

**Ethiopian Orthodox  
Tewahedo Church English  
Lessons for  
Level II (Grades 1 -3)**

**Prepared to young families of EOTC members  
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September: 2nd Week

## Creation

**Objective:** God's care and love for us in creation

**References:** Genesis 1

**Introduction:** This is the story of God's creation. In this lesson, you are going to learn what God created in six days, and what He prepared for Adam before He made him with His own hands.

### The Lesson

1. **In the beginning God made heaven and earth.** The earth was void and there was nothing on it. There were no trees, no houses, no animals and no people. There was darkness only. And God said, "I will make a man and call him Adam. I will make him happy. He will love me and speak with me at anytime". Then the Lord said, "I will arrange everything in the world and make the earth a good place for Adam. I will create light so that Adam can see".
2. And then God said, "Let there be light and there was light, a bright light. Adam could see everything. He could read, play and eat.
3. When the light disappeared at night, the Lord said, "I will not leave Adam in the dark and God made the moon and the stars".
4. Then the Lord said: "When Adam comes, what will he eat?" The Lord ordered the earth to bring out good vegetables so that when Adam comes he can eat good food. Many vegetables and fruits appeared on earth, apples, watermelon, grapes, cress, etc.
5. Then God made all the animals (rabbit, lion, elephant...). *Name other animals that God created.*
6. God made the birds, the fish, etc.
7. On the sixth day: the last day of creation, the Lord said, "Everything is good". And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Oh! There was a very good-looking man standing before the Lord and the man was very happy and the Lord said to him, "Your name is Adam. You will have all these things for your benefit and I will be with you."
8. Adam saw everything and knew that everything was useful to him.

### Excercise

- What can we see when we walk in the street? In the school! In the garden! In the sea!
  - Can you draw the things you see in the street? At school? In the garden? In the sea?
  - List all the things God prepared for Adam before He created him.
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### Hymn

*Kulo zefekede gebre Egziabher (2)*

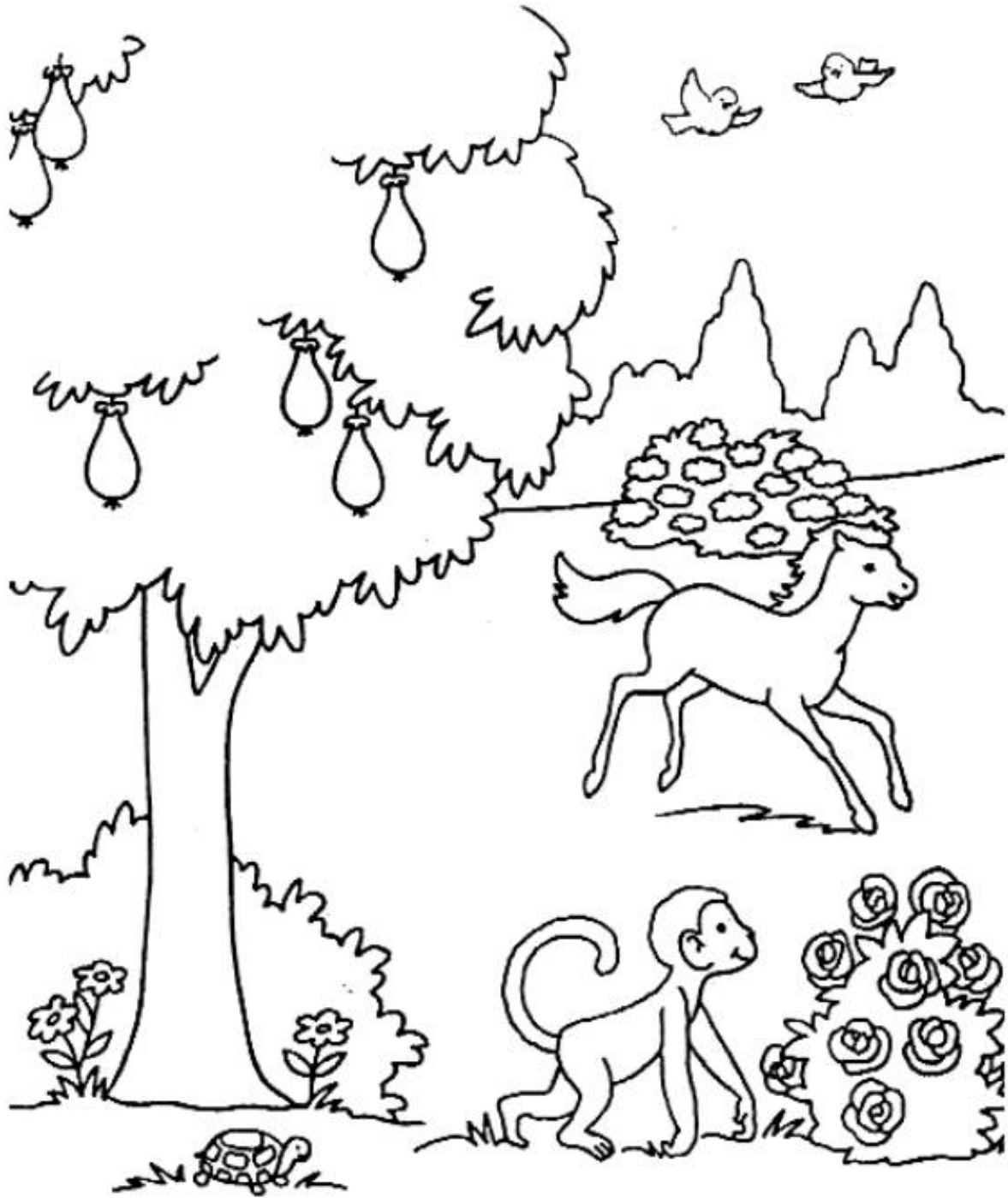
*be-semayni we-bemdrni we-be-bahrni we-bekulu kelayat kelayat (2)*

### Meaning:

*Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he  
in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.*

*Psalm 135:6*

Color the Following Picture



Creation

## God Cares for Adam in Paradise

**Objective:** God's care and love for us

**References:** Genesis 1, 2

**Introduction:** This is a continuation of the story of creation. We are going to learn how God continued to care for Adam, and what rules and privileges He gave Adam and Eve.

### The Lesson

1. Adam was alone in the Garden. The Lord saw that he was lonely, and made Eve to help him. Adam and Eve lived together in the Garden of Eden.
2. The Lord brought all the animals to Adam and Adam saw that all the animals obeyed him. All the animals played together; the mouse with the lion, the dog with the cat and the elephant with the monkey.... Adam gave each animal a name, and each knew their name when Adam called them each by their names.
3. God made Adam and Eve a king and a queen over everything on earth, and he told them that they can eat any fruit, or vegetable that grows on earth except one fruit from a tree, called "**The Tree of Knowledge**".
4. Yes, God cared for Adam and Eve so much that he made them king and queen and allowed them to eat everything that grows on earth except ... what? ... Yes, the "Tree of Knowledge". And Adam and Eve lived in the Garden of Eden happily for a long time.

### Excercise

- Color the picture on the following page
- Draw your favorite animal

### Hymn

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Adam & Eve

# God Cares for Noah in the Ark

## Part I

**Objective:** Noah's love for God and God's love and care for him

**References:** Genesis 6, 7

**Introduction:** This is a story about a **Great Flood** God caused on earth because of people's sins on earth, and how one holy man & his family were saved from the flood.

### **The Lesson**

There was a man called Noah, who loved and obeyed God. But the people who lived in the place where he lived did not fear God, and keep His commandments. God said to Noah that He was going to send rain to flood the earth because of the people's sin. But He told Noah to build an Ark so that he can be saved with his family. *Do you know what an Ark is? ... Yes, it is a big ship.*

Noah built the Ark with his sons. He told them that God was going to send rain to flood the earth because of their sins. But they didn't believe him. They laughed at him, and made fun of him. When Noah finished making the Ark, God said to him, "*Go inside with your family, and a male and a female of every kind of animal ... birds, donkeys...*"

After they all went inside the Ark, and the door was shut, it soon became cloudy and it started to rain. The earth was soon flooded, and the people who laughed at Noah when he advised them cried to the Lord. But it was too late. They drowned in the flood. But Noah was safe with his family in the Ark. The Ark floated on the surface of the water for, and Noah and his family prayed in the Ark.

### Questions & Exercise

1. What happens when heavy rain falls?
2. What did the Lord ask Noah to do?
3. What happened when the rain fell?
4. What did Noah use to make the Ark?
5. Color the picture on the next page.

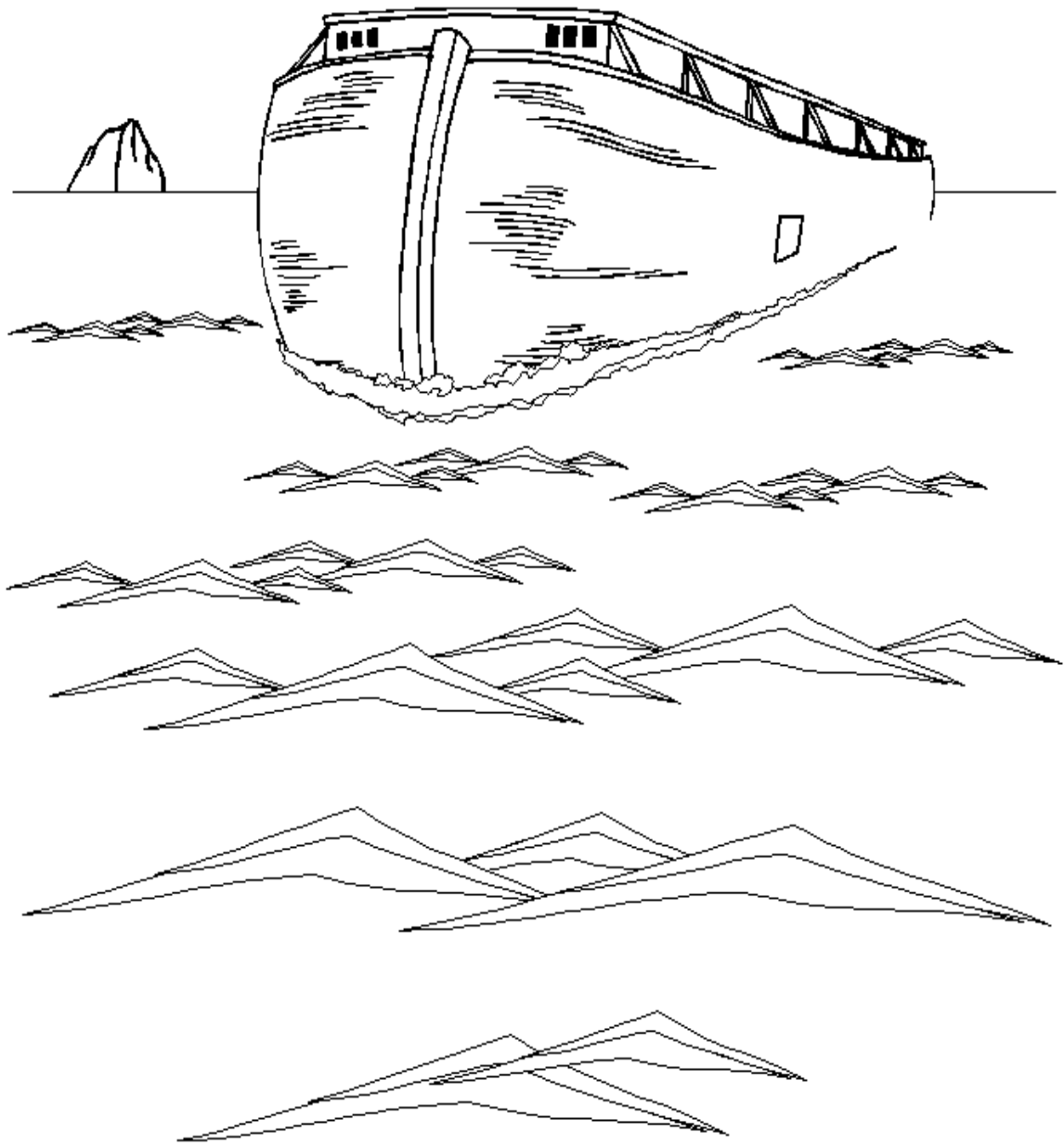
### Hymn

*Etdifenne Etdifenne we-itmeninenne (2)*

*Amlake Selam Teradi-anne (4)*

### **Meaning:**

*Leave us not, Leave us not, neither forsake us  
God of Peace, help us.*



# Noah's Ark

October: 1st Week

## The Holy Cross

**Objective:** Learn about Queen Helena & the story & message of the Holy Cross

**Reference:** *Synaxarium*

**Introduction:** In this lesson, you are going to learn about what happened to the Cross of Jesus Christ, How it was found, and when our church celebrates the feast of the Holy Cross.

### The Lesson

During the early 4th century, a woman called Helena wanted to find the **Cross of Jesus Christ**. Jesus Christ saved us from death and showed us His love by suffering on the Cross. This Holy Cross was doing a lot of miracles, and people who saw this believed in Jesus Christ. But the enemies of Jesus Christ did not like this, so they buried Jesus' Cross.

Helena's son, Constantine was a king. He learned of his mother's wish, and wanted to fulfill her wish. *Do you fulfill your father's and mother's wish like this king? ...* So, he gave her an army to go with her to Jerusalem to find the Cross.

When Helena arrived in Jerusalem, she couldn't find anyone who could tell her about the Cross. Finally she found an old man by the name of Kyriakos, and he told her the area where the Cross was buried. Helena had a vision to light a big pile of wood with incense to find the exact location. *Do you know what incense is? Do we use it in our church?*

Helena did according to her vision. The smoke from the wood and incense went up, and came down to point the location of the Holy Cross. Helena and the people were happy and they immediately started to dig the area to find the Cross.

Our church celebrates the finding of Jesus' cross every year on the 16th & 17th day of the Ethiopian month, Meskerem (September 26). We burn piles of wood and pray to commemorate what Helena did, and to get the blessing of the Holy Cross.

### Excercise

- Who buried the Holy Cross, and why?
- Who is the woman who found the Holy Cross?
- What was the name of her son? What was his job?
- Have you seen a cross on top of our church building?
- Where else have you seen a cross?

### Song

*Meskel Hailne, meskel tsininne meskel bezanne (2)*

*Medhanitne Le-ile amene (4)*

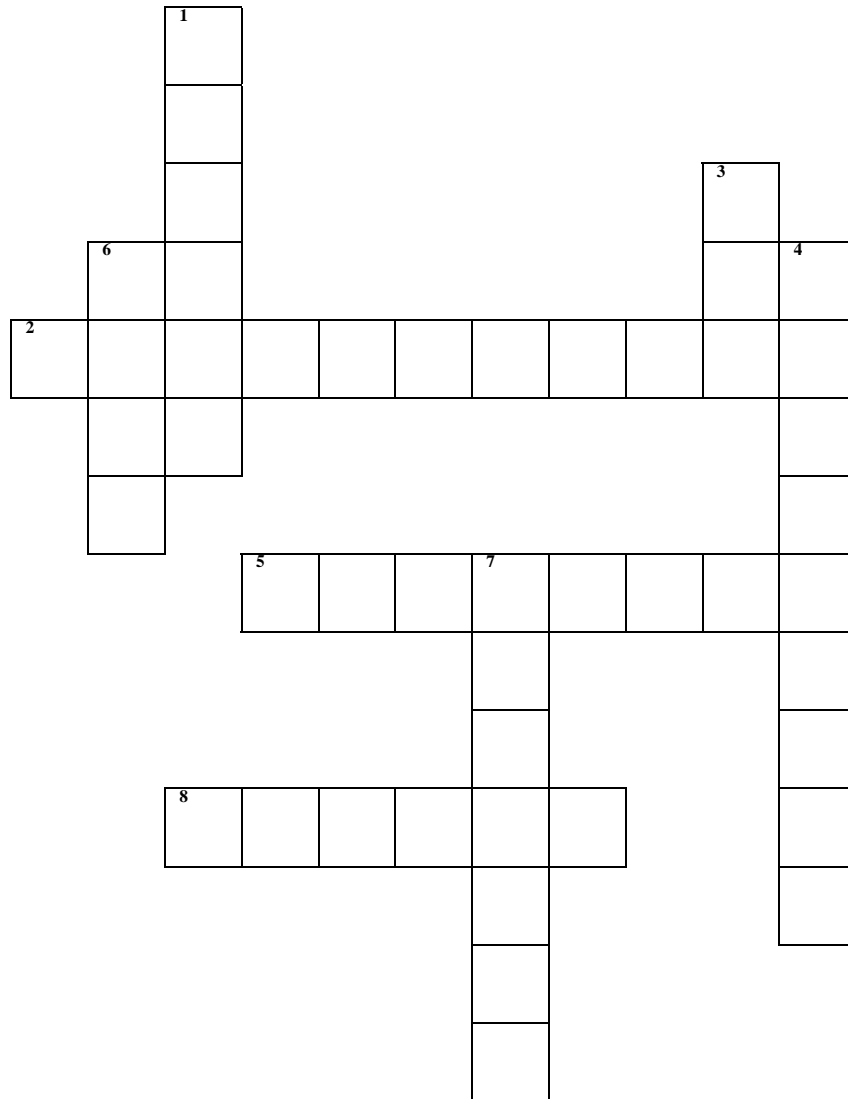
### Meaning

*The Cross (of Christ) is our power, the Cross is our perseverance, the Cross is our guide  
For us who believe, it is our salvation*



**Fill in the puzzle from the Story of the Cross**

- 1. Name of the woman who wanted to find the Holy Cross.
- 2. Name of the king, who gave her an army.
- 3. What he is to her? her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. The place where the woman went to find the Holy Cross
- 5. The person who told the woman the whereabouts of the Cross.
- 6. The material they piled to find the location of the Cross.
- 7. The material they put in the fire, which we also use in our church service.
- 8. What is the cross in Amharic?



## God Cares for Noah in the Ark

### Part II

**Objective:** Noah's love for God and God's love and care for him.

**References:** Genesis 6, 7

**Introduction:** This is a continuation of the lesson on the **Great Flood**. In this lesson, you will learn how Noah knew that the land was dry for them to come out, and what God promised Noah after he came out of the **Ark** with his family.

#### **The Lesson**

It rained for 40 days straight after Noah, his family and two of each animal on earth entered the Ark. When the water started to decrease and after the Ark came to rest, Noah sent a Raven (a big black bird) and said, "*Go and see if there is a tree.*" *Do you think the Raven came back? ...* But the Raven never came back..

So, Noah sent a dove out the window with the same instruction. The bird came back for the earth was full of water, and could not find a dry land to rest. He sent the dove again after a few days, and this time, the dove came back with a fresh leaf of olive in its mouth. So, Noah knew that the earth was finally dry, and they could get out of the Ark.

Noah was happy, and he went out of the ark with his wife, his children, and their wives. All the animals and birds also came out of the Ark. Noah and his family thanked God for saving them from the great flood.

After Noah and his family prayed, God promised Noah that he would never destroy the earth again because of bad people, and he showed him a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise. *Do you know what a rainbow is? What colors have you seen in a rainbow?*

#### ***Questions & Exercise***

1. Who did Noah send out of the Ark to see if the land was dry? Did it come back to him?
2. Who did he send the next time?
3. What did the dove bring back to Noah?
4. What did God promise for Noah?
5. Draw a rainbow as you have seen it appear in the sky.

#### **Hymn**

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*Amlake Selam Teradi-anne (4)*

#### ***Meaning:***

*Leave us not, Leave us not, neither forsake us  
God of Peace, help us.*



Animals leaving  
the Ark

## Abraham, Sarah, and the Promise

**References:** Genesis - Chapters 18, 21

**Objective:** God can do anything and He keeps His promise

**Introduction:** Abraham is a descendant of Noah. He and his wife were holy, but they didn't have children. In this lesson, you are going to learn about God's promise to Abraham and Sarah - his wife - and how God fulfilled his promise.

### The Lesson

Long after the Great Flood, there lived a holy man called **Abraham**, who was a descendant of Noah. *What is the Great Flood? ... It is the flood from the 40 days rain during the time of Noah. Do you remember how Noah was saved from the Great Flood?*

**Abraham had a wife named Sarah.** They used to help the poor, and had a lot of possession. But they didn't have any child. God promised them that he would give them a child. They waited a long time, but they grew very old without having a child. One day, God came to Abraham and said to him, "*I will give you a child, Sarah your wife will have a son.*" When Sarah heard this, she laughed in her heart, because she was too old to have a child. God knew that she laughed in her heart. Yes, God knows even what we think. He said to Abraham, why did Sarah laugh, is anything impossible for the Lord?

God gave Sarah and Abraham a son as He promised, and they called his name **Isaac**. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90 years old when they had Isaac.

### Questions & Exercise

1. What did God promise Abraham and Sarah?
2. Why did Sarah laugh in her heart?
3. Did God keep His promise?
4. What was the name of the promise child?
5. How old were Abraham and Sara when they had a son?

### Hymn

*Aman beAman (4)*

*Mengiste Silassie zele-alem (4)*

### Meaning:

*It is true, It is true*

*The kingdom of the Trinity is forever.*



Abram offered sacrifices to the Lord for being chosen as "The Father of His People"

# Abraham

## Joseph Sold into Slavery

**Objective:** Learn the story of Joseph

**References:** Genesis 37

**Introduction:** Do you remember last week's story? Do you remember the promise God gave to Abraham and Sarah? What was the promise ... God kept His promise, and he gave them a son, and they named him Isaac. Today we are going to learn about the story of Joseph, a grand son of Isaac.

### The Lesson

**Isaac had two children, Esau and Jacob. Joseph was the second youngest son of Jacob,** out of 12 sons. His father, Jacob loved Joseph more than his other children. His brothers hated him because of this. One day, Joseph had a dream, and told his brothers what he dreamed? He said, *"I dreamed the sun, the moon and eleven stars bow down to me."* His brothers hated him even more after he told them his dream, and they said, *"Is he going to rule over us?"*

One day, Jacob told Joseph to go to his brothers, who were keeping their father's sheep, and to check if they were ok. Joseph went to his brothers, but when his brothers saw him, they said, *"Look here comes the dreamer, let us kill him, and we would tell our father that a beast killed him."* But one of his brothers, Rueben said to them, let us not kill him, but throw him into a pit. He said this to come back later and save him. So, they agreed. They stripped off his clothes and threw him into the pit.

Some merchants found Joseph in the pit, and they sold him as a slave. **Joseph was then taken to Egypt as a slave.** Later that day, when Rueben returned to the pit to save Joseph, he couldn't find him. He told his brothers that he couldn't find him. So, they slew a young goat, and sprinkled its blood on Joseph's cloth. Then they took the cloth to their father, and said to him that they found this cloth covered with blood. Jacob knew that it was Joseph's cloth, and cried, because he thought that a beast had devoured his son Joseph.

### Exercise

1. Who is the grandfather of Joseph?
2. What was Joseph's dreams?
3. What did Joseph's brother do to him?
4. What did they do to cover what they did to Joseph?
5. How did Rueben try to save Joseph?
6. Where was Joseph taken after he was sold into slavery?

### Application

- Always, be kind to your brothers and sisters.
- Do not try to cover a fault or a mistake, because it leads to more sin.

### Hymn

Aman beAman (4)

Mengiste Silassie zele-alem (4)

### Meaning:

*It is true, It is true*

*The kingdom of the Trinity is forever.*



Joseph

## Joseph finds favor in Egypt

**Objective:** Continue to learn the story of Joseph, and the reward and the blessing of faithfulness

**References:** Genesis 39

**Introduction:** Last week we learned about how Joseph's brothers did a terrible thing to him. Do you remember what they did to him? And why? ... Today, we are going to learn of what happened to Joseph after he was taken to Egypt as a slave.

### The Lesson

An officer of Pharaoh bought Joseph from the people who brought him into Egypt. *Do you know who Pharaoh was? Pharaoh was the title of the kings of Egypt.* While working with the officer, God blessed everything Joseph did, and blessed the house of the officer for the sake of Joseph. The officer's name was Potiphar. **Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph.** So he left everything in his house for Joseph to take care of.

Potiphar's wife wanted to make Joseph do something bad. But Joseph, being a man of God, refused to sin, and he was determined not to sin against God. So, one day, Potiphar's wife accused Joseph falsely that he had mistreated her. When Potiphar heard this, he was upset, and he put Joseph in prison.

But **God was with Joseph in prison also**, and gave him favor with the prison guard. So the prison guard put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners, and God blessed everything he did in prison. Joseph was faithful in his work to his master, and more importantly, to God.

### *Questions*

1. Who bought Joseph in Egypt?
2. Was Joseph a faithful servant?
3. Why was Joseph sent to prison?
4. What happened to Joseph in prison?
5. Why was God always with Joseph, wherever he went?
6. Are you always faithful to your parents, to your teachers, and above all to God?

### Hymn

Egziabher yitebiken kekifu fetena  
Zarem bihon negem bihon (2) yitebike kekifu Fetena

*Meaning:*

*May God protect us from painful trials.  
Today, and tomorrow, may He protect us.*





Joseph  
in Potiphar's house

## Joseph Interprets the Prisoners Dreams

**Objective:** Continue to learn about Joseph and his gift from God

**References:** Genesis - Chapters 40, 41

**Introduction:** In the last lesson, you learned about why Joseph was sent to prison. Today, you are going to learn about the dreams of two men who were in prison with Joseph, the meanings of their dream according to Joseph's interpretation, and what happened to the prisoners later.

### Review Questions

1. What happened to Joseph after he was taken to Egypt?
2. Did God bless everything Joseph did? Why?
3. Why was he sent to prison?

### The Lesson

After Joseph went to prison in Egypt, **the chief butler and baker of Pharaoh** offended the king and they were sent to the same prison. *Do you remember who Pharaoh was? ... He is the king of Egypt.* Once upon a time in the prison, Joseph saw Pharaoh's former chief butler and baker with sad faces, and he asked them what was wrong. They told him that they each had dreams, but couldn't know the meaning of them. Joseph told them that he would interpret their dreams for them. So both of them told him their dreams.

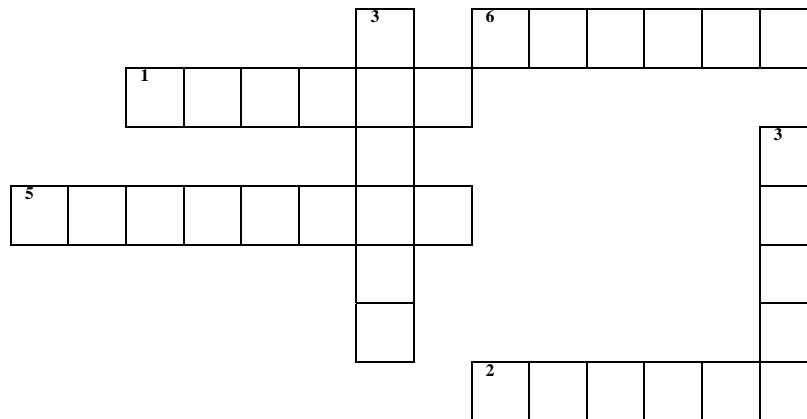
The chief butler said, *"I dreamed three branches in a vine with ripe grapes. Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and pressed them into the cup, and I gave the cup to Pharaoh."* Joseph said, *"This is the interpretation: in three days pharaoh will return you to your former position, and you will serve him in his cup as you used to before."* Joseph asked the butler to mention him to Pharaoh, so that he could be out of prison.

Then the baker said, *"I dreamed I had three white baskets on my head, and the top basket had different kinds of bread for Pharaoh. And the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."* Joseph said to him, *"This is the interpretation: In three days Pharaoh is going to hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat of your flesh."*

In three days, it happened to both the butler and the baker, as Joseph had interpreted their dreams. The butler returned to serve Pharaoh, and the baker was hanged on a tree. But the butler forgot about Joseph, and did not mention him to Pharaoh after he returned to his former position.

**Exercise:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Joseph was in \_\_\_\_\_ with two of Pharaoh's former servants
2. Pharaoh's former \_\_\_\_\_ returned to server Pharaoh after he left prison.
3. Pharaoh's former \_\_\_\_\_ was hanged on a tree.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted the dreams of the two prisoners.
5. Joseph asked Pharaoh's butler to \_\_\_\_\_ him when he returned to serve Pharaoh.
6. Pharaoh's butler \_\_\_\_\_ about Joseph when he returned to serve Pharaoh.



# *Joseph with the Two Prisoners*



# Joseph Is Appointed by Pharaoh

**Objective:** Continue to Learn the story of Joseph in Egypt

**References:** Genesis - Chapters 40, 41

**Introduction:** On the last lesson, we have seen how Joseph interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's former chief butler and baker. Joseph asked the butler to mention him to Pharaoh, but the butler forgot about him after he got out of prison. Today, we are going to see how Joseph left prison and became a servant of Pharaoh.

## Review Questions

1. Who were the two men in prison with Joseph?
2. What were their dreams?
3. Who interpreted their dreams for them? What was the interpretation?
4. What happened to each prisoner, after they left prison?

## The Lesson

Two years after the butler got out of prison, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by a river, and saw 7 fat and good looking cows come out of the river. Then he saw another 7 skinny and ugly cows come out of the river and eat the 7 fat cows. He slept and dreamed again 7 good-looking buds of corn on a stock. Then he saw another 7 ugly buds on a stock, and the 7 ugly buds ate the 7 good-looking buds of corn. Pharaoh called all his wise men and asked them to interpret his dream, but no one could. Then the butler remembered Joseph, and told Pharaoh that there was a young man in prison who interpreted his and his former baker's dreams, and that his interpretations came true.

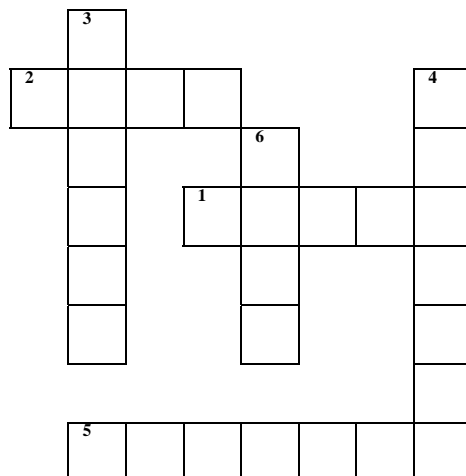
So Pharaoh had Joseph brought from prison and told him his dream. **Joseph told Pharaoh that God had revealed for him what would happen.** He said **the seven fat cows and the seven good-looking buds are seven years of great harvest** (food production). **The seven skinny cows and the seven ugly buds are 7 years of drought and hunger.** The seven years of great harvest would come first, and then seven years of very severe drought.

Joseph told Pharaoh to appoint a wise man who would save a lot of food during the time of the first 7 years to save for the 7 years of drought. Pharaoh was pleased with Joseph and said that there was no man wiser than Joseph himself. So he appointed him over all of Egypt, and Joseph became the second leader after him. Pharaoh also gave him his ring, and a gold on his neck.

Joseph ruled over Egypt, and gathered a lot of grain during the seven years of great harvest, in preparation for the drought.

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. In his dream, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Pharaoh saw 7 good-looking \_\_\_\_\_ and 7 skinny \_\_\_\_\_ come of the river.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh.
4. Joseph told Pharaoh that the 7 good-looking cows represent 7 years of great \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Joseph told Pharaoh that the 7 skinny cows represent 7 years of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Pharaoh gave Joseph his \_\_\_\_\_.



# Joseph Gathering Food



Color the picture.

November: 4th Week

## Joseph Reunited with His Father and Brothers

**Objective:** Learn about the reunion of Joseph with his family, and the importance of forgiveness

**References:** Genesis - Chapters 42-47

**Introduction:** On the last lesson, we learned that Pharaoh appointed Joseph to rule Egypt under him. In this lesson, we are going to see how Joseph was reunited with his father and brothers, and whether he forgave his brothers for what they did against him. *Do you remember what his brothers did to him?*

### Review Questions

1. What was Pharaoh's dream, and its interpretation?
2. What happened to Joseph after he interpreted Pharaoh's dream?

### The Lesson

Joseph was appointed by Pharaoh to rule all the land of Egypt. So he went throughout all the land of Egypt, and gathered a great deal of corn in storage during seven years of great harvest. After the seven years of great harvest ended, there was a great drought throughout the land of Egypt and around the world. So, people from all of Egypt came to Joseph to buy corn.

There was also a severe drought in the land of Canaan, where Joseph's father Jacob, and his brothers lived. They heard that there was a lot of corn in Egypt. So, Jacob sent his children to go to Egypt and buy corn. The children of Jacob came to Egypt, unto Joseph to buy corn, and they all bowed down to him. Joseph knew his brothers when they he saw them, but they did not know him. He remembered the dream he had told them. *Do you remember what Joseph dreamed before his brothers sold him into slavery?*

Joseph asked his brothers where they came from. They told him that they came from the land of Canaan, and that they were twelve brothers but one of them had died. They also told him their father was old but alive, and their youngest brother Benjamin was his him.

Joseph told his servants to give them corn, and put their money back in their sacks, and Joseph told them to come back with their small brother Benjamin. When they returned to Jacob, and opened their sacks, each found his money back in each sack. When the corn they had taken was finished, Jacob told them to go to Joseph again, but they said they would not go without Benjamin for the lord of the land had told them to come back with him. So, Jacob let them take Benjamin with them. When his brothers returned to Egypt, Joseph took them to his house, and he cried in front of them, and told them that he was their brother Joseph.

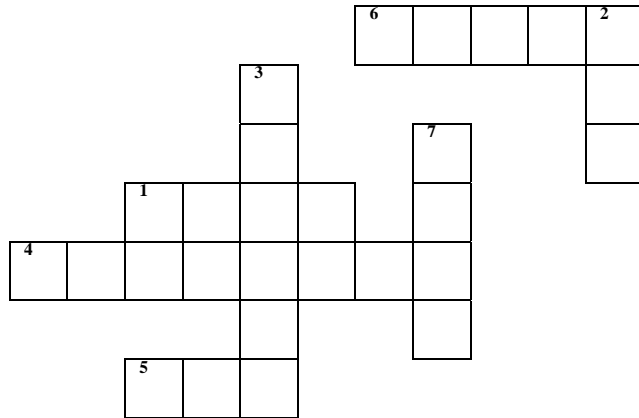
Joseph's brothers were afraid when he made himself known to them, because they thought he would avenge them. But he said that God had caused him to go to Egypt for a good reason, so that he could save a lot of lives and also the lives of his brothers and father. He told them to go back and bring their father with his belongings to live with him. He also gave them a chariot for Jacob.

Joseph's brothers went back to Jacob and told him that Joseph was alive, but he could not believe them. But when he saw the chariot, he believed them, and was very happy. He told his sons that he would go to Egypt to see Joseph.

When they had come into Egypt, Joseph went out to meet his father, and they hugged and cried on each other's shoulders. He brought his brothers and father into the house of Pharaoh. Pharaoh was happy to see them, and he told Joseph to give them the best of the land in Egypt for them and for their cattle. So, Joseph gave them a land and Jacob and his children settled in Egypt.

Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Joseph gathered a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ during the seven years of great harvest.
2. Joseph's brothers and people from all over the world came to Egypt to \_\_\_\_\_ corn.
3. When Joseph told his brothers that he was Joseph, they were \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was the younger brother of Joseph.
5. Joseph told his brothers that \_\_\_\_\_ had sent him to Egypt to save lives.
6. Joseph's father, \_\_\_\_\_, did not believe his children when they told him that Joseph was alive.
7. Pharaoh told Joseph to give his family the best of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Egypt.



Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers



Color the Picture

December: 1st Week

## **Baby Moses**

**Objective:** Learn how God save Baby Moses

**References:** Exodus 1&2

**Introduction:** Last time we learned how Joseph's father and brothers came to Egypt and settled there. The children of Israel (Jacob's children) grew in number in Egypt. In this lesson, we are going to learn what a new Pharaoh did to the children of Israel, and how Moses was born and raised in the house of Pharaoh.

### **Introductory Questions**

1. What did Joseph do in Egypt to prepare for the drought?
2. Who are the Israelites that came to buy food from Egypt?
3. How did Joseph treat his brothers when they came to Egypt?
4. What did he tell them after he gave them grains the first time?

### **The Lesson**

After Jacob and his children settled in Egypt, the children of Israel multiplied and grew in number. *Do you remember the other name of Israel?* ... Once upon a time, there was a new king (Pharaoh) in Egypt who was very cruel. He did not want to see the children of Israel grow in number. So he made them slaves to work all day in the field and build the pyramids and his city. *Have you seen the pyramids in pictures or TV?* ... The king of Egypt (Pharaoh) made them work without rest, but they still grew in number. So, he told the Egyptians to kill any new - born baby of the Israelites if the baby is a boy.

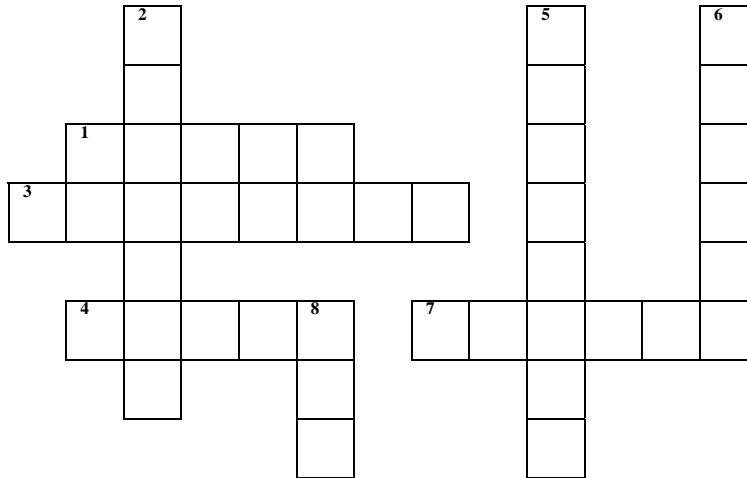
Moses was born during this period. When he was born, his mother saw that he was a handsome boy. She hid him for three months. When she could not hide him anymore, she put him in a basket and put him at the edge of a river. His sister kept an eye on him to see what would happen to the baby.

On the same day, Pharaoh's daughter came to the river to wash herself. *They did not have running water in the house at that time. So, people used to wash at river.* She saw the basket, and told her servants to bring it. When she opened the basket, she saw the baby, and he cried. She knew that he was a child of the Israelites, but she had compassion for him. So, she named him Moses, and she took him to be her son. Moses sister, who was watching what was happening from far away, went to Pharaoh's daughter and asked her if she needed someone to nurse the baby. She agreed, and his sister brought Moses' own mother to nurse the baby. So, Moses grew up in the house of Pharaoh, as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.



**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. The First name of Israel was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the king of Egypt.
3. The King of Egypt made the Israelites build \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When \_\_\_\_\_ was born, his mother hid him for three months.
5. After three month's, the baby's mother put him in a basket and left him at the bank of a river.
6. Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_ found baby Moses when she came to the river to wash herself.
7. Moses' \_\_\_\_\_ was watching from afar what would happen to baby Moses.
8. Moses' \_\_\_\_\_ was brought as a nurse for Moses.
9. Moses grew in the house of Pharaoh as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the king's daughter.



Moses is found at the river bank in a basket.

December: 2nd Week

## Moses Leads Israel Out of Egypt

**Objective:** Learn about how Moses led Israel out of Egypt

**References:** Exodus 3, 5, 13, 14

**Introduction:** Today's lesson is about how Moses gave up his privileges in Pharaoh's house for the sake of his fellow Israelites, and how he led the Israelites to freedom by the mighty hand of God.

### Review Questions

1. Where did Moses grow up?
2. How did he end up in he Pharaoh's house?
3. What was the Pharaoh's wife doing by the river bank?

### The Lesson

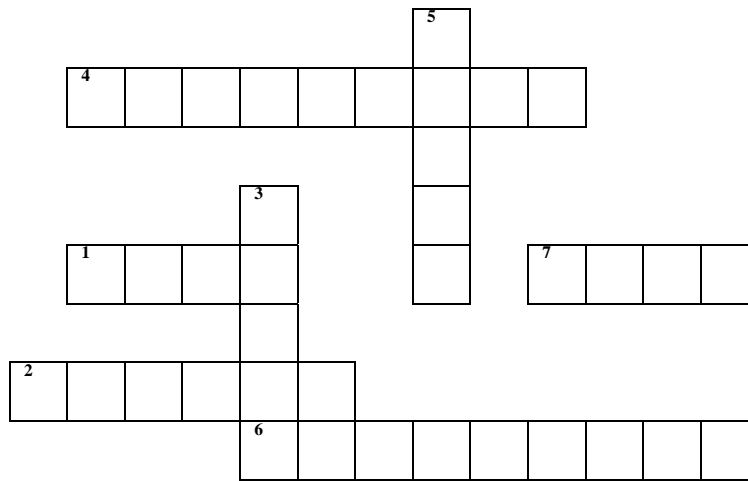
Moses grew up in the house of Pharaoh, as a child to Pharaoh's daughter. Growing up, he was very sorry for his people, the Israelites. *Do you know why?* He was sorry for them because the Egyptians made them slaves. One day, Moses saw a burning bush on a mountain, but the bush was not on fire. He was amazed and went up on the mountain to see it. When he reached the fire, a voice came from the midst of the fire saying, "Moses, Moses ... put off your shoes from your feet for the place on which you stand is holy ... I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Abraham." *Do you take your shoes off when you go inside the church, why?*

God told Moses that he has heard the cry of his people, and that he would send him to free the Israelites. He told him that he would be with him. So, Moses went to Pharaoh and said to him, "***Thus says the Lord God of Israel, let my people go***". But Pharaoh would not let them go, so God brought a lot of punishment on the Egyptians, and showed them great miracles. Pharaoh finally let the people go, after God punished all of Egypt with the death of their firstborn, including the oldest son of Pharaoh. So, the Israelites gathered all their belongings and started a journey to go to the land God had promised them. But when they reached the Red Sea, Pharaoh changed his mind again and sent all of his army to bring back the Israelites. So, the people of Israel complained against Moses because they had nowhere to go.

Moses said to the people, "***See the salvation of the Lord***", and he hit the Red Sea with his Rod. *Guess what happened.* The sea was immediately split into two, and there was a dry land for them to pass through. So, they went through the Red Sea on a dry land. After they finished crossing the sea, Pharaoh's army also came through the dry land. But Moses hit the sea again, and the water came on the dry land again. So, all the soldiers of Pharaoh drowned in the Red Sea with their horses and Chariots. The Israelites sang to the Lord and praised him. They sang: "***I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.***"

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Moses saw a burning \_\_\_\_\_ on the mountain.
2. The Egyptians made the Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ for 400 years.
3. When Moses came to the mountain, God told Moses to take his \_\_\_\_\_ off.
4. Pharaoh let the Israelites go only after Got punished them with the death of their \_\_\_\_\_.
5. When Pharaoh's army followed the Israelites, they cried against \_\_\_\_\_ because they had nowhere to go.
6. Moses said, "See the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord" before he parted the Red Sea water.
7. Israel passed through dry \_\_\_\_\_ after the Moses split the Red Sea water with his rod.



**Crossing the Red Sea**

December: 3rd Week

## Forty Years in the Desert

**Objective:** Learn about trusting God in our lives from the story of the Israelites journey to the promise land

**References:** Numbers 13, 14, 26, 32, Deuteronomy 18

**Introduction:** After crossing the Red sea, it took the Israelites 40 years to reach the promise land. In this lesson, we are going to see why it took them such a long time to reach the promise land. Through the story, we will learn the consequence of unfaithfulness.

### Introductory Questions

1. What did Moses see on the Mountain of God?
2. What did God tell Moses on the Mountain of God?
3. When did Pharaoh let the Israelites go?
4. Who did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?
5. What happened to the Pharaoh's army when they tried to follow the Israelites through the Red Sea?

### The Lesson

The Israelites sang to the Lord for he saved them from Pharaoh and his army. After they crossed the Red Sea, they started a journey towards the promise land. But they had nothing to eat, and they cried to Moses complaining why he had brought them out of Egypt. So, God told Moses he would send them manna (bread). He sent them manna from heaven. But they were thirsty, and they cried to Moses again. So Moses spoke to God saying, what shall I do with these people? God told him to strike a stone with his rod. Moses did as God told him, and water came out of the rock when he struck it with his rod. So the Israelites drank water from the stone.

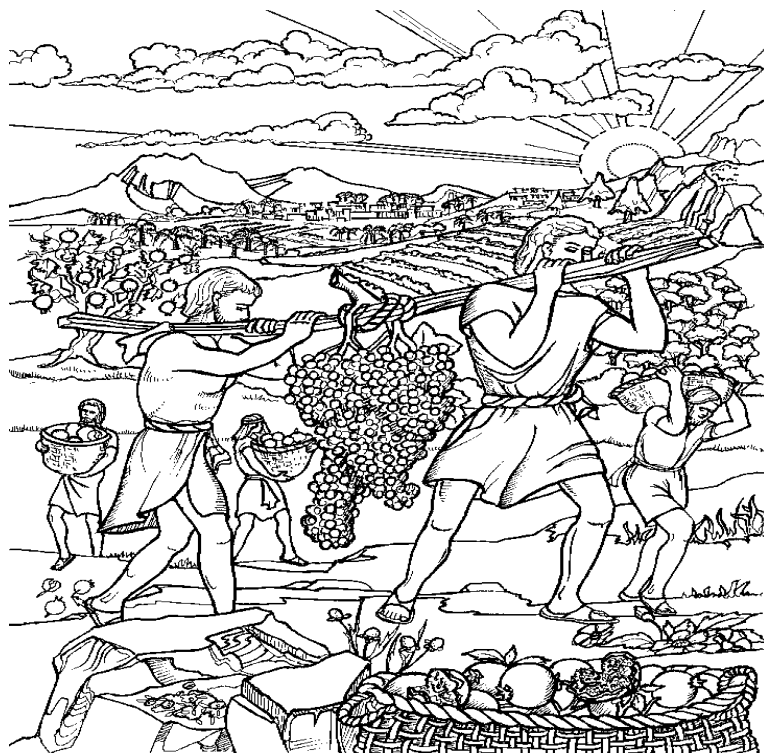
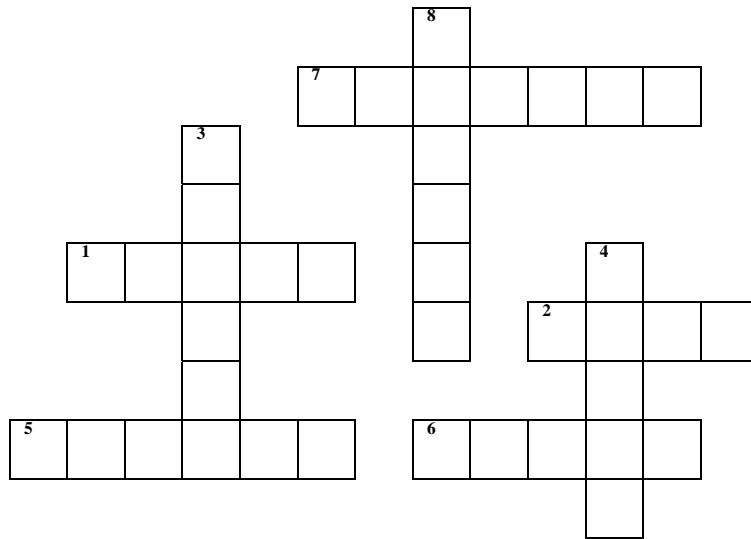
God told Moses to send 12 men, one from each tribe to search the land of Canaan, which He had promised them to inherit. So, Moses sent twelve men to Canaan. They searched the land and came back to Moses and the people of Israel. Ten of the men said that the land was good and produced honey and milk. But they said the men in the land were strong and big, and they could not fight against them. But two young men, Caleb and Joshua, among the twelve, said that the people of the land were strong and giant, but God would give them the land. They said, ***"Let us go and take the land for God is on our side."*** But the people would not listen to Caleb and Joshua, and cried against Moses saying that he had brought them to the desert to have them killed.

God had saved them from the hand of Pharaoh and his army, and did many miracles for them, but the Israelites did not still trust in Him. This was the tenth time they tested Him, and he wanted to destroy them for their unfaithfulness. But Moses begged the Lord not to destroy them, and to remember the promise He had made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So, God forgave them. But He told Moses that because they have angered Him ten times, all those who are 20 years and older, except Caleb and Joshua, would not enter the promise land, but their children would enter it. He also said that because they had tested Him 10 times, it would take them 40 years to reach the promise land instead of just 40 days. So, the Israelites journeyed for 40 years through the desert, and God fed them manna from heaven and water from the rock for 40 years.

Moses died just before they entered the promise land. But God showed him the land from afar before he died. Moses said to the Israelites before he died, ***"Your Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet from among you, of your brother, like me; and Him you shall listen."*** Joshua led the Israelites into the promise land after the death of Moses, and God was with him as He was with Moses.

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. God sent \_\_\_\_\_ for the Israelites to eat from heaven.
2. God also gave them water from a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God told Moses to send 12 men to search the land of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Men who searched the land said it produces \_\_\_\_\_ and milk.
5. They also said the men who live in the land were strong and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Only \_\_\_\_\_ and Joshua believed that God would give them the land.
7. Moses told the Israelites that God would raise them a \_\_\_\_\_ from among them.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ led the Israelites into the promise land after Moses died.



**Canaan - The Promise Land**

December: 4th Week

## Annunciation

**Objective:** Learn the story of the St. Gabriel's news to the Virgin Mary about the birth of Jesus Christ.

**References:** Luke I

**Introduction:** Annunciation is the act of announcing or declaring something new. This is the story of the events of the Annunciation about the birth of Jesus Christ. Pay attention to who made the annunciation, and who the annunciation was for.

### Review Questions

1. Why did the Israelites cry to Moses in the Desert?
2. How did God give them food and drink in the desert?
3. How many men went to search the promise land? What did they tell Moses and the people when they came back?
4. What did Caleb and Joshua tell the people?
5. Was God angry at the Israelites? Why?
6. How many years did they journey through the desert?
7. What did Moses tell the people before he died?
8. Who led the Israelites into the promise land after Moses died?

### The Lesson

Do you remember what Moses promised the Israelites just before he died? He told them that a prophet greater than him would come from among them. Who do you think he was talking about?

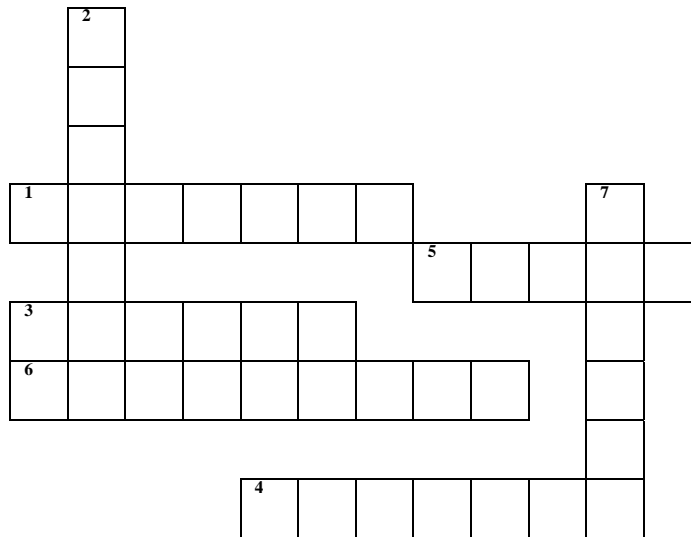
Many years after Moses told them this, one of the angels, **the Archangel Gabriel**, came to the **Virgin Mary**, while she was in the temple serving God. The room was filled with light and she was surprised. The Archangel Gabriel then greeted her saying, "***Hail to you highly favored one. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.***" The Virgin Mary was very humble, and she asked what manner of greeting this was.

The Archangel Gabriel told her that she would conceive and have a child by the power of God, and that she would call his name **Jesus**. He told her that the Child would be called the Son of God, and might King. So, the Virgin Mary said to the archangel, "***Let it be done to me according to your word.***"

The Angel Gabriel also told the Virgin Mary that her relative, Elizabeth conceived a child at an old age. So, after a few days, she went to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard the sound of Mary, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and she said to the Virgin Mary, "***Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb ... when I heard your voice with my ear, the baby in my womb leaped with joy.***" The Virgin Mary stayed for three months with Elizabeth before she returned.

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. Moses told the Israelites that a \_\_\_\_\_ greater than him would rise from among them.
2. The archangel \_\_\_\_\_ came to the Virgin Mary.
3. He came to her while she was serving God in the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Archangel said to the Virgin Mary " \_\_\_\_\_ are you among women.
5. The Archangel told Mary that she would have a child by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
6. The Virgin Mary's relative, \_\_\_\_\_ conceived a child at an old age.
7. The Baby in Elizabeth's womb \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard the sound of the Virgin Mary



**The Annunciation**

January: 1st Week

## Birth of Jesus Christ

**Objective:** Learn about the story of the Nativity

**References:** Mathew 1, 2

**Introduction:** This is a lesson about the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. We are also going to see about another annunciation. Do you remember the made the annunciation to the Virgin Mary?

### Questions from the Previous Lesson

1. Who is the angel that came to the Virgin Mary?
2. What did the Angel say to her?
3. What is the miracle the Angel told the Virgin Mary?
4. Who did the Virgin Mary go to visit after the Angel's Annunciation?
5. What happened to the babe in Elizabeth's womb, when she heard the voice of the Virgin Mary?

### The Lesson

About 2000 years ago on the night of January 7 (*Tahisas 29 of the Ethiopian month*), the Virgin Mary gave birth to a king, Jesus Christ, in a manger. She gave birth in a manger and rapped Him with clothes, because they were strangers in Bethlehem, and could not find a place to stay except in a manger with animals.

On this night, angels appeared to shepherds to bring them the good news. The shepherds were afraid, because the place was filled with bright light when the angel appeared. But the angel calmed them saying, "*there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you. You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.*"

The shepherds also heard the angels singing, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward His people!*" They went to Bethlehem right away, and found baby Jesus wrapped in clothes, with the Virgin Mary and Joseph. They worshipped Him, and returned glorifying God for the most precious gift to the world.

Three wise men also learned of the birth of Jesus Christ from a star, which had the image of the nativity, and came to Bethlehem with gifts for Jesus Christ. The star guided them all the way to Bethlehem. They brought Him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

### Song

*Kesemayat werede keDingil Maryam tewolede (2)*

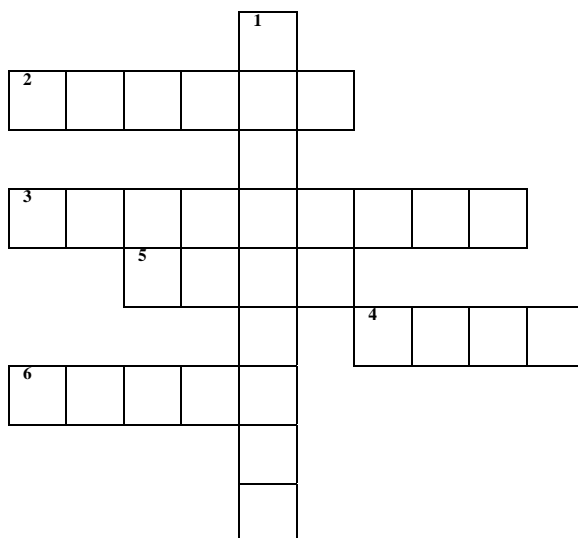
*Endihonene beza (2) le-alemu hulu (2) lebesse yeMaryamin siga (2)*

**Meaning:** He came down from heaven, and was born of the Virgin Mary  
To become our Salvation, for the whole world, He took of the body of the Virgin Mary.



**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Jesus Christ was born in a city called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He was born in a \_\_\_\_\_ because the Virgin Mary and Joseph could not find a place to stay.
3. An angel brought the good news of the birth of the Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ guided the three wise men to Bethlehem.
5. The three wise men brought Jesus Christ gifts of 5 \_\_\_\_\_, frankincense, & 6 \_\_\_\_\_.



**An angel brought the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ, in a manger in Bethlehem to shepherds on the same night of His birth.**

January: 2nd Week

## The Plight to Egypt

**Objective:** Learn about the plight of the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ and Joseph.

**References:** Mathew 2

**Introduction:** Today, you are going to learn about what happened to the holy family (the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ, and Joseph), when a jealous king, Herod tried to kill the newly born king.

### **Review Questions**

1. Where was Jesus Christ born?
2. Who brought the news of Christ's birth to shepherds on the night of His birth?
3. What did the shepherd hear the angels sing?
4. Who brought gifts to Jesus Christ when He was born?

### **The Lesson**

Three wise men, who were kings, came to Jerusalem following a star to worship Jesus Christ, and offered Him presents, when he was born. When they reached Jerusalem, they went to Herod and asked him of where the new King was born. Herod was afraid when he heard this, because he didn't want any other king. He called his scholars and asked them of any prophecy about the birth of a king. *Do you know what a prophecy is?* ... They told him that there was a prophecy that a king would be born in Bethlehem at this time.

So, Herod told the three wise men that the newly born King was born in Bethlehem. He also told them to come back and tell Him the exact place so that he could also worship Him. But, he said this not to worship Him, but to find Him and kill the Child.

The three wise men went to Bethlehem, and the star guided them to where the baby, Jesus Christ was. They worshipped Him, and presented to Him their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Before they returned, an angel appeared to them and told them to go a different way, for Herod wanted to kill the Child. So they went back to their country in a different way.

When Herod learned that the three wise men did not return to him, he ordered his soldiers to kill all the children who were two years old and younger, hoping that baby Jesus would be among them. But, the archangel Gabriel told Joseph to take the Child and His mother to Egypt. So, Joseph took the Virgin Mary and the child Jesus Christ to Egypt. They stayed for three and half years in Egypt, and returned to Israel after the death of Herod.

### **Song**

*Kesemayat werede keDingil Maryam tewolede (2)*

*Endihonene beza (2) le-alemu hulu (2) lebesse yeMaryamin siga (2)*

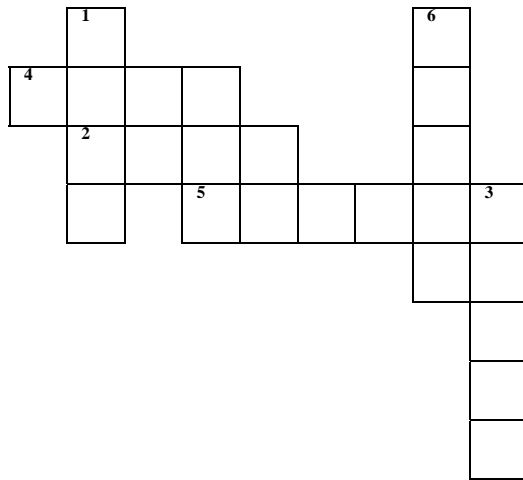
### **Meaning:**

He came down from heaven, and was born of the Virgin Mary

To become our Salvation, for the whole world, He took of the body of the Virgin Mary.

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Three \_\_\_\_\_ men came to visit Jesus Christ when He was born.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ guided the three wise men, who were kings, to Bethlehem.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was afraid when he heard of the birth of a new King.
4. Herod told the wise men to come and tell him the whereabouts of the new born king, because he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the child.
5. An angel told 5 \_\_\_\_\_ to take the Mother and the Child to 6 \_\_\_\_\_.



**The three wise men followed a the star to Bethlehem and presented fold, frankincense and myrrh to the new born king, Jesus Christ.**

## Baptism of Jesus Christ

**Objective:** Learn about the plight of the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ and Joseph.

**References:** Mathew 1, 2

**Introduction:** During the last periods, we learned that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, in a manger from the Virgin Mary. So, Christmas is the celebration of the Birthday of Jesus Christ. We also learned that Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and Joseph went to Egypt, because King Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus. *Do you remember why? ...* Today, we are going to learn about baptism of Jesus Christ: who baptized Him, and where he was baptized, and what happened after His baptism.

### Review Questions

1. Who came to visit Jesus Christ following a star?
2. Why was Herod the king afraid when the three wise men told him that they came to worship the new born king?
3. What did Herod tell the wise men to do?
4. What did Herod do when he learned that the wise men did not return to him?
5. Where did the Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ and Joseph go to escape from Herod?

### The Lesson

The Virgin Mary, Jesus Christ and Joseph stayed in Egypt for three and half years and returned to Jerusalem. They lived in a city called Galilee. Jesus Christ grew up obeying His mother, and Joseph. When He became 30 years old, he went to the Jordan River to be baptized.

There was a man called **John** who was preaching Repentance, and baptizing the people in the **Jordan River**. He was the son of the priest, Zachariah, and Elizabeth. He told the people, *"I indeed baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to prevent Him saying he is the one who needed to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus insisted that it is the right thing to do, and John baptized Jesus Christ. John became known as **John the Baptist** because he baptized Jesus Christ.

When Jesus came from the water:

1. The heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus Christ like a dove.
2. A voice came from heaven saying, *"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."*

Immediately after He was baptized, Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights before He started teaching the people about the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Song

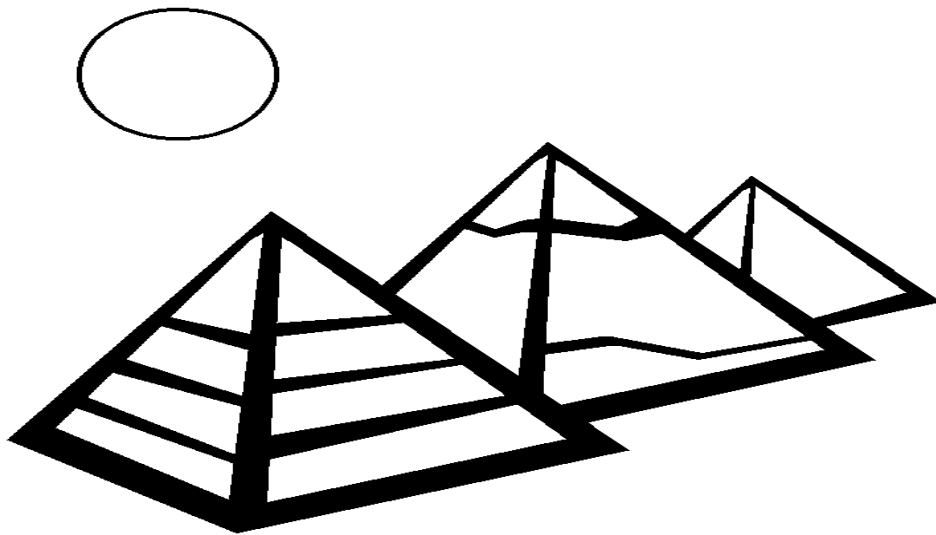
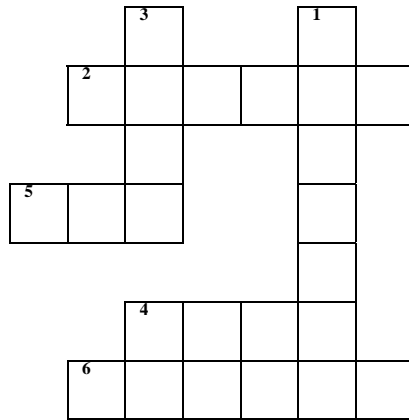
*Hore Eyesus Hore Eyesus (2)*

*Em-Gelila (3) habe Yohannes (2)*

**Meaning:** Jesus went from Galilee to John (to the Jordan River for Baptism)

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. After they returned to Jerusalem, the Virgin Mary, Jesus, and Joseph lived in a city called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus Christ went to the \_\_\_\_\_ river to be baptized.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ baptized Jesus Christ in the Jordan River.
4. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus like a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. After Jesus baptism, a voice came from heaven saying: This is my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ in whom I am well pleased.
6. Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for 40 days and 40 nights right after His baptism.



**The angel told Joseph to take the Virgin Mary and the Child, Jesus Christ to Egypt. So, they went to Egypt and stayed there for three and half years until the death of Herod.**

January: 4th Week

## Temptation of Jesus by Satan

**Objective:** Learn about Jesus fasting and the temptation by the devil.

**References:** Mathew 4

**Introduction:** Before Jesus Christ started preaching, he went into fasting for 40 days and nights. In this lesson, we are going to see how Jesus was tempted, and who tempted him.

### Questions from the Previous Lesson

1. Who baptized Jesus Christ?
2. Where was He baptized?
3. How old was He when He was baptized?
4. What happened when Jesus came out of the water after being baptized?

### The Lesson

After He was baptized Jesus Christ went into a wilderness to **fast**. He fasted for forty days and 40 nights. Two prophets who spoke about the coming of Jesus Christ fasted these many days and night before Him. They were **Moses, and Elijah**.

After fasting 40 days and nights, the tempter, Satan came to Jesus Christ and told Jesus to change the stone into bread if He is the Son of God. But Jesus replied that man does not live by bread alone but by the word of God.

The tempter came a second time and told Jesus to throw Himself from the mountain, because it was written that the angels would not let Him fall. But Jesus told Him that it is written not to tempt the Lord.

A third time he came to Jesus, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and said that he would give Him all the kingdoms if Jesus would worship him. But Jesus said, ***Get away Satan, for it is written you shall worship only the Lord God.*** Thus Satan got away from Jesus because he could not defeat Him.

### Song

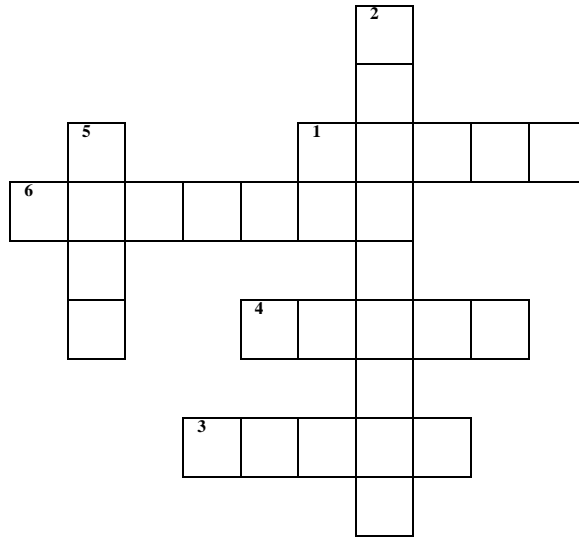
*Hore Eyesus Hore Eyesus (2)*

*Em-Gelila (3) habe Yohannes (2)*

**Meaning:** Jesus went from Galilee to John (to the Jordan River for Baptism)

**Questions:** *Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. Jesus fasted for \_\_\_\_\_ days and nights after he was baptized.
2. Two \_\_\_\_\_ fasted for the same number of days and nights before Jesus Christ.
3. The prophets who fasted for forty days and night were \_\_\_\_\_ and Elijah.
4. Satan asked Jesus to change the stone into \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus said it is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by the \_\_\_\_\_ word of God.
6. It is written that you shall \_\_\_\_\_ only Your God.



February: 1st Week

## Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son

**Objective:** Know Jesus Christ through His miracles

**References:** John 2, 4

**Introduction:** Jesus Christ performed different miracles that the people may see and believe in him. His disciples believed in Him after the Miracle at Cana. In today's lesson, you will see how Jesus Christ healed an official's son, and how others believed after seeing the miracle.

### **Review Questions**

1. Why did Jesus go to the wilderness after His baptism?
2. How did Satan tempt Him?
3. What did Jesus Christ do when Satan tempted Him?

### **The Lesson**

Jesus Christ performed his first miracle after His baptism in Cana of Galilee. He changed water into wine, after the Virgin Mary told Him that they were out of wine. After this Jesus went to other place and chose for disciples. Once upon a time he returned to Cana, where he performed His first miracle.

A royal official, whose son was sick in another city heard about the coming of Jesus Christ to Cana. His son was close to death, but the official went to find Jesus Christ, because he believed that Jesus Christ could save his son. When He saw Jesus he begged, "*Sir, come down before my child dies.*" Jesus replied to Him, "*You may go, your son will live.*" The official believed the words of Jesus Christ and went to his house.

On his way to his house, the official's servants met him on the way and told him that his son was healed. He asked them what time his son got better, and they told him at the 7th hour. That was the exact time Jesus said, "*Your son will live*" to the official. So, he and, all his household, believed in Jesus Christ.

### **Song**

Cana zeGelila (4)

Beziya beserg bet tegegn-tehal Geta kenatih gara, tegegn-teshal Dingil keLigish gara

### **Meaning:**

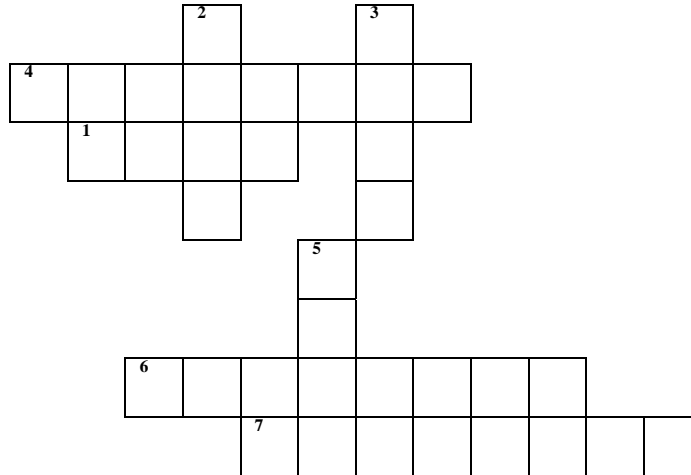
In Cana of Galilee

Lord, You were present with your mother, and Virgin, you were present with your Son at the wedding.



**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Jesus performed his first miracle after his baptism in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus Christ changed water into \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.
3. The Virgin \_\_\_\_\_ told Jesus Christ that they were out of wine.
4. A royal \_\_\_\_\_ asked Jesus to save his son.
5. Jesus told the royal official that his son will \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The royal official's \_\_\_\_\_ told him that his son was alive.
7. The royal official and his household \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.



**The First Miracle**  
**Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee.**  
**(John 2:1-12)**

February: 2nd Week

## **The Thankful Leper**

**Objective:** Know Jesus Christ through His miracles

**References:** Luke 17

**Introduction:** We are going to continue to learn about the miracles of Jesus Christ. Pay attention to how many he heals, what he orders them to do, and how many of them showed their gratitude (thankfulness).

### **Review Questions**

1. What was the first miracle of Jesus?
2. How did Jesus heal the royal official's son?
3. Did the royal official believe in Jesus Christ? What about his household?

### **The Lesson**

Once upon a time, when Jesus entered a small village, ten lepers met him standing far away from him. *Do you know what lepers are? ... Lepers are people who have a disease called leprosy. It is a skin disease. It was considered a sign of sin at the time, and those who had this disease were separated from the society. People used to avoid them because of this disease and they were not allowed to mix themselves with other people. That is why they were standing far away from other people as Jesus Christ entered a small village.*

When they saw Jesus Christ, they raised their voice and said, "***Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!***". Jesus Christ then said to them, "***Go and show yourselves to priests.***" As they went to show themselves to priests, they were healed from their leprosy, and they all had beautiful skin again. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned back and glorified God. He fell on his face at the feet of Jesus Christ and thanked Him.

Then Jesus Christ said, were there not ten that were healed? But only one of them came back to say thank you? He said to the one who came to glorify Him, go your way, your faith has made you well.

### **Song**

*Tenageru dink sirawin meskiru*

*Tamirun le-alem nigeru (2) dink sirawin meskiru*

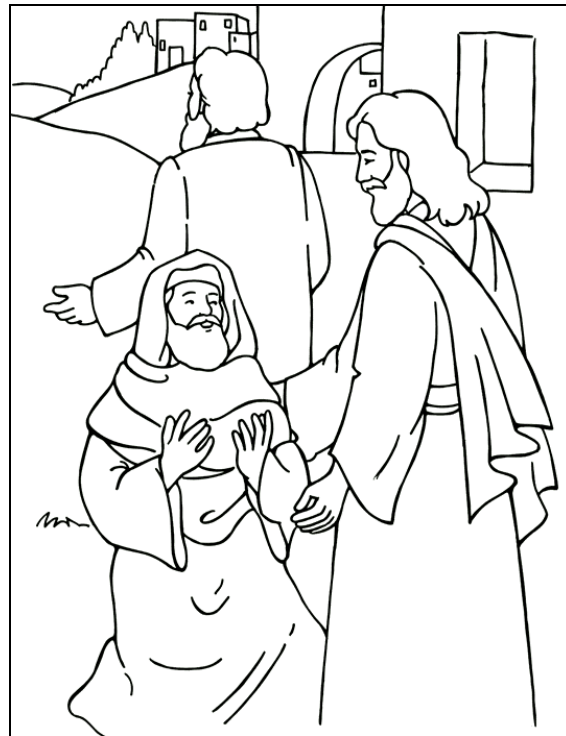
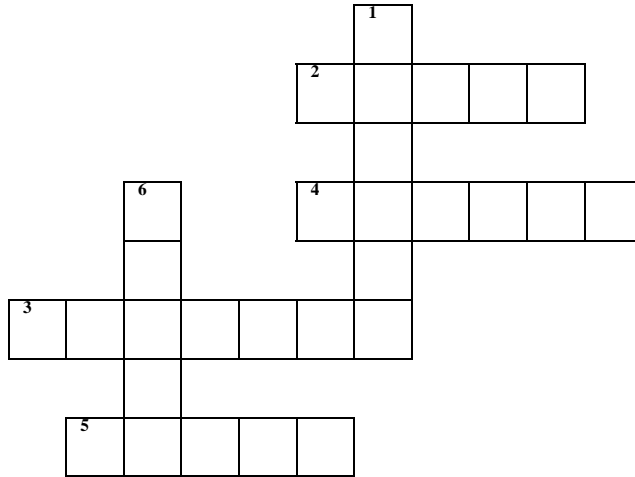
### **Meaning:**

***Speak of and witness His marvelous work;***

***Tell His miracles to the world, witness His marvelous work.***

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Ten \_\_\_\_\_ met Jesus Christ in a village.
2. They Cried to Jesus Christ saying, "**Master, have \_\_\_\_\_ on us.**"
3. Jesus told the lepers to go and show themselves to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. All ten of them were all \_\_\_\_\_ when they showed themselves to priests.
5. Out of the ten, only one returned to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.
6. Jesus said to the thankful leper, "**Your \_\_\_\_\_ has made you well.**"



## Healed by Her Faith

**Objective:** Know Jesus Christ through His miracles

**References:** Mark 5

**Introduction:** This is the story of a woman, who had a great faith, and was healed from a long suffering because of such great faith.

### Review Questions

1. How many lepers met Jesus Christ in a village?
2. What did Jesus Christ tell the lepers to do?
3. How many of the lepers returned and thanked Jesus Christ after they returned?

### The Lesson

There was a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years, and suffering a great deal of pain. She had seen many doctors seeking to be healed, but no one could cure her. Her condition was getting worse by the day.

Once upon a time, Jesus Christ was passing by where she was. There were many people who were following Him, and they were pressing around Him. When this woman heard that Jesus Christ was passing by, She thought: *"If I just touch His Clothes, I will be healed."* So, she came behind Him in the middle of the crowd and touched His Clothes. Her bleeding stopped immediately, and she was free of her suffering.

Jesus turned back and asked who touched Him; but His disciples replied that the crowd was pressing against Him. But He said some one had touched Him, and looked around again. The woman came and fell at His feet in fear, and spoke of the miracle that was done for her when she touched His clothes. Jesus said to her: *" Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."*

### Song

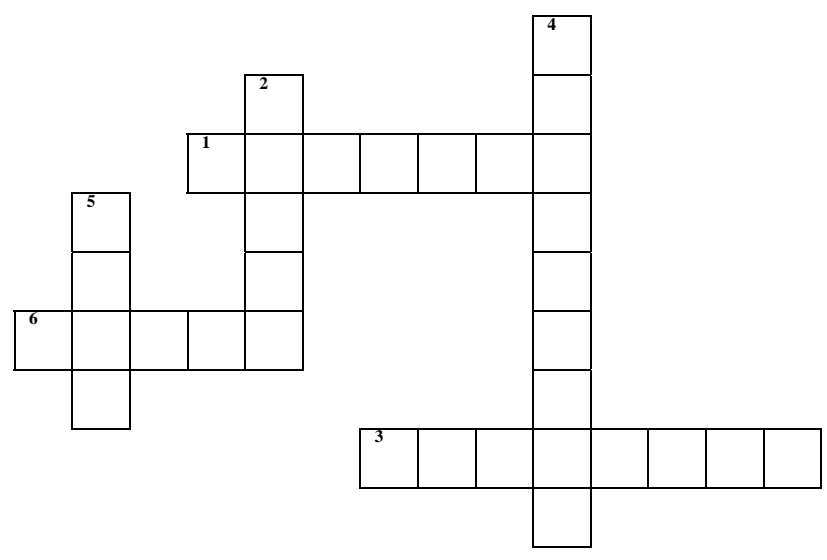
*Enaminalen be-Ab Enaminalen be-Wold be-Wold (2)*

*Enaminalen (4) Enaminalen be-Menfes Kidusa (2)*

**Meaning:**     *We believe in the Father and we believe in the Son;  
We believe in the Holy Spirit.*

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ could not cure the woman who was suffering for 12 years.
- 2. The woman thought that if she just \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' clothes, she would be healed.
- 3. The woman's \_\_\_\_\_ stopped immediately when she touched Jesus' clothes.
- 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ said to Jesus that many people were pressing against Him.
- 5. The woman fell in \_\_\_\_\_ at the feet of Jesus Christ.
- 6. Jesus Christ said to the woman, "Daughter, your \_\_\_\_\_ has healed you."



Lent: 1st Week

## Jesus raises the widow's son

**Objective:** Know Jesus Christ through His miracles

**References:** Luke 7

**Introduction:** In the previous lessons, we have seen the healing miracle of Jesus Christ. In this lesson, we are going to see how Jesus Christ healed a widow's son, who was dead. (*A widow is a woman whose husband had died.*)

### Review Questions

4. How many lepers met Jesus Christ in a village?
5. What did Jesus Christ tell the lepers to do?
6. How many of the lepers returned and thanked Jesus Christ after they returned?

### The Lesson

There was a widow in a place called Nain, who had only one son. *Do you know what a widow is? ...* Her only child had died, and people were carrying his body when Jesus came to the town, followed by his disciples and a large crowd of people. Jesus saw that the woman was very sad because of the death of her son, and He felt sorry for her.

Jesus went to the coffin, and when he touched it, the people carrying it stood still. Then Jesus said, "**Young man, I say to you, get up.**" The young man got up immediately and began to speak. Jesus took the young man and gave him to his mother.

The people were all amazed at such a miracle, and praised God. They said, ***A great prophet has come among us ... God has come to help his people.*** People started to talk about Jesus Christ, and the news of his miracles was spread around the country.

### Song

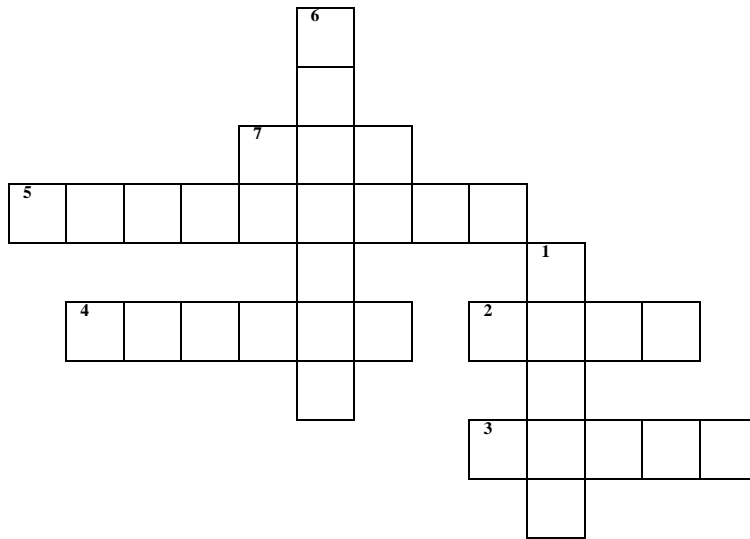
*Tenageru dink sirawin meskiru*

*Tamirun le-alem nigeru (2) dink sirawin meskiru*

**Meaning:** *Speak of and witness His marvelous work;  
Tell His miracles to the world, witness His marvelous work.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

- 7. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Nain had only one son.
- 8. The widows only son \_\_\_\_\_ and they were carrying him to a funeral when Jesus Christ came to Nain.
- 9. Jesus felt \_\_\_\_\_ for the widow, whose only son had died.
- 10. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the only son of the widow from death, and gave him back to his mother.
- 11. Jesus came into Nain followed by His \_\_\_\_\_ and a large crowd of people.
- 12. When Jesus Christ raised the widow's son from the dead, the people said that a great \_\_\_\_\_ came among them.
- 13. They also said \_\_\_\_\_ has come to help His people.



***Jesus loves children.***

Lent: 2nd Week

## Healing the Blind

**Objective: Know Jesus Christ through His miracles**

**References:** John 9

**Introduction:** We are going to see another miracle of Jesus Christ, and how the man who was healed believed in Jesus Christ.

### Review Questions

1. Do you remember the miracle from the last lesson?
2. What did the people say, after Jesus raised the widow's son?

### The Lesson

Once upon a time, when Jesus was walking with His disciples, they saw a man who was born blind. The disciples asked Jesus: ***“who sinned? This man or his parents, that he was born blind?”*** Jesus told them that it is not because of his sin, or his parents, but so that the work of God may be revealed through him.

Then Jesus mixed some mud with his saliva and put it on the man's eyes. He told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man went and washed his eyes in the pool of Siloam as Jesus told him, and came home seeing with both eyes. Everyone who knew him was amazed, and argued if this was the man who was born blind from his mother's womb. But the man told them that it was him.

Jesus found him again after the blind man was healed, and asked him if he believes in the Son of God. The man replied, ***“Who is He, that I may believe in Him?”*** Jesus said, ***“He is the one speaking with you.”*** The man said, ***“Lord, I believe”*** and he worshipped Him.

### Song

*Tenageru dink sirawin meskiru*

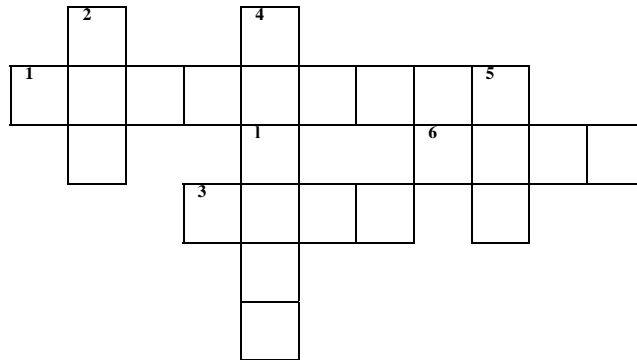
*Tamirun le-alem nigeru (2) dink sirawin meskiru*

**Meaning:** *Speak of and witness His marvelous work;  
Tell His miracles to the world, witness His marvelous work.*



*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. When Jesus was waking with His \_\_\_\_\_ they saw a man, who was born blind.
2. The disciples asked Jesus if the man was born because of his or his parents \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus told them that the man was born blind so that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God may be revealed through him.
4. Jesus told the blind man to go and wash in the pool of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. After the man was healed, Jesus asked him if he believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.
6. The man said, “\_\_\_\_\_, I believe” and he worshipped Jesus.



*Healing the Blind*

Lent: 3rd Week

## Jesus in the Temple

**Objective:** Learn that a church is a house of prayer

**References:** Matthew 21; John 2

**Introduction:** Today's lesson is about how Jesus Christ reacted to people who were misusing the temple in Jerusalem. You will also learn the proper behavior and discipline in the house of God.

### Review Questions

1. How did Jesus Christ heal the blind man in the last story?
2. Why was the man born blind?
3. Did he believe in Jesus Christ after he was healed?

### The Lesson

One day, when Jesus went into the temple in Jerusalem, He found the people inside selling oxen, sheep, doves and exchanging money. *What is a temple?* ... Jesus was angry because the temple was a holy place, and it was not a place for selling anything or exchanging money. So, he drove those that abused the house of God, and their belongings, out of the temple.

He said to them, ***Take these out; do not make my Father's house a house of merchandize. My house shall be called a house of prayer.*** So, all those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the ones that exchanged money inside the temple went out of the temple.

A church is like a temple. It is a house of God, and therefore a house of prayer. We should remember to make the sign of the cross when we come inside church, and pray. *Do you remember how to make the sign of the cross?*

When we come to church, we should be clean and also have clean clothes. Once we come to church, we should take our shoes off when we go inside. If there is a place reserved for children, then you should go to a place prepared for you, and pray without disturbing others. If there is no place reserved for you, then you should go inside with your parents. If we do all these things, Jesus will be happy with us.

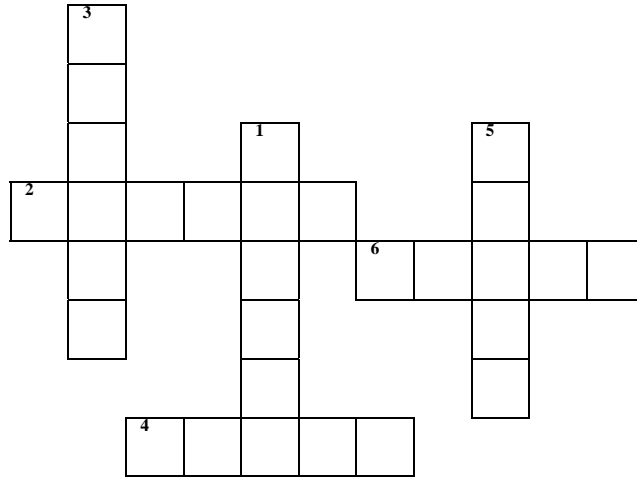
### Song

*Bete bete Christian nat (2)*  
*Yetselot bet nat*

**Meaning:** *My house is my church;  
It is a house of prayer.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. When Jesus came to the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, He found people selling and exchanging goods.
2. Jesus said to the people, My house shall be called a house of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_, like the temple is a house of God.
4. When we come to church, we should be \_\_\_\_\_ and also have \_\_\_\_\_ clothes.
5. When we go inside the church we should take our \_\_\_\_\_ off our feet.
6. We make the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ when we pray.



*Cleansing the Temple*

Lent: 4th Week

## The Healing of the Bedridden

**Objective:** Learn about Jesus' Miracles and His care

**References:** John 5:1-9

**Introduction:** This is another lesson, on the healing miracle of Jesus Christ. We learn about all these miracles, so that we can know and more about Jesus Christ from his works. That is why the disciples wrote these miracles for us. Note how long the sick man waited before he was healed.

### Review Questions

1. What were people doing in the Temple in Jerusalem, when Jesus Christ came?
2. What did He do when he saw the people misusing the Temple of God?
3. What did Jesus Christ say about the Temple to the people?

### The Lesson

There was a place called Bethesda in Jerusalem, where there were a lot of people with different sicknesses. There were many who were blind, lame, deaf, and others with different kinds of sickness. They used to wait by a river for the moving of the water.

An angel of the Lord used to come down and stir the water once a year. Whoever got in the moving water first was healed from whatever sickness he or she had. There was one man, who could not get out of his bed and waited by the river for 38 years for someone to put him in the water so that he could be healed.

One day, when Jesus passed by Bethesda, He saw this man lying in his bed. Jesus asked him, "*Do you want to be healed?*" The man answered, "*Yes, but I have no one, when the water moves, to put me in the river.*" Then Jesus said to him, "*Rise, take up your bed and walk*". Immediately the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

During the Liturgy the priests, deacons and the people always pray for the sick, the helpless and the weak so that our Lord Jesus and have mercy on them, and heal them. Do you pray for your loved one when they fall sick, or when they have some hardships?

### Song

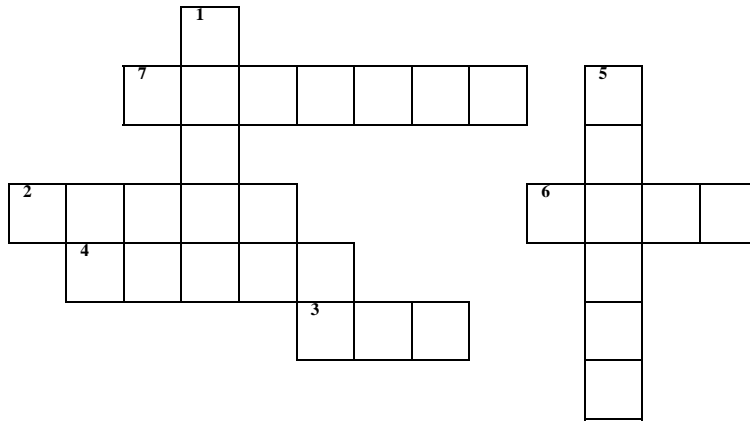
*Tenageru dink sirawin meskiru*

*Tamirun le-alem nigeru (2) dink sirawin meskiru*

**Meaning:** *Speak of and witness His marvelous work;  
Tell His miracles to the world, witness His marvelous work.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Many people who were sick, used to wait by a \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethesda to be healed?
2. The river in Bethesda used to move when an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord came down?
3. A man waited by the river 38 years lying on his \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Whoever got in the water \_\_\_\_\_ after an angel came used to be healed from his/her sickness.
5. Jesus Asked the sick man if he wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus told the sick man to rise up, take up his bed, and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. During the \_\_\_\_\_ inside the church, the priests, deacons and people pray for the sick and need.



*A girl, visiting and praying for her friend who is sick.*

Lent: 5th Week

## Friends Help the Paralytic

**Objective:** Learn to help each other and those who need help.

**References:** Mark 2:1 - 12

**Introduction:** This is a story of friendship, and faith. In the lesson, you we are going to see how far friends go to help their paralytic friend, and the faith they had in Jesus Christ.

### Review Questions

1. Why did many people wait by the river in Bethesda?
2. How many years did the paralytic stay in his bed, waiting by the river?
3. What did Jesus Christ tell him to do?

### The Lesson

There was a man who was paralyzed, and had no wife or children. But he had four friends who wanted to help him so that he would be healed. Once upon a time, they heard that Jesus Christ was in town. So they carried their friend on his bed and took him to Jesus Christ.

When they reached the house where Jesus was, there were a lot of people listening to his teaching, and, as a result, they could not get inside. But they were determined to get their friend to Jesus. So, they went up on the roof of the house, and opened the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching. Then they lowered their friend on his bed into the house.

Jesus was amazed at their faith. He said to the paralyzed man, "*Son, your sins are forgiven ... Arise and take up your bed, and go your way into your house.*" Immediately, he got up, took up his bed, and he could walk again. The people gathered in the house were amazed and thanked God.

### Song

*Adinen Geta hoy, adinen amlakachin (2)*

*Yadankat hagere nenewen, beyikirtah, bamlakawi yikirtah (2)*

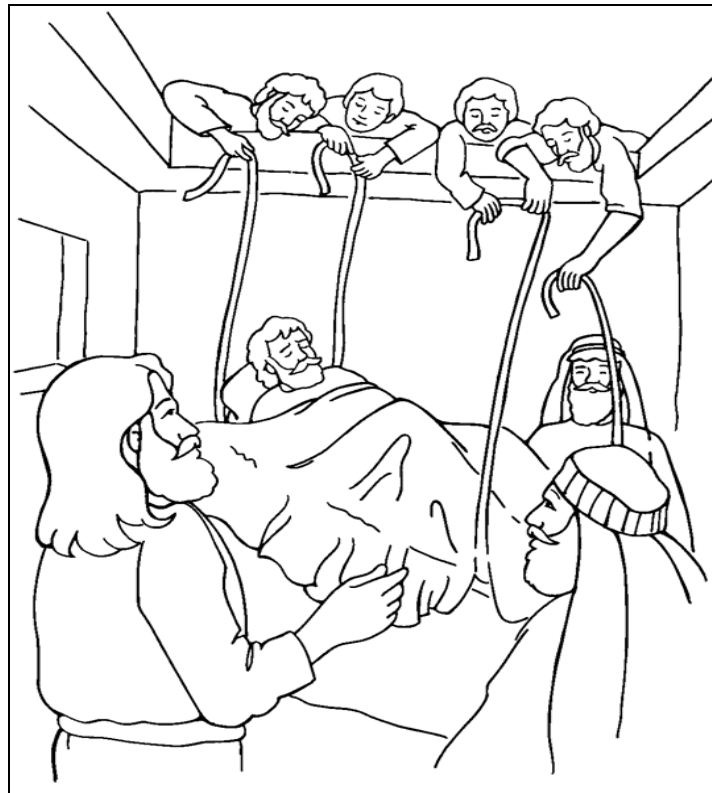
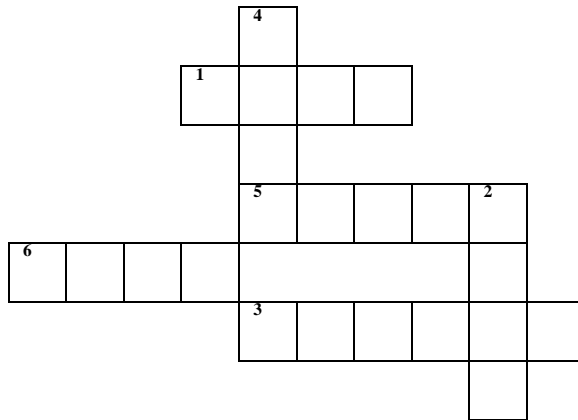
### Meaning:

*Save us O Lord, save us our God;*

*As You have saved Nineveh, according to your divine mercy.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. The paralytic had \_\_\_\_\_ children.
2. The friends of the paralytic wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ their friend healed.
3. The friends could not go inside the house, where Jesus was teaching, because there were many \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. They went on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house, and opened it to let their friend inside so Jesus could heal him.
5. Jesus admired the friend's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus said to the paralyzed, "Son, your \_\_\_\_\_ are forgiven."



*Helping a Friend*

Lent: 6th Week

## Nicodemus

**Objective:** Learn about the importance of learning from Nicodemus

**References:** John 3:1-15

**Introduction:** Today's story is about a man called Nicodemus, who was a Jewish scholar. In the story we are going to see his love to learn from Jesus Christ, and the mystery that was revealed to him during one of his learning sessions with our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Review Questions

1. Why couldn't the friend's of the paralytic take their friend inside where Jesus was teaching?
2. What did they do to solve their problem?

### The Lesson

There was a man called Nicodemus, who used to come to Jesus Christ to learn. He loved to know more about Jesus Christ, and wanted to learn from Him. He used to come in the night to learn. One night, Jesus Christ taught Nicodemus about Baptism. *Do you know what Baptism is?*

Jesus said, ***"Unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"*** Nicodemus was surprised because, how can that happen? So he asked Jesus, *"How ... Can a man enter his mother's womb and be born again?"*

So Jesus explained to him what ***"born again"*** means. He said, ***unless a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."***

So, baptism is being born again from water and the Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery to Nicodemus because he loved to learn.

*Do you like learning at your school? What about at church, in the Sunday School?*

### Song

*Egziabher yiwedenal yitebkenal (2)*

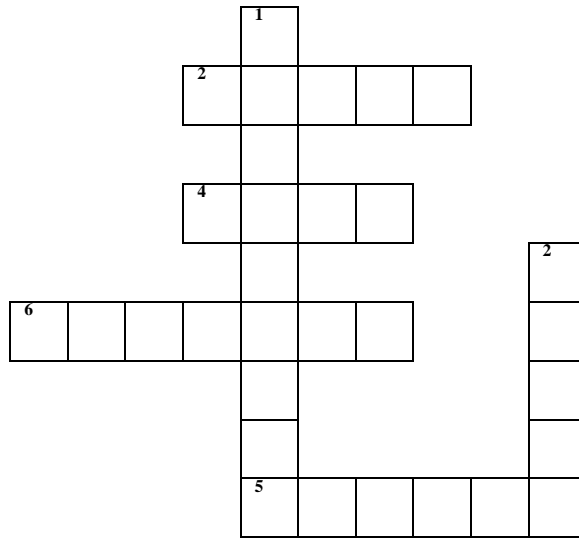
*Ersu legna demun kisolinal (4)*

**Meaning:** *God loves us and protects us;  
He paid (for our sins) with His own blood.*



**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ loved to learn from Jesus Christ.
2. Nicodemus used to come at \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus Christ.
3. Jesus taught Nicodemus about \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus told Nicodemus that unless a man is \_\_\_\_\_ again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
5. Unless a man is born of water and of the \_\_\_\_\_, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
6. Jesus revealed the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism to Nicodemus because he loved to learn.



**Reading Bible Stories**

Lent: 7th Week

## Children Receive Christ

**Objective:** Learn about the glorious entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, and how children received Him.

**References:** Matthew 21:1 - 11

**Introduction:** King David prophesied about the coming of Jesus Christ to Jerusalem, sitting on a donkey. This story is the fulfillment of the prophecy, and also another prophesy of King David about how children would receive him.

### Review Questions

1. What did Jesus Christ teach Nicodemus?
2. What is Baptism?

### The Lesson

Once upon a time, when Jesus came to Jerusalem just before a Jews holiday, many people came out to receive Him. The people who were in Jerusalem heard about the miracles of Jesus - how He raised man called Lazarus from death. Because of this, many people came to see Him.

He entered Jerusalem sitting on a young donkey. When He came, the people met Him with branches of palm trees, and laid down their clothes and the branches they had for him on the ground.

There were also many children among the people. The children sang, "***Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that comes in the name of the Lord.***"

The disciples, the men Jesus chose to be his followers and students, did not understand all these things at first. But later, they understood that the prophets wrote all these about Him long time ago. The prophet, King David wrote about the children's song to receive Jesus Christ long before this day. He wrote, "*Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, You have ordained strength (praise).*" (Psalm 8:2). Sucklings are babies that are still breast fed.

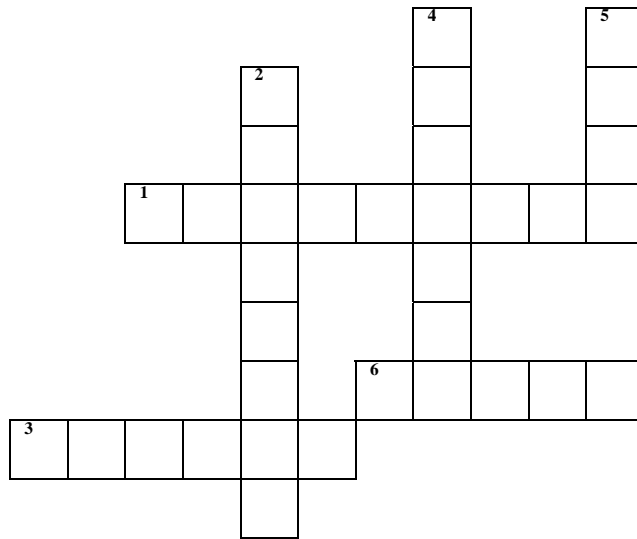
### Song

*Hosa-ena be-aryam  
Eyalu Zemeru Hitsanat Eyerusalem*

**Meaning:** *Children in Jerusalem sang,  
Saying Hosanna in the highest.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. When Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_, many people came out to receive him.
2. Many people came out to see Him, because they have heard of His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus came into Jerusalem sitting on a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Children and the people sang, \_\_\_\_\_, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
5. People received Jesus in Jerusalem with branches of \_\_\_\_\_ trees.
6. King \_\_\_\_\_ wrote about the coming of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, sitting on a donkey, many years before that day.



*The Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem*

Lent: 8th Week

## The Fig Tree

**Objective:** about the power of Faith

**References:** Matthew 21

**Introduction:** Today's story is about an event that took place on the morning after children received Jesus Christ with singing, and holding branches of palm leaves, when He came into Jerusalem.

### Review Questions

1. What does Hosanna mean?
2. What did the children sing on Hosanna?
3. How did Jesus Christ come into Jerusalem?

### The Lesson

The morning after Jesus' *triumphal entry into Jerusalem*, He was hungry and came to a *fig tree*, to get some fruit from it. But there was no fruit on the tree. It had only leaves, and no fruit. Jesus then said: "*Let no fruit ever grow on you from now on.*" And the fig tree withered immediately.

Jesus disciples were amazed to see the fig tree wither so soon, and said to one another: "*How soon is the fig tree withered away?*"

Jesus then answered and told them not to marvel, for if they have faith, not only could they do what he did to the fig tree, but if they tell the mountain to move and go into the sea, it shall be done for them. He said to them: "*All things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.*"

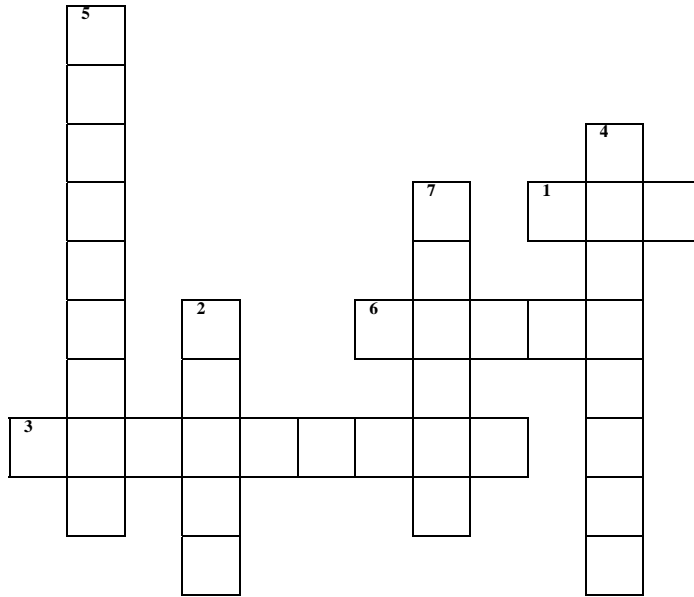
### Song

*Hosa-ena be-aryam  
Eyalu Zemeru Hitsanat Eyerusalem*

**Meaning:** *Children in Jerusalem sang,  
Saying Hosanna in the highest.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Jesus came to the \_\_\_\_\_ tree when he was hungry.
2. Jesus could not find any \_\_\_\_\_ on the tree.
3. Jesus came to the fig tree, the morning after His *triumphal entry into* \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The fig tree \_\_\_\_\_ immediately when Jesus said for it not to ever grow any fruit.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ were amazed the tree withered away so soon.
6. Jesus told His disciples that they could cast the mountain into the sea if the have \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Whatever we ask in \_\_\_\_\_, believing, we shall receive.



*A Fig Tree*

Easter: 1st Week

## The Resurrection

**Objective:** Learn about the resurrection of Jesus Christ

**References:** *Mathew 28:1 - 8; Mark 16:1 - 8*

**Introduction:** As we have seen on the lesson of Hosanna, several people and children received Jesus Christ singing, "*Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*" when He came into Jerusalem sitting on a donkey. They laid down palm leaves and clothes on the ground for Him. Today, you are going to learn about the events that took place in Jerusalem following Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

### The Lesson

The leaders of the Jews were jealous of Jesus Christ, when they saw children and grown ups praising and following Him. They plotted to kill Him, and accused Him falsely, and brought false witnesses against Him. So, on the first Friday, after He came into Jerusalem, they crucified Him on a cross. Two men, named Joseph and Nicodemus took His body from the Cross and buried Him. *Do you remember Nicodemus? ...*

On the third day, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb of Jesus Christ with other women to anoint His body with perfume. On their way, they said to each other, "*Who shall roll the stone for us from the tomb, for it is very heavy?*" But when they arrived, they saw that the stone was rolled away, and an angel in a long white garment sitting on the stone. They were afraid, but the angel said to them, "*Do not be afraid; you seek Jesus of Nazareth. He is risen, He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him.*" The women looked inside, and Jesus Christ was not inside as the angel told them. They were happy to hear that Christ was risen, and they ran to tell the good news to the disciples.

### Song

*Aman be-aman (4)*

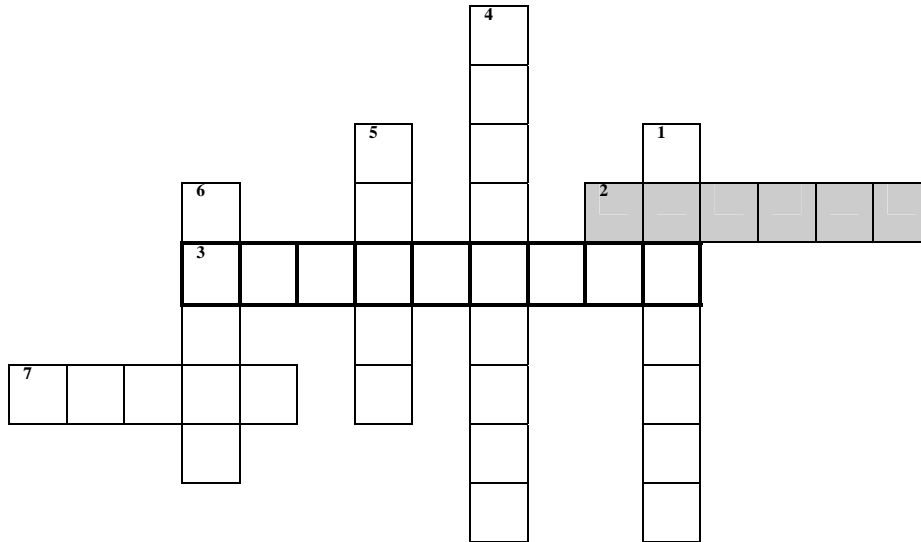
*Tense-A Iminne Mutan (4)*

**Meaning:** *Truly Truly (4)*

*He is risen from the dead. (4)*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Children sang \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest, when Jesus Christ came into Jerusalem.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ took the body of Jesus Christ to bury His body.
4. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ came to the tomb of Jesus Christ with other women on the third day of His crucifixion.
5. The women asked each other, " who will move the \_\_\_\_\_ for us from the tomb?"
6. When the women came to the tomb, they saw an \_\_\_\_\_ in a white garment.
7. The angel told the women that Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.



***An angel of the Lord told Mary Magdalene and the women that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.***

Easter: 2nd Week

## Jesus Appears to the Apostles, while Fishing

**Objective:** Learn about the resurrection of Jesus Christ

**References:** John 21:1-14

**Introduction:** After His resurrection, Jesus Christ appeared to the disciples and other followers at different times during 40 days. Today's lesson is about one of the times Jesus Christ appeared to the disciples.

### Review Questions

1. On which day of the week was Jesus Christ crucified?
2. On which day of the week did Jesus rise from the dead?
3. Why did Mary Magdalene go to the tomb of Jesus Christ? What happened when she got there?

### The Lesson

Mary Magdalene and the women who heard of the resurrection of Jesus Christ went to the disciples and told the disciples what they have seen and heard. A few days after this, the disciples went fishing in the night. But they caught nothing all night.

In the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore of where they were fishing. But they did not know Him. He said to them, "***Throw your net on the right of the ship, and you will find.***" They said they had tried all night, and caught nothing, but they threw in their net anyway. But this time, they caught so many fish they were not able to draw their net. The load was too heavy for the net, but it did not break.

One of the disciples, John told Peter that it was Jesus. So Peter threw himself in the water and swam towards Jesus, but the others came to the shore in the ship, dragging the net with them. When they came ashore, no one asked Him, who He was, for they knew that He was the Lord Jesus Christ. He blessed the bread and fish, and gave them to eat. This was the third time when He appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection.

### Song

*wemedreni tigebir fasika (2)*

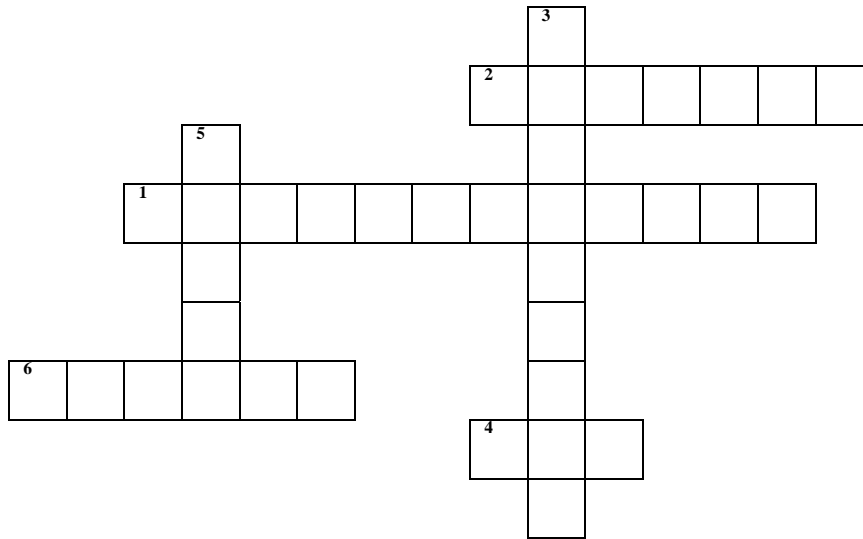
*tehatsiba bedeme Kiristos (4)*

**Meaning:** *The rejoiced in the Fasika  
It had been cleansed by the blood of Christ . (4)*



**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Mary Magdalene brought the news of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, when she returned from His tomb?
2. The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus appeared to them by a shore.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ could not catch any fish the whole night, before Jesus Christ appeared to them.
4. After Jesus told the disciples to throw their \_\_\_\_\_, they caught many fish.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ threw himself in the water and swam towards Jesus
6. Jesus appeared to the disciples for the \_\_\_\_\_ time after His Resurrection.



**I can share the "Good News" with a friend.**

Easter: 3rd Week

## The Birth of the Virgin Mary

**Objective:** Learn about the birth of the Virgin Mary

**References:** Miracles of Mary

**Introduction:** God fulfills the wishes of those who always pray, and remain faithful. In this lesson, we are going to learn about the patience, faithfulness, and prayer of Joachim and Anna, and how God gave them a precious child, the Virgin Mary - from whom was found the most precious gift of all - Jesus Christ.

### Review Questions

1. What were the disciples doing when they saw Him on a shore?
2. What did Jesus Christ tell them to do?
3. What did Peter do when he knew that the person on the shore was Jesus Christ?

### The Lesson

The Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ was born on May 9 (*Ginbot 1 of the Ethiopian month*). Her father's name is Joachim, and her mother's name is Anna. Joachim and Anna had been married for a long time, but had no child. People were saying that God did not give them a child because of their sin. But Joachim and Anna were very faithful and always prayed to God to give them a child, without losing hope.

One day, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joachim and told him that God would give them a precious child. Joachim told Anna what the angel had told her. Anna conceived a child as the angel promised. She had an aunt who was only one-eyed. Once upon a time, after Anna conceived a child, her aunt rubbed Anna's stomach with her hand, and when she rubbed her blind eye with the same hand, she could see with both eyes.

Other people heard this miracle. Many came and were healed miraculously. But the Jewish leaders were jealous and caused Anna and Joachim to go in exile to a place called Mount Lebanon. On *Ginbot 1* of the Ethiopian month, Anna gave birth to a pretty baby girl on Mount Lebanon, and called her Mary.

The Virgin Mary grew in the temple of God until she was 15 years old. God chose to be born of her because she is the most holy and purest of all creation.

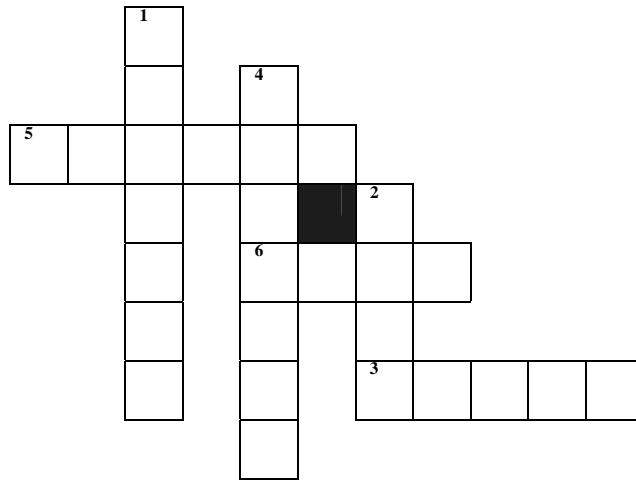
### Song

*Misraqe misraqat mutsa-a tsehay Egzi-eteye zemena muday (2)*  
*Zemena muday Maryam zemena muday (4)*

**Meaning:** *You are the vessel of the manna that came from the east of the east (2)*  
*The Vessel of manna, Maryam, the vessel of manna (4)*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the father of the Virgin Mary.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the mother of the Virgin Mary.
3. An \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord told Joachim that God would give them a child.
4. Anna and Joachim were exiled to Mount \_\_\_\_\_ because of the Jews were jealous of them.
5. Joachim and Anna \_\_\_\_\_ to God to give them a child.
6. Anna's \_\_\_\_\_ was healed, when she rubbed Anna's belly and touched her blind eyes.



**Prayer is speaking to God.**

Easter: 4th Week

## St. George

**Objective:** Learn about courage and faith from the life of St. George.

**References:** Works of St. George

**Introduction:** Today we are going to learn about a saint called St. George. A saint is a person who lived his or her life in holiness - giving up all material needs and dedicating oneself to prayer, helping others, and many other spiritual works.

### Review Questions

1. What are the names of the Virgin Mary's father and mother?
2. What day was the Virgin Mary born?
3. Whose eye was miraculously healed when the Virgin Mary was conceived?

### The Lesson

St. George was born in a region called Leda. When he became 20 years old, he went to a region called Beirut. There was a dragon the people of Beirut used to worship as a god. When St. George came to Beirut, he saw a girl tied on a tree. He asked her why she was there. She told him that she was being offered to their god, the dragon. She told him to go before the dragon came so that he would not kill him too. But St. George said he wasn't afraid of this evil.

When the dragon saw St. George, he raised his head to kill him. But St. George said, "*Beseme Ab weWeld weMenfes Kidus (in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit)*," and made a sign of the Cross. The dragon became weak and fell down on the ground. St. George then got off his horse, untied the governor's daughter and they dragged the dragon to the city.

When the people of Beirut saw St. George and the governor's daughter coming to the city dragging the dragon, they were terrified and told St. George not to bring their god into the city. But he told them that this was not a god, and that he had no power over them. He told them to believe in Jesus Christ. He killed the dragon they feared and worshipped all their life. After witnessing what St. George did in the name of Jesus Christ, they all became Christians.

The first Commandment of God is to love Him with all our heart, and not to worship any other gods. The people of Beirut used to worship the dragon. But St. George killed him, and taught them about Jesus Christ. Then they believed in Jesus Christ, and stopped worshipping anyone other than God.

May the prayers of Saint George help and protect us from evil.

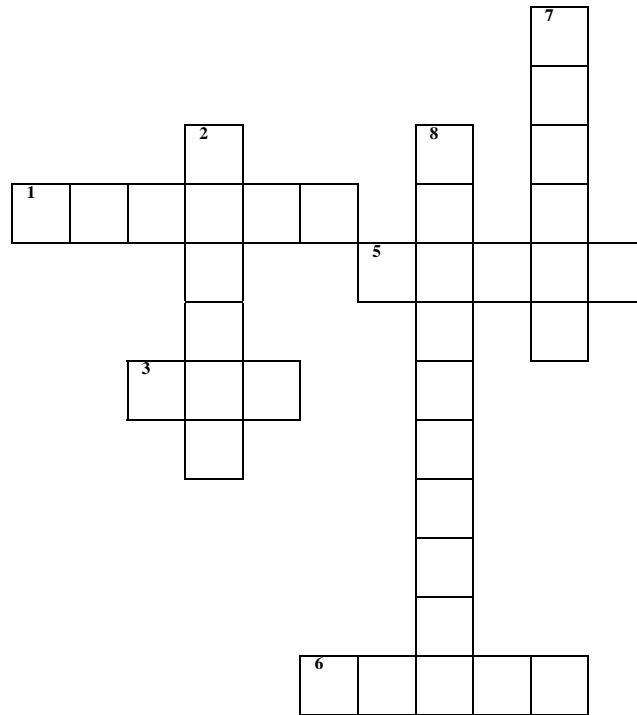
### Song

*Giorgis hayal, hayal mestegadil (2)*  
*Gebare te-amir (2) kokebbe kibre (2)*

**Meaning:** *St. George is a great fighter*  
*He is a star of honor, who performs miracles.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. St. 1. \_\_\_\_\_ was born in a region called Leda.
2. There was a 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Beirut used to worship as a 3. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When St. George was twenty years old, he went to a place called 4. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When St. George saw the dragon, he made a sign of the 5. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. St. George taught the people of Beirut to believe in 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Many people became 8. \_\_\_\_\_ after witnessing the miracles of St. George.



**St. George kills the Dragon, and saves the governor's daughter.**

Easter: 5th Week

## The Forgiven Criminal

**Objective:** Learn that God is merciful if we ask for forgiveness

**References:** Luke 23

**Introduction:** Do you remember the story of the crucifixion? The story of the crucifixion is about the suffering of Jesus Christ on the cross. He suffered on the cross to save us from everlasting death. Today, we are going to learn about the forgiveness of a criminal who was also hanged on cross, on the right side of Jesus Christ.

### Review Questions

1. Where is the birth place of St. George?
2. Do you remember from last week's lesson, what St. George did to weaken the dragon?
3. What did the people of Beirut use to sacrifice for the dragon every year?

### The Lesson

When Jesus suffered on the cross, there were also two criminals who were condemned to death with Him. One of them was on His right, and the other on the Left. The Jews who crucified Jesus were mocking Jesus Christ saying, "*King of Jews, why don't you save Yourself? ...*" Jesus Christ did not answer them. Instead He prayed, "*Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.*"

The criminal on the left also mocked Jesus Christ saying, "*If you are the Christ, save yourself, and us.*" But the criminal on the right side of Jesus Christ replied, "*Do you not fear God ... we suffer justly for our crimes, but This Man has done nothing.*" There were many miracles at the time of Jesus Christ's crucifixion. There was earthquake, the sun stopped giving it's light, and many were raised from the dead. The criminal on the right saw all these and believed that Jesus was the Christ. So, after he rebuked the man hanged on Jesus' left, he turned to Jesus Christ and said, "*Lord, remember me when you come in your kingdom*". Jesus replied, "*Today, you will be with me in paradise.*"

Jesus Christ has forgiven his sins because he was truly sorry for all the bad things he did during his life, and asked Jesus Christ for forgiveness. Jesus accepted his faith and his repentance.

Jesus Christ did not reply to the people mocking Him during His crucifixion. Instead He prayed for them. But he replied to the criminal hanged on His right, when he asked His forgiveness. Jesus told Him that he would be in paradise with Him. He became the first person to enter paradise.

### Song

*Tilin bemeskelu gedelle (2)*

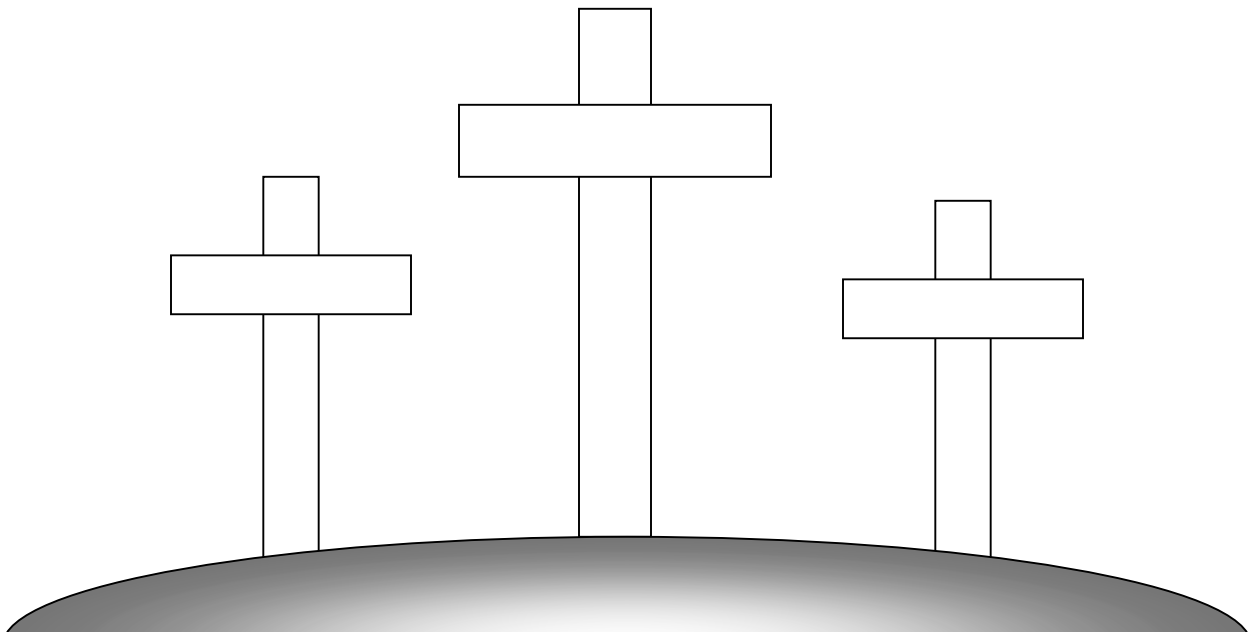
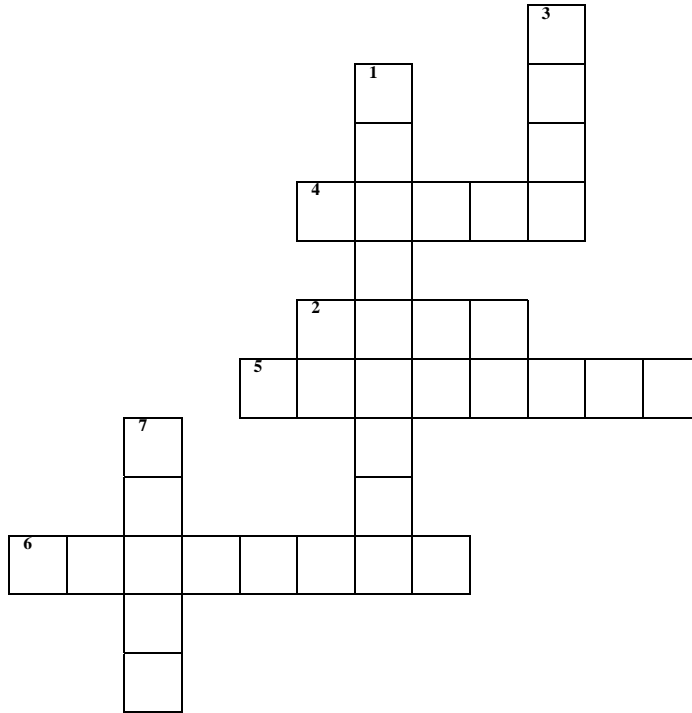
*Bemeskelu lesew lij selamin adelle (4)*

**Meaning:** *He destroyed enmity by His the Cross.*

*By His Cross, He gave the children of man (Adam) peace.*

Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Two \_\_\_\_\_ were condemned to die with Jesus Christ on the cross.
2. The people mocked Jesus Christ on the cross saying, " \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews, why don't You save Yourself?"
3. The criminal on the \_\_\_\_\_ also mocked Jesus Christ with the Jews.
4. The criminal on the \_\_\_\_\_ rebuked the one on the left saying, "Do you not fear God..."
5. The criminal on the right asked Jesus Christ to remember him, when Jesus comes back in His \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus told the criminal who asked for forgiveness that He would be with Him in \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The forgiven criminal became the \_\_\_\_\_ person to enter paradise.



**Golgotha**

Easter: 6th Week

## The Ascension

**Objective:** Learn the story of Christ's Ascension into Heaven.

**References:** *Mark 16:14 - 20*

**Introduction:** In today's lesson, you are going to learn about when Jesus Christ ascended into heaven after His resurrection from the dead, where he ascended from, what he told the disciples just before he ascended, and what angels said to the disciples as they stood looking up into heaven.

### Review Questions

1. How many persons were condemned to death with Jesus Christ?
2. Why were they condemned to die?
3. Who asked for forgiveness on the cross? Was he forgiven?
4. What did Jesus do when the Jews crucified Him and mocked Him?

### The Lesson

After Jesus Christ was risen from the dead, He stayed on earth for 40 days and taught the disciples appearing to them at different times. He showed them many miracles, and opened their mind so that they could understand the meaning of the books written about Him. He commanded them to go into the world and teach all nations about Him.

He said to them that miracles would follow those that believe. He said they shall cast out devils in His name, heal the sick, and do many other miracles. After he said these things, He promised to send them the Holy Spirit, and He blessed them. Then, **He was lifted up to heaven while blessing them, and was received into the clouds.** Immediately He disappeared from their view.

*While they looked up to heaven, two angels in white appeared, and said to them,* "Why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into heaven, shall come the same way as you have seen Him go into heaven."

The disciples then returned from Mount Olive, where Jesus Christ ascended into heaven from, glorifying God.

### Song

*Motin dil adirgo yetenesaw Geta (2)*

*Arege besibhat Arege belilta (4)*

**Meaning:** *The Lord who overcame death, and resurrected  
Ascended in glory and joy*





Easter: 7th Week

## Matthias Chosen a Disciple

**Objective:** Learn about the choice of Mathias as one of the disciples

**References:** Acts 1:15-26

**Introduction:** After the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, 120 families including the disciples, gathered in a house praying. Jesus had 12 disciples; but one of them, Judas of Iscariot, betrayed Jesus Christ. Today, we are going to learn about how they chose another disciples in the place of Judas, who was chosen, and when they started their ministry.

### Review Questions

1. How many days after the resurrection did Jesus Christ went up to heaven?
2. Who were with Him when He went up to heaven?
3. What did the angels tell the disciples who stood up looking up to heaven?

### The Lesson

The disciples went back to Jerusalem after the Ascension of Jesus Christ, and stayed together in prayer. The Virgin Mary, and others who believed in Jesus Christ were also with them. There were a total of 120 gathered together.

On one of those days, Peter stood up and spoke to all that were with them about choosing a replacement for Judas of Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus Christ. He said that Judas betrayed Jesus, and his sin led him to his own death. So Peter said, "***One must be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection.***" to take the place of Judas.

They appointed two men called Joseph Justus, and Matthias to choose from. Then they prayed, "***Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which of these two you have chosen***" After they finished their prayer, they cast Lots, and the Lot fell upon Matthias. So, Matthias was numbered with the other eleven disciples.

Ten days after the Ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven, the disciples received the Holy Spirit, as Jesus Christ promised them, and they began teaching about Jesus Christ to the world on this day.

### Song

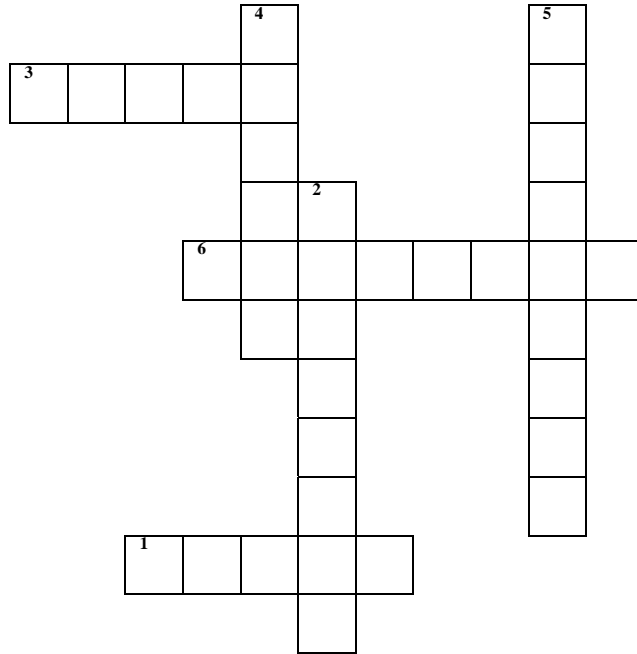
*Menfes Kidus werede la-ile hawariyat (2)*

*Temesilo (4) Temesilo benedde isat (2)*

**Meaning:** *The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples  
In the form of a fire*

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was the disciple who betrayed Jesus Christ.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen in the place of Judas.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ told those who gathered that they should chose someone to take the place of Judas.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord to choose the one from the two they appointed to take the place of Judas.
5. The disciples received the Holy Spirit 10 days after the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.
6. After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples started \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus Christ.



Easter: 8th Week

## Peter Freed by an Angel

**Objective:** Learn about the guardianship of angels

**References:** Acts 12:5-19

**Introduction:** The disciples of Jesus Christ were made to suffer by the Jews, and other unbelievers as they started bearing witness about Jesus Christ. Today, we are going to see how one of the disciples was imprisoned, and how he was freed by an angel.

### Review Questions

1. Who was the disciple who betrayed Jesus? Who took his place?
2. When did the disciples start teaching about Jesus Christ?

### The Lesson

After the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they started preaching the gospel first in Jerusalem. The Jews leaders tried to silence the disciples by persecuting them, and putting them in prison. Once, the king, Herod put one of the twelve disciples, Peter in prison.

The other disciples and believers, who heard the imprisonment of Peter gathered and prayed for his safe return. On the night he was imprisoned, he was sleeping in his cell with two guards. He was also bound with two chains. There were also guards at the gates outside. Suddenly in the middle of the night, an angel appeared in the room where he was sleeping, and the room was filled with light. The angel woke him up, and told him to put his sandals on and follow him. The chains fell off his hands, and Peter did as the angel told him, and followed him.

Peter thought he was dreaming. They passed two gates, and when they came to the outer iron gate, it opened by itself and they went out. After they were out, the angel departed from him, and Peter knew that he was not dreaming. He knew that the Lord sent his angel to save him from Herod. Then he went to St. Mark's house, where many were gathered together to pray for him.

All those who were gathered in St. Mark's house praying for him were very happy when they saw Peter, and He told them all how God sent his angel and saved him.

### Song

*Menfes Kidus werede la-ile hawariyat (2)*

*Temesilo (4) Temesilo benedde isat (2)*

**Meaning:** *The Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples  
In the form of a fire*



# The Lord's Prayer

**Objective:** Learn the Lord's prayer

**References:** Luke 11

**Introduction:** Do you know the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, in Amharic? Do you know who gave us that prayer? Today, you are going to learn the "**Our Father**" prayer, a prayer our Lord Jesus Christ taught to the disciples.

## Review Questions

1. Why did Hero put Peter in Prison?
2. Who helped Peter get out of prison?
3. What were Peter's friend's doing when he was in prison?

## The Lesson

Once upon a time, the disciples asked Jesus Christ to teach them how to pray. Then He said to them, "When you pray, say:

*Our Father who art in heaven,*

*Hallowed by thy name.*

*Thy Kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done,*

*On earth, as in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our sins;*

*As we forgive those who sin against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation.*

*But deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

The Our Father Prayer is called the Lord's Prayer, because Jesus Christ taught us the prayer. In this prayer He taught us to:

1. Praise God
2. Invite Him into our lives to fulfill His will
3. Ask Him to give us our daily food
4. Ask Him to forgive us
5. Ask Him to protect us from temptations and
6. Ask Him to save us from evil deeds.

We are God's children, and He is our Father. That is why He taught us to call Him our Father, in prayer. But we also need to live, and behave like the children of God, obey His commandments, and love one another.

## Song

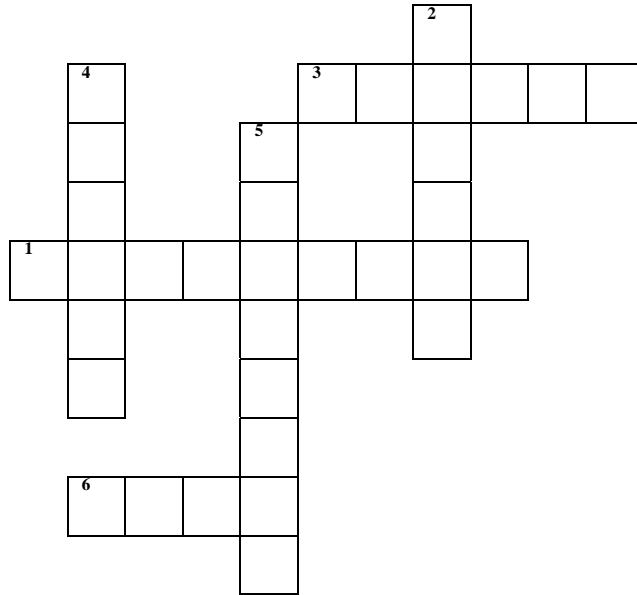
*Aman be-aman (4)*

*Mengist Silassie zebe-aman (4)*

**Meaning:** *Truly Truly,  
The Kingdom of the Trinity is forever.*

**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Jesus taught His \_\_\_\_\_ a prayer, when they asked Him how to teach them how to pray.
2. The prayer Jesus taught His disciples is called The Our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In The Our Father prayer, we \_\_\_\_\_ God.
4. In this prayer we also \_\_\_\_\_ God into our lives to fulfill His will.
5. God is our Father, and we are His \_\_\_\_\_.
6. As children of God, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ one another.



# Prayer

**Objective:** Learn to say thank you

**References:**

**Introduction:** In the previous lesson, you learned the "**Our Father**" prayer. Prayer is the means by which we speak to God. In this lesson, we are going to learn about different kinds of prayers:

## Review Questions

1. What is the prayer Jesus Christ taught the disciples?
2. Do you know the prayer in Amharic & in English?
3. How often do you pray this prayer in a day? What times of the day do you pray?

## The Lesson

Glorifying God for His Lordship, praising and thanking Him for all His gifts, and asking God to give us what we need, or to do something for us are different kinds of prayer. When we pray, we should remember to thank God for all that He has done for us:

- Remember to thank God in the morning for giving you a good night sleep, and in the evening for helping you, giving you a blessed day, and helping you get through it.
- Remember to thank Him before every meal for giving you your daily bread.

Do you remember the story of The Thankful Leper? Ten lepers asked him to heal them, and He did, but only one of them returned to Jesus Christ to praise him. When the thankful leper came to Jesus Christ, He said to the leper: ***Were there not ten that were healed, but only one returned to glorify God?***

Since prayer is the means by which we speak to God, we should praise Him, ask for all that we need in our daily life. We should also always remember to thank God for all the wonderful things He does for us everyday.

We should also be thankful to our parents, who clothe us, feed us, and send us to school. We should be thankful of our teachers for teaching us, and our church for teaching us to be good children.

## Song

*Aman be-aman (4)*

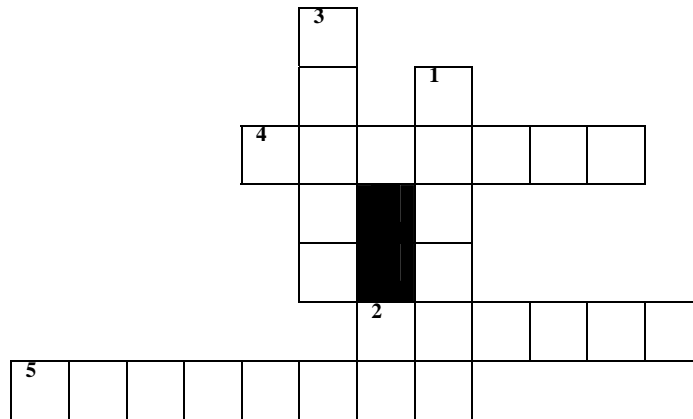
*Mengist Silassie zebe-aman (4)*

**Meaning:** *Truly Truly,  
The Kingdom of the Trinity is forever.*



**Questions:** Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.

1. Jesus cured ten \_\_\_\_\_ on his way to Jerusalem.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the means by which we speak to God.
3. We should remember to \_\_\_\_\_ God for all the wonderful things He does for us.
4. We should thank our \_\_\_\_\_ who provide for us all that we need at home.
5. We should thank our \_\_\_\_\_ who teach us at school.



*"Thank you Lord for giving me loving parents, a house to live in, nice cloth to wear, for the air we breath, and for all the beauty of life and nature."*

July: 3rd Week

## St Paul Taken Prisoner

**Objective:** Learn about the importance of praying before a meal

**References:** Acts 27

**Introduction:** Do you remember the story of St. Peter: why he was imprisoned, and how he got out of prison? Today, we are going to learn about another disciple who was imprisoned like St. Peter.

### Review Questions

1. How many lepers returned to thank Jesus Christ after among the ten He cured?
2. How do we speak to God?
3. What do you pray about or for in your prayers?

### The Lesson

Once upon a time, a disciple of Jesus Christ, St. Paul, was imprisoned for teaching about Jesus, and he was taken on a ship to Rome, guarded by soldiers, to stand trial. After they started their journey, it got dark, and a great wind came while they were sailing.

They kept sailing hoping for the weather to change and the wind to stop. But the wind never stopped, and it remained dark in the middle of the day. There were no stars in the night either for many days. So, they thought that they were all going to die. But St. Paul comforted everybody by saying that an angel of God spoke to him, and told him that no one would die.

On the 14th day of their journey, at sunrise, St. Paul reassured everybody that no one would be harmed, and they all gathered to eat. St. Paul took the bread and gave thanks to God in front of everybody.

Even though he was a prisoner, St. Paul comforted the soldiers who were guarding him. He also did not forget to pray before his meal in front of everybody, even though the soldiers did not believe in Jesus Christ.

### Song

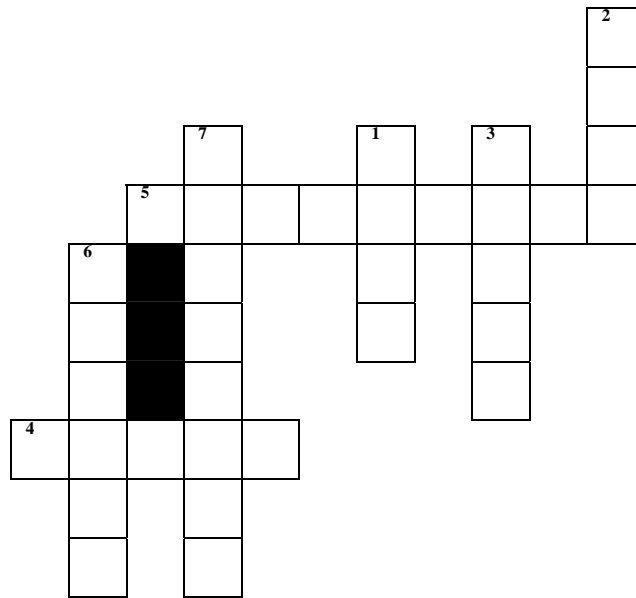
*Egziabher yemesgen yichin ken kediso yeseten (2)*

*Keyalnibet sebsibo (2) lezih yaderesen (4)*

**Meaning:** *Praised be the Lord who blessed and gave us this day,  
Who brought us to this hour, gathering us from everywhere.*

**Questions:** *Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. St. Paul sailed on a ship to \_\_\_\_\_ as a prisoner for teaching about Jesus Christ.
2. St Paul and the soldiers were stranded on sea for 14 days because of heavy \_\_\_\_\_.
3. During they 14 days, it was dark, and there were no \_\_\_\_\_ in the night.
4. St Paul told the soldiers that an \_\_\_\_\_ of God talked to him, and told him that no one would die among them.
5. St Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the soldiers when they were afraid because of the wind and the darkness.
6. On the 14th day, when they gathered to eat, St. Paul took bread and gave \_\_\_\_\_ to God in front of everybody.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ did not believe in Jesus Christ.



July: 4th Week

## Qirkos and Iyalota

**Objective:** Learn about Qirkos and Iyalota - and the importance of great faith

**References:** Synaxarium

**Introduction:** In the past few lessons, we have seen examples of how Christians were badly treated from the stories of St. Peter and St. Paul. This trend continued for many, many years. Today, we are going to learn about the courage and the faith of a mother and a child.

### Review Questions

1. Why was St Paul imprisoned?
2. What happened when he was sailing to Rome with soldiers?
3. What did St. Paul tell the sailors when they feared that they would die?

### The Lesson

Qirkos was the son of a young woman named Iyalota. Her Husband died shortly after Qirkos was born. She left her native land with her son when he was only three because of persecution against Christians. But she was accused of being a Christian where she went and the governor put her through a lot of hardships because of this.

The governor ordered Iyalota to worship his idols - graven images. But she refused to do so. But she became afraid for her son when the governor threatened to put her and her son in a fire if she didn't worship his idols.

Qirkos was a courageous child. He said to the governor, "*your gods are made of stone and wood by the hands of men. There is no other God except my Lord Jesus Christ.*" Qirkos also comforted his mother saying, "***Do not be afraid for the Lord will save us.***"

When the governor threw Qirkos and Iyalota into the fire, God sent his angel, the Archangel Gabriel, and saved them from the fire. Many people who saw this believed in Jesus Christ. Qirkos, and his mother Iyalota were tortured at the hand of the governor several times, but the Lord God delivered them each time, and many people believed in the Lord Jesus Christ because of this.

### Song

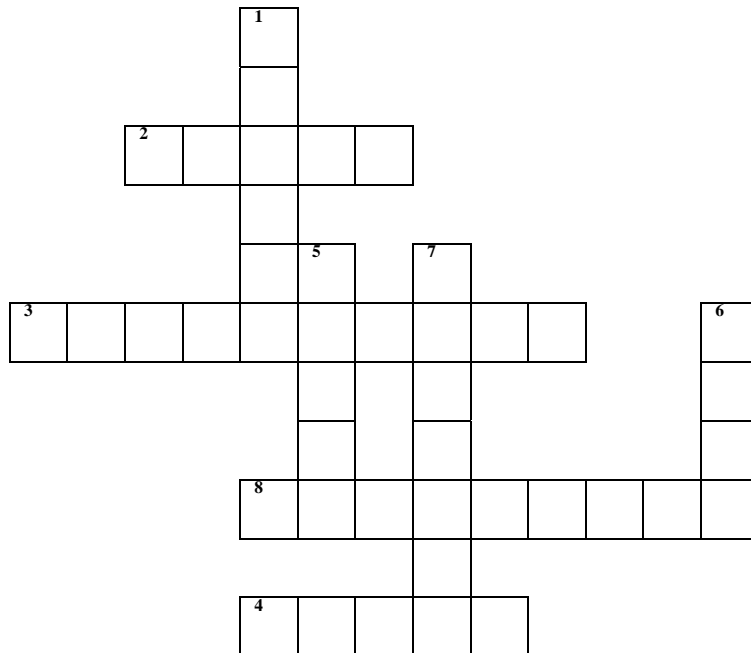
*Qirkos Iyalotan yawetah kesat (2)*

*Ignanim adinen (2) Gabriel Melak*

**Meaning:** *The angel Gabriel, who saved Kirkos and Iyalota from a fire, Save us also (from all hardships).*

**Questions:** *Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was the courageous son of a woman named Iyalota.
2. Qirkos was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he left his native land with his mother.
3. They left their native land because of persecution against \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The governor of the country where Qirkos and Iyaluta went to told them to worship his \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Qirkos told the governor that his gods were made of \_\_\_\_\_ and wood by men.
6. Qirkos comforted His mother saying that the \_\_\_\_\_ would save them.
7. God sent the archangel \_\_\_\_\_ and saved Qirkos and Iyalota from fire.
8. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ when they saw miracles done to Qirkos and Iyalota.



August: 1st Week

## The Obedient Son

**Objective: Learn about obedience**

**References:** Mathew 22

**Introduction:** Jesus Christ used to tell stories to teach by examples. Today we are going to learn one of the stories He told, to learn about obedience.

### Review Questions

1. Why did Qirkos & Iyalota leave their native land?
2. What happened to them when they went to another country?
3. Who save them from fire and other hardships?

### The Lesson

There was a man, who had two sons. He had a vineyard, which he used to take care of so that he could feed his family and himself. Once upon a time, he came to his first born Son and told him to go and work in the vineyard. But he did not obey his father. The son answered that he would not work. *Do you disobey your parents when they tell you to do something?* But after awhile, he was sorry that he disobeyed his father. So, he asked for forgiveness and went to work in the vineyard.

Another day, the man came to his second born son and said to him, "**Go work in my vineyard.**" The son answered, "**Yes father, I will go.**" But he did not go and work in his father's vineyard. He only said yes to his father, but did not do according to his word.

Which son do you think fulfilled the will of his father? The one who said no, but became sorry later and worked in the vineyard, or the one who said yes, but never went to work in the vineyard?

The first one is the one who fulfilled his father's wish. We should be obedient to our parents, and if we make a mistake, we should say sorry and correct our mistakes like the first son.

- Listen to what your parents tell you, and obey.
- If you make a mistake, be sorry and ask for forgiveness.
- Pay attention to what your teachers tell you at school and at church.
- Obedience is an act of love.

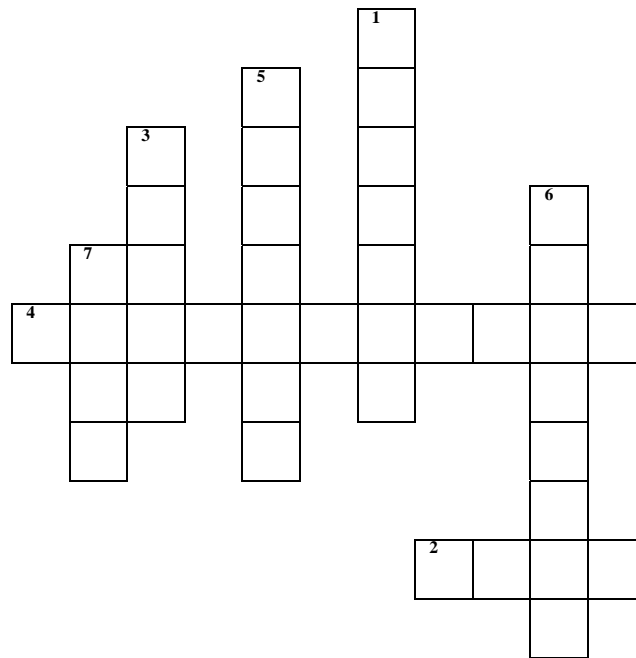
### Song

*Qirkos Iyalotan yawetah kesat (2)*  
*Ignanim adinen (2) Gabriel Melak*

**Meaning:** *The angel Gabriel, who saved Kirkos and Iyalota from a fire, Save us also (from all hardships).*

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. Jesus Christ used to tell \_\_\_\_\_ to teach by example.
2. The first born son did not \_\_\_\_\_ his father at first when he told him to go and work in the vineyard.
3. The first born son was \_\_\_\_\_ that he disobeyed his father.
4. The first born son asked for \_\_\_\_\_ from his father and worked in the vineyard.
5. The second son did not \_\_\_\_\_ his father's wish because he didn't go and work in the vineyard as he promised.
6. If we make \_\_\_\_\_, we should say sorry and correct our mistakes.
7. Obedience is an act of \_\_\_\_\_.



August: 2nd Week

## The Fish with Money

**Objective:** Learn to depend on God

**References:** Mathew 17

**Introduction:** Back in the time when Jesus Christ was teaching in Jerusalem, tax collectors used to collect taxes for the temple. In this lesson, we are going to see how Peter paid the tax collectors, when they came and asked him from tax from Jesus Christ.

### Review Questions

1. What did a father tell his two sons to do in his vineyard?
2. What did his son's reply and do?
3. Who told this story? Why?

### The Lesson

One day the people who collect money (tax collectors) for the temple (building like the church) came to collect money from Peter and Jesus Christ. They asked St. Peter, "Isn't your master Jesus going to pay the tax for the temple?" Peter answered yes, and then went inside the house to ask Jesus.

Jesus knew what Peter was going to ask him, and told him that He would pay the money for the temple. But Peter was wondering how they would pay because they didn't have any money.

Jesus told Peter to go fishing, and take the first fish that comes on his fishing hook. He told Peter that he would find money in its mouth, and ordered him to take the money to pay the tax for the temple.

Peter did exactly as Jesus Christ told him. He picked up the first fish, opened its mouth and found enough money to pay the tax. He was happy and was amazed at the miracle. He took the money and paid his and Christ's share for the temple.

### Song

*Tenageru dink sirawin meskiru /2/*

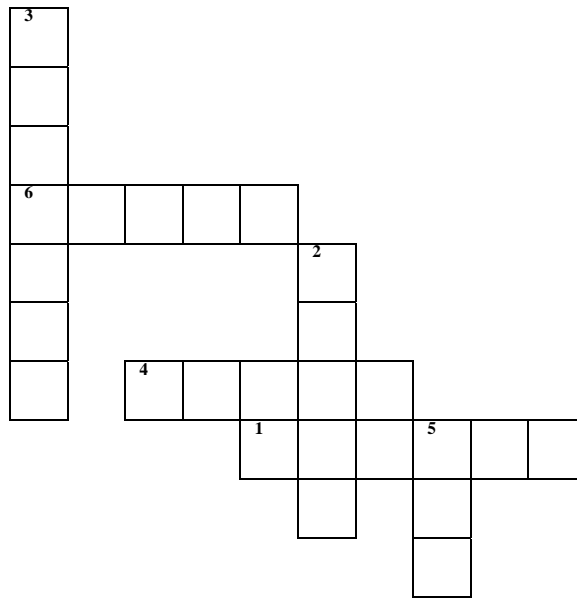
*Tamirun le-alem nigeru /2/ dink sirawin meskiru /2/*

**Meaning:** *Speak, tell of His wonderful works  
Tell His miracles to the world, Testify of his wonderful works*



*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. The tax collector's were collecting money for the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The tax collectors asked \_\_\_\_\_ if Jesus was going to pay tax for the temple.
3. Jesus told Peter to go \_\_\_\_\_, when Peter came in to ask Him about the tax.
4. Peter found money in the fish's \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus ordered peter to \_\_\_\_\_ the money he found from the fish for the temple.
6. Peter was \_\_\_\_\_ to find the money in the fish's mouth, as Jesus Christ told him.



August: 3rd Week

## The Transfiguration

**Objective:** To demonstrate the power and the glory of God in Jesus Christ.

**References:** Mathew 17

**Introduction:** Transfiguration means appearing in a different form. The changed appearance of Jesus Christ in this story is what is called **Transfiguration**. Note the two prophets that are mentioned in this story: Moses & Elijah. Moses is the prophet who led Israel out of the slavery of Egypt. Elijah is another prophet who came long after Moses. He was taken to God alive in a **chariot of fire**.

### Review Questions

1. What did the tax collectors asked Peter about paying taxes?
2. What were they collecting the money for?
3. How did Peter pay for the tax?

### The Lesson

One day Jesus Christ took **Peter, James and John**, among the twelve disciples to a high mountain called **Mount Tabor**. On the mountain, something amazing happened: Jesus' face was shining like the Sun, and His clothes were dazzling white...He appeared in His glory before the disciples...**Moses**, and **Elijah** also appeared and they spoke with Christ.

Peter and the other disciples were amazed to see that scene and he said to Jesus, "*Lord, it is good that we are here. I will make three tents here: one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.*" He was still speaking when, a bright cloud covered them and a voice from the cloud said: "*This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him*". When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were filled with fear.

Jesus came to them and said, "*Arise, do not be afraid.*" When they looked up, they saw no one else except Jesus.

On August 19, (the 13th day of the Ethiopian month *Nehasse*), we celebrate the transfiguration of Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.

### Song

*Aman be-aman (4)*

*Tesebeha bedebretabor (4)*

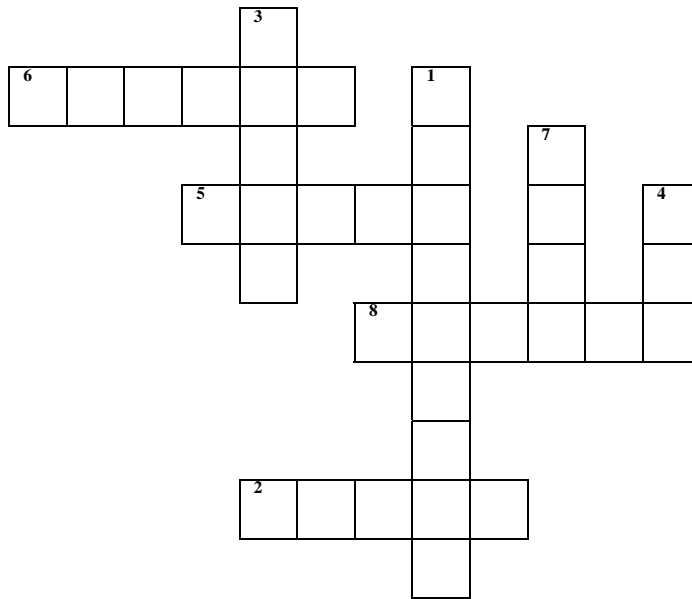
### Meaning:

*Truly Truly*

*He was glorified on Mount Tabor*

**Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.**

1. Our Lord Jesus Christ had twelve \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He took \_\_\_\_\_ disciples with Him to a high mountain.
3. The mountain was called Mount \_\_\_\_\_.
4. On mount Tabor, Jesus face was shinning like the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The disciples saw \_\_\_\_\_ and Elijah speaking to Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ went up to heaven in a chariot of fire.
7. Peter offered to make a \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah.
8. A voice from the cloud said, "*This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased, \_\_\_\_\_ to Him*".



August: 4th Week

## Holy Communion (Qurban)

**Objective:** Learn about what Qurban is, who established it, and how we receive it today.

**References:** Mathew 26:26-27

**Introduction:** The sacrifice you receive every Sunday inside the church is called Qurban, or Holy Communion. In this lesson, you are going to learn about what Qurban is, why we receive it, and where we receive it.

### Questions from the Previous Lesson

1. What is the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ?
2. What is the name of the mountain where Jesus was transfigured?
3. How many disciples did he take with Him? Do you remember their names?

### The Lesson

Jesus Christ prepared the first Qurban, when He changed the bread and wine into His body and blood and gave it to His disciples.

Once upon a time, on a Thursday night, Jesus Christ assembled the disciples, His chosen followers, and gave them something special. He picked up a bread, and also a cup of wine, blessed them both, and said, "*Take it, this is My body ... Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*"

*What was the special thing Jesus Christ gave His disciples?*

*What did He do before He gave it to them?*

This was the first **Qurban**. Jesus Christ blessed the bread, and changed it to His flesh; He blessed the wine, and changed it into his blood; and He gave them both His flesh and His blood.

Ever since that time, Christians who have been baptized receive **Qurban**, because it is important for the remission of sin. In the church, priests pray over bread and wine, as Jesus Christ had taught them. Through their prayers, the bread and wine become Jesus' body and blood.

When we receive it, we carry His body and blood in ours.

### Song

*Mariam aregech (2) wedegenet (2)*

*Yesemay mela-ikt bedesta Iyajebuat, aregech wedegenet (2)*

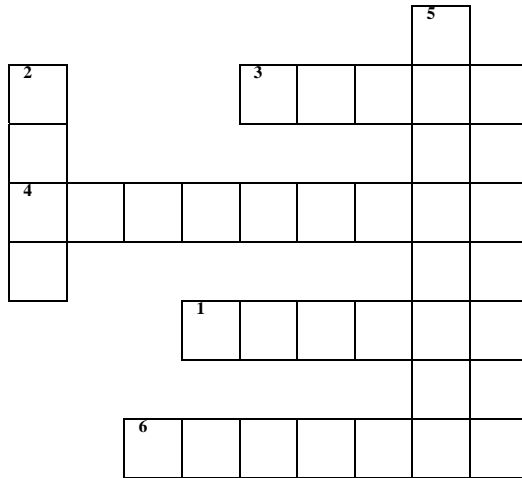
### Meaning:

*The Virgin Mary ascended into paradise*

*Joyously accompanied by angels of heaven, she ascended into paradise.*

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. We receive \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the Liturgy.
2. Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed and changed the bread into His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He also blessed and changed the wine into His \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Our Lord Jesus Christ first gave His body and Blood to His \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus Christ gave His disciples the body and blood of the new \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In the church, \_\_\_\_\_ pray over bread and wine during Liturgy, and it changes into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.



September: 1st Week

## St. Takla Haimanot

**Objective:** Learn about the life of St. Takla Haimanot & the virtues in his life.

**References:** **Gedle Takla Haimanot & Synaxarium**

**Introduction:** A saint is a person who led a life of holiness, dedicating oneself to prayer, and serving God. Today, we are going to learn about one of the greatest saints in Ethiopia. After the lesson, try to find an icon of this saint inside the church.

### Questions from the Previous Lesson

1. What is Qurban?
2. Who established Qurban, and who received of It first?
3. When do we receive Qurban?

### The Lesson

There was a saint named **Takla Haimanot** in Ethiopia. He was born of God loving parents. His parents used to prepare a feast every month on St. Michael's day to feed the poor. St. Takla Haimanot followed in his parent's footsteps. After his parents passed away, he gave all that he had to the poor, and dedicated his life to teaching about Jesus Christ.

He has taught many people in different parts of Ethiopia about Christianity, and baptized them. He used to pray for a long time. He lost one of his feet from praying standing with only one foot for a long time.

While St Takla Haimanot was living in a monastery on a mountain, he used to go up and down using a rope. Once when he was going down using the rope, it suddenly broke. St. Takla Haimanot prayed, and God gave him six wings. So he was able to fly down the mountain safely.

Wherever he went, people who were blind, lame, and disabled came to him to be healed. He healed them all, and taught them about Jesus Christ. He observed St. Michael's day like his parents, and St. Michael helped him all his life.

St. Takla Haimanot was a holy person, who helped the poor, healed the sick, taught people about Jesus Christ, and baptized many people in different parts of the country. He was given six wings when he fell off a mountain, so that he could fly down and land safely.

May his prayers be with us all. Amen.

### Song

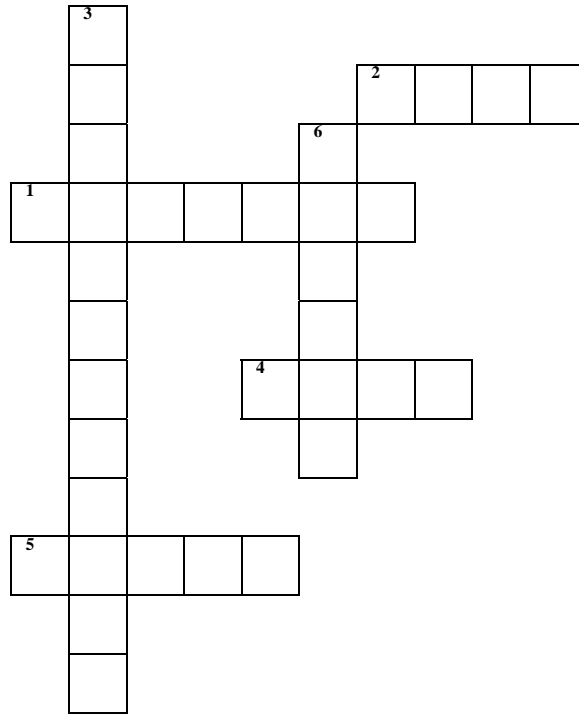
*Aman be-aman (4)*  
*Tekle Haimanot Tsehay*

### Meaning:

*Truly, Truly*  
*Takle Haimanot was light.*

*Questions: Fill in the puzzle the answers for the blank spaces.*

1. St. Takla Haimanot's parents used to make a feast ever year for St. \_\_\_\_\_'s day.
2. They made the feast to feed the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. St. Takla Haimanot taught about \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Ethiopia.
4. St. Takla Haimanot lost one of his \_\_\_\_\_, because he used to stand for prayer on one foot for a long time.
5. God gave St. Takla Haimanot six \_\_\_\_\_ when the rope he was climbing on broke.
6. St. Takla Haimanot helped the poor and \_\_\_\_\_ the sick.



# I Am the Bread of Life

**Objective:** Learn about Jesus Christ, our true bread of life

**References:** John 6

## The Lesson

Once upon a time a multitude of people came and asked Jesus Christ what they should do. He told them that they should believe in Him. When they heard this, they asked Him, *“What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”*

Jesus told the people that their fathers who ate the manna in the desert had died. He told them that the bread He gives them gives life to the world. When they heard this, they said, *“Lord, give us this bread always.”*

And Jesus said to them, *“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”* The people wondered how he would give them His flesh to eat, but He told them that anyone who does not eat of His body, and does not drink of His blood has no life in Him, and cannot enter the kingdom of God.

## Conclusion

- This was Jesus teaching about Holy Communion (Qurban).
- According to this teaching, we receive His body and blood after the Liturgy inside the church.

## Song

*Yaltefanew ke-Egziabher meheret yetenesa new (2)*

*Cherinetu keto ayalkimina, reherahew keto ayalkimina, yigebawal kibrina mesgana (2)*

## Meaning:

*The reason we did not perish is because of the mercy of God*

*For his kindness never ends, his compassion never ends, He deserves honor and glory.*

## Questions:

1. Do you remember when God fed the Israelites with manna?
2. What did the people ask Jesus Christ, when He told them that they should believe in Him?
3. What is the bread of life that Jesus Christ told the people He would?