



TeamKIDs Newsletter

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Greetings from TeamKIDs

✠ *Major Prophets Division of the Old Testament*

We are still working on the books of the Old Testament. This month we will focus on the Major Prophets Division. Here are a list of the books in this division:

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

These books of prophecy warn the people of Israel about sin and disobeying God. The books teach about the coming of Jesus in the future.

We all need to be reminded about sin. Every day we miss the mark in obeying God. Me, too. I want to do what **I** want to do and not what God wants me to do.

Reading the Bible everyday helps to remind me and you of what God wants us to do and say and how to act. It's like an instruction book on how to live.

If we don't read the Bible it is too easy for us to listen to our friends or others who don't love God and who might tell us to do things that wouldn't please God.

Let's encourage each other to obey God. You can remind me too. I need to be encouraged as much as you do!

I hope to see you on Wednesday,
Mrs. Cathy

March's TeamKIDs calendar

March 3rd

Bible Baseball
Recreation
Music



March 10th

TeamKID Lesson
Bible Skills
craft

March 17th

TeamKID Lesson
Bible Skills
music

March 24th

Visit to Consulate
Nursing Home

March 31st

TeamKID Store



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Michelle West March 1

Walt Bryant March 2

Cameryn Bass March 20

Austin Vick March 23

Danielle West Mark 24





Harley Henry

The Spotlight Is On You!

Birthday: June 11th

Parents' names: Gary and Tammy

brother: Tyler



Thank You, God!

Bible Question

We've been learning how to spell the books of the Bible.

Here is this month's question:

what was the language used to write the Old Testament?

here are some choices:

Egyptian hieroglyphics

Hebrew

Latin

English

(3 points!)



Serious Questions

Why is wrong to do something if all the other kids are doing it?

If something is wrong, it's wrong no matter how many people do it. Suppose a group of your friends started throwing stones through windows in the neighborhood. Would it be OK just because everyone did it? Of course not! It would be wrong whether *one* person or *every* in *school* did it. You can be sure that the police and the homeowners would say it was wrong!

If a lot of kids swear, cheat, lie, do steal, disobey their parents, fight, or do something else that is wrong, don't think that you have to do it, too. You should do what is right, even if you are the only one. That's what God wants.

Ephesians 4: 17-19 says:

"Don't live like the unsaved do anymore. They are blinded and confused. Their closed hearts are full of darkness. They are far away from the life of God. Why? Because they have shut their minds against him. They can't understand his ways. They don't care anymore about right and wrong."

Q. How do you spell mousetrap with only three letters?
A. C - A - T!



Q. What kind of phone does a turtle use?
A. A shell-ular phone!

fun craft stuff

A Pop-Up Card

Gather

- 2 matching pieces colored construction paper
- scissors
- glue stick
- various colors construction paper
- markers



1. Fold both pieces of construction paper in half lengthwise to create a 5-1/2 by 8- 1/2 inch card. Set one piece aside.
2. With paper still folded, measure one-third from the top and cut through the fold about halfway across the card.
3. Fold down the "cut out" part of the card to create a triangle and make a crease.
4. Unfold card and pull triangle forward until it "pops" out in the front. Re-fold card.
5. Grab the other piece of paper. Put glue along all four inside edges. Place the piece of paper with the cut out on top and line up the edges, so there's no overlap. Press hard.
6. Open your card, making sure the pop-out "pops out" and let dry.
7. Cut out flowers or other colorful patterns from other colors of construction paper and glue them around the "pocket" to make a bouquet or beautiful decoration.
8. Use markers to draw a tag and write a special message to the recipient of the card to let him or her know they're loved and appreciated. Cut it out and glue it inside the card.
9. Decorate the front of card with markers and more construction paper flowers.
10. Give away the card to spread God's joy.

March's Trivia

I love little bits of information, called 'trivia.' Here are some new ones this month:

- *Did you know*— that all the continents are spelled with the same first letter as the last letter?
- *Did you know*- Lightning strikes men 7 times more often than women?
- *Did you know*— that the tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant?
- *Did you know*-the distance from your elbow to your wrist is the same as the length of your foot?
- *Did you know*- your fingernails grow 4 times faster than your toenails?
- *Did you know*- About 50 Bibles are sold every minute. That's almost a Bible a second!



Why do the hands on clocks travel 'clockwise'?

Mechanical clocks were invented in the northern hemisphere by inventors who were trying to make models of the sun's movement in the sky.

To watch the sun from the northern hemisphere, you have to face south. Then the sun will rise on your left and pass over your head to set on your right. Since the hour hand on the clock was made to follow the sun's motion through the sky, it moves from left to right over the top of the clock - clockwise. The hands are actually modeled after the shadow on a sundial.



Did you know...

that the harmonica is still the most popular musical instrument in the world?



(we are continuing a 5-part story about a young girl named Esther. Her story is in the Old Testament, in the History Division. Thanks to *Lorain County Free Net Chapel*, for the story.)

Did your father ever tell you that you HAD to go somewhere and it was really the LAST place on earth you'd ever want to go? And did you finally realize you had NO other choice but to GO? Did you obey cheerfully or did you try to make life miserable for your dad? Sometimes God asks us to go someplace we'd really rather NOT. Don't you think it's best to obey Him CHEERFULLY and just go DO what He wants?



The Girl Who Moved to a Palace (Part 3)

by Rosemarie Ann Haas-Bonner

Why would ANYONE want to do something like THAT?" Esther exclaimed loudly when Mordecai had told her what Bigthan and Terish had planned to do to the King. Mordecai sighed as he watched Esther pace back and forth.

"You must warn the King QUICKLY," he urged.

Esther nodded. *"Thank you, Mordecai. I will tell him immediately."*

When Mordecai had left, Esther hurried through the outer gardens toward the palace courts. Reaching the King's throne room, Esther adjusted her crown and smoothed her skirts. This was IMPORTANT business! She walked in quietly but quickly and made her way to King Xerxes' throne. Esther bowed and the King took her hand.

"What is it, my Queen?" he asked.

Esther rose and said, *"Terish and Bigthan are plotting to kill you, my lord."*

The King frowned. *"How do you know this, Esther?"*

"Mordecai, my cousin, heard them talking at the gate. They plan to kill you tomorrow night."

The King leaned forward and asked, *"Are you SURE of this?"*

"Yes, your majesty," Esther replied solemnly.

King Xerxes then called over several guards and told them what Esther had said. The guards were immediately dispatched to find the two men. *"Thank you, Esther. You have SAVED my life,"* King Xerxes said, looking at Esther with a smile.

Returning his smile, she said, *"You're welcome, but it is really Mordecai's doing, sir."*

"Please give him my thanks, and thank you for coming to me without delay."

"You're welcome, your majesty." Esther bowed and left quickly. When the King dismissed her, she immediately went out to get Mordecai.



Meanwhile, Mordecai sat outside the palace gates watching the people run around, doing their various activities. Just then a loud trumpet was blown.

Mordecai looked down the road to see several men carrying another man in a tall chair. It was Haman, a court official. Mordecai frowned. Haman always made people bow to him, but Mordecai NEVER did.

When Haman passed by him, Mordecai sat quietly, only looking at the ground. Soon he looked up again when he heard the other man pass by. He sighed.

Suddenly someone tapped him on the shoulder from behind. It was a young girl. *"Are you Mordecai?"* she asked.

"Yes, I am," he replied.

"Queen Esther would like to see you," the girl explained. *"I will take you to her."* Mordecai stood and followed to girl toward the palace.

When they reached the Queen's chambers, the girl left Mordecai in a room by himself. Soon, Esther came around the corner and greeted him with a smile and a hug. *"Mordecai! THANK you for coming!"*

"You're welcome, my cousin. What is it that you need?" he asked returning her smile.

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Nothing from me. The King wishes to thank you for telling him of Bighan and Terish's plot to kill him." "Please tell him it was an honor for me," Mordecai said softly, "but I must go now." "Yes, of course. Goodbye, cousin," Esther said, waving to him as he walked away.



Haman was FURIOUS! Things had been going so smoothly. The King was only concerned about his own little parties and banquets, and had left Haman to rule everything - which was exactly what he wanted. But now, there were people who didn't like him. Mordecai NEVER bowed, and it was getting under his skin, making him mad.

"I'll get RID of him then," Haman thought with a wicked grin on his face. "Better yet, he's a JEW, so I'll get rid of ALL THE JEWS!" He chuckled at the thought as he and made his way through the streets to his house.

Later, when he had concocted a plan, Haman went STRAIGHT to the King's palace and requested to see him. He told the King that there was a people in his land that did not respect him OR his laws and would soon cause trouble for him and his kingdom.

"Who are these people?" King Xerxes demanded.

Haman bowed low and said, "Oh King, they are the JEWS."

King Xerxes was inFURIATED! Haman quickly spoke up. "Your majesty, I have a plan to get rid of them."

"Oh. You DO?" the King questioned, beginning to calm down a bit.

"If it pleases you, oh King, let there be a decree issued to deSTROY them and I will put ten thousand talents (375 tons) into the royal treasury for the men that will do this," he replied smugly, pleased with his own plans.

The King nodded, and, taking his signet ring off his finger, handed it to Haman. "Keep the money, Haman, and DO with the people as you wish," he said solemnly.

Haman bowed and scurried quickly out of the room. "Ha, ha!" he chuckled with glee. "I've got Mordecai NOW! He'll wish he had kissed my very FEET!"

When the news reached Mordecai, he RIPPED and TORE his clothes, put on sackcloth, and went out into the city, wailing LOUDLY and bitterly. In every place to which the decree of the King came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay on sackcloth and ashes.

Esther soon heard the mourning and crying outside the palace and sent two servants to find out what was wrong. When the servants came back, they had a message from Mordecai.

"Queen Esther, Mordecai says that King Xerxes has signed a decree that says every Jew must die on the 13th day of the 12th month," said Hathach. "He wants you to go to the King and get him to CHANGE the law," the other man said.



Esther put her hands on her head and began pacing back and forth. "But if I go to the inner court of the King WITHOUT his invitation, there is but one fate for me, DEATH!" Esther exclaimed. She continued to pace back and forth. Then thinking out loud, she said, "The ONLY exception is for the King to extend his golden scepter and spare the life of the intruder. It has been 30 days since I was last called to the King." Mordecai sent back the message, "Do not think that because YOU are in the King's house YOU alone of all Jews will escape. Who knows? Maybe it was for a time like THIS that you were made Queen."

When Esther heard this, she fell into deep thought. Mordecai was right. Why ELSE had she been chosen Queen? Perhaps this was God's PURPOSE in her becoming Queen.

Esther sighed heavily and turned back to Hathach. "Tell Mordecai to get all the Jews together and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go before the King, even though it is against the law," she finished.

Esther looked down at her hands and said softly, "If I perish, I will PERISH."

(Continued in Part 4) (continued next month!)

A VERSE TO LEARN

"Who knows when you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
(Esther 4:14b).

do you know who this is?



For 3 points, can you guess the Bible character in this picture? Write your answer below. Also, find a scripture where this person's name is mentioned!

bring back this page for 25 points!

Basic Bible Stuff

here are some basic Bible questions –these should be easy!

circle the right answer

how many books are in the Bible?

- 15
- 66
- 123

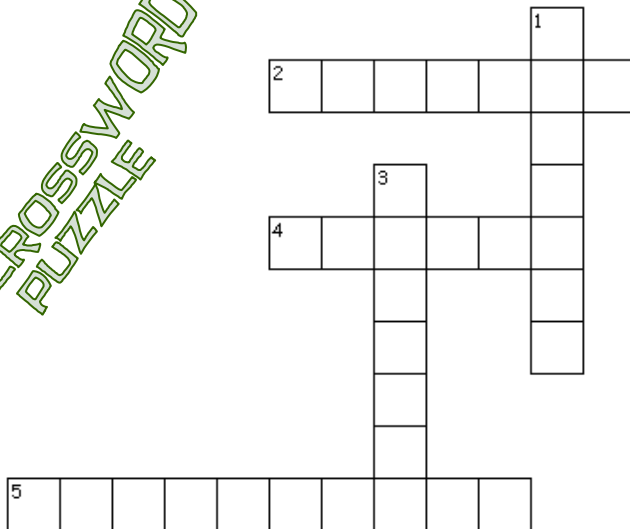
What are the two testaments called?

- Young and Elderly
- Before and After
- Old and New

What is the first book of the Bible?

- Genesis
- Matthew
- Hezekiah

BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 2. first book in the New Testament
- 4. longest book in the Bible
- 5. last book in the New Testament

Down

- 1. first book in the Old Testament
- 3. last book in the Old Testament



Jesus said, "My Father's house is big enough for everyone."