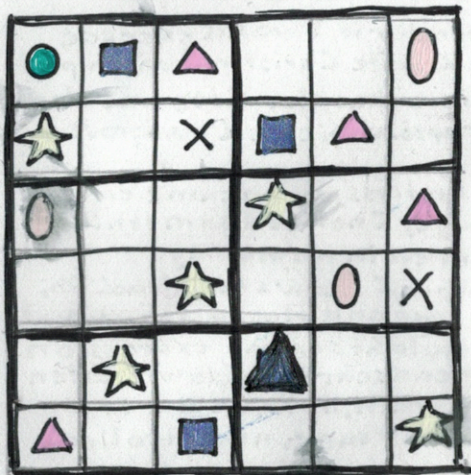


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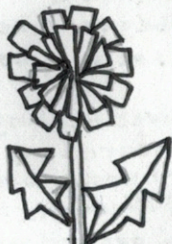
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BUILD-A-WORD



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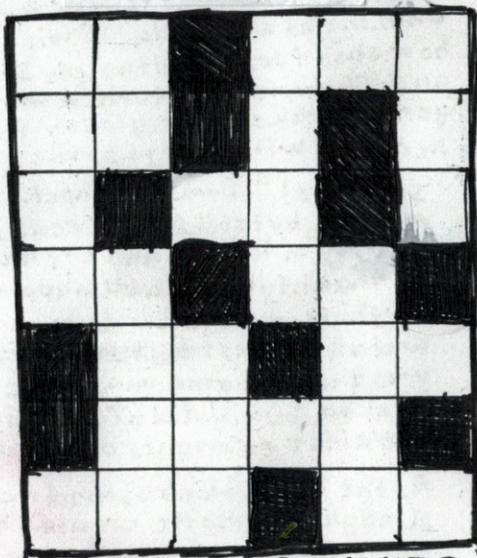
See how many words you can make from these letters. No names allowed. Words must be at least 3 letters long. There is at least 1 6-letter word.

3 numbers 2 numbers

376	14
691	17
847	22
937	23

4 numbers

0498	28
2183	36
3536	57
7203	62
8935	81
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The Adventures of Charlie

Chipmunk On Noah's Ark
by Sophia Coleman

Chapter 6

A week passed. I was beginning to wonder if I would ever see Charlotte again, alive or dead, and despite Christina's attempts to keep my hopes up, I began to believe that Charlotte was dead. I missed her terribly, especially her optimistic and humorous attitude.

Then one day, when I was feeling restless, Eden came early for her visit. As she neared my cage, I noticed something furry lying still in her hands, wrapped in an old rag.

"Oh no! I thought, It's Charlotte! Now I know she's dead. Oh, poor Charlotte! Eden opened my cage and placed the still form of Charlotte in the cage. I couldn't see the expression on her face, since she had her headscarf far down. Eden quickly filled my food bowl with grain, nuts, and a few dried insects, closed the door of my cage, and stroled down the corridor. I could see her shalping as she walked carefully down the pitching floor. The ark was still moving as crazily as ever, and I had often wondered ~~was~~ if the sea would ever calm down. "Eden is sure acting strange", I puzzled. First she comes early, (she was always punctual) then she leaves without speaking, and now she's shaking as she walks. I wish I could see her face and know how she's feeling, although I'm sure she's sad. She loves me and Charlotte." I turned my attention back to Charlotte and gently stroked her glossy fur. All of a sudden she lept to her feet with a huge smile on her face and shouted, "Surprise!" I was too shocked to say or do any thing for a minute, but suddenly I realised that she was alive and well and began to laugh and cry at the same time - tears of relief, of thankfulness, and happiness. But I was not the only one laughing. Just outside my cage were Noah, Shem, Eden, and all the rest of their family, all laughing ^{loudly} Even Christina was there! Some may have been hurt or upset at being tricked, but I didn't care in the least. It was one of the happiest moments of my life!

As the days, weeks, and months passed, I basked in the sunlight Charlotte created by her jokes and laughter. She was even more wonderful than I remembered. Yet I did know that with each passing day, trouble grew nearer and nearer. How could I know? - and it was probably a good thing that the shadow of foreboding did not darken those bright days.

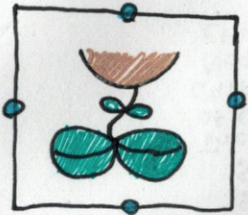


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The mission/goal of GROW magazine is to help kids grow in their faith and to inspire them to build their character through stories, bible reading and character activities.

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News From The Farm

We are enjoying some beautiful weather at our house and a busy yet fun month. At the beginning of it, we hiked halfway up Mt. Mangatua, a mountain near our home, and found a geocache! Our chickens didn't hatch any chicks. Oh well, I passed my piano exam and actually enjoyed it quite a lot! They informed camp went really well and we learned a lot of things about world views, identity, and other important topics. (I was only a day camper since I'm below the minimum age). This month God has been teaching me how to best use my time. It can be tempting to skip or hurry our daily Bible study time, but if we put God first, He will help us to use our time more effectively and ~~not~~ give us success. He knows that your time is limited, and doesn't expect you to spend all your time reading the bible. Just spending 30 minutes to an hour praying, studying and reading the bible will make a big difference in your relationship with Him. Time spent alone with God is not wasted time - it will prepare you to be strong and courageous when you enter the pressures and struggles and responsibilities of adult life.



Mt. Mangatua

see Luke 12:29-31; Ephesians 5:15-16

Manner of the Month

CHOOSING AND GIVING A GIFT

- Take note of people's favourite colors, music, movies, books, and hobbies - don't just buy something because you like it. You give someone a gift you are fairly certain they will enjoy. Otherwise they will probably never wear or use it, or put it away on a dusty shelf.
- Plan ahead and keep track of birthdays on a dry-erase board, calendar, or on your ~~phone~~ phone. You don't have to wait until the department stores are playing "Deck the Halls" to buy your mother a Christmas present. If you see a pair of earrings in September you know she will love, buy them and hide them away (Just don't forget where they are) If you put off buying gifts to the last minute, you'll get stressed and it will become a chore.
- Take time to wrap your gift ~~nicely~~ nicely or put it in a fun bag. Don't hand it to the recipient in the bag from the store or the box it was mailed in. Would you prefer a present wrapped in colorful paper to the wrinkled-up brown paper bag? Taking time to package it neatly shows you love the person you are giving it to.
- Always remove the price tag and put a gift receipt with the item if the store offers one, in case the item has to be exchanged for any reason.
- Include a card or gift tag with your name on packages or in gift bags.
- Don't say 'if you don't like it, you can take it back' to the recipient as he or she is opening their gift. It is awkward and uncomfortable.

From 50 THINGS EVERY YOUNG LADY SHOULD KNOW by Kay West,

CHALLENGES

Read	Write	Outdoors	Lego	Other
The Adventures of Happy Jack by Thornton W. Burgess	About a time God provided for you or someone you know Or A play based on a Bible story - maybe one for Christmas!	Go on a prayer walk	Build a bank for your savings (see Character Activity A). You could include a ramp for coins to roll along.	Make some homemade Christmas presents!

Character Challenge: Thrift*

Look up the verses (ESV) and fill in the blanks.

* Proverbs 11: 24-25

"One gives freely, yet grows all the _____; another withholds what he should give, and only _____ want. Whoever brings _____ will be _____, and one who _____ will himself be watered."

* Proverbs 21: 20

"Precious _____ and oil are in a wise _____ dwelling, but a _____ man devours it."

* Proverbs 27: 23-27

"Know well the _____ of your _____, and give attention to your _____, for riches do not _____ forever; and does a _____ endure to all generations? When the _____ is gone and the new growth _____ and the vegetation of the _____ is gathered, the _____ will provide your _____, and ~~the~~ the goats the _____ of a field. There will be enough goats _____ for your _____, for the food of your _____ and maintenance for your _____."

* Proverbs 28: 20

"A _____ man will abound with _____, but whoever hastens to be _____ will not go _____."

* Luke 16: 10-12

"One who is _____ in a very little is also faithful in _____, and one who is dishonest in a very _____ is also _____ in much. If you have not been _____ in the unrighteous _____, who will entrust to you the _____ riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is _____, who will _____ you that which is your _____?"

* Thrift means using your money wisely and saving it.

John Bridges, and Bryan Curtis

LESSONS FOR LIFE

Many times I have wasted my money on things which I really didn't need or want and ended up giving away not long after. Things can look so tempting in the store, whether they're candy, books, toys, or things which will only be in fashion for a short time, but remember to use your money wisely and consider whether you really want or need it. Be content! You might want to memorize Philippians 4:11-13.

Don't only be thrifty with your own money though. Remember Luke 16:12 from the Character Challenge? If one or both of your parents struggle with impulsive buying, or even if they don't, encourage them respectfully to spend money wisely and don't beg them for unneeded things.

Before you buy something, try asking these 5 questions to help you decide if it's a good use of your money:

1. Is it good, true, and beautiful?
2. Is it worth the money I'm paying for it?
3. Do I really want it or need it?
4. Is it cheaper somewhere else?
5. Would God approve if I bought it?

Write your Christmas list early, so that you can have time to consider whether you really want those things. In fact, deliberating if you want something before you go into the store to buy it might be a good idea at every time of the year.

But remember that thriftiness is not an excuse for being stingy. We should be thrifty so that we have more money to give to our churches, missionaries, and other worthy causes! Giving money to the right people and organizations will be a blessing for those who have believed in Jesus. I hope you are one of them! God was not stingy with his riches of ~~eternal life~~ and forgiveness, but gave his only son so that we might enjoy ~~eternal life~~ it. We believe. (See John 3:16)

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:9

Character-Building Activities

A. If you aren't already saving money, start saving at least 20% (20 cents per dollar) of any money you earn. Put it in a special jar, and keep an account of how much you have saved.

B. Pray with your parents each time you go shopping with them. Ask God to guide you to good bargains and to help you make the wisest use of your money.

C. Help your mother grocery shop. (Or your father) Help her write the grocery list. Read the list for her in the store. Learn to read the unit pricing ($\frac{\$}{\text{per 100g etc.}}$) and help her pick out the best bargain.

D. Study advertisement techniques and ads in magazines and newspapers. (But not inappropriate ones) How do they present their product? To what do they appeal? Clip several ads, paste them onto paper, and label them with explanations of their sales techniques. (Usborne BUSINESS has some common techniques)

E. Make and use a chart to help you comparison shop. Check prices on the grocery items your family buys most often. Go to several stores in your area - regular markets, produce stands, convenience stores etc. Write the name of the item, and the price for the size and brand you would prefer to buy at each store. Circle the lowest price for each item on the chart. Which store has the best overall prices?

F. Work together with your sibling(s) to save power, water, time, and money by turning lights off when you don't need them, keeping laundry down, etc. Brainstorm ideas and put them into practice.

G. What gifts can you make from inexpensive materials? Make lists for each of the following categories: Garden Produce, Cooking, Crafts, Artwork, Service, Special talents and abilities. Make some of them for Christmas!

H. Use a calendar to record seasonal sales (i.e. when are summer clothes on sale? what about office supplies? Towels and sheets?) Use it to help your parents save money.

I. Learn to grow some of your own food to save money. ~~From POLISHED CORNERS~~ TOWNS by Pam Forster.