## THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

Find the underlined words amongst the letter grid at the bottom. The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

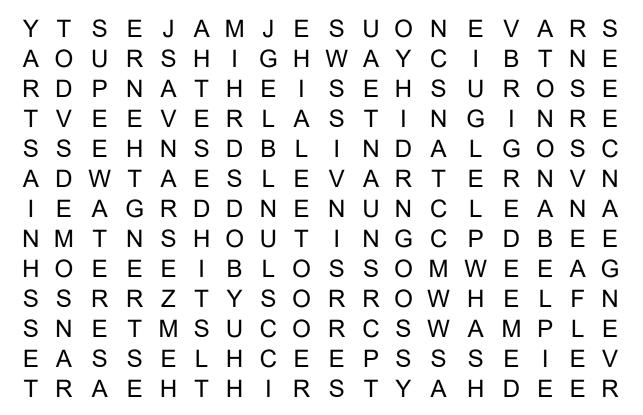
Isaiah 35: 1-10

The <u>wilderness</u> and the dry land shall be <u>glad</u>; the desert shall rejoice and <u>blossom</u>; like the <u>crocus</u> it shall blossom <u>abundantly</u> and rejoice with joy and <u>shouting</u>. The glory of <u>Lebanon</u> shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the <u>majesty</u> of our God.

**Strengthen** the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful **heart**, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with **vengeance**, with terrible **recompense**. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the <u>blind</u> shall be opened, and the <u>ears</u> of the deaf shall be <u>opened</u>; then the lame shall leap like a <u>deer</u>, and the tongue of the <u>speechless</u> sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the <u>thirsty</u> ground springs of <u>water</u>; the haunt of jackals shall become a <u>swamp</u>; the grass shall become reeds and <u>rushes</u>.

A <u>highway</u> shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the <u>unclean</u> shall not <u>travel</u> on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go <u>astray</u>. No <u>lion</u> shall be there, nor shall any <u>ravenous</u> beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the <u>redeemed</u> shall walk there. And the <u>ransomed</u> of the LORD shall return and come to <u>Zion</u> with singing; <u>everlasting</u> joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and <u>sorrow</u> and sighing shall <u>flee</u> away.



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