

The Runaway

SEPTEMBER 6 IS READ A BOOK DAY.
I HAVE JUST THE BOOK FOR YOU TO READ.

I want you to read Philemon – the WHOLE book. But Philemon is only 25 verses long, so it shouldn't take you more than 5 or 10 minutes. Philemon is all about forgiveness and it's a book that's easy to understand. Actually, reading Philemon is kind of fun because you're reading someone else's mail! These 25 verses are a personal letter that Paul wrote to his friend Philemon.

See, Philemon was a Christian who lived back somewhere around AD 60. At some time, Philemon had worked with Paul and the two had become friends. But now Philemon was back home in Colossae and Paul was in prison in Rome.

Unfortunately, the Roman Empire (which included both Colossae and the city of Rome) had this habit of taking people from the countries they defeated in war and making those people slaves. That way those

in captivity would be scattered and couldn't get back together to fight. The laws regarding slaves were strict! If a slave ran away and was captured, he would be killed!

Philemon had a slave named Onesimus who stole something and THEN ran away. Not smart.

He ended up in Rome and somehow met Paul who told him about the Lord Jesus Christ. Onesimus (maybe understanding how messed up his life had become) trusted Christ as Savior. His life totally changed. He became a faithful, hard-working son-in-the-Lord to Paul and was a big help to Paul (who, remember, was in prison at the time). Paul wanted to keep Onesimus with him, but knew he had to send him back to Philemon. Paul also knew that under Roman law, Philemon could have Onesimus killed.

That's why Paul wrote the letter.

For Philemon to forgive Onesimus for what he had done would be HUGE!

What do you think happened? Read Philemon and see what Paul said to his friend.

Paul asked Philemon to forgive his runaway slave, but forgiveness can be VERY hard.

Do you have problems with forgiveness?

*How about that time your little brother took your markers and wrote all over your desk?

*How about that time Dad promised to take you to the zoo, but then he had to work and you didn't get to go?

*How about that time that kid at school on-purpose tripped you, and you fell, and everyone laughed?

Forgiveness can be very difficult, but think how much God forgave us. Think about what He did for us so that we could have forgiveness. Think about what He asks us to do in return. (He tells us to forgive others.)

Read Philemon and ask the Lord to help you be a forgiving person.



CLUB CHATTER

We asked the clubbers at First Baptist Church in New Braunfels, Texas to tell us their favorite Bible verse and why.

ABBIE – John 3:16: Because God promised that if we accept His promise we will live forever.

HANNAH – Romans 5:8: Because when someone says no one loves me, I know they are wrong by reading this verse.

DANIEL – Psalm 119:105: It's short and easy to remember.

AIMEE – Philippians 4:13: It helps in everyday life.

ISAAC – John 3:16: Because it says we cannot perish.



What do you call a hospital for citrus fruits?
Lemon-aid

Why did the coach cross the road?
He wanted to get his quarter back.

What do you get if you cross a sheep with a radiator?
Central heating.

Did you hear the joke about the flu?
Sorry, we don't want to spread it around.

What did the mother cow say to the misbehaving baby cow?
Stop! I'm not in the mood for this!

Ha! Ha! Ha!

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So what's your favorite way to eat apples? Apple juice, applesauce, apple pie, apple crisp or just crunch into one?

Autumn is the time to go apple-picking, or at least learn some fun facts about apples.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 🍏 Pomology is the science of studying fruit.
- 🍏 Fifty leaves are needed to create the energy to produce one apple.
- 🍏 Twenty-five hundred different kinds of apples are grown in the U.S.
- 🍏 George Washington liked to prune his apple trees – it was one of his hobbies.
- 🍏 You've heard people say "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." That comes from an old English proverb: "To eat an apple before going to bed will make the doctor beg for bread."
- 🍏 In colonial times, apples were called either winter bananas or melt-in-the-mouth.

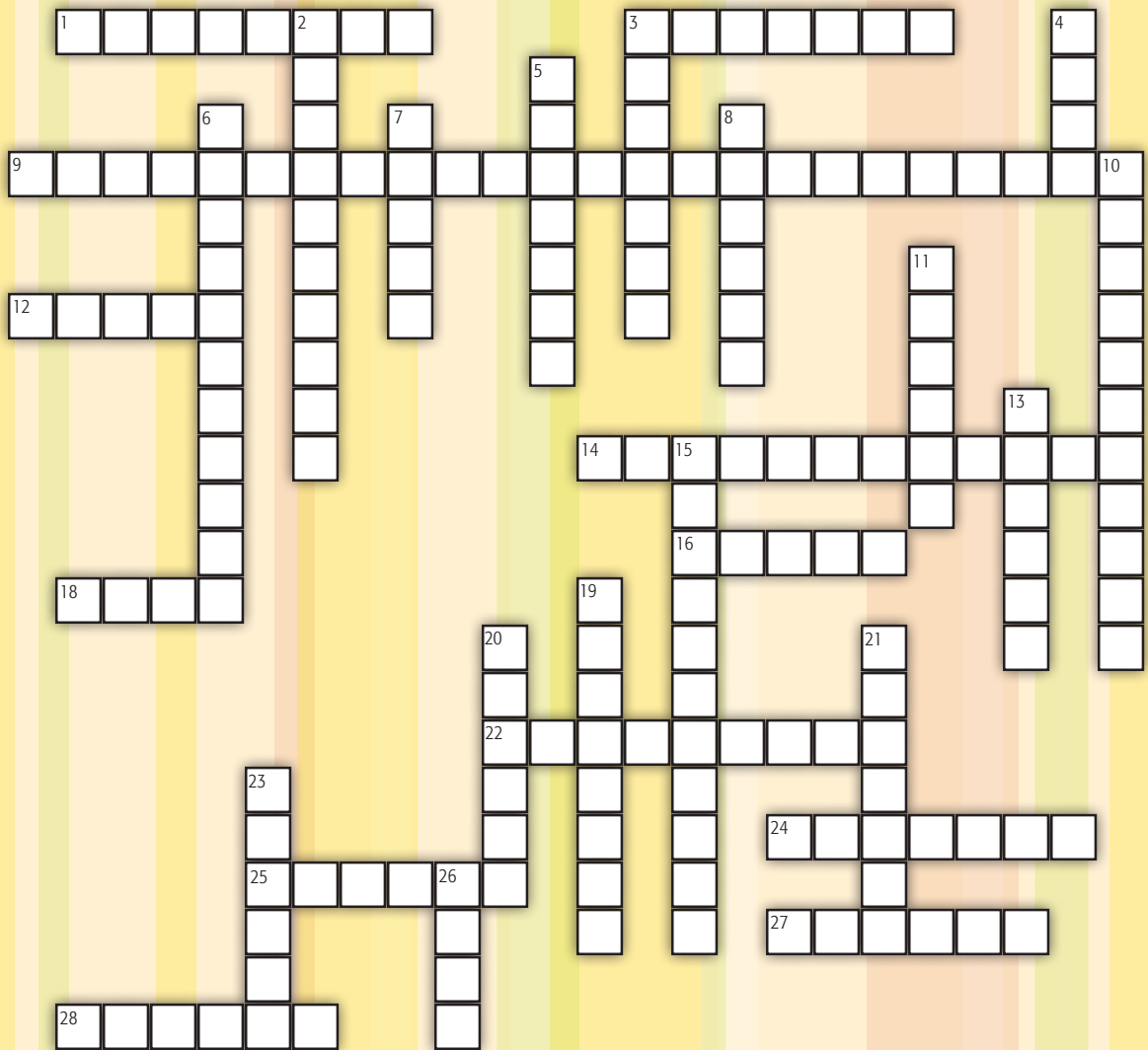


BRAIN GAME - "Cross" Word Puzzle

Designed by T&T clubber Scott who lives in Richardson, Texas.

ACROSS

1. Passed down from your parents and grandparents
3. Free from anyone interrupting you, without anyone looking over your shoulder or bothering you
9. An important commandment for kids
12. Mature person of legal age
14. The characteristic of always doing what you promise; what God shows to His children, *Great is Thy* _____.
16. Respect
18. To do what dad or mom says
22. People who are connected to each other in a family
24. Without end
25. Place where 12-year-old Jesus talked to the teachers
27. The female parent
28. Routine jobs kids do



DOWN

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Instruction, teaching (this is a tough one – it starts with an "a") 3. Dads and moms 4. Without flaw, perfectly clean 5. One who gives a testimony about an event or another person's character (like in a trial) 6. Dependable, reliable 7. To place confidence in a person or thing | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. The male head of the house, the authority in the family 10. When you do what you're supposed to do well and willingly 11. A basic social unit of parents and children 13. A Bible word for listen (starts with a "b") 15. A gift of property or rights passed from one generation to another | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Sons and daughters 20. Goodness, excellence (starts with a "v") 21. Honor for another person, appreciating their worth 23. Time that is yet to be 26. Any part of earth not covered by water. |
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