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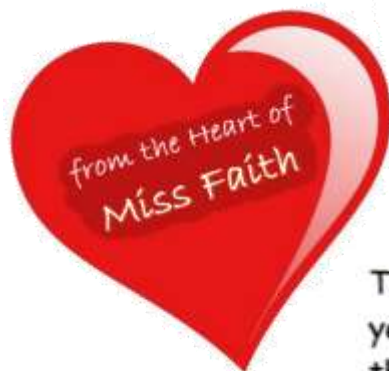
Hi Pals!

And welcome to 2011! To many people the start of a new year means a clean slate: the chance to start over, to set and meet new goals, to start again fresh.

There are many people who wait until the beginning of a year just to do this - which is okay if you need something to motivate you. But as I was thinking about this,

I realized this is not how God operates. The Bible tells us *"now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2), and for those of us who already have salvation that *"if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

God doesn't want us to wait! You see, we have the opportunity to not only start the New Year off right, but to start every day off right - with God. And He is just waiting for us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness for the bad things we've done. If you've never admitted to Jesus that you're a sinner and in need of Him, won't you do that today? And He'll be with you every day, not just in 2011, but for eternity.



## A FRESH START

By Pastor John Goodhart

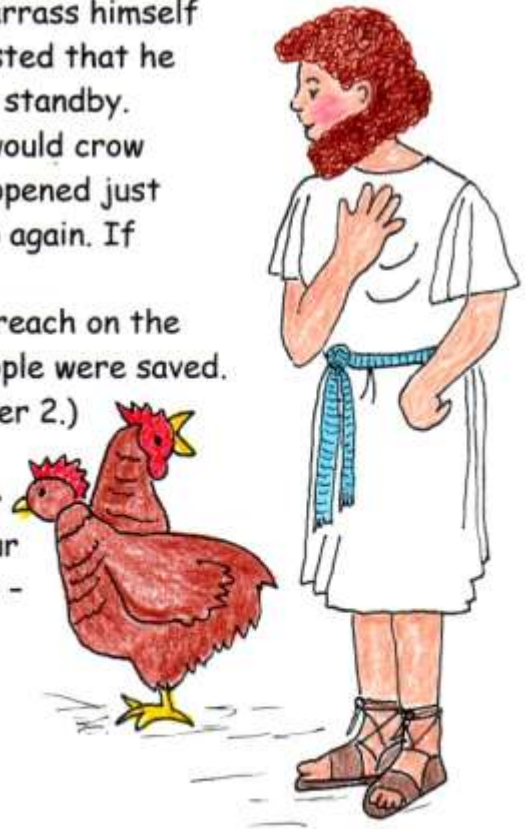
Have you ever been working on a project or writing an essay or maybe baking some cookies - and you say to yourself, "I wish I could start this over again"?

Remember "Etch A Sketech"? You could draw a picture or write a sentence and then by lifting the cover sheet you could take it all away and have the chance for a fresh start - do it all over again.

You know what? Jesus offers us that opportunity with our life. We may have messed up and done something or said something that wasn't quite right. We'd like the chance for a fresh start. The Lord Jesus tells us in the Bible - we can do just that. We read about the Apostle Peter in the New Testament. He was a lot like we are. He was brash and outspoken. He would do things at times that would embarrass himself and the other disciples. One time he boasted that he would never turn his back on Jesus. He'd stand by. Jesus told him that before the rooster would crow Peter would deny Him three times. It happened just like Jesus said. Poor Peter. He messed up again. If only he could have a fresh start.

Then it happened; God chose Peter to preach on the Day of Pentecost and three thousand people were saved. (Read about it in the book of Acts, chapter 2.)

Peter had been given a FRESH START. The Lord Jesus wants to do just that for you and me. If you have never opened your heart to receive His love and forgiveness - why not right now?





## CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD



Japan is a chain of 4 main islands and about 4,000 or more smaller islands. Nearly 130 million people live crowded on the narrow strips along the coast.

Japan's nickname is "Land of the Rising Sun". Wouldn't it be great if it could be called, "Land of the RISING SON"; meaning Jesus? But the main religion of Japan is called Shinto. It's followers

worship the emperor, the sun, Mount Fuji, the fox god, the snake god, and many other things. Children visit Shinto Shrines to learn about their culture and beliefs.

Pray that the Christian influence grows wide spread, so that the powers that be don't stop Christians from preaching about Jesus.

Pray for the Christian children of Japan to be brave enough to worship only Jesus and never bow down to idols.

Pray for Christians to have such joyful hearts that wherever they are - at home, in school or at play - others will want to discover that joy for themselves.



(There are about 100,00 Shinto shrines in Japan)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today is the first day of the rest of your life!

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| <b>JANUARY</b> | 6  | Joey,     | West Virginia |
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"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

## SEARCHING FOR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

If you have asked Jesus to be your personal Savior, that means you have the Holy Spirit living in you. He produces the Fruit of the Spirit in your life. Listed below and in Galatians 5:22 are the Fruit of the Spirit. See if you can find them in the puzzle below. They may go up, down across or diagonal.



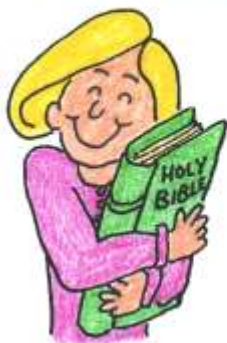
LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS  
GOODNESS FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS  
SELF CONTROL

**A GOOD BEGINNING  
MAKES A GOOD ENDING**  
An Old English Proverb



If you know Jesus as your Savior, read and follow these Bible passages to help you grow in your Christian life. Read one passage a day, pray and ask the Lord to help you make the changes needed. By the end of 2011, Mom and Dad will be so happy about your NEW LIFE.

- 1 WALK IN THE SPIRIT.....Galatians 5:16-26
- 2 ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY..... Hebrews 10:25
- 3 PRACTICE THE RULE OF LOVE.....1 Corinthians 13
- 4 PUT AWAY EVERY SIN.....1 John 2:3-6
- 5 LIVE THE NEW LIFE..... Ephesians 4:23-32
- 6 CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD..... 1 John 1:9
- 7 THINK ON THESE THINGS..... Philipians 4:4-8



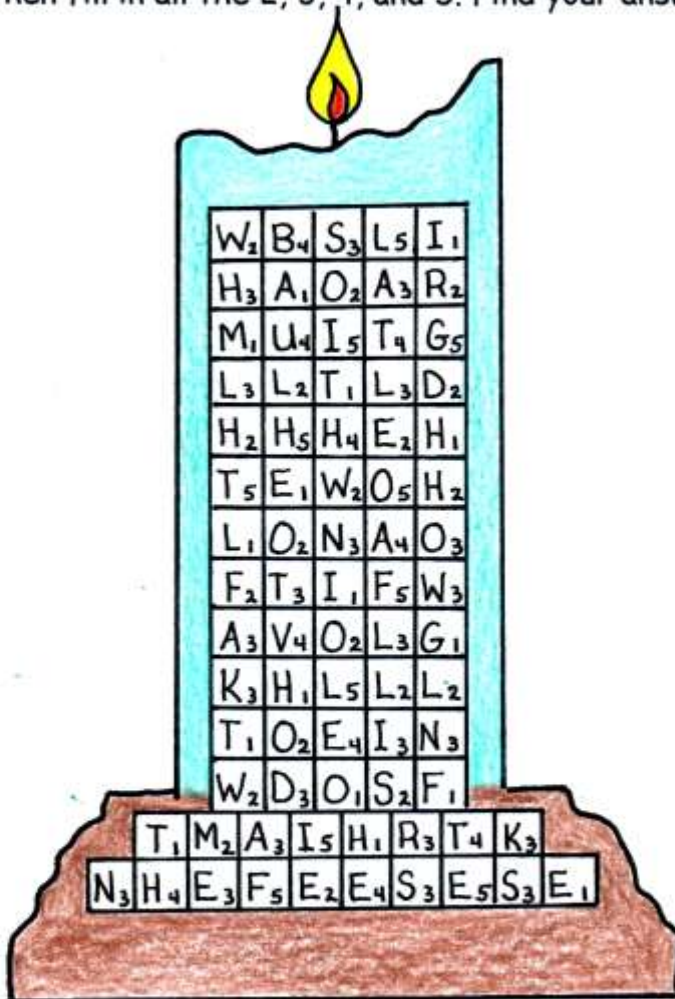
I'm following Jesus each step of the way.  
Wherever He leads, I'll trust and obey.

I'm following Jesus, a life that is true,  
Telling others, His Love makes all of us new.  
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## JESUS IS THE LIGHT

To solve this puzzle, you need to fill in the blanks below with all letters numbered 1. Then fill in all the 2, 3, 4, and 5. Find your answer in John 8:12.



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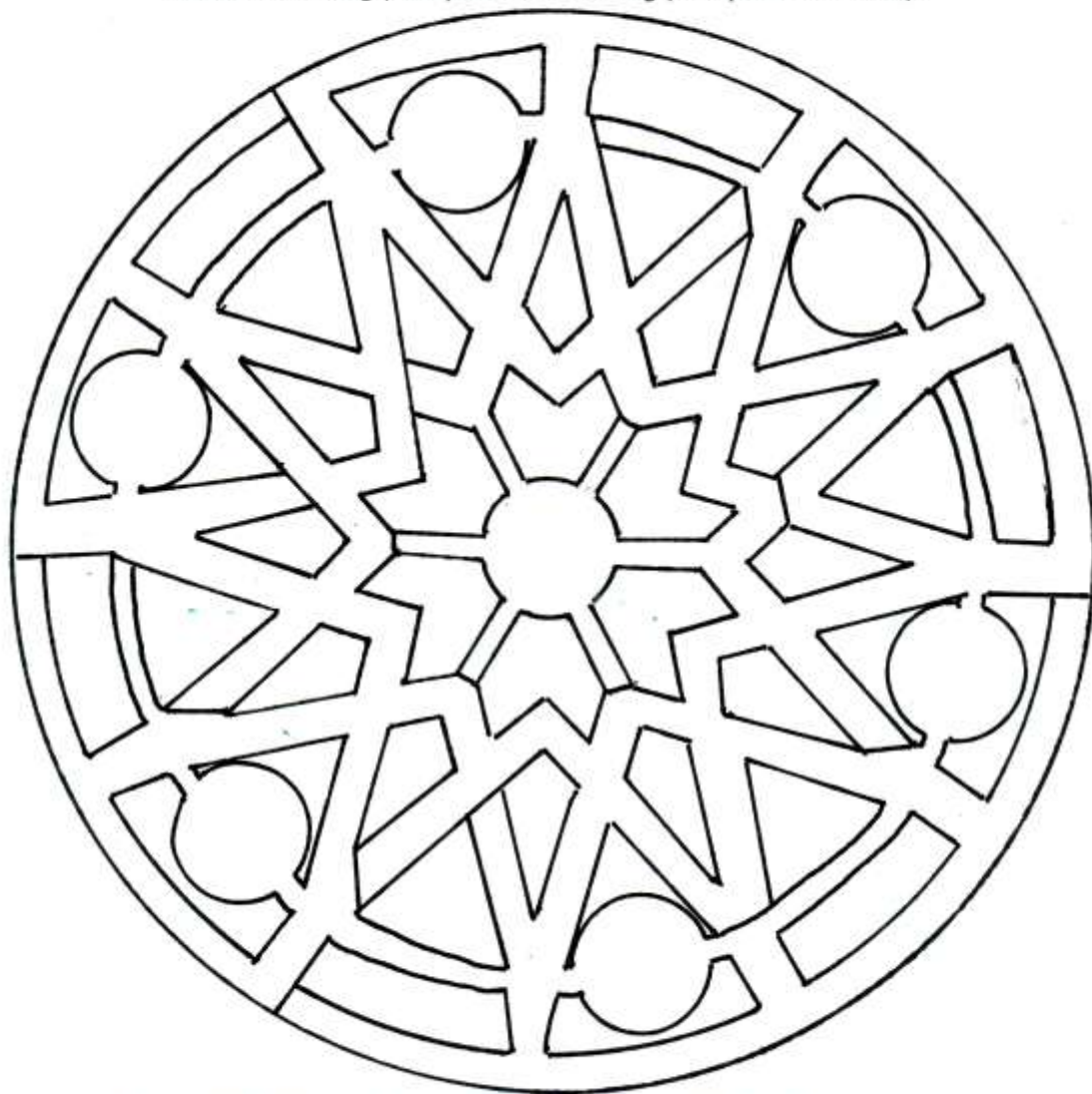
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John 8:12 (NKJ)

## WHEEL MAZE

A wheel has no beginning and no ending. To solve this maze you will need to start in the center circle; travel through each of the six other circles and return to the center without crossing your path or retracing your path. Look easy?

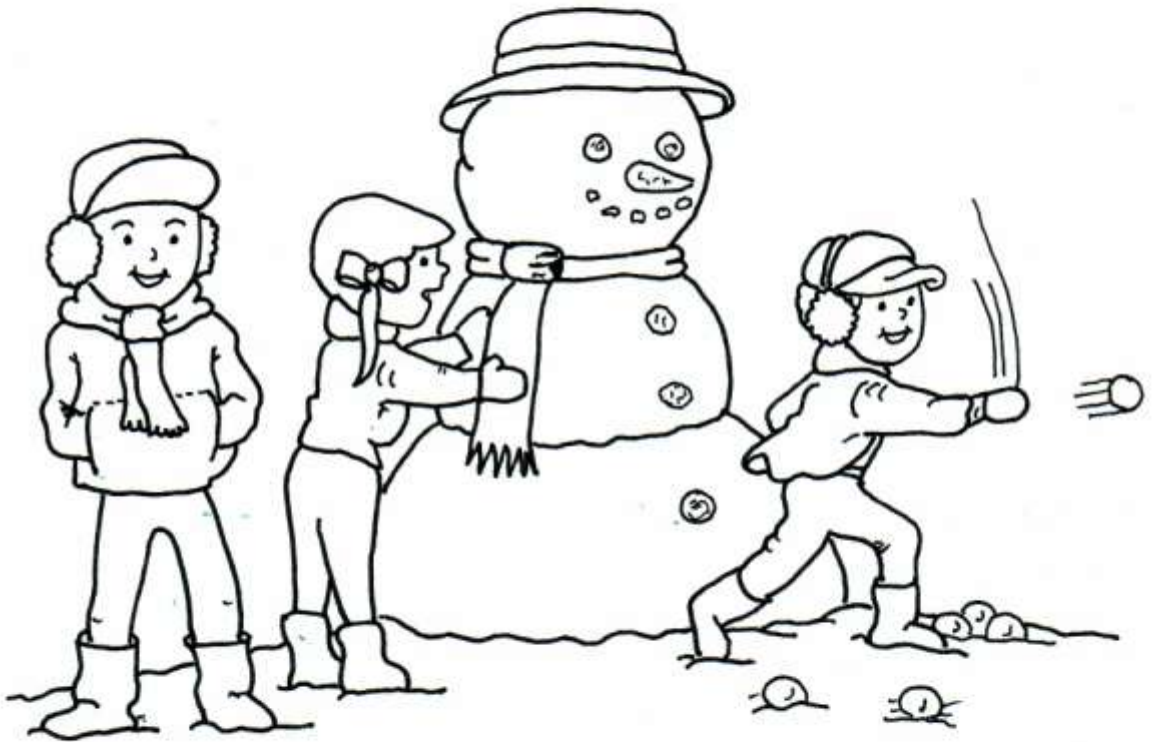


"I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord,  
"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev. 1:8 NKJ



## A PAGE TO COLOR

The Apostle Paul said: the good that I want to do, I do not do; but the evil I do not want to do, is what I practice. Therefore, like Paul, we need more than a new start --- we need a new heart.



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJ)

# The Adventures of Phineas T. Phlapjack

Hi Pals!

My Christmas was great!! I hope you had a good Christmas too! I got some really neat gifts and was able to see some of my family I haven't seen for a while. But now it's the New Year, and it's not nearly as good.

I'm back to school...more homework and less cookies and pie.

Right now it's cold where I live. It's snowed a little this winter, but we haven't had enough snow here to build a snowman (or get a snow day off from school). I like that there's more sunshine every day, but it's only a couple of minutes each day and I kind of wish Spring would hurry up and get here. I can't wait for baseball season to start again.



I was thinking out loud about a really early Spring when Uncle Bill overheard. And, you guessed it, he had to comment. His words of wisdom today were simply "Sometimes the joy is in the journey." I didn't really want to get into a discussion on the subject, especially since I didn't really know what he was talking about. So I just smiled and kept right on walking.

Yet, what he said kept coming back to me "Sometimes the joy is in the journey." I guess wanting Spring to come without Winter is like wanting to win the baseball game without playing. I always enjoy playing baseball. Whether we win or lose, the game is always fun. But it's not fun when we win because the other team didn't come to play. Maybe he's just trying to tell me I should just enjoy each day as they come.

So this year I think I'll try to enjoy all 365 days for what each one of them has to offer. And for today, I'm just glad it has a few more minutes of sunshine (and a few chocolate chip cookies). Have a great year!

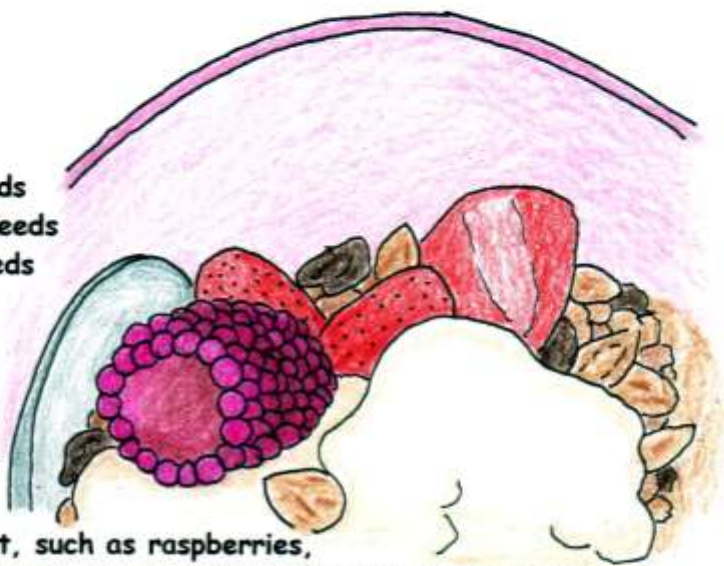
See you next month! Bye!

## A GREAT START

**BREAKFAST** is one of the most important meals because it helps to give your body a lot of energy for the day ahead. You need lots of energy on a school day. Always ask an adult first before starting to cook and be especially careful when handling anything hot, sharp, or electrical.

### YOU NEED:

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup whole almonds,  
with skins removed
- 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups of rolled oats
- Scant  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sesame seeds
- Scant  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sunflower seeds
- Scant  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup pumpkin seeds
- 3 tbsp sunflower oil
- 8 tbsp honey
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup shelled walnuts,  
roughly broken
- Heaping  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of raisins



### TO SERVE:

Your favorite fresh fruit, such as raspberries, sliced strawberries, bananas, or nectarines. Milk or natural yogurt.

### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 Turn the oven on to 275 degrees. Put the almonds, oats, and seeds in a large mixing bowl.
- 2 Put the oil and honey in a small saucepan and, over medium heat, stir until melted and mixed together.
- 3 Pour the honey mixture into the mixing bowl and stir well with a wooden spoon, until the nuts, oats, and seeds are coated.
- 4 Spoon the oat mixture onto 2 baking sheets in an even layer and bake for 15 minutes, then mix in the walnuts.
- 5 Cook the oat mixture for another 10 minutes, until golden. (The mixture will become crisp as it cools.)
- 6 Put the cereal in a mixing bowl and stir in the raisins; let cool. Store in the refrigerator until ready to use.

This recipe makes about 10 servings. When you are ready to serve it, pour what you need into a bowl, add fresh fruit, milk or yogurt and enjoy.

## MAKE A SNOW STORM IN A JAR

### YOU NEED: ADULT HELP!

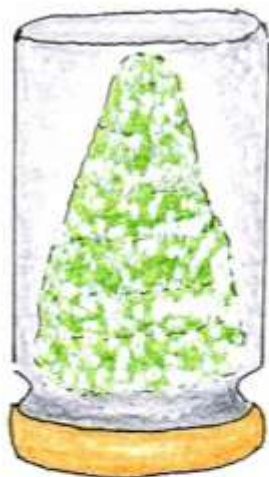
Baby food jar or any small jar and lid  
(empty and clean)

Plastic snow

Small plastic evergreen tree or toy

Water

Waterproof glue (hot glue)



### DIRECTIONS:

- Glue a small plastic evergreen tree or toy inside lid of the jar.
- Add some plastic snow to the jar and then fill it with water.
- Put hot glue around the dry inside edge of the lid and screw it on tight.
- Shake the jar. Your snowstorm will come to life.

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## WINTER STORM Watch or Warning?

**Watch:** When there is the potential for severe winter weather developing within the next day or so. The storm has not yet arrived, but if it does, it might include heavy snow, blizzards, freezing rain, ice, or sleet.

**Warning:** When there is severe winter weather occurring or expected. Be alert. Be prepared. If you are thinking of going outside in a heavy snowstorm, don't! Stay inside.

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Psalm 51:7 (NKJ)

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"He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."  
Philippians 1:6 NKJ

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for our January issue





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