

Making it Mine

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

Month 8 Week 2

Spiritual Vision

READ:
Revelation 6-11

Heart graffiti:

An ambigram is a word that can be read from another direction. Turn the paper to see which two words from our memory verse (Rev. 1:8) can be found below.



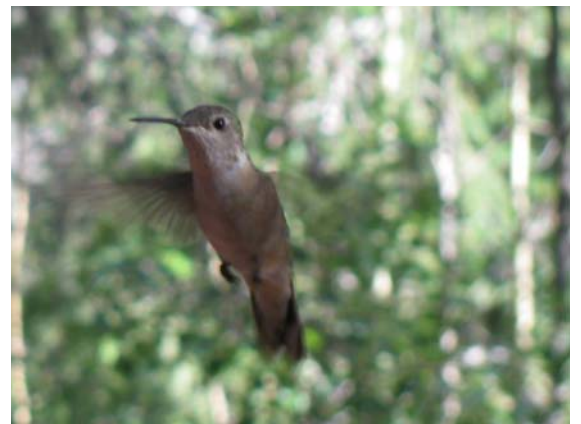
Just suppose the kingdom of heaven, or the kingdom of God, is right here, but separated from us only by our inability to see in spiritual times and dimensions. Sometimes God grants people the ability to see the spiritual realm, to catch a glimpse of things more real and more eternal than the physical dimensions of our earth. I think sometimes the spirit in us senses it, just like a horse I once rode somehow knew when it was getting close to home, and quickened its pace, even though it was still out of the range of vision. The things that John was shown as a spiritual vision are very real and dramatic happenings in the physical world as well. The story of Revelation is a picture of the events in our visible world from a spiritual perspective, a behind the scenes tour of sorts.

What does Matt. 11:12 say that the kingdom of heaven is doing? _____

In what ways can we see that happening? _____

God is not limited in what dimensions He sees and moves in, but we are. He came to earth as Christ so that we could see God and know what He is like. He took on the limits of man, so that our limits would not separate us from Him.

This hummingbird is beating its wings so quickly that we can hardly see them. Our eye isn't quick enough, but we still believe the wings are there. So is the kingdom of heaven and exciting spiritual events!



END TIMES

What did Jesus have to say about the end times in Matt. 24:4-8?

What do you think about the end times? _____

Will they really be the “end”? _____



Color the horses their appropriate color.

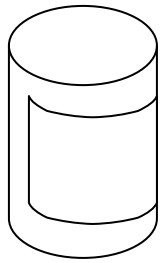
What do each of the horses in Revelation 6 represent?

White

Red

Black

Pale



Borrow a can of fruits or vegetables from Mom. Lay it on it's side on the back of the puzzle page and trace it. It should look like a rectangle.

Now lay it on it's end and trace it.

What shape does it look like now?

_____ If we could see in only two dimensions, a can would look like either a rectangle or circle depending on which direction you looked at it from, but both would be true. We have certain views that we represent and recognize things from, but that isn't the only view – physically or spiritually.

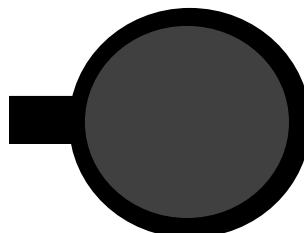
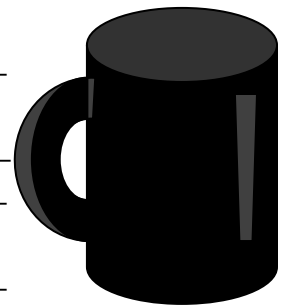
God can see in every dimension, but it is hard for us to see anything but what is our three dimensional physical world.

Seeing the kingdom of heaven, or things happening in the spiritual dimension seems unreal only because we are normally unable to see that dimension. Revelation is a view of the spiritual dimension given to John.

What is this object? _____

Which view is the easiest to recognize? _____

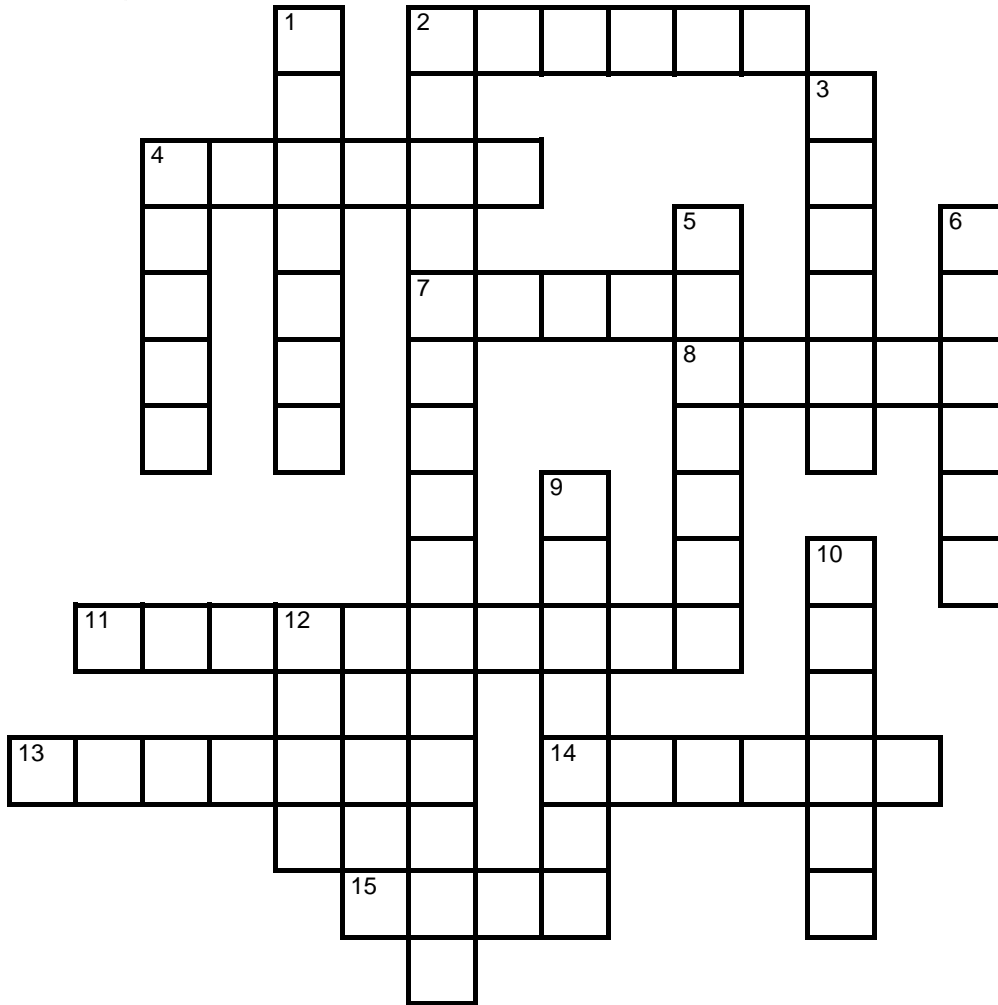
Why? _____





PUZZLE PAGE

Spiritual Sightings



Across

- 2 Ezekiel saw a vision of a heavenly one (6)
- 4 fed by an angel (6)
- 7 Moses met with God on this mountain (5)
- 8 Peter saw one let down from heaven (5)
- 11 where Satan tempted Jesus (10)
- 13 Elisha's saw a spiritual army (7)
- 14 no more pain when Jesus _____ (6)
- 15 given the visions of Revelation (4)

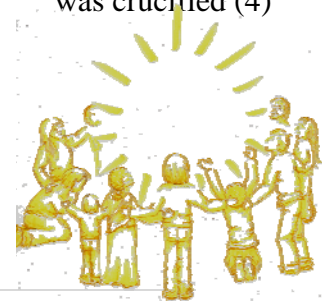
Down

- 1 Saul was _____ by a vision of Jesus (7)
- 2 Moses and Elijah visited Jesus (15)
- 3 where Adam and Eve walked with God (6)
- 4 walked with God and then was not (5)
- 5 Daniel saw _____ of the future (7)
- 6 Daniel saw _____ events (6)
- 9 saw the glory of heaven before he died (7)
- 10 messengers sent from heaven to earth (6)
- 12 rose out of their graves after Jesus was crucified (4)

There have been times throughout Scripture where heaven and earth meet in a way that got people's attention. Do you think they are rare because they don't happen often, or rare because they are not often seen by people? Oswald Chambers said:

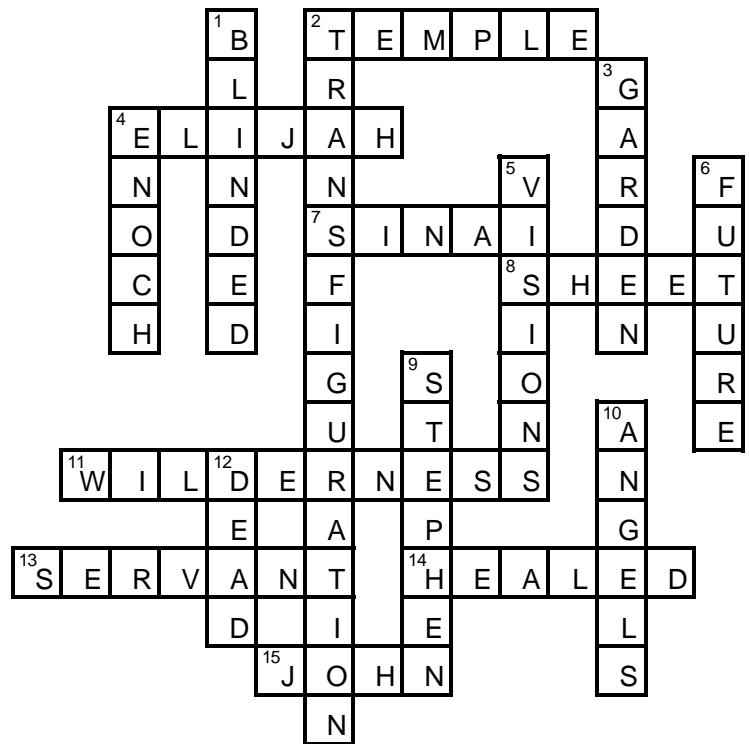
"God has to hide from us what He does until by personal character we get to the place where He can reveal it."

What do you think? _____



TIPS for parents and teachers

If you have access to the DVD Everything is Spiritual by Rob Bell, show your class the section starting where he describes the shape of a marker from the side (a rectangle) and the end (a circle). Continue through his description of the people living in flatland (2 dimensions) and their perception of encounters from a third dimension. Relate this to the inability of people living in a physical dimension to see things happening in a spiritual dimension.



A L P H A



O M E G A

Have fun finding new ways to “see” everyday objects in your classroom. What are some ways that the traditional perspective of the religious experts kept them from seeing Jesus accurately? What are some ways that our vision of spiritual things might be limited?

Bell, Rob. Everything is Spiritual.
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Also of interest:

Quantum Theology by Diarmuid
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More Than Meets the Eye by
Richard Swenson

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