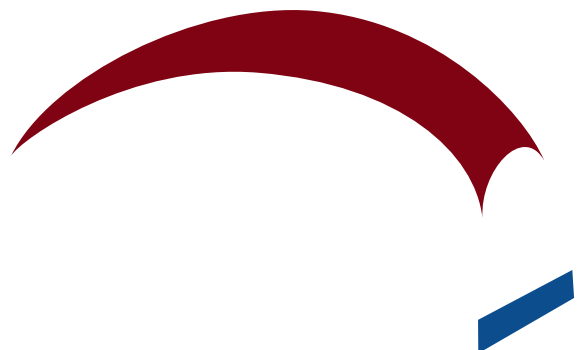


enna went camping with her family on her summer vacation. When they got to the campsite, her mom and dad taught her how to put up the tent. They paddled a canoe down a river. She walked on rocks across a stream and followed deer tracks with her mom. They saw a mother deer, called a doe, and its baby, which is called a fawn. She and her parents thanked God for a good vacation.

Kyle went to the beach with his mom. They drove a long way to get to the beach. On the way, their car had a flat tire. A repair man came to fix it. When they got to the beach, Kyle and his mom built sandcastles, splashed and swam in the ocean. Kyle got sunburn on his nose. He didn't like that. His mom put some lotion on it and he felt better.

Kyle liked most of his summer vacation, but he didn't like the flat tire or the sunburn. Kyle's mom said, "Not everything that happens is fun or good, but God always loves us and He cares for His children. We can thank Him for that — even when you feel bad about your sunburn." She gave Kyle a hug. Kyle thanked God for loving him and for his mom who took care of him.

Skyler didn't go away for a summer vacation. She played games at her grandma's house with her cousin Erik. They had water-balloon fights and bubble-blowing contests. Their grandma took them



continued from page 1

to the zoo and for picnics in the park. Skyler thanked God for her grandmother and Erik.

One Saturday, she went with her mom and dad to a farmers' market. They bought peaches and made a treat called peach

cobbler. The next day after church they ate it for dessert. Her grandma put vanilla ice cream on top of the cobbler. They had already thanked God for the food, but Skyler thought the peach cobbler was so delicious that she thanked God again!

The Bible says: *In every thing give thanks ... (1 Thessalonians 5:18).* What did you do this summer? What can you thank God for? Draw a picture of what you're thankful for in the box below.

Draw a picture of something you're thankful for. Maybe it's something you did, ate or saw this summer!



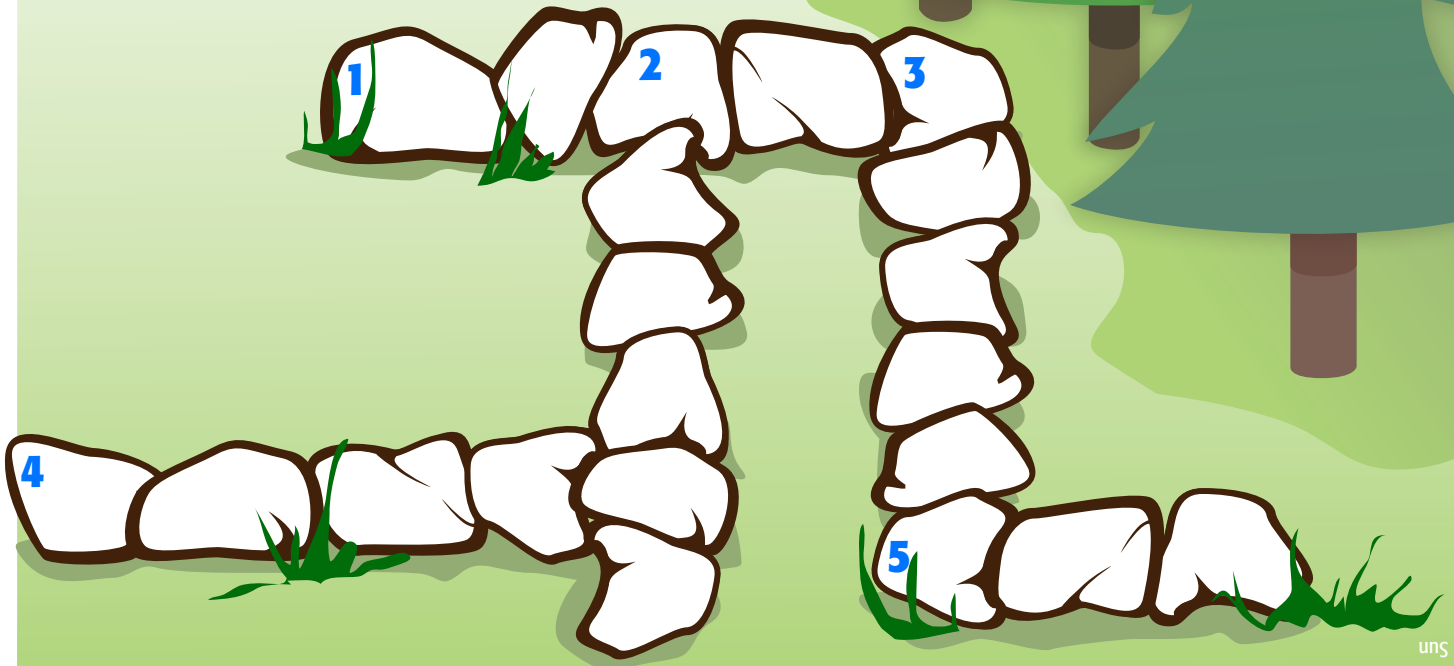
Here's a crossword puzzle just for you!
Write your answers on the rocks.

Across

- 1. He died and rose again for you
- 4. One of the clubbers in your Sparks handbooks
- 5. It shines in the sky

Down

- 2. The season when it's the warmest and there's no school
- 3. The Awana club you'll go back to in the fall



1. Jesus
2. Summer
3. Sparks
4. Chloe
5. Sun