

# Childrens Ministry

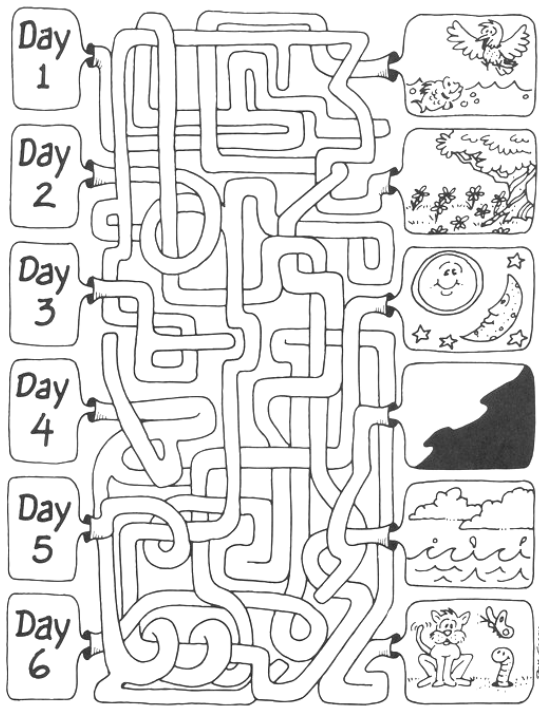
Hi Kids!

I was reminiscing this week about a night some years back when one of our kids decided to perform a magic show for the whole family. It was of course mostly silly and funny, but I was really impressed at one particular aspect of the performance when a puppet character named ‘Mr. Dum-Dum’ would come out and try to take over the show! We all laughed and had fun with it, but since I am the type of person who wants to try to figure out the tricks, I noticed that when she had ‘Mr. Dum-Dum’ come out, it was not just to get laughs. She was using the puppet’s “unexpected” interruptions to redirect our attention away from her other side, which allowed her to make whatever switches she needed for the tricks to work! I was really impressed with how effective this was and how many people might be so easily distracted. I thought it was really brilliant, but I’m not just telling you about it to brag on my daughter. It occurred to me later that on a much more serious level, this is how the devil treats all of us.

Have you ever been so worried about a school assignment or a problem at home that you forget even for a little while that God is looking out for you? I certainly have. Satan loves to slip distractions in front of us so we won’t see what we maybe ought to be doing differently, or so that you miss an opportunity that God wants to show you, or so you will not notice what God is blessing you with. He would do anything in his power to separate us from God and if we are not careful, he can succeed! Fortunately, we can combat this simply by remembering that God is with us and we only really need to keep our focus with Him! Our lives here on Earth will never be trouble-free, but with our eyes on Him, those distractions start to seem awfully small! I hope you are all able to keep that in mind and have a wonderful week!

Talk to you soon!

-Ryan



Read Genesis 1:1–25. Starting with Day 1, find the correct path through the maze to the things God created on that day. Do this until you have matched all the days with the correct pictures.

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## RUNNING THE RACE

HEBREWS 12:1-3

THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

- Hebrews 12:1

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ before us

- Acts 20:24

THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:1

Lay the \_\_\_\_\_ aside

- 1 Corinthians 6:12

\_\_\_\_\_ can and does so easily \_\_\_\_\_ us up

- Hebrews 3:12

THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

- Hebrews 12:1

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ is a full-time

THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

- Hebrews 12:2

If we look to \_\_\_\_\_, he will be the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_

THERE IS A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

- Hebrews 12:2

When you \_\_\_\_\_, run to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- Philippians 3:13-14

Don’t allow \_\_\_\_\_ to cut in on you while

- Galatians 5:7

TAKE HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Timothy 4:7-8

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Ron Patrick  
Seth Rossiter



SIGN UP IN THE FOYER

REACHING OUT TO MEET YOUR NEEDS THROUGH HIS LOVE



# Staying Connected

**CAMP MEETING!** The next church camp staff meeting will be this Wednesday, after Bible Class. Don't forget, that I need to know if you are wanting to serve on camp staff before March 15!

**BIBLE BOWL!** We are a few weeks away from Bible Bowl (March 4-5) in Weirton, West Virginia. Please be praying daily for our team members (you can find their names on the inside of the bulletin). Also make sure to come and encourage them next Sunday morning during Bible Class as we gather in the auditorium for the Bible Bowl Preview.

**VBS!** This summer (July 24-27) our theme for Vacation Bible School will be 'Seussville!' We did this VBS in 2014 and thought it was time to do it again since it was a large success.

**READ THE BIBLE SLOWLY!** It might seem like an unusual way to begin writing about God and His concerns for our tears, but take the following quiz to see just how carefully you are reading the Bible. It is important to read it slowly enough to remember what it says.

1. Who does God specifically say wept in the ark?
2. Who wept because they did not have meat to eat?
3. Who wept for seven days because her husband would not tell her the answer to the question she asked?
4. Who wept every day for three years?
5. Who wept and those around her thought she was drunk?
6. Who was barefoot and wept on the Mount of Olives?
7. Who wept when he heard his hometown was in ruins?
8. What three times did Jesus weep?
9. Who wept when he heard a rooster crow?
10. What prophet did God tell to stop weeping?

The Bible has much to say about our tears when with broken hearts we come to him.

Isaiah had just told Hezekiah that he was about to die, and the righteous king immediately prayed to God. Before Isaiah got outside the palace, God came to him and told him, "I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life" (Isaiah 38:5).

In the psalms, David cried and prayed to God. "I am worn out from my groaning. All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears" (Psalm 6:6). "Hear my prayer, O Lord, Listen to my cries for help! Don't ignore my tears" (Psalm 39:12). "Put my tears into your bottle; are they not in your book?" (Psalm 56:8). David then described God's response, "For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling" (Psalm 116:8).

Oh the joy of knowing that God sees our tears. Look at those questions again and see God's involvement in them. Then, pray fervently knowing just how much He cares. -Matt

1. Moses: Exod. 2:6; 2. Jews in Wilderness: Numb. 11:4; 3. Samson's wife: Judg. 14:16-17; 4. Paul: Acts 20:31; 5. Hannah: 1 Sam. 1:9-13; 6. David: 2 Sam. 15:30; 7. Nehemiah: Neh. 1:3-4; 8. Jn. 11:35; 9. Peter: Matt. 26:75; 10. Jeremiah: Jer. 31:16; 11. Lk. 19:41-42; Heb. 5:7;

## INFORMATION & EVENTS



**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to Chris & Heather Phillips and their family at the passing of Chris's mother and our dear sister in Christ, Charlotte Osborne.



**TEEN LOCK-IN**—Tonight Teens and their families are invited to come to Cooper's Bowling from 10 PM—12 AM. Teens will head back here to the building from Midnight—6 AM. Cost of bowling is \$10, cost of the entire Lock-In will be \$20. Sign up in the foyer.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW FOR CARPET CLEANING.**

**QUILTING MINISTRY**—The ladies of the Quilting Ministry will be meeting this Tuesday @ 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.



**WOMEN OF PURPOSE**—This Wednesday the Women of Purpose will be meeting at Payne's Pizza @ noon. Sign up in the foyer.

**CHURCH CAMP STAFF MEETING**—On Wednesday there will be a camp staff meeting in Room11 after Bible Class. The last day to let Matt know if you want to serve as camp staff is March 15.



**UNLOAD MID-OHIO FOOD** This Thursday @ 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.  
**FOOD GIVEAWAY** This Saturday @ 9 AM. (Be here @ 8:00 AM to help.) Contact Josh Ball to volunteer to help.



**YOUNG FAMILY OUTING**—There will be a Young Families Outing this Friday from 1-3 PM at the Exploritorium Children's Museum here in Marion. See Emily Nielsen for details.



**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY**—We are planning to take pictures for a new 2023 photo directory April 12-15. A sign-up for time slots will be available starting next Sunday. We want to encourage every family to get their picture taken. Every family will be given a FREE 8x10 family picture with no pressure to purchase any pictures.



**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**—In the month of February, we are asking for donations of Canned Meat & Cereal.

*Bible Hour and Junior Worship will meet during 2nd service.*

## FOR THE RECORD - February 12, 2023

BIBLE SCHOOL.....	96	WEDNESDAY.....	84
SUNDAY AM.....	267	CONTRIBUTION.....	\$5,628.44
SUNDAY PM.....	67	BUDGET.....	\$6,788.00



**BIBLE BOWL PREVIEW**—On Sunday, February 26 there will be a Bible Bowl Preview in the Auditorium at 9:45 AM during Bible Class.

**Pray for our Bible Bowlers:**

Emily Ball	Lilly Gary
Mark Bellamy	Doni Hallabrin
Matthew Bellamy	Loey Hallabrin
Lily Cottrill	Magi Hallabrin
Logan Cottrill	Gracelynn Hoggatt
Rose Cottrill	Madelyn Hoggatt
Daisy Gary	Shaelynn Hoggatt
Jacinta Gary	Nate Pollock
Jak Gary	

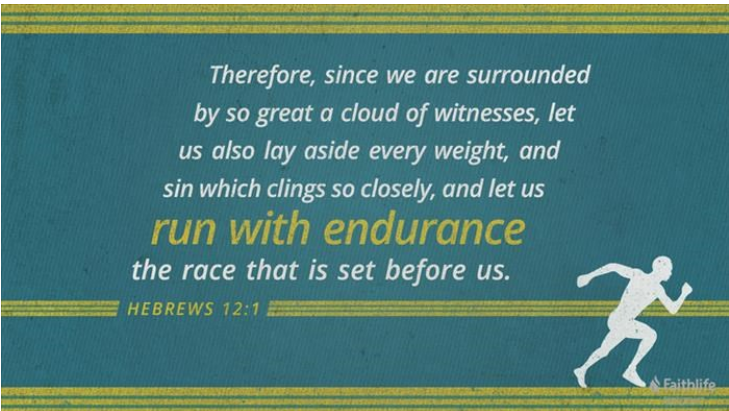
**ELDERS & MINISTERS MEETING**—On Wednesday, March 1 @ 9 AM the Elders and Ministers will be having a meeting in the Fellowship Hall. If you have anything you would like to address with the Elders, all are welcome to attend!



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—On Thursday, March 2 @ 7:30 AM, all men are invited to a bible study at Panera Bread. See Matt Dahm for details.



**BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS NEEDED**—The Spring Bible Class Quarter will begin on Sunday, March 5. If you would be willing to teach Nursery, Ages 2-5, or K-2nd Grade, please Ryan Hoggatt.



**PICK UP A FEBRUARY PRAYER LIST IN THE FOYER**

TIMES OF SERVICE : Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Classes —9:45 AM Sunday Life Groups: 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—7:00 PM