

NEWCASTLE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Echoes Of Faith

THEME FOR THE MONTH

**The Birth of the
Saviour**

WELCOME TEAM

for next Sunday

Caroline & Lynda

MISSION STATEMENT

“ The harvest is ripe, the harvest is plentiful, the harvest is here and the harvest is now. Our mission is to bring in the harvest, nurture unto maturity and release

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Early Morning Prayer Watch	Sunday 8:30am—9:15am
Sunday Services	10:30am and 6:00pm
Boiler House Prayer Meeting	Tuesday 11:00am –1:00am
Midweek Fellowship	Wednesday 6:30pm
The Cords—Young People(18 –30)	2nd and 4th Saturdays of the Month
Ladies Fellowship	1st Friday of every Month
Men’s Fellowship	1st Monday of every Month
Breakthrough Night	2nd and 4th Fridays of the Month

WEEKLY BIBLE READING CALENDAR

Monday: **Deuteronomy 23-25; Mark 14:1-26** Tuesday: **Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 14:27-53**

Wednesday: **Deuteronomy 28-29; Mark 14:54-72** Thursday: **Deuteronomy 30-31; Mark 15:1-25**

Friday: **Deuteronomy 32-34; Mark 15:26-47** Saturday: **Joshua 1-3; Mark 16**

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Welcome & Merry Christmas:** You are most welcome to the Christmas Service as we celebrate the moment the Son of God entered our world through the virgin birth. We pray you have a really merry Christmas. Please if this is your first time of worshipping with us, we'll like to know and recognise you. We pray you encounter Jesus Christ today, the God-Man who is the reason for the season.
- 2. Appreciation:** We thank and appreciate every Worker and Helper in the Church for their invaluable services by way of visitation or telephone call to the sick, the needy & to those absent from fellowship. We also are grateful to those who clean & tidy up the premises. According to Hebrews 6:10 '... God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, ... shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister'. Surely you shall not lose your reward in Jesus name.
- 3. Membership Class:** The class will re-start again on Sunday 8th January 2012. Anyone who has not already gone through the class is encouraged to do so, for a better understanding of what Church is and of God's expectation of you in the Church.
- 4. Evening Service:** There is no service tonight to allow everyone enjoy Christmas with family and friends.
- 5. Boiler House Prayer Meeting:** There is none this week. This prayer meeting will kick off again for 2012 on Tuesday 3rd January at the usual time of 11.00am – 1.00pm at our Spital Tongues premises.
- 6. Mid-Week Service:** This Wednesday (28/12/11), being the last Wednesday of the month, is a day set aside for prayer & fasting for needs in the Body. We meet at our Spital Tongues premises at 6.30pm to conclude the prayer session. Please note that the Church will be opened during the day for whoever wants to come in for personal prayers.
- 7. Mothers & Toddlers Group:** Will start again on Friday 6th January 2012 at the usual time of 11.00am – 1.00pm at our Spital Tongues premises.
- 8. Entrance to DRMC:** Please note that our entrance to the premises is through 4A Callerton Place.
- 9. Setting & Packing Up:** Please note that for now at DRMC we do require more hands for setting up the place on Saturday and to dismantle and pack up including the chairs immediately after the service.
- 10. New Year Eve's Crossing Over Service:** Is Saturday 31st December 2011 from 10.00pm to 12.05am at our Spital Tongues premises. There will be opportunity for corporate and individual praise worship, thanksgiving and testimonies to bless the Lord.
- 11. Prayer & Fasting for January 2012:** This is a 14-day prayer and fasting from Monday 2nd to Sunday 15th January 2012. Prayer guidelines and further instruction will be made available nearer the time.
- 12. Departments, Ministries & Activity Groups:** Everyone here in the Church is encouraged to belong to a Department, Ministry or Activity Group relevant to their calling and gifting. There is always room to serve in the Kingdom of God.
- 13. Pastoral Visit:** If you require a pastoral visit or need to book the Church premises, the Church Office (tel. 0191-230 0662) is open to get through to the Administrator every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 11.00am.
- 14. Mini-Bus Pickup:** If you require a pickup for Sunday services, please do ring Pastor John or Pastor Yomi or Sister Titi latest by 8.00am that Sunday to register your request for a pickup.
- 15. Database Update:** If you have moved homes in the last couple of weeks or months, please complete the new update form with your new details and return to Pastor John.

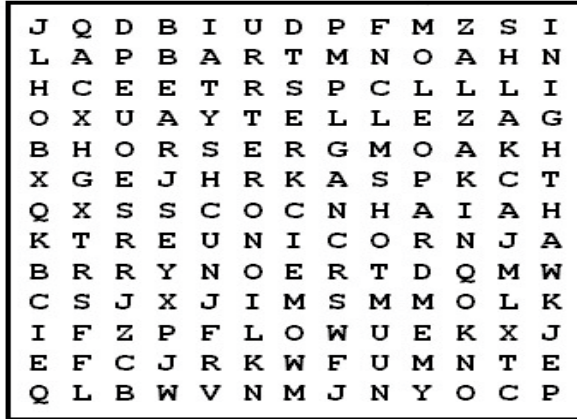
Kids Bible Wordsearch

Animals in the Bible Puzzle # 1

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.



BEAR
CAMEL
DONKEY
GAZELLE
GOAT
HART
HORSE
IBEX
JACKAL



LEOPARD
LION
MOLE
MOUSE
NIGHTHAWK
OSTRICH
SHEEP
UNICORN
WOLF



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MARVELOUS LOVE

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1952, when Korea was in the throes of civil war, one young woman struggled along a village street, obviously soon to deliver a child. She pleaded with passers-by,

"Help me! Please. My baby."

No one paid any attention to her.

A middle-aged couple walked by. The wife pushed away the young mother and sneered,

"Where's the father? Where's your American man now?"

The couple laughed and went on.

The young woman almost doubled up from a contraction as she watched them go.

"Please . . ." she begged.

She had heard of a missionary living nearby who might help her. Hurriedly, she began walking to that village. If only he would help her baby. Shivering and in pain, she struggled over the frozen countryside. But the night was so cold. Snow began to fall. Realizing that the time was near to deliver her

baby, she took shelter under a bridge. There, alone, her baby was born on Christmas Eve.

Worried about her newborn son, she took off her own clothes, wrapped them around the baby and held him close in the warm circle of her arms.

The next day, the missionary braved the new snow to deliver Christmas packages. As he walked along, he heard the cry of a baby. He followed the sound to a bridge. Under it, he found a

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young mother frozen to death, still clutching her crying new born son. The missionary tenderly lifted the baby out of her arms.

When the baby was 10 years old, his now adoptive father told him the story of his mother's death on Christmas Eve.

The young boy cried, realizing the sacrifice his mother had made for him.

The next morning, the missionary rose early to find the boy's bed empty. Seeing a fresh set of small footprints in the snow outside, he bundled up warmly in a winter coat and followed the trail. It led back to the bridge where the young mother had died.

As the missionary approached the bridge, he stopped, stunned. Kneeling in the snow was his son, naked and shivering uncontrollably. His clothes lay beside him in a small pile. Moving closer, he heard the boy say through chattering teeth:

"Mother, were you this cold for me?"

That story reminds me of

another mother and Son who sacrificed so much. One winter night, Jesus left his home, His glory and the warmth of heaven to be born in a stable to an unwelcome world. Just before He was born, Mary, His mother, was not welcome in any of the cosy inns in Bethlehem. Instead, she delivered her baby in the darkness of a cold stable. The Creator of the Universe, the Perfect Judge who could destroy the world with a single word, was willing to endure this inauspicious beginning for you and me. That is unconditional love!

We who have experienced God's unconditional love are commanded to share that love with others. John writes in 1 John 4:11,

"Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other" (New Living Translation).

God wants us to express His supernatural love to others. We become examples of God's love to the world as we love our neighbours through the enabling of His

Holy Spirit.

My prayer for you is the same as Paul's prayer for the believers in Ephesians 3:17,18:

"May your roots go down deep in to the soil of God's marvellous love. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is" (NLT).

You may confess, "I don't have that kind of love to share with anyone." To experience God's supernatural love, claim it by faith. We have the potential to love anyone God puts in our path. One of the greatest lessons I have learned in my Christian life is "how to love by faith."

When we by faith invite God's unconditional love to flow through us, we will discover a rekindled love that is alive and well. That is true for an "unlovable" spouse, boss, employee, or anyone.

Nothing breaks the hardened ground of unforgiveness and bitterness like sincere acts and words of love.

"Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in one