



# CONRAD LUTHERAN PARISH

## LOGOS

### **“NEW” WORSHIP TIMES:**

**Golden West at 9 a.m.**

**Pondera Valley at 11 a.m.**

**Beginning in September - December**

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**THIS GOD—HIS WAY IS PERFECT; THE WORD OF THE LORD PROVES TRUE; HE IS A SHIELD FOR ALL THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.**

**PSALM 18:30**

### **FALL BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES**

- ☞ Pondera Valley Choir begins Sunday, Sept. 5th at 10 a.m., all are welcome to join in!
- ☞ Bible Studies, many are beginning new ones, see p. 4 for times and contact person
- ☞ Wednesday Education Hour for kids is beginning Sept. 22nd, more info to follow!
- ☞ AND Remember Worship Times Change in September! GW 9 a.m./PV 11 a.m.



**Thank you to our sponsor for the RADIO BROADCASTS on KZIN, 96.7 FM at 11 am**  
**September 5th: Leona Elings in loving memory of her family and in honor of her son, Jeff.**  
***May God bless the hearing of His word!***

### “Going on Holiday”

There is a phrase we don't often use in the United States. My kids picked it up from a British cartoon involving a family of pigs. In the stereotypical accent you would imagine one episode they talk about, “going on holiday”. We hear this and know this as vacation, but as I write this preparing to go on my own I wonder about how we all get away and rest. It started with my hearing the differences in the way we talk about going on vacation instead of “going on holiday”.

Vacation from the Latin root means to be unoccupied. It is defined as a time of leisure and recreation often away from home. Holiday on the other hand comes from “holy day”. Obviously, the contemporary version as it's used by television has also forgotten its roots as all of us seem to focus on detachment when we take time to rest and revive. Holy Days are ones of feast and celebration. During them people assemble and gather around one thing in particular. For believers this would be the Word, and we assemble to hear it. Our primary vacation then would be every Sunday but there is no limitation to it.

What I am attempting to say is that if we were to consider what we seek in “going on holiday” that the answers and comfort might be in that we really need to remember the Sabbath. When going on vacation it is easy to focus on distance but that is not the only aspect of rest. Yes, each of us needs to unplug from the world and work, but imagine also cutting yourself off from hearing the Word of God during your time of revitalization. What would happen if God went silent during your time off? To me that is a terrifying thought. It goes further also if we consider not getting together with those we love. Imagine being alone the whole time you are supposed to go feast and celebrate.

Now some would like a few quiet days in the mountains or on the beach but also consider being completely cut off from your brothers, sisters, spouse, parents, and grandchildren indefinitely. Another television show called

“Alone” gives insight to this as participants struggle mentally quickly. Many quit facing the isolating wilderness because they want to be back with those who give them purpose and identity with their presence. Alone, there is not only no one to speak with, but there is also no one to listen. Help does not exist in that context, neither does sharing. I fear that even as we spend our summer vacating that at times we may do this to ourselves and others in detriment.

Consider your own time of rest. Where do you go and when do you feel made alive again? Who has this effect on you and what do they say to give you identity and purpose again? Do you pray when you are in your quiet place or simply turn your brain off? Here, I ask myself, what should I be going on, vacation, holiday, or would it better be spent as Sabbath? Really the question is, how will I unwind but also receive while going away from and being with people? The answer to my confusing questions is simple: Jesus. There are passages of Scripture that speak and demonstrate clearly concerning where we receive rest, peace, and life.

He goes away to rest and pray in the same pattern of Creation as he makes new life. *Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath* (Mtt. 12:8). Before in, Matthew 11:28 he says, “*Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*” Later in Hebrews 4:9-10 we read: “*There remains then a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His.*” The key is stopping in the proper place. Jesus says it much better as he states, “*Abide in me*” in John chapter 15. The Sabbath day is done in the design God made the world for us. On it we are given the promise that God sits still with us. Jesus reminds us that the Word eternally points to him being raised up on the day we are commanded to remember forever. How can we rest on our own without knowing eternal life, forgiveness of sins, and the kingdom being won for us? Instead, we would have to live not only in daily worry we have but

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also in eternal question, lost and cutoff.

My favorite discussion of this comes from Exodus. In chapter 31 it is said that this day is supposed to be a sign passed down through generations. It is a day in which the Word of God makes us holy. We are reminded on it what God, through Jesus, has done for us. There we are promised rest. It is called a sign, but when something special like this is neglected and forgotten the consequence is death. We need this as often as every 7 days because of the way God designed our week. Yet, we are not limited by this only being a commandment. In the freedom Jesus gives us he says as we gather as small as two or three in His name that he is present. There Christ is with all his gifts and blessings.

My vacation, "going on holiday", can also be this and so can yours. It really is as simple and difficult as listening to the sign set before you. There is no limit to the day we can hear about Jesus or share him with someone else. In those moments God has promised true rest to give life that does not end. "Going on holiday" I pray that my family is able to hear and abide in this same promise and that you may do the same every day with those you meet in Jesus name, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and for the Father's glory, amen.

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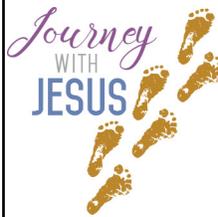


*We made a mistake in our thank you for the VBS helpers, it was Amanda Moulton who helped. Thank you Amanda!*

**♥ Thank you to Page Russett and Wanda Bandow who have been volunteering their time to clean the church. Thank you so much Ladies!**



**♥ THANK YOU to all who give! Your offerings are much appreciated. You can use the enclosed blue envelope or mail them to: PO Box 883, Conrad MT 59425.**



*Follow the lectionary, see bottom of page 6. Utilize the Worship Helps found on the website. Listen to Pastor's sermon! Call a friend to discuss what you read!*



Go to our website for videos, updates, materials to use for worship!

PLUS, the newsletter is in COLOR!!

[www.conradlutheran.com](http://www.conradlutheran.com)

Pondera Valley Members: If you are interested in volunteering to help with ushering, greeting, reading the scripture lessons, serving or helping with communion set-up, please call the church office, 271-3934. Info / instructions would be made available and we welcome you to this ministry!

### SEPTEMBER Calendar Reminders:

**Pondera Valley Worship Leaders 11 a.m.** - *Linda Carlson* (Sound); *Patty Larson* (Comm. Prep.); *Ray & Kim Hofstad* (Ushers); *Susan Gustafson* (Offering Custodian); *Karen Lee* (Reader Sept. 5th); *Betty Offerdal* (Reader Sept. 12th); *Kim Wiest* (Reader Sept. 19th); *Karen Lee* (Reader Sept. 26th); *Betty Olson & Wanda Bollinger* (Comm. Servers Sept. 12th); *Mike & Linda O'Brien* (Comm. Servers Sept. 26th)

**Golden West Worship Leaders 9 a.m.** - *Dennis & Ruth Fladstol* (Ushers); *Ruth* (Reader); *Jim Bjelland* (Comm. Assistant); *Jenny Flesch* (Communion Preparer)

**Bible Studies** - Women's **Mondays Noon\***, PV Library, contact Louise Glimm  
- Men's **Tuesdays 6:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall, contact Tom Russett  
- Golden West Women's Bible Coffee, **1st Tuesday 9 a.m.** GW, contact Cathi Henry  
- Women's **Tuesdays 9 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall, contact Julene Peters

**Pondera Valley Council** will meet at **6:30 p.m. Sept. 13th** in the Fellowship Hall

**2021 Fall Education starts Weds., Sept. 22nd watch for more information or contact a board member:** *Julene Peters, Carol Wood, Kara Baker, Tricia Patterson, Linda O'Brien, Barb Judisch, or Donna Fowler.*

***"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."* -William Butler Yeats**

\*The Monday noon Bible study group has finished the Ephesian study and will take a little break. We will begin a new study, "Sarah" by Elizabeth George, at noon on September 13 in the church library at P.Valley. Sarah: On many occasions, Sarah faced very difficult circumstances and made some mistakes along the way. But she willingly allowed God to stretch her and shape her. As a result, she became a woman of great faith and an example to help women: rest in confidence no matter how uncertain life becomes, wait patiently on God's timing, and replace their problems with God's promises. Please join us, all are welcome. If you have questions or would like to order a book contact: Louise, 278-3574 or Linda 271- 3507.

### Learn from Leaves

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good

reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!





*The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.*

Psalm 65:13

Each year the rice paddies were laid out and the tender

plants were planted. Each year the people of the village waited with anxious hope, looking to see whether the storms would come and was the

fields away. Many times the people would watch as their hard labor was destroyed, but other times they rejoiced to see their crops full and bountiful. After each harvest, the village offered a portions of its harvest to God, thanking Him for His mercy and grace. What do we offer to God when we are blessed with good things? Do we even remember to say thank you? The Lord has given us so much, and we should always and everywhere give Him thanks and praise.

*In bad times, please by my strength LORD; in good times, celebrate with me. Thanks for being with me, doing so much for me, and giving so much to me. Amen.*

**Our Help--Past, Present, and Future**

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that "it can't happen here." September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of

"liberty and justice for all" served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that "though the earth should change" (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 —God remains "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (v. 3). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God's presence and power sustained you through

life's changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



*Limited 9/11 devotionals @ PV*

**WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE?**



**Tid-Bits of Info on each one:**

Lamentations 3:23

[decisionmagazine.com/blessed-assurance/](http://decisionmagazine.com/blessed-assurance/)

A wretch is a miserable person.



Poem written by Carl Boberg in 1885 in Sweden, translated into German, then Russian and finally English and made into a hymn.



**Pastoral Acts**

**In July:** weddings of Steve Kaphammer & Deb Bishop and Taylor Christiaens & Miles Mokate; funeral service and interment for Laila Lindberg at GW and interment for Doug Helgeson at GW, funeral and interment for Joyce Copenhagen  
**In August:** funerals for: Leonard Wilkerson, Marty Olson, Ben Knaff.

**Pondera Valley JULY Offering: \$ 5,986**  
**AUGUST (thru 22nd) Offering: \$ 8,024**  
**PV Average Sunday Attendance in JULY 41**  
**AUGUST 48**

	<p><b>Pondera Valley Council met on June 14th and July 12th. At the June meeting:</b> The Worship committee might encourage using one of the LBW settings during Advent and the Holden Evening Service during Lent. There was also a discussion about the cards in the pews. They will be used for visitors, prayer requests, change of address, pastoral visitation requests, and other concerns. The Building and Grounds committee is still looking for a janitor for the church. The Fellowship Hall roof was going to be assessed June 21. The community worship in the city park will be Aug. 8th with “Stones Cry” leading. A free-will offering will be taken for them. Tom Russett has reserved a section of bleachers at</p>	<p>the Voyager’s Game Aug. 15th at 4 p.m. (<i>Correction: Aug. 8th</i>)</p> <p><b>At the July meeting:</b> Vice President Ramsey Offerdal, Jr. led the meeting. Pastor Drew shared meetings he would be attending. He would like to know if anyone desires a visit from him, to let him know. His help with church services in Valier will end in August. Karla Breiding and Art Pearson were approved for Pondera Valley’s pastoral relations committee. Thank you to them for agreeing to serve. The Building &amp; Grounds are still in the process of finding and hiring a janitor for the church building.  <b>Their next meeting is Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.</b></p>
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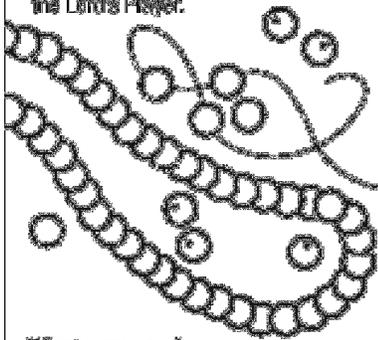


	<p>September 5th - Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:24-37          September 11th - Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29          September 18th - Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13--4:10; Mark 9:30-37          September 26th - Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 104:27-35; James 5:1-20;          Mark 9:38-50</p>
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# Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



**What you need:**

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

**What you do:**

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- blue = the Father
- white = God's holiness
- gold = God's kingdom
- green = the earth
- yellow = wheat (bread)
- red = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- black = temptation
- orange = God's power to deliver

# PUZZLE



## Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = **P** **R** **A** **Y** (v. 1)

lady + l = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

circ + s = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

back - b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

loops - p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define - ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 10)

shift - t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

wrinky - y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

slit + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

Answer key: party = pray; lady + l = lady; circ + s = circus; rod + o = rod; back - b = back; loops - p = loop; define - ee = define; shift - t = shift; wrinky - y = wrinkle; slit + g = slit



How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times

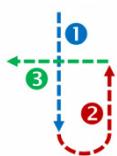
Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)



Check out this website: [www.holyfamilytime.com](http://www.holyfamilytime.com)

## MERCY

*Pray: Begin by making the sign of the cross and calling upon God's name.*



From God to us, from death to life, from me to you ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, you provide for our every need. Be with us now, and teach us to show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

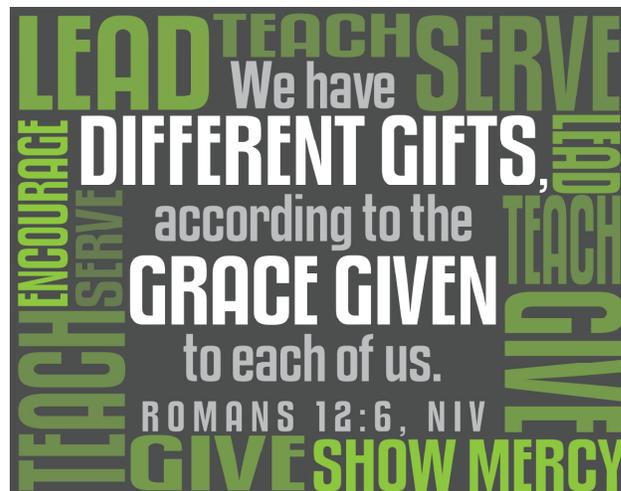
*Listen: Pay close attention as these verses from the Bible are read aloud.*

### Acts 20:7

On the first day of the week we met to break bread together. Paul spoke to the people until midnight because he was leaving the next morning. (CEV)

*Engage: Talk about the Bible by having parents respond to children's questions.*

Child: Paul stayed up late, speaking to people until midnight. Do you think he was tired? Why do you think he did



that if he had to get up early the next morning?

Child: Doing something for the good of others can be a way to show mercy. When have you done something you didn't want to do in order to help someone else?

*Affirm: Pray for God to put his Word into action in your daily life.*

God of grace, you put good people in our lives. Help us to notice them, and to see the kind and merciful things they do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Have each person in the family bless one another with these words.*

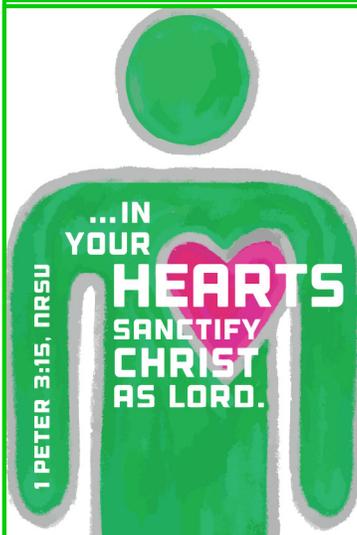
May you be thankful today. Amen.



**Illnesses or other concerns:** (*denotes relation to*)

Mary Jane Kinyon, Beccy Lockyer, Dennis Fladstol, Derek Matheson, Darla Jordan, Dale & Lela Zuck (*Pinky Thaut*), Craig Mitchell (*Barb Judisch*), Ron Thaut, Doug Mason (*Betty Olson*), Sara McLean, Don Bandow, Ashby & Krissy (*Carol Kaldor*), Ernestine Olson's friend and family, Rachael Hitchcock (*Amber Hofstad*), Amber Miller (*Jesse Parks*), Zach Greene (*Carol Kaldor*), Evan Bell, Roger Brastrup, Teagan Bartoo, Faith Birnel Crouch (*3Ruth Fladstol*), Madelyn Erickson, Rose Peterman, Annie Schlosser, Marvin Baker, Sandy Webb (*JoAnne Unger*), Norman Stordahl, Debbie Ries, Mitchell Moore (*Josita Montgomery*), Wayne Brown (*Carol Wood*), Juelie McLean (*Bill McLean*), Poppy Dahl, Audrey Kieft, Gerald Bruner, Melvin Pocock, (*3Wanda Bollinger*), Terry Smith, (*Carolyn Widhalm*), Ashley & William Heavy Runner, Lorie Hasner, Jolene Wynn (*Kim Hofstad*), all COVID-19 frontline workers (health, grocery, truck drivers, etc), all: PMC Ext. Care, Bee Hive, and Horizon Lodge Residents, Missionaries and Christians all around the world who are being persecuted - and their persecutors, All in crisis due to COVID 19, weather conditions, CASA-the kids and all who work with them

**All those who mourn...** Ben Knaff      **Those deployed in the service abroad:** Cameron Bowen



**Prayers to Prepare for Worship**

When I am troubled, I rest in the words of Holy Scripture: "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. ... He will come and save you" (Isaiah 35:4, NRSV).  
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Who do I say you are, Jesus? (Mark 8:27). Help me trust and follow you as the Messiah who modeled self-sacrifice for the sake of others.  
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God, nourish me with the living water of your Son Jesus, that I may not wither but may bear fruit to feed my neighbors with justice and love.  
\* \* \*

Loving Spirit, I pray for all who are gathered for this worship service. May each of us hear from you what we most need in order to grow in faith, hope and love. Amen.



  
Community Prayer Night  
*at the Sr. Citizen Center at*  
**6:30 p.m. Monday,**  
**September 13th**  
It's a non-denominational event.  
Come to pray or listen to others pray!



"Do the one where you start with apes and end with us walking upright. I love that one."

### TRIVIA WHOM DID GOD ASK...?

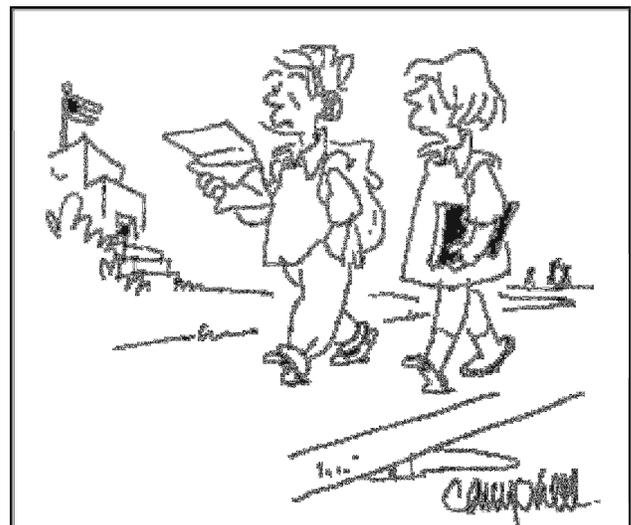
(ANSWERS in bold)

1. How long will this people provoke me? (Hint: a leader) **Moses, Number 14:11**
2. Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? (Hint: a prophet) **Isaiah 6:8**
3. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? (Hint: a prophet) **Ezekiel 18:23**
4. Doest thou well to be angry? (Hint: a reluctant prophet) **Jonah 4:9**
5. Who told thee that thou wast naked? **Adam, Gen. 3:11**
6. Why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? (Hint: a farmer) **Cain, Gen. 4:6-7**
7. How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? (Hint: a judge and prophet) **Samuel, 1 Sam. 16:1**
8. I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me? (Hint: a prophet) **Jer.32:26-27**
9. Son of man, can these bones live? (Hint: a prophet) **Ezekiel 37:3**
10. Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words w/out knowledge? (Hint: a righteous man) **Job 38:2**
11. Who hath made man's mouth? (Hint: a leader) **Moses, Ex. 4:11**
12. What is this that thou hast done? (Hint: a woman) **Eve, Gen. 3:13**
13. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makes thou? (Hint: a foreign king) **Cyrus, Is. 45:1-9**
14. Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? Or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies? (Hint: a king) **David, 2 Sam. 24:13**



"You said dress up as a Bible character ... and my character is Leviathan."

15. Should not I spare Nineveh, that great city: (Hint: a prophet) **Jonah 4:11**
16. Hast thou an arm like God? Or canst thou thunder with a voice like Him? (Hint: a righteous man) **Job 40:9**
17. Why then is the people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? (Hint: a prophet) **Jer. 8:4-12**
18. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid. (Hint: a conqueror) **Joshua 1:1, 9**
19. Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Hint: a patriarch) **Abraham, Gen. 18:13**
20. Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? (Hint: a king) **Ahab, 1 Kings 21:19**



"Can you say 'try the patience of a saint' in a public school?"