

WHIZZP?

This quarter is all about God's promises (covenants) to His people. God keeps His word and desires to bless us. If we want to receive His blessings, we must follow His instructions. Many times people forget that they have a responsibility as part of the covenant, as well.

What if your parents or caregivers told you that you would get a new toy or be taken somewhere special... *if* you kept your room clean for the month? You would only get the promise if you did as you were told—kept your room clean. Likewise, God's promises require actions on our parts.

Read the Scriptures below. Write down what the promise is on the line. Then write what the condition, or action, is you have to take in order to receive that promise.

1. Psalm 37:4

Promise: _____

Condition: _____

2. Matthew 6:25–33

Promise: _____

Condition: _____

3. John 3:16

Promise: _____

Condition: _____

4. 1 John 1:9

Promise: _____

Condition: _____

If you have failed to do your part in order to ensure that you receive God's promises, write a prayer asking for His forgiveness and that He help you in the areas where you need to take action.

HIGH FIVE

This quarter's High Five goes to...Thurgood Marshall (1908–1993). The grandson of a slave, Marshall strived to achieve educational success. Though denied admission into the University of Maryland Law School because he was Black, Marshall did not quit pursuing his goal to further his education. Instead, he attended Howard University School of Law.

As a lawyer, Marshall fought for the constitutional rights of all people. During his time, Blacks and Whites were not allowed to attend school together. One of Marshall's first successful cases was when he sued the University of Maryland, the law school that had denied him access, when the school would not admit another young African American male.

Winning the case against the University of Maryland opened other doors for Thurgood Marshall. He worked for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), as well as helped people who were oppressed (not being treated fairly) in other countries, such as Ghana. His dedication, hard work, and ability to win cases and write documents ultimately led Thurgood Marshall to being appointed as a judge and later as a Supreme Court Justice.

As noted, Thurgood Marshall did not give up when the University of Maryland denied him entrance into the law school. He showed perseverance, which is an inner drive to keep trying at something and not give up. He had to work hard in law school and throughout his career.

The word "endurance" is similar to perseverance. It means the ability to withstand or go through something without giving up. Sometimes achieving our goals in life will not come easy. We must persevere and endure during the hard times.

Below, write a goal that you want to achieve that might not be easy. Then, write a prayer asking God to help you persevere, endure, and work hard to do any and everything that He would have you to do.



Do you think that having faith in and obeying God gave Abram and his wife, Sarai, joy? Explain.

Look again at Genesis 12:2–3 and write down the seven blessings that God promised to Abram.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing"
(Genesis 12:2, NIV).

Abram showed His faith in God's promises by obeying God. He listened to God's instruction. Do you listen to God's instruction? Do you regularly read the Bible? Do you know some of the promises that the Bible contains? Three Scripture references are given below. Only one of them contains a promise from God. Which is it? Circle your answer.

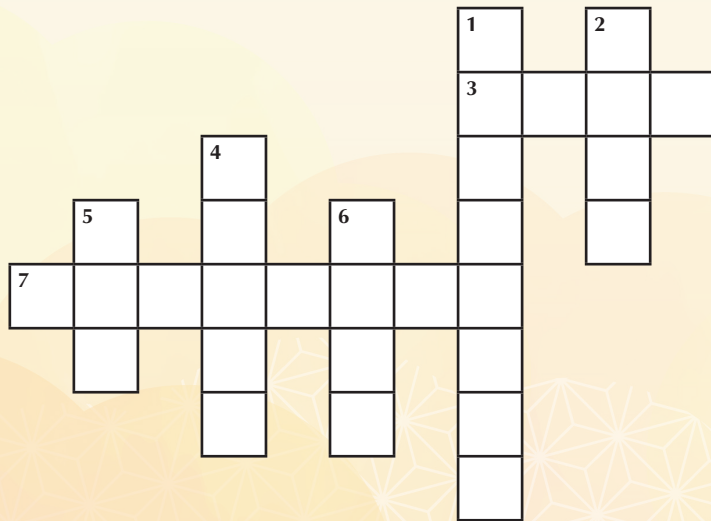
Acts 9:39

Are you willing to sacrifice to claim the promises of God? Are you willing to move, like Abram and Kim's mom (from "What's It All About?")? Are you willing to give up something you value? Your challenge this week is to decide what you are willing to sacrifice and write it below.

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[Moses told the people not to be afraid because God had come to test them and their obedience to Him. God is holy and all-powerful and we, like the Children of Israel, must learn to respect and honor Him for who He is. When God tells us to do something, we should obey Him. When we disobey God, it is called sinning and this displeases Him. He wants us to live the best life possible and His commandments help us to do so.]

Complete the crossword puzzle below by filling in the word from our lesson that goes with the clue.



1. More than a hill
2. Quiz
4. Reward
5. The Almighty
6. Rules

3. Follow
7. Agreement

“Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you”
(Exodus 20:24, NIV).

God gave the Children of Israel commandments in order to teach them how to live in a way that pleased Him, help them to obey Him, and protect them. He still wants us to live by His commandments with the help of the Holy Spirit. What can you do to remember God? Write it below. What can you do to make sure He is most important in your life? Write this below, too.

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The fifth commandment in the Ten Commandments says to honor your parents so that you can live a long life. This week, do something to show your parents or guardians how much you love and appreciate them. You might want to serve them in some way or make a gift for them. Whatever you choose to do to show your appreciation and respect for them, tell them that you love them and that you thank God for them.