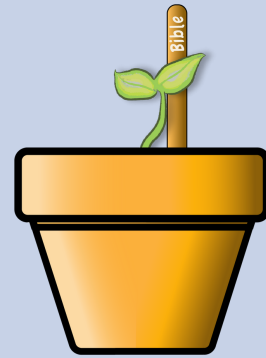


# GROW

Kids Christian Magazine



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**3 Years of GROW:  
Character and  
Spiritual Growth**

**Editor:**

Sophia Coleman

**Mission:**

to inspire children ages 7-12 to **develop the character of Jesus** through a biblical and engaging bimonthly magazine.

**Vision:**

- **Build** a mailing list of over 100 subscribers who eagerly await the next issue.
- **Encourage** children all over the world to become more like Jesus in godliness, humility and integrity by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Inspire** children to use their creativity to serve and minister to their family and friends.

**Core Values:**

- **Consistency:** We intend to publish six magazines per year on a bimonthly basis.
- **Grace:** We will emphasise that spiritual growth happens by the power of the Holy Spirit and not the by the flesh.
- **Authority of Scripture:** We believe that Scripture is our authoritative guide for spiritual growth.

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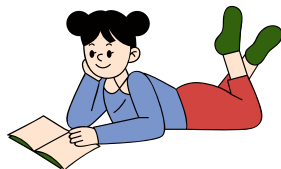
# Editorial

As I think back over the years of making Grow magazine, I'm amazed how far God has brought it. I began making it in 2021 as an enthusiastic 11-year-old. It was a simple handwritten publication\* that I rushed to finish and print in an afternoon to hand out at Youth Group. I remember completing it just in time before it was time to get in the car!

Back then I did not really have a clear mission for the magazine, but I am sure that God was behind it and that he did have one. Now I realise that the mission was to help kids, including you and myself, "develop the character of Jesus through an engaging, biblical magazine". The ages of 7-12 were exciting years of growth for me, and I hope they are for you, too. I am actually quite passionate about this, because the world needs many more kids, young people, and adults like you and me who are godly, diligent, compassionate, and disciplined Christians. So let's GROW!

Over the next few magazines, I will cover the basic spiritual disciplines that are very important to spiritual growth. I hope they will be challenging and inspiring for you. :)

--Sophia Coleman

**A Note to Parents:**

*"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."*  
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Grow Kids Magazine is not intended to replace your responsibility to train and teach your kids. It would be great if you would read the magazine and complete the activities along with them!

\*You can check out the first editions of the magazine online at [growkidsmagazine.com](http://growkidsmagazine.com) (But get your parent's permission first)

# Sanctification Verses

Look up and read the verses in the ESV, then fill in the blanks.

## Romans 6:12-14

"Let not \_\_\_\_\_ therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its \_\_\_\_\_ . Do not present your \_\_\_\_\_ to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to God as those who have been brought from \_\_\_\_\_ to life, and your members to God as instruments for \_\_\_\_\_ . For sin will have no \_\_\_\_\_ over you, since you are not under law but under \_\_\_\_\_ ."

## Galatians 5:16

"But I say, \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit, and you will not \_\_\_\_\_ the desires of the \_\_\_\_\_ ."

## Galatians 5:22-23

"But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, joy, peace, \_\_\_\_\_, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, \_\_\_\_\_, self-control; against such things there is no \_\_\_\_\_ ."

## Philippians 2:12-13

"Therefore, my beloved, as you have always \_\_\_\_\_, so now, not only as in my \_\_\_\_\_ but much more in my absence, work out your own \_\_\_\_\_ with fear and trembling, for it is \_\_\_\_\_ who works in you, both to will and to work for his good \_\_\_\_\_ ."



**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.**

**Peter 3:18**

# The Growth Journey

## What Sanctification Is

It means “**to be set apart**”. For the Christian, sanctification includes **three aspects**. The first is called **positional or definitive sanctification**, which relates to the position every believer enjoys because of being set apart as a member of God’s family through believing in Christ. The second aspect of sanctification concerns the **present experiential or progressive work** of continuing to be set apart and increasing in the likeness of Jesus during our whole Christian lives on earth. The third aspect is usually called **ultimate sanctification**, which we will attain in heaven when we shall be completely and eternally set apart to our God (Eph 5:26-27; Jude 24-25). Usually in the Bible, “sanctification” refers to phase two. The same is true for this article and Grow Magazine in general.

## How it Happens

For sanctification to occur, three things are needed.

You must:

- Have **believed** in Jesus’ identity, death and resurrection for your salvation. Remember that once you have believed, you can never lose your salvation, no matter what you do.
- Have the Holy Spirit **empowering** you (Ro 5:16). This is God’s gift to everyone who has believed. However, if we sin the Holy Spirit no longer empowers us, although he is always dwelling in us. If we admit all the sins we are aware of, God cleanses us from all our sin so that we may again be empowered by the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9).
- **Work** with God as he sanctifies you. (Php 2:12-13, 2 Co 7:1) There is something for you to do! Sanctification is a cooperative pursuit between you and God.

## Why it is Important

The **goal** of sanctification is spiritual maturity—the ability to keep producing the fruit of the Spirit in difficult times. This is a wonderful goal for our lives. Unlike most goals, you can always be more mature—so don’t sit back and relax if you think you’ve reached it.

The **rewards** of sanctification are many. They include a clear conscience, God’s pleasure (He 13:18), heavenly rewards (Lk 19:15-19), and satisfaction knowing you have fulfilled God’s plan for your life!

## The Fruit of Sanctification

So how does character fit into all of this? While we are being sanctified, we will produce fruit—**character** and **good works**. In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul lists nine character qualities that are the fruit of the Spirit’s power operating in our lives; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. But this list is not exhaustive—other fruit includes thankfulness, prudence, courage, endurance, compassion, wisdom, etc.

So may you and I grow steadily and speedily in the likeness of Jesus!

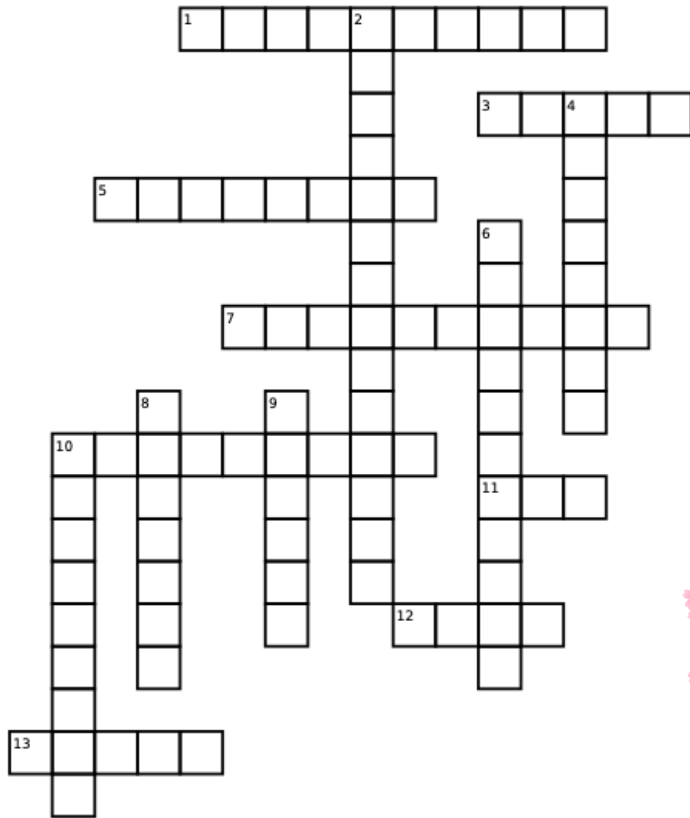
# Activity Page

## Sudoku



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## Sanctification Crossword



**Down:**

- 2. to set apart
- 4. the third aspect of sanctification
- 6. the second aspect of sanctification
- 8. admit sin
- 9. developing spiritually
- 10. a fruit of sanctification

**Across:**

- 1. empowers and sanctifies us
- 3. what sanctification produces
- 5. the goal of sanctification
- 7. the first aspect of sanctification
- 10. work with someone
- 11. stops us from being empowered by the Spirit
- 12. the first fruit of the spirit in Gal 5: 22-23
- 13. the member of the Trinity who took our punishment

# Serial Story

## The Story of Charlie Chipmunk on Noah's Ark

by Sophia Coleman

### Chapter 7

#### Finding Jasper

Christina crept closer to the limp, bedraggled form lying on the hard stone floor of the cave. "Jasper?" She whispered again. The figure suddenly jolted upright, and she immediately realised who it was. Jasper was hardly recognisable, but she knew him by his missing toe. Besides, what other raven could it be? Seeing that the dove was looking at his mutilated claw, the Jasper's surprise turned to hostility.

"What are you doing here?" He growled.

"I was looking for you," Christina explained.

"Where are the others?"

"They're still in the ark. Noah only let me loose. They'll probably all get out soon, though. What happened to you?" Jasper only turned away and sullenly refused to reply, so Christina flew off to find some food for him.

On a nearby island, she deliberated over what to feed him. She remembered with a shiver that ravens often ate carrion, eggs, nestlings, and even mother birds sitting on their eggs, although they weren't picky. "He could probably kill and eat me, if he weren't so weak," the small dove thought. "He's more than twice my size." Finally she found a beakful of seeds and took them back to Jasper. He quickly devoured the food without looking at her and then returned to the corner of the cave.

Christina made several more trips to gather food for the raven. It was slow and tiring work, and she felt quite downhearted at Jasper's ingratitude. "But what can you expect from a raven?" She smiled. "I do wish Charlie and Charlotte were here. They could carry a lot more food in their cheeks than I can in my beak."

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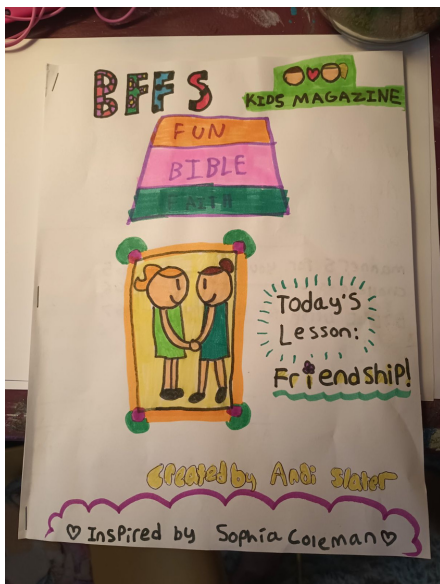
## Serial Story cont.

After Jasper had got the edge off his hunger, Christina flew to the top of the rock and rested for a while before getting some food for herself. "It is so lonely all by myself," she thought. "I would love to raise some chicks of my own. Maybe next spring." A cool autumn wind was now blowing. It would be some time before she could have the joy of raising her own brood.

The next day, Jasper was strong enough to fly to a more comfortable island a short distance away, where he could forage some of his own food. Christina was glad that the heavy burden of feeding a raven had been eased a little.

Over the next few days, Jasper's strength returned, and one morning Christina awoke to find him gone. She was rather relieved to have his sulking presence gone, but also sad, because, after all, he was the only other animal around. It sure felt strange to be one of only two birds in all this huge expanse of ocean.

## News From the Farm



My cousin Andromeda made her own magazine!



I finished my quilt



My cute chicken Mohawk laying an egg

This month I had my dental surgery and it went perfectly, although my face was very swollen for a few days afterward. I also did well in my Grade 3 piano exam and will be taking a music theory exam on November 4th. Thanks for your prayers-I am praying for you guys too!

# Quotes on Character

**Character: "that temper, taste, disposition, and frame of mind from whence we act in one way rather than another...those principles from which a man acts when they become fixed and habitual to him."**

-Bishop Butler

**"We sow a thought and reap an act; we so an act and reap a habit; we sow a habit and reap character; we sow character and reap destiny."**

-William Makepeace Thackeray

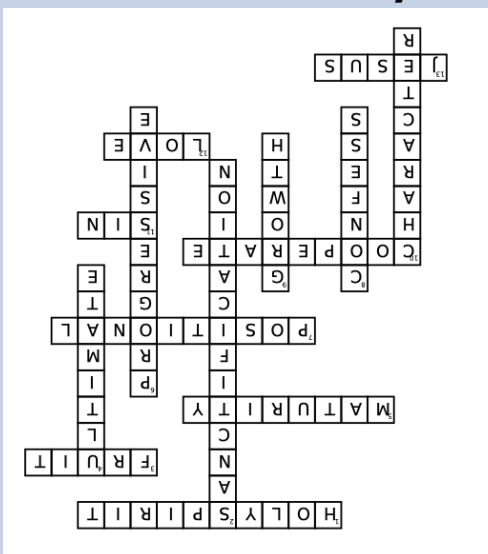
**"After thirty, the character settles like plaster."**

-F. B. Meyer, *Religion in Homespun*

**"Character gives weight to one's words and permanence to one's acts. Character secures the confidence of those who employ us, the respect of those above us, the love of those on our level, the loyalty of those beneath. ...Therefore with unwavering resolve, let us seek for character, character, character..."**

-F. B. Meyer, *Religion in Homespun*

**"Character is what you do when no one is looking."**



Crossword Answer Key

