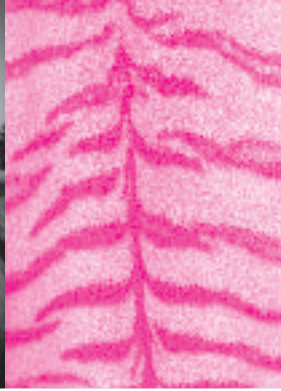


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Jesus
is...

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Jesus is so many things to us..
He is the light of the world, he is God's son, he is our salvation, Jesus is the Good Shepherd, he is my friend.

In this issue you will read about some of the ways Jesus is described in the Bible. Perhaps it will make you think differently about Jesus. Perhaps you can ask yourself the question; "Who is Jesus to me?"

Pray about it.

Wendy



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JESUS IS.. .

Jesus has many titles to describe who He is. Some of the most important are in these verses. Find the word that fits in the boxes beside it. When you have finished, read the letters in the circles from bottom to top. They should spell out a very important role Jesus has.

Acts 2:16

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John 14:6

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John 1:1

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John 1:4

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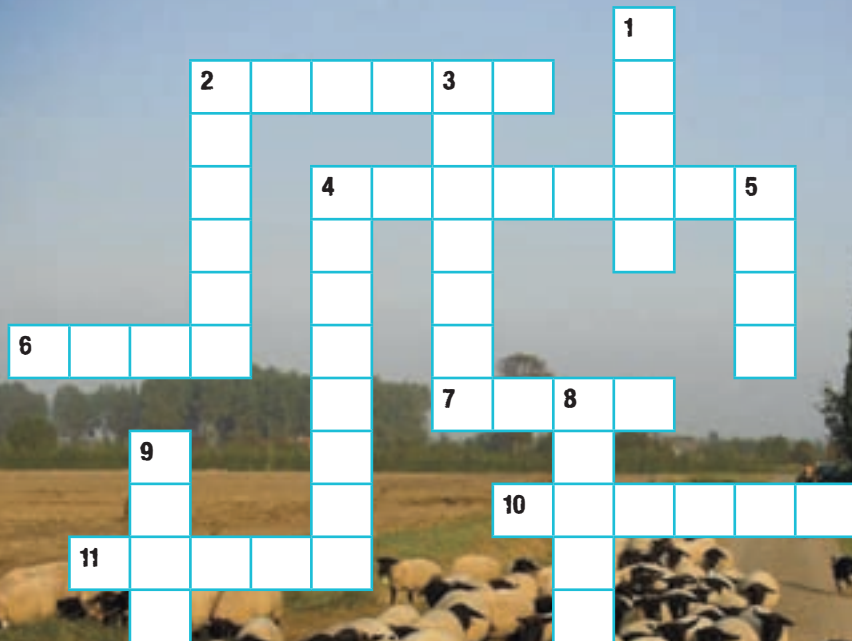
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Answer on Page 10

The Good Shepherd

Read John 10:1–18, 26–30



Down

1. Person who steals
2. Sheep do this for the shepherd
3. Jesus gives this sort of life to His sheep
4. Sheep won't follow this person
5. Way into the fold
8. Pen for sheep
9. Jesus was this sort of shepherd

Across

2. The greatest one
4. Person who looks after sheep
6. The sheep and shepherd do this for each other
7. Jesus gave this for the sheep
10. The thief gets in this way
11. Jesus needed this to rise from the dead

Jesus is...

Sally was curled up on the couch reading one Sunday afternoon when Dad came in and sat at the table.

"How did things go for you today Sally?" he asked.

"Fine, I guess," she answered, "Our Kidzone teacher talked about Jesus being the Good Shepherd. I wasn't too sure what she meant until she told us that Jesus said we are all like His sheep."

"That's right," said Dad, "There's another part of the Bible too that tells us we are like sheep that get lost because we like going our own way."

"She got us to learn that verse that says, 'Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need'. I like that idea Dad," she said as she put her book down and got up to go out into the kitchen to pour herself a drink.

"She said there are other things that Jesus said He was too, Dad. I think one was that He is the door of the sheepfold. What's a sheepfold?"

"A sheepfold is a pen where the sheep are shut up at night in the land of Israel", Dad said. "There are no fences or paddocks as we know them to keep the sheep safe at night, so the sheep are driven into the pen or fold. The shepherd lies down to sleep in the doorway so no wild animals can get in or sheep get out."

"Really", said Bobby as he came in just in time to hear the last sentence. "If I was one of those sheep, I'd feel really safe!"

"There were other things that Jesus said He is too", Dad went on. "He said He is the light of the world."

"I guess that means He will show us where to go like a light does," said Bobby.

"Yes," Sally chimed in, "And a lighthouse shows us where not to go when there are rocks around too."

"That's right," said Dad, "A light can be both a guide and a warning, and Jesus is like that for us too. He will show us the right things to do, and the wrong things to keep away from!"

Betty came running in, "I'm hungry and thirsty," she said, "Can I please have one of your biscuits Sally?"

"Yes, sure," Sally said and passed her one, "Didn't Jesus say He was the Bread of Life too?"



"A biscuit is no good without a drink too," said Betty as she munched away.

"That's right," said Dad as he poured Betty a drink, "And Jesus said He is the Water of Life too. What does water make you feel like Betty?"

"It makes me stop being thirsty," said Betty puffing after she had gulped it down.

"Yes, it does too, and Jesus helps us to stop feeling thirsty. We will always feel happy and satisfied if we take notice of what Jesus says."

"Well," said Bobby counting on his fingers, "How many things does that make that Jesus says He is? He is the Good Shepherd, and the Door to the sheepfold."

"Yes, and He is the Light of the World that guides us and warns us," said Sally.

Betty wiped her mouth as she finished munching her biscuit and added her bit, "And He is our food and drink too."

"That's five things," said Bobby.

"That's great," said Dad, "One for each finger and thumb on your hand. Now you'll be able to remember those when I ask you next time!"

"Sure will Dad," said Bobby as he ran outside, "Come on Betty, race you to the gate!"

Jesus is Trustworthy

A man found an injured tiger cub abandoned by its family in the jungle.

He took it home, healed its wounds and nursed it back to health and strength.

The family made the cub their pet and named it Tosca. He wandered freely around the house, and at night, slept at the end of the man's bed.

As time went by the tiger grew in size and strength. Sometimes he was almost too boisterous for the children, but no one worried – after all he'd grown up with them. Tosca was part of the family and he was loved and trusted by all.

One day, Billy, the youngest child, was bitten by an insect. He scratched the bite and made his leg bleed. Tosca came over and began to lick the boy's leg. The family laughed.

Suddenly, without warning, the tiger snarled and in a flash, sank his teeth into Billy's leg and dragged him towards the door. Billy screamed. The rest of the family recoiled in horror.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, the father ran for his gun. By the time he had assembled it and found some bullets, Billy's leg was torn apart.

With careful aim, the father fired at the tiger's head and with a sickening thump, Tosca fell to the ground – dead. The family raced to get medical help to save their son.

The family trusted their pet tiger. At the taste of blood however, his wild killer instincts came out and he broke their trust with tragic consequences.

We must be careful where we place our trust. Some people put their trust in wealth and money. Others trust people and are often disappointed.

With Jesus it is different. He has promised He will never leave us. We can trust Him with confidence, because He always keeps His word and He will never let us down.

**King David could say: "In God I trust; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"**

Psalm 56:11

John 8:12

See if you can work out this coded verse.

_____ , “ _____

_____ , _____

_____ .” _____ 8:12

KFTVT TBJE, 'J BN UIF MJHIU PG UIF XPSME.
XIPFWFS GPMMPXT NF XJMM OFWFS

XBML JO EBSLOFTT CVU XJMM IBWF UIF
MJHIU PG MJGF. KPIO 8:12

Jesus is the light

Jesus is the light that shines in this dark world
Helping to show sinners He's the life, the truth, the way.
He is the door you enter through; He'll save you from your sin,
He'll give you hope and comfort and peace and joy within.

Jesus is the bread of life; He feeds a hungry soul,
He is the shepherd of His sheep; He died to save each one.
He is the vine; You are the branch so you must stay nearby
And He's the resurrection so you never need to die.

Note: The last verse of this poem says that you need never die because Jesus is the resurrection. In John 11:26 Jesus said, "...whoever lives and believes in me will never die." This does not mean that our physical body won't die but it means that because I am a Christian I won't be separated from Jesus if I die. Instead I will immediately go to be with Jesus where I will live with Him forever.

The Incomparable Christ

From the list below, choose the correct word to complete each description of Jesus from the Bible.

lion **light** **star** **bread** **mediator**
prince **lamb** **vine** **shepherd** **way**

Jesus is...

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- the good _____.
- the _____ of the world
- the true _____.
- the _____ of life
- the _____ between God and people
- the _____ of Judah
- the _____ of God
- the _____, the truth and the life
- the _____ of peace
- the bright morning _____.

Bible readings:

November

Date	Book	Verse
1 Tue	Col.	1:15-23
2 Wed	Col.	3:1-11
3 Thur	Col.	3:12-17
4 Fri	Phile.	1-16
5 Sat	Phile.	17-25
6 Sun	Ezra	1:1-11
7 Mon	Ezra	2:64-70, 3:7-13
8 Tue	Ezra	4:1-5
9 Wed	Ezra	4:24, 5:1-5
10 Thur	Ezra	6:6-12
11 Fri	Ezra	6:13-18
12 Sat	Ezra	7:1-10
13 Sun	Ezra	8:21-23, 31-36
14 Mon	Neh.	1:1-11
15 Tue	Neh.	2:1-10
16 Wed	Neh.	2:11-20
17 Thur	Neh.	4:1-9
18 Fri	Neh.	4:10-23
19 Sat	Neh.	6:1-9
20 Sun	Neh.	6:10-19
21 Mon	Neh.	8:1-8
22 Tue	Neh.	8:9-18
23 Wed	1 Tim.	1:1-7
24 Thur	1 Tim.	1:12-17
25 Fri	1 Tim.	1:18-20
26 Sat	1 Tim.	2:1-7
27 Sun	1 Tim.	4:6-10
28 Mon	1 Tim.	4:11-16
29 Tue	1 Tim.	6:3-10
30 Wed	1 Tim.	6:11-16

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Vishal Prasad
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Samuel Geaney
Gemma Jones
Okechukwu Omobala
Lawrence Pascoe
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- 9**
Caleb Allan
Christine Lewis
Isaac Martin
- 10**
Susan Melgers
Courtney Stokes
- 15**
Cara Hince
- 26**
Ravai Mosese

Page 3 Answer: Saviour

LORD
TRUTH
GOD
LIFE
LOVE
CREATOR
SON

Readers' Response



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Jesus Is My Best Friend

Did you know that Jesus wants to be our Best Friend?

We praise Jesus, worship Him, and serve Him, But friendship is what Jesus wants most of all.

What makes someone a good friend?

A friend is someone who accepts you just the way you are, believes in you and encourages you. Someone who is trustworthy, who never forsakes you, who forgives your mistakes, who enjoys being with you, and who makes you laugh.

Jesus wants to be this way with us. He is not a far away God. He wants us to spend time with Him. He wants to be your very best friend, and He wants you to be His!

Jesus is the best of everything we look for in a friend.

The Bible shows that Jesus was "cool". People wanted to be around Jesus. They wanted to hang out with Him. They wanted to be His friend. Jesus' last message to His disciples was that He wants to be our friend. (John 15:15)

When you get tempted, look for an escape route... if Satan opens an inviting door, God also opens a 'window' to escape.

By Tiffany Henry (13), Amberley

Love is patient, love is kind
It won't envy it won't hate
Never jealous, always listening
Love is faithful and true
Love is honest too
Love turns the other cheek
Love died for me
He died for you
So when you say you love
What do you really mean?

By Laura Henderson (16)

**Jesus is the light,
Every day and every night,
And He loves to help us all
When we're so helpless and small**

By Geoff Procter (13), Palmerston North

F aithful	C haritable
A nswers carefully	H onest
I nspirational	R espectful
T rustworthy	I nspiring
H elpful	S piritual
F riendly	T ruthful
U nderstanding	I gnited for Christ
L oving	A amazing works
	N oble

Who is Jesus Christ?

When this question is personalized, it becomes the most important question we've ever been asked or have to answer. Who is Jesus Christ to YOU? Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10, NKJV). In 1 John 5:11-13 we are told that if we have the son in our life we can KNOW that we have eternal life. Jesus is the only way for us to live an abundant life here on earth, or receive eternal life in fellowship with God. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins so that we could be sinless in the eyes of God. If we do not receive the free gift of eternal life by experiencing the forgiveness achieved by Jesus, then we will receive our punishment.

Isaiah 9:6: *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Revelation 22:13, 16: *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

Hebrews 1:3: *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

Colossians 1:15: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

Revelation 19:16: *On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Can you find more scriptures about Who Jesus is? Write a list of adjectives and see how many you can get.

Jesus is everything to us: He is God, savior, mediator, advocate, and comforter. Soon, he will be our rescuer, King and ruler.



God has made

C	R	U	C	I	F	I	E	D
M	A	D	E	S	L	O	R	D
O	N	C	I	S	U	S	E	J
H	D	H	T	O	B	O	A	X
W	T	S	I	R	H	C	Y	H

In the above wordfinder you will find the words needed to complete the verse below. See how you get on.

“God _____

_____.”

_____ s 2:36

I-LL-R-E-T-U-R-N - C-O-M-E - W-H-A-T - M-A-Y

On one of the bleakest islands on earth, 22 men were left stranded for four months. They were part of Sir Ernest Shackleton's team of Antarctic explorers who, in 1914, set out from England in search of the South Pole.

Disaster struck when their wooden ship named the *Endurance* became trapped in the polar ice. The pressure of the ice gradually became so great that the ship splintered into matchwood and sank into the ice.

For six months the expedition took refuge on a large ice floe. They finally made it to Elephant Island - a desolate place with some of the worst weather on the globe.

Having no means of communication with the outside world, Shackleton took one of the six metre boats saved from the ship and with five chosen men set out on a 1300 kilometre voyage to get help. Shackleton promised the 22 men left behind on Elephant Island he would return for them - come what may!

The voyage to the whaling station on the island of South Georgia was horrendous. Mountainous seas of icy water churned them day after day, drenching everything and chilling the men to the bone.

After a few weeks they reached South Georgia Island, but to their horror, they discovered they

were on the wrong side. Huge mountains and glaciers separated them from the settlement.

The situation was hopeless. The men were frozen, exhausted and half-starved. Shackleton refused to give up. He knew the survival of 27 men depended on his leadership, courage and determination to keep his word.

Miraculously, they reached the settlement, and after a brief rest, Shackleton secured another ship and set off back to Elephant Island to rescue his men.

For months the ice and ferocious gales made the rescue impossible.

One day a narrow gap opened up in the ice leading to the island. In a lightning rescue, Shackleton charged through the gap, grabbed up the men and returned just before the ice crashed together again. The rescue was accomplished in 30 minutes.

Shackleton congratulated his men for being ready and able to be rescued in such a short time. With great affection and respect for the man they called *The Boss*, they replied, "Sir, you promised to come back for us and we never lost hope. Whenever the conditions improved we packed up our things saying, 'Maybe Shackleton will come today. We'd better be ready.'

Jesus Christ has promised to come back for his own. John 14:2-3

He warns us: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." Matthew 24: 2

It could be today! Would you be ready?



Philippians tells us that...

Put the first letter of the answer to each clue in the space following and you will be able to find what Philippians tells us.

He was born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1) _____

The Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57) _____

He was very strong (Judges 16:6) _____

He was 16 years old when he became king (2 Chronicles 26:1) _____

Her son was born when she was 90 years old (Genesis 17:17) _____

The first baby ever born (Genesis 4:1) _____

She asked God to give her a son (1 Samuel 1:10 & 11) _____

She said "...your God will be my God..." (Ruth 1:16) _____

God asked this man's father to offer him as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:1 & 2) _____

The first martyr (Acts 7:59) _____

This disciple did not believe that Jesus was alive (John 20:24 & 25) _____

The book in the Bible that comes before Jeremiah _____

His name was changed to Paul (Acts 13:9) _____

The first wife of Jacob (Genesis 29:25) _____

He became a Christian (Philemon 10 & 16) _____

She hung a red rope in her window (Joshua 2:1 & 18) _____

He killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:50) _____



For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will
be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

