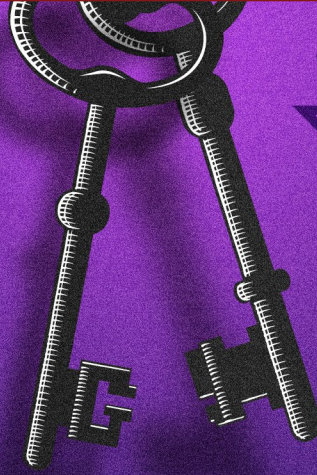




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SALVATION SCRIPTURES

ESCAPE ROOM

Your students are on a mission! They are returning to the **dusty towns of Israel during the ministry of Jesus**. Like most of God's unfolding story, these records from the Bible contained several mysteries to almost everyone at the time!

Students will be taken back to solve the mysteries of what happened by decoding the facts—so they can **SEE THE LIGHT** of salvation!

Students will learn all the surrounding details, such as Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus in John 3, and His statements throughout His three-year ministry about what it means to become His disciple.

IT STARTS ON THE DUSTY STREETS OF ISRAEL 2,000 YEARS AGO. To discover the LIGHT, students will use ciphers, Morse code, cryptograms, and other puzzles.

Each mystery is unique. Some puzzles are easy for younger children; others require guidance or wisdom from older counterparts. The main fun is that the codes require critical thinking to determine what secret lies behind each symbol. Each code will reveal interesting facts about faith in new beginnings. These exercises will keep your students captivated while encouraging friendly competition to crack the final code.

The fun for teachers and parents is the lack of prep. This is a **PRINT AND GO** activity requiring little else! Enjoy solving the codes with the kids without cutting, pasting, and problem-solving beforehand.

The best age range for our ESCAPE ROOMS is 8 and up. Younger students can still participate, but they may need some help.

The escape room package includes:

- Teacher Instructions
- Student Instructions
- Four Mysteries
- Four Decoders
- One Final Challenge
- Keys to the Kingdom (Prizes)
- Answer Key

The objective of our ESCAPE ROOM is to read and solve the four mysteries and complete the final challenge in the time allotted, and thereby earn a key.



TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Students can complete the escape room alone, in partners, or teams. If you have a child younger than 8, we suggest they are paired with an older teammate.
2. Print out the 4 mysteries and final challenge for each student/team to fill in (pages 6-9).
3. Print out the 4 “decoders” (pages 12-15) and either spread them out so kids can view them as needed or hang them on the walls. Make sure they are placed where several students can congregate at once if needed.
4. Tell students they have [you decide] minutes to solve the 4 mysteries by decoding the answers, answering the multiple-choice questions, and figuring out the final 4-digit code. Between 30 and 60 minutes usually works well, depending on the age and ability of students.
5. Students can solve the mysteries in ANY order. Encourage them by saying, “If you get stuck, just move on and come back to the tricky one later.”

Note: The first time students see the codes, they may find them a bit confounding. That’s okay! Let them exercise their clue-solving skills independently for a bit before you jump in to help them.

6. Students will not be able to figure out the final code without reading through each mystery.
7. After all mysteries are solved and decoded, the four-digit code is cracked, and the Final Challenge is complete, give out prizes (keys). One key (symbolic to the keys to the Kingdom) should be given to each child involved in finding the solutions.
8. If time permits, review the answers to the Final Challenge to help reinforce the material.



ESCAPE ROOM INSTRUCTIONS



SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF SALVATION SCRIPTURES

The Bible is filled with sound wisdom, great advice—and BIG MYSTERIES THAT NEED SOLVING!

Here is where you come in. Today we will be solving four mysteries that have to do with Jesus' teachings about salvation. These are found in the following places in the Bible:

1. John 3:16-21 (the need for rebirth)
2. John 14:6 (no one comes to the Father but through Jesus)
3. Luke 9:23-27 (take up your cross daily and follow Jesus)
4. Matthew 7:16-20 (grow and bear fruit, learning from mistakes)

THE FIRST MYSTERY: HOW CAN PEOPLE BE BORN TWICE?

THE SECOND MYSTERY: IS THERE REALLY ONLY ONE WAY TO SALVATION?

THE THIRD MYSTERY: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A TRUE FOLLOWER?

THE FOURTH MYSTERY: I BELIEVE! BUT I MAKE MISTAKES ALL THE TIME!

YOUR MISSION: SHED LIGHT ON THE MYSTERIES

Jesus said “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.” It is our job to understand God’s word so we can defend it!

THE MYSTERIES: Mysteries #1, #2, #3, and #4 will introduce you to people, places, and things in the context of the Bible. Each mystery will raise a question you need to answer.

THE DECODER: Visit the decoder for each mystery and SHED YOUR LIGHT (solve the mystery)!

THE KEY: Once you have solved ALL FOUR MYSTERIES using each one’s DECODER, you must take one final step and earn the KEY. This KEY is a symbol of the KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN! In order to earn the key, you must decipher the four numbers needed on the four-digit code page.

When you have SHED LIGHT on the four MYSTERIES and obtained the four-digit KEY CODE, you will be given your symbolic KEY TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

GO FORTH, SHEDDING LIGHT TO A WORLD FILLED WITH DARKNESS, OBTAINING KEYS TO THE KINGDOM!



MYSTERY #1:

HOW CAN PEOPLE BE BORN TWICE?

On a dark night in Jesus' early ministry, a religious leader named Nicodemus came to Jesus. Nicodemus had witnessed several of Jesus' miracles. He saw the sick were healed, the blind received sight, and the deaf could hear. And yet, his fellow religious leaders acted like they hated Jesus! Nicodemus told Jesus, "You must be from God or you couldn't do all these things." Let's join Nicodemus and Jesus on this dark night...and hear what Jesus taught being born again.

1. Nicodemus really wanted to understand. He didn't agree with his fellow religious leaders, who were saying Jesus was evil. He was willing to follow Jesus.
2. Jesus told him that in order to see the truth clearly, you have to be "born again." Nicodemus, not understanding, asked how a person could be born twice.
3. Jesus didn't mean a flesh-and-bone rebirth, He meant a spiritual rebirth. Although our bodies have been born, it doesn't mean that our spirits have.
4. Since the Fall of Adam, mankind has a "fallen" nature, which means we aren't spiritually tuned to God. It's like we're born with a radio that is out of tune, listening to just static. The radio needs to be adjusted to find a particular station. Finding the right station is like finding God in our lives, and being "born again" as our spirits experience the peace and joy that come from Him.
5. We should follow the example of Nicodemus to follow God, and tune our radios to Him. This may mean that we have to keep turning our radios past the static or other stations with competing messages. Since some of those stations can seem be loud, strong, or important, and it can be scary to ignore them and stand up for what we believe.
6. However, we can feel the tugging in hearts to know God and keep going. We can feel the rightness of His message when we are tuned into His station. He wants us to come to His loving arms, and He wants to teach us to be strong and good.
7. The first step in being "born twice" is to give your life to Him. We can tell Him that we want to be reborn and follow Him, and then He will take over from there.

QUESTION

To be born again means that your body has been born but now your _____ needs to be born:

- a. family b. children c. spirit d. beliefs

Question: What do I have to do to be reborn?

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MYSTERY #2:

IS THERE REALLY ONLY ONE WAY TO SALVATION?

Towards the end of Jesus' ministry, people still didn't know what to make of Him. They called Him a teacher, rabbi, even a prophet. And although Peter had guessed Jesus was the Messiah, he likely thought like the Jews that the Messiah was a political leader, possibly king of a nation. Jesus, however, wanted to make it clear exactly how powerful He was, as the Messiah of ALL MANKIND. He said, "NO MAN cometh unto the Father, BUT BY ME." No other person had ever said such a thing! Let's find out what Jesus meant.

1. At school and even in our community, we can find people who believe in other gods. They may say things like, "my family is Buddhist." Or "my family is atheist." These people worship other gods, or don't worship any god.
2. Some people even say they are a combination of Christian and Buddhist, Hindu or something else. These religions have beliefs, however, that contradict or go against each other.
3. We even hear people say, "Well I believe..." followed by worldly philosophies or something they put together on their own. How likely is it a person can "dream up" the truth, with little or no research? And how likely are philosophical ideas "dreamed up" by scholars likely to be right?
4. We can rely on Jesus and have confidence in Him. Jesus told us EXACTLY what to believe. He said to believe in HIM. He didn't say He KNEW the way to God. He said He IS the way to God.
5. Some people think that if we say Jesus is the only way to salvation, the Christian faith is "exclusive" or snobby. But what they are missing is that it isn't exclusive at all. God invites EVERYONE to partake in salvation through Christ. Jesus died for ALL mankind, in the past, now, and the future. He wasn't the Messiah just for the Jews. Jesus is the Messiah for everyone!
6. Many people might try to find easier alternatives ways to God, but by doing so they're contradicting Jesus and going against His teachings. God sent Jesus to be our Savior and to make the ultimate sacrifice for us. Through God grants us grace and mercy, it is only through Jesus' sacrifice that we can be saved.

QUESTION

John 14:6 says that no one can come to the Father except through _____.

- a. Buddhism b. atheism c. Jesus d. good works

Question: What might we say to people who think that the Christian faith is exclusive?

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MYSTERY #3:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A TRUE FOLLOWER?

Near the start of His ministry, Jesus went up the side of the mountain and began to teach His followers. Jesus said that not everyone who calls Him “Lord” will enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 7:21). In other words, we can’t say we “believe” and then just walk away. To be a TRUE follower of Jesus means that we do more than LISTEN to Him. What do we need to do? Let’s look more to Jesus’ teaching to find out!

1. Jesus gives us the guidelines we need to be a TRUE follower and seek God’s will for us. Jesus said “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (Matthew 7:7).
2. We first need to ASK for God’s guidance—not once, but regularly, DAILY. We can come to God and ask about help with anything and everything we need. He knows us and He loves us, and most importantly, He WANTS to answer us and bless us.
3. Next, we have to LISTEN or seek after God’s voice in our daily lives. But how can we listen to God, and make sure not to follow the wrong people? Jesus also warned of false leaders. In Matthew 7:15-16, He said “you will know them by their fruits.” Fruit is a symbol of good works and good behavior. If a leader behaves badly, he’s a fake believer.
4. Lastly, we need to DO what God tell us to or puts into our hearts. James 2:19 tells us even demons BELIEVE Jesus is Lord. But belief without FOLLOWING isn’t the correct behavior for true Christians. True belief CAUSES following. If people say they believe in Jesus but aren’t trying to follow His voice, they may be fake believers. But it can be hard to pick out fake believers sometimes. We should try to avoid judging others and just work on ourselves.
5. But what should we DO? How do we follow Jesus? In Luke 9: 23-27 Jesus said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” What does this mean for us?
 - a. Deny yourself—We may have the urge to do something wrong, but that doesn’t mean that we have to give in. We can DENY that temptation and follow Jesus. He will help us!
 - b. Take up your cross daily— The cross is a symbol of Jesus’ suffering. By following Him, we may also suffer from difficult things in life, even persecution or judgement from others. However, when we make choices that please God, He will give us strength to endure the hard things and grow spiritually.
 - c. Follow me—Jesus said He did only what He saw God doing. We can also ask in any situation, “What would Jesus do?” and then try to do the same.
6. As we follow Jesus, we will find ourselves making better choices and resisting temptations. He will guide us and give us strength. We will find ourselves acting like a new creation!

QUESTION

The Bible tells us that belief in Jesus is not enough to enter His kingdom.
What else is needed for a great journey with God?

- a. Optimism b. Money c. Indulgences d. Following

Question: How do we know if we are a true believer and not a fake one?

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MYSTERY #4:

I BELIEVE! BUT I MAKE MISTAKES ALL THE TIME!

During Jesus' ministry, He gained many believers. People saw that Jesus was powerful, God was with Him, and wanted to follow Him. Jesus, however, warned of false believers, people who would listen but not follow Him. But people aren't perfect. Even when they try to follow Jesus, they're human and going to make mistakes, slipping up once in a while. So what's the difference between a false believer and someone who just makes a mistake? Let's find out!

1. God loves us and He understands that we aren't perfect. He expects us follow Him, but He also knows that we make mistakes. After all, that's why He sent Jesus to earth to be our Savior! Jesus already suffered and paid the price for everything we do wrong!
2. God is also forgiving. He will forgive everything mistake and sin we make. When we make a mistake, it's important to acknowledge it and simply apologize. Then we should try to avoid doing things those things again.
3. God doesn't punish people because they sin. He does, however, expect us to grow and learn from our mistakes, after a time "bearing fruit" or seeing the reward of our efforts. God eventually casts off the people who claim to belong to Him but refuse to "bear fruit." Bearing fruit is more than being born again, it means that we need to keep growing.
4. Making mistakes doesn't necessarily mean that we're necessarily committing CRIMES. It can mean committing simple SINS like ignoring the needs of the poor, sick, and lonely around you. We should be aware of others and look for ways to help those around us.
5. We all make mistakes or we wouldn't NEED Jesus. Making mistakes is different from constantly ignoring God's voice and instructions. We should expect to make mistakes. But we should expect to learn and grow from them. We should also remember that our lives are a journey and our spiritual growth doesn't happen at once, but over time as we develop good habits.

QUESTION

You don't just want to be born again. You want to...

- a. take communion b. go to confession
c. do good works d. grow by following Jesus daily.

Question: What does spiritual growth look like and feel like?

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4-DIGIT CODE ANSWER:

FIRST NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

From Mystery #1, number of letters in the name of the man Jesus was speaking with _____

SECOND NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

In Mystery #2, from point #5, the number of letters in word #2 _____

THIRD NUMBER OF COMBINATION:

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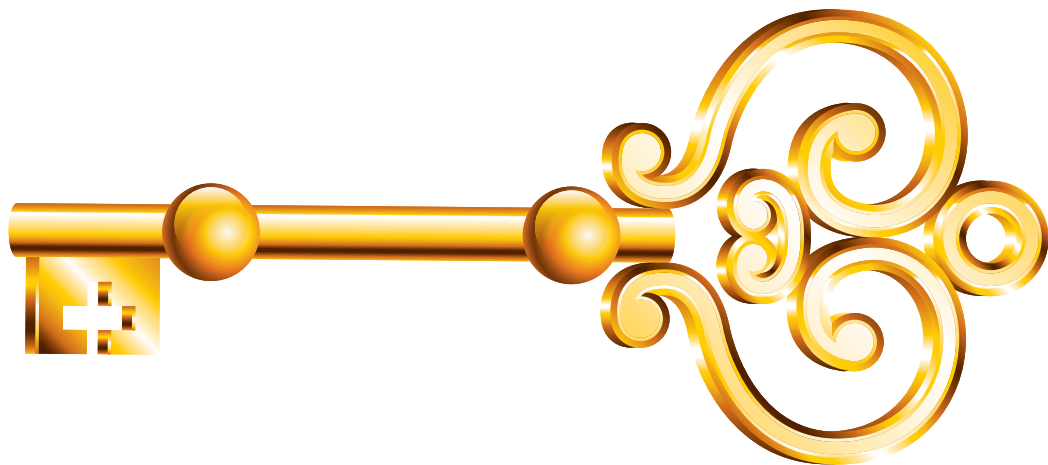
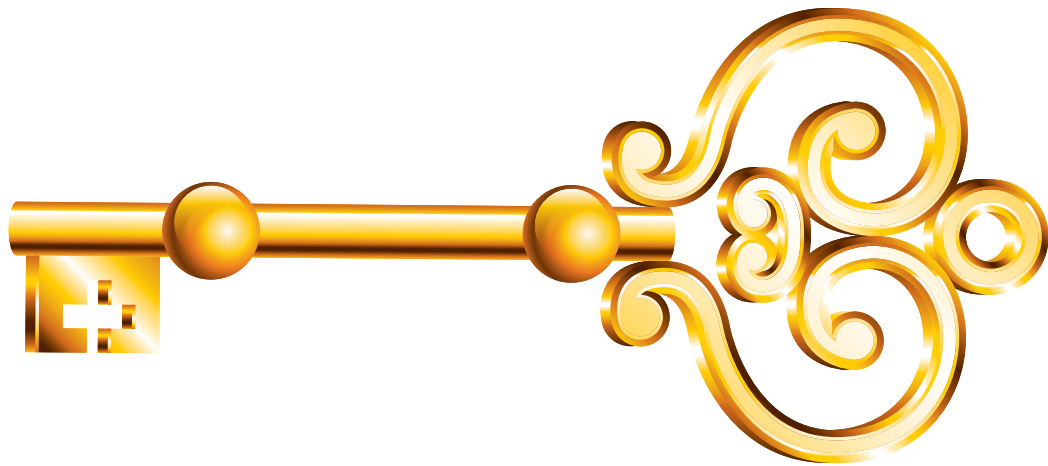
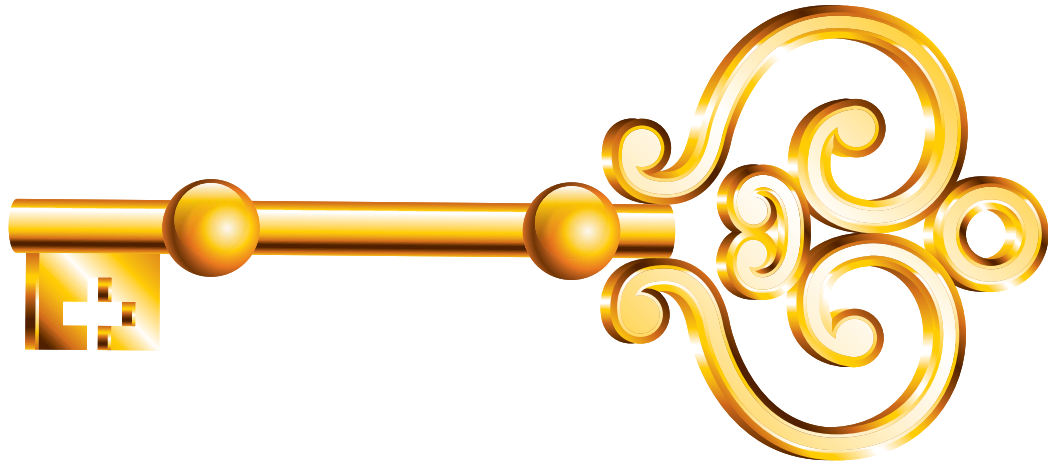
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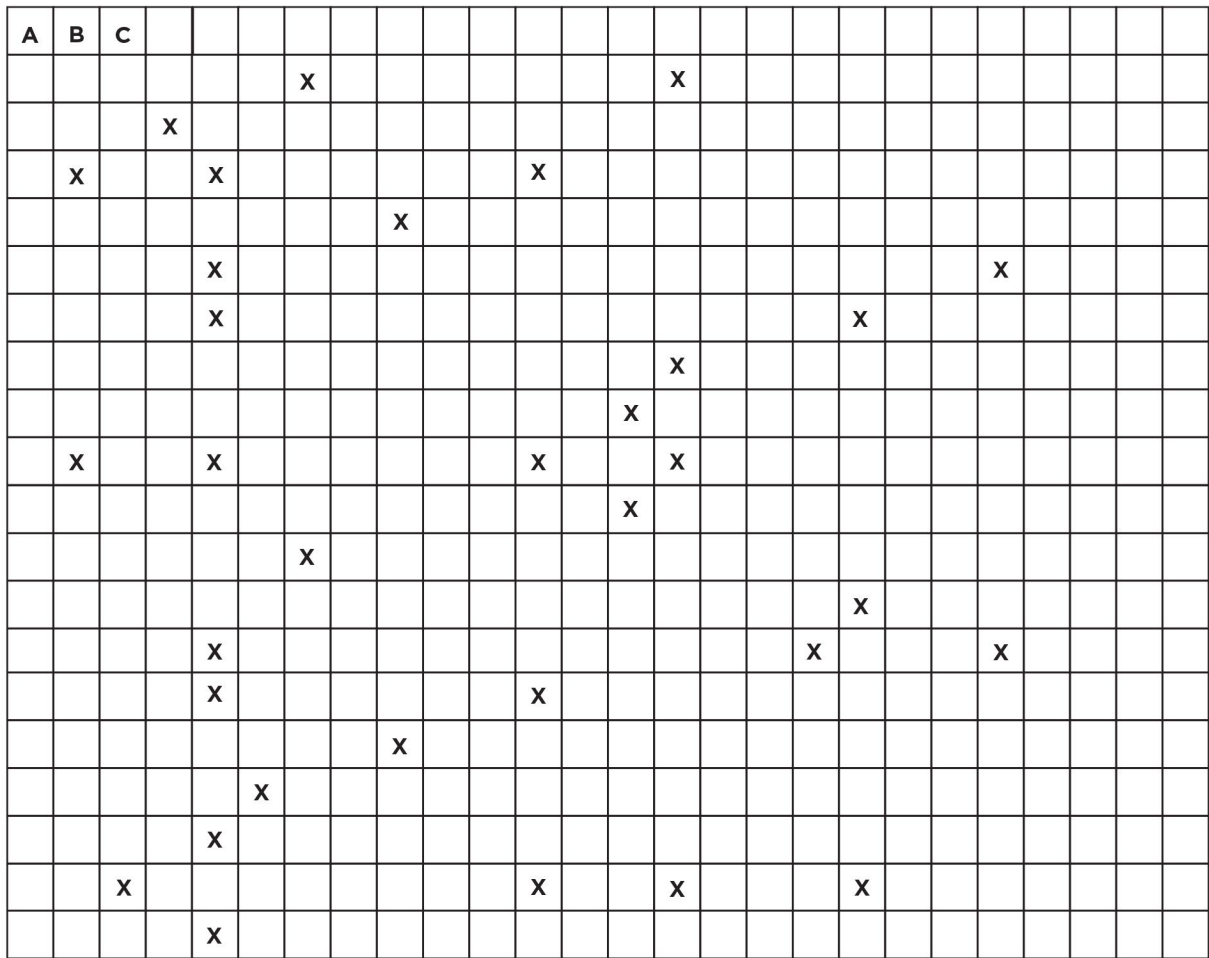
FINAL CHALLENGE

1. First you have to ASK, then listen for God's voice... a. at the altar b. before sleeping c. in your daily life	2. Take up your cross... a. daily b. on Sundays c. on Christmas d. at the time of salvation
3. First you KNOW, then you ... a. SHOW b. BLOW c. GROW d. LET GO	4. Jesus didn't say He KNEW the way. He said He... a. will show you the way b. will shed LIGHT on the way c. IS the way
5. You were born once from your parents. That was your body. You need to be born again in your a. thinking b. behavior c. children d. spirit	6. Being a radio that needs tuning is a metaphor. It means a. needing to confess a sin b. needing to be born again c. needing to take communion

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!

Print and cut out these keys, one for each person who solves the mysteries.







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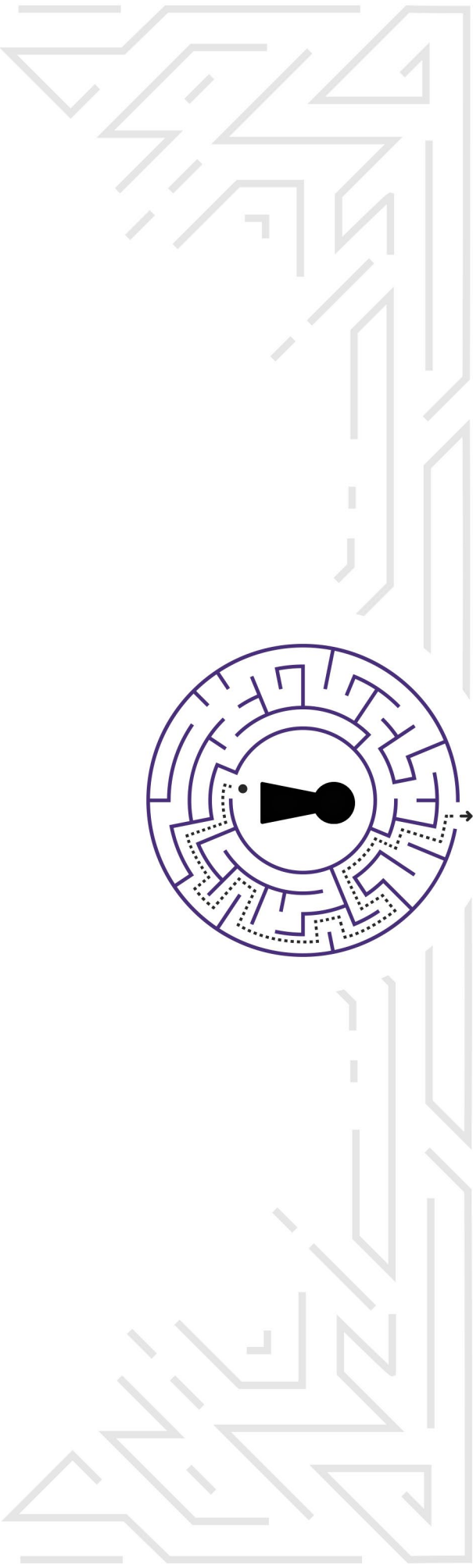
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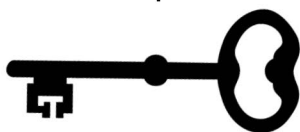
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ANSWERS

MYSTERY 1:

To be born again means that your body has been born but now your _____ needs to be born:
a. family b. children **c. spirit** d. beliefs

Answer:

Tell God you believe Jesus is His son and you want to belong to Him and serve Him with your life. God will take over and bring you close.

MYSTERY 2:

John 14:6 says that no one can come to the Father except through _____.
a. Buddhism b. atheism **c. Jesus** d. good works

Answer: **Jesus is the Messiah for all mankind and everyone is invited to partake in the salvation He provides.**

MYSTERY 3:

The Bible tells us that belief in Jesus is not enough to enter His kingdom. What else is needed for a great journey with God?
a. Optimism b. Money c. Indulgences **d. Following**

Answer: **Our belief affects what we think and what we do. We should ASK God for guidance, LISTEN to His voice, and then DO what He puts into our hearts**

MYSTERY 4:

You don't just want to be born again. You want to...
a. take communion b. go to confession c. do good works **d. grow by following Jesus daily.**

Answer: **Growing in the spirit is a lot like a plant growing. A plant can't feel itself grow and you can't see it grow. But suddenly you will notice a tall and beautiful plant!**



ANSWERS

4-DIGIT CODE ANSWER:

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FINAL CHALLENGE:

1. First you have to ASK, then listen for God's voice...
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CIPHER HINTS

PLOT POINT CIPHER (PAGE 12)

Each point on the page represents a letter. First, fill out the remaining letters at the top of the page. Then from left to right match up each point to its corresponding letter. Fill each word in the missing blanks on the mystery page to reveal the Secret Message.

FONT/WORD SCRAMBLE (PAGE 13)

Organize the letters into groups by font and color. Then unscramble the letters in each group, putting them in the correct order to reveal the correct word.

CODE WORD (PAGE 14)

Fill out the rest of the alphabet, removing any letters already used in the code word. For example, the first letters should be DAILYBCF (A and D are skipped over because they were already used in the word DAILY). Then you'll fill in the bottom row normally with the alphabet. To solve the code, you'll find the letter from the mystery on the top line, then write down the corresponding letter in the bottom line to reveal the message.

CROSS CODE CIPHER (PAGE 15)

Each number and symbol in the message corresponds to a portion of one of the grids. The number tells the children which grid to look at. The symbol tells the position of the grid. The Secret Message can then be decoded by seeing the answer that is contained the correct grid position.