

Hearing God's Word:



Today in church we will be exploring the what the bread of life is in John 6:24-35. Other scriptures we will be thinking about at church this week include 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13, Psalm 51:1-12, and Ephesians 4:1-16.

Looking for a Sign

(John 6:24-35, *International Children's Bible*®, ©2015 by Tommy Nelson Inc)

The people saw that Jesus and his followers were not there now. So they got into boats and went to Capernaum. They wanted to find Jesus. The people found Jesus on the other side of the lake. They asked him, "Teacher, when did you come here?" Jesus answered, "Are you looking for me because you saw me do miracles? No! I tell you the truth. You are looking for me because you ate the bread and were satisfied. Earthly food spoils and ruins. So don't work to get that kind of food. But work to get the food that stays good always and gives you eternal life. The Son of Man will give you that food. God the Father has shown that he is with the Son of Man." The people asked Jesus, "What are the things God wants us to do?" Jesus answered, "The work God wants you to do is this: to believe in the One that God sent." So the people asked, "What miracle will you do? If we can see a miracle, then we will believe you. What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the desert. This is written in the Scriptures: 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. Moses was not the one who gave you bread from heaven. But my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. God's bread is the One who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The people said, "Sir, give us this bread always." Then Jesus said, "I am the bread that gives life. He who comes to me will never be hungry. He who believes in me will never be thirsty."



Worship @ 10 am Sunday Mornings in-person at



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Children's Church @ 10:15am Sunday Mornings

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Family Devotion:

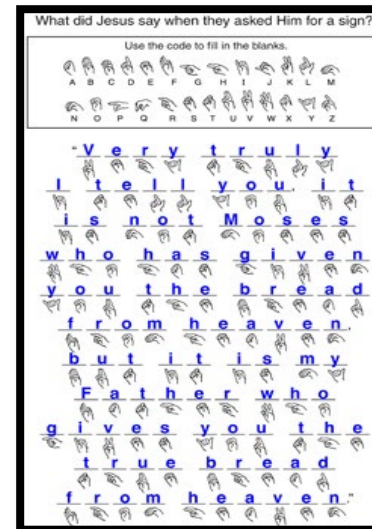
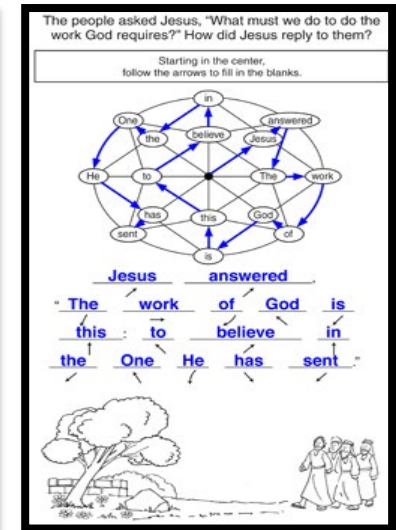
We see signs all around us every day. As we walk down the halls at school, we may see signs that tell the different rooms in the school such as the cafeteria, office, library, computer lab, or music room. Each classroom probably has a sign by the door with the teacher's name on it so students will be able to find their classrooms. When we travel around our town, we see signs that tell us what we should or should not do.



Our scripture lesson today is about signs of a different kind--not a sign you can touch, but something that would prove to people that Jesus really was sent by God. Like when Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. That was a sign that Jesus was from God, but the people totally missed it. They wanted even more signs, more proof. The Bible says when people realized Jesus had left that place and gone somewhere else, they went looking for Him. They found Him way over on the other side of the lake. Jesus said to them, "You came looking for me not because you saw God in my actions, but because I fed you. You shouldn't be so concerned about things like food. Instead, you should be seeking the eternal life that I can give you." Here's how the people responded: "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? After all, Moses gave our ancestors bread from heaven to eat when they were in the wilderness. Can you do that?" Jesus answered them, "The true bread of God is the One who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world." "Give us that bread! Give it to us every day," the people said. Jesus replied, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Some people today are still asking for some special sign that will prove that Jesus was sent from God. But God has given us all the signs we need right here in the Bible. All God wants is for us to believe in the one He sent.

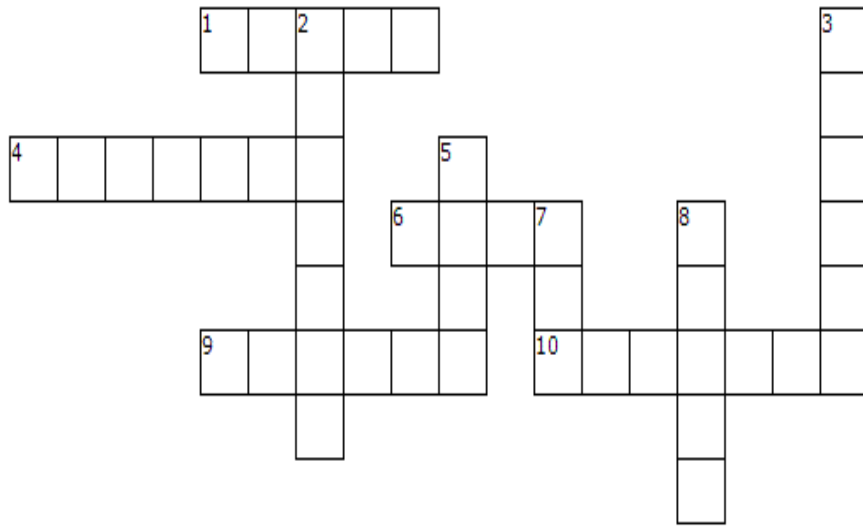
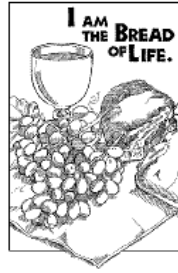
Answer Key:



Looking for a Sign

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Based on John 6:24-35 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
4. To accept something as being true
6. The period between birth and death
9. The place where God and the angels live
10. To have a desire for water.

DOWN

2. To last forever; to be without end
3. To have a desire for food
5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
7. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
8. The earth with its inhabitants

HEAVEN	ETERNAL	WORLD	HUNGRY	SIGN
EAT	THIRSTY	BREAD	BELIEVE	LIFE

A Prayer to Say Together:

Dear God,

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. We don't need a sign. We believe in Him, which means He gives us life forever with You. Amen.



Family Activities:

Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's Word together.

Family Activity 1:

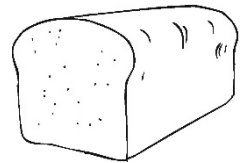


Divide the family into two teams. Give each team a poster board and some markers! One member from each team will run to the poster board and quickly draw one line or shape and run back to the team. The next player will come and draw another line or shape. This will continue until the entire team has had a turn. (The object is to try to create a sign.) When each team is finished, each team will try to guess what the other team's SIGN is. This will be fun and probably funny to see what SIGN is made with everyone adding lines or circles! (Remember our story today is about a SIGN).

Family Activity 2:

Cut pieces of paper into the shape of loaves of bread. Print words from John 11:35 on the pieces of paper and place them around the room on the floor. Then recite the Bible verse together a few times.

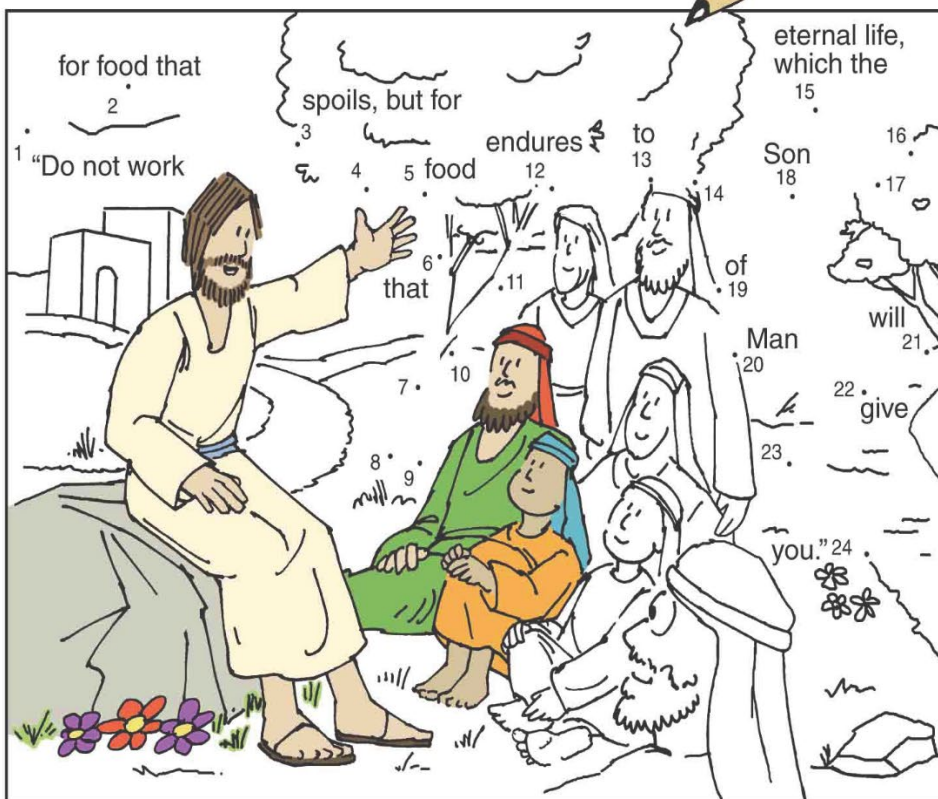
Alternate reading the verse into groups like boys one part and the girls another part if you like. Once familiar with the verse, take turns HOPPING to the BREAD WORDS on the floor in the correct order.



Bread from Heaven

The crowd gathered around Jesus.
What did He say to them?

Connect the dots and
read the words along the way.



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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

Based on John 6:24-35 (NIV)



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
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1. 22-6-22-24-26-23-10

2. 25-22-10-20-22-7-22

3. 19-22-23-7-22-26

4. 10-20-11-22

5. 5-20-18-26

6. 6-19-20-24-5-6-12

7. 19-1-26-18-24-12

8. 25-24-22-23-3

SIGN
ETERNAL

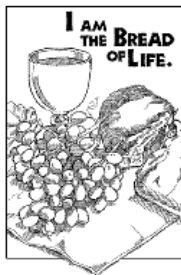
BREAD
LIFE

BELIEVE
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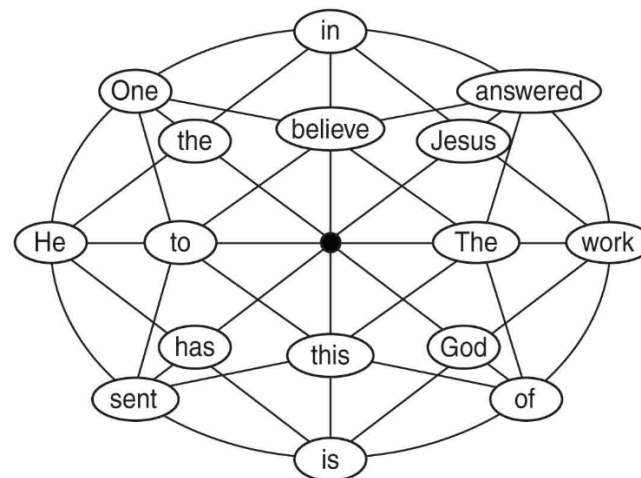


Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in John 6:24-35 (NIV).

- ___ 1. To accept something as being true
A. think B. hope C. believe D. wish
- ___ 2. To have a desire for water.
A. hungry B. thirsty C. tired D. weary
- ___ 3. To last forever; to be without end
A. eternal B. short C. long D. brief
- ___ 4. The period between birth and death
A. youth B. life C. childhood D. adult
- ___ 5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
A. picture B. word C. sign D. believe
- ___ 6. The place where God and the angels live
A. heaven B. Jerusalem C. earth D. eternal
- ___ 7. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
A. manna B. bread C. corn D. candy
- ___ 8. The earth with its inhabitants
A. heaven B. desert C. bread D. world
- ___ 9. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
A. drink B. eat C. sleep D. thirsty
- ___ 10. To have a desire for food
A. thirsty B. eat C. hungry D. tired

The people asked Jesus, “What must we do to do the work God requires?” How did Jesus reply to them?

Starting in the center,
follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



The diagram illustrates the movement of a particle in a 2D lattice. The lattice is represented by a grid of horizontal lines. A particle starts at a central site and moves to adjacent sites in various directions, indicated by arrows. The arrows show movement to the top, bottom, left, right, and diagonally adjacent sites.



What did Jesus say when they asked Him for a sign?

Use the code to fill in the blanks.

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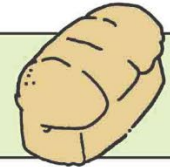
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What did Jesus say when the people asked Him to always give them this bread?



Starting with the second letter, cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below.

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