

All Saints Sunday

Today is All Saints Sunday.

A saint means a holy person. But saints are ordinary people who trust in Jesus Christ. When we do that, God declares us holy and set apart for him. The New Testament uses the word saint like this about fifty times!

All Saints Day reminds us that we belong to the community of saints – God’s family. All of us who follow Jesus (those who are alive now and those who have already died) are in Christ. We are all connected to Christ who is the head of his body, the church.

All Saints Day also reminds us that one day we will join the many men and women who stand before the Throne of the Lamb in heaven, praising and adoring him without end.

We have two readings today.

One is Jesus answering a trick question but surprising his questioners by telling them that those who love God even after they have finished their life here, will live with resurrected bodies with God.

The second is a description of the wonderful way we will live in the future after Jesus comes back again. It is a description of God living with all his people on earth!

Theme: Heaven will be amazing.

Scripture Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees did not believe that people would rise to life after death. So some of them came to Jesus and said:

Teacher, Moses wrote that if a married man dies and has no children, his brother should marry the widow. Their first son would then be thought of as the son of the dead brother.

There were once seven brothers. The first one married, but died without having any children. The second one married his brother’s widow, and he also died without having any children. The same thing happened to the third one. Finally, all seven brothers married that woman and died without having any children. At last the woman died. When God raises people from death, whose wife will this woman be? All seven brothers had married her.

Jesus answered: The people in this world get married. But in the future world no one who is worthy to rise from death will either marry or die. They will be like the angels and will be God’s children, because they have been raised to life.

Riddles

You know what a riddle is, don't you? It is a word puzzle -- a question that makes you think. Sometimes riddles are funny. I'm sure you have probably heard this one. "Why did the chicken cross the road?" The answer is, "To get to the other side." Here are a few of my favourite riddles.

Q: Mary's father has 4 children; three are named Nana, Nene, and Nini. What is the fourth child's name?

A: Mary!

Q: How many months have 28 days?

A: All of them! (Some may have 30 or 31, but all have 28!)

Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water?

A: A sponge!

Riddles have been around since the time of Jesus. Maybe longer than that. One day, Jesus was approached by a group of Sadducees — religious leaders who did not believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven.

The Sadducees were trying to trick Jesus into agreeing that there was no resurrection. They asked him to answer this riddle: "The law of Moses says that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Then the third brother married her. This continued until all seven brothers had married the same woman. Finally, the woman also died. So tell us, whose wife will she be after the resurrection since all seven were married to her!"

My, that is a tricky riddle, isn't it? Listen to Jesus' answer.

Jesus said, "Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those who are raised from the dead will not marry or be married. Not only that, but they will never die again. They will live forever as the children of God."

After Jesus answered their riddle so wisely, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Now, you and I know that Jesus promised us that if we love him and trust in him, we will live forever in heaven with him. Isn't it sad that some people do not believe there is a resurrection and eternal life in heaven? Oh, that reminds me of one more riddle!

Q. Why were the people in today's Bible lesson called Sadducees?

A. Since they didn't believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven, they were "Sad, you see!"

Bulletin:

Now you might like to do the activities on the bulletin sheet and the Sadducees Quiz and Maths Coding puzzle.

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-4

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and so had the sea. Then I saw New Jerusalem, that holy city, coming down from God in heaven. It was like a bride dressed in her wedding gown and ready to meet her husband.

I heard a loud voice shout from the throne: God's home is now with his people. He will live with them, and they will be his own. Yes, God will make his home among his people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever.

Video:

Watch the video on the Children's Blog for 31st October 2021.

Pray:

Dear Father, we are happy today that you have promised us eternal life in heaven. Thank you that heaven is going to be amazing! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Activities:

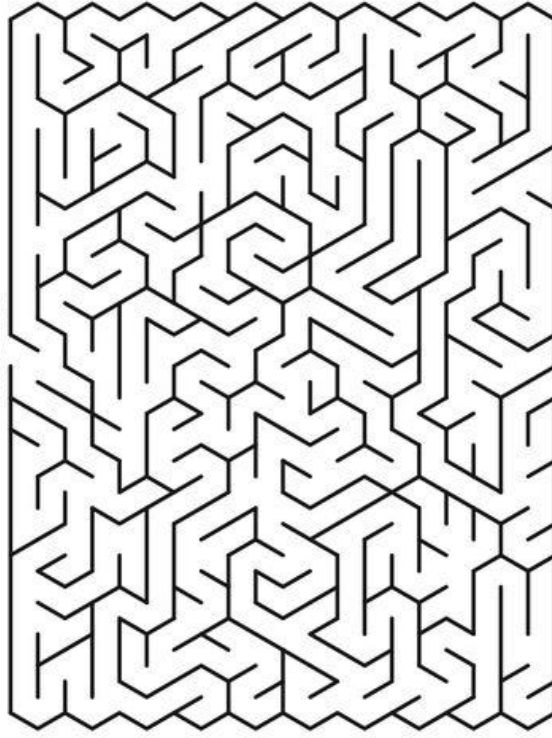
Think about what you have heard about heaven as you solve the "All Things New" maze and word search.

ALL THINGS NEW

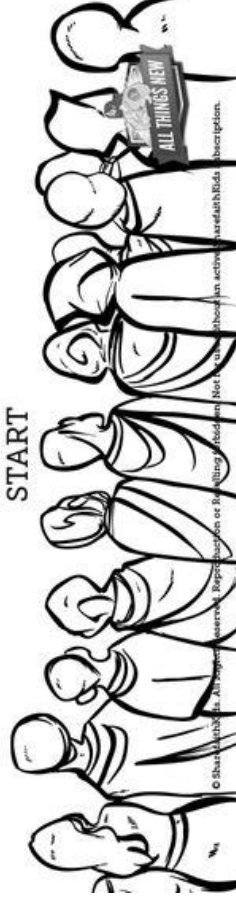
Lead the people to Heaven.



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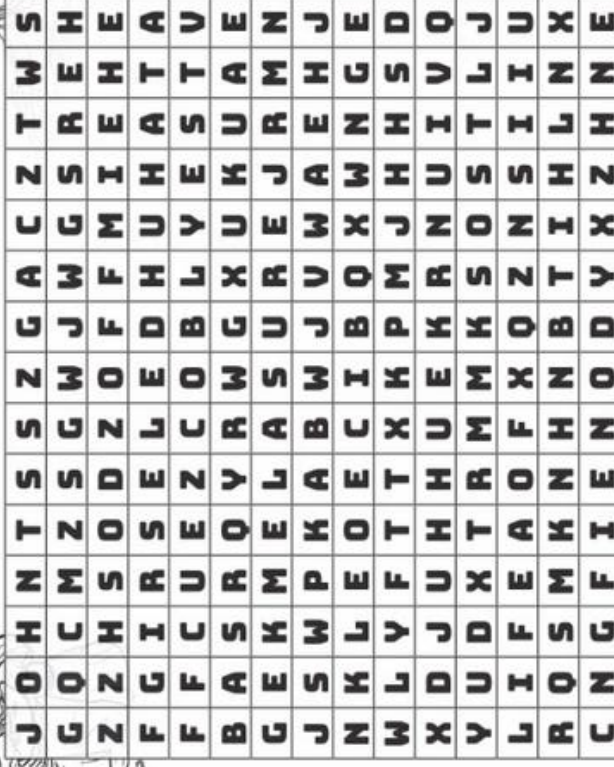
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ALL THINGS NEW

Discover the hidden words.



Word Bank

SIN	MATTHEW	HEAVEN
JESUS	GOLD	GOD
THRONE	LIFE	JOHN
TREASURE	JERUSALEM	CROSS



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JESUS AND THE SADDUCEES

Match the Facts

We say there is no resurrection and came to Jesus with a question.

seven

He wrote that if a man's brother dies and he had no children, he should marry the widow.

none of them

In the example, how many brothers did the man who died have?

Sadduces

At the resurrection, whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?

no

The people of which age marry and are given in marriage?

Moses

In the resurrection from the dead will people marry or be given in marriage?

angels

In the resurrection can people die?

Jacob

In the resurrection who will people be like?

this age

Moses called the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of who?

the dead

God is the God of the living, for to him all are alive, but He is not the God of who?

no

Based on Luke 20: 27-40 (NIV)

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MYSTERY MATH

Instructions: Solve the math problems. Record the solution in the top boxes.

Find the letter that matches the solution number and record in bottom box.

Write the word in the sentence below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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	- 4	+ 7	- 6	+ 3	+ 9	- 3
Problem Solution	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Those who are worthy of the resurrection can no longer die;
for they are like the _____. Luke 20:36