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Many countries have a special day that marks their independence. People in the United States celebrate Independence Day on July 4th. When we were founded, we truly were founded on Christian principles. And, although the birth of our nation was not easy, we became strong because our forefathers believed in and trusted Almighty God.

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 7, Jesus tells us that if we listen to and obey Him we are "like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Sadly, as our country moves away from following God, we become "like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

When we trust Jesus as our Savior we are freed from the tyranny of sin; but we must remember that we are dependent on God to stand firm.

As you celebrate the Independence Day holiday this year, make sure your foundation is Jesus Christ, The Rock. Thank God for the freedoms you do have, but don't use your freedom to sin. Use your freedom to follow Christ.





INDEPENDENCE OR DEPENDENCE

WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

by Chaplain Jim Freed

In the United States of America we celebrate July 4th as Independence Day. We value our independence, because the founders of our country gained the right to worship God, in the way they desired, without restrictions from an oppressive government. Americans pride themselves on being a free country and we are most grateful to the men and women in our armed forces who fight to keep that freedom for us.

But there is a time that dependence is far better than independence. You see, when we were created by God, He walked with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden as their guide and protector. Genesis 2:15-17 says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'"

But an enemy, Satan the devil, convinced Adam and Eve to turn against God and seek independence from Him. That is why the world is such a dangerous place to live today. In fact, on that day, death became the fate of every one of Adam's descendants.

But God doesn't desire any one of us to die so he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. In John 3:16 the Bible tells us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Each one of us has the opportunity to pray and ask Jesus to come into our heart and guide us on the path of everlasting life. Then we too can be dependent on God as we were created to be. If you haven't already, why don't you ask Him to be your Savior today.

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WHAT IS A PATRIARCH?

By Sondra, a staff writer

The dictionary tells us a patriarch is the father and ruler of a family or tribe. It is usually applied to heads of families in ancient history; in Biblical and Jewish history, the word patriarch is given to those who lived before Moses. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph were all Patriarchs of Israel.

Joseph was Jacob's favorite son and one of the great Old Testament Patriarchs of Israel. Jacob made a special coat for Joseph. It had many colors. When Joseph's brothers saw the coat they knew he was their father's favorite and they were jealous. When Joseph told his brothers about a dream he had, they hated him even more. In the dream, Joseph's sheaf of wheat stood tall and his brother's sheaves stood around his and bowed in respect. The brothers were so angry they put Joseph in a deep pit. While they were thinking about what to do, some Ishmeelite merchants came by. His brothers sold him to them for 20 pieces of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, Pharaoh's captain of the guard. Read Genesis chapters 39-50 for the rest of the story.

On February 22, 1732 our country's first President, George Washington, was born in Virginia. He was the most famous hero of the Revolutionary War. That war was fought by the American colonies to gain independence from Great Britain. When the war was over; it was time for the United States of America to pick its' first leader. Everyone wanted George Washington. Finally, the decision was made to call him "President". President George Washington was the Patriarch of our country and is also known as the "Father of our Country." He died December 14, 1799.

Happy Birthday!

July	6	Ivan, Pennsylvania
	10	Taylor, New Jersey
	13	Jeremy & Kylie, Virginia
	13	Tessa, Wisconsin
	14	Hannah, Tennessee
	15	Caleb, Virginia
	18	Benjamin, Pennsylvania
	21	Grace, New Jersey
	24	Audrey, New Jersey
	24	Christabel, Virginia
	25	Hannah, Pennsylvania
	25	Jimmy, Wisconsin
	28	Jada, New Jersey
	28	Lindsay, New Hampshire
	29	Micah, Maine



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FATHER ABRAHAM



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The Bible often refers to our Heavenly Father as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Some 250-300 years after the Great Flood, God called Abraham to be the first Hebrew. He is not only the father of Isaac and grandfather of Jacob; he is the Patriarch of all the Hebrew/Israelite/Jewish people. (You can read about Patriarchs on page 2.)

When he was born his parents named him Abram, which means "exalted father." Sadly, although he was married to Sarah for a very long time, they had no children. One day, God told Abram to leave the town where he was living and go to a place God would show him. We know from the Bible that God sent Abram to the land of Canaan.

On a clear night many years later, Abram was praying and asking God for a child. And God promised he would have so many children they would be like the grains of sand on the sea shore and the stars in the night sky - too many to count. Then God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "Father of many Nations."

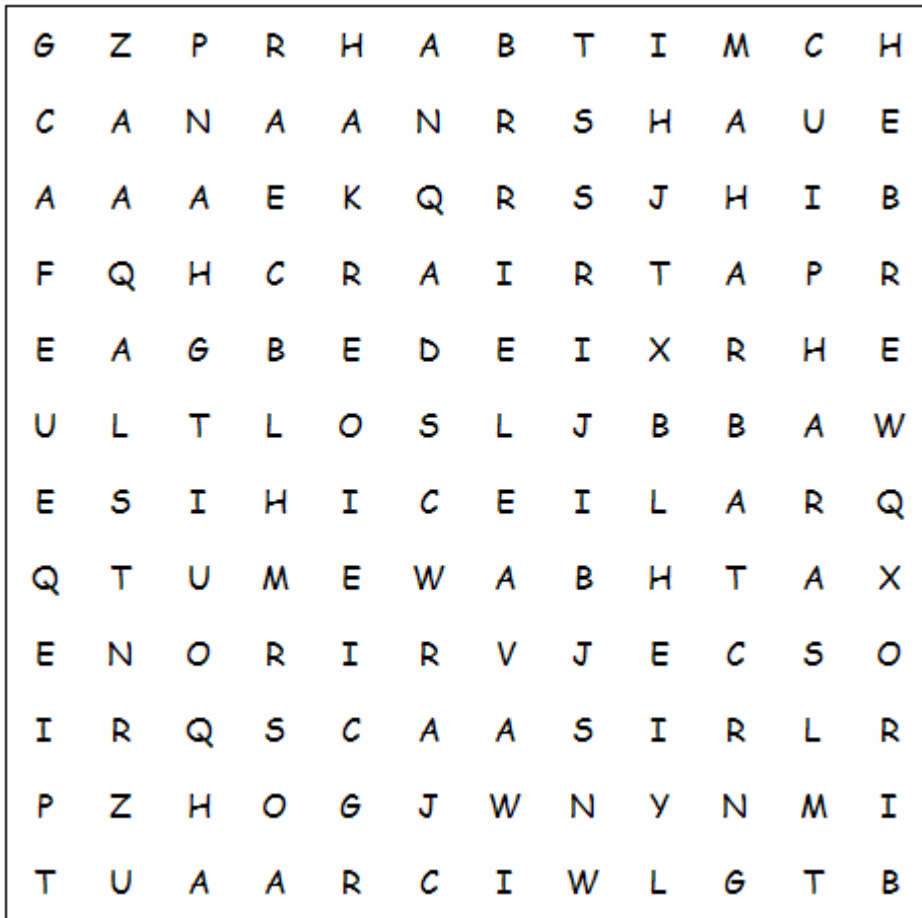
Although it seemed impossible, the Bible tells us that "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend" (James 2:23). Abraham was about 100 years old and Sarah about 90 when Isaac was born. Because our Heavenly Father loves us as His children, He always keeps His promises! I trust He is your Heavenly Father too!

Notes from God's Word

"I am the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob?"
He is not the God of
the dead but of the living.
Matthew 22:32

PATRIARCH WORD SEARCH

The words you are looking for may go up, down, across or diagonal



Abraham
Father
Israelite
Patriarch

Canaan
Hebrew
Jacob
Promise

Children
Isaac
Jewish
Sarah

A PATHWAY THROUGH JOSEPH'S FAMILY

This is something new...hope you enjoy following the path to find 22 names listed below.

Beginning with the highlighted letter, follow a continuous path to find the names involved in Joseph's life in the Book of Genesis. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.



ASHER BENJAMIN BILHAH CANAAN DAN DINAH EGYPT
 GAD GOD ISSACHAR JACOB JOSEPH JUDAH LABAN
 LEAH LEVI NAPHTALI RACHEL REUBEN SIMEON
 ZEBULUN ZILPAH

GET YOUR MARCHING ORDERS TOGETHER!

This puzzle is a quote from the Book of Psalms 119:11 (NKJ). The words run through the grid in a continuous line. The number of letters in each word are in parentheses.

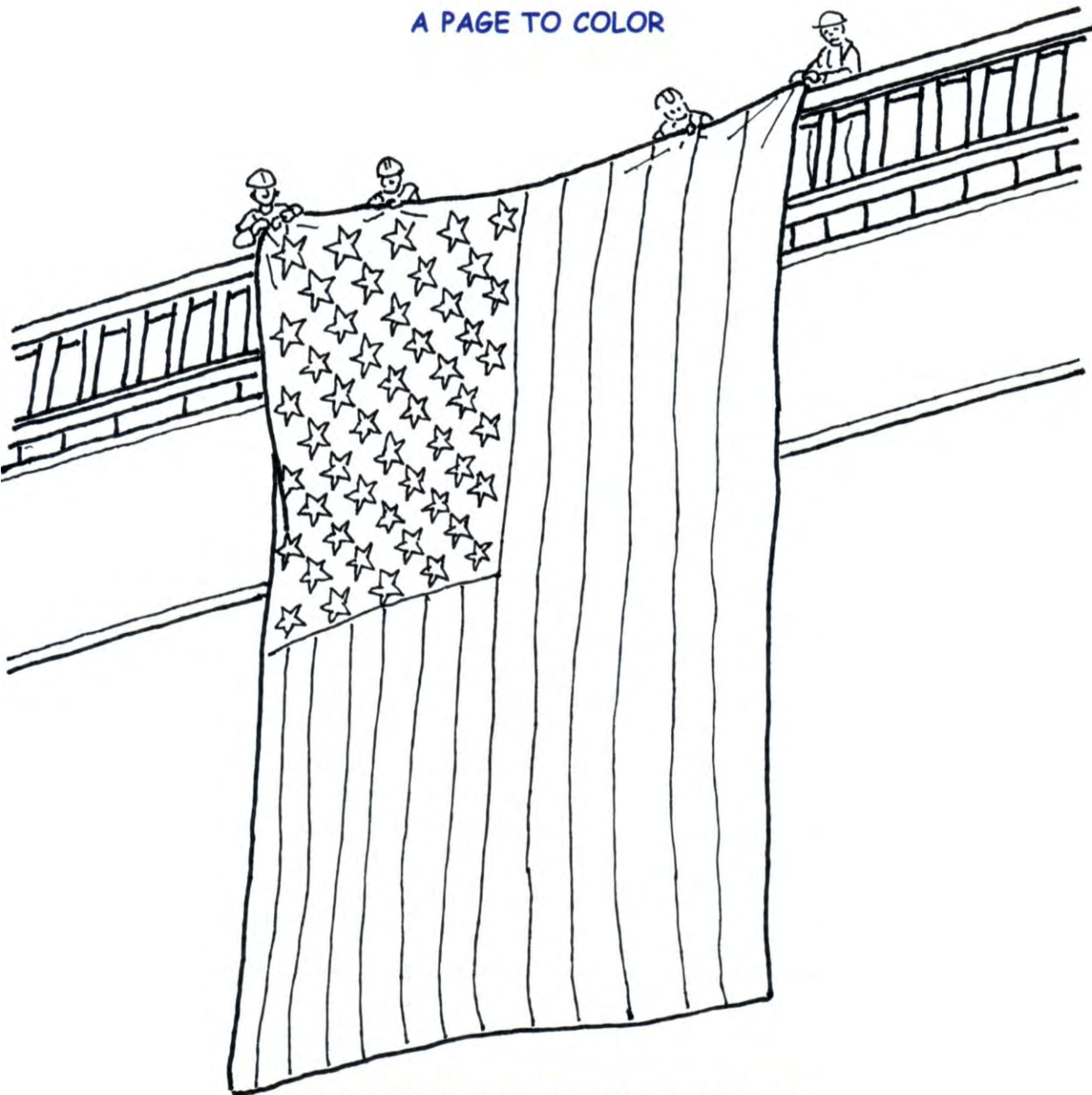
They may go up, down, across or diagonal. Circle them as you find them.

The first word is done for you.



1. YOUR (4) 2. _____ (4) 3. _____ (1) 4. _____ (4) 5. _____ (6)
6. _____ (2) 7. _____ (2) 8. _____ (5) 9. _____ (4) 10. _____ (1)
11. _____ (5) 12. _____ (3) 13. _____ (3) 14. _____ (7)
15. _____ (3).

A PAGE TO COLOR

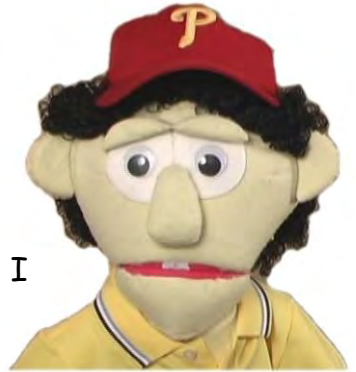


A SHOW OF PATRIOTISM FOR THE U.S.A.

The Adventures of Phineas T. Phlapjack

Hi Pals!

I can't believe it. He said he was my friend. He acted like my friend. Then he lied to me. Not just a little lie, but a really big lie. I was so embarrassed. And he wasn't sorry at all. He just shrugged his shoulders and said, "Oh well" like it was no big deal. But it was! I did stuff because of what he told me and I got into trouble. At first it made me angry, and now it just makes me sad.



The Bible says that Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Light." And that we should "speak the truth in love." God doesn't lie and I don't think He wants us too either.

I always try to tell the truth, especially in the important stuff. To be honest, sometimes I mess up, like when I'm afraid I'll get in trouble for something I did. But when I don't tell the truth, it always ends up worse than it was if I did. Uncle Bill says that's because lies take on a life of their own. They grow and grow until they suddenly collapse and hurt those around them.

Notes from God's Word

So if the Son sets you free,
you will be free indeed.
John 8:36

The other thing Uncle Bill said was, it's hard to trust someone who lies, because you never know when what they're saying is true. That makes a lot of sense, because, even though he was my friend, I don't trust him anymore.

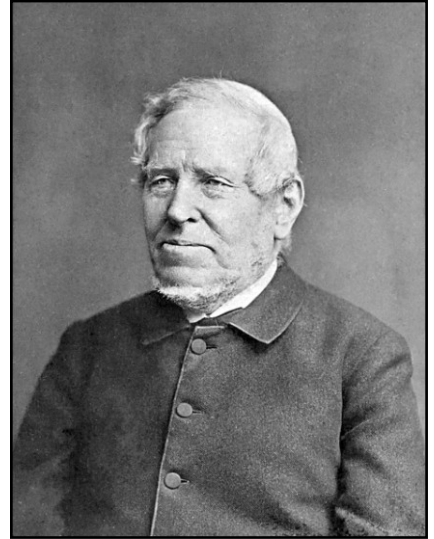
It might be difficult sometimes, but I hope you always tell the truth.

See you next month! Bye!

DID YOU KNOW?

from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Samuel Francis Smith (10/21/1808 - 11/16/1895) was a Baptist minister, journalist, and author. He is best known for having written the lyrics to "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," which he entitled "America." Samuel wrote the lyrics in 1831 while a student at the Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. His friend, Lowell Mason asked him to translate lyrics of some German school songbooks or to write new lyrics. Samuel chose to write his own American patriotic hymn. He completed the lyrics in thirty minutes.



Along with other songs, Samuel Smith's "America" served as one of the national anthems of the United States before the adoption of "The Star Spangled Banner" as the official anthem in 1931.

BIBLE TRIVIA GAME



Earn 30 points to receive an award. Each month you will find two Bible Trivia Questions on this page. Answer them both correctly and you will earn 10 points. You must mail your answers to us so we can check them. We will return your paper with any points you earned and any corrections needed. When you accumulate 30 points we will send you a reward. This month you will need to read in the book of *Genesis* chapters 41 and 50 to find the answers to the questions below. The answers may also be hidden somewhere in this issue of Kids' Talk

EASY QUESTION!

QUESTION 1: When God caused a severe famine over all the earth, who opened all the storehouses in Egypt and sold grain to all the lands?

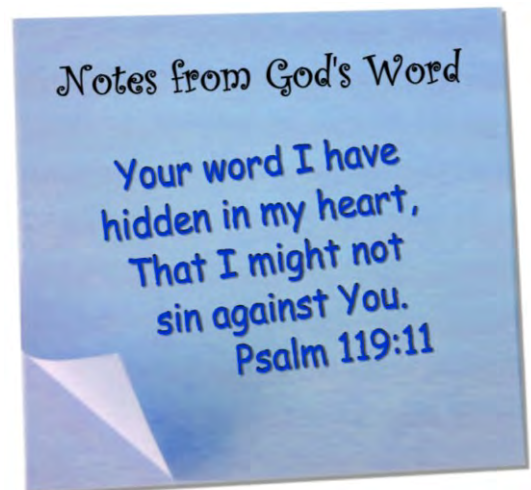
HARD QUESTION!

QUESTION 2: When Joseph's father died, who gave him permission to bury his father in Canaan? When Joseph was dying where did he tell his brother to bury him?

Write your answers on a clean
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Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Psalm 33:12a