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For
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Looking through ice.

Match'um Bible Quiz

Answers for quiz from last issue are below. Score yourself 100pts for the first answer, 200 pts for the second answer, 300 pts for the third answer, and so on.

Who's Who part 1

- Luke
 - Original apostle of Jesus.
 - Tax collector.
 - Wrote two books of the Bible to Theophilus.
- Jethro
 - Moses' father-in-law.
 - Moses' son by Zipporah.
 - Aaron's father-in-law.
- Orpah
 - Sister of Boaz.
 - Sister-in-law of Ruth.
 - Daughter of Naomi.
- Vashti
 - Another name for Esther.
 - Queen of Persia.
 - Mordecai's cousin.
- Apollos
 - Fervent preacher in the early church.
 - Tentmaker who aided the apostles.
 - Greek silversmith.
- Ehud
 - Killed Eglon, king of Moab
 - Followed Samson as judge of Israel.
 - Commander of Jabin's army.
- Drusilla
 - Sister of Herod Agrippa II
 - Wife of Felix, governor of Judea.
 - Wife of Pontius Pilate.
- Jehoiakim
 - King who fled from the Babylonians against Jeremiah's advice.
 - King of Babylon.
 - King who burned Jeremiah's scrolls.
- Jotham
 - Proclaimed himself king of Shechem.
 - Only brother to escape Abimelech's wrath.
 - Last judge of Israel.
- Baruch
 - Wrote Jeremiah's words on a scroll.
 - With Deborah, was a judge of Israel.
 - Accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey.

Answers from the last issue:

- 1.B (Luke 1:36); 2.B (Luke 2:15); 3.A (Luke 1:13); 4.A (Gen. 16:8,11); 5.C (Mark 16:5); 6.C (Acts 27:23-24); 7.C (Gen. 19:1,11); 8.A (Num. 22:27-28,32); 9.C (Dan. 10:5, 21); 10.B (Rev. 1:19)



The Giver

*To give a thing and take again
Is counted meanness among men;
To take away what once is given
Cannot then be the way of heaven!*

*But human hearts are crumbly stuff,
And never, never love enough,
Therefore God takes and, with a smile,
Puts our best things away a while.*

*Thereon some weep, some rave, some scorn,
Some wish they never had been born;
Some humble grow at last and still,
And then God gives them what they will.*

~George MacDonald

An Ice Content

Try this one with your friends!

- An ice that the world would be better without (four letters). *Vice*.
- An ice that is easier to give than to take (six letters). *Advice*.
- An ice that lures (six letters). *Entice*.
- An ice we all hope to enter (eight letters). *Paradise*.
- An ice much mentioned in the scriptures (nine letters). *Sacrifice*.
- An ice that occurs three times (six letters). *Thrice*.
- An ice that is cut (five letters). *Slice*.
- An ice that repeats itself (five letters). *Twice*.
- An ice that gives a piquant flavor (five letters). *Spice*.
- An ice seen at weddings (four letters). *Rice*.
- An ice fixed by the merchant (five letters). *Price*.
- An ice that is pleasant (four letters). *Nice*.

Mom's Page

Family Rules

From God's Word

1. Be kind and forgive others.
Ephesians 4:32
2. Treat your body as a temple of God.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20
3. Husbands, love your wives sacrificially.
Ephesians 5:25, 33
4. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord and respect them.
Ephesians 5:22, 33
5. Children, honor and obey your parents.
Ephesians 6:1-3
6. Do not provoke your children, but carefully teach them to know God, to love God, and to enjoy God forever.
Ephesians 6:4
7. Do not be bound together with unbelievers.
2 Corinthians 6:14
8. Give to God's work.
2 Corinthians 9:6-8
9. Respect those in authority.
Romans 13:1
10. Do not lie to one another.
Colossians 3:9
11. Do not use coarse, filthy language.
Ephesians 5:4
12. Do your work the best you can.
Colossians 3:23



Ruler of heart and brain and soul,
Love is the lord and the slave of all!
I thank thee, Love, that thou lov'st me;
I thank thee more that I love thee.

~first stanza of poem by George MacDonald

Love is Home

Love is the part, longest day will at last ring out the
and love is the evensong. The winter snow lies long, but
whole;

Love is the robe, Be steadfast; your labor is not in vain.
and love is the God turns again, and comforts. And
when He does, the heart which had

forgotten its psalmody breaks out in
jubilant song, as does the psalmist: "I
will thank thee, I will harp unto thee, my
lips shall sing aloud."

~Selected from "Streams In The Desert".

Provoking Thoughts

Extraordinary afflictions are not always
the punishment of extraordinary sins, but
sometimes the trial of extraordinary graces.
God hath many sharp-cutting instruments,
and rough files for the
polishing of His jewels;
and those He especially
loves, and means to
make the most
resplendent, He hath
oftenest His tools upon.



The glory of
tomorrow is rooted
in the drudgery of
today.

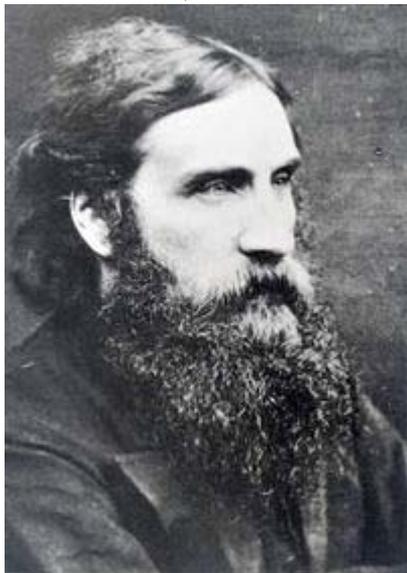
It is not for us
who are
passengers, to
meddle with the
chart and with
the compass.
Let that all-
skilled Pilot
alone with His
own work.



Never doubt God! Never say that He
has forsaken or forgotten. Never think
that he is unsympathetic. He will quicken
again. There is always a smooth piece of
every skein, however tangled. The

George MacDonald

(The first in the series of featured poets and authors for the year.)



George MacDonald was born in the north of Scotland, where Gaelic myths and Old Testament stories sank into him and formed the mind that would later cherish literature as the vehicle of spiritual truth.

He was born on December 10, 1824 at Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. His father, a farmer, was one of the MacDonald's of Glen Coe, and a direct descendant of one of the families that suffered in the massacre of 1692. The Doric dialect of the area frequently appears in the dialogue of some of his novels.

Even as a youth he was sensitive to the implications of what older people appeared to say thoughtlessly. As a young boy he was unhappy with the established Church of Scotland for it struck him as spiritually ineffective. Most other religions he described as all light and no heat. For doctrine (as he had seen it handled) appeared to have been made a substitute for living faith where the believer's heart is rightly related to the heart of God. He did not believe that wealth was an indication to God's reward for righteousness and loved the teachings of Jesus in the gospels, which the churches were laying aside for the teachings of the epistles only until the gospels were disregarded as guidelines to daily obedience. When told he should use more evangelical clichés and bend the teachings of Jesus to conform to denominational pronouncements in his preaching, he left his pastoral position.

From 1851 to 1897 he wrote over 50 books: novels, essays, plays, poems, sermons, fairy tales, and fantasy. His spiritual convictions throb throughout them all. God's love is "love which will punish fearfully [in this life] rather than leave the beloved (which is us) in sin." Because we are made in the image of God, we "must love Him or be desolate." "Obedience is the one key of life." "Men would rather receive salvation from God than God their salvation."

George MacDonald was one of the most respected authors of his generation in 19th century Scotland. He wrote over fifty books, nearly half of them novels, along with some theological studies, several volumes of essays & criticism, a few volumes of poetry, and three best selling children's novels accompanied by a couple more volumes of fairytales. One of his fantasies for children, "At the Back of the North Wind", may be more familiar to you than others. Strangely though, it was his non-fantasy fiction for adults that sold best throughout his lifetime. There are still many of them, translated from his native Gaelic tongue to English, available today through various book services.

George MacDonald went to his rest at nearly eighty one years of age, September 18, 1905.

Jot That Down!

"Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!"
(Job 19:23)

This is what Job said after being tried by the worst trials known unto man. His great desire was that he might put all of his experiences and the things that he had learned into a book. God had been a comfort to him and a help and he wished that he could write it all down so that others would know what to do in time of trouble and heartache.

Things that you say to others as an encouragement are wonderful and very needful at times, but to write things down as a testimony to yourself and eventually to others of the goodness and grace of our loving God is far better.

I want to encourage you girls to keep a diary. There are things that you are learning and experiencing that will be forever lost in the passing of time if you do not write it down now while it is happening. Time has a way of making us forget details of our lives that would be good for us to remember and to write them down to read later will make you recall things that you would otherwise lose forever. In this article I will try to give you some guidelines and good ideas of what to record, but the prospects are endless. Of course you want to record special events in your life like birthdays, vacations, visits from family and friends. But it is important also to record the everyday happenings in your home. You may think that there is just nothing to talk about or worth writing down but you would be amazed at the things you could think of to write about. Record feelings you are having about something or even someone. Did you find a new recipe that everyone really liked? Write it down in your diary. Bro. Mike keeps a journal and has written down how to fix a certain thing when it broke, and going back in his journal has helped him to remember how he did it. Is there a song or a poem that has really blessed you? Write down the words. If you write poetry, write that on the day that it was created. Even drawings of things or stickers on some of the pages can make it more interesting and fun. Notes from others that you receive can be kept in the pages. There are even some notebook diaries that have pocket pages inserted here and there for you to keep things in.

How often should you write in your diary? If at all possible, every day. I have trouble doing that myself because of lack of time and I have missed recording some things that I wish I had gotten. If every day is just not possible, at least twice or three times a week will help. The more time you let go by, the more things happen and you end up not having time to write them all. Only a few highlights are written then and you miss important details that would have been good to remember.

Set a time to write that is most convenient for you. If you seem to have more time in the morning after your devotion time, write of the things that happened the day before. Right before you go to bed is a good time because the happenings of the day are still fresh in your mind. If you find that your spare time does not come in large quantities, write a few things

during the day as they happen. You will be amazed at how many things can happen in just one day!☺

Some other things that you should record are feelings and frustrations that you have, doubts and confusions you are feeling, joys and sorrows that come your way, dreams, hopes, and ideas...the list is endless. The reason for writing all these things down is that sometimes it helps you to see your own self better if you go back and read these things later. And as you grow up, it will encourage you to read the things that you have written and see where you have matured. You will forget when something happened or when someone visited, how old you were when a certain thing happened, what a person's name was that you met while at a camp or church. It will surprise you how many things you really can forget. It just helps to write them down while you can.

If you read a daily devotional you will find that there are times you really receive a blessing from the reading or you learn something that you never thought of before. These are also some very good things to write down. I call it my devotion journal. Sometimes I even write in it as if I was writing a letter to the Lord.

Any kind of notebook can be used for a diary. You do not necessarily have to have one with a lock and key. Find something pretty and small, about the size of your Bible is good, that is handy to carry and store. Make or buy a special bookmark to keep your place. I use a beaded bookmark that I have made for mine. Be creative and make it yours. You can even take a plain notebook and make a pretty cover on it. There are some ideas for decorating notebooks and making covers for them in the Crafts section.

Approaches

When thou turn'st away from ill,
Christ is this side of thy hill.
When thou turnest toward good,
Christ is walking in thy wood.
When thy heart says, 'Father, pardon!'
Then the Lord is in thy garden.
When stern Duty wakes to watch,
Then His hand is on the latch.
But when Hope thy song doth rouse,
Then the Lord is in the house.
When to love is all thy wit,
Christ doth at thy table sit.
When God's will is thy heart's pole,
Then is Christ thy very soul.

~George MacDonald



Why Keep A Journal?

1. To store your memories.
2. To hone your craft (writing, art, basketweaving).
3. To have your say.
4. To provide a history for your unknown descendants.
5. To chart your progress.
6. To amuse yourself.
7. To keep your goals and aspirations in sight.
8. To work through grief.
9. To welcome a new life.
10. To develop your spiritual life.
11. To figure out what *you* want.
12. To remind yourself of what you have.
13. To keep personal records.
14. To keep track of and record your thoughts about all the books you read.
15. To keep all of your favorite quotes in one place.
16. To record current events as they happen.
17. To plot your course.
18. To create your own personal almanac.
19. To remember the name (and address) of some great places you like to eat.
20. To toot your own horn.
21. To document changes in your health.
22. To keep track of the patterns that look best on you.
23. To wax poetic about the harvest moon.
24. To remember where to plant the tulips next year.
25. To describe the way a rainy day makes you feel.
26. To work through a crisis of faith.
27. To express yourself to a loved one in a non-confrontational way.
28. To have a place to put the Hello Kitty stickers you simply could not resist.
29. To try and make sense of life's mysteries.
30. To remind yourself to slow down.
31. To have something entirely for yourself.
32. To allow yourself time to reflect.
33. To help you keep track of your hard-earned money.
34. To help you recognize the patterns in your life.
35. To write history from your unique point of view and perspective.
36. To capture all of your great ideas.
37. Because sometimes you would rather write books than read them.
38. So that you can have tangible proof of how much you have grown as a person.
39. To remember who you invited to your last dinner party and what you served them.
40. To have a record of your mistakes and the factors leading up to them so that you can avoid making them again.
41. To help you make better use of your time.
42. To recall friends with whom you have lost touch.
43. To have a place to write down all that good advice your grandma gave you.
44. Because you had a wonderful day and want to preserve the happiness that came along with it.
45. To help you improve your handwriting.
46. To use as a gallery of your own art.
47. To inspire yourself to be a better person.
48. Because it is one hobby that does not require an extensive list of expensive supplies.
49. To train yourself to be awake and pay attention.
50. To express your love of God's natural world.
51. To remind yourself of everything you have to live for.
52. To keep track of everything you need to do.



Another Idea!

For those of you who like to draw, when you're on the go, take with you a few index cards and some watercolor pencils. That way, whenever you have a few minutes, you can do quick sketches of the world around you. Add a description of the sketch, or just your thoughts at the time, to either the front or the back of the card. Remember to record the date. Since you may do several of these in a day, you may also want to record the time on your card. That way, you can always go back later and put them in chronological order.

There are several options for storing your cards. You can put them into your regular journal by using self-adhesive plastic sleeves. That way, you can slip them out whenever you want. Another idea is to punch a hole at the top and bind all of the cards together with ribbon or cord. Alternatively, you could store them in a recipe box that you've decorated yourself.

Regular blank index cards also make good travel diaries. Draw your picture on the front and a summary of your day on the back. Or, purchase blank postcards and do smaller sketches and shorter comments on the front and then mail them to yourself at home. That way, your travel memories will be postmarked from your vacation spot.



Obedience

*Trust him in the common light;
Trust him in the awesome night;*

*Trust him when the earth doth quake;
Trust him when thy heart doth ache;*

*Trust him when thy brain doth reel
And thy friend turns on his heel;*

*Trust him when the way is rough,
Cry not yet, It is enough!*

*But obey with true endeavour,
Else the salt hath lost his savour.*



A Prayer

*Breathe O God, eh! Come and blow
From my heart ill fog away;
Wake me up, and make me strong,
Fill my heart with many a song.*

(Both taken from, "Knowing the Heart of God" by George MacDonald)

Pen Pal Page

My name is Hailey Cockman. I am 13 years old. My favorite color is red and I hate orange. My hobbies are reading, sewing, scrapbooking, and Knitting. If you would like to write me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232.



Hi, my name is Jessica Robinson. I am 14. I am homeschooled. I like to read, cook, and spend the night at my friends. My favorite colors are teal, gray, and purple. My address is HC O2 Box 23, McGee, MO 63763.



My name is Elisabeth A. Miller. I am 12 years old and am homeschooled. My favorite colors are blue and brown. I love to ride four-wheelers, bake cookies, read and ride my bike. If you would like to write to me, my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



My name is Esther R. Miller. I am 13 years old. My favorite things to do are ride four-wheelers, scrapbooking and taking pictures. I also like to play piano. My favorite colors are blue, black and brown. If I had a hobby it would be photography.

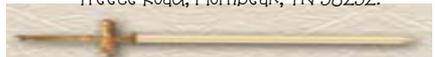
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My name is Daniel Miller. I am in 10th grade homeschool and my favorite colors are orange, red & blue. I am really interested in aviation and the part it played in history. I am also interested in the study of ancient civilizations. If you would like to write me my address is RR 1 Box 1436, Mill Spring, MO 63952



My name is Seth Cockman. I am in 5th grade and I am 10 years old. My favorite color is blue. My hobbies are collecting baseball cards and making wood crafts. When I grow up my mission is to join the Army. What I like to do is tell jokes. If you would like to write to me, my address is 2909 Treece Road, Hornbeak, TN 38232.



Said and Did

Said the boy as he read, "I too will be bold,
I will fight for the truth and its glory!"
He went to the playground, and soon had told
A very cowardly story!

Said the girl as she read, "That was grand, I declare!
What a true, what a lovely, sweet soul!"
In half-an-hour she went up the stair,
Looking as black as coal!

"The mean little wretch, I wish I could fling
This book at his head!" said another;
Then he went and did the same ugly thing
To his own little trusting brother!

Alas for him who sees a thing grand
And does not fit himself to it!
But the meanest act, on sea or land,
Is to find a fault...and then do it!

 So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts
unto wisdom 

Much and More

When thy heart, love-filled, grows graver,
And eternal bliss looks nearer,
Ask thy heart, nor show it favor,
Is the gift or giver dearer?

Love, love on; love higher, deeper;
Let love's ocean close above her;
Only, love thou more love's keeper,
More, the love-creating lover.



(both poems taken from, "Knowing the Heart of God, George MacDonald. The picture is, "O, Jerusalem" by Liz Lemon Swindle.)

Crafts

Sweetheart Butter Bags

Use these bags to put home made flavored butters in for someone special. The recipe for the butters is on the recipe page.



For each bag, you will need a 4 ½ x7 ¾ inch paper bag, a 5x8 ½ inch fabric piece, cream colored paper, 12 inch cotton string, brown and red felt-tip pens with fine points, paper-backed fusible web, craft glue, and a 1/8 inch hole punch.

1. Follow manufacturer's instructions to fuse web to wrong side of fabric. Cut a piece from fabric slightly smaller than front of bag. Remove paper backing. With 1 short edge of fabric even with top edge of bag, center and fuse fabric to front of bag.
2. Draw a heart shape on a scrap piece of paper until you get the shape that you want. It should be big enough to write on including the stitches around. Use brown pen to draw dashed lines along edge of heart to resemble stitches. Use red pen to write butter flavor on heart. Glue heart to front of bag.
3. Place jar of butter in bag.
4. Fold top of bag 1 ¼ inches to front. Punch two holes in bag ½ inches apart near top fold of bag. Thread string through holes and tie into a bow at front of bag.

Easy Home Made Books

From:

<http://homeliving.blogspot.com:80>



You will need one sheet of heavier pretty paper and either heavy copy paper or construction paper for the inside sheets.

Cut all paper the same size, depending on how big or small you want your book. Punch two holes (or four if larger book is made) along the side of all pages, including the cover. Thread yarn or ribbon through two holes and tie a pretty bow on the front side of your book. Now, just decorate the front and begin filling! These small ones would make great travel journals or you can even make picture books for little girl gifts. Enjoy!

Easy Two-Sided Photo Frame

Things you will need:

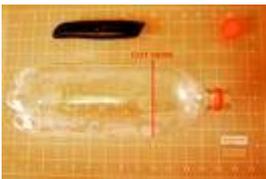
Empty 1.5 liter clear plastic bottle, clean and dry

Cutting board

Utility or Exacto knife

Carpenter square or other heavy duty straight edge

Begin by carefully removing the label from the bottle, if you have not already done so when cleaning it.



Cut the top and the bottom from the bottle, leaving the smooth body of the bottle intact. Press this section flat, creasing the sides well. Using your carpenter square or straight edge, trim the cut edges nice and straight until it measures 4 inches. Do not cut your folded edges!

Now you can slide your 4x6 inch photos into your frame, one in the front and another in the back. You will find the 1.5 liter bottles in the

Lipton Green Tea. Since the bottle is actually about 11 ½ inches around, you may have to trim your pictures to have them fit properly.



The Cooking Counter

Breakfast Butters

Almond Peach Butter: ½ cup butter, softened; 1/3 cup peach preserves; ½ teaspoon almond extract; ½ teaspoon confectioners sugar

Honey-Orange Butter: ½ cup butter, softened; ¼ cup honey; 2 tablespoons orange marmalade.

Cinnamon-Maple Butter: ½ cup butter, softened; 2 tablespoons maple syrup; ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon.

Strawberry Butter: ½ cup butter, softened; 1/3 cup strawberry preserves; ½ teaspoon lemon juice; ½ teaspoon confectioners sugar.



- Instructions for all. * For each flavor of butter, whip butter with electric mixer in a small bowl until smooth and fluffy; gradually add remaining ingredients. Store in an airtight container in refrigerator. Each recipe yields about ¾ to 1 cup each. When giving as a gift, use the small ½ pint quilted jars. Great gift when added to a small loaf of bread or a few fresh baked rolls.



Fudge Sundae Pie

- ¼ cup corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 ½ cups Rice Krispies cereal
- ¼ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup fudge sauce for ice cream
- 3 tablespoons corn syrup
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream

1. Combine ¼ cup corn syrup, brown sugar and butter in medium-size saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat. Add cereal, stirring until well coated. Press evenly in 9-inch pie pan to form crust.
2. Stir together peanut butter, fudge sauce and the 3 tablespoons corn syrup. Spread half of this mixture over crust. Freeze until firm.
3. Allow ice cream to soften slightly. Spoon into frozen piecrust, spreading evenly. Freeze until firm. Let pie stand at room temperature about 10 minutes before cutting. Warm remaining peanut butter mixture and drizzle over top.

Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods

These snacks make a great snow-day project, as well as a great treat.

Use your imagination and make them for a friend!

- 1 bag pretzel rods
- 1 bag milk chocolate chips or candy disks
- ½ bag white chocolate chips or candy disks
- various sprinkles and candies for coating



1. In a double boiler, melt the chocolate chips. If you use a microwave, be sure not to stir them frequently while melting and do not get them too hot.
2. Spread a sheet of waxed paper on your work space. Carefully dip each pretzel about half way into the chocolate; place on waxed paper to cool slightly.
3. While still warm, gently roll coated stick in sprinkles, if desired; or...
4. Allow to cool completely. Melt about 1 cup white chocolate; carefully drizzle a spoonful over one rod at a time, turning rod in your fingers as you pour to make swirls.

(NOTE) Remember that you can add flavors to your chocolate and make them even more special. Use mint, orange, raspberry, strawberry, lemon. Be careful not to use something that would not taste good mixed together.

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