireland. One is holding a cross and the other a Star of David. Both are holding hats to collect contributions. People walk by, lift their noses at the man with the Star of David and drop money into the hat of the man with the cross. *Soon*, the hat of the man with the cross is filled and the hat of the man with the Star of David is empty.

A priest watches for a while and then approaches the men. He says to the man with the Star of David, "Don't you realize that this is a *Catholic country*? You'll never get any contributions holding a Star of David."

The man turns to the one with the cross and says, "Moishe, can you imagine, this guy is trying to tell us how to run our business?"

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### Which Service

One Sunday morning, the pastor of a church noticed that a little boy was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The little seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "What is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service - the morning or the evening."

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### My Dad's Better Than Your Dad

Three young boys were walking on the sidewalk arguing over whose daddy was the greatest. One said, "My dad is the greatest because he is the president of the town bank."

The second boy said, "That is pretty good, but my daddy owns two grocery stores in town!"

The third boy said, "That's nothing, my dad is a preacher, and he owns hell. He came home last night and told my mom that the church board gave it to him!"

### This is One Smart Dog

A butcher is leaning on the counter toward the close of day when a dog with a basket in its jaws comes pushing through the door. "An' wot's this then?" he asked.

The dog knocks the basket sharply into the butcher's shins. "You dumb dog."

As he reaches down to smack the dog, he notices a note and a ten dollar bill in the basket. The scribble on the note asks for three pounds of his best mince [ground beef]. The butcher figures this is too easy. He goes to the window and reaches for the dried up stuff that's been sitting out all day.

The dog growls at him. The butcher turns around and, glaring at the pup, gets the best mince from the fridge. Weighing out about 2 1/2 pounds, he drops in on the scale with his thumb. "Hmmmmm, a bit shy. Who'll know?"

Again, the dog growls menacingly. "Alright, alright," he says as he throws on a generous half pound. He wraps it up, drops it in the basket, and drops in change from a five.

The dog threatens to chew him off at the ankles. Another five goes in the basket.

The butcher is quite impressed and decides to follow the dog home. The dog quickly enters a high-rise building, pushes the lift button, enters the lift, and then pushes the button for the 12th floor. The dog walks down the corridor and smartly bangs the basket on the door. The door opens, and the dog's owner screams at the dog.

"Hey, what are you doing? That's a really smart dog you've got there," comments the butcher.

"He's a stupid dog--that's the third time this week he's forgotten his key."

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### The Perfect Woman

Once upon a time, a perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life was, of course, "perfect." One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, this perfect couple was driving their perfect car (a SUV) along a winding road when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress. Being the perfect couple, they stopped to help.

There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle. Soon they were driving along, delivering the toys. Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident.

#### Who was the survivor?

The perfect woman survived. She's the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus, and there is no such thing as a perfect man. So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This explains why there was an accident.



The Wizard Of Oz*Continued from Page 1*

**Mark 16:15** *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Some people say, "I don't have the heart to tell people that they are going to Hell. And besides, that's the preacher's job to tell them, anyways."

**Matthew 28:18-20** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**No heart to tell people about Jesus. No heart to tell their friends how to go to heaven. Psalms 119:11** *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Most people say I cannot memorize Scripture. What they are saying is I do not have the heart for doing that. Hebrews 10:25* *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Some people say I have a hard time getting up to go to church. What they are saying is I do not have the heart to do that. Not only did the Tin Man not have a HEART, he was also RUSTY. Remember, he was so RUSTY, he was frozen up. He needed some oil. Christians get rusty—they don't go soul-winning, read their Bibles, pray, tithe, go to church and they don't memorize Scripture. Think about it, the minute you and I go on vacation or get out of school—we immediately stop doing the things we should do. When you do not read your Bible nor pray the way you should, you get rusty! Example: When we are in a routine-going to school every day or reading every day, it is easier on us than when we have to start up again. Reading your Bible is the same way. The Tin Man always carried an AXE. Today many teens & adults carry an AXE to grind against something or somebody. So many teens have hard feeling towards one another; they do not like this person or think that person is a jerk. Matthew 5:43-44* *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; Luke 6:27* *But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,*

**Let's look at another person who helped Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion. He had no courage.** Poor Dorothy has found another one. Not only the Tin Man with no HEART, but a Lion with no COURAGE. Isn't that like many teens and adults today? Hold up that little pointed head of yours, Sissy! No COURAGE, no guts, no backbone— you probably have lace on your drawers and paint on your toenails! A lion is to be fearless! So are we... But, you're not, because you are scared that you will lose your friends (peer pressure). You are not a lion, but just a little pussy cat disguised as a lion. Proverbs 28:1 *The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. Acts 13:46* *Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. It was necessary that the Word of God should first have*

been spoken to you: Necessary=**Required by obligation, compulsion.** If people are going to get saved and not die and go to hell, we must **have boldness.**

So far, we have met two of Dorothy's helpers. One with no **HEART, RUSTY**, and carrying an **AXE** to grind, and the other **without any COURAGE.** And now, I would like to introduce to you the last helper, the Scarecrow. The Scarecrow had a problem—he **Had NO BRAINS.**

**Example:** You think with **your flesh:** You do not care what the Word of God says; you just want to do your thing. "I am going to have that girlfriend or boyfriend. I do not care if he or she is saved or lost. I do not care if they follow Jesus or not." **2 Corinthians 6:14** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? You do not care what God says; you do not care what your mom or Dad says. You are following a Tin Man with **NO HEART, RUSTY**, with an **AXE** to grind. You are listening to a Cowardly Lion and a Scarecrow with **NO BRAINS.** You are unwilling to wait and see who God has chosen for you to marry. You are afraid **to catch on fire** for Christ, instead you are falling for that boy or girl. You are saying, "**If I get on fire for Jesus what will happen? If I wait for Jesus to lead me what will happen.**"*

**Psalms 97:9** *For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. Isaiah 40:31* *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Two Fruit Trees - Different Fruit

A farmer planted two fruit trees on opposite sides of his property. The one he planted to provide a hedge to hide the unsightly view of an old landfill; the other to provide shade to rest under near a cool mountain stream which ran down beside his fields. As the two trees grew, both began to flower and bear fruit. One day the farmer decided to gather the fruit from the tree nearest his house--the one used to provide a hedge from the landfill. As he brought the fruit inside the house, he noticed that it was a little deformed. The symmetry of the fruit was not very good, but still the fruit looked edible. Later that evening, while sitting on his porch the farmer took one of the pieces of fruit for a snack. Biting into the fruit, he found it to be extremely bitter, and completely inedible. Casting the fruit aside he looked across the field to the other tree over by the mountain stream. After walking across the field, the farmer took a piece of the fruit from the other tree and bit into it. He found the fruit to be sweet and delicious, so he gathered several more pieces of fruit and took them to the house.

The fruit was greatly affected by the nutrition of the root. Just as the tree grew by the landfill to be bitter and the tree by the stream produced sweet fruit, so the Christian has a choice. He can either put down his roots into the soil of the landfill of fleshly pursuits or into the cool refreshing stream of the person of Jesus Christ. We must understand that the root bears the fruit. The fruit of the Christian is the outward evidence of the inward motivation.

**Answers to: Genesis Trivia**

1. A - Seventh
2. B - Dust
3. D - Skin
4. B - Isaac
5. A - Cain
6. C - Noah
7. B - Ararat
8. D - A bow
9. c - Babel
10. D - None
11. B - Abram
12. A - Kill
13. C - Sister
14. B - Abram
15. D - Sodom
16. D - Dust
17. B - Child
18. A - Four hundred
19. A -Three men
20. B - Gomorrah

**Why are we so burdened**

**Why are we so burdened  
Worried, sad and lone  
When the Saviour tells us  
"Come boldly to the Throne."  
"Come to Me in sorrow  
Worn and sore-distressed  
Let Me have your burdens  
I will give you rest."  
"Call unto the Father  
Come to Me and live  
Great and mighty blessings  
He to you will give."**

**Blonde Jokes**

**1.** A guy took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. Afterward he asked her how she liked the game. "I liked it, but I couldn't understand why they were killing each other for 25 cents," she said. "What do you mean?" he asked. "Well, everyone kept yelling, 'Get the quarter back!'"

**2.** The owner of a golf course was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his blonde secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?" The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."

**3.** A blonde texts her husband on a cold winter's morning: "Windows frozen, won't open." Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and gently tap edges with hammer." Wife texts back 5 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

**4.** *Blonde:* "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor." *Husband:* "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous." *Blonde:* "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor." *Husband:* "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?" *Blonde:* "In the pool."

**5.** Why don't blondes use 911 in an emergency? Because they can't find "eleven" on the phone dial.

**6.** Two blond carpenters were working on a house. One was on a ladder nailing. She'd reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail, look at it, and either toss it over her shoulder or proceed to nail it into the wood. The other carpenter couldn't

stand it any longer and yells up, "Why are you throwing some of the nails away?" The first carpenter explained, "When I pull it out of my nail pouch, if it's pointed toward me I throw it away. If it's pointed toward the house, then I can use it!" The second carpenter got real excited and yelled "Don't throw those nails away that are pointed toward you! They're for the other side of the house!"

**7.** A counterfeiter spent all day making funny money. At the end of the day she realizes that she had spent all her time making \$15 bills. She figures that the only way she's going to get anything from this batch of money, is to find a place where the people aren't too bright and change the phony money for real cash. She travels to a small town in West Virginia and walks into a small Mom and Pop grocery store. She goes to the blonde behind the counter and asks her, "Do you have change for a \$15 bill?" The blonde replies, "I sure do...How would you like that? An 8 and a 7 or two 6s and a three?"

**8.** The blonde inmates in a prison had a joke book they all had memorized. The way they recited jokes was by the number of the joke. Some inmate would call out a number from one to one hundred and all would laugh. A new blonde in the prison, after studying the book, said she wanted to tell a joke. They said, "Okay, shoot!" She said, "Number 10," but nobody laughed. She said "This is funny. What's wrong; why aren't you laughing?" An inmate nearby said, "Some can tell them and some can't."

**9.** How do you make a blonde's eyes twinkle? Shine a flashlight in her ear.

**A Sunday School Teacher**

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "NO!"

Now she was smiling. Hey, they're getting it, she thought! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

**A Good verse to memorize:**

**Matthew 5:44** *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

**The End**