

Making it Mine

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

Month 4 Week 3

WHAT AM I FOR?

READ:

Romans 10-12
Colossians 3-4

HEART GRAFFITI:

**“... Do not _____

more _____
than you _____,
but _____ think
of yourself with

in accordance with
the _____ of
_____ God has
given _____.”
_____ 12:3**

What does Isaiah 43:6-7 say that God created us for? _____

What does 1 Corinthians 10:31 say we are to do in whatever we do? _____

We were created for one simple reason, and that is to glorify God. To believe in Him is a start, but to stop there would be to fall short of what we are for.

Name your favorite book or movie: _____

Do you believe it exists? Of course. Is that enough? Don't you want to tell someone else about it? Do you suggest to someone else that they read it too? Do you say “Wow! That was a great book!” or “Man, I loved that movie!” That is praise for something that you enjoyed. God wants us to praise Him like that. He wants us to be delighted in Him. Kids are good at that. They notice wonderful things that adults get too busy to notice. Kids have a special purpose in helping others see the things of God that we should be delighting in and praising.

Some Christians are kind of sleeping through their faith and miss the show. How can you praise a movie that you slept through, no matter how much you believe that it is real? Our purpose is to stay alert and notice the things that God should be praised for. We are to point to Him and say “Wow, He is great!” That is what we were created for.

Name some of the ways that we can do that: _____

What are some things that do not bring God glory? _____

ROMANS

Romans 10:3-5 How did the Jews try to make themselves good in God's eyes? _____

What was the result? _____

Romans 10:13-15 How does a person hear and be saved? _____

Romans 10:17 where does faith come from? _____

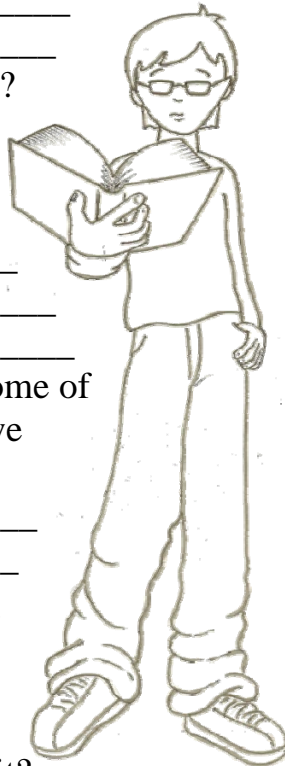
Who delivers the message? _____

Romans 12:1 How are we living sacrifices? _____

Romans 12:3 What are some of the world's patterns that we should not conform to? _____

Name one gift that you think that God has given you: _____

What should you do with it? _____



DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL Rom. 12:9-21

As Christians, we certainly do not intend to be overcome by evil, but this section begins and ends with a warning against that. The advice is simple: avoid what is evil and hang on to what is good. The verses in between are very practical things that we can do to avoid bad things and do good. What are some of them?

CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

1. strengthened for this 1:11
5. do in the name of the Lord 3:17
7. bearing it in every good work 1:10
8. had a church in her home 4:15
10. received from the Lord 3:24
12. there is none 3:25
15. asked God for a knowledge of his _____
1:9
17. overflow with this 2:7
20. to be in our hearts 3:16
22. the kingdom that we share an inheritance in
1:12
24. buried with Christ through this 2:12
25. made this with Christ 2:13
26. made through Christ's blood 1:20
27. be devoted to this 4:2

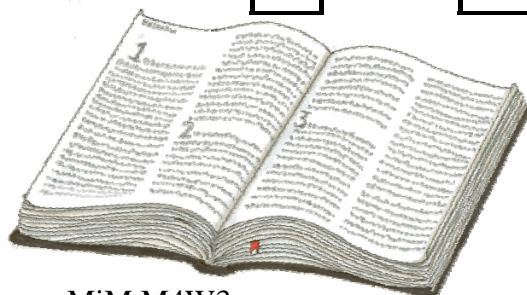
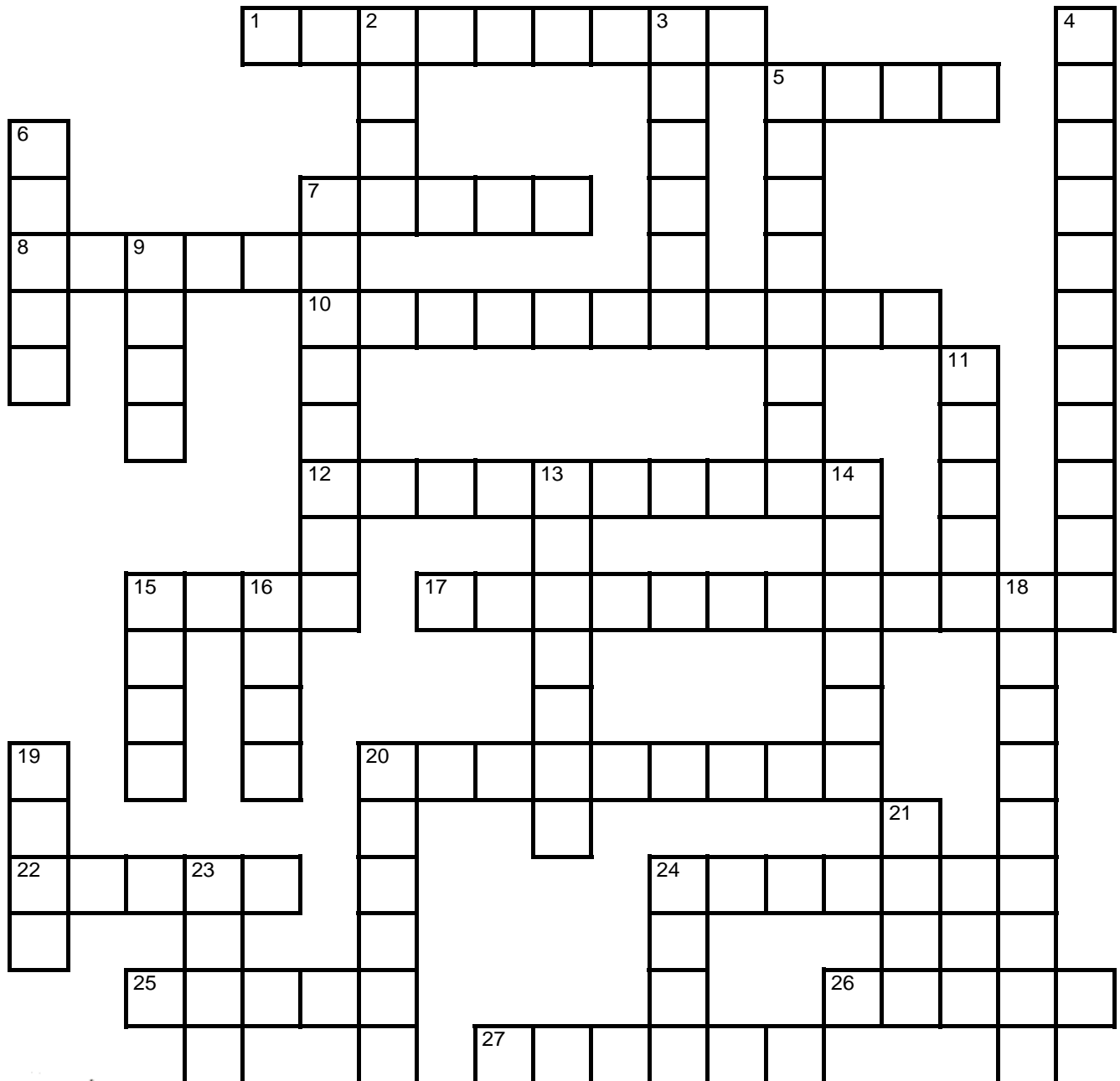
Down

2. Paul asked for prayers for an open one 4:3
3. your life 3:4
4. have the appearance of wisdom 2:23
5. we are rescued from this dominion 1:13
6. set it on things above 3:2
7. the brothers in Christ at Colosse 1:2
9. cousin of Barnabas 4:10
11. do not let anyone do this to you 2:16
13. found in Christ 2:17
14. rid yourself of this 3:8
15. let Christ's dwell in you richly 3:16
16. the doctor 4:14
18. Christ has this in everything 1:18
19. conversation seasoned with this 4:6
20. bearing fruit and growing 1:6
21. live one worthy of the Lord 1:10
23. we are presented as this 1:22
24. Christ is head of this 1:18



PUZZLE PAGE

Colossians



PATTERNS

To help the kids understand what a pattern is, show them a dressmaking pattern and explain to them how it works. It is very important to follow the pattern carefully, or the garment won't come out right.

God gives us a pattern to live by. He gave us Christ to follow. He gives us His instructions in the Bible. He helps lead us with His Spirit. The patterns all fit together just right.

But the world gives us a different pattern to go by. Sometimes it can seem to be right, but if we use that pattern things don't turn out the way that God intended. In Romans 12:2 God tells us not to conform to the pattern of the world. Discuss what some of those wrong patterns might be.

One example is the popular idea that it doesn't matter which religion you choose, as long as you are a good person. That sounds nice, but is it true?

A fun activity to go with this is to explain that you have a pattern for a "person" puzzle. Each of the kids receives a sheet with a pattern printed on it. They are to decorate their portion of the pattern so that when they all fit together it will make a beautiful person. But when they have finished, and cut out the pieces, it turns out that they have used the wrong pattern. It doesn't make a person at all. How frustrating to have worked on something that was wrong from the start! How much worse would it be to come before God on Judgment Day and discover you used the wrong pattern for your life!

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Bring a favorite treat to share with the class. Before you hand it out, give them a dramatic and enthusiastic description of how wonderful this stuff is! Tell about where and when you first tried it, what you especially like about it, what is in it, all the wonderful benefits to be gained from eating it, etc., etc. Be sure and be very enthusiastic, but believable. Then offer to share. Who wants some?

This is how God wants us to be about Him. Maybe everyone did not want the treat, but no one will doubt that you think it is the greatest! Some will want to try it for themselves. How often do we talk about God this way?

