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Swordsman Teen Newsletter

Isaiah 40:8
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Psalms 121:1-7 *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.* ***2*** *My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.* ***3*** *He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.* ***4*** *Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.* ***5*** *The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.* ***6*** *The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.* ***7*** *The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*

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Book of Esther ~ Circle the right answer:

1) At the beginning of the book of Esther, King Ahasuerus hosts a big party which lasts how many days?

A - 7
B - 24
C - 150
D - 180

2) The king was enraged at the queen during the party because.

A - They ran out of wine.
B - She disobeyed him.
C - He was insane.
D - She wouldn't dance.

3) This advisor to the king suggested exiling the queen:

A - Memucan
B - Bigthana
C - Harbona
D - Carkas

4) What tribe was Esther from?

A - Judah
B - Asher
C - Benjamin
D - Levi

5) What was Esther's Hebrew name?

A - Jezebel
B - Hadassah
C - Biztha
D - Michal

6) Esther did not reveal the fact that she was Jewish because:

A - Of religious persecution
B - She was ashamed of the fact.
C - She was an orphan and didn't know.
D - Mordecai told her not to.

7) Haman disliked Mordecai because:

A - He would not bow before him.
B - He was a Jew.
C - He ate garlic.
D - Haman was jealous of him.

8) Haman wrote an edict commanding that all Jews should be killed on what day?

A - The sabbath
B - The twelfth day of the first month
C - The thirteenth day of the twelfth month
D - The sixth day of the fourth month

9) What was the name of the eunuch which attended Esther?

A - Bildad
B - Hathach
C - Hagar
D - Ebed

10) Esther invited the king to a banquet and also invited one other guest...who?

A - Haman
B - Mordecai
C - Hathach
D - Memucan

11) What were the names of the guards who conspired to kill the king?

A - Ehud and Eglon
B - Memucan and Hammedatha
C - Agag and Hathach
D - Bigthana and Teresh

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12) Who discovered their plot?

A - Esther
B - Mordecai
C - Haman
D - Hathach

13) What was the name of Haman's wife?

A - Hammedatha
B - Rachel
C - Zeresh
D - Lucinda

14) The king asked Haman what he should do for 'the man the king delights to honour.' Who did Haman think the king was talking about?

A - Hatac
B - Haman
C - Memucan
D - Mordecai

15) Who was the king REALLY talking about?

A - Hatac
B - Haman
C - Memucan
D - Mordecai

16) When the king found out that Esther is a Jew, what did he have done to Haman?

A - Gives him a promotion
B - Decapitate him
C - Have him burned alive
D - Have him hanged

17) The Jews still had a problem, even though Haman was dead, what was it?

A - Haman had 10 sons.
B - Mordecai was also dead.
C - The king's edict could not be revoked.
D - Zeresh aspired to be queen.

18) Who was promoted to Haman's position?

A - Mordecai
B - Esther
C - Hathach
D - Memucan

19) What would the king do to accept someone who entered his presence unsummoned?

A - Greet them
B - Extend his scepter
C - Stand up
D - Nod his head

20) What is the name of the Jewish feast which commemorates the account in Esther?

A - The Passover
B - Hanukkah
C – Purim
D - Rosh Hashana

Esther is the 17th book of the Old Testament, and has 10 chapters. If you read it before taking this quiz, you'll do a lot better on the quiz.

ENJOY!!!

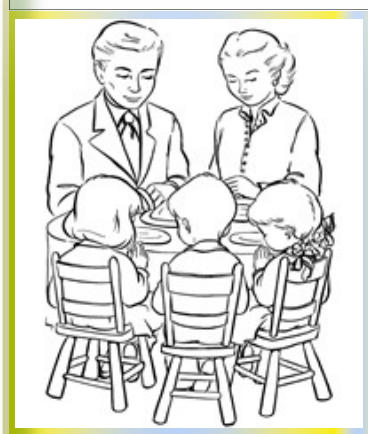
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All Scripture in this publication is from the King James Bible.

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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1 Thessalonians 5:18 *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*
Psalms 118:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:

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Somebody, Somewhere, Does Love You

Romans 5:1-8 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **{2}** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **{3}** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **{4}** And patience, experience; and experience, hope: **{5}** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. **{6}** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **{7}** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **{8}** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

An Interesting Fact:

On Jan. 23, 1999, the diaries of the famous atheist, Madalyn Murray O'Haire, were auctioned off to pay creditors and back taxes. O'Haire, as you all know, is the person responsible for having prayer and Bible reading thrown out of the government schools in this country. Madalyn has been missing since 1995. Within the 2,000 pages of handwritten material, at least a half-dozen times, sometimes set off in a separate box, she pleaded: "Somebody, somewhere, love me." What a miserable cry! What a sad plea! Such is the emotional turmoil of a man or a woman who foolishly says in his heart, "There is no God." In spending her life trying to run from God and to exercise her right to avoid God, Madalyn missed out on the greatest purest source of love she could have ever known. You see, God IS love.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

God's love is demonstrated clearly.

1 John 3:18 *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.* ***John 3:16*** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

-By His passion on the cross.

Passion defined: A powerful emotion, such as love, joy, hatred, or anger.

The sufferings of Jesus (in the period following the Last Supper and including the Crucifixion) demonstrate His love for us, so that you and I could have our sins forgiven and have a home in Heaven.

-By His preparation for our future.

Once we are born into the family of God, Jesus has plans for our future.

John 3:3 *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom 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:*

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

John14:2 states that Jesus is preparing a **mansion** for his children. When Jesus makes something, it is done completely right and perfect.

God's love is durable. **Durable defined:** Capable of withstanding wear and tear or decay, lasting. Jesus promises are durable, just like his love. ***Romans 8:38-39*** *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **{39}** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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Pastor's Wife

A tired pastor was at home resting, and through the window he saw a woman approaching his door. She was one of those too-talkative people, and he was not anxious to talk with her. He said to his wife, "I'll just duck upstairs and wait until she goes away." An hour passed, then he tiptoed to the stair landing and listened ... not a sound. He was very pleased, so he started down calling loudly to his wife, "Well, My Dear, did you get rid of that old bore at last?" The next moment he heard the voice of the same woman caller, and she couldn't possibly have missed hearing him. Two steps down, he saw them both staring up at him. It seemed truly a crisis moment.

The quick-thinking pastor's wife answered, "Yes, Dear, she went away over an hour ago. But Mrs. Jones has come to call in the meantime, and I'm sure you'll be glad to greet her."

It'll All Come Back to Ya

A preacher retired and moved to the country to enjoy life and practice his hobby of yard work. Needing a lawn mower, he headed into town to buy one. On the way he saw a sign advertising a lawn mower for sale. He stopped at the house and a young lad came out to greet him. The preacher asked about the lawn mower and the kid said it was behind the house. The two went to look at the lawn mower. The engine was sputtering along at idle speed. The preacher increased the speed of the engine and mowed a few strips. Satisfied that the mower would do the job they settled on a price of $25.00.

Later in the day, the young lad was riding his bicycle when he spied the preacher pulling on the engine starter rope. The kid stopped and watched for a couple of minutes. He asked, "What's wrong?"

The reply came, "I can't get this mower started. Do you know how?"

The kid said, "Yep."

"Well, how do you do it? Tell me!", the preacher yelled.

The kid replied, "You have to cuss it."

The preacher rose up indignantly. "Now you listen here. I am a preacher and if I ever did cuss, not saying I have, I've forgotten how to do it after all these years."

With a wise look on his face well beyond his years, the kid said, "Preacher, you keep on pulling that rope and it'll all come back to ya."

Inspiring Music At Church

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need $4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge $100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "The National Anthem."

New Dentures

This minister just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

The Frog and The Princess

Once upon a time, a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess happened upon a frog in a pond. The frog said to the princess, "I was once a handsome prince until an evil witch put a spell on me. One kiss from you and I will turn back into a prince and then we can marry, move into the castle with my mom and you can prepare my meals, clean my clothes, bear my children and forever feel happy doing so." That night, while the princess dined on frog legs, she kept laughing and saying, "I don't think so."

Silly Riddles

1. Jack rode into town on Friday and rode out 2 days later on Friday. How can that be possible?
2. Can you name the two days starting with T besides Tuesday and Thursday?
3. What is round on both sides but high in the middle?
4. If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
5. What is the center of Gravity?
6. What is the last thing you take off before bed?
7. A lawyer, a plumber and a hat maker were walking down the street. Who had the biggest hat?
8. What kind of room has no doors or windows?
9. I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter but can't go outside. What am I?
10. What do you get if you cross a salmon, a bird's leg and a hand?
11. What TV game show do fish like best?
12. Where do fish wash?
13. What part of a fish weighs the most?
14. What was the name of Tom Sawyer's fish?
15. Why are gold fish orange?

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Somebody, Somewhere, Does Love You

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Ephesians 3:19 *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Even when we are not attractive before Him.

God hates sin, but loves the sinner. ***Romans 5:8*** *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Revelation 21:8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.* These verses show us God's deep hatred for sin; and its punishment; and how deep His love for us must be.

Even when we are not affectionate toward Him.

Affectionate Defined: (adj.) Having or showing warm or fond feelings, tenderhearted, warmhearted, loving. Even though we did not love Him and did things that were against God; He still loved us. **FREE OFFER**

Even when we are not aware of Him.

Romans 10:14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

God's love is declared plainly.

1 John 4:9 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.*

He penned down His love for you and me in the Scriptures. Madalyn Murray O'Haire wrote 2,000 pages of her own dreams, desires, and deeds. At least **six times** she cried out on those pages, *"Somebody, somewhere, love me."* God wrote a Book of over 1,000 pages, and from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation, it is the story of God's love for sinners. ***1 John 4:19*** *We love him, because he first loved us.* It is a shame that some people will never know the love of God our Father. He has proclaimed His love for you through God's people**.** ***(Romans 10:14)*** Pastors and soul-winners proclaim how much Jesus loves us. They share with others how they can have eternal life though Jesus Christ our Lord.

He personalizes His love for you through His Spirit.

Revelation 22:17 *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* Last call for salvation, the Spirit says, "Come." The doors are going to close. Do you want to come?

Romans 10:9-13 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. **{11}** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. **{12}** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. **{13}** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* **Won't you call upon Jesus today? REPENT of your sins, ask Jesus to forgive you, and ask Jesus to come into your heart and life today.**

Hymns For Different People.

Dentist's Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Contractor's Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"
Baker's Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"
Weatherman's Hymn: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
Optometrist's Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"
Tailor's Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
IRS's Hymn: "All to Thee"
Shopper's Hymn: "By and By"
Golfer's Hymn: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"
Politician's Hymn: "Standing on the Promises"
Gossiper's Hymn "Pass it on"
Electrician's Hymn "Send the Light"

If You Must Speed on The Highway -- Sing These Hymns

At 45 MPH. "God Will Take Care of Me"
At 55 MPH. "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
At 65 MPH. "Nearer My God to Thee"
At 75 MPH. "Nearer Still Nearer"
At 85 MPH. "This World is Not My Home"
At 95 MPH. "Lord, I'm Coming Home"
At 100 MPH. "Precious Memories"

Angel Wings

Once heard about a lady who came to her pastor with a theological question about heaven. "Pastor, I don't know how I'm going to get my robe on over my wings without bending them." Her pastor replied, "If I were you I wouldn't worry about that. I'd worry about how you are going to get your halo on over your horns."

Car Accident

As a blonde crawls out of her wrecked car, the local sheriff asks her what happened.
The blonde began, "It was the strangest thing! I looked up and saw a tree, so I swerved to the right. Then I saw another tree, so I swerved to left. Then there was another tree, and another and another
The sheriff thought for a minute and then said, "Ma'am ... I don't know how to tell you this, but the only thing even resembling a tree on this road for thirty miles is your air freshener."

Blonde Riddles

Q. Why did the Blonde climb the glass wall?
A. To see what's on the other side.
Q. How do you get a twinkle in a blonde's eye?
A. Shine a flashlight in her ear!

Answers to: Book of Esther

1) A - 7 ***(Esther 1:5)***
2) B - She disobeyed him. ***(Esther 1:12)***
3) A - Memucan ***(Esther 1:16)***
4) C - Benjamin ***(Esther 2:5)***
5) B - Hadassah ***(Esther 2:7)***
6) D - Mordecai told her not to. ***(Esther 2:20)***
7) A - He would not bow before him. ***(Esther 3:2)***
8) C - The thirteenth day of the twelfth month ***(Esther3:13)***
9) B - Hathach ***(Esther 4:5)***
10) A - Haman ***(Esther 5:4)***
11) D - Bigthana and Teresh ***(Esther 6:2)***
12) B - Mordecai ***(Esther 6:2)***
13) C - Zeresh ***(Esther 6:13)***
14) B - Haman ***(Esther 6:6)***
15) D - Mordecai **(Esther 6:10)**
16) D - Have him hanged ***(Esther 7:10)***
17) C - The king's edict could not be revoked. ***(Esther 8:8)***
18) A - Mordecai ***(Esther 9:4)***
19) B - Extend his sceptre ***(Esther 4:11)***
20) C - Purim ***(Esther 9:28)***

Answers to: Silly Riddles

1. Friday is his horse's name!
2. Today and tomorrow.
3. Ohio
4. Nine
5. The letter V
6. Your feet off the floor.
7. The one with the biggest head.
8. A mushroom
9. A Keyboard
10. Birds thigh fish fingers
11. Name that tuna
12. In a river basin
13. It's scales
14. Huckleberry Fin
15. The water makes them rusty



Are You all Right

Sally goes to work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss, concerned about his employee, walks over to her and asks sympathetically, "What's the matter?" The blonde replies, "Early this morning I got a phone call that my mother had passed away."
The boss, feeling very sorry at this point, suggests to the young girl, "Why don't you go home for the day...we aren't terribly busy. Just take the day off and go relax."
Sally very calmly states, "No I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind busy and I have the best chance of doing that here."
The boss agrees, and allows her to work as usual. "If you need anything, just let me know," says the boss.
A few hours pass and the boss decides to check on Sally. He looks out his office and sees her crying hysterically.
He rushes over an asks, "What's the matter now? Are you going to be ok?"
Sally breaks down in tears. "I just received a horrible call from my sister. She said that her mom died too!!"

We'll Be Here All Day

There were two blondes going to California for the summer, they are about two hours into the flight and the pilot gets on the intercom and says we just lost an engine but it is all right we have three more but it will take us an hour longer. A half hour later he gets on the intercom again and says we just lost another engine but its all right we have two more it will take us another half hour though. One of the blondes says "If we lose the two last engines we will be up here all day"

Why Should I

A blonde wanted to sell her old car, but nobody wished to buy a car with 250,000 miles on it. So, she tells her brunette girlfriend at the salon about her problem, and the brunette suggests she take the car to a mechanic friend of hers, who will turn the meter back by 200,000 miles.
The blonde thinks this is a sound suggestion and does so.
About a month later, the brunette sees her blonde girlfriend in a store and says, "Did you ever sell your car?"
"No," says the blonde. "Why should I? It's only got 50,000 miles on it."

I Don't Trust You

There was a burning building with a redhead, a brunette, and a blonde at the top. The firemen are yelling to the redhead to jump into a blanket and she jumps off the building and right as she was about to safely hit the blanket they moved it and she dies.
They yell to the brunette to jump but she says, "No I saw what you did to the redhead"! They shout we don't like redheads! So the brunette jumps and sure enough they move the blanket and she dies. Then they shout to the blonde to jump off into the blanket.
But the blonde says, "no I saw what you did to them"! They shout we don't like them! The blonde then says, "I don't trust you guys, put the blanket on the ground and step back!"

Lost

A blonde, a redhead, and a brunette were all lost in the desert. They found a lamp and rubbed it. A genie popped out and granted them each one wish. The redhead wished to be back home. Poof! She was back home. The brunette wished to be at home with her family. Poof! She was back home with her family. The blonde said, "Awwww, I wish my friends were here."

The End