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Perseverance

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In order to succeed you must keep trying over and over, no matter how many times you fail. That's what perseverance means. Do you really want to be a good athlete? Then you must keep training and persevere even when it is difficult. Do you want to be good at maths? Then you must keep practising maths even when you feel like you have had enough. Persevere in love – that's great!

Wendy



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Fill in the Blanks

...I _____ on _____ hold of
_____ which _____
_____ took _____ of _____. Phillipians 3:12b

See if you can work out the missing words in the verse above. Clues to the spaces are listed in order below.

1. A printing _____
2. A number with the middle letter missing
3. Can mean 'to steal'.
4. Unscramble 'hatt'
5. Another number with a letter missing
6. In Matthew 16:16 Peter said, "You are the _____."
7. He died on the cross for my sin
8. Not hot but _____. Now replace the 'C' with an 'H'
9. Jesus loves ____.

Running for your life.

Jade squinted into the sun as she looked up at the sound of Emma's footsteps. They were light and steady, like the fast beating of a drum. She was training for the school athletics races and this was her third lap around the school track. Jade felt a bit lazy as she sat and watched her.

Later, as the girls walked home, Emma gulped down water from her drink bottle and began talking in between deep breaths. "So, there's this thing on Sunday at Church, do ya wanna come?" Jade hardly turned her head, but watched Emma carefully out of the corner of her eyes. It always made her a little nervous when Emma talked about God. "What sort of thing?"

"You know, like, a family programme that everyone's invited to. Some of us have been practising verses to say. Mine's long as, wanna hear it?"

"Sure," Jade said, although the tone and uncertainty of her voice gave away the fact that she actually wasn't sure, Emma either didn't notice, or didn't mind the doubt in Jade's voice. "Kay, here it is..." She quickly quoted all the verses, ending even more out of breath than before. "Oh", she added at the end, "Hebrews chapter 12, verses 1, 2 and 3." She threw a triumphant smile at Jade. "I learnt the last bit of the verse just then, while I've been running." She threw another triumphant smile Jade's way; she was quite pleased with herself for being able to do two things at once.

Jade stayed quiet, not really sure what to say. She looked down at the ground and just kept walking. Emma screwed the lid onto her bottle. "I chose this verse 'cos it has the bit about

running the race with perseverance." Jade looked blankly at her. "You know, the bit that said 'throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.'" Jade still looked blank. Emma rolled her eyes at her. "Come on Jade, you know! God's race takes perseverance too, like reading the Bible and going to Church and stuff. We can't just give up when life gets hard. Like, I don't give up when I get puffed, or when my muscles are sore. And, I wouldn't run any of my races wearing a lot of heavy clothes, or carrying my drink bottle or bag. God has a race, a way, marked out for each person, and we shouldn't be carrying things and sins that will tangle us up and make us fall." The girls

walked in silence for a few steps. Jade thought hard about what Emma had said.

Then, with a deep breath she said, "Ok, I've been supporting you with your running, so I'll come and support you at Church too."

"Ok, cool. You come and support me, and I promise you that each time I train for my running, I will be praying for you, that one day you'll start running with me." She smiled at Jade with one eyebrow raised. "That you'll start running in God's race, I know I'll never be able to get you to run in any athletics races!!!!"

Jade smiled and gave Emma such a hard push that she almost fell over. "You're impossible Emma!!"

"Maybe..." Emma smiled, again, triumphantly, "...but with God, all things are possible!!!"

"...but with God, all things are possible"!



Do you feel like giving up
When things are really tough?
Does it seem you've lost your way
And the road seems steep and rough?

Just keep on working hard
And running in life's race
Still pressing on until that day
You see the Saviour's face.

Let Jesus take your hand
And lead you on life's way,
He'll help you with the load you bear
And give you strength today.



Think of four things that make a good christian.
Record them on the chart. Then write your name
next to the cross.as you read each idea, decide
if you are a good Christian **always, often,**
rarely, or never. Make a ✓ in the correct box

What makes a good Christian?



Always

Often

Rarely

Never

Speeches

David was feeling disappointed after a very unfair day at school. While walking angrily down the road he thought over what had happened.

It was the day of the Speech Competition; he had come first at class so he had been put in the year 6 finals. So he'd said his speech with the other 10 competitors, but he didn't come anywhere, even though everyone said he should have won. They said things like, "You should have won!" and "You were the best! Why didn't the judge choose you?"

He had no answer to that. Why didn't he get chosen even though people said he was the best? No ideas came to his mind as he walked disappointingly home. When he got home his mum noticed his disappointment and asked what was wrong, but David ignored her and immediately locked his room and sulked silently for a very long time. It was late afternoon when he awoke from his despair-filled sleep. He pondered some more about why he didn't win but still found no answer and so continued sulking silently.

A week passed and the disappointment had disappeared a little, but it always returned sooner or later. When he was doing math or sport it always comes back.

That month, the word "Why?" was the main word following him everywhere, bringing him despair and only despair. It was only at Religious Studies he found hope. His R.S. teacher talked about how God is always with you in good and bad situations. David learnt that God will always give you hope no matter what. So he yearned to read the Bible after R.S. and he got time when he got home. By now he was desperate to get the disappointment out and so he started reading the famous Bible readings. It was then hope entered into him from the readings of Joseph. Joseph was jailed for wrongdoing but never gave up hope, so God made him rise up and be second only to the Pharaoh.

This was the hope that David wanted; it gave him so much inspiration that he immediately made another speech to enter another competition. But this time with hope in God and not himself, he won and the disappointment was washed away with happiness.

God doesn't want us to be filled with disappointment or despair, so when we need hope it's there in the Bible which is filled with words of caring and inspiration.

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8 Mon	Prov.	1:7-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Tues	Prov.	2:1-8	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Wed	Prov.	2:9-15	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Thur	Prov.	3:1-10	<input type="checkbox"/>
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13 Sat	Prov.	3:27-32	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Sun	Prov.	4:10-19	<input type="checkbox"/>
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20 Sat	Prov.	15:13-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Sun	Prov.	16:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 Mon	Prov.	16:16-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
23 Tues	Prov.	25:19-28	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Wed	1 Cor.	1:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 Thur	1 Cor.	1:10-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Fri	1 Cor.	1:18-25	<input type="checkbox"/>
27 Sat	1 Cor.	1:26-31	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Sun	1 Cor.	2:1-5	<input type="checkbox"/>
29 Mon	1 Cor.	3:1-9	<input type="checkbox"/>
30 Tues	1 Cor.	3:10-17	<input type="checkbox"/>



Readers' Response



"Hey kids - this is YOUR page - so send in (original materials)

your favourite joke, one of your own poems or prayers, a letter or a question about being a Christian and it might

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He who endures to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13

Now there was a day when [Job's] sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; and there came a messenger to Job, and said, "The oxen were plowing and the asses feeding beside them; and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them, and slew the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, there came another, and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was yet speaking, there came another, and said, "The Chaldeans formed three companies, and made a raid upon the camels and took them, and slew the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to

tell you." While he was yet speaking, there came another, and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness, and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell upon the ground, and worshipped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." In all this, Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

Job 1:13-22

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pummel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Noah

Many years ago people on earth became very wicked. God was sad and his heart was filled with pain when he saw how bad people had become. He decided that he would destroy the world with a flood.

At that time there was a man named Noah. Noah had a wife and three sons. Noah was a good man who loved God and he was God's friend.

One day God spoke to Noah. He told Noah that he was going to destroy those living on the earth with a flood. He asked Noah to build an ark so that he and his wife and family would be safe. He also told Noah to take animals and birds of every kind into the ark so that they could be kept alive.

Noah started building. People would have laughed at him. "What are you doing Noah? What are you building that for?" Noah told them what God had said but they didn't believe him.

He did everything just as God had told him to do. It took him such a long time to build that huge boat but I'm sure that his wife, his sons and their wives helped where they could. Noah kept working and working until finally it was finished. Then God said to Noah.

"Noah, I want you to come into the ark. Bring your wife, your sons and their wives and all the animals because in seven days I will destroy the earth with a flood." Again Noah did as God told him to do. When all Noah's family, the animals and birds were inside the ark, God shut the door and the rain started. It rained for forty days until everything on the earth was covered with water.

Many people would have knocked at the door but it was too late because God had shut the door.

Jesus has promised that one day He will return to this world to take those who love Him to heaven. Just like it was in Noah's day many people laugh and don't believe that Jesus will come back again. But as in Noah's day, one day it will be too late to trust Jesus. Why not trust Jesus today?

Noah was kept safe inside the ark until the water dried up on the earth. At this time Noah and his family were able to leave the ark and start a new life.

Persevere

See if you can decode the puzzle and work out what this verse says. Numbers are constant for letters throughout the puzzle. Numbers for the word persevere have been included to help you get started.

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14 6 3 3 21 15 22 24 20 10 21 18 26 17 15 22 21 1 12

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18 26 17 15 22 21 1 12 6 2 7 18 26 17 15

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Perseverance.....

Ruth heard the whispering stop as she got near the other girls. She sighed to herself, knowing it was no good taking any notice of them. She said, “Hullo!” as pleasantly as she could as she went past them, but they didn’t say anything. She sighed to herself as she bent down and started to gather the left over pieces of wheat stalks that the reapers had let drop as they did their job. After all, she thought, it was great to think she was able to get some grain for her mother-in-law. The God of Israel must surely be looking after her.

Ruth had come from the land of Moab with her mother-in-law Naomi after both their husbands had died. Naomi was returning to her home land of Israel, and Ruth had a great desire to stay with her wherever she went. “It won’t be easy for you Ruth”, Naomi had said, “People will talk about you because you are different, and they won’t like you.”

Ruth said, “I don’t want to leave you even if they do. I want your people to be my people and your God to be my God. Where you die I will, and I want to be buried next to you!”

“Bless you, my daughter”, said Naomi and they hurried on their way. It was a long journey, but they kept on going, persevering and never giving up.

Now here she was, gathering wheat to take home for Naomi to thresh and keep the precious grain for the coming winter months. She noticed the owner of the fields coming towards them. She knew who he was, and that his name was Boaz. Naomi had told her that he was a distant relative of her husband.

He came out quite often and made sure that the girls of the poorer people were having a fair chance to gather wheat for their families. He had found out who Ruth was and how she had come to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi. He saw that she worked hard, and took a large bundle home to Naomi each night. There was no doubt that she persevered in spite of the hostility of the other girls.

At last the wheat harvest was over and the barley harvest began. Again, Ruth went out day after day. The other girls were starting to greet her each morning now. After all, they said to each other, Naomi **was** one of them and Ruth seemed quite nice, and worked hard for her.

Not only was Ruth learning about the ways of Naomi’s people, but she was learning about Naomi’s God. She wanted more than anything to be accepted by Him, and listened to everything that Naomi could tell her

God knew what Ruth’s desires were, and because she honoured Him in her heart and actions, God honoured her. After the harvest was over, and Boaz had more time to think he realised that as relative, he could buy back the land that had belonged to Naomi’s husband, and give it to her. If this happened, then he should marry Ruth too, and care for her as she had no husband alive to look after her.

When Ruth heard of his intentions, she knew for certain that God was indeed watching over her. Soon, she not only had a caring husband, but her baby son became the grandfather of Israel’s most famous king, David.

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O	L	A	O	G	H
P	L	E	A	S	E

2 Corinthians ___ verse ___ a.

You will find the word 'SO' in the shaded box. The first letter of the next word must touch the square containing the last letter of 'SO' and this pattern will continue for each successive word. The final two numbers will fill in the chapter and verse spaces. (Note - Words may go in any direction.)

Percy the paper boy

It was 4 o'clock and Percy was preparing for his newspaper run. He picked up his shoes, but as he put them on, one of the shoe laces snapped. He didn't have time to look for another, so he undid the lace and tied a knot in it. He'd fix it properly when he returned home.

Percy grabbed his bicycle and rode out the driveway. Something wasn't right. *Oh no... the back tyre was flat.* He found the pump in the back shed and as fast as could he pumped up the tyre and did up the screw.

He was on his way at last. At the store where the newspapers were waiting, someone had parked their vehicle in the wrong place, and Percy had to go round the long way to collect his heavy bundle of papers.

Just as he lifted them onto his bicycle, the owner of the van came out of the shop and carelessly knocked over his bicycle and all the papers tumbled onto the ground. The man glared at him, but Percy didn't say anything. He just sighed and carried on sorting the papers and reloading them onto his bicycle.

Percy had 50 newspapers to deliver and he knew the route well. Some people liked their paper put in their letterbox, while others liked it delivered to the front door. Mr Grant's house was always a challenge as it was set back from the road and the front door had rose bushes growing on either side. Sometimes the paper would land in the correct position first time, but often Percy had to get off his bicycle and take the time to place the paper on the door mat. He always made sure his papers were delivered correctly, even if it took him longer than everyone else.

Some people looked out for Percy as he

came by each day. They liked to chat to him and sometimes they had small chores for him to do such as opening a new jar of pickles or changing a light bulb. At number 63, there was a large dog named Rover and he didn't like anyone coming onto his property. Percy would wait until Rover was out of sight, then he'd dash across the lawn to put the paper on the shelf at the front door. Sometimes he'd have to wait for several minutes until Rover was distracted elsewhere, but he always ensured the paper was delivered to the right place. When it rained, Percy's run took a lot longer, as he made sure everyone's paper was put in a dry place.

The other boys and girls laughed at him as they saw it as a chance to get rid of the papers as fast as possible to avoid getting wet themselves. Every year the newspaper held a competition for subscribers to choose the best delivery boy or girl in the area. When the votes were counted, a special presentation was made. The prizes were awarded and a photograph of the winner appeared in the newspaper under the heading:

For diligence, commitment and reliability First prize is awarded (for the third year running) to **Master Percy Verance**. Well done Percy. You're the best!

"Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."




Colossians 3:23

Believers

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

See if you can find the names of these people from the Bible who followed God. Dorcas, James, Silas, Stephen, Hannah, Abel, Job, Noah, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob, Phoebe, Elijah, John, Peter, Paul, Mary, Esther, Enoch, Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Samuel, Moses, Josiah, David Daniel One person is listed twice. He still followed God even when he suffered some terrible things. What was his name? _____
 Now find the name of the One who suffered for our sin. _____





*And let us not grow weary in well-doing,
for in due season we shall reap,
if we do not lose heart.*

Galatians 6:9