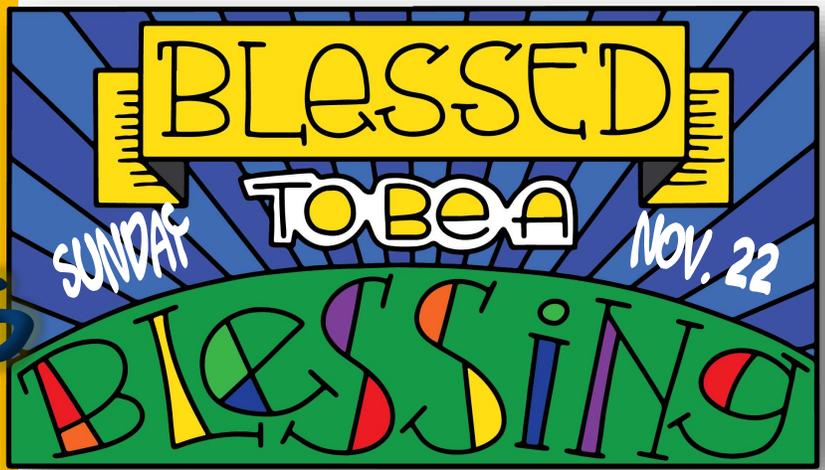


MESSY Church MINI-MESS



LEW INSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - "BRINGING HOME THE MESS"



Worry and Trust Don't Mix

THIS IS AN OBJECT LESSON TO DEMONSTRATE HOW OUR HEARTS CANNOT BE FULLY TRUSTING THE LORD AND BE FULL OF WORRY AT THE SAME TIME.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- COOKING OIL
- WATER
- 3 CLEAR CONTAINERS (2 SMALLER AND 1 LARGER)
- FOOD COLORING

WORRY-POUR SOME OF THE OIL INTO ONE OF THE SMALLER CLEAR CONTAINERS. THE OIL IS GOING TO REPRESENT WORRY. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WORRY? WORRY IS WHEN WE ARE AFRAID OR CONCERNED BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

TRUST-NOW POUR SOME WATER INTO A SECOND CLEAR CONTAINER. ADD SOME FOOD COLORING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO SEE. THE WATER REPRESENTS TRUSTING GOD. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TRUST GOD? TRUSTING GOD MEANS THAT WE REMEMBER HE IS IN CONTROL AND KNOWS EVERYTHING. WE DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID BECAUSE GOD IS TAKING CARE OF US. DOES GOD WANT US TO WORRY OR TO TRUST IN HIM? CAN WE TRUST GOD AND WORRY AT THE SAME TIME? LET'S LET OUR 'WORRY'

AND 'TRUST' SHOW US THE ANSWER. CAN TRUST AND WORRY MIX? CAN THEY BLEND AND BE HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME?

POUR SOME OF THE OIL AND WATER INTO THE THIRD CONTAINER AT THE SAME TIME. THE OIL AND WATER WILL APPEAR TO MIX AT FIRST. BUT, AS THE CHILDREN WATCH THEY WILL SLOWLY SEE THE TWO SEPARATE WITH THE OIL RESTING ON TOP OF THE WATER.



FROM LOOKING AT OUR

DEMONSTRATION OF WORRY

AND TRUST, CAN THE TWO BE MIXED TOGETHER AND HAPPEN AT THE SAME TIME? NO, OUR HEARTS CANNOT BE FULLY TRUSTING GOD AND WORRYING AT THE SAME TIME. THE TWO DO NOT MIX. GOD WANTS US TO TRUST IN HIM WHENEVER WE ARE TEMPTED TO WORRY BECAUSE HE CARES FOR US. HE IS IN CONTROL AND KNOWS ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST, IS HAPPENING NOW IN THE PRESENT, AND EVER WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. GOD IS MORE THAN WORTHY OF FULL TRUST.

How to make Worry Dolls



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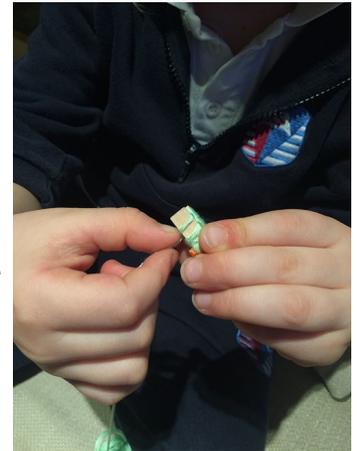
WORRY DOLLS COME FROM GUATEMALA AND WERE CREATED AS A REMEDY FOR WORRYING. ACCORDING TO MAYAN LEGENDS, WHEN SOMEONE IS KEPT AWAKE WORRYING, THEY TELL THEIR WORRY TO AS MANY DOLLS AS THEY NEED TO. THE DOLLS ARE THEN PLACED UNDER THE PILLOW. THE DOLLS ARE MEANT TO THEN TAKE OVER WORRYING, WHICH LEAVES THE PERSON ABLE TO GET A GOOD NIGHT SLEEP.

YOU WILL NEED:

- CRAFT CLIPS
- EMBROIDERY THREAD
- GLUE
- SCISSORS
- FLARE PENS

THIS CRAFT CAN BE A LITTLE TRICKY FOR SMALLER ONES.

1. FIRST CHOOSE THREE DIFFERENT COLORS FOR YOUR WORRY DOLL.
2. THEN STARTING AT THE TOP ADD A LITTLE GLUE AND PRESS THE END OF YOUR FIRST THREAD INTO. THEN BEGIN TO WIND THE THREAD AROUND THE TOP 3RD. WHEN YOU HAVE WOUND IT ENOUGH THEN ADD A LITTLE BIT OF GLUE TO THE END OF THE THREAD AND PRESS DOWN TO SECURE IT.
3. WRAPPING THE LEGS IS SLIGHTLY HARDER THAN THE REST OF THE DOLL. REPEAT THIS FOR THE NEXT TWO COLORS. WHEN YOU GET TO THE "LEGS" YOU CAN WRAP THEM INDIVIDUALLY, OR NOT. WE WENT DOWN ONE LEG, THEN BACK UP AND THEN DID THE OTHER ONE.

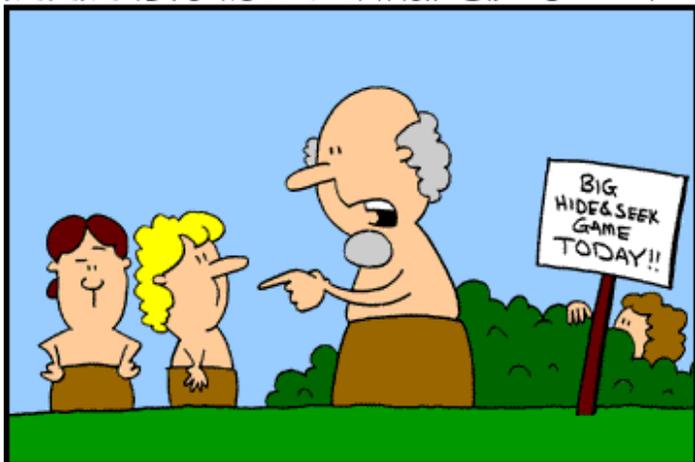


4. NEXT ADD A LITTLE BIT OF GLUE TO THE TOP AND BOTTOM WHERE THE THREAD IS RIGHT AT THE END OF THE CLIP. THIS IS TO STOP IT COMING OFF.
5. FINALLY ADD A FACE USING PEN.

(FOR YOUNGER KIDS): NOW AS YOU CAN SEE THIS CAN BE RATHER TRICKY. SO FOR LITTLE ONES, INSTEAD OF USING THREAD, LET THEM COLOR THE CLIPS IN WITH PENS. ONCE WE HAD FINISHED OUR WORRY DOLLS WE FOUND SOME LITTLE BOXES TO KEEP THEM IN.

THE DOLLS ARE TRADITIONALLY PLACED UNDER THE PILLOW. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE DOING THIS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN YOU MAY WANT TO PUT THEM BACK IN THE BOX SO THAT THEY DON'T POSE A CHOKING HAZARD.

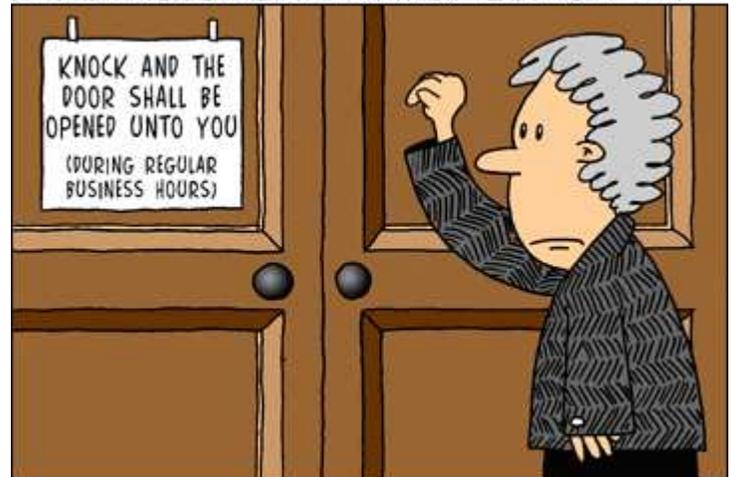
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I TELL YOU AGAIN, SEEK JESUS AND YE SHALL FIND HIM

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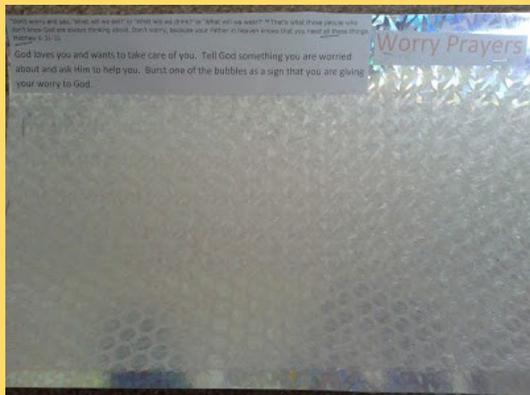
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BUBBLEWRAP WORRY PRAYERS!

WHAT JESUS TEACHES ABOUT WORRY IN MATTHEW 6.

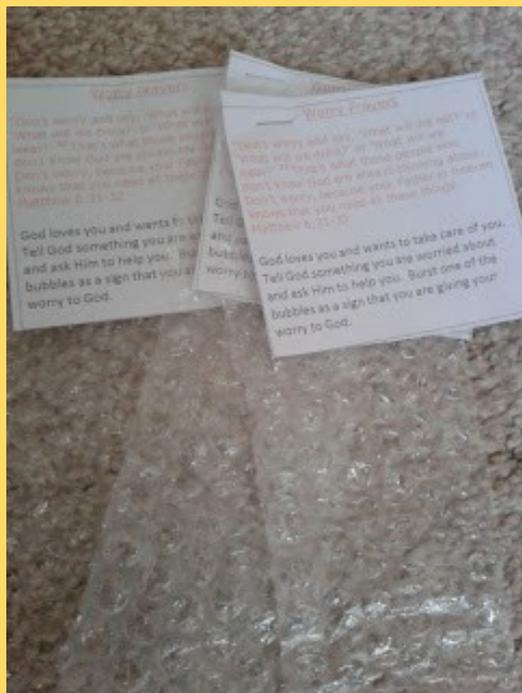
WE HAVE TO TRUST GOD TO TAKE CARE OF OUR WORRIES AND THAT SOMETIMES THAT MEANS THAT WE INTENTIONALLY HAVE TO GIVE THEM TO HIM AND ASK HIM TO HELP US. THIS IS AN IDEA FOR PRAYING IN A TACTILE WAY INVOLVING A DELIBERATE ACTION OF RELEASE. WHAT BETTER THAN BUBBLE WRAP!!

GET A ROLL OF BUBBLE WRAP OR SAVE SOME FROM ANY PACKAGES RECEIVED. FOR THIS CREATIVE PRAYER IDEA THIS IS WHAT WE'RE GOING DO WITH IT...



TAKE IT IN TURNS TO TELL GOD SOMETHING THAT IS WORRYING YOU (EITHER ALOUD OR SILENTLY) AND THEN POP ONE OF THE BUBBLES AS A SIGN THAT YOU HAVE ASKED GOD TO HELP AND HAVE RELEASED YOUR WORRY TO HIM.

CUT SOME STRIPS FOR EACH CHILD TO TAKE HOME WITH THEM SO THAT, WHEN THEY WORRY OVER THE COMING WEEK, THEY CAN RELEASE THEIR WORRIES TO GOD.



STRAW ROCKET PRAYERS

HERE'S A FUN WAY TO GET CHILDREN TO ENGAGE IN THANKING GOD AND ASKING FOR BLESSING WHILE ALSO SYMBOLICALLY RELEASING THEIR PRAYERS INTO HIS HANDS.



FIRST, GET CHILDREN TO WRITE AND DRAW THEIR PRAYERS ON A SMALL SLIP OF PAPER (ABOUT THE SIZE OF AN AVERAGE RECEIPT).

NEXT, ROLL THE PAPER TIGHTLY ROUND A STRAW (THE LONG STRAIGHT PART RATHER THAN THE BENDY PART!) AND SECURE IT WITH SELLOTAPE. FOLD THE TOP OF THE PAPER OVER AND SECURE IT WITH SOME MORE SELLOTAPE. THE PAPER WILL NOW HAVE MADE A SEALED POCKET AROUND THE TOP OF THE STRAW. TALK TO CHILDREN ABOUT RELEASING PRAYERS TO GOD AND TRUSTING IN HIS LOVE AND HIS POWER. SAY A SHORT PRAYER, GIVING YOUR PRAYERS TO GOD AND THEN BLOW ON THE FREE END OF THE STRAW. WATCH THE PRAYER ROCKET FLY AS YOU RELEASE YOUR PRAYERS!



GRATITUDE FROM A TO Z

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS! NAME SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THAT BEGIN WITH EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET

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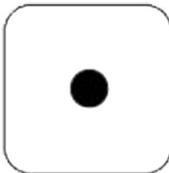
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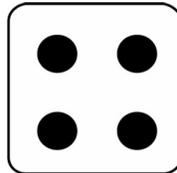


GRATITUDE GAME

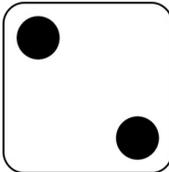
Instructions: Roll the dice and answer the question



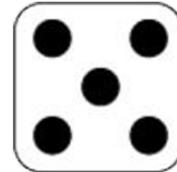
What are you most grateful for today?



Name a person who has inspired you this year



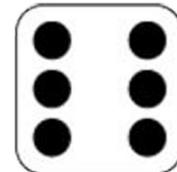
Name a person who has helped you the most this year



What is your favorite Thanksgiving Tradition?



What is the most valuable lesson you've learned this year?



If you could donate a million dollars. Where would you donate the money?



NOVEMBER 22 IS CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY FALLS ON THE LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT. ADVENT BEGINS A NEW CHURCH YEAR, AND IT STARTS FROM THE BEGINNING, WITH THE EXPECTATION AND LONGING AS WE AWAIT THE BIRTH OF JESUS. CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY MARKS THE END OF ONE CHURCH YEAR, AND HELPS US TO TRANSITION INTO A NEW ONE. IN THAT WAY, CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY IS A LITTLE BIT LIKE NEW YEAR'S EVE FOR THE CHURCH.



SOMETIMES ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR, WE THINK BACK ABOUT HOW THE YEAR WENT. WE THINK ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS AND THE TOUGH THINGS, AND THEN WE DECIDE WHAT THINGS WE WANT TO DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE. SOMETIMES WE CALL THESE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTIONS DON'T ALWAYS WORK VERY WELL, THOUGH. IT'S EASY TO GO BACK TO OUR OLD HABITS. BUT, MAYBE IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO THINK ABOUT THE KIND OF PEOPLE WE HOPE TO BE...TO THINK ABOUT THE KINDS OF CHOICES WE WANT TO MAKE AND MAKE CHANGES IF WE NEED TO.

SO, BEFORE WE START A NEW CHURCH YEAR, WE ARE CELEBRATING CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – THE DAY WE SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS KING. WHAT DO KINGS DO? KINGS ARE THE ONES IN CHARGE, RIGHT? THEY MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS, AND GOOD KINGS TRY TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL BE GOOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE – NOT JUST FOR HIMSELF.

JESUS IS OUR KING! AND ON THIS LAST SUNDAY BEFORE WE ENTER INTO ADVENT, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE LIVING

AS CHILDREN OF THE KING. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CARE ABOUT THE THINGS JESUS CARES ABOUT. WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DO YOU THINK JESUS CARES ABOUT? JESUS CARES ABOUT THE WAY WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS. HE CARES ABOUT THE CHOICES WE MAKE. JESUS CARES ABOUT THE WAY WE LOVE GOD, AND ABOUT THE WAY WE GROW TO BECOME MORE LIKE HIM. ON THIS LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR, LET'S DECIDE WE WANT TO LIVE NEXT YEAR A LITTLE BIT MORE LIKE CHILDREN OF THE KING.



CROWN OF THORNS SNACK

INGREDIENTS:

- SUGAR COOKIES OR ROUND CRACKERS
- SMOOTH PEANUT BUTTER
- MINI TWIST PRETZELS (BROKEN INTO PIECES)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. SPREAD THE PEANUT BUTTER (OR NUTELLA) ONTO THE SUGAR COOKIE OR CRACKER. PLACE THE MINI TWIST PRETZELS AROUND THE EDGES OF THE SPREAD PEANUT BUTTER AND PRESS TO SECURE.



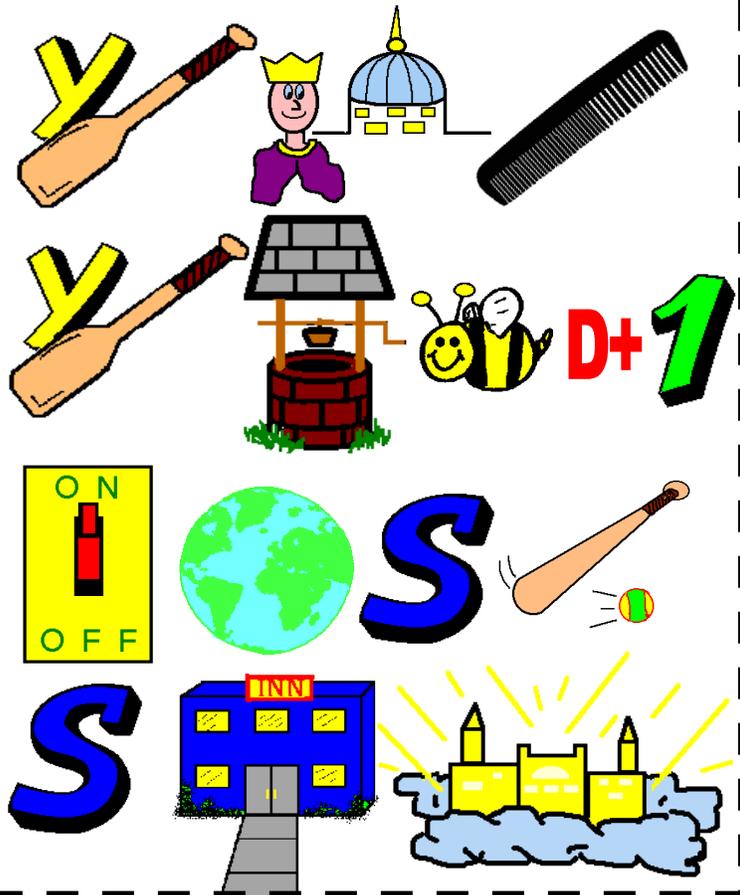
HOW TO MAKE A PAPER CROWN

YOU WILL NEED:

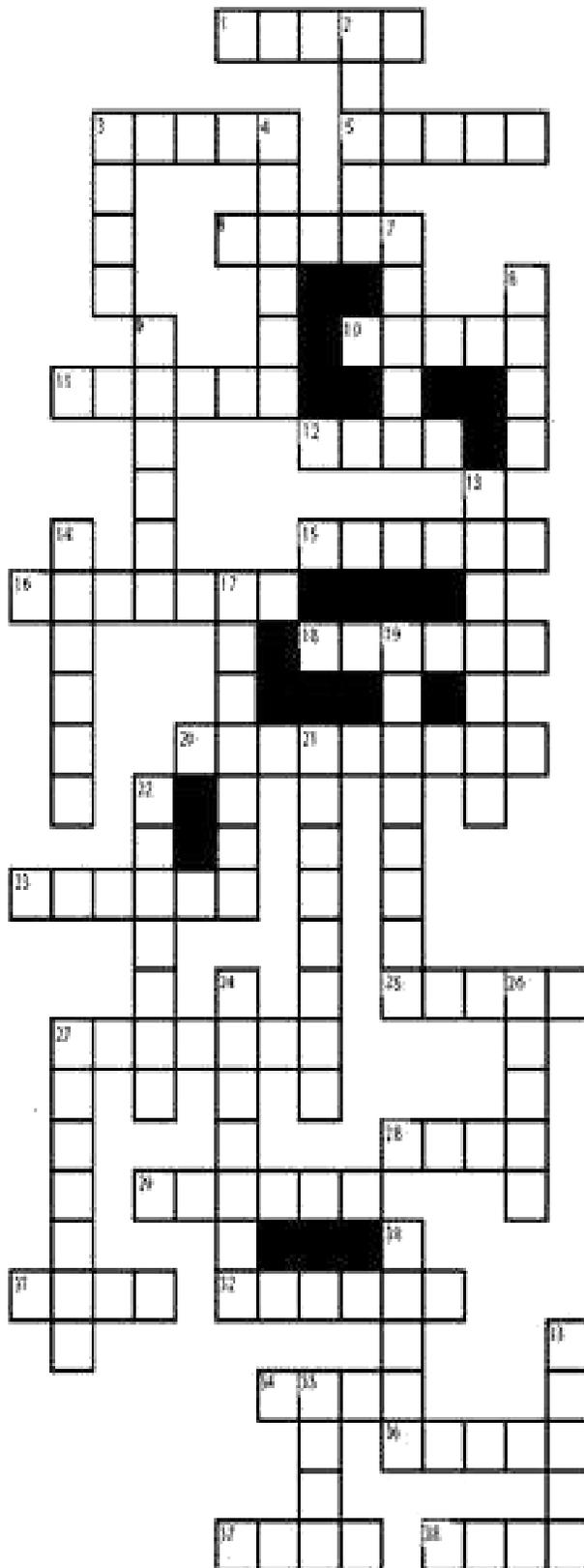
- **8** PIECES OF PAPER (ORIGAMI PAPER OR OTHER) CUT INTO SQUARE SHAPES
- GLUE STICK OR LIQUID GLUE

VIEW THE FILM ABOVE FOR DIRECTIONS TO CREATE.

CAN YOU TRANSLATE THIS REBUS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE TAKEN FROM MATTHEW 6:10-THE LORD'S PRAYER:



Sermon on The Mount



ACROSS

- 1 "____, and it shall be opened unto you."
- 3 "A good tree cannot ____ forth evil fruit"
- 5 "I will liken him unto a wise man, which ____ his house upon a rock."
- 6 Lay not up treasures here
- 10 "Beware of ____ prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing"
- 11 "Neither cast ye your ____ before swine"
- 12 "Because strait is the ____, and narrow is the way"
- 15 "Ye shall know them by their ____."
- 16 "And every one that ____ these sayings of mine, and doeth"
- 18 "Consider the ____ of the field, how they grow."
- 20 "For he taught them as one having ____, and not as the scribes."
- 23 Jesus told them to "enter into thy ____" to pray and shut the door!
- 25 "Give us this day, our ____ bread"
- 27 "As we ____ our debtors"
- 28 "Or if he ask a ____, will he give him a serpent?"
- 29 "Judge not that ye be not ____."
- 31 "And the winds blew, and ____ upon that house"
- 32 "Ye cannot serve God and ____."
- 34 "Sufficient unto the day is the ____ thereof"
- 36 "Whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a ____?"
- 37 "Seek, and ye shall ____"
- 38 "Is not the life more than ____, and the body than raiment?"

DOWN

- 2 "Which of you by taking thought can add one ____ unto his stature?"
- 3 "first cast out the ____ of thine own eye"
- 4 "Do men gather ____ of thorns"
- 7 "For where your treasure is, there will your ____ be also."
- 8 "And ____ us not into temptation"
- 9 "He seeth in secret"
- 13 "Hypocrites love to pray out there in them"
- 14 "thy Father which seeth in ____ himself shall reward thee openly."
- 17 "Therefore I say unto you, Take no ____ for your life"
- 19 "Not everyone that saith unto me, ____, ____, shall enter into"
- 21 "Our Father, which art in heaven, ____ be thy name."
- 22 "No man can serve two ____"
- 24 "enter into the ____ of heaven"
- 26 "The ____ of the body is the eye."
- 27 "and it fell not; for it was ____ upon a rock."
- 30 "Behold the ____ of the air; for they sow not"
- 33 "and it fell; and ____ was the fall of it."
- 35 "But when ye pray, use not ____ repetitions"