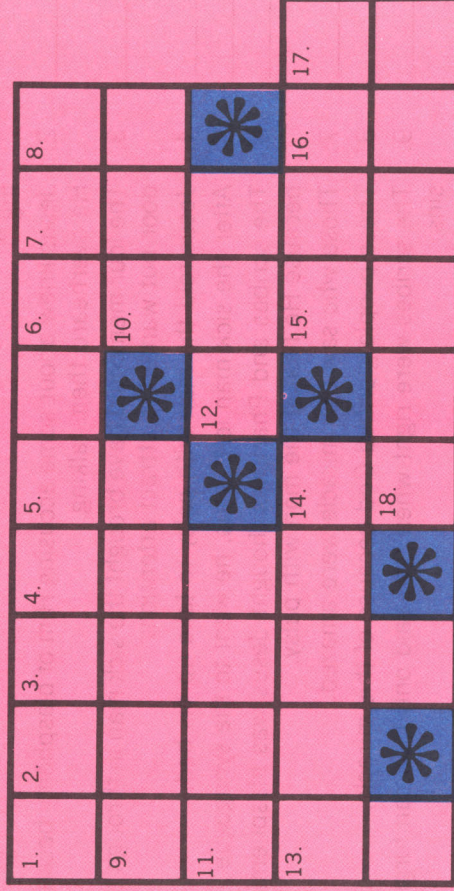


CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. A sect of Jews who disliked Jesus. (Luke 5:17 — and doctors of the law.)
9. John was baptizing in _____. (John 3:23)
10. A lazy person should go to or learn from this insect. (Proverbs 6:6)
11. God said, "Let the dry _____ appear." (Genesis 1:9)
12. Saul heard a voice from heaven and said, "Who _____ thou Lord?" (Acts 9:5)
13. A sword might _____ or cut. (Rhymes with "flash.")
15. Jesus said, "See thou _____ no man. (Matthew 8:4)
18. Abraham bought a cave from a man named _____ the son of Zohar. (Genesis 23:8)

DOWN

1. Four men brought Jesus a man who had _____. (Matthew 9:2)
2. A nobleman wanted Jesus to _____ his son. (John 4:47)
3. Jesus was brought first to the high priest _____. (John 18:13)
4. Paul was thrice beaten with _____. (II Corinthians 11:25)
5. Jesus said, "Why reason ye _____ your hearts?" (Luke 5:22)
6. God created the heavens and the _____. (Genesis 1:1)
7. Jesus said, "_____ ye in by the narrow gate." (Matthew 7:13)
8. Abbreviation for street. _____
14. "For _____ taught them . . ." (Matthew 7:29)
16. Jesus said, "And _____ I am with you always . . ." (Matthew 28:20)
17. Initials for "Look Now." _____

TRUE-FALSE

Write true or false in each blank.

1. The scribes in the house said to Jesus, "You are blaspheming."

2. Jesus knew about some accusing Him of blasphemy because He overheard them talking.

3. The four men could have brought the sick man in through the door but wanted to attract attention.

4. Jesus told the man with palsy to take up his bed.

5. After the sick man left Jesus, he went to the synagogue.

6. The scribes and Pharisees thought Jesus was blaspheming because He healed the man with palsy.

7. Those who saw this miracle were amazed.

8. These people glorified God because of this miracle.

9. The scribes were right when they said only God can forgive sins.

10. We should try to bring sinners to Christ so they can be forgiven.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

1. In what way can we be like the four men who brought the sick man to Christ?
2. What caused the scribes and Pharisees to be angry and mistaken in their thoughts?
3. If we realize the great power of God, will we fear and glorify Him? Why? How?

SOME OTHERS WHO WERE HELPFUL

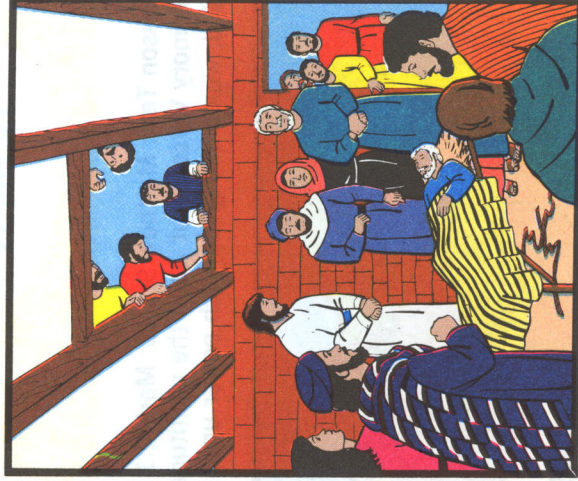
One of the most important things for a Christ-like character is to be helpful to those in need. (Matthew 25:31-46) Many people in the Bible were helpful to others. Here are a few examples. See if you can answer the questions. If you cannot, consult the references.

1. _____ Who was the boy who saved his family from a famine even though his brothers had sold him into slavery? (Genesis 40-50 — note especially Genesis 50:15-21)
2. _____ What was the name of Ruth's mother-in-law? They helped each other and were loyal to one another. (Book of Ruth)
3. _____ What king's son helped David even though David was later to get the throne of his father? (1 Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-7)
4. _____ A little slave girl helped her master by telling him there was a prophet in Israel who could cure him of his leprosy. Who was her master? (11 Kings 5:1-14)
5. _____ Who became queen and then risked her life to save her people, the Jews? There is an entire book of the Bible called by her name.

can forgive sins, they said. They were right about this, but wrong in thinking Jesus was not the Son of God. Then Jesus said to them, "Which is easier, to say, thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?"

It would probably be easier to say, "Thy sins are forgiven" because you could not see whether or not they were forgiven. In any event, when Jesus gave him power to arise and walk He proved He also had the power to forgive sins and the people were amazed and glorified God.

Sin is even worse than palsy and we, like the men in this story, should try to bring our friends to Christ if they are not Christians.



"Thy sins are forgiven."

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

Fill in the blanks.

1. Jesus was in what town when _____
He performed this miracle? _____
2. How many men were carrying the sick man? _____
3. What disease did he have? _____
4. The men let the sick man into the house through the _____
5. The four men were carrying the sick man on a _____

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. The first thing Jesus said to the sick man was (1) "Arise and walk." (2) "Do you have faith?" (3) "Thy sins are forgiven."
2. Jesus (1) had power to forgive sins (2) did not have power to forgive sins.
3. The roof on this house was probably (1) flat (2) removed except when it rained (3) steep.
4. Whose faith did the gospel writer report that Jesus saw? (1) the four men who brought the sick man (2) the scribes and Pharisees (2) the sick man
5. How did Jesus prove His authority? (1) better argument (2) healing the man (3) quoting scriptures