

Choices

I am the grandson of Abraham and also the elder twin. As the elder, I have a birthright which carries the privilege of authority and a double portion of my father's inheritance. One day, I was out hunting in the fields and came home really hungry. My younger brother was cooking pottage. Being hungry, I agreed to my brother's offer of his pottage in exchange for my birthright. Did my brother and I do the right thing? To find out,

read Genesis 25:29-34.

Now we no longer need to vie for our birth rights to become heirs of God.



...when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:4-7



Under Stalks of Flax

Joshua 2

Complete the puzzle.

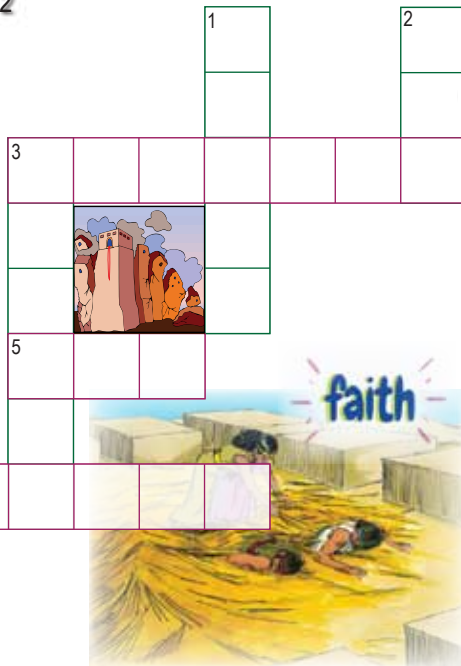
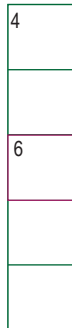
Across

3. The spies were sent into the city of _____.
5. Rahab _____ the spies from the King's men.
6. Rahab asked for her family to be _____ when the Israelites invaded the city.



Down

1. Rahab had ____ in the Lord.
2. Number of spies sent into the city.
3. ____ sent the spies into the city.
4. Rahab would later become the ancestor of _____.



Bright Gems for His crown

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JESUS SAVES MISSION CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Redeem the Time

In the battle against Covid-19, the novel coronavirus that originated from China, we are advised to avoid crowded places. Temperature taking and details of visitors are required where there are big organised gatherings of people such as during church service.

Let us learn to make good use of our time during this period of crisis by reading God's Word, praying for each other, and spending time with our family members.



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Going the Second Mile Under Stalks of Flax

by Mr Benjamin Yeoh

Joshua 2 tells of how the two spies sent by Joshua to Jericho, lodged at the house of Rahab, a prostitute. When the king of Jericho demanded that she hand them over, she hid the men and lied that they had already left. She was risking her life to protect these men who were strangers to her. She could easily have directed them elsewhere instead of hiding them in her house. The only thing she asked from the spies was that her family would be spared when the Israelites eventually invaded the city.

Despite being a foreigner and a prostitute, Rahab confessed her faith in the Lord and told the spies that God had given them the land. The spies would later report to Joshua using her own words.



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Current Issues

Jerome's Blogposts

Influence of Technology in our lives

MUSIC TO MY EARS

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Guys, guess what I got today? After asking my parents, I finally got my hands on those earpieces that I have been eyeing FOR SO LONG MAN ^^ I love them so much, they are exactly what I need after long hours of studying, or just to burn time on the train back home! Finally, I can listen to my favourite songs clearly and loudly without having to bother anyone! Isn't that great??? Thanks Mom and Dad! 😊😊

STILL IN SHOCK

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My hands are shaking as I am typing right now... I almost got run over by a cyclist near the road just an hour ago...yes of ALL places it has to be near the side of the road 😞😞 I knew I shouldn't have listened to songs on my earpieces while walking back home from school (but I still did it anyway), besides I have done it all the time with no accidents so it SHOULD be fine right...I am just glad I got back home today in one piece...

MY RUDE AWAKENING

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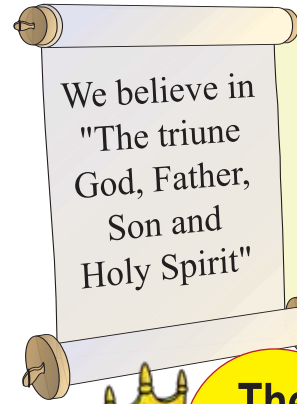


After spending some time thinking about everything, I realise that I shouldn't abuse my earpieces so much...yes, it is great and all to have the convenience of listening to music anywhere, but not to the extent of blasting it in my ears and blocking off everything 😞 I was tempted by my new present just for my own pleasure...but not anymore!! I will only listen to music sparingly in my free time from now, they are not that good to listen to anyway and I can spend more quiet time reading the Bible and knowing more about God! How good is that! 😊

Be still,
and know that
I am God:
I will be
exalted among
the heathen,
I will be
exalted in the
earth.

Psalms 46:10

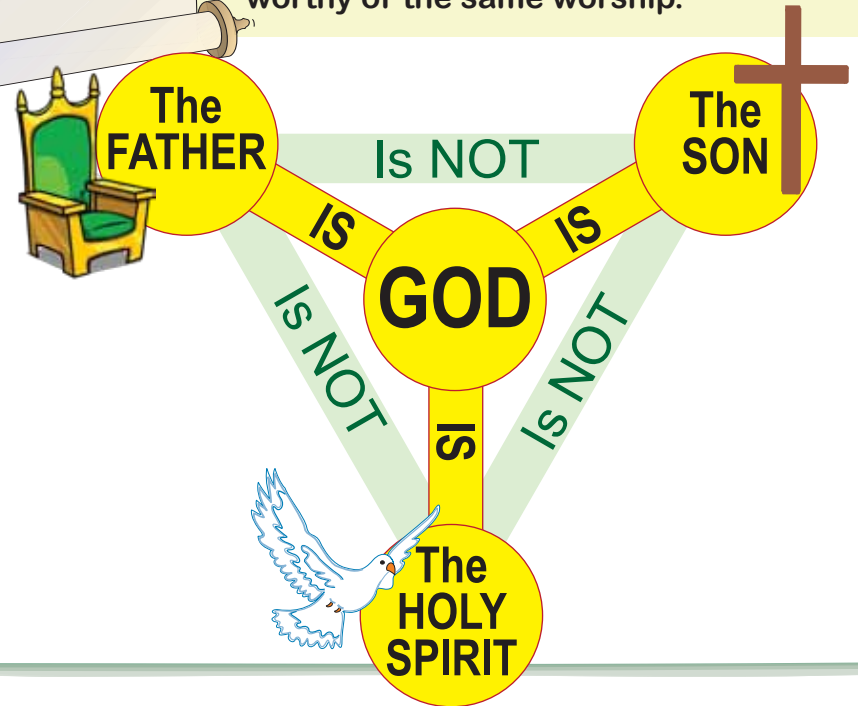
Statements of Faith



We believe in
"The triune
God, Father,
Son and
Holy Spirit"

STATEMENT 2

We believe that our God eternally exists in three Persons as the Father (Creator), the Son (Redeemer) and Holy Spirit (Sanctifier). They are one God, co-equal and co-eternal, having the same nature and attributes and worthy of the same worship.



Many attacks have been made on three issues – the **Unity of God**, the **Deity of Christ**, and the **Personality of the Holy Spirit**. We must understand and be able to explain why we worship one God, and not three gods, and why we believe that Jesus is not just a man, but is God, and why the Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force, but is fully God.



by Mrs Helen Tan

Objects in the Bible

Ox Goad

An ox-goad is a wooden stick, approximately 2.5 metres long with a pointed end which is used to prod an ox into motion. It can also be used to direct the animal to move in a specific direction. In Judges 3:31, Shamgar used it to kill 600 Philistines. In Acts 9:5, the Lord told Paul it was not

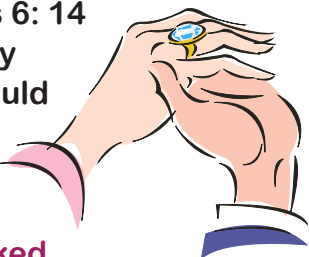
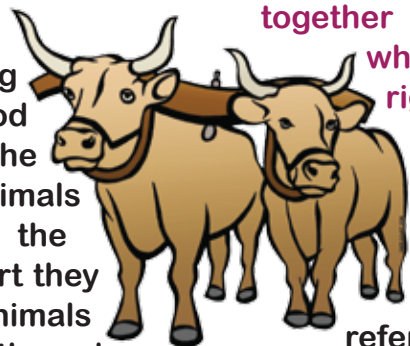
possible for him to 'kick against the pricks (goads)' or to resist Him.



Yoke

A yoke is a long piece of wood placed across the necks of two animals and attached to the heavy plow or cart they are to pull. If animals similar in strength and size were yoked, the load would be shared equally between them. This is used in 2 Corinthians 6: 14

to explain why believers should not marry unbelievers – "Be ye not unequally yoked



together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

Matthew 11: 29-30 refers to the yoke as a burden: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Both the goad and the yoke are still used today in traditional farming.

by Ms Cheak Hui Leng

Seeing God in nature around us

MATHEMATICS

The Fibonacci Sequence

The Italian mathematician Leonardo Fibonacci, in his book Liber Abaci, asked, 'If a pair of rabbits is placed in an enclosed area, how many rabbits will be born, assuming every month a pair of rabbits produces another pair, and rabbits begin to bear young, two months after birth?' The answer is the Fibonacci Sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, Symbolically, this sequence can be represented by

$$F_{(n+2)} = F_n + F_{(n+1)}$$

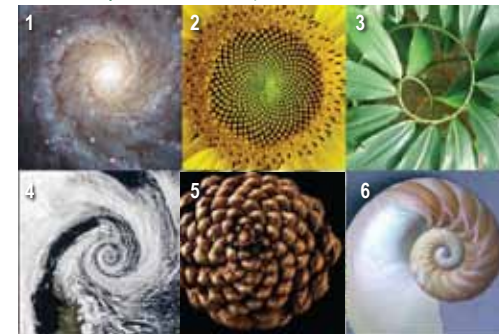
where $n = 1, 2, 3$, and so on. Looking closely at the pattern you will notice:

1 + 1 = 2				
	1 + 2 = 3			
		2 + 3 = 5		
			3 + 5 = 8	
				5 + 8 = 13

Can you figure out what numbers come after 13? The numbers in this sequence are found in abundance in

nature, generally associated with some kind of spiral as shown below.

1. Milky Way 2. closeup of sunflower 3. arrangement of leaves 4. eye of hurricane 5. pine cone 6. shell of Nautilus



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God is the master designer and architect of His beautiful creation (Hebrews 11: 3). His creation demonstrates His wisdom, power, and His love for order and beauty. Only the wilfully blinded fool will say in his heart that there is no God (Psalm 14: 1).

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:3

by Mr Nehemiah Leong

Story of Missionaries

Gladys Aylward

had worked for several years as a parlormaid before attending a revival meeting. The preacher spoke of dedicating one's life to the service of God and Gladys responded to the message.

Soon after, she was convinced that she was called to preach the Gospel in China. Gladys was so determined that she headed to China without the support of any mission agency. When China was invaded by the



Japanese, she led a group of about 100 abandoned children over the mountains to reach the government orphanage in Xi-an. During this perilous journey, she suffered from typhus,

Oh God,
here's my Bible,
Here's my money.
Here's me. Use me,
God.

pneumonia, relapsing fever, malnutrition, and extreme exhaustion.

Yet she never gave up. What a wonderful example of the grace of God!

Gladys was completely and absolutely submitted to God. We need



Life to Life

to learn, from her example, to give up the things of this world, to give our lives to God, to let him lead us every step of the way.

by Timothy Lim

Under Stalks of Flax (cont'd)

Rahab's fear could have led her to turn the spies over, but she chose to overcome fear with faith. By her actions we can see that her faith in God is real (James 2:26). Her genuine faith in Almighty God gave her boldness to protect God's people and her family was also spared.



GemSTORY

Ai Leng was born into a broken home, so she seldom saw her father. Her consolation was that her mother was very loving and strong. When Ai Leng became a teenager, she grew rebellious, both in school and at home. However, God's grace reached her, and she heard the gospel of



salvation at a church camp she attended when she was 15. She decided to hold on to God and never let Him go. She believes, as it is written in 2 Timothy 1:9, that He has called her, not according to her works but according to His purpose and grace.

She saw God's faithfulness to her throughout her life, through good or bad times. When she met a motorbike accident, He preserved her. Her knee-jerk reaction was to question why it happened to her in the first place, as it caused her much misery and made her family

worry. However, she learnt through the experience that she had to be more prudent and also to have more faith in Him. She also saw how God enabled her to enter the University of Malaya despite her B-grade results, graduate and find a job. She

was also able to grow in the faith as she befriended other Christian students, who helped to encourage her along the way. Let us learn to hold on to God too, (through the good times and the bad) and never let go.

Who hath saved us,
and called us with an holy calling,
not according to our works,
but according
to His own purpose and grace,
which was given us
in Christ Jesus
before the world began,

2Timothy 1:9