

Making it Mine

A Bible study for kids ready to
grow a faith of their own.

Week 4

The Mystery of God

How well do you know your best friend? Do you know their favorite color and who they **really** like? Do you know what grade they got on their math test and what the fight with their mom was all about? Do you know their favorite sport and their worst fear? Now, what about your teacher? Do you know all those things about her? What about the president of the United States? How well do you know him?

READ:
John 15-21

MEMORY VERSE:

"We no

_____ just

**because of
what you**

_____; **now
we have**

_____ **for**

_____,
and we _____

**that this man
really is the**

_____ **of
the _____."**

John __:42

John 17:3 says

**"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only
true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."**

What does it mean to know someone? How does God want us
to know Him? _____

What does Jesus call us in John 15:14? _____
You might know a lot about your friend, but you don't know
everything. What are the most important things to know?

What are some things that God wants us to know about Him?

Deuteronomy 4:35 _____
Joshua 4:24 _____

Are there some things that we can't know?

Job 42:1-3 _____
Isaiah 55:8,9 _____

What are some things that you wish you knew? _____



A MYSTERIOUS FRIENDSHIP John 15-17

How is Jesus like the vine? _____

How are you like a branch of the vine? _____

What kind of relationship does Christ expect us to have with Him? _____

Pruning is cutting off part of the branches so that the plant will grow more and produce more fruit. What does it mean for people to be pruned? _____

What is our fruit? _____

How do we remain in Christ's love? _____

Was Jesus able to tell the disciples everything that they needed to know? _____

Do your parents tell you more now that you are older than they did when you were little? _____

Why? _____

RECOGNIZING JESUS John 20-21

Who was the first to see Christ after He had risen? _____

Was this an "important" leader? _____

When did they know it was Jesus? _____

What made the disciples recognize Him when He appeared to them? _____

Why was it difficult for Thomas to accept the word of the others? _____

When did the disciples realize it was Jesus who had told them to cast out their net? _____

When do you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life? _____

Which things were chosen to be included in the book of John? _____

What is not included in Scripture? _____



PUZZLE PAGE

MONTH 1 WEEK 4 – John 15-21

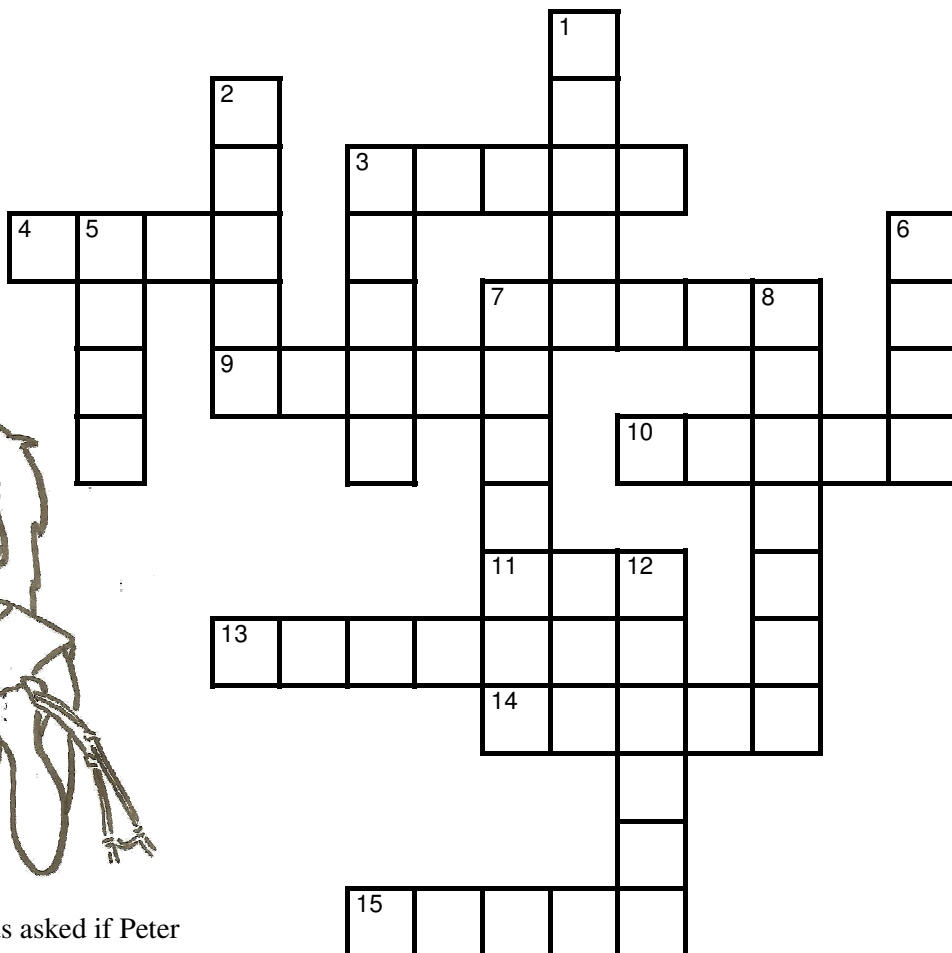


Across

3. number of times Jesus asked if Peter loved Him 21:15-17
4. God's command 15:17
7. what the branches connected to the vine have 15:5
9. denied Jesus three times 18:15-27
10. Jesus had this before the world began 17:5
11. Jesus told the disciples to throw this out 21:6
13. would not have room for books written of all Jesus did 21:25
14. Mary Magdalene found it removed from the tomb 20:1
15. the vine 15:1

Down

1. the side of Jesus was pierced with this 19:34
2. what Peter was told to feed 21:17
3. what the Spirit will guide us in 16:13
5. to remain in God's love 15:10
6. stayed at the tomb 20:10,11
7. what Jesus calls us 15:15
8. what there will be in the world 16:33
12. wanted to see proof for himself 20:24,25



TIPS for parents and teachers

Here are some optional activities if you have time. Since our class is only 45 minutes, we don't have much time for extras, but once every quarter I try to schedule a fun get together and incorporate some of these into it as a sort of fun review. Also, as a parent I try to incorporate some of these into our at home or in the car times. Encourage your parents to use these too!

Play a game where each student tries to think of something that is true, and something that is not true about them. Have them state both as a fact, and see if their classmates know which of the two is true. I have some siblings in my class, so they had to get creative with some obscure information! The point is, can we know someone even if we don't know everything about them?

Some questions to ask:

Can we know someone if we don't know anything about them?

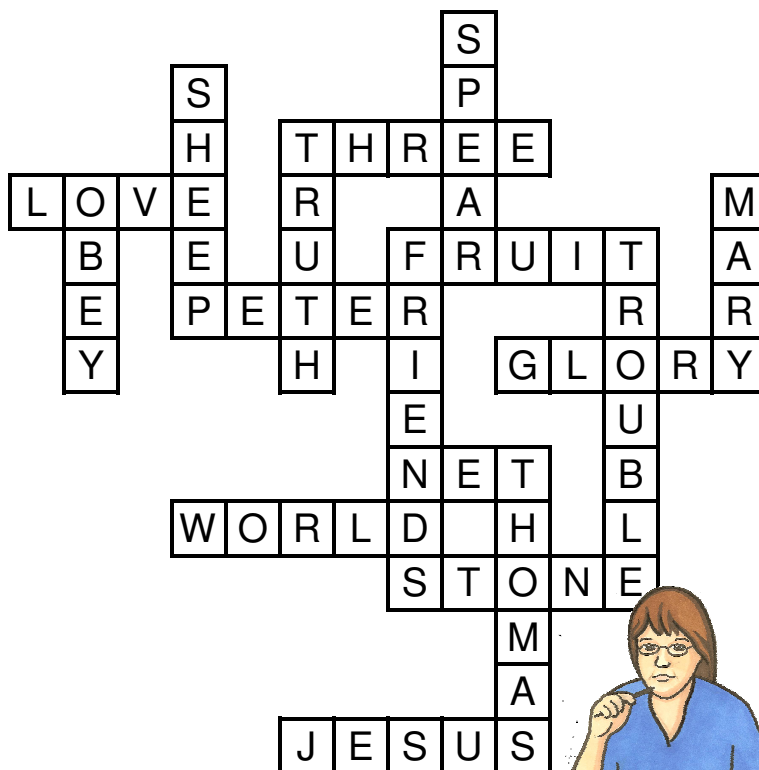
Will we be able to know everything about God?

How much do we need to know?

Does God try to stump us like in our game?

Another game that makes a fun review in whatever amount of time you have is to name a topic or event from John and have the kids use their Bibles to find the chapter. Whoever names it correctly first gets one point. This helps them get a feel for the layout of the book as a whole.

If a nearby neighbor has a grapevine, walk over and take a look at it. Discuss John 15 while looking at and handling the vine. If it is wintertime and it looks like a dead tangle, there is a lesson in that too. We all bear more fruit in some seasons than others!



If there are no grapevines around, I found some helpful pictures and pruning insights here:

<http://www.honeyflowfarm.com/grapeproject/grapeproject.htm>

and here:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/html/ec/ec1305/EC130502-01.jpg>



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