

Children Sabbath School Lesson #65 for 3-1-2014
Song for opening the Sabbath School:

“Come unto Me”

(A Song from the Book of Matthew 11:28-30)

Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.

Opening Prayer – requesting one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer

Lesson #65: “The Voice in the Wilderness” Part 2

John 1:23 (KJV)

He said, I [am] the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

*This week boys and girls, we will continue with part 2 in our lesson book, entitle
“The Voice in the Wilderness”!*

2 Samuel 23:4 (KJV)

And [he shall be] as the light of the morning, [when] the sun riseth, [even] a morning without clouds; [as] the tender grass [springing] out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Isaiah 40:5 (KJV)

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see [it] together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

Isaiah 11:4 (KJV)

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Isaiah 32:2 (KJV)

And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Isaiah 62:4 (KJV)

Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

Let's continue in our book Desire of Ages, Chapter #10, pages 100 - 103

John was to go forth as Jehovah's messenger, to bring to men the light of God. He must give a new direction to their thoughts. He must impress them with the holiness of God's requirements, and their need of His perfect righteousness. Such a messenger must be holy. He must be a temple for the indwelling Spirit of God. In order to fulfill his mission, he must have a sound physical constitution, and mental and spiritual strength. Therefore it would be necessary for him to control the appetites and passions. He must be able so to control all his powers that he could stand among men as unmoved by surrounding circumstances as the rocks and mountains of the wilderness. {DA 100.3}

In the time of John the Baptist, greed for riches, and the love of luxury and display had become widespread. Sensuous pleasures, feasting and drinking, were causing physical disease and degeneracy, benumbing the spiritual perceptions, and lessening the sensibility to sin. John was to stand as a reformer. By his abstemious life and plain dress he was to rebuke the excesses of his time. Hence the directions given to the parents of John,--a lesson of temperance by an angel from the throne of heaven. {DA 100.4}

Question: Boys & girls, what must a messenger of God be? And, what had become widespread in the time of John the Baptist?

Answer: He must be a temple for the indwelling Spirit of God. And, sensuous pleasures, feasting and drinking, were causing physical disease and degeneracy, benumbing the spiritual perceptions, and lessening the sensibility to sin.

In childhood and youth the character is most impressible. The power of self-control should then be acquired. By the fireside and at the family board influences are exerted whose results are as enduring as eternity. More than any natural endowment, the habits established in early years decide whether a man will be victorious or vanquished in the battle of life. Youth is the sowing time. It determines the character of the harvest, for this life and for the life to come. {DA 101.1}

As a prophet, John was "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." In preparing the way for Christ's first advent, he was a representative of those who are to prepare a people for our Lord's second coming. The world is given to self-indulgence. Errors and fables abound. Satan's snares for destroying souls are multiplied. All who would perfect holiness in the fear of God must learn the lessons of temperance and self-control. The appetites and passions must be held in subjection to the higher powers of the mind. This self-discipline is essential to that mental strength and spiritual insight which will enable us to understand and to practice the sacred truths of God's word. For this reason temperance finds its place in the work of preparation for Christ's second coming. {DA 101.2}

Question: Boys & girls, when is the character most impressible, as well as the time for sowing good character? And what was John to do for the Lord?

Answer: In childhood and youth, is the sowing time. It determines the character of the harvest, for this life and for the life to come. And John was "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

In the natural order of things, the son of Zacharias would have been educated for the priesthood. But the training of the rabbinical schools would have unfitted him for his work. God did not send him to the teachers of theology to learn how to interpret the Scriptures. He called him to the desert, that he might learn of nature and nature's God. {DA 101.3}

It was a lonely region where he found his home, in the midst of barren hills, wild ravines, and rocky caves. But it was his choice to forgo the enjoyments and luxuries of life for the stern discipline of the wilderness. Here his surroundings were favorable to habits of simplicity and self-denial. Uninterrupted by the clamor of the world, he could here study the lessons of nature, of revelation, and of Providence. The words of the angel to Zacharias had been often repeated to John by his God-fearing parents. From childhood his mission had been kept before him, and he had accepted the holy trust. To him the solitude of the desert was a welcome escape from society in which suspicion, unbelief, and impurity had become well-nigh all-pervading. He distrusted his own power to withstand temptation, and shrank from constant contact with sin, lest he should lose the sense of its exceeding sinfulness. {DA 101.4}

Dedicated to God as a Nazarite from his birth, he made the vow his own in a life-long consecration. His dress was that of the ancient prophets, a garment of camel's hair, confined by a leather girdle. He ate the "locusts and wild honey" found in the wilderness, and drank the pure water from the hills. {DA 102.1}

Question: Boys & girls, where and what did God used to train John for priesthood? And how did he feel about the desert as his home?

Answer: He called him to the desert that he might learn of nature and nature's God. To him the solitude of the desert was a welcome escape from society in which suspicion, unbelief, and impurity had become well-nigh all-pervading.

But the life of John was not spent in idleness, in ascetic gloom, or in selfish isolation. From time to time he went forth to mingle with men; and he was ever an interested observer of what was passing in the world. From his quiet retreat he watched the unfolding of events. With vision illuminated by the divine Spirit he studied the characters of men, that he might understand how to reach their hearts with the message of heaven. The burden of his mission was upon him. In solitude, by meditation and prayer, he sought to gird up his soul for the lifework before him. {DA 102.2}

Although in the wilderness, he was not exempt from temptation. So far as possible, he closed every avenue by which Satan could enter, yet he was still assailed by the tempter. But his spiritual perceptions were clear; he had developed strength and decision of character, and through the aid of the Holy Spirit he was able to detect Satan's approaches, and to resist his power. {DA 102.3}

John found in the wilderness his school and his sanctuary. Like Moses amid the mountains of Midian, he was shut in by God's presence, and surrounded by the evidences of His power. It was not his lot to dwell, as did Israel's great leader, amid the solemn majesty of the mountain solitudes; but before him were the heights of Moab, beyond Jordan, speaking of Him who had set fast the mountains, and girded them with strength. The gloomy and terrible aspect of nature in his wilderness home vividly pictured the condition of Israel. The fruitful vineyard of the Lord had become a desolate waste. But above the desert the heavens bent bright and beautiful. The clouds that gathered, dark with tempest, were arched by the rainbow of promise. So above Israel's degradation shone the promised glory of the Messiah's reign. The clouds of wrath were spanned by the rainbow of His covenant-mercy. {DA 102.4}

Alone in the silent night he read God's promise to Abraham of a seed numberless as the stars. The light of dawn, gilding the mountains of Moab, told of Him who should be as "the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds." **2 Samuel 23:4**. And in the brightness of noontide he saw the splendor of His manifestation, when "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." **Isaiah 40:5**. {DA 102.5}

Question: Boys & girls, was John exempt from the devil's temptation although in the wilderness? And what did he find in the wilderness?

Answer: He was not exempt from temptation. So far as possible, he closed every avenue by which Satan could enter, yet he was still assailed by the tempter. But his spiritual perceptions were clear; he had developed strength and decision of character. And his school and his sanctuary.

Song: *Let's learn a beautiful hymn together dear ones!*

James 4:7-8 (KJV)

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners;
and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded.

With awed yet exultant spirit he searched in the prophetic scrolls the revelations of the Messiah's coming,--the promised seed that should bruise the serpent's head; Shiloh, "the peace giver," who was to appear before a king should cease to reign on David's throne. Now the time had come. A Roman ruler sat in the palace upon Mount Zion. By the sure word of the Lord, already the Christ was born. {DA 103.1}

Isaiah's rapt portrayals of the Messiah's glory were his study by day and by night,--the Branch from the root of Jesse; a King to reign in righteousness, judging "with equity for the meek of the earth;" "a covert from the tempest; . . . the shadow of a great rock in a weary land;" Israel no longer to be termed "Forsaken," nor her land "Desolate," but to be called of the Lord, "My Delight," and her land "Beulah." **Isaiah 11:4; 32:2; 62:4**, margin. The heart of the lonely exile was filled with the glorious vision. {DA 103.2}

Question: Boys & girls, with awed yet exultant spirit where did he search of the coming Messiah? And what was his study by day and by night?

Answer: In the prophetic scrolls. And Isaiah's rapt portrayals of the Messiah's glory--the Branch from the root of Jesse; a King to reign in righteousness, judging "with equity for the meek of the earth.

Song: *Let's learn a beautiful song together dear ones!*

Romans 11:33 (KJV)

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!
how unsearchable [are] his judgments,
and his ways past finding out!

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Closing Prayer – request one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer

Next Sabbath: *Chapter 10 "The Voice in the Wilderness" Part 3 on Sabbath March 8, 2014.*

Have a Blessed Sabbath dear one, and enjoy your activities. God Bless!
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Matthew 3:1-2 (KJV)

*In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

Word Search Puzzle

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

ABSTEMIOUS
ACQUIRED
APPETITES
BAPTIST
BENUMBING
CIRCUMSTANCES
CONSECRATION
CONSTITUTION
DEGENERACY
DISPLAY

ENDOWMENT
EXCESSES
EXERTED
GIRDLE
IMPRESS
JEHOVAH
LUXURIES
LUXURY
MISSION
NAZARITE

PERCEPTIONS
PHYSICAL
RABBINICAL
RAVINES
REBUKE
REFORMER
REQUIREMENTS
REVELATION
SENSIBILITY
SENSUOUS

SOLITUDE
SPIRITUAL
THEOLOGY
UNFITTED
UNINTERRUPTED
UNMOVED
VANQUISHED
VICTORIOUS
WIDESPREAD
WILDERNESS

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

Cryptogram Puzzle #1

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
2	24	18	21	16			13	8					23			17						3			

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Unscramble the Cryptogram Puzzle #1
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

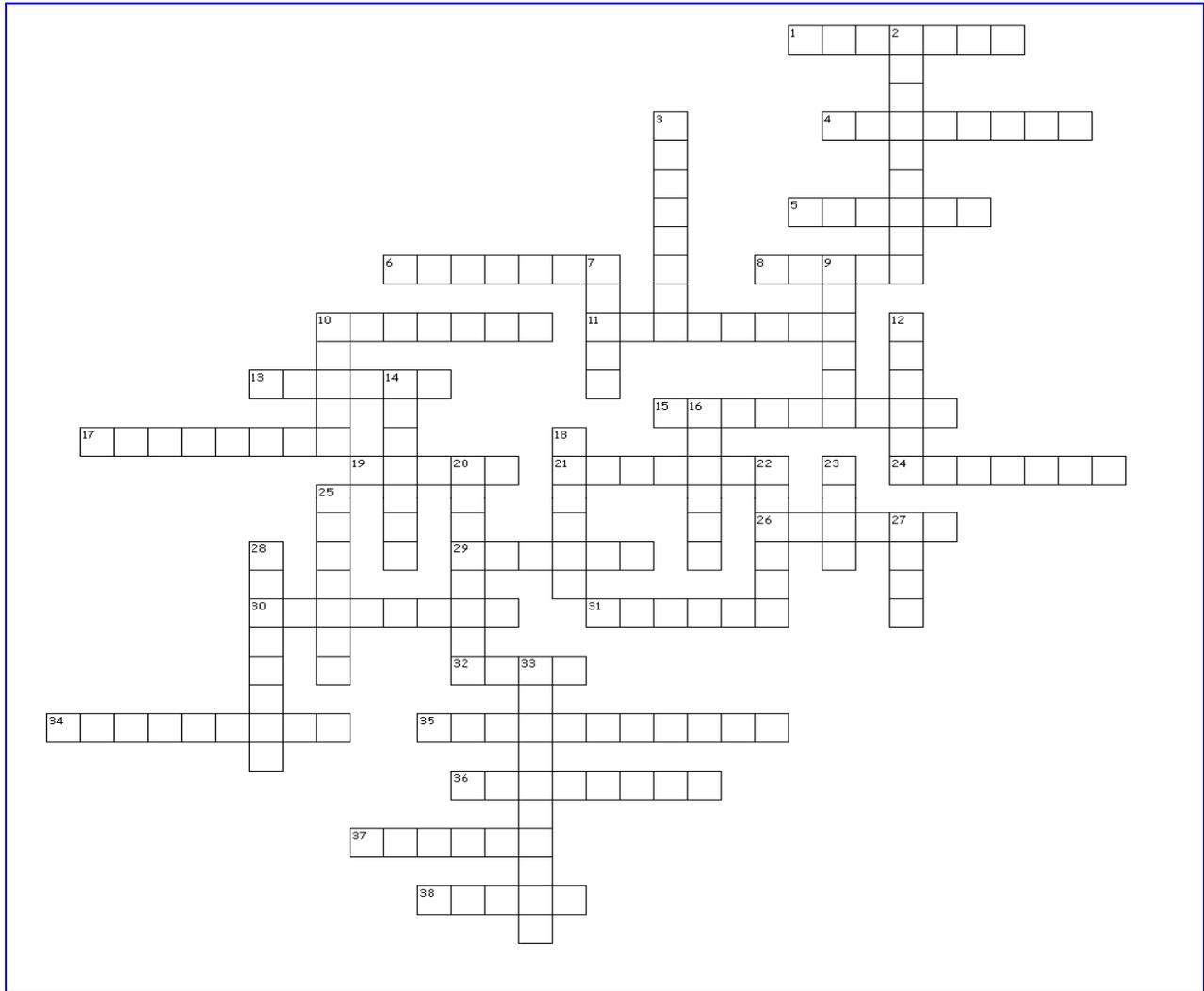
Cryptogram Puzzle #2

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Unscramble the Cryptogram Puzzle #2
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.
A clue for the double puzzle word phrase is on Page#6

Crisscross Puzzle



LOCUSTS
IDLENESS
ASCETIC
ISOLATION
SOLITUDE
EXEMPT
ASSAILED
MIDIAN
EVIDENCES
MAJESTY

MOAB
GLOOMY
RAINBOW
DEGRADATION
SPLENDOR
AWED
EXULTANT
PROPHETIC
SCROLLS

SHILOH
RAPT
PORTRAYALS
DESOLATE
DELIGHT
BEULAH
BRUISE
ROMAN
MOUNT
ISAIAH

BRANCH
JESSE
EQUITY
COVERT
TEMPEST
WEARY
FORSAKEN
EXILE
GLORIOUS
VISION

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Activities Answer Key

Word Search Puzzle Solution

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 X E C P E O A E + O Y + A B + I + T C +
 U R I E R I C T + N + G U V S + P + N +
 R P S T P T Q R N S + K O S O U + S A +
 Y M Y I S A U E + E E B I L R H U + T V
 C I H T E L I X + C M M A R O E P S I
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(Over, Down, Direction)

ABSTEMIOUS (1, 11, SE)	ENDOWMENT (16, 12, NW)	PERCEPTIONS (18, 7, SW)	SOLITUDE (4, 19, E)
ACQUIRED (7, 3, S)	EXCESSES (1, 10, SE)	PHYSICAL (3, 8, N)	SPIRITUAL (11, 15, E)
APPETITES (4, 1, S)	EXERTED (8, 8, N)	RABBINICAL (20, 16, W)	THEOLOGY (18, 10, NW)
BAPTIST (12, 6, SE)	GIRDLE (7, 14, NW)	RAVINES (11, 20, E)	UNFITTED (17, 19, W)
BENUMBING (20, 17, W)	IMPRESS (2, 7, N)	REBUKE (16, 1, SW)	UNINTERRUPTED (8, 13, NE)
CIRCUMSTANCES (19, 13, N)	JEHOVAH (18, 8, NW)	REFORMER (13, 18, E)	UNMOVED (1, 18, E)
CONSECRATION (10, 2, S)	LUXURIES (1, 19, N)	REQUIREMENTS (6, 11, E)	VANQUISHED (11, 8, SW)
CONSTITUTION (1, 7, SE)	LUXURY (1, 1, S)	REVELATION (6, 11, N)	VICTORIOUS (20, 6, S)
DEGENERACY (5, 1, E)	MISSION (12, 7, NE)	SENSIBILITY (19, 14, W)	WIDESPREAD (5, 10, N)
DISPLAY (7, 20, W)	NAZARITE (18, 13, W)	SENSUOUS (11, 12, NE)	WILDERNESS (10, 18, NW)

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Crisscross Puzzle
Solution

Across

1. DELIGHT
4. IDLENESS
5. BRUISE
6. RAINBOW
8. ROMAN
10. MAJESTY
11. ASSAILED
13. BEULAH
15. EVIDENCES
17. EXALTANT
19. JESSE
21. LOCUST
24. TEMPEST
26. ISAIAH
29. EXEMPT
30. SOLITUDE
31. BRANCH
32. RAPT
34. PROPHETIC
35. DEGRADATION
36. FORSAKEN
37. EQUITY
38. EXILE

Down

2. ISOLATION
3. GLORIOUS
7. WEARY
9. MIDIAN
10. MOUNT
12. COVERT
14. ASCETIC
16. VISION
18. GLOOMY
20. SPLENDOR
22. SHILOH
23. MOAB
25. SCROLLS
27. AWED
28. DESOLATE
33. PORTRAALS

They are 23 words across and 16 words down in the Crisscross Puzzle

