Learn About GOD'S LOVE

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Introduction

Children, do you like puzzles, games, and fun activities? This is just the book for you. You will find lots of puzzles and games to help you understand how much God loves you. You’ll be able to read secret messages by discovering the hidden code, read jingles and rhymes, draw pictures, and discover how you can be ready to meet Jesus when He comes again the second time.

Each of these activities is designed to accompany God Loves Me 28 Ways, which explains the twenty-eight fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We hope you will enjoy these activities as they help you understand God’s Love in a more meaningful way. Have fun!

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The Bible is like a big library. Put the books of the Bible back in their places on the bookshelf. If you need help, look for a list in the first pages of your Bible.
The Bible writers compared the Bible, God’s Word, with some of the following things. CIRCLE those items. If you need help, read the following texts: Ephesians 6:17; Luke 8:11; James 1:23, 25; Psalm 119:105.
Complete the sentences and write the missing words in the blanks below. You will discover a hidden word in them. Use the New International Version of the Bible.

1. Isaiah saw the Lord seated on this (Isa. 6:1).
3. Exodus 34:6 also says that the Lord abounds “in love and _______.”
4. After Jesus was baptized, a voice from heaven said, “This is my ___ whom I love; with him I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17).
5. Another name given to Jesus in Isaiah 7:14.
6. In John 16:13 the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of “_______.”
7. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would bring _______ to him when he makes known to us all what God said (John 16:14).

1 (__) __________
2 __(__) __________
3 _ (__) ____________________
4 ____(__)
5 (__) __________
6 (__) __________
7 __________(_,)

Can you find the hidden message in the puzzle? The message talks about what we mean to God. You can find it by deleting all the days of the week, all numbers, and all the months of the year.

A message from God for me!!!

MONDAY JUNE HOW THIRTY TUESDAY GREAT SATURDAY TWELVE IS SEPTEMBER THE THREE FIVE THURSDAY LOVE TWO THE WEDNESDAY FATHER TEN HAS AUGUST LAVISHED FOURTEEN ON US FIFTEEN THAT MARCH WE SUNDAY SHOULD JULY ONE BE SEVENTEEN OCTOBER CALLED FRIDAY CHILDREN OF ELEVEN FOUR GOD DECEMBER

MESSAGE: ........................................................................................................................ (1 John 3:1).
Unscramble the words below to discover different names given to God the Son.

Bible clues: Matthew 1:23; Song of Songs 2:1; Matthew 1:21; Mark 14:62; Matthew 22:42; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:29; John 10:11.
Use the following cipher to solve the cryptogram and find out why God sends us the Holy Spirit.

A = 10   E = 47   i = 38   N = 29   Q = 11   U = 50
B = 31   F = 18   J = 22   Ñ = 42   R = 55   V = 12
C = 25   G = 36   L = 45   O = 13   S = 51   W = 34
D = 14   H = 52   M = 23   P = 39   T = 40   Y = 28
Z = 15

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36 13 14 51 47 29 40 40 52 47 52 13 45 28
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51 39 38 55 38 40 40 13 51 52 13 34 50 51
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52 38 51 45 13 12 47
Find your way through the maze by following the order of the Creation week.
CRYPTOGRAM CODE

MESSAGE:

γ Σ Δ ψ α λ α Ω Ω η η α η

η μ η α Δ ε α Δ μ α ν Δ

θ ω λ α ψ ω μ π ο γ Σ Σ Δ

γ μ ν μ ψ θ ψ

1:31
Circle everything in the picture that is a result of sin.
In the war between good and evil, what weapons do you think Satan and his followers use? Write them down.

Bible clues: Colossians 3:8; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8; Romans 11:3 and Acts 22:4; 2 John 7; 1 Timothy 6:10; James 4:4; Ephesians 5:6.

_____________   ______________
_____________   ______________
_____________   ______________

But God provides us a special armor to fight off Satan’s weapons. Find it in Ephesians 6:11-17 and write the names of the different parts on the Christian soldier.

What is the Christian’s “secret” weapon? (Ephesians 6:18)
_____________

Why don’t you make up your own song about God’s armor? Try to include all the “weapons.”
_____________
What happened when?
Number the following incidents of Jesus’ life in their right order.

____ Jesus worked in Joseph’s carpentry shop.

____ Jesus went up to heaven.

____ Jesus was arrested in Gethsemane.

____ Jesus taught, preached, and healed in Judea and Galilee.

____ Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River.
#9 The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- Jesus called His disciples.
- Jesus died on the cross because of our sins.
- Jesus rose from death on the third day.
- Jesus understood His mission better when He attended His first Passover feast in Jerusalem at 12 years of age.
Read the following sentences and color each square RED if it’s true, and BLACK if it’s false.

1. Some people are good and don’t deserve to die forever.
2. All of us have sinned, so we deserve death.
3. If one man dies in the place of others, they can be saved.
4. Jesus was the only One who could die in our place.
5. Jesus died and rose from the dead.
6. Because of Jesus’ death, we can have forgiveness for our sins.
7. We don’t need to ask God’s forgiveness.
8. God adopts us as His children.
9. God is going to save only some people of the world.
10. Because Jesus died, it doesn’t matter how we behave.
11. When we become God’s children, we will want to be like Him.
12. We can be saved by our good deeds.
13. Nobody will be saved, because nobody is perfect.
14. Jesus is coming to take us to live with Him forever.
15. Satan will repent and live in heaven eternally.

Do you know Jesus loves you?

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Yes, I love Him too!
How do you become best friends with Jesus? Substitute each letter for the one after it in the alphabet. For example, “v” becomes “w”. (When you get to “z”, you substitute it with an “a”.)
Find the things and people related to the church by going left, right, up, down, or diagonally on this word search.

Word Pool
- elder
- worship
- offerings
- study
- hymns
- deacon
- Bible
- praise

- music
- reverence
- baptism
- communion
- prayer
- love
- believers

Letters:

L N R P E N C V R X Q T M P O
X Q O L R I V E G D U S B R F
V D D I S A V D I H I B R A F
Y E Z U N E I R R T K J Q Y E
R W M Z R U Q S P Y S H C E R
S M F E P Y M A E E G Y H R I
F C N M I D B M S N M Y H M N
I C A H H U P L O V E W C A G
E M X T S T D E A C O N W V S
N K V R R S F Z L I R V Q G K
J T W Z O N Y L T B Y V T M D
J Z Q M W C W B K F I C P Z B
S R E V E I L E B C K B R U O
D J K Y N P V T H B K C C L U
O C K O P E U S Q C F X U M V
The remnant is a special group of people who remain faithful to God during the last days of the world. Find out some of the characteristics of the remnant by completing the following puzzle.

Across
1. God’s special people obey God’s _________________.
2. People who love God talk with Him through _____________.
3. People who love God study God’s ____________.
4. God’s special people ________________ Him.

Down
5. God’s special people believe He is the _____________.
6. People who love God tell others Jesus is _____________.
7. God’s special people love one ________________.
8. People who love God take care of their _____________.
9. People who love God care about their _________________.
10. God’s special people are faithful to _____________.

Word pool:
- Creator
- Commandments
- Jesus
- Bodies
- Neighbors
- Word
- Prayer
- Coming
- Another
- Worship
The church is not a building; it is a body of people who share something in common. Put in order the puzzle pieces to discover what makes the church so special.

Message: ____________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________

Key characteristic of the church: ________________________________(Colossians 3:14).
By baptism we show other people that we want to follow Jesus. Find out what we have to do to be baptized. Your clue for this activity is to spell out a Bible verse by choosing one letter from each triplet below. If you need more help, find the correct verse in Mark 16.

Condition for baptism: ______________________________
The Lord’s Supper was Jesus’ way of reminding His friends that He was their Savior.

Number the items used in the Lord’s Supper. You can read about the first Lord’s Supper in John 13:1-17 and Matthew 26:20-29.
When Jesus washed His disciples’ feet, He was also reminding them to be like Him. Can you discover in what way they were to be like Him? Unscramble the names of the disciples and put together the letters that are in parenthesis and you will discover it. Need help? You will find the names of the disciples in Matthew 10:2-4.

DJAUS
DATHSUEDA
EETPR
WEHATTM
NOHJ
ATSHOM
MISNO
SEJMA
IIHLPP
HTWMRAEBOOL
RDWANE
AESMJ

Clue: Matthew 20:28
God gives all of His children some special talents and abilities to serve Him and other people. Can you find out some of these gifts?

Look up some other gifts and try to do your own puzzle. You can read about spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and Romans 12:6-8.
Can you find out who these riddles are talking about? Clue:
They were all God’s messengers.

Camel hair and leather belt I wear.
Locusts and wild honey is my share.
Who am I? __________

After a great disappointment
God gave me my appointment.
Who am I? __________________________

Of me they did not get a bite
For an angel shut their mouths up tight.
Who am I? ______________________

An unwilling messenger, that’s what I am.
A reluctant swimmer, in the ocean I swam.
Who am I? ______________________

By the creek I found a haven
And I was fed by a raven.
Who am I? ______________________

The Holy City I saw in vision.
To write about it is my mission.
Who am I? ______________________

Can you make up a riddle about some other prophet God called as His special messenger?
The law of God tells us about His love for us and teaches us how to be good friends with Him, with our family, and with other people. Draw a line between each commandment and the individuals with whom you can have a good relationship when you keep that commandment.

You shall have no other gods before Me.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not make for yourself any idols.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
What does each commandment say? Can you solve the following math problems and find out which commandments they refer to? Check your answers in Exodus 20:1-17.

1. God has a special day of worship to meet with you. \((3 + 6) - 5 = \)
2. Obey and respect your parents. \((2 \times 3) - 1 = \)
3. Always tell the truth. \((18 \div 2) = \)
4. Life is precious. Take care of your own life and of other people’s lives. \((3 \times 4) \div 2 = \)
5. Be satisfied with what you have. Thank God for it. \((5 \times 3) - 5 = \)
6. God is the most important thing in your life. \((8 \div 4) - 1 = \)
7. Love only your own wife or husband. \((3 \times 3) - 2 = \)
8. Nothing can substitute God. Not a picture, or a statue. \((7 - 5) = \)
9. Use God’s name only to honor Him. \((12 \div 4) = \)
10. Respect other people’s belongings. \((4 \times 4) \div 2 = \)
Sabbath was Jesus’ favorite day. Solve this puzzle and you will find out what He taught about the Sabbath.

**Down**
1. Jesus went to this place on Sabbath.
3. When we worship Him on Sabbath we remember Him as our ____.
4. The Sabbath is also called a day of ____.
5. Jesus once went to the house of a Pharisee on Sabbath to ____.

**Across**
2. The first person created on Friday before Sabbath.
6. We will also worship the Lord every Sabbath in this place.
7. Jesus also did this on Sabbath.
8. Jesus said He was the ______ of the Sabbath.

Bible clues:
- Genesis 2:20
- Matthew 12:8
- Luke 14:1
- Exodus 20:11
- Genesis 1:27, 2:2
- Isaiah 66:22, 23
Draw things you like to do on Sabbath inside the letters. You can also glue nature objects that remind you of God’s special creation.
### Am I a Good Manager?

Check the items that a good manager does for God.

As manager of my body for God:
- I eat only healthy food.
- I eat only the things I like.
- I don’t use drugs.
- Exercise is a good way of taking care of my body.
- I drink a lot of water.
- Going to bed late is a regular part of my life.

Can you think of other ways to take care of your body? Write them down.

___________________________________________
___________________________________________
___________________________________________

As manager of the world God created:
- I will use only the water I really need.
- I won’t worry about where I throw my trash.
- I will take care of the trees and plants that live around me.
- I will shoot birds and small animals with my slingshot.

Write down some other ways in which you can help take care of the earth.

___________________________________________
___________________________________________
___________________________________________
___________________________________________

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#21 Stewardship
As manager of God’s money:
_____ I set apart first my tithe and offerings.
_____ I spend all the money I receive on myself.
_____ I use part of my money to help others.
_____ I ask my parents for the latest toy, game, or fashion.

Write down some other ways of being a good manager of the money God gives you.

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

As manager of the talents God gave me:
_____ I will use my talents and gifts to make lots of money for myself.
_____ I will sing a special number at worship.
_____ I study just to pass the tests.
_____ I will do my best to help my friend with his homework.

Write down some other ways to be a good manager of gifts God gave you.

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

As manager of the time God gave me:

_____ I don’t care how long I watch TV or play computer games.
_____ I take time to help others.
_____ I set time apart to read my Bible and pray.
_____ I take all the time in the world to do house chores.
_____ I set some time to help the poor in my neighborhood.

Write down some other ways of being a good manager of your time.

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
God chose us to be part of His family. He adopted us as His children (Read Ephesians 1:5.) Because we are princes and princesses of the Kingdom of Heaven, we will follow the code of heaven in all our behavior. Circle the crown if the clue belongs to a behavior fit for a prince/princess of heaven.

- I sometimes lie when I want to hide my bad choices.
- I pray every day.
- I gossip about my friends and talk behind their backs.
- I am a prince/princess. I do not need to help at home.
- I can watch any movie I like. It doesn’t make any difference in my life.
- I help others when they need me.
- If I smoke or drink beer, that’s my problem. Who cares?
- I am careful about the clothes I wear. They must be clean and fit me well.
- I go to church. It helps me keep in touch with God and my family on earth.
- I believe my body is a temple. I need to eat healthfully, exercise, and have enough rest.
The Bible is full of family stories. Build the walls of this house by writing down the names of the Bible characters described. Each new name starts with the last letter of the previous name (don’t repeat that letter!).

1. Grandmother that taught the Bible to her grandson.
2. His brother Andrew took him to meet Jesus.
3. Lost her husband and sons in a foreign country.
4. He was obedient to God and to his father, even if that meant his death.
5. First baby born in this world.
6. Went into the ark with his family, and they were all saved from the Flood.
7. She didn’t want to see her son die of thirst.
8. She was a Moabite, but became David’s great-grandmother.
10. Prophet whose wife and family pictured the unfaithfulness of Israel.
11. First husband and father.
12. His sister Miriam was his babysitter by the river.
13. She and her husband tried to cheat God and the apostles, and they both died.
14. God chose him as his friend for he would “direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord.”
15. She liked to open her house to Jesus and His disciples.
16. Mother of Shephatiah, the fifth son of King David born in Hebron.

Bible clues:
- 2 Timothy 1:5; John 1:40;
- Ruth 1:3, 5; Genesis 22:7-9;
- Genesis 4:1; Genesis 7:1;
- Genesis 21:15-19;
- Matthew 1:5, 6;
- 1 Samuel 1:9-12; Hosea 1: 1-3;
- Genesis 4:1; Exodus 2:10;
- Acts 5:1, 2;
- Genesis 18:19;
- Luke 10:38;
The Secret to a Happy Family is ____________

Illustrate the following verses in the suggested places and fill in the blanks. You will discover one of the secrets for a happy family life.

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not Love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not Love, I am nothing.

But have not Love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not Love, I gain nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).
There is a sanctuary in heaven. In it the High Priest asks the Father to forgive us our sins.

Who is the High Priest there? Color the squares where the number and the letter meet and you will discover who is our Intercessor in the heavenly sanctuary.
The Second Coming of Christ

Signs of the second coming of Jesus. The Bible presents several signs that announce that the second coming of Jesus is near. Find out some of those signs and write them in the blanks on each step. Use the New International Version.

Bible clues:
1. “There will be famines and_________________ in various places” (Matthew 24:7).
3. Matthew 24:14 tells us that the __________ of the gospel of God’s kingdom to all the world is a sign that announces that the end is near.
5. “False Christs and false __________ will appear and perform great signs” (Matthew 24:24).
6. “The ______ will fall from the sky” (Matthew 24:29).
7. “You will hear of __________ and rumors of wars” (Matthew 24:6).
8. “The ______ will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light” (Matthew 24:29).
What will the Second Coming be like?

Write the characteristics of the second coming of Christ in the rays as detailed in Matthew 24:27, 30, 31, 42, 44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.
True or False. Read the following statements and write a T if it is true and an F if it is false.

_____ Death is somewhat like sleeping. You don’t know what is happening around you.
_____ It is possible to talk with dead people.
_____ When someone dies, a part of him keeps living.
_____ Because Jesus rose from the grave, we also have the hope of resurrection.
_____ There will be more than one resurrection.
_____ Death is the result of sin.
_____ Bad people will not rise from the dead.
_____ The first resurrection is of those who died loving Jesus.
_____ Resurrection means coming back to life as a ghost.
Color the letters that have a star on them. Put the letters in order and you will discover how long the saved will be in heaven.

Answer: ___    ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___      ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
Find in the Word Search some things that we won’t find in the new earth.


Word pool:
- hospital
- policemen
- fights
- tears
- cemetery
- thieves
- lamps
- death
- sickness
- liars
- sun
- night
- trash
- keys
- cowards
- sin
- thorns
- weeds
- jail
Find your way to the new earth through the maze. When you see a ! mark, stop and draw or write something you want to see, play with, or enjoy in the new earth.

Can you find your way?