✚ Mainline Christian

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Activity sheet

Hope: stay awake for God's light · Mark 13:24–37; Isaiah 64:1–9

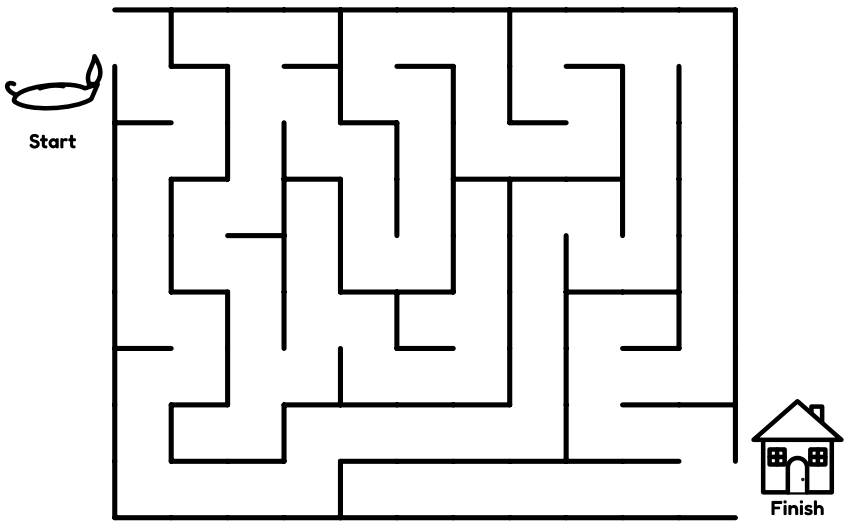
Find the words

The words go across and down. Check off each word you find.

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- ☐ ADVENT
- ☐ AWAKE
- ☐ CANDLE
- ☐ CLAY
- ☐ DOORKEEPER
- ☐ HOPE
- ☐ LIGHT
- ☐ MIDNIGHT
- ☐ POTTER
- ☐ ROOSTER
- ☐ WATCH
- ☐ WREATH

Carry the lamp to the house. Stay awake!

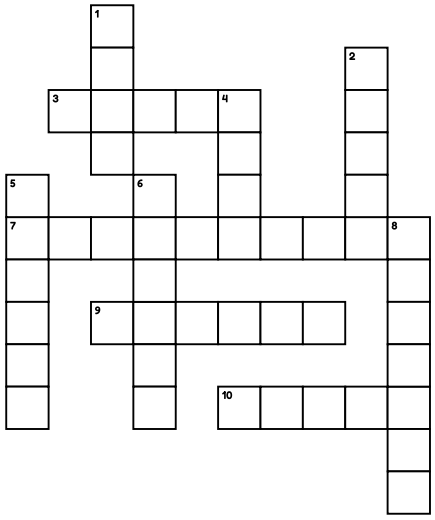


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Crossword



Across

3. Jesus told everyone, "___!"

7. This helper kept watch by the door.

9. Each Sunday we light one more ___.

10. God's ___ shines in the dark.

Down

1. Isaiah said, "We are the ___."

2. Stay ___ and keep your eyes open.

4. The first Advent candle is the candle of ___.

5. The four Sundays of waiting before Christmas.

6. A circle of green with four candles.

8. This bird crows early in the morning.

Word bank: ADVENT AWAKE CANDLE CLAY DOORKEEPER HOPE LIGHT ROOSTER WATCH WREATH

Can you remember?

Circle the right answer.

1. What does the word Advent mean?

(A) Sleeping (B) Shopping (C) Snowing (D) Coming

2. When would the man come home?

(A) At lunchtime (B) Nobody knew (C) On his birthday

3. What one word did Jesus say to everyone?

(A) Watch! (B) Hurry! (C) Sleep! (D) Hide!

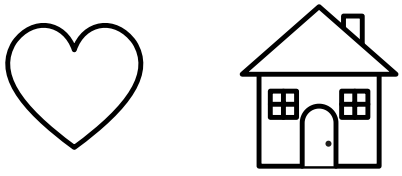
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Memory verse

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Watch, keep alert, and pray.

Mark 13:33



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Hope: the first Advent candle

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Color the Advent wreath. The first candle is the candle of hope. Something good is coming!

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Take-home note

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Today in Sunday school

Today was the first Sunday of Advent, the four weeks when the church gets ready for Christmas. Your child heard Jesus's short story about a doorkeeper who stayed awake, watching for the owner of the house to come home (Mark 13:24–37). We lit the first candle on the Advent wreath, the candle of hope. Hope means we know something good is coming, even before we can see it.

Talk about it

- What is the hardest thing you have ever waited for?
- What do you think the doorkeeper did to stay awake?
- What are you hoping for this Advent?

Try this at home

Put the paper Advent wreath your child made on the table. Each Sunday of Advent, take one flame out of the envelope and glue it on the next candle: hope, peace, joy, and love. If you light real candles at home, let a grown-up do the lighting.

Pray together

Dear God, thank you for the gift of hope. Help us watch for your light this Advent, and help us share it with others. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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"Watch, keep alert, and pray." (Mark 13:33)

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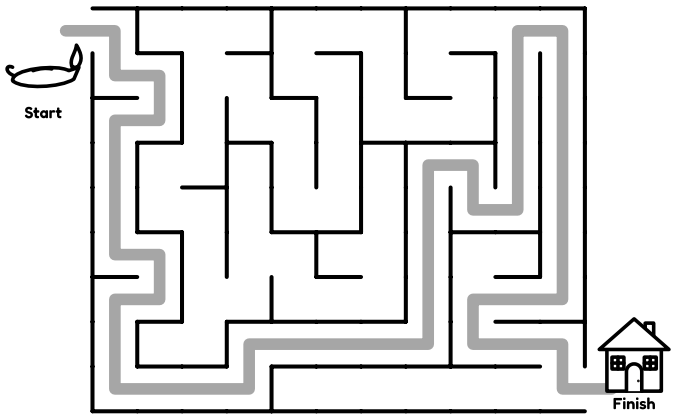
Answer key

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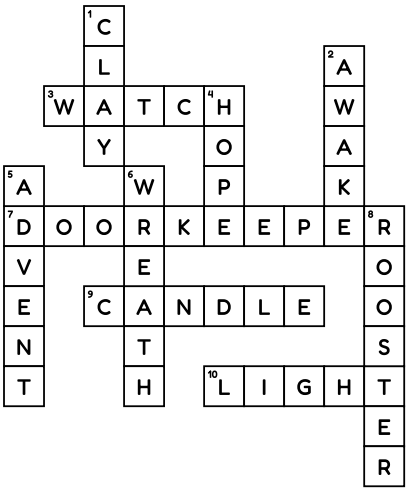
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Maze



Crossword



Can you remember?

1. Coming
2. Nobody knew
3. Watch!