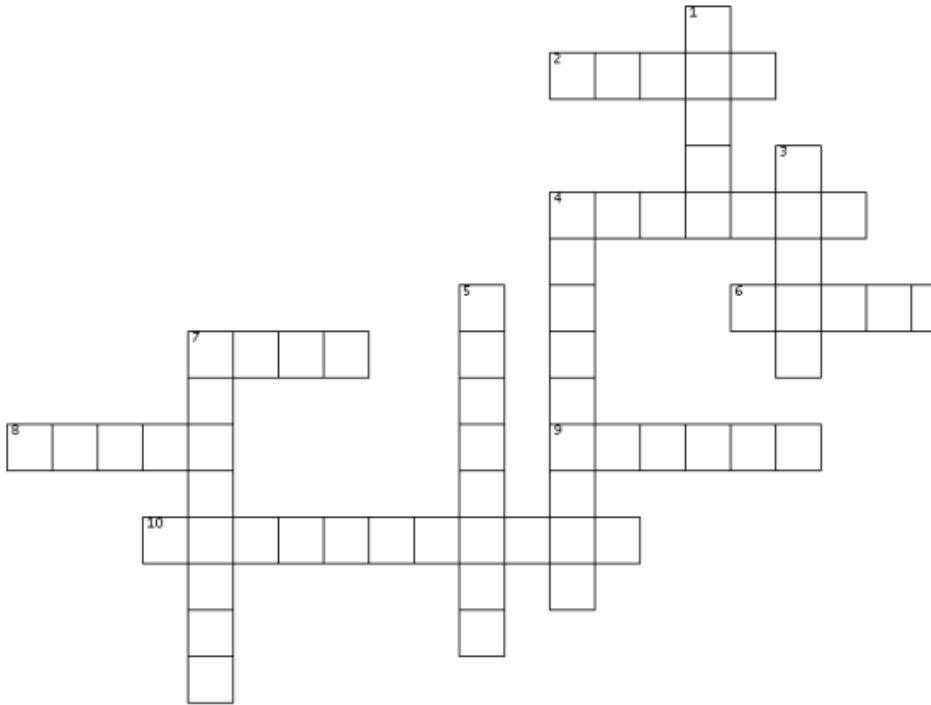




Kids Column



David and Goliath Crossword – 1 Samuel 17 (NKJV)



ACROSS

- 2. Number of David's brothers who went to battle (v. 13)
- 4. One of Goliath's weapons (v. 45)
- 6. David watched these for his father (v. 20)
- 7. Number of stones David took (v. 40)
- 8. David didn't use it (v. 39)
- 9. The emotion Israel's army felt (v. 11)
- 10. The enemies of Israel (v. 1)

DOWN

- 1. The father of David (v. 12)
- 3. Goliath wanted to do this (v. 9)
- 4. David took the head of Goliath here (v. 54)
- 5. Goliath was this for the Philistines (v. 4)
- 7. Where the stone landed (v. 49)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matt. 6:33)

The teacher pulled out a bucket and set it on the table in front of him. He then pulled out several fist-sized rocks and carefully piled them into the bucket. When the bucket was filled to the top, he asked his class, "Is this bucket full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." The teacher said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a sack of gravel and dumped some into the bucket, and shaking it, he caused the pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

He smiled, and again asked the class "Is the bucket full?" By this time, the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good," he replied. Again, he reached under the table and brought out a sack of sand. He started dumping the sand into the bucket and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

Once more he asked, "Is this bucket full?" "No," the class shouted. Again, he said, "Good." Then, he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour into the bucket until it was full to the brim.

He then said, "I'm trying to teach a lesson on priorities. What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you really try hard, you can always fit some more things into it." The teacher replied, "No, that's not the point. The point is: if you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."



Gods Plan of Salvation

Hear-Romans 10:17, Believe John-8:24, Repent-Luke 13:3, Confess Romans-10:9-10, Baptism-Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful-Revelation 2:10

Seeking Truth

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:00AM

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:00 PM

Don't Break the Chain

The gospel of Christ is a dynamic, living message that streams from person to person, soul to soul, and heart to heart. God designed it to be this way, and Jesus commanded His believers to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15).

When a hearer of the gospel believes and obeys the message of the Lord, he becomes a new link in a chain that reaches all the way back to Pentecost (Acts 2). That chain consists of generations of believers who propagated their belief in Jesus by telling others about Him. They converted souls to the Lord one at a time, link by link, until that chain reached you and me.

As links in this chain, we must not allow the spread of the gospel to stop with us. Just as the chain reaches backward to Pentecost, it must also reach forward to the coming day of the Lord. That means we must add new links to this chain until He comes. More souls must have the opportunity to hear the gospel and believe in Jesus.

To this end, the apostle Paul gave an instruction to Timothy, his fellow worker in the gospel. He wrote, “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2Tim. 2:2).

In Paul’s instruction, we see the chain formed by generations of believers. It began with Paul, who received the gospel directly from Jesus (Gal. 1:11-12). It continued with Timothy, who learned the Scriptures from his mother and grandmother (2Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15) but was further instructed in the gospel by Paul. Timothy was then to add to the chain of believers by teaching what he had learned to others, who would themselves do the same.

In this way, the chain of belief and salvation has grown over centuries of time until it has reached us today, and we must add to it in the same way. That means telling others about Jesus just as we have been told. Like the earliest disciples of Jesus, we must go about “preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). The gospel of Christ has come into our hands as a commodity for us to share and not to hoard to ourselves.

Let’s also understand that there is no limit to how many new links we may add to this chain. Adding one link to the chain by bringing one soul to Jesus is great, and heaven rejoices with the salvation of just a single soul (Luke 15:7, 10). However, we must not rest just because we have already converted one, two, or any number of souls to the Lord. The chain of belief must keep extending until Jesus comes, and that means we have work to do until our time is done (John 9:4).

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