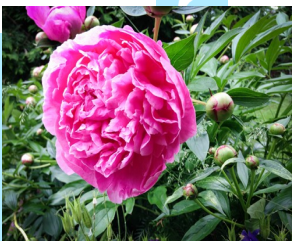


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# Swordsman Teen Newsletter



**DON'T FORGET TO  
WISH YOUR MOTHER  
A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

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Animal of the Bible circle the answer.

- 1) **What animal was the first to be let out of Noah's ark?**  
A - A dove  
B - A raven  
C - An alligator  
D - A sparrow
- 2) **It is easier for this animal to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**  
A - A camel  
B - A gnat  
C - A shrew  
D - A dog
- 3) **This animal was sacrificed instead of Isaac.**  
A - An ox  
B - A lamb  
C - A ram  
D - A wild donkey
- 4) **In the book of Revelation, Death rides this animal.**  
A - A dark horse  
B - A silent mule  
C - A pale horse  
D - A white horse
- 5) **This animal provided Jesus with money to pay taxes.**  
A - A donkey  
B - A cow  
C - A horse  
D - A fish
- 6) **These were some of the exotic animals that were brought to Solomon.**  
A - Peacocks  
B - Dodos  
C - Tigers  
D - Kangaroos
- 7) **These animals fed Elijah during the famine.**  
A - Dogs  
B - Doves  
C - Ravens  
D - Goats
- 8) **During the ten plagues, these animals came out of the River Nile.**  
A - Frogs  
B - Gnats  
C - Mites  
D - Locusts
- 9) **The prodigal son would have been happy to eat the food intended for this animal.**  
A - Cows  
B - Swine  
C - Dogs  
D - Sheep
- 10) **This judge lit 300 foxes' tails on fire.**  
A - Gideon  
B - Jephthah  
C - Ehud  
D - Samson
- 11) **Aaron made an image of this animal for the people of Israel.**  
A - Lion  
B - Serpent  
C - Calf  
D - Ox
- 12) **Moses made an image of this animal for the people of Israel.**  
A - Lion  
B - Serpent  
C - Calf  
D - Ox
- 13) **This animal made a disciple aware of his sin.**  
A - A Turkey  
B - A mule  
C - A raven  
D - A rooster
- 14) **Elisha set a pair of these animals loose on a gang of rowdies who were taunting him.**  
A - Bears  
B - Lions  
C - Tigers  
D - Wild Oxen
- 15) **This animal was killed by Samson, and he later found honey in the carcass.**  
A - Bear  
B - Lion  
C - Tiger  
D - Cow
- 16) **This animal is cursed above all cattle and above all wild animals.**  
A - An alligator  
B - An unclean goat  
C - A serpent  
D - A dung beetle
- 17) **This animal saved its master from the angel of God.**  
A - A dog  
B - A donkey  
C - A goat  
D - A horse
- 18) **This animal killed a prophet of the Lord, but did not eat him or his donkey.**  
A - A bear  
B - A fox  
C - A dog  
D - A lion
- 19) **These animals devoured Ahab's wife.**  
A - Bears  
B - Dogs  
C - Lions  
D - Vultures
- 20) **Samson used the jawbone of this animal to slay a thousand Philistines.**  
A - A donkey  
B - A fox  
C - A lion  
D - An ox

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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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## The Wolf and the Lion

ROAMING BY the mountainside at sundown, a Wolf saw his own shadow become greatly extended and magnified, and he said to himself, "Why should I, being of such an immense size and extending nearly an acre in length, be afraid of the Lion? Ought I not to be acknowledged as King of all the collected beasts?' While he was indulging in these proud thoughts, a Lion fell upon him and killed him. He exclaimed with a too late repentance, "Wretched me! this overestimation of myself is the cause of my destruction."

**Memory Verse: Matthew 5:16**  
*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

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## Let Your Light Shine

I want to deal with something that costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash, and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen. What is it? A smile.

**Matthew 5:13-16** *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Some songs I like that deal with light are: Walking in the Light, Sunlight, Heavenly Sunlight, The Light of the World is Jesus, Send the Light. Do you realize that the word "light" is used over 235 times in the Bible? Somebody said light is good, but sore eyes don't like it. Man, is that true in the hour we live in. God is Light, His Word is light, and we are told to be that light. Let's look at the subject of light. What do we do when it's dark or when the light goes out?

**1<sup>st</sup> Let's look at the little word "Ye."** In verse 14 above it says "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill CANNOT BE HID". "Ye" is a collective pronoun which speaks of all those who are saved by the grace of God.

**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.*

Make no mistake about it. Saved folks are something special. You may not have a lot to offer this world, but to God you are special.

**1 Peter 2:9** *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:* This light comes from our Wonderful Saviour! Do you know Him?

**John 8:12** *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Definition of light: That ethereal agent or matter which makes objects perceptible to the sense of seeing, but the particles of which are separately invisible. It is usually united with heat. Light can only come when you are joined to the true Light source. Christians who drink, smoke, swear, do drugs, dress like the world and act like the world are not shining. They are not united with the Light. Without Jesus you are in the dark! He is the Light of the world.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Let's look at how. Matthew 5:16** tells us how, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." How? By your good works. There are two ways of spreading light. One is by your deeds. I have seen a man get saved by his wife's testimony and her prayers. He saw the change in her life. The second way is by your dialect. A Christian should be different - the way we talk, dress and act.

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## Cooking from Scratch

*(Prov 14:13 KJV) Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; and the end of that mirth is heaviness.*

My mother never let me help much in the kitchen. As a result, my cooking ability was practically non-existent when I got married. But I did remember mother mentioning to her friends that she did make cakes, pies, and other things from scratch. So my first priority after the honeymoon was to locate some scratch. With mother's delicious cakes in mind, my first trip to the supermarket was to buy some scratch. I found the aisle that read -- Baking Items. I spent a good 15 minutes looking at everything from vegetable oil, sugar, flour, and chocolate without seeing a sign of scratch. I was sure it wouldn't be with the pickles or the meat. I asked the clerk if they carried scratch. He looked at me funny and finally said, "You'll have to go to the store on the corner." When I got there, it turned out to be a feed store. I thought it rather strange, but I decided cakes were food. "Do you have scratch?" I asked the clerk. He asked me how much I wanted. I suggested a pound or two. His reply was, "How many chickens do you have? It only comes in 20 pound bags." I really didn't understand why he mentioned chickens, but I had heard mother say she made chicken casserole from scratch. So, I bought 20 pounds and hurried home. My next problem was to find a recipe calling for scratch. I went through every single page of my lovely "Better Homes and Gardens" cookbook, a wedding gift. I looked and looked for a recipe using scratch. There I was with 20 pounds of scratch and no recipe. When I opened the scratch, I had doubts that a beautiful, fluffy cake would ever result from such a hard looking ingredient. I hoped with the addition of liquids and heat the result would be successful. I had no need to mention my problem to my new husband. He had suggested very early in our marriage that he liked to cook and would gladly take over anytime. One day he made a pie and when I told him how good it was, he said that he made it from scratch. That assured me that it could be done. Being a new bride is scary especially when I found out he made pies, cakes, and even lemon pudding from scratch. Well, if he made all those things from scratch, I was sure he had bought a 20 pound bag of scratch also, but I couldn't find where he stored it, and I checked my supply. It was still full! At this point I was ready to give up because everybody knew about scratch except me. I decided to try a different approach. One day when my husband was not doing anything, I said, "Honey, I wish you'd bake a cake." He got out the flour, sugar, eggs, milk and shortening, but not a sign of scratch. I watched him blend it together, pour it into a pan and slide it into the oven to bake. An hour later, as we were eating the cake, I looked at him and smiled and said, "Honey, why don't we raise a few chickens?"

## Mixed Up

A new business was opening, and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site, and the owner read the card,

which said, "Rest In Peace." The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: Somewhere there is a funeral taking place, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

## Husband Searching

A "Husband Shopping Center" was opened where a woman could go to choose a husband from among many men. It was laid out in five floors, with the men increasing in positive attributes as the floors got higher. The only rule was once a woman opened the door to any floor, she had to choose a man from that floor, and if she went up a floor, she couldn't go back down except to leave the place. So, a couple of girlfriends go to the place to find men. First floor: The door had a sign saying, "These men have jobs and love kids." The women read the sign and say, "Well, that's better than not having jobs or not loving kids, but I wonder what's further up?" So up they go. Second floor: The sign says, "These men have high paying jobs, love kids, and are extremely good looking." "Hmmm," say the girls. "But, I wonder what's further up?" Third floor: "These men have high paying jobs, are extremely good looking, love kids, and help with the housework." "Wow!" say the women. "Very tempting, BUT there's more further up!?" And so again, they go up. Fourth floor: "These men have high paying jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework, and have a strong romantic streak." "Oh, mercy me. But just think!! What must be awaiting us further on!" So up to the fifth floor they go. Fifth floor: The sign on that door said: "This floor is just to prove that women are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping and have a nice day."

## Silly Riddles

Q: How do we know that cars are in the New Testament?

A: Because Jesus was a car painter! (carpenter)

Q: Where do you find rain gear in the Bible?

A: On the book of Goloshes. (Colossians).

Q: How do you study the Bible?

A: You Luke into it.

Q: How do we know that Jesus used fertilizer?

A: Because He said, "Lettuce spray." (Let us pray.)

Q: How do we know that Jesus made coffee?

A: It says so in the book of He Brews. (Hebrews)

Q: Who were the three

shortest men in the Bible?

A: Bildad the shoe-height, Knee-high Miah, and the man who fell asleep on his watch.

Q: Where did the murderer hide his weapon in the Bible?

A: In the Book of Axe. (Acts)

Q: How do you know when Enoch is at the door?

A: 'E knocks.

Q: What's the first Supreme Court case in the Bible?

A: Joshua Judges Ruth.



## Let Your Light Shine

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I believe that more parents would get saved if Christian teens acted different and talked different.

**Hebrews 10:24** *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

Be different in the way we dress and act. Show the ol' lost world what a Christian looks like. We need to be disciplined whether we are at school, in public, or at work (by your work ethic.) May I forewarn you, sometimes this will get you in trouble. When I was working, I took less breaks and worked harder than most. The people I worked with harassed me and some got mad.

**John 10:32** *Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?*

If they did this to our Saviour, what can we expect?

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Where Can We Let Our Light Shine?**

**Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

I covered most of this in the paragraph above. Our light should shine wherever we are - home, school, church, in everything we do, **but why?**

### **This bring us to the last point.**

Verse 16 above says it all - to "*glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" We are commanded to go into all the world and be a witness for our Lord and Saviour. Jesus is worthy to be glorified in word and deed. By the way, we are not commanded to make our light shine. **We are told to let our light shine.** It should not be against your nature if you are saved. How is your light doing? Is it dim? If so, go to the altar and ask God to help you.

## A Lawyer's Heart

A doctor tells a rich old man that he's going to die if he doesn't get a new heart soon. The old man tells the doctor to search the world for the best heart available, money is no object. A few days later the doctor calls the old man and says he has found three hearts, but they are all expensive. The old man reminds the doctor that he is filthy rich and implores him to tell him about the donors they came from.

"Well, the first one belonged to 22 year-old marathon runner, never smoked, ate only the most healthy foods, was in peak condition when he was hit by a bus. No damage to the heart, of course. But it costs \$100,000!"

The old man, waving off the last part about the cost, asks the doctor to tell him about the second donor.

This one belonged to a 16 year-old long-distance swimmer, high school kid. Lean and mean. Drowned when he hit his head on the side of the pool. That heart will set you back \$150,000!"

"Okay," said the old man, "what about the third heart?"

"Well this one belonged to a 58 year-old man, smoked three packs of cigarettes a day, weighed over 300 pounds, never exercised, drank like a fish...this heart is going for \$500,000!!!"

"Five-hundred grand?!?!" the old man exclaimed, "why so expensive?"

"Well," said the doctor, "this heart belonged to a lawyer...so it was never used."

## Caught in a Blizzard

As Lena (a blonde) was getting off work one day in the middle of winter, it was snowing heavily. Visibility was near zero. Lena finally found her car, but wondered how she was ever going to get home. She started the car to warm it up and tried to think of what to do. Then she remembered her husband, Olaf's, advice. He had told her that if she were ever caught in a snow storm, she should wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it. That way she'd never get stuck in a snow drift.

So she waited and sure enough, a little while later a snow plow went by. Smiling, she began to follow it. Feeling a little smug, she couldn't wait to tell Olaf how she had followed his advice and got home without getting stuck.

After following the snow plow for quite a while, the plow stopped and the driver got out. He walked back to Lena's car and asked if she was all right. He was concerned because she had been following him for a long time. "Sure," said Lena, and she explained how Olaf had told her that if she ever got caught in a blizzard, she should follow a snow plow. A little confused, the driver said, "OK, you can follow me if you want to, but I'm finished with the K-mart parking lot and I'm headed for Wal-Mart next."

## My Granddaughter

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

## Did YOU Find Jesus?

One day, a church was having a baptism outside in a small pool. Everyone bowed their heads to pray for the person being baptized. One man praying heard a noise on the hill behind the preacher; the man looked up and saw a drunk guy tumbling down the hill. He splashed into the water where the preacher was praying and stood beside him, although no one else had noticed this. The preacher finished praying and dunked the man's head into the water for a few seconds and brought it back up. The preacher said to the drunk, "Did you find Jesus?"

The drunk said, "NO!"

The preacher dunked him under again and said, "Did you find Jesus?"

The drunk said, "NO!"

Once more the preacher dunked the drunk's head in the water and kept him there for about 45 seconds, brought him back up, and again the preacher asked, "Did you find Jesus?"

And the drunk said, "Are you sure this is where He fell in!?!"

## Answers to Animals of the Bible

- 1) B - A raven *Genesis 8:6, 7*
- 2) A - A camel *Matthew 19:24*
- 3) C - A ram *Genesis 22:13*
- 4) C - A pale horse *Revelation 6:8*
- 5) D - A fish *Matthew 17:27*
- 6) A - Peacocks *1 Kings 10:22*
- 7) C - Ravens *1 Kings 17:6*
- 8) A - Frogs *Exodus 8:5*
- 9) B - Swine *Luke 15:16*
- 10) D - Samson *Judges 15:3, 4*
- 11) C - Calf *Exodus 32:4*
- 12) B - Serpent *Numbers 21:9*
- 13) D - A rooster *Mark 14:72*
- 14) A - Bears *2 Kings 2:24*
- 15) B - Lion *Judges 14:5, 6, 8*
- 16) C - A serpent *Genesis 3:14*
- 17) B - A donkey *Numbers 22:30-31*
- 18) D - A lion *1 Kings 13:28*
- 19) B - Dogs *2 Kings 9:36*
- 20) A - A donkey *Judges 15:15*

## Baptism

A little son of a Baptist minister was in church one morning, when he saw for the first time the rite of baptism by immersion. He was greatly interested in it, and the next morning he proceeded to baptize his three cats in the bathtub! The first kitten bore it very well, and so did the young cat, but the old family cat rebelled. It struggled with him, clawed and tore at him, and got away. With considerable effort, he caught it again and proceeded with the ceremony. But the cat acted worse than ever. Finally, after barely getting her splattered with water, he dropped her on the floor in disgust and said: "Fine, be an Atheist!"

## Does God Still Speak To People?

A young man had been to Wednesday night Bible Study. The Pastor had shared about listening to God and obeying the Lord's voice. The young man couldn't help but wonder, "Does God still speak to people?" After the service, he went out with some friends for coffee and pie and they discussed the message. Several different ones talked about how God had led them in different ways. It was about ten o'clock when the young man started driving home. Sitting in his car, he just began to pray, "God.. If you still speak to people speak to me. I will listen. I will do my best to obey." As he drove down the main street of his town, he had the strangest thought, stop and buy a gallon of milk. He shook his head and said out loud, "God is that you?" He didn't get a reply and started on toward home. But again, the thought, buy a gallon of milk. The young man thought about Samuel and how he didn't recognize the voice of God, and how little Samuel ran to Eli. "Okay, God, in case that is you, I will buy the milk." It didn't seem like too hard a test of obedience. He could always use the milk. He stopped and purchased the gallon of milk and started off toward home. As he passed Seventh street, he again felt the urge, "Turn down that street." This is crazy he thought and drove on pass the intersection. Again, he felt that he should turn down seventh street. At the next intersection, he turned back and headed down Seventh. Half jokingly, he said out loud, "Okay, God, I will". He drove several blocks, when

## I Want Those Curtains

A blonde walked into a store to buy curtains. She went up to the salesman and said, "I want those pink curtains to fit my computer screen." The salesman mentioned, "Computers don't need curtains." The blonde said, "Hellooo, I have windows!"

suddenly, he felt like he should stop. He pulled over to the curb and looked around. He was in a semi-commercial area of town. It wasn't the best but it wasn't the worst of neighborhoods either. The businesses were closed and most of the houses looked dark like the people were already in bed. Again, he sensed something, "Go and give the milk to the people in the house across the street." The young man looked at the house. It was dark and it looked like the people were either gone or they were already asleep. He started to open the door and then sat back in the car seat. "Lord, this is insane. Those people are asleep and if I wake them up, they are going to be mad and I will look stupid." Again, he felt like he should go and give the milk. Finally, he opened the door, "Okay God, if this is you, I will go to the door and I will give them the milk. If you want me to look like a crazy person, okay. I want to be obedient. I guess that will count for something but if they don't answer right away, I am out of here.

"He walked across the street and rang the bell. He could hear some noise inside. A man's voice yelled out, "Who is it? What do you want?" Then the door opened before the young man could get away. The man was standing there in his jeans and t-shirt. He looked like he just got out of bed. He had a strange look on his face and he didn't seem to happy to have some stranger standing on his door step. "What is it?" The young man thrust out the gallon of milk, "Here, I brought this to you." The man took the milk and rushed down a hall way speaking loudly in Spanish. Then from down the hall came a woman carrying the milk toward the kitchen. The man was following her holding a baby. The baby was crying. The man had tears streaming down his face. The man began speaking and half crying, "We were just praying. We had some big bills this month and we ran out of money. We didn't have any milk for our baby. I was just praying and asking God to show me how to get some milk." His wife in the kitchen yelled out, "I ask him to send an Angel with some...Are you an Angel?" The young man reached into his wallet and pulled out all the money he had on him and put in the man's hand. He turned and walked back toward his car and the tears were streaming down his face. He knew that God still answers prayers and that God still speaks to His people.

## The Hotel is Full

A Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."

The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test. How was Jesus born?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the hotel clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?" Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"