

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way



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Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1 (6)

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Through Life's Maze

Object: A maze puzzle



Do you enjoy working puzzles? I do. One kind of puzzle I like is called a maze. To solve the puzzle, you take your pencil and begin where it says, "start" and try to find an open path in the puzzle that will lead you all the way to the finish. Of course, you aren't allowed to cross through any lines. A puzzle like this can be very difficult and very frustrating. Traveling through this maze, you will often have to change the direction you are going. You may find that the path you have chosen leads to a dead end. When this happens, you just have to back up and start again. When the puzzle gets too difficult, you may need someone to help you. Even though finding the right path that leads to the finish may be difficult, you will have a feeling of satisfaction when you finally reach the goal.

Finding your way through life can be a lot like finding your way through a maze. Each day we have to make decisions and it is sometimes difficult to know which way to go. We may choose the wrong path and end up at a dead end. When that happens, we have to back up and start over again. Life isn't easy, and it can sometimes be very frustrating when we don't know which way to turn.

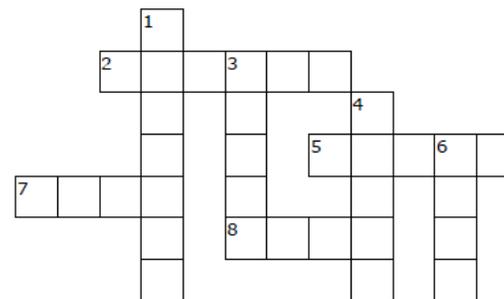
Jesus knew that life in this world is difficult. That is why he prayed for his disciples when he knew that the time had come for him to leave this world. "I will remain in the world no longer," he prayed, "but they are still in the world. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe. Now I am coming to you and I ask you to protect them and keep them safe."

How do we find our way in this world? We put our trust in God, our Heavenly Father, to show us the way. We have his Word, the Bible, to help us. Any time we don't know which way to turn, we can talk to him in prayer and ask him to guide and protect us. It may not be easy, but we know that God will lead the way.

Father, as we search for the path that will lead us safely through this world, we place our trust in you and ask for your guidance and protection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. Speaking to God
5. The earth and all the people and things upon it
7. To put into the hands of another person
8. To be free from danger or harm

DOWN

1. To keep from being injured or harmed
3. That which belongs to you
4. Physical or mental strength
6. Unable to find the way

PROTECT	POWER	GIVE	YOURS
PRAYER	SAFE	LOST	WORLD

TRUST BOOKMARK: The child can make a bookmark for their Bibles, made out of card stock paper, markers, stickers and a hole punched in the top with yarn or a thin colored ribbon. On one side of the bookmark, help the child to write "JESUS HELPS US THROUGH THE MAZE OF LIFE". On the other side, the child can draw lines to represent a maze (square or circle)!



JESUS PRAYS FOR

HIS DISCIPLES

