

Just call me Moses!

Mini-SEANS-35

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"Don't Look Back!"



A story is told of former President George W. Bush, who, while waiting in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long flowing robe with a white beard, and some stone tablets under his arms.

"Aren't you Moses?" he asked.

The man ignored him, and stared at the ceiling.

The President positioned himself directly in front of the man and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?"



The man continued to examine the ceiling.

Finally, George W. tugged at the man's sleeve and asked once more, "Aren't you Moses?"

In an irritated voice, the man finally answered, "Yes I am."

George W. asked him, "Why didn't you want to speak to me?"

And Moses replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert – and I don't want to do it again!"

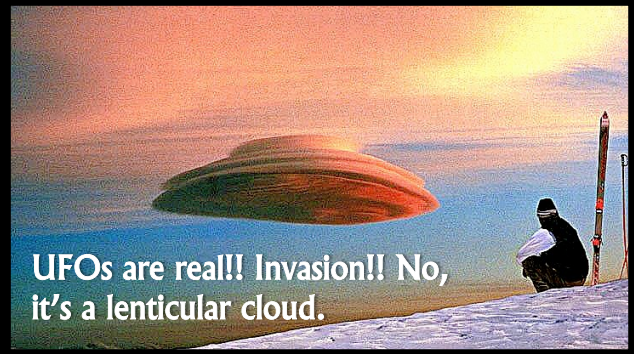
The Israelites had escaped from Egypt, and were heading across the desert to the land God had promised to give them. The route they took in their wanderings is given in Numbers 33 .



Beginning at Goshen (in the Nile delta), they safely crossed the Red Sea (in the Bitter

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What an amazing world!



UFOs are real!! Invasion!! No, it's a lenticular cloud.



... and this isn't a tidal wave about to drown you—it's an Australian dust storm.



How about this cloud that formed indoors? Put the heating on, Vicar!

This is an undulatus asperatus cloud that looks like a storm at sea.



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Lakes region through which the Suez Canal was dug) when God caused the waters to pile up, allowing them to cross, and then crashing down on the pursuing Egyptians.

It’s an area where two continental plates meet. For many generations, Bedouin people living in the Abu Dabbab area on the Egyptian Red Sea coast have heard distinct noises--like the rumbling of a quarry blast or cannon shot--accompanying small earthquakes in the region, so perhaps God caused an earthquake raising the land to let the Israelites through followed by an aftershock which closed the waters back—*but what timing!!!*

Today they could have used a road bridge!

Rather than travelling north along the coast of the



Mediterranean Sea, for reasons best known to Himself, The Lord had them head south into the desert wilderness

of The Sinai Peninsula where He miraculously provided them with food and water, as He led them by means of a pillar of fire at night and cloud of smoke by day.

And here is God’s first lesson for us for today : a reminder that **He does things differently.**

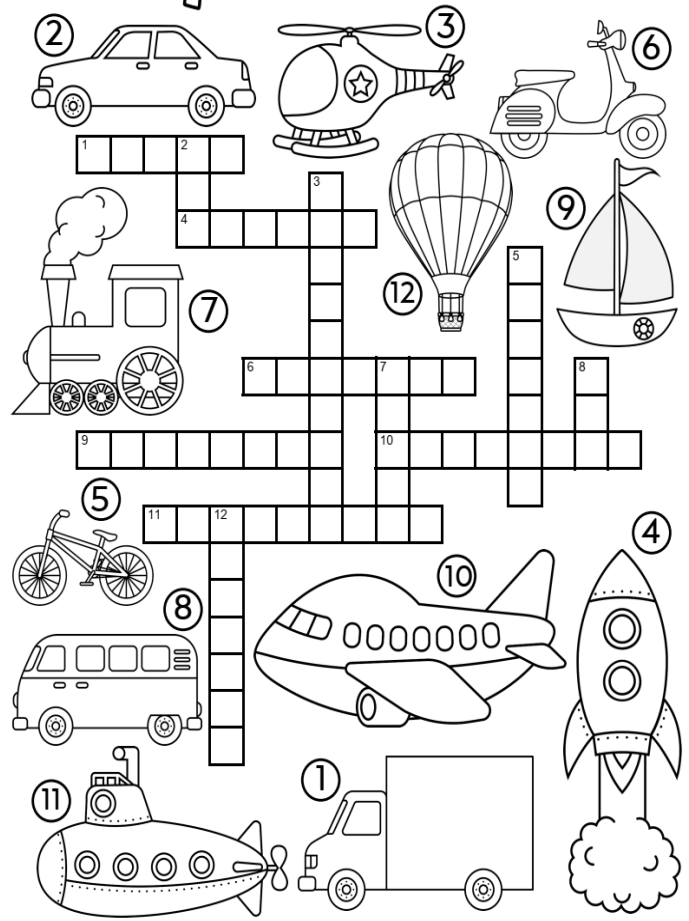
Isaiah tells us (55:8-9) *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

The Living Bible has v.8 as, *“This plan of mine is not what you would work out...(!)”*

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Transportation

Kidz Crossword Puzzle



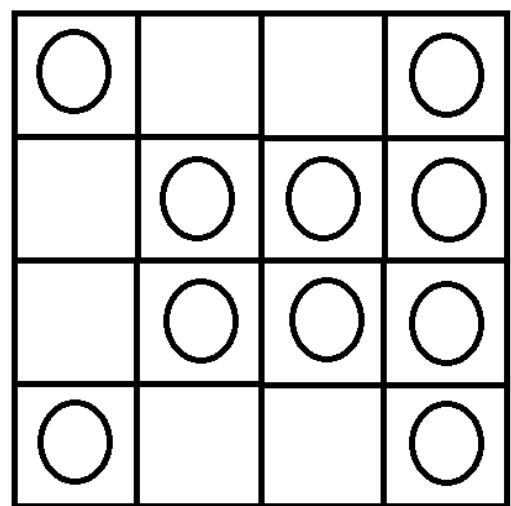
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I’ve found the meaning of life!

It’s on page 937 in my dictionary between the words lie and lifeboat.

Cash Transaction

Can you move two coins to empty squares so that each of the eight rows and columns contains an even number of coins?



There are at least THREE possible solutions.

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You can’t help wondering why God sent them by the not-so-scenic route, rather than the direct way. OK, He gave them the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, but I’m sure He could have given them to him on one of the other mountains in the region.



But God says, *“No – I am different to you – I do things My way. And if you are going to follow Me, you’d better get ready for some surprises!”*

The Israelites were a new nation. They hadn’t even reached their homeland yet. They had lessons to learn – and most of them could only be gained **through experience, not through teaching.**

600,000 men of fighting age are counted in Exodus, so add in the elderly, women, and children, and the population of Israel rises to **at least 2 million people** led by Moses.

They needed time to get to know this new liberating God of theirs, and also to bond together as a nation. They also needed time to shake off the past – something so many of them found so difficult... as new Christians often do, when they start to put their trust in Jesus Christ.

It’s not easy... it takes effort... it takes time.

When the Israelites left Egypt we read that *“a mixed multitude”* went with them (Exodus 12:38) which probably included some Egyptians. So, when things went wrong, they naturally looked longing back to Egypt.

What? There were Egyptians with them?

Remember, Moses had been raised as an Egyptian so some of his former Egyptian friends, and those who had been convinced by the plagues that the true God was with Moses, and maybe Egyptians who had intermarried with Israelites decided to go with them to see what happened next. I would guess they were **mostly the outcasts of society** – the people on the edge, with little or nothing for them in Egypt, and hoping for something much better if they went with God’s people... (rather like the boat people), and they would have skills to offer.

God has always put an emphasis in the teaching of His people on the need to take care of strangers and aliens.

Why?

Because when Joseph of ‘Amazing-technicolour-dreamcoat-fame’ had invited his family to join him in Egypt, where he had become Prime Minister, during a famine – they had been well-treated as strangers and aliens. It was only as time passed, and his family multiplied and kings came and went, that what was now a nation-in-waiting, became slaves. So, it was no surprise that when things got tough they wanted to go ‘home’ - wherever that was.

Num.11:4-5 Then the Egyptians [who still hadn’t got the point, despite the fire that led them] **who had come with them, began to long for the good things of Egypt.** [well of course they did! They were homesick. Things weren’t

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The RUDE Quiz

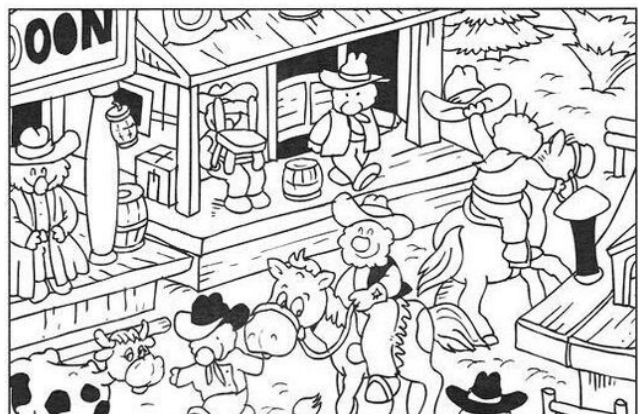
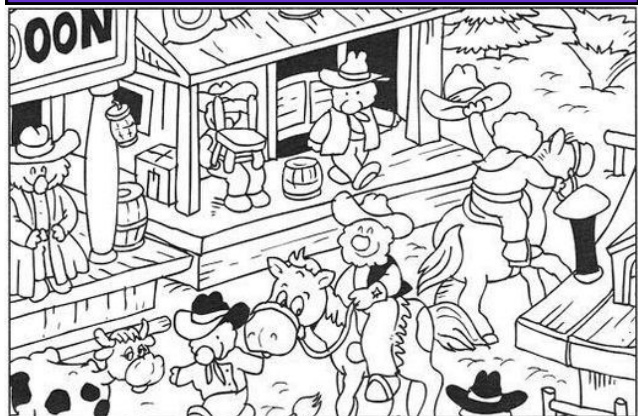
Every word below contains the word RUDE. Can you work out what the words are from their definitions?

(e.g. ?RUDE oil is unrefined—Answer: CRUDE.)

- ?RUDE—a person who is easily shocked.
- ???RUDE— to enter unexpectedly.
- ???RUDE—to force plastic material through a die.
- ??RUDE? — a tasty German pastry often filled with fruit.
- ?RUDE??? — careful handling of a tricky issue.
- ????RUDE — something that sticks out.
- ???RUDE?? —an unwise action.
- ?RUDE????? — they may insure or assure you.
- ???????RUDE??? — a body or study of law.
- RÜDE????? — a town in Germany.
- ? RUDE ?????????? - suddenly aware of an unpleasant fact.



Spot 6 Differences and 5 errors



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working out as they had expected.] *This added to the discontent of the people of Israel and they wept, "Oh, for a few bites of meat!"*

We remember the fish we ate in Egypt, freely and without cost [because they were slaves] - cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic."

And again, later in Numbers 20: 4-5 they moaned again:

"Why did you bring the Lord's community into this desert, that we and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!"

It's always so easy to look longingly back when life gets tough. But you'll never fulfil your potential if all you do is look (or even worse) – actually go back.

"The Lord's anger flared out against them because of their complaints, so His fire began destroying those at the far end of the camp. ²They screamed to Moses for help, and when he prayed for them the fire stopped."

Never forget that our God is a jealous God, capable of anger... and destruction - but always responsive to prayer.

When God rescued Lot and his family from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, He specifically warned them not to look back -

Gen 19:26 "But Lot's wife did look back as she was following along behind him, and became a pillar of salt."

That's the price you pay when you don't listen to God.

We are a people pressing on to glory!

God has given us work to do.

He has filled us with His Holy Spirit... to equip us to do it... and He expects us to use the gifts and talents and time He has given us to **get on with the job** of building one another up – reaching out to those who are still lost – and changing the world. *Simples!*

*"For I'm building a people of power,
And I'm making a people of praise,
That will move through this land by My Spirit,
And will glorify My precious name."*

Who's doing it? - HE'S DOING IT!

Ps. 68 says, "You are awesome, O God... the God [who] gives power and strength to his people".

He does not expect us to look longingly back to the things we used to do before we became Christians. He wants us to move through this land like a breath of fresh air – even though it's becoming a Christian wilderness – water it with His love... plant it... care for it...and reap it by bringing a lost nation to Jesus! **GO TO IT!**

Codeword Puzzle

Every letter has a number from 1-26. Can you crack the code?

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SUDOKU

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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Want to try again?

"When numerous small articles are to be washed, put them in a discarded nylon stocking and then place the articles in a washing machine. This way it is easier to fold in two egg whites beaten still and sweetened with one-fourth cup sugar. This serves six."

(Massachusetts paper)

"The woman was placed on probation for stealing St. Paul's Churchyard..."

(London paper)

(A job for Michael Eden): "Fire-eaters, sword-swallowers, preferably with ecclesiastical experience required..."

(The Times)

"Lady Chef requires post. Will go on hot plate."

(Yorkshire paper)

CRYPTOGRAM—3

Can you crack this part of a quotation from a book by Charles Dickens?

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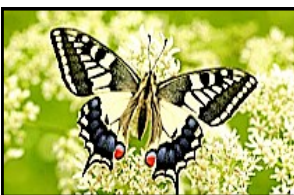
Not all letters of the alphabet are used.

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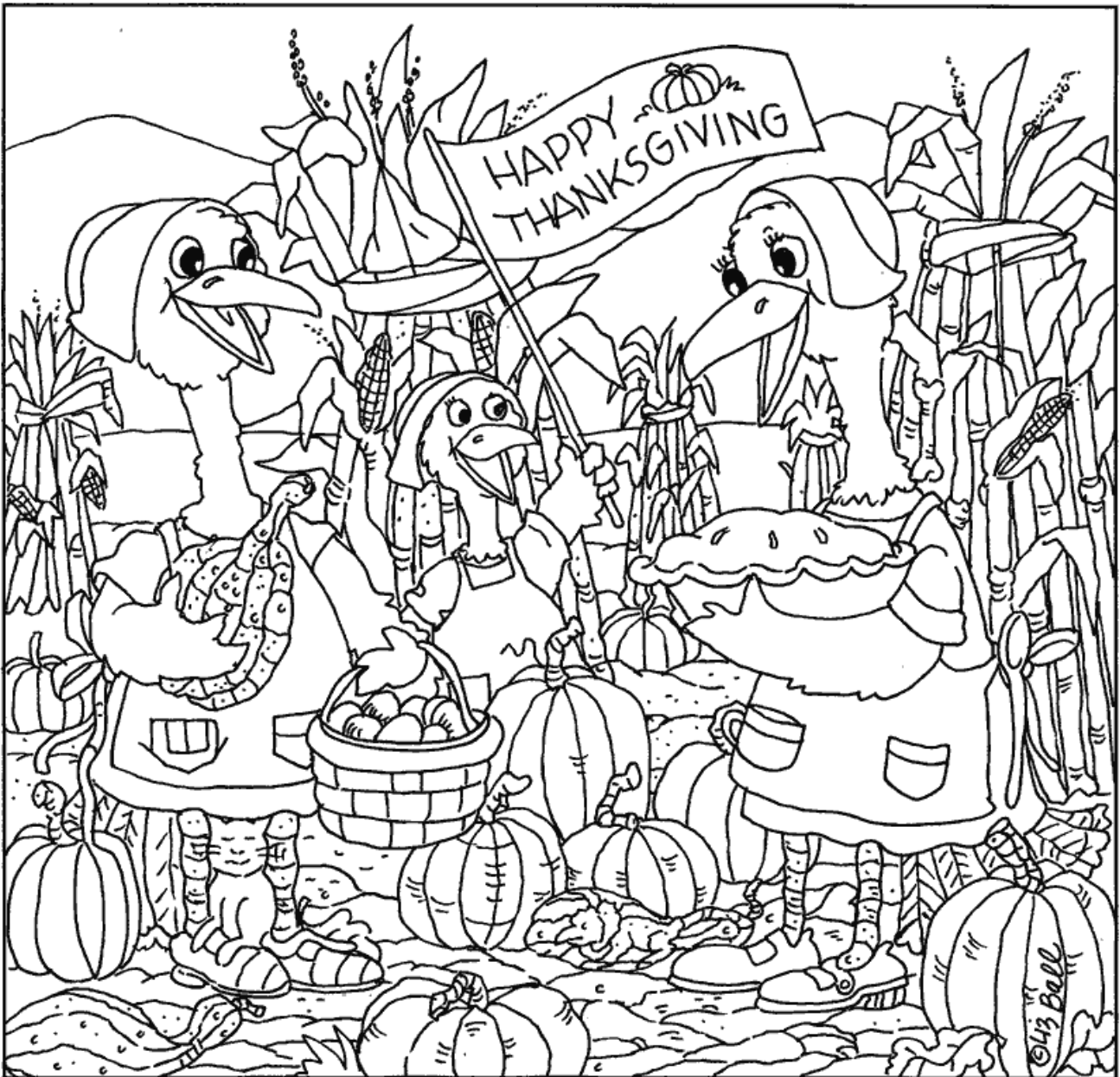
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SCIENCE QUIZ

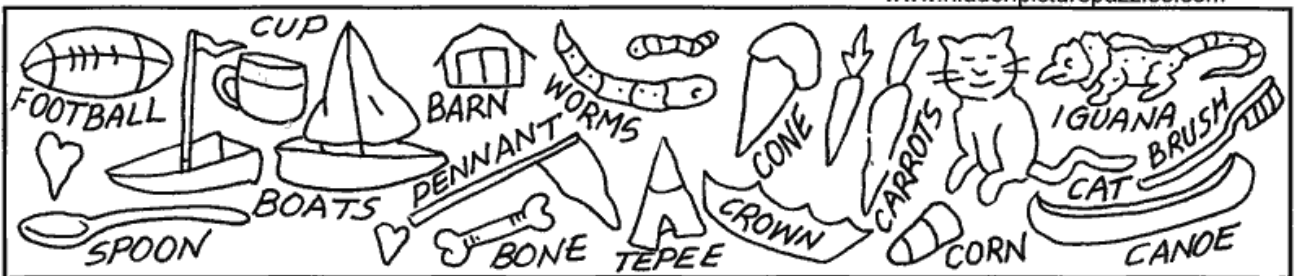
1. What is Ascorbic Acid better known as?
2. Approximately how long does it take light to travel from the sun to the earth?
3. What nationality was the physicist Nils Bohr?
4. What metals combine to make pewter?
5. Approximately what percentage of human blood is water?
6. If you suffered from ANOSMIA, what sense would you be lacking?
7. Thus is the largest British butterfly, What is it called, and what is our smallest butterfly?
8. In computing what the acronym HTML stand for?
9. What type of substance turns litmus from blue to red?
10. Which mammal has the highest blood pressure?
11. Which gas makes fizzy drinks fizzy?
12. Which addictive drug is named after the Greek God of dreams?
13. What does a PHOBOPHOBE fear?
14. Which common substance has the chemical formula NaCl?
15. What drug can be found in tonic water?
16. Which acid causes the sting from a stinging nettle?
17. Which fruit, not related to grapes, gets its name because it hangs in bunches?
18. Who had the misfortune to die in the first fatal air crash?
19. How many pairs of wings does a bee have?
20. In which decade did windscreen wipers first appear in the UK?



"USA NOV. THANKSGIVING DAY" - HIDDEN OBJECTS PUZZLE

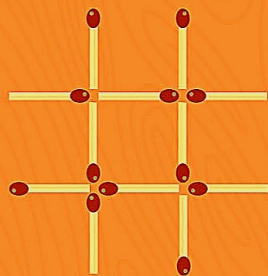


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Matchsticks

Move 3 matchsticks to get 3 equal squares.



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DINGBATS

Say what



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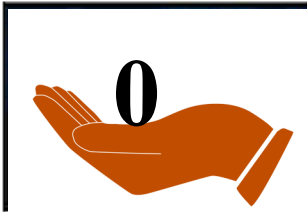
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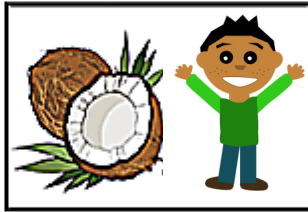
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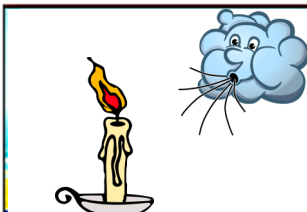
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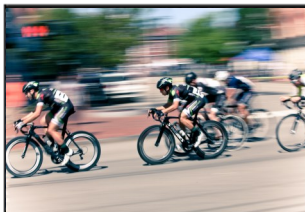
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Word Search—Eating Out

Can you find the hidden items? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.

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