

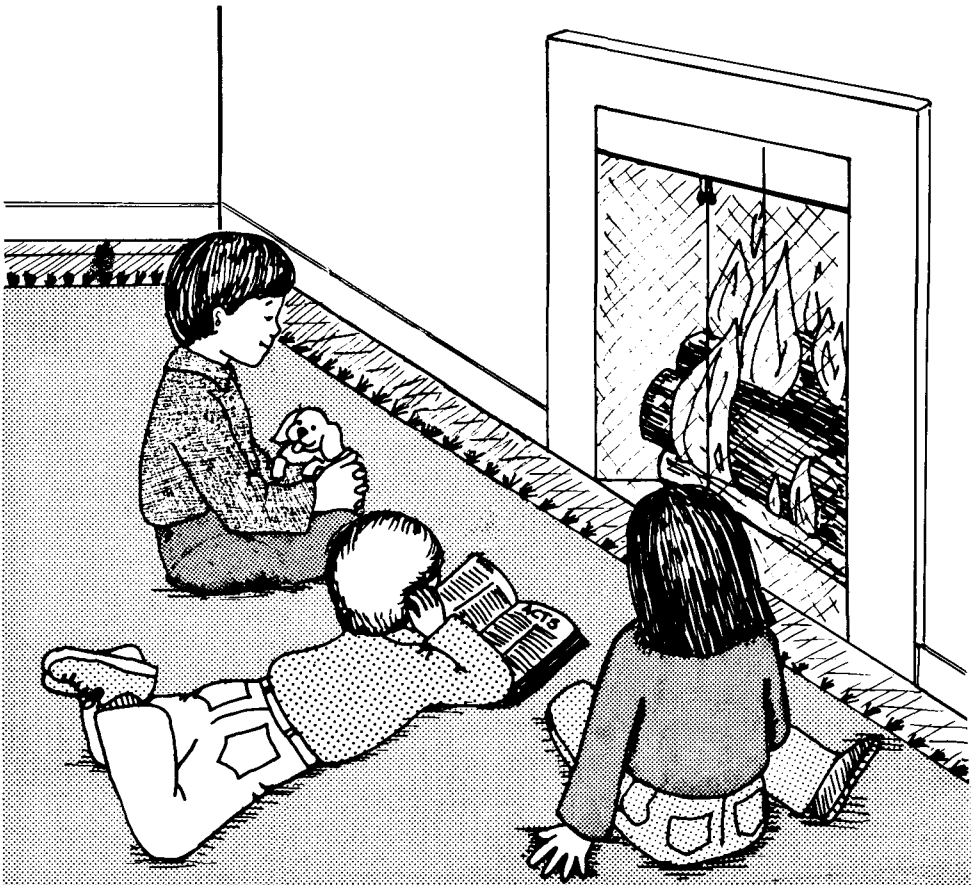
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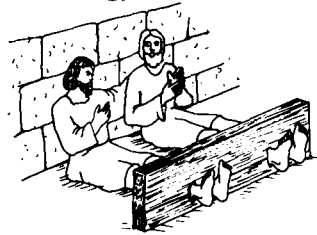
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Have you ever heard grown-ups talk about the importance of being "Word-conditioned," rather than "world-conditioned?" Do you know what that means?

To be "world-conditioned" means to allow yourself to think positively or negatively because of the things that happen around you. For example, if someone bought you an ice cream cone, you could **ALLOW** yourself to become very happy. If they gave you a ride on their new bike, you could **DECIDE** to be excited on the inside.

However, God does not want us to be world-conditioned because **SOMETIMES** negative things do happen. For example, if you misplaced your favorite toy, you could **ALLOW** yourself to become absolutely miserable until you found it. If someone called you a nasty name, you **COULD** allow yourself to believe their untruthful words.

A "Word-conditioned" believer does not allow himself to become upset by the things that happen around him. No matter what happens, he always believes what the Word says. For example, if someone called him a nasty name, he would simply ask himself, "What does the **WORD** say I am? It says I am a son of God with all power." As we believe what the Word says, we will not be disturbed by the untruthful words of others.

Acts 16 tells us about two men, named Paul and Silas, who were "Word-conditioned." These men were speaking and believing God's Word and the unbelieving leaders got very angry! They whipped Paul and Silas many times, threw them into prison, and had their feet put in stocks. Stocks were used to hold the feet in place so they could not move.

This COULD have made Paul and Silas very upset. They COULD have said, "Oh, no, this is frightening. I wonder what else these men will do to us. I think we should just give up."

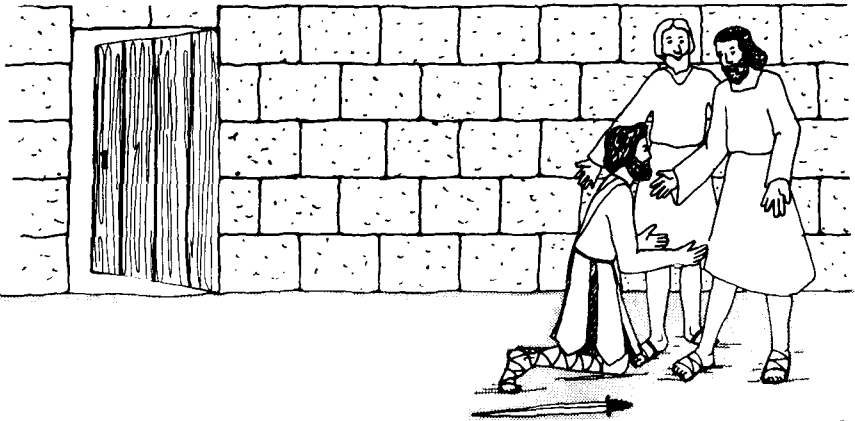
No! That is not what they did at all! Acts 16:25 says, "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."

Acts 16:26 says, "And suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed." (These bands were around their feet.) The earthquake was SO powerful that all the doors were opened and the stocks came loose!

The jailer, who had been sleeping, woke and became VERY frightened. He knew that if a prisoner ever got away, the jailer would be killed. The jailer took out a sword to kill himself, but Paul called to him, "Don't kill yourself, for we are all here!" The jailer then bowed down at the feet of Paul and Silas and asked, "What must I do to be saved?" He wanted to become born again!

Paul and Silas taught the jailer God's Word. The guard took these men to his home where they taught his whole family the greatness of God's Word. The entire family listened and believed! They rejoiced at God's Word which they had learned.

All this happened because two men chose to be Word-conditioned rather than world-conditioned. By our believing we can have the best results and hold forth God's Word to others. As God's children, let's decide every day to be WORD-CONDITIONED BELIEVERS!



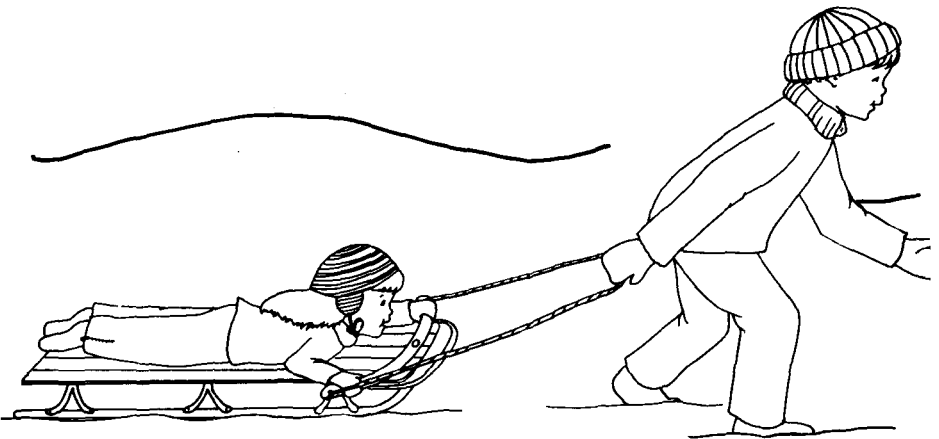
# Clever Christian's Crossword

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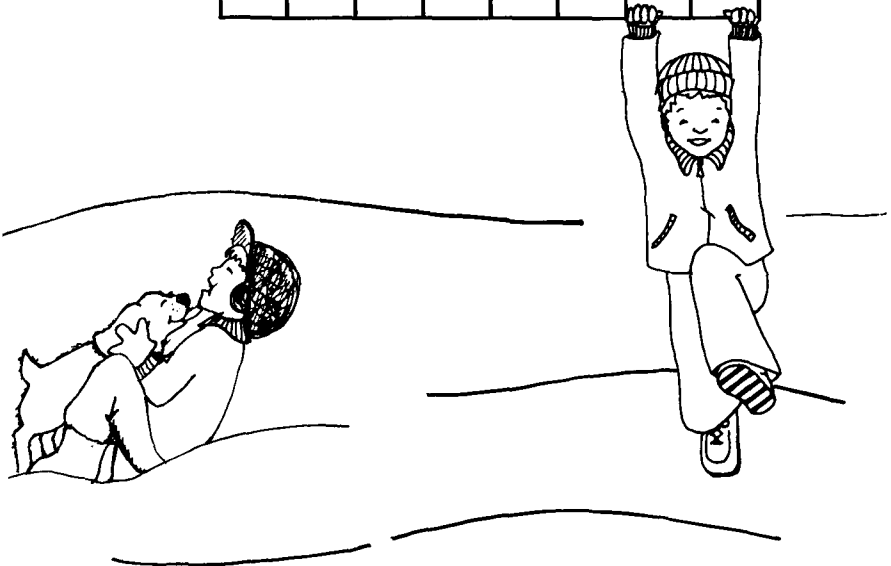
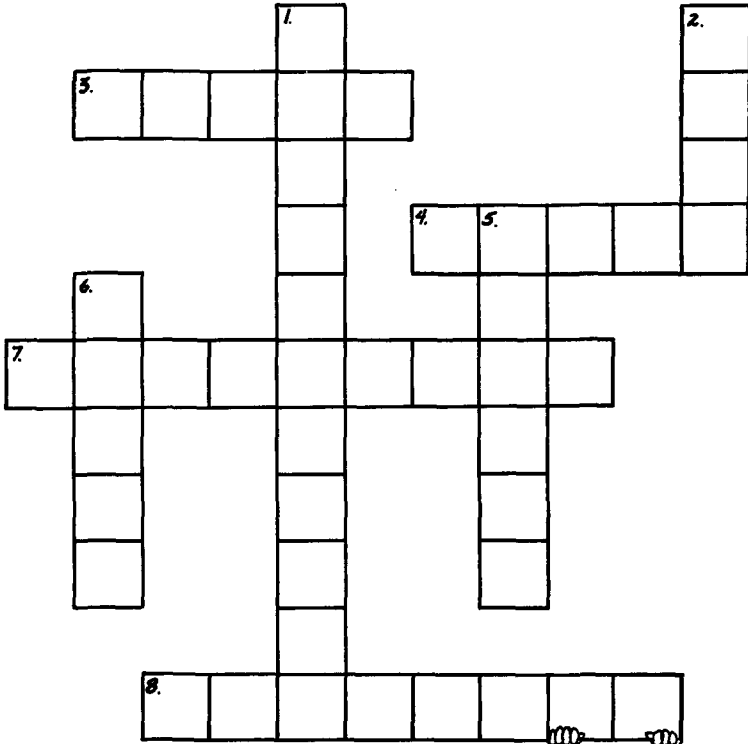
1. To be world-\_\_\_\_\_ means to allow yourself to think positively or negatively because of the things that happen around you.
2. Paul and Silas taught the jailer God's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The earthquake was SO powerful that all the doors were \_\_\_\_\_ and the stocks came loose!
6. If someone called you a nasty name, you \_\_\_\_\_ allow yourself to believe their untruthful words.

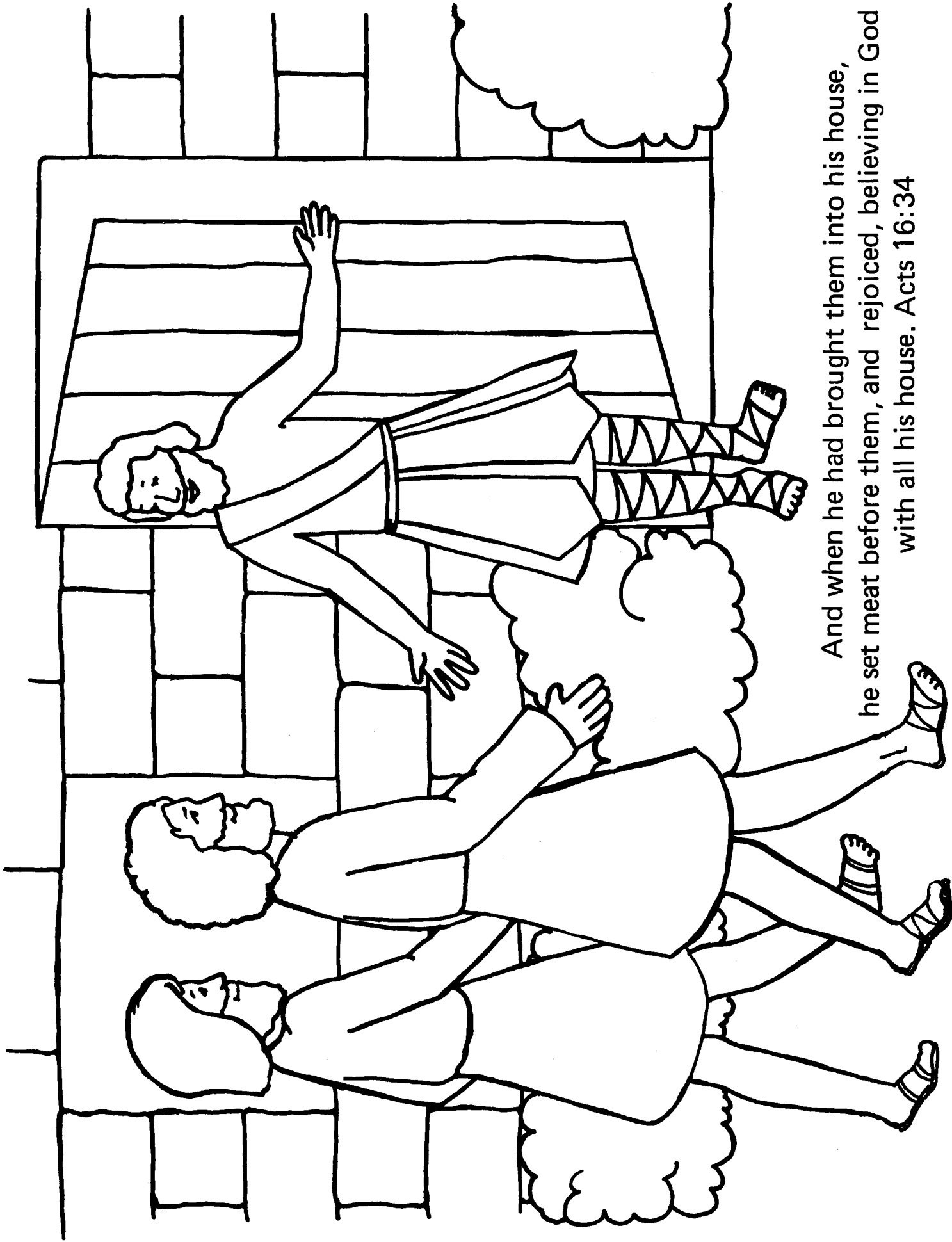
## ACROSS:

3. A Word-conditioned believer does not \_\_\_\_\_ himself to become upset by the things that happen around him.
4. The jailer then \_\_\_\_\_ down at the feet of Paul and Silas and asked, "What must I do to be saved?"
7. However, God does not want us to be world-conditioned because \_\_\_\_\_ negative things do happen.
8. Acts 16:25 says, "And at \_\_\_\_\_ Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."



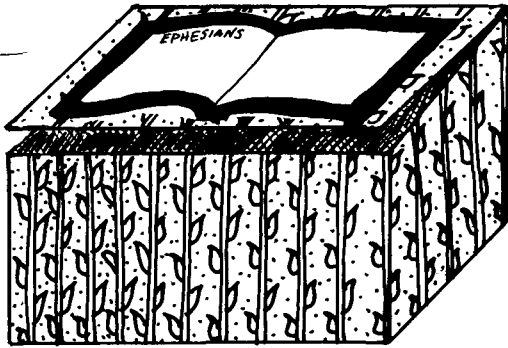
This crossword comes right from the article on pages one and two! Once you have figured out the answers, check them by finding these sentences in the article. HAVE FUN!





And when he had brought them into his house,  
he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God  
with all his house. Acts 16:34

# Word-Conditioned Believer's Box



## Materials:

Empty cigar box (most drugstores have them), construction paper or colorful wrapping paper, glue, scotch tape, scissors, crayons, ribbon

## What to do:

1. Wipe off the empty cigar box with a damp cloth to be sure it is clean.
2. Cover the bottom section of the box with construction paper or wrapping paper. Be sure to use a big enough piece of paper so that it can cover the sides and be taped to the inside of the box. (You MIGHT want to ask a grown-up to help you on this.)
3. Cover the top of the lid.
4. Draw an open Bible on black paper and cut it out.
5. Cut out white paper to use as the inside page of the Bible.
6. Glue them to the top of your box.
7. Add a ribbon bookmark if you like, or decorate the rest of the box with your crayons.
8. As you use this treasure box to store your small treasures, you can remember to be a "Word-Conditioned" believer!

# Quiz Time

1. A "\_\_\_\_\_ -conditioned" believer does not allow himself to become upset by the things that happen around him.

- a. Word
- b. Work
- c. World

2. As we believe what the \_\_\_\_\_ says, we will not be disturbed by the untruthful words of others.

- a. Newspaper
- b. Radio
- c. Word

3. Acts 16:25 says, "And at midnight Paul and Silas \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."

- a. cried, whispered
- b. worried, thought
- c. prayed, sang

4. The jailer, who had been sleeping, woke and became VERY \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. excited
- b. frightened
- c. blessed

5. All this happened because two men \_\_\_\_\_ to be Word-conditioned rather than world-conditioned.


- a. had
- b. forgot
- c. chose





# Let's Play...

Before we can become Word-conditioned believers, we need to know what the Word says. Below are some verses with one word missing in each verse.

Look at the picture boxes on page eleven. Find the line with the same number as the verse. Now, write in the blank space the first letter of each picture (i.e.-  = t). When you are done, you will see what the missing words are!

1. John 10:10b:

I am come that they might have \_ \_ \_ \_ , and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

2. Philippians 4:13:

I can do all things through \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ which strengtheneth me.

3. Romans 8:37:

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ us.

4. Colossians 3:2:

Set your affection (mind) on things \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ,not on things on the earth.

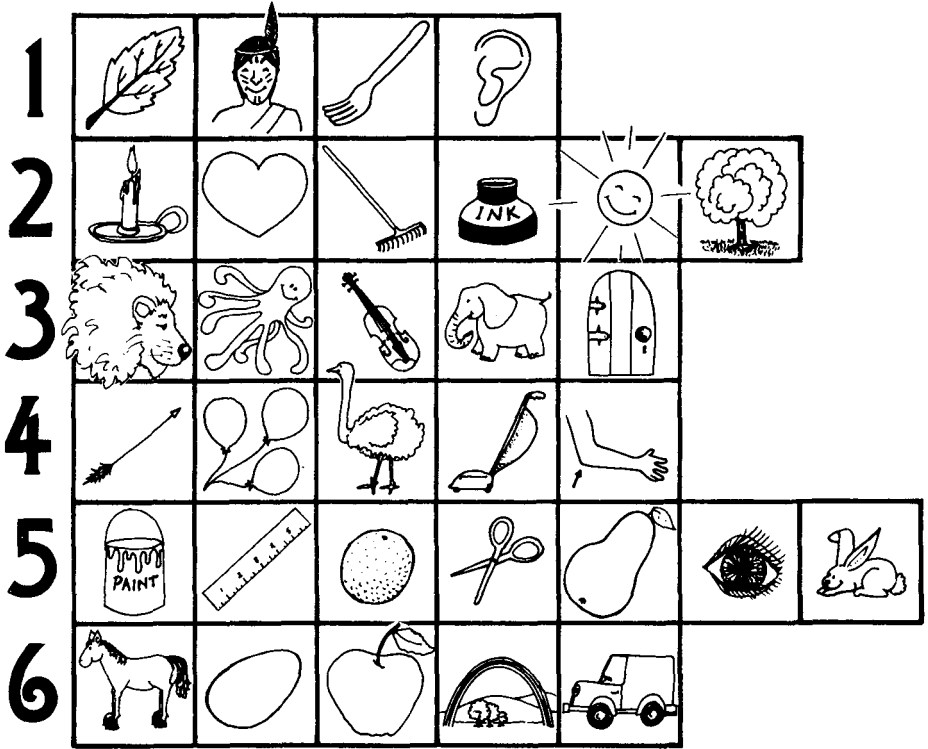
5. III John 2:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

6. Proverbs 3:5:

Trust in the Lord with all thine \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ;and lean not unto thine own understanding.

# Picture Box Delight!



ANSWERS:

page 11: 1. life, 2. Christ, 3. loved, 4. above,  
5. prosper 6. heart

page 9: ACROSS:  
1. conditioned  
2. Word  
3. allow  
4. bowed  
7. sometimes  
8. midnight  
DOWN:  
1. could  
5. opened

page 5: 1. a, 2. c, 3. c, 4. b, 5. c

# There's No Two Ways About It

There's no two ways about it,  
When you labor for the Lord;  
His way is the only way none other can you afford;  
There's a right road, a wrong road,  
Which way you headin' t'ward?  
There's no two ways about it,  
When you labor for the Lord.  
You must decide — or be denied,  
Don't give your love to Him half-heartedly;  
Go all the way — stand up and say,  
Gonna live my life for the one who died for me.  
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