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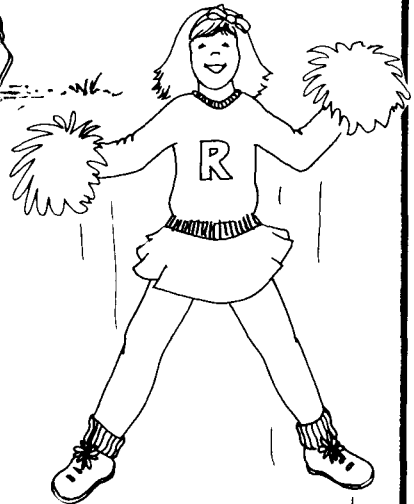
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Receive



Retain



Release

Receive Retain Release

Have you ever heard someone use the words “receive, retain, release”? In all the things we do, we are either receiving (taking in), retaining (keeping) or releasing (letting go or giving). Our bodies even work this way.

Your body needs to take in (receive) food which gives you the energy you need to live and move. The energy that the body doesn't use right away is stored (kept or retained). Then the body releases energy as you need it. As you work and play, your body uses up or releases the energy. There is some energy being released from your body all the time. Your body receives, retains and releases. In a similar way, God wants us to receive, retain and release His Word.



James 1:21 teaches us that we are to RECEIVE (learn) the Word with meekness. We receive the

Word by reading it ourselves or by having someone else read or teach it to us. A meek person is someone who knows he does not have all the answers. A person who is meek wants to do God's will. He wants to change to obey the Word and is willing and blessed to change. It is always good to be meek.

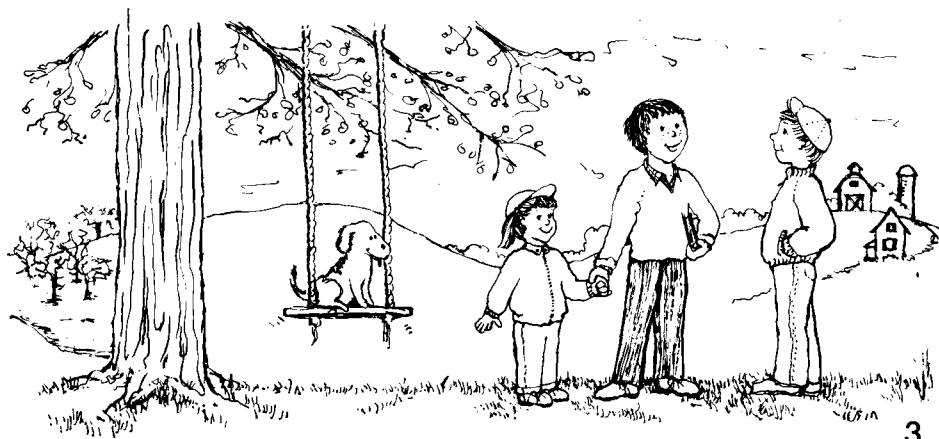
Once we read God's Word we want to RETAIN it. To retain means to keep. We want to keep God's Word in our hearts with conviction. To have conviction about something means you don't let anyone talk you out of it. We want to keep God's Word in our hearts and not let anyone talk us out of obeying it. Titus 1:9 tells us just that. This verse says to hold fast the faithful Word. To hold fast means to hold tightly or to keep. If you are on a swing, you “hold fast” with your hands to the rope or chain on either

side of the seat. That way you will not lose your balance and fall off. You would not hold onto the rope for one second and then let go. You hold onto the rope the whole time you are on the swing. In the same way, we want to "hold fast" to God's Word. We want to remember what we learn and we want to apply (do) the Word throughout the day.



Once you have received God's Word with meekness and retained it with conviction, the third thing you do is **RELEASE** (give or hold forth) God's Word to others with boldness. In **Philippians 2:16** it tells us to hold forth the Word of Life, meaning the Word of God. We release or share God's Word with boldness. To speak boldly means to speak the Word fearlessly. We can speak the Word boldly and with great confidence because we know it is true. We know it will always help people as they believe the promises of God we share with them.

What an exciting life we have to live as we learn God's Word. What a thrill it is to think about the Word throughout the day and believingly act upon it. How blessed we are to be able to live the best lives as we receive, retain and release God's wonderful Word!

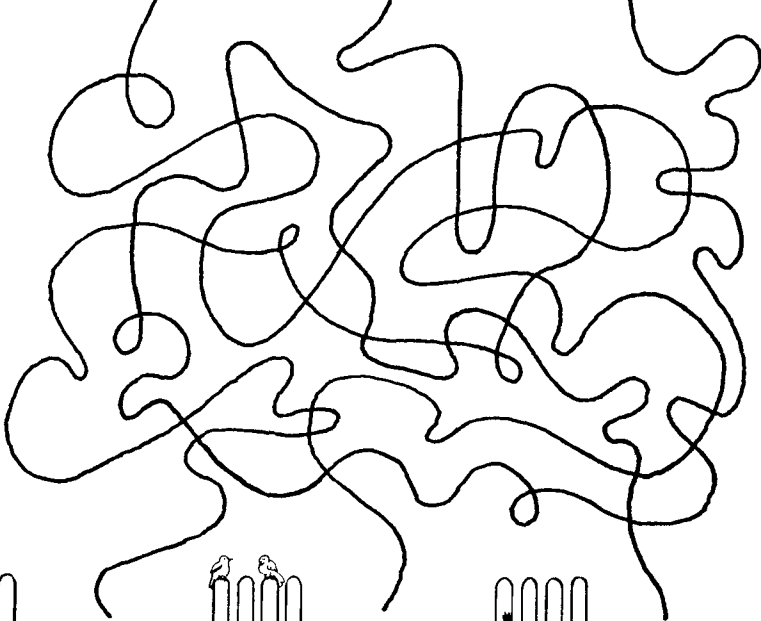
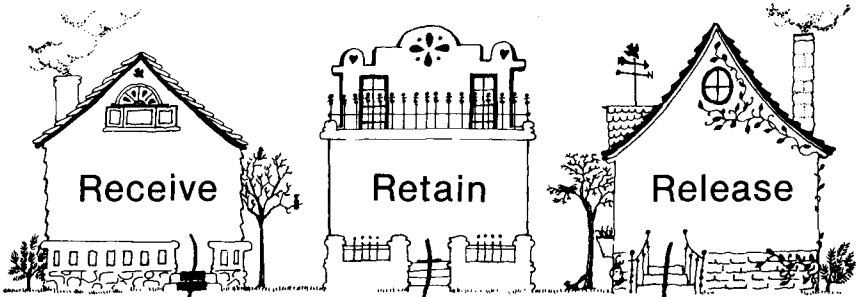


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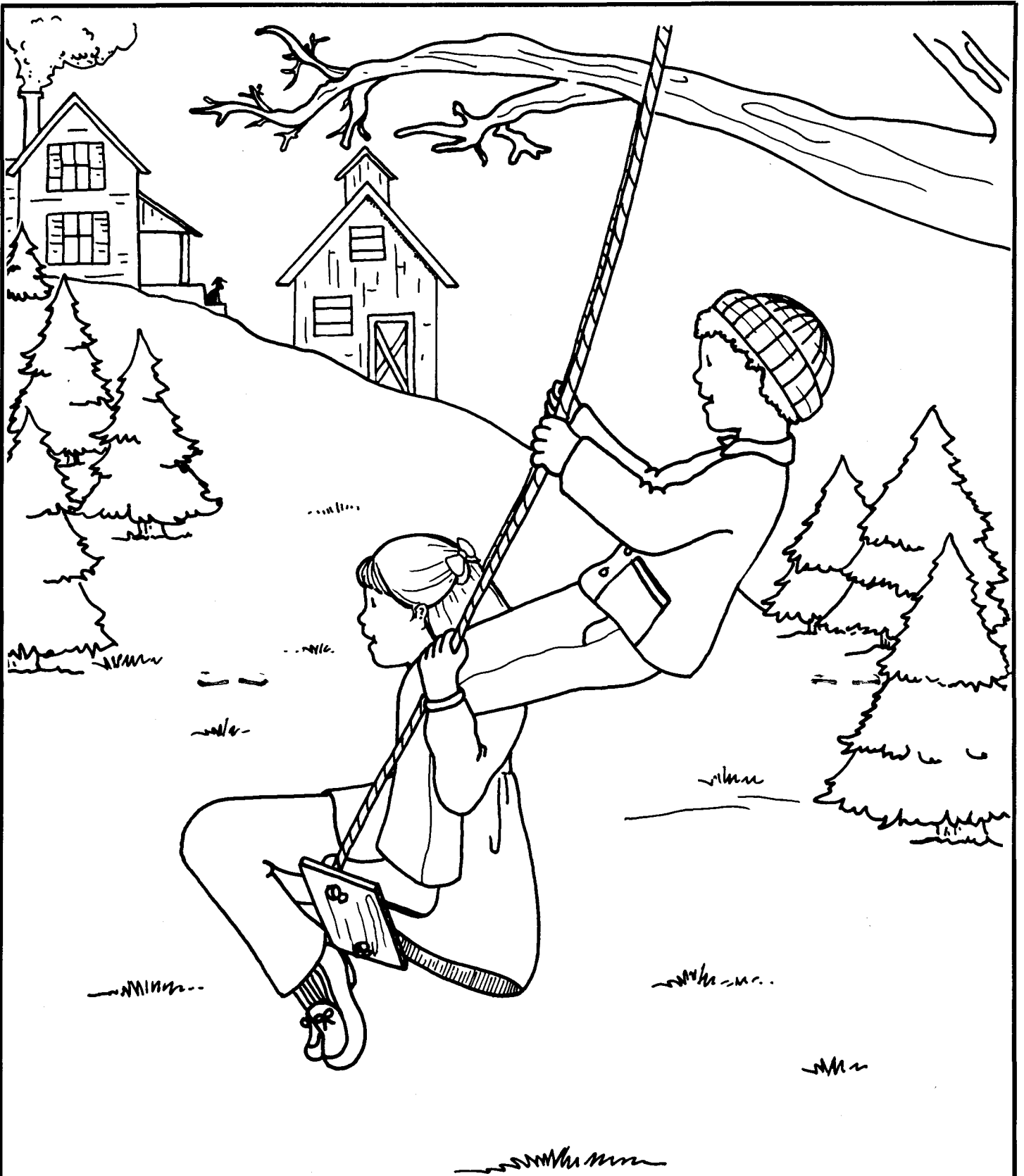
- In all the things we do, we are either _____ (taking in), _____ (keeping) or _____ (letting go or giving).
 - retaining, exchanging, changing
 - releasing, exchanging, receiving
 - receiving, retaining, releasing
- James 1:21 teaches us that we are to RECEIVE (learn) the Word with _____.
 - greediness
 - tenderness
 - meekness
- Once we read God's Word we want to _____ it.
 - RETAIN
 - FORGET
 - REREAD
- Once you have received God's Word with meekness and retained it with conviction, the third thing you do is RELEASE (give or hold forth) God's Word with _____.
 - fear
 - doubt
 - boldness
- What a thrill it is to think about the _____ throughout the day and believably act upon it.
 - news
 - weather
 - Word

Word Tangle Fun

Follow the line that leads from each word to discover the words that belong in each of the blank spaces below.



As God's children we want to RECEIVE the Word with _____, RETAIN the Word with _____ and RELEASE the Word with _____.



Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

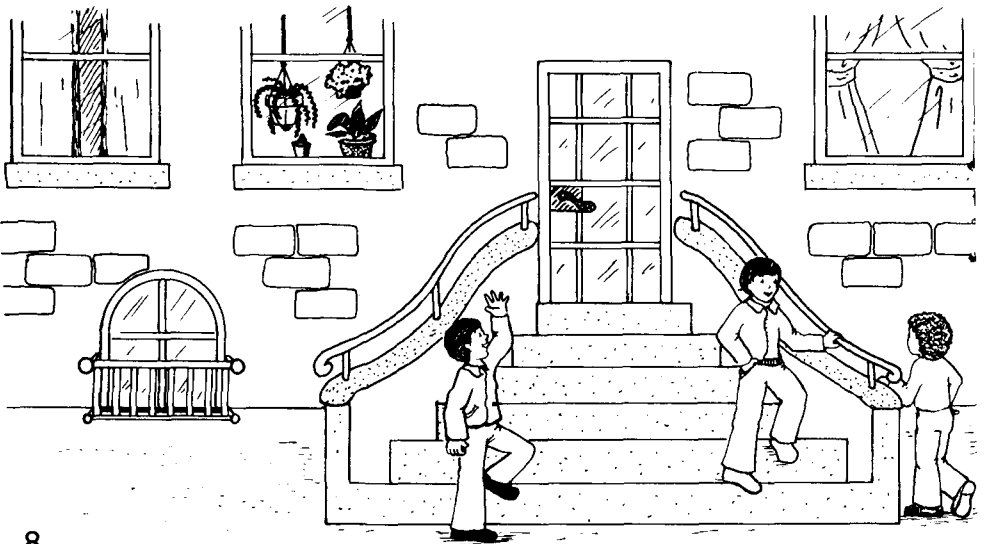
Titus 1:9

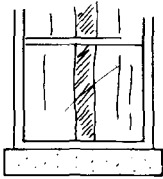
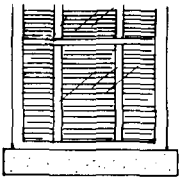
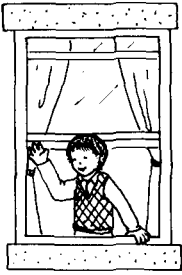
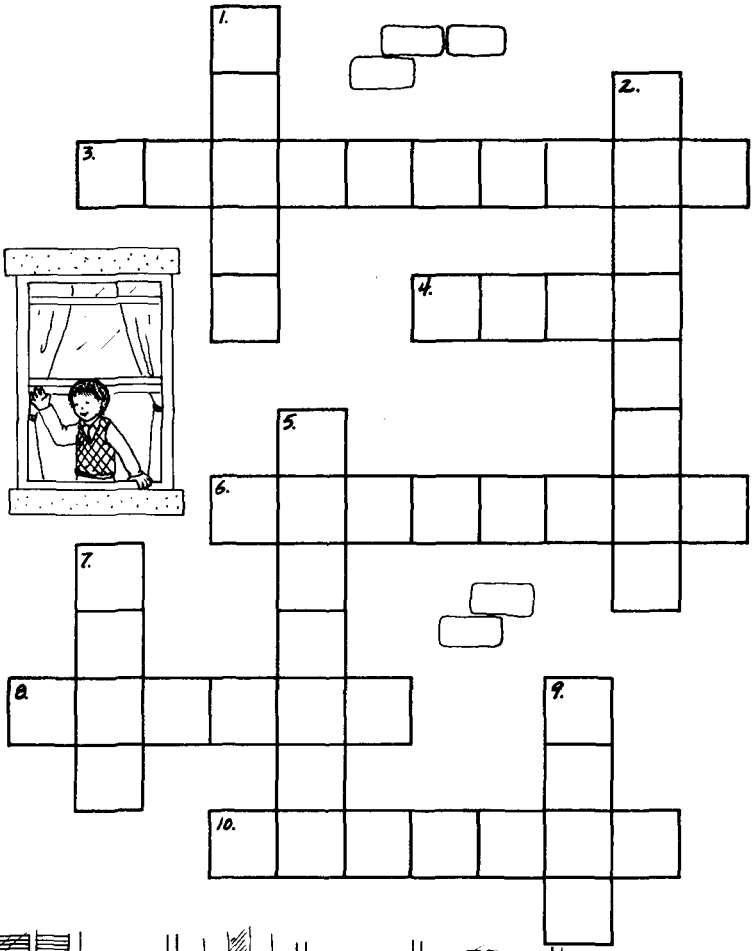
ACROSS:

3. We want to keep God's Word in our hearts with _____.
4. What a thrill it is to think about the _____ throughout the day and believingly act upon it.
6. James 1:21 teaches us that we are to RECEIVE (learn) the Word with _____.
8. To keep the Word in our hearts means to _____ it.
10. We _____ or share God's Word with boldness.

DOWN:

1. A person who is meek _____ to do God's will.
2. Once you have received God's Word with meekness and retained it with conviction, the third thing you do is RELEASE (give or hold forth) God's Word to others with _____.
5. Your body needs to take in (_____) food which gives you the energy you need to live and move.
7. To retain means to _____.
9. How blessed we are to be able to live the _____ lives as we receive, retain and release God's wonderful Word.





Retemories

James 1:21:

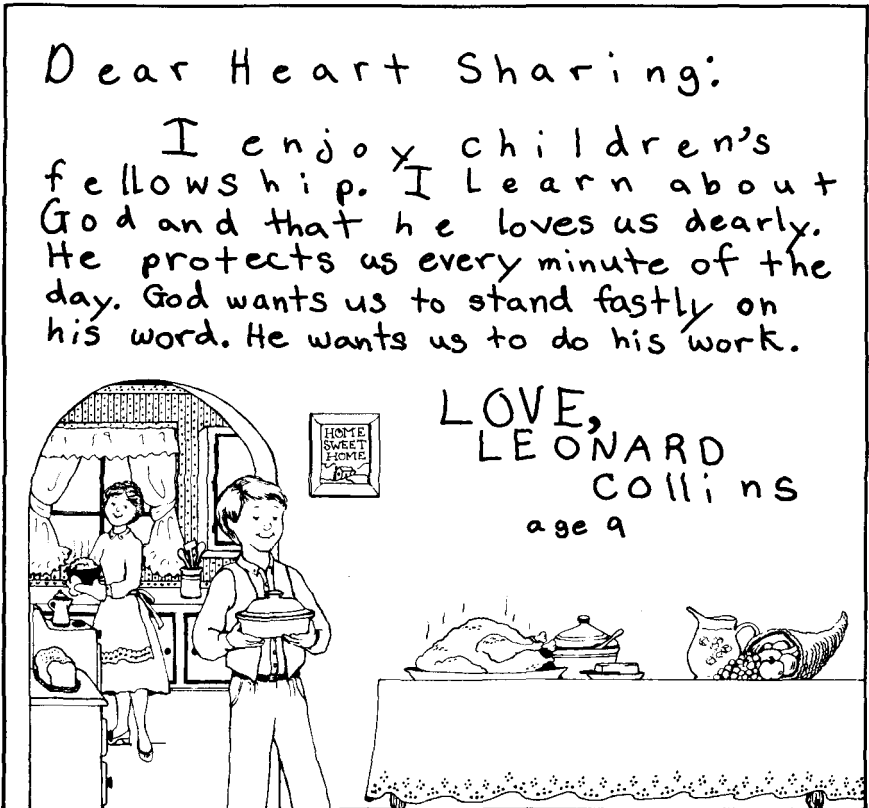
Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Titus 1:9:

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

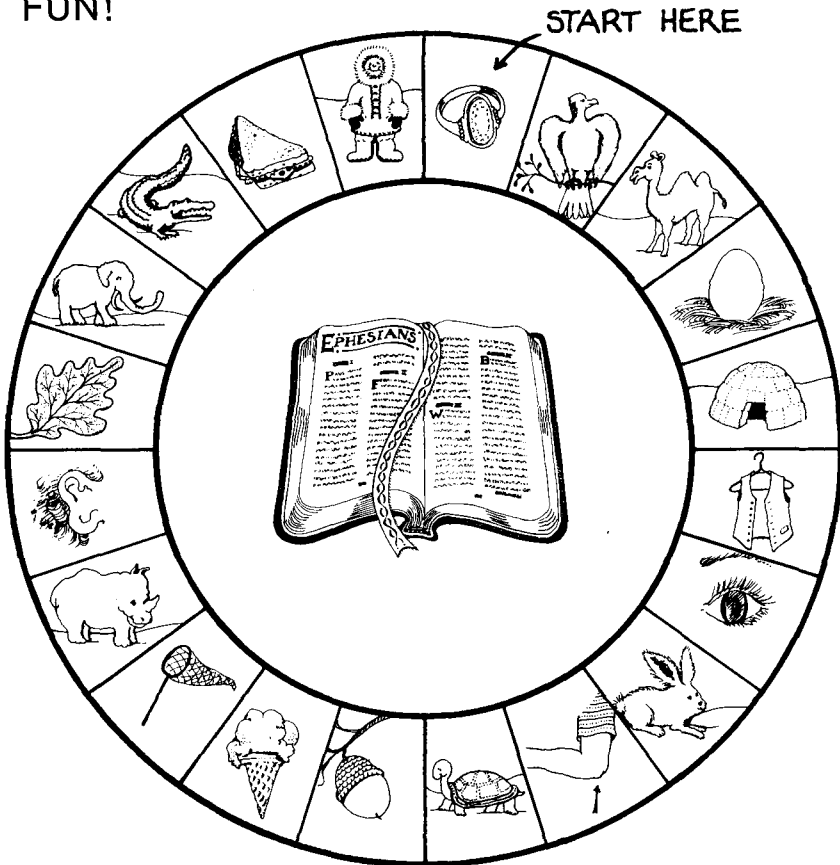
Philippians 2:16:

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.



Picture Puzzle Play

Look at the picture wheel below. Take the first letter that each picture begins with and write it in the blank spaces below. When you are done, you will have completed the sentence. HAVE FUN!



How blessed we are to be able to live the best lives as we _____, _____ and _____ God's wonderful Word.

ANSWERS:

- Down:
 1. wants
 2. boldness
 5. receive
 7. keep
 9. best

- Across:
 page 8:
 3. conviction
 4. Word
 6. meekness
 8. retain
 10. release

page 5: meekness, conviction, boldness
 page 11: receive, retain, release

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

Happy, Happy, Happy

Happy, happy, happy,
Happy in the Lord.
Praise God I'm born again
And I'm trusting in His Word.
I want you to know,
His promises are true,
And I'm so happy, happy, happy,
In the Lord.

Happy, happy, happy,
Happy in the Lord.
Praise God I'm born again,
And I'm speaking in tongues.
I want you to know,
His promises are true,
And I'm so happy, happy, happy,
In the Lord.

