

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way



September 30, 2018

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14 (8)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



Pass the Salt, Please

Object: A shaker of salt, a brightly colored shirt, a leather belt, a plastic toy.

Everyone knows about salt -- we use it every day to make our food taste better. Can you imagine eating a hamburger and fries without salt? They would be pretty tasteless, wouldn't they?

Some of you may not know that making our food taste better is just one of many uses for salt. I read that salt is used in making over 14,000 different products. Here are just a few of the many uses of salt.

- Salt is used in fixing the dye in fabrics like this pretty shirt. Without salt, the bright colors that we wear today would quickly wash out of our fabrics. What a dull place the world would be without salt!

- Salt is also used in making leather. Without salt we would not have many of the leather products that we use every day-- like this belt.

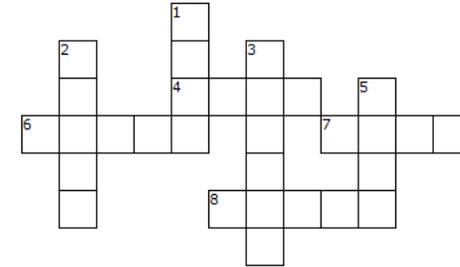
- Salt is used in the chemical industry to make plastics. Without salt, we might not have many of the toys that we play with every day which are made from plastic.

People have known about the usefulness of salt for many years. At one time, salt was so important that people were paid with salt. Since salt is so important, is it any wonder that Jesus told us that we were to be like salt to the world? Listen to the words of Jesus. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other." I think that he was saying that we should flavor our world with love and that we should allow him to use us in making the world a better place.

How about you? How can you be salt to the world?

Gracious God, help us to flavor our world with love and to allow you to use us in making the world a better place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. A white mineral compound used on food as a seasoning
- 6. Sweet, sour, salty, or bitter qualities of food and drink
- 7. Not bad
- 8. The earth and all of its inhabitants

DOWN

- 1. To no longer have something
- 2. Freedom from arguments and disagreements
- 3. The way a food or drink is recognized from its taste
- 5. What we eat to get the nutrients that our body needs

TASTE	FOOD	WORLD	PEACE
LOSE	FLAVOR	SALT	GOOD

SALT SHAKER VERSE: Give each child an inexpensive plastic salt shaker from any \$\$ store and provide the Bible verse slip of paper that they can lightly color and tape around the salt shaker. Encourage children to put their salt shaker on their own kitchen tables at home to remind them about adding flavor to their world with GOD's love.

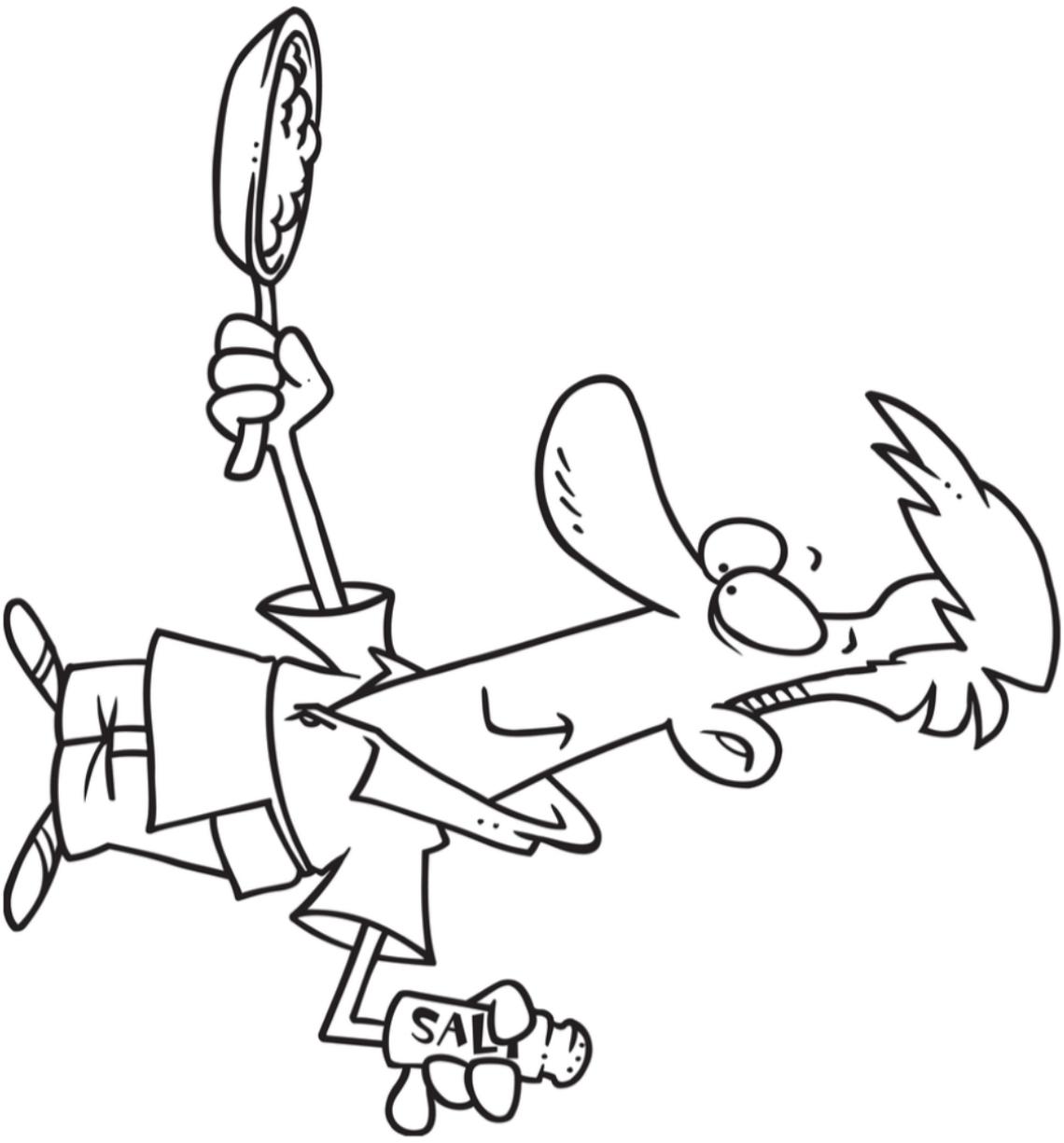
Family Table Prayer for September

Thank you for the earth so sweet.
 Thank you for the food we eat.
 Thank you for the birds that sing.
 Thank you, God, for everything!

September Memory Verse: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!

~ Philippians 4:4

Mark 9:50



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