



I want to follow Jesus. He is God's Son.

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Mark 1:14-15

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Father, help us to tell our friends all that we know of you and to share the great message that you love everyone. **Amen.**

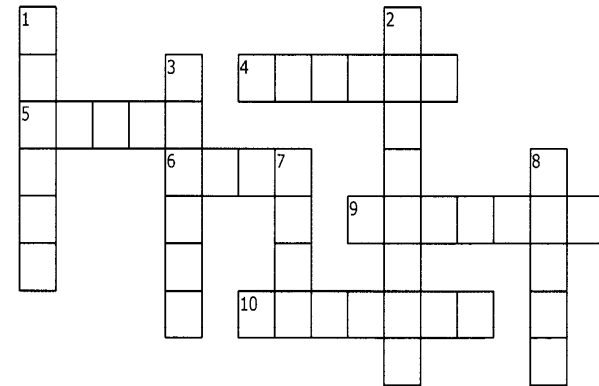


I can share the "Good News" with a friend.

Carrying the Message

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Based on Mark 1:9-15 (NIV)



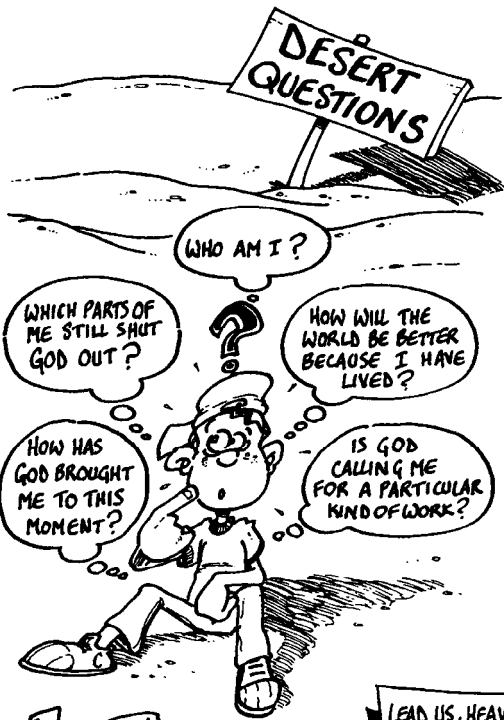
ACROSS

4. Jesus was baptized in the _____ River. (vs.9)
5. Jesus was tempted by _____. (vs.13)
6. Jesus proclaimed the _____ news of God. (vs.14)
9. Jesus said, "The _____ of God is near." (vs.15)
10. Jesus asked people to repent and _____. (vs.15)

DOWN

1. The Spirit led Jesus into the _____. (vs.12)
2. Jesus was _____ by John. (vs.9)
3. Jesus was tended to by _____. (vs.13)
7. The Spirit descended on Jesus like a _____.(vs.10)
8. Jesus was in the desert for _____ days. (vs.13)

JORDAN	KINGDOM	FORTY	DOVE	ANGELS
BELIEVE	DESERT	SATAN	BAPTIZED	GOOD



DESERT QUESTIONS

WHO AM I?

WHICH PARTS OF ME STILL SHUT GOD OUT?

HOW WILL THE WORLD BE BETTER BECAUSE I HAVE LIVED?

HOW HAS GOD BROUGHT ME TO THIS MOMENT?

IS GOD CALLING ME FOR A PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK?

LENT

IS A USEFUL DESERT !!!

IDEAS FOR USING IT

Read through the whole of Mark's Gospel (that's less than 3 chapters a week).

If your church has a Lent course, join in. (If it hasn't, show this and ask for a suitable one!)

Live your life a bit more simply – spend less, for instance.

Write in a DAILY prayer time on your schedule and stick to it.

1. The church colour for Lent is

green	
purple	
red	

2. Jesus was in the desert for

42	
7	
40	

days

3. Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the festival of

Easter	
Christmas	
Pentecost	

4. Lent is a time for fasting and prayer.

Fasting means

practising self-control by going without food	
practising for a race by going fast	
practising prayer by speaking quickly	

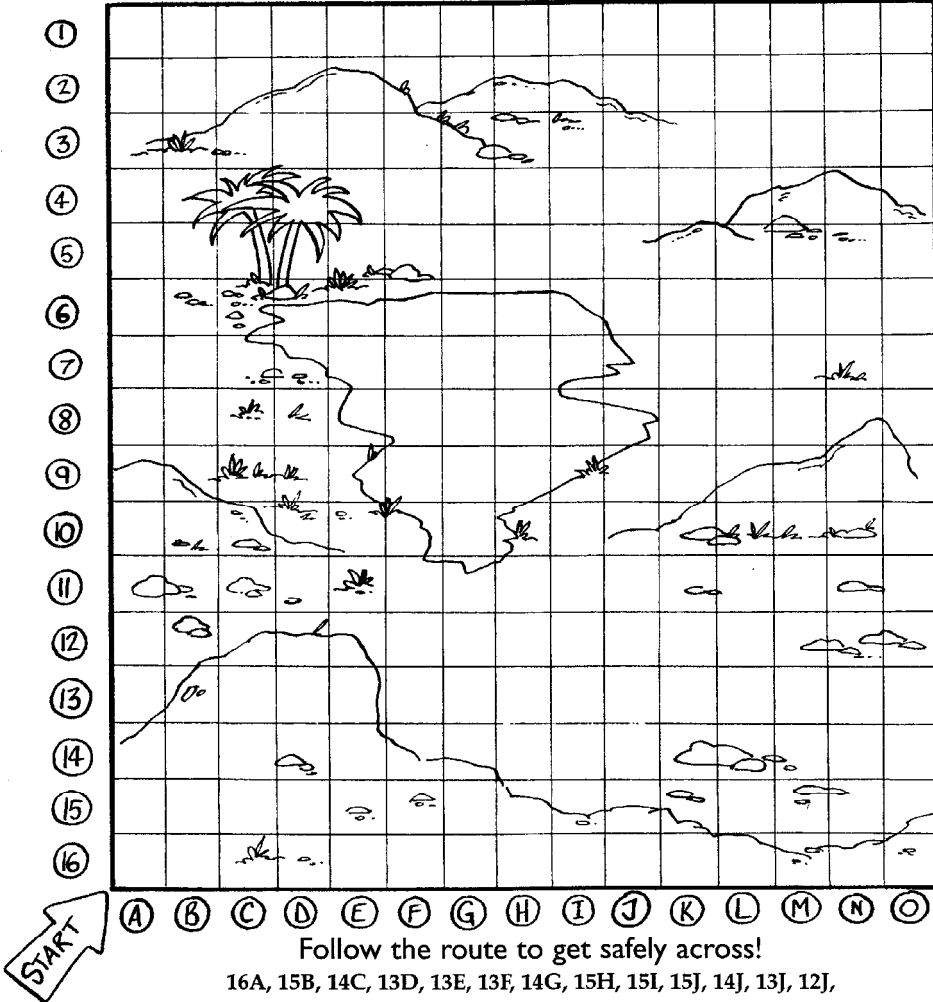
TIME OUT, DESERT STYLE
 NOT MUCH TO DO IN A DESERT, IS THERE?
 Not a lot. But there's plenty to be.
HOW DO YOU MEAN?
 When we haven't got lots of distractions we're forced to face what we're really like.
I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO.
 No one's that keen! But it's only when we make the effort to get in touch with our real selves in God's company that he can really start working in our lives.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LENT?

LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US, O'ER THE WORLD'S TEMPESTUOUS SEA; GUARD US, GUIDE US, KEEP US, FEED US, FOR WE HAVE NO HELP BUT THEE; GET POSSESSING EVERY BLESSING IF OUR GOD OUR FATHER BE.



Which way through the desert?



Follow the route to get safely across!
 16A, 15B, 14C, 13D, 13E, 13F, 14G, 15H, 15I, 15J, 14J, 13J, 12J, 11I, 10I, 9J, 8K, 7K, 6J, 5I, 4H, 3H, 2I, 3J, 3K, 3L, 2M, 1N, 1O
 Draw in the route you take so others will know the way!



Christ gave me the work of preaching the Good News.

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 D M U I D L Q E Z S G T N U C
 J V Q Z L L V N R R N E I P E
 N E A R D O K N R E P T G M D
 W K D S D A E Z P O S G O E Z
 T I U U P V Y E Y P E C T Z F
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 M M G Z B V O I C E S U J E S
 V J O R D A N K Q Y E D M W R
 M K Z L H G Z I K R R N E P D
 E B U H Q H R G E S T N K D S

REPENT	TEMPTED	TIME	BAPTIZED	BELIEVE
DESERT	COME	VOICE	KINGDOM	JORDAN
FORTY	NEWS	OPEN	WATER	DAYS
GOOD	SPIRIT	DOVE	HEAVEN	NEAR