

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hi kids!

It's 2021! Each new year is a chance for a fresh start. Many people make resolutions, or choices, at the start of a new year. Maybe you want to try something new. Or, there could be an area you can do better in. You might even choose to stop a bad habit. Yes, that includes biting your nails!

As you reflect on the past year, what new things do you want to try?

There are lots of good resolutions. I will tidy my room. I will study more. I will have a fruit or veggie with every meal. I will brush my teeth twice a day.

My resolution is to memorize Bible verses.

In Matthew 22:36-40, God gives us two of the best resolutions of all. One is to love Him with your whole self. The second is to love others as much as you love yourself.

As you go into the new year, can you try to love God and others as the Bible says to?

Your friend, Leigha

Love the Lord  
your God with all your heart,  
mind and soul. Love your neighbour  
as you love yourself  
(see Matthew 22:36-40).

This year, I will ...

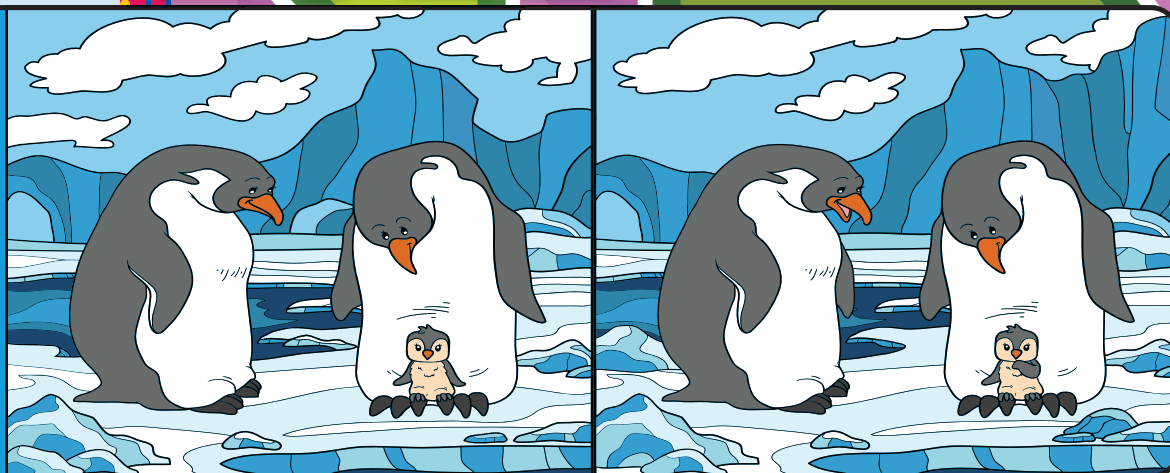


## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every column, row and 2x2 box contains the numbers 1 to 4.

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1			2
	1		3
	3		

Find 10 Differences



## Resolution Riddle

How does God want us to love others?

Find the words in the puzzle, then write the first 17 leftover letters on the blanks to read Matthew 22:39.

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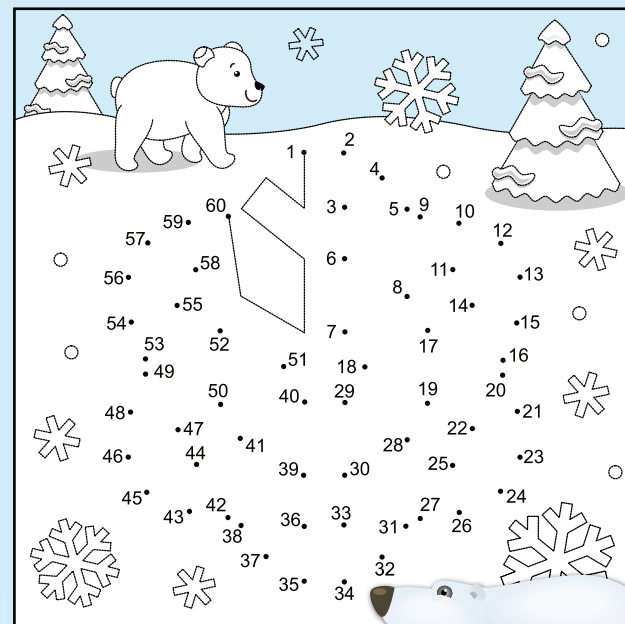
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PARTY  
RESOLUTION  
YEAR

Answer: As you love yourself

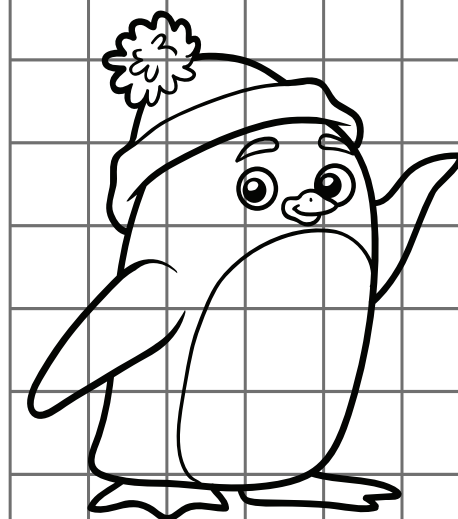
## Which path leads to the snowman?



## Connect the Dots



## Copy the Penguin



**Ha! Ha! Ha!**

What do penguins have for lunch?  
Icebergers

Who's the penguin's favourite aunt?  
Aunt-Artica

What do penguins wear on their heads?  
Ice caps

What's black, white and red all over?  
A penguin with unquins a

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Hi kids!

Each year, The Salvation Army feeds thousands of hungry people across the Canada and Bermuda Territory. How? It starts with sharing. Some people give money; others give their time. With this help, the Army can buy food and share it with those who need it most. There are many ways you can give to The Salvation Army. You can even help kids in another country go to school through the Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program.

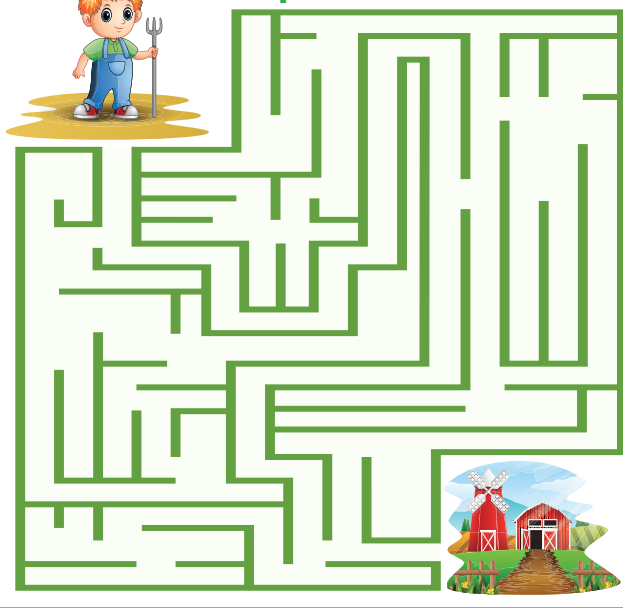
When people give to The Salvation Army, whether they can give a little or a lot, we are able to help people in need with food, clothes and a safe place to sleep.

Sharing is also something the Bible teaches us to do. In the Book of Luke, Jesus tells us why we should share what we have with others. Read the Bible story to find out more.

*Your friend,  
Leigha*



Help the farmer to his barn.



## Sharing Search

BARN	FARMER
BROTHER	GRAIN
CROWD	JESUS
EXTRA	JUDGE

J	U	D	G	E	Y	W	D
B	F	V	E	N	J	B	W
A	X	S	I	X	R	M	O
R	D	A	U	O	T	A	R
N	R	M	T	S	Q	R	C
G	J	H	R	Y	E	F	A
D	E	I	D	G	M	J	B
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## The Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

**A**s Jesus was teaching a crowd of people one day, a man asked for His help. "Can you tell my brother to give me some of our family's land?" he asked. "Who made Me the judge between you two to tell him what to do?" Jesus replied to the man. Then, He went on to tell a story.

"There was once a farmer who had a lot of grain one year. To keep the extra grain, he tore down his barns to build bigger ones. That night, God told the farmer that he was going to die. 'You foolish man!' He said. 'Someone else will get all your grain.'"

When Jesus was done telling the story, He told the man what it meant. "Watch out!" He said. "Be on guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has."

We can also learn from the story Jesus told. It doesn't matter how many things we own. We should try to be rich in the sight of God. How? We can read our Bible, pray, love God, love others, share with others and so much more!

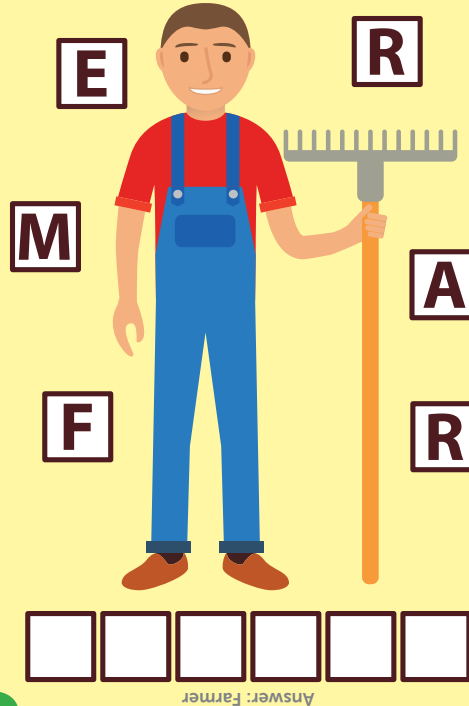




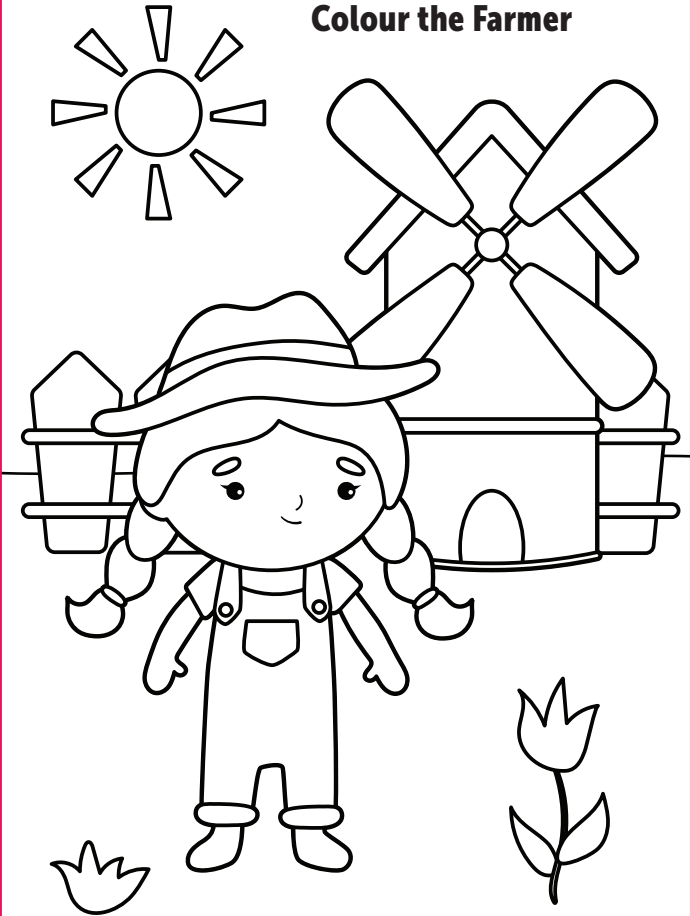
## Find 8 Differences



Arrange the letters in the boxes to find out who Jesus spoke about in His story.



Colour the Farmer



Ha! Ha! Ha!

Knock knock!  
Who's there?  
Lettuce.

Lettuce who?  
Lettuce in,  
we're freezing!



What's orange  
and sounds like  
a parrot?  
A carrot

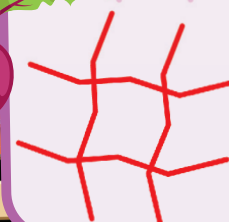
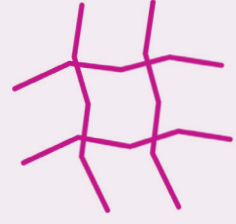
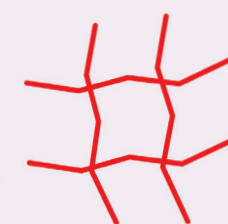
What new  
crop did the  
farmer plant?  
Beets me



What day  
do potatoes  
not like?  
Fry-day



TIC  
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Did you know that an ant can lift 50 times its own body weight? While small in size, some ants can live a long time. A queen ant can live up to 30 years. Once, an ant colony was found that was almost 6,000 kilometres wide!

But these fun facts do not end here. The Bible also calls us to look at the ant as an example for how we should work. The ant gathers food at harvest time. This way, it has food to eat when it's cold and snowing out. People who don't want to work should be more like the ant (see Proverbs 6:6-8). We should work hard now, so we are ready for the days to come.

It would be good if we were a little more antsy. How? We can clean up our room so we can play in it. We can study after school to get a good grade on our next test. We can practise our instrument so we play with fewer mistakes. We can help our family by putting the dishes away before the next meal. How will you work hard today?

Your friend, Leigha



Find the right shadow!



Answer: C



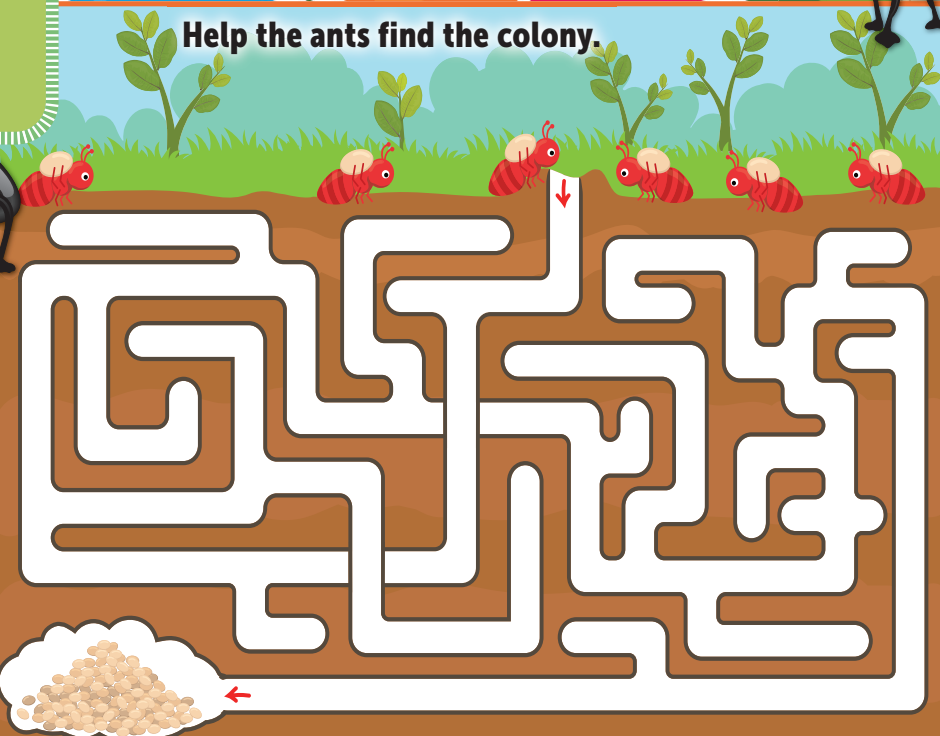
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Help the ants find the colony.





## Antsy Anagram



How many words can you make using letters from the word **HARVEST**?

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## Find 10 Differences



## Ant Art



**Ha! Ha! Ha!**

What is the  
top-ranking ant  
in The Salvation  
Army?  
**Lieutenant**



What do you call  
an army ant?  
**Militant**

What do you call  
a 100-year-old ant?  
**Antique**

What is the biggest  
ant in the world?  
**Elephant**



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Do you have a favourite superhero? Some kids like Superman because he is strong and can fly. Others like Spider-Man because he can climb walls and use his web to catch bad guys. Each superhero has their own special powers. But they all do one thing the same. They help people in need.

While we don't have superpowers, we each have special talents that God has given to us. Instead of just using them for ourselves, we can bless others with them. For example, you might be good at playing the trumpet. If you're able to, you can join the junior band at your corps. Or, maybe you're good at math. You can help a friend with their homework. This way, you will honour God since He gave you that special talent.

In this issue of *Just for Kids* you'll read a story that will help you understand why you should make the most of what God has given you.

Your friend, Leigha



## Find 7 Differences



## Money Makers

Based on a parable of Jesus in Matthew 25:14-30.

A businessman brought three employees in for a meeting.

"I want to expand my business," he told them. "I'm going to give each of you some money. Use it wisely." He gave the first employee \$1,000, the second \$500 and the third \$250.

The first one used the money to hire a fashion designer. The designer created trendy new clothes. The employee sold them at a fancy shop and made \$2,000.

The second one used the money to buy food and drinks. She set up a food stand at a local beach and sold them. She made \$1,000.

But the third employee put the money in an envelope and hid it in his room.

Three months later, the businessman called the employees back for another meeting. He wanted to see how they were doing.

To the first employee, he said, "I'm impressed! I'm going to promote you to a better job."



To the second, he said, "Great work! I'm going to give you more responsibility."

When the businessman came to the third one, the employee started making excuses. "I know you're a tough boss," he said. "I was afraid of you, so I hid the money in my room."

"What?" the boss said. "How could you have been so lazy? You should have at least put the money in the bank so it could earn interest."

The businessman told him to give the \$250 to the first employee. Then he said, "I'm sorry—you have no place at this company anymore." And the employee left the office.

Like the businessman, God gives each one of us abilities and talents—things we are good at. Whatever our gifts may be, God wants us to use them for Him. If we do, He will be very happy. How can you use your talents for God this week?

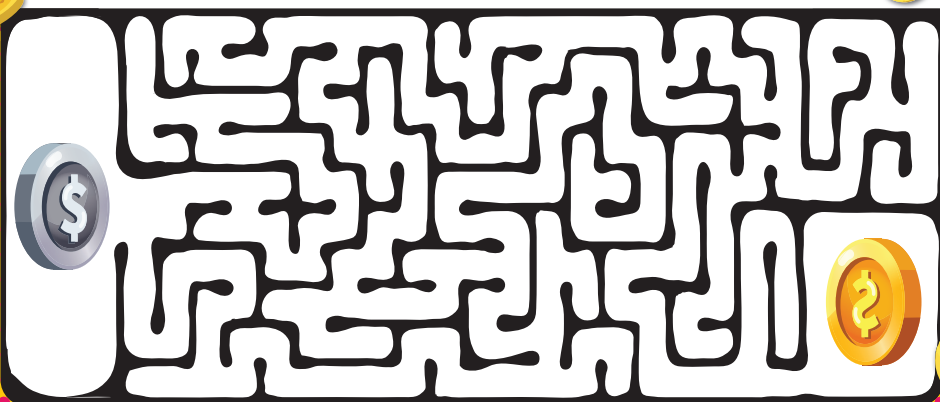




## Colour Me



## Connect the Coins



## Making Money

BUSINESS FASHION  
DESIGNER INTEREST  
EMPLOYEE MONEY  
FOOD  
MEETING  
COMPANY  
DRINK



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

**Ha! Ha! Ha!**

Why did the farmer bury his money?

To make his soil rich

What fish costs the most?

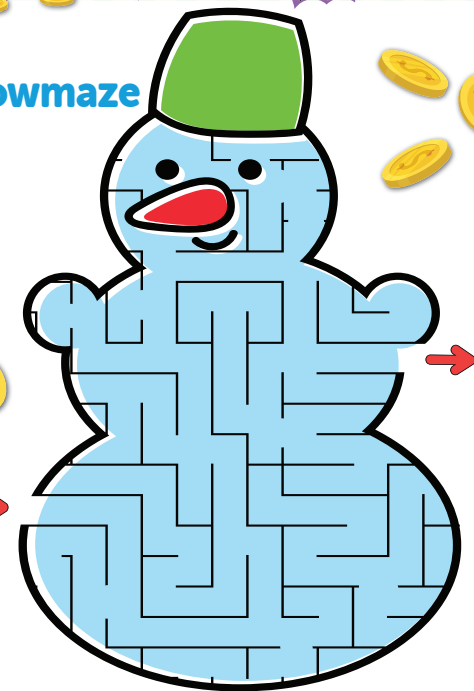
A goldfish

What kind of money do dolphins use?

Sand dollars



## Snowmaze



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During the winter months it might feel like you're stuck indoors a lot because the weather is so cold. But there are plenty of fun outdoor activities that you can do! You can go sledding, make a snowman or go skating. If you're really up for a challenge, you might even try ice fishing with your parents or guardians.

One winter activity I really enjoy is skiing. After I take the chairlift to the top of a snowy mountain, I look at a map to make sure I take the right path down. I choose an easy path since I'm a new skier and want to make it down safely. But even as a beginner, what I enjoy most is feeling so free as I fly down a hill.

These fun activities remind me of this week's Bible story. There was a time when God's people, the Israelites, were not free. A bad Pharaoh was using them as slaves. Read the story to read how God miraculously saved them.

Your friend, Leigha



## Winter Sudoku

Fill in the squares so that every row, column and 2x2 box contains each of these four items:



## God Rescues His People

Exodus 1:8-14

Joseph was an Israelite slave who became an important person in Egypt. With God's help, he saved many Egyptians and Israelites from a horrible famine. Joseph was a hero. But after he died, a Pharaoh who didn't know who Joseph was, took the throne. When he saw the

many Israelites living in Egypt, he saw a problem. There were too many of them. They outnumbered the Egyptians. This made the new Pharaoh feel nervous.

So, he came up with a plan. He would force all the Israelites in Egypt to become his slaves. A slave is someone who is controlled by another person through hurting them. Slaves have to work to make money for another person. They are paid very little in return—usually just enough to survive. As slaves for the Pharaoh, the Israelites were forced to make bricks and build cities. They also had to do hard work in the fields. Life was cruel for the Israelites as slaves.

But this is not how the story ends. We see God's love for His people. He heard the groans and cries of the Israelites, and His heart broke for them. Why? Because God never created His people to be slaves. He created His people to be free. So, God sent Moses to rescue them.



Through Moses, God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and into freedom in the Promised Land.

God has also created you, me and everyone in the world to be free and not to be slaves. Proverbs 31:8-9 says: "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice" (*New Living Translation*). It is important that we not only know that every person has been created by God to be free but that we use our voices and actions to make sure everyone lives free.

If you or someone you know may be a victim of modern slavery and human trafficking, call **Canada's National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010**.

If you need to talk to someone, call the **Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868**.

## Moses Rescues the Israelites



## Exodus Word Search

EGYPT  
FAMINE  
FREE  
GOD  
ISRAELITES  
JOSEPH  
LOVE  
PHARAOH  
RESCUE  
SLAVES

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

Ha! Ha! Ha!

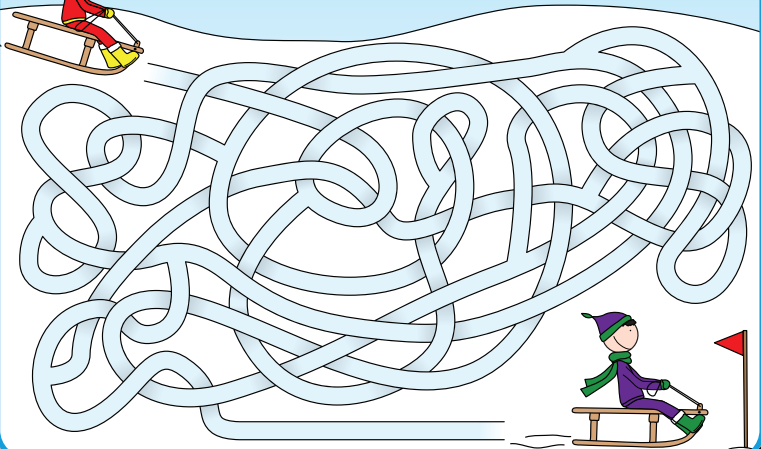


What do you call  
a slow skier?  
A slopepoke

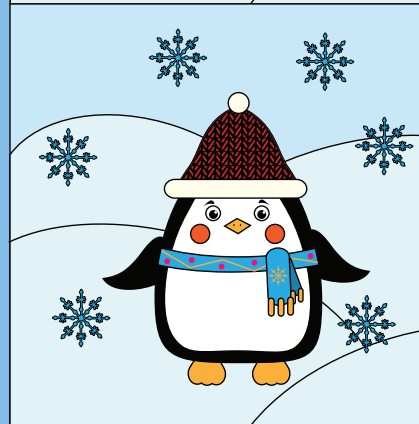
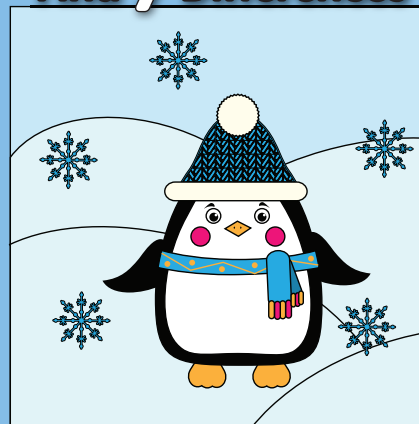
What do skiers  
like most  
about school?  
Snow and tell

How does a skier  
get to work?  
By ickle

Ride the sled down the hill.



## Find 7 Differences



## The Song of Moses and Miriam

After God saved them from the Egyptians,  
Moses and Miriam sang a song of praise.  
Unscramble the words to find out what they  
said (see Exodus 15:2).

The \_\_\_\_\_  
D R O L I E G V S  
me \_\_\_\_\_  
G N S R T E H T  
and \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
T O R E P S C T

Answer: The Lord gives me strength and protects me.

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